

Mnemonic Lax-Idempotent Monads and Compactness

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Example

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- $\mathcal{P}(X)$ (powerset of a set X ordered by inclusion)
- Cliques of a coherence space

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- For $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ the finite elements are finite partial functions
- If X is a set, an element of $\mathcal{P}(X)$ is finite if it is a finite subset of X .

Notation: For a DCPO (D, \leq) , denote $\mathbf{K}(D) := \{x \in D \mid x \text{ is finite}\}$.

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- $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is algebraic.
- Any coherence space is defined by its finite cliques.
- $\mathcal{P}(X)$ is algebraic.

The ldl-Construction

Definition

For any poset (X, \leq) , let

$$\text{ldl}(X) := \{S \subseteq X \mid S \text{ is directed and down-closed}\}.$$

Lemma

Any monotone map $f : X \rightarrow D$ (where D is a DCPO) uniquely extends to

$$\tilde{f} : \text{ldl}(X) \rightarrow D \text{ by } \tilde{f}(S) = \bigsqcup_{s \in S} f(s)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & D \\ \eta_X \downarrow & \nearrow \tilde{f} & \\ \text{ldl}(X) & & \end{array} .$$

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Can we axiomatize this?

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This means that **Idl** is a **lax-idempotent monad**¹!

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Idl freely adds directed joins. And **Idl-Alg** \cong **DCPO**!

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What we will use: \mathcal{K} , T , $T\text{-Alg}$ and Compact Objects

Translation

- \mathcal{K} is a 2-category (think posets, monotone functions and pointwise comparison)
- T is a lax-idempotent pseudomonad, think adding a class of joins to a poset
- $T\text{-Alg}$ is the category of algebras of T , think DCPO, sup-lattices
- Compact objects generalize finite elements and join-prime elements

See Blackboard!

More instances of this

This recipe works for the **down-set construction**

$$\mathcal{D}(X) := \{S \subseteq X \mid S \text{ down-closed}\}.$$

1. $\mathcal{K} = \mathbf{Pos}$
2. $\mathbf{T} = \mathcal{D}$
3. $\mathbf{T}\text{-Alg} = \mathbf{SUP}$, these are posets admitting all joins
4. Compact objects correspond to **completely join prime elements**

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It also works for **ex/lex construction** $X_{ex/lex}$ ²!

1. $\mathcal{K} = \text{Lex}$, categories with finite limits
2. $T = (-)_{\text{ex/lex}}$
3. $T\text{-Alg} = \text{ExCat}$, these are **Barr Exact Categories**
4. Compact objects correspond to **regular projective objects**

²A. Carboni and E.M. Vitale. **“Regular and exact completions”**. In: *Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra* (1998).

The abstract definition of Mnemonic Monad

The canonical comparison 2-cell

A lax-idempotent monad T on a 2-category \mathcal{K} has a canonical 2-cell $\theta_{TX} : T\eta_X \Rightarrow \eta_{TX}$ for each $X \in \mathcal{K}$

$$TX \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{T\eta_X} \\ \Downarrow \theta_{TX} \\ \xrightarrow{\eta_{TX}} \end{array} T^2X .$$

Definition

A lax-idempotent monad T is **mnemonic** exactly when for each $X \in \mathcal{K}$, η_X is the inverter of θ_{TX}

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In domain theory, this inverter selects the finite elements of a **continuous DCPO**.

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Continuous Algebras as Coalgebras!

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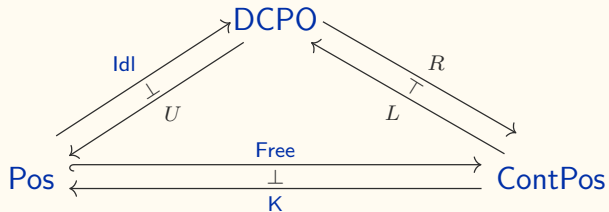
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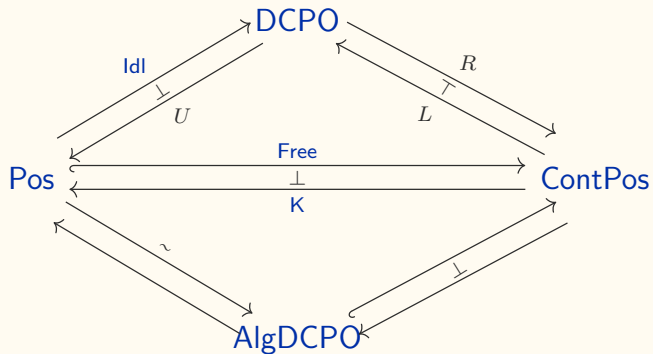
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Moreover, \mathbf{T} is mnemetic iff Free is a local equivalence.

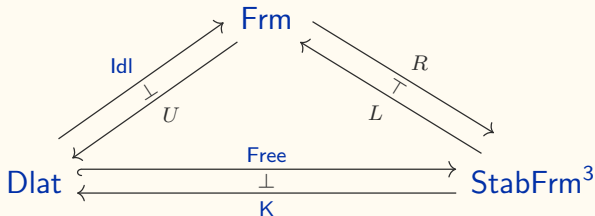
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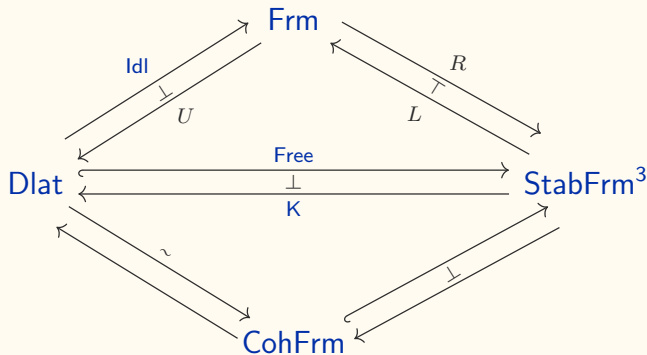


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The atomic objects of $\mathcal{P}(C)$ are all retracts of representables \rightarrow **Cauchy completion of C** . So \mathcal{P} is not mnemonic!

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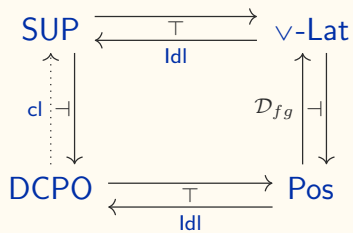
The Dream

Wow!

Maybe every lax-idempotent monad factors as an idempotent “Cauchy completion” followed by a mnemetic monad!



Our Hopes and Dreams



The Counterexample

Theorem

There is a lax-idempotent monad on \mathbf{DCPO} :

$$\mathbf{cl} : \mathbf{DCPO} \rightarrow \mathbf{DCPO}$$

such that the associated notion of compactness $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{cl}}$ has $\mathbf{cl}(\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{cl}}(\mathbf{cl}(\mathcal{J}))) \not\cong \mathbf{cl}(\mathcal{J})$ (where \mathcal{J} is a counterexample of Peter Johnstone⁵).

⁵Peter T. Johnstone. “**Scott is not always sober**”. In: 2006.

Conclusion & Thoughts

1. We found a way of associating a notion of **generator** to each **lax-idempotent monad**.
 - Leads to Stone Duality
 - Categorical Dualities (Gabriel-Ulmer)

This extends the methods of domain theory to new domains.

2. We found that not every lax-idempotent monad easily gives rise to a duality: Basic idea **Mnemonic \implies Duality**.

Future Work

- We have more exotic examples of lax-idempotent monads we would like to consider (ask me later).
- Strengthen framework (Virtual Double Categories).

Thank You!

I finished too early ...

Sorry!

Forms of compactness

For a Sup-Lattice X , $x \in X$ is **completely join prime** if for any $S \subseteq X$:

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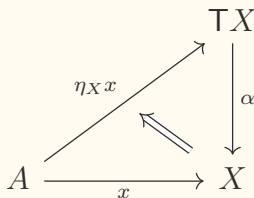
So the "compact" elements with respect to the down-set monad are the ones where the unit η_X **behaves like a left adjoint** to the algebra α .

General compactness

Definition. A generalized element $x : A \rightarrow X$ for an algebra (X, α) is **T-compact** if we have a natural bijection:

$$\frac{\eta_X x \Rightarrow u}{x \Rightarrow \alpha u}$$

stable under precomposition. Formally this means that:



is an absolute left lifting diagram, where the 2-cell is part of the iso $\alpha \eta_X \cong id$.

General compactness on Categories

- For \mathfrak{X} cocomplete, $x : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}$ is \mathcal{P} -compact iff it is **atomic** in the sense that

$$\mathrm{hom}(x, -) : \mathfrak{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$$

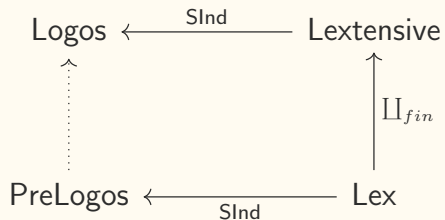
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- For \mathfrak{X} Ind-cocomplete, $x : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}$ is **Ind**-compact when it is **finitely presentable**, i.e.

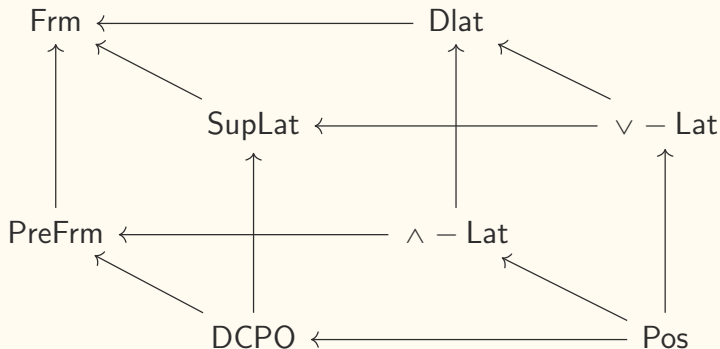
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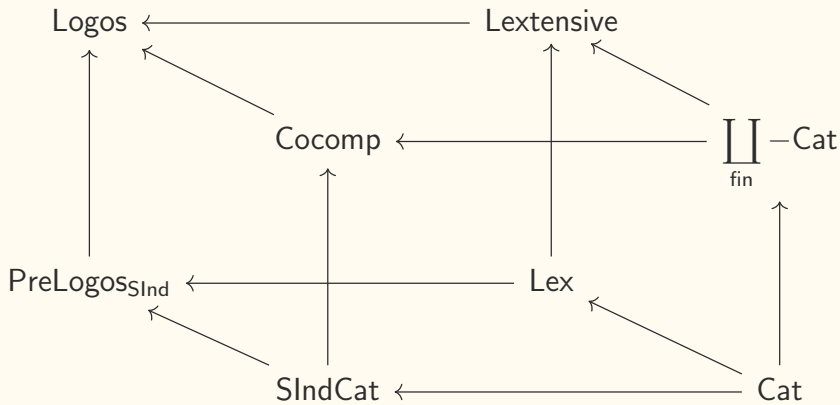
Things that should exist!



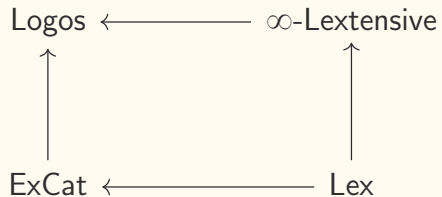
A big cube of lax-idempotent stuff



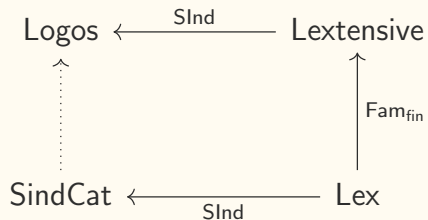
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A pattern of these squares

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathcal{A}^{ST} & \xleftarrow{\quad S \quad} & \mathcal{A}^T \\ \uparrow \text{ (dotted)} & & \uparrow \\ \mathcal{A}^S & \xleftarrow{\quad S \quad} & \mathcal{A} \end{array}$$

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