# Cartesian Bicategories as Symmetric Monoidal Bicategories 

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A precartesian bicategory $\mathbf{B}$ admits lax functors

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R \otimes S:=p^{*} R p \wedge r^{*} S r \quad X \times \mathbf{B} \xrightarrow{\otimes} \mathbf{B} \stackrel{I}{\longleftarrow}
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A precartesian bicategory $\mathbf{B}$ is cartesian if

- $\otimes$ and $I$ are pseudofunctors (iff $\tilde{\otimes}:(T \otimes U)(R \otimes S) \rightarrow T R \otimes U S$ $\otimes^{\circ}: 1_{X \otimes Y} \rightarrow 1_{X} \otimes 1_{Y}$ and $I^{\circ}: 1_{1} \rightarrow \top$ are invertible)

Note that, in general, $\mathbf{B}$ does not have $\times$ and 1, products

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Observe that a cartesian bicategory is a bicategory with properties ? What is the derived structure provided by the pseudofunctors

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A bicategory $\mathbf{A}$ with $\times$ and 1, products

- For each pair $(X, Y)$ of objects there is an object $X \times Y$
- and arrows $p_{X, Y}: X \times Y \rightarrow X$ and $r_{X, Y}: X \times Y \rightarrow Y$
- such that, for each $A$,

$$
\mathbf{A}(A, X \times Y) \xrightarrow{\langle\mathbf{A}(A, p), \mathbf{A}(A, r)\rangle} \mathbf{A}(A, X) \times \mathbf{A}(A, Y)
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- There is an object 1 such that, for each $A$,

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- $a_{X, Y, Z}:(X \otimes Y) \otimes Z \rightarrow X \otimes(Y \otimes Z)$ pseudonatural equivalence
- $I_{X}: I \otimes X \rightarrow X$ pseudonatural equivalence
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A symmetric monoidal bicategory is a one-object, one-arrow, one-2-cell, one-3-cell, weak 6-category

- $s_{X, Y}: X \otimes Y \rightarrow Y \otimes X$ pseudonatural equivalence
- $\rho_{X, Y, Z}: a . s . a \rightarrow Y$ s.a.sZ invertible modification
- $\lambda_{X, Y, Z}: a^{*} . s . a^{*} \rightarrow s Y$.a*. $X s$ invertible modification
- $\sigma_{X, Y}: 1_{\otimes} \rightarrow s_{Y, X} \cdot s_{X, Y}$ invertible modification

The modifications are to satisfy $3+4+2+1$ equations (!Rather a lot to dig out of a rather weak universal property)

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- For each finite $I$ and $X=\left(X_{i}\right)_{i \in I}$ in $|\mathbf{A}|$, there is $P$ in $|\mathbf{A}|$
- and $p=\left(p_{i}: P \rightarrow X_{i}\right)_{i \in I}$
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- whose objects are the product cones over $X$
- $\left(b_{i}: B \rightarrow X_{i}\right) \rightarrow\left(c_{i}: C \rightarrow X_{i}\right)$ is $R: B \rightarrow C$ with $\mu_{i}: c_{i} R \xrightarrow{\sim} b_{i}$
- $\left(R, \mu_{i}\right) \rightarrow\left(S, \nu_{i}\right)$ is $\alpha: R \rightarrow S$ with $\nu_{i} \cdot\left(c_{i} \alpha\right)=\mu_{i}$.

There is a forgetful pseudofunctor $\mathbf{A}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$

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from $(X \times Y) \times Z$ to $X, Y$, and $Z$ respectively, and

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from $X \times(Y \times Z)$ to $X, Y$, and $Z$ respectively, give objects in $\left[\mathbf{A}^{3}, \mathbf{A}\right]\left(P_{1}, P_{2}, P_{3}\right)$
Applying KL we get an $a: \Pi_{2}\left(\Pi_{2} \times 1\right) \rightarrow \Pi_{2}\left(1 \times \Pi_{2}\right)$ and $\mu$ providing $a_{X, Y, Z}:(X \times Y) \times Z \rightarrow X \times(Y \times Z)$, pseudonatural equivalences

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$X(Y a) . X a . a .(X a) V . a V .(a U) V \underset{\underset{\pi}{\leftrightarrows}}{\stackrel{\hat{\pi}}{\rightrightarrows}}$ a.a.a: $(((X Y) Z) U) V \rightrightarrows X(Y(Z(U V)))$
and the equality $\hat{\pi}=\check{\pi}$ of pasting composites is the "non-abelian 4 -cocycle condition" (TA1) of [GPS]. The proof of (TA2) and (TA3) is similar.

Have $S: \mathbf{A}^{2} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{2}$ with $S S=1_{\mathbf{A}^{2}}, P S=R$, and $R S=P$


There is a unique 2-cell $\sigma: 1_{\square} \rightarrow(s S) s$ with $p \sigma=\phi$ and $r \sigma=\psi$ in
[ $\mathbf{A}^{2}, \mathbf{A}$ ] invertible since $\mu$ and $\nu$ are

$$
s_{X, Y} \sigma_{X, Y}=\sigma_{Y, X} s_{X, Y} \quad \text { symmetry equation } \quad s \sigma=(\sigma S) s
$$ suffices to show $(r S) s \sigma=(r S)(\sigma S) s$ and $(p S) s \sigma=(p S)(\sigma S) s$





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=\Pi \xrightarrow{s} \Pi S \xrightarrow{1 \text { חs }} \Pi S \xrightarrow{\sigma S \downarrow} P
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