

# Complete Segal Objects &

## Univalent Maps

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### 1) Complete Segal Spaces (CSS)

Higher Category:

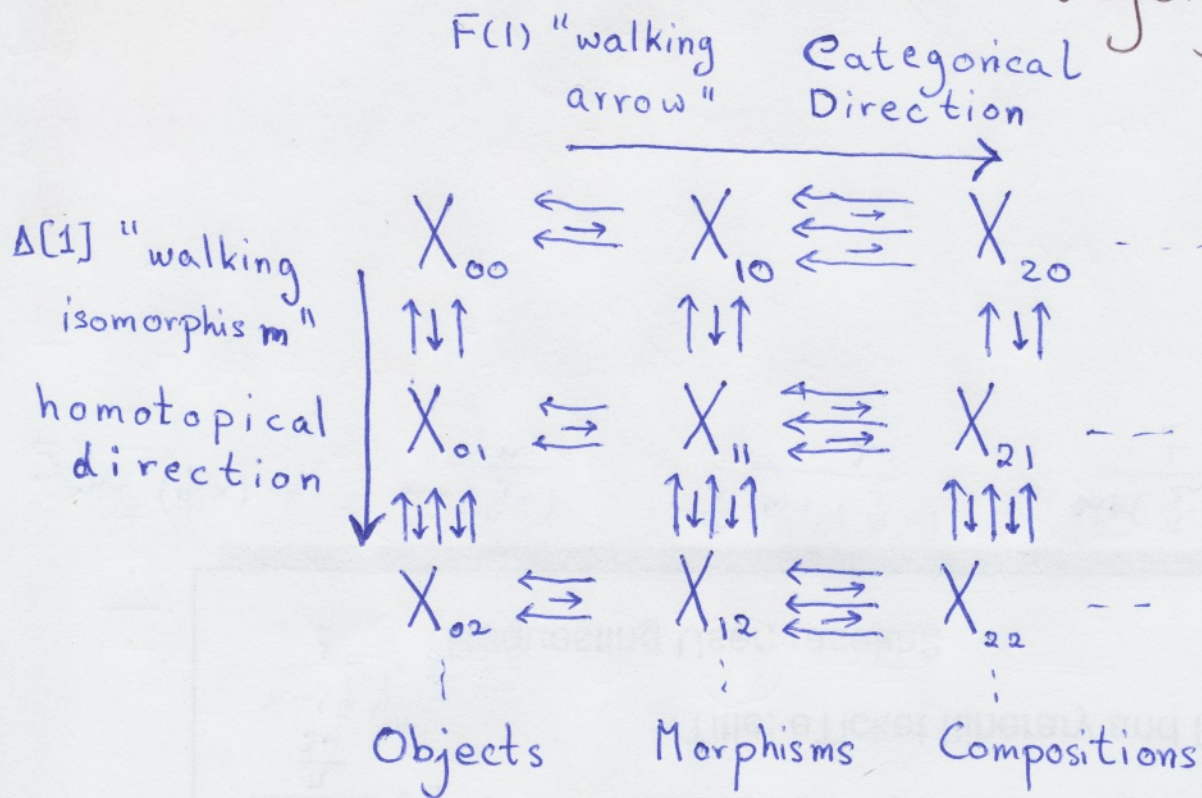
- Category with "higher" morphism
- Different models:

- I) Simplicial Categories
- II) Quasi-Categories
- III) Complete Segal Spaces (CSS)

Def/ A simplicial space is a map

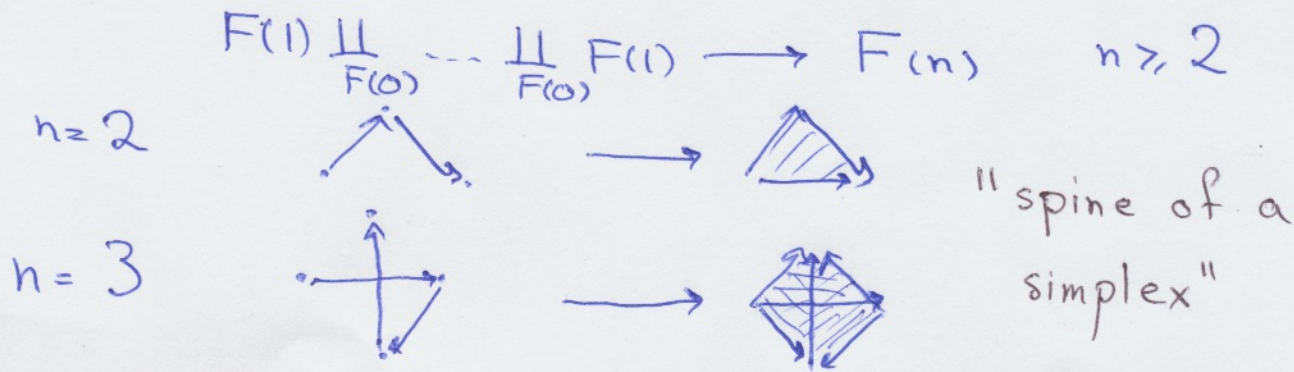
$$X_\bullet : \Delta^{op} \rightarrow \mathcal{S} \text{ (spaces) which we denote by } s\mathcal{S}.$$

We want it to look like category:



We need to add conditions to make it look the right way.

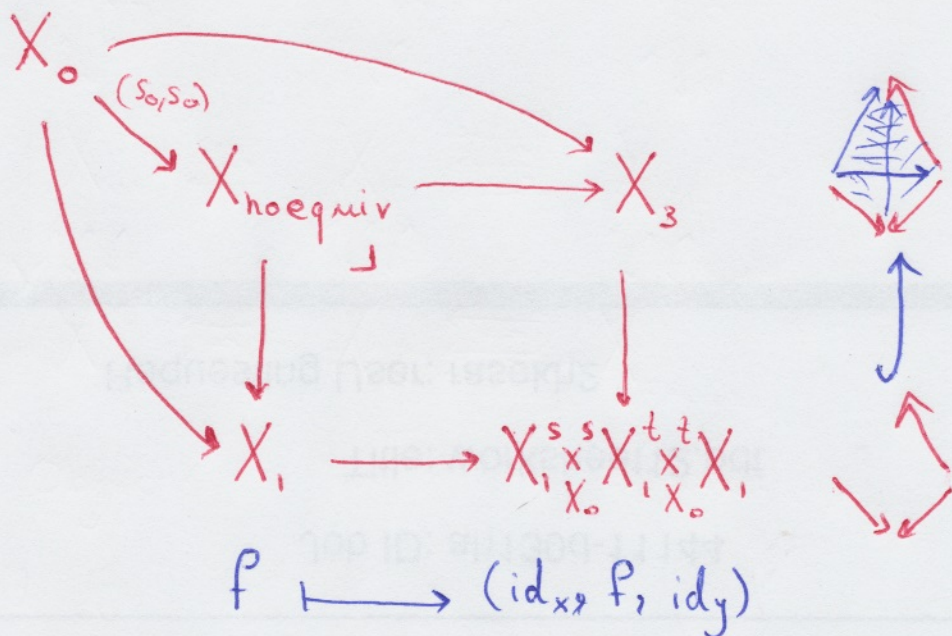
Def/ (Segal Condition) A simplicial space  $X_\bullet$  satisfies the Segal condition if:



$$X_n \xrightarrow{\cong} X_1 \times_{X_0} \dots \times_{X_0} X_1$$

the simplicial map induced by the spine is an equivalence.

**Def/** (Completeness Condition) A simplicial space  $X_\bullet$  satisfies completeness condition if:



the map  $(s_0, s_0)$  is an equivalence.

**Def/** A simplicial space  $W_\bullet$  is a CSS if

- I) It is Reedy Fibrant (technical condition)
- II) It satisfies Segal condition
- III) It satisfies completeness condition

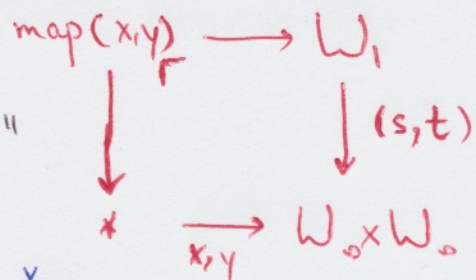
CSS behaves like a category.

It has objects, morphisms, compositions...

$$\text{Obj} / \text{Obj } W = \text{Hom}(*, W)$$

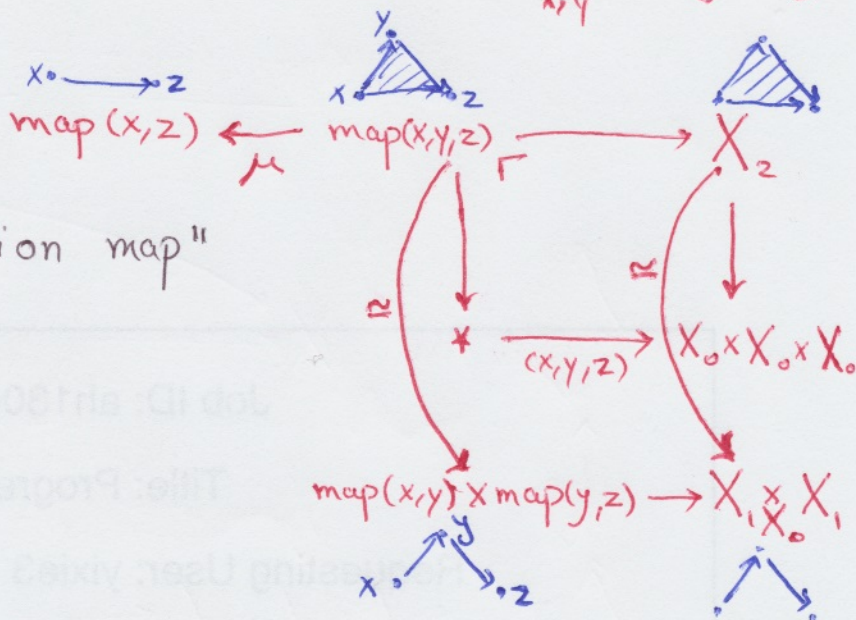
$$\text{Mor} / x, y \in \text{Obj } W$$

"map(x,y) is the following pullback"



$$\text{Comp} / x, y, z \in \text{Obj } W$$

" $\mu$  is the composition map"



Mantra / None of the definitions we made relied on the fact that we are working with spaces except for the existence of limits.

## 2) Complete Segal Objects (CSO)

Category  $\hookrightarrow$  Higher Category (like CSS)

Category Objects  $\hookrightarrow$  Higher Category Objects (CSO)

Idea: Define a higher categorical object internal to a given higher category.

For the rest of the talk let  $W$  be a CSS with finite limits.

Def/ A complete Segal object (CSO) in  $W$  is a simplicial object  $\Omega_\bullet: \Delta^{op} \rightarrow W$  such that it satisfies:

I) Segal Condition:  $\Omega_n \xrightarrow{\cong} \Omega_1 \times_{\Omega_0} \dots \times_{\Omega_0} \Omega_1$

II) Completeness Condition:  $\Omega_0 \xrightarrow{\cong} \Omega_1 \times_{\Omega_0} \Omega_1$   
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### 3) Examples of CSO

Ex/  $W = \mathcal{S}$

Complete Segal "space" = "complete Segal space"

Ex/  $W = \text{Set}$

Complete Segal set = Category without non-trivial automorphism

Similar thing happens in HoTT

Ex/  $W = CSS$

Complete Segal CSS = higher double category

Ex/ If  $\Omega_0$  is a CSO such that  $s: \Omega_0 \xrightarrow{\cong} \Omega_1$ , then we get a  $\infty$ -groupoid object,

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#### 4) Representable Maps

Def/ For every object  $x \in W$  we have a map

$$\rho_x: W^{op} \rightarrow S$$
$$y \mapsto \text{map}(y, x)$$

and a map  $F: W^{op} \rightarrow S$  is represented by  $x$  if  $F \cong \rho_x$ .

(This suggests following definition)

Def/ For every CSO  $\Omega_0: \Delta^{op} \rightarrow W$  there is a map

$$\rho_{\Omega_0}: W^{op} \rightarrow CSS$$
$$y \mapsto \text{map}(y, \Omega_0)$$

and a map  $F: W^{op} \rightarrow CSS$  is represented by  $\Omega_0$  if  $F \cong \rho_{\Omega_0}$ .

Special Case: We are interested in the case where the map

$$W_{/-} : W^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{CSS} \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \begin{array}{c} W^{F(1)} \\ \downarrow t \\ W \end{array} \text{ Cartesian Fibration}$$

$$x \longmapsto W_{/x}$$

is represented by an CSO  $\Omega_0$ .

Remark/ This statement has set-theoretical nuances which we ignore for the purpose of this talk.

Ex/ This special case happens in many situations: Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be an  $\infty$ -topos (presentable  $\infty$ -category with descent). By Lurie we know there is an object  $\Omega_0$  such that for every  $x \in \mathcal{X}$

$$(\mathcal{X}_{/x})^{\text{eq}} \simeq \text{map}(x, \Omega_0)$$

where left side is the maximal sub  $\infty$ -groupoid.

This argument generalizes to arbitrary  $n$ :

$$(\mathcal{X}_{/x}^{\Delta[n]})^{\text{eq}} \simeq \text{map}(x, \Omega_n)$$

which gives a CSO,  $\Omega_0$ , representing  $W_{/-}$ .

## Motivating Questions:

This motivates the following questions:

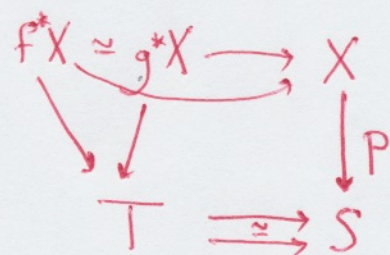
- I) Is it a locally Cartesian closed  $\infty$ -category?
- II) Does it have finite colimits?
- III) Does it have descent?
- IV) Does representability and presentability give us an  $\infty$ -topos?

## 5) Univalence

Precise definition of univalence quite abstract so we give the following:

**Def/** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a presentable locally Cartesian closed  $\infty$ -category. A map  $p: X \rightarrow S$  is univalent:

- If  $f \simeq g \rightarrow f^*X \simeq g^*X$  (always true)
- If  $f^*X \simeq g^*X \rightarrow f \simeq g$  (true if  $p$  univalent)



**Corollary/**  $p: X \rightarrow S$  is univalent iff it is the pullback of a universal map along a monomorphism.

This is all based on work by Gepner-Kock.



This allows us to generalize univalent maps:

**Def/** Let  $W$  be a CSS such that  $W_1$  is represented by  $\Omega_0$ . This gives us a universal map  $p: \Sigma_0 \rightarrow \Omega_0$  classifying objects. Now a map is univalent if it is the monomorphic pullback of the universal map.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \longrightarrow & \Sigma_0 \\ \downarrow u & & \downarrow p \\ S & \longrightarrow & \Omega_0 \end{array}$$

This definition suggests "minimal conditions" which a category needs to satisfy in order to define univalent maps, namely the existence of an object classifier.

This suggests an interesting generalization: n-univalent maps.

The intuitive definition is the following:

**Def/** A chain of maps  $X_n \rightarrow X_{n-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow S$  is n-univalent:

- $f \simeq g \rightarrow$  equivalence of chains (always true)
- equivalence of chains  $\rightarrow f \simeq g$  (n-univalence)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f^*X_n \simeq g^*X_n & & X_n \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ f^*X_1 \simeq g^*X_1 & & X_1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ f^*X_0 \simeq g^*X_0 & & X_0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \checkmark & & S \end{array}$$

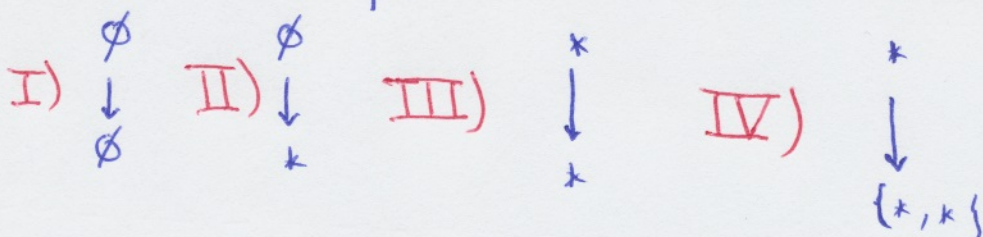
$\xrightarrow{f} \xrightarrow{\simeq} \xrightarrow{g}$

The precise definition should be about pullbacks of n-universal map in cases where  $W_1$  is classified.

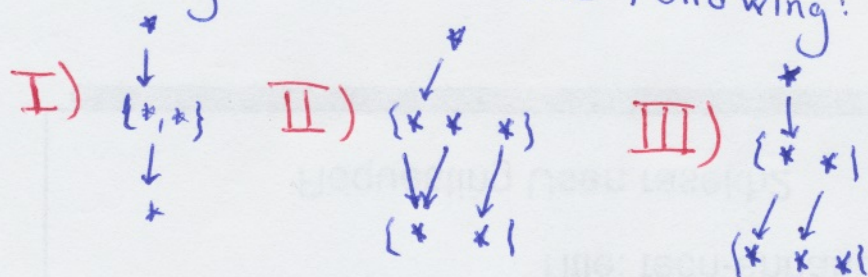
Remark /  $n$ -univalent maps are vastly more complicated.

For example:

In the category of sets there are four univalent maps:



But even 2-univalent maps are more diverse. Among them are the following:



### Motivating Questions:

- I) How can we classify  $n$ -univalent maps?
- II) What does an  $n$ -univalent map tell me about the underlying category?