

# Co-Debruijn: Everybody's Got To Be Somewhere<sup>[2]</sup>

From Debruijn to co-Debruijn using Category Theory

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# The Category of Scopes: $\Delta_+^X$

## Definition

Let  $\Delta_+^X$  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:

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

## Corollary

*The initial object of the  $\Delta_+^X$  category is the empty scope  $\varepsilon$  with the  $\bar{0}$  as the unique morphism.*

## Remark

Morphisms in  $\Delta_+^X$  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 $\Delta_{+}^{\top}$

## 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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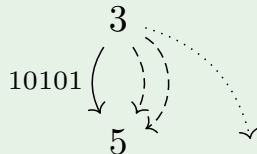
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# Identity and Composition in $\Delta_+^\top$

## Example

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

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## Example

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$$3 \xrightarrow{10101} 5$$

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## $\Delta_+^X$ is in Fact a Category

### Lemma

In  $\Delta_+^X$  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.

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

### Corollary

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

### Lemma

In  $\Delta_+^X$  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.

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

### 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 $\Delta_+^\top$

## 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 $\Delta_+^\top$

## 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.

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

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

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

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



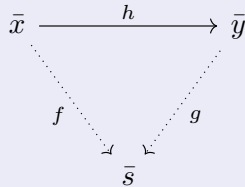


# The Slice Category of Subscopes: $\Delta_+^X \setminus \bar{s}$

## Definition

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

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



## Corollary

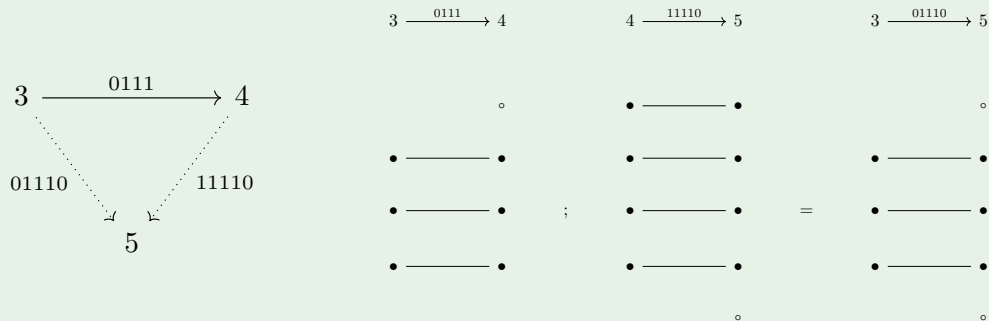
*The initial object of the  $\Delta_+^X \setminus \bar{s}$  category is the empty subscope  $(\varepsilon, \bar{0})$ .*

## Remark

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

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

## Example



Alternatively:

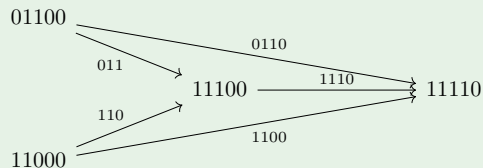
- $(3, 01110) \xrightarrow{0111} (4, 11110)$
- $01110 \xrightarrow{0111} 11110$

# Coproducts in $\Delta_+^X \setminus \bar{s}$

## Theorem

Objects in the slice category  $\bar{b}_1, \bar{b}_2 \in \Delta_+^X \setminus \bar{s}$  have a coproduct object  $\bar{b}_1 + \bar{b}_2$  if there exist morphisms  $l \in [\Delta_+^X \setminus \bar{s}](\bar{b}_1, \bar{b}_1 + \bar{b}_2)$  and  $r \in [\Delta_+^X \setminus \bar{s}](\bar{b}_2, \bar{b}_1 + \bar{b}_2)$ . Then for every  $f \in [\Delta_+^X \setminus \bar{s}](\bar{b}_1, \bar{b}_3)$  and  $g \in [\Delta_+^X \setminus \bar{s}](\bar{b}_2, \bar{b}_3)$ , there exists a unique  $h \in [\Delta_+^X \setminus \bar{s}](\bar{b}_1 + \bar{b}_2, \bar{b}_3)$  such that  $f = l; h$  and  $g = r; h$ .

## Example



## Remark

The coproduct  $\bar{b}_1 + \bar{b}_2$  of two subscoopes  $\bar{b}_1, \bar{b}_2$  corresponds to the minimal subscope covering both  $\bar{b}_1$  and  $\bar{b}_2$ . The coproduct  $\bar{b}_1 + \bar{b}_2$  can be computed by pointwise disjunction of  $\bar{b}_1$  and  $\bar{b}_2$ .

# 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:  $f. \in Set_X(T, S) = (\bar{x} \in X^*) \rightarrow T(\bar{x}) \rightarrow S(\bar{x}) = T \dot{\rightarrow} S$

## Definition

Let  $\_ \uparrow \_ = (T : \bar{X}), (\bar{x} : X^*) \mapsto (T(\bar{s}) \times \bar{s} \sqsubseteq \bar{x})$ .

We define  $Ref : Set_X \dot{\rightarrow} Set_X$  to be the endofunctor induced by the mapping

- $Ref(T) = \bar{x} \mapsto T \uparrow \bar{x} \in \bar{X}$
- $Ref(f.) = (t, h) \mapsto (f.(t), h) \in T \dot{\rightarrow} S$

## Remark

The set  $T \uparrow \bar{x}$  packs an set  $T \in \bar{X}$  indexed by  $\bar{x} \in X^*$  applied to a subscope  $\bar{s}$  of  $\bar{x}$ , together with a selection  $h \in |\Delta_+^X \setminus \bar{x}|$  of the variables of  $T$ .

$\Delta_+^X$  makes  $Ref$  a Monad!

### Theorem

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

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

### Example

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

# The Notion of Relevant Pairs

## Definition

Let  $\_ \times_R \_ = (T : \bar{X}), (S : \bar{X}), (\bar{x} : X^*) \mapsto (T \uparrow \bar{x} \times S \uparrow \bar{x}) \times ?$ .

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