

Monads and their applications

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Introduction

Chapter 1

Categorical preliminaries

Definition 1.0.1 (Categories).

Definition 1.0.2 (Functors).

Definition 1.0.3 (Full functors, faithful functor).

Definition 1.0.4 (Natural transformations).

Definition 1.0.5 (Representable Functors).

Definition 1.0.6 (Whiskering).

Definition 1.0.7 (Horizontal and vertical composition of nat.transf.).

Definition 1.0.8 (adjunctions).

Lemma 1.0.9 (Yoneda).

Proof.

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Chapter 2

Monads and algebras

Throughout mathematics we encounter structures defined by some action morphisms. Here we give some examples.

Example 2.0.1. Given a group G , we may consider a G -set X described by an action map $G \times X \rightarrow X$.

Example 2.0.2. Given an abelian group M and a ring R , we can get an R -module M by fixing a group homomorphism $R \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} M \rightarrow M$.

Example 2.0.3. Given a monoid M in Set , we get a map $\prod_{k=1}^n M \rightarrow M$, $(m_1, \dots, m_n) \mapsto ((\dots((m_1 m_2) m_3) \dots) m_{n-1}) m_n$. This induces an action map from $W(M) = \coprod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \prod_{k=1}^n M$, the set of words on M , to M .

Example 2.0.4. Given a set X , let $\mathcal{U}X$ be the set of ultrafilters on it. Any compact T2 topology on X allows us to see each ultrafilter as a system of neighborhoods of a unique point in X , hence it gives us a unique map $\mathcal{U}X \rightarrow X$ sending each ultrafilter to the respective point.

Example 2.0.5. Given a directed graph $D = (V, E, E \xrightarrow{s} V, E \xrightarrow{t} E)$, we can create its free category FD , where the objects are the vertices and $FD(v, w) = \{\text{finite paths } v \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow w\}$. We set Id_v to be the path of length 0, while composition is just the concatenation of paths.

2.1 Monads

2.2 Algebras

2.3 Monadic functors

Chapter 3

Beck's monadicity theorem

Chapter 4

Monads in 2-category theory

Chapter 5

Monads in ∞ -category theory