# Characterising split opfibrations using lenses

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## Motivation

#### Idea

Split opfibration = functor + lifting + universal property

- Split opfibrations are functors equipped with a suitable choice of opcartesian lifts.
- Cat-valued functors  $\simeq$  split opfibrations
- **Cat**(*E*)-valued internal functors → internal split opfibrations
- (internal) split opfibrations = algebras for a particular monad
   = functor + (lifting + universal property)
- **Problem**: these definitions appear to be quite different.
- **Solution**: characterise split opfibrations using delta lenses. Split opfibrations = (functor + lifting) + universal property

# Background

## **Discrete opfibrations**

#### Definition

A functor  $G: \mathbf{S} \to \mathbf{V}$  is a discrete opfibration if for all objects Sin  $\mathbf{S}$  and morphisms  $\alpha: GS \to V$  in  $\mathbf{V}$ , there exists a unique morphism  $\widehat{\alpha}: S \to S'$  such that  $G\widehat{\alpha} = \alpha$ .



Every functor  $F : \mathbf{V} \to \mathbf{Set}$  yields a discrete opfibration  $\int F \to \mathbf{V}$  via Grothendieck construction, and vice versa.

#### Definition

A morphism  $u: S \to S'$  in **S** is opcartesian if for all morphisms  $f: S \to S''$  in **S** and  $\beta: GS' \to GS''$  in **V** such that  $\beta \circ Gu = Gf$ , there exists a unique morphism  $\widehat{\beta}: S' \to S''$  such that  $G\widehat{\beta} = \beta$  and  $\widehat{\beta} \circ u = f$ .



Thus opcartesian morphisms satisfy a universal property.

## Split opfibrations

## Definition

A split opfibration is a pair (G, k) consisting of a functor  $G: \mathbf{S} \to \mathbf{V}$  together with a function k, called a *splitting*,

$$(S, \alpha \colon GS \to V) \longmapsto k(S, \alpha) \colon S \to p(S, \alpha)$$

satisfying the following axioms:

(1)  $Gk(S, \alpha) = \alpha$ (2)  $k(S, 1_{GS}) = 1_S$ (3)  $k(S, \beta \circ \alpha) = k(p(S, \alpha), \beta) \circ k(S, \alpha)$ (4) Each  $k(S, \alpha)$  is opcartesian.

Every functor  $F : \mathbf{V} \to \mathbf{Cat}$  yields a split opfibration  $\int F \to \mathbf{V}$  via Grothendieck construction, and vice versa.

# Characterising split opfibrations using lenses and décalage

## **Delta lenses**

#### Definition (Diskin, Xiong, Czarnecki, 2011)

A delta lens is a pair (G, k) consisting of a functor  $G: \mathbf{S} \to \mathbf{V}$  together with a function k, called a *lifting* (or *put*),

$$(S, \alpha \colon GS \to V) \longmapsto k(S, \alpha) \colon S \to p(S, \alpha)$$

satisfying the following axioms:

(1) 
$$Gk(S, \alpha) = \alpha$$

(2) 
$$k(S, 1_{GS}) = 1_S$$

(3)  $k(S, \beta \circ \alpha) = k(p(S, \alpha), \beta) \circ k(S, \alpha)$ 

A split opfibration is a delta lens where each  $k(S, \alpha)$  is opcartesian.

## Characterising delta lenses using functors

#### Lemma

Every delta lens (G, k):  $\mathbf{S} \to \mathbf{V}$  induces a category  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$  with the same objects as  $\mathbf{S}$  and with morphisms given by formal pairs:

$$S \xrightarrow{(S,\alpha)} p(S,\alpha)$$

#### Proposition

Every delta lens may be represented as a diagram in Cat given by,



where K is identity-on-objects and  $\overline{G}$  is a discrete opfibration.

## Definition

There is a comonad  $Dec_r$  on **Cat** called the right décalage which assigns to each category **S** the sum of its slice categories:

$$\mathsf{Dec}_{\mathsf{r}}(\mathsf{S}) = \sum_{X \in \mathsf{S}} \mathsf{S} / X$$

The counit components are *discrete fibrations* given by:



## Main Theorem

#### Theorem

A delta lens (G, k):  $\mathbf{S} \to \mathbf{V}$  is a split opfibration if and only if the composite functor F shown below is a discrete opfibration.



Split opfibration = delta lens + universal property

# Characterising split opfibrations using lenses and double categories

## Split opfibrations as algebras for a monad

Let **V** be a category. There is a monad M on the slice category **Cat** / **V** whose action on objects is given by,

 $G: \mathbf{S} \to \mathbf{V} \quad \longmapsto \quad \Pi_{\mathbf{V}}: G \downarrow \mathbf{V} \to \mathbf{V}$ 

where  $\Pi_{\mathbf{V}}$  is the comma category projection.

Definition (Street, 1974)

A split opfibration is an algebra for the monad M.

Unpacking: split opfibration is a pair (G, P) consisting of functors  $G: \mathbf{S} \to \mathbf{V}$  and  $P: G \downarrow \mathbf{V} \to \mathbf{S}$  such that  $GP = \prod_{\mathbf{V}}$ .

Split opfibration = functor + structure map

Generalises to any 2-category with pullbacks and comma objects.

## Does this definition make sense?

Consider a split opfibration given by the pair (G, P), where the functor  $P: G \downarrow \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{S}$  has action on morphisms given by:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} GS & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & V & & P(S, \alpha) \\ G(f) \downarrow & & \downarrow^{\beta} & \longmapsto & & \downarrow^{P\langle f, \beta \rangle} \\ GS' & \xrightarrow{\alpha'} & V' & & P(S', \alpha') \end{array}$$

#### Proposition

Every split opfibration (G, P) yields a split opfibration of the form (G, k) where  $k(S, \alpha) = P\langle 1_S, \alpha \rangle$  as depicted below:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} GS \xrightarrow{1_{GS}} GS & & S \\ G(1_{S}) \downarrow & \downarrow^{\alpha} & \longmapsto & \downarrow^{P\langle 1_{S}, \alpha \rangle} \\ GS \xrightarrow{\alpha} V & & P(S, \alpha) \end{array}$$

## **Double categories**

## A double category is an internal category in Cat.

#### Lemma

Every split opfibration (G, P):  $\mathbf{S} \to \mathbf{V}$  induces a double category  $\mathbb{A}$  with domain and codomain maps given by  $\Pi_{\mathbf{S}}, P \colon G \downarrow \mathbf{V} \rightrightarrows \mathbf{S}$ .

## Proposition

Every split opfibration may be represented as a diagram in **Dbl** given by,



where  $\mathcal{K}$  is identity-on-objects and  $\overline{\mathcal{G}}$  is a discrete opfibration.

i.e. a lens *internal* to **Cat** between the double categories of squares.

#### Lemma

Every split opfibration (G, k):  $\mathbf{S} \to \mathbf{V}$  induces a double category  $\mathbb{B}$  with domain and codomain maps given by  $\Pi_0, \Pi_1 \colon K \downarrow K \rightrightarrows \Lambda$ .

#### Proposition

Every split opfibration (G, k): **S**  $\rightarrow$  **V** may be represented as a diagram in **Dbl** given by:



where  $\mathbb{B}$  is isomorphic to the transpose of  $\mathbb{A} = (G \downarrow \mathbf{V} \rightrightarrows \mathbf{S})$ .

# Summary

## Summary of the talk

## Key idea Split opfibration = delta lens + universal property

- Delta lenses capture the *structure* of a split opfibration.
- Every split opfibration is a delta lens (G, k) where each lift k(S, α) has the *property* of being opcartesian.
- A delta lens is a split opfibration iff its representation in **Cat** satisfies a condition with respect to the right décalage.
- Every split opfibration may be represented as a diagram in **Dbl** 
   an *internal lens* between the double categories of squares.
- **Benefits**: Results generalise to **Cat**( $\mathcal{E}$ ); new proofs of old results on split opfibrations; and clearer understanding.