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Equivariant fundamental groupoids as categorical constructions

The equivariant fundamental groupoid, first defined by tom Dieck in [3], is a category which incorporates the fundamental groupoids of all of the fixed sets of a G-space X. It was later reinterpreted as a Grothendieck category of the fundamental groupoid functor, giving a concrete and geometric example of such a construction. Tom Dieck also defined a discrete version of this category, modding out homotopies coming from within the group structure. I will explain how this can also be interpreted using a Grothendieck construction of a 2-functor into a 2-category as defined in [1, 2]. I will also discuss the functoriality of this construction, leading to a psuedo natural transformation which can be tied back into the geometric structure of the G space.

I will explain these constructions, with many pictures to illustrate. As time allows, I will discuss how this interpretation might in future lead to a Morita equivalence for representable groupoids using work in [4].

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