

# McTague on homotopical categories II

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Recall a homotopical category  $\mathcal{M}$  is equipped with a subcat (of weak eqivs)  $\mathcal{W}$  satisfying the 2-of-6 condition.

We can localize w.r.t. to  $\mathcal{W}$  and get a functor  $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Ho}(\mathcal{M})$  (one sending weak eqivs to isos)

Every homotopy functor from  $\mathcal{M}$  factors uniquely from  $\mathcal{M}$ . A homotopical functor  $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  induces  $\text{Ho}(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \text{Ho}(\mathcal{N})$ .

We want to consider the Yoneda functor

$h^X := \mathcal{M}(X, -)$  from  $\mathcal{M}$  to  $\text{Set}$  (induced by  $X$ )

Prop The natural trans  $h^X \Rightarrow \text{Ho} \mathcal{M}(X, -)$  is the universal transformation  $h^X$  to a homotopy functor. That is, given a nat trans

$h^X \Rightarrow F$  (functor  $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ )

①  $\gamma \Downarrow \Rightarrow \exists!$   
 $\text{Ho} \mathcal{M}(X, -)$

Proof Every homotopy functor  $F$  from  $\mathcal{M}$  factors uniquely as  $F \circ \gamma$ . This implies for homotopy functors  $F, G : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ ,

$$\{ \check{F} \Rightarrow G \} \longleftrightarrow \{ \hat{F} \Rightarrow G \}$$

Yoneda lemma  $\{h^X \Rightarrow F\} \leftrightarrow \{F(X)\}$   
 $n \mapsto n_x(I_x)$

and  $\{Ho M(x(x), x(-)) \Rightarrow F\}$   
 $\xrightarrow{\gamma} \{Ho M(x, -) \Rightarrow \tilde{F}\}$   
 $\xrightarrow{\text{Yoneda}} \tilde{F}(xI) = F(X)$

Claim the map  $F(x) \rightarrow F(x)$  obtained by  
the 2 ways of going around  $\textcircled{1}$  is the identity  
QED

Cor. If  $M$  is a homotopical category and  $X \in M$   
has the property that  $M(x, -)$  is a homotopy  
functor then  $M(x, -) \rightarrow Ho M(x, -)$  is a  
bijection.

We can discuss derived functors here as we did  
in model categories. We need a method to  
guarantee their existence.

Def Given functor  $F: M \rightarrow C$  from a  
homotopical  $M$  we define  $LF$  and  $RF$   
as right and left Kan extensions of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{F} & C \\ \gamma \searrow & & \nearrow \text{---} \\ & Ho(M) & \end{array}$$

We need an analogy of fibrant + cofibrant replacement, i.e. a good family of objects for a given functor.

Def A left deformation on a homotopical cat  $\mathcal{M}$  is a functor  $Q: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$  with nat trans  $q: Q \Rightarrow 1$  inducing a weak equiv on each object

Def A left deformation retract  $\mathcal{M}_Q \subseteq \mathcal{M}$  is a full subcat whose objects are in image of  $Q$ . (Analog of cofibrant objects.) It is a left

F-deformation retract if the restriction of  $F$  to  $\mathcal{M}_Q$  is homotopical. [Compare existence result for  $\perp F: F(\text{triv cofibs of cofibrant objects}) = \text{weak equivalences}$ ]

Def A left deformation of a functor  $F: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  between homotopical categories is a left deformation on  $\mathcal{M}$  such that  $F$  is homotopical on a (the?) subcat  $\mathcal{M}_Q$  of cofibrant objects.

Def If  $F$  admits a left deformation retract then it is left deformable.

Ex Suppose  $F$  is a functor on  $\mathcal{S}$  which is homotopical on spaces with nondegen base points, then adding a whisker is a left

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points, then adding a whiskey is a left deformation for  $F$ .

Note  $Q$  is always homotopical. Given  $X \xrightarrow{b} Y$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Q(X) & \xrightarrow{Q(b)} & Q(Y) \\
 g \downarrow \simeq & & g \downarrow \simeq \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\simeq b} & Y
 \end{array}
 \quad (?)$$

Ex When  $\mathcal{M}$  is a model cat, cofibrant replacement  $Q$  is a left deformation for any left Quillen functor. Thm (Existence of left derived functor) If  $F: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$  is a functor between homotopical categories has a left deformation  $Q$ , then  $F$  has a left derived functor  $LF = FQ$

Proof  $M \xrightarrow{Q} M \xrightarrow{F} N$   
 $\searrow \quad \downarrow \gamma \quad \dashrightarrow$   
 $\quad \quad \quad Ho(\mathcal{M})$   
 $FQ$  is homotopy functor so it factors uniquely thru  $\gamma$ . ( $Q \in I$ )

## Flat functors and flat maps

Def A flat functor  $M \xrightarrow{F} N$  between homotopical complete categories is one which is homotopical and limit preserving.

Def A flat map  $f: A \rightarrow X$  in such a cat is one with the property that  $\forall$  map  $A \rightarrow B$  and weak equiv  $B \rightarrow B'$ , the map  $X \cup_A B \rightarrow X \cup_A B'$  is a weak equiv

is a weak spur

Def A flat object  $X$  in a symmetric monoidal complete homotopical category  $\mathcal{M}$  is one for which  $X \otimes -$  is a flat functor.

Future example In a left proper (to be defined later) model cat, all cofibrations are flat.

Properties of flat maps

- i) all finite coproducts of flat maps are flat.
- ii) Compositions of flat maps are flat
- iii) Any cobase change of a flat map is flat.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\text{flat}} & B \\
 \downarrow & \Downarrow & \downarrow \\
 X & \xrightarrow{\text{flat}} & X \cup B
 \end{array}$$

iv) If weak eqivs are closed under retraction, so are flat maps.

Prop Given

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 X_1 & \xleftarrow{b} & A_1 & \xrightarrow{b} & Y_1 \\
 \cong \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow \\
 X_2 & \xleftarrow{b} & A_2 & \xrightarrow{b} & Y_2
 \end{array}$$

flat symbol

Each row is "tent"?

then induce map of pushouts is a weak eqiv

Recall first example of  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$



Pf First assume  $A_1 = A_2 = A$ . Then

$X_1 \cup_A Y_1 \rightarrow X_1 \cup_A Y_2$  is weak equiv since  $A \xrightarrow{b} X_1$

The map  $X_1 \rightarrow X_1 \cup_A Y_2$  is flat by cobase change properties

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Y_2 & \longrightarrow & X_1 \cup_A Y_2 \\ \text{flat } \uparrow & \implies & \uparrow \text{ flat} \\ A & \longrightarrow & X_1 \end{array}$$

This implies  $X_1 \cup_A Y_2 \cong X_1 \cup_{X_1} (X_1 \cup_A Y_2)$

$$X_2 \cup_{X_1} (X_1 \cup_A Y_2) \cong X_2 \cup_A Y_2$$

Hence  $X_1 \cup_A Y_1 \rightarrow X_1 \cup_A Y_2 \rightarrow X_2 \cup_A Y_2$  is weak equiv.

Now stretch the original diagram to

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X_1 & \xleftarrow{b} & A_1 & \xrightarrow{b} & Y_1 \\ \cong \downarrow & & \downarrow & \cong \downarrow & \downarrow \cong \\ X_1 \cup_{A_1} A_2 & \xleftarrow{b} & A_2 & \xrightarrow{b} & A_2 \cup_{A_1} Y_1 \\ \downarrow & & \parallel & & \downarrow \\ X_2 & \xleftarrow{c} & A_2 & \xrightarrow{b} & Y_2 \end{array}$$

- flatness of  $A_1 \rightarrow X_1, Y_1$  implies  $\cong$

- Cobase change implies  $A_1 \rightarrow X_1 \cup_{A_1} Y_1$  is flat