

A Yoneda Lemma for synthetic fibered ∞ -categories

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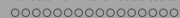
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Overview

- **Goal:** A Yoneda Lemma for presheaves of ∞ -categories, in type theory
- What is an ∞ -category? “Some kind of object where directed arrows can be composed weakly.”
- **Setting:** ∞ -categories in HoTT? Work in Riehl–Shulman’s simplicial HoTT so ∞ -categories become definable internally (basic objects are *simplicial* types; also suggested by Joyal)
- **Result:** Define fibered ∞ -categories and prove fibered Yoneda Lemma à la Riehl–Verity, Street, Riehl–Shulman (discrete case).
- **Interpretation:** Yoneda Lemma as *directed* arrow induction principle.



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Foundations: Synthetic $(\infty, 1)$ -categories à la Riehl–Shulman I

Simplicial type theory, introduced by Riehl–Shulman [RS17], as an extension of HoTT (cf. cubical type theory):

- ① **n -dimensional directed cubes (*cube layer*):** Lawvere theory generated by cube \mathbb{I} :

$$\mathbf{1}, \mathbb{I}, \mathbb{I} \times \mathbb{I}, \dots, \mathbb{I}^n, \dots$$

- ② **Subpolytopes of n -cubes (*tope layer*):** Coherent (without \exists) intuitionistic theory of formulas in cube contexts with strict equality judgments \equiv , and inequality \leq on \mathbb{I}
- ③ **Import into ordinary HoTT (*shape layer*):** Shape = Cube together with a tope. Types can depend on shapes.

$$\frac{I \text{ cube} \quad t : I \vdash \varphi \text{ tope}}{\{t : I \mid \varphi\} \text{ shape}}$$

Foundations: Synthetic $(\infty, 1)$ -categories à la Riehl–Shulman II

Some important shapes:

 Δ^1

$$0 \longrightarrow 1$$

 Δ^2

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle 0, 1 \rangle & & \langle 1, 1 \rangle \\ & \nearrow & \uparrow \\ \langle 0, 0 \rangle & \longrightarrow & \langle 1, 0 \rangle \end{array}$$

 $\partial\Delta^2$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle 0, 1 \rangle & & \langle 1, 1 \rangle \\ & \nearrow & \uparrow \\ \langle 0, 0 \rangle & \longrightarrow & \langle 1, 0 \rangle \end{array}$$

 Λ_1^2

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle 0, 1 \rangle & & \langle 1, 1 \rangle \\ & & \uparrow \\ \langle 0, 0 \rangle & \longrightarrow & \langle 1, 0 \rangle \end{array}$$

$$\Delta^1 \equiv \{t : \mathbb{1} \mid \top\}, \quad \Delta^2 \equiv \{\langle t, s \rangle : \mathbb{1} \times \mathbb{1} \mid s \leq t\},$$

$$\partial\Delta^2 \equiv \{t : \mathbb{1}^2 \mid t \equiv s \vee s \equiv 0 \vee t \equiv 1\}, \quad \Lambda_1^2 \equiv \{\langle t, s \rangle : \mathbb{1}^2 \mid (s \equiv 0) \vee (t \equiv 1)\}$$

Foundations: Synthetic $(\infty, 1)$ -categories à la Riehl–Shulman III

As a main feature, STT provides *extension types* (after Lumsdaine–Shulman), i.e. for shape inclusions $\Phi \hookrightarrow \Psi$, families $P : \Psi \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$, and partial sections $\sigma : \prod_{t:\Phi} P(t)$ there exists the type of sections

$$\left\langle \prod_{t:\Psi} P(t) \middle| \sigma \right\rangle \triangleq \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \Phi & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & P \\ \downarrow & \nearrow \bar{\sigma} & \\ \Psi & & \end{array} \right\}$$

judgmentally extending a . If $\tau : \langle \prod_{t:\Psi} P(t) |_{\sigma}^{\Phi} \rangle$, then $\tau|_{\Phi} \equiv \sigma$.

An axiom is added to ensure the extension types are homotopically well-behaved.

Furthermore, we can coerce shapes to be fibrant, and we can prove that *weak/homotopical extensions* can always be strictified, i.e. we have an equivalence

$$\left\langle \prod_{(x:I|\psi)} A(x) \middle| \varphi_a \right\rangle \simeq \sum_{f:\prod_{(x:I|\psi)} A(x)} \prod_{(x:I|\varphi)} (ax = fx).$$

Foundations: Synthetic $(\infty, 1)$ -categories à la Riehl–Shulman IV

Definition (Hom types, [RS17])

Let B be a type. Fix terms $a, b : B$. The type of *arrows in B from a to b* is the extension type

$$\mathrm{hom}_B(a, b) := (a \rightarrow b) := \left\langle \Delta^1 \rightarrow B \Big|_{[a,b]}^{\partial \Delta^1} \right\rangle.$$

Definition (Dependent hom types, [RS17])

Let $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ be family. Fix an arrow $u : \mathrm{hom}_B(a, b)$ in B and points $d : P a, e : P b$ in the fibers. The type of *arrows in P over u from d to e* is the extension type

$$\mathrm{d}\mathrm{hom}_{P,u}(d, e) := (d \rightarrow_u^P e) := \left\langle \prod_{t:\Delta^1} P(u(t)) \Big|_{[d,e]}^{\partial \Delta^1} \right\rangle.$$

Similarly for 2-simplices or other shapes.

Foundations: Synthetic $(\infty, 1)$ -categories à la Riehl–Shulman V

Definition (Synthetic ∞ -categories, [RS17])

- *Synthetic ∞ -precategory aka Segal type*: type A such that $(\Delta^2 \rightarrow A) \xrightarrow{\simeq} (\Lambda_1^2 \rightarrow A)$ (Joyal).
- *Synthetic ∞ -category aka Rezk type*: type A such that $\text{idtoiso}_A : \prod_{x,y:A} \text{Id}_A(x,y) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{iso}_A(x,y)$.
- *Synthetic ∞ -groupoid aka discrete type*: type A such that $\text{idtoarr}_A : \prod_{x,y:A} \text{Id}_A(x,y) \xrightarrow{\simeq} \text{hom}_A(x,y)$.

Foundations: Synthetic $(\infty, 1)$ -categories à la Riehl–Shulman VI

Segal types are synthetic ∞ -precategories, i.e. types with weak composition of morphisms:

$$\text{isSegal}(B) \simeq \prod_{\kappa: \Lambda_1^2 \rightarrow B} \text{isContr} \left(\left\langle \Delta^2 \rightarrow B \Big|_{\kappa}^{\Lambda_1^2} \right\rangle \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & b & \\
 f \nearrow & & \searrow g \\
 a & \text{---} & c \\
 & \text{---} g \circ f &
 \end{array}$$

In particular, they do have categorical structure (associative composition of morphisms, identities, and the corresponding laws).

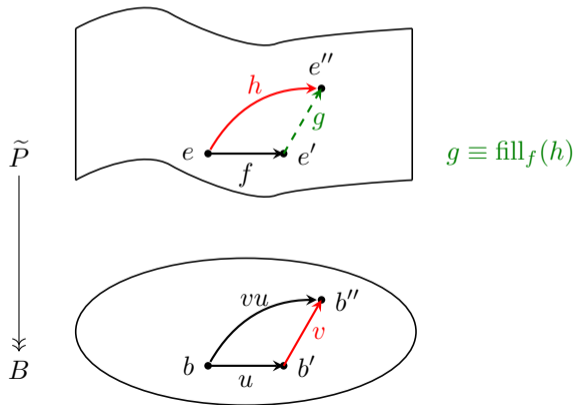
Maps between Segal types are automatically functors (cf. [RS17]).

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Cocartesian arrows I

An arrow $f : e \rightarrow_u e'$ over $u : b \rightarrow b'$ is *cocartesian* if it satisfies the following universal property:



Cocartesian arrows II

Fix a map between Rezk types.

Proposition

- ① *Being a cocartesian arrow is a proposition.*
- ② *Cocartesian lifts are unique up to homotopy.*

Proposition

Let $f : e \rightarrow e'$ and $g : e' \rightarrow e''$ be arrows in E . Then the following statements hold:

- ① *If f, g are cocartesian then so is gf (closedness under composition).*
- ② *If f and gf are cocartesian then so is g (right cancelation).*
- ③ *Cocartesian lifts of identity morphisms are identity morphisms.*

Cocartesian families

Definition (Cocartesian family)

Let B be a Rezk type and $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ be a family such that \tilde{P} is a Rezk type. Then P is a *cocartesian family* if:

$$\text{hasCocartLifts } P \equiv \prod_{b, b' : B} \prod_{u : b \rightarrow b'} \prod_{e : P b} \sum_{e' : P b'} \sum_{f : e \rightarrow_u e'} \text{isCocartArr}_P f$$

$$e \overset{P_*(u, e)}{\dashrightarrow} u_* e$$

Notation:

$$b \xrightarrow{u} b'$$

$$\longrightarrow \text{|||} \longrightarrow$$

Closure properties

Cocartesian families (resp., fibrations) are closed under: composition, products, reindexing/pullback, ...

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F & & F \times E \\
 \downarrow \xi & & \downarrow \\
 E & & \xi \times \pi \\
 \downarrow \pi & & \downarrow \\
 B & & A \times B
 \end{array}$$

$\pi \circ \xi$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 j^* E \simeq \sum_{c:C} P(jc) & \longrightarrow & E \simeq \sum_{b:B} P(b) \\
 \downarrow j^* \pi & \lrcorner & \downarrow \pi \\
 C & \xrightarrow{j} & B
 \end{array}$$

Functoriality of cocartesian families

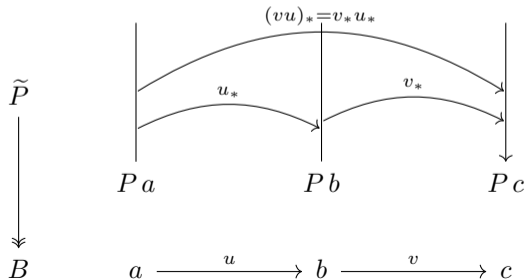
Cocartesian families are *functorial* w.r.t. arrows in the base:

$$a \xrightarrow{u} b \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad Pa \xrightarrow{u_*} Pb$$

with $u_*(d) := \partial_1 P_*(u, d)$. The induced functors are natural in the sense that

$$(\text{id}_a)_* = \text{id}_{Pa}, \quad (vu)_* = v_*u_*$$

for $v : \text{hom}_B(b, c)$.



The codomain family I

Example: Codomain family

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B^{\Delta^1} & \begin{array}{c} a \\ \downarrow v \\ b \end{array} & B \xrightarrow{\text{arrto}_B} \mathcal{U} \\ \downarrow \partial_1 & & \\ B & \begin{array}{c} b \end{array} & \\ \Downarrow & & \\ & & \text{arrto}_B(b) \equiv \sum_{a:B} \text{hom}_B(a, b) \end{array}$$

The codomain family II

Example: Codomain family

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 B^{\Delta^1} & \begin{array}{ccc} a & \xlongequal{\quad} & a \\ \downarrow v & & \downarrow uv \\ b & \xrightarrow{u} & b' \\ b & \xrightarrow{u} & b' \end{array} & \iff & B \xrightarrow{\text{arrto}_B} \mathcal{U} \\
 \downarrow \partial_1 & & & & \\
 B & & & & \\
 \text{arrto}_B(b) & \equiv & \sum_{a:B} \text{hom}_B(a, b) & &
 \end{array}$$

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The classical Yoneda Lemma

The Classical **Yoneda Lemma**¹ is a fundamental principle in category theory: Let \mathbb{C} be a small category. Then, given a functor $F : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$, for any $I : \mathbb{C}$, the following induced map is a (natural) bijection:

$$\text{Nat}(\mathbf{Y}I, F) \xrightarrow{\cong} F(I), \quad \varphi \mapsto \varphi_I(\text{id}_I)$$

Here, $\mathbf{Y}I$ denotes the *Yoneda Functor*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Y}I : \mathbb{C} &\rightarrow \text{Set}, \\ \mathbf{Y}I(X) &:= \text{hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(I, X), \\ \mathbf{Y}I(f : X \rightarrow X') &:= (f \circ - : \text{hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(I, X) \rightarrow \text{hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(I, X')). \end{aligned}$$

¹covariant version

The classical Yoneda Lemma, fibrationally I

The copresheaves have associated projections:

$$\begin{array}{c} \tilde{F} \simeq \sum_{X:\mathbb{C}} F(X) \\ \pi_F \downarrow \\ \mathbb{C} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} I \downarrow \mathbb{C} \simeq \sum_{X:\mathbb{C}} \text{hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(I, X) \\ \partial_1 \downarrow \\ \mathbb{C} \end{array}$$

$$F : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

$$\mathbf{Y}I : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

The evaluation map becomes a fiberwise map:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I \downarrow \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\varphi}} & \tilde{F} \\ \partial_1 \searrow & & \swarrow \pi_F \\ & \mathbb{C} & \end{array}$$

$$\left(\prod_{X:\mathbb{C}} \text{hom}_{\mathbb{C}}(I, X) \rightarrow F(X) \right) \simeq \prod_{u:I \downarrow \mathbb{C}} F(\partial_1 u)$$

The classical Yoneda Lemma, fibrationally II

Then the Yoneda Lemma reads:

$$\prod_{I:\mathbb{C}} \text{isEquiv} \left(\prod_{u:I \downarrow \mathbb{C}} F(\partial_1 u) \xrightarrow{\lambda_{\sigma.\sigma(\text{id}_I)}} F(I) \right)$$

In the context of synthetic ∞ -categories this has been proven by Riehl–Shulman for the discrete case, *i.e.* functorial families of ∞ -groupoids. What about functorial families of ∞ -categories, *i.e.* cocartesian families? The desired statement is:

Theorem (Yoneda Lemma for cocartesian families, [RV21], Thm. 5.7.3)

Let $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ be a cocartesian family over a Rezk type B . Then:

$$\prod_{b:B} \text{isEquiv} \left(\prod_{u:b \downarrow B}^{\text{cocart}} P(\partial_1 u) \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_{\text{id}_b}} P(b) \right)$$

The classical Yoneda Lemma, fibrationally III

It is necessary to restrict to *cocartesian sections*. A section $\sigma : \prod_{b:B} P_b$ is cocartesian if for any arrow $u : b \rightarrow b'$ in B the induced arrow $\sigma u : \sigma b \rightarrow_{\tau_u} \sigma b'$ is cocartesian.

Proof of the Yoneda Lemma I

Definition (Initial element)

Let B be a type. A term $b : B$ is *initial* if

$$\prod_{a:B} \text{isContr}(\text{hom}_B(b, a)).$$

For $x : B$, we denote the homotopically uniquely determined map by $\emptyset_x : b \rightarrow x$.

Step 1: Define a map in the converse direction:

$$\prod_B P \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{y} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_b} \end{array} P b \quad yd := \lambda x. (\emptyset_x)_*(d)$$

Proof of the Yoneda Lemma II

Geometrically the map \mathbf{y} acts as follows:

$$d \xrightarrow{\text{P}_*(\emptyset_x, d)} \mathbf{y}d(x)$$

$$b \xrightarrow{\emptyset_x} x$$

Step 2:

Proposition (cf. [RV21], Ch. 5)

The map $\mathbf{y} : P b \rightarrow \prod_B P$ is valued in cocartesian sections, i.e. :

$$\prod_{u:B} \text{isCocartArr}_P((\mathbf{y}d)u)$$

Proof of the Yoneda Lemma III

Proof.

For $d : P b$, consider the constant map $\text{cst}(d) := \lambda x. d : B \rightarrow E$. Define a natural transformation of functors $B \rightarrow E$:

$$\text{cst}(d) \xRightarrow{\chi} \mathbf{y}d \qquad d \xrightarrow[\text{III}]{\chi_x := P_*(\emptyset_x, d)} \mathbf{y}dx$$

Proof of the Yoneda Lemma IV

Proof (cont'd).

Given $x, x' : B$, for any arrow $u : \text{hom}_B(x, x')$, consider the naturality square induced by the action of χ on u :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 d & \xlongequal{\quad\quad\quad} & d \\
 \Downarrow \chi_x & \searrow \chi_{x'} & \Downarrow \chi_{x'} \\
 \mathbf{y}(d, x) & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{y}(d, u)} & \mathbf{y}(d, x')
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 b & & \\
 \downarrow \emptyset_x & \searrow \emptyset_{x'} & \\
 x & \xrightarrow{u} & x'
 \end{array}$$

By right cancelation, $\mathbf{y}(d, u)$ must be a cocartesian arrow. □

Proof of the Yoneda Lemma V

We can thus restrict to:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{cocart} & & \\ \prod_B P & \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{y} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{ev}_b} \end{array} & P b \end{array}$$

Step 3:

Proposition ([RV21], Thm 5.7.13; discrete case: [RS17], Thm. 9.7)

Let B be a Rezk type, $b : B$ an initial object, and $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ a cocartesian family. Then evaluation at b given by

$$\text{ev}_b : T := \prod_B^{\text{cocart}} P \rightarrow P b$$

is an equivalence.

Proof of the Yoneda Lemma VI

Proof.

We do a round trip using \mathbf{y} . One direction is clear since cocartesian lifts of identities are themselves identities: $\text{ev}_b(\mathbf{y}d) = \mathbf{y}d(b) = (\text{id}_b)_*d = d$.

For the other direction, we want to define a natural transformation

$$\varepsilon : (\mathbf{y} \circ \text{ev}_b \Rightarrow \text{id}_T) \simeq \prod_{\substack{\sigma: T \\ x: B}} (\mathbf{y}(\sigma b)(x) \rightarrow \sigma(x)).$$

Let $\varepsilon_{\sigma,x}$ be the following filler:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & \sigma(x) \\
 & \nearrow^{\sigma(\emptyset_x)} & \uparrow \varepsilon_{\sigma,x} \\
 \sigma(b) & \xrightarrow[\text{P}_*(\emptyset_x, \sigma(b))]{\text{III}} & \mathbf{y}(\sigma(b), x) \\
 & & \vdots \\
 b & \xrightarrow{\emptyset_x} & x
 \end{array}$$

Proof of the Yoneda Lemma VII

Proof (cont'd).

Now σ is cocartesian by assumption:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & & \sigma(x) \\
 & \nearrow^{\sigma(\emptyset_x)} & \uparrow \varepsilon_{\sigma, x} \\
 \sigma(b) & \xrightarrow{P_*(\emptyset_x, \sigma(b))} & \mathbf{y}(\sigma(b), x) \\
 & & \vdots \\
 b & \xrightarrow{\emptyset_x} & x
 \end{array}$$

By right cancelation, $\varepsilon_{\sigma, x}$ must be cocartesian as well.

Proof of the Yoneda Lemma VIII

Proof (cont'd).

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 & & \downarrow \\
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 \end{array}$$

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Proof of the Yoneda Lemma IX

Proof (cont'd).

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 \sigma(b) & \xrightarrow{P_*(\emptyset_x, \sigma(b))} & \mathbf{y}(\sigma(b), x) \\
 & & \\
 b & \xrightarrow{\emptyset_x} & x
 \end{array}$$

By right cancelation, $\varepsilon_{\sigma, x}$ must be cocartesian as well. But then it is a cocartesian arrow over an identity, hence itself an identity. □

Proof of the Yoneda Lemma X

Step 4 (final): First note:

Lemma ([RS17], Lem. 9.8)

Let B be a Segal type. For any term $b : B$, the identity morphism $\text{id}_b : b \downarrow B$ is an initial object.

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & b & \\ \text{id}_b \parallel & \searrow u & \\ b & \cdots \xrightarrow{u} & x \end{array}$$



Proof of the Yoneda Lemma XI

As corollaries:

Theorem (Dependent Yoneda Lemma and Yoneda Lemma ([RV21], Thm. 5.7.2 & Thm. 5.7.3))

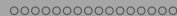
- ① **Dependent Yoneda Lemma:** Let B be a Rezk type, $b : B$ any term, and $Q : b \downarrow B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ a cocartesian family. Then evaluation at id_b is an equivalence:

$$\text{ev}_{\text{id}_b} : \prod_{b \downarrow B}^{\text{cocart}} Q \xrightarrow{\cong} Q(\text{id}_b)$$

- ② **Yoneda Lemma:** Let B be a Rezk type, $b : B$ any term, and $P : B \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ a cocartesian family. Then evaluation at id_b as in

$$\text{ev}_{\text{id}_b} : \prod_{b \downarrow B}^{\text{cocart}} \partial_1^* P \xrightarrow{\cong} P b$$







is an equivalence, where $\partial_1 : b \downarrow B \rightarrow B$.



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