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Tensor product of
Lawvere theories



Work in progress

1) Lawvere theories

- For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ let $[n] = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$

- Let $\mathbb{N}_0 \subseteq \underline{\text{Set}}$ be the full subcategory spanned by $0, 1, \dots$

↪ It's a skeleton of FinSet

↪ It has finite sums
 ↪ All objects are copowers of 1
 ↪ So \mathbb{N}_0^{op} has the dual properties

A **Lawvere theory** \mathcal{L} is a small category with a functor

$$\mathbb{N}_0^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \mathcal{L}$$

that

- is the identity on objects
- preserves products

A **morphism** $F: \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ is a functor s.t.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathbb{N}_0^{\text{op}} & \\ & \swarrow & \searrow \\ \mathcal{L} & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{K} \end{array}$$

If \mathcal{C} is a category with finite products, then a \mathcal{L} -model in \mathcal{C} is a product preserving functor

$$X : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$$

We write $X = X^1 := X_1, X^n := X_n$

A morphism of models $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is simply a natural transformation

$\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{C})$ category of \mathcal{L} -models in \mathcal{C}
 \hookrightarrow It also has finite products!

Examples The theory of groups

$$\text{Grp} = \mathbb{N}_0^{\text{op}}$$

$$(\text{generators}) + \begin{cases} e : 0 \rightarrow 1 \\ m : 2 \rightarrow 1 \\ i : 1 \rightarrow 1 \end{cases}$$

$$(\text{relations}) + \begin{cases} m(m \times \text{id}_1) = m(\text{id}_1 \times m) \\ m(e \times \text{id}_1) = \text{id}_1 = m(\text{id}_1 \times e) \\ m(i, \text{id}_1) = \text{id}_1 = m(\text{id}_1, i) \end{cases}$$

Models :

- $\text{grp}(\underline{\text{Set}}) = \text{Groups}$
- $\text{grp}(\underline{\text{Top}}) = \text{Topological groups}$
- $\text{grp}(\underline{\text{DiffMan}}) = \text{Lie groups}$
- $\text{grp}(\text{grp}(\underline{\text{Set}})) = \text{Abelian groups ?!}$

Proposition A morphism $\alpha: X \rightarrow Y$ in $\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{Q})$ is simply a morphism $\alpha: X \rightarrow Y$ in \mathcal{Q} that is compatible with the generators -

for $f: m \rightarrow n$ a generator

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x^m & \xrightarrow{f^m} & x^n \\ \alpha^m \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha^n \\ y^m & \xrightarrow{f} & y^n \end{array}$$

2) Distributivity

Δ Not the same as distributive laws

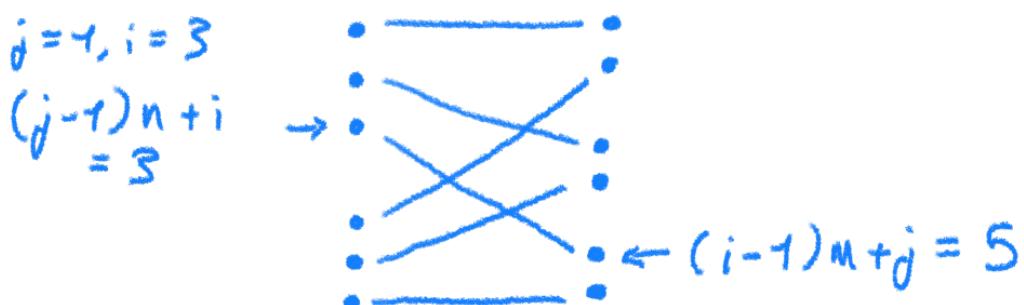
For $m, n \geq 0$, let the shuffle permutation
 $\tau_{n,m} \in S_{nm}$
be determined by

$$\tau_{n,m}((j-1)n+i) = ((i-1)m+j)$$

$(j-1)^{\text{th}}$ packet \leftrightarrow offset \downarrow $(i-1)^{\text{th}}$ packet \rightarrow offset

$\Rightarrow \tau_{n,m}$ rearranges m packets on n elements
(into n packets on m elements)

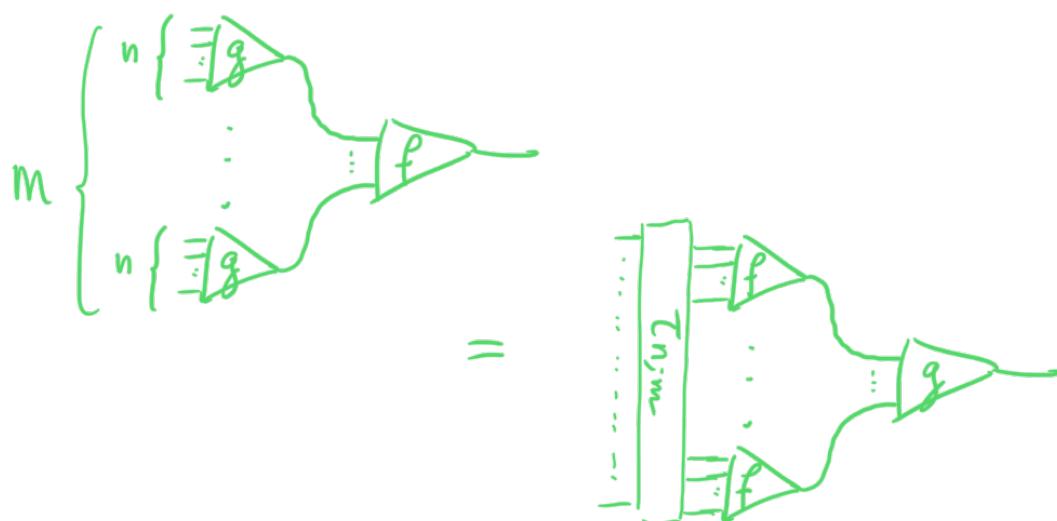
Example $m=2, n=3$



If $x \in \mathcal{C}$, let $\tau_{x,n,m} : X^{mn} \rightarrow X^{nm}$
be the shuffle permutation applied to x .

Let \mathcal{L} be a Lawvere theory, and
 $f: m \rightarrow 1$, $g: n \rightarrow 1$. We say that
 f distributes over g , written $f \otimes g$, if

$$fg^m = g f^n \tau_{n,m}$$



3) Tensor product

Let \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{K} be Lawvere theories. Their
tensor product $\mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{K}$ is given by

$$\mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{S}\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{N}_o^{\text{op}}$$

- + generators of \mathcal{L} and $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{K}$
- + relations of \mathcal{L} and $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{K}$
- + $f \boxtimes g$ for all $f \in \mathcal{S}\mathcal{K}(m, 1)$
and $g \in \mathcal{L}(n, 1)$

Theorem There is an equivalence

$$\mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{S}\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{Q}) \simeq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{S}\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{Q}))$$

↪ Main argument: $f \boxtimes g$ for all $g \in \mathcal{S}\mathcal{K}/1$
encodes the fact that f is always a
morphism of $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{K}$ -models

Corollary $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{S}\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{Q})) \simeq \mathcal{S}\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{Q}))$

Proof Since $\tau_{n;m}^{-1} = \tau_{m;n}$, $f \boxtimes g \Leftrightarrow g \boxtimes f$
Thus $\mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{S}\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{S}\mathcal{K} \otimes \mathcal{L}$ □

Examples - $\text{Grp} \otimes \text{Grp} = \text{ctb}$

- $\text{ctb} \otimes \text{ctb} = \text{ctb}$

- $\text{Grp} \otimes \text{Mon} \not\cong \text{Ring}$

since $z \circ = z \otimes u = \text{unit}$ reads

$$z \circ u^0 = u \circ z^0 \circ_0$$

i.e. $z = u$!

Other way to see it: if X is a group-object in Mon:

$$X^2$$

$$\downarrow m$$

$$X \circ :$$

$$\uparrow u$$

$\{0\} \rightsquigarrow$ Trivial monoid

then since u is a morphism of monoids,
it maps 0 to 0_X \rightsquigarrow multiplicative
unit is forced to be 0_X

Back to $\text{Grp} \otimes \text{Grp} = \text{ctb}$

Lemma (Eckmann - Hilton argument)

Given a set X , two binary

operations $\circ, \bullet : X^2 \rightarrow X$, and

$e \in X$ be a unit to both. If

$$(a \circ b) \bullet (c \circ d) = (a \bullet c) \circ (b \bullet d)$$

Then $\circ = \bullet$

↪ In fact, they are even associative and commutative

Lemma (EH, v.1.1)

Given a set X , two binary operations $m, m' : X^2 \rightarrow X$, and $e \in X$ be a unit to both - If

$$m \boxtimes m'$$

Then $m = m'$

Corollary (EH, v.1.2) We have

$$\text{Mon} \otimes \text{Mon} = \text{CMon}$$

↗ Theory
of monoids

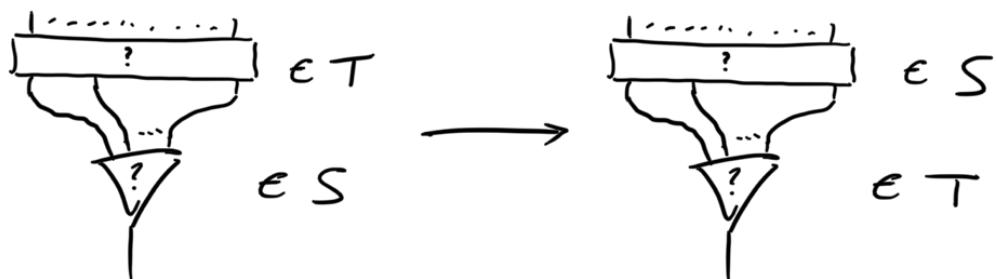
↘ Theory of
commutative monoids

Proof For e and e' the units of the left and right instance of CMon , the fact that $e \boxtimes e'$ means that $e = e'$. From there, EH v.1.1 applies \blacksquare

Lemma (EH v. 2.0) EH also works for n-ary operations -

4) Distributivity vs. distributive laws

- For T, U two monads, a distributive law is a way to "flip" operations of T and U :



- Distributivity in $\mathcal{F} \otimes \mathcal{S}$ also reflects a notion of flipping, but much more constrained

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{f} \\ \text{f} \\ \text{f} \\ \text{f} \end{array} \rightarrow \{ \text{f} \} \in \mathcal{W}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{f} \\ \text{f} \\ \text{f} \\ \text{f} \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad 2 \quad} \{ \text{f} \} \in \mathcal{L}$$



5) Stability

We say that \mathcal{L} is stable

- syntactically, if $\mathcal{L}^{\otimes k} \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}^{\otimes k+1}$
- semantically, if $\mathcal{L}^{\otimes k}(\underline{\text{Set}}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{L}^{\otimes k+1}(\underline{\text{Set}})$

We also say
that $\mathcal{L}^{\otimes k}$ and $\mathcal{L}^{\otimes k+1}$
are Morita equivalent

Remark Syntactical stability
 \Rightarrow Semantic stability

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Example

- By EH, Mon is syntactically stable with $k = 2$:
 - $\text{Mon} \otimes \text{Mon} = \text{CMon}$
 - $\text{CMon} \otimes \text{Mon} = \text{CMon}$
- Likewise, Grp is also syntactically stable with $k = 2$
- Corollary CMon and ctb are syntactically stable at $k = 1$
- Mag_n is unstable (for $n \geq 1$)

Unique generator of arity n , and no relation

- SGrp is unstable

Semigroups, i.e.
monoids without unit

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6) Attempt towards measuring
syntactic stability

Let \mathcal{L} be a Lawvere theory, and consider

$$\mathcal{Ab} \otimes \mathcal{L}$$

Write 0 for the unit,
 λ_n for the n -ary multiplication
and i for the inverse map

For $f: m \rightarrow 1$ a morphism in \mathcal{L}

and $1 \leq i \leq m$, its i -th axis is

$$f^{(i)} := f(0^{i-1} \times \text{id}_1 \times 0^{n-i}): 1 \rightarrow 1$$

[BD'79]

Proposition (Boardman - Vogt decomposition)

Can be weakened to \mathcal{Ab}

In $\mathcal{Ab} \otimes \mathcal{L}$, for $f: m \rightarrow 1$,

$$f = \lambda_m \prod_{i=1}^m f^{(i)}$$

and the $f^{(i)}$ are unique for this property -

So $\mathcal{Ab} \otimes \mathcal{L}$ is completely determined by

$$E_1(f) := \mathcal{Ab} \otimes \mathcal{L}(1, 1)$$

Importing the structure of $\mathcal{Ab} \otimes \mathcal{L}$

is naturally a ring =

- $a+b = \pi_2(a, b)$
- 0 is the unit of $a+b$
- $-a = i \cdot a = a \cdot i$ since $a \otimes i$!
- $a \cdot b$ is the composition of a and b
- $1 = id_1$

Proposition $\varepsilon_1(\mathcal{L} \otimes \mathcal{S}_k) \cong \varepsilon_1(\mathcal{L}) \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \varepsilon_1(\mathcal{S}_k)$

Proof Follows from the fact that $a+b = ab \otimes ab$ ■

Proposition If \mathcal{L} is syntactically stable at k ,
then so is $\varepsilon_1(\mathcal{L})$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{i.e. } \varepsilon_1(\mathcal{L})^{\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} k} \cong \varepsilon_1(\mathcal{L})^{\otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} (k+1)}$$

Examples

\mathcal{L}	$\varepsilon_1(\mathcal{L})$	Can conclude is unstable
Mago (*)	\mathbb{Z}	No
$\mathbb{Z}agn, n \geq 1$	$\mathbb{Z}\langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$	Yes

$\mathcal{G}\text{grp}$	$\mathbb{Z}[x,y]/(x^2-x, y^2-y)$	Yes
$\mathcal{G}\mathcal{G}\text{grp}$ (commutative semigroups)	$\mathbb{Z}[x]/(x^2-x)$	Yes
$\mathcal{C}\mathcal{M}\text{on}, \mathcal{G}\mathcal{O}/\text{on}$ Grp.-obj	\mathbb{Z}	No
$\mathcal{C}\mathcal{M}\mathcal{O}R, \mathcal{C}\mathcal{I}\mathcal{G}R$ (R a ring)	R	Depends on R

(*) But it is easy to see
that Mag₀ is syntactically
stable at $k=1$ -

7) Attempts at measuring semantic stability

We say that two Lawvere theories \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{K} are **Morita-equivalent** if

$$\mathcal{L}(\underline{\text{Set}}) \simeq \mathcal{K}(\underline{\text{Set}})$$

Necessary and sufficient conditions are already known (similar to Morita-equivalence for rings), but not very tractable ...

For \mathcal{L} a Lawvere theory, its **center** $Z(\mathcal{L})$ is the largest subtheory s.t.

$$Z(\mathcal{L})/1 \boxtimes \mathcal{L}/1$$

↳ i.e. $\forall f \in Z(\mathcal{L})(m, 1), g \in \mathcal{L}(n, 1)$

$$f \boxtimes g$$

\mathcal{L} is **commutative** if $Z(\mathcal{L}) = \mathcal{L}$

Proposition If \mathcal{L} is syntactically stable (at 1), then it is commutative -

Theorem from classical homological algebra

If R is a ring, then

$$Z(R) \cong Z(\text{Mod}_R)$$

↪ endomorphisms of id_{Mod_R}

Generalization Let \mathcal{J} be the full subcategory of $[\mathcal{L}(\underline{\text{Set}}), \mathcal{L}(\underline{\text{Set}})]$ spanned by powers of $\text{id}_{\mathcal{L}(\underline{\text{Set}})}$. It is a Lawvere theory, and

$$Z(\mathcal{L}) \cong \mathcal{J}$$

Corollary If \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{S}_X are commutative and Morita-equivalent, then

$$\mathcal{L} \simeq \mathcal{S}_X$$

Proof $\mathcal{L} = Z(\mathcal{L}) \cong \mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{L}} \simeq \mathcal{J}_{\mathcal{S}_X} \cong \mathcal{S}_X$



Corollary If \mathcal{L} is commutative and semantically stable at some k , then it is syntactically stable at k -