Homotopy colimits over a topos

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The approach we pursue is based on the emergence of a ”canonical” homotopy theory on $[\Delta^\circ, \mathcal{V}]$ behaving as a $\mathcal{V}$-enriched version of Kan’s homotopy theory on sSet.

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Point (ii) is more fundamental; in fact, there seems to be a pattern where every type of ”category theory” should admit a ”relative” version (where you consider categories with a specified class of weak equivalences) with a corresponding a notion of ”homotopy colimits” which give the correct way of glueing objects.

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We need an homotopy theory on $[\Delta^\circ, \mathcal{V}]$ playing the role of the homotopy theory of spaces for enriched relative 1-categories. We might call the fibrant objects $\mathcal{V}$-spaces or Kan $\mathcal{V}$-complexes.

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We call a morphism $f : X \to Y$ a $\mathcal{V}$-fibration (resp. trivial) when the morphism $\mathcal{V}(v, X) \to \mathcal{V}(v, Y)$ is a Kan fibration (resp. trivial fibration) of simplicial sets *for every* $v \in \mathcal{V}$.

Where $\mathcal{V}(v, X)$ is the composition $\Delta^\circ \xrightarrow{X} \mathcal{V} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{V}(v,-)} \mathrm{Set}$.

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In particular, for $[\Delta^\circ, \mathrm{GSet}]$ we have the ”genuine” or ”fine” homotopy theory of G-spaces, where fibrations and weak equivalences are detected mapping out of every orbit.

The GSet-enriched homotopy cocompletion of a point is the genuine homotopy theory of G-spaces.

Elmendorf theorem becomes the following statement:

the GSet-enriched homotopy cocompletion of a point is equivalent to the ordinary homotopy cocompletion of the category of orbits of G.

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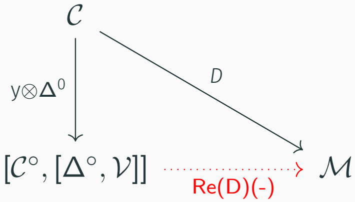
We need a definition of enriched model structure retrieving the ordinary definition over the base $\mathcal{V} = \mathrm{Set}$: we replace weak factorization systems with $\mathcal{V}$-*enriched* w.f.s. (Riehl)

We can prove an enriched version of Dugger's theorem:

> every enriched functor from a small $\mathcal{V}$-category into an enriched model category factorizes up to weak equivalence along the Yoneda embedding via a $\mathcal{V}$-enriched left Quillen functor, and the space of such factorizations is contractible.



As a corollary, we also obtain a $\mathcal{V}$-enriched version of Dwyer-Kan mapping spaces:

for every object $M \in \mathcal{M}$, the map $M : 1 \to \mathcal{M}$ induces a homotopically unique right Quillen $\mathcal{V}$-functor

$$\mathsf{Map}\,(M, -) : \mathcal{M} \rightleftarrows [\Delta^\circ, \mathcal{V}]$$

taking values in the subcategory of Kan $\mathcal{V}$-complexes

where $\mathcal{M}$ is an enriched model category.

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and a version over $\mathcal{V}$ of a fundamental result of Joyal:

> for every internal category $\mathcal{C}$ in $\mathcal{V}$, the internal nerve of $\mathcal{C}$ is a Kan $\mathcal{V}$-complex if and only if $\mathcal{C}$ is an internal groupoid.

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Combining our results with Gepner-Haugseng's and Lurie's we can prove that:

the underlying ∞-category of an enriched model category is enriched over the ∞-category of Kan $\mathcal{V}$-complexes.

We obtain a concrete model for weighted colimits in these enriched ∞-categories.

Shulman was the first to study homotopy colimits in the enriched context (see also Riehl for an elaboration); there are also definitions by Vokřínek and Lack & Rosický.

As we have seen, the difference of these other references with our approach can be summarized by saying that we do not assume a homotopical structure on $\mathcal{V}$, but instead enrich over a canonical structure on $[\Delta^\circ, \mathcal{V}]$.

Fixing a structure on $\mathcal{V}$, the (derived) homotopy colimit functor is not necessarily $\mathcal{V}$-enriched.

This issue disappears in our approach.

Another way of dealing with it (Lack & Rosický) is to restrict the base of enrichment to a combinatorial monoidal model category $\mathcal{V}$ that *has all objects cofibrant* (see also Shulman).

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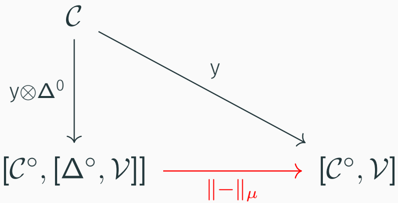
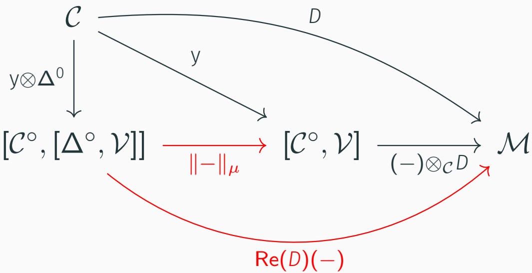
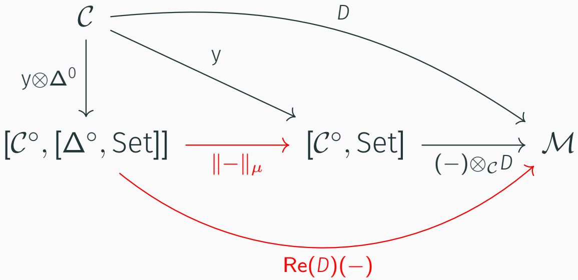
Then for every such choice of model structure μ on $\mathcal{V}$ we have a left Quillen $\mathcal{V}$-functor $\|-\|_\mu : [\mathcal{C}^\circ, [\Delta^\circ, \mathcal{V}]] \to [\mathcal{C}^\circ, \mathcal{V}]$ induced by the Yoneda embedding $\mathrm{y} : \mathcal{C} \to [\mathcal{C}^\circ, \mathcal{V}]$.



Then we have the following comparison between our notion of homotopy $\mathcal{V}$-colimit and the approach based on deriving the weighted colimit functor:

> for every model structure μ on $\mathcal{V}$ as above, for every $\mathcal{V}$-diagram D valued in cofibrant objects in a μ-enriched model category $\mathcal{M}$, our realization functor $\mathrm{Re}(D)(-)$ is Quillen homotopic to the weighted colimit $\| - \|_\mu \otimes_{\mathcal{C}} D$





To retrieve ordinary and enriched colimits as particular cases, consider $\mathcal{V} = \mathrm{Set}$, $\mathcal{M}$ cocomplete and take μ the trival model structure where $\mathcal{W} =$ isomorphisms. In this setting, a Quillen homotopy is just an isomorphism. Moreover, for any cofibrant replacement of the terminal weight one has $\|\mathcal{Q}(*)\| \cong *$, hence

$$\mathrm{Re}(D)(\mathcal{Q}(*)) \cong \|\mathcal{Q}(*)\| \otimes_{\mathcal{C}} D \cong * \otimes_{\mathcal{C}} D \cong \operatorname{colim} D$$

Similarly for enriched colimits.

Thank you!