

The homotopy theory of substitutes

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The Baez-Dolan Stabilization Hypothesis

'Higher Dimensional Algebra and Topological Quantum Field Theory' (1995) by Baez and Dolan studied n -dimensional TQFTs via n -category representations.

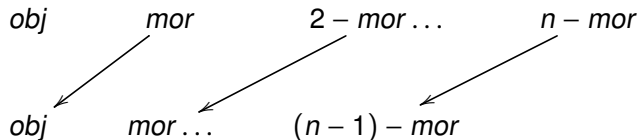
Look for relationships between categories of weak n -categories as n varies.

Many definitions of weak n -category, by Rezk, Tamsamani, Simpson's higher Segal categories, Ara's n -quasi-categories, Bergner-Rezk models on simplicial presheaves, etc.

Let Sp_k be k -truncated spaces, modeling k -types ($\pi_{>k} = 0$).
Rezk's $\Theta_n Sp_k$ models $(n+k, n)$ -categories so $nCat \cong \Theta_n Sp_0$.
The Θ construction encodes shapes of pasting diagrams.

Stabilization and Eckmann-Hilton

Consider the reindexing functor $U : n\text{-cat} \rightarrow (n-1)\text{-cat}$:



Now objects have a composition law, morphisms have vertical and horizontal composition, etc. That's extra structure!

Example: start with a 2-category $C = (x, 1_x, hom(1_x, 1_x))$ with 1 object and 1 morphism, reindex twice: $2\text{-cat} \rightarrow 0\text{-cat}$.

Eckmann-Hilton: $hom(1_x, 1_x)$ is a commutative monoid.

$3\text{-cat} \rightarrow 0\text{-cat}$ gives no further structure; we say that reindexing **stabilized**. What about 3-cat to 1-cat , 4-cat to 1-cat , etc?

Forget k levels: $n + k \rightarrow n$

	$n = 0$	$n = 1$	$n = 2$
$k = 0$	sets	categories	2-categories
$k = 1$	monoids	monoidal categories	monoidal 2-categories
$k = 2$	commutative monoids	braided monoidal categories	braided monoidal 2-categories
$k = 3$	“	symmetric monoidal categories	weakly involutory monoidal 2-categories
$k = 4$	“	“	strongly involutory monoidal 2-categories
$k = 5$	“	“	“

k-tuply monoidal weak n-categories

If a $(n + k)$ -cat \mathcal{C} is trivial up to k , reindex to \mathcal{D} , an n -cat with extra structure. $n\text{Cat}_k$ is the category of such \mathcal{D} . Forgetful $U : n\text{Cat}_k \rightarrow n\text{Cat}_{k-1}$ has a left adjoint S called **suspension**.

Conjecture (Baez-Dolan Stabilization Hypothesis)

If $k \geq n + 2$ then $S : n\text{Cat}_k \rightarrow n\text{Cat}_{k+1}$ is an equivalence.

Batanin: the extra structure on \mathcal{D} is that of an algebra in $n\text{Cat}$ over the k -operad G_k , the cofibrant replacement of 1_k in Op_k .

Stabilization Hypothesis (Equivalent Formulation): For $k \geq n + 2$, $\text{Alg}_{G_k}(n\text{Cat}) \Leftrightarrow \text{Alg}_{G_{k+1}}(n\text{Cat})$ is a **Quillen equivalence**. We'll deduce from a Q.E. $Op_k^{loc}(n\text{Cat}) \Leftrightarrow Op_{k+1}^{loc}(n\text{Cat}) \Leftrightarrow SO$.

k -Operads I: k -ordinals

Definition (T is a k -ordinal)

Let $T \in \text{FinSet}$, with k binary relations $<_0, \dots, <_{k-1}$ s.t.:

- 1 $<_p$ is nonreflexive;
- 2 for every pair $a, b \in T$, there exists exactly one p such that $a <_p b$ or $b <_p a$
- 3 if $a <_p b$ and $b <_q c$ then $a <_{\min(p,q)} c$.

Every n -ordinal can be represented as a pruned planar tree with n levels.
For example, the 2-ordinal

$$0 <_0 1, 0 <_0 2, 0 <_0 3, 1 <_1 2, 2 <_1 3$$

is represented by the following pruned tree



k -Operads II: the definition

\mathbb{V} is symmetric monoidal, $U_k =$ terminal k -ordinal.

Definition (A_T is a k -operad in \mathbb{V})

$\forall T \in \text{Ord}(k)$, a collection A_T of objects of \mathbb{V} with:

- a morphism $e : I \rightarrow A_{U_k}$ (the unit);
- for every order preserving $\sigma : T \rightarrow S$, a morphism

$$m_\sigma : A_S \otimes A_{T_0} \otimes \cdots \otimes A_{T_j} \rightarrow A_T \text{ (the multiplication).}$$

- Associativity given $T \rightarrow S \rightarrow R$
- Coherent w.r.t identity $T \rightarrow T$ and unique mor $T \rightarrow U_k$.

where $T_i = \sigma^{-1}(i)$ for $\sigma : T \rightarrow S$. Batanin provided the following adjunction $\text{des}_k : \text{SO}(\mathbb{V}) \rightleftarrows \text{Op}_k(\mathbb{V}) : \text{sym}_k$

k -Operads III: quasibijections

A morphism of k -ordinals (order-preserving map) is a **quasibijection** if it is a bijection of underlying sets. Let Q_k be the subcategory of quasibijections of $Ord(k)$. Have $U : Op_k(\mathbb{V}) \rightarrow [Q_k^{op}, \mathbb{V}]$. Think: collections. Q_k^{op} acts on Op_k , but **not invertibly**.

$Q_k \cong \coprod Q_k(m)$ where $m = |Ord(k)|$, just like $\Sigma \cong \coprod \Sigma_n$.

Q_k^{op} are the unary operations of the substitute we use to encode k -operads. Q_k^{op} is not a groupoid, so we don't use Feynman categories or colored operads to encode k -operads.

Idea: localize to force Q_k^{op} to act invertibly, up to homotopy.

Higher Braided Operads

Let Op_k^{loc} be a localization so that Q_k^{op} acts invertibly. Call them **locally constant k -operads**, a.k.a. **higher braided operads**.

- 1 For $k = 1, 2, \infty$, $\text{Ho}(\text{locally constant } k\text{-operads}) \simeq \text{Ho}(\text{nonsymmetric}), \text{Ho}(\text{braided}), \text{and } \text{Ho}(\text{symmetric})$.
- 2 Contractible operads detect 1-fold, 2-fold, and infinite loop spaces. Cofibrant replacement of the terminal higher braided operad is an E_n -operad, so detects n -fold loop spaces.
- 3 The nerve of $Q_k(m)$ is ho. equiv. to **unordered configuration space of m points in \mathbb{R}^k** , a $K(\pi, 1)$ only for $n = 1, 2, \infty$.
- 4 Fund. grp: $\pi_1(Q_\infty) \simeq \Sigma$ (sym gps), $\pi_1(Q_2) \simeq Br_2$ (braid gps), $\pi_1(Q_1)$ is contractible (non-sym operads).
- 5 $Q_k \rightarrow \Sigma$ is iso on $\pi_{\leq k}$

Substitudes (Day-Street)

Let \mathbb{V} be a symmetric monoidal category, e.g., $\Theta_n Sp_0$.

A **V-substitute** (P, A) is a small \mathbb{V} -category A together with a sequence of \mathbb{V} -functors: $P_n : \underbrace{A^{op} \otimes \cdots \otimes A^{op}}_{n\text{-times}} \otimes A \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$, $n \geq 0$,

equipped naturally with associative, unital, and equivariant:

- 1 substitution operations (like operad composition)
- 2 unit morphisms $\eta : A(a_1, a_2) \rightarrow P_1(a_1; a_2)$
- 3 isos $\gamma_\sigma : P(a_1, \dots, a_n; a) \rightarrow P(a_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, a_{\sigma(n)}; a)$

Think: **colored operad \mathcal{E} with identity-on-objects \mathbb{V} -functor $\eta : A \rightarrow U(\mathcal{E})$ =unary ops**. Example: $(O^{(k)}, Q_k^{op})$ for Op_k .

\mathbb{V} -substitudes are equivalent to regular patterns (Getzler), category-colored operads (Petersen)

Transferring Model Structures

Lemma (well-known)

If $T = UF$ is a monad on cofibrantly generated \mathcal{M} and if for all generating trivial cofibrations $j : K \rightarrow L$ in \mathcal{M} , transfinite compositions of pushouts in $\text{Alg}_T(\mathcal{M})$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(K) & \longrightarrow & F(L) \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{O} & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{P} \end{array}$$

are weak equivalences then $\text{Alg}_T(\mathcal{M})$ has **transferred model structure**, with weak equivalences and fibrations defined in \mathcal{M} .

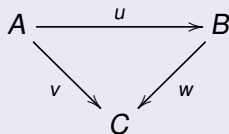
If above works only for \mathcal{O} cofibrant then get **transferred semi-model structure**. Apply to Σ -free unary tame substitutes (P, A) whose unit is faithful, where $\mathcal{M} = [A, \mathbb{V}]$. Get $Op_k(\Theta_n Sp_0)$.

Fundamental localizers (Grothendieck; Cisinski)

Let W be a class of functors between small categories.

Definition (W is a **fundamental localizer**)

- 1 W contains all identities; satisfies two out of three;
- 2 If $i : A \rightarrow B$ has a retraction $r : B \rightarrow A$ and $r \cdot i : B \rightarrow B$ is in W then i is in W ;
- 3 If $A \in \mathbf{Cat}_*$ (has terminal obj) then $A \rightarrow \mathbf{1}$ is in W ;
- 4 If $u/c : A/c \rightarrow B/c$ is in W for each object $c \in C$ in:



then u is in W . Call W 's elements **W -equivalences**.

W -asphericity

Fix a fundamental localizer W . A small category A is **W -aspherical** if the unique functor $! : A \rightarrow 1$ is in W . Like being nullhomotopic.

W is a **proper fundamental localizer** if there exists a set \mathcal{S} of small categories such that W is minimal in making elements of \mathcal{S} aspherical, in the sense that any $A \in \mathcal{S}$ is in W -aspherical. We write **$W(\mathcal{S}) := W$** in this case.

Example: W_∞ is the class of functors whose nerve is a weak equivalence of simplicial sets. Cisinski proved: **W_∞ is the minimal fundamental localizer**. This implies, among other things, that $W_\infty = W(\{A\})$ for any A with a terminal object.

Fundamental localizer for truncation

Let $W_n = W(\{S^{n+1}\})$, where S^{n+1} is a small category which has the homotopy type of $(n+1)$ -sphere. W_n -equivalences are n -equivalences (functors inducing isos on $\pi_{\leq n}N(-)$).

Ex: W_0 is functors that induce isomorphism on connected components, and W_0 -aspherical categories are connected.

Ex: For $k \geq 3$, the total order functor induces an n -equivalence $[-] : Q_k \rightarrow \Sigma$ for $1 \leq n+1 \leq k$, by a classifying space computation. Hence Baez-Dolan stabilization theorem needs $n+1 \leq k$, for the critical Quillen equivalence. Also, $[-]_2 : Q_2 \rightarrow Br$ is an n -equivalence for $1 \leq n \leq \infty$.

Homotopy Theories: $Ho_W = Cat[W^{-1}]$, Ho_{W_∞} is HoTop, Ho_{W_n} is n -truncated homotopy types.

W-locally constant presheaves

Let A be a small category and \mathbb{V} a model category. Let $Ho[A, \mathbb{V}]$ be the localization of $[A, \mathbb{V}]$ with respect to levelwise weak equivalences. Let W be a proper fundamental localizer.

Definition (Cisinski): A presheaf $F : A \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$, is called **W-locally constant** if for any W -aspherical small category A' and any functor $u : A' \rightarrow A$ the presheaf $u^*(F) : A' \rightarrow \mathbb{V}$ is isomorphic to a constant presheaf in $Ho[A', \mathbb{V}]$. Denote them $LC_W[A, \mathbb{V}]$.

Ex: F is W_∞ -locally constant if and only if for any $f : a \rightarrow b$ in A , $F(f)$ is a weak equivalence in \mathbb{V} . Because $W_\infty = W(0 \rightarrow 1)$

Say u is a **local W-equivalence** if u^* is an equivalence of categories on $LC_W[-, \mathcal{M}]$ for any model category \mathcal{M} .

Cisinski localization

Theorem (Cisinski, Batanin – W.)

Let W be a proper fundamental localizer and \mathbb{V} a combinatorial model category. Then:

- 1 For $A \in \text{Cat}$ **there exists a left Bousfield localization** (of *proj*, *inj*, *Reedy*) $[A, \mathbb{V}]^W$ such that its **local objects are levelwise fibrant and W -locally constant presheaves**.
- 2 For a local W -equivalence $u : A \rightarrow B$ between small categories, the restriction functor

$$u^* : [B, \mathbb{V}]_{\text{proj}}^W \rightarrow [A, \mathbb{V}]_{\text{proj}}^W$$

is a right Quillen equivalence.

Related: Homotopy theory of homotopy functors (Chorny-W)

Left Bousfield localization $L_C\mathcal{M}$

Given $C \subset \text{mor}(\mathcal{M})$, $L_C\mathcal{M}$ is a universal model structure where C are weak equivalences and $id : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow L_C\mathcal{M}$ is left Quillen. Same cofibrations as \mathcal{M} , more weak equivalences. Say W is a **C-local object** if $\text{map}(B, W) \rightarrow \text{map}(A, W)$ is a w.e. in sSet for all $f : A \rightarrow B$ in C . Say $g : X \rightarrow Y$ is a **C-local equivalence** if $\text{map}(Y, W) \rightarrow \text{map}(X, W)$ is a w.e. for all C -local W .

Goal: lift localizations from $[A, \mathbb{V}]_{\text{proj}}^W$ to Op_k^W

Problem: Op_k is not known to be left proper.

Solution: semi-model categories.

Semi-model categories (Spitzweck; Fresse; many others)

Definition: (\mathcal{M}, W, Q, F) satisfies all model category axioms except we only require the following **for A and K cofibrant**:



Still have cofibrant replacement. **All model category results have semi-model category analogues** (often cofibrantly replace first): Ken Brown lemma, cylinders and path objects, cube lemma, Quillen equivalences, Reedy model structures, (co)simplicial frames, homotopy (co)limits, simplicial mapping spaces, etc. **Combinatorial semi is Quillen equiv. to combinatorial model.**

Left properness

A model category \mathcal{M} is **left proper** if in pushout on left below, f is a weak equivalence. It's like the gluing property in Top.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\simeq} & B \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ C & \xrightarrow{f} & D \\ & \simeq & \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccccc} QA & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ QB & \longrightarrow & B & \longrightarrow & Y \end{array}$$

Upside 1 (right): a lift $QB \rightarrow X$ yields a lift $B \rightarrow X$.

Upside 2: pushout square with one leg a cofibration is homotopy pushout square.

Semi-model version: when A, B cofibrant, these results are automatic.

Semi-model Smith theorem

Theorem (Batanin-W.)

Suppose \mathcal{M} is a locally presentable category with a class \mathcal{W} of weak equivalences and a set of maps I satisfying

- 1 \mathcal{W} is κ -accessible, closed under retracts, two out of three.
- 2 Any morphism in $\text{inj}(I)$ is a weak equivalence.
- 3 *Within $\text{cof } I \cap \mathcal{W}$, maps with cofibrant domain are closed under pushouts to arbitrary cofibrant objects and under transfinite composition.*
- 4 Domains of I and initial object are cofibrant.

Then there is a cofibrantly generated semi-model structure on \mathcal{M} with generating cofibrations I , generating trivial cofibrations J , cofibrations $\text{cof } I$, and fibrations defined by the right lifting property with respect to J . Furthermore, the generating trivial cofibrations J have cofibrant domains.

Semi-model Bousfield localization

Theorem (Bousfield localization without left properness)

Suppose that \mathcal{M} is a combinatorial semi-model category whose generating cofibrations have cofibrant domain, and C is a set of morphisms of \mathcal{M} . Then **there is a semi-model structure $L_C(\mathcal{M})$ on \mathcal{M}** , whose weak equivalences are the C -local equivalences, whose cofibrations are the same as \mathcal{M} , and whose fibrant objects are the C -local objects. Furthermore, $L_C(\mathcal{M})$ **satisfies the universal property** that, for any any left Quillen functor of semi-model categories $F : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ taking C into the weak equivalences of \mathcal{N} , then F is a left Quillen functor when viewed as $F : L_C(\mathcal{M}) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$.

Quillen for semi means U preserves (trivial) fibrations, and F preserves (trivial) cofibrations (between cofibrant objects).

Applications of localization w.o. left properness

- 1 Voevodsky's additive functors ($L_C\mathcal{M}$ only a semi).
- 2 Inverting operations in operads and rings.
- 3 Parameterized spectra; C^* -algebras; Richter $C(ch^\Sigma)$
- 4 Localizing O -alg: GH, HZ, B
- 5 Bazard lax diagrams and enrichment.
- 6 Toen $dgCat(k)$ and derived algebraic geometry
- 7 Costello-Gwilliam prefactorization algebras.
- 8 Functor calculus, esp. for Cat and $Graph$ (Vicinsky).
- 9 Left localization after right localization; E_2 -model str
- 10 More?

Localization for k-operads

Theorem (Batanin-W.)

If \mathbb{V} is a symmetric monoidal combinatorial model category and (P, A) encodes k -operads or $SO(\mathbb{V})$ or $BO(\mathbb{V})$, then

- 1 The projective semi-model structure on $\text{Alg}_P(\mathbb{V})$ exists;
- 2 For any proper fundamental localizer **the local semi-model model structure $\text{Alg}_P^W(\mathbb{V})$ exists** and its fibrant objects are exactly W -locally constant P -algebras;
- 3 The **local model structure $\text{Alg}_P^W(\mathbb{V})$ coincides with the transferred semi-model structure** from

$$U : \text{Alg}_P(\mathbb{V}) \rightarrow [Q_k^{op}, \mathbb{V}]_{proj}^W$$

W_∞ -locally constant k -operads are higher braided operads.

We lift old Batanin results from homotopy level to model.

Plan for proving Baez-Dolan Stabilization

Have: $U : \mathit{Op}_k(\mathbb{V}) \rightarrow [Q_k^{op}, \mathbb{V}]$ and left adjoint F .

First: Transfer model structures, letting $\mathbb{V} = \Theta_n(\mathit{Sp}_0)$

Next: prove Quillen equivalences. We have (for $0 \leq n \leq \infty$):

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \mathit{Op}_k(\mathbb{V}) & \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\Sigma_l} \\ \xrightarrow{res} \end{array} & \mathit{Op}_{k+1}(\mathbb{V}) & \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{sym_{k+1}} \\ \xrightarrow{des_{k+1}} \end{array} & \mathit{SOp}(\mathbb{V}) \\
 \begin{array}{c} \uparrow id \\ \downarrow id \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} \swarrow id \\ \searrow id \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} \swarrow des_{k+1} \\ \searrow sym_{k+1} \end{array} \\
 \mathit{Op}_k^{W_n}(\mathbb{V}) & \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\Sigma_l} \\ \xrightarrow{res} \end{array} & \mathit{Op}_{k+1}^{W_n}(\mathbb{V}) & & [\Sigma, \mathbb{V}] \\
 \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \downarrow \end{array} \\
 [Q_k, \mathbb{V}]^{W_n} & \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} & [Q_{k+1}, \mathbb{V}]^{W_n} & \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{\quad} \\ \xrightarrow{\quad} \end{array} & [\Sigma, \mathbb{V}]^{W_n}
 \end{array}$$

Beck-Chevalley and Quillen equivalences

A square of right adjoints and a natural transformation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xleftarrow{\psi^*} & B \\ \beta^* \downarrow & \swarrow b & \downarrow \alpha^* \\ C & \xleftarrow{\phi^*} & D \end{array}$$

is called **Beck-Chevalley** if the natural transformation

$$\mathbf{bc} : \phi_! \beta^* \rightarrow \alpha^* \psi_!$$

is an isomorphism. **Upshot**: if $(\phi_!, \phi^*)$ is an adjoint equivalence and β^*, α^* reflect isos then $(\phi_!, \phi^*)$ is adjoint equivalence.

Homotopical Beck-Chevalley

The square above is **homotopy Beck-Chevalley** if $\mathbb{L}\phi_! \mathbb{R}\beta^*(-) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\alpha^* \mathbb{L}\psi_!(-)$ is an isomorphism in $\text{Ho}(\mathbb{D})$. This occurs if α^* preserves weak equivalences and β^* preserves cofibrant objects.

Upshot: if $(\phi_!, \phi^*)$ is a Quillen equivalence and β^*, α^* reflect weak equivalences between fibrant objects, then $(\phi_!, \phi^*)$ is a Quillen equivalence.

Application: **Quillen equivalences of categories of algebras** over substitutes. Given $(f, g) : (P, A) \rightarrow (Q, B)$, if $(g_!, g^*)$ is Q.E. then so is $(f_!, f^*)$.

Lift Q.E. $[A, \mathbb{V}]_{proj}^W \rightleftarrows [B, \mathbb{V}]_{proj}^W$ to $\text{Alg}_P^W(\mathbb{V}) \rightleftarrows \text{Alg}_Q^W(\mathbb{V})$.

Stabilization for locally constant k -operads

Let \mathbb{V} be a combinatorial symmetric monoidal model category with cofibrant unit.

Theorem (Batanin-W.)

For $k \geq 3$ and $2 \leq n + 1 \leq k$, the symmetrisation functor $\text{sym}_k : \text{Op}_k^{W_n}(\mathbb{V}) \rightarrow \text{SO}(\mathbb{V})$ and the suspension functor $\Sigma_! : \text{Op}_k^{W_n}(\mathbb{V}) \rightarrow \text{Op}_m^{W_n}(\mathbb{V})$ (for $k < m \leq \infty$) are **left Quillen equivalences**.

For $k = 2$, use braided operads $\text{BO}(\mathbb{V})$, and for $1 \leq n \leq \infty$ $\text{bsym}_2 : \text{Op}_2^{W_n}(\mathbb{V}) \rightarrow \text{BO}(\mathbb{V})$ is a left Quillen equivalence.

Baez-Dolan stabilization follows from this, for $\Theta_n \text{Sp}_0$, $\text{Seg}^{n+k}(\mathcal{M})$, $n\text{Qcat}$, $\Theta_n \text{Sp}$ -Segal Cat, $s\text{PSh}(\Delta \times \Theta_n)_{BR}$, or Tamsamani's $\text{PC}^n(M)$.

n-truncated model categories

Let \mathbb{V} be **n-truncated** i.e. all $\text{Map}(X, Y)$ are W_n -local in sSet . Then $[A, \mathbb{V}]_{\text{proj}}^{W_r} \rightarrow [A, \mathbb{V}]_{\text{proj}}^{W_\infty}$ is a Q.E. for $r \geq n + 1$, and:

Corollary (Stabilization for Higher Braided Operads)

For $n \geq 0$ and $3 \leq n + 2 \leq k \leq \infty$, the symmetrisation functor $\text{sym}_k : \text{Op}_k^{W_\infty}(\mathbb{V}) \rightarrow \text{SO}(\mathbb{V})$ and the suspension functor $\Sigma_! : \text{Op}_k^{W_\infty}(\mathbb{V}) \rightarrow \text{Op}_m^{W_\infty}(\mathbb{V})$ (for $k < m \leq \infty$) are **left Quillen equivalences**.

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Note: $\Theta_n \text{Sp}_0$ is n -truncated. Or: truncate Tamsamani, Simpson, Ara, or Bergner-Rezk models via $\tau_{\leq n}$ localization. Truncate from (∞, n) -categories to weak n -cat.

Baez-Dolan Stabilization; Batanin 2017

Let $G_k = \text{cof rep of } I \in \text{Op}_k$, and $B_k(\mathbb{V}) = G_k\text{-alg}$. Note $i : \Sigma_! G_k \rightarrow G_{k+1}$.

Theorem (Baez-Dolan Stabilization)

Let $0 \leq n$ and \mathbb{V} a ***n-truncated*** monoidal combinatorial model category with cofibrant unit. Then $i_! : B_k(\mathbb{V}) \rightarrow B_{k+1}(\mathbb{V})$ and $(j_k)_! : B_k(\mathbb{V}) \rightarrow E_\infty(\mathbb{V})$ are ***left Quillen equivalences*** for $k \geq n + 2$.

Apply this with **Rezk's** $\mathbb{V} = \Theta_n \text{Sp}_m$, $n + m$ -truncated model for $(n + m, n)$ -categories, where Sp_m is m -truncation on sSet (local objects are m -types). Or: **$\tau_n \text{Seg}^{n+k}(\mathcal{M})$** , **$\tau_k \text{PC}^n(\mathcal{M})$** , **$\tau_k n\text{Qcat}$** , **$\tau_k \Theta_n \text{Sp-Segal Cat}$** (model on $[\Delta^{\text{op}}, \Theta_n \text{Sp}]$), or **$\tau_k \text{sPSh}(\Delta \times \Theta_n)_{BR}$** .

Baez-Dolan Stabilization

Corollary (Stabilisation for Rezk's $(n + m, n)$ -categories)

The suspension functor induces the *left Quillen equivalence*

$$i_{\downarrow} : B_k(\Theta_n \mathbf{Sp}_m) \rightarrow B_{k+1}(\Theta_n \mathbf{Sp}_m)$$

for $k \geq m + n + 2$ and, hence, an equivalence between homotopy categories of Rezk's k -tuply monoidal $(n + m, n)$ -categories and Rezk's $(k + 1)$ -tuply monoidal $(n + m, n)$ -categories. Baez-Dolan stabilization also holds for Tamsamani, Simpson, Ara, and Bergner-Rezk models of weak n -categories, and will hold for other models (e.g., n -relative categories, n -fold Segal spaces) if suitable monoidal products are discovered.

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