Co-Debruijn: Everybody's Got To Be Somewhere^[2] From Debruijn to co-Debruijn using Category Theory

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The Category of Scopes: Δ_+^X

Definition

Let Δ_+^X be the category of scopes.

- Objects: $\bar{x}, \bar{y}, \bar{s} \in |\Delta_+^X| = X^*$
- Morphisms: $f \in \Delta^X_+(\bar x, \bar y)$ for $\bar x, \bar y \in X^*$ are inductively defined:

$$\frac{\bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{y}}{\bar{x}x \sqsubseteq \bar{y}x} \ 1 \qquad \qquad \frac{\bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{y}}{\bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{y}y} \ 0$$

Corollary

The initial object of the Δ^X_+ category is the empty scope ε with the $ar{0}$ as the unique morphism.

Remark

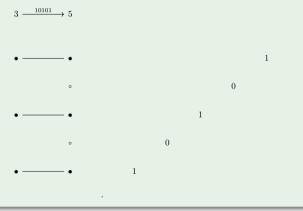
Morphisms in Δ_+^X can be represented by bit vectors $\bar{b} \in \{0,1\}^*$ with one bit per variable of the target scope telling whether it has been mapped to or skipped by the source scope.

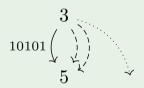
Objects & Morphisms in Δ_+^\top

Example

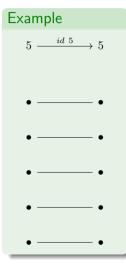
Let $X = \top$ (where \top is the set with exactly one element $\langle \rangle$).

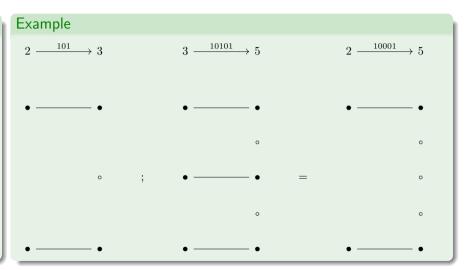
Thus, Objects $\bar{x} \in X^*$ represents numbers.





Identity and Composition in Δ_+^\top





Δ_+^X is in Fact a Category

Lemma

In Δ_+^X every object $\bar{x} \in X^*$ has an identity morphism, i.e. we can construct an identity morphism for \bar{x} using the inference rules.

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{ll} id & : \; (\bar{x}:X^*) \to \bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{x} \\ id \; \varepsilon & = \; \cdot \\ id \; \bar{x}x \; = \; (\mathrm{id} \; \bar{x})1 \end{array}$$

Corollary

$$id - l$$
 : $id; f = f$
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Lemma

In Δ_+^X two morphisms $f: \bar x \sqsubseteq \bar y$ and $g: \bar y \sqsubseteq \bar z$ compose to a morphism $f; g: \bar x \sqsubseteq \bar z$, i.e. we can construct a morphism f; g from f and g using the inference rules.

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \underline{};\underline{} & : \; \bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{y} \to \bar{y} \sqsubseteq \bar{z} \to \bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{z} \\ \hline \cdot \; ; \cdot & = \cdot \\ f1 \; ; \; g1 \; = \; (f;g)1 \\ f0 \; ; \; g1 \; = \; (f;g)0 \\ f \; ; \; g0 \; = \; (f;g)0 \end{array}$$

Corollary

assoc :
$$f;(g;h)=(f;g);h$$

antisym : $(f:\bar{x}\sqsubseteq\bar{y})\to(g:\bar{y}\sqsubseteq\bar{z})\to\bar{x}=\bar{y}\land f=g=\operatorname{id}\bar{x}$

Intrinsically Scoped Debruijn Syntax via $\Delta_+^ op$

Definition

Let $Tm: |\Delta_+^\top| \to Set$ be inductively defined:

$$\frac{\langle\rangle\sqsubseteq\bar{x}}{Tm\;\bar{x}}\;\#$$

$$\frac{Tm\ \bar{x}\quad Tm\ \bar{x}}{Tm\ \bar{x}}\ \$$$

$$\frac{Tm \ \bar{x}\langle\rangle}{Tm \ \bar{x}} \ \lambda$$

Example

Lifting Scope Indexed Terms using Composition in Δ_+^{\top}

Lemma

Given an intrinsically scoped term $t \in Tm \ \bar{x}$ we can lift t to a $Tm \ \bar{y}$, if there exists a morphism $\bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{y} \in \Delta_+^{\top}(\bar{x}, \bar{y})$, i.e. \bar{x} is a subscope of \bar{y} .

Proof.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \underline{} \uparrow \underline{} & : Tm \ \bar{x} \to \bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{y} \to Tm \ \bar{y} \\ (\# \ v) & \uparrow \ f \ = \ \# \ (v; f) \\ (t_1 \ \$ \ t_2) \uparrow f \ = \ (t_1 \uparrow f) \ \$ \ (t_2 \uparrow f) \\ (\lambda \ t) & \uparrow \ f \ = \ \lambda \ (t \uparrow S f) \end{array}$$

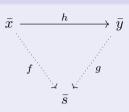


The Slice Category of Subscopes: $\Delta^X_+ \setminus \bar{s}$

Definition

Let $\Delta_+^X \setminus \bar{s}$ be the category of subscopes for a given $\bar{s} \in X^*$.

- $\bullet \ \mbox{Objects:} \ (\bar{x},f) \in |\Delta^X_+ \smallsetminus \bar{s}| = \left(\bar{x}: X^* \times \Delta^X_+(\bar{x},\bar{s})\right)$
- \bullet Morphisms: $h \in [\Delta_+^X \smallsetminus \bar{s}]((\bar{x},f),(\bar{y},g))$ such that f=h;g



Corollary

The initial object of the $\Delta^X_+ \setminus \bar{s}$ category is the empty subscope $(\varepsilon, \bar{0})$.

Remark

Objects in $\Delta_+^X \setminus \bar{s}$ can be represented by *bit vectors* $\bar{b} \in \{0,1\}^*$ with one bit per variable of scope \bar{s} , telling whether it has been selected.

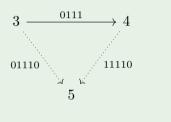
Objects & Morphisms in $\Delta_{\perp}^{T} \setminus 5$





$$3 \xrightarrow{\quad 0111} \quad 4 \qquad \qquad 4 \xrightarrow{\quad 11110} \quad 5 \qquad \qquad 3 \xrightarrow{\quad 01110} \quad 5$$

$$3 \xrightarrow{01110} 5$$



Alternatively:

- $(3,01110) \xrightarrow{0111} (4,11110)$
- $01110 \xrightarrow{0111} 11110$

Category of Sets Indexed by Scopes

Definition

Let Set_X be the category of sets indexed by scopes $\bar{x} \in X^*$.

- ullet Objects: $T,S\in |Set_X|=X^*\to Set=\bar{X}$
- Morphisms: $f \in Set_X(T,S) = (\bar{x} \in X^*) \to T \ \bar{x} \to S \ \bar{x} = T \to S$

Definition

Let $Ref: Set_X \to Set_X$ be the endofunctor induced by the mapping

- $Ref(T) = \bar{x} \mapsto (T \ \bar{s} \times \bar{s} \sqsubseteq \bar{x}) \in X^* \to Set$
- $Ref(f) = (t, h) \mapsto (f, t, h) \in T \xrightarrow{\cdot} S$

Remark

The functor Ref packs a set $T \in \bar{X}$ indexed by $\bar{x} \in X^*$ together with a selection $h \in \Delta_+^X \setminus \bar{x}$ of the variables of T.

Δ^X_+ makes Ref a Monad!

Theorem

The functor $Ref: Set_X \to Set_X$ gives rise to a monad with the two natural transformations

- $unit : Id(T) \xrightarrow{\cdot} Ref(T) = t \mapsto (t, id)$
- $\bullet \ mult: Ref(Ref(T)) \stackrel{\cdot}{\rightarrow} Ref(T) = ((t,h_1)h_2) \mapsto (t,h_1;h_2)$

Example

$$Tm \xrightarrow{unit} \bar{x} \mapsto (Tm \ \bar{x}, \bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{x})$$

$$\bar{y} \mapsto ([\bar{x} \mapsto (Tm \ \bar{x}, \bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{x})]\bar{s}, \bar{s} \sqsubseteq \bar{y}) \xrightarrow{mult} \bar{y} \mapsto (Tm \ \bar{s}, \bar{s} \sqsubseteq \bar{y})$$

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