

# 2-bicategories of polynomials

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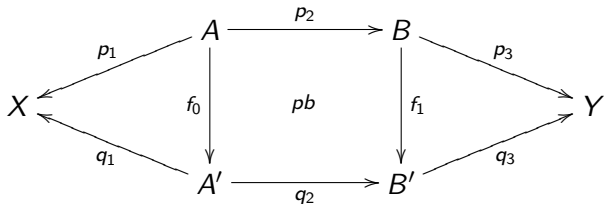
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and induces a cartesian transformation  $\mathbf{P}(p) \rightarrow \mathbf{P}(q)$ .

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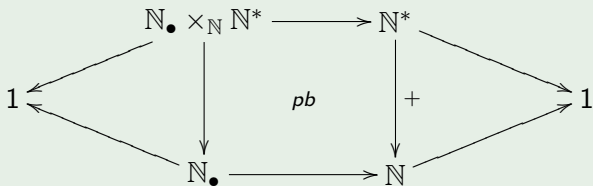
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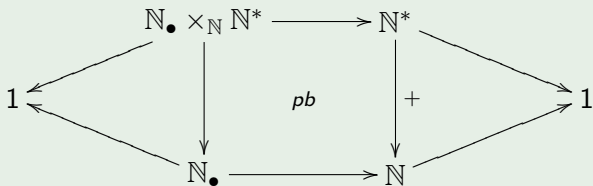
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However the examples of polynomials we are interested in are in  $\mathbf{CAT}$ . Also of interest are polynomials in  $\mathbf{Top}$  – Bisson and Joyal, *The Dyer-Lashof Algebra in Bordism*, 1995.

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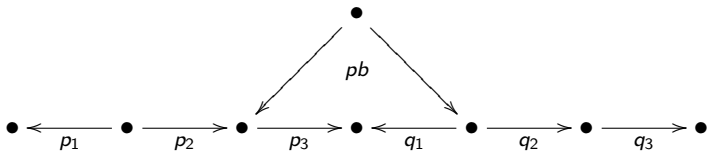
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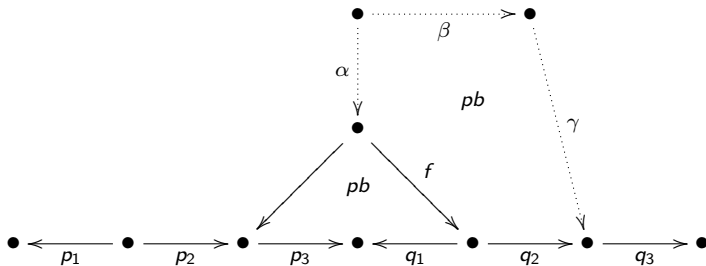
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At this point one can consider the category of triples of morphisms  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  as shown



making the square with boundary  $(f, \alpha, q_2, \gamma)$  a pullback.

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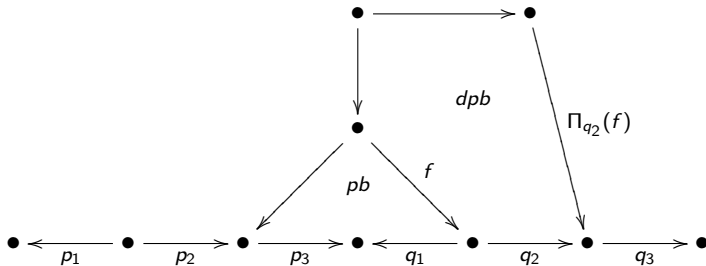
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The terminal such is the **distributivity pullback** of  $f$  along  $q_2$ .



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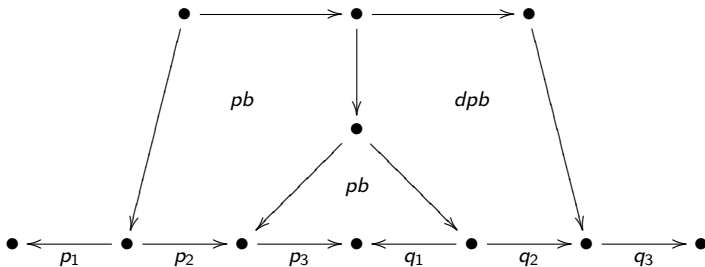
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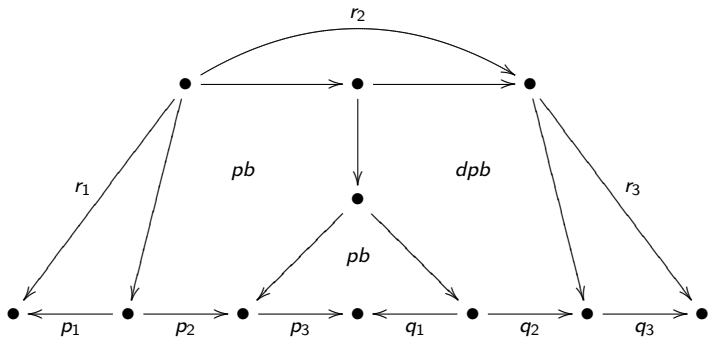
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## Lemma

*(Composition/cancellation) Given*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 B_6 & \xrightarrow{h_9} & B_4 & \xrightarrow{h_6} & B_5 \\
 h_8 \downarrow & & \downarrow h_5 & & \downarrow h_7 \\
 B_2 & \xrightarrow{h_3} & B_3 & & \\
 h_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow h_4 & & \\
 B & & & & \\
 h \downarrow & & & & \\
 X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y & \xrightarrow{g} & Z
 \end{array}$$

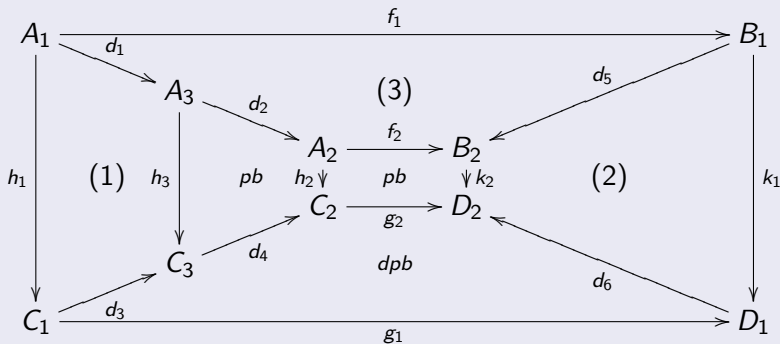
$pb$  (between  $B_6 \rightarrow B_4$  and  $B_2 \rightarrow B_3$ )  
 $dpb$  (between  $B_2 \rightarrow B$  and  $B_3 \rightarrow Y$ )  
 $pb$  (between  $B_4 \rightarrow B_5$  and  $B_3 \rightarrow Z$ )

*in any category with pullbacks, then the right-most pullback is a distributivity pullback around  $(g, h_4)$  iff the composite diagram is a distributivity pullback around  $(gf, h)$ .*



## Lemma

(The cube lemma). Given



where (3) is a pullback. Then (1) and (2) are pullbacks iff (3) is a distributivity pullback.

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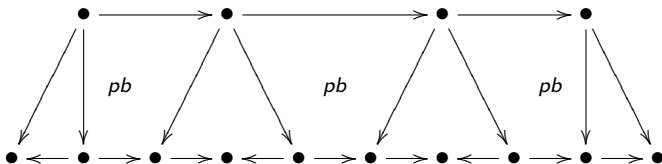
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A *homomorphism*  $F : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  of  $\mathbf{CAT}_{\text{pb}}$ -bicategories is a homomorphism of their underlying bicategories whose hom functors preserve pullbacks.

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Since the homs of  $\mathbf{Poly}_{\mathcal{E}}$  also have pullbacks we can apply the theorem to any of those homs in place of  $\mathcal{E}$ .

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3-categories  $\subset$  2-bicategories  $\subset$  Tricategories

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A **pseudo-monad** on an object  $X$  of a 2-bicategory  $\mathcal{B}$ , is a pseudo-monoid in the monoidal 2-category  $\mathcal{B}(X, X)$ .

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More generally, replace **CAT** by a finitely complete  $\mathcal{K}$  whose discrete opfibrations are exponentiable and  $U$  by a classifying discrete opfibration in  $\mathcal{K}$ .

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Recall that the inclusion  $\Delta \hookrightarrow \mathbf{CAT}$  is a cocategory object, and its canonical generators enjoy some lovely adjointnesses

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & & \xrightarrow{\delta_3} & \\
 & & & & & \perp \sigma_2 & \\
 & & & & & \perp \delta_2 & \\
 & & & & & \perp \sigma_1 & \\
 & & & & & \perp \delta_1 & \\
 & & & & & \perp \sigma_0 & \\
 & & & & & \perp \delta_0 & \\
 [0] & \xrightarrow{\delta_1} & & \xrightarrow{\delta_2} & & \xrightarrow{\delta_3} & \\
 \leftarrow \perp \sigma_0 & [1] & \leftarrow \perp \sigma_1 & \leftarrow \perp \delta_1 & [2] & \leftarrow \perp \sigma_2 & [3] \quad \dots \\
 \perp \sigma_0 & & \perp \delta_1 & & \perp \sigma_1 & & \perp \delta_2 \\
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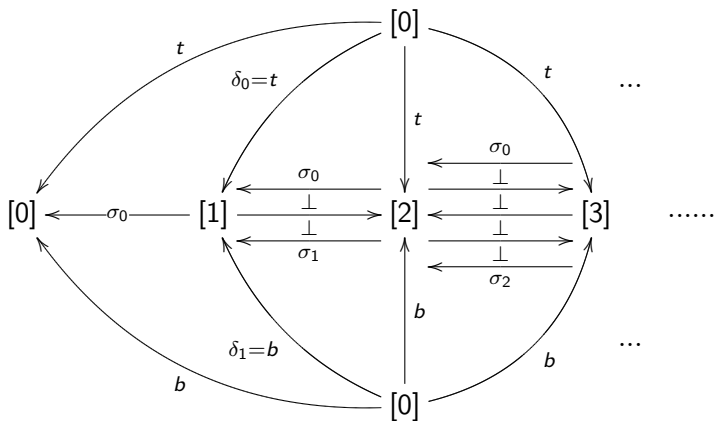
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Reinterpreting a little ...



is a lax idempotent pseudo monad (on [1]) in the 2-bicategory

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The associated pseudo monad on  $\mathcal{K}/X$  is the monad for fibrations.

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A functor  $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is a **local right adjoint** when for all  $X \in \mathcal{A}$  the induced functor

$$F_X : \mathcal{A}/X \rightarrow \mathcal{B}/FX$$

is a right adjoint. When  $\mathcal{A}$  has  $1$ , it suffices to check this for  $X = 1$ .

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Polynomial functors are l.r.a because for a polynomial  $p$ , the composite  $\Pi_{p_2} \Delta_{p_1}$  may be identified with  $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{E}}(p)_1$ .

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is a right adjoint. When  $\mathcal{A}$  has 1, it suffices to check this for  $X = 1$ .

Polynomial functors are l.r.a because for a polynomial  $p$ , the composite  $\Pi_{p_2} \Delta_{p_1}$  may be identified with  $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{E}}(p)_1$ . Notice that the left adjoint to  $\mathbf{P}_{\mathcal{E}}(p)_1$  is  $\Sigma_{p_1} \Delta_{p_2}$  which itself preserves connected limits and thus in particular monos.

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$E_T$  is a diagonal arrow from  $y_{\mathbb{D}}/T1$  to  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}}$ .

From which one produces the polynomial  $p_T : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$

$$\mathbb{C} \xleftarrow{p_{T,1}} y_{\mathbb{C}}/E_T \xrightarrow{p_{T,2}} y_{\mathbb{D}}/T1 \xrightarrow{p_{T,3}} \mathbb{D}$$

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