

# The Microcosm Principle and Concurrency in Coalgebra

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# A short review of coalgebra/coinduction

## Theory of coalgebra

• Coalgebraic theory of state-based systems

in Sets : bisimilarity

in Kleisli: trace semantics

[Hasuo,Jacobs,Sokolova LMCS'07]

categorically

coalgebra

behavior-preserving map

behavior

coalgebra

morphism of  
coalgebras

coinduction

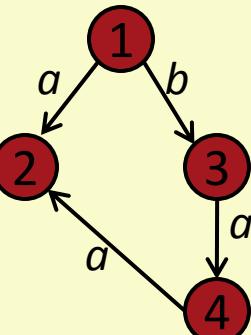
(via final coalgebra)

$$\begin{array}{c} F X \\ \uparrow \\ X \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F X & \xrightarrow{F f} & F Y \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F X & \dashrightarrow & F Z \\ c \uparrow & & \cong \uparrow \text{final} \\ X & \dashrightarrow & Z \\ & \text{beh}(c) & \end{array}$$

# Coalgebra example – LTS



$C = \text{Sets}$ ,  $F = P_{\text{fin}}(\Sigma \times \_)$

$F$ -coalgebra = LTS

coalgebra  $c: X \rightarrow FX$

states  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  labels  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

transitions  $c(1) = \{(a, 2), (b, 3)\}, c(2) = \emptyset, \dots$

# Concurrency

$C \parallel D$

running  $C$  and  $D$  in parallel

## is everywhere

- computer networks
- multi-core processors
- modular, component-based design of complex systems

## is hard to get right

- exponentially growing complexity
- need for a compositional verification

# Compositionality

aids compositional verification

Behavior of  $C \parallel D$   
is determined by  
**behavior of  $C$**  and **behavior of  $D$**

Conventional presentation

$$\mathcal{C}_1 \sim \mathcal{C}_2 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{D}_1 \sim \mathcal{D}_2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{C}_1 \parallel \mathcal{D}_1 \sim \mathcal{C}_2 \parallel \mathcal{D}_2$$

behavioral equivalence

- bisimilarity
- trace equivalence
- ...

„bisimilarity is a congruence“

# Compositionality in coalgebra

$\parallel : \text{Coalg}_F \times \text{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \text{Coalg}_F$   
composing coalgebras/systems

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \dashrightarrow FZ & \\ & \cong^{\text{final}} \uparrow & \\ \text{beh}(c) & \dashrightarrow Z & \end{array}$$

algebraic compositionality

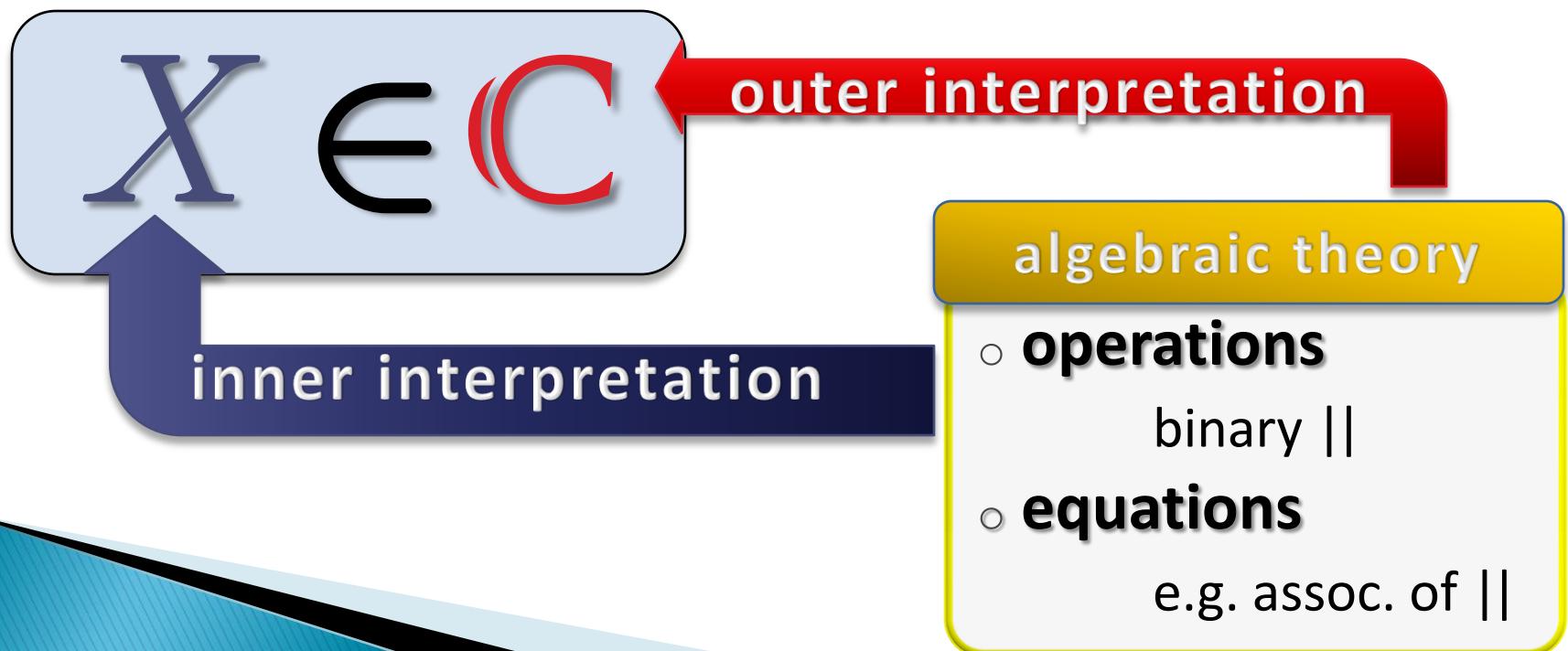
$$\text{beh}\left(\frac{FX}{c \uparrow X} \parallel \frac{FY}{d \uparrow Y}\right) = \text{beh}\left(\frac{FX}{c \uparrow X}\right) \parallel \text{beh}\left(\frac{FY}{d \uparrow Y}\right)$$

$\parallel : Z \times Z \rightarrow Z$   
composing behavior

# Nested algebraic structures: *the microcosm principle*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Coalg}_F & \times & \text{Coalg}_F \\ z & \times & z \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad || \quad} \text{Coalg}_F \quad \xrightarrow{\quad || \quad} z$$

with  
 $\left( \begin{array}{c} FZ \\ \cong \uparrow_{\text{final}} \\ Z \end{array} \right) \in \text{Coalg}_F$



# Microcosm in macrocosm

We name this principle the *microcosm principle, after the theory, common in pre-modern correlative cosmologies*, that every feature of the microcosm (e.g. the human soul) corresponds to some feature of the macrocosm.

John Baez & James Dolan  
*Higher-Dimensional Algebra III:  
n-Categories and the Algebra of Opetopes*  
Adv. Math. 1998



# The microcosm principle: you may have seen it

monoid in a monoidal category

monoidal cat. $\mathbb{C}$		monoid $M \in \mathbb{C}$
$\otimes : \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ $I \in \mathbb{C}$	mult. unit	$M \otimes M \xrightarrow{m} M$ $I \xrightarrow{e} M$
$I \otimes X \cong X \cong X \otimes I$	unit law	$M \xrightarrow{\quad} M \otimes M \xleftarrow{\quad} M$ $\downarrow$ $M$
$(X \otimes Y) \otimes Z \cong X \otimes (Y \otimes Z)$	assoc. law	$M \otimes M \otimes M \xrightarrow{\quad} M \otimes M$ $\downarrow$ $M \otimes M \xrightarrow{\quad} M$

inner depends on outer

# Formalizing the microcosm principle

What do we mean by  
“**microcosm principle**”?

mathematical definition of such nested models?

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{L} & \xrightarrow{\quad \downarrow X \quad} & \mathbf{CAT} \\ \mathbb{C} & \nearrow 1 & \end{array}$$

inner model  
as lax natural trans.

algebraic theory  
as Lawvere theory

outer model  
as prod.-pres. functor

# Outline

microcosm for  
concurrency  
 $(\parallel)$  and  $\parallel$ )

parallel  
composition  
via **sync** nat. trans.

generic  
compositionality  
theorem

for arbitrary  
algebraic  
theory

2-categorical formulation

$$\mathbb{L} \xrightarrow[\mathbb{C}]{} \text{CAT}^{\downarrow X}$$

# Parallel composition of coalgebras via *sync*

Part 1

# Parallel

bifunctor  $\mathbf{Coalg}_F \times \mathbf{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \mathbf{Coalg}_F$

## Aim

usually denoted by (tensor)

$$\mathbf{beh}\left(\begin{array}{c|c} FX & HFY \\ \hline c\uparrow & \otimes d\uparrow \\ X & Y \end{array}\right) = \mathbf{beh}\left(\begin{array}{c|c} HFX & HFY \\ \hline c\uparrow & d\uparrow \\ X & Y \end{array}\right) \parallel \mathbf{beh}\left(\begin{array}{c|c} HFY \\ \hline d\uparrow \\ Y \end{array}\right)$$

## Theorem

:  $\mathbf{Coalg}_F \times \mathbf{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \mathbf{Coalg}_F$

$\mathbf{sync}_{X,Y} : FX \otimes FY \rightarrow F(X \otimes Y)$

$F$  with  
sync

lifting

:  $C \times C \rightarrow C$

# Parallel composition via sync

$$\text{sync}_{X,Y} : FX \parallel FY \rightarrow F(X \parallel Y)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} FX \\ c \uparrow \\ X \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} FY \\ d \uparrow \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & F(X \otimes Y) \\ & = FX \otimes FY \\ & \quad \uparrow \text{sync}_{X,Y} \\ & \quad \uparrow c \otimes d \\ & X \otimes Y \end{aligned}$$

on the base category

different  
sync

different

:  $\text{Coalg}_F \times \text{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \text{Coalg}_F$

## Examples of

$\text{sync} : FX \otimes FY \rightarrow F(X \otimes Y)$

$F$  with  
sync

lifting

$x : \text{Sets} \times \text{Sets} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$

► CSP-style (Hoare)

$$a.P \parallel a.Q \xrightarrow{a} P \parallel Q$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin.}}(\Sigma \times X) \times \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin.}}(\Sigma \times Y) & \xrightarrow{\text{sync}_{X,Y}} & \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin.}}(\Sigma \times (X \times Y)) \\ (S, T) & \mapsto & \{ (a, (x, y)) \mid (a, x) \in S \wedge (a, y) \in T \} \end{array}$$

► CCS-style (Milner)

$$a.P \parallel \bar{a}.Q \xrightarrow{\tau} P \parallel Q$$

Assuming  $\Sigma = \{a, a', \dots\} + \{\bar{a}, \bar{a}', \dots\} + \{\tau\}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin.}}(\Sigma \times X) \times \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin.}}(\Sigma \times Y) & \xrightarrow{\text{sync}_{X,Y}} & \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin.}}(\Sigma \times (X \times Y)) \\ (S, T) & \mapsto & \{ (\tau, (x, y)) \mid (a, x) \in S \wedge (\bar{a}, y) \in T \} \end{array}$$

$C = \text{Sets}, F = P_{\text{fin.}}(\Sigma \times \_)$

$F$ -coalgebra = LTS

# Inner composition

## Aim

$$\mathbf{beh}\left(\frac{FX}{c \uparrow X} \otimes \frac{FY}{d \uparrow Y}\right) = \mathbf{beh}\left(\frac{FX}{c \uparrow X}\right) \parallel \mathbf{beh}\left(\frac{FY}{d \uparrow Y}\right)$$

|| “composition of states/*behavior*”  
arises by **coinduction**

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(Z \otimes Z) & \xrightarrow{\hspace{3cm}} & FZ \\ \uparrow \zeta \otimes \zeta & & \uparrow \zeta_{\text{final}} \\ Z \otimes Z & \xrightarrow{\hspace{3cm}} & Z \\ & \parallel & \end{array}$$

# Compositionality theorem

## Theorem

$$\text{beh}\left(\begin{array}{c} FX \\ c \uparrow \\ X \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{c} FY \\ d \uparrow \\ Y \end{array}\right) = \text{beh}\left(\begin{array}{c} FX \\ c \uparrow \\ X \end{array}\right) \parallel \text{beh}\left(\begin{array}{c} FY \\ d \uparrow \\ Y \end{array}\right)$$

for by

:  $\text{Coalg}_F \times \text{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \text{Coalg}_F$

*F* with  
sync

lifting

:  $C \times C \rightarrow C$

and || by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(Z \otimes Z) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & FZ \\ \downarrow \zeta \otimes \zeta & & \uparrow \zeta_{\text{final}} \\ Z \otimes Z & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Z \end{array}$$

||

Assumptions: , sync, final exists

# Equational properties

associative

:  $\text{Coalg}_F \times \text{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \text{Coalg}_F$

commutativity?

$F$  with  
“associative”

sync

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FX & \xrightarrow{FX \otimes \text{sync}} & FX \otimes F(Y \otimes Z) \xrightarrow{\text{sync}} F(X \otimes (Y \otimes Z)) \\ (FX \otimes FZ) & & \downarrow \text{id} \\ & & ((X \otimes Y) \otimes Z) \end{array}$$

arbitrary algebraic  
theory?

associative

:  $C \times C \rightarrow C$

lifting

for arbitrary  
algebraic theory

## 2-categorical formulation of the microcosm principle

Part 2

# Lawvere theory $\mathbf{L}$

a **category** representing an algebraic theory

## Definition

A **Lawvere theory**  $\mathbf{L}$  is a small category

- with objects natural numbers
- that has finite products

# Lawvere theory

algebraic theory

operations

$m$  (binary)  
 $e$  (nullary)

equations

assoc. of  $m$   
unit law

other arrows:

- projections
- composed terms

$$2 \xrightarrow{\begin{array}{c} \pi_1 \\ \pi_2 \end{array}} 1$$

$$3 \xrightarrow{m(m(\pi_1, \pi_2), \pi_3)} 1$$

as category

as arrows

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & & 0 \\ m \downarrow & & e \downarrow \\ 1 & & 1 \end{array}$$

as commuting diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & 3 & & \\ & & \xrightarrow{m \times id} & & \\ id \times m \downarrow & & 2 & \downarrow m & \\ & & \xrightarrow{m} & & 1 \\ & & 2 & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & 1 & & \\ & & \xrightarrow{\langle e, id \rangle} & & 2 \\ & & 2 & \xrightarrow{\langle id, e \rangle} & 1 \\ & & id & \downarrow m & id \\ & & 1 & & 1 \end{array}$$

# Models for a Lawvere theory $\mathbb{L}$

**Standard:** set-theoretic model

a set with  $\mathbb{L}$ -structure, **L-set**

$$\mathbb{L} \xrightarrow{X} \text{Sets} \quad (\text{product-preserving})$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & \xrightarrow{\quad m \quad} & X^2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow [m] \\ 1 & \longmapsto & X \end{array}$$

binary op.  
on  $X$

what about  
nested models?

$X \in \mathbb{C}$

# Outer model: L-category

outer model

- a **category** with L-structure, **L-category**

$$\mathbb{L} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{C}} \text{Cat} \quad (\text{product-preserving})$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & & \mathbb{C}^2 \\ \downarrow \mathbf{m} & \longmapsto & \downarrow [\mathbf{m}] = \otimes \\ 1 & & \mathbb{C} \end{array}$$

# Inner model: L-object

## Definition

Given an L-category  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  
an **L-object**  $X$  in it  
is a lax natural transformation  
compatible with products.

inner alg. str.  
by  
mediating 2-cells

## components

$$X_0 : 1 \xrightarrow{!} 1$$

$$X_1 : 1 \xrightarrow{X} \mathbb{C}$$

$$X_2 : 1 \xrightarrow{(X, X)} \mathbb{C}^2$$

:

$X$ : carrier obj.

$$\frac{X \in \mathbb{C}}{1 \xrightarrow{X} \mathbb{C}}$$

## lax naturality

In  $\mathbb{L}$

$$\begin{matrix} 2 \\ \downarrow \\ 1 \end{matrix}$$

In Cat

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (X, X) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{C}^2 \\ 1 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{C} \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \text{⊗} \\ 1 & \xrightarrow{X} & \mathbb{C} \end{array}$$

$$X \otimes X \xrightarrow{X_m} X \quad \text{in } \mathbb{C}$$

**lax L-functor**  
 $= F$  with sync

Theorem

$\text{Coalg}_F$  is an L-category

**lax L-functor  $F$**

L-category

lifting

**lax L-functor?**

$\mathbb{L} \xrightarrow{C} \text{Cat}$  lax natur.  
trans.

Equations are built in!

**lax naturality?**

In  $\mathbb{L}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C}^2 & \xrightarrow{(F, F)} & \mathbb{C}^2 \\ \otimes \downarrow & \swarrow & \downarrow \otimes \\ \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathbb{C} \end{array}$$

$FX \otimes FY \xrightarrow{\text{sync}_{X,Y}} F(X \otimes Y) \quad \text{in } \mathbb{C}$

In  $\text{Cat}$

Theorem

The final object of an L-category is an L-object

# Compositionality theorem

## Theorem

The behaviour functor  $beh$  is a strict L-functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Coalg}_F & \xrightarrow{\quad beh \quad} & \mathbb{C}/Z \\ \left( \begin{matrix} FX \\ c \uparrow \\ X \end{matrix} \right) & \longleftarrow & (X \xrightarrow{\mathbf{beh}(c)} Z) \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{by coinduction} \\ \begin{array}{ccc} FX & \dashrightarrow & FZ \\ c \uparrow & & \cong \uparrow \text{final} \\ X & \dashrightarrow & Z \end{array} \end{array} \right\}$$

In a situation

$\text{Coalg}_F$  is an L-category

lax L-functor  $F$

lifting

L-category  $\mathbb{C}$

The final object of  
an L-category is an  
L-object

Assumptions:  $\mathbb{C}$  is an L-category,  $F$  is lax L-functor, final exists

# Related and future work: bialgebras

Bialgebraic structures

[Turi-Plotkin, Bartels, Klin, ...]

algebraic structures on coalgebras

In the current work

Equations, not only operations ,are an integral part

The algebraic structures are nested, higher dimensional

Missing

Full GSOS expressivity

# Conclusion

Microcosm principle



algebraic theory

- operations
- equations

2-categorical  
formulation

$$\mathbb{L} \xrightarrow[\mathbb{C}]{} \mathbf{CAT}$$

1  
↓ X

Concurrency in coalgebra  
as motivation and  
CS example