# **VARIATION THROUGH ENRICHMENT\***

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## Introduction

This paper continues the authors' various works [3, 4, 12, 14] on categories enriched in bicategories. We treat the elements of the theory again, here from a more algebraic (logical) and less geometric viewpoint. For a bicategory # we first develop #-matrices before passing on to #-modules, an approach which allows a simple proof of the cocompleteness of the 2-category #-Cat of #-categories. When # has precisely one object (and so is a monoidal category) the main results are in works of Bénabou [2], Lawvere [6], and Wolff [15], although a uniform treatment even in this case has not been published.

The second part of the paper relates variable categories with enriched categories. For the purposes of this paper a variable category is taken to mean a fibration over a fixed parameter category C. We show that the domain of variation can be organized into a bicategory  $\#(\mathbb{C})$  such that categories varying over C and  $\#(\mathbb{C})$ enriched categories appear on opposing sides of a biadjunction which tries very hard to be a biequivalence. In fact, if we impose the mild completeness condition of splitting idempotents on the fibres of the variable categories, the adjunction does restrict to a biequivalence with the "cauchy-complete"  $\#(\mathbb{C})$ -categories.

Our terminology for bicategories and 2-categories is that of [5] and [10].

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#### 1. Matrices and graphs over a bicategory

Let Set denote the category of small sets.

A bicategory # is said to be *locally small-cocomplete* when each hom-category #(U, V) has small colimits and, for all arrows  $f: U' \rightarrow U, g: V \rightarrow V'$  in #, the functor  $\#(f,g): \#(U, V) \rightarrow \#(U', V')$  preserves small colimits.

Let  $\mathscr{U}$  denote a locally small-cocomplete bicategory with a small set  $\mathscr{U}$  of objects. The category Set  $\mathscr{U}$  has as objects families X of small sets  $X_U$  indexed by  $U \in \mathscr{U}$ ; an element  $x \in X_U$  is called *an element of X over U*.

The bicategory #-Mat of #-matrices is defined as follows. The objects are the objects of Set/#. An arrow  $S: X \to Y$  assigns to each pair x, y of elements of X, Y over U, V, respectively, an arrow  $S(y, x): U \to V$  in #. A 2-cell  $\sigma: S \to S'$  is a family of 2-cells  $\sigma_{y,x}: S(y, x) \to S'(y, x)$  in #. Composition of 2-cells  $S \to S' \to S''$  is componentwise that of #. Composition of arrows

$$X \xrightarrow{S} Y \xrightarrow{T} Z$$

is "matrix multiplication":

$$(TS)(z, x) = \sum_{y \in Y} T(z, y)S(y, x).$$

The latter composition is compatible with 2-cells; it is associative and has identities up to coherent natural isomorphisms.

Small colimits in #-Mat(X, Y) are constructed componentwise in the homcategories of #. It follows that #-Mat is *locally small-cocomplete*.

There is a homomorphism of bicategories

$$\operatorname{Set}/ \mathscr{U} \to \mathscr{U} - \operatorname{Mat}$$

which is the identity on objects and takes an arrow  $h: X \to Y$  in Set/ $\mathscr{U}$  to the matrix  $h_*: X \to Y$  given as follows

$$h_*(y, x) = \begin{cases} 1_U : U \to U & \text{when } y = hx, \\ 0 : U \to V & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where x, y are elements over U, V and 0 denotes the initial object of the category #(U, V). Matrices of the form  $h_*: X \to Y$  have right adjoints  $h^*: Y \to X$  in #-Mat: the formula for  $h^*$  is the reverse of that for  $h_*$ . (In general, not all arrows with right adjoints in #-Mat are of the form  $h_*$ .) If h is monic then the unit  $1_X \to h^*h_*$  is invertible. If h is epic the the counit  $h_*h^* \to 1$  is a retraction. (The converses of the last two sentences are also true provided # has no objects whose identity arrows are initial.)

For each small set Y over  $\mathcal{U}$  there is a category  $\mathcal{P}Y$  over  $\mathcal{U}$  whose objects over U are functions S which assign to each element y of Y an arrow  $S(y): U \to V$  where y is over V, and whose arrows over U are families of 2-cells in  $\mathcal{U}$ . There is a pseudo-natural equivalence of categories:

$$\mathscr{W}\operatorname{-Mat}(X, Y) \simeq (\operatorname{CAT}/\mathscr{U})(X, \mathscr{P}Y)$$

where CAT is a suitably large 2-category of categories.

Proposition 1. The homomorphism of bicategories

 $\operatorname{Set}/\mathscr{U} \to \mathscr{W}$ -Mat

preserves bicolimits. The initial object 0 of  $Set/\mathcal{U}$  is biterminal in  $\mathcal{W}$ -Mat. For all objects X, Y of  $Set/\mathcal{U}$ , the coproduct diagram

 $X \xrightarrow{i} X + Y \xleftarrow{j} Y$ 

has the following properties:

(a)  $i*j_*, j*i_*$  are initial in  $\mathscr{W}$ -Mat(Y, X),  $\mathscr{W}$ -Mat(X, Y), and the units  $1_X \rightarrow i*i_*$ ,  $1_Y \rightarrow j*j_*$  are invertible.

- (b) The 2-cell  $i_*i^* + j_*j^* \rightarrow i_{X+Y}$ , induced by the counits, is invertible.
- (c) The diagram

$$X \xleftarrow{i^*} X + Y \xrightarrow{j^*} Y$$

is a biproduct in *#*-Mat.

**Proof.** The assignment  $Y \mapsto \mathscr{P}Y$  provides a relative right biadjoint for Set/ $\mathscr{U} \to \mathscr{V}$ -Mat modulo a change of universe. This suffices for the first sentence of the Proposition. The second sentence is trivial.

The units in (a) are invertible since i and j are monic. The remainder of (a) follows from the fact that the pushout

$$0 \longrightarrow X$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow^{i}$$

$$Y \longrightarrow X + Y$$

becomes a bipushout in #-Mat.

Since X + Y is a bicoproduct, the 2-cell of (b) is invertible if and only if its composites with both  $i_*$  and  $j_*$  are invertible. But the composite with  $i_*$  is the composite isomorphism:

$$(i_*i^* + j_*j^*)i_* \cong i_*i^*i_* + j_*j^*i_* \cong i_*1 + j_*0 \cong i_*.$$

Similarly, the composite with  $j_*$  is invertible. This gives (b).

Given  $S: Z \to X$ ,  $T: Z \to Y$  in #-Mat, we obtain  $i_*S + j_*T: Z \to X + Y$  with:

$$i^*(i_*S+j_*T) \cong i^*i_*S+i^*j_*T \cong S,$$
  
$$j^*(i_*S+j_*T) \cong j^*i_*S+j^*j_*T \cong T.$$

The 2-cell condition is also easily checked, yielding (c).  $\Box$ 

A #-graph  $\mathscr{G}$  is a "square" matrix; that is, an endo-arrow in #-Mat. The object of Set/ $\mathscr{U}$  and the matrix from it to itself will both be denoted by  $\mathscr{G}$ . So, for each object U of #, we have a small set  $\mathscr{G}_U$  of objects of  $\mathscr{G}$  over U; and, for objects A, B of  $\mathscr{G}$  over U, V, we have an arrow  $\mathscr{G}(B, A): U \to V$  in  $\mathscr{W}$ . An arrow  $H: \mathscr{G} \to \mathscr{G}'$ of  $\mathscr{U}$ -graphs consists of an arrow  $H: \mathscr{G} \to \mathscr{G}'$  in Set/ $\mathscr{U}$  together with a 2-cell

 $H: H_* \mathcal{G} H^* \to \mathcal{G}'$ 

in #-Mat. So, for each object A of  $\mathscr{G}$  over U, we have an object HA of  $\mathscr{G}'$  over U, and, for objects A, B of  $\mathscr{G}$  over U, V, we have a 2-cell

$$H_{BA}$$
:  $\mathscr{G}(B, A) \rightarrow \mathscr{G}'(HB, HA)$ 

in #. This defines a category #-Gph of #-graphs.

**Proposition 2.** The category #-Gph has small colimi ...

**Proof.** Suppose  $D: \mathscr{C} \to \mathscr{V}$ -Gph is a functor from a small category  $\mathscr{C}$ . Let X denote the colimit of the composite of D with the forgetful functor  $\mathscr{V}$ -Gph $\rightarrow$ Set/ $\mathscr{U}$ . There are coprojections  $HC: DC \to X$  in Set/ $\mathscr{U}$ . There is a functor

 $\mathscr{C} \rightarrow (\mathscr{U} - \operatorname{Mat})(X, X)$ 

which takes  $n: C \rightarrow C'$  to the composite

$$(HC)_*(DC)(HC)^* \xrightarrow{\simeq} (HC')_*(Dn)_*(DC)(Dn)^*(HC')$$

 $\xrightarrow{(HC')_{*}(Dn)(HC')^{*}}(HC')_{*}(DC')(HC')^{*}.$ 

The colimit of the last functor gives an endo-arrow of X and hence determines a #-graph #. The coprojections HC together with the coprojections  $(HC)_*(DC)(HC)^* \rightarrow \#$  determine arrows  $HC: DC \rightarrow \#$  in #-Gph which can be checked to provide the coprojections of a colimit for D.  $\square$ 

#### 2. Categories enriched over a bicategory

The following definitions occur in an equivalent, but more usual, form in [12]. A #-category  $\mathscr{A}$  is a #-graph  $\mathscr{A}$  together with 2-cells  $\eta: 1 \to \mathscr{A}, \mu: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{A}$  in #-Mat which satisfy the axioms for a monad in #-Mat. Note that  $\mathscr{A}_U$  becomes the set of objects for a category whose arrows  $f: A \to B$  are 2-cells  $1_U \to \mathscr{A}(A, B)$  in # and whose composition is determined by  $\mu$ . It will be convenient to write  $\mathscr{A}_U$  for this category and not merely for the set of objects of  $\mathscr{A}$  over U.

A #-functor  $F: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  between #-categories  $\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B}$  is an arrow of #-graphs which respects  $\eta, \mu$ . The arrow  $F_*: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  and 2-cell  $\tilde{F}: F_* \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B} \Gamma_*$  (corresponding to  $F: F_* \mathscr{A} F^* \to \mathscr{B}$  under  $F_* \to F^*$ ) determine a "monad opfunctor" in  $\mathscr{H}$ -Mat (in the terminology of [9]).

For #-functors  $F, G: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$ , a #-natural transformation  $\theta: F \to G$  is a 2-cell  $\theta: F_*\mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}G_*$  in #-Mat such that the following diagram commutes.



Notice that there is a bijection between such  $\theta$  and 2-cells  $\bar{\theta}: F_* \to \mathscr{B}G_*$  satisfying

$$\mu G_* \cdot \mathscr{B} \overline{\theta} \cdot \overline{F} = \mu G_* \cdot \mathscr{B} \overline{G} \cdot \overline{\theta} \checkmark;$$

the bijection is given by the equations:

$$\bar{\theta} = \theta \cdot F_* \eta, \qquad \theta = \mu G_* \cdot \mathscr{B} \bar{\theta} \cdot \tilde{F}.$$

With obvious compositions, we have defined a 2-category #-Cat of #-categories, #-functors and #-natural transformations.

A monad  $m: U \rightarrow U$  in the bicategory # can be identified with a #-category  $\mathscr{A}$  which has precisely one object A such that A is over U and  $\mathscr{A}(A, A) = m$ . In particular, each object U of # determines a #-category which we also denote by U corresponding to the identity monad on U. There is an obvious isomorphism of categories:

$$( \mathscr{U} - \operatorname{Cat})(U, \mathscr{A}) \cong \mathscr{A}_U.$$

**Proposition 3.** The forgetful functor from the category | #-Cat| of #-categories and #-functors to the category #-Gph has a left adjoint  $\mathcal{F}$  whose value at a square matrix  $\mathcal{G}: X \to X$  is the geometric series  $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{G}^n: X \to X$ .

**Proof.** The monoidal category #-Mat(X, X), whose tensor-product (that is, composition) preserves small colimits, is such that the free monoid on an object  $\mathscr{G}$  is  $\sum \mathscr{G}^n = \mathscr{F}\mathscr{G}$ . The identity of X together with the coprojection  $\mathscr{G} \to \mathscr{F}\mathscr{G}$  for n = 1 provide an arrow  $N: \mathscr{G} \to \mathscr{F}\mathscr{G}$  of #-graphs. Suppose  $H: \mathscr{G} \to \mathscr{B}$  is an arrow of #-graphs into a #-category  $\mathscr{B}$ . Then  $H^*\mathscr{B}H_*: X \to X$  is a monoid in #-Mat(X, X), so the arrow  $\mathscr{G} \to H^*\mathscr{B}H_*$  (arising from H) extends to a unique monoid arrow  $\mathscr{F}\mathscr{G} \to H^*\mathscr{B}H_*$  which, together with H on objects, determines a unique #-functor  $H':\mathscr{F}\mathscr{G} \to \mathscr{B}$  with H'N=H.  $\square$ 

**Lemma 4.** Suppose  $F, G : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{B}$  are monoid arrows in  $\mathscr{V}$ -Mat(X, X) and let  $H : \mathscr{B} \to \mathscr{C}$  be  $t^{!} \circ coequalizer$  of F, G in  $\mathscr{V}$ -Mat(X, X). The  $\mathscr{V}$ -graph  $\mathscr{C}$  possesses a unique mono  $\overset{\sim}{\to}$  structure such that H becomes a monoid arrow if and only if

 $H \cdot \mu \cdot \mathscr{B}F = H \cdot \mu \cdot \mathscr{B}G$  and  $H \cdot \mu \cdot F \mathscr{B} = H \cdot \mu \cdot G \mathscr{B}$ . Furthermore, in this case, this monoid arrow is a coequalizer of F, G in  $| \mathscr{V}$ -Cat|.

**Proof.** Composition in #-Mat preserves coequalizers, so the rows and columns of the following diagram are all coequalizers.



The existence of a unique  $\mu: \mathscr{C}\mathscr{C} \to \mathscr{C}$  such that the square



commutes is equivalent to the condition that the composite

$$\mathscr{B}_{\mathscr{B}} \xrightarrow{\mu} \mathscr{B} \xrightarrow{H} \mathscr{C}$$

should equalize both of the pairs

$$\mathcal{B} \not \xrightarrow{\mathcal{B}} F$$
  
 $\mathcal{B} \not \xrightarrow{\mathcal{B}} \mathcal{B} \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{B}, \qquad \mathcal{A} \mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{F \mathcal{B}} \mathcal{B} \mathcal{B}. \mathcal{B}.$ 

As we must, define  $\eta: 1 \to \ell$  to be  $H\eta$ . From the construction in Proposition 2 we see that H is the coequalizer of F, G in the category of #-graphs. It is easy to see that  $K: \ell \to \mathcal{D}$  is a #-functor if and only if KH is, for any arrow K of #-graphs into a #-category  $\mathcal{D}$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 5.** The category #-Cat has coequalizers.

**Proof.** Take two #-functors  $F, G : \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  and form the coequalizer  $\mathscr{C}$  of the underlying arrows of #-graphs (Proposition 2). Let  $\mathscr{D}$  be the coequalizer of the

W-graph arrows  $\mathscr{F}F, \mathscr{F}G: \mathscr{F}A \to \mathscr{F}B$ . Then we have the following diagram in  $\mathscr{V}$ -Cat:



The category of monoids in #-Mat(X, X) is monadic over #-Mat(X, X) (since tensoring with a fixed object on either side preserves countable coproducts). So the first two columns of the above diagrams are coequalizers which are absolute (split) at the underlying level. Since # is a left adjoint, the first two rows are also coequalizers. Lemma 4 applies to the two arrows in the third column of the above diagram (since it applies to the first two columns) to yield the coequalizer of those two arrows in |#-Cat|. By commutativity, an arrow from # into this coequalizer is induced. By the " $3 \times 3$ -diagram lemma" this arrow is then the coequalizer of F, G.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 6.** The forgetful functor  $| \mathscr{W}$ -Cat $| \rightarrow \mathscr{W}$ -Gph is monadic.

**Proof.** Consider again the diagram in proof of Proposition 5, this time with F, G a split pair at the #-graph level. Then the top two rows are split coequalizers. By Lemma 4 the columns are coequalizers at both the |#-Cat| and #-Gph levels. By the " $3 \times 3$ -diagram lemma", the coequalizer of F, G is preserved by the forgetful functor. Since the forgetful functor reflects isomorphisms and in view of Proposition 3, the result follows from Beck's Theorem [8; p. 151 Ex. 6].

**Theorem 7.** The 2-category #-Cat admits all small colimits.

**Proof.** That the category |#-Cat has all small colimits follows from Proposition 2, Theorem 6, Proposition 5, and Linton [7; p. 81].

A monad  $\mathscr{A}: X \to X$  in  $\mathscr{V}$ -Mat leads to a monad

$$\begin{pmatrix} . \omega' & . \omega' \\ 0 & . \omega' \end{pmatrix} : X + X \to X + X$$

in #-Mat which is easily verified to have the property required of  $2 \otimes 4$  in #-Cat;

$$(\mathscr{U}\text{-Cat})(2\otimes\mathscr{A},\mathscr{B})\cong [2,\mathscr{U}\text{-Cat}(\mathscr{A},\mathscr{B})].$$

It remains to prove that small colimits in | #-Cat| are preserved by the category-

valued representables #-Cat(--,  $\mathscr{A}$ ) and hence are colimits in #-Cat. This will follow if we can prove that the functor

$$2\otimes -: |$$
 # -Cat |  $\rightarrow$  | # -Cat |

preserves small colimits. That it preserves small coproducts is trivial. That it preserves coequalizers of the type in Lemma 4 follows from the straightforward observation that the functor #-Gph  $\rightarrow \#$ -Gph which takes

$$\mathscr{G}: X \to X$$
 to  $\begin{pmatrix} \mathscr{G} & \mathscr{G} \\ 0 & \mathscr{G} \end{pmatrix}: X + X \to X + X$ 

preserves coequalizers (see Proposition 2). Using the construction of Proposition 5 and these facts, we deduce that  $2 \otimes -$  preserves all coequalizers.  $\Box$ 

### 3. Modules

Suppose  $\mathscr{A}$ ,  $\mathscr{B}$  are  $\mathscr{V}$ -categories; that is, monads  $\mathscr{A} : X \to X$ ,  $\mathscr{B} : Y \to Y$  in  $\mathscr{V}$ -Mat. Composition with  $\mathscr{A}$ ,  $\mathscr{B}$  on the right, left (respectively) determines a monad  $\mathscr{V}$ -Mat( $\mathscr{A}$ ,  $\mathscr{B}$ ) on the category  $\mathscr{V}$ -Mat(X, Y). The category of Eilenberg-Moore algebras for this monad is denoted by:

An object  $\phi$  of #-Mod( $\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B}$ ) is called a #-module from  $\mathscr{A}$  to  $\mathscr{B}$ ; it consists of a matrix  $\phi: X \to Y$  together with compatible actions  $\varrho: \phi \mathscr{A} \to \phi, \lambda: \mathscr{B} \phi \to \phi$ .

For #-modules  $\Phi: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}, \ \Psi: \mathscr{B} \to \mathscr{C}$ , there is a *composite* #-module  $\Psi \Phi: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{C}$  defined in the familiar "tensor-product-like" manner; that is, it is made up of the coequalizer in #-Mat(X, Z) of the pair

$$\Psi\lambda, \varrho\Phi: \Psi \mathscr{B}\Phi \to \Psi\Phi,$$

the  $\rho$  induced by the  $\rho$  of  $\Phi$ , and the  $\lambda$  induced by the  $\lambda$  of  $\Psi$ .

This defines a bicategory #-Mod whose objects are #-categories and whose arrows are #-modules.

The category #-Mod $(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B})$  has small colimits since #-Mat(X, Y) has small colimits and #-Mat $(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B})$  preserves them. Composition with a #-module preserves the small colimits since coequalizers commute with colimits. So #-Mod *is locally small-cocomplete.* 

Each #-functor  $F: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  determines a #-module  $F_*: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  whose underlying matrix is the composite

$$X \xrightarrow[F_*]{} Y \xrightarrow[g]{} Y,$$

and whose actions  $\varrho, \lambda$  are the composites

$$\mathscr{B}F_*\mathscr{A} \xrightarrow{\qquad} \mathscr{B}\mathscr{B}F_* \xrightarrow{\qquad} \mathscr{B}\mathscr{B}F_* \xrightarrow{\qquad} \mathscr{B}\mathscr{B}F_* \xrightarrow{\qquad} \mathscr{B}\mathscr{B}F_* \xrightarrow{\qquad} \mathscr{B}\mathscr{B}F_*$$

Modules of the form  $F_*: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  have right adjoints  $F^*: \mathscr{B} \to \mathscr{A}$ . The  $\mathscr{W}$ -functor F is *fully faithful* if and only if the unit  $1_{\mathscr{A}} \to F^*F_*$  is invertible. If the  $\mathscr{W}$ -functor F is *bijective on objects*, then the counit gives a coequalizer diagram:

$$F_*F^*F_*F^* \Rightarrow F_*F^* \rightarrow 1_{\mathscr{B}}$$

in  $\mathscr{W}$ -Mod( $\mathscr{B}, \mathscr{B}$ ); for this is now the Eilenberg-Moore category  $\mathscr{W}$ -Mod( $\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B}$ )<sup>F\*F</sup>. For  $\mathscr{W}$ -functors  $F, G : \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$ , there are natural bijections between 2-cells  $F_* \to G_*$  in  $\mathscr{W}$ -Mod, 2-cells  $G^* \to F^*$  in  $\mathscr{W}$ -Mod, and  $\mathscr{W}$ -natural transformations  $F \to G$ .

[We have extended the "hyperdoctrine" Set/ $\mathscr{U} \rightarrow \mathscr{W}$ -Mat of Section 1 to a "hyperdoctrine"  $\mathscr{W}$ -Cat $\rightarrow \mathscr{W}$ -Mod.]

As remarked just before Proposition 3, objects A, B of  $\mathscr{A}$  over U, V can be regarded as  $\mathscr{V}$ -functors  $A: U \to \mathscr{A}, B: V \to \mathscr{A}$ . Observe further that  $\mathscr{A}(A, B) \cong A^*B_*$ . Given a cospan:

$$\mathcal{B} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{G}} \mathcal{C} \xleftarrow{\mathbf{F}} \mathcal{A}$$

in  $\mathscr{V}$ -Cat, it is therefore consistent to denote the  $\mathscr{V}$ -module  $G^*F_*: \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  by  $\mathscr{C}(G, F)$ . We shall now see that every  $\mathscr{V}$ -module has this form.

The mapping cone  $Cn(\Phi)$  of a  $\mathscr{U}$ -module  $\Phi : \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  is the  $\mathscr{U}$ -category defined as follows. Suppose  $\mathscr{A}$ ,  $\mathscr{B}$  are monads on X, Y in  $\mathscr{U}$ -Mat. Then  $Cn(\Phi)$  is the monad on Y + X made up of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathscr{B} & \boldsymbol{\Phi} \\ 0 & \mathscr{A} \end{pmatrix} \colon \boldsymbol{Y} + \boldsymbol{X} \to \boldsymbol{Y} + \boldsymbol{X},$$

with unit

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta & 0 \\ 0 & \eta \end{pmatrix}$$

and multiplication

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mu & (\varrho, \lambda) \\ 0 & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

In an obvious way we obtain a cospan

$$\mathscr{B} \xrightarrow{J} \operatorname{Cn}(\Phi) \xleftarrow{I} \mathscr{A}$$

in #-Cat, and Cn $(\Phi)(J, I) = J^*I_* \cong \Phi$ .

#### 4. Right liftings and limits

Suppose now that # satisfies the following further conditions: C1. Each hom-category #(U, V) has small limits. C2. Each pair of arrows  $F: U \to W$ ,  $g: V \to W$  admits a right lifting  $g \pitchfork f: U \to V$  of f through g:

$$\frac{h \to g \bigoplus f}{gh \to f}$$

**Theorem 8.** The bicategories #-Mat and #-Mod both satisfy conditions C1 and C2.

**Proof.** Limits in #-Mat(X, Y) can be constructed componentwise so that C1 for #-Mat is easy. For matrices  $S: X \to Z$ ,  $T: Y \to Z$ , the formula for  $T \cap S: X \to Y$  is:

$$(T \bigoplus S)(y, x) = \prod_{z} T(z, y) \bigoplus S(z, x);$$

with this, C2 is easily checked.

Since  $\mathscr{U}$ -Mod $(\mathscr{A}, \mathscr{B})$  is monadic over  $\mathscr{U}$ -Mat(X, Y), limits are carried over; so C1 for  $\mathscr{U}$ -Mod follows. For modules  $\Phi : \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{C}, \ \Psi : \mathscr{B} \to \mathscr{C}$ , the module  $\Psi \bigcap \Phi : \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{B}$  is made up of the equalizer in  $\mathscr{U}$ -Mat of the two arrows:



the  $\rho$  induced by the  $\rho$  of  $\Phi$ , and the  $\lambda$  induced by the  $\rho$  of  $\Psi$ . Condition C2 for #-Mod is easily checked.  $\square$ 

For each #-category  $\mathscr{B}$  based on the category Set of small sets, there is a #-category  $\mathscr{PB}$  based on SET, defined as follows:

 $(\mathscr{P}_{\mathscr{B}})_U = \mathscr{U} \operatorname{-Mod}(U, \mathscr{B}), \qquad (\mathscr{P}_{\mathscr{B}})(\Psi, \Phi) = \Psi \bigcap \Phi.$ 

There is a pseudo-natural equivalence:

 $\mathscr{U}\operatorname{-Mod}(\mathscr{A},\mathscr{B}) \simeq \mathscr{U}\operatorname{-CAT}(\mathscr{A},\mathscr{PB}).$ 

Precisely the same arguments used in proving Proposition 1 now yield:

**Proposition 9.** The homomorphism #-Cat  $\rightarrow \#$ -Mod satisfies all the properties listed for the homomorphism Set/ $\# \rightarrow \#$ -Mat in Proposition 1.  $\square$ 

**Theorem 10.** The 2-category #-Cat has all small limits.

**Proof.** Suppose  $J: \land \rightarrow Cat$ ,  $D: \land \rightarrow \#$ -Cat are functors from a small category  $\checkmark$ . Write  $D_U$  for the composite of D with #-Cat(U, -): #-Cat $\rightarrow$ Cat. Define a #- category  $\mathcal{L}$  as follows. An object of  $\mathcal{L}$  over U is a natural transformation  $A: J \rightarrow D_U$ . For objects A, B of  $\mathcal{L}$  over U, V, take  $\mathcal{L}(B, A)$  to be the limit in  $\mathcal{W}(U, V)$  of the diagram:



as  $n, \xi$  run over arrows  $n: C \to C', \xi: (Jn) j \to j'$  in  $\mathcal{C}, JC'$ , respectively. One may verify the isomorphism

$$( \mathscr{U} - \operatorname{Cat})(\mathscr{X}, \mathscr{L}) \cong [\mathscr{C}, \operatorname{Cat}](J, \mathscr{U} - \operatorname{Cat}(\mathscr{X}, D)).$$

### 5. Fibrations as enriched categories

Let C denote a small category whose set of objects is  $\mathcal{U}$ . Rather than the 2-category of fibrations over C, we prefer to deal with the equivalent 2-category

$$\mathscr{H}(\mathbf{C}) = \operatorname{Hom}(\mathbf{C}^{\operatorname{op}}, \operatorname{Cat})$$

of homomorphisms from  $\mathbb{C}^{op}$  to Cat and strong (=pseudo-natural) transformations between them. We identify the category  $\hat{\mathbb{C}} = [\mathbb{C}^{op}, \text{Set}]$  of presheaves on  $\mathbb{C}$ with a full sub-2-category of  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$  consisting of discrete objects. We also regard  $\mathbb{C}$ as a full sub-2-category of  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$  consisting of representable objects.

Recall the construction of the bicategory Spn  $\mathscr{A}$  from a category  $\mathscr{A}$  with pullbacks (Bénabou [1, p. 22]). Our convention is to draw a span S from U to V as

$$V \longleftarrow S \longrightarrow U$$
,

and to identify an arrow  $f: U \rightarrow V$  in  $\mathcal{A}$  with the span

$$V \xleftarrow{f} U \xrightarrow{1} U.$$

It is a straightforward calculation to verify the following assertion (the case  $\mathscr{A} = Set$  suffices):

An arrow S in Spn  $\mathscr{A}$  has a right adjoint if and only if it is isomorphic to an arrow in  $\mathscr{A}$ .

Let  $\#(\mathbb{C})$  denote the full subbicategory of Spn  $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$  determined by the objects which are actually in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Arrows in  $\#(\mathbb{C})$  are spans in  $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$  between objects of  $\mathbb{C}$ .

An arrow in  $\#(\mathbb{C})$  has a right adjoint if and only if it is isomorphic to an arrow in  $\mathbb{C}$ . (This follows from the above assertion about adjunctions in Spn  $\mathscr{A}$  and the Yoneda Lemma.)

The properties required of # in Section 1 and properties C1, C2 of Section 4 are satisfied by  $\#(\mathbb{C})$  since  $\hat{\mathbb{C}}$  is a Grothendieck topos.

Our purpose now is to study the relationship between  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbf{C})$  and  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbf{C})$ -Cat. This study begins with the 2-functor

$$L: \mathscr{H}(\mathbf{C}) \rightarrow \mathscr{H}(\mathbf{C})$$
-Cat

defined below.

Each object T of  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$  determines a  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ -category LT defined as follows. An object of LT over U is an object of TU which we can also view as an arrow  $U \to T$  in  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$  (using the bicategorical Yoneda lemma). For objects x, y of TU, TV, the arrow  $(LT)(x, y): V \to U$  in  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$  is the span from V to U obtained as the comma object of  $x: U \to T$ ,  $y: V \to T$  in  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ :



Since U, V have values in Set, so does (LT)(x, y). More explicitly,

$$(LT)(x, y)S = \{(u, \theta, v) | u: S \to U, v: S \to V \text{ in } \mathbb{C} \text{ and} \\ \theta: (Tu)x \to (Tv)y \text{ in } TS\}.$$

Composition for LT is given by:

 $((LT)(x, y) \circ (LT)(y, z))S \rightarrow (LT)(x, z)S,$ 

 $((u, \theta, v), (v, \phi, w)) \mapsto (u, \phi\theta, w).$ 

For each arrow  $\sigma: T \to T'$  in  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ , there is a  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ -functor  $L\sigma: LT \to LT'$ . The object x of LT over U is taken to  $(L\sigma)x = \sigma_U x$ , and the function

$$(L\sigma)_{xy}S:(LT)(x, y)S \rightarrow (LT')(\sigma_U x, \sigma_V y)S$$

takes  $(u, \theta, v)$  to  $(u, \theta', v)$ , where  $\theta'$  is the composite

$$(T'u)(\sigma_U x) \cong \sigma_S(Tu) x \xrightarrow[\sigma_S(\theta)]{\sigma_S(\theta)} \sigma_S(Tv) y \equiv (T'v)(\sigma_V y).$$

**Theorem 11.** The 2-functor  $L: \mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C}) \to \mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ -Cat has a right adjoint with fully faithful unit.

**Proof.** Since C is a small full dense sub-2-category of  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$  and  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ -Cat is small cocomplete (Theorem 7), a right adjoint  $\Gamma$  for L must have the form:

$$\Gamma \mathscr{I} = \mathscr{U}(\mathbb{C})\operatorname{-Cat}(L -, \mathscr{A}): \mathbb{C}^{\operatorname{op}} \to \operatorname{Cat}.$$

The unit  $\eta: 1 \rightarrow \Gamma L$  has component at T given by the composite:

$$\mathcal{T} \to \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})(-, T) \xrightarrow{L} \mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})\text{-}\operatorname{Cat}(L-, LT) = \Gamma(LT) - \Gamma(LT)$$

There is a  $\mathscr{V}$ -functor  $i_U: U \to LU$  for each object U of C which takes the one object of U to  $1_U$  as an object of LU over U. (The objects of LU over V are arrows  $V \to U$  in C.)

To see that  $\eta_T: T \to \Gamma LT$  is fully faithful, take  $x, y: U \to T$  in  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$  and  $\theta: Lx \Rightarrow Ly$  in  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ -Cat. This gives  $\theta i_U: x = (Lx)i_U \to (Ly)i_U = y$  in  $(LT)_U$ , which means a map of spans  $1_U \to (LT)(x, y)$  from U to U:



Thus we obtain a unique 2-cell

$$U \xrightarrow{x} T$$

in  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$  with  $L\phi = \theta$ . This completes the proof that  $\eta_T$  is fully faithful.

The  $\mathscr{U}(\mathbb{C})$ -functor  $\varepsilon_{\mathscr{A}}: L\Gamma \mathscr{A} \to \mathscr{A}$  takes an object  $A: LU \to \mathscr{A}$  over U to the object of  $\mathscr{A}$  over U corresponding to  $Ai_U: U \to \mathscr{A}$ . Given  $A: LU \to \mathscr{A}, B: LV \to \mathscr{B}$  in  $\mathscr{U}(\mathbb{C})$ -Cat, we must describe an arrow of spans

 $(L\Gamma \mathscr{A})(A, B) \rightarrow \mathscr{A}(Ai_U, Bi_V)$ 

from V to U in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Elements of  $(L\Gamma \mathscr{A})(A, B)S$  are triples  $(u, \theta, v)$  where u, v make S into a span in  $\mathbb{C}$  from V to U and  $\theta: A \cdot Lu \Rightarrow B \cdot Lv$  is a  $\#(\mathbb{C})$ -natural transformation. Composing with  $i_S: S \to LS$ , we obtain a 2-cell  $(A \cdot i_U)_* u \Rightarrow (B \cdot i_V)_* v$  in  $\#(\mathbb{C})$ -Mod. This gives a 2-cell  $uv^* \Rightarrow (Ai_U)^*(Bi_V)_*$  in  $\#(\mathbb{C})$ -Mod between arrows from V to U. But  $\#(\mathbb{C})$ -Mod $(V, U) = \#(\mathbb{C})(V, U)$ . So we have an element of  $\mathscr{A}(Ai_U, Bi_V)S \cong (Ai_U)^*(Bi_V)_*S$ .

The adjunction identities can be routinely checked.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 12.** The 2-functor  $L: \mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C}) \to \mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ -Cat preserves small limits.

**Proof.** Since the construction of L involves comma objects which are themselves limits in  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{C})$ , the verification is routine.  $\Box$ 

#### 6. Cofibrations and cauchy completeness

For any small bicategory  $\mathcal{H}$ , fibrations in Hom( $\mathcal{H}^{op}$ , Cat) were extensively studied in [11]. A bicategory DFib(Hom( $\mathcal{H}^{op}$ , Cat)) was constructed having the

same objects as Hom( $\mathscr{H}^{op}$ , Cat) and having the bidiscrete fibrations as arrows. To each homomorphism  $T: \mathscr{H}^{op} \rightarrow Cat$  was associated its cooperative homomorphism  $\#T: \mathscr{H}^{co} \rightarrow Cat$  which provided the following representation of bidiscrete fibrations:

DFib(Hom(
$$\mathscr{H}^{op}$$
, Cat))(S, T) = Hom( $\mathscr{H}^{op}$ , CAT)(S, [( $\#T$ )<sup>op</sup>, Set]).

A fibration in  $\mathscr{H}$  is a span in  $\mathscr{H}$  which is taken to a fibration by  $\mathscr{H} \to \operatorname{Hom}(\mathscr{H}^{\operatorname{op}}, \operatorname{Cat})$ . This agrees with the definition in [10] where the fibration property is expressed in terms of finite bilimits in  $\mathscr{H}$ . A finitely bicomplete and finitely bicocomplete bicategory  $\mathscr{H}$  was called *fibrational* when bipullback along a leg of a fibration preserved the bicolimit involved in the definition of fibrational composition. Under these conditions one obtained a bicategory DFib( $\mathscr{H}$ ) with the same objects as  $\mathscr{H}$  and with bidiscrete fibrations in  $\mathscr{H}$  as arrows.

By a change of universe, the construction of  $DFib(\mathscr{H})$  can be made even when  $\mathscr{H}$  is not small and agrees with that of the first paragraph of this section when applied to  $Hom(\mathscr{H}^{op}, Cat)$ .

Fibrations in  $\mathscr{H}^{op}$  are called *cofibrations in*  $\mathscr{H}$ , and bidiscrete fibrations in  $\mathscr{H}^{op}$  will be called *modules in*  $\mathscr{H}$ . When  $\mathscr{H}^{op}$  is fibrational, we obtain a bicategory DFib( $\mathscr{H}^{op}$ ); set

 $Mod(\mathscr{H}) = DFib(\mathscr{H}^{op})^{co}$ .

If both *#* and *#*<sup>op</sup> and fibrational, there is a homomorphism

 $Mod(\mathscr{H}) \rightarrow DFib(\mathscr{H})$ 

which is the identity on objects and which takes each module to the bicomma object of its underlying cospan. The dual construction gives a left biadjoint for this homomorphism.

**Theorem 13.** For any small category C, the bicategories  $\mathscr{H}(C)$ ,  $\mathscr{H}(C)^{op}$  are both fibrational and the homomorphism of the last paragraph provides a biequivalence:

 $Mod(\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})) \sim DFib(\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})).$ 

**Proof.** It was proved in [10] that Cat and Cat<sup>op</sup> are both fibrational. Every module in Cat is the cocomma object of its comma object. This gives the result for "constant categories" (C = 1). The "variable" case is then straightforward after [11; 3.8].

**Theorem 14.** Suppose # is a locally small-cocomplete bicategory with a small set of objects that satisfies C1, C2 of Section 4. Then  $(\#-Cat)^{op}$  is a fibrational bicategory and there is a biequivalence

which is the identity on objects and takes each *#-module* to its mapping cone.

**Proof.** The case where  $\mathcal{W}$  has one object was dealt with in [10; §6]. The generalization here provides no difficulties.  $\Box$ 

A module from A to B in a bicategory  $\mathscr{H}$  is called *cauchy* when it has a right adjoint in Mod( $\mathscr{H}$ ). A module from A to B in  $\mathscr{H}$  is called *convergent* when there exists an arrow  $f: A \rightarrow B$  in  $\mathscr{H}$  such that the module is equivalent to the bicocomma object of the span

$$B \xleftarrow{f} A \xrightarrow{1_A} A.$$

Every convergent module is cauchy. Call an object B of  $\mathscr{H}$  cauchy-complete when every cauchy module into B is convergent. Write  $\mathscr{H}_{cc}$  for the full subbicategory of  $\mathscr{H}$  consisting of the cauchy-complete objects.

**Corollary 15.** The 2-functor  $L: \mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C}) \to \mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ -Cat induces a homomorphism of bicategories

 $L: Mod \mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ -Mod.

**Proof.** Since  $Mod(\mathscr{H})$  is constructed from  $\mathscr{H}$  using finite bilimits and finite bicolimits, the result follows from Theorems 11, 12, 14.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 16.** (a) An object T of  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$  is cauchy-complete if and only if, for all objects W of C, idempotents split in the category TW.

(b) An object  $\mathcal{A}$  of  $\mathcal{W}$ -Cat is cauchy-complete if and only if, for all objects W of  $\mathcal{W}$ , each cauchy  $\mathcal{W}$ -module  $W \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is convergent.

**Proof.** Part (b) follows from the fact that the objects W of #-Cat can be used to detect convergence of modules; as a special case, an object of Cat is cauchy-complete if and only if each module from 1 into it is convergent. It can be calculated from this (as is well known) that cauchy-complete categories are those in which idempotents split.

To prove part (a), take  $T \in \mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ . Suppose idempotents split in each TW. For each object W of  $\mathbb{C}$ , the evaluation homomorphism  $ev_W : \mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C}) \to C$ at preserves finite limits and colimits, and so an arrow  $E : X \to T$  with a right adjoint  $E^*$  in Mod $(\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C}))$  gives an arrow  $E_W : XW \to TW$  with a right adjoint in Mod(Cat). Since TW is a cauchy-complete category, there exists a functor  $f_W : XW \to TW$  such that  $E_W, E_W^*$  are isomorphic to the discrete fibrations associated with the comma categories  $TW/f_W, f_W/TW$ , respectively. Since  $E, E^*$  are homomorphisms, it follows that the functors  $f_W$  are the components of a strong transformation  $f : X \to T$ . Clearly E converges to f. So T is cauchy-complete.

Conversely, suppose T is cauchy-complete in  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ . An idempotent in TW amounts to an idempotent in  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})(W, T)$ . This gives an idempotent between convergent modules whose splitting gives a cauchy module  $W \to T$ . Since T is cauchy-

complete, this splitting converges giving a splitting of the idempotent in TW.  $\Box$ 

### 7. The main biequivalence

For each object T of  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ , there is a homomorphism of bicategories  $\mathscr{P}T: \mathbb{C}^{op} \to CAT$  whose value at W is given by

$$(\mathscr{P}T)W = \operatorname{Mod} \mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})(W, T) \simeq [(W \neq T)^{\operatorname{op}}, \operatorname{Set}].$$

This determines a homomorphism

$$\mathscr{P}: \mathscr{H}(\mathbf{C})^{coop} \to \operatorname{Hom}(\mathbf{C}^{op}, \mathbf{CAT})$$

which is part of a Yoneda structure [11; §6]. Recall also the definition of  $\mathscr{P}$  for enriched categories given earlier (Section 4). For each  $T \in \mathscr{P}(\mathbb{C})$ , there is a comparison  $\mathscr{P}(\mathbb{C})$ -functor

$$L \mathscr{P}T \to \mathscr{P}LT$$

determined using the fact that both *P*'s represent modules and using Corollary 15.

For the next result it is helpful to use the explicit description of  $\#T: \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$  at for  $T \in \mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ . The value of #T at  $W \in \mathbb{C}$  is the category W # T whose objects are pairs (f, x) where  $f: U \to W$  is an arrow in  $\mathbb{C}$  and  $x \in TU$ , and whose arrows  $(h, \xi): (f, x) \to (f', x')$  consist of  $h: U \to U'$  in  $\mathbb{C}, \xi: x \to (Th)x'$  in TU with f = f'h.

**Proposition 17.** The 2-functor

$$L: \operatorname{Hom}(\mathbb{C}^{\operatorname{op}}, \operatorname{CAT}) \to \mathscr{U}(\mathbb{C})\text{-}\operatorname{CAT}$$

is a logical morphism of Yoneda structures; in other words, the comparison arrow is an equivalence

$$L \mathcal{P}T \simeq \mathcal{P}LT.$$

It follows that L takes cauchy-complete objects of  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$  into cauchy-complete  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ -categories.

**Proof.** The comparison arrow  $(L^{p}T)_{W} \rightarrow (PLT)_{W}$  takes a bidiscrete fibration E from W to T to the  $\#(\mathbb{C})$ -module  $\Phi$  from W to LT given by  $\Phi(x) = x^*E$ :



On the other hand, a  $\mathscr{W}(\mathbb{C})$ -module  $\Phi$  from W to LT determines a functor  $E: (W \# T)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$  whose value at (f, x) is given by

$$E(f, x) = \mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})(W, U)(f^*, \Phi(x)).$$

Clearly the bidiscrete fibration corresponding to this E (under the representation theorem) is taken to an isomorph of  $\Phi$  under the comparison arrow. The remaining details are easily checked.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 18.** The right adjoint  $\Gamma$  of L preserves cauchy completeness.

**Proof.** Let  $\mathscr{A}$  be a cauchy-complete  $\mathscr{W}(\mathbf{C})$ -category. Then

$$(\Gamma \mathscr{A})U = \mathscr{W}(\mathbb{C})\text{-}\operatorname{Cat}(LU, \mathscr{A}) = \mathscr{W}(\mathbb{C})\text{-}\operatorname{Cat}(U, \mathscr{A})$$

(since LU is the cauchy-completion of U), which is equivalent to the full subcategory of  $\#(\mathbb{C})$ -Mod $(U, \mathscr{A})$  consisting of the cauchy modules. Now  $\#(\mathbb{C})$ -Mod $(U, \mathscr{A})$  is small cocomplete, so certainly idempotents split therein. Suppose  $\Phi: U \to \mathscr{A}$  is cauchy and  $\varrho: \Phi \to \Phi$  is an idempotent. Then we have a corresponding idempotent  $\varrho^*: \Phi^* \to \Phi^*$  on the right adjoint of  $\Phi$ . A splitting for  $\varrho^*$  gives a right adjoint for a splitting of  $\varrho$ .  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 19.** The 2-functor  $L: \mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C}) \to \mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ -Cat restricts to a biequivalence

 $\mathscr{H}(\mathbf{C})_{cc} \simeq (\mathscr{H}(\mathbf{C})\text{-}\mathrm{Cat})_{cc}.$ 

**Proof.** The unit  $\eta: 1 \to \Gamma L$  is fully faithful (Theorem 11). If T is cauchy-complete in  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$  then LT is cauchy complete. Since LU is the cauchy-completion of U, we have:

$$\mathscr{W}(\mathbb{C})$$
-Cat $(LU, LT) \simeq \mathscr{W}(\mathbb{C})$ -Cat $(U, LT)$ 

which has the same objects as TU. It follows that  $\eta_T$  is surjective on objects up to isomorphism.

Suppose  $\mathscr{A}$  is a cauchy-complete  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ -category. Objects of  $L\Gamma \mathscr{A}$  are  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbb{C})$ -functors  $U \to \mathscr{A}$ , which amounts to objects of  $\mathscr{A}$ . Take two objects A, B of  $\mathscr{A}$  over U, V, respectively. To give a 2-cell

in  $\mathscr{H}(\mathbf{C})$  is precisely to give a 2-cell



in  $\#(\mathbb{C})$ -Mod. But a 2-cell  $A_*u \Rightarrow B_*v$  amounts to a 2-cell  $uv^* \Rightarrow A^*B_*$  in  $\#(\mathbb{C})$ -Mod. This is the same as a map of spans  $S \to \mathscr{A}(A, B)$ . So  $(L\Gamma \mathscr{A})(A, B) \cong \mathscr{A}(A, B)$ . Thus  $\varepsilon_*$  is an equivalence.  $\Box$ 

Let Rel(C) denote the bicategory whose objects are the objects of C, whose arrows are relations in  $\hat{C}$  between the representables, whose 2-cells are inclusions, and whose composition is the usual composition of relations. There is a homomorphism of bicategories

$$\mathscr{W}(\mathbf{C}) \rightarrow \operatorname{Rel}(\mathbf{C})$$

which is the identity on objects and is given on hom-categories by the reflection of spans into relations.

Corollary 20. The 2-functor L induces a biequivalence of 2-categories

 $[\mathbf{C}^{op}, \text{Poset}] \sim (\text{Rel}(\mathbf{C})\text{-Cat})_{cc}$ 

where Poset denotes the 2-category of small ordered sets.

The result of Walters [14] characterizing presheaves on C as *symmetric* cauchycomplete Rel(C)-categories is obtained on restriction of the biequivalence of Corollary 20.

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