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**Categorical notions of fibration.** (English) Zbl 1464.18010  
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Fibrations in category theory, due to Grothendieck, were developed in [*J. W. Gray*, in: *Proc. Conf. Categor. Algebra*, La Jolla 1965, 21–83 (1966; [Zbl 0192.10701](#))]. Definitions of fibrations internal to 2-categories were given in [*R. Street*, *Lect. Notes Math.* 420, 104–133 (1974; [Zbl 0327.18006](#))], and those internal to bicategories were presented in [*R. Street*, *Cah. Topologie Géom. Différ. Catégoriques* 21, 111–159 (1980; [Zbl 0436.18005](#))].

This expository paper tours the various categorical notions of fibration in order of increasing complexity. A synopsis of the paper goes as follows.

- §2 deals with the classical definitions of fibrations and discrete ones in ordinary 1-category theory.
- The internalization in a 2-category and generalization in a bicategory are given in §3 and §4.
- The real goal, pursued in parallel, is to define two-sided discrete fibrations in ***Cat***, where two-sided discrete fibrations encode functors

$$B^{\text{op}} \times A \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$$

known as *profunctors* from  $A$  to  $B$ , while in  $\mathcal{V}\text{-Cat}$  the dual two-sided codiscrete cofibrations encode  $\mathcal{V}$ -profunctors

$$B^{\text{op}} \otimes A \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$$

- This paper concludes with a construction of a bicategory, defined internally to  $\mathcal{V}\text{-Cat}$ , whose 1-cells are two-sided codiscrete cofibrations.

This theory has been extended to  $(\infty, 1)$ -categories modeled as quasi-categories by *J. Lurie* [*Higher topos theory*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press (2009; [Zbl 1175.18001](#))], where the equivalence between fibrations and pseudofunctors is implemented by *straightening* and *unstraightening* constructions.

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