

Monads and other abstractions

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Mathematics

Meaning

There isn't any.



Abstraction

Structures, and relationships between structures.

Sets



“Stuff”

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type Set a = a -> Bool
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Extensional

Can be defined by stating its elements.

$\{ \textit{True}, \textit{False} \}$

Intensional

Or by describing them.

$$\{ x \mid x \in \mathbb{N}, \textit{even}(x) \}$$

Distinction

Values can be extensionally equal, but intensionally distinct.

$$n \mapsto 2(n + 5)$$

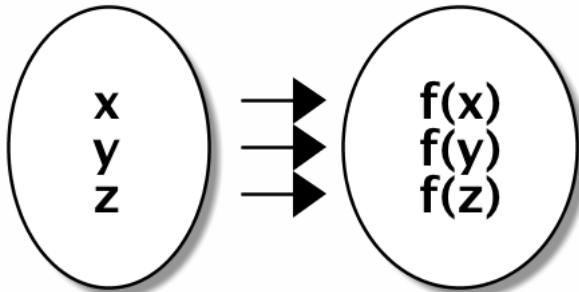
$$n \mapsto 2n + 10$$

Deceptively simple

With just a definition of sets, and seven axioms (and we've already seen two!), you can generate a good part of mathematics.

Functions

As maps



Higher-order functions

$$id\ x = x$$

$$(f \circ g)\ x = f(g(x))$$

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Definition (Involutive)

$$f \circ f = id$$

Homomorphism

“Structure preserving.”

Isomorphism

An isomorphism is a pair of functions satisfying two equations:

$$f \circ g = id_{dom(f)}$$

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Isomorphism

In terms of the types involved:

$$A \cong B$$

$$g : A \rightarrow B$$

$$f : B \rightarrow A$$



Laws

Algebras

Algebraic Structures

Magmas

Semigroups

Monoids

Groups

Type Algebras

Equational Reasoning

Quantification

Existential

$$\exists p, P(p)$$

Universal

$$\forall p, P(p)$$

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True?

$$\forall x, \exists y \rightarrow x = y$$

Universal

True?

$$\forall x, \exists y \rightarrow x \neq y$$

Parametricity

Curry-Howard Isomorphism

Free objects

Category Theory

Functors

Applicatives

Monads

Free Monads