

# **The manifestation of Hilbert's Nullstellensatz in Lawvere's Axiomatic Cohesion**

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# A science of cohesion

An explicit science of cohesion is needed to account for the varied background models for dynamical mathematical theories. Such a science needs to be sufficiently expressive to explain how these backgrounds are so different from other mathematical categories, and also different from one another and yet so united that can be mutually transformed.

F. W. Lawvere, *Axiomatic Cohesion*, TAC 2007

# Cohesion and non-cohesion

The contrast of cohesion  $E$  with non-cohesion  $S$  can be expressed by geometric morphisms

$$p : E \rightarrow S$$

but that contrast can be made relative, so that  $S$  itself may be an ‘arbitrary’ topos.

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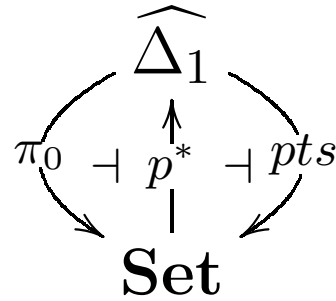
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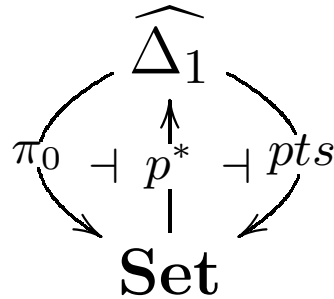
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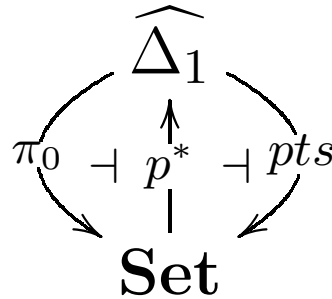


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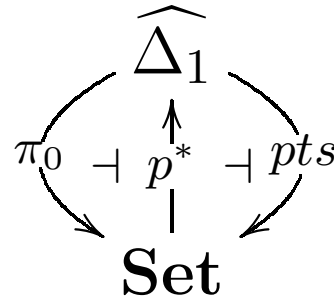
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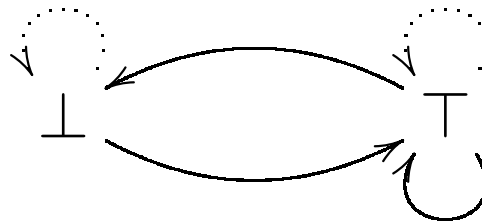


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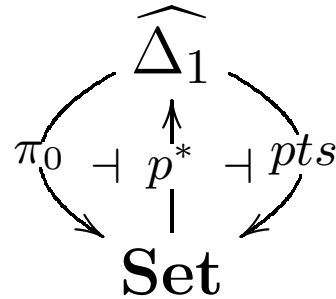
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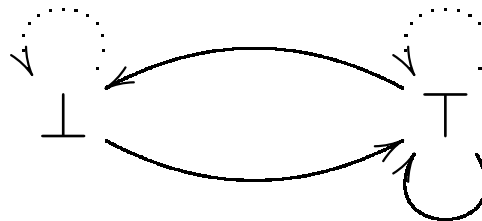
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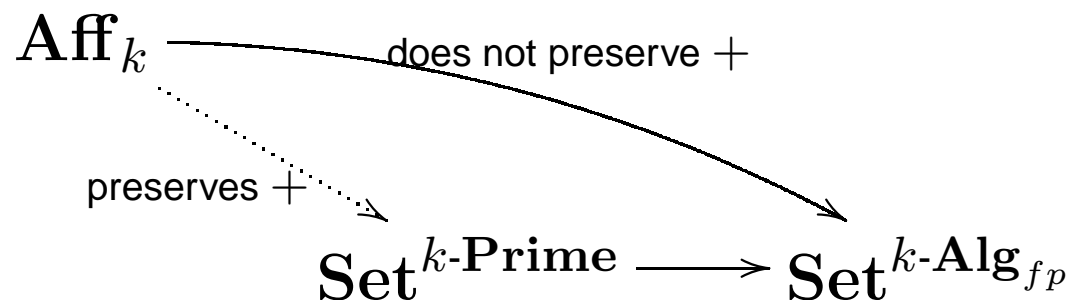
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# Cohesion over the Galois topos

For example, in a case  $E$  of algebraic geometry wherein spaces of all dimensions exist,  $S$  is usefully taken as a corresponding category of zero-dimensional spaces such as the Galois topos (of Barr-atomic sheaves on finite extensions of the ground field).

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We can take the pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{F} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Set}^{k\text{-Prime}} \\ q_* \downarrow & & \downarrow p_* \\ \mathbf{Shv}(k\text{-Ext}^{\text{op}}, at) & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Set}^{k\text{-Ext}} \end{array}$$

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