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A $*$ -category is a category with an involution $*$ fixing the objects. This paper is concerned with the following categories \mathcal{C} of $*$ -categories and their marked versions \mathcal{C}^+ :

1. $*$ -categories $*\mathbf{Cat}_1$: categories \mathbf{A} endowed with an involution $*$: $\mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{\text{op}}$.
2. \mathbb{C} -linear $*$ -categories ${}_{\mathbb{C}}^*\mathbf{Cat}_1$: $*$ -categories enriched over \mathbb{C} -vector spaces with an anti-linear involution.
3. pre- C^* -categories $C_{\text{pre}}^*\mathbf{Cat}_1$: \mathbb{C} -linear $*$ -categories which admit a maximal C^* -completion.
4. C^* -categories $C^*\mathbf{Cat}_1$: pre- C^* -categories whose Hom-vector spaces are complete in the maximal norm.

C^* -categories have been investigated in [*I. Dell'Ambrogio*, Homology Homotopy Appl. 14, No. 2, 101–127 (2012; Zbl 1261.46067)]. Many arguments in this paper are merely modifications of that paper.

The paper consists of 14 sections. §2 introduces the notion of $*$ -category and various \mathbb{C} -linear versions. §3 is concerned with adjunctions. §4 addresses the representability of the functors taking the sets objects, morphisms, unitary morphisms of a (marked) $*$ -category in the respective cases. §5 introduces the ∞ -categories of $*$ -categories, \mathbb{C} -linear $*$ -categories, pre- C^* -categories, C^* -categories and their marked versions by inverting unitary (or marked, respectively) equivalences. §6 is engaged in the tensor and power structure over groupoids. §7 considers the functor categories, serving as explicit fibrant resolutions in §13, from the arrow category \tilde{G} with a group G . §8 is concerned with completeness, cocompleteness and local presentability. §9 claims the main theorem on the model category structures. §10 shows that the model category structures depicted in the previous section are simplicial model categories. §11 demonstrates that the model category structure on any of $*\mathbf{Cat}_1$, ${}_{\mathbb{C}}^*\mathbf{Cat}_1$, $C^*\mathbf{Cat}_1$ and their marked versions is cofibrantly generated.

Given a group G with BG

$$\text{Hom}_{BG}(\text{pt}, \text{pt})$$

regarded as a $*$ -category in such a way that

$$g^* = g^{-1}$$

one of the principal objectives in this paper is to calculate the object

$$\lim_{BG} \ell_{BG}(\mathbf{A})$$

in \mathcal{C}_{∞} for \mathbf{A} in $\mathbf{Fun}(BG, \mathcal{C})$, which is tantamount to providing an object \mathbf{B} of \mathcal{C} with equivalence

$$l(\mathbf{B}) \simeq \lim_{BG} \ell_{BG}(\mathbf{A})$$

where $l : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\infty}$ denotes the localization inverting the (marked) unitary equivalences. §12 provides a candidate for \mathbf{B} , denoted by $\hat{\mathbf{A}}^G$, whose justification is given in §13 (Theorem 13.7). §14 is concerned with infinity-categorical G -orbits, where it is established (Theorem 14.6) that

$$\text{colim}_{BG} \ell_{BG}(\mathbf{C}) \simeq (\mathbf{C} \# BG)$$

for any \mathcal{C} of $*\mathbf{Cat}_1$, ${}_{\mathbb{C}}^*\mathbf{Cat}_1$, $C^*\mathbf{Cat}_1$ and their marked versions with an object \mathbf{C} in \mathcal{C} .

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