Lifting weights

Enriched lenses between transport plans



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A weighted functor is a functor $F : C \rightarrow D$ such that for every morphism f of C,

 $w(Ff) \leq w(f).$

Categories of paths of a space

Let X be a metric space (e.g. \mathbb{R}^n). The weighted category Path(X) has

- As objects, the points of X;
- As morphisms, the curves in X with their length as weight.



Generalized metric spaces

A *pseudo-quasi* (or *Lawvere*) *metric space* is a set X with a "cost" function

- $c:X\times X\to [0,\infty]$ such that
- d(x, x) = 0;

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$$d(x,z) \leq d(x,y) + d(y,z)$$

A pq-metric space is a weighted preorder.



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- an arrow Φ(E, b) : E → E' of E such that F(Φ(E, b)) = b, with the same weight as b.



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- A functor $F : E \rightarrow B$;
- For each morphism
 b : B → B' of B and each
 object E of E with F(E) = B,
 a chosen weighted lifting
 Φ(E, b) : E → E', such that
- Identities and compositions are preserved.



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- The lifting $\tilde{\varphi}_{\sharp} : PX \times_{PY} P(Y \times Y) \to P(X \times X)$ takes $p \in PX$ and a coupling $s \in P(Y \times Y)$ with first marginal f_*p , and returns the coupling $\tilde{\varphi}_{\sharp}(p,s) \in P(X \times X)$ given for all measurable $A, A' \subseteq X$ by

$$ilde{arphi}_{\sharp}(p,s)(A imes A') := \int_{A}\int_{Y} \mathbb{1}_{A'}ig(arphi(x,y)ig)\,sig(dy|f(x)ig)\,p(dx).$$

Intuitively, we are "lifting random transitions".



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$$d_Y(f(x), y') = \inf_{x' \in f^{-1}(y)} d(x, x').$$

In terms of open balls,

$$f(B_X(x,r)) = B_Y(f(x),r)$$

for all $x \in X$ $r \in \mathbb{R}$. In geometry, this is called a *weak submetry*.



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