



Comma ∞ - eat

## Motivation

- Universal properties of (co-)limits & adjunctions  
by means of cones by means of  
bijection between  
some hom-sets
- Present the equivalent definitions in terms of comma  $\infty$ -cats
- Comma  $\infty$ -cats will be preserved by functors of  $\infty$ -cosmoi

## Motivation

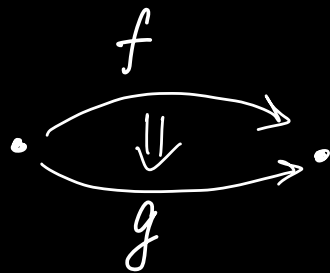
- Encoding limits, colimits & adjunctions as equivalences between comma  $\infty$ -cats, ones are preserved, reflected & created by weak equivalences of  $\infty$ -cosmoi
- As a consequence, these notions are invariant under change of models between quasi-cats, complete Segal spaces, Segal cats and naturally marked simplicial sets

# Recall: a quasi-categorical setting, smothering functors

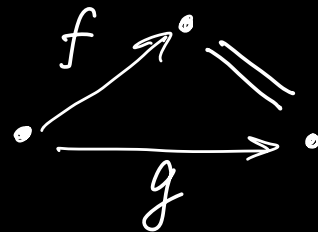
$\mathcal{Q}$  — quasi-cat

Then its homotopy cat  $h\mathcal{Q}$  has:

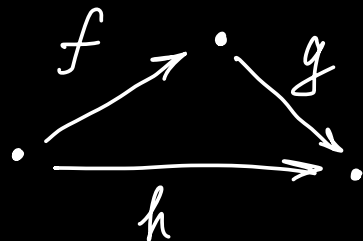
- elements of  $\mathcal{Q}$  as its objects
- homotopy classes of 1-simplices of  $\mathcal{Q}$  as its arrows



$\exists$  2-simplex with the outer edge being degenerate



- a composition relation



$gf \sim h$  in  $h\mathcal{Q}$

- Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be a 1-cat

In general,

$$h(Q^{\mathcal{I}}) \neq (hQ)^{\mathcal{I}}$$

But it is so when  $\mathcal{I}$  is a set

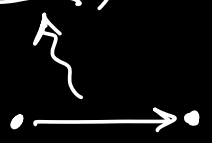
- $h(Q^{\mathcal{I}})$  — homotopy coherent diagrams of shape  $\mathcal{I}$  in  $Q$
- $(hQ)^{\mathcal{I}}$  — homotopy coherent diagrams

A canonical comparison functor

$$h(Q^{\mathcal{I}}) \longrightarrow (hQ)^{\mathcal{I}}$$

$$Q^{\mathcal{I}} \times_{\mathcal{I}} \text{ev} \longrightarrow Q \xrightarrow{h} hQ \rightsquigarrow \text{transpose}$$

In particular,  $\mathcal{Y} = \mathcal{Q} := \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{Q}) = \Delta[1]$



Lemma. The canonical functor

$$h(\mathcal{Q}^2) \longrightarrow (h\mathcal{Q})^2$$

is smothering meaning that it is

- surjective on objects
  - full
  - conservative, i.e., reflects invertibility of morphisms
- but not necessarily injective nor faithful

Once again,

$\infty$ -cats  
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Def (smothering functor) A functor  $f: A \rightarrow B$

is smothering  $\iff$  it has the right lifting property with respect to the set of functors:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} \emptyset & \mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} & \mathbb{2} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{1} & \mathbb{2} & \mathbb{I} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\mathbb{1} = \mathcal{N}(\cdot \downarrow \cdot)$$

$$\mathbb{2} = \mathcal{N}(\cdot \longrightarrow \cdot)$$

$$\mathbb{I} = \mathcal{N}(\cdot \overset{\sim}{\rightleftarrows} \cdot)$$

Lemma (smothering fibers). Each fiber of a smothering functor is a nonempty connected groupoid

$f: A \rightarrow B$  - smothering

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A_e & \longrightarrow & A \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow f \\ \mathbb{1} & \xrightarrow{b} & B \end{array}$$

Lemma.  $\mathcal{I}$  - 1-cat, free on a reflexive directed graph  
 $\mathcal{Q}$  - quasi-cat

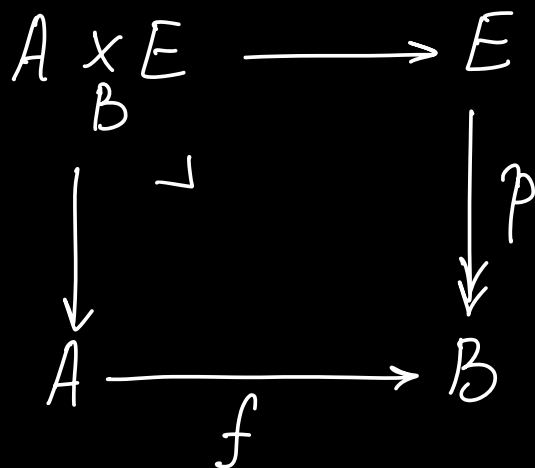
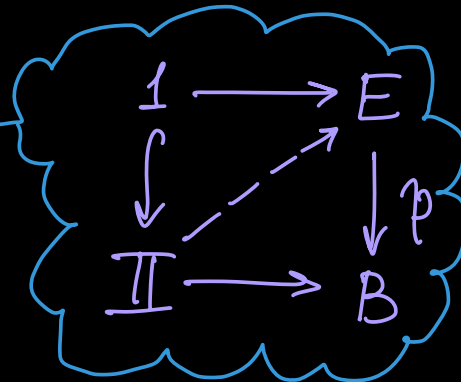
Then

$$h(\mathcal{Q}^{\mathcal{I}}) \longrightarrow (h\mathcal{Q})^{\mathcal{I}}$$

is smothering



Lemma. Let  $p$  be an isofibration



The canonical functor

$$h(A \times_B E) \longrightarrow hA \times_{hB} hE$$

is smothering

Lemma. For any tower of isofibrations between quasi-cats

$$\dots \twoheadrightarrow E_n \twoheadrightarrow E_{n-1} \twoheadrightarrow \dots \twoheadrightarrow E_2 \twoheadrightarrow E_1 \twoheadrightarrow E_0$$

the functor

$$h(\lim_n E_n) \longrightarrow \lim_n hE_n$$

is smothering

Lemma.  $\forall$  cospan  $C \xrightarrow{g} A \xleftarrow{f} B$  between quasi-cats

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_A(f, g) & \longrightarrow & A^2 \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow (\text{cod, dom}) \\ C \times B & \xrightarrow{g \times f} & A \times A \end{array}$$

The functor  $h\text{Hom}_A(f, g) \longrightarrow \text{Hom}_{hA}(hf, hg)$  is smothering

These smothering functors express weak universal properties of arrow, pullback & comma constructions in the homotopy  $\mathcal{L}$ -cat of any  $\infty$ -cosmos

# $\infty$ -categories of arrows

- The previous constructions motivate the following ones
- An element of an  $\infty$ -cat  $a: 1 \rightarrow A$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$  the vertices of  $\text{Fun}(1, A)$   
 the underlying quasi-cat

Def (arrow  $\infty$ -cat) Let  $A$  be an  $\infty$ -cat

The  $\infty$ -cat of arrows in  $A$  is  $A^{\mathbb{2}}$  together with the isofibration

$$A^{\mathbb{2}} := A^{\Delta[1]} \xrightarrow{(p_1, p_0)} A^{\partial\Delta[1]} \cong A \times A$$

induced by  $\partial\Delta^1 \hookrightarrow \Delta[1]$

$0: 1 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{2}, 1: 1 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{2}$

The  $\infty$ -cat comes with a canonical 2-cell

Lemma (generic arrow)  $\forall \infty$ -cat  $A$ , the  $\infty$ -cat of arrows  $A^2$  comes equipped with a canonical 2-cell

$$(*) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A^2 & \xrightarrow{\rho_0} & A \\ & \Downarrow k & \\ A^2 & \xrightarrow{\rho_1} & A \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{the generic arrow with} \\ \text{codomain } A \end{array}$$

Proof: •  $\text{Fun}(X, \underbrace{A^2}_{\text{simplicial cotensor}}) \cong \text{Fun}(X, A)^2$  — a strict universal property of  $A^2$

• By the Yoneda lemma  $(*)$  is encoded by the image of identity  $(\text{id}: A^2 \rightarrow A^2) \mapsto$  an elem. of  $\text{Fun}(A^2, A)^2$  at the repr. obj.

$\uparrow$  a 1-simplex in  $\text{Fun}(A^2, A)$   $\leftarrow$  it represents a 2-cell  $k$

- What about a 2-cell  $k$ ?

Verify that source & target of  $k$  are the domain evaluation and codomain evaluation functors

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Fun}(X, A^2) & \cong & \text{Fun}(X, A)^2 \\
 \downarrow (p_1, p_0)_* & & \downarrow (\text{cod}, \text{dom}) \\
 \text{Fun}(X, A \times A) & \cong & \text{Fun}(X, A) \times \text{Fun}(X, A)
 \end{array}$$

$\mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \hookrightarrow \mathbb{2}$

$$A^{\mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1}} \cong A \times A$$

$$\text{Fun}(X, A)^{\mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1}} \cong \text{Fun}(X, A) \times \text{Fun}(X, A)$$

- From the commutativity of the square, we are done  $\triangleleft$

By the Yoneda lemma again

$$\mathbf{hFun}(X, A^2) \longrightarrow \mathbf{hFun}(X, A)^2$$

- This is not a nat. iso, nor a nat. equivalence of cats

However:

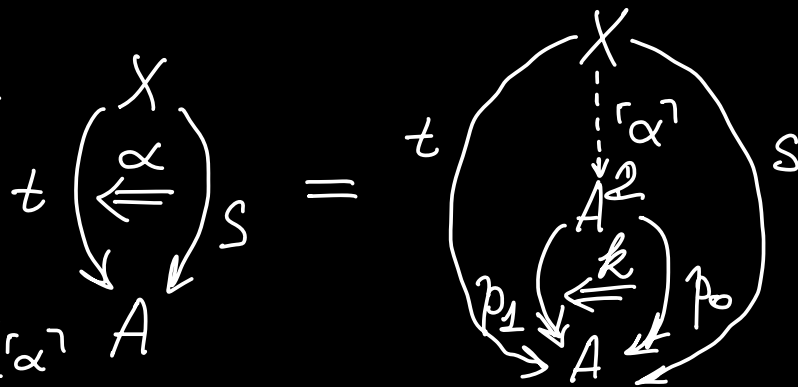
Prop. (the weak universal property of the arrow  $\infty$ -cat)

The generic arrow  $A^2 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{p_0} \\ \Downarrow k \\ \xrightarrow{p_1} \end{array} A$  has a weak univ. prop. in the homotopy 2-cat given by 3 operations

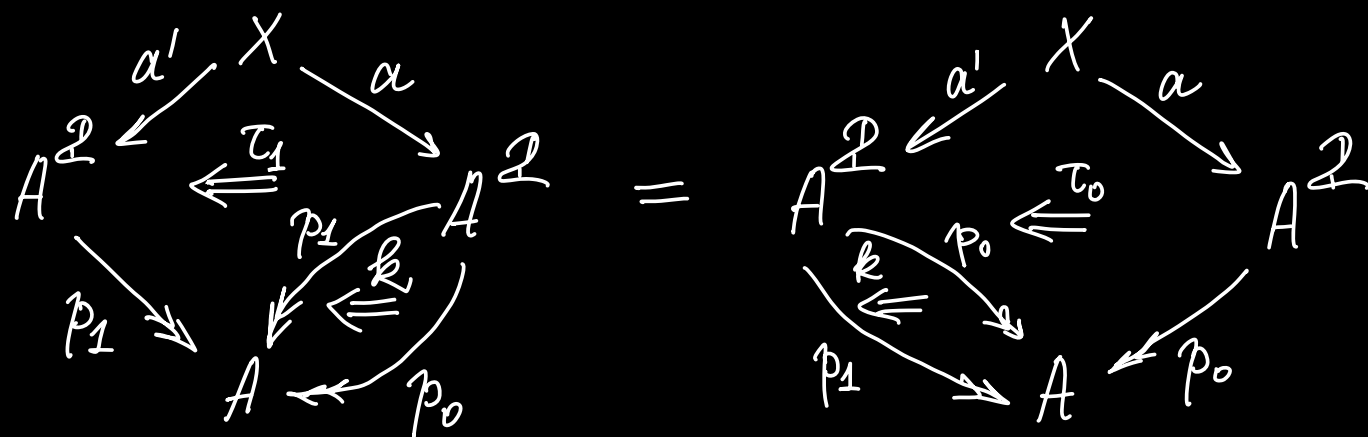
(i) 1-cell induction:

Given  $\alpha$   
Then  $\exists \ulcorner \alpha \urcorner: X \rightarrow A^2$ , s.t.

$s = p_0 \ulcorner \alpha \urcorner$ ,  $t = p_1 \ulcorner \alpha \urcorner$  &  $\alpha = k \ulcorner \alpha \urcorner$



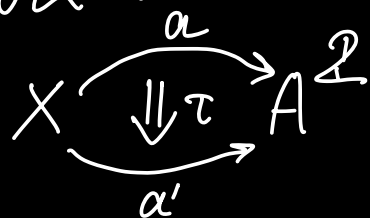
(ii) 2-cell induction: Given functors  $a, a': X \rightarrow A^2$  & natural transformations  $\tau_1$  &  $\tau_0$  s.t.



$\exists$  a natural transformation  $\tau: a \Rightarrow a'$

$$p_1 \tau = \tau_1 \text{ \& } p_0 \tau = \tau_0$$

(iii) 2-cell conservativity:  $\forall$  natural transformation



if both  $p_1 \tau$  &  $p_0 \tau$  - iso  
then  $\tau$  is iso too



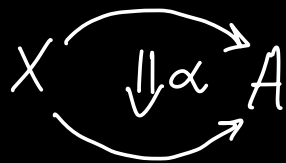
Proof: Let  $Q = \text{Fun}(X, A)$  in the setting of

$$h(Q^2) \longrightarrow (hQ)^2 \text{ to be smothering}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 h\text{Fun}(X, A^2) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & h\text{Fun}(X, A)^2 \\
 \searrow^{(p_{1*}, p_{0*})} & & \swarrow_{(\text{cod}, \text{dom})} \\
 & h\text{Fun}(X, A) \times h\text{Fun}(X, A) & \\
 & \parallel & \\
 & h\text{Fun}(X, A \times A) &
 \end{array}$$

- We have a smothering functor over the cat  $h\text{Fun}(X, A \times A)$
- Surjectivity on objects  $\rightsquigarrow$  1-cell induction, fullness  $\rightsquigarrow$  2-cell induction  
 conservativity  $\rightsquigarrow$  2-cell conservativity  $\triangleleft$

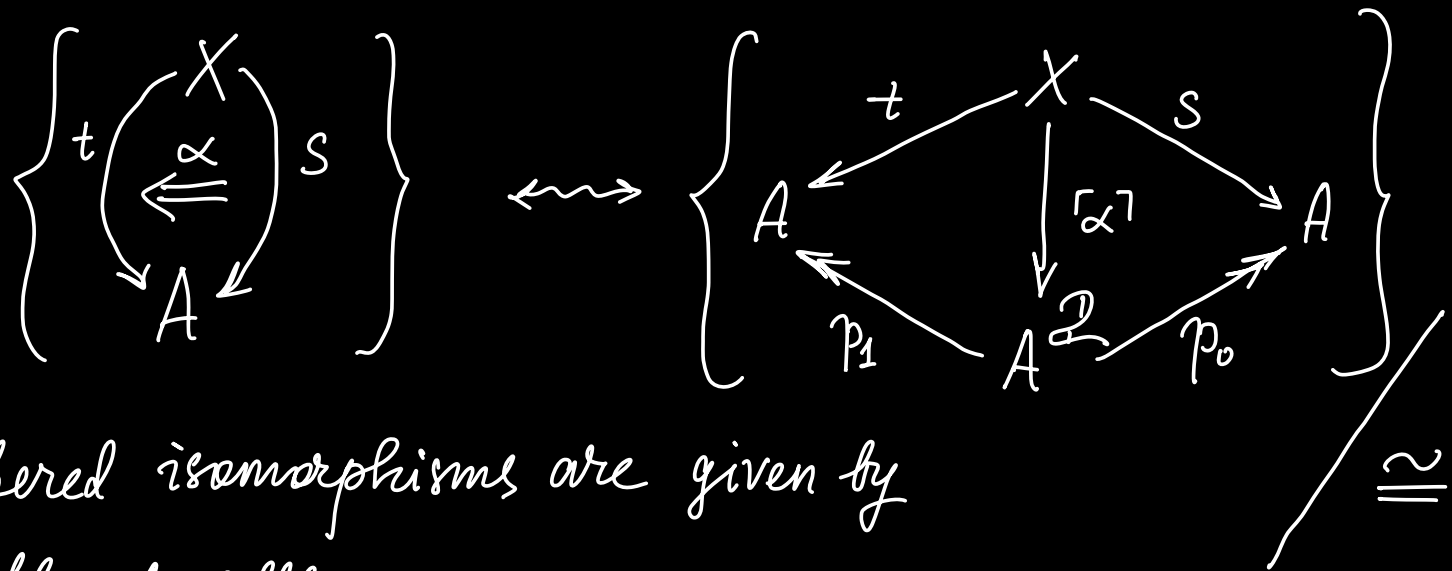
- The functors  $\lceil \alpha \rceil: X \rightarrow A^{\mathcal{Q}}$  are not unique



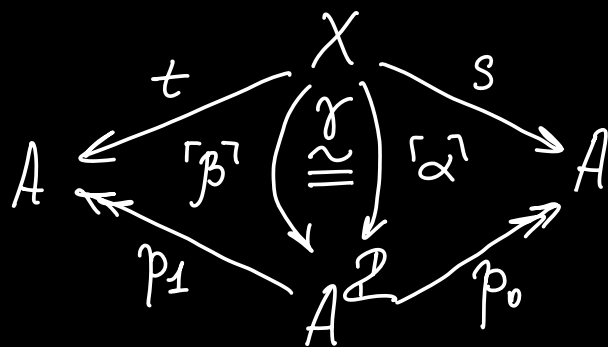
- However, they are unique up to "fibered" isomorphisms:

Prop. Whiskering with  $A^2 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{p_0} \\ \downarrow k \\ \xrightarrow{p_1} \end{array} A$  induces

a bijection



The fibered isomorphisms are given by invertible 2-cells



s.t.  $p_1 \gamma = id_t$  &  $p_0 \gamma = id_s$

modulo the fibered isomorphisms

$\cong$

Proof: • The fibers of the smothering functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{hFun}(X, A^{\mathcal{Q}}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{hFun}(X, A)^{\mathcal{Q}} \\
 \downarrow (p_1, p_0) & & \downarrow (\text{cod}, \text{dom}) \\
 & & \mathbf{hFun}(X, A) \times \mathbf{hFun}(X, A)
 \end{array}$$

are connected groupoids

- The objects of the fiber over  $X \Downarrow^{\alpha} A$  are functors

$$X \longrightarrow A^{\mathcal{Q}}, \text{ s.t. } (X \longrightarrow A^{\mathcal{Q}} \xRightarrow{k} k) = \alpha$$

whiskering

- The morphisms — invertible 2-cells that whisker with  $(p_1, p_0): A^{\mathcal{Q}} \longrightarrow A \times A$  to the identity 2-cell  $(\text{id}_t, \text{id}_s)$
- The action of the smothering functor defines a bijection betw. the obj. — its codomain & their corresp. fibers

## Uniqueness of arrow $\infty$ -cats

Def. (fibered equivalence) A fibered equivalence over an  $\infty$ -cat  $B$  in an  $\infty$ -cosmos  $\mathcal{K}$  is an equivalence

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E & \xrightarrow{\sim} & F \\
 & \searrow & \swarrow \\
 & B & 
 \end{array}
 \quad E \underset{B}{\overset{\sim}{\cong}} F$$

in the sliced  $\infty$ -cosmos  $\mathcal{K}_{/B}$

Prop. (uniqueness of arrow  $\infty$ -cats)  $\forall$  isofibration

$(e_1, e_0): E \rightarrow A \times A$  fibered equivalent to  $(p_1, p_0): A^{\mathcal{Q}} \rightarrow A \times A$

the 2-cell  $E \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{e_0} \\ \downarrow \varepsilon \\ \xrightarrow{e_1} \end{array} A$  encoded by the equivalence  $e: E \xrightarrow{\sim} A^{\mathcal{Q}}$  satisfies the weak universal prop. And conversely...

# The comma construction: in a 1-categorical setting

Consider a cospan

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

$A, B, \mathcal{C}$  - ordinary categories

Objects of  $g \downarrow f$  are triples  $(C, B, h)$ ,  $h: g(C) \rightarrow f(B)$   
 $\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \mathcal{C} & B \end{matrix}$  a morphism in  $A$

Morphisms of  $g \downarrow f$  are pairs  $(s_1, s_2)$ ,  $s_1: C \rightarrow C' \in \mathcal{F}_1$   
 $s_2: B \rightarrow B' \in \mathcal{B}_1$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} g(C) & \xrightarrow{g(s_1)} & g(C') \\ h \downarrow & & \downarrow h' \\ f(B) & \xrightarrow{f(s_2)} & f(B') \end{array}$$

$$(s_1, s_2) \circ (s'_1, s'_2) = (s'_1 \circ s_1, s'_2 \circ s_2)$$

$$\text{id}_{(C, B, h)} = (\text{id}_C, \text{id}_B)$$

Equivalently,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 g \downarrow f & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{A}^2 \\
 \downarrow (p_0, p_1) & \lrcorner & \downarrow (p_0, p_1) \\
 \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{B} & \xrightarrow{g \times f} & \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \mathcal{A}^2 \\
 \downarrow \\
 (C, B, h: g(C) \rightarrow f(B)) \\
 \underbrace{\quad\quad\quad} \\
 \uparrow \\
 g \downarrow f_0
 \end{array}$$

$(s_1, s_2, h)$  s.t.

$$(g \times f)(s_1, s_2) = (p_0, p_1) \left( \begin{array}{ccc}
 g(C) & \xrightarrow{h} & f(B) \\
 \downarrow g(s_1) & & \downarrow f(s_2) \\
 g(C') & \xrightarrow{h'} & f(B')
 \end{array} \right)$$

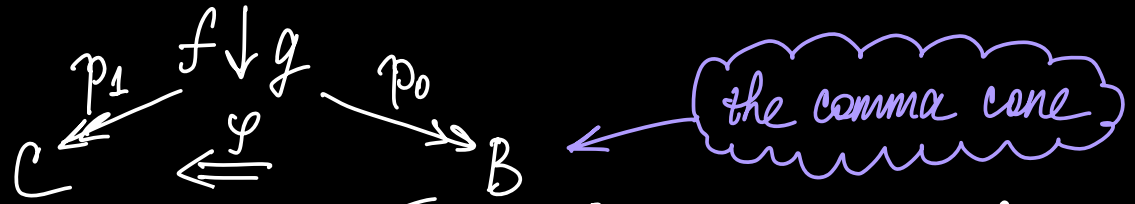
$\underbrace{\quad\quad\quad}_{(A^2)_1}$

# The comma construction in $\infty$ -cosmos

Def. (comma  $\infty$ -cat) Let  $C \xrightarrow{g} A \xleftarrow{f} B$  be a diagram of  $\infty$ -categories in an  $\infty$ -cosmos  $\mathcal{K}$ . The comma  $\infty$ -cat  $\text{Hom}_A(f, g)$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 f \downarrow g = \text{Hom}_A(f, g) & \xrightarrow{\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner} & A^2 \\
 (p_1, p_0) \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow (p_1, p_0) \\
 C \times B & \xrightarrow{g \times f} & A \times A
 \end{array}$$

The top horizontal functor represents a 2-cell



the comma cone

in the homotopy 2-cat  $\mathcal{K}$  By construction, the map  $(p_1, p_0): f \downarrow g \rightarrow C \times B$  is an isofibration



Example. The  $\infty$ -cat of arrows is a special case of the comma construction

$A = A = A$  — the identity span

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{id} \downarrow \text{id} & \longrightarrow & A^2 \\
 \downarrow \lrcorner & & \downarrow \\
 A \times A & \xlongequal{\quad} & A \times A
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{id} \downarrow \text{id} = A^2$$

So, the generic arrow of the  $\infty$ -cat of arrows can be regarded as a comma cone:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & A^2 & \\
 p_1 \swarrow & & \searrow p_0 \\
 A & \xleftarrow{\varphi} & A \\
 \xlongequal{\quad} & A & \xlongequal{\quad}
 \end{array}$$

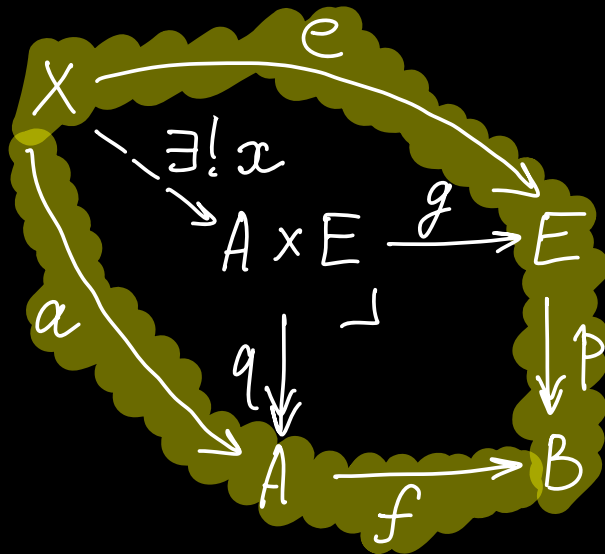
## Pullbacks of isofibrations

- Pullbacks have weak 2-dim universal property
- It can be used to prove that equivalences pull back along isofibrations to equivalences
- In turn, it gives the equivalence invariance of pullbacks in  
an  $\infty$ -cosmos

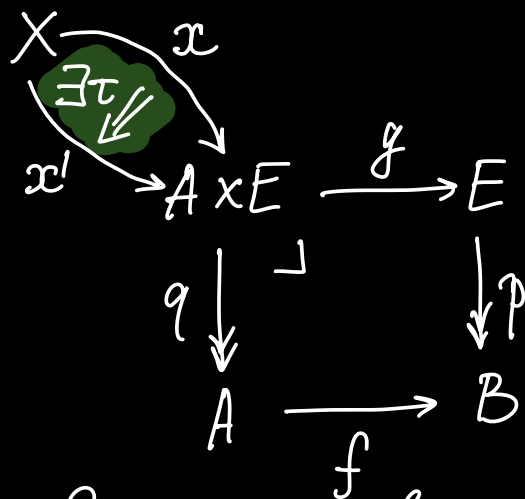
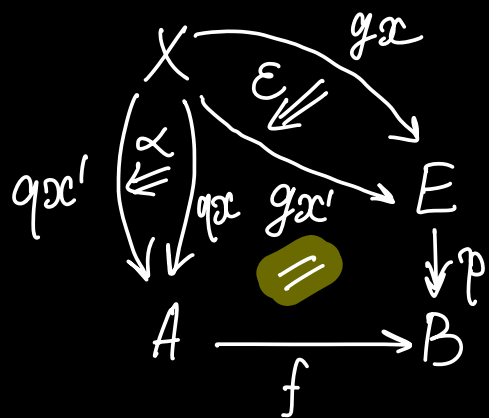
Prop. (the weak universal property of the pullback)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \times E & \xrightarrow{g} & E \\
 q \downarrow \lrcorner & & \downarrow p \\
 A & \xrightarrow{f} & B
 \end{array}$$

(i) 1-cell induction: a commut. square over the cospan factors uniquely



2-cell induction:



Given functors  $x, x' : X \rightarrow A \times_B E$  & nat. transf.  $\alpha : q_x \Rightarrow q_{x'}$

s.t.  $p\varepsilon = f\alpha$ , there exists a nat. transf.  $\varepsilon : g_x \Rightarrow g_{x'}$

$\tau : x \Rightarrow x'$  s.t.  $q\tau = \alpha$  &  $g\tau = \varepsilon$

(iii) 2-cell conservativity:  $\forall X \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{x} \\ \tau \Downarrow \\ \xrightarrow{x'} \end{matrix} A \times_B E$  if both  $q\tau$  &

$g\tau$  are iso then  $\tau$  is an iso

Proof: • Consider the pullback diagram of quasi-cats

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Fun}(X, A \times_B E) & \xrightarrow{g_*} & \text{Fun}(X, E) \\
 q_* \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow p_* \\
 \text{Fun}(X, A) & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \text{Fun}(X, B)
 \end{array}$$

• Apply the fact that the canonical functor

$$h(A \times_B E) \longrightarrow hA \times_{hB} hE$$

is smothering for any pullback diagram of quasi-cats of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \times E & \longrightarrow & E \\
 B \lrcorner & & \downarrow p \\
 \downarrow & & B \\
 A & \xrightarrow{f} & B
 \end{array}$$

• So, apply it to the our case:

$$h\text{Fun}(X, A \times_B E) \longrightarrow h\text{Fun}(X, A) \times_{h\text{Fun}(X, B)} h\text{Fun}(X, E)$$

is smothering ◀

Prop. In any  $\infty$ -cosmos the pullback of an equivalence is an equivalence, i.e.,  $\infty$ -cosmos are right proper.

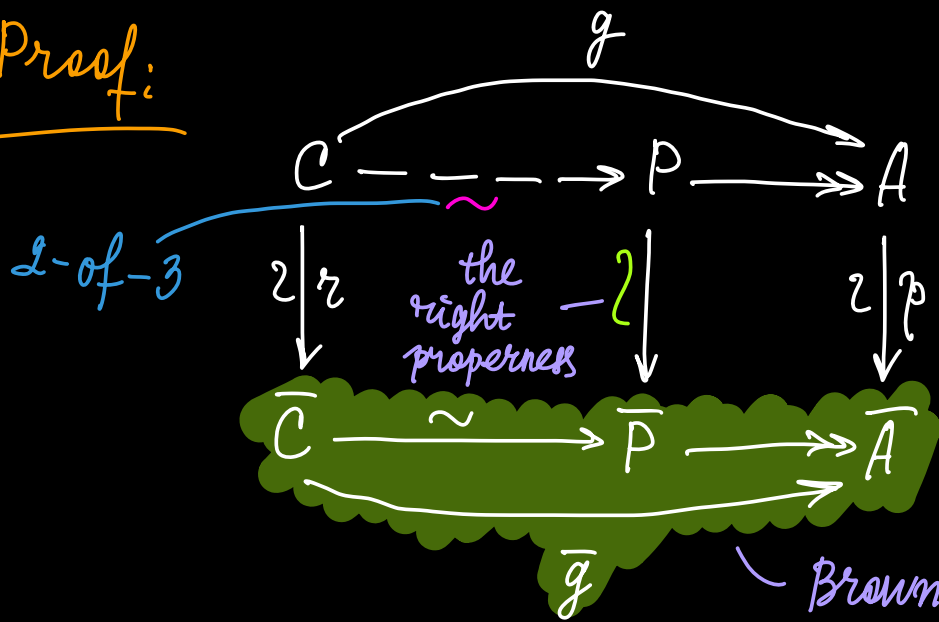
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F & \xrightarrow[\sim]{g} & E \\
 q \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow p \\
 A & \xrightarrow[\sim]{f} & B
 \end{array}$$

Prop. (Pullback is an equiv. invariant construction in any  $\infty$ -cosmos)

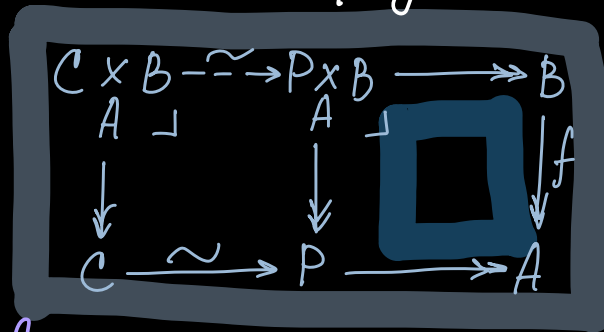
$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 C & \longrightarrow & A & \longleftarrow & B \\
 z \downarrow & & z \downarrow & & z \downarrow \\
 \bar{C} & \xrightarrow{\bar{g}} & \bar{A} & \xleftarrow{\bar{f}} & \bar{B}
 \end{array}$$

$C \times_A B \longrightarrow \bar{C} \times_{\bar{A}} \bar{B}$  is again an equivalence

Proof:

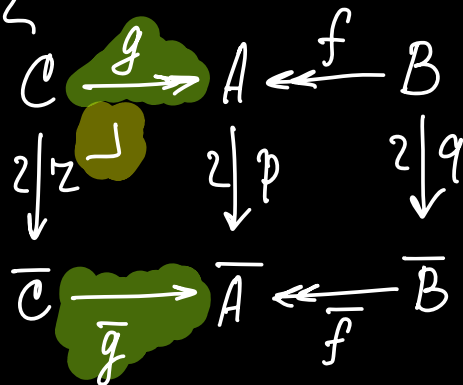


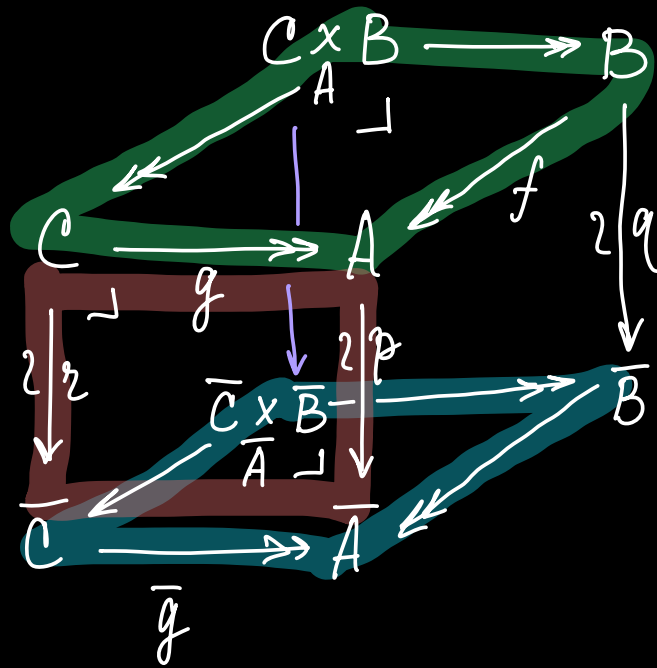
Hence,  $P \rightarrow A$  is equivalent to the map  $g$



Brown's factorization used

- By right properness, the pullback of  $P \rightarrow A$  along  $f$  is equiv. to the pullback of  $g: C \rightarrow A$  along  $f$  and similarly for the lower maps
- So, it suffices to consider





- They are pullback squares
- So, the back square is as well
- $C \times_B B \longrightarrow \bar{C} \times_{\bar{A}} \bar{B}$   
is the pullback of the equivalence  $q$  along an isofibration  $\triangleleft$



Prop. (maps between commas) A commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C & \xrightarrow{g} & A \xleftarrow{f} B \\
 \downarrow z & & \downarrow p \quad \downarrow q \\
 \bar{C} & \xrightarrow{\bar{g}} & \bar{A} \xleftarrow{\bar{f}} \bar{B}
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{induces} \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Hom}_A(f, g) & = & f \downarrow g \xrightarrow{\text{Hom}_p(q, z)} \bar{f} \downarrow \bar{g} = \text{Hom}_{\bar{A}}(\bar{f}, \bar{g}) \\
 & & \downarrow (p_1, p_0) \quad \downarrow (p_1, p_0) \\
 C \times B & \xrightarrow{z \times q} & \bar{C} \times \bar{B}
 \end{array}$$

If  $p, q$  and  $z$  are all isofibrations, all trivial fibrations, or all equivalences then the induced map is again an isofibration, trivial fibration, or equivalence, resp.

Proof:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C \times B & \xrightarrow{g \times f} & A \times A \xleftarrow{(p_1, p_0)} A^{\mathcal{Q}} \\
 \downarrow z \times q & & \downarrow p \times p \quad \downarrow p^{\mathcal{Q}} \\
 \bar{C} \times \bar{B} & \xrightarrow{\bar{g} \times \bar{f}} & \bar{A} \times \bar{A} \xleftarrow{(p_1, p_0)} \bar{A}^{\mathcal{Q}}
 \end{array}$$

the Leibnitz tensor of  $\mathbb{1} + \mathbb{1} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{Q}$  with  $p$



So, by the lemma, we are done in the case of fib. and triv. fib.

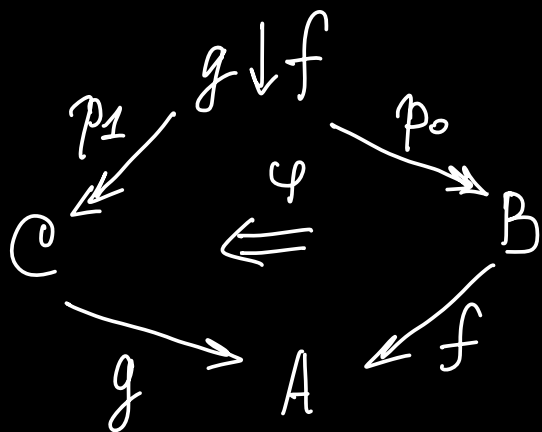
For equivalences, note that  $r \times q$ ,  $p \times p$  &  $p^2$  are as well

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 C \times B & \xrightarrow{g \times f} & A \times A & \xleftarrow{(p_1, p_0)} & A^2 \\
 \downarrow r \times q & & \downarrow p \times p & & \downarrow p^2 \\
 \bar{C} \times \bar{B} & \xrightarrow{\bar{g} \times \bar{f}} & \bar{A} \times \bar{A} & \xleftarrow{(p_1, p_0)} & \bar{A}^2
 \end{array}$$

By the pullback invariance, we get an equivalence between the pullbacks △

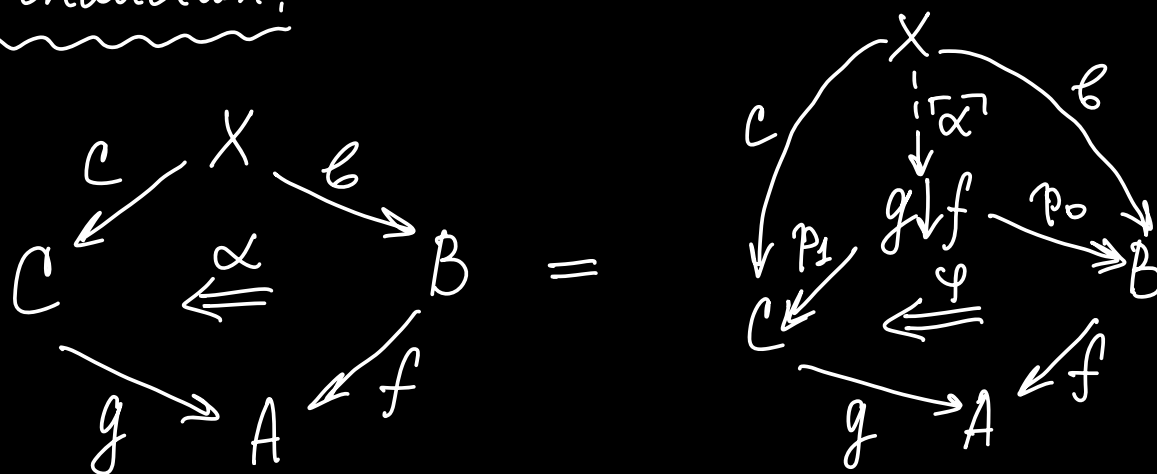
Prop. (the weak universal property of the comma  $\infty$ -category)

The comma cone



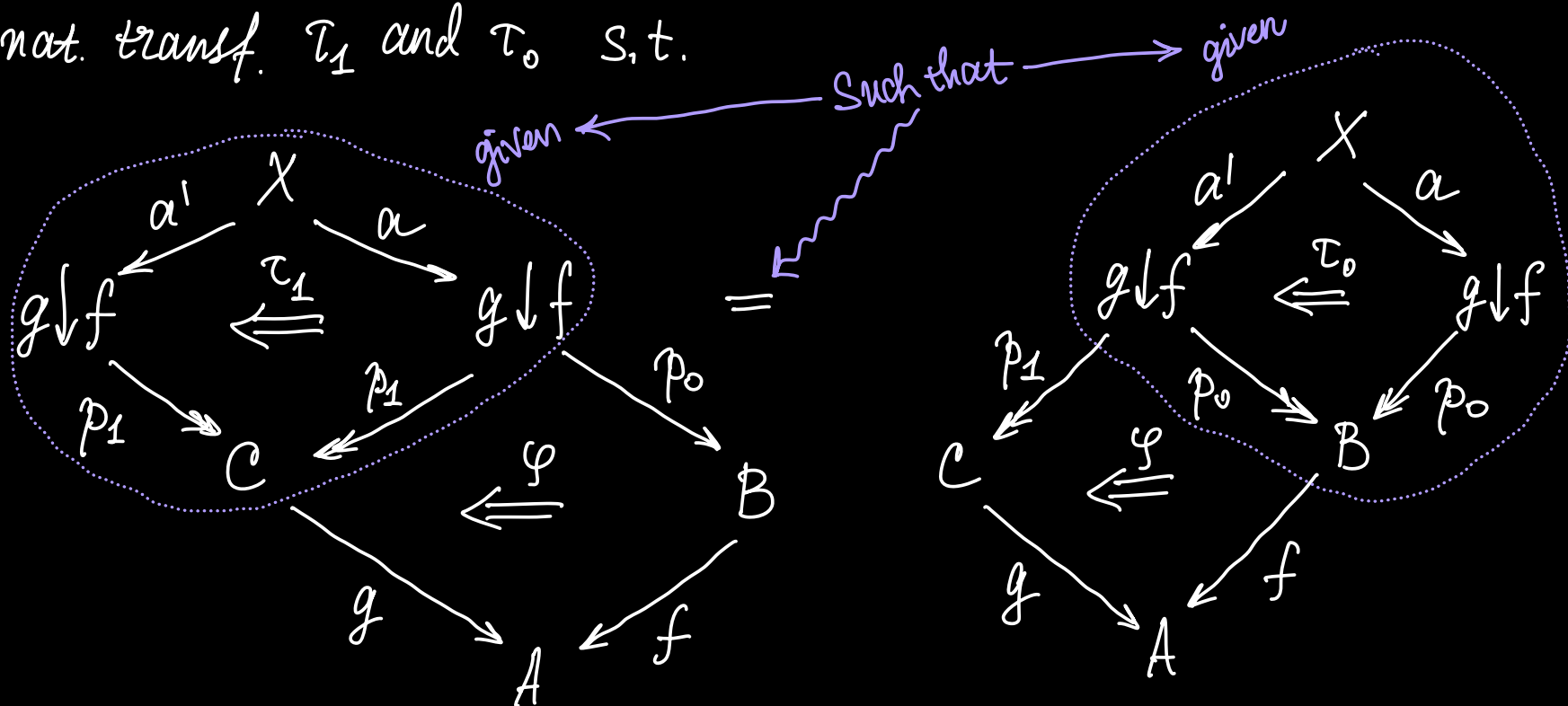
has a weak universal property in the homotopy 2-category given by 3 operations:

(i) 1-cell induction:



there exists a functor  $\lceil \alpha \rceil: X \rightarrow g \downarrow f$ , s.t.  $b = p_0 \lceil \alpha \rceil$ ,  $c = p_1 \lceil \alpha \rceil$  &  $\alpha = \phi \lceil \alpha \rceil$

(ii) 2-cell induction: Given  $a, a' : X \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(f, g)$  and nat. transf.  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_0$  s.t.



there exists a natural transformation  $\tau : a \Rightarrow a'$  s.t.

$$p_1 \tau = \tau_1 \text{ \& } p_0 \tau = \tau_0, \text{ i.e.,}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & X & \\
 a' \swarrow & & \searrow a \\
 g \downarrow f & \xleftarrow{\tau_1} & g \downarrow f \\
 p_1 \searrow & & \swarrow p_1 \\
 & C &
 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 & X & \\
 a' \swarrow & & \searrow a \\
 & \xleftarrow{\tau} & \\
 & g \downarrow f & \\
 & \downarrow p_1 & \\
 & C &
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

&

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & X & \\
 a' \swarrow & & \searrow a \\
 g \downarrow f & \xleftarrow{\tau_0} & g \downarrow f \\
 p_0 \searrow & & \swarrow p_0 \\
 & C &
 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 & X & \\
 a' \swarrow & & \searrow a \\
 & \xleftarrow{\tau} & \\
 & g \downarrow f & \\
 & \downarrow p_0 & \\
 & B &
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

(iii) 2-cell conservativity:  $\forall X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{a} \\ \Downarrow \tau \\ \xrightarrow{a'} \end{array} g \downarrow f$  if  $p_1 \tau$  &  $p_0 \tau$  are iso then  $\tau$  is so

Proof: Apply the comological functor

$$\text{Fun}(X, -) : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{QC}at$$

to

$$\begin{array}{ccc} g \downarrow f & \xrightarrow{\tau} & A^2 \\ (p_1, p_0) \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow (p_1, p_0) \\ C \times B & \xrightarrow{g \times f} & A \times A \end{array}$$

functors

We will have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Fun}(X, \text{Hom}_A(g, f)) \cong \text{Hom}_{\text{Fun}(X, A)}(\text{Fun}(X, f), \text{Fun}(X, g)) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \text{Fun}(X, A)^2 \\ (p_1, p_0) \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow (p_1, p_0) \\ \text{Fun}(X, C) \times \text{Fun}(X, B) & \xrightarrow{\text{Fun}(X, g) \times \text{Fun}(X, f)} & \text{Fun}(X, A) \times \text{Fun}(X, A) \end{array}$$

Now, by the standard technique we get a smothering functor over  $\text{hFun}(X, C \times B)$ :

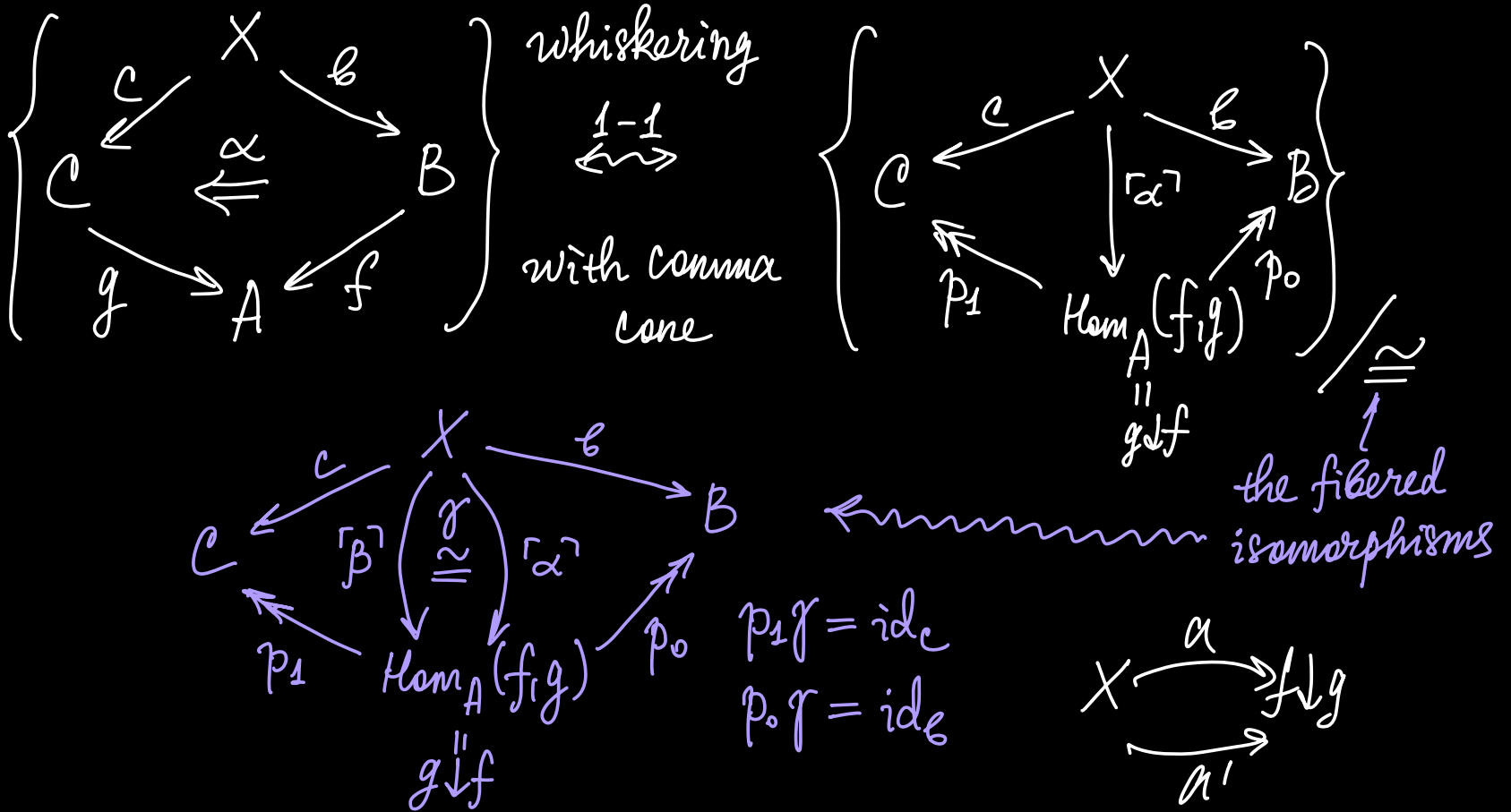
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{hFun}(X, \text{Hom}_A(f, g)) & \longrightarrow & \text{Hom}_{\text{hFun}(X, A)}(\text{hFun}(X, f), \text{hFun}(X, g)) \\
 \searrow^{(p_{0*}, p_{1*})} & & \swarrow_{(\text{cod}, \text{dom})} \\
 & & \text{hFun}(X, C) \times \text{hFun}(X, B) \quad \triangleleft
 \end{array}$$

The functors  $\lceil \alpha \rceil: X \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(f, g)$  induced by a fixed nat. transf.





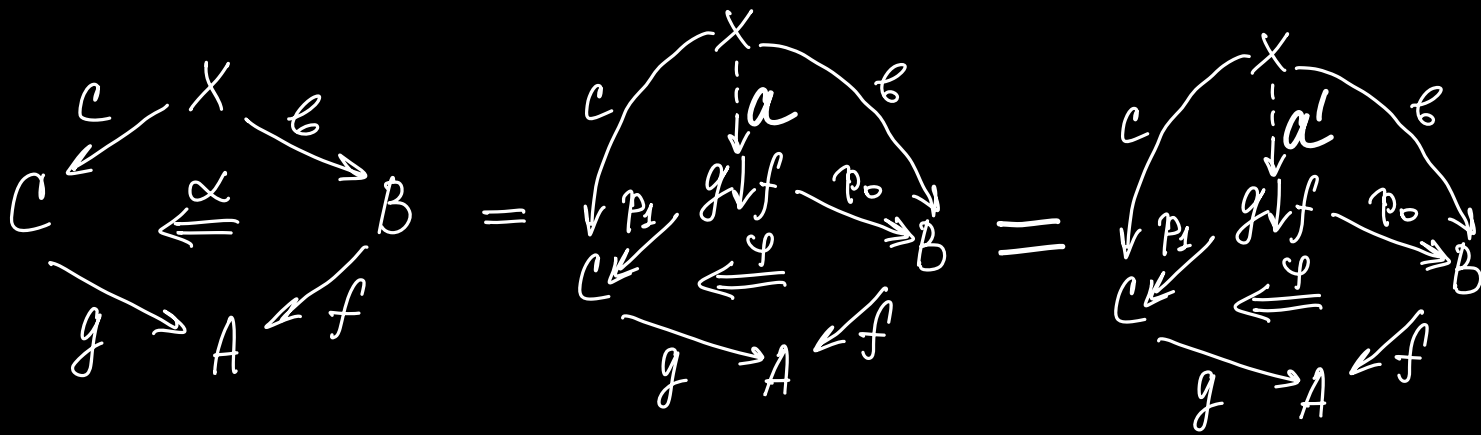
Prop. (1-cell induction is unique up to isomorphism)



i.e., any two 1-cells  $a, a': X \rightarrow f|g$  over a weak comma object that are induced by the same comma cone  $\alpha: fb \Rightarrow gc$  are isomorphic over  $C \times B$

Proof: ① One way: fibres of smothering functors are connected groupoids

② Directly:

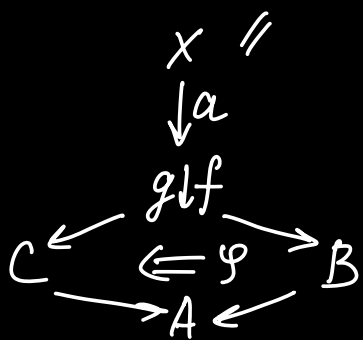
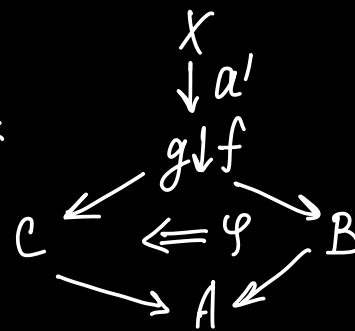
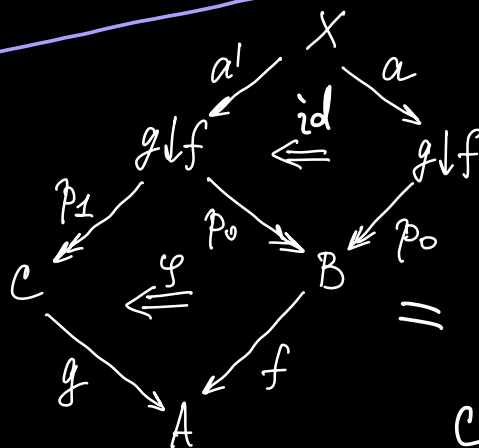
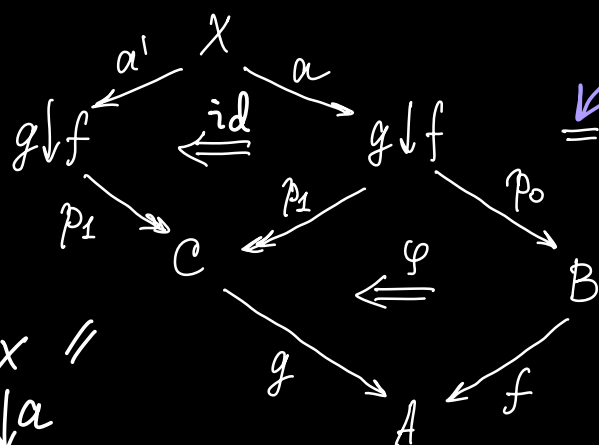
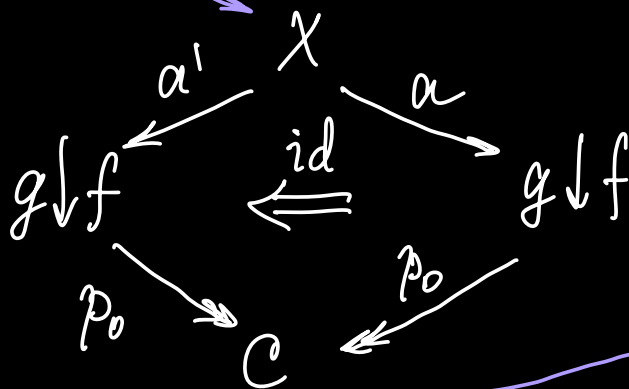
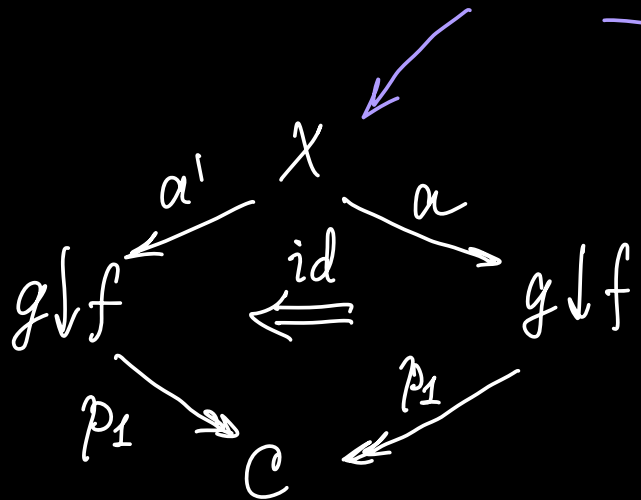


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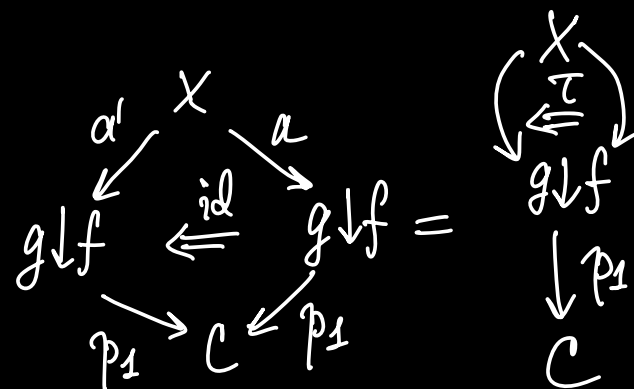
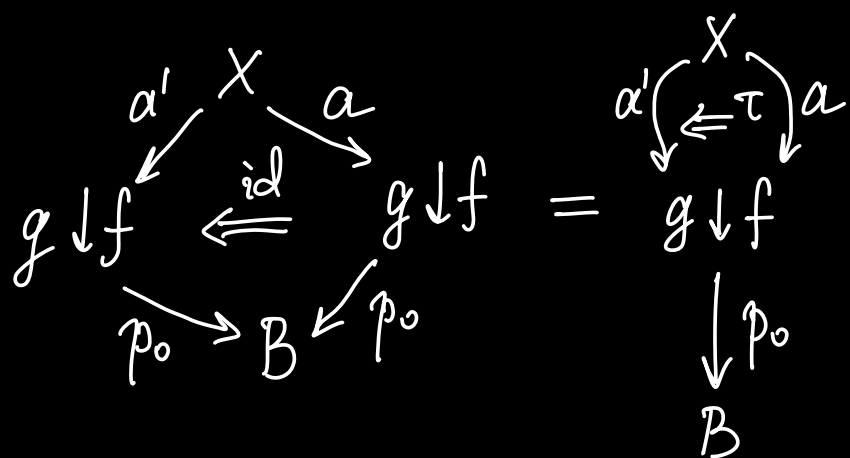
$$p_0 a = p_0 a'$$

$$p_1 a = p_1 a'$$

$$\varphi a = \varphi a'$$

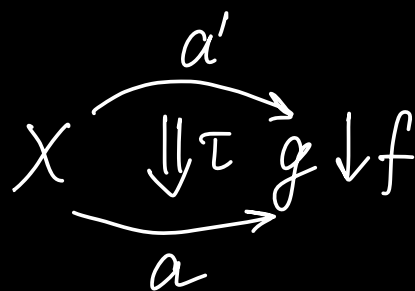


- So, by 2-cell induction,  $\exists \tau$



$$p_0 \tau = id, \quad p_1 \tau = id$$

- By 2-cell conservativity,  $\tau: a' \Rightarrow a$  is iso



As in the case of arrow categories

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 C & \xrightarrow{g} & A & \xleftarrow{f} & B \\
 \downarrow z & & \Downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow p \\
 \bar{C} & \xrightarrow{\bar{g}} & \bar{A} & \xleftarrow{\bar{f}} & \bar{B} \\
 & & & & \downarrow q
 \end{array}$$

induces a map between comma  $\infty$ -categories

functorial  
up to fibered  
isomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \text{Hom}_A(f, g) & & \\
 & \swarrow p_1 & & \searrow p_0 & \\
 C & & & & B \\
 \downarrow z & \searrow g & \Leftarrow \varphi & \swarrow f & \downarrow q \\
 \bar{C} & & A & & \bar{B} \\
 & \swarrow \bar{g} & \downarrow p & \swarrow \bar{f} & \\
 & & \bar{A} & & 
 \end{array} & = & \begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \text{Hom}_A(f, g) & & \\
 & \swarrow z p_1 & & \searrow q p_0 & \\
 C & & & & B \\
 \downarrow z & \searrow \bar{g} & \Leftarrow \varphi & \swarrow \bar{f} & \downarrow q \\
 \bar{C} & & \bar{A} & & \bar{B} \\
 & & & & \\
 & & \text{Hom}_{\bar{A}}(\bar{f}, \bar{g}) & & \\
 & \swarrow p_1 & & \searrow p_0 & \\
 & & & & 
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

## The mapping space

Comma  $\infty$ -cats can be used to define the internal mapping spaces

Def. The mapping space between two elements

$x, y: 1 \rightarrow A$  of an  $\infty$ -cat is  $y \downarrow x = \text{Hom}_A(x, y)$  —  
the comma  $\infty$ -cat

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_A(x, y) & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & A \\ \downarrow (p_1, p_0) & & \downarrow (p_1, p_0) \\ 1 & \xrightarrow{(y, x)} & A \times A \end{array}$$

Prop. (mapping spaces are discrete)

For any pair of elements  $x, y: 1 \rightarrow A$  of an  $\infty$ -cat  $A$ , the mapping space  $\text{Hom}_A(x, y)$  is discrete

i.e.,  $\forall X \in \mathcal{K}$

$\text{Fun}(X, \text{Hom}_A(x, y))$  is a Kan complex

Proof: • We must show

$\text{hFun}(X, \text{Hom}_A(x, y))$  is a groupoid  $\forall X$

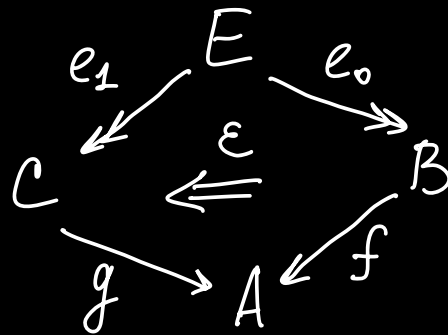
•  $X \begin{array}{c} \Downarrow \\ \rightarrow \end{array} \text{Hom}_A(x, y)$  is invertible, if  $\begin{array}{c} X \\ \left( \begin{array}{c} \Leftarrow \\ \Downarrow \end{array} \right) \\ \text{Hom}_A(x, y) \\ \downarrow (p_1, p_0) \\ 1 \times 1 \end{array}$  is an invertible 2-cell

— by 2-cell conservativity

• But this composite is id since 1 is 2-terminal ◁

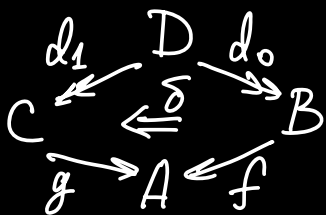
Prop. (uniqueness of comma  $\infty$ -cats)

$\forall$  isofibration  $(e_1, e_0): E \rightarrow C \times B$  that is fibered equivalent to  $\text{Hom}_A(f, g) \rightarrow C \times B$  the 2-cell

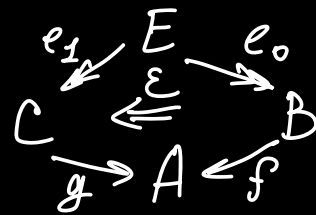


encoded by  $e: E \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{Hom}_A(f, g)$  satisfies the weak universal property of the comma  $\infty$ -cat

Conversely, if  $(d_1, d_0): D \rightarrow C \times B$  &  $(e_1, e_0): E \rightarrow C \times B$  are equipped with 2-cells



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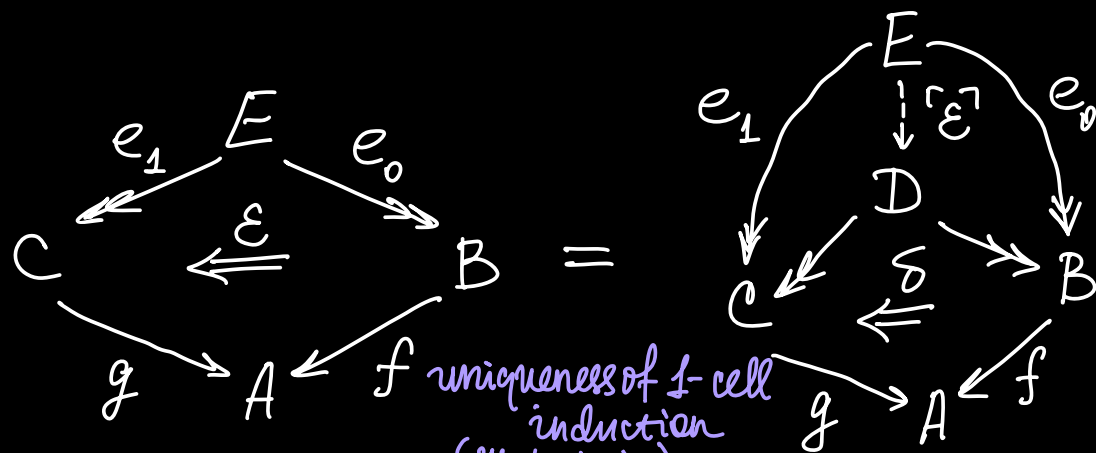
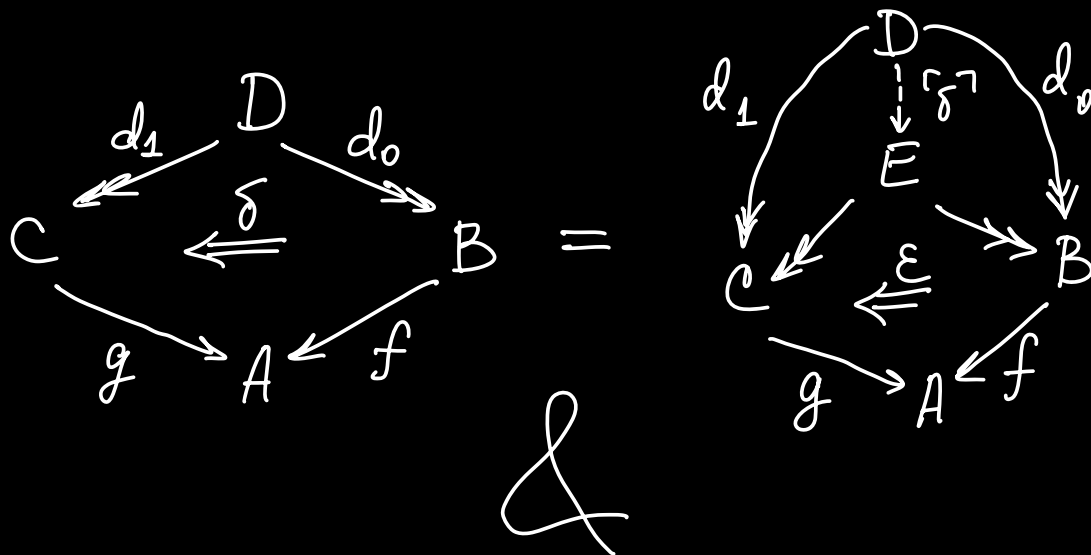


satisfying the weak univ. prop., then  $D \underset{C \times B}{\cong} E$



Proof:  $\Rightarrow$  Construct a smothering functor & enjoy

$\Leftarrow$



$D \cong E$

$\Uparrow$

Notice  $\epsilon \gamma \delta \gamma \epsilon = \epsilon$  &  $\delta \gamma \epsilon \gamma \delta = \delta \Rightarrow \gamma \delta \gamma \epsilon \gamma \cong id_E$  &  $\gamma \epsilon \gamma \delta \gamma \cong id_D$   $\triangle$

uniqueness of 1-cell induction (up to iso)



*Merci  
beaucoup!*

