

Let \mathcal{V} be a monoidal model category (cofibrantly generated), and let \mathcal{B} be an \mathcal{V} -category. Suppose given a functor $\mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{I}} \mathcal{B}_0$ which is a bijection on objects. Equivalently, one has a \mathcal{V} -functor $S[\mathcal{C}] \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$. Suppose moreover that \mathcal{B} is \mathcal{V} -good, so that enriched presheaf category $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{V})$ has the projective model structure.

Let $\mathbb{N} : \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{V}) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}}(S[\mathcal{C}], \mathcal{V})$ be pullback along $S[\mathcal{C}] \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$. Left Kan extension gives a left adjoint, denoted \mathbb{M} . Note also that there is a canonical isomorphism $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}}(S[\mathcal{C}], \mathcal{V}) \cong \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{V}_0)$, and that this ordinary presheaf category also has a projective model structure.

We are interested in when the adjunction

$$\mathbb{M} : \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{V}_0) \rightleftarrows \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{V}) : \mathbb{N}$$

is a Quillen equivalence. The right adjoint \mathbb{N} preserves weak equivalences and fibrations, so the adjunction is already a Quillen pair. In fact, since \mathbb{I} is surjective on objects, \mathbb{N} creates the weak equivalences. Thus in order to show that the adjunction is a Quillen equivalence, it suffices to show that for every cofibrant $X \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{V}_0)$, the unit

$$X \xrightarrow{\eta} \mathbb{N}\mathbb{M}X$$

is a weak equivalence. Begin by supposing that $X = F_c S_i$ is a domain of a generating cofibration for $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{V}_0)$.

Lemma. *The left adjoint \mathbb{M} preserves the generating cofibrations; that is, $\mathbb{M}(F_c S_i) \cong F_{\mathbb{I}c} S_i$.*

Proof. This is an easy Yoneda argument:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}}(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{V})(\mathbb{M}(F_c S_i), Z) &\cong \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{V}_0)(F_c S_i, Z \circ \mathbb{I}) \\ &\cong \mathcal{V}(S_i, Z \circ \mathbb{I}(c)) \cong \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{V}}(F_{\mathbb{I}c} S_i, Z) \end{aligned}$$

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Thus we want to know if the map

$$F_c S_i \rightarrow \mathbb{N}F_{\mathbb{I}c} S_i$$

is a weak equivalence. This means that for each $c' \in \mathcal{C}$, the map

$$F_c S_i(c') = \bigvee_{\mathcal{C}(c', c)} S_i \rightarrow \mathbb{N}F_{\mathbb{I}c} S_i(c') = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{I}c', \mathbb{I}c) \wedge S_i$$

is a weak equivalence.