

Globular Multicategories
with Homomorphism Types

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van den Berg, Garner Types are weak ω -groupoids

Type Theories
with Id Types \longrightarrow Monoidal Globular
Categories \longrightarrow Higher Categories

$\vdash A : \text{Type}$

$x, y : A \vdash \text{Id}_A(x, y) : \text{Type}$

$p, q : \text{Id}_A(x, y) \vdash \text{Id}_{\text{Id}_A(x, y)}(p, q) : \text{Type}$

\vdots

A Globular Multicategory consists of:

- A globular set of Types
- A globular set of Terms
- Terms can be composed

• A global set of Types

- 0-types

• A

$\vdash A : \text{Type}$

- 1-types

$A \xrightarrow{M} B$

$x:A, y:B \vdash M(x,y) : \text{Type}$

- 2-types

$A \xrightarrow{M} \text{Set} \xrightarrow{N} B$

$m:M(a,b), n:N(a,b) \vdash O(m,n) : \text{Type}$

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- A globular set of Terms

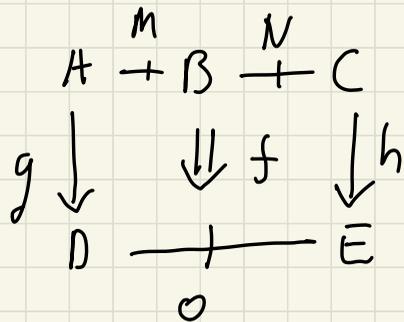
An n -term $f: \Gamma \rightarrow A$ is a generalized arrow

The Context Γ is a globular pasting diagram of types

A is a type

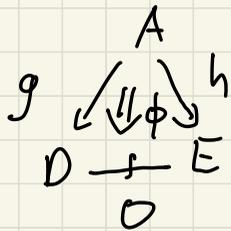
- 0-terms $\begin{array}{c} A \\ \downarrow \\ B \end{array} \quad x:A \vdash fx : B$

- 1-terms



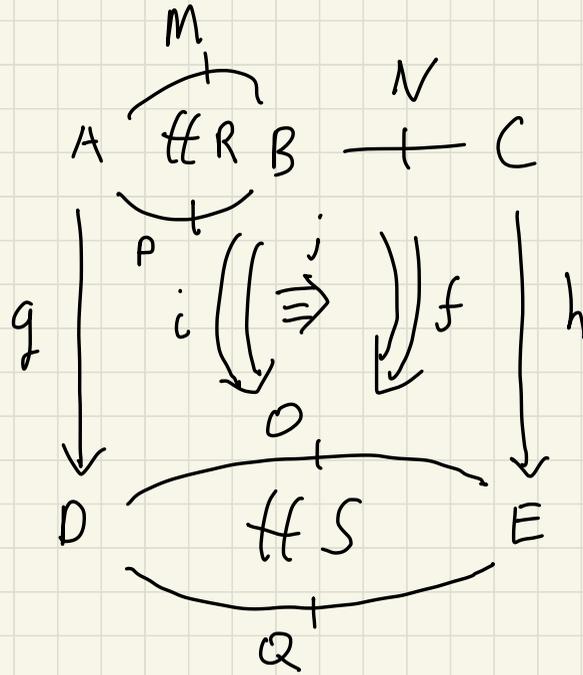
$$m: M(a, b), n: N(b, c)$$

$$\vdash f(m, n): O(ga, hc)$$



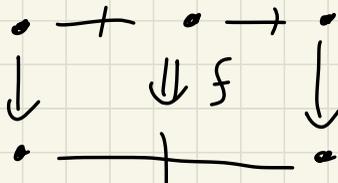
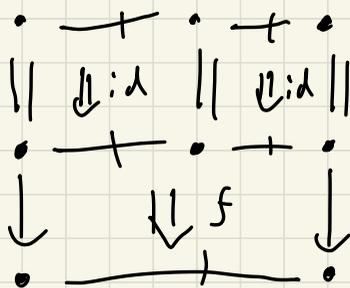
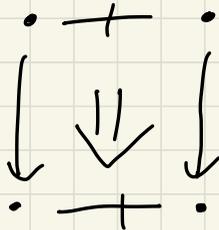
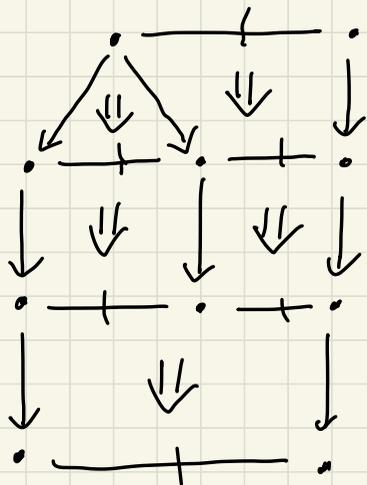
$$a: A \vdash \phi(a): O(ga, hc)$$

- 2-terms



$$r: R(m, p), n: N(b, c) \vdash j(r, n): S(i(p, n), f(m, n))$$

Terms have an associative and unital composition



Example

Every dependent type theory induces a globular multicategory.

Types \longleftrightarrow Types + Dependent Types

Terms \longleftrightarrow Terms + Terms in
dependent contexts

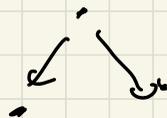
Example : Spans

Let \mathcal{C} be a category with pullbacks.

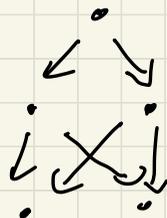
There is a globular multicategory $\text{Span } \mathcal{C}$:

- 0-types are objects in \mathcal{C}

- 1-types are spans



- 2-types are spans between spans



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- terms are transformations between spans

We could also restrict the class of spans that we allow

Typically we want a type f , be some sort of

2-sided fibration.

e.g. van den Berg and Garner

Virtual Double Categories are 1-dimensional Globular Multicategories

e.g. Every pseudo double category

Typical Examples:

- 0-types are "category-like"
- 1-types are profunctors
- 0-terms are functors
- 1-terms are transformations
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We think of objects in global multicategories
as "higher category-like"

First example:

- 0-types are strict ω -categories
- 1-types are profunctors
- 2-types are profunctors between profunctors
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- 0-terms are functors
- higher terms are transformations

Type theories
with Id types

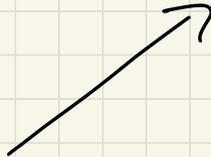
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w-categories

collections of
"category-like" objects



A globular multicategory has *homomorphism types* when:

For each n -type A , there is an $(n+1)$ -type

$$A \xrightarrow{\mathcal{K}_A} A$$

$$B \xrightarrow{M} \mathcal{H}_M C$$

an $(n+1)$ -term $\tau_A : A \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_A$

$$\begin{array}{c} A \\ \Downarrow \tau_A \\ A \xrightarrow{\mathcal{K}_A} A \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} B \xrightarrow{M} C \\ \left(\Downarrow \tau_M \right) \\ B \xrightarrow{\mathcal{K}_M} C \\ \Downarrow \tau \end{array} \right)$$

For each k -type (variable) $x : A$, $0 \leq k < n$,
 in an n -context Γ , there is a context $\Gamma \oplus \mathcal{H}_x$
 "with a hom type at x added"

$$\Gamma = A \overset{N}{+} B \overset{M}{\overset{+}{\underbrace{+P C}}}$$

$$\Gamma \oplus \mathcal{H}_A = A \overset{\mathcal{H}_A}{+} A \overset{N}{+} B \overset{M}{\overset{+}{\underbrace{+P C}}}$$

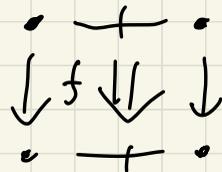
$$\Gamma \oplus \mathcal{H}_M = A \overset{N}{+} B \overset{M}{\overset{+}{\underbrace{+ \mathcal{H}_M^m}{+P C}}}$$

Let $f: \Gamma \rightarrow A$ be an n -term

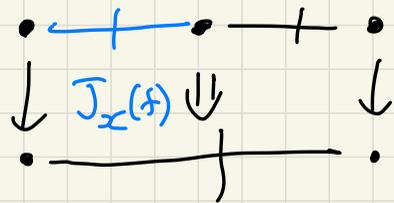
For each $(n-1)$ -variable $x:A$ in Γ

there is an n -term

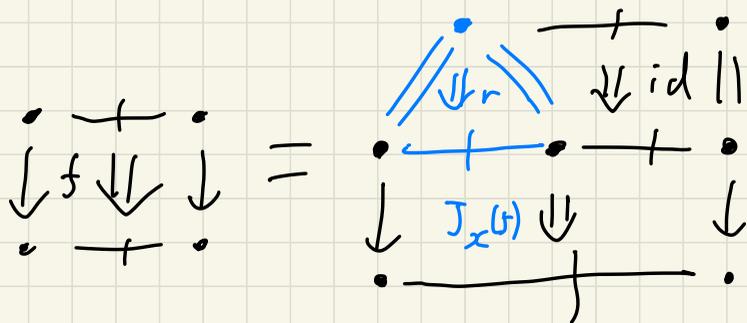
$$J_x(f) : \Gamma \oplus \mathcal{K}_x \rightarrow A$$



\mathcal{K}



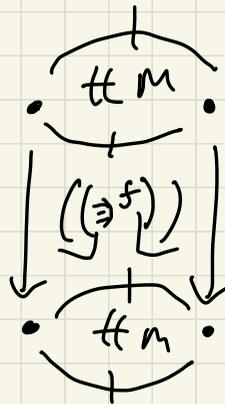
s.t. $\Gamma_x ; J_x(f) = f$



For each $k \subset n$, k -variable x and

$$j_s : s\Gamma \oplus \mathcal{H}_x \rightarrow sA \text{ s.t. } r_x \circ j_s = s f,$$

$$j_t : t\Gamma \oplus \mathcal{H}_x \rightarrow tA \text{ s.t. } r_x \circ j_t = t f,$$



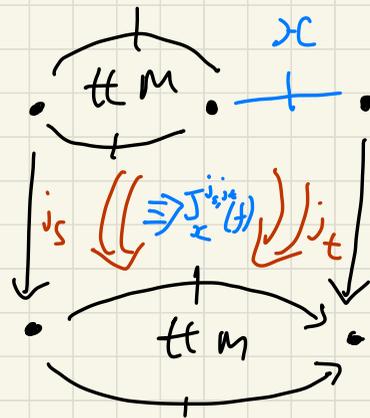
a term

$$J_{x}^{j_s, j_t}(f) : \Gamma \oplus \mathcal{H}_x \rightarrow A \text{ s.t.}$$

$$r_x \circ J_{x}^{j_s, j_t}(f) = f,$$

$$s J_{x}^{j_s, j_t}(f) = j_s$$

$$t J_{x}^{j_s, j_t}(f) = j_t$$



Type theories
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Spans

Global Multicategories
with Hom types

w-categories

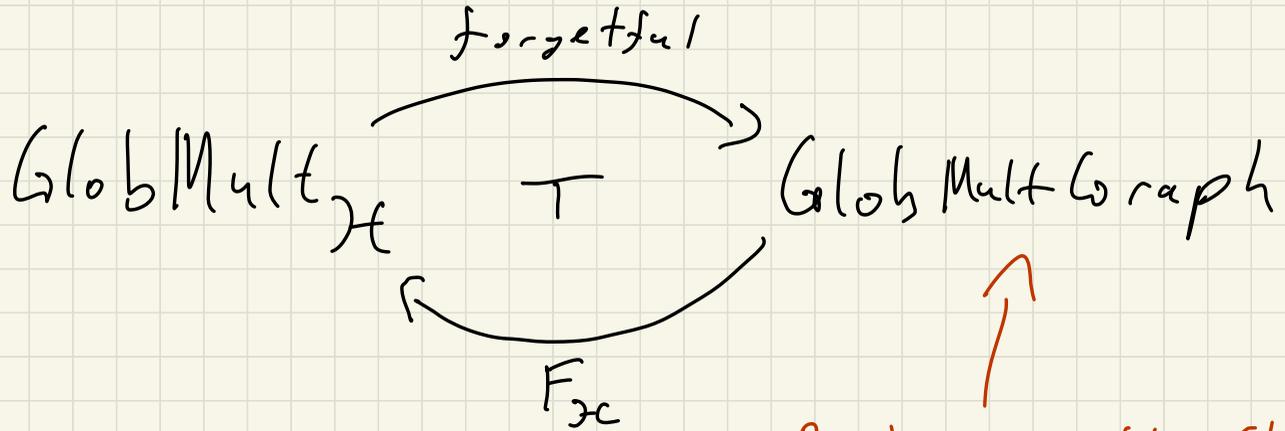
collections of
"category-like" objects

Global Multicategories
with Hom types \longrightarrow Higher Categories

- Internally
- Externally

Internally

Observation: The theory of Global Multicategories, with atom types is essentially algebraic



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Presheaves on the Shapes
that I have been drawing.

O-type

By Yoneda a O-type in a globular multicategory is an arrow from the generic O-type

$$\bullet \longrightarrow X$$

When we have Hom types, by adjointness, this is a Hom type preserving arrow

$$F_{\mathcal{H}} \bullet \longrightarrow X$$

$F_{\mathcal{H}} \bullet$ is the "theory of O-types with Hom-types"

Claim: $F_{\mathcal{X}}^\bullet$ is a normalized contractible globular operad.

So every \mathcal{O} -type has the structure of a weak \mathcal{W} -category.

Def: We say that Hom types are **strict**

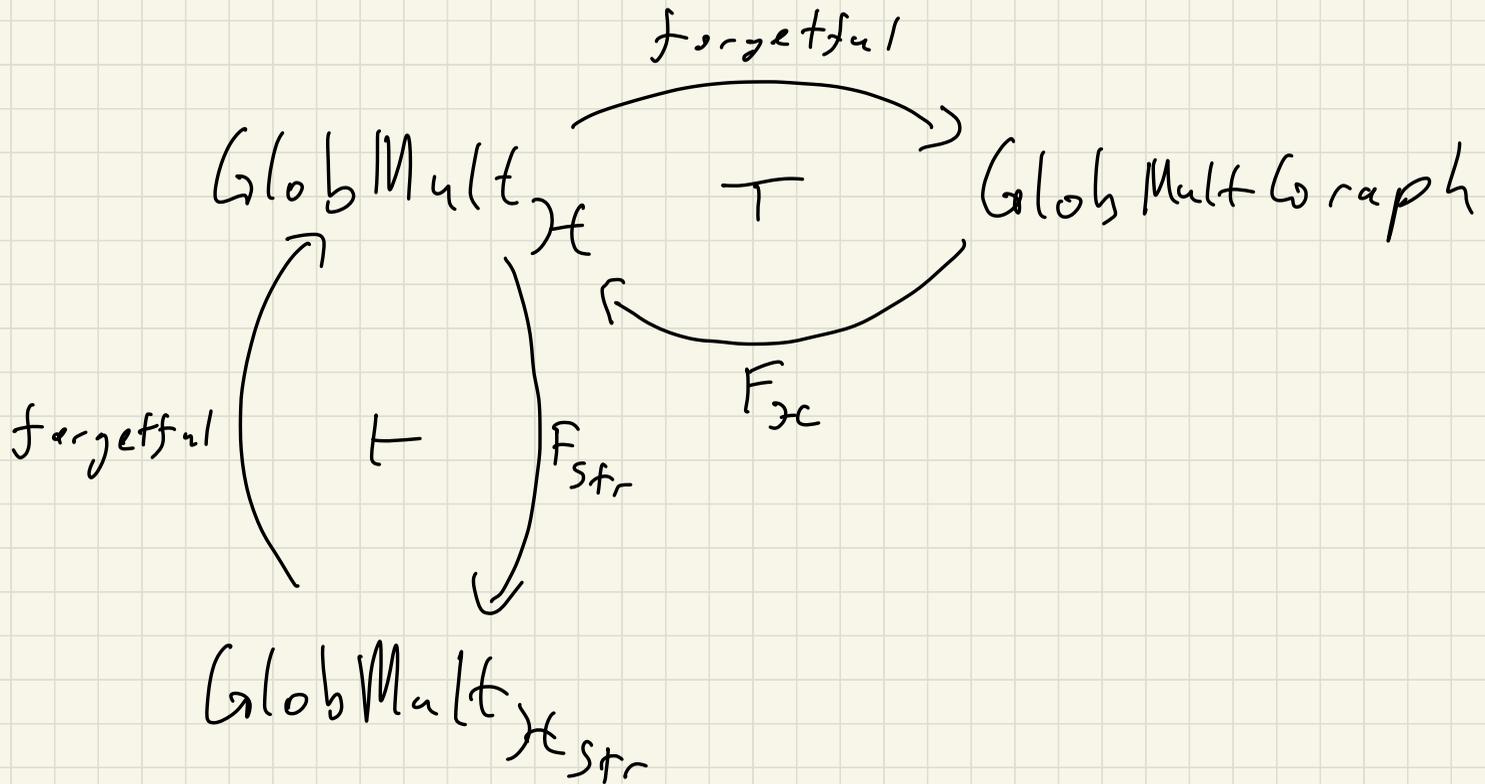
when there is a **unique** λ -term $\lambda_x(f)$
for each variable x .

\longleftrightarrow Extensionality in type theory

$$\lambda_x ; f = \lambda_x ; f' \implies f = f'$$

We think of objects in this case as

"strict ω -category-like".



Theorem:

Let η be the unit of the strictification adjunction

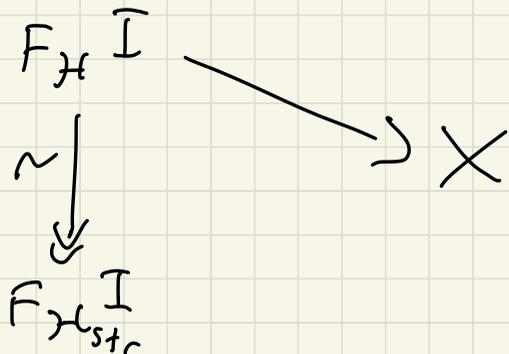
Let X be a globular multigraph

Then
$$\begin{array}{c} F_{\mathcal{G}} X \\ \sim \downarrow \\ \cup S F_{\mathcal{G}} X \end{array}$$
 is an acyclic fibration.

Example: $F_{\mathcal{X}_{str}} \circ = T$ the terminal globular operad.

Example: Let $I = \downarrow$ be the generic \mathcal{O} -term

- $F_{\mathcal{H}_{str}} I$ is the "theory of strict w -functors"



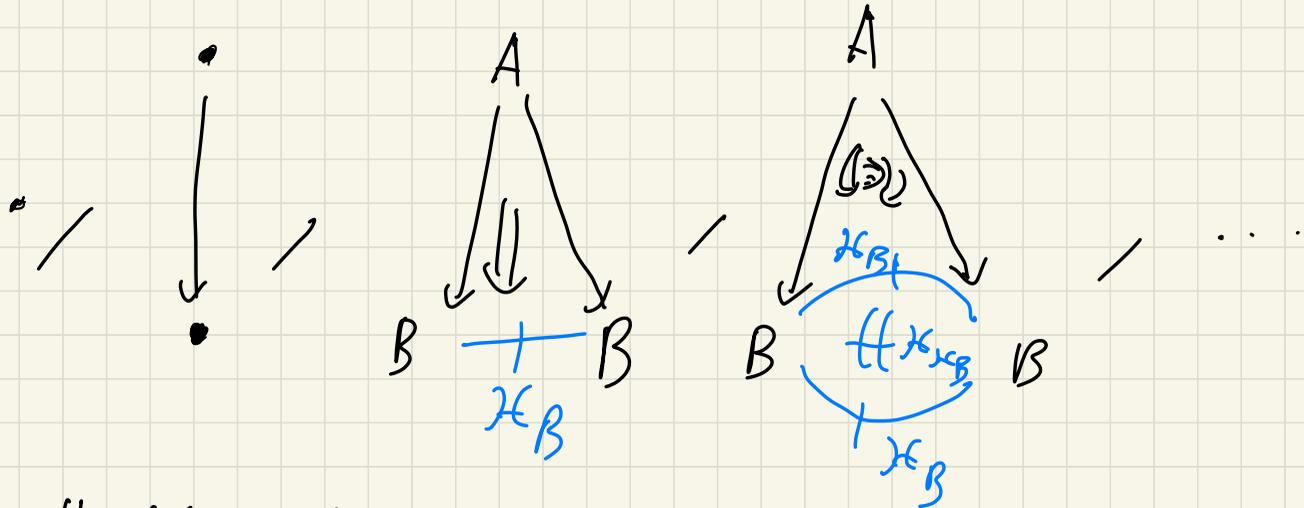
- Every \mathcal{O} -term in X is a weak w -functor.

In general:

- n -types are weak higher profunctors
- n -terms are transformations between them

Externally:

$\mathbb{K} := \mathcal{O}, I_0, \bar{I}_{I_0}, I_{\bar{I}_0}, \dots$



The collection of \mathcal{O} -types, \mathcal{O} -terms, transformations, between \mathcal{O} -terms, transformations between transformations... should be a weak ω -category.

\mathbb{I} is a globular object in $\text{GlobMult}^{\text{op}}$

We have globular operads $\text{End}_{\mathcal{H}}^{\text{op}}(\mathbb{I})$ in $\text{GlobMult}_{\mathcal{H}}$

$\text{End}_{\mathcal{H}_{\text{str}}}^{\text{op}}(\mathbb{I})$ in $\text{GlobMult}_{\mathcal{H}_{\text{str}}}$

Theorem: $\text{End}(F_{\mathcal{K}_{Str}}^{\text{op}} \mathbb{I})$ is the terminal globular operad

i.e. The collection of strict w -categories is a strict w -category.

Theorem:

$\text{End}(F_{\mathcal{K}}^{\text{op}} \mathbb{I})$

The homomorphism

$\downarrow \sim$

induced by strictification
is an acyclic fibration

$\text{End}(F_{\mathcal{K}_{SI}}^{\text{op}} \mathbb{I})$

Corollary: $\text{End}(F_{\mathbb{C}}^{\text{II}})$ is a normalized contractible globular operad.

Whenever X is a globular multicategory with Hom types, the collection of 0-types and terms in X is a globular ω -category.

Collections of
"higher category-like"
objects → Global Multicategories
with Hom types → Higher
Categories

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