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Toward a universal property of the Gray tensor product.

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Slogan: things get simpler @ infinity.

Examples. • Higher affinities. X non-affine, but 1-affine for qcqs schemes.

An analogy: things get simpler at $(\infty, 1)$ compared to $(n, 1)$.

Ex. For topoi. $\mathcal{X}^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{Cat}$ presheaf limits
 $X \longmapsto \mathcal{X}_X$

Problem. Things don't actually seem simpler; they seem more complicated.

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Ex. $\infty \text{Cat} = \lim_n n \text{Cat}$
 $\cong \text{colim}_n n \text{Cat} \text{ in } \text{Pr}^L$

Solution? Systematic way of understanding how $n \text{Cat}$ and $n \text{Cat}$ interact.

Try to use \boxtimes .

But, \circledast , \boxtimes seems complicated!

Examples of relations.

① $n \text{Cat} \xleftarrow{(n+1)} \text{Cat}$

② $\Sigma : n \text{Cat} \longrightarrow (n+1) \text{Cat}$. Then a messy operation.

$\Sigma C \quad \circ \xrightarrow{c} 1$

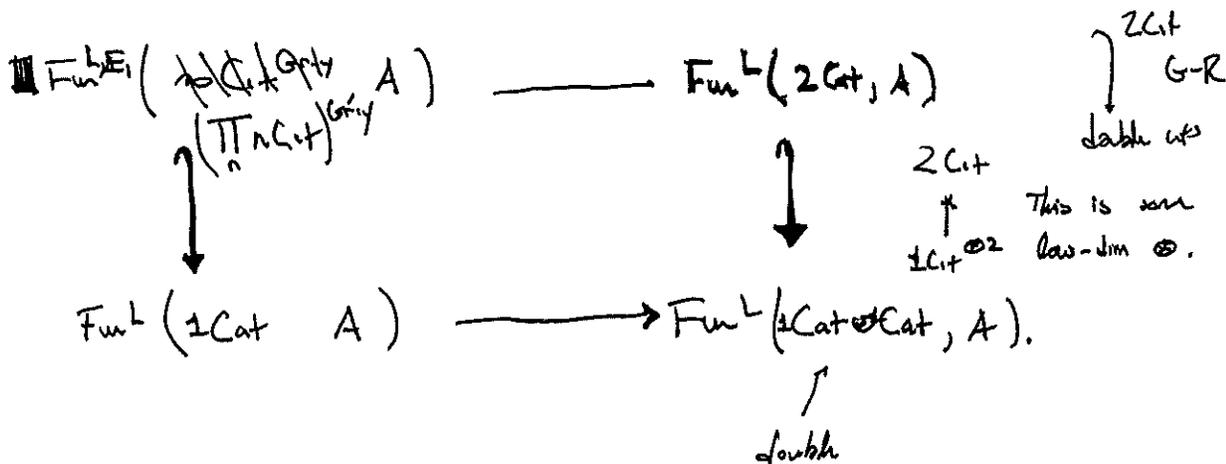
③ $m \text{Cat} \times n \text{Cat} \xrightarrow{\boxtimes} (m+n) \text{Cat}$

④ $\xrightarrow{\star} (m+n) \text{Cat}$ } interdefinable

Import even less?

Q. But what is \boxtimes , really?

Conjecture. Let $(A, \otimes, \mathbb{1}) \in \text{Alg}_{\mathbb{F}_1}(\text{Pr})$.



$$\text{1Cat} \xrightarrow{\Gamma} A \quad \mapsto \quad \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{1Cat}^{\otimes 2} \xrightarrow{\quad} A^{\otimes 2} \\ \downarrow \\ A \end{array} \right)$$

Finite out of d.t.g.

Can put Cat^{gray} in upper left,
but put \mathbb{F}_0 everywhere else.

Notes, (i) An oriented category \mathcal{C} is \cong a module over $\text{Cat}^{\text{gray}} = \text{Fun}_{\text{Cat}^{\text{gray}}}(\mathcal{C}, \text{End}(\mathcal{C}))$
 mod $\text{1Cat} \xrightarrow{\Gamma, \mathbb{F}_0} \text{End}(\mathcal{C})$

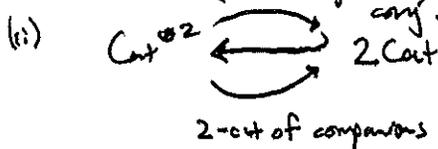
$$\text{1Cat}^{\otimes 2} \xrightarrow{\Gamma, \mathbb{F}_0} \text{End}(\mathcal{C})$$

version of tensor product.

Landstone-Ruit $\Gamma : M \rightarrow M$ id
 Grayson-Rosenbly $\Gamma : M \rightarrow M$

cylinder...

due to composition.



\mathcal{C} 2Cat

Sp \mathcal{C} 0-morphisms vs $m \in \mathcal{C}$
 for, ver 1-morphisms as $m \in \mathcal{C}$
 squares.

