

SYMMETRIES OF THE CYCLIC NERVE

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ABSTRACT. We undertake a systematic study of the Hochschild homology, i.e. (the geometric realization of) the cyclic nerve, of $(\infty, 1)$ -categories (and more generally of category-objects in an ∞ -category \mathcal{X}), as a version of factorization homology. In order to do this, we codify $(\infty, 1)$ -categories in terms of quiver representations in them. By examining a universal instance of such Hochschild homology, we explicitly identify its natural symmetries, and construct a non-stable version of the cyclotomic trace map. Along the way we give a unified account of the cyclic, paracyclic, and epicyclic categories. We also prove that this gives a combinatorial description of the $n = 1$ case of factorization homology as presented in [AFR18], which parametrizes $(\infty, 1)$ -categories by solidly 1-framed stratified spaces.

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0. INTRODUCTION

0.1. Hochschild homology and its symmetries. In this paper, we undertake a systematic study of (*non-stable*) *Hochschild homology*

$$\mathrm{HH}(\mathcal{C}) \in \mathcal{S}$$

of an $(\infty, 1)$ -category \mathcal{C} , i.e. (the geometric realization of) its *cyclic nerve* (see Definition 3.1.2). Here we state those of our three main results that concern (possibly noninvertible) symmetries of $\mathrm{HH}(\mathcal{C})$; we discuss our two other main results in §0.3 and §0.5, respectively. Throughout, we write

$$\mathbb{W} := \mathbb{T} \rtimes \mathbb{N}^\times$$

for the *Witt monoid*, the semidirect product monoid with respect to the isogenic action $\mathbb{N}^\times \curvearrowright \mathbb{T}$ (see Definition 2.1.5). We write $\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{op}}}(\mathcal{S})$ for the ∞ -category of (left) \mathbb{W}^{op} -modules (or equivalently right \mathbb{W} -modules) in spaces.)

Theorem A (Theorem 4.2.1(1)). *For any $(\infty, 1)$ -category \mathcal{C} , the Hochschild homology of \mathcal{C} canonically admits the structure of a \mathbb{W}^{op} -module:*

$$\left(\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{op}} \curvearrowright \mathrm{HH}(\mathcal{C}) \right) \in \mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{op}}}(\mathcal{S}) .$$

We construct a canonical map

$$\mathrm{End}_{\mathcal{C}} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{trace}} \mathrm{HH}(\mathcal{C})$$

from the moduli space of endomorphisms in \mathcal{C} (see Observation 3.1.4(1)).¹ In particular, there results a composite map

$$\mathrm{Obj}(\mathcal{C}) \xrightarrow{c \mapsto \mathrm{id}_c} \mathrm{End}_{\mathcal{C}} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{trace}} \mathrm{HH}(\mathcal{C}) \tag{0.1.1}$$

from the moduli space of objects in \mathcal{C} (see Observation 3.1.4(2)).

Theorem B (Theorem 4.2.1(2)). *The map (0.1.1) is canonically invariant with respect to the \mathbb{W}^{op} -action of Theorem A: it canonically lifts to a map*

$$\mathrm{Obj}(\mathcal{C}) \longrightarrow \mathrm{HH}(\mathcal{C})^{\mathrm{h}\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{op}}} . \tag{0.1.2}$$

The map (0.1.2) in Theorem B may be referred to as a *non-stable cyclotomic trace map* (as discussed further in §0.2). To make this connection precise, we give the following description of $\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{op}}}(\mathcal{S})$ in terms of equivariant homotopy theory.

¹This map can reasonably be regarded as a *trace map*: $\mathrm{HH}(\mathcal{C})$ is a universal receptacle of traces of endomorphisms in \mathcal{C} .

Theorem C (Corollary A.0.8). *The ∞ -category $\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{op}}}(\mathcal{S})$ of \mathbb{W}^{op} -modules is equivalent to the ∞ -category of \mathbb{N}^\times -fixed proper-genuine \mathbb{T} -modules:*

$$\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{op}}}(\mathcal{S}) \simeq \left(\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{S}^{\leq}}(\mathcal{S}) \right)^{\mathrm{h}\mathbb{N}^\times} =: \mathrm{Cyc}^{\mathrm{unst}}(\mathcal{S}) .$$

In particular, via Theorem A, the Hochschild homology of an ∞ -category \mathcal{C} may be canonically regarded as an \mathbb{N}^\times -fixed proper-genuine \mathbb{T} -module:

$$\mathrm{HH}(\mathcal{C}) \in \left(\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{S}^{\leq}} \right)^{\mathrm{h}\mathbb{N}^\times} .$$

Thus, the ∞ -category $\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{op}}}(\mathcal{S})$ of \mathbb{W}^{op} -modules is a non-stable version of the ∞ -category

$$\mathrm{Cyc}(\mathrm{Sp}) := \left(\mathrm{Sp}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{S}^{\leq}} \right)^{\mathrm{h}\mathbb{N}^\times}$$

of cyclotomic spectra (where the action $\mathbb{N}^\times \curvearrowright \mathrm{Sp}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\mathbb{S}^{\leq}}$ is via geometric fixedpoints) [BM15].

0.2. Motivation: K-theory and traces. Let us briefly contextualize this study. For an associative algebra A over a commutative ring \mathbb{k} , a **trace** (on A) is a \mathbb{k} -linear map

$$A \xrightarrow{t} V$$

to a \mathbb{k} -vector space V with the property that $t(ab) = t(ba)$ for all $a, b \in A$. The universal (specifically, initial) trace is the canonical map

$$A \xrightarrow{\text{quotient}} \frac{A}{[A, A]} =: \mathrm{HH}_0(A)$$

to the quotient by the commutator. This association $A \mapsto \mathrm{HH}_0(A)$ fails to preserve projective resolutions; consequently, it fails to enjoy a host of desirable properties. Such failure can be corrected by entertaining, not the quotient $A/[A, A]$, but a suitably *derived* quotient: **Hochschild homology** is the universal *derived* trace:

$$A \xrightarrow{\text{(derived) quotient}} \mathrm{HH}(A) .$$

Again, for computational advantage among other reasons, it is desirable for the input A to Hochschild homology to be extended to *derived* associative algebras. In fact, one can take A to be an associative algebra in any symmetric monoidal ∞ -category \mathcal{X} (satisfying some mild conditions).

For trace methods in algebraic K-theory (see [Mad94], for instance), it is desirable to extend the input of Hochschild homology yet further: one may wish to entertain the Hochschild homology $\mathrm{HH}(\mathcal{C})$ of an $(\infty, 1)$ -category \mathcal{C} that is *enriched* in a symmetric monoidal ∞ -category \mathcal{X} . Provided suitable conditions on \mathcal{X} , one may then expect the following features of such an extension.

- (1) It is indeed an extension: in the case that $\mathcal{C} = \mathfrak{B}A$ is the one-object \mathcal{X} -enriched ∞ -category corresponding to an algebra object A , we have $\mathrm{HH}(\mathfrak{B}A) \simeq \mathrm{HH}(A)$.
- (2) There is a **cyclotomic structure** on $\mathrm{HH}(\mathcal{C})$. In other words, there is a proper-genuine \mathbb{T} -module structure on $\mathrm{HH}(\mathcal{C})$ that is invariant with respect to the isogenetic \mathbb{N}^\times -action on such.
- (3) There is a map $\mathrm{Obj}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathrm{HH}(\mathcal{C})$ from the moduli space of objects in an enriched ∞ -category to its Hochschild homology. This map is invariant with respect to the cyclotomic structure of the previous point.

Indeed, in the situation of spectral enrichment, such features immediately produce the **cyclotomic trace map**

$$\mathrm{K}(\mathcal{C}) \xrightarrow{\text{cyclotomic trace}} \mathrm{HH}(\mathcal{C})^{\mathrm{h}\mathrm{Cyc}} =: \mathrm{TC}(\mathcal{C})$$

from the algebraic K-theory of \mathcal{C} to its cyclotomic invariants (known as the *topological cyclic homology* of \mathcal{C}): point (1) is achieved in the subsequent work [AFMGR]; point (2) is achieved in its follow-up [AMGRb]; and point (3) is achieved in its subsequent follow-up [AMGRa].

In the present work, we achieve points (1)-(3) for \mathcal{C} a category-object *in* an ∞ -category \mathcal{X} . (Note that $(\infty, 1)$ -categories define category-objects in the ∞ -category \mathcal{S} of spaces.) We use the decorated terms “*non-stable* Hochschild homology” and “*non-stable* cyclotomic” to emphasize working with category-objects in an ∞ -category \mathcal{X} , leaving the undecorated terms for the general notions. As developed in [AFMGR, AMGRb, AMGRa], working in $\mathcal{X} = \text{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)}$ affords the “macrocosm” framework whose “microcosm” application amounts to working with enriched ∞ -categories; in that way, those works are founded on the present work.

0.3. Parametrizing $(\infty, 1)$ -categories via quivers. As explained in §0.4, our approach to proving Theorems A and B rests on an additional main theorem, stated as Theorem D below: a characterization of $(\infty, 1)$ -categories given by probing them with quivers. Specifically, consider the category $\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} := \text{Fun}(\Delta_{\leq 1}^{\text{op}}, \text{Fin})$ of finite directed graphs. One can contemplate the free ∞ -category on a finite directed graph, and we define the ∞ -category of *quivers* to be the fully faithful image of this functor:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} & \xrightarrow{\text{Free}} & \text{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)} \\ & \searrow & \swarrow \text{f.f.} \\ & \text{Quiv} & \end{array}$$

In fact, Quiv is an ordinary category (see Lemma 1.2.13), and relatedly each quiver is an ordinary category that admits an explicit description in terms of the underlying category generating it (see Corollary 1.2.10). Now, given an $(\infty, 1)$ -category \mathcal{C} , each quiver Γ determines a moduli space $\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\Gamma) := \text{hom}_{\text{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)}}(\Gamma, \mathcal{C})$ of representations of Γ in \mathcal{C} . (See Definition 1.3.4.) This assembles as a functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)} & \xrightarrow{\text{Rep}_{(-)}} & \text{PShv}(\text{Quiv}) \\ \Psi & & \Psi \\ \mathcal{C} & \longmapsto & (\Gamma \mapsto \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\Gamma)) \end{array}$$

Moreover, for each $(\infty, 1)$ -category \mathcal{C} , the functor $\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}} \mathcal{S}$ has the following local-to-global property.

Closed sheaf. For each finite directed graph Γ , and for each pair of subgraphs $\Gamma_-, \Gamma_+ \subset \Gamma$ for which $\Gamma_- \cup \Gamma_+ = \Gamma$, the canonical square among spaces representations of the quivers associated to these directed graphs,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\Gamma) & \longrightarrow & \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\Gamma_+) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\Gamma_-) & \longrightarrow & \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\Gamma_- \cap \Gamma_+) \end{array}$$

is a pullback.

Theorem D (Theorem 1.4.6). *The functor*

$$\text{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)} \xrightarrow{\text{Rep}_{(-)}} \text{PShv}(\text{Quiv})$$

*is fully faithful. Moreover, its image consists of those functors $\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ that satisfy the **closed sheaf** condition as well as a **univalence** condition.*

Theorem D may be seen as a version of Rezk’s presentation of $(\infty, 1)$ -categories as complete Segal spaces [Rez01]: the inclusion $\Delta \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Quiv}$ determines a restriction functor $\mathbf{PShv}(\mathbf{Quiv}) \rightarrow \mathbf{PShv}(\Delta)$, under which the closed sheaf condition corresponds to the Segal condition and the univalence conditions agree. More specifically, we view Theorem D as giving a “coordinate-free” presentation of $(\infty, 1)$ -categories, analogously to how reduced excisive functors give a “coordinate-free” presentation of spectra, as indicated in Figure 1.

	spectra	$(\infty, 1)$ -categories
coordinatized	$\{E_n \in \mathcal{S}_*\}_{n \geq 0}$ with $E_n \simeq \Omega E_{n+1}$	complete Segal spaces $\Delta^{\mathrm{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$
coordinate-free	reduced excisive functors $\mathcal{S}_*^{\mathrm{fin}} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$	univalent closed sheaves $\mathbf{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$

FIGURE 1. Just as one can present spectra by probing them either by all finite pointed spaces or merely by spheres, one can present $(\infty, 1)$ -categories by probing them either by all quivers or merely by nonempty linear quivers.

0.4. Universal Hochschild homology. Theorem D provides a convenient context for defining the Hochschild homology of an $(\infty, 1)$ -category \mathcal{C} . Namely, there is a standard functor

$$\Delta \xrightarrow{\chi} \mathbf{Quiv} \tag{0.4.1}$$

that carries each object $[n]$ to the cyclically-directed quiver with $n+1$ vertices (see Notation 3.1.1).² The **Hochschild homology** of an $(\infty, 1)$ -category \mathcal{C} is the colimit

$$\mathrm{HH}(\mathcal{C}) := \mathrm{colim} \left(\Delta^{\mathrm{op}} \xrightarrow{\chi^{\mathrm{op}}} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}} \mathcal{S} \right)$$

(see Definition 3.1.2 and Observation 3.1.3).

Given this definition of Hochschild homology, we can now describe our approach to proving Theorems A and B. For this, we generalize from the context of $(\infty, 1)$ -categories to the slightly more general context of category-objects *in* an ∞ -category \mathcal{X} (satisfying mild conditions); note that an $(\infty, 1)$ -category is an example of a category-object in the ∞ -category \mathcal{S} of spaces. We prove an analog of Theorem D in this context as Theorem 1.5.5. In fact, it is not hard to see that one can restrict to *connected* quivers (see Notation 3.2.1), so that a category-object \mathcal{C} in \mathcal{X} can be equivalently codified as a functor

$$\mathbf{Quiv}^{\mathrm{con}} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}} \mathcal{X}$$

satisfying a closed sheaf condition.

Now, to prove Theorems A and B, we construct a universal ∞ -category equipped with a category-object and its Hochschild homology: this is the pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta^{\mathrm{op}} & \xrightarrow{\chi^{\mathrm{op}}} & (\mathbf{Quiv}^{\mathrm{con}})^{\mathrm{op}} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ (\Delta^{\mathrm{op}})^{\triangleright} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{con}} \end{array} \quad (\text{ see Definition 3.3.1}) .$$

²Specifically, this functor $\Delta \xrightarrow{\chi} \mathbf{Quiv}$ carries $[n] \in \Delta$ to the cyclically-directed quiver given by adjoining a morphism $n \rightarrow 0$ to the quiver associated to the linearly-directed graph $[n] = \{0 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow n\}$.

We suggestively write $\mathbb{S}^1 \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}$ for the image of the cone point. (This notation will be elucidated in §0.5.) So, given a category-object \mathcal{C} in \mathcal{X} , we obtain a unique extension

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\text{Rep}_e} & \mathcal{X} \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \text{Rep}_e & \\ \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}} & & \end{array} \quad (0.4.2)$$

that preserves Hochschild homology objects (namely the left Kan extension), i.e. such that the canonical morphism is an equivalence:

$$\text{HH}(\mathcal{C}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \widetilde{\text{Rep}}_e(\mathbb{S}^1).$$

In general, pushouts among ∞ -categories can be highly nontrivial, and the pushout defining \mathcal{M}^{con} is no exception. Nevertheless, we give a complete description of \mathcal{M}^{con} (see Corollary 3.3.11). In particular, in view of the canonical extension (0.4.2), Theorem A follows from the computation

$$\text{End}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}}(\mathbb{S}^1) \simeq \mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \quad (0.4.3)$$

of the monoid of endomorphisms of \mathbb{S}^1 ,³ while Theorem B follows from the computation that the hom-space $\text{hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}}(\text{pt}, \mathbb{S}^1)$ is contractible.

Remark 0.4.1. The crux of the computation (0.4.3) amounts to factoring the functor $\Delta \xrightarrow{\chi} \text{Quiv}^{\text{con}}$ through the *parasimplex*, *cyclic*, and *epicyclic* categories as in the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta & \xrightarrow{\chi} & \text{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \\ \searrow & & \nearrow \\ \Delta_{\circlearrowleft} & \twoheadrightarrow \Lambda \longleftarrow \tilde{\Lambda} & \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \text{pt} & \twoheadrightarrow \mathbb{B}\mathbb{T} \longleftarrow \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W} & \end{array} \quad (0.4.4)$$

and showing that the functor $\Delta \rightarrow \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}$ is initial, both squares are pullbacks, and the functor $\tilde{\Lambda} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}$ is both a cartesian fibration and a localization (see Lemma 2.4.5 and Corollary 2.5.2).

0.5. Connection with factorization homology. Although we defined the Witt monoid algebraically as the semidirect product $\mathbb{W} := \mathbb{T} \rtimes \mathbb{N}^{\times}$, it also arises in differential topology, namely as the (topological) monoid of framed self-covering maps of the circle. Hence, Theorem A can be seen as articulating a contravariant functoriality of Hochschild homology for framed self-covers of the circle.

Of course, the connection between Hochschild homology and the circle is not new. Classically, this connection is manifested e.g. by Connes’ cyclic operator on Hochschild homology (see e.g. [Lod92]), which records the action of the (maximal) subgroup $\mathbb{T} \subset \mathbb{W}$. More recently, Hochschild homology has been recognized as **factorization homology** over S^1 : for \mathbb{E}_1 -algebras in [Lura, Sect. 5.5.3] (under the name “topological chiral homology”), and for $(\infty, 1)$ -categories in [AFR18].

In more detail, the work [AFR18] constructs for any dimension n an ∞ -category $\mathbf{cMfd}_n^{\text{sfr}}$ of *compact solidly n -framed stratified spaces*, whose morphisms accommodate a wide variety of notions in differential topology – in particular, framed self-covers of compact framed n -manifolds. This ∞ -category is specifically tailored towards the construction of factorization homology, which gives

³Nontrivial endomorphisms of \mathbb{S}^1 arise from the fact that the functor $\Delta^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$ is not fully faithful. (By contrast, adjoining the colimit of a fully faithful inclusion results in a formally adjointed object with trivial endomorphism monoid.)

a way of “integrating” an (∞, n) -category \mathcal{C} over compact framed n -manifolds (and more generally over compact solidly n -framed stratified spaces):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{cMfd}_n^{\text{sfr}} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{S} \\ \Psi & & \Psi \quad .^4 \\ M & \longmapsto & \int_M \mathcal{C} \end{array}$$

To state our last main theorem, we introduce the notation \mathcal{M} for the ∞ -category obtained from \mathcal{M}^{con} by freely adjoining finite products.⁵

Theorem E. *There is a canonical equivalence*

$$\mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}} ,$$

which carries \mathbb{S}^1 to S^1 (the framed circle). Under this equivalence, for any $(\infty, 1)$ -category \mathcal{C} , the functor $\widetilde{\text{Rep}}_{\mathcal{C}}$ is naturally equivalent to factorization homology: there is a canonical commutative triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M} & \xrightarrow{\widetilde{\text{Rep}}_{\mathcal{C}}} & \mathcal{S} \\ \wr \downarrow & & \nearrow f_{\mathcal{C}} \\ \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}} & & \end{array} .$$

Remark 0.5.1. From the point of view of manifolds afforded by Theorem E, the diagram (0.4.4) has a natural interpretation: the category $\widetilde{\mathbf{A}}$ can be regarded as a moduli category of (non-trivially) stratified framed circles, in which the non-invertible morphisms classify isogenies. Namely, there is a fully faithful functor $\Delta_{\mathcal{C}}^{\triangleright} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{cMfd}_{1/S^1}^{\text{sfr}}$ whose image consists refinement morphisms to S^1 , and the (left lax) action by \mathbb{W}^{op} arises through $\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \simeq \text{End}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}}(S^1)$. In particular, there is a fully faithful functor $\widetilde{\mathbf{A}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ whose image consists of those solidly 1-framed stratified spaces with more than one stratum and whose underlying topological space is a circle.

Remark 0.5.2. Remark 0.5.1 gives a geometric explanation for why, among all diagrams in $(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$, it is natural to formally adjoin the colimit of

$$\chi: \Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(0.4.1)} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} .$$

In that spirit, it would be interesting to give a characterization of the parsimplex, cyclic, or epicyclic category that is entirely intrinsic to the full subcategory $\text{Quiv} \subset \text{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)}$ (ie, blind to the geometric context of Remark 0.5.1).

In view of Remark 0.5.2, Theorem E clarifies the manifold-theoretic origins of the parasimplex, cyclic, and epicyclic categories (which were originally defined combinatorially). On the other hand, Theorem E is a completely algebraic characterization of the ∞ -category $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ despite its differential topology origins, in the spirit of the celebrated cobordism hypothesis [Lur09b]. More broadly, we are inspired by the idea that some suitable ∞ -category of “ n -quivers” (ie, a suitable version of n -computads [Str76, Bat98])⁶ analogously extends to give $\mathbf{cMfd}_n^{\text{sfr}}$.

⁴Actually, in general one must require that \mathcal{C} has adjoints: that is, for every $0 < k < n$, every k -morphism in \mathcal{C} admits both adjoints. Of course, this condition is vacuous when $n = 1$.

⁵In other words, the functor $\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ admits an analogous universal property in Cat^{\times} (the ∞ -category of ∞ -categories with finite products) to that of the functor $(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}$ in Cat .

⁶Note that quivers are precisely 1-computads.

0.6. **Conventions.** We set the following conventions throughout this work.

- We work within the context of ∞ -categories, taking [Lur09a] and [Lura] as our standard references. We work model-independently (for instance, we make no reference to the simplices of a quasicategory), and we omit all technical uses of the word “essentially” (for instance, we shorten the term “essentially surjective” to “surjective”).
- We write \mathbf{Cat} for the ∞ -category of ∞ -categories and \mathcal{S} for the ∞ -category of spaces. These are related by the adjoint functors

$$\mathbf{Cat} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{|-|} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{(-)^\simeq} \end{array} \mathcal{S} .$$

- Let \mathcal{Y} be an ∞ -category. For T a continuous monoid, the ∞ -category of (*left* T -*modules* (in \mathcal{Y}) is that of functors:

$$\mathbf{Mod}_T(\mathcal{Y}) := \mathbf{Fun}(\mathfrak{BT}, \mathcal{Y}) .$$

Restricting along the canonical functor $* \rightarrow \mathfrak{BT}$ defines a functor $\mathcal{Y} = \mathbf{Mod}_*(\mathcal{Y}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Mod}_T(\mathcal{Y})$.

When they exist, the left- and right-adjoints to this functor are respectively the T -*coinvariants* and the T -*invariants*, and are respectively denoted

$$(-)_{\mathfrak{h}T} : \mathbf{Mod}_T(\mathcal{Y}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{Y} \quad \text{and} \quad (-)^{\mathfrak{h}T} : \mathbf{Mod}_T(\mathcal{Y}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{Y} .$$

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1. PARAMETRIZING HIGHER CATEGORIES BY QUIVERS

In this section, we characterize $(\infty, 1)$ -categories as copresheaves on a category of quivers. Specifically, as Definition 1.2.3 we construct a category \mathbf{Quiv} in which an object is a finite directed graph; as Theorem 1.4.6, we construct a fully faithful functor between ∞ -categories,

$$\mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)} \longrightarrow \mathbf{PShv}(\mathbf{Quiv}) ,$$

and characterize its image.

Informally, this is to say an $(\infty, 1)$ -category is characterized by quiver representations into it. The work of Rezk ([Rez01]) implements such a characterization in terms of linear quivers. So, in this sense, the characterization presented here is more versatile. For instance, it accommodates representations of cyclically-directed quivers.

1.1. Recollections of $\mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)}$.

Definition 1.1.1. The *simplex category* is the category $\mathbf{\Delta}$ in which an object is a finite nonempty linearly ordered set, and a morphism between two is a (weakly) order-preserving map, with composition given by composing maps. Such a morphism is *closed-creation* if it is convex⁷; such a

⁷A morphism $I \xrightarrow{f} J$ between linearly ordered sets is *convex* if, for each $i_-, i_+ \in I$ and each $j \in J$ for which $f(i_-) \leq j \leq f(i_+)$, the preimage $f^{-1}(j)$ is nonempty.

morphism is **closed** if it is a convex inclusion; such a morphism is **active** if it preserves minima and maxima; such a morphism is **creation** if it is closed-creation and active. The subcategories

$$\Delta^{\text{cls}}, \Delta^{\text{cr}}, \Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}, \Delta^{\text{act}} \subset \Delta$$

consist of all objects and those morphisms that are respectively closed, creation, closed-creation, and active.

Remark 1.1.2. An object in Δ can be regarded as a linear quiver.

Remark 1.1.3. The morphisms in Δ that we call “closed” are elsewhere called “inert” (e.g. in [Lura]). We choose our terminology to remain consistent with that surrounding the ∞ -category \mathbf{cMfd}'_1 , discussed in §B.

Observation 1.1.4. The pair of subcategories $(\Delta^{\text{act}}, \Delta^{\text{cls}})$ is a factorization system on Δ . In other words, each morphism in Δ uniquely factors as a composition of an active morphism followed by a closed morphism.

Definition 1.1.5. A **basic closed cover (in Δ)** is a diagram in Δ^{cls} of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{1\} & \longrightarrow & \{1 < \dots < p\} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \{0 < 1\} & \longrightarrow & [p] \end{array}$$

for some $p > 1$. A presheaf $\Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{S}$ is a **closed sheaf (on Δ)** if it carries (the opposites of) each basic closed cover in Δ to a limit diagram in \mathcal{S} . A **closed cover (in Δ)** is a diagram $\mathcal{K}^\triangleright \rightarrow \Delta^{\text{cls}}$ for which, for each closed sheaf, $\Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{S}$, the composite functor

$$(\mathcal{K}^{\text{op}})^\triangleleft = (\mathcal{K}^\triangleright)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\Delta^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}} \hookrightarrow \Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{S}$$

is a limit diagram.

Recall the definition of the ∞ -category $\mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$ of $(\infty, 1)$ -**categories** (see, for instance, [Rez01]). Recall the definition of the ∞ -category $\mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}$ of **flagged** $(\infty, 1)$ -**categories** (see [AF18]). Consider the restricted Yoneda functor along the standard fully faithful functor $\Delta \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)} \subset \mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}$:

$$\mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)} \subset \mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)} \longrightarrow \mathbf{PShv}(\Delta), \quad \mathcal{C} \mapsto \left([p]^\circ \mapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}}([p], \mathcal{C}) \right). \quad (1.1.1)$$

The work of Rezk ([Rez01]), followed by the work [AF18], implies each of the functors (1.1.1) is fully faithful, and that the image of $\mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}$ consists of those presheaves $\Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{S}$ that are closed sheaves (on Δ), while the image of $\mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$ consists of those presheaves $\Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{S}$ that further satisfy a univalent-completeness condition. Each of the fully faithful restricted Yoneda functors (1.1.1) is a right adjoint in a Bousfield localization between presentable ∞ -categories:

$$\mathbf{PShv}(\Delta) \rightleftarrows \mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)} \rightleftarrows \mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}. \quad (1.1.2)$$

Remark 1.1.6. One can take the definitions of the ∞ -categories $\mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$ and $\mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}$ as the images of these fully faithful functors (1.1.1).

1.2. **Quivers.** The main outcome of this subsection is Corollary 1.2.10, which gives an explicit identification of the free $(\infty, 1)$ -category on a quiver (also known as a finite directed graph).

In the next definition, the full subcategory $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1} \subset \mathbf{\Delta}$ consists of those finite nonempty linearly ordered sets with cardinality at most 2.

Definition 1.2.1. The category of *finite directed graphs* is

$$\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} := \text{Fun}(\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Fin}) .$$

Terminology 1.2.2. Let Γ be a finite directed graph. Its *set of vertices* is $\Gamma^{(0)} := \Gamma([0])$; its *set of edges* is $\Gamma^{(1)} := \Gamma([1]) \setminus \Gamma([0])$; there is the evident span of sets

$$\Gamma^{(0)} \xleftarrow{s} \Gamma^{(1)} \xrightarrow{t} \Gamma^{(0)}$$

arising from the cospan $\{0\} \rightarrow [1] \leftarrow \{1\}$ in $\mathbf{\Delta}$; for $v \in \Gamma^{(0)}$ a vertex, its *set of exiting edges* is the preimage $\text{Out}_{\Gamma}(v) := t^{-1}(v) \cap \Gamma^{(1)}$, its *set of entering edges* is the preimage $\text{In}_{\Gamma}(v) := s^{-1}(v) \cap \Gamma^{(1)}$, and its *directed-valence* is the ordered pair of cardinalities $(\text{Card}(\text{Out}_{\Gamma}(v)), \text{Card}(\text{In}_{\Gamma}(v)))$. Say Γ is *connected* if the quotient set $(\Gamma^{(0)})/\sim$ is a singleton, where the equivalence relation is generated by declaring $v \sim w$ if $(s, t)^{-1}(v, w) \neq \emptyset$. A finite directed graph is *cyclically-directed* if it is connected and each vertex has directed-valence $(1, 1)$ (i.e. each vertex has exactly one exiting edge and exactly one entering edge). A finite directed graph is *linearly-directed* if it is connected and each vertex has at most one entering edge and at most one exiting edge, and there is some vertex with no exiting edges (or, equivalently, no entering edges).

A morphism $\Gamma \xrightarrow{f} \Xi$ between finite directed graphs is *non-degenerate* if it carries edges to edges, which is to say the diagram among sets

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma([0]) & \xrightarrow{f_{[0]}} & \Xi([0]) \\ \Gamma(!) \downarrow & & \downarrow \Xi(!) \\ \Gamma([1]) & \xrightarrow{f_{[1]}} & \Xi([1]) \end{array}$$

is a pullback.

An object in $\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$ can be regarded as a quiver, which can in turn be regarded as a category. We make this precise in what follows.

Consider the composite adjunction:

$$\text{PShv}(\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1}) \underset{\text{restriction}}{\overset{\text{LKE}}{\rightleftarrows}} \text{PShv}(\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}}) \underset{(1.1.2)}{\rightleftarrows} \text{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)} . \quad (1.2.1)$$

This results in a functor

$$\text{Free: } \mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} := \text{Fun}(\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1}^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Fin}) \subset \text{Fun}(\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{S}) = \text{PShv}(\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1}) \xrightarrow{(1.2.1)} \text{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)} , \quad (1.2.2)$$

whose value on a finite directed graph Γ is the *free* $(\infty, 1)$ -category on Γ , hence the notation.

Definition 1.2.3. A *quiver* is an $(\infty, 1)$ -category that is the free $(\infty, 1)$ -category on a finite directed graph. The ∞ -category \mathbf{Quiv} is the full $(\infty, 1)$ -subcategory

$$\mathbf{Quiv} \subset \text{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)}$$

consisting of those $(\infty, 1)$ -categories that are quivers.⁸

⁸Note that some authors define a morphism of quivers to be a morphism of finite directed graphs. The notion that we study is strictly more general: in view of Corollary 1.2.12, Lemma 1.2.13, and Corollary 1.2.14, the ∞ -category \mathbf{Quiv} is actually an ordinary category and contains the former as a (1-full) subcategory containing the same (groupoid of) objects.

Observation 1.2.4. By Definition 1.2.3, there is a factorization, which is unique, in a diagram among ∞ -categories:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{Quiv} & \\ \text{Free} \dashrightarrow & & \xleftarrow{\text{f.f.}} \\ \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} & \xrightarrow{\text{Free}} & \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)} \end{array}$$

Furthermore, this factorizing functor,

$$\text{Free}: \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \longrightarrow \text{Quiv} ,$$

is surjective on objects.

Observation 1.2.5. The diagram among ∞ -categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{S} & \xleftarrow{|\cdot|} & \text{PShv}(\Delta_{\leq 1}) \\ & \searrow^{|\cdot|} & \downarrow (1.2.1) \\ & & \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)} \end{array}$$

involving geometric realizations / ∞ -groupoid-completions canonically commutes, because the diagram among their right adjoints / ∞ -groupoid-completions canonically commutes. In particular, for each object $\text{Free}(\Gamma) \in \text{Quiv}$, the ∞ -groupoid-completion

$$|\text{Free}(\Gamma)| \simeq |\Gamma|$$

is the geometric realization of its generating finite directed graph, which canonically admits the structure of a 1-dimensional finite CW complex.

Observation 1.2.6. By definition of Quiv , both of the functors

$$\text{Free}: \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \longrightarrow \text{Quiv} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Free}: \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \longrightarrow \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$$

preserve cobase-change along monomorphisms.⁹ In particular, Quiv admits finite coproducts, which are given by disjoint unions of finite directed graphs.

Observation 1.2.7. The simplex category is the full ∞ -subcategory

$$\Delta \subset \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$$

consisting of those categories that are the values of Free on finite nonempty linearly-directed graphs (in the sense of Terminology 1.2.2). Therefore, there is a canonical fully faithful functor (between ∞ -subcategories of $\text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$),

$$\Delta \hookrightarrow \text{Quiv} ,$$

the image of which consists of the finite nonempty linearly-directed graphs.

Observation 1.2.8. There is a canonical pullback diagram among ∞ -categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta^{\text{cls.cr}} & \longrightarrow & \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Free} \\ \Delta & \longrightarrow & \text{Quiv} \end{array} \quad (1.2.3)$$

⁹Indeed, the case of the former follows from the latter. Next, the fully faithful functor $\text{Fun}(\Delta_{\leq 1}^{\text{op}}, \text{Fin}) \hookrightarrow \text{Fun}(\Delta_{\leq 1}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{S})$ preserves cobase-change along monomorphisms. The assertion follows from the definition of Free as a composition (1.2.2), using that both of the rightward functors in (1.2.1) are left adjoints and therefore preserve pushouts.

The next technical result gives an explicit description of the values of \mathbf{Free} . It is phrased in terms of the following notation. For $[p] \in \mathbf{\Delta}$, and $\Gamma \in \mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$, an object in the under-over-category,

$$\left(\mathbf{\Delta}_{/\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{[p]/} := \mathbf{\Delta}^{[p]/} \times_{\mathbf{\Delta}} \mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{cls.cr}} \times_{\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}} \mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}_{/\Gamma},$$

is a pair of morphisms: $[p] \xrightarrow{\sigma} [q]$ in $\mathbf{\Delta}$ and $[q] \xrightarrow{f} \Gamma$ in $\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$; the full subcategory

$$\left(\mathbf{\Delta}_{/\text{non.deg}\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{[p]/^{\text{act}}} \subset \left(\mathbf{\Delta}_{/\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{[p]/}$$

consists of those objects (σ, Γ) in which σ is active (in the sense of Definition 1.1.1) and f is non-degenerate (in the sense of Terminology 1.2.2).

Lemma 1.2.9. *Let $\Gamma \in \mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$ be a finite directed graph. For each $[p] \in \mathbf{\Delta}$, there is a canonical equivalence between spaces,*

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}}([p], \mathbf{Free}(\Gamma)) \simeq \text{Obj} \left(\left(\mathbf{\Delta}_{/\text{non.deg}\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{[p]/^{\text{act}}} \right),$$

involving the ∞ -groupoid-completion of the (active) undercategory (in $\mathbf{\Delta}$) of the (non-degenerate) overcategory (in $\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$). Furthermore, through this composite identification, the unit morphism between directed graphs

$$\text{unit}_{\Gamma} : \Gamma \longrightarrow \mathbf{Free}(\Gamma)$$

evaluates on $[p] \in \mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1}$ as the monomorphism between spaces

$$\Gamma([p]) \simeq \text{Obj} \left(\left(\mathbf{\Delta}_{/\text{non.deg}\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{[p]/^{\text{cr}}} \right) \hookrightarrow \text{Obj} \left(\left(\mathbf{\Delta}_{/\text{non.deg}\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{[p]/^{\text{act}}} \right) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}}([p], \mathbf{Free}(\Gamma)).$$

Proof. We establish a sequence of equivalences between spaces:

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}}([p], \mathbf{Free}(\Gamma)) \xleftarrow{\simeq} \text{colim} \left(\left(\left(\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{[p]/} \right)^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} \left(\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(1.2.3)} \left(\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \right)^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}}(-, \Gamma)} \mathcal{S} \right) \quad (1.2.4)$$

$$\simeq \left| \left(\mathbf{\Delta}_{/\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{[p]/} \right| \quad (1.2.5)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\simeq} \left| \left(\mathbf{\Delta}_{/\text{non.deg}\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{[p]/^{\text{act}}} \right| \quad (1.2.6)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\simeq} \text{Obj} \left(\left(\mathbf{\Delta}_{/\text{non.deg}\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{[p]/^{\text{act}}} \right), \quad (1.2.7)$$

We first establish the identifications (1.2.5), (1.2.6), and (1.2.7). So let $[p] \in \mathbf{\Delta}$. First, recall that, for $\mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{S}$ a functor from an ∞ -category, there is a canonical identification of its colimit as the ∞ -groupoid-completion of its unstraightening:

$$\left| \mathbf{Un}(F) \right| \simeq \text{colim}(F).$$

Next, note that, for $\mathcal{K} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{B}$ a functor, the unstraightening of the composite $F \circ f$ is identical with the base-change along f of the unstraightening of F :

$$\mathbf{Un}(F \circ f) \simeq \mathbf{Un}(F)|_{\mathcal{K}}.$$

Next, note that, for $F = \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}(-, b)$ representable, then the unstraightening of F is the ∞ -overcategory:

$$\mathcal{B}_{/b} \simeq \text{colim}(F).$$

Putting these observations together reveals a canonical identification:

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{colim} \left(\left((\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}})^{[p]/} \right)^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} (\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(1.2.3)} (\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}}(-, \Gamma)} \mathcal{S} \right) &\simeq \left| \left((\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}})^{[p]/} \right)_{/\Gamma} \right| \\ &\simeq \left| \left(\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}_{/\Gamma} \right)^{[p]/} \right|, \end{aligned}$$

in which the second identification is direct from the definition of these over-under-categories. This establishes the identification (1.2.5).

Next, the active-closed factorization system on Δ determines a left adjoint localization

$$\left(\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}_{/\Gamma} \right)^{[p]/} \longrightarrow \left(\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}_{/\Gamma} \right)^{[p]/\text{act}}. \quad (1.2.8)$$

The surjective-injective factorization system on Sets determines a further right adjoint localization

$$\left(\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}_{/\Gamma} \right)^{[p]/\text{act}} \longrightarrow \left(\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}_{/\text{non.deg}\Gamma} \right)^{[p]/\text{act}}. \quad (1.2.9)$$

The identification (1.2.6) then follow because adjoint functors implement equivalences between ∞ -groupoid-completions.

Next, by the injective-surjective factorization system on sets, the definition of **non-degenerate** is such that the projection

$$\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}_{/\text{non.deg}\Gamma} \longrightarrow \Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}$$

factors through the subcategory $\Delta^{\text{cls}} \subset \Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}$ of closed morphisms. Meanwhile, the definition of active is such that the projection

$$\left(\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{[p]/\text{act}} \longrightarrow \Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}$$

factors through the subcategory $\Delta^{\text{cr}} \subset \Delta$ of creation morphisms. Therefore the canonical projection

$$\left(\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}_{/\text{non.deg}\Gamma} \right)^{[p]/\text{act}} \longrightarrow \Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}$$

factors through $\text{Obj}(\Delta) \xrightarrow{\cong} \Delta^{\text{cls}} \cap \Delta^{\text{cr}} \subset \Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}$. Now, both of these projections are full subcategories of the respective right and left fibrations, each with 0-type fibers:

$$\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}_{/\Gamma} \longrightarrow \Delta^{\text{cls.cr}} \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{[p]/} \longrightarrow \Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}.$$

Because $\text{Obj}(\Delta)$ is a 0-type, we conclude that the ∞ -category $\left(\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}_{/\text{non.deg}\Gamma} \right)^{[p]/\text{act}}$ is, in fact, a 0-type. In particular, both of the functors

$$\text{Obj} \left(\left(\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}_{/\text{non.deg}\Gamma} \right)^{[p]/\text{act}} \right) \xrightarrow{\cong} \left(\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}_{/\text{non.deg}\Gamma} \right)^{[p]/\text{act}} \xrightarrow{\cong} \left| \left(\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}_{/\text{non.deg}\Gamma} \right)^{[p]/\text{act}} \right| \quad (1.2.10)$$

are equivalences. This establishes the identification (1.2.7).

Now, consider the simplicial space

$$\left| \left(\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}_{/\Gamma} \right)^{[\bullet]/} \right| : \Delta^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}. \quad (1.2.11)$$

Through the identification (1.2.5), proved above, this simplicial space (1.2.11) witnesses a left Kan extension:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}})^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{(1.2.3)} & (\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}}(-, \Gamma)} \mathcal{S} \\ \downarrow & \Downarrow & \nearrow \\ \Delta^{\text{op}} & & \left| \left(\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}}_{/\Gamma} \right)^{[\bullet]/} \right| \end{array}$$

In particular, there is a canonical morphism between simplicial spaces

$$\left| \left(\Delta_{/\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{[\bullet]/} \right| \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}}([\bullet], \text{Free}(\Gamma)) , \quad (1.2.12)$$

which extends the unit morphisms between directed graphs. So the equivalence (1.2.4) is a consequence of this morphism (1.2.12) being an equivalence. By definition of the functor Free in terms of left adjoints, this morphism (1.2.12) is initial among all morphisms from (1.2.11) to a simplicial space that satisfies the Segal and univalent-completeness conditions. So, the result follows upon showing the simplicial space (1.2.11) satisfies the Segal and univalent-completeness conditions.

We first show (1.2.11) satisfies the Segal condition. So let $[p] \in \Delta$. We must show that the commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \left(\Delta_{/\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{[p]/} & \longrightarrow & \left(\Delta_{/\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{\{1 < \dots < p\}/} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \left(\Delta_{/\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{\{0 < 1\}/} & \longrightarrow & \left(\Delta_{/\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{\{1\}/} \end{array} \quad (1.2.13)$$

among categories induces a pullback diagram among ∞ -groupoid-completions. Note that, through the adjoint localizations (1.2.8) and (1.2.9), and the equivalence (1.2.10), we obtain a commutative diagram among spaces (in fact, 0-types),

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Obj} \left(\left(\Delta_{/\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)_{/\text{non.deg } \Gamma}^{[p]/\text{act}} \right) & \longrightarrow & \text{Obj} \left(\left(\Delta_{/\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)_{/\text{non.deg } \Gamma}^{\{1 < \dots < p\}/\text{act}} \right) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \text{Obj} \left(\left(\Delta_{/\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)_{/\text{non.deg } \Gamma}^{\{0 < 1\}/\text{act}} \right) & \longrightarrow & \text{Obj} \left(\left(\Delta_{/\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)_{/\text{non.deg } \Gamma}^{\{1\}/\text{act}} \right) \end{array} ,$$

that is identical with the diagram among ∞ -groupoid-completions of (1.2.13). Now, by direct inspection, this commutative square among 0-types induces an equivalence between horizontal fibers. Therefore, this diagram among spaces is a pullback because.

Finally, direct inspection reveals that the simplicial space (1.2.11) satisfies the completeness condition. □

Corollary 1.2.10. *For each finite directed graph Γ , the $(\infty, 1)$ -category $\text{Free}(\Gamma)$ has the following properties.*

(1) *Its space of objects is a finite 0-type. In fact, the canonical map between spaces,*

$$\text{unit}_{\Gamma}([0]) : \Gamma^{(0)} := \Gamma([0]) \longrightarrow \text{Obj}(\text{Free}(\Gamma)) ,$$

is an equivalence. In particular, for each $v \in \text{Obj}(\text{Free}(\Gamma))$, the group $\text{Aut}_{\text{Free}(\Gamma)}(v) \simeq \{\text{id}_v\}$ is trivial.

(2) *It is an ordinary category: for each pair $v_s, v_t \in \text{Obj}(\text{Free}(\Gamma))$, the unit map followed by the composition map for the $(\infty, 1)$ -category $\text{Free}(\Gamma)$ defines an equivalence between spaces:*

$$\coprod_{q \geq 0} \left\{ (e_1, \dots, e_q) \in (\Gamma^{(1)})^{\times q} \mid s(e_1) = v_s \text{ and } t(e_q) = v_t \text{ and for } 0 < i < q, s(e_i) = t(e_{i+1}) \right\} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{Hom}_{\text{Free}(\Gamma)}(v_s, v_t) .$$

In particular, $\text{Hom}_{\text{Free}(\Gamma)}(v_s, v_t)$ is a 0-type, a point in which is a sequence of directed edges in Γ from v_s to v_t .

(3) *It is gaunt.*

Proof. Statement (3) follows from Statements (1) and (2).

Statement (1) follows immediately from Lemma 1.2.9, as the case $p = 0$, using that the only active morphism $[0] \rightarrow [q]$ in Δ is an isomorphism.

Statement (2) follows from Lemma 1.2.9, through the case $p = 1$, as we now explain. Observe, through direct inspection, that the fiber over $[q]$ of the projection $\text{Obj} \left(\left(\Delta_{/\text{non.deg}\Gamma}^{\text{cls.cr}} \right)^{[1]/\text{act}} \right) \rightarrow \text{Obj}(\Delta^{\text{cls.cr}})$ is canonically identified as the 0-type

$$\left\{ (e_1, \dots, e_q) \in (\Gamma^{(1)})^{\times q} \mid s(e_1) = v_s \text{ and } t(e_q) = v_t \text{ and for } 0 < i < q, s(e_i) = t(e_{i+1}) \right\} \subset \Gamma([1])^q .$$

□

Remark 1.2.11. Let Γ be a finite directed graph. Corollary 1.2.10(1) states that the space of objects $\text{Obj}(\text{Free}(\Gamma))$ is the 0-type of vertices $\Gamma^{(0)}$. Corollary 1.2.10(2) states that, for $v_s, v_t \in \Gamma^{(0)}$ vertices, the space of morphism in $\text{Free}(\Gamma)$ is the 0-type of a **directed paths** in Γ from v_s to v_t , a point in which is an $\ell \geq 0$ together with a sequence of ℓ directed edges in Γ :

$$\left(v_s \xrightarrow{a_1} u_1 \xrightarrow{a_2} u_2 \xrightarrow{a_3} \dots \xrightarrow{a_{\ell-1}} u_{\ell-1} \xrightarrow{a_\ell} v_t \right) .$$

Corollary 1.2.10 lends the following.

Corollary 1.2.12. *Let Γ and Ξ be finite directed graphs. The space of morphisms $\text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}}(\Xi, \Gamma)$ is the 0-type consisting of the following data.*

- A map $f^{(0)}: \Xi^{(0)} \rightarrow \Gamma^{(0)}$ between sets of vertices.
- For each non-degenerate directed edge $(s(e) \xrightarrow{e} t(e)) \in \Xi^{(1)}$, a directed path in Γ ,

$$f^{(1)}(e) = \left(f^{(0)}(s(e)) \xrightarrow{b_1(e)} y_1(e) \xrightarrow{b_2(e)} y_2(e) \xrightarrow{b_3(e)} \dots \xrightarrow{b_{\ell_e-1}(e)} y_{\ell_e-1}(e) \xrightarrow{b_{\ell_e}(e)} f^{(0)}(t(e)) \right) ,$$

from $f^{(0)}(s(e))$ to $f^{(0)}(t(e))$.

Lemma 1.2.13. *The ∞ -category Quiv has the following features.*

(1) *Quiv is an ordinary category.*

(2) *Both of the functors*

$$\text{Free}: \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \longrightarrow \text{Quiv} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Free}: \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \longrightarrow \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$$

are monomorphisms.

Proof. Corollary 1.2.10(3) implies the defining fully faithful inclusion $\text{Quiv} \hookrightarrow \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$ factors through $\text{Cat}_{(1,1)} \subset \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$. Corollary 1.2.10 also implies that, for each $\Gamma, \Xi \in \text{Quiv}$, the 1-groupoid $\text{Hom}_{\text{Cat}_{(1,1)}}(\text{Free}(\Xi), \text{Free}(\Gamma))$ is in fact a 0-type. It follows that Quiv is an ordinary category, which is statement (1).

We now prove statement (2). Because $\text{Quiv} \subset \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$ is a full ∞ -subcategory, it is sufficient to prove that $\text{Free}: \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \rightarrow \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$ is a monomorphism. For this, it's enough to show that the unit of the adjunction (1.2.1) evaluates on each object $\Gamma \in \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \subset \text{PShv}(\Delta_{\leq 1})$ as a monomorphism in $\text{PShv}(\Delta_{\leq 1})$:

$$\Gamma \longrightarrow \text{Free}(\Gamma) \quad \text{is a monomorphism} \quad .$$

This is implied by Corollary 1.2.10(1)&(2).

□

After Observation 1.2.4, Lemma 1.2.13 implies the following.

Corollary 1.2.14. *The functor $\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \xrightarrow{\text{Free}} \text{Quiv}$ restricts as an equivalence between moduli spaces of objects:*

$$\text{Obj}(\text{Free}): \text{Obj}(\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Obj}(\text{Quiv}) .$$

Notation 1.2.15. In light of Corollary 1.2.14, we do not distinguish in notation or terminology between an object in Quiv and its corresponding finite directed graph.

Observation 1.2.16. Regarding each finite set as a finite directed graph with no (non-degenerate) edges defines a functor

$$\text{Fin} \hookrightarrow \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$$

which is fully faithful. Inspecting the values of $\text{Free}(\Gamma)$ of Corollary 1.2.10 reveals that the composite functor

$$\text{Fin} \hookrightarrow \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \xrightarrow{\text{Free}} \text{Quiv}$$

is fully faithful.

Definition 1.2.17. The subcategories of *closed-creation*, *closed*, and *creation* morphisms,

$$\text{Quiv} \supset \text{Quiv}^{\text{cls.cr}} \supset \text{Quiv}^{\text{cls}} , \text{Quiv}^{\text{cr}} ,$$

are the respective image under the monomorphism $\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \xrightarrow{\text{Free}} \text{Quiv}$ and the images of the *monomorphisms*, and of the *epimorphisms*.¹⁰ A morphism $\Gamma \xrightarrow{F} \Xi$ is *active* if for every edge $g \in \Xi$, there exists an edge $f \in \Gamma$ such that g is a factor of $F(f)$. A morphism $\Gamma \xrightarrow{F} \Xi$ is a *refinement morphism* if it satisfies the following conditions:

- F induces an isomorphism $\pi_0(|\Gamma|) \xrightarrow{\cong} \pi_0(|\Xi|)$ of connected components
- F is injective on objects, and
- For every edge g in Ξ , there exists a unique edge f in Γ such that g is a factor of $F(f)$, and moreover g occurs as a factor of $F(f)$ exactly once.

We denote by

$$\text{Quiv} \supset \text{Quiv}^{\text{act}} \supset \text{Quiv}^{\text{ref}} ,$$

the subcategories of active and refinement morphisms.

Observation 1.2.18. Using Observation 1.2.8, the fully faithful functor $\Delta \xrightarrow{\rho} \text{Quiv}$ respects the subcategories:

$$\Delta^{\text{cls}} = \Delta \cap \text{Quiv}^{\text{cls}} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta^{\text{cr}} = \Delta \cap \text{Quiv}^{\text{cr}} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta^{\text{cls.cr}} = \Delta \cap \text{Quiv}^{\text{cls.cr}} .$$

Furthermore,

$$\Delta^{\text{act}} = \Delta \cap \text{Quiv}^{\text{act}} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta^{\text{ref}} = \Delta \cap \text{Quiv}^{\text{ref}} .$$

¹⁰In other words, the functors $\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \xrightarrow{\text{Free}} \text{Quiv}^{\text{cls.cr}}$ and $\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin,mono}} \xrightarrow{\text{Free}} \text{Quiv}^{\text{cls}}$ and $\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin,epi}} \xrightarrow{\text{Free}} \text{Quiv}^{\text{cr}}$ are equivalences between categories.

1.3. Closed covers and closed sheaves.

Definition 1.3.1. A *basic closed cover* (in \mathbf{Quiv}) is a diagram in $(\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}})^{\text{mono}} \simeq \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{cls}}$ of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma_0 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma_+ \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Gamma_- & \longrightarrow & \Gamma \end{array}$$

that witnesses a pushout in $\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$.¹¹ A presheaf $\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{S}$ is a *closed sheaf* (on \mathbf{Quiv}) if $\mathcal{F}(\emptyset) = *$ and it carries (the opposites of) each basic closed cover in \mathbf{Quiv} to a limit diagram in \mathcal{S} . A *closed cover* (in \mathbf{Quiv}) is a diagram $\mathcal{K}^{\triangleright} \rightarrow \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{cls}}$ for which, for each closed sheaf, $\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{S}$, the composite functor

$$(\mathcal{K}^{\text{op}})^{\triangleleft} = (\mathcal{K}^{\triangleright})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{S}$$

is a limit diagram. The ∞ -category of closed sheaves (on \mathbf{Quiv}) is the full ∞ -subcategory

$$\mathbf{Shv}^{\text{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv}) \subset \mathbf{PShv}(\mathbf{Quiv})$$

consisting of the closed sheaves (on \mathbf{Quiv}).

Observation 1.2.7 offers the following.

Notation 1.3.2. The fully faithful functor

$$\rho: \mathbf{\Delta} \xrightarrow{\text{Obs 1.2.7}} \mathbf{Quiv} ,$$

is defined so that the composite fully faithful functor $\mathbf{\Delta} \xrightarrow{\rho} \mathbf{Quiv} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}$ is the standard fully faithful functor. The value of ρ on an object $[p] \in \mathbf{\Delta}$ is denoted $\rho(p) \in \mathbf{Quiv}$ or simply $[p] \in \mathbf{Quiv}$.

Observation 1.3.3. The fully faithful functor $\mathbf{\Delta} \xrightarrow{\rho} \mathbf{Quiv}$ carries basic closed covers in $\mathbf{\Delta}$ to basic closed covers in \mathbf{Quiv} .

Definition 1.3.4. Let Γ be a finite directed graph.

- (1) The *exit-path category* (of Γ) is the full subcategory

$$\mathbf{E}(\Gamma) \subset (\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1})_{/\Gamma}^{\text{cls}} := (\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1})^{\text{cls}} \times_{\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}} \mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}_{/\Gamma}$$

consisting of those objects, which are morphisms between directed graphs $[p] \xrightarrow{\sigma} \Gamma$, in which σ is a monomorphism.¹²

- (2) For $\mathcal{C}: \mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ a simplicial object in an ∞ -category \mathcal{X} that admits finite limits, the *\mathcal{C} -valued representations* of Γ is the limit

$$\mathbf{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\Gamma) := \lim \left(\mathbf{E}(\Gamma)^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} (\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{X} \right) \in \mathcal{X} .$$

Observation 1.3.5. For each finite directed graph Γ , its exit-path category $\mathbf{E}(\Gamma)$ is a finite category. Specifically, $\mathbf{E}(\Gamma)$ is a gaunt category with

$$\mathbf{Obj}(\mathbf{E}(\Gamma)) = \Gamma^{(0)} \amalg \Gamma^{(1)}$$

¹¹Warning: it need not be a pushout in $(\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}})^{\text{mono}}$

¹²This terminology aligns with more common use of “exit-path category” (see, for example [Tre09]). Specifically, one can regard the geometric realization $|\Gamma|$ of Γ as a stratified space: each vertex and the interior of each edge is a stratum. As so, $\mathbf{E}(\Gamma)$ defined here agrees with the exit-path category of this stratified space.

and, for $x, y \in \text{Obj}(\mathbf{E}(\Gamma))$,

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{E}(\Gamma)}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \left(s^{-1}(x) \cap_{\Gamma^{(1)}} \{y\} \right) \amalg \left(t^{-1}(x) \cap_{\Gamma^{(1)}} \{y\} \right) & , \quad \text{if } x \in \Gamma^{(0)} \text{ and } y \in \Gamma^{(1)} \\ * & , \quad \text{if } x = y \\ \emptyset & , \quad \text{if } x \neq y \text{ and either } x \in \Gamma^{(1)} \text{ or } y \in \Gamma^{(0)} \end{cases} .$$

In particular, there are no non-trivial composites in $\mathbf{E}(\Gamma)$. Furthermore, $\mathbf{E}(\Gamma)$ is a poset if and only if Γ has no *self-loops* (ie, for each edge in Γ , its source is distinct from its target).

Observation 1.3.6. For Γ a finite directed graph, the functor

$$(\mathbf{E}(\Gamma))^{\triangleright} \longrightarrow \text{Quiv}^{\text{cls}} , \quad \begin{cases} \left([p] \xrightarrow{\sigma} \Gamma \right) & \longmapsto \rho(p) \\ +\infty & \longmapsto \Gamma \end{cases} \quad (1.3.1)$$

is a closed cover in Quiv .

1.4. Parametrizing $(\infty, 1)$ -categories by finite directed graphs. The main outcome of this subsection is Theorem 1.4.6, which characterizes an $(\infty, 1)$ -category in terms of quiver representations into it.

Lemma 1.4.1. *The diagram among ∞ -categories, which involves right Kan extension along ρ and restriction to Quiv ,*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{fCat}_{(\infty, 1)} & \xrightarrow{\text{Yo}} & \text{PShv}(\text{fCat}_{(\infty, 1)}) \\ (1.1.1) \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{restriction} \\ \text{PShv}(\Delta) & \xrightarrow{\rho_*} & \text{PShv}(\text{Quiv}) \end{array} , \quad (1.4.1)$$

canonically commutes.

Proof. Note the canonical morphism in $\text{Fun}(\text{fCat}_{(\infty, 1)}, \text{PShv}(\text{Quiv}))$,

$$\text{restriction} \circ \text{Yo} \longrightarrow \rho_* \circ (1.1.1) ,$$

whose value on a flagged $(\infty, 1)$ -category $\mathcal{C} \in \text{fCat}_{(\infty, 1)}$ is the canonical morphism in $\text{PShv}(\text{Quiv})$, whose value on $\Gamma \in \text{Quiv}$ is the map between spaces:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{restriction} \circ \text{Yo}(\mathcal{C})(\Gamma) &= \text{Hom}_{\text{fCat}_{(\infty, 1)}}(\text{Free}(\Gamma), \mathcal{C}) \\ &\longrightarrow \lim \left(\left(\Delta /_{\text{Free}(\Gamma)} \right)^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} \Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{\text{fCat}_{(\infty, 1)}}([\bullet], \mathcal{C})} \mathcal{S} \right) \\ &\simeq \lim \left(\left(\Delta^{\text{op}} \right)^{\Gamma} / \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} \Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_{\text{fCat}_{(\infty, 1)}}([\bullet], \mathcal{C})} \mathcal{S} \right) \\ &\simeq \rho_* \circ (1.1.1)(\Gamma) , \end{aligned}$$

in which the arrow is obtained by the functor $\text{Hom}_{\text{fCat}_{(\infty, 1)}}(-, \mathcal{C})$ to the canonical morphism in $\text{fCat}_{(\infty, 1)}$:

$$\text{colim} \left(\Delta /_{\text{Free}(\Gamma)} \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} \Delta \hookrightarrow \text{fCat}_{(\infty, 1)} \right) \longrightarrow \text{Free}(\Gamma) .$$

This canonical morphism in $\text{fCat}_{(\infty, 1)}$ is an equivalence because the functor $\Delta \hookrightarrow \text{fCat}_{(\infty, 1)}$ strongly generates. □

Notation 1.4.2. The functor

$$\rho_*: \text{fCat}_{(\infty, 1)} \longrightarrow \text{PShv}(\text{Quiv})$$

is the unambiguous diagonal functor of (1.4.1).

Observation 1.4.3. The functor $\rho_*: \mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)} \xrightarrow{(1.1.1)} \mathbf{PShv}(\mathbf{\Delta}) \xrightarrow{\rho_*} \mathbf{PShv}(\mathbf{Quiv})$ of Notation 1.4.2 is fully faithful. Indeed, the functor (1.1.1) is fully faithful, and fully faithfulness of ρ implies fully faithfulness of ρ_* .

The values of the fully faithful functor $\mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)} \xrightarrow{\rho_*} \mathbf{PShv}(\mathbf{Quiv})$ are rather simple, as in the following.

Observation 1.4.4. By definition of the functor \mathbf{Free} in terms of a left adjoint, for each finite directed graph Γ , the space of functors is canonically identified as the space of maps between graphs:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_*\mathcal{C}(\Gamma) &\underset{\text{Obs 1.4.1}}{\simeq} \mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}}(\mathbf{Free}(\Gamma), \mathcal{C}) \\ &\simeq \mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{PShv}(\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1})}(\Gamma, \mathcal{C}|_{\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1}}) \\ &\simeq \lim \left(\begin{array}{ccc} & & \mathbf{Mor}(\mathcal{C})^{\Gamma(1)} \\ & & \downarrow (s,t) \\ \mathbf{Obj}(\mathcal{C})^{\Gamma(0)} & \xrightarrow{\text{diagonal}} & \mathbf{Obj}(\mathcal{C})^{\Gamma(0)} \times \mathbf{Obj}(\mathcal{C})^{\Gamma(0)} \xrightarrow{s^* \times t^*} \mathbf{Obj}(\mathcal{C})^{\Gamma(1)} \times \mathbf{Obj}(\mathcal{C})^{\Gamma(1)} \end{array} \right) \\ &= \mathbf{Obj}(\mathcal{C})^{\Gamma(0)} \times_{\mathbf{Obj}(\mathcal{C})^{\Gamma(1)} \times \mathbf{Obj}(\mathcal{C})^{\Gamma(1)}} \mathbf{Mor}(\mathcal{C})^{\Gamma(1)}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, the space $\rho_*\mathcal{C}(\Gamma)$ is a finite limit in which each term is $\mathbf{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ or $\mathbf{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$.

Remark 1.4.5. Observation 1.4.4 articulates that $\rho_*\mathcal{C}(\Gamma)$ is the moduli space of \mathcal{C} -*labels of* Γ , a point in which is an object in \mathcal{C} for each vertex in Γ , a morphism in \mathcal{C} for each (non-degenerate) edge in Γ , together with source-target compatibilities.

For the next result, recall the Definition 1.3.1 of a closed sheaf on \mathbf{Quiv} .

Theorem 1.4.6. *The functor*

$$\mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)} \xrightarrow{\rho_*} \mathbf{PShv}(\mathbf{Quiv})$$

is fully faithful; the image consists of the closed sheaves on \mathbf{Quiv} :

$$\rho_*: \mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)} \simeq \mathbf{Shv}^{\text{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv}): \rho^*.$$

Proof. Restriction and right Kan extension define an adjunction

$$\rho^*: \mathbf{PShv}(\mathbf{Quiv}) \rightleftarrows \mathbf{PShv}(\mathbf{\Delta}): \rho_*.$$

We first show that this adjunction restricts as an adjunction between the full ∞ -subcategories:

$$\rho^*: \mathbf{Shv}^{\text{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv}) \rightleftarrows \mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}: \rho_* \quad (1.4.2)$$

So let $\mathcal{F} \in \mathbf{Shv}^{\text{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv})$. We must show the restriction $\rho^*\mathcal{F}|_{(\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}}}: (\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\rho^*\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{S}$ carries (the opposites of) basic closed covers in $\mathbf{\Delta}$ to limit diagrams in \mathcal{S} . Note that this restriction is identical with the composite functor:

$$\rho^*\mathcal{F}|_{(\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}}}: (\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\rho|_{(\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}}}} (\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}|_{(\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}}}} \mathcal{S}.$$

By Observation 1.3.3, the first functor carries basic closed covers in $\mathbf{\Delta}$ to basic closed covers in \mathbf{Quiv} . By assumption the second functor preserves limits.

Next, let $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}$ be a flagged $(\infty, 1)$ -category. Clearly, the value $\rho_*\mathcal{C}(\emptyset) \simeq *$ is final. We must show the restriction

$$\rho_*\mathcal{C}|_{(\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}}}: (\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\rho_*\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{S}$$

carries basic closed covers to pullbacks. By Lemma 1.4.1, it is sufficient to show that the composite inclusion

$$\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{cls}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Quiv} \longrightarrow \mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}$$

carries basic closed covers to pushout diagrams. By Definition 1.2.17, this is implied by Observation 1.2.6.

Now, the proposition is implied by the adjunction (1.4.2) being an equivalence, which is implied by both its unit and counit being by equivalences. So let $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}$. The counit evaluates as the morphism in $\mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}$:

$$\rho^* \rho_* \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\text{counit}} \mathcal{C} .$$

This morphism evaluates on $[p] \in \mathbf{\Delta}$ as the canonical equivalence between spaces:

$$\rho^* \rho_* \mathcal{C}([p]) \simeq \rho_* \mathcal{C}(\rho(p)) \underset{\text{Lem 1.4.1}}{\simeq} \mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}}(\rho(p), \mathcal{C}) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}}([p], \mathcal{C}) \simeq \mathcal{C}([p]) ,$$

obtained by applying $\mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}}(\cdot, \mathcal{C})$ to the canonical identification $[p] \xrightarrow{\simeq} \rho([p])$ that defines the cellular realization (see Notation 1.3.2). Therefore, the counit of the adjunction 1.4.2 is by equivalences.

Next, let $\mathcal{F} \in \mathbf{Shv}^{\text{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv})$. We seek to show the unit of the adjunction (1.2.4),

$$\mathcal{F} \xrightarrow{\text{unit}} \rho_* \rho^* \mathcal{F} , \tag{1.4.3}$$

is by equivalences. Let $\Gamma \in \mathbf{Quiv}$. The unit morphism (1.4.3), together with its naturality, evaluates on $\Gamma \in \mathbf{Quiv}$ as the top horizontal map in a diagram among spaces,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F}(\Gamma) & \xrightarrow{\text{unit}} & \rho_* \rho^* \mathcal{F}(\Gamma) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \lim \left((\mathbf{E}(\Gamma)^{\text{op}})^{\triangleleft} \xrightarrow{(1.3.1)} (\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{S} \right) & \xrightarrow{\lim \text{unit}} & \lim \left((\mathbf{E}(\Gamma)^{\text{op}})^{\triangleleft} \xrightarrow{(1.3.1)} (\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\rho_* \rho^* \mathcal{F}} \mathcal{S} \right) \end{array} , \tag{1.4.4}$$

in which the downward maps are given by applying \mathcal{F} to (1.3.1). Using the hypothesis that \mathcal{F} is a closed sheaf is a closed sheaf on \mathbf{Quiv} , the first part of this proof ensures the functor $\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\rho_* \rho^* \mathcal{F}} \mathcal{S}$ is a closed sheaf on \mathbf{Quiv} . So by Observation 1.3.6, which ensures (1.3.1) is a closed cover, the vertical maps in (1.4.4) are both equivalences. Therefore, the top horizontal map is an equivalence if and only if the bottom horizontal map is an equivalence. The bottom horizontal map is an equivalence provided, for each $[p] \in \mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1}$, the unit morphism (1.4.3) evaluated on $\rho(p) \in \mathbf{Quiv}$,

$$\rho^* \text{unit}: \rho^* \mathcal{F}([p]) \simeq \mathcal{F}(\rho(p)) \xrightarrow{\text{unit}} \rho_* \rho^* \mathcal{F}(\rho(p)) \simeq \rho^* \rho_* \rho^* \mathcal{F}([p]) ,$$

is an equivalence. This unit morphism fits into a commutative diagram among spaces:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \rho^* \mathcal{F}([p]) & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & \rho^* \mathcal{F}([p]) \\ \searrow \rho^* \text{unit} & & \nearrow \text{counit } \rho^* \\ & \rho^* \rho_* \rho^* \mathcal{F}([p]) & \end{array} .$$

The upward map was already shown to be an equivalence. It follows that the downward map is an equivalence, as desired. \square

Remark 1.4.7. Theorem 1.4.6 allows us to regard an $(\infty, 1)$ -category \mathcal{C} as a functor $\mathcal{C}: \mathbf{Quiv} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}$ satisfying certain descent conditions. In particular, an $(\infty, 1)$ -category \mathcal{C} is characterized by its spaces of ‘‘T-points’’ $\mathcal{C}(\Gamma) := \rho_* \mathcal{C}(\Gamma)$, as Γ ranges through finite directed graphs.

The following result presents the limit expression of Observation 1.4.4 in more conceptual terms.

Proposition 1.4.8. *Let $\mathcal{C} \in \text{fCat}_{(\infty,1)} \stackrel{(1.1.1)}{\subset} \text{PShv}(\mathbf{\Delta})$ be a *flagged* $(\infty, 1)$ -category. For each finite directed graph Γ , there is a canonical equivalence between spaces:*

$$\rho_*(\mathcal{C})(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\Gamma) .$$

Proof. We explain the following sequence of equivalences among spaces:

$$\rho_*(\mathcal{C})(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{\cong} \lim \left(\mathbf{E}(\Gamma)^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{Obs 1.3.6}} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\rho_*(\mathcal{C})} \mathcal{S} \right) \quad (1.4.5)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\cong} \lim \left(\mathbf{E}(\Gamma)^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} (\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{S} \right) =: \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\Gamma) . \quad (1.4.6)$$

Using the second statement of Theorem 1.4.6, the equivalence (1.4.5) follows from Observation 1.3.6. By inspection, the functor $\mathbf{E}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{cls}}$ of Observation 1.3.6 factors through the fully faithful functor $(\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\rho} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{cls}}$. Using this, the equivalence (1.4.6) is the fact that the counit of the (ρ^*, ρ_*) -adjunction is an equivalence. \square

1.5. Category-objects in \mathcal{X} . In this subsection, we extend the main result Theorem 1.4.6 of the earlier subsections from $(\infty, 1)$ -categories to category-objects in an ambient ∞ -category.

Recall from §1.1 the full ∞ -subcategories

$$\text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)} \subset \text{fCat}_{(\infty,1)} \subset \text{PShv}(\mathbf{\Delta}) = \text{Fun}(\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{S}) .$$

An object in the smaller full ∞ -subcategory is an $(\infty, 1)$ -*category* also known as a *complete Segal space*, while an object in the intermediate fully ∞ -subcategory is a *flagged* $(\infty, 1)$ -*category* also known as a *Segal space*. In this section, we recall a simple generalization of these notions, as the following.

Definition 1.5.1. Let \mathcal{X} be an ∞ -category. The ∞ -category of *category-objects in \mathcal{X}* is the full ∞ -subcategory

$$\text{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}] \subset \text{Fun}(\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{X})$$

consisting of those functors

$$\mathcal{C}: \mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$$

for which the composite functor $(\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{C}} \mathcal{X}$ carries (the opposites of) basic closed covers to pullbacks.

Remark 1.5.2. We explain the notation of Definition 1.5.1. A category-object in \mathcal{S} is a *Segal space*:

$$\text{fCat}_{(\infty,1)} := \text{PShv}^{\text{Segal}}(\mathbf{\Delta}) = \text{fCat}_1[\mathcal{S}] .$$

The work [AF18] proves that a Segal space is precisely the same data as a *flagged* $(\infty, 1)$ -*category*, which is a functor $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ from an ∞ -groupoid to an $(\infty, 1)$ -category that is surjective on isomorphism-classes of objects.

Notation 1.5.3. Let \mathcal{X} be an ∞ -category. Consider the full ∞ -subcategory

$$\text{Shv}_{\mathcal{X}}^{\text{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv}) \subset \text{Fun}(\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{X})$$

consisting of those functors $\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{X}$ for which the restricted functor $(\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{cls}})^{\text{op}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{X}$ maps (the opposites of) basic closed covers to pullbacks.

Observation 1.5.4. Let $\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{Y}$ be a functor that preserves finite limits. Postcomposition with f defines the upper horizontal functors in commutative squares

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}] & \overset{\mathbf{fCat}_1[f]}{\dashrightarrow} & \mathbf{fCat}_1[\mathcal{Y}] \\ \mathbf{f.f.} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mathbf{f.f.} \\ \mathbf{Fun}(\Delta^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{X}) & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{Fun}(\Delta^{\mathrm{op}}, f)} & \mathbf{Fun}(\Delta^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{Y}) \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{Shv}_{\mathcal{X}}^{\mathrm{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv}) & \overset{\mathbf{Shv}_f^{\mathrm{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv})}{\dashrightarrow} & \mathbf{Shv}_{\mathcal{Y}}^{\mathrm{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv}) \\ \mathbf{f.f.} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mathbf{f.f.} \\ \mathbf{Fun}(\mathbf{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{X}) & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{Fun}(\mathbf{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}}, f)} & \mathbf{Fun}(\mathbf{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{Y}) \end{array} .$$

Furthermore, if f is fully faithful, then so are each of the horizontal functors in these diagrams.

Recall from Notation 1.3.2 the functor $\Delta \xrightarrow{\rho} \mathbf{Quiv}$.

Theorem 1.5.5. *Let \mathcal{X} be an ∞ -category with finite limits. Restriction along ρ is an equivalence between ∞ -categories:*

$$\rho^* : \mathbf{Shv}_{\mathcal{X}}^{\mathrm{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv}) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathbf{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}] .$$

The value of its inverse on $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbf{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}]$ evaluates as the finite limit in \mathcal{X} :

$$\rho_*(\mathcal{C}) : \Gamma \longmapsto \mathbf{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\Gamma) .$$

Proof. Observation 1.3.3 implies the restriction functor $\rho^* : \mathbf{Fun}(\mathbf{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Fun}(\Delta^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{X})$ indeed restricts as a functor $\rho^* : \mathbf{Shv}_{\mathcal{X}}^{\mathrm{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv}) \rightarrow \mathbf{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}]$. It remains to show this functor is an equivalence. Applying Observation 1.5.4 to the Yoneda functor $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{PShv}(\mathcal{X})$, which preserves finite limits, affords the commutative diagram among ∞ -categories:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbf{Shv}_{\mathcal{X}}^{\mathrm{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv}) & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{Shv}_{\rho^*}^{\mathrm{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv})} & \mathbf{Shv}_{\mathbf{PShv}(\mathcal{X})}^{\mathrm{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv}) & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty, 1)}) \\ \rho^* \downarrow & & \downarrow \mathbf{Shv}_{\rho^*}^{\mathrm{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv}) & & \downarrow \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}}, \rho^*) \\ \mathbf{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}] & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{fCat}_1[\mathcal{Y}_0]} & \mathbf{fCat}_1[\mathbf{PShv}(\mathcal{X})] & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{X}^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathbf{Shv}^{\mathrm{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv})) \end{array} ,$$

in which the right two horizontal functors are equivalences via the standard adjunction $\mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{B}, \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C})) \simeq \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{B} \times \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C}) \simeq \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}) \simeq \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{A}, \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{C}))$. Because the Yoneda functor is fully faithful, all of the horizontal functors in this diagram are fully faithful. By Theorem 1.4.6, the right vertical functor is an equivalence. We conclude that the left vertical functor ρ^* is fully faithful.

Now, the universal property of limits is such that the Yoneda functor preserve limits. By definition of $\mathbf{fCat}_1[-]$ and $\mathbf{Shv}^{\mathrm{cls}}(\mathbf{Quiv})$, it follows that the left two horizontal functors preserve limits, and thereafter all of the horizontal functors preserve limits. Theorem 1.4.6 also gives that the inverse of the right vertical functor evaluates as finite limits, as asserted in the present proposition. Consequently, the left vertical functor ρ^* , which we already established is fully faithful, is an equivalence, with inverse as asserted in the present proposition. \square

2. CYCLICALLY-DIRECTED GRAPHS

Here, we recall the epicyclic category, cyclic category, and paracyclic category, and collect some facts about them.

2.1. Symmetries of a circle. Here, we record the symmetries of a circle, and introduce the *Witt monoid*.

Notation 2.1.1.

- The monoid \mathbb{Z}^\times is that of integers with multiplication.
The monoid \mathbb{N}^\times is the submonoid of natural numbers with multiplication.
- The *circle group* is $\mathbb{T} \subset \mathbb{C}^\times$ is the unit complex numbers with multiplication, regarded as a group-object in topological spaces, thusly presenting a group-object in \mathcal{S} .

Observation 2.1.2. The circle group \mathbb{T} presents the group-object in spaces $\mathbf{B}\mathbb{Z}$, which is the deloop of the commutative group \mathbb{Z} of integers:

$$\mathbb{T} \simeq \mathbf{B}\mathbb{Z} \quad \left(\text{ in } \mathbf{Alg}(\mathcal{S}) \right) .$$

Consider the natural action of the monoids \mathbb{N}^\times and \mathbb{Z}^\times on the circle group:

$$\mathbb{N}^\times \hookrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^\times \longrightarrow \mathbf{End}_{\mathbf{Gps}}(\mathbb{T}) , \quad r \longmapsto \left(u \longmapsto u^r \right) .^{13} \quad (2.1.1)$$

With respect to the action $\mathbb{Z}^\times \underset{(2.1.1)}{\curvearrowright} \mathbb{T}$, consider the semi-direct product monoid-object in \mathcal{S} :

$$\mathbb{T} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}^\times .$$

It is presented by the topological monoid whose underlying topological space is $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{Z}^\times$, and whose multiplication rule is the continuous map

$$\left(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{Z} \right) \times \left(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{Z} \right) \longrightarrow \left(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{Z} \right) , \quad ((w, r), (z, s)) \longmapsto (wz^r, rs) .$$

Proposition 2.1.3. *The map*

$$\mathbb{T} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}^\times \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathbf{End}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbb{S}^1) , \quad (z, r) \longmapsto \left(u \longmapsto zu^r \right) , \quad (2.1.2)$$

canonically defines an equivalence between monoid-objects in \mathcal{S} .

Proof. Evidently, the indicated map canonically lifts along the forgetful morphism $\mathbf{End}_{\mathbf{Top}}(\mathbb{S}^1) \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} \mathbf{End}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbb{S}^1)$, where \mathbf{Top} is a convenient category of topological spaces. It follows that the indicated map is a morphism between monoid-objects in \mathcal{S} .

Next, using the topological group structure of $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{S}^1$, the map

$$\mathbf{End}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbb{S}^1) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathbb{S}^1 \times \Omega\mathbb{S}^1(\mathbb{S}^1 \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{S}^1) \longmapsto \left(f(1) , f(1)^{-1}f \right) ,$$

is an equivalence between spaces. Direct inspection reveals that the composite map $\mathbb{T} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}^\times \xrightarrow{(2.1.2)} \mathbf{End}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbb{S}^1) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathbb{S}^1 \times \Omega\mathbb{S}^1$ is a product of equivalences, and is therefore an equivalence. □

Observation 2.1.4. The diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{T} \rtimes \mathbb{Z}^\times & \xrightarrow{(2.1.2)} & \mathbf{End}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbb{S}^1) \\ \text{pr} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{deg} \\ \mathbb{Z}^\times & \xrightarrow{r \mapsto (d \mapsto rd)} & \mathbf{End}_{\mathbf{Ab}}(\mathbb{Z}) \end{array}$$

among monoid-objects in \mathcal{S} commutes, where the right downward morphism is given by applying \mathbf{H}_1 , 1st integral homology.

¹³Through Observation 2.1.2, this action agrees with the functor \mathbf{B} applied to the action $\mathbb{N}^\times \xrightarrow{r \mapsto (i \mapsto ri)} \mathbf{End}(\mathbb{Z})$.

Definition 2.1.5. The *Witt monoid*¹⁴ is the semi-direct product monoid-object in \mathcal{S} ,

$$\mathbb{W} := \mathbb{T} \rtimes \mathbb{N}^\times,$$

with respect to the action the action $\mathbb{N}^\times \underset{(2.1.1)}{\curvearrowright} \mathbb{T}$. Specifically, \mathbb{W} is presented by the topological monoid whose underlying topological space is $\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{N}$, and whose multiplication rule is the continuous map

$$\left(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{N}\right) \times \left(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{N}\right) \longrightarrow \left(\mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{N}\right), \quad \left((w, r), (z, s)\right) \longmapsto (wz^r, rs).$$

Observation 2.1.6. Using that both of the monoids \mathbb{T} and \mathbb{N}^\times are commutative, there is a canonical identification between monoids:

$$\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \simeq \mathbb{N}^\times \rtimes \mathbb{T}.$$

Observation 2.1.7. The canonical projection

$$\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W} \xrightarrow{\text{pr}} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^\times$$

is a left fibration. It straightens as the composite functor $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^\times \xrightarrow{\langle \mathbb{N}^\times \underset{(2.1.1)}{\curvearrowright} \mathbb{T} \rangle} \mathbf{Groups} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{B}} \mathcal{S}$.

Observation 2.1.8. In light of Observation 2.1.4, there is a canonical pullback square among monoid-objects in \mathcal{S} :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{W} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{End}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathbb{S}^1) \\ \text{pr} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{deg} \\ \mathbb{N}^\times & \xrightarrow{r \mapsto (d \mapsto rd)} & \mathbf{End}_{\text{Ab}}(\mathbb{Z}) \end{array} .$$

Furthermore, because the bottom horizontal morphism is a monomorphism, so is the top horizontal morphism.

Remark 2.1.9. In fact, the Witt monoid can be recognized as the monoid of framed self-coverings of the circle:

$$\mathbf{Imm}^{\text{fr}}(\mathbb{S}^1) \simeq \mathbb{W}.$$

2.2. The epicyclic category. Here, we recall the epicyclic category $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$, and construct a natural functor from it to $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}$.

Recall from Terminology 1.2.2 the definition of a cyclically-directed graph.

Definition 2.2.1. The *epicyclic* category is the ∞ -subcategory

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \subset \mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)}$$

consisting of those $(\infty, 1)$ -categories that are the values of \mathbf{Free} on finite directed graphs that are cyclically-directed, and non-constant functors between such.¹⁵

Observation 2.2.2. There is a canonical monomorphism (between ∞ -subcategories of $\mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)}$):

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Quiv}.$$

¹⁴The notation \mathbb{W} stems from the fact that this will keep track of Frobenius and Verschiebung operators, along the lines of [HM97].

¹⁵In the small handful of places that it has appeared in the literature, $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ is actually defined as the opposite of what we have indicated here. (See e.g. [BFG94] for a foundational survey, which attributes the definition to an unpublished letter from Goodwillie to Waldhausen dating back to 1987.) We have chosen our convention in the interest of uniformity.

Observation 2.2.3. The finite directed graph consisting of a single vertex and no (non-degenerate) edges is the final object $*$ in \mathbf{Quiv} . Consequently, the monomorphism $\tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}} \xrightarrow{\text{Obs 2.2.2}} \mathbf{Quiv}$ admits a final extension

$$\tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}^{\triangleright} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Quiv} ,$$

which is a monomorphism, whose value on the cone point is $*$ in \mathbf{Quiv} .

Through a series of observations, we make the category $\tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}$ more explicit.

Observation 2.2.4. Let Γ be a finite cyclically-directed graph. Both of the maps from the set of non-degenerate edges to the set of vertices,

$$\Gamma^{(0)} \xleftarrow{s} \Gamma^{(1)} \xrightarrow{t} \Gamma^{(0)} ,$$

are bijections between finite sets.

Recall from Remark 1.2.11 the notion and notation of directed paths in a directed graph.

Observation 2.2.5. Let Γ be a finite cyclically-directed graph. Let $u, v \in \Gamma^{(0)}$ be vertices. A directed path from u to v determines, and is determined by, the number of times it passes through u . More precisely, the map from the set of directed paths in Γ from u to v to the set of non-negative integers,

$$\prod_{k \geq 0} \left\{ u \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow x_k \rightarrow v \right\} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} , \quad (u \rightarrow x_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow x_k \rightarrow v) \longmapsto \text{Card}\{i \mid x_i = u\} ,$$

is a bijection.

Notation 2.2.6. Let Γ be a cyclically-directed graph. Let $v \in \Gamma^{(0)}$ be a vertex. Denote by $e_v \in \Gamma^{(1)}$ the unique non-degenerate edge in Γ whose source is v .

Observation 2.2.7. Let Γ and Ξ be finite cyclically-directed graphs. By Corollary 1.2.12, and using Observation 2.2.4 and Observation 2.2.5, the set $\text{Hom}_{\text{Cat}}(\text{Free}(\Gamma), \text{Free}(\Xi))$ is the 0-type in which a point is the following data:

- a map $f^{(0)}: \Gamma^{(0)} \rightarrow \Xi^{(0)}$ between sets of vertices;
- a map $d: \Gamma^{(0)} \xrightarrow{\ell \mapsto d_\ell} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

Indeed, given $\text{Free}(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{f} \text{Free}(\Xi)$, for $v \in \Gamma^{(0)}$, the value $d_v \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ is that corresponding through the bijection of Observation 2.2.5 to the directed path $f^{(1)}(e_v)$ in Ξ , where e_v is as in Notation 2.2.6.

Definition 2.2.8. Let Γ and Ξ be finite cyclically-directed graphs. The *degree* map is defined through Observation 2.2.7 as

$$\text{deg}: \text{Hom}_{\text{Cat}}(\text{Free}(\Gamma), \text{Free}(\Xi)) \longrightarrow \mathbb{N} , \quad (f^{(0)}, d) \longmapsto 1 + \sum_{v \in \Gamma^{(0)}} d_v .$$

Observation 2.2.9. The degree map is multiplicative. Specifically, for Γ, Ξ , and χ finite cyclically-directed graphs, and for $\text{Free}(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{f} \text{Free}(\Xi) \xrightarrow{g} \text{Free}(\chi)$, there is an equality between numbers

$$\text{deg}(g \circ f) = \text{deg}(g)\text{deg}(f) .$$

Observation 2.2.9 enables the following.

Definition 2.2.10. The *degree* functor

$$\text{deg}: \tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{BN}^\times$$

is given by, for each pair of objects $\Gamma, \Xi \in \tilde{\mathbf{A}}$, the degree map on spaces of morphisms: $\mathrm{Hom}_{\tilde{\mathbf{A}}}(\Gamma, \Xi) \xrightarrow{\mathrm{deg}} \mathbb{N}$.

Observation 2.2.11.

- (1) By Definition 2.2.1, the space $\mathrm{Obj}(\tilde{\mathbf{A}})$ is that of finite cyclically-directed graphs. Consequently, by Observation 1.2.5, for each object $\Gamma \in \tilde{\mathbf{A}} \subset \mathrm{Cat}$, its ∞ -groupoid-completion $|\Gamma| \simeq \mathbb{S}^1$ is non-canonically equivalent with a circle.
- (2) The previous point implies there is a unique filler in the diagram among ∞ -categories,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{\mathbf{A}} & \hookrightarrow & \mathrm{Cat} \\ \downarrow |\cdot| & & \downarrow |\cdot| \\ \mathfrak{B}\mathrm{End}_{\mathbb{S}}(\mathbb{S}^1) & \hookrightarrow & \mathfrak{S} \end{array}, \quad (2.2.1)$$

in which the downward functor is given by taking ∞ -groupoid-completion.

- (3) The diagram among ∞ -categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{\mathbf{A}} & \xrightarrow{|\cdot|} & \mathfrak{B}\mathrm{End}_{\mathbb{S}}(\mathbb{S}^1) \\ \mathrm{deg} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mathrm{deg} \\ \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^{\times} & \hookrightarrow & \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{Z}^{\times} \end{array}$$

commutes.

- (4) After Observation 2.1.8, the previous point gives that the factorization (2.2.1) uniquely factors further:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \xrightarrow{|\cdot|} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}. \quad (2.2.2)$$

Construction 2.2.12. Let Γ be a finite cyclically-directed graph. Let $C \xrightarrow{g} |\Gamma|$ be a morphism in $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W} \subset \mathfrak{B}\mathrm{End}_{\mathbb{S}}(\mathbb{S}^1)$ to the geometric realization of $|\Gamma|$. By definition, this geometric realization fits into a coequalizer diagram among spaces:

$$\Gamma^{(1)} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{s} \\ \xrightarrow{t} \end{array} \Gamma^{(0)} \longrightarrow |\Gamma|.$$

Base change along $C \xrightarrow{g} |\Gamma|$ results in a coequalizer diagram among spaces:

$$(g^*\Gamma)^{(1)} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{s} \\ \xrightarrow{t} \end{array} (g^*\Gamma)^{(0)} \longrightarrow C.$$

Both of the spaces $(g^*\Gamma)^{(0)}$ and $(g^*\Gamma)^{(1)}$ are finite 0-types, and therefore $(g^*\Gamma)^{(1)} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{s} \\ \xrightarrow{t} \end{array} (g^*\Gamma)^{(0)}$ is a finite directed graph $g^*\Gamma$. By its construction, $g^*\Gamma$ is cyclically-directed, and it is equipped with a morphism $g^*\Xi \rightarrow \Xi$ between directed graphs for whose geometric realization is identical with $C \xrightarrow{g} |\Xi|$.

Lemma 2.2.13. *The functor $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \xrightarrow{|\cdot|} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}$ is a Cartesian fibration. A Cartesian morphism with target Γ , over a morphism $C \xrightarrow{g} |\Gamma|$ in $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}$, is $g^*\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma$ of Construction 2.2.12.*

Proof. Let Γ be a finite cyclically-directed graph. Let $D \xrightarrow{h} C \xrightarrow{g} |\Gamma|$ a pair of composable morphisms in $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}$. Because base change composes, there is a canonical identification $(g \circ h)^*\Gamma \simeq h^*(g^*\Gamma)$ between directed graphs. We are therefore reduced to showing $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \xrightarrow{|\cdot|} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}$ is a locally Cartesian fibration, with locally Cartesian morphisms as stated.

Let $\Xi \xrightarrow{f} \Gamma$ be a morphism in $\tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}$. Consider the resulting morphism $c_1 \xrightarrow{\langle |\Xi| \xrightarrow{|f|} |\Gamma| \rangle} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}$. We seek to show there is a unique morphism $\Xi \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} |f|^*\Gamma$ in $\tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}_{|c_1}$. Well, the morphism f determines a map $\Xi^{(0)} \simeq \text{Obj}(\text{Free}(\Xi)) \xrightarrow{\text{Obj}(f)} \text{Obj}(\text{Free}(\Gamma)) \simeq \Gamma^{(0)}$ that fits into the diagram among spaces:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Xi^{(0)} & \longrightarrow & |\Xi| \\ \text{Obj}(f) \downarrow & & \downarrow |f| \\ \Gamma^{(0)} & \longrightarrow & |\Gamma| \end{array} \cdot$$

By the universal property of pullbacks, this commutative diagram supplies a unique map $\text{Obj}(\text{Free}(\Xi)) \simeq \Xi^{(0)} \xrightarrow{\text{Obj}(\tilde{f})} \Gamma^{(0)} \simeq \text{Obj}(\text{Free}(\Gamma))$. By Observation 2.2.7, the space of morphisms $\Xi \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} |f|^*\Gamma$ in $\tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}$ is therefore the space of maps $\Xi^{(0)} \xrightarrow{d} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$. Now, because deg is multiplicative (Observation 2.2.9), $\text{deg}(\tilde{f}) = 1$. Consequently, the space of morphisms $\Xi \xrightarrow{\tilde{f}} |f|^*\Gamma$ in $\tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}_{|c_1}$ is contractible, since there is a unique map $\Xi^{(0)} \xrightarrow{d} \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ for which $1 + \sum_{x \in \Xi^{(0)}} d_x = 1$. \square

2.3. The cyclic category. Here, we define the cyclic category, originally defined by Connes, in terms of the epicyclic category.

Observation 2.2.9 enables the following.

Definition 2.3.1 ([Con83]). The *cyclic* category is the subcategory

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} \subset \tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}$$

consisting of all of the objects, which are finite cyclically-directed graphs, and those morphisms f for which $\text{deg}(f) = 1$.

Observation 2.3.2. Observation 2.2.7 implies each morphism $\Gamma \rightarrow \Xi$ in $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ is determined by its values on vertices. In other words, the functor

$$\text{Obj}: \mathbf{\Lambda} \longrightarrow \text{Sets}$$

induces monomorphisms between spaces of morphisms.

Observation 2.3.3. There is a canonical diagram among ∞ -categories in which each square is a pullback:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbf{\Lambda} & \xrightarrow{|-|} & \mathbf{BT} & \longrightarrow & * \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}} & \xrightarrow[\text{(2.2.2)}]{|-|} & \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W} & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}} & \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^\times \end{array} \cdot$$

In other words, for Γ and Ξ finite cyclically-directed graphs, a morphism $\text{Free}(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{f} \text{Free}(\Xi)$ belongs to $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ if and only if the induced map between ∞ -groupoid-completions $|\Gamma| \xrightarrow{|f|} |\Xi|$ is an equivalence.

2.4. The paracyclic category. We recall the definition of the paracyclic category and some of its properties and symmetries.

For B and P linearly ordered sets, the *P -fold join of B* is the linearly ordered set $B^{\star P}$ whose underlying set is the product $P \times B$ of underlying sets of P and of B , and whose linear order is the dictionary order: $(p, b) < (p', b')$ means either $p < p'$ or $p = p'$ and $b < b'$.

Definition 2.4.1 ([GJ93]). An object in the *paracyclic category* $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$ is a nonempty linearly ordered set I for which, for each $i < j$ in I the interval $[i, j] \subset I$ is finite, equipped with an action by the additive group \mathbb{Z} for which, for each $i \in I$, there is a relation $i < 1 \cdot i$ for all $i \in I$. A morphism in $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$ is a \mathbb{Z} -equivariant (weakly) order-preserving map. Composition is composition of maps. Identities are identity maps.

Example 2.4.2. For each $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$, consider the subset $\frac{1}{\ell}\mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q}$. This subset inherits a linear order from the standard linear order on \mathbb{Q} . This subset is evidently invariant under the translation action $\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright \mathbb{Q}$, which is order-preserving. In this way, $\frac{1}{\ell}\mathbb{Z}$ is an object in $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$.

Observation 2.4.3. Every object in $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$ is non-canonically isomorphic with $\frac{1}{\ell}\mathbb{Z}$ for some $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$. Indeed, let $(\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright I) \in \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$. Let $i_0 \in I$. Take $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $[i_0, 1 \cdot i_0] = \{i_0 = j_0 < j_1 < \dots < j_\ell = 1 \cdot i_0\}$. Consider the map

$$\frac{1}{\ell}\mathbb{Z} \longrightarrow I, \quad a \longmapsto ([a]) \cdot j_{\ell(a - [a])}$$

where $[a]$ is the floor of the rational number a . This map is a bijection, preserves linear orders, and is \mathbb{Z} -equivariant. Therefore, this map is an isomorphism in $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$.

Observation 2.4.4.

- (1) Let $\lambda = (\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright I) \in \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$ be an object. Consider the poset $\text{Fun}^{\text{surj}}(I, [1])$ of surjective functors from the poset I to the poset $[1]$. This poset is in fact linearly ordered. Via precomposition, the action $\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright I$ determines an action $\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}^{\text{op}} \curvearrowright \text{Fun}^{\text{surj}}(I, [1])$. In fact, $\lambda^\vee := (\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright \text{Fun}^{\text{surj}}(I, [1]))$ is an object in $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$.
- (2) The assignment $\lambda \mapsto \lambda^\vee$ defines a functor

$$\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft} \longrightarrow \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}}, \quad \lambda \mapsto \lambda^\vee.$$

This functor is an equivalence between categories, with inverse given by $\mu^\circ \mapsto (\mu^\vee)^\circ$.

Observe the functor

$$\mathbf{\Delta} \longrightarrow \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}, \quad [p] \mapsto [p]^{\star\mathbb{Z}}, \tag{2.4.1}$$

in which $[p]^{\star\mathbb{Z}}$ is the \mathbb{Z} -fold join, regarded as a linearly ordered set with \mathbb{Z} -action given by shifting the joinands. We record the following well-known technical assertion.

Lemma 2.4.5 (Proposition 4.2.8 of [Lurb]). *The functor (2.4.1) is initial.*

Using that the category $\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}}$ is sifted, Lemma 2.4.5 and Observation 2.4.4(2) imply the following.

Corollary 2.4.6. *The category $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$ is both sifted and cosifted. In particular, the ∞ -groupoid-completion $|\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}| \simeq *$ is final.*

Observation 2.4.7. Let $\lambda = (\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright_{\alpha_\lambda} I) \in \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$ be an object.

- Using commutativity of the group \mathbb{Z} , the order-preserving automorphism α_λ of I is canonically \mathbb{Z} -equivariant, which is to say it defines an automorphism

$$\alpha_\lambda \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}}(\lambda).$$

- For each $r \in \mathbb{N}^\times$, consider the linearly ordered set $\{1 < \dots < r\}^{\star I}$ with order-preserving \mathbb{Z} -action given by

$$\alpha_{\varphi_r(\lambda)} : (i, k) \mapsto \begin{cases} (i, k+1) & , \quad \text{if } 1 \leq k < r \\ (\alpha_\lambda(i), k) & , \quad \text{if } k = r \end{cases},$$

which we regard as an object $\varphi_r(\lambda) \in \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$.

Lemma 2.4.8. *The associations of Observation 2.4.7 assemble as an action*

$$\mathbb{N}^\times \ltimes \mathbb{T} \underset{\text{Obs 2.1.6}}{\simeq} \mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \curvearrowright \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$$

of the opposite of the Witt monoid on the paracyclic category $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$.

Proof. The automorphism α_λ , as well as, for each $r \in \mathbb{N}^\times$, the object $\varphi_r(\lambda)$, are each functorial in $\lambda \in \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$, which is to say they define lifts:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{Fun}(\mathbb{B}\mathbb{Z}, \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}) & \\ & \swarrow \alpha & \downarrow \text{fgt} \\ \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft} \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & \text{Fun}(\mathbb{N}^\times, \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}) & \\ & \swarrow \varphi & \downarrow \text{ev}_1 \\ \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft} & \xrightarrow{\cong} & \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft} \end{array} .$$

The lefthand lift canonically assembles as an action $\mathbb{T} \curvearrowright \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$. The righthand lift, together with the canonical identifications $\varphi_r \circ \varphi_s \cong \varphi_{rs}$ supplied by the unique identification between linearly ordered sets $\{1 < \dots < r\}^* \{1 < \dots < s\} \cong \{1 < \dots < sr\}$, canonically assemble as an action $\mathbb{N}^\times \curvearrowright \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$. Furthermore, for each $r \in \mathbb{N}^\times$, the identification between functors $(\alpha_{\varphi_r})^{\text{or}} \cong \varphi_r(\alpha)$, canonically extend the actions $\mathbb{T} \curvearrowright \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$ and $\mathbb{N}^\times \curvearrowright \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$ as an action $\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \underset{\text{Obs 2.1.6}}{\simeq} \mathbb{N}^\times \ltimes \mathbb{T} \curvearrowright \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$. \square

2.5. Comparing the paracyclic, cyclic, and epicyclic categories. Here, we observe an action of the Witt monoid on the paracyclic category, and identify the right-lax coinvariants of this action as the epicyclic category.

Observe the canonical functor

$$\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft} \longrightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}, \quad (\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright I) \mapsto I_{\text{h}\mathbb{Z}}, \quad (2.5.1)$$

where $I_{\text{h}\mathbb{Z}}$ is the finite cyclically-directed graph that is the \mathbb{Z} -quotient of the infinite linearly-directed graph whose set of vertices is the underlying set of I and whose set of non-degenerate directed edges is that of consecutive relations in I .

Lemma 2.5.1. *The square*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft} & \xrightarrow{(2.5.1)} & \tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}} \\ \downarrow ! & & \downarrow |-| \\ * & \longrightarrow & \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W} \end{array} \quad (2.5.2)$$

among ∞ -categories canonically commutes. Furthermore, this square is a pullback.

Proof. We first establish commutativity of the square (2.5.2). Let $(\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright I) \in \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$. Consider the canonical maps among spaces:

$$\mathbb{B}\mathbb{Z} \simeq *_{\text{h}\mathbb{Z}} \xleftarrow{!_{\text{h}\mathbb{Z}}} |I|_{\text{h}\mathbb{Z}} \longrightarrow |I_{\text{h}\mathbb{Z}}| ,$$

in which I is regarded as the free category on the directed graph in which a vertex is an element in I and a directed edge is a consecutive pair of elements in I . As so, observe that its \mathbb{Z} -coinvariants is the free category on the cyclically-directed graph $I_{\text{h}\mathbb{Z}}$. Because ∞ -groupoid-completion $|-|$ is a left adjoint, it preserves \mathbb{Z} -coinvariants. Therefore, the rightward map is an equivalence. Because I is nonempty and linearly ordered, the ∞ -groupoid-completion $|I| \simeq *$ is contractible. Therefore, the leftward map is an equivalence. In summary, there is a canonical equivalence

$$\mathbb{B}\mathbb{Z} \simeq |I_{\text{h}\mathbb{Z}}| . \quad (2.5.3)$$

This equivalence between spaces is evidently functorial in $(\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright I) \in \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$, thereby assembling as the sought commutativity of the square (2.5.2).

Using Observation 2.3.3, the commutative square (2.5.2) supplies the commutative square among ∞ -categories:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{\Lambda} \\ \downarrow ! & & \downarrow |\cdot| \\ * & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{BT} \end{array} . \quad (2.5.4)$$

Furthermore, because the base-change is associative, Observation 2.3.3 implies (2.5.2) is a pullback provided (2.5.4) is a pullback. We now show that (2.5.4) is a pullback.

Tautologically, the functor (2.5.1) canonically carries, for each $\lambda \in \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$, the automorphism $\lambda \xrightarrow{\alpha_\lambda}$ λ in $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$ to the identity automorphism $\bar{\lambda} \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{\bar{\lambda}}} \bar{\lambda}$ in $\mathbf{\Lambda} \subset \tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}$. Consequently, the functor (2.5.1) is $\mathbb{T} = \mathbf{B}\mathbb{Z}$ -invariant, thereby extending as a functor from the \mathbb{T} -coinvariants:

$$(\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft})_{\text{h}\mathbb{T}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{\Lambda} . \quad (2.5.5)$$

Moreover, the identification $\mathbf{B}\mathbb{Z} \stackrel{(2.5.3)}{\simeq} |\bar{\lambda}|$ is invariant with respect to the automorphism $|\overline{\alpha_\lambda}|$. Consequently, the commutative square of (2.5.4) descends as a commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft})_{\text{h}\mathbf{B}\mathbb{Z}} & \xrightarrow{(2.5.5)} & \mathbf{\Lambda} \\ \downarrow !_{\text{h}\mathbf{B}\mathbb{Z}} & & \downarrow |\cdot| \\ *_{\text{h}\mathbf{B}\mathbb{Z}} & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & \mathbf{BT} \end{array} . \quad (2.5.6)$$

As the bottom horizontal functor is an equivalence between connected ∞ -groupoids, (2.5.4) is a pullback if and only if the functor (2.5.5) is an equivalence.

By inspection, the functor (2.5.1) is surjective on spaces of objects. It follows that the functor (2.5.5) is surjective on spaces of objects. So it remains to show the functor (2.5.5) is fully faithful.

By inspection, the functor $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft} \rightarrow \mathbf{\Lambda}$ is surjective on spaces of morphisms. Therefore, the functor (2.5.5) is surjective on spaces of morphisms. So the functor (2.5.5) is fully faithful provided it induces a monomorphism on spaces of morphisms. Observe the canonically commutative diagram among categories:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft} & \xrightarrow{(2.5.4)} & \mathbf{\Lambda} \\ \text{fgt} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{Obj} \\ \text{Mod}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\text{Set}) & \xrightarrow{(-)_{\text{h}\mathbb{Z}}} & \text{Set} \end{array} .$$

Now let $\lambda = (\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright I)$ and $\mu = (\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright J)$ be objects in $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$. Choose convex fundamental domains $C \subset I$ and $D \subset J$. By definition of objects in $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}$, there are canonical identifications between underlying \mathbb{Z} -sets: $\mathbb{Z} \times C \cong I$ and $\mathbb{Z} \times D \cong J$. Therefore, the forgetful functor $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft} \rightarrow \text{Mod}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\text{Sets})$ induces monomorphisms between spaces of morphisms:

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}}(\lambda, \mu) \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{Mod}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\text{Sets})}(I, J) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\text{Sets}}(C, D) \times \mathbb{Z} .$$

It follows that the canonical map between spaces of morphisms,

$$\text{Hom}_{(\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft})_{\text{h}\mathbf{B}\mathbb{Z}}}([\lambda], [\mu]) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}}(\lambda, \mu)_{\text{h}\mathbb{Z}} \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\text{Sets}}(C, D) ,$$

is a monomorphism. It follows from Observation 2.3.2 that $\text{Hom}_{(\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft})_{\text{h}\mathbf{B}\mathbb{Z}}}([\lambda], [\mu]) \xrightarrow{(2.5.6)} \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{\Lambda}}(\bar{\lambda}, \bar{\mu})$ is a monomorphism, as desired.

□

Corollary 2.5.2. *There is a diagram among ∞ -categories,*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \Delta_{\circlearrowleft} & \longrightarrow & \Lambda & \hookrightarrow & \tilde{\Lambda} \\
 \downarrow \text{loc} & & \downarrow \text{loc} & & \downarrow \text{loc} \\
 * & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{B}\mathbb{T} & \hookrightarrow & \mathbb{B}\mathbb{W}
 \end{array} , \tag{2.5.7}$$

with the following properties.

- (1) *Each square is a pullback.*
- (2) *The downward functors are Cartesian fibrations.*
- (3) *The downward functors are localizations.*
- (4) *The horizontal functors are surjective.*
- (5) *The right horizontal functors are monomorphisms.*

Proof. Lemma 2.5.1 implies the outer square is a pullback; Observation 2.3.3 implies the right square is a pullback. By the universal property of pullbacks, it follows that the left square is a pullback as well, thereby establishing property (1). Consequently, because Cartesian fibrations are closed under the formation of base-change, Lemma 2.2.13 implies all of the downward functors are Cartesian fibrations, thereby establishing property (2).

Lemma 2.4.5 gives that the ∞ -groupoid-completion of the paracyclic category $|\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}}| \xleftarrow{\simeq} |\Delta^{\text{op}}| \simeq *$ is contractible. This is to say that the left vertical functor is a localization. Properties (1)-(2) thereafter imply all of the vertical functors are localizations, thereby establishing property (3).

Because the lower horizontal functors are surjective, with the right functor a monomorphism, properties (1)-(2) imply the upper horizontal functors are surjective, and the upper right horizontal functor is a monomorphism, thereby establishing properties (4)-(5). \square

Observation 2.5.3. The actions $\mathbb{T} \curvearrowright \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}$ and $\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \curvearrowright \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}$ codified by Corollary 2.5.2 agree with the actions of Lemma 2.4.8:

$$(\Delta_{\circlearrowleft})_{\text{h}\mathbb{T}} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \Lambda \quad \text{and} \quad (\Delta_{\circlearrowleft})_{r,\text{la}\times\mathbb{W}} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \tilde{\Lambda} .$$

Furthermore, the latter equivalence is implemented by, for each $r \in \mathbb{N}^{\times}$, the natural transformation

$$\pi_r : \overline{\varphi_r} \longrightarrow (2.5.1) .$$

that evaluates on each $\lambda = (\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright_{\alpha\lambda} I) \in \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}$, the functor between categories

$$\pi_r(\lambda) : \overline{\varphi_r(\lambda)} := (\{1 < \dots < r\}^* I)_{\text{h}\mathbb{Z}} \xrightarrow{(!^* I)_{\text{h}\mathbb{Z}}} (*^* I)_{\text{h}\mathbb{Z}} = I_{\text{h}\mathbb{Z}} =: \bar{\lambda} .$$

2.6. Directed cycles in directed graphs. In this technical subsection, we identify, for each finite directed graph Γ , the ∞ -groupoid-completion of the overcategory $\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}/\Gamma$ in terms of the Witt monoid and a set of directed cycles in Γ .

Recall from Terminology 1.2.2 the notion of a finite cyclically-directed graph.

Terminology 2.6.1. Let $\Gamma \in \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$ be a finite directed graph.

- (1) An **directed cycle** (in Γ) is a morphism $\chi \xrightarrow{\gamma} \Gamma$ in $\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$ with the following properties.

- χ is either cyclically-directed or $\chi = *$ is final.

- For any factorization

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \chi & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & \Gamma \\
 & \searrow \varrho & \nearrow \hat{\alpha} \\
 & \chi' &
 \end{array}$$

in $\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$ in which χ' is either cyclically-directed or $\chi' = *$, the morphism q is an isomorphism.

- (2) The *set of directed cycles (in Γ)* is

$$\mathbf{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) := \left\{ \text{directed cycles in } \Gamma \right\}_{/\sim},$$

where \sim is the equivalence relation of isomorphism between cyclically-directed graphs over Γ .

Observation 2.6.2. For Γ a finite directed graph, there is a monomorphism between sets

$$\Gamma^{(0)} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma)$$

selecting the elements represented by those $\chi \rightarrow \Gamma$ in which $\chi = *$ has a single vertex and no (non-degenerate) edges.

Notation 2.6.3. Let Γ be a finite directed graph.

- (1) Denote by

$$\tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}_{/\text{nc}\Gamma} \subset \tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}_{/\Gamma}$$

the full subcategory consisting of those $\chi \rightarrow \Gamma$ that are not constant.

- (2) Denote by

$$(\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circ})_{/\text{nc}\Gamma} := \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circ} \times_{\tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}} \tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}_{/\text{nc}\Gamma} \subset (\mathbf{\Delta}_{\circ})_{/\Gamma}$$

the full subcategory consisting of those $(\lambda, \bar{\lambda} \xrightarrow{f} \Gamma)$ in which f is not constant.

Observation 2.6.4. Let Γ be a finite directed graph.

- (1) By definition of a directed cycle, the full subcategory of $\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}_{/\Gamma}$ consisting of the directed cycles is, in fact, a groupoid. Furthermore, the group of automorphisms of each object in this category is trivial. As the isomorphism-classes this full subcategory are evidently indexed by the set $\mathbf{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma)$, there results a fully faithful functor

$$\mathbf{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}_{/\Gamma}$$

whose image consists of the directed cycles.

- (2) The resulting composite monomorphism $\mathbf{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}_{/\Gamma} \xrightarrow[\text{Obs 1.2.4}]{\text{Free}} \mathbf{Quiv}_{/\Gamma}$ factors through $\tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}_{/\Gamma}^{\triangleright} \xrightarrow{\text{Obs 2.2.3}} \mathbf{Quiv}_{/\Gamma}$ and, in fact, does so fully faithfully,

$$\mathbf{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{\text{fully faithful}} \tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}_{/\Gamma}^{\triangleright}, \tag{2.6.1}$$

with image consisting of those $\chi \rightarrow \Gamma$ that are directed cycles.

- (3) With respect to Observation 2.6.2, the fully faithful functor (2.6.1) restricts as a fully faithful functor

$$\mathbf{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) \setminus \Gamma^{(0)} \xrightarrow{\text{fully faithful}} \tilde{\mathbf{\Lambda}}_{/\text{nc}\Gamma}, \tag{2.6.2}$$

whose image consists of those *directed cycles* $\chi \rightarrow \Gamma$ that are not constant.

Lemma 2.6.5. *Let Γ be a finite directed graph. The functor (2.6.2) is a right adjoint.*

Proof. Denote the set $\mathcal{Z} := (\mathbf{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) \setminus \Gamma^{(0)})$. Let $(\zeta \xrightarrow{f} \Gamma) \in \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{/\text{nc}\Gamma}$. We must show that the undercategory $\mathcal{Z}^{f/}$ has an initial object.

By Observation 2.6.4, an object in this undercategory $\mathcal{Z}^{f/}$ is a non-constant directed cycle $\chi \xrightarrow{\gamma} \Gamma$ together with a morphism $\zeta \xrightarrow{q} \chi$ in $\tilde{\mathbf{A}}$ over Γ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \zeta & \xrightarrow{f} & \Gamma \\ & \searrow q & \nearrow \gamma \\ & & \chi \end{array} . \quad (2.6.3)$$

By Corollary 1.2.12, the functor f is the datum of a map $f^{(0)}: \zeta^{(0)} \rightarrow \Gamma^{(0)}$ and, for each pair of cyclically adjacent vertices $z, \text{suc}(z) \in \zeta^{(0)}$, a linearly-directed graph $\{z \rightarrow y_1(z) \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow y_{\ell_z-1}(z) \rightarrow \text{suc}(z)\}$ together with a non-degenerate extension in $\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{z, \text{suc}(z)\} & \xrightarrow{f^{(0)}} & \Gamma \\ \downarrow & & \nearrow \text{---} f^{(z \rightarrow \text{suc}(z))} \text{---} \\ \{z \rightarrow y_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow y_{\ell_z-1} \rightarrow \text{suc}(z)\} & & \end{array} .$$

Consider the cyclically-directed graph $\tilde{\chi}$ obtained by cyclically gluing the linearly-directed graphs $\{z \rightarrow y_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow y_{\ell_z-1} \rightarrow \text{suc}(z)\}$:

$$\tilde{\chi} := \zeta^{(0)} \coprod_{\zeta^{(0)} \amalg \zeta^{(0)}} \left(\coprod_{z \in \zeta^{(0)}} \{z \rightarrow y_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow y_{\ell_z-1} \rightarrow \text{suc}(z)\} \right) .$$

By construction of $\tilde{\chi}$, there is a canonical morphism $\zeta \xrightarrow{q'} \tilde{\chi}$ in Cat , and a canonical morphism $\tilde{\chi} \xrightarrow{\tilde{\gamma}} \Gamma$ in $\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$, fitting into a commutative diagram among gaunt categories:

$$f: \zeta \xrightarrow{q'} \tilde{\chi} \xrightarrow{\tilde{\gamma}} \Gamma$$

in which $\tilde{\gamma}$ is non-degenerate. By construction, the morphism q has degree 1. With respect to the canonical homomorphism $G := \text{Aut}_{/\Gamma}(\tilde{\chi}) \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\tilde{\chi})$, there is a canonical factorization in $\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$:

$$\tilde{\gamma}: \tilde{\chi} \xrightarrow{\text{quotient}} \tilde{\chi}/G =: \chi \xrightarrow{\gamma} \Gamma .$$

Because the group of automorphisms of a cyclically-directed graph is a finite cyclic group, then G is a finite cyclic group. Because $\tilde{\gamma}$ is non-degenerate, the map γ is also non-degenerate; because f is not constant, then γ is not constant. Furthermore, by construction, the map γ is a directed cycle. We have a factorization $f: \zeta \xrightarrow{q:=\text{quotient} \circ q'} \chi \xrightarrow{\gamma} \Gamma$ as in diagram (2.6.3). In particular, the undercategory $\mathcal{Z}^{f/}$ is nonempty. Lastly, the construction of this object is such that it is initial in the undercategory $\mathcal{Z}^{f/}$, as desired. \square

Corollary 2.6.6. *Let Γ be a finite directed graph. There is a \mathbb{W}^{op} -equivariant functor*

$$(\mathbf{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) \setminus \Gamma^{(0)}) \times \mathbb{W} \longrightarrow (\mathbf{\Delta}_{\cup})_{/\text{nc}\Gamma}$$

that is a right adjoint.

Proof. Consider the general set-up. Let $\mathcal{E}_0 \xrightarrow{\rho} \mathcal{E}$ be a fully faithful right adjoint between ∞ -categories. Denote its left adjoint as $\mathcal{E}_0 \xleftarrow{\lambda} \mathcal{E}$ and its unit as $\text{id}_{\mathcal{E}} \xrightarrow{\eta} \rho\lambda$. Let $\mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathcal{B}$ be a Cartesian fibration between ∞ -categories. Let $b \in \mathcal{B}$. Consider the span among ∞ -categories:

$$\mathcal{E}_0 \times_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{B}^{b/} \xleftarrow{\pi} \mathcal{E}_0 \times_{\mathcal{E}} \text{Ar}(\mathcal{E})^{\mathcal{E}|_b} =: \text{Ar}(\mathcal{E})_{|\mathcal{E}_0}^{\mathcal{E}|_b} \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_s} \mathcal{E}|_b .$$

Because π is a Cartesian fibration, the leftward functor is a left adjoint localization, with right adjoint given by selecting the π -Cartesian morphisms. Because $\mathcal{E}_0 \xrightarrow{\rho} \mathcal{E}$ is a right adjoint, the rightward functor is a right adjoint, with left adjoint given by η . Using that the composition of right adjoints is a right adjoints, we have a right adjoint functor among ∞ -categories:

$$\mathcal{E}_0 \times_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{B}^{b/} \longrightarrow \mathcal{E}|_b . \quad (2.6.4)$$

Furthermore, this functor is evidently $\text{End}_{\mathcal{B}}(b)^{\text{op}}$ -equivariant.

Now, specialize these parameters as follows.

- Take $(\mathcal{E}_0 \xrightarrow{\rho} \mathcal{E}) = (\mathbb{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) \setminus \Gamma^{(0)} \xrightarrow{(2.6.2)} \tilde{\Lambda}_{/\text{nc}\Gamma})$. Observation 2.6.4(3) ensures the named functor is indeed fully faithful; Lemma 2.6.5 ensures the named functor is indeed a right adjoint.
- Take $(\mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{\pi} \mathcal{B}) = (\tilde{\Lambda}_{/\text{nc}\Gamma} \xrightarrow{|\cdot| \circ \text{forget}} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W})$. Using that, by definition, each morphism in $\tilde{\Lambda}$ is a non-constant functor, the forgetful functor $\tilde{\Lambda}_{/\text{nc}\Gamma} \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} \tilde{\Lambda}$ is a right fibration. Lemma 2.2.13 states that the functor $\tilde{\Lambda} \xrightarrow{|\cdot|} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}$ is a Cartesian fibration. Because the composition of Cartesian fibrations is a Cartesian fibration, the named functor is indeed a Cartesian fibration.
- Take $(b \in \mathcal{B}) = (* \in \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W})$.

Using that $\mathbb{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) \setminus \Gamma^{(0)}$ is a 0-type, there is a non-canonical identification between \mathbb{W}^{op} spaces:

$$(\mathbb{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) \setminus \Gamma^{(0)}) \times \mathbb{W} \simeq (\mathbb{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) \setminus \Gamma^{(0)}) \times \text{End}_{\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}}(*) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) \setminus \Gamma^{(0)}) \times_{\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^* / .$$

Using Lemma 2.5.1, there is a canonical identification $(\Delta_{\circ})_{/\text{nc}\Gamma} \xrightarrow{\cong} (\tilde{\Lambda}_{/\text{nc}\Gamma})|_*$. So the equivariant right adjoint (2.6.4) can be identified as a \mathbb{W}^{op} -equivariant right adjoint

$$(\mathbb{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) \setminus \Gamma^{(0)}) \times \mathbb{W} \longrightarrow (\Delta_{\circ})_{/\text{nc}\Gamma} ,$$

as desired. □

Corollary 2.6.7. *Let Γ be a finite directed graph. The ∞ -groupoid-completion of the overcategory $\Delta_{\circ/\Gamma} := \Delta_{\circ} \times_{\text{Quiv}} (\text{Quiv})_{/\Gamma}$, as it is equipped with the resulting \mathbb{W}^{op} -module structure, is canonically identified as the \mathbb{W}^{op} -space*

$$\Gamma^{(0)} \coprod \left((\mathbb{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) \setminus \Gamma^{(0)}) \times \mathbb{W} \right) \simeq |\Delta_{\circ/\Gamma}| ,$$

where $\Gamma^{(0)}$ is the set of vertices of Γ , $\mathbb{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma)$ is the set of directed cycles in Γ , and \mathbb{W} is the underlying space of the Witt monoid.

Proof. The proof is complete upon explaining the following sequence of equivalences among \mathbb{W}^{op} -spaces:

$$|\Delta_{\circ/\Gamma}| \simeq \left| \Delta_{\circ/\text{c}\Gamma} \amalg \Delta_{\circ/\text{nc}\Gamma} \right|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\simeq |\Delta_{\circlearrowleft/\epsilon\Gamma}| \amalg |\Delta_{\circlearrowleft/n\epsilon\Gamma}| \\
&\simeq |\Gamma^{(0)} \times \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}| \amalg |\Delta_{\circlearrowleft/n\epsilon\Gamma}| \\
&\simeq \Gamma^{(0)} \times |\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}| \amalg |\Delta_{\circlearrowleft/n\epsilon\Gamma}| \\
&\simeq \Gamma^{(0)} \amalg |\Delta_{\circlearrowleft/n\epsilon\Gamma}| \\
&\simeq \Gamma^{(0)} \amalg \left((\mathbb{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) \setminus \Gamma^{(0)}) \times \mathbb{W} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Consider the full subcategories

$$\Delta_{\circlearrowleft/\epsilon\Gamma}, \Delta_{\circlearrowleft/n\epsilon\Gamma} \subset \Delta_{\circlearrowleft/\Gamma}$$

consisting of those pairs $(\lambda, \bar{\lambda} \xrightarrow{f} \Gamma)$ in which f is respectively constant and not constant. Note, also, that every object in $\Delta_{\circlearrowleft/\Gamma}$ belongs to one of these two full subcategories. Note that there are no morphisms in $\Delta_{\circlearrowleft/\Gamma}$ from an object in one of these full subcategories to an object in the other. Therefore, the canonical functor

$$\Delta_{\circlearrowleft/\epsilon\Gamma} \amalg \Delta_{\circlearrowleft/n\epsilon\Gamma} \longrightarrow \Delta_{\circlearrowleft/\Gamma} \quad (2.6.5)$$

is an equivalence. This implies the first equivalence. The second equivalence follows from the fact that ∞ -groupoid-completion preserves coproducts.

Observe that the canonical functor

$$\Delta_{\circlearrowleft} \times \Gamma^{(0)} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \Delta_{\circlearrowleft/\epsilon\Gamma}, \quad (\lambda, v) \mapsto (\lambda, \bar{\lambda} \xrightarrow{\text{const}_v} \Gamma),$$

is an equivalence between categories. This implies the third equivalence. The fourth equivalence follows from the fact that ∞ -groupoid-completion preserves products, and that $\Gamma^{(0)}$ is a set. Corollary 2.4.6 implies the fifth equivalence. Corollary 2.6.6 implies the last equivalence, since adjunctions induce equivalences on ∞ -groupoid-completions. □

3. UNIVERSAL HOCHSCHILD HOMOLOGY

One might reasonably regard the functor $\Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{L} \text{Quiv}^{\text{op}}$ as a category-object in Quiv^{op} . Regarded as so, we contemplate its Hochschild homology $\text{HH}(\rho)$. The category Quiv^{op} admits very few colimits, and this Hochschild homology does not exist in Quiv^{op} . In this section, we formally adjoin $\text{HH}(\rho)$ to Quiv^{op} , keeping that finite products exists, resulting in an ∞ -category \mathcal{M} . By construction, for \mathcal{X} an ∞ -category that admits finite limits and geometric realizations such that products distribute over geometric realizations, then for \mathcal{C} a category-object in an ∞ -category \mathcal{X} there is a unique extension

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
(\text{Quiv})^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}} & \mathcal{X} \\
\downarrow & \nearrow \widetilde{\text{Rep}}_{\mathcal{C}} & \\
\mathcal{M} & &
\end{array}$$

such that $\widetilde{\text{Rep}}_{\mathcal{C}}$ preserves finite products and $\widetilde{\text{Rep}}_{\mathcal{C}}: \text{HH}(\rho) \mapsto \text{HH}(\mathcal{C})$. Remarkably, we give an explicit “object & morphism” description of this universal \mathcal{M} . As so, the endomorphisms of $\text{HH}(\rho)$ in \mathcal{M} codify universal (possibly non-invertible) symmetries of Hochschild homology of any $(\infty, 1)$ -category.

3.1. Definition of Hochschild homology. For this subsection, we fix an ∞ -category \mathcal{X} that admits finite limits and geometric realizations. We are now positioned to define Hochschild homology of an $(\infty, 1)$ -category, and more generally of a category-object in \mathcal{X} .

Notation 3.1.1. Consider the composite functor

$$\Delta_{\circlearrowleft} \xrightarrow{(2.5.1)} \tilde{\Lambda} \xrightarrow{\text{Obs 2.2.2}} \mathbf{Quiv}, \quad (\mathbb{Z} \curvearrowright I) \mapsto I_{\text{hZ}}, \quad (3.1.1)$$

whose image consists of the cyclically-directed quivers. We write

$$\chi: \Delta \xrightarrow{(2.4.1)} \Delta_{\circlearrowleft} \xrightarrow{(3.1.1)} \mathbf{Quiv}, \quad [p] \mapsto \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 1 \longrightarrow \cdots \longrightarrow p-1 \\ \nearrow \qquad \qquad \searrow \\ 0 \longleftarrow \qquad \qquad \longrightarrow p \end{array} \right\}$$

for the resulting composite functor.

Definition 3.1.2. (*Non-stable*) *Hochschild homology* is the functor

$$\text{HH}: \text{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}] \longrightarrow \mathcal{X}, \quad \mathcal{C} \mapsto \text{colim} \left(\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.1.1)} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}} \mathcal{X} \right).$$

Observation 3.1.3. The functor HH of Definition 3.1.2 exists. Indeed, Lemma 2.4.5 states that the functor $\Delta \xrightarrow{(2.4.1)} \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}$ is initial. Therefore, for each category-object \mathcal{C} in \mathcal{X} , its (non-stable) Hochschild homology can be computed a geometric realization. Specifically, the canonical morphism is an equivalence:

$$\text{colim} \left(\Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\chi^{\text{op}}} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}} \mathcal{X} \right) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{HH}(\mathcal{C}).$$

Observation 3.1.4. Let \mathcal{C} be a category-object in \mathcal{X} .

- (1) The value of the functor $\Delta \xrightarrow{\chi} \mathbf{Quiv}$ on $[0]$ is the cyclically-directed quiver $\chi([0])$ with a single object. This quiver $\chi([0])$ corepresents endomorphisms in \mathcal{C} :

$$\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\chi([0])) \simeq \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}.$$

Consequently, there is a canonical morphism in \mathcal{X} :

$$\text{End}_{\mathcal{C}} \longrightarrow \text{HH}(\mathcal{C}). \quad (3.1.2)$$

- (2) The quiver $*$ with a single object and no non-identity morphisms is a final object in \mathbf{Quiv} . This quiver $*$ corepresents objects in \mathcal{C} :

$$\text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(*) \simeq \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C}).$$

As so, the unique morphism $\chi([0]) \xrightarrow{!} *$ in \mathbf{Quiv} corepresents the morphism

$$\text{Obj}(\mathcal{C}) \xrightarrow{\text{"c} \mapsto \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}"} \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}}$$

that selects identity endomorphisms. Consequently, there is a canonical composite morphism in \mathcal{X} :

$$\text{Obj}(\mathcal{C}) \xrightarrow{\text{"c} \mapsto \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}} \text{End}_{\mathcal{C}} \xrightarrow{(3.1.2)} \text{HH}(\mathcal{C}).$$

3.2. Connected quivers.

Notation 3.2.1. The full ∞ -subcategory

$$\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \subset \mathbf{Quiv}$$

consists of those quivers that are connected (ie, those finite directed graphs Γ whose geometric realization $|\Gamma|$ is connected).

Proposition 3.2.2. *The full ∞ -subcategory $\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \subset \mathbf{Quiv}$ freely generates \mathbf{Quiv} via finite categorical coproducts. More precisely, the following assertions are true.*

- (1) *The ∞ -category \mathbf{Quiv} admits finite coproducts.*
- (2) *Let Γ be a quiver. There is a finite set A and an A -indexed sequence of connected quivers $(\Gamma_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ together with an equivalence in \mathbf{Quiv} :*

$$\coprod_{\alpha \in A} \Gamma_\alpha \xrightarrow{\cong} \Gamma .$$

- (3) *Let Γ and Γ' be quivers. Let Ξ be connected quivers. The canonical map between spaces*

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Quiv}}(\Xi, \Gamma) \coprod \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Quiv}}(\Xi, \Gamma') \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Quiv}}(\Xi, \Gamma \amalg \Gamma')$$

is an equivalence.

Proof. Observation 1.2.6 immediately implies \mathbf{Quiv} admits finite coproducts.

We now show that $\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \subset \mathbf{Quiv}$ generates \mathbf{Quiv} via finite coproducts. Let $\Gamma \in \mathbf{Quiv}$ be an object. Through Observations 1.2.4, Γ is the datum of a finite directed graph. As a finite directed graph, there is a unique identification as a coproduct in $\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$,

$$\coprod_{\Gamma_\alpha \in \pi_0(|\Gamma|)} \Gamma_\alpha \xrightarrow{\cong} \Gamma ,$$

in which each Γ_α is a connected finite directed graph. Observation 1.2.6 implies the canonical morphism in \mathbf{Quiv} is an equivalence:

$$\coprod_{\Gamma_\alpha \in \pi_0(|\Gamma|)} \Gamma_\alpha \xrightarrow{\cong} \Gamma .$$

This shows that $\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \subset \mathbf{Quiv}$ generates \mathbf{Quiv} via finite categorical coproducts.

We now show that $\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \subset \mathbf{Quiv}$ *freely* generates \mathbf{Quiv} via finite categorical coproducts. For this, it remains to show that the restricted Yoneda functor

$$\mathbf{Quiv} \longrightarrow \text{PShv}(\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{con}}) , \quad \Gamma \mapsto \left(\Xi \mapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Quiv}}(\Xi, \Gamma) \right) ,$$

preserves finite coproducts. So let $\Gamma, \Gamma' \in \mathbf{Quiv}$ and let $\Xi \in \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{con}}$. We must show the canonical map $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Quiv}}(\Xi, \Gamma) \coprod \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Quiv}}(\Xi, \Gamma') \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Quiv}}(\Xi, \Gamma \amalg \Gamma')$ is an equivalence between spaces. Well, this canonical map canonically factors as a composition of maps:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Quiv}}(\Xi, \Gamma \amalg \Gamma') &\xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\text{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)}}(\text{Free}(\Xi), \text{Free}(\Gamma \amalg \Gamma')) \\ &\xleftarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\text{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)}}(\text{Free}(\Xi), \text{Free}(\Gamma) \amalg \text{Free}(\Gamma')) \\ &\xleftarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\text{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)}}(\text{Free}(\Xi), \text{Free}(\Gamma)) \coprod \text{Hom}_{\text{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)}}(\text{Free}(\Xi), \text{Free}(\Gamma')) \\ &\xleftarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Quiv}}(\Xi, \Gamma) \coprod \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Quiv}}(\Xi, \Gamma') . \end{aligned}$$

The first and last maps are equivalences because $\mathbf{Quiv} \subset \text{Cat}_{(\infty, 1)}$ is a full ∞ -subcategory. The second map is an equivalence because, as Observation 1.2.6 implies, the functor the inclusion $\mathbf{Quiv} \hookrightarrow$

$\text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$ preserves finite coproducts. It is a feature of $\text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$ that the third map is an equivalence, using that any two objects in $\text{Free}(\Xi)$ are related by a zig-zag of morphisms in $\text{Free}(\Xi)$. \square

Corollary 3.2.3. *The category Quiv has the following features.*

- (1) *Each object in Quiv is canonically identified as a finite coproduct of connected quivers. More precisely, there is a canonical equivalence between commutative monoids:*

$$\text{Obj}(\text{Quiv}) \simeq \text{Free}_{\text{Com}}\left(\text{Obj}(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})\right) \underset{\text{Cor 1.2.14}}{\simeq} \text{Free}_{\text{Com}}\left(\coprod_{[\Gamma] \in \pi_0 \text{Obj}(\text{diGraph}^{\text{fin.con}})} \text{BAut}_{\text{diGraph}^{\text{fin.con}}}(\Gamma)\right).$$

- (2) *Let $\Gamma, \Xi \in \text{Quiv}$ be objects. Through the previous point, there are canonical finite sets A and B together with an A - and a B -indexed sequence $(\Gamma_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ and $(\Xi_\beta)_{\beta \in B}$ of connected quivers together with identifications $\coprod_{\alpha \in A} \Gamma_\alpha \simeq \Gamma$ and $\coprod_{\beta \in B} \Xi_\beta \simeq \Xi$ in Quiv . Through these identifications, there is a canonical identification of the space of morphisms in Quiv from Γ to Ξ :*

$$\text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}}(\Gamma, \Xi) \simeq \prod_{\beta \in B} \prod_{\alpha \in A} \text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}}}(\Gamma_\alpha, \Xi_\beta).$$

3.3. The category \mathcal{M}^{con} . Recall from Notation 3.2.1 the full ∞ -subcategory $\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \subset \text{Quiv}$ consisting of those quivers that are connected. Note that the functor $\tilde{\Lambda} \xrightarrow{\text{Obs 2.2.2}} \text{Quiv}$ factors through the full ∞ -subcategory $\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \subset \text{Quiv}$. The functor (2.5.1) and Observation 2.2.2 supply a composite functor:

$$\Delta_{\circlearrowleft} \longrightarrow \Lambda \xrightarrow{\text{monomorphism}} \tilde{\Lambda} \xrightarrow[\text{Obs 2.2.2}]{\text{monomorphism}} \text{Quiv}^{\text{con}}, \quad \lambda \longmapsto \bar{\lambda}. \quad (3.3.1)$$

Definition 3.3.1. The ∞ -category \mathcal{M}^{con} , as it is equipped with a functor

$$(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}},$$

is initial among all such for which the colimit of the composite functor $\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}$ exists. The *oriented circle* is the colimit

$$\mathbb{S}^1 := \text{colim}\left(\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}\right) \underset{\text{Notation}}{\simeq} \text{colim}_{\mu \in \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}}} \bar{\mu} \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}.$$

Remark 3.3.2. After Lemma 2.4.5, Definition 3.3.1 grants the existence of a colimit of the composite functor

$$\Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(2.4.1)} \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}.$$

Definition 3.3.1 immediately yields the following.

Observation 3.3.3. Let $(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{X}$ be a functor to an ∞ -category with geometric realizations.

- (1) There is a canonical extension among ∞ -categories, initial among all such:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\vee F} & \mathcal{X} \\ \delta \downarrow & \nearrow \exists \text{ initial } \tilde{F} & \\ \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}} & & \end{array}.$$

- (2) This functor \tilde{F} has the property that it preserves the colimit of $\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$, which is to say the canonical morphism in \mathcal{X} ,

$$\text{colim}\left(\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{X}\right) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \tilde{F}\left(\text{colim}\left(\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}\right)\right)$$

is an equivalence.

Definition 3.3.1 lends the following.

Observation 3.3.4.

- (1) The restricted Yoneda functor

$$\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}} \xrightarrow{M \mapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}}(\delta(-), M)} \text{PShv}((\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}) \quad (3.3.2)$$

is the functor of Observation 3.3.3 applied to $(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{Y_{\circ}} \text{PShv}((\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}})$.

- (2) In particular, this restricted Yoneda functor (3.3.2) preserves the colimit of the functor $\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{Y_{\circ}} \text{PShv}((\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}})$.
- (3) Furthermore, this functor (3.3.2) is fully faithful; its image is the smallest full ∞ -subcategory that contains $(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \subset \text{PShv}((\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}})$ and that contains the colimit of $\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{Y_{\circ}} \text{PShv}((\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}})$.
- (4) In particular, the canonical functor $(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}$ is fully faithful.

Each cyclicly directed graph is, in particular, connected. Therefore, the functor $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \xrightarrow{\text{Obs 2.2.2}} \text{Quiv}$ factors through the full ∞ -subcategory $\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \subset \text{Quiv}$. Recall the Definition 2.1.5 of the continuous monoid \mathbb{W} , and the functor $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}$ from Observation 2.2.11(4).

Observation 3.3.5. After Corollary 2.5.2, Definition 3.3.1 immediately grants the existence of a left Kan extension:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{\mathbf{A}}^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\text{Obs 2.2.2}} & (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}} \\ \text{loc} \downarrow & \not\Leftarrow & \uparrow \\ \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} & \dashrightarrow & \end{array} \quad (3.3.3)$$

Definition 3.3.6. For $\mathcal{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ a span among ∞ -categories, their *parametrized join* is the ∞ -category:

$$\mathcal{A} \star_{\mathcal{X}} \mathcal{B} := \mathcal{A} \coprod_{\mathcal{X} \times \{s\}} \mathcal{X} \times c_1 \coprod_{\mathcal{X} \times \{t\}} \mathcal{B}.$$

Observation 3.3.7. Let $\mathcal{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a span among ∞ -categories. Let \mathcal{Z} be an ∞ -category. Unwinding the universal property of pushouts defining the parametrized join $\mathcal{A} \star_{\mathcal{X}} \mathcal{B}$, the data of a functor

$$\mathcal{A} \star_{\mathcal{X}} \mathcal{B} \longrightarrow \mathcal{Z}$$

is the data of a lax-commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{A} \\ \downarrow & \not\Leftarrow & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{B} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{Z} \end{array}.$$

Observation 3.3.8. Through Observation 3.3.7, the lax-commutative diagram (3.3.3) is precisely the data of a functor between ∞ -categories:

$$(\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \underset{\tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}}}{\star} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{M}^{\text{con}}. \quad (3.3.4)$$

Proposition 3.3.9. *The functor between ∞ -categories (3.3.4) is an equivalence.*

Lemma 3.3.10. *Let $\mathcal{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a span among ∞ -categories. The ∞ -category $\mathcal{A} \underset{\mathcal{X}}{\star} \mathcal{B}$ is characterized by the following properties:*

(1) *There are fully faithful functors,*

$$\mathcal{A} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A} \underset{\mathcal{X}}{\star} \mathcal{B} \hookleftarrow \mathcal{B},$$

which are jointly surjective on objects.

(2) *Let $a \in \mathcal{A}$ and $b \in \mathcal{B}$, regarded as objects in $\mathcal{A} \underset{\mathcal{X}}{\star} \mathcal{B}$. The space of morphisms*

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A} \underset{\mathcal{X}}{\star} \mathcal{B}}(b, a) = \emptyset$$

while the space of morphisms

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A} \underset{\mathcal{X}}{\star} \mathcal{B}}(a, b) = \left| \mathcal{X}_{/b}^{a/} := \mathcal{A}^a / \times_{\mathcal{A}} \mathcal{X} \times_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{B}_{/b} \right|$$

is the ∞ -groupoid-completion of the over-under ∞ -category, with the evident $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B})$ -bimodule structure.

(3) *If, for each $b \in \mathcal{B}$, the functor $\mathcal{X}_{/b} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is a Cartesian fibration, then*

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A} \underset{\mathcal{X}}{\star} \mathcal{B}}(a, b) = \left| \mathcal{X}_{/b}^a := \{a\} \times_{\mathcal{A}} \mathcal{X} \times_{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{B}_{/b} \right|.$$

If, for each $a \in \mathcal{A}$, the functor $\mathcal{X}^{a/} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is a coCartesian fibration, then

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A} \underset{\mathcal{X}}{\star} \mathcal{B}}(a, b) = \left| \mathcal{X}_{|b}^{a/} := \{a\} \times_{\mathcal{A}} \mathcal{X} \times \{b\} \right|.$$

If $\mathcal{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ is a bifibration, then

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A} \underset{\mathcal{X}}{\star} \mathcal{B}}(a, b) = \left| \mathcal{X}_{|b}^a := \{a\} \times_{\mathcal{A}} \mathcal{X} \times \{b\} \right|.$$

Proof. Statement (3) follows from (2), using that the respective fully faithful functors $\mathcal{X}_{/b}^a \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X}_{/b}^{a/}$ and $\mathcal{X}_{|b}^{a/} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X}_{|b}^a$ are adjoints if the functors $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ and $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ respectively satisfy the named conditions.

Consider the Cartesian fibration

$$\text{Cylr}(\mathcal{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{X}) := \mathcal{A} \coprod_{\mathcal{X} \times \{0\}} \mathcal{X} \times \{0 < 1\} \xrightarrow{\text{pr}} \{0 < 1\}$$

that is the unstraightening of the functor $\{0 < 1\}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\langle \mathcal{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{X} \rangle} \text{Cat}$. Consider the coCartesian fibration

$$\text{Cyl}(\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}) := \mathcal{X} \times \{1 < 2\} \coprod_{\mathcal{X} \times \{2\}} \mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{\text{pr}} c_1 = \{1 < 2\}$$

¹⁶Equivalently, this is a functor

$$\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W} \underset{\tilde{\Lambda}}{\star} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \longrightarrow (\mathfrak{M}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}.$$

that is the unstraightening of the functor $\{1 < 2\} \xrightarrow{\langle \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{B} \rangle} \text{Cat}$. Consider the functor between pushouts:

$$\mathcal{E} := \text{Cylr}(\mathcal{A} \leftarrow \mathcal{X}) \coprod_{x \times \{1\}} \text{Cyl}(\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}) \longrightarrow \{0 < 1\} \coprod_{\{1\}} \{1 < 2\} = [2].$$

By definition of exponentiable fibrations (see [AFR18, Sect. 5.3]), this is functor $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow [2]$ is an exponentiable fibration. By construction, there is a canonical functor filling a diagram among ∞ -categories,

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{A} \coprod \mathcal{B} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{A} \star_x \mathcal{B} & \dashrightarrow & \mathcal{E} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \{s\} \coprod \{t\} & \longrightarrow & c_1 & \xrightarrow{(0 < 2)} & [2] \end{array},$$

in which both squares are pullbacks. Statement (1) follows from the left square being pullback. Statement (2) follows from Lemma 5.16 of [AFR18]. \square

Proof of Proposition 3.3.9. We use the description of parametrized joins given in Lemma 3.3.10. Namely, we show that the canonical functors $(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}$ and $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}$ are fully faithful, then identify the spaces of morphisms in \mathcal{M}^{con} between objects in $(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$ and $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}$. Observation 3.3.4 implies the canonical functor $(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}$ is fully faithful. We next show the functor $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}$ of Observation 3.3.5 is fully faithful. Through Observations 3.3.5 and 3.3.4, this functor is the left Kan extension along the localization of Corollary 2.5.2:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\text{Obs 2.2.2}} & (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{Y_0} \text{PShv}((\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}) \\ \text{loc} \downarrow & \nearrow & \uparrow \\ \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} & \dashrightarrow & \end{array}.$$

By the universal property of left Kan extensions, the above lax-commutative diagram factors as the lax-commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{Y_0} & \text{PShv}(\tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{PShv}(\text{Obs 2.2.2})} & \text{PShv}((\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}) \\ \text{loc} \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \uparrow \text{restriction} \\ \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{Y_0} & \text{PShv}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}) & & \end{array}. \quad (3.3.5)$$

Now, the Yoneda lemma gives that the two functors labeled as so are fully faithful. The upward functor is fully faithful because it is restriction along the localization of Corollary 2.5.2. The top right horizontal functor is fully faithful because it is induced by the functor $\tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$ that Observation 2.2.2 states is fully faithful. We conclude that the composite functor $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{PShv}((\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}})$ from the bottom left term to the top right term in (3.3.5) is fully faithful, as desired.

Now, let $\Gamma \in \text{Quiv}^{\text{con}}$ be a connected quiver. Recall from Definition 3.3.1 the object $\mathbb{S}^1 \in \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \subset \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}$, which represents the unique equivalence class of an object in $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}$. We now show $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}}(\mathbb{S}^1, \Gamma) = \emptyset$ for all $\Gamma \in \text{Quiv}^{\text{con}}$. By Definition 3.3.1, $\mathbb{S}^1 := \text{colim}(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \Lambda^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}} \subset (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \subset \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}})$. So $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}}(\mathbb{S}^1, \Gamma)$ is the space of extensions as in the diagram among

∞ -categories:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \amalg \{\Gamma\} & \longrightarrow & \Lambda^{\text{op}} \amalg (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} & \longrightarrow & \tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}} \amalg (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} & \longrightarrow & (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \\ \downarrow & & & & & \nearrow & \\ (\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}})^{\triangleright} & & & & & & \end{array}$$

It is therefore sufficient to show there are no extensions as in the diagram among ∞ -categories:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \Delta_{\circlearrowleft} & \longrightarrow & \Lambda & \longrightarrow & \tilde{\Lambda} & \longrightarrow & \text{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \\ \downarrow & & & & & \nearrow & \\ (\Delta_{\circlearrowleft})^{\triangleleft} & & & & & & \end{array} \quad (3.3.6)$$

Consider the ∞ -category $\mathcal{J} := (- \rightrightarrows +)$ consisting of two objects and two parallel non-identity morphisms. Consider the functor $\mathcal{J} \rightarrow \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}$ selecting $[1]^{*\mathbb{Z}} \begin{array}{c} \text{top} \\ \rightrightarrows \\ \text{bottom} \end{array} [1]^{*\mathbb{Z}}$ in which $\text{top}(i, k) := (i, 1)$ and $\text{bottom}(i, k) := (i, 0)$. By explicit computation, observe that the equalizer of top and bottom is empty:

$$\lim(\mathcal{J} \rightarrow \Delta_{\circlearrowleft} \rightarrow \Lambda \rightarrow \tilde{\Lambda} \rightarrow \text{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \rightarrow \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}) = \emptyset.$$

Recall that, for $\mathcal{C} \in \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$, the space $\text{Hom}_{\text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}}(\mathcal{C}, \emptyset) \neq \emptyset$ is nonempty if and only if $\mathcal{C} = \emptyset$ is initial. Using this, the existence of the canonical functor

$$\lim(\Delta_{\circlearrowleft} \rightarrow \Lambda \rightarrow \tilde{\Lambda} \rightarrow \text{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \rightarrow \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}) \longrightarrow \lim(\mathcal{J} \rightarrow \Delta_{\circlearrowleft} \rightarrow \Lambda \rightarrow \tilde{\Lambda} \rightarrow \text{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \rightarrow \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)})$$

therefore implies

$$\lim(\Delta_{\circlearrowleft} \rightarrow \Lambda \rightarrow \tilde{\Lambda} \rightarrow \text{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \rightarrow \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}) = \emptyset.$$

Using this recollection again, in turn, implies there are no extensions as in diagram (3.3.6).

We now show that the canonical map between spaces,

$$\text{Hom}_{(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \star_{\tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}}} \mathfrak{B}^{\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}}}(\Gamma, \mathbb{S}^1) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}}(\Gamma, \mathbb{S}^1),$$

is an equivalence. We now explain that this map canonically factors as a composite equivalence:

$$\text{Hom}_{(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \star_{\tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}}} \mathfrak{B}^{\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}}}(\Gamma, \mathbb{S}^1) \simeq \text{Hom}_{(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \star_{\tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}}} \mathfrak{B}^{\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}}}(\Gamma, \mathbb{S}^1) \quad (3.3.7)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\simeq} |(\tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}})^{\Gamma}/_{\mathbb{S}^1}| \quad (3.3.8)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\simeq} |(\tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}}_{|\mathbb{S}^1})^{\Gamma}/| \quad (3.3.9)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\simeq} |(\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}})^{\Gamma}/| \quad (3.3.10)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\simeq} \left((\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}})_{\widehat{r.\text{fib}}} \right)_{|\Gamma} \quad (3.3.11)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\simeq} \text{Hom}_{\text{RFib}_{(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}}} \left(((\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}})_{/\Gamma}, (\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}})_{\widehat{r.\text{fib}}} \right) \quad (3.3.12)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{Hom}_{\text{PShv}_{((\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}})}(\Gamma, \text{St}((\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}})_{\widehat{r.\text{fib}}}))} \quad (3.3.13)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{Hom}_{\text{PShv}_{((\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}})}(\Gamma, \mathbb{S}^1) \quad (3.3.14)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\simeq} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}}(\Gamma, \mathbb{S}^1). \quad (3.3.15)$$

The equivalence (3.3.7) is the definition of the parametrized join. The equivalence (3.3.8) is the characterization of hom-spaces in parametrized joins. The equivalence (3.3.9) is the reduction of hom-spaces of parametrized joins facilitated by Corollary 2.5.2 which implies the functor $\tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}^{\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}}$

is a coCartesian fibration. The equivalence (3.3.10) follows from the outer square of Corollary 2.5.2 being a pullback. The ∞ -category $(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}})_{r.\text{fib}}$ is the domain of the right-fibrationing of the functor $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$. Its fiber over $\Gamma \in (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$ is the fiber of the localization of the Cartesian-fibrationing of the functor $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$. Proposition 3.25 of [AF20] states that this fiber is the ∞ -groupoid-completion of the ∞ -undercategory $(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{op}})^{\Gamma/}$, which is the equivalence (e). The right-fibrationing of $*$ $\xrightarrow{\langle \Gamma \rangle} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$ is $((\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}})_{/\Gamma} \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$. The equivalence (3.3.11) then follows from the universal property of right-fibrationing. The equivalence (3.3.12) is a consequence of the fact that the Straightening construction is fully faithful. The equivalence (3.3.13) is an instance of the fact that the straightening of a right-fibrationing is identical with the colimit:

$$\text{St}\left(\widehat{\mathcal{K}}_{r.\text{fib}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}\right) \simeq \text{colim}\left(\mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{Y_{\mathcal{O}}} \text{PShv}(\mathcal{C})\right).$$

The equivalence (3.3.14) is the definition of the object $\mathbb{S}^1 \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}} \underset{\text{Obs 3.3.4(3)}}{\subset} \text{PShv}(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$ from Definition 3.3.1. The equivalence (3.3.15) follows from Observation 3.3.4(3). This completes the proof of the proposition. \square

Corollary 3.3.11. *The ∞ -category \mathcal{M}^{con} has the following explicit description.*

- (1) \mathcal{M}^{con} is a $(2, 1)$ -category.
- (2) Each object in \mathcal{M}^{con} is either a connected finite directed graph or equivalent with \mathbb{S}^1 .
- (3) For $M, N \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}$, the spaces of morphisms in \mathcal{M}^{con} is canonically identified as

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}}(M, N) \simeq \begin{cases} M^{(0)} \coprod (\mathbf{Z}^{\text{dir}}(M) \setminus M^{(0)}) \times \mathbb{W} & , \text{ if } M \in \text{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \text{ \& } N \simeq \mathbb{S}^1 \\ \text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}}(N, M) & , \text{ if } M, N \in \text{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \\ \mathbb{W} & , \text{ if } M, N \simeq \mathbb{S}^1 \\ \emptyset & , \text{ if } M \simeq \mathbb{S}^1 \text{ \& } N \in \text{Quiv}^{\text{con}} \end{cases}.$$

where, if M is a finite directed graph, $M^{(0)}$ is the set of vertices of M and $\mathbf{Z}^{\text{dir}}(M)$ is the set of directed cycles in M .

- (4) Through these identifications, the evident $\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} = \text{End}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}}(\mathbb{S}^1)$ -module structure agrees with that on $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}}(-, \mathbb{S}^1)$ given by post-composition.

Proof. To prove statement (1) is to prove that, for each pair $M, N \in \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}$ of objects, the space $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}}(M, N)$ is a 1-type. Through statements (2) & (3), this is to show that each of named spaces of morphisms is a 1-type. Because the circle \mathbb{T} is a 1-type, the continuous monoid $\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \underset{\text{Obs 2.1.6}}{\simeq} \mathbb{N}^{\times} \ltimes \mathbb{T}$ is a continuous monoid-object in 1-types. For each pair Γ, Ξ of finite directed graphs the spaces $\Gamma^{(0)}$ and $\mathbf{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma)$ are 0-types, and Lemma 1.2.13(1) implies $\text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}}(\Gamma, \Xi)$ is a 0-type. In summary, statement (1) follows from statements (2)&(3). It remains to establish statements (2)-(4).

Proposition 3.3.9 implies the functor $(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \star_{\widehat{\Lambda}^{\text{op}}} \mathcal{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}$ is surjective on spaces of objects. This implies statement (2).

Proposition 3.3.9 implies the functors $(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}$ and $\mathcal{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}$ are fully faithful. This establishes the middle two identifications of hom spaces in statement (3). Proposition 3.3.9 also implies the last identification of the hom space in statement (3). It remains to establish the first identification of the hom space in statement (3). So let Γ be a connected quiver. Statement (3)

is therefore proved upon establishing the following sequence of equivalences among spaces:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\Gamma^{(0)} \coprod (\mathbb{Z}^{\text{dir}}(\Gamma) \setminus \Gamma^{(0)}) \times \mathbb{W} & \underset{\text{Cor 2.6.7}}{\simeq} & |\Delta_{\odot/\Gamma}| \\
& \underset{\text{Cor 2.5.2}}{\simeq} & |(\tilde{\Lambda}/\Gamma)_{|\mathbb{S}^1}| \\
& \underset{\text{Cor 2.5.2 \& Lem 3.3.10(3)}}{\simeq} & |\tilde{\Lambda}^{\mathbb{S}^1}/\Gamma| \\
& \simeq & \text{Hom}_{\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\star}_{\tilde{\Lambda}}\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}}}(\mathbb{S}^1, \Gamma) \\
& \underset{(-)^{\text{op}}}{\simeq} & \text{Hom}_{(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \star_{\tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}}}\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}}(\Gamma, \mathbb{S}^1) \\
& \underset{\text{Prop 3.3.9}}{\simeq} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{op}}}(\Gamma, \mathbb{S}^1)
\end{array}$$

The first equivalence is Corollary 2.6.7. The second equivalence follows from the base-change statement of Corollary 2.5.2. The third equivalence is a consequence of Lemma 3.3.10, using the Cartesian fibration statement of Corollary 2.5.2. The unlabeled equivalence follows from the characterizing definition of spaces of morphisms in a parametrized join. The penultimate equivalence follows from the definitional fact that, for \mathcal{K} an ∞ -category, and for $x, y \in \mathcal{K}$ objects, then $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{K}}(x, y) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{K}^{\text{op}}}(y, x)$. The last equivalence follows from the fully faithfulness of Proposition 3.3.9.

Statement (4) follows from the fact that the identification of Corollary 2.6.7 is as a \mathbb{W}^{op} -module. \square

3.4. The category \mathcal{M} . Just as the category Quiv can be constructed from the category Quiv^{con} by freely adjoining finite coproducts (Proposition 3.2.2), here we freely adjoint finite products to the ∞ -category \mathcal{M}^{con} of Definition 3.3.1.

Definition 3.4.1. The ∞ -category \mathcal{M} , as it is equipped with a functor $\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}$, is initial among all such for which

- (1) the colimit of the composite functor $\Delta_{\odot}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} \text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}$ exists;
- (2) \mathcal{M} admits finite products, and the functor δ preserves finite products.

The *smooth oriented circle* is the colimit

$$\mathbb{S}^1 := \text{colim} \left(\Delta_{\odot}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} \text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M} \right) \underset{\text{Notation}}{\simeq} \text{colim}_{\mu^{\circ} \in \Delta_{\odot}^{\text{op}}} \bar{\mu} \in \mathcal{M}.$$

The *0-disk* and the *1-disk* are, respectively, the objects

$$\mathbb{D}^0 := \delta(\rho(0)) \in \mathcal{M} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{D}^1 := \delta(\rho(1)) \in \mathcal{M}.$$

Definition 3.3.1 immediately yields the following.

Observation 3.4.2. Let $\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{X}$ be a finite-product-preserving functor to an ∞ -category with finite products and geometric realizations.

- (1) There is a finite-product-preserving extension among ∞ -categories, initial among all such:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\forall F \text{ (}\times\text{-preserving)}} & \mathcal{X} \\
\delta \downarrow & \nearrow \text{---} & \\
\mathcal{M} & \xrightarrow{\exists \text{ initial } \tilde{F} \text{ (}\times\text{-preserving)}} & \mathcal{X}
\end{array}$$

- (2) This functor \tilde{F} has the property that it preserves the colimit of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} \text{Quiv}^{\text{op}}$, which is to say the canonical morphism in \mathcal{X} ,

$$\text{colim}\left(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} \text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{X}\right) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \tilde{F}\left(\text{colim}\left(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} \text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}\right)\right)$$

is an equivalence.

Definition 3.3.1 can be rephrased as follows.

Observation 3.4.3.

- (1) The restricted Yoneda functor

$$\mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{M \mapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(\delta(-), M)} \text{PShv}(\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}}) \quad (3.4.1)$$

is the functor of Observation 3.4.2.

- (2) In particular, this functor (3.4.1) preserves finite products and the colimit of the diagram $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} \text{Quiv}^{\text{op}}$.
- (3) Furthermore, this functor (3.4.1) is fully faithful; with image the smallest full ∞ -subcategory that contains $\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \subset \text{PShv}(\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}})$, that is closed under finite products, and that contains the colimit of $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} \text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{Y_{\mathcal{O}}} \text{PShv}(\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}})$.
- (4) In particular, the canonical functor $\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}$ is fully faithful.

Notation 3.4.4. In light of Observation 3.4.3(4), we often do not distinguish in notation an object $\Gamma \in \text{Quiv}$ and its image $\delta(\Gamma) \in \mathcal{M}$.

Observation 3.4.5. By Definition 3.3.1, there is a canonical functor

$$\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}} \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}, \quad (3.4.2)$$

which has the following properties.

- (1) This functor (3.4.2) is initial among such functors under $(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$.
- (2) This functor (3.4.2) preserves the colimit of the diagram $\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$:

$$\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}} \underset{\text{Def 3.3.1}}{\ni} \mathbb{S}^1 \longmapsto \mathbb{S}^1 \underset{\text{Def 3.4.1}}{\in} \mathcal{M}.$$

- (3) This functor (3.4.2) is fully faithful since the functor $\text{PShv}((\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}) \rightarrow \text{PShv}(\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}})$, given by left Kan extension along the fully faithful inclusion $(\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \hookrightarrow \text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{Y_{\mathcal{O}}} \text{PShv}(\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}})$, is fully faithful.

Notation 3.4.6. For $M, N \in \mathcal{M}$, we denote their categorical product in \mathcal{M} as $M \sqcup N \in \mathcal{M}$.¹⁷

Remark 3.4.7. We use Notation 3.4.6 because we believe it averts needless confusion. Indeed, with that notation, the defining condition that $\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}$ preserves finite products implies, for each $\Gamma, \Xi \in \text{Quiv}$, there is an identification in \mathcal{M} :

$$\delta(\Gamma \amalg \Xi) \simeq \delta(\Gamma) \sqcup \delta(\Xi).$$

¹⁷Warning: $M \sqcup N$ is not the coproduct of M and N in \mathcal{M} .

Observation 3.4.8. Let Γ be a quiver. Let C be a finite set. Since products in $\mathrm{PShv}(\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}})$ commute with colimits in each variable, we have that the canonical morphism in $\mathrm{PShv}(\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}})$,

$$\mathrm{colim}_{(\mu_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circ}^{\mathrm{op}})^{\times C}} \left(\left(\prod_{c \in C} \bar{\mu}_c \right) \amalg \Gamma \right) \xrightarrow{\simeq} (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\times C} \times \Gamma ,$$

is an equivalence.¹⁸ In particular, the lefthand term belongs to \mathcal{M} , and as so witnesses a colimit in \mathcal{M} .

For the next result, let $\Xi, \Gamma \in \mathrm{Quiv}$. Consider the functor

$$(\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C} \longrightarrow \mathrm{Quiv} , \quad (\mu_c)_{c \in C} \longmapsto \left(\prod_{c \in C} \bar{\mu}_c \right) \amalg \Gamma . \quad (3.4.3)$$

With respect to this functor, consider the ∞ -overcategory: $((\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C})_{/\Xi} := (\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C} \times_{\mathrm{Quiv}} \mathrm{Quiv}_{/\Xi}$.

Corollary 3.4.9. *Let $\Xi, \Gamma \in \mathrm{Quiv}$. The canonical functor*

$$((\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C})_{/\Xi} \longrightarrow \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(\delta(\Xi), (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \delta(\Gamma)) , \quad (3.4.4)$$

$$\left(\left(\prod_{c \in C} \bar{\mu}_c \right) \amalg \Gamma \xrightarrow{f} \Xi \right) \longmapsto \left(\delta(\Xi) \xrightarrow{\delta(f)} \left(\bigsqcup_{c \in C} \delta(\bar{\mu}_c) \right) \sqcup \delta(\Gamma) \xrightarrow{\text{canonical}} (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \delta(\Gamma) \right) ,$$

witnesses an ∞ -groupoid-completion: $|((\Delta_{\circ}^{\mathrm{op}})^{\times C})_{/\Xi}| \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(\delta(\Xi), (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \delta(\Gamma))$.

Proof. The functor (3.4.4) canonically factors as the following sequence functors, which we explain.

$$\begin{aligned} ((\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C})_{/\Xi} &\xrightarrow{\text{localization}} \mathrm{colim} \left((\Delta_{\circ}^{\mathrm{op}})^{\times C} \xrightarrow{(3.4.3)} \mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}(-, \Xi)} \mathcal{S} \right) \\ &\xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{PShv}(\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}})} \left(\Xi, \mathrm{colim} \left((\Delta_{\circ}^{\mathrm{op}})^{\times C} \xrightarrow{(3.4.3)} \mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}} \xrightarrow{Y_{\circ}} \mathrm{PShv}(\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}}) \right) \right) \\ &\xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{PShv}(\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}})} \left(\Xi, (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\times C} \prod \Gamma \right) \\ &\xleftarrow{\simeq} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(\delta(\Xi), (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \delta(\Gamma)) . \end{aligned}$$

The ∞ -category $((\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C})_{/\Xi}$ over $(\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C}$ is the unstraightening of the functor $(\Delta_{\circ}^{\mathrm{op}})^{\times C} \xrightarrow{(3.4.3)} \mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}(-, \Xi)} \mathcal{S}$. Therefore, there is a canonical functor $((\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C})_{/\Xi} \rightarrow \mathrm{colim} \left((\Delta_{\circ}^{\mathrm{op}})^{\times C} \xrightarrow{(3.4.3)} \mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}(-, \Xi)} \mathcal{S} \right)$ witnessing an ∞ -groupoid-completion. The second map between spaces is an equivalence because the evaluation functor $\mathrm{PShv}(\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}}) \xrightarrow{\mathrm{ev}_{\Xi}} \mathcal{S}$ preserves colimits. The first statement of Observation 3.4.8 gives that the third map between spaces is an equivalence. The second statement of Observation 3.4.8 gives that the last map between spaces is an equivalence. \square

Lemma 3.4.10. *Let C be a finite set. Let Γ be a quiver. The functor*

$$(\Delta_{\circ}^{\mathrm{op}})^{\times C} \longrightarrow \mathrm{Quiv}_{/(\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \amalg \Gamma}^{\mathrm{op}} := \mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}} \times_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{M}_{/(\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \amalg \Gamma} , \quad (\mu_c)_{c \in C} \longmapsto \left(\bigsqcup_{c \in C} \bar{\mu}_c \right) \sqcup \Gamma , \quad (3.4.5)$$

is final. In particular, Corollary 2.4.6 implies the ∞ -category $\mathrm{Quiv}_{/(\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \amalg \Gamma}^{\mathrm{op}}$ is sifted.

¹⁸This product $\prod_{c \in C} \bar{\mu}_c \times \Gamma$ in $\mathrm{PShv}(\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}})$ is the value of the C -indexed coproduct $(\prod_{c \in C} \bar{\mu}_c) \amalg \Gamma$ in Quiv by the Yoneda functor $\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}} \xrightarrow{Y_{\circ}} \mathrm{PShv}(\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}})$.

Proof. Let $\Xi \in \mathbf{Quiv}$. Let $\Xi \xrightarrow{f} (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \Gamma$ be a morphism in \mathcal{M} , regarded as an object in $\mathbf{Quiv}_{/(\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \Gamma}^{\text{op}}$. With respect to the functor (3.4.5), consider the ∞ -undercategory $((\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}})^{\times C})^{f/} := (\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}})^{\times C} \times_{\mathbf{Quiv}_{/(\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \Gamma}^{\text{op}}} (\mathbf{Quiv}_{/(\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \Gamma}^{\text{op}})^{f/}$. Observe the commutative diagram among ∞ -categories:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} ((\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}})^{\times C})^{f/} & \longrightarrow & ((\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}})^{\times C})^{\Xi/} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow (3.4.4) \\ * & \xrightarrow{\langle f \rangle} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(\Xi, (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \Gamma) \end{array} \quad . \quad (3.4.6)$$

Taking ∞ -groupoid-completions results in a commutative diagram among ∞ -groupoids:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} |((\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}})^{\times C})^{f/}| & \longrightarrow & |((\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}})^{\times C})^{\Xi/}| \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ * & \xrightarrow{\langle f \rangle} & \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(\Xi, (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \Gamma) \end{array} \quad . \quad (3.4.7)$$

Notice that the diagram (3.4.6) is a pullback. Using that the bottom right term in the diagram (3.4.6) is an ∞ -groupoid, it follows that the diagram (3.4.7) is also a pullback. Therefore, the top left ∞ -groupoid in (3.4.7) is contractible for each $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(\Xi, (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \Gamma)$ if and only if the right vertical map is an equivalence. By Quillen's Theorem A, this is to say that the functor (3.4.5) is final if and only if the canonical functor the right vertical map in (3.4.7) is an equivalence, which Corollary 3.4.9 ensures. \square

3.5. An explicit description of \mathcal{M} . The next results give an explicit description of the ∞ -category \mathcal{M} .

The next result characterizes the spaces of morphisms in \mathcal{M} .

Lemma 3.5.1. *Let A, B, C , and D be finite sets. Let $(\Gamma_{\alpha})_{\alpha \in A}$, and let $(\Xi_{\beta})_{\beta \in B}$, be an A -indexed, and a B -indexed, sequence of connected quivers. Consider the objects $M := (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \coprod_{\alpha \in A} \Gamma_{\alpha} \in \mathcal{M}$ and $N := (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup D} \sqcup \coprod_{\beta \in B} \Xi_{\beta} \in \mathcal{M}$. There is a canonical identification of the space of morphisms in \mathcal{M} :*

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(M, N) \simeq \left(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}}(\mathbb{S}^1, \mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \amalg \prod_{\alpha \in A} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}}(\Gamma_{\alpha}, \mathbb{S}^1) \right)^{\times D} \times \prod_{\beta \in B} \left(\prod_{\alpha \in A} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}}(\Gamma_{\alpha}, \Xi_{\beta}) \right).$$

Proof. Denote $\Gamma := \prod_{\alpha \in A} \Gamma_{\alpha} \in \mathbf{Quiv}$ and $\Xi := \prod_{\beta \in B} \Xi_{\beta} \in \mathbf{Quiv}$. We explain the following sequence of equivalences among spaces:

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(M, N) \simeq \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}((\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \Gamma, (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup D} \sqcup \Xi) \quad (3.5.1)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\simeq} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}\left(\coprod_{c \in C} \left(\text{colim}_{\lambda_c \circ \in \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}}} \bar{\lambda}_c \right) \sqcup \Gamma, (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup D} \sqcup \Xi\right) \quad (3.5.2)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}\left(\text{colim}_{(\lambda_c) \in (\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}})^{\times C}} \left(\coprod_{c \in C} \bar{\lambda}_c \sqcup \Gamma\right), (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup D} \sqcup \Xi\right) \quad (3.5.3)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\simeq} \lim_{(\lambda_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}})^{\times C}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}\left(\coprod_{c \in C} \bar{\lambda}_c \sqcup \Gamma, (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup D} \sqcup \Xi\right) \quad (3.5.4)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\cong} \lim_{(\lambda_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C}} \left(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\coprod_{c \in C} \bar{\lambda}_c \sqcup \Gamma, \mathbb{S}^1 \right)^{\times D} \times \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\coprod_{c \in C} \bar{\lambda}_c \sqcup \Gamma, \Xi \right) \right) \quad (3.5.5)$$

$$\cong \left(\lim_{(\lambda_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\coprod_{c \in C} \bar{\lambda}_c \sqcup \Gamma, \mathbb{S}^1 \right) \right)^{\times D} \times \lim_{(\lambda_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\coprod_{c \in C} \bar{\lambda}_c \sqcup \Gamma, \Xi \right) \quad (3.5.6)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\cong} \left(\lim_{(\lambda_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\coprod_{c \in C} \bar{\lambda}_c \sqcup \Gamma, \text{colim}_{\mu^\circ \in \Delta_{\circ}^{\text{op}}} \bar{\mu} \right) \right)^{\times D} \times \lim_{(\lambda_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\coprod_{c \in C} \bar{\lambda}_c \sqcup \Gamma, \Xi \right) \quad (3.5.7)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\cong} \left(\lim_{(\lambda_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C}} \text{colim}_{\mu^\circ \in \Delta_{\circ}^{\text{op}}} \text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}} \left(\bar{\mu}, \Gamma \amalg \prod_{c \in C} \bar{\lambda}_c \right) \right)^{\times D} \times \lim_{(\lambda_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\coprod_{c \in C} \bar{\lambda}_c \sqcup \Gamma, \Xi \right) \quad (3.5.8)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\cong} \left(\lim_{(\lambda_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C}} \text{colim}_{\mu^\circ \in \Delta_{\circ}^{\text{op}}} \text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}} \left(\bar{\mu}, \Gamma \amalg \prod_{c \in C} \bar{\lambda}_c \right) \right)^{\times D} \times \lim_{(\lambda_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C}} \text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}} \left(\Xi, \Gamma \amalg \prod_{c \in C} \bar{\lambda}_c \right) \quad (3.5.9)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\cong} \left(\lim_{(\lambda_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C}} \text{colim}_{\mu^\circ \in \Delta_{\circ}^{\text{op}}} \text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}} \left(\bar{\mu}, \Gamma \amalg \prod_{c \in C} \bar{\lambda}_c \right) \right)^{\times D} \times \prod_{\beta \in B} \lim_{(\lambda_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C}} \text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}} \left(\Xi_\beta, \Gamma \amalg \prod_{c \in C} \bar{\lambda}_c \right) \quad (3.5.10)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\cong} X^{\times D} \times \prod_{\beta \in B} Y_\beta. \quad (3.5.11)$$

The equivalence (3.5.1) is the definitions of $M, N \in \mathcal{M}$. The equivalence (3.5.2) is a direct consequence of Observation 3.4.5(1). The equivalence (3.5.3) is a direct consequence of Observation 3.4.8. The equivalence (3.5.4) is the universal property of colimits, which corepresent limits of spaces of morphisms. The equivalence (3.5.5) is the universal property of products, which represent products of spaces of morphisms. The equivalence (3.5.6) is the fact that limits commute with products. The equivalence (3.5.7) is the Definition 3.4.1 of $\mathbb{S}^1 \in \mathcal{M}$. The equivalence (3.5.8) follows from Observation 3.4.3, using that, for $x \in \mathcal{K}$ an object in an ∞ -category, the evaluation functor $\text{PShv}(\mathcal{K}) \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_x} \mathcal{S}$ preserves colimits. The equivalence (3.5.9) is a direct consequence of the defining functor $\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}$ being fully faithful (see Observation 3.4.3(4)). The equivalence (3.5.10) is the definition of $\Xi \in \text{Quiv}$ as a coproduct, and the fact that limits commute with products. The equivalence (3.5.11) is just notation, which will be explained below.

Next, we explain the following sequences of equivalences among spaces:

$$X := \lim_{(\lambda_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C}} \text{colim}_{\mu^\circ \in \Delta_{\circ}^{\text{op}}} \text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}} \left(\bar{\mu}, \Gamma \amalg \prod_{c \in C} \bar{\lambda}_c \right) \quad (3.5.12)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\cong} \lim_{(\lambda_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C}} \text{colim}_{\mu^\circ \in \Delta_{\circ}^{\text{op}}} \left(\prod_{c \in C} \text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}}} \left(\bar{\mu}, \bar{\lambda}_c \right) \amalg \prod_{\alpha \in A} \text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}}} \left(\bar{\mu}, \Gamma_\alpha \right) \right) \quad (3.5.13)$$

$$\cong \lim_{(\lambda_c)_{c \in C} \in (\Delta_{\circ})^{\times C}} \left(\prod_{c \in C} \left(\text{colim}_{\mu^\circ \in \Delta_{\circ}^{\text{op}}} \text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}}} \left(\bar{\mu}, \bar{\lambda}_c \right) \right) \amalg \prod_{\alpha \in A} \left(\text{colim}_{\mu^\circ \in \Delta_{\circ}^{\text{op}}} \text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}}} \left(\bar{\mu}, \Gamma_\alpha \right) \right) \right) \quad (3.5.14)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\cong} \prod_{c \in C} \left(\lim_{\lambda_c \in \Delta_{\circ}} \text{colim}_{\mu^\circ \in \Delta_{\circ}^{\text{op}}} \text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}}} \left(\bar{\mu}, \bar{\lambda}_c \right) \right) \amalg \prod_{\alpha \in A} \left(\text{colim}_{\mu^\circ \in \Delta_{\circ}^{\text{op}}} \text{Hom}_{\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}}} \left(\bar{\mu}, \Gamma_\alpha \right) \right) \quad (3.5.15)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\cong} \prod_{c \in C} \left(\lim_{\lambda_c \in \Delta_{\circ}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\bar{\lambda}_c, \mathbb{S}^1 \right) \right) \amalg \prod_{\alpha \in A} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}} \left(\Gamma_\alpha, \mathbb{S}^1 \right) \quad (3.5.16)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\cong} \prod_{c \in C} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}} \left(\text{colim}_{\lambda_c^\circ \in \Delta_{\circ}^{\text{op}}} \bar{\lambda}_c, \mathbb{S}^1 \right) \amalg \prod_{\alpha \in A} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}} \left(\Gamma_\alpha, \mathbb{S}^1 \right) \quad (3.5.17)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\simeq} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{con}}}(\mathbb{S}^1, \mathbb{S}^1)^{\mathrm{HC}} \amalg \prod_{\alpha \in A} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(\Gamma_\alpha, \mathbb{S}^1). \quad (3.5.18)$$

The equivalence (3.5.12) is the definition of the space X . The equivalence (3.5.13) is a direct consequence of Corollary 3.2.3, using that the quiver $\bar{\mu}$ is connected. The equivalence (3.5.14) is an instance of the fact that colimits commute with coproducts. The equivalence (3.5.15) follows from the fact that the paracyclic category $\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}$ is cosifted (see Corollary 2.4.6)). The equivalence (3.5.16) follows from Observation 3.4.3(2), using that, for $x \in \mathcal{K}$ an object in an ∞ -category, the evaluation functor $\mathrm{PShv}(\mathcal{K}) \xrightarrow{\mathrm{ev}_x} \mathcal{S}$ preserves colimits. The equivalence (3.5.17) is the universal property of colimits, which corepresent limits of spaces of morphisms. The equivalence (3.5.18) follows from the definition of $\mathbb{S}^1 \in \mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{con}}$ (see Definition 3.3.1).

Next, let $\beta \in B$. We now explain the following sequences of equivalences among spaces:

$$Y_\beta := \lim_{(\lambda_e)_{e \in \mathcal{C}} \in (\Delta_{\circlearrowleft})^{\times \mathcal{C}}} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}\left(\Xi_\beta, \amalg \Gamma \prod_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \bar{\lambda}_c\right) \quad (3.5.19)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\simeq} \lim_{(\lambda_e)_{e \in \mathcal{C}} \in (\Delta_{\circlearrowleft})^{\times \mathcal{C}}} \left(\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}\left(\Xi_\beta, \prod_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \bar{\lambda}_c\right) \amalg \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}\left(\Xi_\beta, \Gamma\right) \right) \quad (3.5.20)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\simeq} \left(\lim_{(\lambda_e)_{e \in \mathcal{C}} \in (\Delta_{\circlearrowleft})^{\times \mathcal{C}}} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}\left(\Xi_\beta, \prod_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \bar{\lambda}_c\right) \right) \amalg \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}\left(\Xi_\beta, \Gamma\right) \quad (3.5.21)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\simeq} \left(\lim_{\lambda \in \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}\left(\Xi_\beta, \bar{\lambda}^{\mathrm{HC}}\right) \right) \amalg \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}\left(\Xi_\beta, \Gamma\right) \quad (3.5.22)$$

$$\longrightarrow \left(\lim_{\lambda \in \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}\left(\Xi_\beta, \bar{\lambda}\right) \right) \amalg \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}\left(\Xi_\beta, \Gamma\right) \quad (3.5.23)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\simeq} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{con}}}\left(\mathrm{colim}_{\lambda^\circ \in \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\mathrm{op}}} \bar{\lambda}, \Xi_\beta\right) \amalg \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}\left(\Xi_\beta, \Gamma\right) \quad (3.5.24)$$

$$\simeq \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{con}}}\left(\mathbb{S}^1, \Xi_\beta\right) \amalg \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}\left(\Xi_\beta, \Gamma\right) \quad (3.5.25)$$

$$\xrightarrow{\simeq} \emptyset \amalg \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}\left(\Xi_\beta, \Gamma\right) = \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}\left(\Xi_\beta, \Gamma\right) \quad (3.5.26)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\simeq} \prod_{\alpha \in A} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{con}}}\left(\Xi_\beta, \Gamma_\alpha\right) \quad (3.5.27)$$

$$\xleftarrow{\simeq} \prod_{\alpha \in A} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{con}}}\left(\Gamma_\alpha, \Xi_\beta\right). \quad (3.5.28)$$

The equivalence (3.5.19) is the definition of the space Y_β . The equivalence (3.5.20) is a direct consequence of Corollary 3.2.3, using that the quiver Ξ_β is connected. The equivalence (3.5.21) follows from $\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}$ being cosifted (Corollary 2.4.6); the equivalence (3.5.22) also follows from $\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}$ being cosifted. The map (3.5.23) is implemented by restriction along the codiagonal morphism $\bar{\lambda}^{\mathrm{HC}} \rightarrow \bar{\lambda}$ in Quiv , functorially in $\lambda \in \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}$. We postpone explaining why this map (3.5.23) is an equivalence. The equivalence (3.5.24) is the universal property of colimits, which corepresent limits of spaces of morphisms. The equivalence (3.5.25) is the definition of $\mathbb{S}^1 \in \mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{con}}$ (see Definition 3.3.1). The equivalence (3.5.26) follows from Proposition 3.3.9. Note that each of the maps (3.5.23), (3.5.24), (3.5.25), (3.5.26) respects the evident coproduct description. Because the left cofactor of the codomain of (3.5.26) is empty, it then follows that the left cofactor of the domain and codomain of (3.5.23) are both empty as well. In particular, the map (3.5.23) is an equivalence, as desired. Moving on, the equivalence (3.5.27) uses the definition of Γ , together with Corollary 3.2.3(2). The equivalence (3.5.28) is an instance of the fully faithfulness of $(\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{con}})^{\mathrm{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{con}}$ (see Observation 3.3.4(4)).

□

After Proposition 3.3.9, Lemma 3.5.1 gives the following.

Corollary 3.5.2. *Let C and D be finite sets. Let Γ and Ξ be quivers. There is a canonical identification of the space of morphisms in \mathcal{M} :*

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}((\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \Gamma, (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup D} \sqcup \Xi) \simeq \left(\mathbb{W}^{\sqcup C} \amalg \Gamma^{(0)} \amalg \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{N}^\times \times (\mathbb{Z}^{\mathrm{dir}}(\Gamma) \setminus \Gamma^{(0)}) \right)^{\times D} \times \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Quiv}}(\Xi, \Gamma),$$

where $\Gamma^{(0)}$ is the set of vertices of Γ and $\mathbb{Z}^{\mathrm{dir}}(\Gamma) \setminus \Gamma^{(0)}$ is the set of non-constant directed cycles in Γ .

The following three results are direct consequences of Lemma 3.5.1.

Corollary 3.5.3. *The full ∞ -subcategory $\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{con}} \underset{\mathrm{Obs} \ 3.4.5(3)}{\subset} \mathcal{M}$ freely generates \mathcal{M} via finite categorical products. More precisely, the following assertions are true.*

- (1) *The ∞ -category \mathcal{M} admits finite products.*
- (2) *Let $M \in \mathcal{M}$ be an object. There is a finite set A and an A -indexed sequence $(M_\alpha)_{\alpha \in A}$ of objects in $\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{con}}$ together with an equivalence in \mathcal{M} :*

$$M \xrightarrow{\simeq} \bigsqcup_{\alpha \in A} M_\alpha.$$

- (3) *Let $M, M' \in \mathcal{M}$ be objects. Let $N \in \mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{con}}$. The canonical map*

$$\mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(M, N) \amalg \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(M', N) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(M \sqcup M', N)$$

is an equivalence between spaces.

Corollary 3.5.4. *Each object in \mathcal{M} is a finite disjoint union of oriented circles and connected quivers.¹⁹ More precisely, the moduli space of its objects is the free commutative monoid*

$$\mathrm{Obj}(\mathcal{M}) \simeq \mathrm{Free}_{\mathrm{Com}}\left(\mathrm{Obj}(\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{con}})\right) \simeq \mathrm{Free}_{\mathrm{Com}}\left(\mathbb{B}\mathbb{T} \amalg \coprod_{[\Gamma] \in \pi_0 \mathrm{Obj}(\mathrm{diGraph}^{\mathrm{fin}, \mathrm{con}})} \mathrm{BAut}_{\mathrm{diGraph}^{\mathrm{fin}, \mathrm{con}}}(\Gamma)\right).$$

After Corollary 3.3.11(1), Lemma 3.5.1 implies the following.

Corollary 3.5.5. *The a priori $(\infty, 1)$ -category \mathcal{M} is in fact a $(2, 1)$ -category.*

3.6. Refinement morphisms in \mathcal{M} . Here, we define and study the subcategory of refinement morphisms in \mathcal{M} .

Definition 3.6.1. A morphism $f : M \rightarrow N$ in $\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{con}}$ is a *refinement morphism* if one of the following conditions is satisfied.

- (1) $M, N \in (\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{con}})^{\mathrm{op}}$ and f° is a refinement morphism in the sense of Definition 1.2.17.
- (2) $M \simeq N \simeq \mathbb{S}^1$ and f is an isomorphism
- (3) $M \in (\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{con}})^{\mathrm{op}}$, $N \simeq \mathbb{S}^1$ and f is given by (in the identification of Corollary 3.3.11)

$$\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{dir}}(M) \times \mathbb{T} \subset (\mathbb{Z}^{\mathrm{dir}}(M) \setminus M^{(0)}) \times \mathbb{W},$$

where

$$\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{dir}}(M) \subset \mathbb{Z}^{\mathrm{dir}}(M) \setminus M^{(0)}$$

is the subset of directed cycles in which every edge appears exactly once.

¹⁹In other words, each object in \mathcal{M} is a finite product of colimits $\mathrm{colim}_{\mu^\circ \in \Delta_{\circ}^{\mathrm{op}}} \bar{\mu}$ and connected quivers.

A morphism in \mathcal{M} is a *refinement morphism* if it is the product of refinement morphisms in \mathcal{M}^{con} . We denote by

$$\mathcal{M}^{\text{ref}} \subset \mathcal{M}$$

the subcategory consisting of refinement morphisms.

Definition 3.6.2. Let $M \in \mathcal{M}$. The full ∞ -subcategory

$$\text{Quiv}(M) \subset \text{Quiv}_{/M}^{\text{op}} := \text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \times_{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{M}_{/M}$$

consists of those $\Gamma \rightarrow M$ that are refinement morphisms.

Observation 3.6.3. Let $M, N \in \mathcal{M}$.

- (1) Taking products defines a functor

$$\mathcal{M}_{/M} \times \mathcal{M}_{/N} \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_{/M \sqcup N}, \quad (M' \rightarrow M, N' \rightarrow N) \mapsto (M' \sqcup N' \rightarrow M \sqcup N).$$

- (2) This functor restricts as an equivalence:

$$\mathcal{M}_{/\text{ref } M} \times \mathcal{M}_{/\text{ref } N} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{M}_{/\text{ref } M \sqcup N},$$

where $\mathcal{M}_{/\text{ref } M} \subset \mathcal{M}_{/M}$ is the full subcategory consisting of refinement maps to M .

- (3) The above functor further restricts as an equivalence:

$$\text{Quiv}(M) \times \text{Quiv}(N) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Quiv}(M \sqcup N).$$

Observation 3.6.4. Let C be a finite set. Let $\Gamma \in \text{Quiv}$.

- (1) Reviewing the definition of refinement morphisms in \mathcal{M} reveals that the functor (3.4.5) factors:

$$(\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{op}})^{\times C} \longrightarrow \text{Quiv}((\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \Gamma), \quad (\mu_c)_{c \in C} \mapsto \left(\bigsqcup_{c \in C} \bar{\mu}_c \right) \sqcup \Gamma. \quad (3.6.1)$$

- (2) If $\Gamma = \emptyset$, then this morphism (3.6.1) is an equivalence.

- (3) If $C = \emptyset$, then this morphism (3.6.1) is the inclusion of a final object.

- (4) Through Observation 3.6.3(4), the functor (3.6.1) is a fully faithful right adjoint.

Lemma 3.6.5. Let $M \in \mathcal{M}$. The canonical functor

$$\text{Quiv}(M) \longrightarrow \text{Quiv}_{/M}^{\text{op}}$$

is final. In particular, using Observation 3.6.4(4) and Corollary 2.4.6, the ∞ -category $\text{Quiv}(M)$ is sifted.

Proof. Corollary 3.5.4 implies there is an equivalence $M \simeq (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \Gamma$ in \mathcal{M} for some finite set C and some $\Gamma \in \text{Quiv}$. Observation 3.6.4(1) grants a the filler among ∞ -categories:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{Quiv}((\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \Gamma) & \\ \text{Obs. 3.6.4(1)} \nearrow & & \searrow \\ (\Delta_{\mathcal{O}}^{\text{op}})^{\times C} & \xrightarrow{(3.4.5)} & \text{Quiv}_{/(\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \Gamma}^{\text{op}} \end{array}$$

Lemma 3.4.10 states that the bottom horizontal functor is final. Observation 3.6.4(4) implies the diagonal upward arrow is final. By the 2-out-of-3 property of final functors, the diagonal downward functor is final, as desired. \square

3.7. Excision. The object $\mathbb{S}^1 \in \mathcal{M}$ is defined as a colimit of a functor $\Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$. Lemma 2.4.5 implies \mathbb{S}^1 can be computed as a geometric realization:

$$|\mathbb{S}^1_{\bullet}| = \text{colim} \left(\mathbb{S}^1_{\bullet} : \Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(2.4.1)} \Delta_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} \text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M} \right) \simeq \mathbb{S}^1 \in \mathcal{M}$$

where, for each $[p] \in \Delta$, the object $\mathbb{S}^1_p \in \text{Quiv}$ is the pushout in $\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbb{S}^0 & \xrightarrow{-1} & \mathbb{S}^0 & \xrightarrow{\text{inclusion}} & \mathbb{D}^1 \\ \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \\ [p] & \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad} & & & \mathbb{S}^1_p \end{array}$$

in which the left vertical map is given by $-1 \mapsto 0$ and $+1 \mapsto p$. As Lemma 3.7.2 below, we show that \mathcal{M} admits geometric realizations of slightly more general simplicial objects in \mathcal{M} . The general statement is technical, so we introduce the following.

Construction 3.7.1. Let $\tilde{\Gamma}$ be a finite directed graph. Let S be a finite set. Let

$$(\mathbb{S}^0)^{\amalg S} \xrightarrow{\varphi} \tilde{\Gamma}^{(0)}$$

be an injection into the set of vertices with the property that, for each $s \in S$, the vertex $\varphi_s(-1)$ has exactly one incoming edge and the vertex $\varphi_s(+1)$ has exactly one out-going edge. For each $[p] \in \Delta$ regarded as a linearly-directed graph, consider the pushout in $\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\mathbb{S}^0)^{\amalg S} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \tilde{\Gamma} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ [p]^{\amalg S} & \longrightarrow & \Gamma_p \end{array}$$

in which the left vertical map is the S -fold coproduct of the map $\mathbb{S}^0 \rightarrow [p]$ given by $-1 \mapsto 0$ and $+1 \mapsto p$. These values assemble as a functor

$$\Delta \xrightarrow{\Gamma_{\bullet}} \text{Quiv}, \quad [p] \mapsto \Gamma_p.$$

If one exists, denote a colimit

$$M := \text{colim} \left(\Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\Gamma_{\bullet}} \text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M} \right) \in \mathcal{M}.$$

Lemma 3.7.2. *In the context of Construction 3.7.1, the colimit*

$$M := \text{colim} \left(\Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\Gamma_{\bullet}} \text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M} \right) \in \mathcal{M}$$

exists, and each of the canonical morphisms $\Gamma_p \rightarrow M$ is a refinement.

Proof. Observe the factorization

$$\Gamma_{\bullet} : \Delta \xrightarrow{\text{diagonal}} \Delta^{\times S} \xrightarrow{\Gamma_{\bullet}} \text{Quiv}$$

where, for $([p_s])_{s \in S} \in \mathbf{\Delta}^{\times S}$, the value $\Gamma_{([p_s])_{s \in S}} \in \mathbf{Quiv}$ is the pushout in $\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\mathbb{S}^0)^{\amalg S} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \tilde{\Gamma} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \coprod_{s \in S} [p_s] & \longrightarrow & \Gamma_{([p_s])_{s \in S}} \end{array} .$$

Using that $\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}}$ is sifted, the lemma is therefore implied by the case in which S is a singleton. So assume S is a singleton.

Consider the largest subgraph $\Gamma' \subseteq \tilde{\Gamma}$ that does not contain vertices in the image $\varphi(\mathbb{S}^0) \subseteq \tilde{\Gamma}^{(0)}$ of φ . There are two cases for the map $\mathbb{S}^0 \xrightarrow{\varphi} \tilde{\Gamma}$.

Case 1: the unique incoming edge to the vertex $\varphi(-1)$ is equal to the unique outgoing edge to the vertex $\varphi(+1)$. In this case, the unique such edge is necessarily a cofactor \mathbb{D}^1 of $\tilde{\Gamma}$, which is to say, there is an isomorphism

$$\tilde{\Gamma} \cong \mathbb{D}^1 \amalg \Gamma'$$

under \mathbb{S}^0 (via the inclusion $\mathbb{S}^0 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{D}^1$). Therefore, the functor $\mathbf{\Delta} \xrightarrow{\Gamma \bullet} \mathbf{Quiv}$ is isomorphic with the composite functor

$$\mathbf{\Delta} \xrightarrow{(2.4.1)} \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} \mathbf{Quiv} \xrightarrow{-\amalg \Gamma'} \mathbf{Quiv} .$$

Because $\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(2.4.1)} \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}}$ is final (Lemma 2.4.5), Observation 3.4.8 implies the colimit of the composite functor

$$\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(2.4.1)} \mathbf{\Delta}_{\circlearrowleft}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{-\sqcup \Gamma'} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}$$

exists. Notice that, for each $[p] \in \mathbf{\Delta}$, the morphism $\mathbb{S}_p^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$ is a refinement, and therefore the morphism $\Gamma_p \cong \mathbb{S}_p^1 \sqcup \Gamma' \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1 \sqcup \Gamma' \cong M$ is a refinement, as desired.

Case 2. the unique incoming edge e_- to the vertex $\varphi(-1)$ is not equal to the unique outgoing edge e_+ to the vertex $\varphi(+1)$. Consider the maps between directed graphs $\mathbb{D}_-^1 \xrightarrow{\langle e_- \rangle} \tilde{\Gamma} \xleftarrow{\langle e_+ \rangle} \mathbb{D}_+^1$ selecting these edges. In this case, $\tilde{\Gamma}$ fits into a pushout diagram in $\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \partial_- \mathbb{D}_-^1 \amalg \partial_+ \mathbb{D}_+^1 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{D}_-^1 \amalg \mathbb{D}_+^1 & \longrightarrow & \tilde{\Gamma} \end{array} ,$$

where $\partial_{\pm} \mathbb{D}_{\pm}^1 = \{\pm 1\} \subset (\mathbb{D}_{\pm}^1)^{(0)}$ are the respective target/source vertices of the directed edge \mathbb{D}_{\pm}^1 . Therefore, for each $[p] \in \mathbf{\Delta}$, the value Γ_p fits into a pushout in $\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \partial_- \mathbb{D}_-^1 \amalg \partial_+ \mathbb{D}_+^1 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ [p]^{\langle \diamond \rangle} & \longrightarrow & \Gamma_p \end{array} ,$$

where the vertical map selects, respectively, the initial and final cone points. Using Observation 1.2.6, which states that $\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \xrightarrow{\text{Free}} \mathbf{Quiv}$ preserves cobase-change along monomorphisms, the functor $\mathbf{\Delta} \xrightarrow{\Gamma_\bullet} \mathbf{Quiv}$ fit into a pushout among functors:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \partial_- \mathbb{D}^1 \amalg \partial_+ \mathbb{D}^1 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ [\bullet]^{\triangleleft \triangleright} & \longrightarrow & \Gamma_\bullet \end{array} .$$

Now, consider the pushout in $\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \partial_- \mathbb{D}^1 \amalg \partial_+ \mathbb{D}^1 & \longrightarrow & \Gamma' \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \emptyset^{\triangleleft \triangleright} & \longrightarrow & \Gamma_\emptyset \end{array} .$$

By construction, for each $[p] \in \mathbf{\Delta}$, the unique morphism $\emptyset \rightarrow [p]$ in \mathbf{Quiv} determines a refinement morphism $\emptyset^{\triangleleft \triangleright} \rightarrow [p]^{\triangleleft \triangleright}$ in \mathbf{Quiv} . Applying $\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}$ to this refinement morphism determines a refinement morphism $[p]^{\triangleleft \triangleright} \rightarrow \emptyset^{\triangleleft \triangleright}$ in \mathcal{M} . It remains to show Γ_\emptyset witnesses the sought colimit.

The unique morphism $\emptyset \xrightarrow{!} [\bullet]$ induced an extension to the left-cone on $\mathbf{\Delta}$:

$$(\mathbf{\Delta})^{\triangleleft} \xrightarrow{\emptyset^{\triangleleft \triangleright} \xrightarrow{!} [\bullet]^{\triangleleft \triangleright}} \mathbf{Quiv} .$$

Observe that this extension witnesses a limit. In other symbols, there is an identification in $\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}}$ of the geometric realization:

$$|[\bullet]^{\triangleleft \triangleright}| = \text{colim} \left(\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{[\bullet]^{\triangleleft \triangleright}} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \right) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \emptyset^{\triangleleft \triangleright} .$$

From an earlier paragraph in this case, this implies similarly an identification in $\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}}$ of the geometric realization

$$|\Gamma_\bullet| = \text{colim} \left(\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\Gamma_\bullet} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \right) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \Gamma_\emptyset .$$

Now, this geometric realization is a *split geometric realization*. Indeed, the functor $\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{[\bullet]^{\triangleleft \triangleright}} \mathbf{Quiv}$ factors through the functor

$$\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{[\bullet]^{\triangleleft \triangleright}} \mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Quiv} .$$

It follows that the functor $\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\Gamma_\bullet} \mathbf{Quiv}$ also factors through $\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{[\bullet]^{\triangleleft \triangleright}} \mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}}$. Therefore, the geometric realization $|\Gamma_\bullet|$ is also split. Consequently, for any functor $\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{Z}$ to an ∞ -category, the canonical morphism in \mathcal{Z} ,

$$\text{colim} \left(\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\Gamma_\bullet} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{Z} \right) \xrightarrow{\simeq} F(\Gamma_\emptyset) ,$$

is an equivalence. In particular, there is an identification of the colimit in \mathcal{M} ,

$$\text{colim} \left(\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\Gamma_\bullet} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M} \right) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \delta(\Gamma_\emptyset) = M .$$

□

4. FACTORIZATION HOMOLOGY

In this section, we fix an ∞ -category \mathcal{X} with the following properties.

- (1) \mathcal{X} admits finite limits.
- (2) \mathcal{X} admits geometric realizations.
- (3) For each $X \in \mathcal{X}$, the functor $X \times - : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ preserves geometric realizations.

We implement a purely combinatorial version of factorization homology $\int_M \mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{X}$ of any category-object \mathcal{C} in \mathcal{X} over an object $M \in \mathcal{M}$. As Appendix §B, we show this combinatorial version of factorization homology agrees with the geometric version, defined in [AFR18].

4.1. Factorization homology. Recall the Notation 1.3.2 of the functor $\Delta \xrightarrow{\rho} \mathbf{Quiv}$, and the Definition 3.4.1 of the functor $\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}$.

Definition 4.1.1. *Combinatorial factorization homology* is the composite functor

$$\int : \mathbf{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}] \xrightarrow{\rho_*} \mathbf{Fun}(\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{X}) \xrightarrow{\delta_!} \mathbf{Fun}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{X}), \quad \mathcal{C} \mapsto \left(M \mapsto \int_M \mathcal{C} \right),$$

of right Kan extension along $\Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\rho} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}}$ followed by left Kan extension along $\mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mathcal{M}$. For $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbf{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}]$ and $M \in \mathcal{M}$, the *combinatorial factorization homology of \mathcal{C} over M* is the value

$$\int_M \mathcal{C} := \text{colim} \left(\mathbf{Quiv}_{/M}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\rho_*(\mathcal{C}) : \Gamma \mapsto \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\Gamma)} \mathcal{X} \right) \in \mathcal{X}.$$

Observation 4.1.2. The assumptions on \mathcal{X} ensure combinatorial factorization homology \int . Indeed, by Theorem 1.5.5, these assumptions ensure that the right Kan extension ρ_* exists; by Lemma 3.4.10, these assumptions ensure that the left Kan extension $\delta_!$ exists.

Recall from Definition 3.6.2 the full ∞ -subcategory $\mathbf{Quiv}(M) \subseteq \mathbf{Quiv}_{/M}^{\text{op}}$ for each $M \in \mathcal{M}$. The following is a direct consequence of Lemma 3.6.5, which states that this ∞ -subcategory is final.

Corollary 4.1.3. *Let $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbf{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}]$ be a category-object in \mathcal{X} . For each $M \in \mathcal{M}$, combinatorial factorization homology can be computed as the colimit indexed by $\mathbf{Quiv}(M)$: the canonical morphism in \mathcal{X} ,*

$$\text{colim}_{\Gamma \xrightarrow{\text{ref}} M} \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\Gamma) = \text{colim} \left(\mathbf{Quiv}(M) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Quiv}_{/M}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\text{forget}} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\rho_*(\mathcal{C}) : \Gamma \mapsto \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\Gamma)} \mathcal{X} \right) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \int_M \mathcal{C},$$

is an equivalence.

Remark 4.1.4. The full ∞ -subcategory $\mathbf{Quiv}(M) \subseteq \mathbf{Quiv}_{/M}^{\text{op}}$ consists of far fewer objects, and simpler morphisms, than its ambient ∞ -category. In this way, Corollary 4.1.3 offers a simpler colimit formula for $\int_M \mathcal{C}$ than the defining formula of Definition 4.1.1.

Remark 4.1.5. Remark 4.1.4 suggests that one might take the colimit formula of Corollary 4.1.3 as the working definition of $\int_M \mathcal{C}$. However, while $M \mapsto \mathbf{Quiv}_{/M}^{\text{op}}$ assembles a functor $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$, the association $M \mapsto \mathbf{Quiv}(M)$ is not functorial in $M \in \mathcal{M}$. The full functoriality of $\int_M \mathcal{C}$ is therefore not (obviously) available were one to take the formula of Corollary 4.1.3 as a definition of $\int_M \mathcal{C}$.

After Lemma 2.4.5, the following is a direct consequence of Lemma 3.4.10, using the assumed properties of \mathcal{X} .

Corollary 4.1.6. *Combinatorial factorization homology \int exists. Furthermore, it preserves finite products in both variables:*

$$\int_{M \sqcup N} \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \int_M \mathcal{C} \times \int_N \mathcal{C} \quad \text{and} \quad \int_M \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \int_M \mathcal{C} \times \int_M \mathcal{D} .$$

The values of combinatorial factorization homology are summarized as follows. Recall the notation introduced in Definition 3.4.1.

Example 4.1.7. Let $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbf{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}]$ be a category-object in \mathcal{X} . Combinatorial factorization homology of \mathcal{C} takes the following values.

- (1) For each finite directed graph Γ , the value

$$\int_{\delta(\Gamma)} \mathcal{C} \simeq \rho_*(\mathcal{C})(\Gamma) =: \mathbf{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\Gamma) .$$

Indeed, this is the fact that the unit of the $(\delta_!, \delta^*)$ -adjunction is an equivalence, which is so because δ is fully faithful (see Observation 3.4.3(4)).

- (2) For each $[p] \in \mathbf{\Delta}$, the value

$$\int_{\rho(p)} \mathcal{C} \simeq \mathcal{C}([p]) .$$

Indeed, after the first identification is the previous point, this follows from the fact that the counit of the (ρ^*, ρ_*) -adjunction is an equivalence, which is so because ρ is fully faithful. In particular,

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}^0} \mathcal{C} \simeq \mathbf{Obj}(\mathcal{C}) \quad \text{and} \quad \int_{\mathbb{D}^1} \mathcal{C} \simeq \mathbf{Mor}(\mathcal{C}) .$$

- (3) The value on the oriented circle is Hochschild homology:

$$\int_{\mathbb{S}^1} \mathcal{C} \simeq \mathbf{HH}(\mathcal{C}) .$$

Indeed, this follows from the fact that the functor $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\mathcal{C}}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Quiv}_{/\mathbb{S}^1}^{\text{op}}$ is final (see Lemma 3.4.10).

- (4) Let $M \in \mathcal{M}$. Through Corollary 3.5.4 there is a finite set C and a directed graph Γ together with an identification $M \simeq (\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \Gamma$ in \mathcal{M} . The value

$$\int_M \mathcal{C} \simeq \mathbf{HH}(\mathcal{C})^{\times C} \times \mathbf{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\Gamma) .$$

Indeed, after the above points, using the assumption that products in \mathcal{X} distribute over geometric realizations, this follows from the fact that $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\mathcal{C}}^{\text{op}}$ is sifted (Corollary 2.4.6) and that the functor $(\mathbf{\Delta}_{\mathcal{C}}^{\text{op}})^{\times C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Quiv}_{/(\mathbb{S}^1)^{\sqcup C} \sqcup \Gamma}^{\text{op}}$ is final (see Lemma 3.4.10).

Example 4.1.7 reveals that the values of combinatorial factorization homology are all familiar. What is novel is the functoriality among these values, and in particular the natural symmetries of these values, which combinatorial factorization homology succinctly codifies. This is the subject of the next subsection.

The next result is a version of *excision* for combinatorial factorization homology \int . It is a direct consequence of (the proof of) Lemma 3.7.2.

Proposition 4.1.8. *Let $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbf{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}]$ be a category-object in \mathcal{X} . In the context of Construction 3.7.1, the canonical map*

$$\mathbf{colim}_{[p]^\circ \in \mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}}} \left(\int_{\Gamma_p} \mathcal{C} \right) = \left| \int_{\Gamma_\bullet} \mathcal{C} \right| \xrightarrow{\simeq} \int_M \mathcal{C}$$

is an equivalence.

Proof. As in the proof of Lemma 3.7.2, this statement is implied by the case in which S is a singleton. As in the proof of Lemma 3.7.2, that case can be proved through two cases. The first case follows by assumption on \mathcal{X} , after Observation 3.4.8. The second case follows because any functor preserves geometric realizations that are split. \square

Example 4.1.9. Proposition 4.1.8 is a *local-to-global formula* for combinatorial factorization homology. It gives a method to compute the value $\int_M \mathcal{C}$ of combinatorial factorization homology on a general object $M \in \mathcal{M}$ in terms of simpler values. Here are some such examples.

- (1) In the case that $\Gamma_\bullet = \rho([\bullet]^{\langle \bullet \rangle})$, the formula is

$$\left| \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})^{\times_{\text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})} \bullet + 1} \right| \xrightarrow{\circ} \text{Mor}(\mathcal{C}) .$$

Taking fibers over $(c, d) \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})^{\times 2}$ via the source-target morphism $\text{Mor}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})^{\times 2}$ recovers the familiar identity: the coend of the left \mathcal{C} -module $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(c, \bullet)$ with the right \mathcal{C} -module $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bullet, d)$ is the object of morphisms in \mathcal{C} from c to d :

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(c, \bullet) \otimes_{\bullet \in \mathcal{C}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bullet, d) \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(c, d) .$$

- (2) In the case that $S = \{a, b\}$ and $\tilde{\Gamma}$ is the disconnected quiver

$$\{-a\} \longrightarrow \{+a\} \quad \{-b\} \longleftarrow \{+b\},$$

the formula is

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bullet, \bullet') \otimes_{(\bullet, \bullet') \in \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{C}} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(\bullet', \bullet) \xrightarrow{\circ} \text{HH}(\mathcal{C}) ,$$

which witnesses the (non-stable) Hochschild homology of \mathcal{C} as the coend of the identity $(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C})$ -bimodule \mathcal{C} with itself.

- (3) In the case that $\tilde{\Gamma}$ of Construction 3.7.1 is the quiver

$$\{-1\} \longrightarrow \{+1\}$$

and S is a singleton, the formula is

$$\left| \text{Rep}_{\mathcal{C}}(\chi_\bullet) \right| \xrightarrow{\circ} \text{HH}(\mathcal{C}) .$$

Here, the cosimplicial quiver $\chi_\bullet: \Delta \xrightarrow{(2.4.1)} \Delta_{\circlearrowleft} \xrightarrow{(3.3.1)} \text{Quiv}$ evaluates on $[p]$ as the cyclically-directed quiver whose (cyclically-directed) set of vertices is $\{0, 1, \dots, p\}$.

4.2. Natural symmetries of Hochschild homology. Example 4.1.7(4) suggests that the most interesting value of combinatorial factorization homology is that over the oriented circle, which is Hochschild homology. In this subsection, we codify the natural symmetries of this value as an (*non-stable*) *cyclotomic object*. Namely, the value $\text{HH}(\mathcal{C})$ naturally has the structure of a *proper-genuine* \mathbb{T} -*module* that is fixed with respect to a natural \mathbb{N}^\times -action on such. We refer the reader to Appendix A for definitions of these bolded concepts.

Theorem 4.2.1.

(1) The Hochschild homology functor lifts:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \text{Cyc}^{\text{unst}}(\mathcal{X}) \\ & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \text{forget} \\ \text{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}] & \xrightarrow{\text{HH}} & \mathcal{X} \end{array} .$$

In other words, for each category-object \mathcal{C} in \mathcal{X} , its Hochschild homology $\text{HH}(\mathcal{C})$ admits the structure of a non-stable cyclotomic object in \mathcal{X} ; this structure is functorial in $\mathcal{C} \in \text{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}]$.

(2) There is a canonical natural transformation $\text{Obj} \rightarrow \text{HH}$ between functors $\text{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}] \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$, which is invariant with respect to the above non-stable cyclotomic structure on HH :

$$\text{Obj} \longrightarrow \text{HH}^{\text{Cyc}} .$$

Proof. Denote by $\langle \mathbb{D}^0, \mathbb{S}^1 \rangle \subset \mathcal{M}$ the full ∞ -subcategory consisting of the objects $\mathbb{D}^0, \mathbb{S}^1 \in \mathcal{M}$. Note that the functor $\int_{\mathbb{S}^1} : \text{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}] \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ factors:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} : \text{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}] & \xrightarrow{f} & \text{Fun}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{X}) \\ & \xrightarrow{\text{restriction}} & \text{Fun}(\langle \mathbb{D}^0, \mathbb{S}^1 \rangle, \mathcal{X}) \\ & \xrightarrow{\text{restriction}} & \text{Fun}(\mathfrak{B}\text{End}_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbb{S}^1), \mathcal{X}) =: \text{Mod}_{\text{End}_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbb{S}^1)}(\mathcal{X}) \\ & \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_{\mathbb{S}^1}} & \mathcal{X} . \end{array}$$

Proposition 3.3.9 specializes as an identification $(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}})^{\triangleleft} \simeq \langle \mathbb{D}^0, \mathbb{S}^1 \rangle$ under an identification $\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \simeq \text{End}_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbb{S}^1)$. Using this, Corollary A.0.8 gives an identification $\text{Mod}_{\text{End}_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathbb{S}^1)}(\mathcal{X}) \simeq \text{Mod}_{\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}}(\mathcal{X}) \simeq \text{Cyc}^{\text{unst}}(\mathcal{X})$. The first statement then follows from identification $\int_{\mathbb{S}^1}(\mathcal{C}) \simeq \text{HH}(\mathcal{C})$ of Example 4.1.7(3) for each $\mathcal{C} \in \text{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}]$.

The second statement then follows upon observing that the ∞ -category $\text{Fun}((\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}})^{\triangleleft}, \mathcal{X})$ over $\text{Fun}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{X}) =: \text{Mod}_{\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}}(\mathcal{X})$ classifies a \mathbb{W}^{op} -module in \mathcal{X} equipped with a \mathbb{W}^{op} -invariant map to it. □

Remark 4.2.2. Theorem 4.2.1(2) can be interpreted as a non-stable cyclotomic trace map.

APPENDIX A. NON-STABLE CYCLOTOMIC OBJECTS

Here we introduce the notion of an (*non-stable*) *cyclotomic object* in \mathcal{X} . The term *non-stable* is used here to reflect that \mathcal{X} is not assumed to be a stable ∞ -category, and that its symmetric monoidal structure is understood as the Cartesian one. The notion of a *cyclotomic object* in Sp is developed in [BM15]. The work [AMGRb] studies cyclotomic objects in some generality, and in particular explains how $\mathcal{S} \xrightarrow{\Sigma_+^\infty} \text{Sp}$ carries (non-stable) cyclotomic objects to (stable) cyclotomic objects.

In this section, we introduce (*non-stable*) *cyclotomic objects* in \mathcal{X} and establish a few equivalent definitions of such (Corollary A.0.8).

Definition A.0.1.

- The poset \mathbb{N}^{div} is that of natural numbers with partial order given by divisibility: the relation $r \leq s$ in \mathbb{N}^{div} means r divides s . We also denote this as $r|s$.

- The **proper orbit category** (of \mathbb{T}) is the ∞ -category $\text{Orbit}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq}$ of transitive \mathbb{T} -spaces with isotropy a proper (equivalently, finite) subgroup of \mathbb{T} , and \mathbb{T} -equivariant maps between them.
- For \mathcal{X} an ∞ -category, the ∞ -category of **proper-genuine \mathbb{T} -modules (in \mathcal{X})** is

$$\text{Mod}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq}(\mathcal{X}) := \text{Fun}((\text{Orbit}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq})^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{X}) .$$

The action $\mathbb{N}^{\times} \underset{(2.1.1)}{\curvearrowright} \mathbb{T}$ as a topological group determines an action on the proper orbit ∞ -category:

$$\mathbb{N}^{\times} \underset{\text{Obs 2.1.2}}{\simeq} (\mathbb{N}^{\times})^{\text{op}} \curvearrowright \text{Orbit}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq}, \quad n \cdot (\mathbb{T} \curvearrowright T) := (\mathbb{T} \xrightarrow{z \mapsto z^n} \mathbb{T} \curvearrowright T) . \quad (\text{A.0.1})$$

Precomposition by this \mathbb{N}^{\times} -action (A.0.1) defines an $\mathbb{N}^{\times} = (\mathbb{N}^{\times})^{\text{op}}$ -action on the ∞ -category $\text{Mod}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq}(\mathcal{X})$.

Definition A.0.2. The ∞ -category of **non-stable cyclotomic objects** in an ∞ -category \mathcal{X} is that of the \mathbb{N}^{\times} -invariant proper-genuine \mathbb{T} -modules:

$$\text{Cyc}^{\text{unst}}(\mathcal{X}) := \text{Mod}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq}(\mathcal{X})^{\text{h}\mathbb{N}^{\times}} .$$

Remark A.0.3. Informally, a non-stable cyclotomic object in \mathcal{X} consists of the following.

- A \mathbb{T} -module $(\mathbb{T} \underset{\alpha}{\curvearrowright} X)$ in \mathcal{X} .
- For each $r \in \mathbb{N}^{\times}$, a morphism between \mathbb{T} -modules in \mathcal{X} :

$$r^* \left(\mathbb{T} \underset{\alpha}{\curvearrowright} X \right) := \left(\mathbb{T} \xrightarrow{z \mapsto z^r} \mathbb{T} \underset{\alpha}{\curvearrowright} X \right) \xrightarrow{c_r} \left(\mathbb{T} \underset{\alpha}{\curvearrowright} X \right) .$$

- For each pair $s, r \in \mathbb{N}^{\times}$, a 2-cell witnessing commutativity among \mathbb{T} -modules in \mathcal{X} :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} r^* s^* \left(\mathbb{T} \underset{\alpha}{\curvearrowright} X \right) & \xrightarrow{r^* c_s} & r^* \left(\mathbb{T} \underset{\alpha}{\curvearrowright} X \right) \\ \downarrow \wr & & \downarrow c_r \\ (sr)^* \left(\mathbb{T} \underset{\alpha}{\curvearrowright} X \right) & \xrightarrow{c_{sr}} & \left(\mathbb{T} \underset{\alpha}{\curvearrowright} X \right) \end{array} .$$

- For each triple $r, s, t \in \mathbb{N}^{\times}$, a similar commutative cube among \mathbb{T} -modules in \mathcal{X} whose faces are (possibly pulled back from) the above commutative squares.
- Etcetera.

Restriction along $\text{Orbit}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq} \xrightarrow{!} *$, which is evidently \mathbb{N}^{\times} -invariant, defines a functor

$$\text{triv}: \mathcal{X} \longrightarrow \text{Cyc}^{\text{unst}}(\mathcal{X}) .$$

Definition A.0.4. The **cyclotomic fixed points** functor is the right adjoint to triv :

$$(-)^{\text{Cyc}}: \text{Cyc}^{\text{unst}}(\mathcal{X}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{X} .$$

Observation A.0.5. There is a unique functor,

$$\text{Orbit}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq} \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}^{\text{div}}, \quad (\mathbb{T} \curvearrowright T) \mapsto |\mathbb{T}_t| \quad (\text{ for some } t \in T) ,$$

whose value on a transitive \mathbb{T} -space T with proper isotropy is the order of the isotropy of some element in T . This functor has the following properties.

- (1) Two subgroups of \mathbb{T} with the same cardinality are identical. Therefore, the fiber of this functor over $r \in \mathbb{N}^{\text{div}}$ is the full ∞ -subcategory of $\text{Orbit}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq}$ on $\frac{\mathbb{T}}{C_r}$. It follows that the fiber of this functor over $r \in \mathbb{N}^{\text{div}}$ is the ∞ -groupoid $\mathbf{B}\left(\frac{\mathbb{T}}{C_r}\right) \simeq \mathbf{B}\mathbb{T}$. In particular, this functor is conservative.
- (2) The space of morphisms in $\text{Orbit}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq}$ over a morphism $r|s$ in \mathbb{N}^{div} is

$$\frac{\mathbb{T}}{C_r} \setminus \text{Map}^{\mathbb{T}}\left(\frac{\mathbb{T}}{C_r}, \frac{\mathbb{T}}{C_s}\right) / \frac{\mathbb{T}}{C_s},$$

with the source-map an equivalence. In particular, this functor is a left fibration.

- (3) The straightening of this left fibration is the functor

$$\mathbf{B}\left(\frac{\mathbb{T}}{C_{\bullet}}\right): \mathbb{N}^{\text{div}} \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}$$

characterized by the following values on objects and generating morphisms:

- the value of this functor on each $r \in \mathbb{N}^{\text{div}}$ is the space $\mathbf{B}\mathbb{T} \simeq \mathbf{B}\left(\frac{\mathbb{T}}{C_r}\right)$;
 - the value of this functor on each morphism $(r|s)$ in \mathbb{N}^{div} is the map $\mathbf{B}\mathbb{T} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{B}(z \mapsto z \frac{s}{r})} \mathbf{B}\mathbb{T}$.
- (4) With respect to the $(\mathbb{N}^{\times})^{\text{op}}$ -action on the poset \mathbb{N}^{div} given by $r^{\circ} \cdot d := dr$, this functor is canonically $(\mathbb{N}^{\times})^{\text{op}}$ -equivariant.

Here is the main technical result in this subsection.

Lemma A.0.6. *There is a canonical identification of the ∞ -category of right-lax coinvariants with respect to the action (A.0.1):*

$$\left(\text{Orbit}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq}\right)_{r.\text{lax}\mathbb{N}^{\times}} \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}),$$

where the codomain is regarded as a Cartesian fibration over $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^{\times}$ via the composite functor

$$\text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}) \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_s} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{B}\text{proj}} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^{\times}. \quad (\text{A.0.2})$$

Proof. Observe the unique functor between categories,

$$(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^{\times})^{*/} \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}^{\text{div}}, \quad (* \xrightarrow{d} *) \mapsto d, \quad (\text{A.0.3})$$

whose value on each object is as depicted. Using that, for each $d \in \mathbb{N}^{\times}$, the map $\mathbb{N}^{\times} \xrightarrow{r \mapsto dr} \mathbb{N}^{\times}$ is a monomorphism between spaces, the functor (A.0.3) is an equivalence.

Now, consider the diagram among ∞ -categories:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}})^{\mathbf{B}\mathbb{T}} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{B}\mathbb{T} & & \\ \downarrow & \searrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \\ & \text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}) & \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_s} & \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} & \\ & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \\ (\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^{\times})^{*/} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & * & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^{\times} \\ & \downarrow \text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\text{proj}) & \downarrow & \downarrow \mathfrak{B}\text{proj} & \\ & \text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^{\times}) & \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_s} & \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^{\times} & \end{array} \quad (\text{A.0.4})$$

By definition of ∞ -undercategories, the bottom square is a pullback square. The definition of the monoid \mathbb{W} is such that the right square is also a pullback. It follows that the left square is a pullback. Because $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{B}\text{proj}} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^\times$ is a right fibration, so is $\text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}) \xrightarrow{\text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\text{proj})} \text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^\times)$. We conclude that the functor $\text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}})^{\text{BT}} \rightarrow (\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^\times)^{*/}$ is a right fibration. By direct inspection, the straightening of this right fibration is the functor

$$(\mathbb{N}^{\text{div}})^{\text{op}} \underset{\text{(A.0.3)}}{\simeq} ((\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^\times)^{*/})^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}$$

characterized by the following values on objects and generating morphisms:

- the value of this functor on each $d \in \mathbb{N}^{\text{div}}$ is the space $\text{BT} \simeq \mathbb{B}\left(\frac{\mathbb{T}}{\mathbb{C}_d}\right)$;
- the value of this functor on each morphism $(d|k)$ in \mathbb{N}^{div} is the map $\text{BT} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{B}(z \mapsto z \frac{k}{d})} \text{BT}$.

By Observation A.0.5, there results an equivalence over $\mathbb{N}^{\text{div}} \simeq (\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^\times)^{*/}$:

$$\text{Orbit}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq} \simeq \text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}})^{\text{BT}} . \quad (\text{A.0.5})$$

By direct inspection, this equivalence (A.0.5) is canonically $(\mathbb{N}^\times)^{\text{op}}$ -equivariant. This, in turn, lends to a canonical equivalence between Cartesian fibrations over $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^\times \simeq (\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^\times)^{\text{op}}$:

$$\left(\text{Orbit}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq}\right)_{\text{r.lax}(\mathbb{N}^\times)^{\text{op}}} \simeq \left(\text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}})^{\text{BT}}\right)_{\text{r.lax}(\mathbb{N}^\times)^{\text{op}}} .$$

The diagram (A.0.4) witnesses an identification $\left(\text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}})^{\text{BT}}\right)_{\text{r.lax}(\mathbb{N}^\times)^{\text{op}}} \simeq \text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}})$ as Cartesian fibrations over $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^\times$. □

Corollary A.0.7. *There is a canonical identification of the ∞ -category of coinvariants with respect to the action (A.0.1):*

$$\left(\text{Orbit}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq}\right)_{\text{h}\mathbb{N}^\times} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} .$$

Proof. Through Lemma A.0.6, the corollary follows upon showing the functor

$$\text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}) \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_t} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}$$

witnesses a localization on those morphisms in $\text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}})$ that are Cartesian with respect to the composite functor (A.0.2). Certainly, this functor witnesses a localization on those morphisms in $\text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}})$ that are Cartesian with respect to the functor $\text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}) \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_s} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}$. Using that BT is an ∞ -groupoid, thereby implying $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{N}^\times$ is conservative, this class of morphisms in $\text{Ar}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}})$ is precisely the class of morphisms that are Cartesian with respect to the composite functor (A.0.2). □

Corollary A.0.8. *Let \mathcal{X} be an ∞ -category. There are canonical equivalences among ∞ -categories*

$$\text{Mod}_{\mathbb{T}}(\mathcal{X})^{\text{r.lax}\mathbb{N}^\times} \simeq \text{Mod}_{\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}}(\mathcal{X}) \simeq \text{Mod}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq}(\mathcal{X})^{\text{h}\mathbb{N}^\times} =: \text{Cyc}^{\text{unst}}(\mathcal{X}) ,$$

Furthermore, the equivalence $\text{Fun}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{X}) =: \text{Mod}_{\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}}(\mathcal{X}) \simeq \text{Cyc}^{\text{unst}}(\mathcal{X})$ extends as a canonically commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Fun}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{X}) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \text{Mod}_{\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}}(\mathcal{X}) & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \text{Cyc}^{\text{unst}}(\mathcal{X}) \\ & \searrow \text{lim} & \downarrow (-)^{\text{h}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}} & \swarrow (-)^{\text{Cyc}} & \\ & & \mathcal{X} & & \end{array} .$$

Proof. The proof of the first statement is complete upon explaining the following sequences of equivalences among ∞ -categories:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{T}}(\mathcal{X})^{\mathrm{r.lax}\mathbb{N}^\times} &\simeq \mathrm{Fun}(\mathbb{B}\mathbb{T}, \mathcal{X})^{\mathrm{r.lax}\mathbb{N}^\times} &&\simeq \mathrm{Fun}(\mathbb{B}\mathbb{T}_{\mathrm{r.lax}\mathbb{N}^\times}, \mathcal{X}) \\
&&&\simeq \mathrm{Fun}(\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{X}) \simeq \mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{op}}}(\mathcal{X}) \\
&&&\simeq \mathrm{Fun}((\mathrm{Orbit}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq})_{\mathrm{h}\mathbb{N}^\times}, \mathcal{X}) \\
&&&\simeq \mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{Orbit}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq}, \mathcal{X})^{\mathrm{h}\mathbb{N}^\times} \simeq \mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq}(\mathcal{X})^{\mathrm{h}\mathbb{N}^\times}.
\end{aligned}$$

The three equivalences that are not centered follow from the definition of $\mathrm{Mod}_-(\mathcal{X})$, and the Definition A.0.1 of $\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq}(\mathcal{X})$. It remains to prove the four aligned equivalences. For the first aligned equivalence, recall that the \mathbb{N}^\times -action on $\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{T}}(\mathcal{X})$ is pre-composition of the \mathbb{N}^\times -action on \mathbb{T} . So the right-lax invariants by this \mathbb{N}^\times -action on $\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{T}}(\mathcal{X})$ is functors from the right-lax coinvariants, which explains the first centered equivalence. For the second aligned equivalence, the definition of the monoid $\mathbb{W} := \mathbb{T} \rtimes \mathbb{N}^\times$ implies $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{op}} \simeq \mathbb{B}\mathbb{T}_{\mathrm{r.lax}\mathbb{N}^\times}$. The third aligned equivalence is $\mathrm{Fun}(-, \mathcal{X})$ applied to Corollary A.0.7. The fourth aligned equivalence identifies functors from \mathbb{N}^\times -coinvariants as \mathbb{N}^\times -invariants of functors.

The second statement follows upon observing that the functor $\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{op}}}(\mathcal{X})$ given by restriction along $\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\mathrm{op}} \rightarrow *$ is identified through the above sequence of equivalences with the functor $\mathrm{triv}: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathrm{Cyc}^{\mathrm{unst}}(\mathcal{X})$, then using that right adjoints are unique. \square

Remark A.0.9. A proper-genuine \mathbb{T} -module in an ∞ -category \mathcal{X} consists of a considerable amount of homotopy coherence data, and the structure of being \mathbb{N}^\times -invariant consists of yet more. Hence, one might expect it to be impractical to explicitly construct an object in $\mathrm{Mod}_{\mathbb{T}}^{\leq}(\mathcal{X})^{\mathrm{h}\mathbb{N}^\times}$. To the contrary, Corollary A.0.8 states that the requisite homotopy coherence data actual cancel each other out, in a certain sense: an \mathbb{N}^\times -invariant proper-genuine \mathbb{T} -module in \mathcal{X} is simply a \mathbb{W}^{op} -module in \mathcal{X} (which entails substantially less homotopy coherence data).

APPENDIX B. COMBINATORIAL FACTORIZATION HOMOLOGY AGREES WITH GEOMETRIC FACTORIZATION HOMOLOGY

The main result in this section is Theorem B.3.7, which articulates a precise sense in which combinatorial factorization homology as in Definition 4.1.1 agrees with the geometric version of factorization homology, as defined in [AFR18]. To make these two constructions comparable, we first identify $\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}}$ with $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\mathrm{sfr}}$ and \mathcal{M} with $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\mathrm{sfr}}$.

B.1. Recollections from other works. We summarize some notions from [AFR19] & [AFR18].

- (1) Constructed in §6.3 of [AFR19] is the ∞ -category \mathbf{cBun} , which classifies proper constructible bundles between stratified spaces. This is to say, for K a stratified space, the moduli space of proper constructible bundles over K is identical with the space of functors to \mathbf{cBun} from its exit-path ∞ -category, $\mathrm{Exit}(K) \rightarrow \mathbf{cBun}$. So, an object in \mathbf{cBun} is a compact stratified space; a morphism from X_0 to X_1 is a proper constructible bundle $X \rightarrow \Delta^1$ (where the codomain is understood with the two strata $\Delta^{\{0\}}$ and $\Delta^1 \setminus \Delta^{\{0\}}$) equipped with identifications $X_0 \cong X|_{\Delta^{\{0\}}}$ and $X_1 \cong X|_{\Delta^{\{1\}}}$.
- (2) Constructed in §6.4 of [AFR19] is the ∞ -category \mathbf{cExit} , equipped with a functor $\mathbf{cExit} \rightarrow \mathbf{cBun}$. For K a stratified space, and for $\mathrm{Exit}(K) \xrightarrow{\langle X \rightarrow K \rangle} \mathbf{cBun}$ classifying a proper constructible bundle, there is a canonical identification of the base-change $\mathbf{cExit}|_{\mathrm{Exit}(K)} \simeq$

$\text{Exit}(X)$ over $\text{Exit}(K)$. In particular, the fiber of $\text{cExit} \rightarrow \text{cBun}$ over $K \in \text{cBun}$ is the exit-path ∞ -category $\text{Exit}(K)$.

- (3) Introduced in §2.1.2 of [AFR18] is the ∞ -category $\text{cVect}^{\text{inj}}$. An object in $\text{cVect}^{\text{inj}}$ is a finite-dimensional \mathbb{R} -vector space; the space of morphisms from V to W is the Stiefel space of injections from V to W .
- (4) Constructed in §2.1.3&2.1.4 of [AFR18] is a functor $\text{cExit} \xrightarrow{\tau} \text{cVect}^{\text{inj}}$. Its value on $x \in \text{Exit}(X)$ is the \mathbb{R} -vector space $\mathbb{T}_x X$, which is the tangent space at x of the stratum of X in which $x \in X$ belongs. More generally, for $X \rightarrow K$ a proper constructible bundle, the resulting composite functor $\text{Exit}(X) \rightarrow \text{cExit} \xrightarrow{\tau} \text{cVect}^{\text{inj}}$ evaluates on $x \in \text{Exit}(X)$ as the vertical tangent space $\mathbb{T}_x^{\text{fib}} X$ at x of the constructible bundle $X \rightarrow K$.
- (5) Defined in §2.4 of [AFR18] is the ∞ -category

$$\text{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}} ,$$

which is characterized by declaring, for K a stratified space, a the datum of a functor $\text{Exit}(K) \rightarrow \text{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ to be that of a proper constructible bundle $X \rightarrow K$ equipped with a (*fiberwise*) **solid 1-framing**, which is a lift

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \text{cVect}_{\mathbb{R}^1}^{\text{inj}} \\ & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \downarrow \text{forget} \\ \text{Exit}(X) & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}_x^{\text{fib}} X} & \text{cVect}^{\text{inj}} \end{array} .$$

Forgetting the solid 1-framing defines a functor

$$\text{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}} \longrightarrow \text{cBun} .$$

So, an object $M \in \text{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$, termed a **solidly 1-framed stratified space**, is a compact stratified space X equipped with an injection $\mathbb{T}_x X \xrightarrow{\varphi} \mathbb{R}^n$ for each $x \in X$ compatibly. In particular, for $M = (X, \varphi) \in \text{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ an object, the dimension of each stratum of X is bounded above by 1. Consequently, an object in $\text{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ is a finite disjoint union of oriented connected graphs and oriented circles.

The ∞ -category $\text{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ admits finite products, which are given by disjoint unions of solidly 1-framed stratified spaces. Keeping with Notation 3.4.6, for $M, N \in \text{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$, we denote their categorical product in $\text{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ as $M \sqcup N \in \text{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$.

- (6) Constructed in §1.4 of [AFR19] are surjective monomorphisms between ∞ -categories,

$$\text{Cylr} : (\text{cStrat}^{\text{p.cbl}})^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{cBun} \longleftarrow \text{cStrat}^{\text{ref}} : \text{Cylo} ,$$

where $\text{cStrat}^{\text{p.cbl}}$ is an ∞ -category in which an object is a compact stratified space and a morphism is a proper constructible bundle, and where $\text{cStrat}^{\text{ref}}$ is an ∞ -category in which an object is a compact stratified space and a morphism is a refinement. Base-change of these monomorphisms along the forgetful functor $\text{cMfd}_n^{\text{sfr}} \rightarrow \text{cBun}$ define ∞ -subcategories

$$\text{cMfd}_n^{\text{sfr,cls}} , \text{cMfd}_n^{\text{sfr,cr}} \subset \text{cMfd}_n^{\text{sfr,cls,cr}} \subset \text{cMfd}_n^{\text{sfr}} \supset \text{cMfd}_n^{\text{sfr,ref}}$$

consisting, respectively, of the images under Cylr of the proper constructible embeddings, of the surjective proper constructible bundles, of the proper constructible bundles, and the image under Cylo of the refinements.

- (7) Introduced in §3.4 of [AFR18] is the notion of a **closed cover**, which is a diagram in \mathbf{cBun} that is the image under Cylr of (the opposite of) a finite colimit diagram in $\mathbf{cStrat}^{\text{p.emb}} \subset \mathbf{cStrat}^{\text{p.cbl}}$, the ∞ -subcategory of proper constructible embeddings. A **closed cover** in $\mathbf{cMfd}_n^{\text{sfr}}$ is a diagram that lies over a closed cover in \mathbf{cBun} . Closed covers are, in particular, limit diagrams.
- (8) Defined in §3.5 of [AFR18] is the full ∞ -subcategory

$$\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}} \subset \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}} ,$$

which is the smallest full ∞ -subcategory that is closed under the formation of closed covers and that contains the closed disks \mathbb{D}^0 and \mathbb{D}^1 as they are endowed with their standard solid 1-framings. In particular, an object in $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ is a finite oriented graph. Consequently, $\text{Exit}(D)$ is a finite poset of depth 1. For each object $D \in \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$, assigning to each point $d \in D$ the closure \overline{D}_d of the stratum in D containing $d \in D$ defines a functor

$$\text{Exit}(D)^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow (\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}})^{D/} , \quad (d \in D) \mapsto (D \xrightarrow{\text{cls}} \overline{D}_d) . \quad (\text{B.1.1})$$

The adjoint of this functor $(\text{Exit}(D)^{\text{op}})^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ is a closed cover of D . Lastly, contractibility of the space $\text{Aut}_{\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}}(\mathbb{D}^1) \simeq \text{Diff}^{\text{fr}}(\mathbb{D}^1)$ ultimately implies $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ is an ordinary category.

- (9) Constructed in §3.8 of [AFR18] is the **cellular realization** functor

$$\langle - \rangle : \mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}} ,$$

whose value on $[p]$ is \mathbb{D}^0 if $p = 0$ and is \mathbb{D}^1 if $p = 1$ and for $p > 1$ is a refinement of \mathbb{D}^1 with a total of $p + 1$ 0-dimensional strata two of which are the boundary points. Lemma 3.51 of [AFR18] proves that the cellular realization functor $\langle - \rangle$ is fully faithful, and carries (the opposites of) Segal diagrams to closed covers.

Consider the restricted Yoneda functor along $\langle - \rangle$:

$$(\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}})^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{PShv}(\mathbf{\Delta}) , \quad D \longmapsto \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}}(D, \langle - \rangle) .$$

The above implies this functor is fully faithful, and factors through $\text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)} \subset \text{PShv}(\mathbf{\Delta})$,

$$\mathfrak{C} : (\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}})^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)} ,$$

such that the diagram among ∞ -categories

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{\Delta} & & \\ \langle - \rangle \downarrow & \searrow^{\text{standard}} & \\ (\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{con,sfr}})^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{C}} & \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)} \end{array} \quad (\text{B.1.2})$$

canonically commutes.

- (10) **Factorization homology** is defined in §4.3 of [AFR18] as the composite functor

$$\int' : \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)} \xrightarrow{\langle - \rangle_*} \text{Fun}(\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}, \mathcal{S}) \xrightarrow{\iota} \text{Fun}(\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}, \mathcal{S}) , \quad \mathfrak{C} \longmapsto (M \mapsto \int'_M \mathfrak{C}) ,$$

given by is right Kan extension along the cellular realization functor $\langle - \rangle$ followed by left Kan extension along the fully faithful inclusion $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}} \xrightarrow{\iota} \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$. Explicitly, for \mathfrak{C} an

$(\infty, 1)$ -category, and for M a solidly 1-framed stratified space, the factorization homology of \mathcal{C} over M is the colimit

$$\int'_M \mathcal{C} \simeq \operatorname{colim} \left(\mathbf{cDisk}_{1/M}^{\operatorname{sfr}} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{forget}} \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\operatorname{sfr}} \xrightarrow{D \mapsto \operatorname{Hom}_{\operatorname{Cat}(\infty, 1)}(\mathbf{c}(D), \mathbf{c})} \mathcal{S} \right).$$

Notation B.1.1. In [AFR18], factorization homology is simply denoted as $\int_M \mathcal{C}$, without the $'$. In this section, we use the notation $\int'_M \mathcal{C}$ for geometric factorization homology defined in [AFR18] in effort to distinguish it from the combinatorial version of factorization homology (Definition 4.1.1) defined in the body of this work. The main theorem of this section (Theorem B.3.7) articulates a precise sense in which that these two versions of factorization homology agree. Therefore, this notation $\int'_M \mathcal{C}$, in place of $\int_M \mathcal{C}$, can be understood as temporary.

Definition B.1.2. Let $M \in \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\operatorname{sfr}}$ be a solidly 1-framed stratified space. The full ∞ -subcategory

$$\mathbf{Disk}(M) \subseteq \mathbf{cDisk}_{1/M}^{\operatorname{sfr}} := \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\operatorname{sfr}} \times_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\operatorname{sfr}}} \mathbf{cMfd}_{1/M}^{\operatorname{sfr}}$$

consists of those objects $(D \rightarrow M)$ that are refinements.

We record a technical result concerning the ∞ -category $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\operatorname{sfr}}$.

Lemma B.1.3. *For each object $M \in \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\operatorname{sfr}}$, the canonical functor*

$$\mathbf{Disk}(M) \longrightarrow \mathbf{cDisk}_{1/M}^{\operatorname{sfr}}$$

is final.

Proof. We first reduce to the case in which M is connected. Suppose $M \cong M_- \sqcup M_+$ is a product in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\operatorname{sfr}}$. Taking products in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\operatorname{sfr}}$ defines the bottom horizontal functor in the solid diagram among ∞ -categories:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{cDisk}_1(M_-) \times \mathbf{cDisk}_1(M_+) & \dashrightarrow & \mathbf{cDisk}_1(M_- \sqcup M_+) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathbf{cDisk}_{1/M_-}^{\operatorname{sfr}} \times \mathbf{cDisk}_{1/M_+}^{\operatorname{sfr}} & \xrightarrow{\sqcup} & \mathbf{cDisk}_{1/M_- \sqcup M_+}^{\operatorname{sfr}} \end{array}.$$

Refinement morphisms in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\operatorname{sfr}}$ are refinement morphisms of underlying stratified spaces. Products in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\operatorname{sfr}}$ are disjoint unions of underlying stratified spaces. So products of refinement morphisms are again refinement morphisms. This observation supplies the filler, which is necessarily unique, in the above diagram among ∞ -categories. Now, for $(D \xrightarrow{\operatorname{ref}} M_- \sqcup M_+) \in \mathbf{cDisk}_1(M_- \sqcup M_+)$, consider the active factors $(D_{\pm} \rightarrow M_{\pm})$ of the composites $D \xrightarrow{\operatorname{ref}} M_- \sqcup M_+ \xrightarrow{\operatorname{pr}} M_{\pm}$. In terms of stratified spaces, $D_{\pm} = (M_- \sqcup M_+) \cap M_{\pm}$ is the intersection of the refinement D of $M_- \sqcup M_+$ with the union of components $M_{\pm} \subseteq M_- \sqcup M_+$. In particular, the active morphisms $(D_{\pm} \rightarrow M_{\pm})$ are, in fact, refinements. The assignment $(D \rightarrow M_- \sqcup M_+) \mapsto ((D_- \rightarrow M_-), (D_+ \rightarrow M_+))$ is an inverse to the top horizontal dashed functor above. In particular, the top horizontal functor is final. Next, because $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\operatorname{sfr}}$ has finite products, the bottom horizontal functor is a right adjoint. Therefore, finality of the left vertical functor implies finality of the right vertical functor. Using that every object in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\operatorname{sfr}}$ is a finite product of connected objects, the lemma is implied by its case in which M is connected.

So assume M is connected. Then $M \in \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\operatorname{sfr}}$ or $M = \mathbb{S}^1$. In the former case, the identity morphism determines a final object in both $\mathbf{Disk}(M)$ and $\mathbf{cDisk}_{1/M}^{\operatorname{sfr}}$, which is preserved by the inclusion. Thus, it remains to consider the case that $M = \mathbb{S}^1$.

Now by Quillen's Theorem A, it suffices to show that for any object $(D \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1) \in \mathbf{cDisk}_{1/\mathbb{S}^1}^{\text{sfr}}$, the ∞ -groupoid completion of the ∞ -category

$$\mathbf{cDisk}_1(\mathbb{S}^1) \times_{\mathbf{cDisk}_{1/\mathbb{S}^1}^{\text{sfr}}} (\mathbf{cDisk}_{1/\mathbb{S}^1}^{\text{sfr}})^{(D \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1)}/ \quad (\text{B.1.3})$$

of factorizations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{S}^1 \\ & \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} & \nearrow \text{ref} \\ & & D' \end{array} \quad (\text{B.1.4})$$

(where $D' \in \mathcal{D}$) is contractible. Observe that in diagram (B.1.4), the closed-active factorization of the downwards morphism $D \rightarrow D'$ must compose to the closed-active factorization $D \xrightarrow{\text{cls}} D_0 \xrightarrow{\text{act}} \mathbb{S}^1$ of the (chosen) horizontal morphism, since such factorizations are unique. So taking closed-active factorizations defines an equivalence between the category (B.1.3) and the category

$$\mathbf{cDisk}_1(\mathbb{S}^1) \times_{\mathbf{cDisk}_{1/\mathbb{S}^1}^{\text{sfr}}} (\mathbf{cDisk}_{1/\mathbb{S}^1}^{\text{sfr}})^{(D_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1)}/^{\text{act}} \quad (\text{B.1.5})$$

of factorizations

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{S}^1 \\ \text{cls} \downarrow & \nearrow \text{act} & \nearrow \text{ref} \\ D_0 & \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{act} & D' \end{array}$$

(where $D' \in \mathcal{D}$). Thus, it suffices to show that the groupoid completion of the category (B.1.5) is contractible.

To check that the groupoid completion $|(\text{B.1.5})|$ is contractible, it suffices to check that its homotopy groups vanish, and for this it suffices to show that any map to it from a sphere is freely nullhomotopic. We check this using the theory of stratified spaces.

Observe first that any map

$$S^{d-1} \longrightarrow |(\text{B.1.5})| \quad (\text{B.1.6})$$

of ∞ -groupoids is represented by a functor

$$\text{Exit}(S^{d-1}) \xrightarrow{\tilde{X}} (\text{B.1.5})$$

of ∞ -categories, where we abuse notation by also writing S^{d-1} for the $(d-1)$ -sphere (thought of as a manifold) equipped with some stratification (e.g. a triangulation). There exists a unique extension of this stratification of S^{d-1} to a stratification of D^d in which the interior is a single stratum; we likewise abuse notation by simply denoting this again by D^d .

Now, observe that the stratified space $\mathbf{C}(D^d)$ – the cone on D^d – has the property that $\text{Exit}(\mathbf{C}(D^d)) \simeq \text{Exit}(S^{d-1})^{\triangleleft}$: the cone point over D^d corresponds to the left cone point, while the interior of the disk corresponds to the right cone point. Hence, the functor \tilde{X} is equivalent data to a functor

$$\text{Exit}(\mathbf{C}(D^d)) \simeq \text{Exit}(S^{d-1})^{\triangleleft} \longrightarrow \mathcal{M},$$

equipped with certain additional structures and satisfying certain conditions, which amount to the following on the corresponding proper constructible bundle $X \downarrow \mathbf{C}(D^d)$:

- its fiber over the cone point is identified with D ,
- its fiber over the interior of D^d is identified with \mathbb{S}^1 ,
- its restriction to any exiting path starting at the cone point is an active morphism, and
- its restriction to any exiting path from S^{d-1} to the interior of D^d is a refinement morphism.

We will use this proper constructible bundle to construct a nullhomotopy of the original map (B.1.6).

So, consider the link $\text{Link}_D(X)$ of D in X ; this admits a composite proper constructible bundle map

$$\text{Link}_D(X) \longrightarrow D \times X|_{D^d} \longrightarrow D \times D^d .$$

We then form the “ D^d -parametrized reversed cylinder” of this map, namely the pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D \times D^d & \longrightarrow & \text{Cylr}(D \times D^d \longleftarrow \text{Link}_D(X)) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ D & \longrightarrow & Y \end{array} \quad (\text{B.1.7})$$

of stratified spaces, where the upper map is the injective constructible bundle given by the inclusion of the fiber over $\Delta^{\{0\}} \subset \Delta^1$ and the left map is the projection. By construction, the pushout square (B.1.7) maps to the defining pushout square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta^{\{0\}} \times D^d & \longrightarrow & \Delta^1 \times D^d \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Delta^{\{0\}} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{C}(D^d) \end{array}$$

by proper constructible bundles, and hence in particular we obtain a proper constructible bundle map $Y \downarrow \mathbf{C}(D^d)$. Also by construction, we see that Y comes equipped with a canonical morphism $Y \rightarrow X$ of proper constructible bundles over $\mathbf{C}(D^d)$; unwinding the definitions, we see that the natural transformation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & Y & \\ \text{Exit}(\mathbf{C}(D^d)) & \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ \downarrow \\ \curvearrowleft \end{array} & \mathcal{M} \\ & X & \end{array}$$

that this classifies determines a natural transformation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \tilde{Y} & \\ \text{Exit}(S^{d-1}) & \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ \downarrow \\ \curvearrowleft \end{array} & (\text{B.1.5}) \\ & \tilde{X} & \end{array}$$

to our originally chosen functor \tilde{X} representing our chosen map (B.1.6).

We complete the proof by constructing a nullhomotopy of the map $S^{d-1} \xrightarrow{|\tilde{Y}|} |(\text{B.1.5})|$ of spaces. For this, observe first that the map $\text{Link}_D(X) \rightarrow X|_{D^d}$ of stratified spaces is a refinement, so that the map $Y \rightarrow X$ is as well. We take the open cylinder $\text{Cylo}(Y \rightarrow X)$ of the latter, and then take the pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D \times \Delta^1 & \longrightarrow & \text{Cylo}(Y \rightarrow X) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ D & \longrightarrow & Z \end{array} \quad (\text{B.1.8})$$

of stratified spaces, where the upper map is the inclusion of the fiber over $\Delta^{\{0\}} \times \Delta^1$ (where $\Delta^{\{0\}} \subset \mathbf{C}(D^d)$ denotes the cone point) and the left map is the projection. By construction, the

pushout square (B.1.8) maps to the pushout square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Delta^{\{0\}} \times \Delta^1 & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{C}(D^d) \times \Delta^1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \Delta^{\{0\}} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{C}(D^d \times \Delta^1) \end{array}$$

by proper constructible bundles, and hence in particular we obtain a proper constructible bundle map $Z \downarrow \mathbb{C}(D^d \times \Delta^1)$, which is classified by a functor

$$\text{Exit}(\mathbb{C}(D^d \times \Delta^1)) \longrightarrow \mathcal{M} . \quad (\text{B.1.9})$$

We now construct three maps $\mathbb{C}(D^d) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}(D^d \times \Delta^1)$ of stratified spaces:

- we write i_0 for the inclusion of $\mathbb{C}(D^d \times \Delta^{\{0\}})$,
- we write i_1 for any map that carries the interior to the interior, and whose restriction to $\mathbb{C}(S^{d-1}) \subset \mathbb{C}(D^d)$ is the composite map

$$\mathbb{C}(S^{d-1}) \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}(\mathbb{D}^0) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{C}(p)} \mathbb{C}(D^d \times \Delta^1)$$

in which $\mathbb{D}^0 \xrightarrow{p} D^d \times \Delta^1$ selects an interior point, and

- we write i for any inclusion which extends the inclusion of $\mathbb{C}(S^{d-1} \times \Delta^{\{0\}})$ and takes the interior of D^d into the interior of $\mathbb{C}(D^d \times \Delta^1)$.

On exit-path ∞ -categories, these evidently participate in a diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{Exit}(i_1) & \\ \uparrow & \text{Exit}(i_0) & \downarrow \\ \text{Exit}(\mathbb{C}(D^d)) & \longrightarrow & \text{Exit}(\mathbb{C}(D^d \times \Delta^1)) \\ \downarrow & & \uparrow \\ & \text{Exit}(i) & \end{array}$$

of natural transformations; unwinding the definitions, we see that this precomposes with the functor (B.1.9) to determine a span of diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \uparrow & \\ \text{Exit}(S^{d-1}) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{Y}} & (\text{B.1.5}) \\ & \downarrow & \\ & \tilde{X} & \end{array}$$

in which the upper functor is constant. This completes the proof. □

Lemma B.1.4. *There is a canonical identification between continuous monoids:*

$$\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\cong} \text{End}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}}(\mathbb{S}^1) . \quad (\text{B.1.10})$$

Proof. The underlying stratified space of $\mathbb{S}^1 \in \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ has a single stratum, which has dimension 1. It follows that each endomorphism $\mathbb{S}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$ in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ is a closed-creation morphism. By definition of closed-creation morphisms, this is to say that the continuous monoid $\text{End}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}}(\mathbb{S}^1)$ is the opposite of that of framed proper fiber bundle maps $\mathbb{S}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$ and composition between such. This latter

monoid is evidently equivalent with that of oriented self-covering maps of \mathbb{S}^1 . Reporting the degree of a self-covering map thusly defines a morphism between continuous monoids:

$$\text{degree: } \text{End}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}}(\mathbb{S}^1) \longrightarrow \mathbb{N}^\times . \quad (\text{B.1.11})$$

For $r \in \mathbb{N}^\times$, the fiber over r is thusly identified as the space $\text{Cov}_r^{\text{or}}(\mathbb{S}^1, \mathbb{S}^1)$ of degree r oriented self-covers of \mathbb{S}^1 . Precomposing by oriented diffeomorphisms, $\text{Diff}^{\text{or}}(\mathbb{S}^1)^{\text{op}} \curvearrowright \text{Cov}^r(\mathbb{S}^1, \mathbb{S}^1)$, is as a torsor.

Now, the morphism (B.1.11) between continuous monoids admits a standard section: its value on $r \in \mathbb{N}^\times$ is the self-cover $\mathbb{S}^1 \xrightarrow{z \mapsto z^r} \mathbb{S}^1$. Together with the rotation action $\mathbb{T} \curvearrowright \mathbb{S}^1$, the section extends as a morphism between continuous monoids

$$\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} := \mathbb{N}^\times \rtimes \mathbb{T} \longrightarrow \text{End}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}}(\mathbb{S}^1) \quad (\text{B.1.12})$$

over \mathbb{N}^\times . For $r \in \mathbb{N}^\times$, the fibers of this morphism over r is the map between spaces

$$\mathbb{T} \longrightarrow \text{Cov}_r^{\text{or}}(\mathbb{S}^1, \mathbb{S}^1)$$

selecting the \mathbb{T} -orbit (via precomposition) of the rotation action on the domain \mathbb{S}^1 . Such rotation action defines a map $\mathbb{T} \rightarrow \text{Diff}^{\text{or}}(\mathbb{S}^1)$. It is routine to verify that this map is an equivalence. It follows that the map (B.1.12) is an equivalence between continuous monoids. \square

B.2. Comparing $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ and Quiv. The cellular realization functor $\mathbf{\Delta}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\langle - \rangle} \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ restricts as a functor $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\langle - \rangle} \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}}$. Using §B.1(8), together with compactness of objects in $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$, the associated restricted Yoneda functor factors through presheaves of finite sets:

$$(\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}})^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \subset \text{PShv}(\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1}) , \quad D \mapsto \Gamma_D := \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}}}(D, \langle [\bullet] \rangle) . \quad (\text{B.2.1})$$

Lemma B.2.1. *The functor (B.2.1) is an equivalence between categories. In particular, it carries (the opposites of) closed cover diagrams to colimit diagrams.*

Proof. Right away, observe that the composite functor $\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1} \xrightarrow{\langle - \rangle} (\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{(\text{B.2.1})} \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$ is identical with the Yoneda functor. Therefore, for each $\Gamma \in \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$, the canonical functor

$$((\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1})_{/\Gamma_D})^\triangleright \longrightarrow \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \quad (\text{B.2.2})$$

is a colimit diagram.

Let $D \in \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}}$. Consider the functor

$$\text{Exit}(D) \longrightarrow (\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1})_{/\Gamma_D} \quad (\text{B.2.3})$$

that is uniquely determined by declaring its value on the object $d \in \text{Exit}(D)$ to be the canonical closed morphism from D to the closure of the stratum in which $d \in D$ belongs, post-composed with the unique isomorphism

$$D \xrightarrow{\text{cls}} \overline{D_d} \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{D}^i = \langle [i] \rangle .$$

Observe that the functor (B.2.3) is fully faithful, with image consisting of those closed-creation morphisms $D \rightarrow \langle [i] \rangle$ that are, in fact, closed morphisms. In particular, the functor (B.2.3) is final. Next, notice that the functor (B.2.3) canonically fills the commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Exit}(D)^\triangleright & \xrightarrow{(\text{B.2.3})} & ((\mathbf{\Delta}_{\leq 1})_{/\Gamma_D})^\triangleright \\ \text{(B.1.1)} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{(B.2.2)} \\ (\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}})^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{(\text{B.2.1})} & \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \end{array} .$$

By way of §B.1(9), it follows that the functor (B.2.1) the (opposite of the) limit diagram $(\text{Exit}(D))^{\text{op}} \leftarrow \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}}$ to a colimit diagram.

We now prove the functor (B.2.1) is fully faithful. Let $D, E \in \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}}$. We must prove the map between sets,

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}}}(D, E) \xrightarrow{(B.2.1)} \text{Hom}_{\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}}(\Gamma_E, \Gamma_D), \quad (B.2.4)$$

is a bijection. Via the functor $\text{Exit}(E)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}})^{\text{op}}$ of §B.1(9), this map fits into a commutative diagram among sets

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}}}(D, E) & \xrightarrow{(B.2.1)} & \text{Hom}_{\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}}(\Gamma_E, \Gamma_D) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \lim_{e \in \text{Exit}(E)} \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}}}(D, \overline{E}_e) & \xrightarrow{(B.2.1)} & \lim_{e \in \text{Exit}(E)} \text{Hom}_{\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}}(\Gamma_{\overline{E}_e}, \Gamma_D) \end{array}$$

Because $\text{Exit}(E)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow (\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}})^{\text{op}}$ is a colimit diagram, the left vertical map is a bijection. Established at the start of this proof is that the right vertical map is a bijection as well. Therefore, the upper horizontal map is a bijection if and only if the lower horizontal map is a bijection. For each $e \in \text{Exit}(E)$, there is an isomorphism $\overline{E}_e \cong \mathbb{D}^i \cong \langle [i] \rangle$ for $i = 0, 1$. Therefore, the lower horizontal map is a bijection provided the map (B.2.4) is a bijection in the cases that $E \cong \langle [i] \rangle$ for $i = 0, 1$. In the case that $E \cong \langle [i] \rangle$, bijectivity of (B.2.4) is an instance of the Yoneda lemma.

We now prove the functor (B.2.1) is surjective on objects, which will complete this proof. Let $\Gamma \in \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$ be a finite directed graph. Its geometric realization $|\Gamma|$ is equipped with the structure of a 1-dimensional CW complex. Regard $|\Gamma|$ as a stratified space, in which a 0-dimensional stratum is a 0-cell of this CW structure, and a 1-dimensional stratum is the interior of a 1-cell. The direction of the edges of Γ supplies this stratified space with the structure of a solid 1-framing. In this way, we regard $|\Gamma|$ as a solidly 1-framed stratified space: $|\Gamma| \in \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$. Furthermore, as each stratum is a Euclidean space, $|\Gamma| \in \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}} \subset \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$. Consider the morphism $\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma_{|\Gamma|}$ in $\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$ given as follows. It is the natural transformation $\Gamma(\bullet) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}}}(|\Gamma|, \langle [\bullet] \rangle)$ whose value on a vertex $v \in \Gamma([0])$ is the canonical closed morphism $|\Gamma| \xrightarrow{\text{cls}} \{v\} \cong \langle [0] \rangle$, and whose value on a (possibly degenerate) edge $e \in \Gamma([1])$ is the canonical closed-creation morphism $|\Gamma| \xrightarrow{\text{cls.cr}} \overline{|\Gamma|}_e \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathbb{D}^1 \cong \langle [1] \rangle$. By inspection, this morphism $\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma_{|\Gamma|}$ in $\text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}}$ is an isomorphism. Therefore, the functor (B.2.1) is surjective on objects. \square

Lemma B.2.2. *The diagram among ∞ -categories*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}})^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\text{inclusion}} & (\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}})^{\text{op}} \\ (B.2.1) \downarrow & & \downarrow \mathfrak{C} \\ \text{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} & \xrightarrow{\text{Free}} & \text{Cat}_{(\infty,1)} \end{array}$$

canonically commutes. In particular, for $D \in \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$, the value $\mathfrak{C}(D) \simeq \text{Free}(\Gamma_D)$ is the free category on the finite directed graph Γ_D .

Proof. Consider the natural transformation $(B.2.1) \rightarrow (\mathfrak{C} \circ \text{inclusion})_{|\Delta_{\leq 1}^{\text{op}}}$ between functors from $(\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}})^{\text{op}}$ to $\text{PShv}(\Delta_{\leq 1}^{\text{op}})$ given by the canonical monomorphism

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}}}\left(-, \langle [\bullet] \rangle\right) \hookrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}}\left(-, \langle [\bullet] \rangle\right).$$

By definition of \mathfrak{C} , and using that \mathbf{Free} is (the restriction of) a left adjoint, this supplies a natural transformation $\mathbf{Free} \circ (\text{B.2.1}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{C} \circ \text{inclusion}$. We will show it is by equivalences in $\mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$.

Let $D \in \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls,cr,sfr}}$. Using that the functor $\mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{PShv}(\Delta) \xrightarrow{\text{restriction}} \mathbf{PShv}(\Delta_{\leq 1})$ is conservative, we need only show the map between spaces

$$\mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}}([p], \mathbf{Free}(\Gamma_D)) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}}([p], \mathfrak{C}(D)) := \mathbf{Hom}_{\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}}(D, \langle [p] \rangle) \quad (\text{B.2.5})$$

is an equivalence for $p = 0, 1$. Note that every morphism $D \rightarrow \mathbb{D}^0 = \langle [0] \rangle$ is a closed morphism, which is Cylr applied to an inclusion $\mathbb{D}^0 \hookrightarrow D$ of a 0-dimensional stratum of D . This, together with inspection of the space of objects of the values of \mathbf{Free} from Corollary 1.2.10, reveals that this map (B.2.5) is an equivalence in the case that $p = 0$.

It remains to show (B.2.5) is an equivalence in the case that $p = 1$. Note that $\langle [1] \rangle = \mathbb{D}^1$ is the solidly 1-framed 1-disk. Let $D \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{D}^1$ be a morphism in $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$. Given the $p = 0$ case above, we can assume this morphism does not factor through $\mathbb{D}^0 \xrightarrow{!} \mathbb{D}^1$, the unique morphism from the 0-disk. By inspection of the spaces of morphisms of the values of \mathbf{Free} from Corollary 1.2.10, we must show the following:

Claim. The morphism f uniquely factors

$$D \xrightarrow{\text{Cylr}(\pi)} L \xrightarrow{\text{Cylo}(\gamma)} \mathbb{D}^1$$

in $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ in which $L \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathbb{D}^1$ is a solidly 1-framed refinement map between solidly 1-framed stratified spaces and $D \xleftarrow{\pi} L$ is a solidly 1-framed proper constructible bundle map between solidly 1-framed stratified spaces with the property that π carries 1-dimensional strata to 1-dimensional strata.

We first establish the existence of such a factorization. By definition of the ∞ -category $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$, the morphism f is represented by a proper constructible bundle $X \rightarrow \Delta^1$ equipped with a fiberwise solid 1-framing, together with identifications as solidly 1-framed stratified spaces of the fibers: $D \cong X_{|\Delta^1\{0\}}$ and $\mathbb{D}^1 \cong X_{|\Delta^1\{1\}}$. Consider the link $L' := \text{Link}_{X_{|\Delta^1\{0\}}}(X)$. By construction, it fits into a span among stratified spaces

$$D \cong X_{|\Delta^1\{0\}} \xleftarrow{\pi'} L' \xrightarrow{\gamma'} X_{|\Delta^1\{1\}} \cong \mathbb{D}^1,$$

in which γ' is a refinement map and π' is a proper constructible bundle map. Consider the solid 1-framing on L' pulled back along γ' from the given solid 1-framing of \mathbb{D}^1 . The fiberwise solid 1-framing on $X \rightarrow \Delta^1$ supplies a solid 1-framing structure on π' , which is to say an identification, for each 1-dimensional stratum $D_\alpha \subset D$, of the solid 1-framing pulled back along π' from D_α to that on each (necessarily 1-dimensional) stratum of L' over D_α . Next, consider the stratified space $L := L'/\sim$ obtained from L' by collapsing each connected component of a preimage by π' of a 0-dimensional stratum in D . By construction, L inherits a solid 1-framing from that of L' . Also, there remains a refinement morphism $L \xrightarrow{\gamma} \mathbb{D}^1$ and the map π' factors through L as a proper constructible bundle: $\pi': L' \xrightarrow{\text{quotient}} L \xrightarrow{\pi} D$, both of which retain the structure of being solidly 1-framed. This supplies the existence of the sought factorization.

It remains to establish the uniqueness of such a factorization. Let $D \xrightarrow{x} K \xrightarrow{y} \mathbb{D}^1$ be another such factorization. We must show there is a unique isomorphism $K \xrightarrow{h} L$ together with identifications $h \circ x \simeq \text{Cylr}(\pi)$ and $y \simeq \text{Cylo}(\gamma) \circ h$. Because $\Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\langle - \rangle} \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ is fully faithful, and Δ^{op} is gaunt, if such an isomorphism h exists then it is unique. Because $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ is an ordinary category, if such identifications $h \circ x \simeq \text{Cylr}(\pi)$ and $y \simeq \text{Cylo}(\gamma) \circ h$ exist then they are unique.

Now, the origin $0 \in \mathbb{D}^1$ can be regarded as an object $0 \in \text{Exit}(\mathbb{D}^1) \simeq \text{Exit}(X_{|\Delta^1\{1\}}) \subset \text{Exit}(X)$ in the exit-path ∞ -category of the total space of the proper constructible bundle $X \rightarrow \Delta^1$ underlying

the given morphism f . With respect to the fully faithful functor $\text{Exit}(D) \simeq \text{Exit}(X_{|\Delta_{\{0\}}}) \hookrightarrow \text{Exit}(X)$, consider the ∞ -overcategory $\text{Exit}(D)_{/0}$. The conditions on each of the factorizations $D \xrightarrow{x} K \xrightarrow{y} \mathbb{D}^1$ and $D \xrightarrow{\text{Cylr}(\pi)} L \xrightarrow{\text{Cylo}(\gamma)} \mathbb{D}^1$ are such that each of the resulting canonical functors over $\text{Exit}(D)$,

$$\text{Exit}(\langle [q] \rangle) \simeq \text{Exit}(K) \longrightarrow \text{Exit}(D)_{/0} \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Exit}(\langle [p] \rangle) \simeq \text{Exit}(L) \longrightarrow \text{Exit}(D)_{/0} ,$$

are equivalences. Consequently, $p = q$. Because the cellular realization functor $\Delta^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\langle - \rangle} \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ is fully faithful, there exists a unique isomorphism $K \xrightarrow{h} L$ in $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$, which lies over \mathbb{D}^1 (ie, $y = \text{Cylo}(\gamma) \circ h$). Finally, because the equivalences $\text{Exit}(K) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{Exit}(D)_{/0} \xleftarrow{\simeq} \text{Exit}(L)$ lie over $\text{Exit}(D)$, it follows from Lemma B.2.1 that $h \circ x = \text{Cylr}(\pi)$. \square

Corollary B.2.3. *The functor $(\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{c}} \mathbf{fCat}_{(\infty,1)}$ carries (the opposites of) closed covers to colimit diagrams.*

Proof. Observe that the functor (B.2.1) carries (the opposites of) closed covers to pushouts in $\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \subset \mathbf{PShv}(\Delta_{\leq 1})$. The result follows from the fact that the functor \mathbf{Free} , being a left adjoint, preserves colimits. \square

Proposition B.2.4. *There is a canonical identification*

$$\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}}$$

between $(\infty, 1)$ -categories under Δ^{op} .

Proof. By Definition 1.2.3, the ∞ -category $\mathbf{Quiv} \subset \mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$ is a full ∞ -subcategory on the image of the functor $\mathbf{diGraphs}^{\text{fin}} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{Free}} \mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$. By definition, the inclusion $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{cls.cr.sfr}} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ is surjective on objects. Therefore, Lemma B.2.2 implies \mathbf{Quiv} is precisely the full ∞ -subcategory of $\mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$ on the image of the functor $(\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{c}} \mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$. This supplies a functor,

$$\mathfrak{c}: \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Quiv}^{\text{op}} ,$$

which is surjective on objects. Observation 1.2.7 and commutativity of (B.1.2) together imply this functor is canonically under Δ^{op} . So the proof is complete upon showing this functor $(\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}})^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{c}} \mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}$ is fully faithful.

So let $D, E \in \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$. We seek to show the map

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}}(D, E) \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{c}} \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}}(\mathfrak{c}(E), \mathfrak{c}(D)) \tag{B.2.6}$$

is an equivalence between spaces. Using the limit diagram $\mathbf{E}(E) \rightarrow (\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}})^{E/}$ of (B.1.1), this map (B.2.6) fits into a commutative diagram among spaces:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}}(D, E) & \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{c}} & \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}}(\mathfrak{c}(E), \mathfrak{c}(D)) \\ \text{(B.1.1)} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \lim_{e \in \mathbf{Exit}(E)^{\text{op}}} \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}}(D, \overline{E}_e) & \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{c}} & \lim_{e \in \mathbf{Exit}(E)^{\text{op}}} \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}}(\mathfrak{c}(\overline{E}_e), \mathfrak{c}(D)) \end{array} .$$

Because closed covers in $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ are, in particular, limit diagrams, the vertical map on the left is an equivalence. Through Corollary B.2.3, the fact that the diagram (B.1.1) is a limit diagram also implies the vertical map on the right is an equivalence. Therefore, because each value of the diagram $\mathbf{E}(E) \rightarrow (\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}})^{E/}$ of (B.1.1) is $\langle [p] \rangle$ for $p = 0$ or $p = 1$, the horizontal map on the top is an equivalence provided it is in the case that $E \simeq \langle [p] \rangle$ for some $p \geq 0$.

So let $p \geq 0$ and assume $E = \langle [p] \rangle$. In this case, the map (B.2.6) is identical with the map

$$\mathfrak{C}(D)([p]) := \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{D}\mathrm{isk}_1^{\mathrm{sfr}}}(D, \langle [p] \rangle) \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{C}} \mathrm{Hom}_{\mathrm{Cat}_{(\infty,1)}}(\mathfrak{C}(\langle [p] \rangle), \mathfrak{C}(D)) .$$

An instance of the commutativity of the diagram of (B.1.2) implies this map is an equivalence, as desired. \square

Observation B.2.5. Through the equivalence of Proposition B.2.4, the opposite of the full ∞ -subcategory $\tilde{\mathbf{A}} \subset \mathrm{Quiv}$ of Observation 2.2.2 is identified with the full ∞ -subcategory of $\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{D}\mathrm{isk}_1^{\mathrm{sfr}}$ consisting of those objects whose underlying stratified space admits a refinement morphism to a circle.

B.3. Comparing $\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{sfr}}$ and \mathcal{M} . Consider the full ∞ -subcategories

$$\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{D}\mathrm{isk}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}} \subset \mathfrak{c}\mathcal{D}\mathrm{isk}_1^{\mathrm{sfr}} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}} \subset \mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{sfr}}$$

respectively consisting of those objects whose underlying stratified space is connected. Recall the full ∞ -subcategories $\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{con}} \subset \mathrm{Quiv}$ and $\mathcal{M}^{\mathrm{con}} \subset \mathcal{M}$ from Notation 3.2.1 and Definition 3.3.1/Observation 3.4.5. Note the factorizations:

$$\Delta \xrightarrow{\rho} \mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{con}} \subset \mathrm{Quiv} \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta^{\mathrm{op}} \xrightarrow{\langle - \rangle} \mathfrak{c}\mathcal{D}\mathrm{isk}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}} \subset \mathfrak{c}\mathcal{D}\mathrm{isk}_1^{\mathrm{sfr}} .$$

Proposition B.2.4 evidently restricts as an equivalence

$$\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{D}\mathrm{isk}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}} \xrightarrow{\simeq} (\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{con}})^{\mathrm{op}} \tag{B.3.1}$$

between ∞ -categories under Δ^{op} .

Consider the full ∞ -subcategory

$$\mathcal{A} := \mathrm{Ar}^{\mathrm{ref}}(\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}}) \Big|_{\mathfrak{B}\mathrm{End}_{\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}}}(\mathbb{S}^1)}^{\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{D}\mathrm{isk}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}}} \subset \mathrm{Ar}(\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}})$$

consisting of those arrows in $\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}}$ that are refinements to a circle from an object in $\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{D}\mathrm{isk}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}} \subset \mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}}$. Evaluation at source defines a functor

$$\mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{c}\mathcal{D}\mathrm{isk}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}} \tag{B.3.2}$$

to the full ∞ -subcategory $\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{D}\mathrm{isk}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}} \subset \mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}}$; evaluation at target defines a functor

$$\mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathfrak{B}\mathrm{End}_{\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}}}(\mathbb{S}^1) \tag{B.3.3}$$

to the full ∞ -subcategory of $\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}}$ consisting of the circle $\mathbb{S}^1 \in \mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}}$. The definition of the parametrized join as a colimit therefore supplies a canonical functor

$$\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{D}\mathrm{isk}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}} \star_{\mathcal{A}} \mathfrak{B}\mathrm{End}_{\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}}}(\mathbb{S}^1) \longrightarrow \mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}} . \tag{B.3.4}$$

Lemma B.3.1. *The functor (B.3.3) is a coCartesian fibration.*

Proof. To see that the functor (B.3.3) is a locally coCartesian fibration, we must show each solid diagram in $\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}}$,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \dashrightarrow & E \\ \mathrm{ref} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mathrm{ref} \\ \mathbb{S}^1 & \xrightarrow{\pi} & \mathbb{S}^1 \end{array} ,$$

admits an initial filler in which the vertical morphism on the right is a refinement, as indicated. Now, the endomorphism π is necessarily a closed-creation morphism. Via Definition 1.24 of [AFR18], the space of closed-creation morphisms $\mathbb{S}^1 \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$ in $\mathfrak{c}\mathcal{M}\mathrm{fd}_1^{\mathrm{con},\mathrm{sfr}}$ is canonically identified as the space of oriented covering maps $\mathbb{S}^1 \leftarrow \mathbb{S}^1$ (in fact, which reverses the source and target, as indicated). A

sought filler is then supplied via pullback of the downward disk-refinements along the covering map corresponding to π . The universal property of pullbacks implies this filler is initial among all such fillers. We conclude that (B.3.3) is a locally coCartesian fibration. Finally, because taking pullback is associative, such locally coCartesian morphisms are closed under composition. Therefore, the functor (B.3.3) is a coCartesian fibration, as asserted. \square

Lemma B.3.2. *The functor (B.3.4) is an equivalence between ∞ -categories.*

Proof. Observe that each object in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}}$ is either equivalent with \mathbb{S}^1 or an object in $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}} \subset \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}}$. Therefore, the functor (B.3.4) is surjective on objects.

It remains to show (B.3.4) is fully faithful. Clearly, the restriction of (B.3.4) to $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}}$ and to $\mathfrak{B}\text{End}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}}}(\mathbb{S}^1)$ is fully faithful. Next, observe that $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}}(\mathbb{S}^1, D) = \emptyset$ for each $D \in \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}} \subset \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$. Indeed, for $X \rightarrow \Delta^1$ a proper constructible bundle, if its fiber over $\Delta^{\{0\}} \subset \Delta^1$ has no 0-dimensional strata, then its fiber over any point in Δ^1 has no 0-dimensional strata. Therefore, since \mathbb{S}^1 has no 0-dimensional strata while each object $D \in \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}}$ has at least one 0-dimensional stratum, there are no proper constructible bundles $X \rightarrow \Delta^1$ for which $X|_{\Delta^{\{0\}}} \cong \mathbb{S}^1$ and $X|_{\Delta^{\{1\}}} \in \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}}$. It remains to show that, for $D \in \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}}$, the map between spaces of morphisms induced by (B.3.4),

$$\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}} \star_{\mathcal{A}} \mathfrak{B}\text{End}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}}}(\mathbb{S}^1)}(D, \mathbb{S}^1) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}}}(D, \mathbb{S}^1), \quad (\text{B.3.5})$$

is an equivalence. By construction of the parametrized join, the domain of this map (B.3.5) is the ∞ -groupoid-completion of the ∞ -overundercategory $\mathcal{A}_{/\mathbb{S}^1}^{D/}$. Lemma B.3.1 implies the canonical functor $(\mathcal{A}_{|\mathbb{S}^1})^{D/} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}_{/\mathbb{S}^1}^{D/}$ is a right adjoint. Therefore, the map (B.3.5) is an equivalence provided the resulting composite functor

$$(\mathcal{A}_{|\mathbb{S}^1})^{D/} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}_{/\mathbb{S}^1}^{D/} \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}}}(D, \mathbb{S}^1),$$

witnesses an ∞ -groupoid-completion. Equivalently, for each point $(D \xrightarrow{f} \mathbb{S}^1)$ in the codomain of this functor, we must verify that the fiber $((\mathcal{A}_{|\mathbb{S}^1})^{D/})|_f$ has contractible ∞ -groupoid-completion. Now, recognize this ∞ -category $((\mathcal{A}_{|\mathbb{S}^1})^{D/})|_f \simeq \mathfrak{Disk}(\mathbb{S}^1)^{f/}$ as the ∞ -undercategory with respect to the canonical functor $\mathfrak{Disk}(\mathbb{S}^1) \rightarrow \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}_{/\mathbb{S}^1}$. Through Quillen's Theorem A, Lemma B.1.3 ensures that this ∞ -undercategory indeed has contractible classifying space. \square

Lemma B.3.3. *The functor (B.3.2) is fully faithful. Its image consists of those objects $D \in \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}}$ that admit a refinement morphism $D \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$ in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}}$.*

Proof. Such objects are clearly all of the objects in the image of (B.3.2). It remains to show this functor is fully faithful. We first show the induced map $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \text{Obj}(\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}})$ is a monomorphism.

Let $D \in \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ be in the image of (B.3.2). Using that refinement morphisms in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ are, in particular, homeomorphisms between underlying stratified spaces, observe that the post-composition witnesses the space $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{ref},\text{sfr}}}(D, \mathbb{S}^1)$ as an $\text{Aut}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}}}(\mathbb{S}^1)$ -torsor. Therefore, there is a unique object $(D \xrightarrow{\text{ref}} \hat{D}) \in (\mathfrak{B}\text{End}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}}(\mathbb{S}^1))^{D/\text{ref}} \subset (\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con},\text{sfr}})^{D/\text{ref}}$. It follows that $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \text{Obj}(\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}})$ is a monomorphism.

Now, let $D \xrightarrow{f} E$ be a morphism in $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ between two objects that are in the image of (B.3.2). To show (B.3.2) is fully faithful, we must show there is a unique lift along (B.3.2) of this morphism

to \mathcal{A} . Using that $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \text{Obj}(\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}})$ is a monomorphism, this is to establish a unique filler in the diagram in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \xrightarrow{f} & E \\ \text{ref} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{ref} \\ \hat{D} & \dashrightarrow & \hat{E} \end{array} \quad . \quad (\text{B.3.6})$$

Using that refinement morphisms in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ are, in particular, homeomorphisms between underlying stratified spaces, any such filler must be unique. So we need only ensure such a filler exists. By definition of $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$, the composite morphism $D \xrightarrow{f} E \xrightarrow{\text{ref}} \hat{E}$ is implemented by a proper constructible bundle $X \rightarrow \Delta^1$ with a fiberwise solid 1-framing, together with identifications $X_{|\Delta\{0\}} \simeq D$ and $X_{|\Delta\{1\}} \simeq \hat{E}$ in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$. Consider link $\mathbf{L} := \text{Link}_{X_{|\Delta\{0\}}}(X)$. By construction, it fits into a span among stratified spaces $X_{|\Delta\{0\}} \xleftarrow{\pi} \mathbf{L} \xrightarrow{\gamma} X_{|\Delta\{1\}}$ in which π is a proper constructible bundle and γ is a refinement. Pulling back the solid 1-framing of $X_{|\Delta\{1\}} \simeq \hat{E}$ along γ supplies a solid 1-framing on \mathbf{L} for which the maps π and γ are solidly 1-framed, and as so they factor the composite $D \xrightarrow{f} E \xrightarrow{\text{ref}} \hat{E}$ in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \xrightarrow{f} & E \\ \text{Cylr}(\pi) \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{ref} \\ \mathbf{L} & \xrightarrow{\text{Cylo}(\gamma)} & \hat{E} \end{array} \quad .$$

Using that π respects solid 1-framings, for each 0-dimensional stratum $d \in D^{(0)} \subset D$, each connected component of the constructible closed subspace $\pi^{-1}(d) \subset \mathbf{L}$ admits a framed refinement onto \mathbb{D}^0 or \mathbb{D}^1 . Collapsing to a point each such component that refines onto \mathbb{D}^1 results in a solidly 1-framed stratified space \mathbf{L}' , still fitting into a span among solidly 1-framed stratified spaces $D \xleftarrow{\pi'} \mathbf{L}' \xrightarrow{\gamma'} \hat{E}$ in which γ' is a solidly 1-framed refinement and π' is a solidly 1-framed proper constructible bundle with the feature that i -dimensional strata are carried to i -dimensional strata. By construction, these data fit into a diagram in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} D & \xrightarrow{f} & E \\ \text{Cylr}(\pi') \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{ref} \\ \mathbf{L}' & \xrightarrow{\text{Cylo}(\gamma')} & \hat{E} \end{array} \quad .$$

Using that $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \text{Obj}(\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}})$ is a monomorphism, there is an identification $\hat{\mathbf{L}}' \xrightarrow{\cong} \hat{E}$ in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ under \mathbf{L}' from the underlying framed 1-manifold of \mathbf{L}' . Now, being a constructible bundle, the map π' restricts over each 1-dimensional stratum of D as a framed covering space. Because π' is solidly 1-framed, it follows that it restricts over a neighborhood of each 0-dimensional stratum as a solidly 1-framed local homeomorphism. Since π' is proper, we conclude that π' is a solidly 1-framed covering space. In other words, π' is the base-change of a framed covering space, necessarily from $\hat{\mathbf{L}}'$ to \hat{D} : there is a filler among solidly 1-framed stratified spaces

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{L}' & \xrightarrow{\text{ref}} & \hat{\mathbf{L}}' \\ \pi' \downarrow & & \downarrow \hat{\pi}' \\ D & \xrightarrow{\text{ref}} & \hat{D} \end{array}$$

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witnessing a pullback. The filler in this diagram among solidly 1-framed stratified spaces determines a filler in the diagram in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 D & \xrightarrow{f} & E \\
 \text{ref} \downarrow & \text{Cylr}(\pi') \searrow & \downarrow \text{ref} \\
 & L' & \\
 & \text{ref} \downarrow & \text{Cylr}(\gamma') \searrow \\
 \hat{D} & \xrightarrow{\text{Cylr}(\hat{\pi}')} & \hat{L}' \longrightarrow \hat{E}
 \end{array}$$

The desired filler in (B.3.6) is the bottom horizontal composite. □

Lemma B.3.4. *The identification (B.3.1) extends as an identification*

$$\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con,sfr}} \simeq \mathbf{M}^{\text{con}}$$

between $(\infty, 1)$ -categories under Δ^{op} .

Proof. We explain the diagram among ∞ -categories:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{con,sfr}} & \xleftarrow[\text{(B.3.2)}]{\text{ev}_s} & \mathcal{A} & \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_t} & \mathfrak{BEnd}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con,sfr}}}(\mathbb{S}^1) \\
 \parallel \uparrow & & \wr \uparrow & & \wr \uparrow \text{(B.1.10)} \\
 \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{con,sfr}} & \xleftarrow{} & \mathcal{A}|_{\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}} & \xrightarrow{} & \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \\
 \text{(B.3.1)} \downarrow \wr & & \wr \downarrow & & \parallel \downarrow \\
 (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} & \xleftarrow{\text{inclusion}} & \tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow[\text{localization}]{\text{(2.5.7)}} & \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}
 \end{array}
 \tag{B.3.7}$$

The top-right square is defined as a pullback. Lemma B.1.4 states that the functor (B.1.10) is an equivalence, which implies the upward functor $\mathcal{A}|_{\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is an equivalence. As noted earlier in the body, Proposition B.2.4 implies the functor $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{con,sfr}} \xrightarrow{\text{(B.3.1)}} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$ is an equivalence. Lemma B.3.3 thereafter implies the composite functor $\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{con,sfr}} \xrightarrow{\text{(B.3.1)}} (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$ is fully faithful. Lemma B.3.3 implies the image of this fully faithful composite functor is $\tilde{\Lambda} \subset \text{Quiv}^{\text{con}}$ the cyclically finite directed graphs. This establishes the equivalence $\mathcal{A}|_{\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}} \xrightarrow{\sim} (\tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}})^{\triangleleft}$, as indicated. Finally, inspecting the construction of the morphism $\mathbb{N}^{\times} \times \mathbb{T} = \mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{End}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con,sfr}}}(\mathbb{S}^1)$ over \mathbb{N}^{\times} and under \mathbb{T} reveals that the bottom right square canonically commutes.

Reading (B.3.7) as a (vertical) span by equivalences of (horizontal) spans, we obtain equivalences among parametrized joins as in this diagram among ∞ -categories:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{con,sfr}} \star_{\mathcal{A}|_{\mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}}}} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\sim} & \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{con,sfr}} \star_{\mathcal{A}} \mathfrak{BEnd}_{\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con,sfr}}}(\mathbb{S}^1) \xrightarrow[\simeq]{\text{(B.3.4)}} \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con,sfr}} \\
 \wr \downarrow & & \wr \downarrow \\
 (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}} \star_{\tilde{\Lambda}^{\text{op}}} \mathfrak{B}\mathbb{W}^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow[\text{(3.3.4)}]{\sim} & \mathbf{M}^{\text{con}}
 \end{array}$$

Proposition 3.3.9 states that the functor (3.3.4) is an equivalence. Lemma B.3.2 states that the functor (B.3.4) is an equivalence. We conclude a unique dashed filler, which is necessarily an equivalence.

To finish the identification $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con,sfr}} \simeq \mathcal{M}^{\text{con}}$ indeed lies under Δ^{op} because, by construction, it extends the identification $\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{con,sfr}} \simeq (\text{Quiv}^{\text{con}})^{\text{op}}$ of Proposition B.2.4. \square

Proposition B.3.5. *The identification of Proposition B.2.4 extends as an identification*

$$\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}} \simeq \mathcal{M}$$

between $(\infty, 1)$ -categories under Δ^{op} .

Proof. Corollary 3.5.3 states that \mathcal{M} is freely generated from its full ∞ -subcategory $\mathcal{M}^{\text{con}} \subset \mathcal{M}$ via categorical products. Using that coproducts of underlying stratified spaces implements products in $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$, the full ∞ -subcategory $\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{con,sfr}} \subset \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}$ freely generates via categorical products. The result is therefore implied by Lemma B.3.4. \square

Notation B.3.6. Denote the equivalence of Proposition B.3.5 as

$$\underline{(-)}: \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}} \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}, \quad M \longmapsto \underline{M}.$$

We can now articulate, and prove, the sense in which combinatorial factorization homology agrees with factorization homology.

Theorem B.3.7. *Let \mathcal{X} be an ∞ -category that admits finite limits and geometric realizations such that, for each $X \in \mathcal{X}$, the functor $X \times -: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ preserves geometric realizations. The diagram among ∞ -categories,*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathbf{fCat}_1[\mathcal{X}] & \\ \int' \swarrow & & \searrow \int \\ \text{Fun}(\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}, \mathcal{X}) & \xrightarrow[\underline{(-)}^*]{\sim} & \text{Fun}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{X}) \end{array},$$

canonically commutes. In particular, for each category-object \mathcal{C} in \mathcal{X} , and each solidly 1-framed stratified space M , there is a canonical identification in \mathcal{X} :

$$\int_M' \mathcal{C} \simeq \int_{\underline{M}} \mathcal{C}.$$

Proof. Proposition B.2.4 and Proposition B.3.5 supply a commutative diagram among ∞ -categories:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \Delta^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\rho} & \text{Quiv}^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\delta} & \mathcal{M} \\ \parallel \uparrow & & \uparrow \underline{(-)} & & \uparrow \underline{(-)} \\ \Delta^{\text{op}} & \xrightarrow{\langle - \rangle} & \mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}} & \xrightarrow{\iota} & \mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}} \end{array},$$

in which the vertical functors are equivalences. Applying $\text{Fun}(-, \mathcal{X})$ to this diagram gives a commutative diagram among ∞ -categories

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Fun}(\Delta^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{X}) & \xleftarrow{\rho^*} & \text{Fun}(\text{Quiv}^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{X}) & \xleftarrow{\delta^*} & \text{Fun}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{X}) \\ \parallel \downarrow & & \downarrow \underline{(-)}^* & & \downarrow \underline{(-)}^* \\ \text{Fun}(\Delta^{\text{op}}, \mathcal{X}) & \xleftarrow[\langle - \rangle^*]{} & \text{Fun}(\mathbf{cDisk}_1^{\text{sfr}}, \mathcal{X}) & \xleftarrow[\iota^*]{} & \text{Fun}(\mathbf{cMfd}_1^{\text{sfr}}, \mathcal{X}) \end{array}$$

in which the vertical functors are equivalences. Taking right adjoints of the left horizontal functors, and left adjoints of the right horizontal functors, results in a commutative diagram among ∞ -categories

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
\mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{X}) & \xrightarrow{\rho_*} & \mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{Quiv}^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{X}) & \xrightarrow{\delta_!} & \mathrm{Fun}(\mathcal{M}, \mathcal{X}) \\
\downarrow \parallel & & \downarrow \underline{(-)^*} & & \downarrow \underline{(-)^*} \\
\mathrm{Fun}(\Delta^{\mathrm{op}}, \mathcal{X}) & \xrightarrow{\langle - \rangle_*} & \mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{cDisk}_1^{\mathrm{sfr}}, \mathcal{X}) & \xrightarrow{\iota_!} & \mathrm{Fun}(\mathrm{cMfd}_1^{\mathrm{sfr}}, \mathcal{X})
\end{array}$$

in which the vertical functors are equivalences. The result follows by Definition 4.1.1 of the functor \int and by the definition of the functor \int' . □

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