

Complete Segal Spaces, Segal Categories, and S-Categories

Problem: Would like Quillen
equivalences of model category
structures between:

S-Categories



Segal categories



Complete Segal spaces

Complete Segal Spaces

Definition: A bisimplicial set is a functor $X: \Delta^{\circ p} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}\text{sets}$.

Definition: Let W be a (Reedy fibrant) bisimplicial set. W is a Segal space if for each $k \geq 2$ the Segal map

$$W_k \longrightarrow \underbrace{W_1 \times_{W_0} \cdots \times_{W_0} W_1}_k$$

is a weak equivalence of simplicial sets.

Given a Segal space, we can apply "categorical" terms to it.

Let W be a Segal space.

Define $\text{Ob}(W) = W_{0,0}$

(0-set of the simplicial set W_0 .)

If $x, y \in \text{Ob}(W)$, define the mapping space

$\text{map}_W(x, y)$

to be the fiber over (x, y) in the map

$$(d_1, d_0): W_1 \longrightarrow W_0 \times W_0.$$

(The Reedy fibrant condition guarantees that this definition is homotopy invariant.)

Given two "maps" $f, g \in \text{map}_W(x, y)$ they are homotopic ($f \sim g$) if they lie in the same component

There is a notion of "composition" of maps.

A map $g \in \text{map}_W(x, y)$ is a homotopy equivalence if there exist maps $f, h \in \text{map}_W(y, x)$ such that $g \circ f \sim \text{id}_x$ and $h \circ g \sim \text{id}_y$.

Proposition: (Rezk)

Any map in the same component as a homotopy equivalence is itself a homotopy equivalence.

Thus, we can define the space of homotopy equivalences

$$W_{\text{hoequiv}} \subset W_1$$

Since identity maps are homotopy equivalences, the map

$$s_0: W_0 \rightarrow W_1$$

factors through W_{hoequiv} :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} W_0 & \xrightarrow{s_0} & W_1 \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \text{inclusion} \\ & & W_{\text{hoequiv}} \end{array}$$

Definition: A Segal space W is a complete Segal space if the map

$$W_0 \rightarrow W_{\text{hoequiv}}$$

is a weak equivalence of simplicial sets.

Let \mathcal{C} be a simplicially enriched category.

Taking its nerve yields a Segal category.

Can "localize" to obtain a complete Segal space.

Example: Let \mathcal{C} be a (discrete) category.

The resulting complete Segal space looks like:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \vdots & \\
 & \Downarrow & \\
 & \langle x \rangle, \langle y \rangle & \Downarrow \\
 & \Downarrow & \\
 \text{equivalence} & \longrightarrow & \langle x \rangle \\
 \text{classes} & & \Downarrow \\
 \text{of objects} & & \text{BAut}(x)
 \end{array}$$

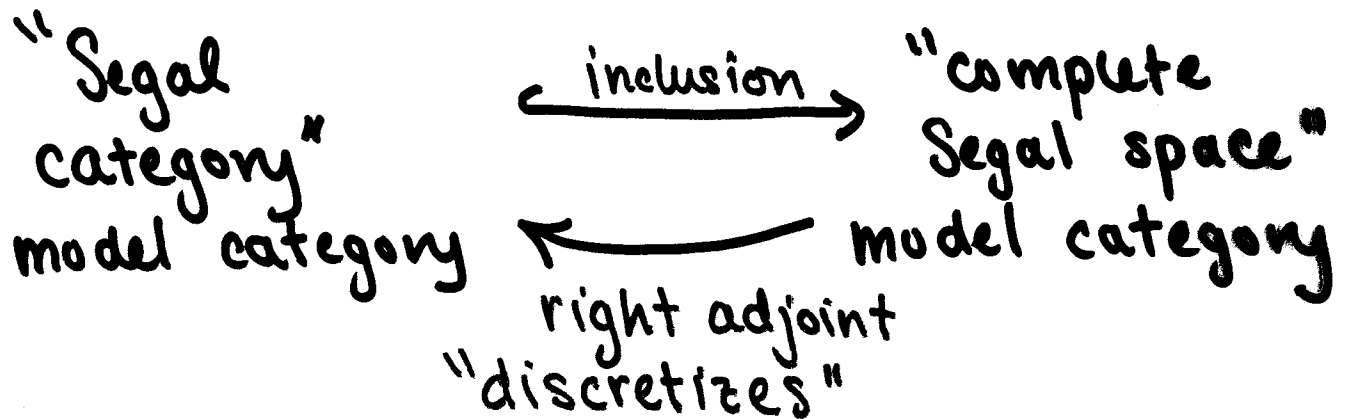
Theorem: (Rezk)

There is a model category structure on the category of bisimplicial sets such that:

- the weak equivalences are the maps $f: X \rightarrow Y$ such that for any complete Segal space W , the map $f^*: \text{Hom}(Y, W) \rightarrow \text{Hom}(X, W)$ is a weak equivalence of simplicial sets
- the cofibrations are inclusions
- fibrant objects = complete Segal spaces

Recall: There is a model category structure on the category of Segal precategories such that the fibrant objects are Segal categories.

There is a Quillen equivalence of model categories:



S-Categories - Model Category Structure

Let \mathcal{C} be an S-category.

Define $\pi_0 \mathcal{C}$ to be the category of components of \mathcal{C} .

A morphism $g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y)_0$ is a homotopy equivalence if there is a morphism $g' \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(y, x)_0$ such that $g'g$ is in the same component as $\text{id}_x \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(x, x)_0$ (and similarly for gg').

Theorem: There is a model category structure on $\mathcal{S}\text{-Cat}$ in which:

- the weak equivalences $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ satisfy
 - for any $a_1, a_2 \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, the map $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(a_1, a_2) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(fa_1, fa_2)$ is a weak equivalence of simplicial sets, and
 - $\pi_0 f: \pi_0 \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \pi_0 \mathcal{D}$ is an equivalence of categories

- the fibrations $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ satisfy
 - for any $a_1, a_2 \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, the map $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(a_1, a_2) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(fa_1, fa_2)$ is a fibration of simplicial sets, and
 - for any $a_1 \in \mathcal{C}$, $b \in \mathcal{D}$, and homotopy equivalence $g: fa_1 \rightarrow b$, there is a homotopy equivalence $d: a_1 \rightarrow a_2$ in \mathcal{C} such that $fd = g$.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathcal{C} & & \\
 \downarrow & & \\
 \mathcal{D} & & \\
 & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 & a_1 & \xrightarrow{\exists d} & a_2 \\
 & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 & fa_1 & \xrightarrow{g} & b
 \end{array}$$

Hope: There is a Quillen equivalence
 $\mathcal{S}\text{-Cat} \rightleftarrows \text{"Segal categories"}$

Problem: The model category structure
on Segal precategories does not
work.