

THE A.W.F.S. OF
TWISTED COREFLECTIONS & DELTA LENSES

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CONTEXT & MOTIVATION

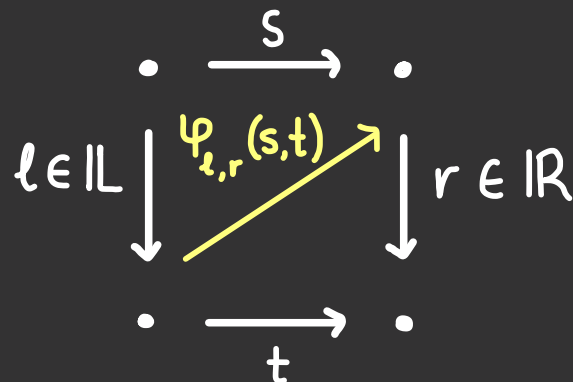
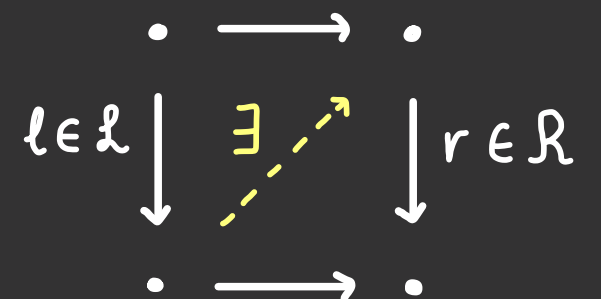
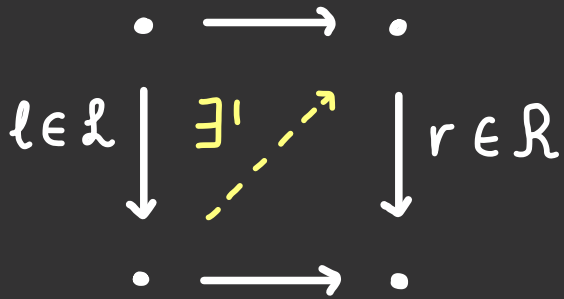
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remove uniqueness of lifts

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require specified lifts

A.W.F.S.



OUTLINE OF THE TALK

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1. Motivating AWFS via examples

2. Double categories & definition of AWFS

3. Delta lenses & twisted coreflections

Main goals for talk:

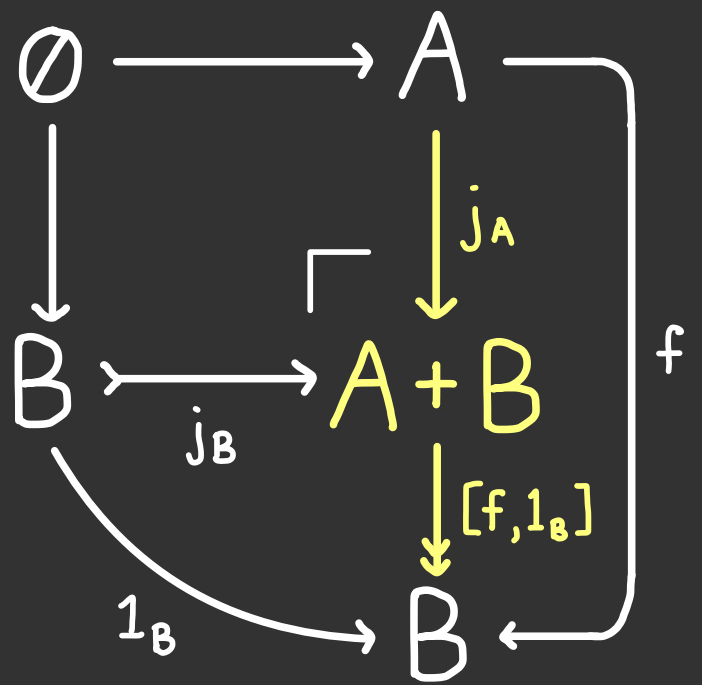
- Unpack the reformulation of AWFS due to Bourke (2023).
- Introduce the new notion of twisted coreflection.
- Construct an AWFS on Cat with:
 - * left class = twisted coreflections
 - * right class = delta lenses

PART 1: MOTIVATING A.W.F.S. VIA EXAMPLES

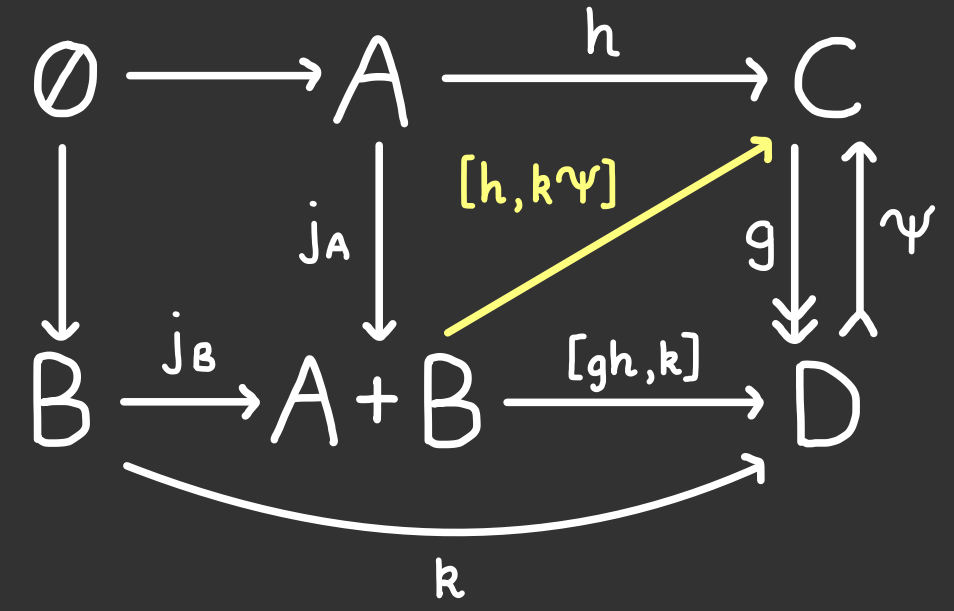
COPRODUCT INJECTIONS & SPLIT EPIMORPHISMS

Let \mathcal{C} be a category with finite coproducts.

FACTORISATION



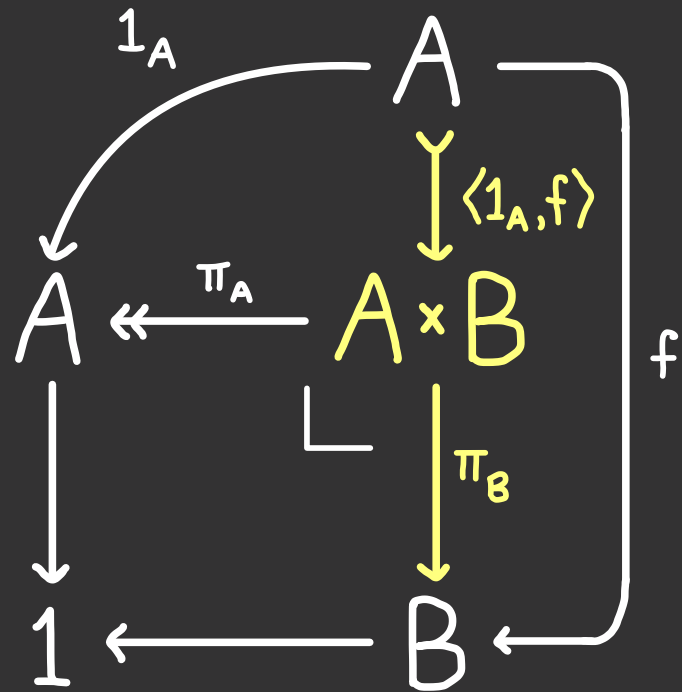
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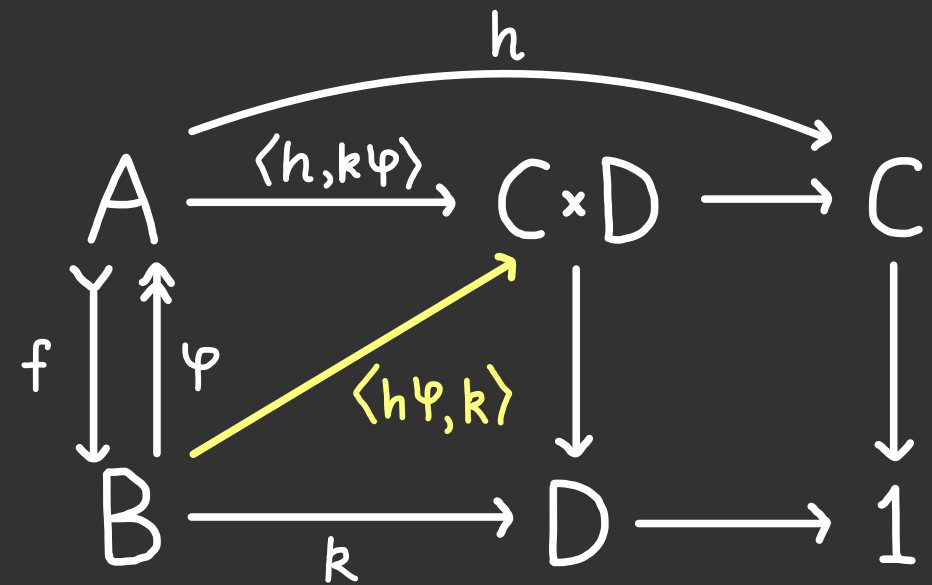
SPLIT MONOMORPHISMS & PRODUCT PROJECTIONS

Let \mathcal{C} be a category with finite products.

FACTORISATION



LIFTING



SPLIT OPFIBRATIONS

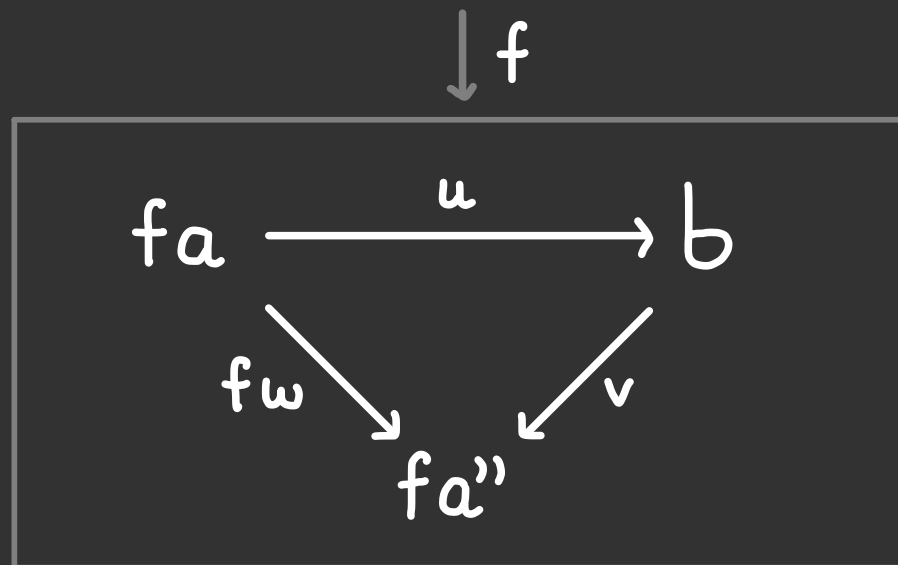
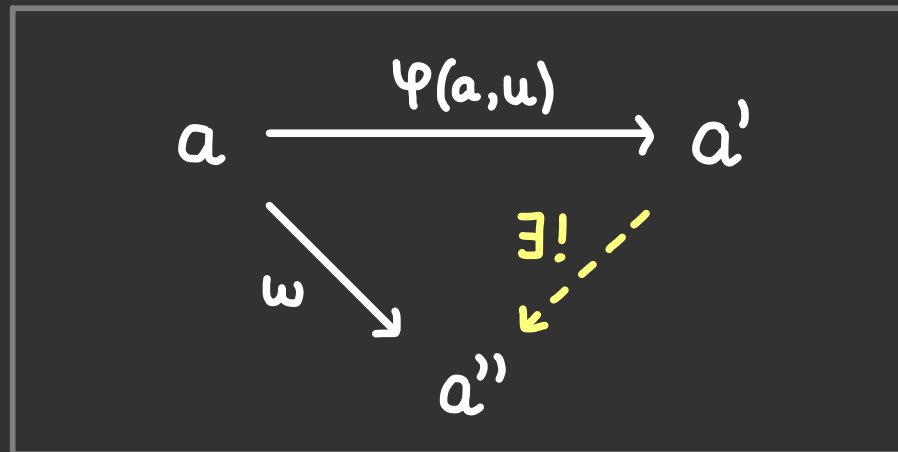
A **split opfibration** is a functor equipped with a lifting operation (splitting)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & a & \xrightarrow{\varphi(a,u)} a' \\ f \downarrow & \vdots & \vdots \\ B & fa & \xrightarrow{u} b \end{array}$$

such that:

1. $f\varphi(a,u) = u$
2. $\varphi(a, 1_{fa}) = 1_a$
3. $\varphi(a, v \circ u) = \varphi(a', v) \circ \varphi(a, u)$

4. Each lift $\varphi(a,u)$ is **opcartesian**.



SPLIT COREFLECTIONS

A **split coreflection** is a functor f equipped with a retraction q

$$A \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{q} \\ \xrightarrow{f} \end{array} B \quad qf = 1_A$$

and a natural transformation

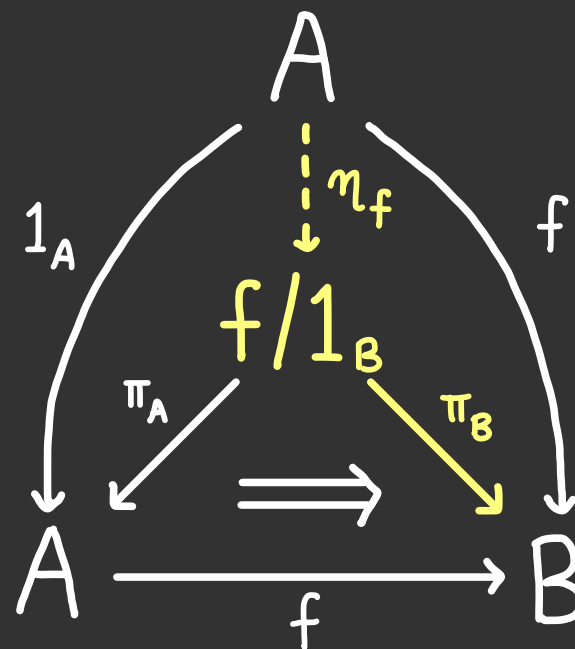
$$B \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{q} A \\ \xrightarrow{1_B} B \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \varepsilon \\ \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} B \\ \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \varepsilon \cdot f = 1_f \\ q \cdot \varepsilon = 1_q \end{array}$$

such that the equations hold:

Have a coreflective adjunction:

$$A \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{q} \\ \xrightarrow{f} \end{array} B$$

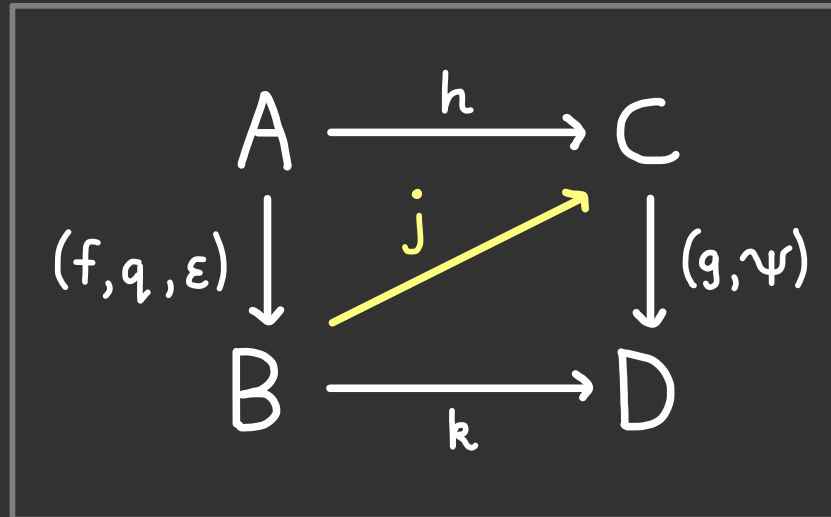
FACTORISATION



LIFTING AGAINST SPLIT OPFIBRATIONS (1)

$$q_x \xrightarrow{q_u} q_y$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} hq_x & \xrightarrow{hq_u} & hq_y \\ \Psi(hq_x, k\varepsilon_x) \downarrow & & \downarrow \Psi(hq_y, k\varepsilon_y) \\ j_x & \xrightarrow{j_u} & j_y \end{array}$$

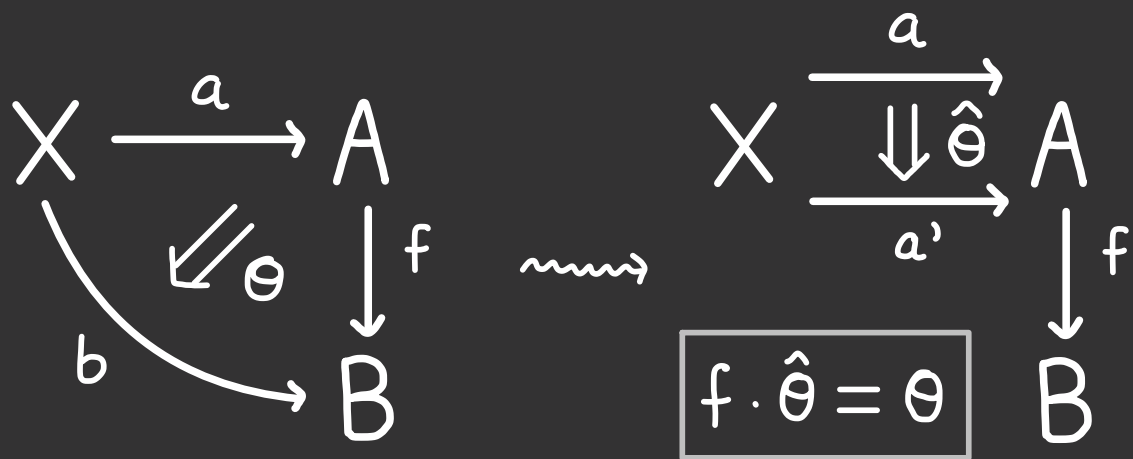


$$\begin{array}{ccc} fq_x & \xrightarrow{fqu} & fq_y \\ \varepsilon_x \downarrow & & \downarrow \varepsilon_y \\ x & \xrightarrow{u} & y \end{array}$$

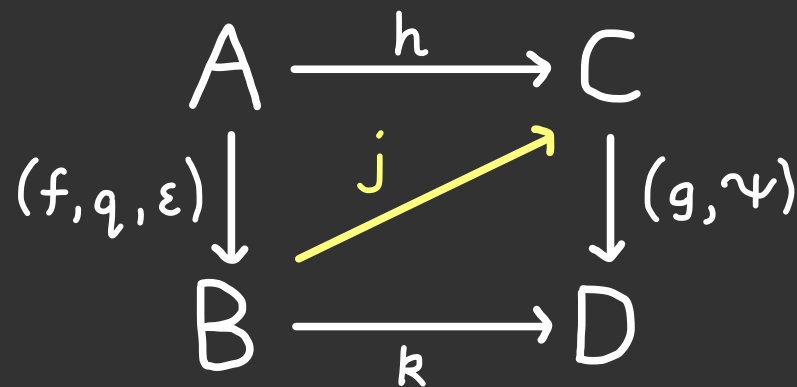
$$\begin{array}{ccc} g(hq_x) & & g(hq_y) \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ kf_qx & \xrightarrow{kfqu} & kf_qy \\ k\varepsilon_x \downarrow & & \downarrow k\varepsilon_y \\ kx & \xrightarrow{ku} & ky \end{array}$$

LIFTING AGAINST SPLIT OPFIBRATIONS (2)

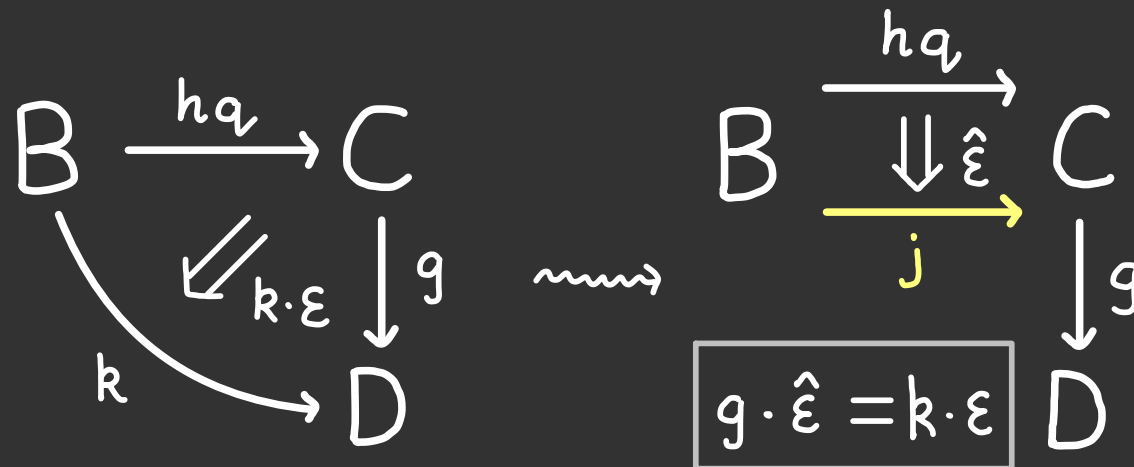
Useful fact: $(f, \psi): A \rightarrow B$ is a split opfibration iff $f_*: [X, A] \rightarrow [X, B]$ is a split opfibration for all X .



We can use this to construct lifts of split coreflections against split opfibrations.



We may define functor j as follows:



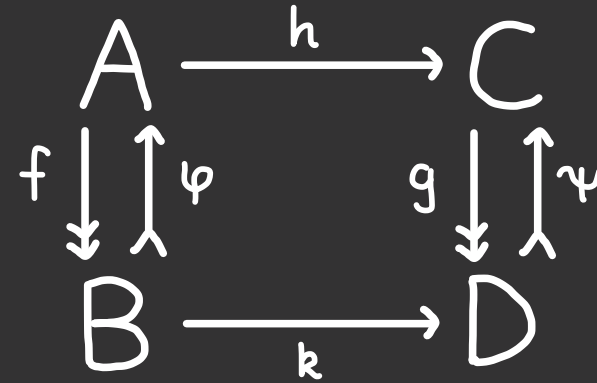
THE STORY SO FAR

Several examples where we have **factorisation** and **lifting**:

left class	right class
coproduct injections	split epis
split monos	product projections
split coreflections	split opfibrations

Each class is closed under **composition**, but also have **morphisms of morphisms**!

Example: Morphisms of split epis



$$\begin{aligned} kf &= gh \\ h\psi &= \gamma k \end{aligned}$$

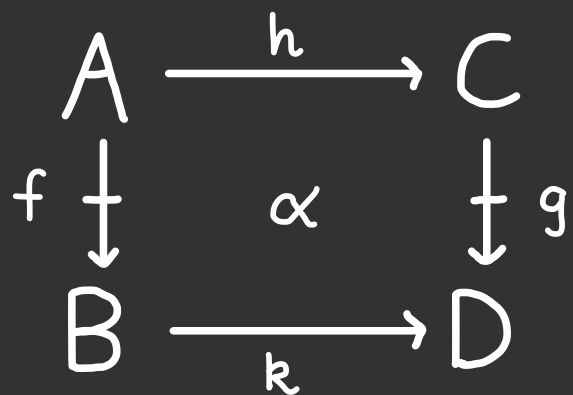
- How should lifting account for **composition** and "squares"?
- In what sense is **factorisation** universal?
- Does **lifting** against each class determine the other class?

PART 2: DOUBLE CATEGORIES & A.W.F.S.

DOUBLE CATEGORIES

A double category ID consists of:

- objects
- horizontal morphisms
- vertical morphisms
- cells



+ unital & associative

horizontal & vertical composition

- ID is *thin* if cell = boundary.
- Example: For each category \mathcal{C} , the double category of squares $\mathcal{S}_q(\mathcal{C})$.

left class	right class
$\text{Inj}(\mathcal{C})$	$\text{Epi}(\mathcal{C})$
$\text{Mono}(\mathcal{C})$	$\text{Proj}(\mathcal{C})$
Coref	Opf

- Each have double functor to $\mathcal{S}_q(\mathcal{C})$.

DOUBLE-CATEGORICAL LIFTING OPERATIONS

$$IL \xrightarrow{u} \mathcal{S}_q(\mathcal{C}) \xleftarrow{v} IR$$

A (IL, IR) -lifting operation is a family

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 UA & \xrightarrow{s} & VC \\
 u_j \downarrow & \nearrow \varphi_{j,k}(s,t) & \downarrow v_k \\
 UB & \xrightarrow{t} & VD
 \end{array}$$

which satisfies certain horizontal and vertical compatibilities.

Example: $\mathcal{S}_p \text{Coref} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_q(\text{Cat}) \leftarrow \mathcal{S}_p \text{Opf}$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet \\
 u_i \downarrow & & u_j \downarrow & \nearrow \varphi_{j,k} & \downarrow v_k \\
 \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet
 \end{array}
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 u_i \downarrow & & \varphi_{i,k} \nearrow & & \downarrow v_k \\
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 u_j \downarrow & & \varphi_{ji,k} \nearrow & & \downarrow v_k \\
 \bullet & \longrightarrow & \bullet & & \bullet
 \end{array}$$

+ dual compatibilities on right.

THE DOUBLE CATEGORY IRLP(\mathbb{J})

For each double functor $\mathbb{J} \xrightarrow{u} \mathcal{S}_q(\mathcal{C})$
there is a double category

$$\text{IRLP}(\mathbb{J}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}_q(\mathcal{C})$$

whose:

- objects & horizontal mor. are from \mathcal{C}
- vertical mor. are pairs (f, φ) where

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{U}A & \xrightarrow{s} & \mathcal{C} \\ \mathcal{U}i \downarrow & \nearrow \varphi_i(s,t) & \downarrow f \\ \mathcal{U}B & \xrightarrow{t} & \mathcal{D} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} f \text{ is morphism in } \mathcal{C} \\ \varphi \text{ is a } (\mathbb{J}, f)\text{-lifting} \\ \text{operation} \end{array}$$

- cells $(f, \varphi) \rightarrow (g, \psi)$ are given by:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \cdot & \xrightarrow{s} & \cdot & \xrightarrow{h} & \cdot & & \cdot & \xrightarrow{hs} & \cdot \\ \mathcal{U}i \downarrow & \nearrow \varphi_i & \downarrow f & & \downarrow g & = & \mathcal{U}i \downarrow & \nearrow \psi_i & \downarrow g \\ \cdot & \xrightarrow{t} & \cdot & \xrightarrow{k} & \cdot & & \cdot & \xrightarrow{kt} & \cdot \end{array}$$

Dually, we can define $\text{LLP}(\mathbb{J})$.

Given a $(\mathcal{L}, \mathcal{R})$ -lifting operation we obtain canonical double functors:

$$\mathcal{L} \longrightarrow \text{LLP}(\mathcal{R}) \quad \mathcal{R} \longrightarrow \text{IRLP}(\mathcal{L})$$

ALGEBRAIC WEAK FACTORISATION SYSTEMS

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An algebraic weak factorisation system is a (\mathbb{L}, \mathbb{R}) -lifting operation φ where

$$\mathbb{L} \xrightarrow{u} \mathcal{S}_q(\mathcal{C}) \xleftarrow{v} \mathbb{R}$$

such that the following axioms hold:

(i) induced double functors are iso

$$\mathbb{L} \longrightarrow \mathbb{L}LP(\mathbb{R}) \quad \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}LP(\mathbb{L})$$

(ii) Each f in \mathcal{C} admits a factorisation

$$\bullet \xrightarrow{u_1 g} \bullet \xrightarrow{v_1 h} \bullet = \bullet \xrightarrow{f} \bullet$$

which is u_1 -couniversal & v_1 -universal.

• Every OFS $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{M})$ on \mathcal{C} is an AWFS:

$$\mathcal{S}_q(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{E}) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{S}_q(\mathcal{C}) \xleftarrow{\varphi} \mathcal{S}_q(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{M})$$

• Axiom (i) says that vert. morphisms in \mathbb{L} and \mathbb{R} are "orthogonal" w.r.t. φ .

• Axiom (ii) says that factorisation into \mathbb{L} -morphism followed by \mathbb{R} -morphism is "the most optimal" through each.

PART 3: DELTA LENSES & TWISTED COREFLECTIONS

CONTEXT FOR DELTA LENSES

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2011: Delta lenses introduced as an algebraic model for "bidirectional transformations" in computer science.

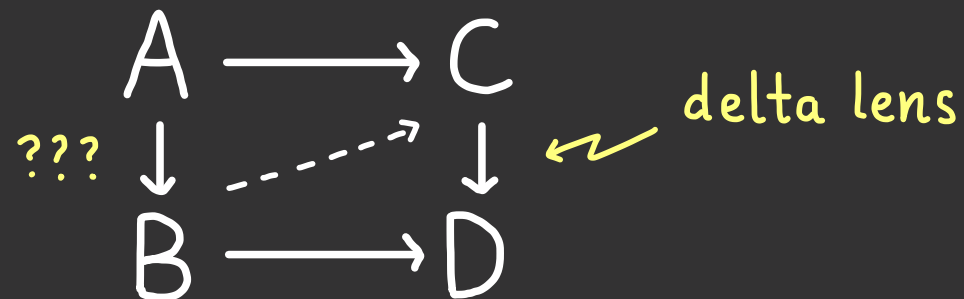
2012: Split opfibrations studied as a competing model - "least change lifts".

2013: Delta lenses characterised as certain algebras for a semi-monad on Cat^2 ; comparison made with split opfibrations.

2013-2021: Long-running programme by Johnson & Rosebrugh to understand delta lenses using category theory.

2022-2023: I prove that delta lenses are algebras for a monad on Cat^2 .

Question: What diagrams do lenses lift?



DELTA LENSES

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A **delta lens** is a functor equipped with a lifting operation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & a \xrightarrow{\varphi(a,u)} & a' \\ f \downarrow & \vdots & \vdots \\ B & fa \xrightarrow{u} & b \end{array}$$

that satisfies the following axioms:

1. $f\varphi(a,u) = u$
2. $\varphi(a, 1_{fa}) = 1_a$
3. $\varphi(a, v \circ u) = \varphi(a', v) \circ \varphi(a, u)$

Let **LLens** denote the double category of categories, functors, & delta lenses.

A cell with boundary

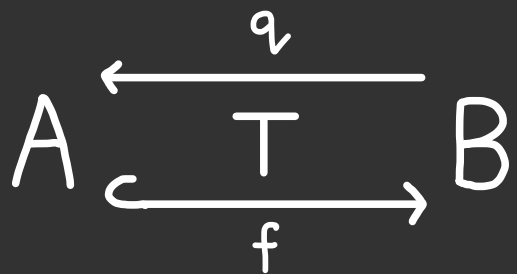
$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{h} & C \\ (f, \varphi) \downarrow & & \downarrow (g, \psi) \\ B & \xrightarrow{k} & D \end{array}$$

exists if $kf = gh$ & $h\varphi(a,u) = \psi(ha, ku)$.

$$\mathbb{S}_p \text{Opf} \hookrightarrow \text{LLens} \longrightarrow \mathbb{S}_q(\text{Cat})$$

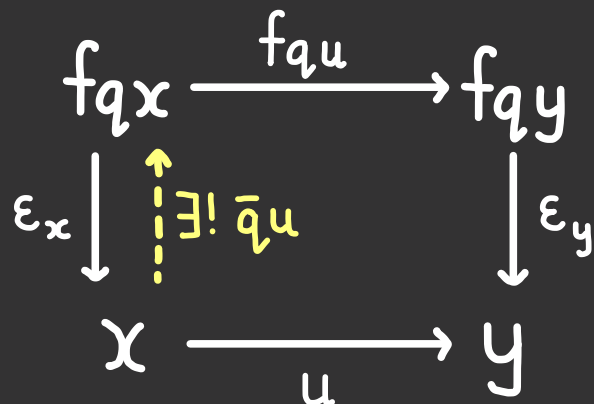
TWISTED COREFLECTIONS

A twisted coreflection is a ^{split} coreflection

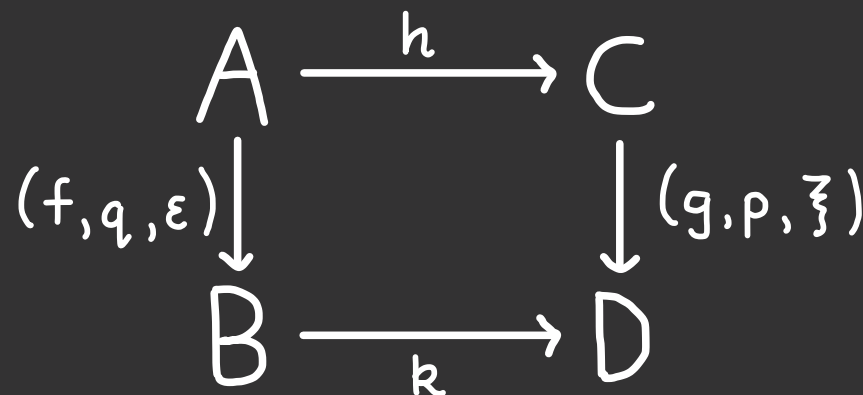


such that if $q(u \cdot x \rightarrow y) \neq 1$, there exists a unique morphism $\bar{q}u: x \rightarrow fqx$ such that:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \bar{q}u \circ \varepsilon_x = 1 \\
 \varepsilon_y \circ fq u \circ \bar{q}u = u
 \end{array}$$



Let $\Pi_w \text{CoRef}$ denote the double cat. of categories, functors, & twisted coreflections. A cell with boundary



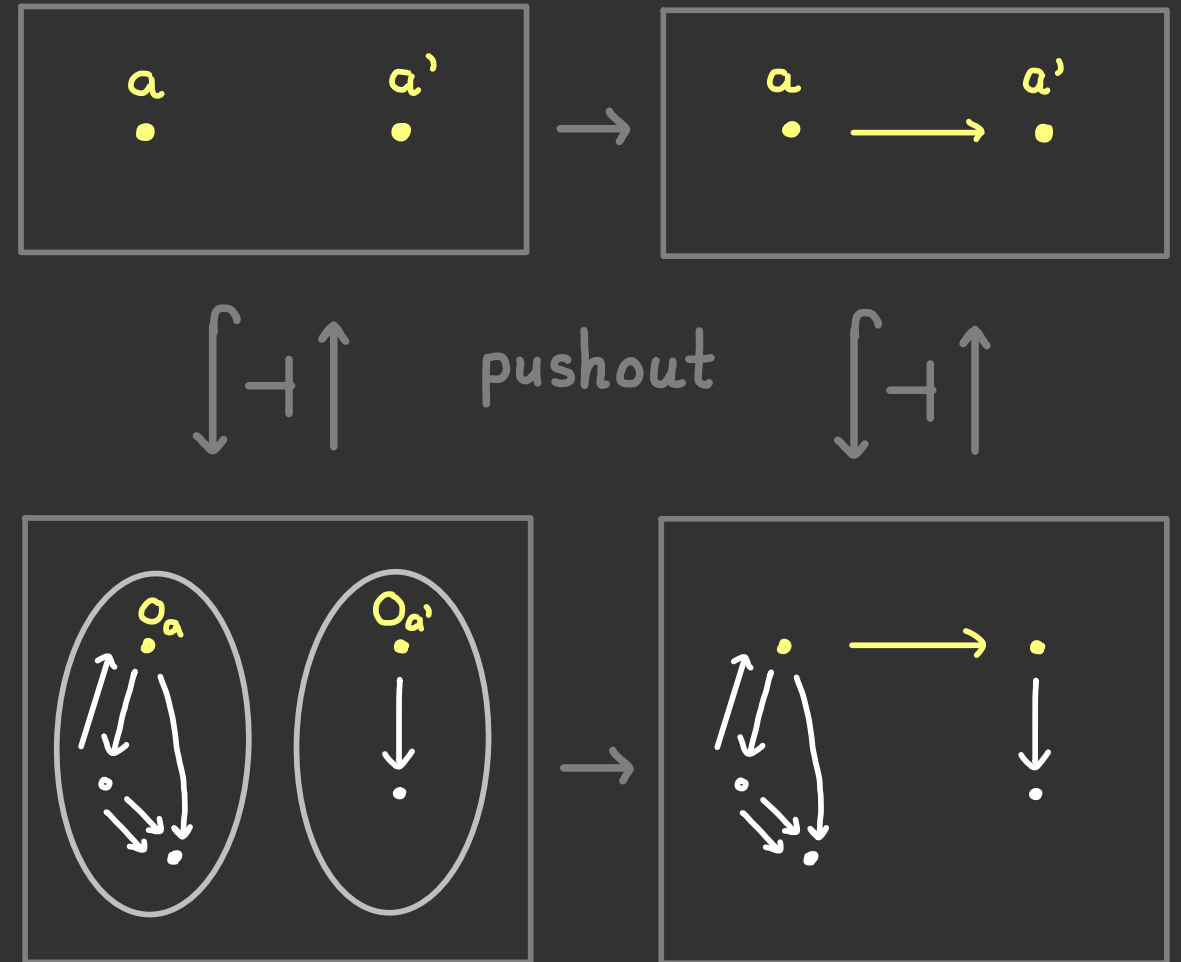
exists if $kf = gh, hq = pk$ & $k \cdot \varepsilon = \zeta \cdot k$.

$$\Pi_w \text{CoRef} \hookrightarrow \text{CoRef} \longrightarrow \mathcal{S}q(\text{Cat})$$

BUILDING A TWISTED COREFLECTION

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1. Choose a category A for the domain of the twisted coreflection.
2. For each object $a \in A$, choose a category X_a with an initial object.
3. Glue each initial object $O_a \in X_a$ to the corresponding $a \in A$.
4. Close under composition.

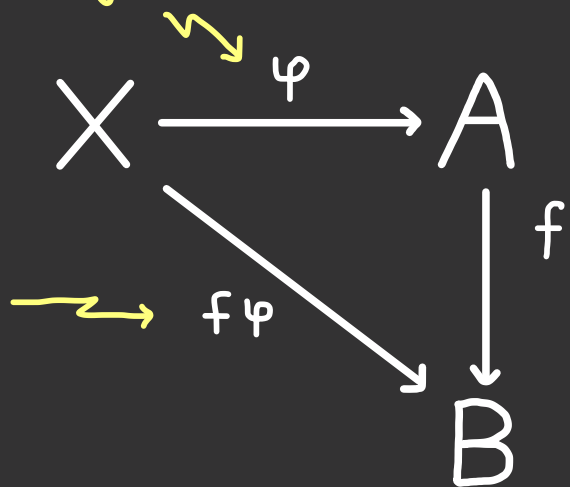


DIAGRAMMATIC CHARACTERISATIONS

DELTA LENS (f, φ)

bijection-on-objects

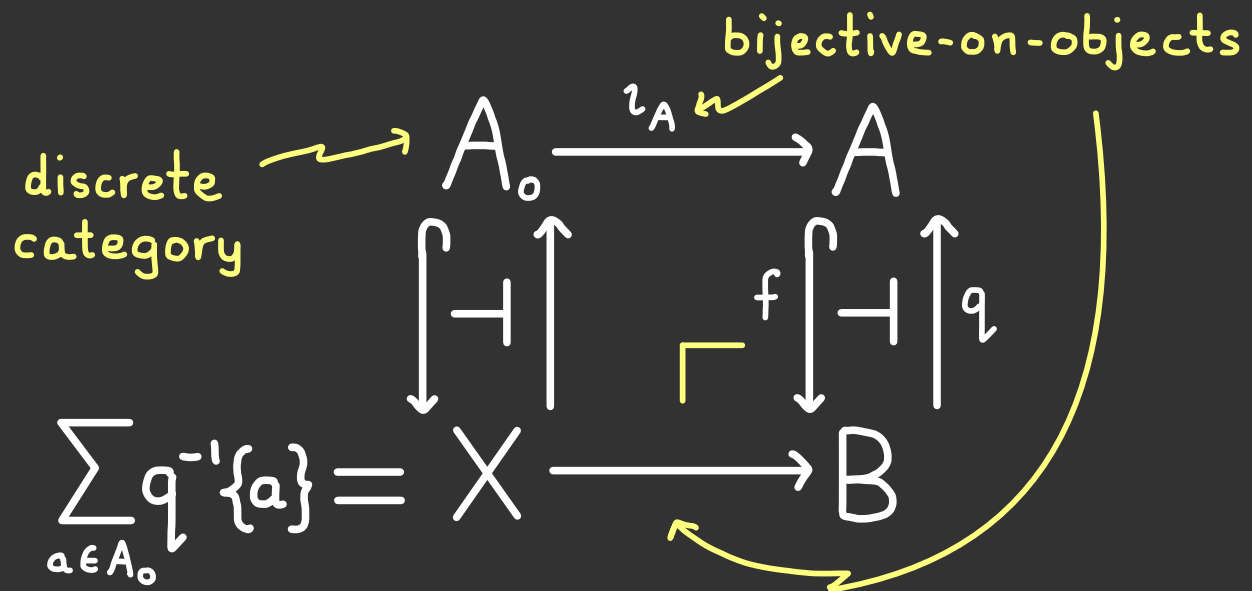
discrete
opfibration



where the category X has:

- same objects as A
- morphisms are the chosen lifts $\varphi(a, u)$

TWISTED COREFLECTION (f, q, ε)

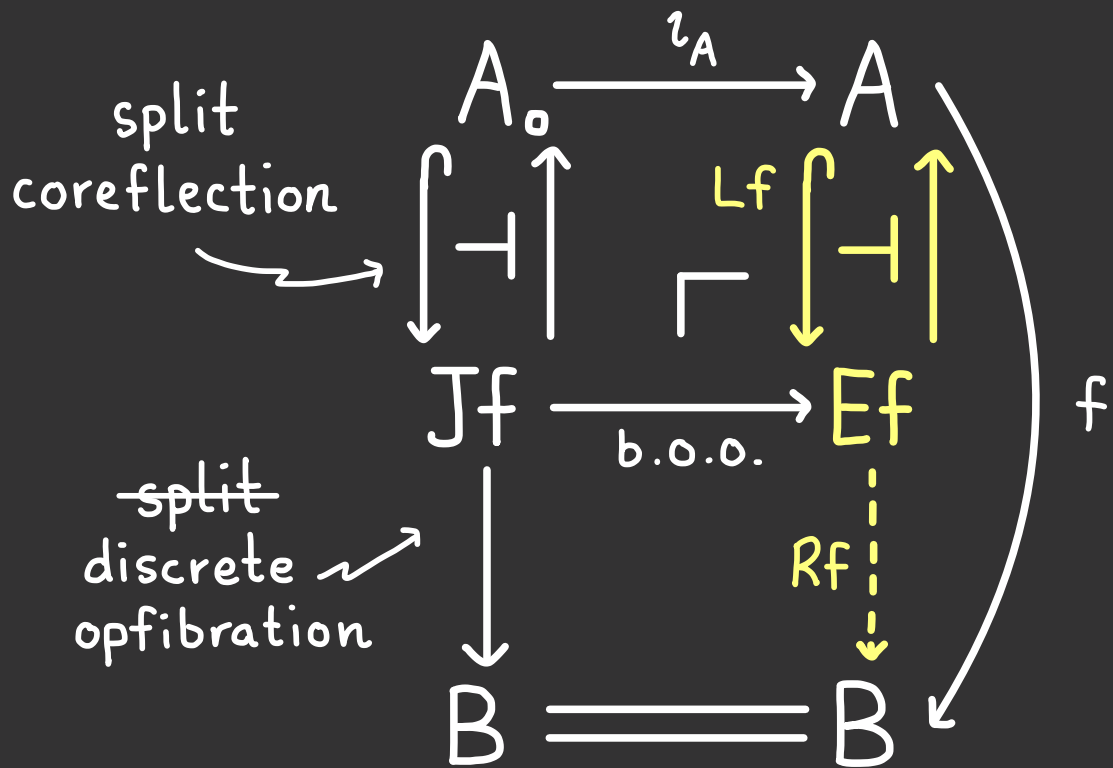


where morphisms in B are either:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 x \xrightarrow{u} y & \text{OR} & \begin{array}{ccc} fa & \xrightarrow{fw} & fa' \\ u \uparrow & & \downarrow v \\ x & & y \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} qu = id \\ qv = id \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

FACTORISATION

$(-)_o : \text{Cat} \rightarrow \text{Cat}$ - discrete category comonad

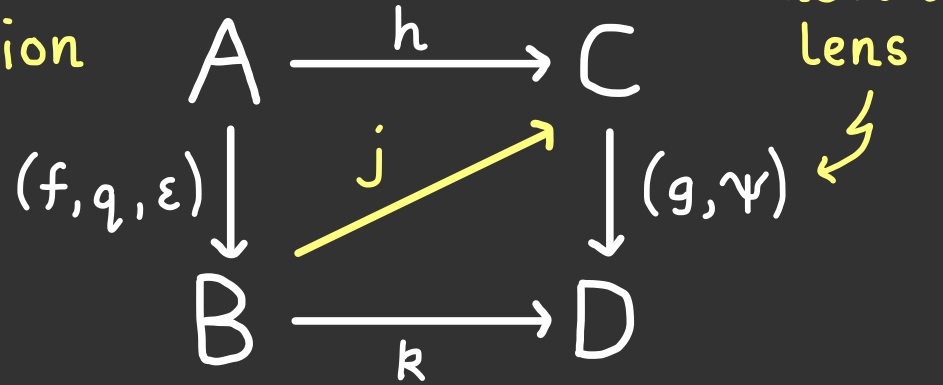


where $Jf = \sum_{a \in A_o} f_a / B$

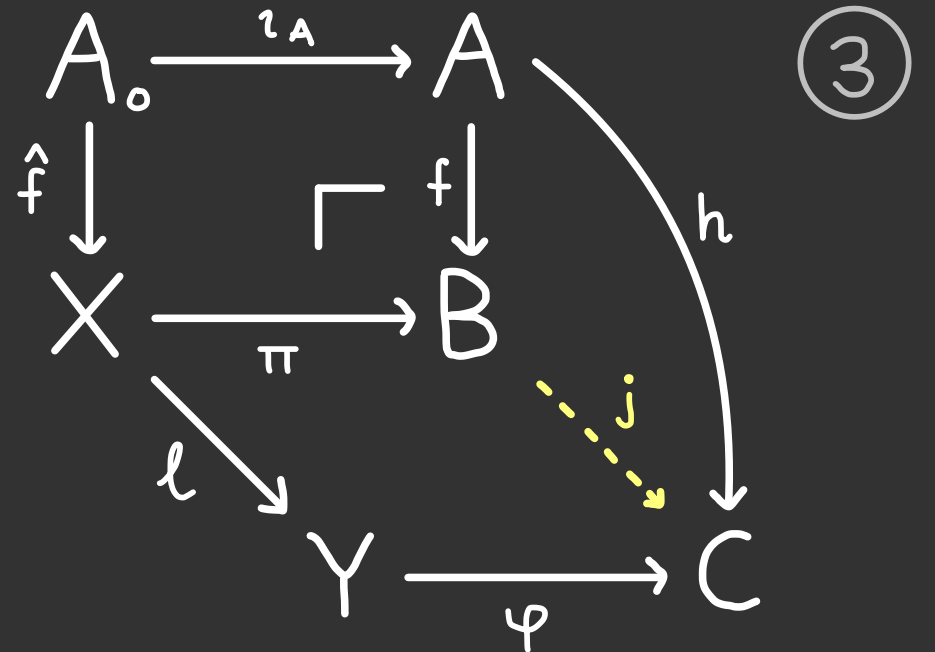
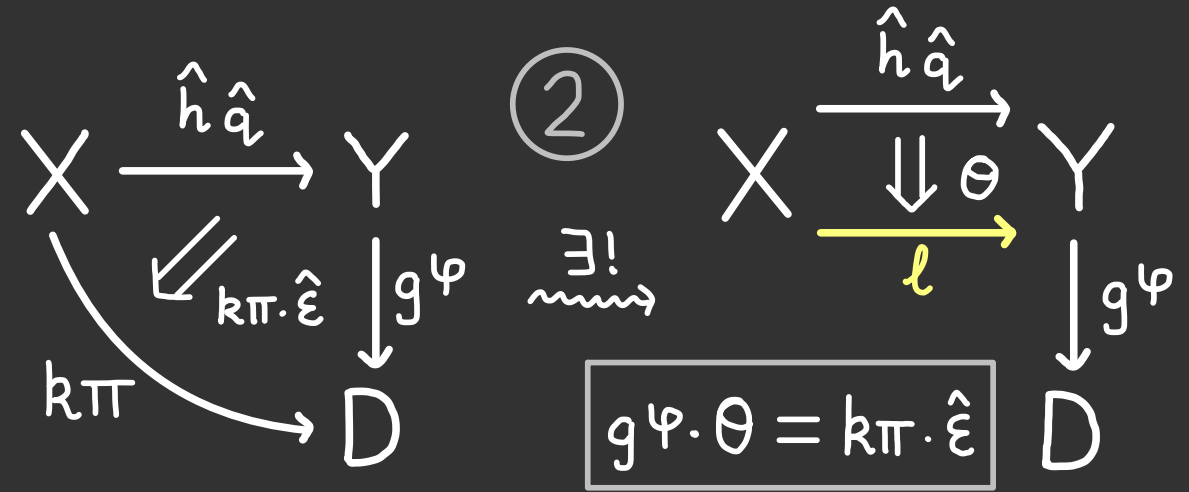
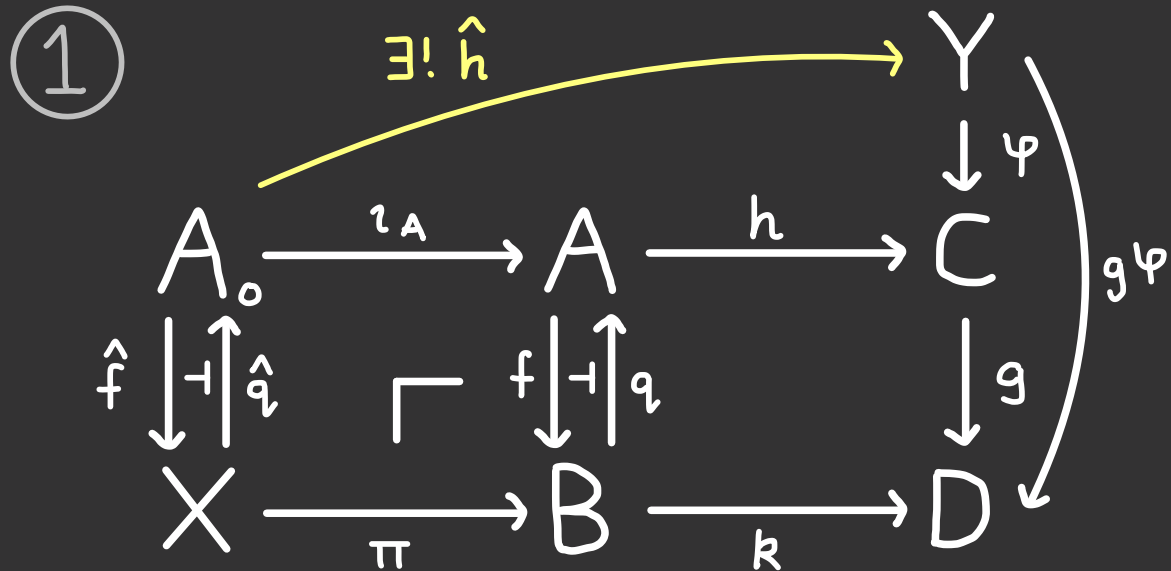
- $Lf: A \rightarrow Ef$ is the **cofree** twisted coreflection on $f: A \rightarrow B$
- $Rf: Ef \rightarrow B$ is the **free** delta lens on $f: A \rightarrow B$ (see arXiv:2305.02732).
- Close connection with (**coproduct injection, split epimorphism**) **A.W.F.S.**:
 - * Initial object comonad $X \mapsto \emptyset$
 - * (all morphisms, isomorphisms) **O.F.S.**

LIFTING AGAINST DELTA LENSES

twisted
coreflection



Construct functor j as follows:

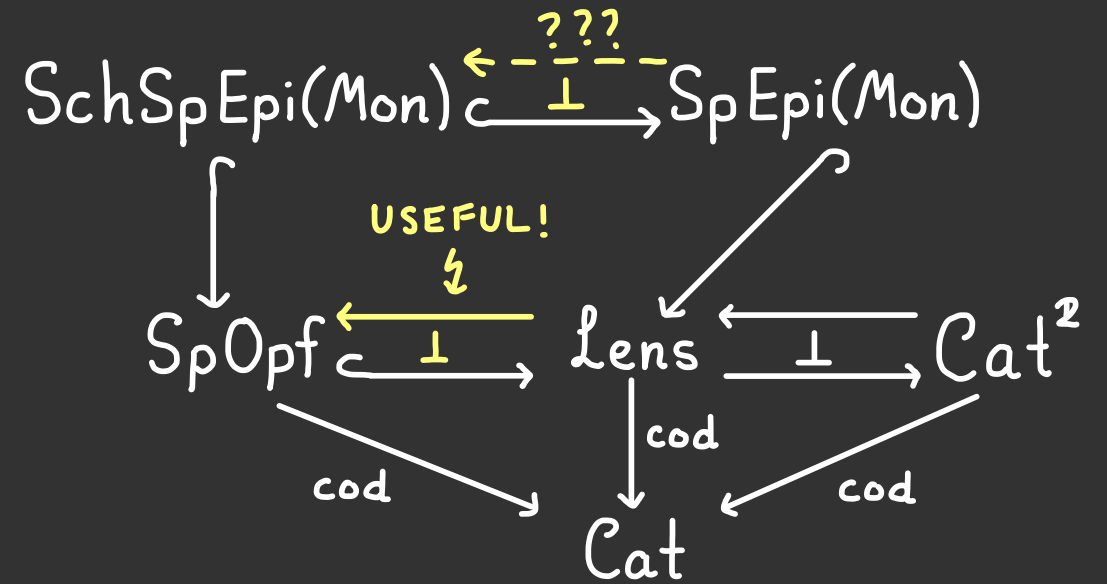


COROLLARIES & FUTURE WORK

Theorem: There is a AWFS:

$$\text{TwCoRef} \xrightarrow{u} \text{Sq}(\text{Cat}) \xleftarrow{v} \text{Lens}$$

- Delta lenses are **algebras** for a monad on Cat^2 , and are **stable under pullback**.
- Twisted coreflections are **coalgebras** for a comonad on Cat^2 , and are **stable under pushouts**.



Idea: Given an AWFS on \mathcal{C} and an idempotent comonad on \mathcal{C} , we may construct a new AWFS on \mathcal{C} if enough pushouts in \mathcal{C} exist.

SUMMARY OF THE TALK

- Unpacked the reformulation of **AWFS** due to Bourke using **double categories**:

$$\mathbb{L} \xrightarrow{u} \mathcal{S}_q(\mathcal{C}) \xleftarrow{v} \mathbb{R}$$

- Introduced **twisted coreflections** as ^{split} coreflections with a pushout property:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A_0 & \xrightarrow{\iota_A} & A \\
 \int \dashv \uparrow & & \int \dashv \uparrow \\
 \sum_{a \in A_0} q^{-1}\{a\} & \xrightarrow{f} & B
 \end{array}$$

- Constructed a new example of an AWFS on $\mathcal{C}at$ consisting of twisted coreflections and **delta lenses**.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A_0 & \xrightarrow{\iota_A} & A \\
 \int \dashv \uparrow & & \int \dashv \uparrow \\
 \sum_{a \in A_0} f_a / B = Jf & \xrightarrow{L_f} & Ef \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow Rf \\
 B & \equiv & B
 \end{array}$$

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