

Perfect moment categories, cocartesian comonads and Joyal duality

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Abstract.

In [2] moment categories were introduced as small categories equipped with an *active/inert factorisation system* subject to two simple axioms. The most prominent examples are Segal's category Γ , Eilenberg's category Δ and Joyal's categories Θ_n . In this talk I will discuss *perfect moment categories* defined by the additional property that the inclusion of the active subcategory admits a left adjoint reflection such that the unit of the adjunction is pointwise inert. This notion relates on one side to a special class of cocartesian comonads, and on the other side to Barwick's perfect operator categories [1]. The latter relationship is actually a *categorical duality* which subsumes as special case Joyal's duality [3] between the n -cellular category Θ_n and the category \mathbb{D}_n of combinatorial n -disks.

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