

Rockin' in a free world

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Free monoids

Free monads

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Polysemy

Free monoidals

Definition (monoid)

A “monoid” is a tuple (A, φ, e) where

- A is a set¹
- $\varphi : A \times A \rightarrow A$ is an *associative* binary operation on A
- $e \in A$ is a “neutral” element, ie, for every $a \in A$,
 $\varphi(a, e) = \varphi(e, a) = a$

¹For all practical purposes, it's convenient to restrict the definition to non-empty sets.


```
class Monoid a where
  (<>) :: a -> a -> a -- binary operation
  mempty :: a -- neutral element
```

```
class Semigroup a where
  (<>) :: a -> a -> a -- binary operation

class Semigroup a => Monoid a where
  mempty :: a -- neutral element
```

Monoids are everywhere:

- $(\mathbb{N}, +, 0)$ is a (commutative) monoid
- $(\mathbb{N}, \times, 1)$ is a (commutative) monoid
- String concatenation is a (non-commutative) monoid, with empty string as neutral element
- etc

```
{-# LANGUAGE DerivingVia #-}
```

```
newtype AdditiveInteger = AdditiveInteger Integer
    deriving (Eq, Show)
    deriving Num via Integer
```

```
instance Monoid AdditiveInteger where
    (< >) = (+)
    mempty = 0
```

```
{-# LANGUAGE DerivingVia #-}
```

```
newtype MultiplicativeInteger = MultiplicativeInteger  
  deriving (Eq, Show)  
  deriving Num via Integer
```

```
instance Monoid MultiplicativeInteger where  
  (< >) = (*)  
  mempty = 1
```

```
{-# LANGUAGE FlexibleInstances #-}
```

```
instance Monoid String where
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    (<>) = (++)
```

```
    mempty = ""
```

Monoids, categorically

Optparse

Questions?