# A 2-categorical proof of Frobenius for fibrations defined from a 

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Coquand's proof was analyzed using category theory by Steve Awodey and Christian Sattler.

## Our Proof: Setup

- A locally cartesian closed category $\mathscr{E}$. In particular, every morphism $p: A \rightarrow X$ gives rise to an adjoint triple

- An object 0 in $\mathscr{E}$.
- A class TFib of trivial fibrations, which
admit sections,
are stable under pushforwards (along any map),
are stable under retracts.

Fibrations

We say a map $p: A \rightarrow X$ is a fibration precisely when the gap map $\delta \Rightarrow p$ is a trivial fibration.


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\frac{X \vdash A \text { Type } \quad X . A \vdash B \text { Type }}{X \vdash \Pi_{A} B \text { Type }}
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& \delta \Rightarrow p_{*} q \downarrow \downarrow\left(p^{0} \times 0\right)_{*}(\delta \Rightarrow q) \quad \downarrow \delta \Rightarrow p_{*} q \\
& \left(\Pi_{A} B\right)_{\epsilon} \xrightarrow[\kappa_{\epsilon}]{ } \Pi_{A^{0} \times \mathbb{1}}\left(B_{\epsilon}\right) \xrightarrow[\rho_{\epsilon}]{ }\left(\Pi_{A} B\right)_{\epsilon}
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$$

To do these we use the calculus of mates from 2-category theory.

## Theorem (Kelly-Street)

Consider the pair of double categories Ladj and Radj whose:

- objects are categories,
- horizontal arrows are functors,
- vertical arrows are fully-specified adjunctions pointing in the direction of the left adjoint, and
- squares of Ladj (resp. Radj) are natural transformations between the squares of functors formed by the left (resp. right) adjoints.

Then

$$
\mathbb{L a d j} \cong \mathbb{R a d j}
$$

which acts on squares by taking mates.

unit \& Count As Mates

The Basic 2-cells

From the counit 2-cells

$$
\begin{aligned}
& / 0 \xrightarrow{0!} / 1 \quad / 1 \xrightarrow{0^{*}} / 0 \\
& { }^{0 *} \uparrow \quad \Downarrow \pi \mid \\
& / 1=/ 1
\end{aligned}
$$

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$$
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& { }^{0} \uparrow \uparrow \quad \Downarrow \pi \quad\left\|\quad 0_{*} \uparrow \quad \Downarrow \nu\right\| \\
& / 1=/ 1 \quad / 0=/ 0
\end{aligned}
$$

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$$

natural in $X$.
Moreover, $\pi$ is cartesian:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A^{\mathbb{Q}} \times \mathbb{\square} \xrightarrow{\pi} A^{\rrbracket} \\
& \left.p^{0} \times \downarrow \downarrow \quad\right\lrcorner \quad{ }^{0} \\
& X^{\rrbracket} \times \square \xrightarrow[\pi]{\longrightarrow} X^{\square}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Leibniz Exponential from the Basic 2-cells

The component of the whiskered counit

$$
\left.\begin{aligned}
& A^{\mathbb{1}} \\
& / X^{\rrbracket} \xrightarrow{\pi^{*}} / X^{\rrbracket} \times \mathbb{\square} \\
& \pi_{*} \uparrow \Downarrow \nu
\end{aligned} \right\rvert\,
$$

at $p: A \rightarrow X$ is the Leibniz exponential $\delta \Rightarrow p: A^{\rrbracket} \times \rrbracket \rightarrow A_{\epsilon}$.

## Constructing $\kappa_{\epsilon}$ via Mates

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A^{0} \times \mathbb{\square} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} A \\
& \rho^{p} \times 1 \downarrow \downarrow{ }^{\rho} \\
& x^{0} \times 0 \rightarrow x
\end{aligned}
$$

## Constructing $\kappa_{\epsilon}$ via Mates

$$
\begin{aligned}
& / A^{0} \times 0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{1}} / A \\
& \left(p^{0} \times 1\right)!\quad \quad \rho^{p} \\
& \left./ X^{\square} \times \mathbb{\epsilon _ { ! }}\right] / X
\end{aligned}
$$

## Constructing $\kappa_{\epsilon}$ via Mates

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mid A^{0} \times \mathbb{0} \times \xrightarrow{\epsilon_{!}} / A \\
\left(p^{0} \times 0\right)^{*} \uparrow \\
/ X^{\natural} \times \mathbb{0} \xrightarrow[\epsilon_{1}]{\Downarrow} / X
\end{gathered}
$$

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& / A^{0} \times \mathbb{\square} \leftarrow^{\epsilon^{*}} / A \\
& \left(p^{0} \times 1\right)^{*} \uparrow \cong{ }^{*} \uparrow p^{*} \\
& / X^{\boxtimes} \times \mathbb{\square}{\overleftarrow{\epsilon^{*}}} / X
\end{aligned}
$$

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$$
\begin{gathered}
\mid A^{\mathbb{0}} \times \mathbb{0} \stackrel{\epsilon^{*}}{\longleftarrow} / A \\
\left(p^{0} \times 0\right) \downarrow \downarrow \Uparrow \kappa_{\epsilon} \quad \downarrow_{p_{*}} \\
/ X^{\mathbb{0}} \times \mathbb{0} \overleftarrow{\epsilon^{*}} / X
\end{gathered}
$$

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\begin{aligned}
& A^{0} \times \mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{\epsilon} A \\
& / A^{0} \times 0 \xrightarrow{\epsilon} / A \\
& / A^{0} \times 1 \stackrel{e^{*}}{\leftarrow} / A
\end{aligned}
$$

## Constructing $\kappa_{\epsilon}$ via Mates


$/ A^{0} \times \mathbb{\square} \stackrel{\epsilon^{*}}{\longleftarrow} / A$

$$
X^{0} \times 0 \underset{\epsilon}{\longrightarrow} X \quad \quad \mid X^{\natural} \times 0 \underset{\epsilon}{\longrightarrow} / X \quad \quad X^{0} \times 0 \underset{\epsilon^{*}}{\leftrightarrows} / X
$$

The component of $\kappa_{\epsilon}$ at $q: B \rightarrow A$ defines a map $\kappa_{\epsilon}:\left(\Pi_{A} B\right)_{\epsilon} \rightarrow \Pi_{A^{1} \times{ }^{1}} B_{\epsilon}$ over $X^{0} \times 0$.

## Constructing $\kappa_{\epsilon}$ via Mates

So far,

$$
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& \left(\Pi_{A} B\right)^{\square} \times \square \quad \Pi_{A^{0} \times \mathbb{1}} B^{\square} \times \square \\
& \delta \Rightarrow p_{*} q \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow\left(p^{0} \times 0\right)_{*}(\delta \Rightarrow q) \\
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& \left(\Pi_{A} B\right)_{\epsilon} \xrightarrow[\kappa_{\epsilon}]{ } \Pi_{A^{0} \times 0}\left(B_{\epsilon}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Next, we find the top arrow.

Constructing $\kappa$ from $\kappa_{\epsilon}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& / A^{0} \times \mathbb{\square} \longleftarrow^{\pi^{*}} / A^{0} \longleftarrow \pi_{*}^{\pi_{*}} / A^{0} \times \mathbb{\square} \epsilon^{\epsilon^{*}} / A
\end{aligned}
$$

## Constructing $\kappa$ from $\kappa_{\epsilon}$

The component of this composite 2-cell at $q: B \rightarrow A$ defines a map

$$
\kappa:\left(\Pi_{A} B\right)^{0} \times 0 \rightarrow \Pi_{A^{0} \times 0}\left(B^{0} \times 0\right)
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$\left(\Pi_{A} B\right)^{\rrbracket} \times \mathbb{\square} / X^{\rrbracket} \times \rrbracket \longleftarrow \pi^{*}\left(\Pi_{A} B\right)^{\mathbb{1}} / X^{\rrbracket} \longleftarrow \pi_{*}\left(\Pi_{A} B\right)_{\epsilon} / X^{\rrbracket} \times \rrbracket \longleftarrow \epsilon^{*} \longrightarrow \Pi_{A} B / X$

## Constructing $\kappa$ from $\kappa_{\epsilon}$

We now have to verify that the square below commutes.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(\Pi_{A} B\right)^{\mathbb{\square}} \times \mathbb{\square} \xrightarrow{\kappa} \Pi_{A^{0} \times \mathbb{1}} B^{\square} \times \mathbb{\square} \\
& \delta \Rightarrow p_{*} q \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow\left(p^{0} \times 1\right)_{*}(\delta \Rightarrow q) \\
& \left(\Pi_{A} B\right)_{\epsilon} \xrightarrow[\kappa_{\epsilon}]{ } \Pi_{A^{0} \times 0}\left(B_{\epsilon}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(p^{0} \times 0\right) * \downarrow \downarrow\left(p^{0} \times 0\right) * \\
& / X^{0} \times 0=
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \stackrel{?}{=} \\
& \xlongequal{=} \quad \mid A^{0} \times 0 \pi^{\pi^{*}} \\
& \Uparrow \nu \\
& \| \\
& \left(p^{0} \times 0\right)_{*} \downarrow \underset{\downarrow}{p_{*}^{0}} \cong \downarrow^{\prime} \cong\left(p^{0} \times 1\right)_{*} \\
& / X^{0} \times \mathbb{\square} \overleftarrow{\pi^{*}} / X^{\rrbracket} \longleftarrow \pi_{*} / X^{\rrbracket} \times 0
\end{aligned}
$$

Constructing $\kappa$ from $\kappa_{\epsilon}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& / A^{0} \times \mathbb{\square} \xrightarrow{\pi_{!}} / A^{0} \xrightarrow{\pi^{*}} / A^{0} \times \mathbb{D} \quad / A^{0} \times \mathbb{\longrightarrow} \xrightarrow{\pi_{!}} / A^{0} \xrightarrow{\pi^{*}} / A^{0} \times \mathbb{0} \\
& \|\quad \Uparrow \iota \quad\| \\
& / A^{0} \times \mathbb{\square}=/ A^{0} \times \mathbb{Q} \\
& \left(p^{0} \times 0\right)!\downarrow \downarrow\left(p^{0} \times 0\right)! \\
& / X^{\square} \times \mathbb{\square}=/ X^{\square} \times \mathbb{\square} \\
& \left(\rho^{0} \times 0\right)!\downarrow \quad \rho_{1}^{0} \cong \quad \downarrow\left(\rho^{0} \times 1\right)! \\
& \stackrel{?}{=} \quad \mid X^{\bullet} \times \square \xrightarrow[\pi!]{\longrightarrow} / X^{\square} \xrightarrow[\pi^{*}]{\longrightarrow} / X^{0} \times \mathbb{0}
\end{aligned}
$$

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\begin{aligned}
& \left\|\quad \Uparrow \iota \quad \downarrow_{\pi^{*}} \cong \quad \downarrow_{\pi^{*}} \stackrel{?}{=}\right\| \quad \| \quad \text { 介 } \quad \| \quad \downarrow^{*}
\end{aligned}
$$

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& / A^{0} \times 0 \xrightarrow{\pi_{1}} / A^{0} \xrightarrow{p_{1}^{0}} / X^{0} \quad / A^{0} \times 0 \xrightarrow{\left({ }^{0} \times 1\right)} / X^{0} \times 0 \xrightarrow{\pi_{1}} / X^{0} \\
& \| \quad \pi \uparrow \\
& \pi \uparrow=\| \\
& \pi{ }^{\pi} \uparrow \\
& \left|A^{0} \times \mathbb{I}=\right| A^{0} \times 0 \xrightarrow[\left(p^{0} \times 0\right)!]{ } / X^{0} \times 0
\end{aligned}
$$

## Constructing the Retract $\rho_{\epsilon}$

Since $p$ is a fibration, $\delta \Rightarrow p$ is a trivial fibration and therefore it has a section:


$$
\begin{gathered}
/ A_{\epsilon} \stackrel{\left(p^{*} \epsilon\right)^{*}}{\leftrightarrows} / A \\
\sigma^{*} \uparrow \cong \quad \| \\
/ A^{0} \times \mathbb{\epsilon ^ { * }}
\end{gathered}
$$

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& / \boldsymbol{A}_{\epsilon}=/ \boldsymbol{A}_{\epsilon} \stackrel{\left(p^{*} \epsilon\right)^{*}}{\leftrightarrows} / \boldsymbol{A}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& / X^{\rrbracket} \times \mathbb{\square} / X^{\rrbracket} \times \rrbracket \leftarrow \underset{\epsilon^{*}}{ } / X
\end{aligned}
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$$
\begin{aligned}
& / A_{\epsilon}=/ A_{\epsilon} \stackrel{\left(p^{*} \epsilon\right)^{*}}{\longleftarrow} / A \\
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\end{aligned}
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$$
\begin{aligned}
& / X \longleftarrow / A \\
& / X \stackrel{p_{*}}{\longleftarrow} / A \\
& \epsilon^{*} \downarrow=\downarrow \quad= \\
& / X^{\rrbracket} \times \rrbracket \overleftarrow{\epsilon^{*}} / X
\end{aligned}
$$

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(\Pi_{A} B\right)^{\mathbb{0}} \times \mathbb{\square} \xrightarrow{\kappa} \Pi_{A^{1} \times \mathbb{1}} B^{\square} \times \mathbb{\square} \quad\left(\Pi_{A} B\right)^{\mathbb{0}} \times \mathbb{\square} \\
& \delta \Rightarrow p_{*} q \downarrow \quad \downarrow\left(p^{1} \times\right)_{*}(\delta \Rightarrow q) \quad \downarrow \delta \Rightarrow p_{*} q \\
& \left(\Pi_{A} B\right)_{\epsilon} \xrightarrow[\kappa_{\epsilon}]{ } \Pi_{A^{0} \times 0}\left(B_{\epsilon}\right) \xrightarrow[\rho_{\epsilon}]{ }\left(\Pi_{A} B\right)_{\epsilon}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Constructing $\rho$ from $\rho_{\epsilon}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mid A^{0} \times 1<^{\pi^{*}} / A^{0} \Vdash^{\pi_{*}} / A^{0} \times 1 \leftarrow^{\epsilon^{*}} / A
\end{aligned}
$$

## Completing the Proof

Similar to the commutativity of the square involving $\kappa_{\epsilon}$ and $\kappa$ we show that the following square commutes:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \Pi_{A^{\natural} \times \square} B^{\square} \times \square \xrightarrow{\rho}\left(\Pi_{A} B\right)^{\square} \times \square \\
& \left(p^{0} \times 0\right)_{*}(\delta \Rightarrow q) \downarrow \downarrow \delta \Rightarrow p_{*} q \\
& \Pi_{A^{0} \times 0}\left(B_{\epsilon}\right) \xrightarrow[\rho_{\epsilon}]{ }\left(\Pi_{A} B\right)_{\epsilon}
\end{aligned}
$$

That $\rho$ is a retract of $\kappa$ follows from the fact that $\rho_{\epsilon}$ is a retract of $\kappa_{\epsilon}$ and the iso 2 -cells pasted to the left of $\kappa_{\epsilon}$ and $\rho_{\epsilon}$, respectively, are pairwise inverses.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(\Pi_{A} B\right)^{\mathbb{\square}} \times \mathbb{\square} \xrightarrow{\kappa} \Pi_{A^{0} \times \rrbracket} B^{\rrbracket} \times \mathbb{\square} \xrightarrow{\rho}\left(\Pi_{A} B\right)^{\mathbb{\square}} \times \mathbb{\square} \\
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