

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:

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

Corollary

The initial object of the Δ_+^X category is the empty scope ε with the $\bar{0}$ 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.

$$3 \xrightarrow{10101} 5$$

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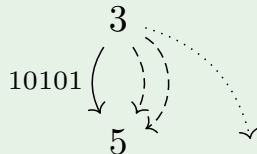
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Identity and Composition in Δ_+^\top

Example

$$5 \xrightarrow{id\ 5} 5$$

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Example

$$2 \xrightarrow{101} 3$$

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$$3 \xrightarrow{10101} 5$$

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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.

$id \quad : \quad (\bar{x} : X^*) \rightarrow \bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{x}$
 $id \ \varepsilon \quad = \ .$
 $id \ \bar{x}x \quad = \ (id \ \bar{x})1$ □

Corollary

$id - l \quad : \quad id; f = f$
 $id - r \quad : \quad f; id = f$

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.

$_ ; _ \quad : \quad \bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{y} \rightarrow \bar{y} \sqsubseteq \bar{z} \rightarrow \bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{z}$
 $\cdot \ ; \cdot \quad = \cdot$
 $f1 \ ; \ g1 \quad = \ (f;g)1$
 $f0 \ ; \ g1 \quad = \ (f;g)0$
 $f \ ; \ g0 \quad = \ (f;g)0$ □

Corollary

$assoc \quad : \quad f; (g; h) = (f; g); h$
 $antisym \quad : \quad (f : \bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{y}) \rightarrow (g : \bar{y} \sqsubseteq \bar{z}) \rightarrow \bar{x} = \bar{y} \wedge f = g = id \ \bar{x}$

Intrinsically Scoped Debruijn Syntax via Δ_+^\top

Definition

Let $Tm : |\Delta_+^\top| \rightarrow Set$ 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.

$$_ \uparrow _ : Tm \bar{x} \rightarrow \bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{y} \rightarrow Tm \bar{y}$$

$$(\# v) \uparrow f = \# (v; f)$$

$$(t_1 \$ t_2) \uparrow f = (t_1 \uparrow f) \$ (t_2 \uparrow f)$$

$$(\lambda t) \uparrow f = \lambda (t \uparrow S f)$$

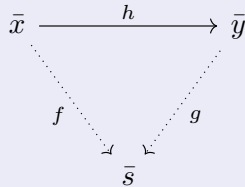


The Slice Category of Subscopes: $\Delta_+^X \setminus \bar{s}$

Definition

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

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



Corollary

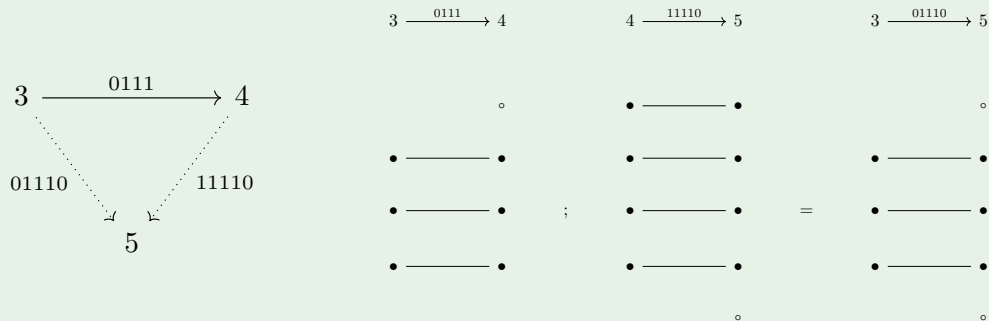
The initial object of the $\Delta_+^X \setminus \bar{s}$ category is the empty subscope $(\varepsilon, \bar{0})$.

Remark

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

Objects & Morphisms in $\Delta_+^T \setminus 5$

Example



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 $\bar{x} \in X^*$.

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

Definition

Let $Ref : \bar{X} \rightarrow \bar{X}$ be the endofunctor induced by the mapping

- $Ref(T) = \bar{x} \mapsto (T \bar{s}, \bar{s} \sqsubseteq \bar{x}) \in X^* \rightarrow Set$
- $Ref(f.) = (t, h) \mapsto (f. t, h) \in T \dot{\rightarrow} S$

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 that T actually uses.

Ref functor in action

Example

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{Ref} & \\ & \text{-----} & \\ Tm & \xrightarrow{f.} & T \end{array} \quad \bar{x} \vdash (Tm \ \bar{s}, \bar{s} \sqsubseteq \bar{x}) \xrightarrow{(tm,h) \mapsto (f. \ tm,h)} \bar{x} \vdash (T \ \bar{s}, \bar{s} \sqsubseteq \bar{x})$$

Δ_+^X makes Ref a Monad!

Theorem

The functor $Ref : \bar{X} \rightarrow \bar{X}$ gives rise to a monad with the two natural transformations

- $unit : T \rightarrow Ref(T) = t \mapsto (t, id)$
- $mult : Ref(Ref(T)) \rightarrow Ref(T) = ((t, h_1)h_2) \mapsto (t, h_1; h_2)$

Example

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Tm & \xrightarrow{\quad unit \quad} & \bar{x} \mapsto (Tm \ \bar{x}, \bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{x}) \\ & \searrow Ref & \\ \bar{y} \mapsto ([\bar{x} \mapsto (Tm \ \bar{x}, \bar{x} \sqsubseteq \bar{x})] \bar{s}, \bar{s} \sqsubseteq \bar{y}) & \xrightarrow{\quad mult \quad} & \bar{y} \mapsto (Tm \ \bar{s}, \bar{s} \sqsubseteq \bar{y}) \end{array}$$

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