A push forward construction and the comprehensive factorization for internal crossed modules II

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Overview

- The push forward and the comprehensive factorization in $\mathbf{XMod}(\mathcal{C})$
- A glance at the non-pointed context
- Some applications to butterflies

Notice. For the purposes of this talk, category means finitely complete and finitely cocomplete category.
1. THE PUSH FORWARD CONSTRUCTION
AND THE COMPREHENSIVE FACTORIZATION IN \textbf{XMod}(\mathcal{C})
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\downarrow \partial \\
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\downarrow d \\
G_0
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G \times G_0 \\
\downarrow e \\
G_0
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\[
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\downarrow_{\tilde{\partial}} & & \downarrow_{\partial} \\
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**Lemma/Notation** In a semi-abelian category $C$ we consider the following morphism of split extensions

\[
\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
X & 
\rightarrow & D & \xleftarrow{p'} & E \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow{s'} & & \downarrow{f} \\
X & 
\rightarrow & A & \xleftarrow{s} & B
\end{array}
\]

Then

- the square on the right is a split pullback
- if $\xi: B_bX \rightarrow X$ is the action determined by $p$ on its kernel, then $f^*(\xi)$:

\[
E_bX \xrightarrow{f_b1_X} B_bX \xrightarrow{\xi} X
\]

coincides with the action determined by $p'$ on its kernel.
In a semi-abelian category $\mathcal{C}$, we consider the following data:

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
H_0 \downarrow^\flat & \xrightarrow{\xi} & H \xrightarrow{\partial} H_0 \\
\downarrow^p & & \\
H_0 \downarrow^\flat & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & G
\end{array}
\]

- a crossed module $\mathbb{H} = (\partial : H \to H_0, \xi)$
- an arrow $p : H \to G$
- an internal action $\alpha : H_0 \downarrow^\flat G \to G$

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Push forward of crossed modules

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H_0 \triangleright G & \xrightarrow{\alpha} G
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\[
\begin{align*}
H_0 \downarrow H & \quad \xi \quad H_0 \downarrow H \\
1 \downarrow p & \quad p \\
H_0 \downarrow G & \quad H_0 \downarrow G \\
G & \quad (G \times H_0) \downarrow G
\end{align*}
\]

must commute, where

- \( \varphi : H \rtimes H_0 \rightarrow H_0 \) is the domain map of \( H \)
- \( \chi G^{H_0} = \chi_{G \times H_0} \) is the conjugation action
Then there exist

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\tilde{G}_0 \downarrow \quad \tilde{G} \\
\tilde{p}_0 \downarrow \quad \tilde{p}
\end{array}
\]

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
H_0 & \xrightarrow{H} & H \\
\downarrow \tilde{p}_0 & \downarrow p & \downarrow \tilde{p}_0 \\
\tilde{G}_0 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{G}_0} & \tilde{G}
\end{array}
\]

- a \( \tilde{G} = (\tilde{\partial}: G \to \tilde{G}_0, \tilde{\xi}) \), with \( \tilde{G}_0 = G \rtimes^H H_0 \)
- a morphism of crossed modules

\[
\tilde{P}: (p, \tilde{p}_0): H \to \tilde{G}
\]

such that \( \tilde{p}_0^*(\tilde{\xi}) = \alpha \).
Moreover this construction is universal with respect to all morphisms of crossed modules

- underlying the same \( p \)
- inducing by pullback the same action \( \alpha \)
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A remarkable property of the push forward

Proposition In a push forward diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
\text{Ker}(\partial) & \longrightarrow & H & \overset{\partial}{\longrightarrow} & H_0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Coker}(\partial) \\
p_k & \downarrow & p & \downarrow & \tilde{p}_0 & \downarrow & \sim \\
\text{Ker}(\tilde{\partial}) & \longrightarrow & G & \overset{\tilde{\partial}}{\longrightarrow} & \tilde{G}_0 & \longrightarrow & \text{Coker}(\tilde{\partial}) \\
\end{array}
\]

- the induced map on cokernels is an iso
- the restriction map \( p_K \) on kernels is a regular epi, with \( \text{Ker}(p_K) = \text{Ker}(p) \cap \text{Ker}(\partial) \).
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Consequences: $p(\text{Ker}(\partial)) = \text{Ker}(\tilde{\partial})$, and the following is a push forward:

$$
\begin{align*}
\text{Ker}(\partial) & \xrightarrow{\kappa p} H & \xrightarrow{\partial} H_0 & \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Coker}(\partial) \\
0 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\partial}(G)} \tilde{G}_0 & \xrightarrow{\iota} \text{Coker}(\iota)
\end{align*}
$$
The push forward inside a morphism

A special situation is determined by the push forward construction developed *inside* a given morphism of crossed modules. Consider the morphism $P = (p, p_0): H \to G$:

$$
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(\partial, \xi) & \downarrow & (\partial', \xi') \\
H_0 & \overset{p_0}{\longrightarrow} & G_0 \\
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![Diagram](https://via.placeholder.com/150)

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The universal property thus yields a factorization of $P$:

\[
H \xrightarrow{p} G \xrightarrow{\sim} G
\]

\[
\partial \downarrow \quad \tilde{\partial} \downarrow \quad \partial' \downarrow
\]

\[
H_0 \xrightarrow{\tilde{p}_0} \tilde{G}_0 \xrightarrow{g_0} G_0
\]

\[
p_0
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\[
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G & \xrightarrow{g_0} & G_0 \\
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Thus the push forward gives a way to actually perform the final/discrete fibration construction for morphisms of crossed modules

\[
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...also it gives a common framework where to place two *apparently unrelated* situations:

- push forward of crossed modules
- push forward of extensions

final functors
Combining the theorem with the proposition above, one gets the following characterization:

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It is interesting to translate this for internal groupoids. Recall that for a groupoid $G$, we define

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\downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
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2. The push forward in the non-pointed context
The Barr-exact, Mal’tsev setting

- The final / discrete fibration factorization system for internal groupoids has shown to be a useful tool for developing intrinsic categorical algebra in Barr-exact, Mal’tsev categories.
- One may ask if the push forward construction has a corresponding non-pointed version in such a context.
- The answer is yes.

Notice. Throughout this section we refer to internal groupoids, but keep in mind that, since the base category is Mal’tsev, all internal categories are groupoids, so that all could be stated in terms of internal categories.
**Theorem** Consider $\mathcal{H} = \{ H_1 \xrightarrow{e} H_0 \}$ a groupoid in $\mathcal{C}$ Barr-exact Mal’tsev, together with a morphism $\hat{p}$ of split epis

such that

$$d^*((t, s)) \simeq \hat{p}^*((t_2, \Delta))$$
The Barr-exact, Mal’tsev setting

then there exists a groupoid \( \tilde{G} = \{ \ G_1 \xleftarrow{e} \xrightarrow{c} \ G_0 \ \} \) and a functor
\[ \tilde{P} = (\tilde{p}_1, \tilde{p}_0) : \mathcal{G} \to \tilde{G} \]
such that:

\[ \tilde{p}_0^*((c, e)) = (t, s) \]

\[ \begin{array}{ccc}
T & \rightarrow & \tilde{G}_1 \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
H_0 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{p}_0} & \tilde{G}_0 \\
\uparrow t & & \uparrow e \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
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c & & e
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Moreover, for any other \( P = (p_1, p_0) : \mathbb{H} \to G \) such that

\[
p_0^*((c, e)) = (t, s)
\]

and \( \overline{p_0} \hat{p} = p_1 \), then there exists a unique functor (a discrete fibration) \( \widetilde{G} : \tilde{G} \to G \) such that

\[
\widetilde{G} \tilde{P} = P
\]
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3. **Some applications to butterflies**
Finally we recollect some applications of the push forward construction.
Internal butterflies (Abbad, Vitale, Mantovani and M.) intrinsically describe weak morphisms of crossed modules.

A butterfly $E : H \rightarrow G$ is a diagram satisfying four axioms:

1. $(\kappa, \rho)$ is a complex
2. $(\iota, \sigma)$ is short exact
3. and 4. left and right wings equivariance
Butterflies are the normalization of a special kind of profunctor (fractors). Their composition is quite involved. Things get simpler when we compose a butterfly with a morphism of crossed modules. This is done via a pullback for the composition on the left, by means of a push forward for the composition on the right.

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\[ E \xrightarrow{\sigma} G_0 \xrightarrow{f_0'} X_0 \]
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Braided crossed modules

From (Joyal and Street, 1986) we know that a braided 2-group can be described as 2-group $G$ for which the tensor product
$$\otimes_G : G \times G \to G$$
is a monoidal functor.
If $G$ is strict, this corresponds to a braided crossed module of groups in the sense of (Conduché 1983):
$\partial : G \to G_0$ is endowed with a map
$$\{\ , \} : G_0 \times G_0 \to G$$
satisfying, for any $x, y, z$ in $G_0$, and $a, b$ in $G$,
1. $\{x, y + z\} = y \cdot \{x, z\} + \{x, y\}$
2. $\{x + y, z\} = \{x, z\} + x \cdot \{y, z\}$
3. $\partial\{x, y\} = [y, x]$
4. $\{\partial a, x\} = x \cdot a - a$
5. $\{y, \partial b\} = b - y \cdot b$
Braided crossed modules

Extending the approach of Joyal and Street, we get:

**Definition - Proposition.** A crossed module $G$ is braided (corresponding to a braided groupoid) if it is equipped with a butterfly $P$ and two morphisms $s_1, s_2 : G_0 \to P$

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
G \times G & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & P \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
G_0 \times G_0 & \xleftarrow{\gamma} & P \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
G_0 & \xleftarrow{\delta} & G_0 \\
\end{array}
\]

such that some diagrams commute.

What about Conduché approach?
Braided crossed modules

With any braided internal crossed module is associated a morphism $c: G_0 \otimes G_0 \to G$, where $G_0 \otimes G_0$ is the co-smash product in the sense of (Carboni Janelidze 2003).

$$
\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
0 & \longrightarrow & G_0 \otimes G_0 & \overset{k}{\longrightarrow} & G_0 & \overset{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}{\longrightarrow} & G_0 \times G_0 & \longrightarrow & 0 \\
\downarrow{c} & & \downarrow{[s_1,s_2]} & & & & & & \\
0 & \longrightarrow & G & \overset{\beta}{\longrightarrow} & P & \overset{\gamma}{\longrightarrow} & G_0 \times G_0 & \longrightarrow & 0
\end{array}
$$

In fact $\beta$ is the push forward of $k$ along $c$.

Now, $c$ is the internal version of Condučé’s set, so that it is possible to characterize braided crossed modules as those crossed modules $\partial$ endowed with a morphism $c: G_0 \otimes G_0 \to G$ that produces such a butterfly.
The axioms are not-so-nice commutative diagrams (hope to get them simpler!). One of them gives the action:

\[
\begin{array}{c}
G_0 \otimes G_0 \xrightarrow{k} G_0 + G_0 \\
\downarrow{c} \hspace{1cm} \downarrow{[1,1]} \\
G \xrightarrow{\partial} G_0
\end{array}
\]
What is remarkable here is that the canonical short exact sequence of the co-smash product encodes all the braidings over $G_0$, moreover the map $c$ contains most of the cohomological information necessary to produce the extension $(\beta, \gamma)$. 


