

Edit Space Lenses

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1 Background

In this section, let \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} be categories. We will use the notation $\text{Obj } \mathcal{X}$, $\text{Hom } \mathcal{X}$, src , tgt , $_ \circ _$, Id to refer to the objects of a category \mathcal{X} , its homsets, the source object assignment, the target object assignment, the (forward/diagrammatic) composition operation, and for the identity operations; respectively.

Definition 0: Lifting

Let $F : \text{Obj } \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \text{Obj } \mathcal{B}$ be a *function on objects*. Define a **lift**^a for F to be a *family* G_A of *functions on arrows*, for each object $A : \mathcal{A}$:

$$G_A : \text{Hom}(A, -) \leftarrow_{\mathcal{A}} \text{Hom}(F A, -)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{u} & A' \\ \downarrow F & \uparrow G_A & \downarrow F \\ B & \xrightarrow{v} & B' \end{array}$$

^aThe diagram suggests the name ‘lift’ since arrows in the bottom category \mathcal{B} are assigned to arrows in the top category \mathcal{A} .

This paper adheres to the following *colouring discipline* for diagrams: Items in hand are coloured black, whereas *derived* elements are coloured in blue. Intermediary elements, such as those that are output of one transformation but input to another, will be coloured grey.

Example 0: Common Liftings

- ◇ For F the identity function, the identity function $\alpha \mapsto \alpha$ is a lift.
- ◇ For $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{B} = \mathcal{Set}$, the category of sets and functions, and F a bijective map on sets, we may take $G_A(v) = F \circ v \circ F^{-1}$ where $A' = F^{-1}(\{v(b) \mid b \in F(A)\})$.

In general, F acts as a form of ‘query’ on \mathcal{A} -objects that yields local, focused, information. Then the lift G allows us to transport the local transformation—e.g., the set comprehension above—to the global setting.

- ◇ Recall that a functor F is an *opfibration* if given any source object $A : \mathcal{A}$ and an \mathcal{B} -arrow $u : F A \rightarrow B'$, there is universal \mathcal{A} -arrow $G_A(u) : A \rightarrow A'$ with $F(G_A(u)) = u$.

Every opfibration is thus a lift as witnessed by the G_A arrows. As such, our notion of lifts generalises the idea of opfibrations by dropping the universality requirement.

Definition 1: Stable Lifting

A lifting is **stable** if it preserves identities.

$$G_A(\text{Id}_{FA}) = \text{Id}_{FA} \quad (\text{STABILITY})$$

Definition 2: Sectional Lifting

Let $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a *functor*, then a lifting for its object mapping is **sectional** if F ’s morphism mapping is a post-inverse to each member of the family:

$$F(G_A \alpha) = \alpha \quad (\text{SECTIONAL})$$

Definition 3: Delta Lens

A **delta lens**^a is a functor that has a stable sectional lifting.

More explicitly, a delta lens is a tuple $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \text{get}, \text{put})$ consisting of two categories \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} , along with a functor $\text{get} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ that has put as its lifting that satisfies both (STABILITY) and (SECTIONAL).

^aThis is also known as a *very-well behaved delta lens* that lacks the PutPut law, which usually does not hold in applications and so we ignore it.

Theorem 0: Delta Lenses form a subcategory “ δ -Lens” of \mathcal{Cat}

The identity functor is clearly a delta lens; it remains to show that the composition of functors that are delta lenses is again a delta lens. Indeed, if F_1 and F_2 are functors with stable sectional liftings G_1 and G_2 , respectively, then $F_1 \circ F_2$ has $A \mapsto G_{2A} \circ G_{1A}$ as a stable sectional lifting: Each property is immediately verified by, in the following diagram, starting with the given black elements then following the G_i ’s to obtain the required blue elements.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{u} & A' \\
 \downarrow F_1 & \uparrow G_{1A} & \downarrow F_1 \\
 B & \xrightarrow{v} & B' \\
 \downarrow F_2 & \uparrow G_{2A} & \downarrow F_2 \\
 C & \xrightarrow{w} & C'
 \end{array}$$

2 Asymmetric Edit Delta Lenses

Definition 4: Edit Space

An **edit space** is an (cloven) opfibration^a.

^aFor computing purposes, existence is most useful when taken *constructively*: It is not enough for something to merely exist, but rather a (computable) construction of the thing must be provided for an existence claim to be reasonable. As such, our opfibrations are cloven by default.

Formally, an edit space is a tuple $(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{M}, \text{control}, \text{apply})$ consisting of:

1. a category of “Active processes”,
2. a category of “Motions”, or ‘Mechanics’, —these delimit the behaviour of processes; ‘contracts, metamodels, specifications’
3. a functor $\text{control} : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ that indicates how a process is controlled or behaved,
4. a lifting $\text{apply} : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, -) \leftarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{M}}(\text{control}A, -)$ where we interpret $\text{apply}_A(\phi : \text{control}A \rightarrow M)$ as “the execution of the ϕ -update to A ’s permitted behaviour”.
5. such that the lifting produces op-Cartesian arrows:

Given any $v : M \rightarrow M'$ and any $A : \text{Obj } \mathcal{A}$ with $\text{control } A = M$, we have that

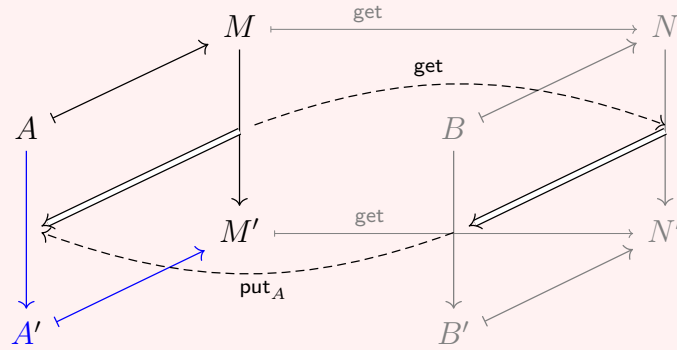
$$\text{control}(\text{apply}_A v) = v \quad (\text{OVER})$$

It is *universal* with this property: For any other \mathcal{A} -arrow $u : A \rightarrow A'$, each factorisation of $\text{control } u$ through v uniquely determines a factorisation of u through $\text{apply}_A v$.

Definition 5: Edit Space Lens

Let $\text{control}_1 : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ and $\text{control}_2 : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ be edit spaces —with liftings apply_1 and apply_2 , respectively. Define an **edit δ -lens** to be a functor $\text{get} : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ with a family of functions $\text{put}_A : \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{A}}(A, -) \leftarrow \text{Hom}_{\mathcal{B}}((\text{control}_1 \circ \text{get} \circ \text{apply}_2) A, -)$ satisfying (STABILITY), (EDITSECTIONAL), and the following commutativity condition; i.e., $\text{apply}_1 = \text{get} \circ \text{apply}_2 \circ \text{put}$.

$$\text{put} \circ \text{control}_1 \circ \text{get} = \text{control}_2 \quad (\text{EDITSECTIONAL})$$



Theorem 1: Edit Delta Lenses form a subcategory “ $\varepsilon\delta$ -Lens” of δ -Lens

Opfibrations are known to form a category; details can be found in [Jac99].

Now to the main theorem.

Given a functor $F : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$, define the category \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{B} to have objects the pairs $(A : \text{Obj } \mathcal{A}, B : \text{Obj } \mathcal{B})$ with $F A = B$, and to have arrows $(A, B) \rightarrow (A', B')$ to be pairs $(u : A \rightarrow_{\mathcal{A}} A', v : B \rightarrow_{\mathcal{B}} B')$ such that the resulting square commutes; i.e., $F A = B, F A' = B'$, and $F u = v$. Composition and identities are inherited from \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} , and the required conditions are met due to the functoriality of F .

Theorem 2: $\varepsilon\delta$ -Lenses are δ -Lenses between certain categories

More precisely: If \mathbf{get} is an $\varepsilon\delta$ -lens from $\mathbf{control}_1 : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ to $\mathbf{control}_2 : \mathcal{B} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$, then \mathbf{get} induces a δ -lens from \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{M} to \mathcal{B}/\mathcal{N} .

Proof. Define the functor $\mathbf{get}' : \mathcal{A}/\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}/\mathcal{M}$ and family \mathbf{put}' by the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{get}'(x, y) &= (\mathbf{apply}_2 \mathbf{get} \mathbf{control}_1 x, \mathbf{get} y) \\ \mathbf{put}'_{A, M}(x, y) &= (\mathbf{put}_A x, \mathbf{control}_1 \mathbf{put}_A \mathbf{apply}_2 y)\end{aligned}$$

Functoriality of \mathbf{get}' is inherited from \mathbf{get} . It remains to show that this has \mathbf{put}' as a stable sectional lifting.

- ◇ Stability follows from the stability of \mathbf{put}_A .
- ◇ Sectional:

$$\begin{aligned}& \mathbf{get}'(\mathbf{put}'(x, y)) \\ = & \{ \text{Definition of } \mathbf{put}' \} \\ & \mathbf{get}'(\mathbf{put}_A x, \mathbf{control}_1 \mathbf{put}_A \mathbf{apply}_2 y) \\ = & \{ \text{Definition of } \mathbf{get}' \} \\ & ((\mathbf{put} \circ \mathbf{control}_1 \circ \mathbf{get} \circ \mathbf{apply}_2) x, (\mathbf{apply}_2 \circ \mathbf{put} \circ \mathbf{control}_1 \circ \mathbf{get}) y) \\ = & \{ \text{(EDITSECTIONAL) axiom, twice} \} \\ & ((\mathbf{control}_2 \circ \mathbf{apply}_2) x, (\mathbf{apply}_2 \circ \mathbf{control}_2) y) \\ = & \{ \text{(OVER) laws} \} \\ & ((\mathbf{control}_2 \circ \mathbf{apply}_2) x, y) \\ = & \{ ??? \} \\ & (x, y)\end{aligned}$$

References

- [Jac99] B. Jacobs. *Categorical Logic and Type Theory*. Studies in Logic and the Foundations of Mathematics 141. Amsterdam: North Holland, 1999 (cit. on p. 4).