

1 Monads and Comonads

1.1 Definition of Monads and Comonads

1.1.1 Definition (Monad) A *Monad* (T, μ, η) in a Category \mathcal{X} consists of

- an endofunctor $T: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$
- a natural transformation $\eta: \text{id}_{\mathcal{X}} \Rightarrow T$
- a natural transformation $\mu: T^2 \Rightarrow T$

such that the following diagrams commute:

$$(a) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} T^3 & \longrightarrow & T^2 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ T^2 & \longrightarrow & T \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} T & \xrightarrow{\eta T} & T^2 & \xleftarrow{T\eta} & T \\ & \searrow \text{id}_T & \downarrow \mu & \swarrow \text{id}_T & \\ & & T & & \end{array}$$

Example 1 (preorder). Recall: A *preorder* (\mathcal{P}, \leq) is a category with \mathcal{P} as objects and a morphism between X and Y iff $X \leq Y$. A functor $T: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$ is thus a monotonic function $\mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$ ($x \leq y \Rightarrow Tx \leq Ty$). The existence of the natural transformations η is equivalent to

$$x \leq Tx \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{P}$$

and the existence of μ is equivalent to

$$T(Tx) \leq Tx \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{P}$$

because there is at most one morphism $x \rightarrow y$, so the necessary diagrams commute trivially.

Now suppose \mathcal{P} is a *partial order*, i.e. $x \leq y \leq x \Rightarrow x = y \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{P}$.

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} x \leq Tx &\Rightarrow Tx \leq T(Tx) \\ T(Tx) \leq Tx &\Rightarrow Tx = T(Tx) \end{aligned}$$

so a Monad T in a partial order \mathcal{P} is a *closure operation* in \mathcal{P} , i.e. a monotonic function $T: \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$ with $x \leq Tx$ and $T(Tx) = Tx \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{P}$.

Now every topological space X induces a partial order $\mathcal{P} = (\mathcal{P}(X), \subseteq)$. Here an example for a closure operation is taking the topological closure $A \mapsto \bar{A}$, since it holds for all $A \subseteq X$ that $A \subseteq \bar{A}$ and $\overline{\bar{A}} = \bar{A}$.

1.1.2 Definition (Comonad) A *Comonad* (L, ε, ω) in a Category \mathcal{A} consists of

- an endofunctor $L: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$
- a natural transformation $\varepsilon: L \Rightarrow \text{id}_{\mathcal{A}}$
- a natural transformation $\omega: L \Rightarrow L^2$

such that the following diagrams commute:

$$(a) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} L & \xrightarrow{L\omega} & L^2 \\ \omega L \downarrow & & \downarrow L\omega \\ L^2 & \xrightarrow{\omega L} & L^3 \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} & \xleftarrow{\epsilon L} & L^2 & \xrightarrow{L\epsilon} & L \\ & \swarrow \text{id}_L & \uparrow \omega & \searrow \text{id}_L & \\ & L & & & \end{array}$$

1.1.3 Definition (Morphism of monads) Let \mathcal{X} be a category, let (T, η, μ) and (T', η', μ') be monads in \mathcal{X} . We say that a natural transformation $\delta: T \Rightarrow T'$ is a *morphism of monads* if it preserves the unit and the multiplication, i.e. the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{id}_x & \xrightarrow{\eta_x} & Tx \\ & \searrow \eta'_x & \downarrow \delta_x \\ & & T'x \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^2x & \xrightarrow{\mu_x} & Tx \\ \delta T' \circ T\delta \downarrow & & \downarrow \delta_x \\ T'^2x & \xrightarrow{\mu'_x} & T'x \end{array}$$

1.1.4 Definition (Morphism of comonads)

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