## I Homotopy fiber products of homotopy theories in quantum algebra By Julie Bergner (UC Riverside) May 27, 2009

Think of  $(\infty, 1)$ -categories as models for homotopy theory! General principle: View complete Segal spaces as models for  $(\infty, 1)$ -categories/homotopy theories. This allows us to generalize model category constructions.

**Recall:** A model category  $\mathcal{M}$  has 3 kinds of specified morphisms, namely weak equivalences, fibrations and cofibrations. Using this structure, we can define Ho( $\mathcal{M}$ ).

- $Ho(\mathcal{M})$  only depends on weak equivalences
- other kinds kinds of maps make  $Ho(\mathcal{M})$  nicely behaved.

Quillen functors (left and right) preserve cofibrations.

## **II** Homotopy fiber products of model categories

Consider  $\mathcal{M}_1 \xrightarrow{F_1} \mathcal{M}_1 \xleftarrow{F_2} \mathcal{M}_2$  for  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  left Quillen functors. Define  $\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{M}_1 \times^h_{\mathcal{M}_3} \mathcal{M}_2$  to have

• objects  $(x_1, x_2, x_3, u, v)$  with  $x_i$  an object of  $\mathcal{M}_i$  and

$$F_1(x_1) \xrightarrow{u} x_3 \xleftarrow{v} F_2(x_2).$$

• morphisms  $(f_i : x_i \to y_i)$  such that

$$F_1(x_1) \xrightarrow{u} x_3 \xleftarrow{v} F_2(x_2)$$

$$f_1 \downarrow \qquad f_3 \downarrow \qquad f_2 \downarrow$$

$$F_1(x_1) \xrightarrow{u} x_3 \xleftarrow{v} F_2(x_2)$$

commutes.

**Note:** This carries a (levelwise) homotopy structure, but this is not the correct one. Hope would be to localize this model structure (via left Bousfield localization instead of a right one). Look at compete Segal Spaces to determine whether this is the "correct" definition!

## **III** Complete Segal spaces

Let W be a simplicial space, so  $W : \Delta^{\mathrm{op}} \to \mathrm{sSet}$ .

**Definition III.1.** W is a Segal space if  $W_n \to W_1 \times_{W_0} \ldots \times_{W_0} W_1$  (n-times) is a weak equivalence for  $n \ge 2$ .

Objects of  $W: W_{0,0}$ , mapping spaces  $\operatorname{map}_W(x, y) = \text{fiber over } (x, y) \text{ of } W_1 \xrightarrow{d_1, d_0} W_{0 \times W_0}$ , composition, identities, homotopy equivalences, homotopy category...



**Definition III.2.** W is a complete Segal space if  $W_0 \to W_h$  is a weak equivalence.

**Theorem III.3 (Rezk).** There is a model structure CSS on the category of simplicail spaces s.th. the fibrant-cofibrant onjects are complete Segal space. The weak equivalences between complete Segal spaces are level-wise.

Connection with model categories: There is a functor  $L_C$ , taking a model category to complete Segal spaces.

$$\mathcal{M} \rightsquigarrow L_C(\mathcal{M}) = \operatorname{nerve}(\operatorname{we} \mathcal{M}^{[n]})$$

where objects in  $\mathcal{M}^{[n]}$  are sequences of n composable morphisms in  $\mathcal{M}$ .

**Theorem III.4.**  $L_C \mathcal{M}$  looks like  $\coprod_{\langle \alpha: x \to y \rangle} B \operatorname{Aut}^h(\alpha) \Rightarrow \coprod_{\langle x \rangle} B \operatorname{Aut}^h(x)$ 

Question: Does taking  $L_c$  and taking the homotopy fibre product commute (when using only the weak equivalences in order to define  $L_C \mathcal{M}$  (for  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_1 \times_{\mathcal{M}_3}^h \mathcal{M}_2$ )?

**Theorem III.5.**  $L_C(\mathcal{M}_1 \times^h_{\mathcal{M}_3} \mathcal{M}_2)$  is weakly equivalent to  $L_C\mathcal{M}_1 \times^h_{L_C\mathcal{M}_3} L_C\mathcal{M}_2!$ 

## IV Derived Hall algebras

**Definition IV.1.** Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an abelian category with fin. many iso. classes of objects. Its *Hall algebra*  $\mathcal{H}(\mathcal{A})$  is:

- the vector space with basis the isom. classes of objects
- endowed with the multiplication by  $A \cdot B = \sum_{C} g_{AB}^{C} C$ , where  $C_{AB}^{C}$  is the Hall number:

$$g_{AB}^{C} = \frac{|0 \to A \to B \to C \to 0|}{|\operatorname{Aut}(A)||\operatorname{Aut}(B)|}$$

Motivation: Let  $\mathfrak{g}$  be a Lie algebra of Type A, D, E and let Q be a quiver on its Dynkin diagram. Set  $\operatorname{Rep}(Q)$  be the abelian category of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -representations  $\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{H}(\operatorname{Rep}(Q))$ .

 $\mathcal{H}(\operatorname{Rep}(Q))$  is closely related to one part of  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ . Question: is there a way to enlarge  $\mathcal{H}(\operatorname{Rep}(Q))$  so we can recover all of  $\mathcal{U}_q(\mathfrak{g})$ ?

**Conjecture:** Want "Hall algebra" associated to  $D^b(\operatorname{Rep}(Q))$ , which is triangulated, but *not* abelian.

Need: "Derived" Hall algebras for triangulated categories. Toën's construction:

**Definition IV.2.** Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a model category which is stable (i.e., Ho( $\mathcal{M}$ ) is triangulated), having certain finiteness conditions. Then the derived Hall algebra  $\mathcal{DH}(\mathcal{M})$  has

- vector space with basis weak equivalence classes of "nice" objects of  $\mathcal{M}$
- multiplication:  $x \cdot y := \sum_{z} g_{x,y}^{z} z$ , where  $g_{x,y}^{y}$  is the "derived" Hall number

$$g_{x,y}^{z} = \frac{|[x,z]_{y}| \prod_{1 \ge n} |\operatorname{Ext}^{-i}(x,z)|^{(-1)^{i}}}{|\operatorname{Aut}(x)| \prod_{i \ge 0} |\operatorname{Ext}^{-i}(x,x)|^{(-1)^{i}}}$$

where  $\operatorname{Ext}^{i}(x, y) = [x, y[i]]$ 

(the upshot of this definition should be that it is somewhat a generalization of the definition of the Hall number from above and that we have an *explicit* formula!)

Connection to homotopy fiber products: They are used to prove that  $\mathcal{DH}(\mathcal{M})$  is associative. Moreover,  $\mathcal{DH}(\mathcal{M})$  only depends on  $Ho(\mathcal{M})$  and the formula works for any "finitely" triangulated category.

**Problem:**  $D^b(\operatorname{Rep}(Q))$  is not finitely triangulated! A remedy could be to generalize the definition of  $\mathcal{DH}(\mathcal{M})$  away from model categories Complete Segal spaces look like a promising place to do this!

 $\rightsquigarrow$  Want to work in the more general CSS setting.

**Theorem IV.3 (work in progress).** Translating Toën's construction into CSS and using homotopy pullbacks gives a derived Hall algebra  $\mathcal{DH}(W)$  for any "finitary" stable complete Segal space.