

# Mnemetic Lax-Idempotent Monads and Compactness

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2. [Our Story](#) (Yes Categories)
  - Generalization: Lax-Idempotent Monads, Compact Objects



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- $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  (partial functions  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ )
- $\mathcal{P}(X)$  (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  $(D, \leqslant)$ , 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 $\text{Idl}$ -Construction

## Definition

For any poset  $(X, \leq)$ , let

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

## Lemma

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

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

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

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## 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.  $\mathsf{T} = \mathcal{D}$
3.  $\mathsf{T}\text{-Alg} = \mathbf{SUP}$ , these are posets admitting all joins
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It also works for  $\text{ex/lex}$  construction  $X_{\text{ex/lex}}^2$ !

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

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<sup>2</sup>A. 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  $\theta_{TX} : T\eta_X \Rightarrow \eta_{T X}$  for each  $X \in \mathcal{K}$

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

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

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In the case for  $\text{Idl}$ ,  $K_{\text{Idl}}(D) = \{x \in D \mid x \text{ is finite}\}$  (where  $D$  is a continuous  $\text{Idl}$ -algebra, i.e. a continuous DCPO).

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# Continuous Algebras as Coalgebras!

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$\perp$

$U$

A commutative diagram showing the relationship between three categories. On the left is  $\mathcal{K}$ , in the middle is  $\text{T-Alg}$ , and on the right is  $\text{FU}$ . There is a top horizontal arrow from  $\mathcal{K}$  to  $\text{T-Alg}$  labeled  $F$ . There is a bottom horizontal arrow from  $\mathcal{K}$  to  $\text{T-Alg}$  labeled  $U$  above a line with  $\perp$  below it. There are curved arrows pointing from  $\mathcal{K}$  up to  $\text{Top}$  and from  $\text{T-Alg}$  down to  $\text{FU}$ .

There is an induced functor  $\text{Free} : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow T\text{-}Cont$

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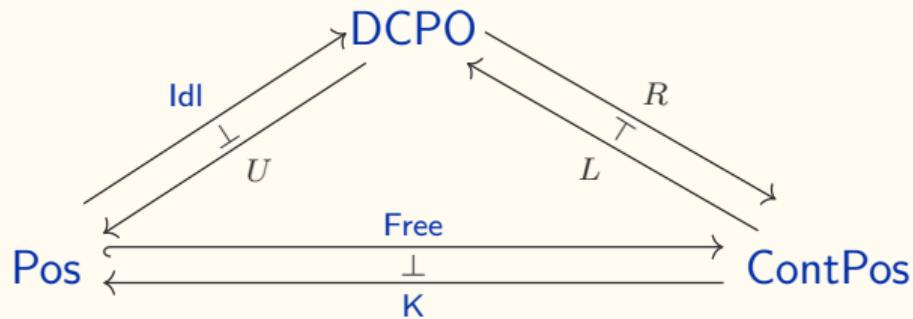
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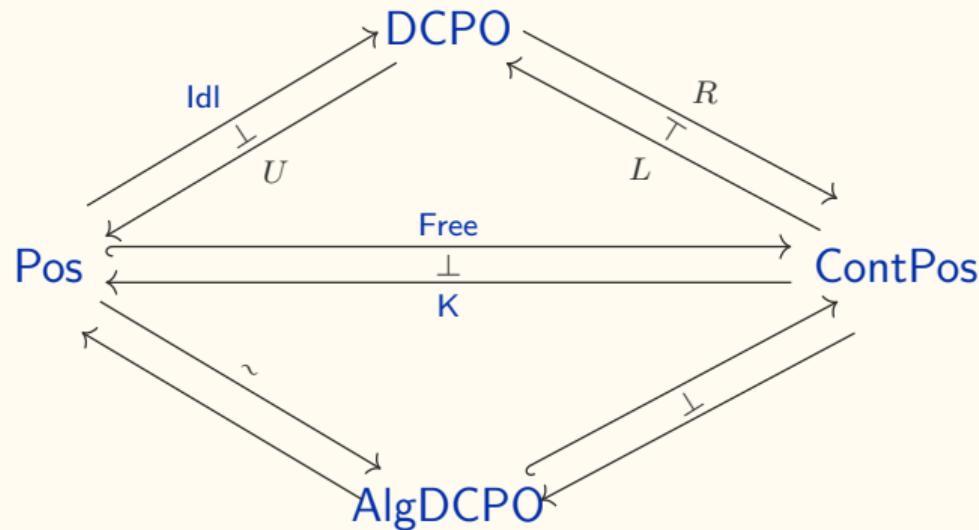
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Moreover,  $\text{T}$  is mnemonic iff  $\text{Free}$  is a local equivalence.

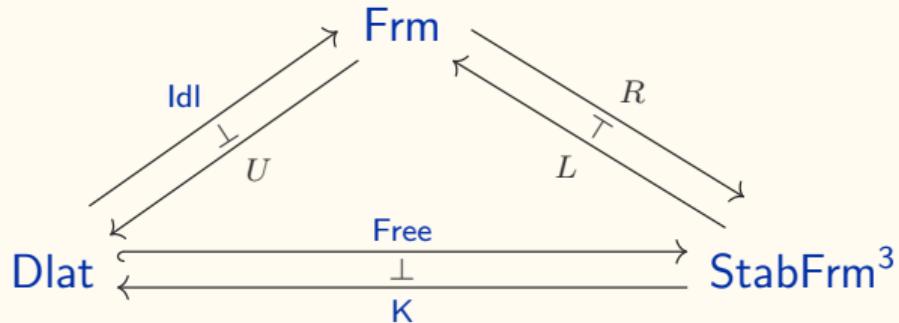
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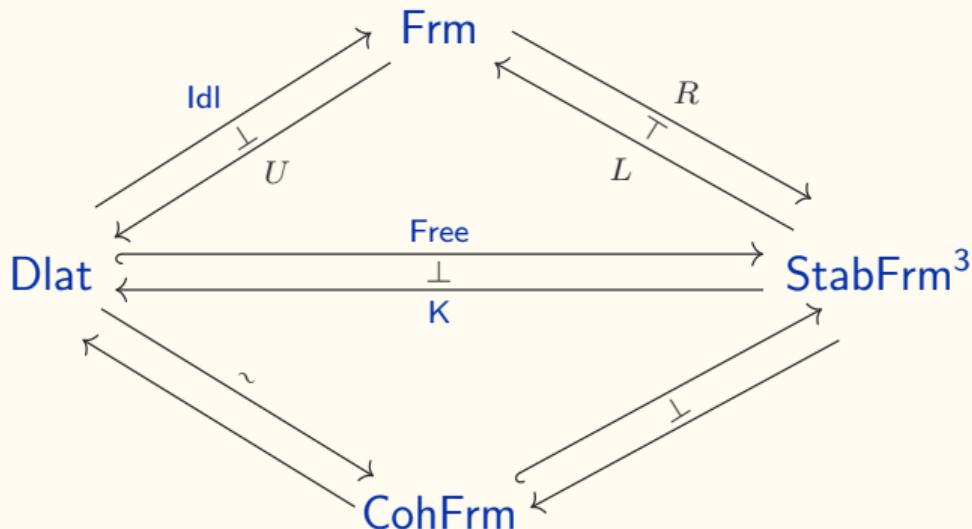


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### Factoid

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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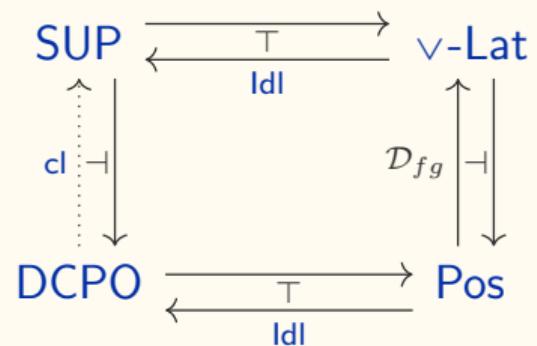
## The Dream

**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 DCPO:*

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

*such that the associated notion of compactness  $K_{\text{cl}}$  has  $\text{cl}(K_{\text{cl}}(\text{cl}(\mathcal{J}))) \not\simeq \text{cl}(\mathcal{J})$  (where  $\mathcal{J}$  is a counterexample of Peter Johnstone<sup>5</sup>).*

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<sup>5</sup>Peter 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 **Mnemic**  $\implies$  **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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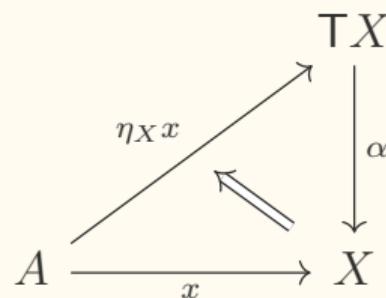
So the "compact" elements with respect to the down-set monad are the ones where the unit  $\eta_X$  **behaves like a left adjoint** to the algebra  $\alpha$ .

## General compactness

**Definition.** A generalized element  $x : A \rightarrow X$  for an algebra  $(X, \alpha)$  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

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

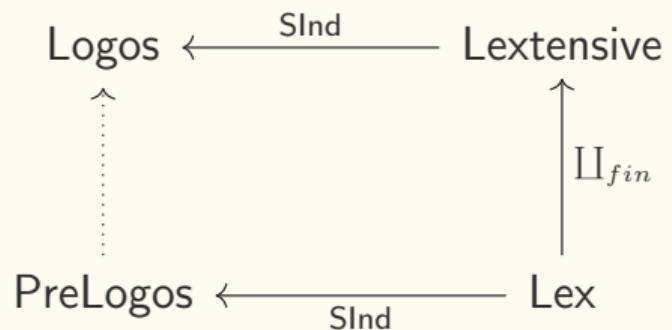
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- For  $\mathfrak{X}$  Ind-cocomplete,  $x : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathfrak{X}$  is **Ind**-compact when it is **finitely presentable**, i.e.

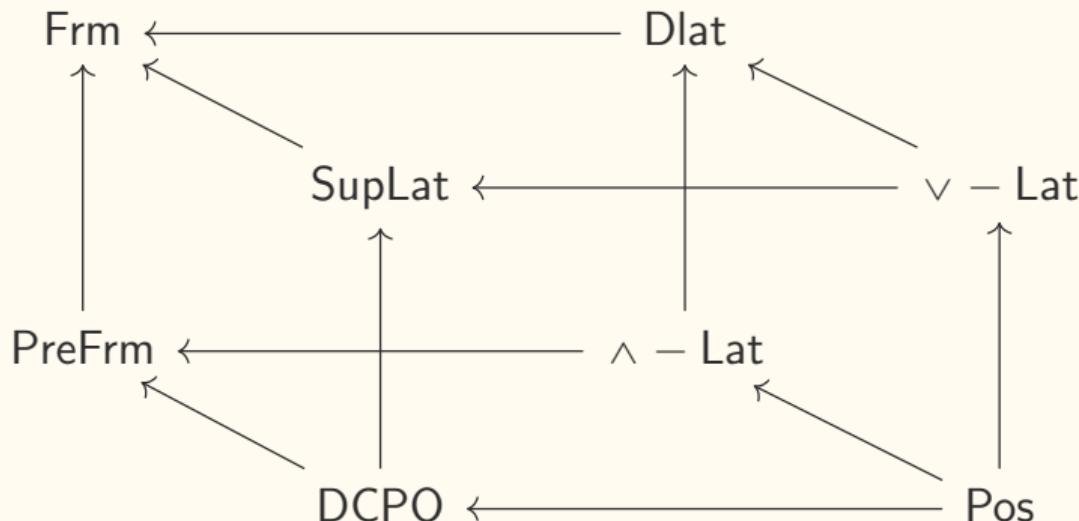
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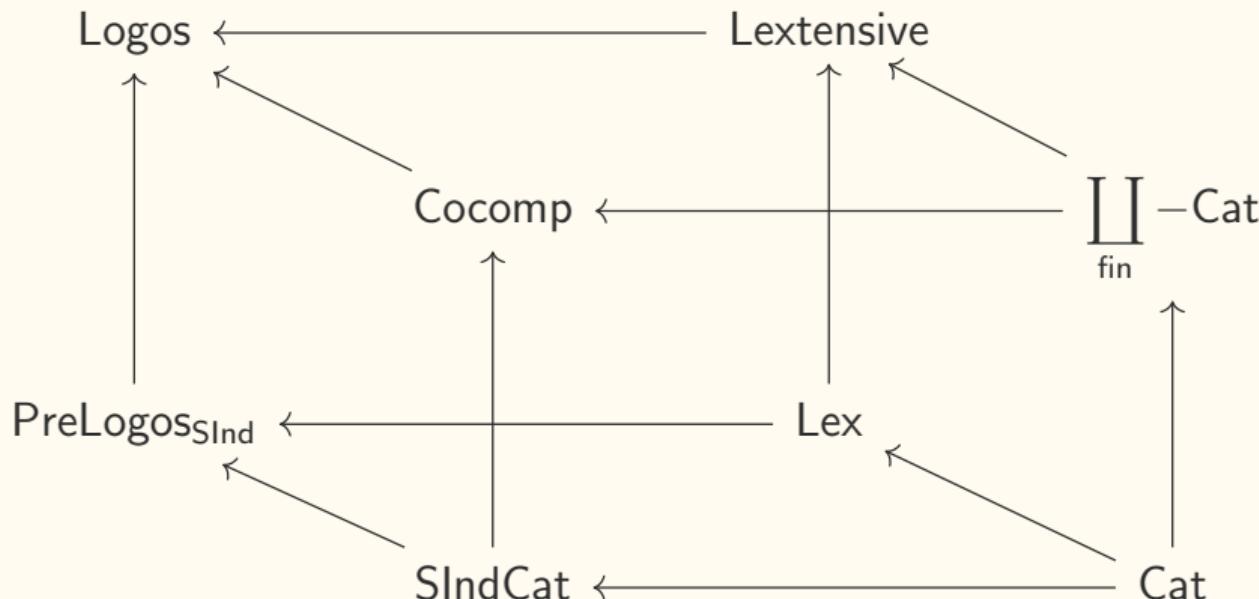
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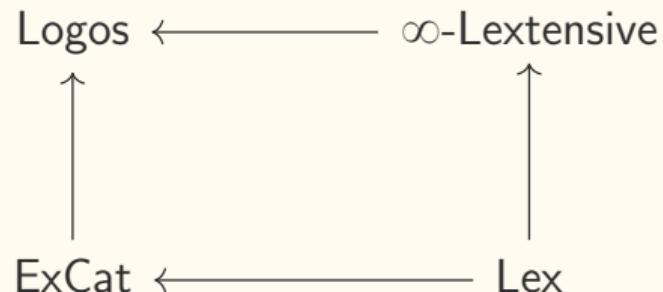
# A big cube of lax-idempotent stuff



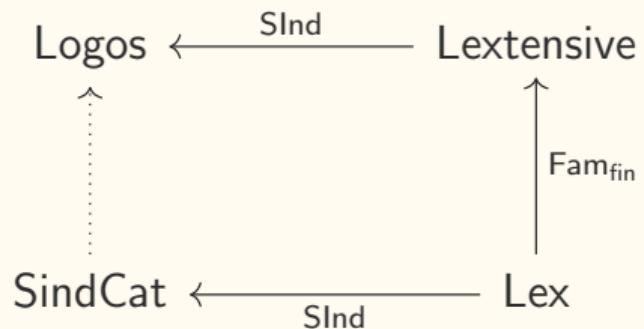
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## A pattern of these squares

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{A}^{ST} & \xleftarrow{S} & \mathcal{A}^T \\ \vdots & & \uparrow \\ \mathcal{A}^S & \xleftarrow{S} & \mathcal{A} \end{array}$$

## The same for categories 1

