

# Monad translations compose

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# Monads and tree traversals

```
type 'a up      = 'a * int
```

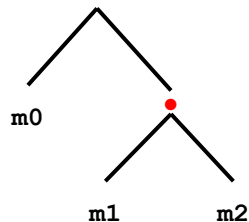
```
type 'a down    = int -> 'a
```

```
type 'a through = int -> 'a * int
```

# Prefix sum monad

```
module PrefixMonad (M : MONOID) =  
  struct  
    type 'a p = M.m -> 'a * M.m  
  
    let returnP : 'a -> 'a p =  
      fun a m0 -> (a, M.zero)  
  
    let letP : 'a p -> ('a -> 'b p) -> 'b p =  
      fun pa f m0 ->  
        let (a, m1) = pa m0 in  
        let (b, m2) = f a (M.add m0 m1) in  
        (b, M.add m1 m2)  
  end
```

```
(* Down : sum of values before  
   Up   : sum of values below *)
```



Useful for hardware or neural nets ?

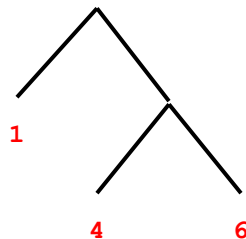
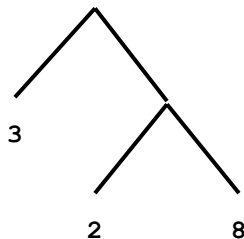
# Tree sum

```
module PM = PrefixMonad(PlusMonoid)

type tree =
  | Leaf of int
  | Node of tree * tree

let rec tree_sum t =
  match t with
  | Leaf k ->
    fun s -> (Leaf s, k)
  | Node (l, r) ->
    PM.letP (tree_sum l) (fun l ->
      PM.letP (tree_sum r) (fun r ->
        PM.returnP (Node (l, r))))
```

```
tree_sum (Node (Leaf 2, Node (Leaf 5, Leaf 7))) 1
=> (Node (Leaf 1, Node (Leaf 4, Leaf 6)), 13)
```



# Fast multiplication

```
let rec mul a n =  
  if n = 0  
  then PM.returnP ()  
  else if n land 1 != 0  
  then PM.letP (mul a (n - 1)) (fun () p -> ((), a))  
  else PM.letP (mul a (n / 2)) (fun () p -> ((), p))
```

```
mul 2 15 0  
=> ((), 30)
```

Exercise: Carry-lookahead adder

# Monads don't compose

$\text{joinST} : \text{STST} \rightarrow \text{ST}$

$\text{returnS} = \text{insert } S$

$\text{returnT} = \text{insert } T$

$\text{joinS} = \text{combine } SS \rightarrow S$

$\text{joinT} = \text{combine } TT \rightarrow T$

An impossibility proof tells you what assumptions to violate ! 😊

# Monad translations

Start with an expression:

`1 + 2`

# Monad translations

Monad translate it:

```
elet a = ereturn 1 in  
  elet b = ereturn 2 in  
    ereturn (a + b)
```



# Monad translations

Inline the monad:

```
match (Some 1) with
| None    -> None
| Some a ->
    (match (Some 2) with
     | None    -> None
     | Some b -> Some (a + b))
```

# Monad translations **compose**

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```
match (Some 1) with
| None    -> None
| Some a ->
    (match (Some 2) with
     | None    -> None
     | Some b -> Some (a + b))
```

Repeat with another monad !

# Language

Languages as theories / ADTs (Goguen et al)  
Higher-order abstract syntax (Elliot, Pfenning)

```
module type LANG =  
  sig  
    type exp  
  
    val unit      : exp  
    val int       : int -> exp  
    val string    : string -> exp  
  
    val pair      : exp -> exp -> exp  
    val left      : exp -> exp  
    val right     : exp -> exp  
  
    val inleft    : exp -> exp  
    val inright   : exp -> exp  
    val case      : exp ->  
                    (exp -> exp) ->  
                    (exp -> exp) -> exp
```

```
    val elet      : exp -> (exp -> exp) -> exp  
    val lam       : (exp -> exp) -> exp  
    val rlam      : (exp -> exp -> exp) -> exp  
    val app       : exp -> exp -> exp  
  
    val nil       : exp  
    val cons      : exp -> exp -> exp  
    val fold      : exp -> exp -> exp -> exp  
  
    val show      : exp -> exp  
    val ops       : (string * (bool * exp)) list  
  end
```

# Monad

```
module type MONAD =  
  sig  
    type exp  
    val ereturn : exp -> exp  
    val elet    : exp -> (exp -> exp) -> exp  
    val eshow   : exp -> exp  
    val ops     : (string * (bool * exp)) list  
  end
```

# Monad

```
module type MONAD =  
  sig  
    type exp  
    val ereturn : exp[a] -> exp[Ta]  
    val elet     : exp[Ta] -> (exp[a] -> exp[Tb]) -> exp[Tb]  
    val eshow    : exp -> exp  
    val ops      : (string * (bool * exp)) list  
  end
```

If we had dependent types, we could do a **typed version**.

# Internal monad

```
module type IMONAD =  
  functor (L : LANG) -> MONAD with type exp = L.exp
```

# Option IMonad

```
module OptionIMonad(L : LANG) =  
  struct  
    type exp = L.exp  
  
    (* a option = a + 1 *)  
  
    let ereturn a =  
      L.inleft a  
  
    let elet ta f =  
      L.case ta  
        (fun a -> L.app (L.lam f) a)  
        (fun x -> L.inright x)  
  
    let eshow ta = ta
```

```
    let raise_op =  
      L.lam (fun _ -> L.inright L.unit)  
  
    let handle_op =  
      L.lam (fun t1_t2 ->  
        L.case (L.app (L.left t1_t2) L.unit)  
          (fun a -> L.inleft a)  
          (fun _ -> L.app (L.right t1_t2) L.unit))  
  
    let ops = [  
      ("raise", (false, ereturn raise_op));  
      ("handle", (false, ereturn handle_op))  
    ]  
  end
```

**Extend : IMONAD -> LANG -> LANG**

**Moggi, 1989**

```
module Extend(IT : IMONAD)(L : LANG) =
  struct
    module T = IT(L)
    module X = Sugar(L)
    type exp(* a *) = L.exp(* Ta *)

    let lift1 f e =
      T.elet e (fun v -> T.ereturn (f v))

    let lift2 f e1 e2 =
      T.elet e1 (fun v1 ->
        T.elet e2 (fun v2 ->
          T.ereturn (f v1 v2)))

    let unit = T.ereturn L.unit
    let int k = T.ereturn (L.int k)
    let string s = T.ereturn (L.string s)

    let pair = lift2 L.pair
    let left = lift1 L.left
    let right = lift1 L.right
```

```
let inleft = lift1 L.inleft
let inright = lift1 L.inright

let case e f1 f2 =
  T.elet e (fun v ->
    L.case v
      (fun v1 -> f1 (T.ereturn v1))
      (fun v2 -> f2 (T.ereturn v2)))

let elet e f =
  T.elet e (fun v -> f (T.ereturn v))

let lam f =
  T.ereturn (L.lam (fun v -> f (T.ereturn v)))

let rlam f =
  T.ereturn (L.rlam (fun v1 v2 ->
    f (T.ereturn v1) (T.ereturn v2)))
```



**Extend : IMONAD -> LANG -> LANG**

**Moggi, 1989**

```
let app e1 e2 =
  T.elet e1 (fun v1 ->
    T.elet e2 (fun v2 ->
      L.app v1 v2))

let nil = T.ereturn L.nil
let cons = lift2 L.cons

let fold nil cons l =
  T.elet cons (fun cons ->
    T.elet l (fun l ->
      L.fold nil
        (L.lam (fun a ->
          L.lam (fun sb ->
            T.elet (L.app cons a)
              (fun cons_a ->
                T.elet sb (fun sb ->
                  L.app cons_a sb))))))
    l))
```

```
let show e =
  L.show (T.eshow e)

let lift_op (name, (ty, op)) =
  (name,
   (ty,
    T.ereturn
      (if ty
        then X.compose (L.lam T.ereturn) op
        else op)))

let ops =
  List.append T.ops
  (List.map lift_op L.ops)
end
```

# Monad translations compose

```
par
  (fun _ -> store 3)
  (fun _ -> store (1 + fetch ()))
```

[4; 1; 1; 3; 1; 1; 3; 1; 3; 3]

```
par
  (fun _ -> atomic (fun _ -> store 3))
  (fun _ -> atomic (fun _ -> store (1 + fetch ())))
```

[4; 3]

Example from:

Filinski, Representing Layered Monads

Monads: List, State, Resumptions

# Monad translations compose

Espinosa:    Monad translations compose !

Launchbury: Nice, but...

# Monad translations compose

Espinosa: Monad translations compose !

Launchbury: Nice, but the result isn't a monad translation.

**Compose** : IMONAD -> IMONAD -> IMONAD

**Extend**(T) (Extend(S) (L)) = **Extend**(**Compose** (T) (S) ) (L)

**Compose : IMONAD -> IMONAD -> IMONAD**

Possibly new !

```
module Compose(IT : IMONAD) (IS : IMONAD) (L : LANG) =  
  struct  
    module S    = IS(L)  
    module LS   = Extend(IS) (L)  
    module T    = IT(LS)  
    module XLS  = Sugar(LS)  
    type exp    = L.exp  
  
    let ereturn a =  
      T.ereturn (S.ereturn a)  
  
    let elet sta f =  
      T.elet sta (fun sa -> S.elet sa f)  
  
    let eshow e =  
      S.eshow (T.eshow e)
```

```
let lift_op (name, (ty, op)) =  
  (name,  
   (ty,  
    T.ereturn  
      (if ty  
        then XLS.compose (LS.lam T.ereturn) op  
        else op)))  
  
let ops =  
  List.append T.ops  
    (List.map lift_op S.ops)  
end
```

# ST.ereturn

```
ST.ereturn : a -> STa
```

```
S.ereturn  : a -> Sa
```

```
T.ereturn  : Sa -> STa  <= on Extend(S) (L)
```

```
let ST.ereturn a =  
    T.ereturn (S.ereturn a)
```

Magic: Monad translate source code of T

# ST.elet

```
ST.elet : STa -> (a -> STb) -> STb
```

```
T.elet  : STa -> (Sa -> STb) -> STb  <= on Extend(S) (L)
```

```
S.elet  : Sa  -> (a  -> STb) -> STb
```

```
let ST.elet sta f =  
    T.elet sta (fun sa -> S.elet sa f)
```

Magic: Monad translate source code of T

# Compose(T) is a monad transformer

	T	Compose (T) (S)
List	a list	S(a list)
Writer	a writer	S(a writer)
Option	a option	S(a option)
Reader	X -> a	S(X -> Sa)
State	X -> a * X	S(X -> S(a * X))
Continuation	(a -> R) -> R	S((a -> SR) -> SR)
Resumption	fix R. 1 -> a + R	S(fix R. 1 -> S(a + R))

Compose (T) : IMONAD -> IMONAD



# Proposition

Given:

Monad  $S$  on ???

Monad  $T$  on ???

There exists:

Monad  $ST$  on ???

# Proposition

Given:

Monad  $S$  on  $C$

Monad  $T$  on  $\mathbf{Kleisli}(S)$

There exists:

Monad  $ST$  on  $C$

Reference:

Barr and Wells,  
Triples, Toposes, and Theories,  
chapter on distributive laws.

## Kleisli categories of monads on Kleisli categories

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In general, the composition of two monadic adjunctions is not necessarily itself monadic. Two known counterexamples include  $\mathbf{TorsionFreeAb} \rightarrow \mathbf{Ab} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$  and  $\mathbf{Cat} \rightarrow \mathbf{Quiver} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set} \times \mathbf{Set}$  (the latter is because  $\mathbf{Cat}$ , the category of small categories, is not regular).



Now, let  $C$  be a category with a monad  $T$  and  $S$  be a monad on the Kleisli category  $C_T$ . Then, for any two objects  $X$  and  $Y$  in  $C$ , morphisms from  $X$  to  $Y$  in the Kleisli category  $(C_T)_S$  correspond to morphisms from  $X$  to  $SY$  in  $C_T$ , which in turn correspond to morphisms from  $X$  to  $TSY$  in  $C$ . This suggests that  $(C_T)_S$  is also the Kleisli category of a monad  $\tilde{S}$  on  $C$  for which  $\tilde{S}X = TSX$  on objects.



Question:

Does there always actually exist such a monad  $\tilde{S}$ ? In other words, is the composition of two Kleisli adjunctions always itself a Kleisli adjunction?

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Geoffrey Trang

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Related (but doesn't answer) : you can find an answer, not for the Kleisli category but for the Eilenberg-Moore category, with the keywords distributive law - there is for instance an exercise sheet on Samuel Mimram's website about these : [lix.polytechnique.fr/Labo/Samuel.Mimram/teaching/cat](http://lix.polytechnique.fr/Labo/Samuel.Mimram/teaching/cat) - Maxime Ramzi

Jul 12, 2019 at 17:31

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Surprisingly to me, yes-there's no need for any distributive laws or anything. If  $U : D \rightleftarrows C : F$  is an adjunction, then by Peter Lumsdaine's answer [here](#), our adjunction is equivalent to the Kleisli adjunction of the monad  $UF$  if and only if  $F$  is essentially surjective, and isomorphic to it if and only if  $F$  is bijective on objects. Both these properties are closed under composition of functors.



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## Characterization of Kleisli adjunctions

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There's a well known theorem due to Beck that characterizes when an adjunction is monadic, that is, if  $F$  is left adjoint to  $G$ ,  $G : D \rightarrow C$ ,  $GF := T$  is always a monad on  $C$ , and the adjunction is called monadic, essentially, when  $D$  is the Eilenberg-Moore category  $C^T$  of  $T$ -algebras and  $G$  is the forgetful functor. (For the precise definition see <http://ncatlab.org/nlab/show/monadic+adjunction>). I was wondering if there was a similar characterization to determine when  $D$  is the Kleisli category of  $\mathbf{FREE} T$ -algebras?

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There is a unique functor  $\mathbf{Kl}(GF) \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  commuting with the adjunctions from  $\mathbf{C}$ , since the Kleisli category is initial among adjunctions inducing the given monad; and this functor is always full and faithful, since  $\mathbf{Kl}(GF)(A, B) \cong \mathbf{C}(A, GFB) \cong \mathbf{D}(FA, FB)$ .

So this functor will be an equivalence iff it is essentially surjective, and an isomorphism iff it is bijective on objects. But its object map is just the object map of  $F$ .

So  $\mathbf{Kl}(FG)$  is equivalent to  $\mathbf{D}$  compatibly with the adjunctions from  $\mathbf{C}$  precisely when  $F$  is essentially surjective, and isomorphic just when  $F$  is bijective on objects.

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answered May 27, 2010 at 4:33



Peter LeFanu Lumsdaine

1 So, I guess this implies that if  $F$  is left adjoint to  $G$  and  $G$  does not reflect isos, then  $F$  cannot be essentially surjective? - [David Carchedi](#) May 27, 2010 at 6:28

Yep, I think so! More generally,  $G$  will always be full and faithful on the essential image of  $F$ , and hence reflect isomorphisms there. - [Peter LeFanu Lumsdaine](#) May 27, 2010 at 15:34

# Compound Monads and the Kleisli Category

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**Abstract.** We consider sets of monad rules derived by focussing on the Kleisli category of a monad, and from these we derive some constructions for compound monads. Under certain conditions these constructions correspond to a distributive law connecting the monads. We also show how these relate to some constructions for compound monads described previously.

Keywords: compound monad, Kleisli category

# LetEff

```
module type LETEFF =  
  sig  
    include LANG  
  
    val leteff :  
      (exp[a] -> exp[Ta]) ->  
      (exp[Ta] -> (exp[a] -> exp[Tb]) -> exp[Tb]) ->  
      exp[c] -> exp[c]  
  end
```

Leteff appears in  
Filinski, Monads in Action, 2010  
with an operational semantics

# LetEff

Possibly new !

```
module LetEff(L : LANG) =  
  struct  
    type exp = (L.exp -> L.exp) ->  
      (L.exp -> (L.exp -> L.exp) -> L.exp) -> L.exp  
  
    let int k sreturn slet =  
      sreturn (L.int k)  
  
    let leteff treturn tlet e sreturn slet =  
      let streturn a =  
        treturn (lift0 a) sreturn slet in  
      let stlet sta f =  
        slet sta (fun ta ->  
          tlet (lift0 ta) (app (lift0 (L.lam f)))  
            sreturn slet) in  
      e streturn stlet  
  
    ...  
  end
```

Note: We only use two layers:

L0 = pure language, no effects

L1 = LetEff(L0)

All other "layering" happens *inside* L1.

# Async / await

Petricek and Syme,  
F# Computation Expression Zoo, 2014

Async/await : one effect a time

LetEff : multiple effects at a time

```
leteff List in  
leteff Writer in  
leteff Option in  
...
```

# Layered monads example

```
run
  (handle
    (elet (pick [1; 2; 3; 4; 5]) (fun a ->
      eseq (write ("a=" ^ (string_of_int a)))
        (eseq (if a * a = 9
          then eseq (write "!") (eraise ())
          else write "ok")
            (ereturn (10 * a))))))
    (eseq (write "H")
      (elet (pick [true; false]) (fun b ->
        if b
        then eseq (write "yes") (ereturn 42)
        else eraise ())))))
```

```
[(Some 10, "a=1ok");
 (Some 20, "a=2ok");
 (Some 42, "a=3!Hyes");
 (None,    "a=3!H");
 (Some 40, "a=4ok");
 (Some 50, "a=5ok")]
```

Example from:

Filinski, Monadic reflection in Haskell, 2006

Monads: List, Writer, Option



# Implementation 0

```
type 'a exp = 'a option writer list
```

# Implementation 1

```
type 'a exp0 = 'a
type 'a exp1 = 'a list    exp0
type 'a exp2 = 'a writer exp1
type 'a exp3 = 'a option exp2
```

(using monad transformers)

# API

```
ereturn0 : 'a -> 'a exp0  
ereturn1 : 'a -> 'a exp1  
ereturn2 : 'a -> 'a exp2  
ereturn3 : 'a -> 'a exp3
```

```
elet0      : 'a exp0 -> ('a -> 'b exp0) -> 'b exp0  
elet1      : 'a exp1 -> ('a -> 'b exp1) -> 'b exp1  
elet2      : 'a exp2 -> ('a -> 'b exp2) -> 'b exp2  
elet3      : 'a exp3 -> ('a -> 'b exp3) -> 'b exp3
```

Filinski, Monadic reflection in Haskell, 2006  
Filinski, Representing layered monads, POPL 1999

```
lift1      : 'a exp0 -> 'a exp1  
lift2      : 'a exp1 -> 'a exp2  
lift3      : 'a exp2 -> 'a exp3
```

```
reify1     : 'a exp1 -> 'a list    exp0  
reify2     : 'a exp2 -> 'a writer exp1  
reify3     : 'a exp3 -> 'a option exp2
```

```
reflect1   : 'a list    exp0 -> 'a exp1  
reflect2   : 'a writer exp1 -> 'a exp2  
reflect3   : 'a option exp2 -> 'a exp3
```

```
let run0 : 'a exp0 -> 'a
```

```
let run  : 'a exp3 -> 'a option writer list =  
  fun e -> run0 (reify1 (reify2 (reify3 e)))
```

# Implementation 2

```
type 'a exp0 = 'a
type 'a exp0k = { ka : 'r. ('a -> 'r exp0) -> 'r exp0 }

type 'a exp1 = 'a list exp0k
type 'a exp1k = { ka : 'r. ('a -> 'r exp1) -> 'r exp1 }

type 'a exp2 = 'a writer exp1k
type 'a exp2k = { ka : 'r. ('a -> 'r exp2) -> 'r exp2 }

type 'a exp3 = 'a option exp2k
type 'a exp3k = { ka : 'r. ('a -> 'r exp3) -> 'r exp3 }
```

# Implementation 3

```
type 'a exp0 = { ka : 'r. ('a -> 'r) -> 'r }  
type 'a exp1 = { ka : 'r. ('a -> 'r list exp0) -> 'r list exp0 }  
type 'a exp2 = { ka : 'r. ('a -> 'r writer exp1) -> 'r writer exp1 }  
type 'a exp3 = { ka : 'r. ('a -> 'r option exp2) -> 'r option exp2 }
```

# Implementation 4

```
type 'a exp0 = 'a k
type 'a exp1 = { ka : 'r. ('a -> 'r list k) -> 'r list k }
type 'a exp2 = { ka : 'r. ('a -> 'r writer k) -> 'r writer k }
type 'a exp3 = { ka : 'r. ('a -> 'r option k) -> 'r option k }
```

# Continuation monads example

```
let returnK a k =  
  k a  
  
let letK ka f k =  
  ka (fun a -> f a k)  
  
let liftK ka =  
  letK ka  
  
let seqK e1 e2 =  
  letK e1 (fun _ -> e2)  
  
let appendK kla1 kla2 =  
  letK kla1 (fun la1 ->  
    letK kla2 (fun la2 ->  
      returnK (la1 @ la2)))  
  
let run0 ka =  
  ka (fun a -> a)
```

```
let reify1 ka =  
  ka (fun a -> returnK [a])  
  
let reflect1 kla f =  
  let rec loop la =  
    match la with  
    | [] -> returnK []  
    | a :: la -> appendK (f a) (loop la) in  
  letK kla loop  
  
let reify2 ka =  
  ka (fun a -> returnK (a, ""))  
  
let reflect2 kwa f =  
  letK kwa (fun (a, s1) ->  
    letK (f a) (fun (b, s2) ->  
      returnK (b, s1 ^ s2)))
```

# Continuation monads example

```
let reify3 ka =  
  ka (fun a -> returnK (Some a))  
  
let reflect3 koa f =  
  letK koa (fun oa ->  
    match oa with  
    | Some a -> f a  
    | None    -> returnK None)  
  
let pick l =  
  liftK (liftK (reflect1 (returnK l)))  
  
let write s =  
  liftK (reflect2 (returnK (()), s)))
```

```
let eraise () =  
  reflect3 (returnK None)  
  
let handle e1 e2 =  
  letK (liftK (reify3 e1)) (fun oa ->  
    match oa with  
    | Some a -> returnK a  
    | None    -> e2)  
  
let run e =  
  run0 (reify1 (reify2 (reify3 e)))  
  
let ereturn = returnK  
let elet    = letK  
let eseq    = seqK
```



# Summary

Monads don't compose, but...

Monad translations compose

Continuation monads compose

Also: Prefix sum monad 😊

# Turtles all the way

Brian Cantwell Smith, Reflection and semantics in a procedural language, 1982

Wand and Friedman, Mystery of the tower revealed, 1986

Why not an infinite tower ?

Challenge: Write a simulation that simulates itself  
(literally – not a copy)

# Consciousness

Challenge: Write the simplest conscious program

# Morphisms of toposes

Logical relations / parametric polymorphism

Functions are related iff they take related arguments to related results.

Where do the relations come from ??

Possible answer: if we build the category of toposes as a subcategory of the category of allegories, it inherits morphisms from allegories.

# Possible tutorials or textbooks

Automata theory via category theory

- Dexter Kozen, Automata and computability

Distributed systems

- Michel Raynal, 3 volumes (distributed, concurrent, fault tolerant)

Relaxed memory models (for concurrent shared memory)

- All papers inadequate

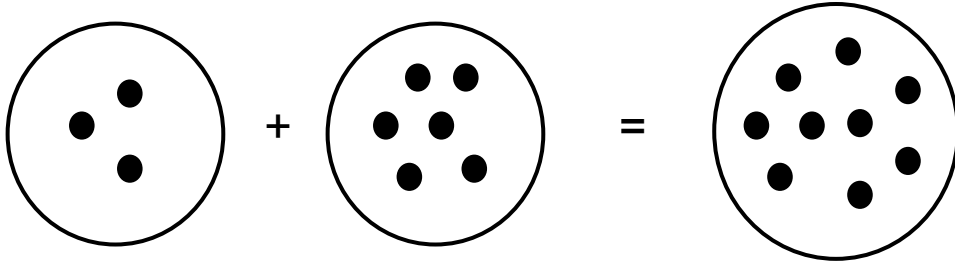
Relational algebra

- Bird and de Moor, Algebra of programming

# Linear vs relational algebra

Linear algebra	Relational algebra
Apply linear transformation $T(v)$	??
??	Apply relation $R(a, b)$
Basis	??
Vector space	??
Well-known	Hardly known

# Why is math “unreasonably effective” ?



Physics: Addition applies to marbles

Math:  $3 + 5 = 8$

Math is a collection of patterns.

Nature follows patterns...

# Free will

Defn. *A controls B* = A correctly predicts actions of B

Defn. *A has free will* = A controls A

(standard confusion of causation vs correlation)



# Something vs nothing

Why is there something rather than nothing ?

Occam's razor fails !

Robert Kuhn, Closer to Truth