

An (exhaustive enough) Algebra of Programming Summary*

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1 Algebra of Programming

1.1 Complete Partial Orders

Def. 1. A (pointed directed-)complete partial order (CPO) is a **partially ordered set** (X, \sqsubseteq) with a **bottom element** \perp and **joins** for all chains

$$\perp \sqsubseteq x_0 \sqsubseteq x_1 \sqsubseteq x_2 \sqsubseteq \dots \sqsubseteq \bigsqcup_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i \in X.$$

Def. 2. A map on **posets** $\varphi : (X, \sqsubseteq) \rightarrow (X', \sqsubseteq')$ is **monotone** if for any $x, y \in X$, $x \sqsubseteq y \implies \varphi(x) \sqsubseteq \varphi(y)$.

Def. 3. A map on **CPOs** $\varphi : (X, \sqsubseteq) \rightarrow (X', \sqsubseteq')$ is (Scott-)continuous if it is **monotone** and it preserves **joins** for all chains $\forall (x_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$:

$$\bigsqcup_{i=0}^{\infty} \varphi(x_i) = \varphi \left(\bigsqcup_{i=0}^{\infty} x_i \right)$$

Thm. 1 (Kleene). For a **CPO** (X, \sqsubseteq) and a **continuous** endomap $\varphi : (X, \sqsubseteq) \rightarrow (X, \sqsubseteq)$, the **smallest fixpoint** (i.e. some value x for which $x = \varphi(x)$, and $x \sqsubseteq y$ for any fixpoint y with $y = \varphi(y)$) is the supremum

$$\mu\varphi = \bigsqcup_{i=0}^{\infty} \varphi^i(\perp),$$

where φ^i denotes the i -times application of φ .

Def. 4. A **pre-fixed point** of a $\varphi : (X, \sqsubseteq) \rightarrow (X, \sqsubseteq)$, is an element x for which $\varphi(x) \sqsubseteq x$.

1.2 F -Algebras

The concept of a **F -Algebra** provides a uniform approach to study inductive data types (such as natural numbers, lists, trees, ...) and their recursion schemes.

Def. 5. In a **category** \mathcal{C} , given an **object** $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ and an **endofunctor** $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ the pair $A, a : F(A) \rightarrow A$ is called a **F -Algebra**. A **F -Algebra-homomorphism** $f : (A, a) \rightarrow (B, b)$ ensures $f \circ a = b \circ F(f)$. **F -Algebras** and **F -Algebra-homomorphisms** constitute a separate **category** $\mathbf{Alg}(F)$.


Def. 6. In $\mathbf{Alg}(F)$, for any (A, a) , the **initial object** (I, i) (**initial F -Algebra**) has a unique (cata)morphism denoted $\llbracket a \rrbracket$ from (I, i) to (A, a) . The morphism $\llbracket a \rrbracket$ is also frequently referred to as **fold**.

Def. 7 (Identity Law). For any **initial F -Algebra** (I, i) , $\llbracket i \rrbracket = \text{id}_I$ holds by initiality of (I, i) .

Def. 8 (Fusion Law). For any **initial F -Algebra** (I, i) , arbitrary (A, a) , (B, b) and a $f : (A, a) \rightarrow (B, b)$, $f \circ \llbracket a \rrbracket = \llbracket b \rrbracket$ holds by initiality of (I, i) .

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Def. 9. The **functor** of a **F -Algebra** can be extended by a **parameter category** \mathcal{A} to $F : \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$. For some $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{A})$, the **initial algebra** of $F(-, A)$ is

$$(I(A), \iota_A : F(I(A), A) \rightarrow I(A)),$$

for a **type-functor** $I : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$.

Lem. 1 (Lambek). Given an initial **F -Algebra** (I, i) , the structure **morphism** $i : F(I) \rightarrow I$ is an **iso**.

Def. 10. In a **category** \mathcal{C} with an **initial object** \top and an **endofunctor** $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$, a ω -**chain** is a chain of **morphisms**

$\top \xrightarrow{i} F(\top) \xrightarrow{F(i)} F(F(\top)) \xrightarrow{F(F(i))} \dots$, or alternatively the **limit** of the infinite **shape** $\mathcal{J} = \{\bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet \rightarrow \dots\}$, which is equivalent to the **category** of the **poset** (\mathbb{N}, \leq) .

Def. 11. A **endofunctor** $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ is ω -**cocontinuous** if it preserves **colimits** of ω -**chains**.

Def. 12. For a ω -**cocontinuous endofunctor** $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$, the **initial F -Algebra** is

$$\mu F = \text{colim}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} F^n \top,$$

1.3 F -Coalgebra

The concept of a **F -Coalgebra** provides a uniform approach to study infinite data types (such as streams or formal languages) and discrete dynamical systems (such as automata).

Def. 13. In a **category** \mathcal{C} , given an **object** $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ and an **endofunctor** $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ the pair $A, a : A \rightarrow F(A)$ is called a **F -Coalgebra**. A **F -Coalgebra-homomorphism** $f : (A, a) \rightarrow (B, b)$ ensures $f \circ a = b \circ F(f)$. **F -Coalgebras** and **F -Coalgebra-homomorphisms** (which respect the system dynamics) constitute a separate **category** $\mathbf{Coalg}(F)$, which is **not** dual to $\mathbf{Alg}(F)$, but to $\mathbf{Alg}(F^{\text{op}})$.

Despite that qualification, results like lemma 1 or definition 12 can mostly be derived analogously.

Def. 14. In $\mathbf{Coalg}(F)$, for any (A, a) the **terminal object** (T, t) (**terminal F -Coalgebra**) has a unique (ana)morphism denoted $\llbracket a \rrbracket$ from (A, a) to $(\nu F, t)$. $\llbracket a \rrbracket$ or **unfold** thus provides the existence of “definition principle” via **corecursion**.

Def. 15. A **endofunctor** $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ is ω -**continuous** if it preserves **limits** of ω -**chains**.

Def. 16. For a ω^{op} -**continuous endofunctor** $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$, the **terminal F -Coalgebra** is

$$\nu F = \text{colim}_{n < \omega} F^n \perp.$$

Thm. 2 (Worwell). For a finitary **functor** F , $\nu F = F^{\omega} \perp$, that is to say one extends and repeats the ω^{op} -chain, starting with $\nu F = F^{\omega}$ instead of \perp .

Def. 17. For a **endofunctor** $F : \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ and two **F -Coalgebra** (C, c) , (D, d) states $x \in C$, $y \in D$, are **behaviourally equivalent**, if for some (E, e) ,

$$x \sim y \iff \exists h, k. (C, c) \xrightarrow{h} (E, e) \xleftarrow{k} (D, d).$$

Def. 18. For a **endofunctor** $F : \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ and two **F -Coalgebra** (C, c) , (D, d) , a **bisimulation** is a relation $R \subseteq C \times D$ (or $x \in C, y \in D$ are **bisimilar**) if $(R, r : R \rightarrow FR)$ is a **F -Coalgebra** with **F -Coalgebra-morphisms** to (C, c) and (D, d) . Bisimulation implies **behavioural equivalence**.

2 Category Theory

2.1 Categories

Def. 19. A *category* \mathcal{C} consists of a class of *objects* $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ and for any $X, Y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ a set of *morphisms* $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \ni m$ (“Hom-set”), that relate the *domain* $X = \text{dom}(m)$ with the *codomain* $Y = \text{cod}(m)$.

Def. 20. If $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ is a set, the *category* is called *small*.

Def. 21. For every $X, Y, Z \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, any two *morphisms* $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$ and $g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(Y, Z)$ can be *composed* $f \circ g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)$ associatively.

Def. 22. For every $X, Y \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ there exists an *identity morphism* $\text{id}_X \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, X)$, for which the *composition* $f \circ \text{id}_X = f = \text{id}_Y \circ f$ holds, given any $f : X \rightarrow Y$.

Def. 23. An *iso(morphism)* for a *morphism* $f : X \rightarrow Y$ if there exists a unique *inverse morphism* $g : Y \rightarrow X$ for which $f \circ g = \text{id}_Y$ and $g \circ f = \text{id}_X$ hold.

Def. 24. A *morphism* $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a *mono(morphism)* if $f \circ g = f \circ g' \implies g = g'$ for all $g, g' : Z \rightarrow X$ and an *epi(morphism)* if $h \circ f = h' \circ f \implies h = h'$ for all $h, h' : Y \rightarrow Z$. Every *iso* is an *epi* and *mono*, but the converse is not necessarily true.

Def. 25. Any *category* \mathcal{C} , an *opposite category* \mathcal{C}^{op} is said to be “*dual*”. It is defined by reversing the direction of all *morphisms*, e.g. $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in \mathcal{C} has a $f' : Y \rightarrow X$ in \mathcal{C}^{op} .

Def. 26. A *functor* $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ consists of a mapping of *objects* and *morphisms* from \mathcal{C} to \mathcal{D} , so that for all $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y)$, $g \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{D}}(X', Y')$, each *composition* $F(g \circ f) = F(g) \circ F(f)$ and for each *identity morphism* id_X $F(\text{id}_X) = \text{id}_{F(X)}$ holds.

Def. 27. An *endofunctor* is a *functor* with the same *domain* and *codomain* $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$.

Def. 28. A *constant functor* $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ maps all *objects* to a fixed *object* $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{D})$ in the *codomain*, and all *morphisms* to id_X .

Def. 29. A *functor* $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is called *faithful*, if the *morphism map* F is *injective*, *full*, if the F is *surjective*, *fully faithful*, if an *iso* is given between every *object* in $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{D})$ and $\text{Ob}(F(\mathcal{C}))$, and *equivalence*, if all of the above hold.

Def. 30. A (covariant) *Hom-functor* $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, -) : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ maps an *object* $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ to the set of *morphism* from X and *morphism* $f : Y \rightarrow Z$ to the extended *compositions* $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, f) : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Y) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(X, Z)$, i.e. $g \mapsto f \circ g$.

A *contravariant Hom-functor* is otherwise defined identically on the *dual category* $\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(-, X) : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$, and *pre-composes morphisms* $g \mapsto g \circ f$, preserving the *codomain* X .

Def. 31. Given two *functors* $F, G : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$, a *natural transformation* $\eta : F \rightarrow G$ (or $\eta : F \rightrightarrows G$) is a family of *component morphisms* $\eta_C : F(C) \rightarrow G(C)$ indexed by $C \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, such that for all *morphisms* $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in \mathcal{C} $G(f) \circ \eta_X = \eta_Y \circ F(f)$.

Def. 32. A *natural isomorphism* $\eta : F \rightarrow G$ is an *iso* in the *functor category* $f\mathcal{C}\mathcal{D}$, or equivalently a *natural transformation* where all *component morphisms* are *isomorphic* in \mathcal{D} .

Lem. 2 (Yoneda). In any *category* \mathcal{C} , for every *object* $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ and every *functor* $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$, $\text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Set}}(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, -), F) \cong F(A)$.

2.2 Universal Constructions

Category theory emphasises the relations of *objects* via *morphisms* over *objects* and their “internal structure” or what they represent. Of specific interest are *constructions* of *objects* and *morphisms* that are uniquely identifiable by specific *morphisms*, usually unique *morphisms* between *objects* (i.e. $|\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B)| = 1$).

Def. 33. A *diagram* is a *functor* $F : \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ maps a *shape* (or “*scheme*”) \mathcal{J} into \mathcal{C} . For a *cone* $(C, (f_j : C \rightarrow F(j))_{j \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{J})})$ (or a *natural transformation* from a *constant functor* of the *apex* C to the *diagram*) and any $u : j \rightarrow j'$ in \mathcal{J} , $f_{j'} = F(u) \circ f_j$ holds.

Def. 34. A *limit* $(L, (\pi_j : C \rightarrow F(j))_{j \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{J})})$ is a *universal cone*, when

$$\forall j \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{J}) \forall C \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) \exists! h : C \rightarrow L. \pi_j \circ h = f_j.$$

As a *morphism* from a *limit* is unique up to *iso*, names of *limits* may refer both to the *object* C and the *morphism* h .

Def. 35. A *terminal object* \perp of the *limit* L of the *shape* $\mathcal{J} = \{\bullet\}$. For any *object* $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ there exists a unique *morphism* $\text{id}_X : X \rightarrow \perp$.

Def. 36. A (binary) *product* of the *limit* L of the *shape* $\mathcal{J} = \{\bullet, \bullet\}$ ((discrete) *category* restricted to *identity morphisms*).

Def. 37. A *pullback* is the *limit* L of the *shape* $\mathcal{J} = \{\bullet \rightarrow \bullet \leftarrow \bullet\}$ (a *poset* with a \perp -element).

Def. 38. A *equaliser* is the *limit* L of the *shape* $\mathcal{J} = \{\bullet \rightrightarrows \bullet\}$.

Every *equaliser morphism* e is a *mono*. If a *mono* is an *equaliser*, then it is called *regular*. A *regular mono* $m : X \rightarrow Y$ that is also an *epi* is consequently an *iso*.

Def. 39. If for a *category* every (finite, i.e. the *domain* is a finite *shape*) *shape* has a *limit*, then it is said to be (*finitely*) *complete*.

Finite completeness of \mathcal{C} if equivalent to \mathcal{C} having finite *products* and *equalisers* or *products* and *pullbacks* or a *terminal object* and *pullbacks*.

Def. 40. A *colimit* $(K, (l_j : F(j) \rightarrow K)_{j \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{J})})$ is a *cocone*, *dual* to a *limit*, and ensures

$$\forall j \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{J}) \forall C \exists! h : K \rightarrow C. h \circ l_j = f_j.$$

Def. 41. A *initial object* \top of the *colimit* K of the *shape* $\mathcal{J} = \{\bullet\}$. For any *object* $X \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ there exists a unique *morphism* $! : K \rightarrow X$ from \top . *Dual* construction of *terminal objects*.

Def. 42. A (binary) *coproduct* of the *colimit* K of the *shape* $\mathcal{J} = \{\bullet, \bullet\}$, *dual* construction of *products*.

Def. 43. A *pushout* is the *colimit* K of the *shape* $\mathcal{J} = \{\bullet \leftarrow \bullet \rightarrow \bullet\}$ (a *poset* with a \top -element, *not dual* to *pullback*).

Def. 44. A *coequaliser* is the *colimit* K of the *shape* $\mathcal{J} = \{\bullet \rightrightarrows \bullet\}$.

Every *coequaliser morphism* e is an *epi*. If a *epi* is an *coequaliser*, then it is called *regular*. A *regular epi* $e : X \rightarrow Y$ that is also an *mono* is consequently *iso*.

Def. 45. If for a *category* every (finite) *shape* has a *colimit*, then it is said to be (*finitely*) *cocomplete*. This is *dual* to the notion of *completeness*.

Finite completeness of \mathcal{C} is equivalent to \mathcal{C} having finite *coproducts* and *coequalisers* or *coproducts* and *pushouts* or an *initial object* and *pushouts*.

A Prolegomena & Precedents

Ex. 1. The **category Set** has **sets** as **objects** and **morphisms** $\text{Hom}_{\text{Set}}(X, Y)$ are all **functions** between the sets X and Y . In set-theory, (total) functions are defined as **relation** $f \subseteq X \times Y$ satisfying the conditions of totality and univalence:

$$\forall x \in X \exists y \in Y. (x, y) \in f \quad (\text{“left-total”})$$

$$(x, y) \in f \wedge (x, y') \in f \implies y = y' \quad (\text{“right-unique”})$$

Properties and Constructions in Set Since **Set** is **complete**, all the constructions in the following exist:

Monos are **injective functions** $f : X \rightarrow Y$,

$$\forall x, y \in X. f(x) = f(y) \implies x = y$$

and are always **regular**.

Epis are **surjective functions**, $f : X \rightarrow Y$

$$\forall y \in Y \exists x \in X. f(x) = y$$

and are always **regular**.

Isos are bijective functions, $\forall x \in X \exists! y \in Y. f(x) = y$.

Terminal objects are singleton sets $\{y\}$, for any $y \in Y$, as for any domain X we can construct a function

$$t = \{(x, y) | \forall x \in X\},$$

that is the constant function $x \mapsto y$. These are unique up to **isomorphisms**.

Initial objects are empty sets $\{\}$, as for an empty domain $X = \{\}$, both properties of functions are trivially given (universal quantification over an empty set).

Products are **cartesian products** $X \times Y$.

Coproducts are **disjoint unions** $X \uplus Y$.

Equalisers of two functions $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ is the set

$$\text{Eq}(f, g) := \{x \in X | f(x) = g(x)\}.$$

Coequalisers of two functions $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ is Y/\sim , where $\sim \subseteq Y \times Y$ is the smallest **equivalence relation** for which $\forall y \in Y. f(y) \sim g(y)$.

Pullbacks of two functions $f : X \rightarrow Z$ to $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ is the set

$$\text{Pb}(f, g) := \{(x, y) \in X \times Y | f(x) = g(y)\}.$$

Pushouts of two functions $f : Z \rightarrow X$ to $g : Z \rightarrow Y$ where $\sim \subseteq X \times Y$ is the smallest **equivalence relation** for which $\forall z \in Z. f(z) \sim g(z)$.

Initial F-Algebras Examples include $F(X) = \dots$

$1 + X$ are natural numbers,

$1 + A \times X$ are lists,

$A + X^2$ are binary trees,

$\prod_{\sigma \in \Sigma} X^{\text{ar } \sigma}$, *Term- or Σ -algebra*, over a set of operations Σ and an arity function $\text{ar} : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

Terminal F-Coalgebras Examples include $F(X) = \dots$

$A \times X$ infinite streams,

$A \times X^\Sigma$ **Moore automata**,

$(A \times X)^\Sigma$ **Mealy automata**,

$2 \times X^\Sigma$ finite deterministic automata,

$2 \times (\mathcal{P}_f(X))^\Sigma$ finite non-deterministic automata (where \mathcal{P}_f is the finite powerset-functor),

$\mathcal{P}(X)$ unlabeled **transition systems** (effectively **digraphs**),

$\mathcal{P}(A \times X)$ labeled transition systems,

$\prod_{\sigma \in \Sigma} X^{\text{ar } \sigma}$ codatatypes over a Σ -algebra.

Ex. 2. Given the **categories** \mathcal{C} (**small**) and \mathcal{D} , the **functor category** $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{C}}$ has **functors** $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ as **objects** and **natural transformations** $\eta : F \rightarrow G$ as **morphisms**.

Ex. 3. The **category** Vec_k has **k -dimensional vector spaces** as **objects** and **linear transformations** as **morphisms**. That means that **objects** are spaces like \mathbb{R}^k and **morphisms** $f : X \rightarrow Y$ are restricted to linear transformations that for $x, x' \in X$ and a scalar a ensure

$$f(a \cdot x + x') = a \cdot f(x) + f(x').$$

Ex. 4. The **category** **Gra** has **di(-rected) graphs** (V, E) as **objects** and **graph homomorphisms** as **morphisms**. That means that a **morphism** $f : \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$ have to preserve **strongly connected components**, i.e.

$$\forall a, b \in V(\mathfrak{A}). a \sim_{E(\mathfrak{A})} b \implies f(a) \sim_{E(\mathfrak{B})} f(b),$$

where $x \sim_{E(\mathfrak{G})} y$ says that there is a path from x to y in the digraph \mathfrak{G} , over the transitive-reflexive closure of edges.

The **initial object** are therefore the empty graph $V = \{\}$, since there are no components to be preserved, and the **terminal object** is the single-vertex graph $V = \{\bullet\}$, since it melds all strongly connected components into one (trivially) connected component.

Ex. 5. The **category** generate by a **partially ordered set** (poset) (X, \leq) has elements of X as **objects** and **morphisms** defined as

$$\text{Hom}_{(X, \leq)}(x, y) = \{(x, y) | x \leq y\}$$

represent each “less than” relation.

A poset may include a “greatest” element \top and “least” element \perp , s.t. $\forall a \in X. \perp \leq a \leq \top$. These correspond to the **terminal** and **initial objects** respectively. **Products** are correspond to the greatest lower bound (*meet*, “ \wedge ”), as for any $x, y \in X, x \wedge y \leq x$ and $x \wedge y \leq y$. **Coproducts** analogously correspond to the least upper bound (*join*, “ \vee ”).

Ex. 6. The **category** **Pos** of **partial orders** and **monotone functions**. Note the difference to the **category of a poset**, in the sense that **Pos** is one “level above” each (X, \leq) , even if that forms a category of its own.

Ex. 7. In Algebra, a **monoid** $(M, \cdot : M \times M \rightarrow M, e)$ is a “**set** M with structure”, given by a binary operation \cdot and a neutral element e , s.t. $\forall a, b, c \in M$

$$(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot b \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$$

$$e \cdot a = a = a \cdot e$$

Examples include

$(\mathbb{N}, +, 0)$ Addition of natural numbers with 0 as the neutral element.

$(\mathbb{N}, \times, 1)$ Multiplication of natural numbers with 1 as the neutral element.

$(\Sigma^*, \oplus, \varepsilon)$ Concatenation of strings over some alphabet Σ with the empty string ε as the neutral element.

These properties rhyme with **categories**, and we can view each monoid as a **small category** with a single object $\text{Ob}((M, \cdot, e)) = \{\bullet\}$ and **morphisms** corresponding to elements of the carrier set M

$$\text{Hom}_{(M, \cdot, e)}(\bullet, \bullet) = M.$$

Ex. 8. The **category** **Mon** of have **monoids** as **objects**, and **Monoid homomorphisms** as **morphisms**. That means, a **morphism** $f : (M, \cdot_M, e_M) \rightarrow (N, \cdot_N, e_N)$ has to obey

$$f(x \cdot_M y) = f(x) \cdot_N f(y)$$

$$f(e_M) = e_N$$

for all $x, y \in M$.

Ex. 9. The **category** **Rel** has **sets** as **objects** and defines **morphisms** as arbitrary $\text{Hom}_{\text{Rel}}(X, Y) \subseteq X \times Y$.

Rel is *self-dual*, since $\text{Rel}^{\text{op}} \cong \text{Rel}$.

Ex. 10. The **category** **Par** is comparable to **Set**, just by extending the **morphisms** from total to partial functions $f : X \rightarrow Y$ (not necessarily defined for every element in X).

Ex. 11. The **category** **Top** has **topological spaces** $(X, \mathcal{O}_X \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X))$ as **objects** and **continuous functions** as **morphism**.

B Sketches of the Proofs

NOTE: The proofs in this section make no claim to be rigorous, just to convey an approximate approach taken in proving claims made in the lecture.

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Sk. 1. The smallest fixpoint a **continuous** φ on a **CPO** (X, \sqsubseteq) is $\mu\varphi$ (c.f. theorem 1).

Proof. This is a two-step proof. First we want to show that $\mu\varphi$ is a fixpoint, which be seen by equational reasoning

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\varphi(\mu\varphi)} &= \varphi \left(\bigsqcup_{i=0}^{\infty} \varphi^i(\perp) \right) && \text{(expand def.)} \\ &= \bigsqcup_{i=0}^{\infty} \varphi^{i+1}(\perp) = \bigsqcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \varphi^i(\perp) && \text{(continuity)} \end{aligned}$$

N.B.: Suprema are invariant under omission of finitely many elements of an infinite chain, so we can safely add the bottom element:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \varphi^0(\perp) \sqcup \bigsqcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \varphi^i(\perp) \\ &= \bigsqcup_{i=0}^{\infty} \varphi^i(\perp) = \underline{\mu\varphi} && \text{(contract def.)} \end{aligned}$$

To see that $\mu\varphi$ is the *smallest* fixpoint, consider any x — for which $\varphi(x) = x$ must hold — and the chain of inference

$$\begin{aligned} \implies & \varphi(\perp) \sqsubseteq \varphi(x) = x && (\varphi \text{ is } \mathbf{mono.}) \\ \implies & \varphi^2(\perp) \sqsubseteq \varphi^2(x) = \varphi(x) = x \\ & \vdots && \text{(i.e. induction)} \\ \implies & \underline{\mu\varphi} = \bigsqcup_{i=0}^{\infty} \varphi^i(\perp) \sqsubseteq \bigsqcup_{i=0}^{\infty} \varphi^i(x) = \underline{x} \end{aligned}$$

which demonstrates that respective to \sqsubseteq , $\mu\varphi$ must be “smaller” than any x . This concludes the entire proof. ■

Sk. 2. Given an **endofunctor** F in \mathcal{C} , **Alg**(F) constitute a **category**.

Proof. Knowing the *objects* of **Alg**(F) are pairs (A, a) , s.t. $FA \xrightarrow{a} A$ is a **morphism** in \mathcal{C} and the *morphisms* of **Alg**(F) are **morphisms** $f : (A, a) \rightarrow (B, b)$ in \mathcal{C} s.t. $f \circ a = b \circ F(f)$, we only need to justify that the properties of **morphisms** hold:

Identity For any (A, a) , we can re-use id_A from \mathcal{C} , since

$$a = \text{id}_A \circ a = a \circ F(\text{id}_A) = a \circ \text{id}_{FA} = a \circ \text{id}_A = a.$$

Composition For any (A, a) , (B, b) and (C, c) with $f : (A, a) \rightarrow (B, b)$ and $g : (B, b) \rightarrow (C, c)$, we know a that $g \circ f : (A, a) \rightarrow (C, c)$ must exist, as

$$g \circ f \circ a = c \circ F(g \circ f)$$

$$g \circ \underline{f \circ a} = \underline{c \circ F(g)} \circ F(f)$$

$$g \circ b \circ F(f) = g \circ b \circ F(f),$$

where the underlined left and right terms respectively make use of the commutativity inherent in f and g . ■

Sk. 3. The **colimit** μF of a **ω -cocontinuous ω -chain** is the **initial F -Algebra**.

Proof. To construct a unique morphism from $(\mu F, i)$ to an arbitrary **F -Algebra** (A, a) , one needs to construct a **cocone** over the ω -chain with A as the **coapex**. For every element $F^n(\top)$ this morphism is

$$\underbrace{a \circ F(a) \circ F^2(a) \circ \dots \circ F^n(\top)}_{n \text{ times}}$$

where $! : \top \rightarrow A$. The idea is that every element of the ω -chain is mapped from $F^n(\top)$ to $F^n(A)$ and then “reduced” to A via lifted applications of $a : F(A) \rightarrow A$.

There will be a unique morphism from μF to this A that can also be mapped under F to produce a **F -Algebra-morphism**. ■

Sk. 4. Given an **endofunctor** F , **Coalg**(F) constitute a **category**.

Proof. This proof is dual to sketch 2. ■

Sk. 5. The **morphism** $i : FI \rightarrow I$ of the **initial F -Algebra** (I, i) is an **iso** (c.f. lemma 1).

Proof. To prove that i is an **isomorphism**, we need to construct an **inverse** $i^{-1} : I \rightarrow FI$ in **Alg**(F).

Given the **initial F -Algebra** (I, i) we derive a further object (FI, Fi) , for which there must exist a unique **morphism** $(\llbracket Fi \rrbracket) : (I, i) \rightarrow (FI, Fi)$, which corresponds to i^{-1} . As (I, i) is **initial**, id_{FI} is the only **morphism** to (FI, Fi) , hence $\text{id}_I = i \circ i^{-1}$. The opposite direction, follows by equational reasoning:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{i^{-1} \circ i} &= Fi \circ Fi^{-1} && \text{(comm. of cata.)} \\ &= F(i \circ i^{-1}) && \text{(prop. functor)} \\ &= F(\text{id}_I) && \text{(see above)} \\ &= \underline{\text{id}_{FI}} && \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Sk. 6. All component **morphisms** of a **natural iso** are isomorphic **functors**, and *vice versa*.

Proof. Assuming η is a natural iso (i.e. there is a η^{-1} — i.e. an **iso** in $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{C}}$ — we have to prove that every $\eta_A : F(A) \rightarrow G(A)$ is an **iso** (i.e. there is a η_A^{-1}). This can be trivially constructed by indexing η^{-1} by A , attaining $\eta_A^{-1} : G(A) \rightarrow F(A)$. The uniqueness of η_A^{-1} is inherited from the uniqueness of η^{-1} .

Assuming every η_A is an **iso**, we have to prove that η is an **iso** in $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{C}}$: This requires the construction of a family of **morphisms** $(\eta_A^{-1})_{A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})}$ which are given by η_A being **isos**. In addition, the naturality condition must be verified. ■

Sk. 7. There exists a (**set-theoretical**) bijection between the application of $A \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ on a **functor** $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ and the **morphisms** between **hom-functors** from A to the **functor** F in the **category of functors** (c.f. lemma 2).

Proof. The proof of a bijection requires the construction of two functions, mapping between the two sets in opposite directions:

$$\begin{aligned} \aleph &: \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}}}(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, -), F) \rightarrow F(A) \\ \aleph(\eta) &= \eta_A(\text{id}_A) \\ \beth &: F(A) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}}}(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, -), F) \\ \beth(x) &= (h \mapsto (F(h))(x))_{B \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{C})} \end{aligned}$$

These are their mutual inverse functions, as can be seen by equational reasoning. Given an $x \in F(A)$ and $\eta \in \text{Hom}_{\mathbf{Set}^{\mathcal{C}}}(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, -), F)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \aleph(\beth(x)) &= \aleph(h \mapsto (Fh)(x)) \\ &= (h \mapsto (Fh)(x))(\text{id}_A) \\ &= (\text{Fid}_A)(x) = \underline{\text{id}_{FA}}(x) = x \end{aligned}$$

and conversely for a $\eta \in \text{Hom}_{\text{Set}^{\mathcal{C}}}(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, -), F)$ and $m : A \rightarrow B$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqsupset(\underline{\mathbb{N}(\eta_A)})(m) &= \sqsupset(\eta_A(\text{id}_A))(m) \\ &= (h \mapsto Fh(\eta_A(\text{id}_A)))(m) \\ &= Fm(\eta_A(\text{id}_A)) \\ &= \eta_A(\underline{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, m)(\text{id}_A)}) \\ &= \eta_A(m \circ \text{id}_A) = \eta_A(m) \end{aligned} \quad (*)$$

Furthermore, for (*) to work, one has to prove that for an x , $\sqsupset(x)$ actually constructs a **natural transformation**, by verifying the naturality condition,

$$Fm \circ \sqsupset(x) = \sqsupset(x) \circ \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, m)$$

for an arbitrary $f \in \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, B)$:

$$\begin{aligned} Fm(\sqsupset(x)(f)) &= \sqsupset(x)(\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, m)(f)) \\ Fm((h \mapsto Fh)(f)) &= (h \mapsto Fh)(\underline{\text{Hom}_{\mathcal{C}}(A, m)(f)}) \\ \underline{Fm(Ff)} &= \underline{(h \mapsto Fh)(mf)} \\ F(mf) &= F(mf) \end{aligned} \quad \blacksquare$$

Sk. 8. Every **iso** $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a **mono** and **epi**, but not always conversely.

Proof. For any $g, h : Z \rightarrow X$

$$fg = fh \iff \underbrace{f^{-1}fg}_{\text{id}_X} = \underbrace{f^{-1}fh}_{\text{id}_X} \iff g = h,$$

and analogously for **epi**.

The reverse does not hold: In **posets** (X, \leq) all morphisms are epi and mono, since for $x, y, z \in X$

$$x \leq y \leq z \implies x \leq y \wedge y \leq z,$$

i.e. shortening the pre- and post-**composition**, but only **identity morphisms** are iso, since

$$x \leq y \wedge y \leq x \iff x = y. \quad \blacksquare$$

Sk. 9. A **category** \mathcal{C} is finitely **complete**...

- $\iff \mathcal{C}$ has finite **products** and **equaliser** (1)
- $\iff \mathcal{C}$ has finite **products** and **pullback** (2)
- $\iff \mathcal{C}$ has **terminal object** and **pullback** (3)

Proof. Considering the “ \Leftarrow ” direction for each sub-claim:

(1) Given an arbitrary **shape** \mathcal{J} and **diagram** $F : \mathcal{J} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$, construct for an arbitrary **morphism** h in \mathcal{J}

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(\text{dom}(h)) & \xrightarrow{Fh} & F(\text{cod}(h)) \\ \uparrow \pi_{\text{dom}} & & \uparrow \pi_h \\ E \xrightarrow{e} \prod_{j \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{J})} Fj & \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\langle Fm \circ \pi_{\text{dom}(m)} \rangle} \\ \xrightarrow{\langle \pi_{\text{cod}(m)} \rangle} \end{array} & \prod_{j \in \text{Mor}(\mathcal{J})} F(\text{cod } j) \\ & \searrow \pi_{\text{cod } h} & \downarrow \pi_{\text{cod}} \\ & & F(\text{cod}(h)) \end{array}$$

where $\text{Mor}(\mathcal{J}) = \bigcup_{j, j' \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{J})} \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{J}}(j, j')$ is the set of all morphisms in \mathcal{J} .

The **morphism** $\lambda_j := \pi_j \circ e$ span a **cone** $(E, (\lambda_j)_{j \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{J})})$, that inherits its universal property from that of the **equaliser** e .

- (2) **Equalisers** of two **morphisms** $m, n : A \rightarrow B$ are **pullbacks** of the form $A \xrightarrow{m} B \xleftarrow{n} A$. Given this fact, we can reduce the proof to that finite **products** and **equaliser**.
- (3) **Products** $A \times B$ are **pullbacks** of the form $A \rightarrow \perp \leftarrow B$. **Equalisers** can be constructed analogously to the second point. Using these constructions, the proof can be reduced to (1).

The opposite direction (\mathcal{C} is complete $\implies \mathcal{C}$ has ...) is trivial, since finite completeness (i.e. has **limits** for any finite **shape**) is sufficient to construct any **terminal object**, **product**, **equaliser** or **pullback**. \blacksquare

Sk. 10. A **category** \mathcal{C} being finitely **cocomplete** is equivalent to \mathcal{C} having finite **coproducts** and **coequalisers** or **coproducts** and **pushouts** or an **initial object** and **pushouts**.

Proof. As **colimits** are **dual** to **limits**, we can *dualize* and refer to sketch 9. \blacksquare

Sk. 11. If a **regular mono** m is also **epi**, then m is an **iso**.

Proof. If $m : A \rightarrow B$ is **regular mono**, there must exist some $f, g : C \rightarrow A$ for which

$$f \circ m = g \circ m \implies f = g,$$

since m is **epi** as well. For m to be the **equaliser** of the same morphism twice, it is necessary for id_B to be a possibly other **equaliser** of f and g , since

$$f = g \implies f \circ \text{id}_B = g \circ \text{id}_B.$$

Consequently there must be a unique $m^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$, so that $m^{-1} \circ m = \text{id}_B$ holds, which demonstrates that m is an **iso**. An overview of this proof is found in this commutative

diagram:
$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{m} & B \xrightarrow{f} C \\ \uparrow m^{-1} & \nearrow \text{id}_B & \uparrow g \\ B & & \end{array}$$

See sketch 8 for an example that a non-**regular mono** is insufficient. \blacksquare

Sk. 12. **Limits** are unique up to **iso**.

Proof. Assume two L and L' are **limits** for any **shape** \mathcal{J} . Then there must exist a unique **morphism** from L to L' and vice versa, which is the isomorphism. \blacksquare

Sk. 13. **Bisimulation** implies **behavioural equivalence**.

Proof. Given a **bisimulation** $(C, c) \xleftarrow{\pi_1} (R, r) \xrightarrow{\pi_2} (D, d)$ we can construct a **pullback** $\text{Pb}(\pi_1, \pi_2) = (P, p)$. In **Set** this exist necessarily, meaning that the cone **morphisms** $(C, c) \xrightarrow{p_1} (P, p) \xleftarrow{p_2} (D, d)$ provide the intended **behavioural equivalence**. \blacksquare

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