

Synthetic fibered $(\infty, 1)$ -category theory

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Synthetic higher categories in type theory

- **Problem:** Weak infinite-dimensional categories: challenging to define and reason about analytically
- In particular: usually model-/presentation dependent and not *per se* homotopy invariant
- **A possible solution:** Use a simplicial extension of homotopy type theory due to Riehl–Shulman [RS17], also previously suggested by Joyal. This provides a synthetic account to (complete) Segal spaces (or Segal objects).
- Turns out, this captures well certain parts of $(\infty, 1)$ -category theory.
- **In this talk:** Theory of co-/cartesian type families (Buchholtz-W), developed in sHoTT à la Riehl–Shulman [RS17] and Riehl–Verity’s ∞ -cosmos theory [RV22].
- Thus, obtain a synthetic theory of fibered $(\infty, 1)$ -categories, even internal to any Grothendieck–Rezk–Lurie $(\infty, 1)$ -topos due to Shulman’s strictification of universes [Shu19].

Previous, supporting, and related work

- **On directed type theory and directed univalence:** Harper–Licata, Warren, Nuyts, Riehl–Shulman, Cavallo–Riehl–Sattler, Weaver–Licata, Buchholtz–W, Kudasov, Annenkov–Capriotti–Kraus–Sattler, Cisinski–Nguyen, North, Altenkirch–Sestini . . .
- **On fibrations of $(\infty, 1)$ -categories:** Joyal, Lurie, Ayala–Francis, Barwick–Dotto–Glasman–Nardin–Shah, Rasekh, Riehl–Verity . . .
- **On Segal spaces and Segal objects/internal $(\infty, 1)$ -categories:** Rezk, Joyal–Tierney, Lurie, Kazhdan–Varshavsky, Boavido de Brito, Rasekh, Martini . . .

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Martin-Löf Type Theory (MLTT)

Martin-Löf type theory (Martin-Löf 1970s) is a system for **constructive logic**. It consists of **judgments** involving

types A , **terms** $a : A$, **contexts** $\Gamma \equiv [x_1 : A_1, \dots, x_n : A_n]$

together with structural rules generating the derivations, as well as type formers Σ , Π , \dots , and universe types \mathcal{U} .

There are **dependent types/type families** $\Gamma \vdash A$ (e.g. $n : \mathbb{N} \vdash \mathbb{R}^n$) and **dependent terms** $\Gamma \vdash f : A$ (e.g. $n : \mathbb{N} \vdash \vec{0}_n : \mathbb{R}^n$).

We have a notion of **judgmental equality** between types $A \equiv B$ and terms $a \equiv b$.

There also exists an internal, proof relevant notion of equality, captured by **propositional identity types**

$$x, y : A \vdash (x =_A y)$$

that support *path induction* (Martin-Löf's eliminator J). In particular, every A gives rise to:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{refl}_{A,a} &: (a =_A a), & \text{inv}_{A,a,b} &: (a =_A b) \rightarrow (b =_A a), \\ \text{comp}_{A,a,b,c} &: (b =_A c) \rightarrow (a =_A b) \rightarrow (a =_A c). \end{aligned}$$

Homotopy Type Theory (HoTT)/Univalent Foundations (UF) I

- Hofmann–Streicher 94: Groupoid model *refuting* Uniqueness of Identity Proofs (UIP) (LICS Test-of-Time Award 2014). Universe extensionality.
- Voevodsky, Streicher 06: Types as ∞ -groupoids, *i.e.* Kan complexes.
- Voevodsky 06: internal definition of homotopy fibers, and weak equivalences. Univalent fibs (ext'lly) and h-levels. *Univalence Axiom*: $(A =_{\mathcal{U}} B) \simeq (A \simeq B) \leadsto$ *univalent foundations* for mathematics
- Awodey–Warren 06: Independently: MLTT as internal language of model categories, id types via path space fibrations. \leadsto notion of *homotopy type theory* for synthetic homotopy theory (Awodey 07).
- van den Berg 06, van den Berg–Garner 08: Types as Batanin- ω -groupoids, internally
- Lumsdaine 09: Weak ω -categories from intensional type theory
- Garner 06, Gambino–Garner 08: Id types induce weak factorization system on syntactic categories
- Voevodsky, Kapulkin–Lumsdaine 12: Simplicial set model with univalent universes

sHoTT: Cubes, shapes, and toposes

simplicial HoTT [RS17]: Multi-part contexts $\Xi \mid \Phi \mid \Gamma \vdash A$ with pre-type layers

① **Abstract cubes (*cube layer*):** Lawvere theory generated by directed interval $\mathbb{2}$:

$$\frac{}{1, \mathbb{2} \text{ cube}} \quad \frac{}{\Xi \vdash \star : 1} \quad \frac{}{\Xi \vdash 0, 1 : \mathbb{2}} \quad \frac{I \text{ cube} \quad J \text{ cube}}{I \times J \text{ cube}} \quad \frac{(t : I) \in \Xi}{\Xi \vdash t : I} \quad [\dots]$$

② **Subpolytopes (*tope layer*):** Intuitionistic theory of formulas φ in cube contexts Ξ :

$$\frac{\varphi \in \Phi}{\Xi \mid \Phi \vdash \varphi} \quad \frac{}{\Xi \vdash \perp, \top \text{ tope}} \quad \frac{\Xi \vdash s : I \quad \Xi \vdash t : I}{\Xi \vdash (s \equiv t) \text{ tope}} \quad \frac{\Xi \vdash \varphi \text{ tope} \quad \Xi \vdash \psi \text{ tope}}{\Xi \vdash (\varphi \wedge \psi), (\varphi \vee \psi) \text{ tope}} \\ \frac{}{x, y : \mathbb{2} \vdash (x \leq y) \text{ tope}} \quad [\dots]$$

(including order axioms on $\mathbb{2}$)

Comprehension induces *shapes* (later, also promoted to *types*):

$$\frac{I \text{ cube} \quad t : I \vdash \varphi \text{ tope}}{\{t : I \mid \varphi\} \text{ shape}}$$

sHoTT: Examples of shapes

 Δ^1

$$0 \longrightarrow 1$$

 Δ^2

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle 1, 0 \rangle & & \langle 1, 1 \rangle \\ & \nearrow \parallel & \uparrow \\ \langle 0, 0 \rangle & \longrightarrow & \langle 1, 0 \rangle \end{array}$$

 $\Delta^1 \times \Delta^1$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle 1, 0 \rangle & \longrightarrow & \langle 1, 1 \rangle \\ \uparrow & \searrow \parallel & \uparrow \\ \langle 0, 0 \rangle & \longrightarrow & \langle 1, 0 \rangle \end{array}$$

 Λ_1^2

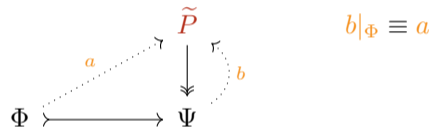
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle 1, 0 \rangle & & \langle 1, 1 \rangle \\ & & \uparrow \\ \langle 0, 0 \rangle & \longrightarrow & \langle 1, 0 \rangle \end{array}$$

$$\Delta^1 \equiv \{t : 2 \mid \top\}, \quad \Delta^2 \equiv \{\langle t, s \rangle : 2 \times 2 \mid s \leq t\},$$

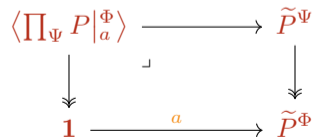
$$\Delta^1 \times \Delta^1 \equiv \{\langle t, s \rangle : 2 \times 2 \mid \top\}, \quad \Lambda_1^2 \equiv \{\langle t, s \rangle : 2 \times 2 \mid (s \equiv 0) \vee (t \equiv 1)\}$$

sHoTT: Extension types

Idea: Originally due to Lumsdaine–Shulman. For shape inclusions $\Phi \hookrightarrow \Psi$, families $P : \Psi \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$, and partial sections $a : \prod_{t:\Phi} P(t)$ the ensuing *extension type* has inhabitants $b : \langle \prod_{\Psi} P|_a^{\Phi} \rangle$ capturing strict extensions of a (“ Π -types with strict side conditions”):



Semantically, modeled by pullback (slightly more involved over arbitrary type context Γ):



Strict extension types are weakly equivalent to their weak counterparts, but much easier to work with!

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Hom types I

Definition (Hom types, [RS17])

Let B be a type. Fix terms $a, b : B$. The type of *arrows in B from a to b* is the extension type

$$\mathrm{hom}_B(a, b) \equiv (a \rightarrow_B b) \equiv \left\langle \Delta^1 \rightarrow B \Big|_{[a, b]}^{\partial \Delta^1} \right\rangle.$$

Definition (Dependent hom types, [RS17])

Let $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ be family. Fix an arrow $u : \mathrm{hom}_B(a, b)$ in B and points $d : P a, e : P b$ in the fibers. The type of *dependent arrows in P over u from d to e* is the extension type

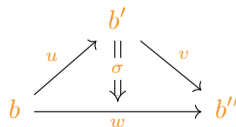
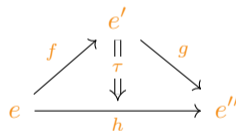
$$\mathrm{d}\mathrm{hom}_{P, u}(d, e) \equiv (d \rightarrow_u^P e) \equiv \left\langle \prod_{t: \Delta^1} P(u(t)) \Big|_{[d, e]}^{\partial \Delta^1} \right\rangle.$$

Hom types II

We will also be considering types of 2-cells: For arrows u, v, w in B with f, g, h in P lying above, with appropriate co-/domains, let

$$\mathrm{hom}_B^2(u, v; w) := \left\langle \Delta^2 \rightarrow B \Big|_{[u, v, w]}^{\partial \Delta^2} \right\rangle, \quad \mathrm{dhom}_\sigma^{2, P}(f, g; h) := \left\langle \prod_{\langle t, s \rangle: \Delta^2} P(\sigma(t, s)) \Big|_{[f, g, h]}^{\partial \Delta^2} \right\rangle.$$

 \tilde{P}

 B


Segal, Rezk, and discrete(=groupoidal) types I

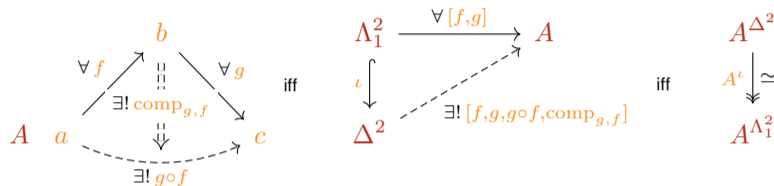
Definition (Synthetic ∞ -categories, [RS17])

- *Synthetic pre- ∞ -category aka Segal type*: type that is local w.r.t. $\iota : \Lambda_1^2 \hookrightarrow \Delta^2$ (Joyal).
- *Synthetic ∞ -category aka Rezk type*: Segal type A such that $\text{idtoiso}_A : \prod_{x,y:A} (x =_A y) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{iso}_A(x, y)$, or equiv.: A is local w.r.t. either of the maps:
 $j_k : \mathbf{1} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{E}$ for $k = 0, 1$, or $!_{\mathbb{E}} : \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{1}$ (\mathbb{E} the free bi-inv. arrow)
- *Synthetic ∞ -groupoid aka discrete type*: type A such that $\text{idtoarr}_A : \prod_{x,y:A} (x =_A y) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{hom}_A(x, y)$, or equiv.: A is local w.r.t. $i_0 : \mathbf{1} \hookrightarrow \Delta^1$.

Segal types have *weak composition of morphisms*:

$$\text{isSegal}(B) \simeq \prod_{\kappa: \Lambda_1^2 \rightarrow B} \text{isContr} \left(\left\langle \Delta^2 \rightarrow B \Big|_{\kappa}^{\Lambda_1^2} \right\rangle \right)$$

Segal, Rezk, and discrete(=groupoidal) types II



Arrow composition via the Segal condition

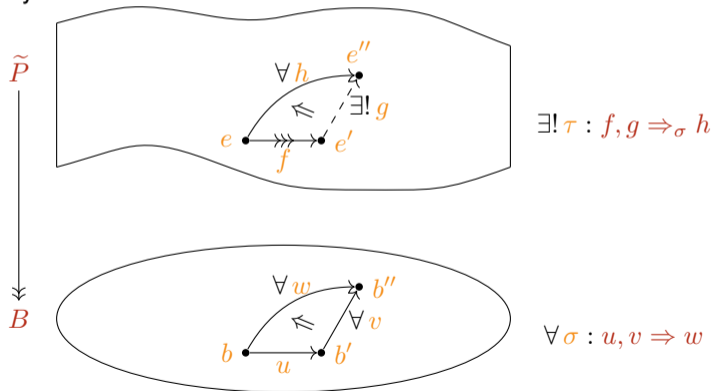
- Segal types have categorical structure: composition of morphisms, identities, and the corresponding laws (all up to homotopy)
- Functions between Segal types are automatically functorial.
- The hom-types of a Segal type are discrete.
- Rezk types are those Segal types that are, in addition, Rezk-complete/locally univalent.
- Discrete types are those types all of whose arrows are invertible (automatically Rezk).
- Orthogonality characterizations imply closure properties.

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Cocartesian arrows: Definition I

Intuitively: An arrow $f : e \rightarrow_u^P e'$ over $u : b \rightarrow_B b'$ is *cocartesian* if it satisfies the following universal property:



Cocartesian arrows: Definition II

Definition (Cocartesian arrows)

Let B be a type and $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ be an inner family. Let $b, b' : B$, $u : \text{hom}_B(b, b')$, and $e : P b$, $e' : P b'$. An arrow $f : \text{hom}_{P u}(e, e')$ is a $(P\text{-})$ cocartesian morphism or $(P\text{-})$ cocartesian arrow iff

$$\text{isCocartArr}_P f := \prod_{\sigma : \left\langle \Delta^2 \rightarrow B \right|_u^{\Delta^1_0} \rangle} \prod_{h : \prod_{t : \Delta^1} P \sigma(t, t)} \text{isContr} \left(\left\langle \prod_{\langle t, s \rangle : \Delta^2} P \sigma(t, s) \right|_{[f, h]}^{\Lambda_0^2} \right).$$

Notice that being a cocartesian arrow is a proposition. Over a Segal base, this amounts to:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{isCocartArr}_P f \simeq & \prod_{b'' : B} \prod_{v : \text{hom}_B(b', b'')} \prod_{w : \text{hom}_B(b, b'')} \prod_{\sigma : \text{hom}_B^2(u, v; w)} \prod_{e'' : P b''} \prod_{h : \text{dhom}_P w(e, e'')} \\ & \text{isContr} \left(\sum_{g : \text{dhom}_P v(e', e'')} \text{dhom}_P^2 \sigma(f, g; h) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Cocartesian families: Definition

Definition (Cocartesian family)

Let B be a Rezk type and $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ be a family such that \tilde{P} is a Rezk type. Then P is a *cocartesian family* if:

$$\text{hasCocartLifts } P \equiv \prod_{b, b' : B} \prod_{u : b \rightarrow b'} \prod_{e : P\,b} \prod_{e' : P\,b'} \sum_{f : e \rightarrow_u e'} \text{isCocartArr}_P f$$

A map $\pi : E \rightarrow B$ is a *cocartesian fibration* iff $P \equiv \text{St}_B(\pi)$ is a cocartesian family.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & \forall e \xrightarrow{\exists \pi_!(u, e)} u_!^P e' & \\ \pi \downarrow & & \\ B & b \xrightarrow{\forall u} b' & \end{array} \quad \leadsto \quad (-)_!^P : \prod_{a, b : B} (a \rightarrow_B b) \rightarrow P(a) \rightarrow P(b)$$

Cocartesian families: Functoriality

Hence, any $u : a \rightarrow_B b$ induces a functor $u_! : P a \rightarrow P b$ acting on arrows as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 E & & e & \xrightarrow{P_!(u,e)} & u_! e \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow g & & \downarrow u_! g \\
 & & e' & \xrightarrow{P_!(u,e')} & u_! e' \\
 & & & & \\
 B & & a & \xrightarrow{u} & b
 \end{array}$$

Cocartesian families: Examples

- ① For $g : C \rightarrow A \leftarrow B : f$, the comma projection $\partial_1 : f \downarrow g \twoheadrightarrow C$. (Hence, in particular the codomain projections $\partial_1 : A^{\Delta^1} \twoheadrightarrow A$.)
- ② The *domain projection* $\partial_0 : A^{\Delta^1} \twoheadrightarrow A$, provided A has all pushouts.
- ③ For any map $\pi : E \rightarrow B$ between Rezk types, the *free cocartesian fibration*:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \pi \downarrow B & \xrightarrow{\quad} & E \\
 \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \pi \\
 B^{\Delta^1} & \xrightarrow{\partial_0} & B \\
 \downarrow \partial_1 & & \\
 B & &
 \end{array}$$

$L(\pi) \equiv \partial_1$ (curved arrow from $\pi \downarrow B$ to B)

In particular, the desired UMP holds:

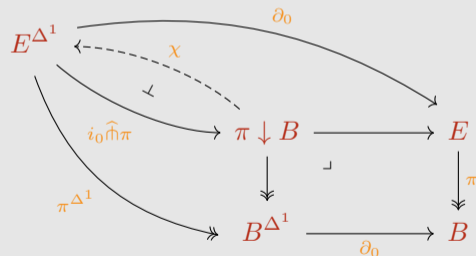
$$- \circ \iota : \text{CocartFun}_B(L(\pi), \xi) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{Fun}_B(\pi, \xi),$$

for any cocartesian fibration $\xi : F \rightarrow B$.

Cocartesian families: Characterization

Theorem (Chevalley criterion: Cocartesian families via lifting)

Let B be a Rezk type. A given isoinner family $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ is cocartesian if and only if the Leibniz cotensor map $i_0 \hat{\cap} \pi : E^{\Delta^1} \rightarrow \pi \downarrow B$ has a left adjoint right inverse:



The idea is that $\chi : \pi \downarrow B \rightarrow E^{\Delta^1}$ is the *lifting map* $\chi(u, e) = P_!(u, e)$. Chevalley criterion implies a lot of closure properties!

Yoneda Lemma for cocartesian families I

Theorem (Dependent and absolute Yoneda Lemma)

- ① **Dependent Yoneda Lemma:** Let B be a Rezk type, $b : B$ any term, and $Q : b \downarrow B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ a cocartesian family. Then evaluation at id_b is an equivalence:

$$\text{ev}_{\text{id}_b} : \prod_{b \downarrow B}^{\text{cocart}} Q \xrightarrow{\sim} Q(\text{id}_b)$$

- ② **Yoneda Lemma:** Let B be a Rezk type, $b : B$ any term, and $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ a cocartesian family. Then evaluation at id_b as in

$$\text{ev}_{\text{id}_b} : \prod_{b \downarrow B}^{\text{cocart}} \partial_1^* P \xrightarrow{\sim} P b$$

is an equivalence, where $\partial_1 : b \downarrow B \rightarrow B$.

Yoneda Lemma for cocartesian families II

This implies the discrete case from [RS17]. The proof uses the following proposition:

Proposition

Let B be a Rezk type, $b : B$ an initial object, and $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ a cocartesian family. Then evaluation at b given by is an equivalence:

$$\text{ev}_b : \prod_{B}^{\text{cocart}} P \xrightarrow{\sim} P b$$

Sliced cocartesian families

For $\xi : F \rightarrowtail B$, $\pi : E \rightarrowtail B$, a fibered functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & E \\ & \searrow \xi & \swarrow \pi \\ & B & \end{array}$$

is a *sliced cocartesian family* over B if:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F & & \\ \downarrow \varphi & & \\ E & & \\ \downarrow \pi & & \\ B & & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \forall x & \xrightarrow{\exists \varphi!(b,f,x)} & f! x \\ \downarrow \text{dashed} & & \downarrow \text{dashed} \\ e & \xrightarrow{\forall f} & e' \\ \downarrow \text{dashed} & & \downarrow \text{dashed} \\ & \forall b & \end{array}$$

Externally, corresponds to cocartesian fibrations internal to \mathbf{Cat}/B .

Two-sided cartesian families

A span

$$A \xleftarrow{\xi} E \xrightarrow{\pi} B \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad E \xrightarrow{\langle \xi, \pi \rangle} A \times B$$

is a *two-sided cartesian fibration* if

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E & & v^* e \xrightarrow{\exists \pi^*(v,e)} \forall e \xrightarrow{\exists \xi_!(u,e)} u_! e \\ \langle \xi, \pi \rangle \downarrow & & \\ A \times B & & a \xlongequal{\quad} a \xrightarrow{\forall u} a' \\ & & b' \xrightarrow{\forall v} b \xlongequal{\quad} b \end{array}$$

and the lifts *commute*, i.e. canonically

$$u_! v^* e =_{P(a,b)} v^* u_! e.$$

Developed in [W21].

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Some perspectives

- ① **Categorical universes and (multi-)modalities:** Rezk types \mathbf{Cat} and \mathbf{Space} . Modalities of cohesion ($\int \dashv \flat \dashv \sharp$) and direction (op and tw). Application: categorical Yoneda Lemma, involving the Yoneda embedding of type $A^{\mathsf{op}} \times A \rightarrow \mathbf{Space}$. Joint WIP w/ Buchholtz.
- ② **Discrete two-sided fibrations:** More characterizations, closure properties, virtual equipment.
- ③ **Higher topos theory:** Use partial synthetic reasoning to extend (analytic) higher topos theory, e.g. Moens' Thm (cf. [W21]).
- ④ **Proof assistant:** Check out `rzk`, under development by Kudasov:
<https://github.com/fizruk/rzk>

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