

# Kan extensions, descent theory and localization of $\infty$ -categories

## Kan extensions:

$\mathcal{H}$  = homotopy cat. of spaces  
 obj. are CW-complexes  
 morph. are continuous comp. open top.  
 equiv. of  $\mathcal{H}$ -embedd. between their homotopy categories  $(\mathcal{H} \in \mathcal{S})$

Def: [Lur09, Def 4.3.1.1] "relative colimits"

added terminal obj. by  $K * \Delta^0$

Let  $f: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be an inner fibration of simplicial sets, let  $\bar{p}: K^{\triangleright} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  be a diagram and  $p = \bar{p}|_K$ .  
RLP for  $\Delta^1, \Delta^0 \hookrightarrow \mathcal{E}$  cocore (here  $\Leftrightarrow$  categorical equiv.)

We will say that  $\bar{p}$  is an  $f$ -colimit of  $p$  if the map  $\mathcal{E}_{\bar{p}} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_p *_{\mathcal{D}_p} \mathcal{D}_{\bar{p}}$  is a trivial fibration of simplicial sets. In this case, we will also say that  $\bar{p}$  is an  $f$ -colimit diagram.  
RLP for  $\Delta^1$  "trivial Kan fibration" is homotopy cartesian

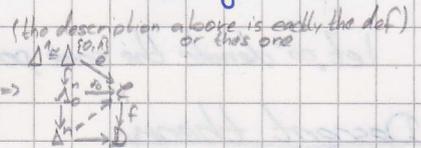
Example [Lur09, Ex. 4.3.1.3] "relative colimits generalize colimits"

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $\infty$ -cat. and  $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow *$  the projection of  $\mathcal{C}$  to a point. Then a diagram  $\bar{p}: K^{\triangleright} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is an  $f$ -colimit if and only if it is a colimit in the previous sense ([Lur09, Def. 1.2.13.4])  
 $p(\text{col})$  is initial in  $\mathcal{E}_p$ ,  $o \in \mathcal{C}$  initial  $\Leftrightarrow \text{Map}_{\mathcal{C}}(0, x)$  contractible  $\forall x \in \mathcal{C}$  (final in  $\mathcal{C}$ ) by weakly contractible if not CW-complexes

Example [Lur09, Ex. 4.3.1.4] "f-coCartesian edges as f-colimits"

Let  $f: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be an inner fibration of simplicial sets and  $e: \Delta^1 = (\Delta^0)^{\triangleright} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$  be an edge of  $\mathcal{E}$ .

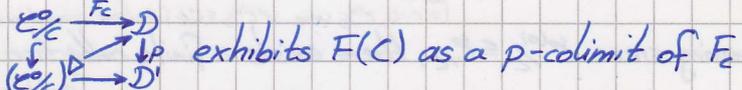
Then  $e$  is an  $f$ -colimit if and only if it is  $f$ -coCartesian.



Def: [Lur09, Def. 4.3.2.2] "p-left Kan extensions"

Suppose we are given a comm. diagram of  $\infty$ -cat.  $\begin{matrix} \mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{F_0} & \mathcal{D} \\ \downarrow & \searrow F & \downarrow p \\ \mathcal{E}' & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{D}' \end{matrix}$ , where  $p$  is an inner fibration and the left vertical map is the inclusion of a full subcat.  $\mathcal{E}' \subseteq \mathcal{E}$ .

We will say that  $F$  is a  $p$ -left Kan extension of  $F_0$  at  $C \in \mathcal{E}'$  if the induced diagram



We will say that  $F$  is a  $p$ -left Kan extension of  $F_0$  if it is a  $p$ -left Kan extension of  $F_0$  at  $C$  for every object  $C \in \mathcal{E}'$ .

In the case where  $\mathcal{D}' = \Delta^0$ , we will omit mention of  $p$  and simply say that  $F$  is a left Kan extension of  $F_0$  if the above condition is satisfied.

Example [Lur09, Ex. 4.3.2.4] "p-left Kan extensions as p-colimits"

Consider a diagram  $\begin{matrix} \mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{q} & \mathcal{D} \\ \downarrow & \searrow \bar{q} & \downarrow p \\ \mathcal{E}' & \xrightarrow{q} & \mathcal{D}' \end{matrix}$ . The map  $\bar{q}$  is a  $p$ -left Kan extension of  $q$  if and only if it is a  $p$ -colimit of  $q$ .

Proposition [Lur09, Prop. 4.3.2.9] "checking p-left Kan extensions objectwise in one component"

Let  $F: \mathcal{E} \times \mathcal{E}' \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  denote a functor between  $\infty$ -cat.,  $p: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'$  a categorical fibration of  $\infty$ -cat., and  $\mathcal{E}' \subseteq \mathcal{E}$  a full subcat. The following are equivalent:  
slightly stronger than "inner fibration" RLP u.t. maps that are cofibrations and cat. equiv. isomorph. in  $\mathcal{S}$  see above

- 1) The functor  $F$  is a  $p$ -left Kan extension of  $F|_{\mathcal{E}' \times \mathcal{E}'}$
- 2) For each object  $C' \in \mathcal{E}'$  the induced functor  $F_{C'}: \mathcal{E} \times \{C'\} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is a  $p$ -left Kan extension of  $F_{C'}|_{\mathcal{E}' \times \{C'\}}$

Proposition [Lur 08, Cor. 4.3.2.16] "functional association of limits" "morphisms between directed systems gives morph between limits"  
 ↳ Follows from [Lur 08 Prop. 4.3.2.15] which follows from [Lur 08, Lem. 4.3.2.13] and [Lur 08, Cor. 4.3.1.11]

Suppose we are given a diagram of  $\infty$ -cat.  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D} \leftarrow \mathcal{P} \mathcal{D}$ , where  $p$  is a categorical fibration. Dual: right Kan extension and limits

Let  $\mathcal{C}^0$  be a full subcat. of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Suppose further that, for every functor  $F_0 \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{C}^0, \mathcal{D})$ , there exists a functor  $F \in \text{Map}_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$  which is a  $p$ -left Kan extension of  $F_0$ .

special case  
 $\mathcal{C}^0 = K, \mathcal{C} = K^{\triangleright}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  left Kan extension = colimit on obj  $i$ : functor  $F: K \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  to its colimit diagram  $\{K^{\triangleright} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}\}$   
 "adad, left Kan extension functor" is unique up to homotopy (relation param. by contractible Kan complex)

Then the restriction map  $i^*: \text{Map}_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \text{Map}_{\mathcal{D}}(\mathcal{C}^0, \mathcal{D})$  admits a section  $i_!$  whose essential image consists precisely those functors  $F$  which are  $p$ -left Kan extensions of  $F|_{\mathcal{C}^0}$ .

Lemma: [Lur 08, Lem 5.5.2.3] "limits commute" "Fubini for limits" Proof uses [Lur 08, Prop. 4.3.2.9] show that different  $P((\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y})^{\triangleright})$  are  $q$ -left Kan extensions

Let  $X, Y$  be simplicial sets, let  $q: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a categorical fibration of  $\infty$ -cat. and let  $p: X^{\triangleright} \times Y^{\triangleright} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  be a diagram. Suppose that:

- 1) For every vertex  $x$  of  $X^{\triangleright}$ , the associated map  $p_x: Y^{\triangleright} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is a  $q$ -colimit diagram
- 2) For every vertex  $y$  of  $Y^{\triangleright}$ , the associated map  $p_y: X^{\triangleright} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is a  $q$ -colimit diagram

$x \in X: \text{colim } H(x, y)$  exists"  
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Let  $\infty$  denote the cone point of  $Y^{\triangleright}$ . Then the restriction  $p_{\infty}: X^{\triangleright} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is a  $q$ -colimit diagram

Descent theory

Def [Lur 18b, Def. A.3.1.1] "finitary Grothendieck topologies"

sieve  $\mathcal{S}$  right ideal under precomp., i.e. closed under precomp. with any morph.  
 $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{E}_C$  full subcat with  $\mathcal{S} \circ \mathcal{S} = \mathcal{S}$ , comm:  $\mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{E}_C \Rightarrow \mathcal{U}_0 \in \mathcal{S}$

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $\infty$ -cat. which admits pullbacks. We say that a Grothendieck topology on  $\mathcal{C}$  is finitary if it satisfies the following condition:

for each obj  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  a special class of sieves on  $C$  (covering sieves)  
 $\mathcal{C}_C$  is a covering sieve on  $\mathcal{C}$  for all  $C \in \mathcal{C}$   
 $\mathcal{U}: C \rightarrow D$  morph in  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_D$  cov. sieve on  $D \Rightarrow \mathcal{U}^* \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_C$  cov. sieve on  $C$   
 $\mathcal{C}_C$  cov. sieve on  $C, \mathcal{U}: C \rightarrow D$  morph in  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_D$  cov. sieve on  $D \Rightarrow \mathcal{U}^* \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_C$  cov. sieve on  $C$   
 $\mathcal{U}: C \rightarrow D, \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_D$  sieve,  $\mathcal{U}^* \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_C$  full subcat spanned by  $\mathcal{U}^* \mathcal{S}$  and  $\mathcal{U}^* \mathcal{S}$  belongs to  $\mathcal{C}_C$   
 (conditions I), isom. are coverings"  
 II), cov. of set gives cov. of subset"  
 III), refined cov. is a cov."

For every object  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  and every covering sieve  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_C$ , there exists a finite collection of morphisms  $\{C_i \rightarrow C\}_{i \in I}$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  which generate a covering of  $C$ .  
 (i.e. the smallest sieve  $\mathcal{S}' \subseteq \mathcal{C}_C$  containing each  $C_i$  is also a covering sieve on  $C$ )

Proposition [Lur 18b, Prop. A.3.2.1] "construction of finitary Grothendieck topologies"

There are three conditions for the collection described to be a covering sieve  
 a)  $\Rightarrow$  I)  
 b)  $\Rightarrow$  II)  
 alt c)  $\Rightarrow$  III)

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $\infty$ -cat. and let  $S$  be a collection of morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Assume that:

- a) The collection  $S$  contains all equivalences and is stable under composition
- b)  $\mathcal{C}$  admits pullbacks. Moreover  $S$  is stable under pullbacks: 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} C' \rightarrow C \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ D' \rightarrow D \end{array}$$
 pullback:  $f \in S \Rightarrow f' \in S$
- c)  $\mathcal{C}$  admits finite coproducts. Moreover  $S$  is stable under fin. coproducts: fin. collect.  $f_i: C_i \rightarrow D; i \in I \in S \Rightarrow \coprod C_i \rightarrow \coprod D_i \in S$ .
- d) Finite coproducts are universal:  $\coprod_{i \in I} C_i \rightarrow D \leftarrow D' \Rightarrow$  canon. map  $\coprod_{i \in I} (C_i \rightarrow D') \rightarrow (\coprod_{i \in I} C_i) \rightarrow D'$  is equiv. in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Then there exists a Grothendieck topology on  $\mathcal{C}$  which can be described as follows:

A sieve  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_C$  on an object  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  is a covering if and only if it contains a finite collection of morphisms  $\{C_i \rightarrow C\}_{i \in I}$  such that the induced map  $\coprod_{i \in I} C_i \rightarrow C$  belongs to  $S$ .

Proposition [Lur 18b, A.3.3.1] "sheaf condition by descent along Čech nerves"

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $\infty$ -cat. and  $S$  a collection of morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Assume that  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $S$  satisfy the previous hypothesis a)-d), together with

e) Coproducts in  $\mathcal{C}$  are disjoint. That means  $C, C'$  obj. in  $\mathcal{C}$  then  $C \amalg C'$  is initial in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be an arbitrary  $\infty$ -cat., and let  $F: \mathcal{C}^{op} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a functor.

Then  $F$  is a D-valued sheaf on  $\mathcal{C}$  if and only if:

- 1) The functor  $F$  preserves finite products
- 2) Let  $f: U_0 \rightarrow X$  be a morphism in  $\mathcal{C}$  which belongs to  $S$  and let  $U_0$  be a Čech nerve of  $f$ , regarded as an augmented simplicial object of  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then the composite map  $\Delta_+ \xrightarrow{U_0} \mathcal{C}^{op} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{D}$  is a limit diagram.

(i.e.  $F$  exhibits  $F(X)$  as a totalization of the cosimplicial object  $[n] \mapsto F(U_n)$ )

Def [Cho, Def. A.16.7] [LZ17, Def. 3.1.1] "F-descent"

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $\infty$ -cat. which admits pullbacks,  $F: \mathcal{C}^{op} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  be a functor of  $\infty$ -cat. and  $f: X_0^+ \rightarrow X_1^+$  be a morphism in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Then  $f$  satisfies F-descent if:

$F \circ (X_0^+)^{op}: N(\Delta_+) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is a limit diagram, where  $X_0^+$  is the Čech nerve of  $f$ .

Lemma: [Cho, Lem. A.16.8] "Fubini for F-descent"

Let  $\mathcal{D}$  be an  $\infty$ -cat. which admits products. Let  $f_{10}, f_{11}, f_{20}, f_{21}$  be a comm. diagram in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

Let  $F: \mathcal{D}^{op} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}'$  be a functor of  $\infty$ -cat. Assume the following:

- 1)  $f_{32}, f_{31}$  satisfy F-descent "componentwise limits exists"
- 2)  $f_{20}$  satisfies F-descent "one of the iterated limits exists"

Then  $f_{10}$  satisfies F-descent. Also we have: "Fubini: the other one exists and they coincide"

$$\lim_{NE \Delta^{op}} F(D_1^{x_n}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \lim_{NE \Delta^{op}} F(D_1^{x_n} \times_{D_0} D_2^{x_n}) \xleftarrow{\cong} \lim_{NE \Delta^{op}} F(D_2^{x_n})$$

Localization of  $\infty$ -categories

Def [Lan 21, Def. 2.4.2] "Dwyer-Kan localization"

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $\infty$ -cat. and let  $S$  be a collection of morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}$ . A functor  $\mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}[S^{-1}]$  is called a Dwyer-Kan localization of  $\mathcal{C}$  along  $S$ , if for every  $\infty$ -cat.  $\mathcal{D}$  the restriction functor  $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}[S^{-1}], \mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$  is fully faithful and its essential image consists of those functors that send  $S$  to equivalences.

[Lan 21, Thm 2.3.22] restriction functor factors through cat. equiv.  $\text{Fun}(\mathcal{C}[S^{-1}], \mathcal{D}) \rightarrow \text{Fun}^S(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D})$   
 [Lan 21, Thm 2.3.30: fully faithful + ess. surj.  $\Rightarrow$  cat. equiv.] factors  $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  with  $f(S) \in \mathcal{D}^{\text{eqv}}$ , i.e.  $f$  maps morph of  $S$  to equiv. in  $\mathcal{D}$

Lemma [Lan 2.1, Lem. 2.4.5] „easiest example:  $\longrightarrow$  becomes  $\rightleftarrows$ ” Takes some work

contractible groupoid with two objects =  $\mathcal{N}(0 \rightleftarrows 0)$

res:  $\text{Fun}(I, D) \rightarrow \text{Fun}(I^{\Delta}, D) = \text{Fun}(0, D)$   
 show: this is cat. equiv.

The map  $\Delta \rightarrow J$  is a localization at the unique morphism from 0 and 1.

LLP w.r.t. fibrations

Lemma [Lan 2.1, Lem. 2.4.6] „localization at everything exists”

construct an anchor map  $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow X$  on  $\omega$ -groupoid  
 show:  $\omega$ -cat  $D$  the res:  $\text{Fun}(X, D) \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathcal{E}, D)$   
 factors through  $\text{triv. fib. } \text{Fun}(X, D) \rightarrow \text{Fun}(\mathcal{E}, D)$

For every  $\omega$ -cat.  $\mathcal{E}$ , there exists a localization along all morphisms of  $\mathcal{E}$ .

localizing along all morphisms is left adjoint to inclusion of  $\omega$ -groupoid into  $\omega$ -cat. (as  $\omega$ -functor between  $\omega$ -cat.)

Proposition [Lan 2.1, Prop. 2.4.8] „every localization exists”

For every collection  $S$  of morphisms in  $\mathcal{E}$ , there exists a localization of  $\mathcal{E}$  along  $S$ .

consider smallest subcat  $\mathcal{E}_S$  that contains  $S$ .  
 $\mathcal{E}[S] \cong \mathcal{E}[\mathcal{E}_S]$   
 localize  $\mathcal{E}_S$  at all morphisms  
 pushout:  $\mathcal{E}_S \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\mathcal{E}[S] \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$   
 inner anodyne  $\mathcal{E}[S]$   
 LLP w.r.t. inner-fibrations