

Scalars and Traces in Bicategories

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	Prof	FDVect \mathbb{C}
Objects	Categories	FD vector spaces
Morphisms	$P: B \rightarrow C$ $P: \mathbb{C}^{\text{op}} \times B \rightarrow \text{Set}$	$F: V \rightarrow W$ OR $F: W^* \otimes V \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$
Composition	$B \xrightarrow{P} C \xrightarrow{Q} D \mid Q \circ P(a, b) = \int_{c \in C} Q(a, c) \times P(c, b)$	$V \xrightarrow{F} W \xrightarrow{G} X \mid G \circ F(x^* \otimes v) = \sum_{w \in \mathcal{B}_W} G(x^* \otimes w) \cdot F(w^* \otimes v)$
Tensor, unit	$\times, *$	\otimes, \mathbb{C}
Scalars	Prof($*$, $*$) \cong Set as monoidal cat.	FDVect \mathbb{C} (\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}) $\cong \mathbb{C}$ as a monoid
"Inner Product"	<p>A commutative diagram with objects B and C. A top arrow labeled P goes from B to C. A bottom arrow labeled Q goes from B to C. A central node Nat(P, Q) has a double line from B to it and a double line from it to C. A downward arrow points from Nat(P, Q) to the bottom arrow Q.</p>	<p>A commutative diagram with objects V and W. A top arrow labeled F goes from V to W. A bottom arrow labeled G goes from V to W. A central node <F, G> has a double line from V to it and a double line from it to W. A downward arrow points from <F, G> to the bottom arrow G.</p> <p>$\text{Tr}(M_G \cdot \overline{M}_F^T)$ $= \langle F, G \rangle$</p>

Compact Closed Categories

A sym. monoidal category is **compact closed** if every object A has a **dual** A^* .

$$A^* \otimes A \xrightarrow{ev} 1$$

$$1 \xrightarrow{coev} A \otimes A^*$$

+ naturality.

$$A \uparrow := \downarrow A^*$$



$$\downarrow = \text{curved arrow}$$

$$- (-)^* : \mathcal{C}^{op} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

is **functorial**,

so

$$x \xrightarrow{f} y \text{ has transpose } y^* \xrightarrow{f} x^*$$

$$y^* \xrightarrow{f} x^*$$

$$- (-)^* : \mathcal{C}^{op} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

is **involutive**

$$- (-)^* : \mathcal{C}^{op} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$




gives closure

by

$$[A, B] := A^* \otimes B, \text{ and } \text{coclusive}$$

$\text{FDVect}_{\mathbb{C}}$ is a compact category,

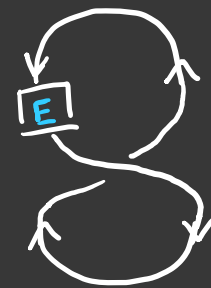
Prof is a compact **bicategory**

Bicategory	Objects	Homs	2-Homs	Tensor	Duals
V-Prof	V-Categories	$P: Y^{op} \otimes X \rightarrow V$	Natural Transformations	\otimes	$(-)^{op}$
$Bim_{\mathbb{C}}$	Algebras / \mathbb{C}	$A^M B$	Bimodule maps	$\otimes_{\mathbb{C}}$	$(-)^{op}$
DG-Bim $_{\mathbb{C}}$	— " —	— " —	— " —	— " —	— " —
Span	Sets	$X \leftarrow S \rightarrow Y$	$ \begin{array}{ccc} S & \longrightarrow & Y \\ \downarrow & \dashrightarrow & \uparrow \\ X & \longleftarrow & T \end{array} $	X	Id on objects Reflects morphisms
Fmker	\mathbb{C} -manifolds	$ \begin{array}{c} \varepsilon \\ \downarrow \\ x \times y \end{array} $ OR nice $D(x) \rightarrow D(y)$	Morphisms in $D(x \times y)$ OR Nat trans.	X	Reflects morphisms
2-Tang			Cobordisms (embedded in 4D space)		Reflects morphisms

Traces in Compact closed categories

In any comp. closed category an endom. $E: A \rightarrow A$ has a trace.

$$1 \xrightarrow{\text{coev}} A \otimes A^* \xrightarrow{E \otimes \text{id}} A \otimes A^* \xrightarrow{\sim} A^* \otimes A \xrightarrow{\text{ev}} 1$$

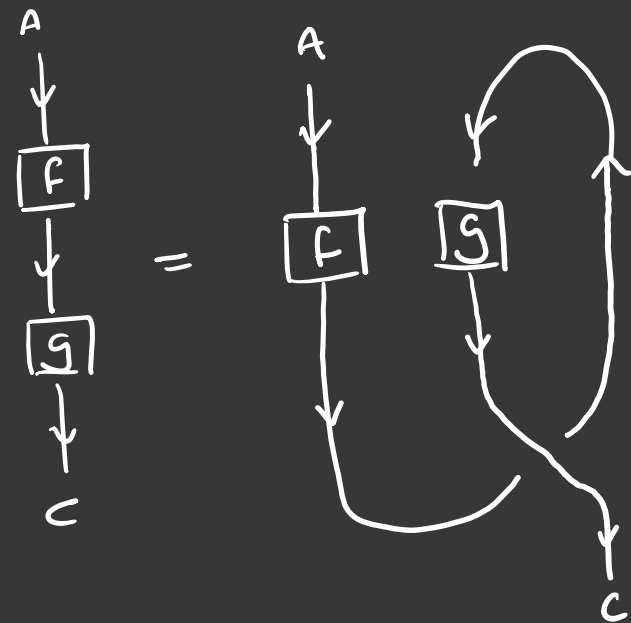


We call this the "round trace", $\text{Tr}^{\circlearrowleft}$, and composition can be expressed via the round trace.

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{g} C$$

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$$A \xrightarrow{\text{coev}} A \otimes B \otimes B^* \xrightarrow{f \otimes g} B \otimes C \otimes B^* \xrightarrow{\sim} B \otimes B^* \otimes C \xrightarrow{\text{ev}} C$$



Traces via Inner Products

For an endomorphism $E: A \rightarrow A$ in $\text{FDVect}_{\mathbb{C}}$ $\langle \text{id}_A, E \rangle = \text{Tr}(\overline{I}_A^T \cdot E) = \text{Tr}(E)$


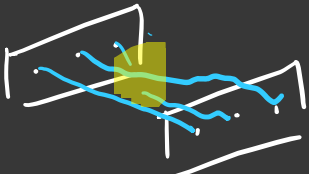
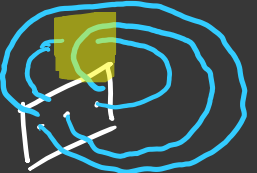
In the Bicategory Prof what happens when we take $2\text{-Hom}(\text{id}_A, E)$?

For an endoprofunctor $E: \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

$$\text{Tr}^{\cup}(E) = \int_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{C}(c, c) \in \text{Set}$$

$$\text{Tr}^{\downarrow}(E) = 2\text{-Hom}(\text{id}, E) = \int_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \mathcal{C}(c, c) \in \text{Set}$$

Our other examples don't have "inner products" but let's see what happens.

Bicategory	Endomorphism, E	$Tr^{\circlearrowleft} :=$ 	$Tr^{\downarrow} := 2\text{-Hom}(\text{id}, E)$
$V\text{-Prof}$	$E: \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \otimes \mathcal{C} \rightarrow V$	$\int_{\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{C}} E(c, c)$	$\int_{\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{C}} (E(c, c))_0$
$\text{Bim}_{\mathcal{C}}$	$A M A$	$m / \langle ma - am \rangle$ i.e. coinvariants	$\{m \in M \mid am = ma\}$ i.e. invariants
$\text{DG-Bim}_{\mathcal{C}}$	$A^{\bullet} M^{\bullet} A^{\bullet}$	$\text{HH}_*(A^{\bullet}, m^{\bullet})$	$\text{HH}^*(A^{\bullet}, m^{\bullet})$
Span	$X \xleftarrow{f} S \xrightarrow{g} X$	$\text{Gph}(f) \cap \text{Gph}(g)$	$\{\text{sections } x \xrightarrow{\sigma} \text{eq}(f, g)\}$
FMKer	$\varepsilon^{\bullet} \in D(X \times X)$	$\text{HH}_*(X, \varepsilon^{\bullet})$	$\text{HH}^*(X, \varepsilon^{\bullet})$
2-Tang			?

Tr^{\downarrow} is forgetting structure.

Should 2-Hom live in $\mathcal{B}(1, 1)$?

I.e. should $\mathcal{B}(A, B)$ be a $\mathcal{B}(1, 1)$ -category?



Is \mathcal{B} always canonically enriched in $\mathcal{B}(1, 1)\text{-cat}$?



Closure in Bicategories

What do all of our examples have in common?

Monoidal closed

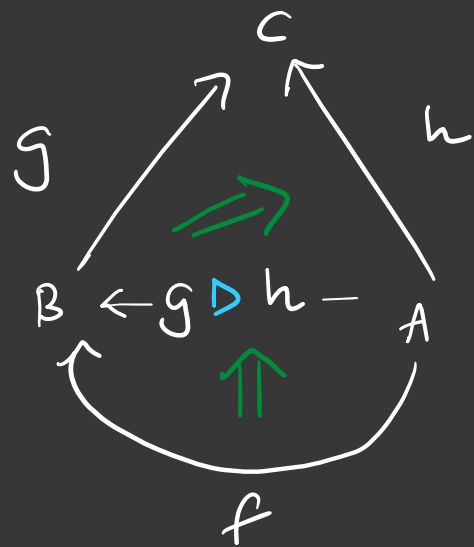
$$\text{Hom}(B \otimes A, C) \cong \text{Hom}(A, [B, C])$$

e.g. for bimodules $A {}^M B$, $C {}^N B$

Composition closed

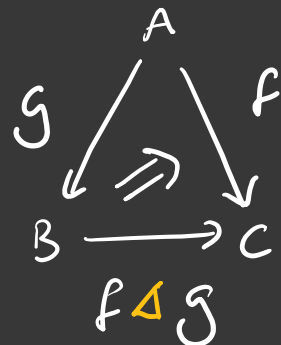
$$2\text{-Hom}(g \circ f, h) \cong 2\text{-Hom}(f, g \triangleright h)$$

$$M \triangleright N = {}_C \text{Hom}(M, N)_A$$



It's a
right
Kan lift!

Prop If \mathcal{B} compact closed bicategory
w/ Kan lifts then \mathcal{B} has Kan extensions



$$f \triangleleft g \cong (g^* \triangleright f^*)^*$$

Categories of Scalars

$\mathcal{B}(1,1)$ is a nice category to enrich in!

Lemma (R.)

If \mathcal{B} is a monoidal bicategory with Kan lifts then its category of scalars, $\mathcal{B}(1,1)$, is symmetric monoidal closed.

Proof:

Symmetry

Eckmann-Hilton:

$$1 \cong 1 \otimes 1 \xrightarrow{f \otimes g} 1 \otimes 1 \cong 1$$

$$1 \xrightarrow{f} 1 \xrightarrow{g} 1$$

and functoriality

of \otimes gives

interchange law

Closure

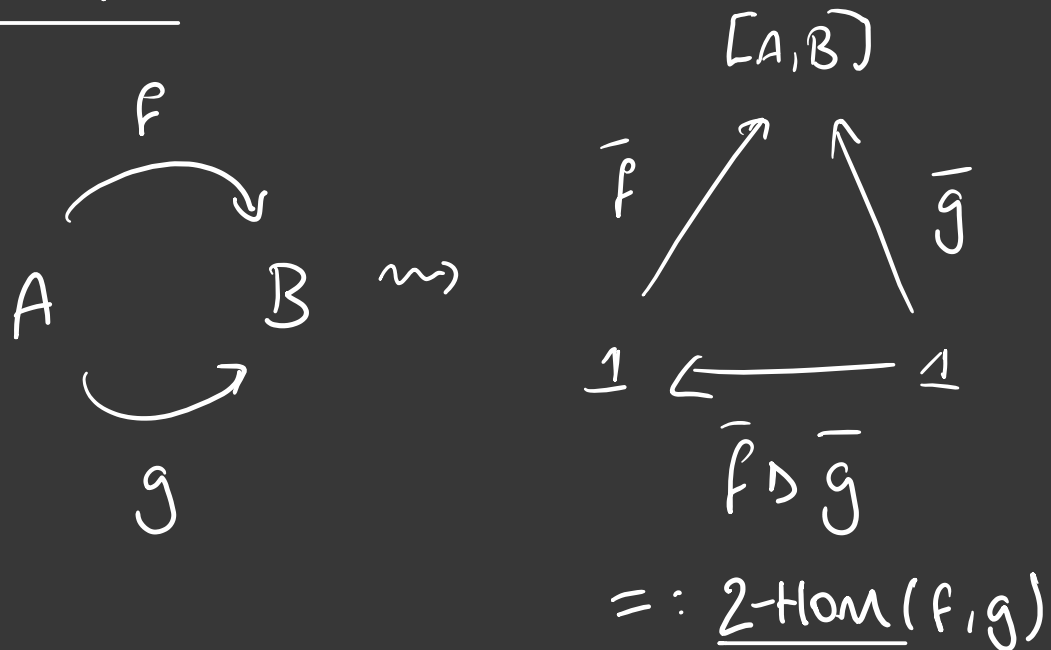
$$[f, g] = f \triangleright g.$$

Scalar Enrichment

Theorem (R.)

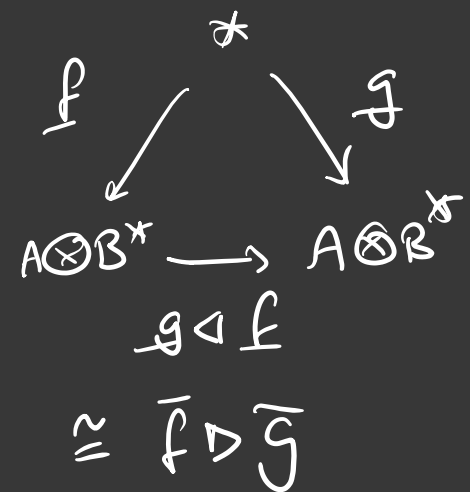
Every closed monoidal bicategory \mathcal{B} with Kan lifts is naturally 2-enriched over its category of scalars i.e. \mathcal{B} has "inner products".


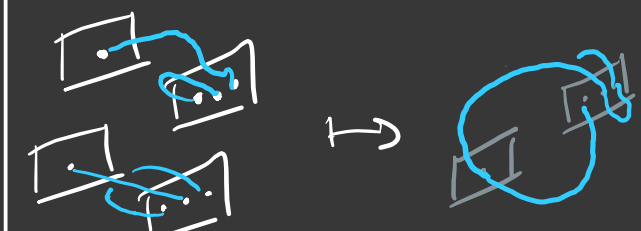
Proof

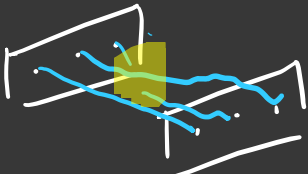
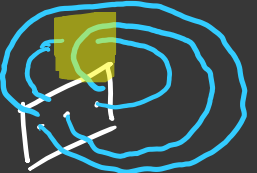


Composition
etc. follows
from
universal
properties

If \mathcal{B} compact



Bicategory	2-Homs	Category of Scalars	Scalar Enrichment
$V\text{-Prof}$	Natural Transform.	$\{ * \overset{\text{op}}{\otimes} * \rightarrow V \} \cong V$	Natural transformation objects
$\text{Bim}_{\mathbb{C}}$	Bimodule maps	$\{ \mathbb{C}^M_{\mathbb{C}} \} \cong \text{Vect}_{\mathbb{C}}$	Pointwise vector space structure on bimodule maps
$\text{DG-Bim}_{\mathbb{C}}$	Bimodule maps	$\{ \mathbb{C}^{M^{\bullet}}_{\mathbb{C}} \} \cong \text{DG-Vect}_{\mathbb{C}}$	Pointwise DG-vector space structure on bimodule maps
Span	$\begin{array}{ccc} S & \longrightarrow & Y \\ \downarrow & \dashrightarrow & \uparrow \\ X & \longleftarrow & T \end{array}$	$\{ * \begin{array}{c} \swarrow^S \\ \searrow_* \end{array} * \} \cong \text{Set}$	Sets of morphisms
FMker	Derived maps	$D(*) \cong G\text{-Vect}_{\mathbb{C}}$	Graded vector space of derived maps
2-Tang	4D-cobordisms	closed 1-manifolds e.g. 	

Bicategory	Endomorphism, E	$\text{Tr}^{\odot} := \text{[Diagram: A circle with two arrows forming a loop, one pointing up and one pointing down, with a small square containing 'E' in the center.]}$	$\text{Tr}^{\vee} := \underline{2\text{-Hom}}(\text{id}, E)$
V-Prot	$E: \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \otimes \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$	$\int_{\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{C}} E(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C})$	$\int_{\mathcal{C} \in \mathcal{C}} E(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{C}) \in \mathcal{V}$
$\text{Bim}_{\mathcal{C}}$	$A M A$	$\mathfrak{m} / \langle m a - a m \rangle$ i.e. coinvariants	$\{m \in \mathfrak{m} \mid a m = m a\}$ i.e. invariants $\in \text{Vect}_{\mathcal{C}}$
DG-Bim $_{\mathcal{C}}$	$A \cdot M \cdot A$	$\text{HH}_*(R, m)$	$\text{HH}^*(R, m) \in \text{DG-Vect}_{\mathcal{C}}$
Span	$X \xleftarrow{f} S \xrightarrow{g} X$	$\text{Gph}(f) \cap \text{Gph}(g)$	$\{\text{sections } x \xrightarrow{\sigma} \text{eq}(f, g)\} \in \text{Set}$
FMKer	$\varepsilon^{\bullet} \in D(X \times X)$	$\text{HH}_*(X, \varepsilon^{\bullet})$	$\text{HH}^*(X, \varepsilon^{\bullet}) \in \text{Gr-Vect}_{\mathcal{C}}$
2-Tang			$\in \text{closed 1-manifolds}$

Comparing the two traces

Recall that $\text{Tr}^{\curvearrowright}(E) := \underbrace{1 \xrightarrow{\text{coev}} A \otimes A^* \xrightarrow{E \otimes \text{id}} A \otimes A^* \xrightarrow{\sim} A^* \otimes A}_{\overline{E}} \xrightarrow{\text{ev}} 1$

so $\text{Tr}^{\curvearrowright}(E) \cong \underline{\text{id}} \circ \overline{E} \cong \underline{E} \circ \overline{\text{id}}$

BUT $\text{Tr}^{\curvearrowleft}(E) \cong \overline{\text{id}} \triangleright \overline{E} \cong \underline{E} \triangleleft \underline{\text{id}}$

In fact if $\overline{\text{id}}$ has a right adjoint $\overline{\text{id}}^{\dagger}$ then $\text{Tr}^{\curvearrowleft}(E) = \overline{\text{id}}^{\dagger} \circ \overline{E}$!

$\text{Tr}^{\curvearrowright}(E) =$

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$$\begin{aligned} \underline{2\text{-Hom}}(f, g) &= \underline{2\text{-Hom}}(\text{id}_h \circ f, g) \\ &= \text{Tr}^{\curvearrowleft}(f \circ g) \\ &= \text{Tr}^{\curvearrowleft}(f^{\dagger} \circ g) \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle M, N \rangle = \text{Tr}(\overline{M}^{\dagger} \cdot N)$$

Dimension

For a vector space V , $\text{Tr}(\text{id}_V) = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 = \text{Dim}(V)$

For object $A \in \mathcal{B}$ define $\text{Dim}^{\downarrow}(A) = \text{Tr}^{\downarrow}(\text{id}_A)$ and $\text{Dim}^{\uparrow}(A) = \text{Tr}^{\uparrow}(\text{id}_A)$.

Properties

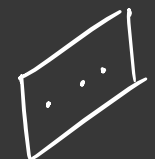

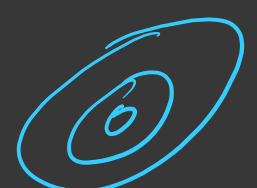
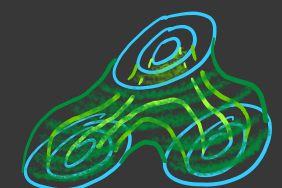
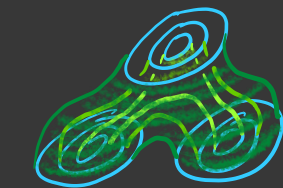
- $\text{Dim}^{\downarrow}(A) = \text{coev}_A \triangleright \text{ev}_A$ which gives the **codensity monad** on $\mathbb{1}$.

Thus $\text{Dim}^{\downarrow}(A)$ is a **monoid object** in $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{1}, \mathbb{1})$.

- $\text{Dim}^{\uparrow}(A) = \text{ev}_A \circ \text{coev}_A$ so

$$\text{Dim}^{\uparrow}(A) \circ \text{Dim}^{\downarrow}(A) = \text{ev}_A \circ \cancel{\text{coev}_A} \circ (\cancel{\text{coev}_A} \triangleright \text{coev}_A) \Rightarrow \text{ev}_A \circ \text{coev}_A = \text{Dim}^{\uparrow}(A)$$

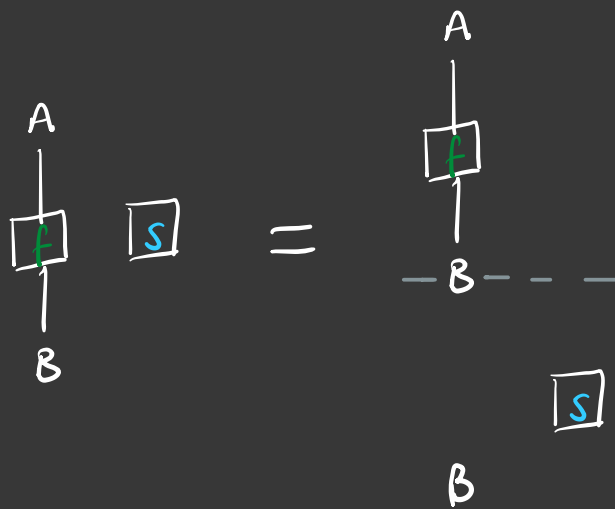
Thus $\text{Dim}^{\uparrow}(A)$ is a $\text{Dim}^{\downarrow}(A)$ **module object** in $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{1}, \mathbb{1})$

Bicategory	Object A	$\text{Dim}^{\downarrow}(A)$	$\text{Dim}^{\uparrow}(A)$	Monoid mult.	Monoid action
V-Prot	V-category	$\int_{a \in A} \text{Hom}(a, a)$	$\int^{a \in A} \text{Hom}(a, a)$	—	—
$\text{Bim}_{\mathbb{C}}$	Algebra	$Z(A)$	$A/[A, A]$	Algebra Multiplication	Algebra Multiplication
DG- $\text{Bim}_{\mathbb{C}}$	DG-Algebra	$\text{HH}^*(A)$	$\text{HH}_*(A)$	Cup product	Cup product
Span	Set	*	A	trivial	trivial
FMKer	\mathbb{C} -manifold	$\text{HH}^*(A)$	$\text{HH}_*(A)$	Cup product	Cup product
2-Tang					

Scalar Action

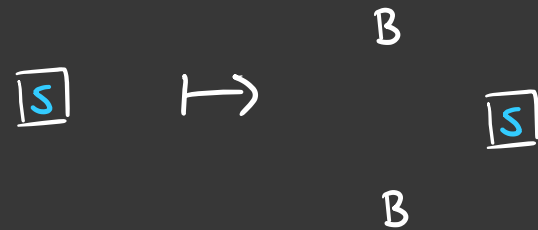
Thm (Kelly Laplaza '80) : In a monoidal category $(\mathcal{C}, \otimes, 1)$, $\mathcal{C}(1, 1)$ is a commutative monoid and every $\mathcal{C}(A, B)$ is a $\mathcal{C}(1, 1)$ -module

Given $s \in \mathcal{C}(1, 1)$, $f \in \mathcal{C}(A, B)$ $s \cdot f$ is $A \cong 1 \otimes A \xrightarrow{s \otimes f} 1 \otimes B \cong B$ but ...



we call
this map
"scalar
promotion"

$$\dashv \dashv I_B : \mathcal{C}(1, 1) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(B, B)$$



$$\lambda M = \lambda I \cdot M = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix} \cdot M$$

Scalar Promotion in Bicatagories

In a compact closed bicategory with Kan lifts we have two types of scalar promotion.

Diagonal

$$(-)I_A^\downarrow : \mathcal{B}(1,1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}(A,A)$$

$$s \longmapsto s \otimes \text{id}_A = \overline{s \circ \text{ev}_A}$$

Round

$$(-)I_A^\circ : \mathcal{B}(1,1) \longrightarrow \mathcal{B}(A,A)$$

$$s \longmapsto \overline{s \triangleright \text{coev}_A}$$

$$(-)I_A^\downarrow \dashv \text{Tr}_A^\downarrow \quad \text{!}$$

$$\text{Tr}_A^\circ \dashv (-)I_A^\circ \quad \text{!}$$

Every scalar-enriched Hom-category $\mathcal{B}(A,B)$ is both **powered** and **copowered**

Lemma (R.):

$$\mathcal{B}(1,1)^{\text{op}} \otimes \mathcal{B}(A,B) \xrightarrow{(-)I_B^\downarrow} \mathcal{B}(B,B)^{\text{op}} \otimes \mathcal{B}(A,B) \xrightarrow{\triangleright} \mathcal{B}(A,B)$$

$$\mathcal{B}(1,1) \otimes \mathcal{B}(A,B) \xrightarrow{(-)I_B^\downarrow} \mathcal{B}(B,B) \otimes \mathcal{B}(A,B) \xrightarrow{\circ} \mathcal{B}(A,B)$$

Trace Properties

Vector Spaces

$$\text{Tr}(sE) = s\text{Tr}(E)$$

Bicategories

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Tr}^{\circlearrowleft}(sI^{\downarrow} \circ E) &= s \circ \text{Tr}^{\circlearrowleft}(E) \\ \text{Tr}^{\downarrow}(sI^{\downarrow} \triangleright E) &= s \triangleright \text{Tr}^{\downarrow}(E) \\ \text{Tr}^{\downarrow}(E \triangleright sI^{\circlearrowleft}) &= \text{Tr}^{\circlearrowleft}(E) \triangleright s \end{aligned} \right\} = \boxed{s} \begin{array}{c} \text{E} \\ \curvearrowright \end{array}$$

} tensor-nom

$$\text{Tr}(g \circ f) = \text{Tr}(f \circ g)$$

$$\text{Tr}^{\circlearrowleft}(g \circ f) = \begin{array}{c} \boxed{f} \\ \boxed{g} \end{array} \curvearrowright \cong \begin{array}{c} \boxed{f} \\ \downarrow \\ \boxed{g} \end{array} \curvearrowright \cong \begin{array}{c} \boxed{g} \\ \boxed{f} \end{array} \curvearrowright = \text{Tr}^{\circlearrowleft}(f \circ g)$$

$$\text{Tr}(g^{-1} \circ f \circ g) = \text{Tr}(f)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Tr}^{\downarrow}(g^{\dagger} \circ f \circ g) &\Rightarrow \text{Tr}^{\downarrow}(f) \\ \text{Tr}^{\downarrow}(g^{-1} \circ f \circ g) &\cong \text{Tr}^{\downarrow}(f) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Properties of HomS}$$

Further Work

- More examples!
- Can we reframe FDVect as a bicategory and recover the linear algebra?
- Traced monoidal categories $\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F} \\ \xleftarrow{V} \end{array}$ compact closed categories (Joyal Street '94 Verity)
Similar result for Tr^{\downarrow} ?
- All the examples so far come from proarrow equipments. Does that structure add anything?
- Characteristic polynomials? (James Cranch)
- Dim in FDVect has image $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$, what's the analogue here?

Questions ?

Dimensions for V -Categories

- $V = \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ then $\text{Dim}^{\downarrow}(\mathcal{C}) = \sup_{x \in X} \tau(x, x) = 0 = \inf_{x \in X} \tau(x, x) = \text{Dim}^{\uparrow}(\mathcal{C})$

- $V = \text{Ab}$ and \mathcal{C} has one object then \mathcal{C} is some ring R
and $\int_* \tau(*, *) = \mathbb{Z}(R)$, $\int^* \tau(*, *) = R/[R, R]$

- $V = \text{Set}$ then $\int_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \tau(c, c) \cong \text{Nat}(\text{id}_c, \text{id}_c) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}(\prod_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \text{End}(c))$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} c & \xrightarrow{\varphi_c} & c \\ f \downarrow & = & \downarrow f \\ c & \xrightarrow{\varphi_c} & c \end{array}$$

and $\int^{c \in \mathcal{C}} \tau(c, c) = \bigcup_{c \in \mathcal{C}} \{c \xrightarrow{\varphi} c\} / \sim$ where $\begin{array}{c} \varphi \\ \circlearrowleft \\ c \end{array} \sim \begin{array}{c} \varphi' \\ \circlearrowleft \\ c' \end{array} \Leftrightarrow \exists \psi: c \rightarrow c' \begin{array}{ccc} & \psi & \\ c & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & c' \\ \varphi \downarrow & = & \downarrow \varphi' \\ c & \xrightarrow{\psi} & c' \end{array}$

$\theta \in \text{Dim}^{\downarrow}(\mathcal{C})$ and $[\varphi] \in \text{Dim}^{\uparrow}(\mathcal{C})$ then $\theta \cdot \varphi = [\theta \circ \varphi]$.