

# Coloring Higher Bibundles

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## Definition

A groupoid is a category where all the morphisms are invertible.

## Examples

- ▶ A group  $G$  is a groupoid with a single object.
- ▶ Any equivalence relation is a groupoid.
- ▶ Fundamental groupoid of a topological space.
- ▶ Lie groupoids in the category  $\mathbf{Mfld}$ .

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Let  $G_1 \rightrightarrows G_0$  be a groupoid and  $X \in \text{obj}(\mathcal{C})$ . A right  $G$ -action, on  $X$  is given by,

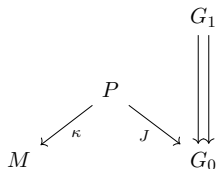
- ▶ the *anchor map*  $J : X \rightarrow G_0$
- ▶ the action map  $\mu : X \times_{G_0} G_1 \rightarrow X$  with  $\mu(x, g) = x.g$

subject to the following conditions:

- ▶  $J(x.g) = s(g), \quad x \in G_0, g \in G_1$
- ▶  $x.\mathbb{1}_{J(x)} = x, \quad x \in G_0$
- ▶  $(x.g).h = x.(gh), \quad g, h \in G_1, s(g) = t(h)$

## Definition

A right  $G$ -bundle over a manifold  $M$  is a manifold  $P$  with a right  $G$  action and invariant map  $\kappa : P \rightarrow M$ .



$P$  is principal if

- ▶  $\kappa$  is a surjective submersion.
- ▶ the map  $(pr_1, \mu) : P \times_{G_0, t} G_1 \rightarrow P \times_M P$ , sending  $(p, g) \mapsto (p, pg)$  is a diffeomorphism.

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Let  $G$  and  $H$  be two Lie groupoids. A  $G - H$  bibundle is a manifold having two bundle structures such that the corresponding actions commute. There is a right  $H$ -bundle structure and also a left  $G$ -bundle structure that commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G_1 & & H_1 \\ \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\ G_0 & \xleftarrow{J_l} P \xrightarrow{J_r} & H_0 \end{array}$$

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## Definition

A Hilsum-Skandalis bibundle is a bibundle  $P$  between  $G$  and  $H$  such that the right  $H$  action is principal.

- ▶ Given any groupoid map,  $f : G \rightarrow H$ , one can create an  $HS$  bibundle.
- ▶ If in addition,  $P$  is also a left principal  $G$  bundle, we say  $G$  and  $H$  are Morita equivalent.

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- ▶ Let  $G$  be a Lie groupoid and  $M$  a manifold. A (HS) bibundle between  $\underline{M}$ , the trivial groupoid and  $G$  is a (principal)  $G$ - bundle over  $M$ .
- ▶ The  $G$ -action on a manifold  $X$  gives a bibundle between  $*$ , the one-object trivial groupoid, and  $G$ .

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# What do we know so far?

- ▶ The category of principal  $G$ -bundles of a Lie groupoid is a differentiable stack.
- ▶ It has been shown that there exists a 1 – 1 correspondence between 'Morita equivalent' Lie groupoids and differentiable stacks[BX06].
- ▶ Later on, it was proved that the two generalizations of Lie groupoids, namely stacky Lie groupoids, and Lie-2- groupoids are in a 1 – 1 correspondence [Zhu09].

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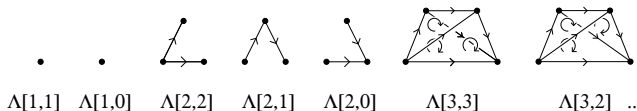
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## Notations

Let  $\Delta^n$  denote the simplicial  $n$ -simplex and  $\Lambda_k^n$  or  $(\Lambda[n, k])$  denotes the horn



## Remark

If you consider the points as objects and the arrows as morphisms in a category, we can see that  $\Lambda[2, 1]$  gives a pair of composable maps.

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We say the simplicial set  $X$  satisfy  $Kan(m, j)$  if any map  $\Lambda_j^m \rightarrow X$  extends to a map  $\Delta^m \rightarrow X$ . In other words  $\text{Hom}(\Delta^m, X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\Lambda_j^m, X)$  is surjective.

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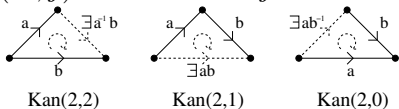
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## Definition

A **Kan simplicial set** is a simplicial set  $X$  which satisfies  $Kan(m, j)$  for all  $m$  and  $j \leq m$ .



If the extension associated to  $Kan(m, j)$  is unique, then we denote it as  $Kan!(m, j)$ .

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An  $n$ -groupoid  $X$  is a simplicial set which satisfies  $Kan(m, j)$  for all  $0 \leq j \leq m$ ,  $m \geq 1$  and also satisfies  $Kan!(m, j)$  for all  $0 \leq j \leq m$ ,  $m > n$

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- ▶ The nerve of a groupoid is a 1- groupoid.
- ▶ Crossed modules of group forms a 2-group.



Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a map of simplicial sets. We say  $f$  satisfies **Kan**( $n, j$ )[or **Kan!**( $n, j$ )] the natural map below is a surjection[or an isomorphism].

$$X_n = \text{hom}(\Delta^n, X) \rightarrow \text{hom}(\Lambda_j^n \rightarrow \Delta^n, X \rightarrow Y)$$

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- ▶  $f$  is a **Kan fibration** if it satisfies **Kan**( $n, j$ ),  $\forall n \geq 1, 0 \leq j \leq n$ .
- ▶  $X$  satisfies **Kan**( $n, j$ ), iff  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{1}$  satisfies **Kan**( $n, j$ ).

Replacing the horn  $\Lambda_j^m$  with the boundary  $\partial\Delta^m$ , we obtain the Acyclic conditions  $Acyc(m)$ .

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## Definition

Let  $X, Y$  be  $n$ -groupoids . A morphism  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is called an  **$n$ -groupoid Kan fibration** if  $f$  is a Kan fibration and satisfies  $Kan!(n, k)$  for  $0 \leq k \leq n$ .

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## Definition

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a higher groupoid Kan fibration. The *fib*re of  $f$  is the simplicial set  $\text{Fib}(f)$ ,

$$\text{Fib}(f)_k := \text{Hom}(\Delta^k \rightarrow \Delta^0, X \rightarrow Y)$$

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If the Lie groupoid  $G_1 \rightrightarrows G_0$  acts on a manifold  $E$ , one can create the action groupoid  $A$  such that

$$A_0 := E \quad ; \quad A_1 := E \times_{G_0, t} G_1$$

and there exists a natural projection  $\pi : A \rightarrow G$ .

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## Remark

The map  $\pi : A \rightarrow G$  is a 1- groupoid Kan fibration.

## Definition

The action of an  $n$ -groupoid  $G$  is an  $n$ -groupoid Kan fibration  $\pi : A \rightarrow G$ .

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Let  $\pi : A \rightarrow G$  be an  $n$ -groupoid Kan fibration, giving an action of  $G$  on  $Fib(\pi)$ . Let  $N$  be an object in  $\mathcal{C}$  with a map  $\kappa : A \rightarrow sk_0(N)$ . We call  $Fib(\pi)$ , a  $G$ -bundle over  $N$ . If in addition, if  $\kappa$  is acyclic, we call  $Fib(\pi)$  a principal  $G$ -bundle over  $N$ .

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Let  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$  be categories, a bimodule between  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $P$  is given by a profunctor  $\Psi : \mathcal{B}^{op} \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow Sets$ .

$$P = \coprod_{A \in \mathcal{A}_0, B \in \mathcal{B}_0} \Psi(B, A)$$

$P$  naturally has an endowed left  $\mathcal{A}$  action and right  $\mathcal{B}$  action.

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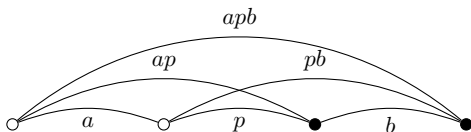
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# Bimodules between categories

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Given a bimodule  $P$  between categories  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{B}$ , we define the cograph  $\Gamma$  as the category

$$\Gamma_0 = \mathcal{A}_0 \sqcup \mathcal{B}_0 \qquad \Gamma_1 = \mathcal{A}_1 \sqcup P \sqcup \mathcal{B}_1$$

## Example (Join of categories)

Given  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$ , set  $P = \mathcal{A}_0 \times \mathcal{B}_0$ . Then the cograph is the category obtained from  $\mathcal{A}_0 \sqcup \mathcal{B}_0$ , with unique arrow  $B \rightarrow A$  for every  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{A}_0 \times \mathcal{B}_0$ , called the join of categories,  $\mathcal{A} \star \mathcal{B}$ .

**Note:** Nerve preserves joins.  $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{A} \star \mathcal{B}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{A}) \star \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{B})$

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# Bimodule and Correspondence

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The nerve of the cograph decomposes as follows

$$N_n \Gamma = \bigsqcup_{i+j+1=n} N_{i,j} \Gamma, \quad i, j \geq -1,$$

where,

$$N_{i,j} \Gamma = \underbrace{\mathcal{A}_1 \times_{\mathcal{A}_0} \cdots \times_{\mathcal{A}_0} \mathcal{A}_1}_{i \text{ copies}} \times_{\mathcal{A}_0} P \times_{\mathcal{B}_0} \underbrace{\mathcal{B}_1 \times_{\mathcal{B}_0} \cdots \times_{\mathcal{B}_0} \mathcal{B}_1}_{j \text{ copies}},$$

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In the case of Lie groupoids, since the source and target maps are surjective submersions,  $\mathcal{N}_{i,j}\Gamma$  is a manifold and hence  $\mathcal{N}\Gamma$  is a simplicial manifold. Thus we have the theorem

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## Remark

The map  $\mathcal{N}\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta^1 = \mathcal{N}\mathbb{1}$  is an inner Kan fibration.

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## Remark

The  $G, H$  and biaction groupoid are respectively given by the nerves  $\mathcal{N}_{i,0}\Gamma$ s,  $\mathcal{N}_{0,i}\Gamma$ s, and  $\mathcal{N}_{i,i}\Gamma$  respectively for  $i \geq 0$ .

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The category of augmented bisimplicial sets is given by the functor category  $[\Delta_+^{op} \times \Delta_+^{op}, \mathbf{Sets}]$ .

There exists a functor

$$T : \mathbf{biSSet}_+ \rightarrow \mathbf{SSet}_+$$
$$X \mapsto \{[n] \mapsto \bigsqcup_{i+j+1=n} X_{i,j}\}$$

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## Definition

For fixed  $i, j \geq 0$ , set  $m = i + j - 1$  and let  $\Delta^m \xrightarrow{\chi_{i,j}} \Delta^1$  be the canonical map. Then we define the colored horns and simplices.

$$\text{Hom}(\Lambda_k^m[i, j], X) := \text{Hom}_{/\Delta^1}(\Lambda_k^m, X)$$

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## Definition

A colored simplicial object  $\pi: X \rightarrow \Delta^1$  satisfies the *colored Kan condition*  $\text{Kan}(m, k)[i, j]$  if  $\text{Hom}(\Delta^m[i, j], X)$  and  $\text{Hom}(\Lambda_k^m[i, j], X)$  are presentable and the map

$$\text{Hom}(\Delta^m[i, j], X) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(\Lambda_k^m[i, j], X)$$

is a surjection. If this map is an isomorphism, then we say that  $X \rightarrow \Delta^1$  satisfies the *colored unique Kan condition*  $\text{Kan}!(m, k)[i, j]$ .

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## Remark

If, in addition,  $\text{Kan}(m, 0)$  holds for  $m \geq 1$ , and when  $m > n$  the unique version of all desired Kan conditions hold, then we call such a bibundle *right principal*.

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# Why do(should) we care about these ?

- ▶ [Li15] has worked out the details of actions, principal bundles and bibundles in the case of 2-groupoids and shown correspondence with categorified groupoids.
- ▶ For a strict 2-Lie group  $\Gamma$ , Principal  $\Gamma$ -2-bundles are equivalent to  $\Gamma$ -*bundle gerbes*. Moreover they form a 2-stack over the smooth base manifold.
- ▶ If  $\Gamma$  is taken to be the Automorphism 2-group of a Lie group, the Principal  $\Gamma$ -2-bundles give the notion of *non-abelian gerbes*[NW11].
- ▶ The 3-connected cover of the  $Spin(n)$  group,  $String(n)$ , can be given a smooth 2-group structure[BSCS07].

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## Examples

- ▶ Category of smooth manifolds with surjective submersions.
- ▶ Category of topological spaces with surjective etale maps.

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In the setup of category with a singleton grothendieck pretopology, we modify our Kan conditions as given:

$Kan(m, j)$ : The map  $\text{hom}(\Delta m, X) \rightarrow \text{hom}(\Lambda_j^m, X)$  is a cover in  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{T})$ .

$Kan!(m, j)$ : The map  $\text{hom}(\Delta m, X) \rightarrow \text{hom}(\Lambda_j^m, X)$  is an isomorphism in  $\mathcal{C}$ .

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## Definition

An  $n$ -groupoid object  $X$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \infty$ ) is a simplicial object in  $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{T})$  which satisfies  $Kan(m, j)$  for all  $0 \leq j \leq m, m \geq 1$  and  $Kan!(m, j)$   $0 \leq j \leq m, m > n$ .

- ▶ A Lie groupoid is a Lie 1- groupoid in the category  $(\text{Mfld}, \mathcal{T})$  where covers are surjective submersions.

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An *extensive category* is a category  $\mathcal{C}$  with finite coproducts such that for each pair  $A, B \in \text{obj}(\mathcal{C})$  the coproduct induces an isomorphism of categories

$$\mathcal{C}/A \times \mathcal{C}/B \rightarrow \mathcal{C}/(A \sqcup B).$$

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Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an extensive category with a terminal object  $\mathbf{1}$ .

Let  $j : \mathbf{FinSet} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  be the functor sending  $S \mapsto S \otimes \mathbf{1}$

## Theorem

Let  $T$  be the functor defined by

$$\mathbf{biSC}_+ \rightarrow \mathbf{SC}_+, \quad X \mapsto \left\{ [n] \mapsto \bigsqcup_{i+j=n} X_{i,j} \right\}.$$

It induces an isomorphism of categories

$$\mathbf{biSC}_+ \cong \mathbf{SC}_+ / j(\Delta_*^1).$$

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- ▶ Our aim is to provide a nice enough category where the higher groupoids can reside in.
- ▶ Verify that these higher bibundles is a good categorical generalization of the usual groupoid bibundles.

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*Thank You!*