SHEAFIFIABLE HOMOTOPY MODEL CATEGORIES, PART II

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Abstract. If a Quillen model category is defined via a suitable right adjoint over a shea-
ifiable homotopy model category (in the sense of part I of this paper), it is shea-
ifiable as well; that is, it gives rise to a functor from the category of topoi and geometric morphisms
to Quillen model categories and Quillen adjunctions. This is chiefly useful in dealing with
homotopy theories of algebraic structures defined over diagrams of fixed shape, and unifies
a large number of examples.

Introduction

The motivation for this research was the following question of M. Hopkins: does the forgetful
(i.e. underlying “set”) functor from sheaves of simplicial abelian groups to simplicial sheaves
create a Quillen model structure on sheaves of simplicial abelian groups? (Creates means
here that the weak equivalences and fibrations are preserved and reflected by the forgetful
functor.) The answer is yes, even if the site does not have enough points. This Quillen
model structure can be thought of, to some extent, as a replacement for the one on chain
complexes in an abelian category with enough projectives where fibrations are the epis.
(Cf. Quillen [39]. Note that the category of abelian group objects in a topos may fail to
have non-trivial projectives.) Of course, (bounded or unbounded) chain complexes in any
Grothendieck abelian category possess many Quillen model structures — see Hovey [28] for
an extensive discussion — but this paper is concerned with an argument that extends to
arbitrary universal algebras (more precisely, finite limit definable structures) besides abelian
groups. (The case of sheaves of simplicial groups was treated as early as 1984 by Gillet and Soulé in a preprint that has been published only recently [20].)

The problem we face is precisely that considered in the first part of this paper: how does
one pass from a homotopy theory of algebraic structures to a homotopy theory of sheaves
thereof? In the prequel it was suggested that a more comprehensive answer can be obtained
at the price of employing a syntactic calculus stronger than coherent logic to specify the
cofibrations. The goal of the first section is to introduce this calculus. The second section
of this note proves the theorem stated in the abstract, while the third lists examples from
“nature”: that is, algebraic homotopy theories from the literature to which the main theorem
applies. In the last section, it is shown that for sheafifiable homotopy model theories one
can perform localization along a geometric morphism, and use presheaves to model the
homotopy theory of sheaves. These properties were first discovered by Goerss–Jardine [21]

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Familiarity with the first two sections of part I of this paper is helpful. Its notational and terminological conventions are retained.

1. Definable functors

The picturesque road to functors defined in terms of limits and colimits leads through *sketches.* (See Adámek–Rosický [1], Borceux [8] vol.II., or Barr–Wells [2] for detailed treatments.) Recall that a sketch is a diagram $D$ together with a set $U$ of cones and $V$ of cocones in $D$. That is, $U$ is a set of functors $\{U^\lambda \to D \mid \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ where $U^\lambda$ is the categorical cone on a small diagram $U_\lambda$; dually for $V$. A model of a sketch $S := (D,U,V)$ in a category $E$ is a functor $D \to E$ that takes elements of $U$ to limiting cones, and elements of $V$ to colimiting cocones. This defines $S(E)$, the category of $S$-structures in $E$, as a full subcategory of the functor category $E^{D}$.

$S := (D,U,V)$ is called a coherent (or geometric) sketch if each $U$ has finitely many arrows. If, in addition, $V$ is empty, $S$ is a finite limit sketch. The size of $S$ is the cardinality of the disjoint union of all arrows contained in $D$, $U$ and $V$.

A morphism of sketches $(D_1, U_1, V_1) \xrightarrow{m} (D_2, U_2, V_2)$ is a functor $D_1 \to D_2$ composition with which maps elements of $U_1$ into $U_2$, $V_1$ into $V_2$. It induces a functor $S_2(E) \to S_1(E)$.

**Definition 1.1.** A sketch morphism $S_1 \to S_2$ is rigid if for any topos $E$, the induced functor $S_2(E) \to S_1(E)$ is an equivalence.

**Example 1.2.** Let $D_1$ be the category with a single object $\bullet$ and its identity morphism, $U_1$ and $V_1$ empty. Let $D_2$ be the category

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\bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet
\]

with the obvious “folding” functor into $D_2$, and let $V_2$ be empty. The inclusion of $\bullet$ into $D_2$ is a rigid sketch morphism. This is just the categorical truism that up to canonical isomorphism, any object has one cartesian square.

**Example 1.3.** Let $D_1$ be the discrete category on two objects, $\{1\}$ and $\{2\}$. $U_1$ and $V_1$ are empty. Let $D_2$ be the commutative square

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\begin{array}{c}
\bullet \\
\downarrow \\
\{1\} \\
\{2\} \\
\end{array}
\]

which is actually the cone on $\{2\} \to \bullet \leftarrow \{1\}$. Let $U_2$ be the identity functor on $D_2$, and let $V_2$ contain two cocones: the object $\bullet$ (thought of as a cocone on the empty diagram).
and \( \{2\} \to \star \leftarrow \{1\} \). What this says is that \( \star \) is the coproduct of \( \{1\} \) and \( \{2\} \), \( \bullet \) is the “intersection” i.e. pullback of the summands, and \( \bullet \) is simultaneously an initial object.

The inclusion \( D_1 \hookrightarrow D_2 \) is a rigid sketch map. That is to say, binary coproducts are disjoint. This is not at all a tautology of limits and colimits, but is true in a topos.

**Definition 1.4.** A definable functor \( F \) from a sketch \( S_1 \) to a sketch \( S_2 \) is given by a sketch \( G \) and sketch morphisms \( S_1 \xrightarrow{s} G, S_2 \xrightarrow{t} G \) such that \( s \) is rigid. It is said to be coherently, finite limit resp. countably defined if its graph \( G \) is such.

For any topos \( \mathcal{E} \), a definable functor induces an actual functor \( S_1(\mathcal{E}) \xrightarrow{F_\mathcal{E}} S_2(\mathcal{E}) \) as the composite \( S_1(\mathcal{E}) \xrightarrow{s^{-1}} G(\mathcal{E}) \xrightarrow{t} S_2(\mathcal{E}) \). (The indeterminacy of the quasi-inverse \( s^{-1} \) is precisely the indeterminacy of objects with universal properties, which we assume solved by choosing, once and for all, functorial limits and colimits.)

**Example 1.5.** The nerve functor, from category objects to simplicial diagrams in \( \mathcal{E} \), is finite limit definable (for any category \( \mathcal{E} \) with pullbacks, in fact). Indeed, the notion of category is definable by a finite limit sketch (the diagram that underlies it is the familiar truncated simplicial object) and for \( G \) take the simplicial indexing category \( \Delta^{op} \) together with all the limit cones it contains (they are iterated pullbacks).

**Example 1.6.** The barycentric subdivisions of the affine simplices combine to give a functor \( \Delta \xrightarrow{sd} SSet \). Recall that Kan’s simplicial extension functor \( SSet \xrightarrow{\operatorname{Ex}} SSet \) sends \( X \in SSet \) to the presheaf hom_{SSet}(sd(-), X). Expressing \( sd(n) \), \( n \in \Delta \), as a finite colimit of representables, one obtains a definition of \( \operatorname{Ex} \) in terms of finite limits, now valid for any category of the form \( SSet^{\Delta^{op}} \). An analogous argument shows that any right adjoint between presheaf topoi is definable in terms of limits.

**Example 1.7.** Take a finitary single-sorted equational theory of universal algebras, and let \( T \) be the functor \( Set \to Set \) underlying the free algebra functor. Let \( D \) be the (countable) diagram with objects pairs \( (X, \alpha) \) where \( X \) is a finite ordinal and \( \alpha \in T(X) \). An arrow \( (X, \alpha) \to (Y, \beta) \) is a function \( X \xrightarrow{f} Y \) such that \( T(f)(\alpha) = \beta \). Let \( U \) be an object of a topos \( \mathcal{E} \). Consider the functor \( D^{op} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{E} \) that takes \( (X, \alpha) \) to \( U^{[X]} \) (\( U \) to the categorical power of the cardinality of \( X \)) and where \( F(f) \) is induced by the projections. \( \operatorname{colim} F \) is the free \( T \)-algebra on \( U \). (Thinking of universal algebras, after Lawvere, as functors, this comes from the canonical presentation of a presheaf as colimit of representables.) So, the functor \( \mathcal{E} \to \mathcal{E} \) taking an object to the one underlying the free \( T \)-algebra on it is countably, coherently definable. With some more work, the structure maps, hence the free algebra functor \( \mathcal{E} \to \mathcal{E}^{T} \) is definable as well.

The homotopically minded reader is encouraged to skim Lemma 1.9 and Prop. 1.10, then proceed to section 2.

Coherently definable functors between coherent theories enjoy an equivalent, beautifully simple definition using classifying topoi. Let \( \mathbb{B}[T] \) denote the classifying topos of the coherent
theory\textsuperscript{1} $T$. A sketch morphism $T_1 \to T_2$ is rigid iff the induced geometric morphism $\mathbb{B}[T_2] \to \mathbb{B}[T_1]$ is an equivalence. A definable functor from $T_1$-models to $T_2$-models is a model of $T_2$ in $\mathbb{B}[T_1]$, that is, geometric morphism $\mathbb{B}[T_1] \xrightarrow{F} \mathbb{B}[T_2]$. The effect of $F$ on a $T_1$-model in a topos $\mathcal{E}$, i.e. topos morphism $\mathcal{E} \to \mathbb{B}[T_1]$, is composition with $F$. The classifying topos, by its very construction, subsumes the intermediate step of enlarging the language of $T_1$ by coherent definitions — which was $G$, the “graph” of the functor, as sketched above.

Recall that the classifying topos of a finite limit theory $T$ is a presheaf topos $\text{Pre}(\mathcal{C}_T)$, where $\mathcal{C}_T$ is a small category with finite limits: $\text{fpMod}_T(\text{Set})^\text{op}$, the opposite of the category of finitely presentable $T$-models in $\text{Set}$. $T$ is countable iff $\mathcal{C}_T$ is. A finite limit definable functor between finite limit theories $T_1$, $T_2$ gives rise to a finite limit preserving functor $\mathcal{C}_{T_1} \to \mathcal{C}_{T_2}$ between categories with finite limits, namely $\text{fpMod}_{T_1}(\text{Set})^\text{op} \to \text{fpMod}_{T_2}(\text{Set})^\text{op}$.

It is classified by an essential geometric morphism $\text{Pre}(\mathcal{C}_{T_1}) \xrightarrow{f} \text{Pre}(\mathcal{C}_{T_2})$ with a finite limit preserving far left adjoint $f_!$; that is, “two geometric morphisms in one”: $f^* \dashv f_*$ and $f_! \dashv f^*$.

\textbf{Remark 1.8.} The (co)unit natural transformations for $f^* \dashv f_*$ show that this pair of geometric morphisms provides, in the terminology of Joyal–Wraith [34], a natural homotopy equivalence between $\text{Pre}(\mathcal{C}_{T_1})$ and $\text{Pre}(\mathcal{C}_{T_2})$. More generally, any coherently definable adjunction between coherent theories yields a natural homotopy equivalence between classifying toposi.

\textbf{Lemma 1.9.} Let $S_1$, $S_2$ be finite limit sketches, $R$ a finite limit definable functor from $S_1$-structures to $S_2$-structures. For any topos $\mathcal{E}$, $S_1(\mathcal{E}) \xrightarrow{R_{\mathcal{E}}} S_2(\mathcal{E})$ preserves filtered colimits and all limits.

The statement is equivalent to the following: if $S_1 \xrightarrow{m} S_2$ is a morphism of finite limit sketches, then the induced functor $S_2(\mathcal{E}) \to S_1(\mathcal{E})$ preserves filtered colimits and finite limits, for any topos $\mathcal{E}$. Now the diagram

\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{m^*} & \mathcal{E} \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
S_2(\mathcal{E}) & \longrightarrow & S_1(\mathcal{E})
\end{array}
\]

(by definition of the bottom functor) commutes. The vertical arrows are inclusions of full, reflexive subcategories that preserve and reflect all limits and filtered colimits. (Note that finite limits commute with filtered colimits in a topos.) The top horizontal arrow preserves all limits and colimits.

\textbf{Proposition 1.10.} Let $S_1$, $S_2$, $R$ be as above. There exists a coherently definable functor $L$ from $S_2$-structures to $S_1$-structures such that for any topos $\mathcal{E}$,

\[
S_1(\mathcal{E}) \xrightarrow{L_{\mathcal{E}}} S_2(\mathcal{E}) \xleftarrow{R_{\mathcal{E}}} S_1(\mathcal{E})
\]

is an adjunction.

\footnote{In the context of the classifying topos, we use the term “theory” interchangeably with “sketch.”}
Proof. \( R \) is the direct image of a topos morphism; let \( L \) be the inverse image. Note that \( L \) is the direct image of a geometric morphism as well. The (co)unit natural transformations for \( L \dashv R \)

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\begin{array}{ccc}
L[S_1] & \xrightarrow{\text{Id}} & L[S_1] \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
B[S_2] & \xrightarrow{L} & B[S_1] \\
\end{array}
\begin{array}{ccc}
B[S_1] & \xrightarrow{R} & B[S_2] \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
B[S_2] & \xrightarrow{\text{Id}} & B[S_1] \\
\end{array}
\]

are the universal examples of the adjunction maps. That is to say, fix any topos \( \mathcal{E} \), and let \( X \in S_2(\mathcal{E}), Y \in S_1(\mathcal{E}) \). A morphism \( S_1(LX, Y) \) is represented by a natural transformation from \( \mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{X} B[S_2] \xrightarrow{L} B[S_1] \) to \( \mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{Y} B[S_1] \). The composite natural transformation

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\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{X} & B[S_2] \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
B[S_2] & \xrightarrow{L} & B[S_1] \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
B[S_2] & \xrightarrow{\text{Id}} & B[S_1] \\
\end{array}
\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{Y} & B[S_1] \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
B[S_2] & \xrightarrow{L} & B[S_1] \\
\end{array}
\]

represents the adjoint map in \( S_2(X, RY) \). The reverse direction is given by pasting in the other triangle; that they are inverse bijections follows from the (co)unit identities for \( L \dashv R \).

Remark 1.11. The deceptive simplicity of the argument is due to the presence of classifying topoi. For a typical left adjoint of the type above — say, the free universal algebra functor or the colimit of \( A_\infty \)-algebras — the “recipe” one gets from the proof is quite ineffective. Nonetheless, one sees that if \( S_1, S_2 \) and \( R \) were countable, \( L \) can be countably defined as well.

Remark 1.12. Giraud’s theorem, in effect, provides an axiomatization of all non-trivial “interchange properties” of finite limits and arbitrary colimits, that is, exactness properties of a Grothendieck topos. Makkai’s [35] provability formalism and completeness theorem for sketches allows for a syntactic generation of all rigid morphisms, and so a constructive approach to definable functors, for other semantics as well. ([4] spells out the case of functors definable on diagram categories, that is, sketches with no cones and cocones, interpreted in an arbitrary category.)

2. Creating Quillen model structures via right adjoints

For \( \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{F} \mathcal{D} \) a functor and \( U \) a collection of morphisms of \( D \) (of \( \mathcal{C} \), resp.), write \( F^{-1}(U) \) for \( \{ m \in \mathcal{C} \mid F(m) \in U \} \); resp. \( F(U) \) for \( \{ F(m) \mid m \in U \} \).

Definition 2.1. Let \( \mathcal{M} \), with data \( \text{cof}; W; \text{fib} \) be a homotopy model category and \( \mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{L} \mathcal{M} \)

an adjunction. If \( LLP; R^{-1}(W); R^{-1}(\text{fib}) \) give a Quillen model structure on \( \mathcal{C} \), say that model structure is created by \( R \) from the one on \( \mathcal{M} \). (Here “LLP” is an abbreviation for the class
of morphisms having the left lifting property w.r.t. every acyclic fibration, these latter being $R^{-1}(\text{W}) \cap R^{-1}(\text{fib})$.

Although this kind of situation is as old as Quillen model categories [39], and recurrent throughout their study, it doesn’t seem to have earned its own name yet. (I owe the nomenclature used above to M. Hopkins.) The next proposition gives a sufficient condition for creation to occur. It has cognates in a great number of papers, e.g. Blanc [7], Cabello–Garzón [11], Crans [13], Goerss–Jardine [22], Dwyer–Hirschhorn–Kan [15], Quillen [39], Rezk [40], Spaliński [41]. Recall

**Definition 2.2.** Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a cocomplete category, $I$ any class of morphisms of $\mathcal{C}$.

- Close the class of all pushouts of $I$ under transfinite composition in $\mathcal{C}$. This defines the class $\text{cell}(I)$ of relative $I$-cellular maps.
- The class $\text{cof}(I)$ of $I$-cofibrations is defined as follows: $X \xrightarrow{c} Y \in \text{cof}(I)$ iff $c$ is a retract of an $X \xrightarrow{r} Z \in \text{cell}(I)$ in the category $X/\mathcal{C}$ of objects under $X$.
- $I$-fibrations, or $I$-injectives, denoted $\text{inj}(I)$, are the morphisms with the right lifting property w.r.t. $I$; that is, such that in any commutative square

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\begin{array}{ccc}
\bullet & \xrightarrow{i} & \bullet \\
\downarrow & & \downarrow \\
\bullet & \xrightarrow{p} & \bullet
\end{array}
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with $i \in I$, $p \in \text{inj}(I)$, a dotted lift making both triangles commute exists.

**Proposition 2.3.** Let $\mathcal{M}$ be a model category, $\mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{L} \mathcal{M}$ an adjunction. Suppose

1. For some set $I$ of maps in $\mathcal{M}$, $\text{inj}(I)$ are precisely the acyclic fibrations, and for some set $J$, $\text{inj}(J)$ are precisely the fibrations. (True, for example, when $\mathcal{M}$ is cofibrantly generated.)
2. $\mathcal{C}$ is (co)complete, and every set of maps of $\mathcal{C}$ permits the small object argument. (This holds, for example, when $\mathcal{C}$ is a locally presentable category.)
3. Weak equivalences are closed under filtered colimits in $\mathcal{M}$.
4. For any $f \in J$, and any pushout $g$ of $L(f)$ in $\mathcal{C}$, $R(g)$ is a weak equivalence in $\mathcal{M}$.

Then $R$ creates a cofibrantly generated model structure on $\mathcal{C}$.

**Proof.** Axioms $\textbf{M1}$, $\textbf{M2}$, $\textbf{M3}$, and one half of $\textbf{M4}$ are gratis. The factorizations needed for $\textbf{M5}$ are constructed, of course, via the small object argument. Applying the small object argument to $L(I)$, we see that every morphism of $\mathcal{C}$ can be factored as $fc$ with $c \in \text{cell}(L(I))$, $f \in \text{inj}(L(I))$. By adjunction, $L(i)$, $i \in I$, is a cofibration in $\mathcal{C}$; since any LLP class is closed under the operations occurring in the definition of cell, $c$ is a cofibration in $\mathcal{C}$. Adjoinly, $R(f)$ has the right lifting property w.r.t. every $i \in I$; by definition $g$ an acyclic fibration in $\mathcal{C}$. Analogously, applying the small object argument to $L(J)$, we see that every map in $\mathcal{C}$
can be factored as \( gd \) with \( d \in \text{cell}(L(J)) \), \( g \in \text{fib}(L(J)) \). Since \( d \) is a transfinite composition of pushouts of \( L(j), j \in J \), (2), (3), (4) and transfinite induction imply that \( R(d) \) is a weak equivalence in \( \mathcal{M} \). \( R(g) \) has the right lifting property w.r.t. every \( j \in J \), so \( g \) is a fibration in \( \mathcal{C} \). By an argument similar to the case of \( c \), \( d \) is a \( \mathcal{C} \)-cofibration. The missing half of \( \textbf{M4} \) follows by the retract argument: given an acyclic cofibration \( d \) of \( \mathcal{C} \), factor it as \( he \) with \( h \) a \( \mathcal{C} \)-fibration, \( e \in \text{cell}(L(J)) \). By \( \textbf{M2} \), \( h \) is an acyclic fibration. Hence the composite \( he \) has the left lifting property w.r.t. \( h \), which works out to mean that \( d \) is a retract of \( e \). Since \( e \) had the left lifting property w.r.t. all fibrations, so does \( d \).

Assumptions (2) and (3) are not necessary for the conclusion, but seem to be satisfied in practice. The next three remarks elaborate these and a related point.

- Property (2) does not seem to follow from Quillen’s axioms. If \( \mathcal{M} \) is a simplicial model category, i.e. is enriched over \( \text{SSet} \) with good interaction between the homotopy model structures on \( \text{SSet} \) and \( \mathcal{M} \), then something stronger than (2) holds, viz. the weak equivalences are closed under filtered colimits in the category of morphisms of \( \mathcal{M} \). The same holds for other “good” enrichments, and (for a different reason) for any coherently definable homotopy model structure; see [5].

- In all algebraic situations I am aware of, creation happens across a finitary adjunction, i.e. one where the right adjoint preserves filtered colimits, and this is the condition easy to check. What one exploits in the proof is only that \( R \) preserves transfinite compositions of weak equivalences.

- (4) is necessary for the conclusion: if \( C \xrightarrow{L} \mathcal{M} \) is to create a model structure, \( L \) must preserve acyclic cofibrations, acyclic cofibrations are preserved by pushouts, and \( R \) is to preserve weak equivalences. But this does not make (4) easy to prove a priori.\(^2\) Instead, it has the curious advantage that given it holds for a definable adjunction between \( \text{Set} \)-based structures, then it holds for the analogous adjunction between structured sheaves. The present note (and its predecessor) are concerned precisely with this relative situation.

**Theorem 2.4.** Let \( S_1 \) and \( S_2 \) be finite limit structures, \( R \) a functor from \( S_2 \)-structures to \( S_1 \)-structures defined in terms of finite limits. Let \( W \) and \( C \) be sets of coherent axioms in the language of morphisms of \( S_1 \)-structures. Let \( W(\mathcal{E}) := \{ f \in \text{mor} S_1(\mathcal{E}) \mid f \models W \} \), \( C(\mathcal{E}) := \{ f \in \text{mor} S_1(\mathcal{E}) \mid f \models C \} \). Suppose

- all the syntactic ingredients — \( S_1, S_2, R, W, C \) — are countable

\(^2\)Indeed, even for the “degenerate” case of \( C = \mathcal{M} = \text{SSet} \), \( L, R \) the identity, I am aware of no elementary proof of the fact that a pushout of an acyclic cofibration is a weak equivalence. By “elementary”, I mean a proof proceeding in coherent logic; since the statement is a coherent implication valid in any topos, one knows by an abstract completeness theorem that such a proof must exist. Note that the use of geometric realization or minimal fibrations renders a proof non-elementary in this technical sense. The existence of minimal simplicial fibrations, for example, uses the axiom of choice, and need not hold in a category of sheaves.
• for every topos $\mathcal{E}$, $S_1(\mathcal{E})$ with weak equivalences $W(\mathcal{E})$ and cofibrations $C(\mathcal{E})$ is a cofibrantly generated Quillen model category

• $S_2(\text{Set}) \xrightarrow{R_{\text{Set}}} S_1(\text{Set})$ creates a homotopy model structure on $S_2(\text{Set})$.

Then for every topos $\mathcal{E}$, $S_2(\mathcal{E}) \xrightarrow{R} S_1(\mathcal{E})$ creates a Quillen model structure on $S_2(\mathcal{E})$.

**Proof.** Apply Prop. 2.3. (0) is an assumption. The category of models of a finite limit structure in a locally presentable category (in particular, Grothendieck topos) is locally presentable, and models of coherent axioms are closed under filtered colimits. (3) is lemma 1.9. Property (4) holds in $\mathcal{E} = \text{Set}$ by assumption, for any acyclic cofibration $j$ in fact. But (4) is a coherent deduction: the original class of cofibrations was coherently definable; apply Prop. 1.10 to $L$, the left adjoint to $R$; that a square be a pushout of $S_2$-structures is coherently expressible, and so is the desired conclusion that $R(g)$ be a weak equivalence. By the theorem of Makkai–Reyes [36] that the countable fragment of coherent logic has enough models in $\text{Set}$, (4) carries over to an arbitrary topos.

**Remark 2.5.** The cardinality condition in 2.4 can be bypassed with the proviso that $R$ creates a Quillen model structure on $S_2(\text{Sh}(\mathcal{B}))$ for every complete Boolean algebra $\mathcal{B}$, equipped with its canonical topology.

**Remark 2.6.** In checking that $S_2(\text{Set}) \xrightarrow{R_{\text{Set}}} S_1(\text{Set})$ creates a Quillen model structure, one is not limited to Prop. 2.3. It may be easier to verify Def. 2.1 indirectly, or to exploit special properties of the category $\text{Set}$. \hfill \Box

The description of cofibrations in $S_1(\mathcal{E})$ is glaringly non-constructive; this can be amended somewhat.

**Lemma 2.7.** Suppose $\mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{L} \mathcal{M}$ creates a homotopy model structure on $\mathcal{C}$, any set of maps in $\mathcal{C}$ permits the small object argument, and $\mathcal{M}$ is cofibrantly generated. Let $I$ be any collection (possibly proper class) of cofibrations in $\mathcal{M}$ that includes a generating set. Then the cofibrations created by $R$ are $\text{cof}(L(I))$.

Indeed, $L$ will take cofibrations to cofibrations, which are closed under the operations making up $\text{cof}(\_)$, so $\text{cof}(L(I))$ is a subclass of $\mathcal{C}$-cofibrations. But for any generating set $I_g$ of $\mathcal{M}$-cofibrations, $\text{cof}(L(I_g))$ already includes all $\mathcal{C}$-cofibrations by adjunction and the small object argument. \hfill \Box

**Corollary 2.8.** In Thm. 2.4, cofibrations in $S_2(\mathcal{E})$ are $\text{cof}(L_\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{E}))$.

**Corollary 2.9.** 2.4 gives rise to a functor $\text{TOPOI} \to \text{HOMODEL}$ taking $\mathcal{E}$ to the model category $S_2(\mathcal{E})$ with weak equivalences $R^{-1}W(\mathcal{E})$, cofibrations $\text{cof}(L(C(\mathcal{E})))$.

Just observe that a topos morphism will induce an adjunction between the category of models, and the inverse image functor preserves weak equivalences and cofibrations. \hfill \Box
3. Examples

Set $S_1 := \text{simplicial objects, with cofibrations the monomorphisms and weak equivalences defined “stalkwise”}$. It is classical that this satisfies the conditions of Thm. 2.4; see e.g. part I of this paper for details. Many examples of creation from $E^{\Delta^{op}}$ have been discovered. Each entry has the following format: the adjunction $S_2(Set) \rightleftarrows S_1(Set)$ that defines the homotopy theory; references to the literature, where applicable; and additional remarks and questions. Checking that the conditions of 2.4 are satisfied is usually simple, and left to the reader.

**Example 3.1.** bisimplicial sets: $BiSSet \rightleftarrows SSet$

$D$ is the functor of restriction to the diagonal. The left adjoint $L$ is a left Kan extension. The theorem that $D$ creates a model structure on $BiSSet$ is due to Moerdijk [37]. It was extended to bisimplicial objects in a topos by Crans [13]. Note that the methods — if not the words — of Thm. 2.4 are all contained in Crans’ paper.

**Remark 3.2.** The adjunction above is in fact a Quillen equivalence, since the unit and counit maps are weak equivalences. This fact (which is stronger than what is needed to ensure that a Quillen pair induce an equivalence on the homotopy category) also survives from $Set$ to sheaves.

**Example 3.3.** cyclic sets: $\text{Pre}(\Lambda) \rightleftarrows SSet$

$\Lambda$ is Connes’ indexing category of cyclic sets, with a canonical inclusion $\Delta \overset{i}{\rightarrow} \Lambda$. The left adjoint $L$ to the forgetful functor $i^*$ from cyclic to simplicial sets is again a left Kan extension. Dwyer–Hopkins–Kan [18] prove that $i^*$ creates a Quillen model structure on cyclic sets. Its cofibrations enjoy a combinatorial description (a rare exception!); see [18] or [5].

**Remark 3.4.** The preceding two examples represent an even narrower type of “simplicial creation”, namely, when the adjunction is one of the form $f_! : \text{Pre}(\mathcal{D}) \rightleftarrows SSet : f^*$ induced by a functor $\mathcal{D} \overset{f}{\rightarrow} \Delta$. In such a case, for $f^*$ (i.e. precomposition by $f^{op}$) to create a homotopy model structure it is sufficient and necessary that $f^*(f_!(i^k_n))$ be a weak equivalence in $SSet$ for each of the horn-inclusions (or “generating acyclic cofibrations”) $i^k_n$. To that end, as pointed out by Dwyer–Hopkins–Kan [18], it is sufficient that $\mathcal{D} \overset{y}{\rightarrow} \text{Pre}(\mathcal{D}) \overset{f}{\rightarrow} SSet$ (where $y$ is the Yoneda functor) be a diagram of weak equivalences in $SSet$. It would be interesting to have a criterion directly in terms of $f$.

**Example 3.5.** small categories: $\text{Cat} \rightleftarrows SSet$

The right adjoint is the composite displayed above ($\text{Ex}^2$ being the double iteration of Kan’s simplicial extension functor). The left adjoint is $C \circ \text{Sd}^2$, where $\text{Sd}$ is Kan’s simplicial subdivision functor and $C$ is “categorification” of a simplicial set. It is due to Thomason [43] that the right adjoint creates a homotopy model structure on $\text{Cat}$. (Tagging on the $\text{Ex}^2$ at the end leaves the class of weak equivalences in $\text{Cat}$ unchanged, but does affect the (co)fibrations.) Remark 3.2 applies here as well.

**Example 3.6.** simplicial groupoids: $\text{Grpd}^{\Delta^{op}} \rightleftarrows BiSSet \overset{\Delta}{\rightarrow} SSet$

As emphasized by the notation, simplicial groupoids mean here simplicial objects in the
category of groupoids (equivalently, groupoid objects in \( \mathbf{SSet} \)) as opposed to the objectwise
discrete simplicial groupoids of Dwyer–Kan [16]. That the above composite creates a model
structure is unpublished work of I. Moerdijk and S. Crans.

Remark 3.7. Small categories, simplicial groupoids and bisimplicial sets are Quillen model
categories with the following in common: they are countable structures defined by finite
limits; their weak equivalences have a countable coherent definition (ditto for fibrations);
and their cofibrations have the form \( \text{cof}(J) \), \( J \) being countably many maps from a countably,
coherently defined class. It is tempting to think of these syntactic properties as being
the equivalent of “combinatorial homotopy” in the world of Quillen’s axioms. The above
examples are actually much closer tied, each being definably Quillen-equivalent to simplicial
sets. I suspect these observations extend to other (intuitively) combinatorial models of
spaces, such as cubical sets, Joyal’s \( \Theta \)-sets or Golasiński’s homotopy theory of categories
[23], [24].

\( n \)-types, that is to say, \( n \)-coconnected spaces, possess combinatorial models (in both the
above syntactic and the intuitive senses) as well; we turn to these next.

Example 3.8. groupoids: \( \mathbf{Grpd} \overset{\pi}{\rightarrow} \mathbf{SSet} \)

The \( n = 1 \) case is classical and simple. \( \pi \) is the fundamental groupoid. The nerve functor
creates a homotopy structure on the category of groupoids, the cofibrations having a very
simple description: functors that are injective on the object part. This model structure was

Example 3.9. 2-groupoids: \( \mathbf{2-Grpd} \overset{W}{\rightarrow} \mathbf{SSet} \)

Here a 2-groupoid is a strict 2-category with all (one and two-dimensional) morphisms strictly
invertible. Taking as morphisms 2-functors preserving all the structure on the nose, they
form a category \( \mathbf{2-Grpd} \) which is the category of models of a finite limit theory.\(^3\) \( N \) is a
combinatorial nerve functor, \( W \) its left adjoint constructed in Moerdijk–Svensson [38]. (The
direct 2-categorical definition of \( f \in \mathbf{2-Grpd} \) being a fibration, as given in [38], is in fact
equivalent to \( N(f) \) being a Kan fibration.) The corresponding homotopy category is that
of spaces with vanishing homotopy above dimension 2. The sheafified version can also be
found in Crans [13].

Remark 3.10. \( N \) (which is also described, for example, in Street [42]) has a more canonical
alternative \( B \): the composite of the iterated nerve \( \mathbf{2-Grpd} \rightarrow \mathbf{BiSSet} \rightarrow \mathbf{SSet} \).
There exists a natural transformation \( B \rightarrow N \) which is in fact always an
acyclic fibration. \( B \) takes combinatorial fibrations to Kan fibrations as well. Thus \( B \), if it
creates a homotopy structure too, creates one that is Quillen-equivalent to that due to \( N \).

Example 3.11. 3-groupoids: \( \mathbf{3-Grpd} \overset{N_3}{\rightarrow} \mathbf{SSet} \)

The \( n = 3 \) case has been worked out by C. Berger [6]. A lax 3-category is a certain partial

\(^3\)This would fail if one chose as morphisms the “weak homomorphisms” of 2-groupoids, namely functors
that preserve composition of 1-arrows only up to a (coherently chosen) 2-arrow.
algebraic structure made up of 0, 1, 2 and 3-arrows with source, target and composition maps, subject to interchange identities that will not be given here. A lax 3-groupoid is a lax 3-category with all arrows strictly invertible. Taking as morphisms 3-functors preserving all the structure on the nose, they form the category 3−Grpd. See Berger’s article for the construction of the adjoint pair to SSet, and the proof it creates a Quillen model structure.

It is unknown how this pattern(?) continues. That economical models of homotopy n-types will have something to do with nerves of weak n-categories may be only a low-dimensional illusion. At any rate, the known families of Quillen models for n-types, all n ∈ N, seem to be based not on simplicial sets but simplicial groups. Note that the model structure on Simp(Gp) (whose homotopy theory is equivalent to that of reduced simplicial sets, thus that of connected spaces) is created by the forgetful functor to SSet; thus Thm. 2.4 does apply.

We cull three examples from the expanding literature on the subject. For the first two (and the closely related n-hypergroupoids) see Cabello–Garzón [11] and Cabello [10] for the third.

Example 3.12. n-hypercrossed complexes: \( n - HXC(Gp) \xrightarrow{P} \text{Simp}(Gp) \)

Example 3.13. n-fold simplicial groups: \( \text{Simp}^n(Gp) \xrightarrow{T} \text{Simp}(Gp) \)

Example 3.14. simplicial groups, with “truncated weak equivalences”:

\[
\text{Simp}(Gp) \xrightarrow{\text{sk}^n / \text{cosk}^n} \text{Simp}(Gp)
\]

Here are two examples where Thm. 2.4 applies coming from equivariant homotopy theory.

Example 3.15. G-equivariant spaces: \( \text{SSet}^G \xrightarrow{L} \text{SSet}^I \)

This example is taken from Dwyer–Kan [17] (which in fact deals with topological groups). Let G be a discrete group and \( I := \{ G_i \} \) a set of subgroups of G. The \( i \)th component of the right adjoint \( R \) is the sub-SSet fixed by \( G_i \); it creates what is sometimes called the “fine” equivariant homotopy theory of \( G \)-simplicial sets. Note that for Thm. 2.4 to apply, \( R \) must be finite limit definable, thus each \( G_i \) has to be finite. (There is no such restriction over Set.)

Remark 3.16. If \( O \) is the orbit category corresponding to the data \( G, \{ G_i \} \) — i.e. the full subcategory of \( G \)-sets with objects the cosets \( G/G_i \) — then the fine model structure on \( G \)-simplicial sets is Quillen-equivalent to simplicial presheaves on \( O \).

Example 3.17. cyclic sets: \( \text{Pre}(\Lambda) \xrightarrow{\Phi_r} \text{SSet}^N \)

Let \( \Lambda \) be Connes’ cyclic indexing category. A Quillen model structure has been established on \( \text{Pre}(\Lambda) \) by Spaliński [41], generalizing that of Dwyer–Hopkins–Kan [18]. For any positive integer \( r \), there exists a combinatorial and in fact finite limit definable functor \( \text{Pre}(\Lambda) \xrightarrow{\Phi_r} \text{SSet} \) such that the geometric realization of \( \Phi_r(X) \) is naturally homeomorphic to the \( \mathbb{Z}/r \)-fixed point set of the topological realization of \( X \) (which, recall, is an \( S^1 \)-space). For any set
of positive integers, the $\Phi_r$ collectively create a model structure on $\text{Pre}(\Lambda)$ that is Quillen-equivalent to the corresponding fine homotopy theory of $S^1$-spaces, where weak equivalences and fibrations are detected on the $\mathbb{Z}/r\mathbb{Z}$-fixed subspaces.

Remark 3.18. No combinatorial model seems to be known for the finest version of $S^1$-equivariant homotopy theory, where a weak equivalence is a map that restricts to ordinary weak equivalences on the $H$-fixed subsets for every closed subgroup $H$ of $S^1$ — that is to say, $S^1$ itself, in addition to the discrete ones.

For the next example, recall that Grothendieck defined abelian cohomology as the right derived functor of the global section functor, and it is an easy consequence of his foundational work on abelian categories that this exists for sheaves of modules over an arbitrary site. Quillen introduced his homotopy model formalism, in part, to allow for a calculus of non-abelian derived functors, e.g. from simplicial groups or rings. He asked in [39] whether this axiomatics is broad enough to apply to sheaves on an arbitrary site. After a 30-year hiatus, we see the answer is yes; moreover, it follows by an essentially tautologous extension of Quillen’s original methods.

Example 3.19. simplicial $T$-algebras: $\text{SSet}^T \xrightarrow{F} \text{SSet}$

Here $T$ is a finitary single-sorted equational universal algebraic theory, $U$ the forgetful and $F$ the free functor.

The case $\mathcal{E} = \text{Set}$ is due to Quillen [39]; to apply Cor. 2.4, one only needs the observation that a finitary equational algebraic theory is the same as a structure definable in terms of finite products (see e.g. Barr–Wells [2]) and of course the forgetful functor is definable, too.

Remark 3.20. For the case of simplicial rings and modules, this raises the possibility of a “purely homotopical” construction of the cotangent complex of a morphism of ringed topoi, even in the absence of enough points, when the problem was solved by Illusie [30].

Remark 3.21. Abelian groups, in particular, are a species of universal algebras, and Ex. 3.19 specializes to give a homotopy model structure on $\text{Ab}(\mathcal{E})^{\Delta^{op}}$, simplicial abelian sheaves, whose fibrations are the fibrations of the underlying simplicial sheaves. (A fibration of simplicial sheaves means here a “strong fibration”, that is, a fibration in Joyal’s model structure on simplicial sheaves.) Not every mono in $\text{Ab}(\mathcal{E})^{\Delta^{op}}$ is a cofibration. Via the Dold-Kan equivalence, this gives a model structure on $\text{Ch}_N(\text{Ab}(\mathcal{E}))$, i.e. $N$-indexed chain complexes, where the weak equivalences are the quasi-isomorphisms, but more maps are fibrations than just the injective ones. See Hovey [28] for related results.

As a last example of “creation by right adjoints”, let $\mathcal{M}$ be a Quillen model category, $\mathcal{D}$ a diagram, and $\mathcal{D}_\delta$ the diagram $\mathcal{D}$ “made discrete”, i.e. consisting of $\mathcal{D}$’s objects and identity arrows. The inclusion $\mathcal{D}_\delta \xrightarrow{i} \mathcal{D}$ induces an adjunction $\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{D}} \xleftarrow{L} \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{D}_\delta}$ that creates a model structure on $\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{D}}$ under set-theoretic hypotheses on $\mathcal{M}$ (cofibrant generation; see Hirschhorn [27]). If $\mathcal{M}$ was a coherently definable homotopy theory, this endows $\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{D}}$ with a sheaffфи́бля́нный model structure. (One can apply Prop. 2.3 directly.)
Remark 3.22. Let $\mathcal{M}$ be a Quillen model category, $\mathcal{D}$ a diagram. Let us agree that weak equivalences in $\mathcal{M}^\mathcal{D}$ are to be the natural transformations that are $\mathcal{D}$-objectwise weak equivalences. The existence of a Quillen model structure on $\mathcal{M}^\mathcal{D}$ extending this seems to be a rather muddy affair. It is known to hold, unconditionally in $\mathcal{M}$, for combinatorially distinguished $\mathcal{D}$; for example, those satisfying the Reedy property — see e.g. Hovey [29] — or having a simplicially finite nerve — see Dwyer–Spaliński [14], Franke [19]. As pointed out above, it also holds, unconditionally in $\mathcal{D}$, for set-theoretically distinguished $\mathcal{M}$. If both $\mathcal{D}$ and $\mathcal{M}$ are distinguished, the two constructions need not coincide. For yet more special — for example, sheafifiable — $\mathcal{M}$ and arbitrary $\mathcal{D}$, $\mathcal{M}^\mathcal{D}$ will possess two distinct model structures, in analogy with Heller’s [25] “left” and “right” model structures for simplicial diagrams. The cosimplicial spaces of Bousfield–Kan [9], i.e. cosimplicial simplicial sets, possess (at least) three distinct cofibration classes for the same choice of weak equivalences, and they all survive to diagrams of cosimplicial spaces. [3] attempts to put some order in this zoo; it is proven that for a wide class of model categories (see therein for the precise condition) all possible small-generated cofibrations classes yield Quillen-equivalent homotopy theories. Note that the theory of homotopy limits and colimits — which is the chief reason to study $\mathcal{M}^\mathcal{D}$ — can be developed bypassing the question of existence of a full model structure on $\mathcal{M}^\mathcal{D}$; see Dwyer–Hirschhorn–Kan [15] and Chachólski–Scherer [12] for two approaches.

There are variants on Thm. 2.4 that will not be packed into a meta-theorem here. For example, it is not necessary that the class of cofibrations $C(\mathcal{E})$ to be lifted is coherently definable; it suffices if it is of the form $\text{cof}(I)$, with $I$ a coherently definable class. This allows one to sheafify Hinich’s [26] model structures on dg operads, algebras and modules. Also, given one cofibrantly generated model structure on a locally presentable category, Jeff Smith’s theorem (quoted as 4.1 below) allows for an easy argument to pass to a smaller (though still set-generated) class of cofibrations. In essence, it suffices if the proposed class of cofibrations works in $\text{Set}$, and is dominated by one to which 2.4 applies. This helps in comparing work of Joyal–Tierney [33] on simplicial groupoids with that of Crans [13], both written already in the setting of sheaves.

4. Localization along a Quillen left adjoint

Let us sum up the main properties of the Quillen model categories encountered in the two parts of this paper.

- The underlying category of models is $S(\mathcal{E})$, the category of $S$-structures in a topos $\mathcal{E}$, where $S$ is finite limit definable.
- The subcategory $W_\mathcal{E}$ of weak equivalences can be specified by a set of coherent axioms in the language of morphisms of $S$-structures.
- The class of cofibrations $C_\mathcal{E}$ is functorial in $\mathcal{E}$, and preserved by inverse images of geometric morphisms. It is small-generated, i.e. $C_\mathcal{E} = \text{cof}(I_\mathcal{E})$ for a set $I_\mathcal{E}$ depending (non-canonically) on $\mathcal{E}$.
- For any Grothendieck topos $\mathcal{E}$, the data provide a cofibrantly generated Quillen model category. (Fixing only $S$ and $W$, there may exist several suitable cofibration classes.)
Goerss and Jardine [21], working with $E_\ast$-local simplicial objects, where $E_\ast$ is a homology theory, proved that given a geometric morphism $E \xrightarrow{f} F$, one can take as weak equivalences in $\mathcal{F}^{\Delta^\text{op}}$ the maps that $f^\ast$ takes into weak equivalences in $\mathcal{E}^{\Delta^\text{op}}$. (Cofibrations in $\mathcal{F}^{\Delta^\text{op}}$ stay the same, i.e. are all monomorphisms.) The Quillen model structure thus obtained on $\mathcal{F}^{\Delta^\text{op}}$ extends the class of weak equivalences, so is a “localization” of the original. We will see that this phenomenon extends to any sheafifiable homotopy theory. Earlier, Jardine [31] observed that when $\mathcal{E}^{\Delta^\text{op}} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{F}^{\Delta^\text{op}}$ is the inclusion of simplicial sheaves on a site into simplicial presheaves, the model structure induced on simplicial presheaves via sheafification is Quillen equivalent to the (canonical) one on simplicial sheaves. This holds for any sheafifiable homotopy theory as well. Neither fact is specific to sheaves; they follow from a very robust statement about Quillen model categories whose underlying category is locally presentable.

Recall the following version of J. Smith’s theorem (cf. Thm. 1.7, Prop. 1.15 and Prop. 1.19 of part I):

**Theorem 4.1.** Let $\mathcal{C}$ be a locally presentable category, $\mathcal{W}$ a full accessible subcategory of $\text{Mor}(\mathcal{C})$, and $I$ a set of morphisms of $\mathcal{C}$. Suppose they satisfy:

1. $\mathcal{W}$ has the 2-of-3 property (Quillen’s axiom $M_2$).
2. $\text{inj}(I) \subseteq \mathcal{W}$.
3. The class $\text{cof}(I) \cap \mathcal{W}$ is closed under transfinite composition and under pushout.

Then setting weak equivalences $= \mathcal{W}$, cofibrations $= \text{cof}(I)$ and fibrations $= \text{inj}(\text{cof}(I) \cap \mathcal{W})$, one obtains a cofibrantly generated Quillen model structure on $\mathcal{C}$.

**Proposition 4.2.** Let $\mathcal{C}_1$, $\mathcal{W}_1$, $I_1$ and $\mathcal{C}_2$, $\mathcal{W}_2$, $I_2$ be data satisfying the hypotheses of Thm. 4.1, and $\mathcal{C}_1 \xrightarrow{L} \mathcal{C}_2$ a Quillen adjunction. Assume in addition that $L$ takes weak equivalences in $\mathcal{C}_2$ into weak equivalences in $\mathcal{C}_1$. There exists a Quillen model structure on $\mathcal{C}_2$ with cofibrations $\text{cof}(I_2)$ and weak equivalences $\mathcal{W}_L := \{g \in \mathcal{C}_2 \mid L(g) \in \mathcal{W}_1\}$.

**Corollary 4.3.** Let $S(-)$, $\mathcal{W}(-)$, $\mathcal{C}(-)$ be a sheafifiable homotopy model theory, $\mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{F}$ a geometric morphism. There exists a Quillen model structure on $S(\mathcal{F})$ with cofibrations $\mathcal{C}_F$ and weak equivalences $\mathcal{W}_F := \{g \in S(\mathcal{F}) \mid f^\ast(g) \in \mathcal{W}_E\}$.

**Proposition 4.4.** Suppose that, in the situation of 4.2, $\mathcal{C}_1$ is actually a full reflexive subcategory of $\mathcal{C}_2$ via $L \dashv R$. Then this adjunction provides a Quillen equivalence between $\mathcal{C}_1$ (with cofibrations $\text{cof}(I_1)$ and weak equivalences $\mathcal{W}_1$) and $\mathcal{C}_2$ with cofibrations $\text{cof}(I_2)$ and weak equivalences $\mathcal{W}_L$.

**Proof.** $L$ preserves cofibrations by assumption, and takes $\mathcal{W}_L$ into $\mathcal{W}_1$ by definition; so $L \dashv R$ is a Quillen pair. To prove it a Quillen equivalence, it is enough to show that the reflector natural transformations $X \to RL(X)$ are weak equivalences in $\mathcal{C}_2$. But they are sent into isomorphisms by $L$, so that certainly holds.
Corollary 4.5. With $S(-)$, $W(-)$, $C(-)$ as in 4.4, let $j$ be a Lawvere-Tierney topology on a topos $\mathcal{F}$ and let $f$ be the canonical topos inclusion $\text{Sh}_j(\mathcal{F}) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{F}$. $f^* \dashv f_*$ induces a Quillen equivalence between $S(\text{Sh}_j(\mathcal{F}))$ (with cofibrations $C_{\text{Sh}_j(\mathcal{F})}$ and weak equivalences $W_{\text{Sh}_j(\mathcal{F})}$) and $S(\mathcal{F})$ with cofibrations $C_{\mathcal{F}}$ and weak equivalences $W_{f^*}$.

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