

Abelian Framed Bicategories

A Category of Modules for Directed Topology

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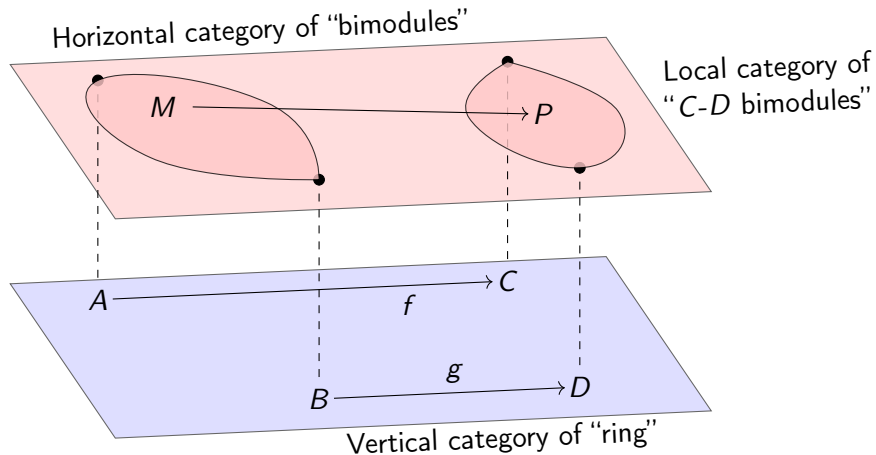
Definition (Ehresmann, “Catégories structurées”)

A **double category** is an internal category in the category $\mathbf{Cat}$ of small categories, i.e., the data of two small categories $\mathbb{D}_0$ and $\mathbb{D}_1$ and functors:

$$U : \mathbb{D}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_1 \quad L, R : \mathbb{D}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_0 \quad \odot : \mathbb{D}_1 \times_{\mathbb{D}_0} \mathbb{D}_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_1$$

satisfying the usual category laws (suitably weakened).

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- Over a fixed pair of rings A, B , the “local” category of A - B -bimodules is abelian, but the “total” category of bimodules over varying rings is *not*: $0 : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrowtail \mathbb{Z}$ is initial and $0 : 0 \rightarrowtail 0$ is terminal.

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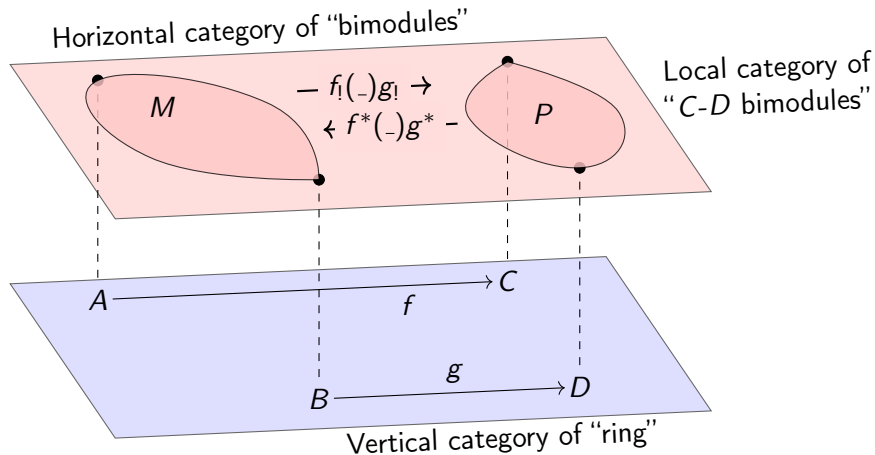
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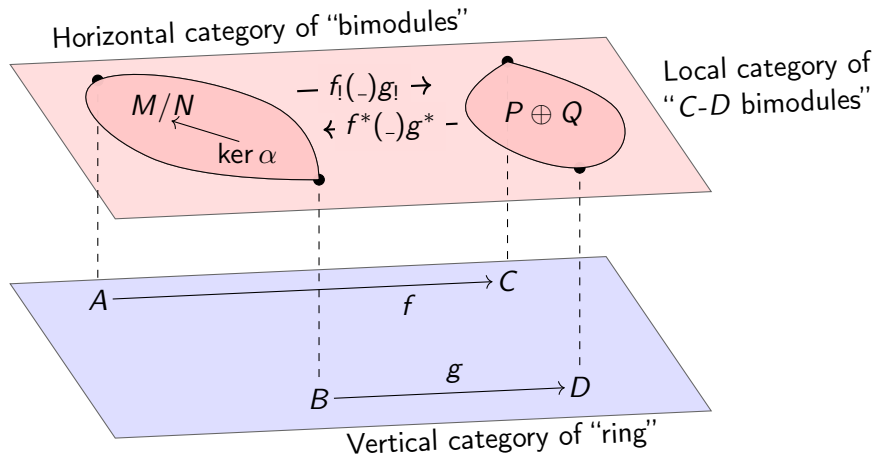
Definition (Albert, Dubut, Goubault, “Homological algebra in abelian framed bicategories”)

An **abelian framed bicategory** is a framed bicategory $\mathbb{D}$ that is locally abelian, i.e., all local categories $\mathcal{D}(A, B)$ are abelian, and such that horizontal composition yields additive functors:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}(A, B) \times \mathcal{D}(B, C) &\rightarrow \mathcal{D}(A, C) \\ (M, N) &\mapsto M \odot N\end{aligned}$$

for all objects $A, B, C \in \mathbb{D}_0$.

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- a pair of arrows $f : A \rightarrow C$ and $g : B \rightarrow D$,
- 2-cells $\alpha_i : M_i \xrightarrow[g]{g} N_i$

such that the following commutes for all $i \geq 0$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & M_i & & \\
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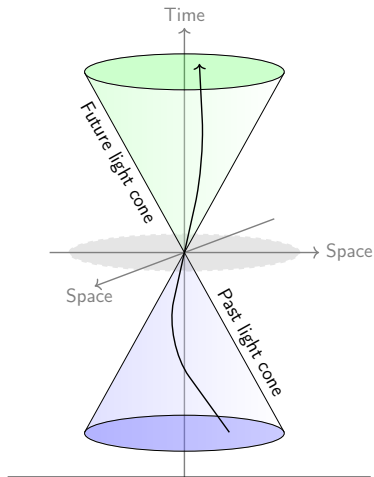
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- ③ It spontaneously appears in **directed topology**, where the above properties provide non-trivial results.

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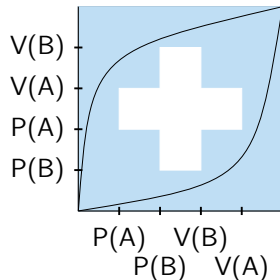


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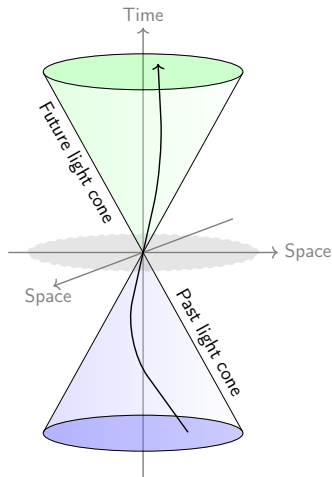
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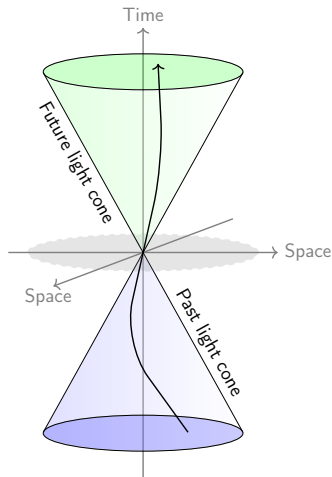


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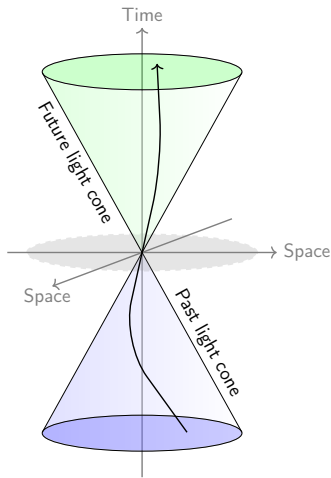


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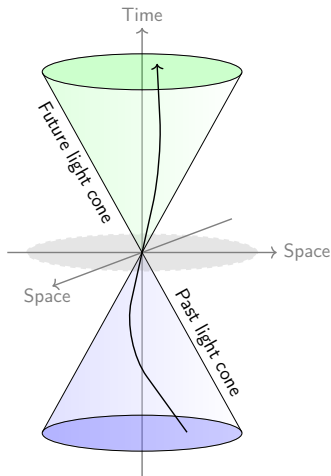


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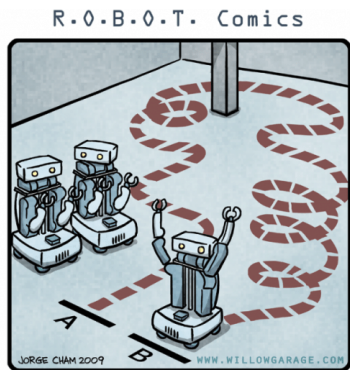
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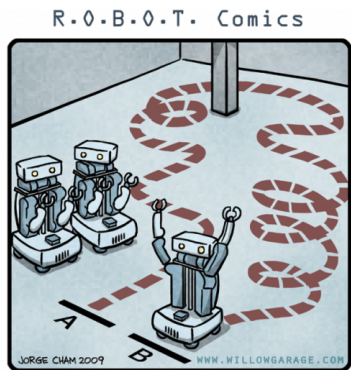


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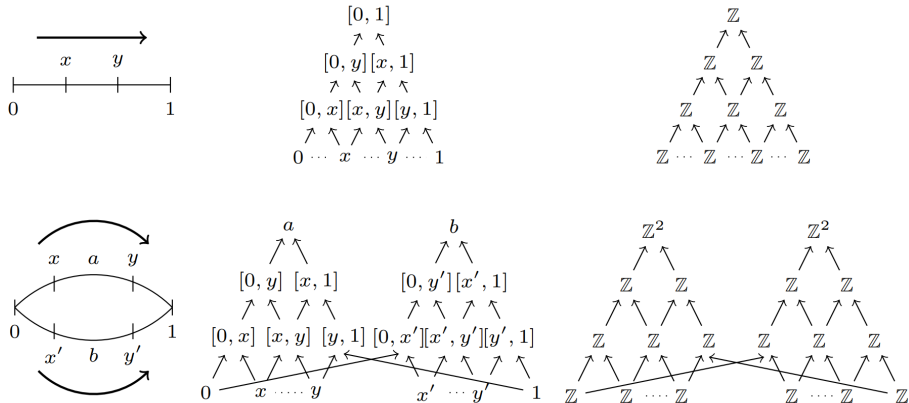
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Natural Homology⁵⁶

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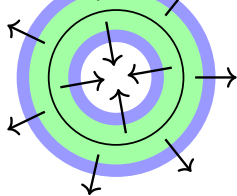


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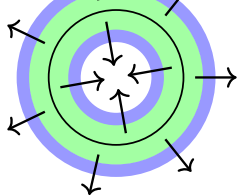
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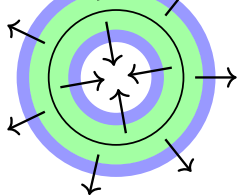
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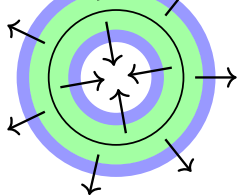
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For all **relative pairs** (X, Y) , there is a long exact sequence for relative homology: $\cdots \rightarrow H_{i+1}(X, Y) \rightarrow {}^X H_i(Y) \rightarrow H_i(X) \rightarrow H_i(X, Y) \rightarrow \cdots$.

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If $\mathbb{A}$ is module-like, there is a framed lax functor $F : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow {}_R\text{Mod}_R$ into a concrete abelian framed bicategory of modules over R -algebras, with $R = \text{End}(U_I)$, such that F_1 is fully faithful and locally an equivalence of categories.

Perspectives

- Going from a Gabriel to a Freyd–Mitchell embedding theorem.
- Directed cohomology and lower bounds for directed topological complexity.
- Homotopy reconstruction theorems à la Cohen–Jones–Segal for directed spaces.

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