

Constructing the Object of Bialgebras in a 2-Category with PIE-Limits

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3. The Property Liftings

- ▶ **Lax/Oplax/Strong Functors:** The Induced Functor of Algebras Theorem.
- ▶ **Limits & Colimits:** Strict creation of right and left Kan extensions.
- ▶ **Structures:** Accessibility, Local Presentability, Factorization Systems, Regularity, and Exactness.

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Building Blocks

The cornerstone of our construction relies on the following 2-categorical limits:

Products · **Inserters** · **Equifiers** (PIE Limits)

PIE Limits I: Products

Product Category $\prod_{i \in I} \mathcal{C}_i$

For a family of categories $(\mathcal{C}_i)_{i \in I}$:

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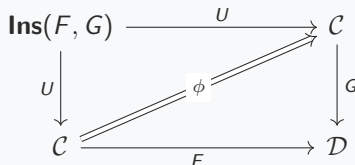
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$$\begin{array}{ccc} Fc & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & Gc \\ Ff \downarrow & & \downarrow Gf \\ Fd & \xrightarrow{\beta} & Gd \end{array}$$

commute.

Universal Diagram

The forgetful functor $U: \mathbf{Ins}(F, G) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ and universal transformation $\phi: F \circ U \Rightarrow G \circ U$ form the universal inserter square:



Here $\phi_{(c, \alpha)} := \alpha: Fc \rightarrow Gc$ for each object $(c, \alpha: Fc \rightarrow Gc)$ in $\mathbf{Ins}(F, G)$.

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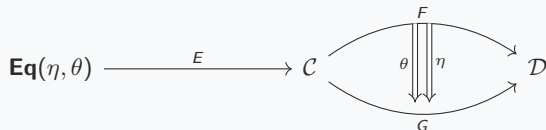
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► **Background 2-Signature** Σ_{Mon} :

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$$x \xrightarrow{\delta^x} x \square x, \quad x \xleftarrow{p_1^{xy}} x \square y \xrightarrow{p_2^{xy}} y, \quad x + x \xrightarrow{\nabla^x} x, \quad x \xrightarrow{\iota_1^{xy}} x + y \xleftarrow{\iota_2^{x,y}} y, \quad x \xrightarrow{!^x} !$$

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► Theory of Fields T_{Field} (Equations in G_σ):

- (s, m, i, u) satisfies the equations of a **commutative group** (for k^*).
- $(s + !, m_1, \nu, \iota_2, m_2, \iota_1 \circ u)$ satisfies the equations of a **commutative ring** (for $k^* + 1$).
- $\iota_1: s \rightarrow s + !$ is a morphism of magmas from (s, m) to $(s + !, m_2)$.

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- ▶ **Terms in Context:** For $t \in \mathbf{Term}_{\bar{V}}^{\Sigma}$ in context $\bar{x}$, we recursively construct a 1-cell:

$$M_{\bar{x}}(t): M_{\bar{x}} \longrightarrow M_c$$

- ▶ **Sort Terms:** For a term $t' \in \mathbf{Term}_S^{\Sigma}$ over sorts S , we set $M_0 := \prod_{s \in S} M_{c_s}$ and construct:

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