

Double categories of relations relative to factorisation systems

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Introduction

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Objects in \mathcal{C} + Morphisms in \mathcal{C} + Relations in \mathcal{C}
 $R \rightarrow A \times B$ + ...
Spans in \mathcal{C}
 $X \xrightarrow{\langle f, g \rangle} A \times B$

\rightsquigarrow Double categories $\text{Rel}(\mathcal{C}), \text{Span}(\mathcal{C})$.

What is a common generalization?

How can we characterize them?

Structure

1. Double categories
2. How should double categories of relations be?
3. The correspondence between DCRs and SOFSs
— Cauchy double categories of relations
4. Conclusions and future work

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Double categories

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A double category \mathbb{D} consists of the following data :

- objects A, B, C, \dots

- vertical arrows $f \downarrow \begin{matrix} A \\ B \end{matrix}, \dots$

- horizontal arrows $A \xrightarrow{R} B, \dots$

- cells $\begin{matrix} A & \xrightarrow{R} & C \\ f \downarrow & \alpha & \downarrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow{S} & D \end{matrix}, \dots$

with compositions of vertical arrows / horizontal arrows / cells such that \dots .

Examples

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Rel (Set)

objects : sets , vertical arrows : functions

horizontal arrows : (binary) relations

composition of horizontal arrows :

$$A \xrightarrow{R} B \xrightarrow{S} C := A \xrightarrow{\{(a,c) \mid \exists b \in B \ a R b \wedge b S c\}} C$$

cells : In this case, at most one cell can exist for each frame.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{R} & C \\ f \downarrow & \wedge & \downarrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow{S} & D \end{array}$$

\Leftrightarrow

$$\forall a \in A \ \forall c \in C \\ a R c \Rightarrow f(a) S g(c)$$

Examples

Span(\mathcal{C}) for a finitely complete category \mathcal{C}

objects : objects in \mathcal{C} , vertical arrows : arrows in \mathcal{C}

horizontal arrows : spans

$$\frac{A \xrightarrow{R} B}{\frac{A \xleftarrow{l_R} R \xrightarrow{r_R} B \text{ in } \mathcal{C}}$$

composition of horizontal arrows :

$$A \xrightarrow{R} B \xrightarrow{S} C := \begin{array}{ccccc} & & P & & \\ & \swarrow & \downarrow & \searrow & \\ A \xleftarrow{l_R} R & & \checkmark & & S \xrightarrow{r_S} C \\ & \searrow & & \swarrow & \\ & R & & B & \end{array}$$

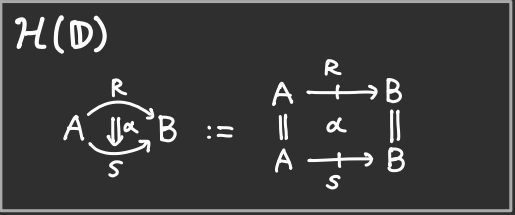
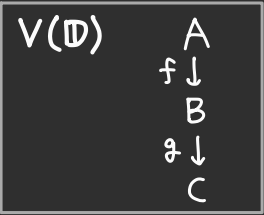
cells :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{R} & C \\ f \downarrow & \alpha & \downarrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow{S} & D \end{array} \parallel \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xleftarrow{l_R} R \xrightarrow{r_R} & C \\ f \downarrow & \alpha & \downarrow g \\ B & \xleftarrow{l_S} S \xrightarrow{r_S} & D \end{array} \text{ in } \mathcal{C}$$

Some Definitions

\mathbb{D} : a double category

- the vertical category $V(\mathbb{D})$ is a category consisting of objects and vertical arrows in \mathbb{D} .
- the horizontal bicategory $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{D})$ is a bicategory whose 0-cells are objects, 1-cells are horizontal arrows, and 2-cells are cells with the identity vertical arrows in \mathbb{D} .



Historical Remarks

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Rel Span

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| 1984 | • | • | Carboni, Kasangian, and Street defined bicategories of spans and bicategories of relations on regular categories. |
| 1987 | • | | Carboni and Walters characterized bicategories of relations on regular categories |
| 2010 | | • | Lack, Walters, and Wood characterized bicategories of spans. |
| 2018 | | • | Aleiferi characterized [?] double categories of spans ↓ DC |
| 2022 | • | | Lambert characterized double categories of relations on regular categories |

Historical Remarks continued & Motivations

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Kelly defined bicategories of relations relative to stable proper factorization systems (E, M) .

↳ e.g., $(\text{Surj}, \text{Inj})$ in Set

$$M\text{-relation } A \xrightarrow{R} B \quad \parallel \quad R \longrightarrow A \times B \in M$$

Motivation

To characterize double categories of relations relative to **stable orthogonal** factorization systems.

This treatment includes DCs of spans / relations.

Some Definitions

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Definition

A **stable orthogonal factorization system (SOFS)** on a category \mathcal{C} is a pair of classes of morphisms (E, M) such that:

(i) E and M are closed under composition and contain iso's.

(ii) E and M are orthogonal:

$$E \ni \begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \bullet \\ \downarrow & \nearrow^{\exists!} & \downarrow \\ \bullet & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \bullet \end{array} \in M$$

(iii) Every morphism in \mathcal{C} is factored as $\bullet \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet \xrightarrow{\quad} \bullet$.

(iv) E is stable under pullback.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \bullet & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \bullet \\ \underbrace{\quad} & & \underbrace{\quad} \\ E & & M \end{array}$$

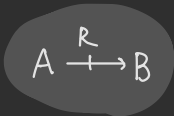
It is **proper** if $M \subseteq \text{Mono}$, $E \subseteq \text{Epi}$

$\text{Rel}_{(E, M)}(\mathcal{C})$ is the double category whose vertical arrows are arrows in \mathcal{C} and horizontal arrows are M -relations.

Why double categories ?

A. They have potentials of rich structures and enable us to describe behaviours of relations effectively!

Bicategories



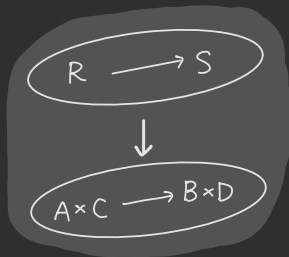
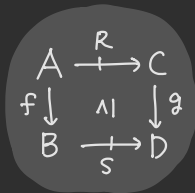
- have compositions
- ✗ have no 'functions'

Fibered Categories

- ✗ have no compositions
- have 'functions' on the base

Double Categories

- have compositions
- have 'functions'



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Characterisation Theorem

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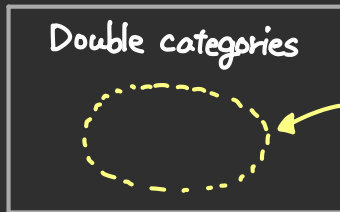
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described by
double
categorical
properties

Cartesian double categories

Since M -relations $A \rightarrow B$ are defined as M -subobjects of $A \times B$, we assume double categories to be **cartesian**.

A double category \mathbb{D} is **cartesian** iff (if it is an equipment)

- $V(\mathbb{D})$ has finite products
- $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{D})$ has local finite products, i.e., $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{D})(A, B)$ has finite products for any $A, B \in \mathbb{D}$
- these products 'respect' horizontal composition

More precisely, it is a cartesian object in the 2-cat DblCat .

Functions \rightarrow Relations

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In $\mathbf{Rel}(\mathbf{Set})$, every function $f: A \rightarrow B$ defines binary relations called the **graphs** of f :

$$A \xrightarrow{f_*} B := \{(a, b) \mid f(a) = b\}.$$

$$B \xrightarrow{f^*} A := \{(b, a) \mid b = f(a)\}.$$

Remark the identity horizontal arrow in $\mathbf{Rel}(\mathbf{Set})$ is defined by the equality relation $=$.

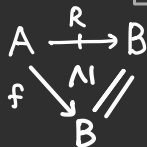
We have two cells

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f_*} & B \\ f \downarrow & \lrcorner & \parallel \\ B & \xlongequal{\quad} & B \end{array}, \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xlongequal{\quad} & A \\ \parallel & \lrcorner & \downarrow f \\ A & \xrightarrow{f_*} & B \end{array}.$$

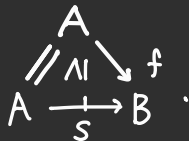
Functions \rightarrow Relations

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f_* is the largest relation among those R 's with

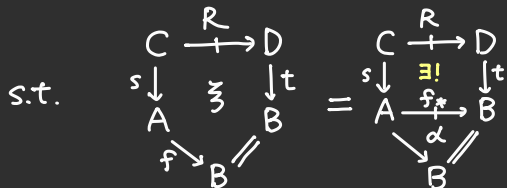
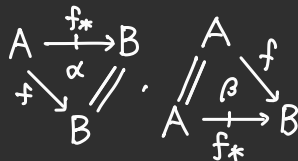


and also the smallest one among those S 's with



A double category \mathbb{D} is called an **equipment** iff

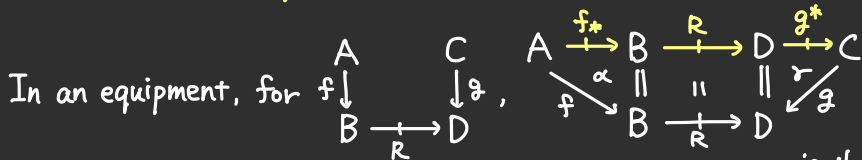
for $\begin{array}{ccc} A & & \\ \downarrow f & & \\ B & & \end{array}$, there exist two universal cells



and \dots , and there exist

$$f^*: B \rightarrow A \dots$$

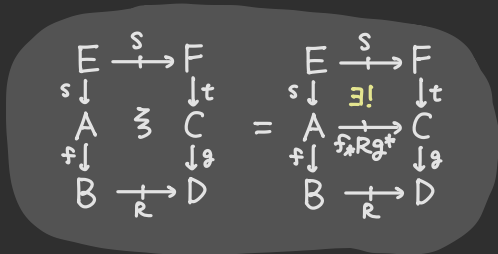
Restrictions / extensions



is the universal cell,

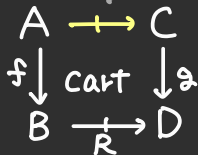
This is called **restriction** of R along f and g .

A cell with such a universal property is called **cartesian**.



Example

In Rel(Set),



$$\{(a, c) \mid f(a) R g(c)\}$$

Restrictions / extensions

Dually, for $\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{a} & C \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ B & & D \end{array}$, an **extension** $\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{a} & C \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow{f^* a g_*} & D \end{array}$ is the universal

cell for downward composition. Such a cell is called **opcartesian**.

Example In $\text{Rel}(\text{Set})$, $\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{a} & C \\ f \downarrow \text{opcart} \downarrow g & & \\ B & \xrightarrow{\quad} & D \end{array}$ $\{ (f(a), g(c)) \mid a \in C \}$

In particular,

$\begin{array}{ccc} & A & \\ f \swarrow & & \searrow g \\ B & \xrightarrow{\text{opcart}} & D \end{array}$ $\{ (f(a), g(a)) \mid a \in A \}$

Relations \rightarrow Functions

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In Set, a relation $A \xrightarrow{R} B$ is expressed by two projections from $|R| = \{(a,b) \mid a R b\}$: $A \xleftarrow{\pi_1} |R| \xrightarrow{\pi_2} B$.

These two morphisms have the following property:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} (f(x), g(x)) \\ \cap \\ R \end{array} \right\} = \begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ f \swarrow & \Delta & \searrow g \\ A & \xrightarrow{R} & B \end{array} = \begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ \downarrow f & \downarrow \exists! & \downarrow g \\ A & \xrightarrow{R} & B \end{array}$$

The diagram on the right shows a commutative square with X at the top, A at the bottom left, and B at the bottom right. The bottom edge is $A \xrightarrow{R} B$. The left edge is $f: X \rightarrow A$ and the right edge is $g: X \rightarrow B$. The top vertex X is connected to A and B by arrows labeled π_1 and π_2 respectively. A diagonal arrow labeled Δ connects A and B . A yellow arrow labeled $\exists!$ points from X down to the Δ arrow.

Moreover, $A \xrightarrow{R} B$ is recoverable from π_1 and π_2 :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & |R| & \\ \pi_1 \swarrow & \Delta & \searrow \pi_2 \\ A & \xrightarrow{R} & B \end{array}$$

is opcartesian.

$$R = \{(\pi_1(x), \pi_2(x))\}$$

Relations \rightarrow Functions

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A **tabulator** of a horizontal arrow $A \xrightarrow{R} B$ is an object $|R|$

with

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & |R| & \\
 \ell \swarrow & \tau & \searrow r \\
 A & \xrightarrow{R} & B
 \end{array}$$

satisfying the following universal property:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & & \\
 f \swarrow & \alpha & \searrow g \\
 A & \xrightarrow{R} & B
 \end{array}
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 \end{array}$$

$\downarrow \exists!$

The tabulator is called **strong** if τ is opcartesian.

Plus, a relation $A \xrightarrow{R} B$ is a subset R of $A \times B$.

In general, we expect a relation $A \xrightarrow{R} B$ to be a "sub" of $A \times B$.

Relations \rightarrow Functions

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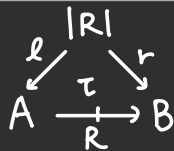
A class M of morphisms in a category is called a **stable system** if it contains all iso's, is closed under composition, and stable under pullback.

For a stable system M , an **M -relation** $R: A \twoheadrightarrow B$ is a morphism $R \rightarrow A \times B$ in M .

In $\text{Rel}(\text{Set})$, $\begin{array}{ccc} & |R| & \\ \swarrow \ell & & \searrow r \\ A & \xrightarrow[\tau]{R} & B \end{array} : \text{tabulator} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} |R| \\ \downarrow \langle \ell, r \rangle \\ A \times B \end{array} \in \text{Mono.}$

For a horizontal arrow R , its tabulator

an **M -tabulator** if $\langle \ell, r \rangle \in M$.



is called

M-comprehension scheme

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If \mathbb{D} has M-tabulators for every horizontal arrow for a stable system M in $V(\mathbb{D})$,

$$H(\mathbb{D})(A, B) \xrightleftharpoons[\text{tab}]{\text{ext}} M/A \times B \xrightarrow{\text{full}} V(\mathbb{D})/A \times B$$



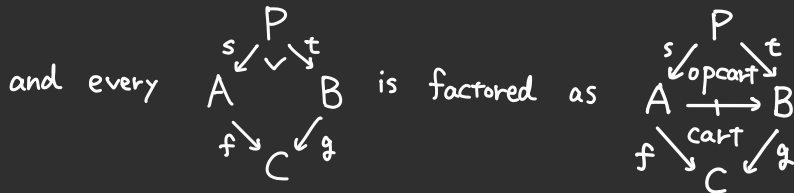
$$\langle f, g \rangle \in M$$

\mathbb{D} is said to admit an M-comprehension scheme if the adjoints are equivalences.

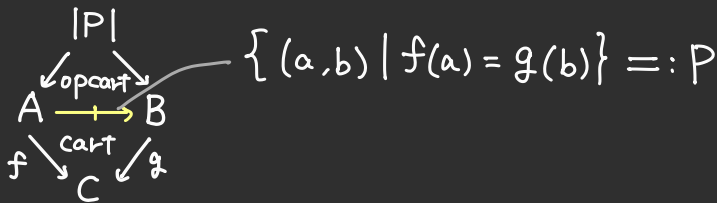
Beck-Chevalley pullbacks

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\mathbb{D} has Beck-Chevalley pullbacks if $V(\mathbb{D})$ has all pullbacks



Example $\text{Rel}(\text{Set})$ has Beck-Chevalley pullbacks:



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Remark Another equivalent condition is given in the paper without "the variable M ", and purely double categorically.

SOFS (E, M)	M-relations	$\text{Rel}_{(E, M)}$
$(\text{Regepi}, \text{Mono})$ in a regular category	(usual) relations	$\text{Rel}(\mathcal{C})$ [Lam21]
(Iso, Mor) in a finitely complete category	spans	$\text{Span}(\mathcal{C})$
$(\text{Epi}, \text{Regmono})$ in a quasi-topos	strong relations	

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Correspondence of SOFSs and DCRs

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Properties of SOFSs are translated to those of DCRs

The correspondence of SOFSs and DCRs (TABLE 1 in HN.)

SOFSs	DCRs
<p>SOFS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">left-proper<ul style="list-style-type: none">anti-right-proper (Iso, Mor)right-proper<ul style="list-style-type: none">proper<ul style="list-style-type: none">regular SOFS	<p>DCR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">unit-pure<ul style="list-style-type: none">unit-pure Cauchy<ul style="list-style-type: none">$\text{Span}(\mathcal{C})$ ($\mathcal{C} : \text{fin-complete}$)locally preordered<ul style="list-style-type: none">locally posetal<ul style="list-style-type: none">$\text{Rel}(\mathcal{C})$ ($\mathcal{C} : \text{regular}$)

Cauchy equipments

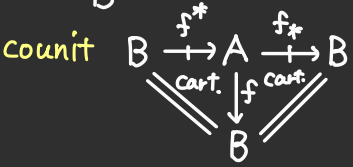
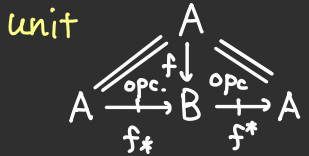
\mathcal{C} is **Cauchy complete** (idempotent complete) iff

for any adjunction of profunctors $\mathcal{D} \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{P} \\ \dashv \\ \xleftarrow{Q} \end{matrix} \mathcal{C}$ from a small category,

there exists a functor $F: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ with $P \cong \mathcal{C}(F-, -)$.

(cf. Prof : DC of categories, functors, and profunctors)

In an equipment \mathcal{D} , $A \begin{matrix} \downarrow f \\ B \end{matrix} \rightsquigarrow A \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{f_*} \\ \dashv \\ \xleftarrow{f^*} \end{matrix} B$ in $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{D})$



This kind of adjunctions is called **representable**.

Cauchy equipments

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An equipment \mathbb{D} is called **Cauchy** if any adjunction in $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{D})$ is representable. (Paré 21)

Example

Prof_{cc} : double categories of small Cauchy complete categories, functors, and profunctors

Q. How does this condition behave in a DCR?

What is Cauchy DCR?

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If we think of horizontal arrows as binary predicates

$$A \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{P} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{Q} \end{array} B \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} (\text{unit}) \quad \forall a:A \exists b:B \quad P(a,b) \wedge Q(b,a) \\ (\text{counit}) \quad \forall b,b':B, \forall a:A \quad Q(b,a) \wedge P(a,b') \rightarrow b=b' \end{cases}$$
$$\Rightarrow \forall a:A \exists! b:B \quad P(a,b)$$

Cauchy condition behaves as the unique choice principle :

$$\forall a:A \exists! b:B \quad P(a,b) \implies \text{"}\exists\text{" } f:A \rightarrow B \quad P = f_*$$

Classical results

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Proposition [Kelly '91]

For a proper SOFS (E, M) ,

a left adjoint M -relation is of the form $A \xleftarrow{e} X \xrightarrow{f} B$

where $e \in E \cap \text{Mono}$.

In particular, for a regular category \mathcal{C} , $\text{Rel}(\mathcal{C})$ is Cauchy.

Proposition [Carboni, Kasangian, Street '84 (in terms of DC)]

$\text{Span}(\mathcal{C})$ is Cauchy.

Cauchy unit-pure DCR

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A double category is called **unit-pure** if

a cell of the form
$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \cong & A \\ f \downarrow & \alpha & \downarrow g \\ B & \cong & B \end{array}$$
 must be
$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \cong & A \\ f \downarrow & \cong & \downarrow f \\ B & \cong & B \end{array}$$
.

Theorem [HN.]

In a unit-pure DCR $\text{Rel}_{(E,M)}(\mathcal{C})$, a horizontal left adjoint is of the form
$$\begin{array}{ccc} & X & \\ e \swarrow & & \searrow f \\ A & & B \end{array}$$
 where $e \in E \cap \text{Mono}$.

Cauchy unit-pure DCR

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We have

$$\text{Cauchy unit-pure DCRs} = \text{DCRs with } \text{Mono} \subseteq M$$

because a unit-pure DCR is Cauchy iff

$$E \cap \text{Mono} = \text{Iso} \iff \text{Mono} \subseteq M.$$

There is also a "Cauchization" 2-functor

$$\text{CauchyUnitpureDCR} \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\text{Caul}(-)} \\ \xrightarrow{\perp} \end{array} \text{UnitpureDCR}$$

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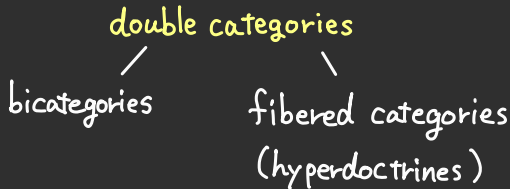
Conclusions

- We defined double categories of relations and characterized them using comprehension schemes which involve some double-categorical universal properties.
- Cauchy DCRs are those admitting "unique choice" and correspond to SOFSs (E, M) with Mono CM.
- Other significant classes of SOFSs correspond to those of DCRs.

Future Work

Extending the correspondences to non-stable OFSs, AWFs, etc.

Developing logic in double categories



horizontal composition \leftrightarrow existensial quantifier

horizontal identity \leftrightarrow equality

Thank you!

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