

# 1 Adjoint situations

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Moreover, adjunctions provide us with many (technically even all) examples of monads and comonads, as we will later see.

**Proposition 1.1** Given two functors  $A \xrightleftharpoons[F]{G} B$  the following are equivalent:

- (a)  $\exists \eta: \text{id}_B \Rightarrow GF$  and  $\varepsilon: FG \Rightarrow \text{id}_A$  natural transformations such that  $\forall a \in \text{Ob}(A), b \in \text{Ob}(B)$  the following two diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(b) & \xrightarrow{F(\eta_b)} & FGF(b) \\ & \searrow \text{id}_{F(b)} & \downarrow \varepsilon_{F(b)} \\ & & F(b) \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} G(a) & \xrightarrow{\eta_{G(a)}} & GFG(a) \\ & \searrow \text{id}_{G(a)} & \downarrow G(\varepsilon_a) \\ & & G(a) \end{array} \quad (\text{triangle identity})$$

- (b)  $\forall a \in \text{Ob}(A), b \in \text{Ob}(B)$  there is a bijection

$$\phi_{a,b}: \text{Hom}_A(F(b), a) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(b, G(a))$$

which is natural in  $a$  and  $b$ , which means that for  $p: a \rightarrow a'$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_A(F(b), a) & \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,b}} & \text{Hom}_B(b, G(a)) \\ \downarrow p \circ - & & \downarrow G(p) \circ - \\ \text{Hom}_A(F(b), a') & \xrightarrow{\phi_{a',b}} & \text{Hom}_B(b, G(a')) \end{array}$$

and for  $q: b \rightarrow b'$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Hom}_A(F(b'), a) & \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,b'}} & \text{Hom}_B(b', G(a)) \\ \downarrow - \circ F(q) & & \downarrow - \circ q \\ \text{Hom}_A(F(b), a) & \xrightarrow{\phi_{a,b}} & \text{Hom}_B(b, G(a)) \end{array}$$

commute.

**PROOF:** (a)  $\implies$  (b):  
define

$$\phi_{a,b}: \text{Hom}_A(F(b), a) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_B(b, G(a))$$

by

$$\phi_{a,b}(g) = G(g) \circ \eta_b: b \rightarrow G(a)$$

for  $g: F(b) \rightarrow a$  and define

$$\psi_{a,b}: \text{Hom}_B(b, G(a)) \rightarrow \text{Hom}_A(F(b), a)$$

by

$$\psi_{a,b}(f) = \varepsilon_a \circ F(f): F(b) \rightarrow a$$

for  $f: b \rightarrow G(a)$ .

**CLAIM 1.**  $\psi \circ \phi = id$

*Proof of claim 1.* Let  $f: b \rightarrow G(a)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \phi(\psi(f)) &= \phi(\varepsilon_a \circ F(f)) && \text{(Definition of } \psi) \\
 &= G(\varepsilon_a \circ F(f)) \circ \eta_b && \text{(Definition of } \phi) \\
 &= G(\varepsilon_a) \circ G(F(f)) \circ \eta_b && \text{(Functoriality of } G) \\
 &= G(\varepsilon_a) \circ \eta_{G(a)} \circ f && \text{(Naturality of } \eta) \\
 &= id_{G(a)} \circ f && \text{(right triangle identity)} \\
 &= f
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Remark 1.2.** Let  $F \dashv G$  be an adjoint situation, i.e.  $F$  is left-adjoint to  $G$  and  $G$  is right-adjoint to  $F$ . Then

1.  $G$  preserves limits
2.  $F$  preserves colimits.

**Example 1** (Galois connection). blablabla examples include:

1. (Fundamental theorem of Galois theory): this example.
2. (Algebraic geometry): that example.

**Example 2** (Coproduct  $\dashv \Delta \dashv$  Product). this.

**Example 3** (free-forgetful adjunction). that.

**Example 4** (Tensor-Hom-Adjunction). There is a natural bijection

$$\text{Hom}_A(M \otimes_A N, P) \cong \text{Hom}_A(M, \text{Hom}_A(N, P))$$

This implies that the tensor-product is right-exact, since it preserves cokernels.

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## 2 Monads and Comonads

### 2.1 Definition of Monads and Comonads

A central notion in algebra is that of a *monoid*, that is, a set  $M$  equipped with a map  $\mu: M \times M \rightarrow M$ ;  $(a, b) \mapsto a \cdot b$  (often called *multiplication*) and an element  $e \in M$  such that the following two axioms hold:

$$(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c) \quad \text{for all } a, b, c \in M. \quad (\text{associativity})$$

$$e \cdot a = a \cdot e = a \quad \text{for all } a \in M \quad (\text{identity element})$$

We can give an equivalent definition in terms of maps and commuting diagrams as follows: A *monoid* is a set  $M$  together with two functions

$$\mu: M \times M \rightarrow M, \quad e: \{*\} \rightarrow M$$

such that the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M \times M \times M & \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times \mu} & M \times M \\ \downarrow \mu \times \text{id} & & \downarrow \mu \\ M \times M & \xrightarrow{\mu} & M \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccccc} \{*\} \times M & \xrightarrow{e \times \text{id}} & M \times M & \xleftarrow{\text{id} \times e} & M \times \{*\} \\ & \searrow l & \downarrow \mu & \swarrow r & \\ & & M & & \end{array}$$

where  $\text{id}$  is the identity on  $m$ , and  $l$  and  $r$  are the canonical bijections

$$l: \{*\} \times M \rightarrow M; \quad l(*, m) = m$$

$$r: M \times \{*\} \rightarrow M; \quad r(m, *) = m.$$

Explicitly, the first diagram means that for all  $a, b, c \in M$ :

$$(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c) \quad \text{for all } a, b, c \in M.$$

which is verbatim the associativity axiom, the second diagram means that for all  $m \in M$ :

$$e(*) \cdot m = l(*, m) = m = r(m, *) = m \cdot e(*)$$

which is clearly the identity element axiom for the element  $e(*)$ . This motivates the following definition:

monoid/monad/  
monoid object

**Definition 2.1 (Monad).** A *Monad*  $(T, \mu, \eta)$  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:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T^3 & \xrightarrow{T\mu} & T^2 \\
 \mu T \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \mu \\
 T^2 & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T
 \end{array}$$

(unitality)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 T & \xrightarrow{\eta T} & T^2 & \xleftarrow{T\eta} & T \\
 & \searrow \text{id}_T & \Downarrow \mu & \swarrow \text{id}_T & \\
 & & T & & 
 \end{array}$$

(associativity)

In terms of components, unitality and associativity mean that for every object  $x$  of  $\mathcal{X}$  the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T(T(Tx)) & \xrightarrow{T(\mu_x)} & T(Tx) \\
 \mu_{Tx} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu_x \\
 T(Tx) & \xrightarrow{\mu_x} & Tx
 \end{array}$$

(unitality)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 Tx & \xrightarrow{\eta_{Tx}} & T(Tx) & \xleftarrow{T(\eta_x)} & Tx \\
 & \searrow \text{id}_{Tx} & \downarrow \mu_x & \swarrow \text{id}_{Tx} & \\
 & & Tx & & 
 \end{array}$$

(associativity)

**Example 5** (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  $\mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$  ( $x \leq y \implies Tx \leq Ty$ ). The existence of the natural transformations  $\eta$  is equivalent to

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

and the existence of  $\mu$  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.  $x \leq y \leq x \implies x = y \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{P}$ .

Then:

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

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  $\bar{\bar{A}} = \bar{A}$ .

**Definition 2.2** (Comonad). A *Comonad*  $(L, \varepsilon, \omega)$  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:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 L & \xrightarrow{L\omega} & L^2 \\
 \omega L \Downarrow & & \Downarrow L\omega \\
 L^2 & \xrightarrow{\omega L} & L^3
 \end{array}$$

(counitality)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & L & & \\
 \text{id}_L \swarrow & & \downarrow \omega & & \searrow \text{id}_L \\
 L & \xleftarrow{\varepsilon L} & L^2 & \xrightarrow{L\varepsilon} & L
 \end{array}$$

(coassociativity)

In terms of components, this means that for every object  $x$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Lx & \xrightarrow{L(\omega_x)} & L(Lx) \\
 \omega_{Lx} \downarrow & & \downarrow L(\omega_x) \\
 L(Lx) & \xrightarrow{\omega_{Lx}} & L(L(Lx)) \\
 \text{(counitality)} & & 
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & Lx & & \\
 \text{id}_{Lx} \swarrow & & \downarrow \omega_x & & \searrow \text{id}_{Lx} \\
 Lx & \xleftarrow{\epsilon_{Lx}} & L(Lx) & \xrightarrow{L(\epsilon_x)} & Lx \\
 \text{(coassociativity)} & & & & 
 \end{array}$$

**Lemma 2.3** For every object  $x$  in  $\mathcal{X}$ , the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T(Tx) & \xrightarrow{T(\delta_x)} & T(T'x) \\
 \downarrow \delta_{Tx} & & \downarrow \delta_{T'x} \\
 T(T'x) & \xrightarrow{T'(\delta_x)} & T'(T'x)
 \end{array}$$

this means

$$\delta T' \circ T\delta = T'\delta \circ \delta T: T^2 \Rightarrow (T')^2.$$

**PROOF:**  $\delta: T \Rightarrow T'$  is natural. □

finish proof

**Definition 2.4** (Morphism of monads). Let  $\mathcal{X}$  be a category, let  $(T, \eta, \mu)$  and  $(T', \eta', \mu')$  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:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{id}_x & \xrightarrow{\eta_x} & Tx \\
 & \searrow \eta'_x & \downarrow \delta_x \\
 & & T'x
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 T^2x & \xrightarrow{\mu_x} & Tx \\
 \delta T' \circ T\delta \downarrow & & \downarrow \delta_x \\
 T'^2x & \xrightarrow{\mu'_x} & T'x
 \end{array}$$

**Definition 2.5** (Morphism of comonads).

## 3 Witt vectors

### Construction of the witt vectors

Recall that for every prime number  $p$ , we have the  $p$ -adic valuation map:

**Definition 3.1** ( $p$ -adic valuation).  $v_p : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  is defined by

$$v_p(n) = \begin{cases} \max\{k \in \mathbb{N} : p^k \mid n\} & \text{if } n \neq 0 \\ \infty & \text{if } n = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Definition 3.2** (truncation set). Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be the set of positive integers and let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  be a subset with the property that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : \text{if } d \text{ is a divisor of } n, \text{ then } d \in S$ . We then say that  $S$  is a *truncation set*.

As a set, we define the *big Witt ring*  $\mathbb{W}_S(A)$  to be  $A^S$ , we will give it a unique ring structure, such that the *ghost map* is a ring homomorphism.

**Definition 3.3** (ghost map). We define  $w : \mathbb{W}_S(A) \rightarrow A^S$  by  $(a_n)_{n \in S} \mapsto (w_n)_{n \in S}$  where

$$w_n = \sum_{d \mid n} d a_d^{n/d}$$

The core of the construction is contained in the following Lemma:

**Lemma 3.4** (Dwork) *Suppose that for every prime number  $p$  there exists a ring homomorphism  $\phi_p : A \rightarrow A$  with the property that  $\phi_p(a) \equiv a^p \pmod{pA}$ . Then for every sequence  $x = (x_n)_{n \in S}$ , the following are equivalent:*

- (i) *The sequence  $x$  is in the image of the ghost map  $w : \mathbb{W}_S(A) \rightarrow A^S$ .*
- (ii) *For every prime number  $p$  and every  $n \in S$  with  $v_p(n) \geq 1$ ,*

$$x_n \equiv \phi_p(x_{n/p}) \pmod{p^{v_p(n)} A}.$$

**PROOF:** ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $x$  is in the image of the ghost map, that means there is a sequence  $a = (a_n)_{n \in S}$  such that  $x_n = w_n(a)$  for all  $n \in S$ . We calculate:

$$\phi(x_{n/p}) = \phi(w_{n/p}(a)) = \phi\left(\sum_{d \mid n/p} d a_d^{n/pd}\right) = \sum_{d \mid n/p} d \cdot \phi(a_d^{n/pd})$$

since  $\phi$  is a ring homomorphism and  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**CLAIM 1.**

$$\sum_{d \mid n/p} d \cdot \phi(a_d^{n/pd}) \equiv \sum_{d \mid n/p} d \cdot a_d^{n/pd} \pmod{p^{v_p(n)} A}.$$

*Proof of claim 1.*

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**CLAIM 2.**

$$\sum_{d \mid n/p} d \cdot a_d^{n/pd} \equiv \sum_{d \mid n} d \cdot a_d^{n/d} \pmod{p^{v_p(n)} A}$$

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*Proof of claim 2.*

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so we get

$$\phi(x_{n/p}) \equiv \sum_{d|n} d \cdot a_d^{n/d} = w_n(a) = x_n \quad \text{mod } p^{v_p(n)} A.$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $(x_n)_{n \in S}$  be a sequence such that  $x_n \equiv \phi_p(x_{n/p}) \quad \text{mod } p^{v_p(n)} A \quad \forall p \text{ prime}, n \in S, v_p(n) \geq 1$ . Define  $(a_n)_{n \in S}$  with  $w_n(a) = x_n$  as follows:

$$a_1 := x_1$$

and if  $a_d$  has been chosen for all  $d \mid n$  such that  $w_d(a) = x_d$  we see that

$$\begin{aligned} x_n &\equiv \phi_p(x_{n/p}) \quad \text{mod } p^{v_p(n)} A \\ &= \phi_p\left(\sum_{d|n/p} d \cdot a_d^{n/pd}\right) \\ &= \sum_{d|n/p} d \cdot \phi(a_d^{n/pd}) \end{aligned}$$

□

finish proof

We will often need the following

**Lemma 3.5** *if  $A$  is a torsion-free ring, the ghost map is injective.*

Now we can finish the construction of the Witt vectors:

**Theorem 3.6** *There exists a unique ring structure such that the ghost map*

$$w : W_S(A) \rightarrow A^S$$

*is a natural transformation of functors from rings to rings.*

**PROOF:**

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**Corollary 3.7**  $w_n : W_S(A) \rightarrow A$  *is a natural ring homomorphism for all  $n \in S$ .*

**Proposition 3.8**  $W_S$  *is a functor  $\mathbf{CRing} \rightarrow \mathbf{CRing}$ .*

## The Verschiebung, Frobenius and Teichmüller maps

We have various operations on witt vectors that are of interest.

**Definition 3.9** (Restriction map). If  $T \subseteq S$  are two truncation sets, the *restriction from  $S$  to  $T$*

$$R_T^S : W_S(A) \rightarrow W_T(A)$$

is a natural ring homomorphism.

If  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  is a truncation set,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$S/n := \{d \in \mathbb{N} \mid nd \in S\}$$

is again a truncation set.

**Definition 3.10** (Verschiebung). Define

$$V_n: \mathbb{W}_{S/n} \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_S(A); V_n((a_d)_{d \in S/n})_m := \begin{cases} a_d, & \text{if } m = n \cdot d \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

which is called the  $n$ -th Verschiebung map. Furthermore define

$$\tilde{V}_n: A^{S/n} \rightarrow A^S; \tilde{V}_n((x_d)_{d \in S/n})_m := \begin{cases} n \cdot x_d, & \text{if } m = n \cdot d \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 3.11** The Verschiebung map  $V_n$  is additive.

**PROOF:**

**CLAIM.** 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{W}_{S/n}(A) & \xrightarrow{w} & A^{S/n} \\ \downarrow V_n & & \downarrow \tilde{V}_n \\ \mathbb{W}_S(A) & \xrightarrow{w} & A^S \end{array} \text{ commutes.}$$

Proof of claim. //

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Define  $\tilde{F}_n: A^S \rightarrow A^{S/n}$  by  $\tilde{F}_n((x_m)_{m \in S})_d = x_{nd}$ .

**Lemma 3.12** (Frobenius homomorphism) There exists a unique natural ring homomorphism

$$F_n: \mathbb{W}_S(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_{S/n}(A)$$

such that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{W}_S(A) & \xrightarrow{w} & A^S \\ \downarrow F_n & & \downarrow \tilde{F}_n \\ \mathbb{W}_{S/n}(A) & \xrightarrow{w} & A^{S/n} \end{array}$$

commutes.

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We call  $F_n$  the  $n$ th Frobenius homomorphism. The commutativity of the diagram above is equivalent to commutativity of the following diagram for every  $d \in S/n$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{W}_S(A) & & \\ \downarrow F_n & \searrow w_{nd} & \\ \mathbb{W}_{S/n}(A) & \xrightarrow{w_d} & A \end{array}$$

Proof of Lemma 3.12. easy □

**Lemma 3.13** Let  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then

$$F_n \circ F_m = F_{nm}.$$

**PROOF:** □



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**Definition 3.14** (teichmüller representative). The *teichmüller representative* is the map

$$\tau: A \rightarrow \mathbb{W}_S(A)$$

defined by

$$(\tau(a))_m = \begin{cases} a, & \text{if } m = 1 \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 3.15** *The teichmüller map is multiplicative.*

**PROOF:** The map  $\tilde{\tau}: A \rightarrow A^S$ ;  $(\tilde{\tau})_n = a^n$  is multiplicative and there is a commutative diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & A & \\ \tau \swarrow & & \searrow \tilde{\tau} \\ \mathbb{W}_S(A) & \xrightarrow{w} & A^S. \end{array}$$

Indeed,  $w_n(\tau(a)) = w_n((a, 0, 0, \dots)) = a^n$  by definition of  $w_n$ .

□

## The comonad structure of witt vectors

We will need the following lemma:

**Lemma 3.16** *Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $m$  is a non-zero divisor in  $A$ , then it is a non-zero divisor in  $\mathbb{W}_S(A)$  as well.*

**PROOF:**

$$0 \longrightarrow A \xrightarrow{V_n} \mathbb{W}_S(A) \xrightarrow{R_T^S} \mathbb{W}_T(A) \longrightarrow 0$$

which we can extend to the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{W}_S(A) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{W}_T(A) \longrightarrow 0 \\ & & \downarrow \cdot m & & \downarrow \cdot m & & \downarrow \cdot m \\ 0 & \longrightarrow & A & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{W}_S(A) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{W}_T(A) \longrightarrow 0 \end{array}$$

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finish

**Corollary 3.17** *If  $A$  is torsion-free, then  $\mathbb{W}_S(A)$  is torsion-free as well.*

**Definition 3.18.**  $\mathbb{W}(A) := \mathbb{W}_N(A)$

For the construction of a natural transformation  $\mathbb{W}(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A))$  we want to use Lemma 3.4 again. Hence we first show:

**Lemma 3.19** *Let  $p$  be a prime number, let  $A$  be any ring. Then the ring homomorphism  $F_p: \mathbb{W}(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{W}(A)$  satisfies  $F_p(a) \equiv a^p \pmod{pA}$ .*

**Proposition 3.20** *There exists a unique natural transformation*

$$\Delta: \mathbb{W}(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A))$$

such that  $w_n(\Delta(a)) = F_n(A)$  for all  $a \in A, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Recall that by 3.7,  $w_1: \mathbb{W}(A) \rightarrow A; (a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mapsto a_1$  is a natural transformation  $\mathbb{W} \Rightarrow \text{id}_{\mathbf{CRing}}$ .

**Theorem 3.21** *The functor  $\mathbb{W}(\cdot): \mathbf{CRing} \rightarrow \mathbf{CRing}$  together with the natural transformations  $\Delta: \mathbb{W} \Rightarrow \mathbb{W}^2$ ,  $w_1: \mathbb{W} \Rightarrow \text{id}_{\mathbf{CRing}}$  form a comonad  $(\mathbb{W}, w_1, \Delta)$ .*

**PROOF:**

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{W}(A) & \xrightarrow{\Delta_A} & \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A)) \\ \downarrow \Delta_A & \# & \downarrow \mathbb{W}(\Delta_A) \\ \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A)) & \xrightarrow{\Delta_{\mathbb{W}(A)}} & \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A))) \end{array} \text{ commutes.}$$

*Proof of claim.* evaluating the ghost coordinates leads to:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & F_A & & \\ & \swarrow & \cdots & \searrow & \\ \mathbb{W}(A) & \xrightarrow{\Delta_A} & \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A)) & \xrightarrow{w} & \mathbb{W}(A)^{\mathbb{N}} \\ \downarrow \Delta_A & & \downarrow \mathbb{W}(\Delta_A) & & \downarrow \Delta_A^{\mathbb{N}} \\ \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A)) & \xrightarrow{\Delta_{\mathbb{W}(A)}} & \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A))) & \xrightarrow{w} & \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A))^{\mathbb{N}} \\ & \swarrow & \cdots & \searrow & \\ & & F_{\mathbb{W}A} & & \end{array}$$

which by 3.20 simplifies to

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{W}(A) & \xrightarrow{F_A} & \mathbb{W}(A)^{\mathbb{N}} \\ \downarrow \Delta_A & & \downarrow \Delta_A^{\mathbb{N}} \\ \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A)) & \xrightarrow{F_{\mathbb{W}(A)}} & \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A))^{\mathbb{N}} \end{array}$$

now it suffices to show for an arbitrary  $n$  that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{W}(A) & \xrightarrow{F_{nA}} & \mathbb{W}(A) \\ \downarrow \Delta_A & & \downarrow \Delta_A \\ \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A)) & \xrightarrow{F_{n\mathbb{W}(A)}} & \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A)) \end{array}$$

evaluating the ghost coordinates again, keeping in mind that by 3.17 and 3.5,  $w: \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A)) \rightarrow \mathbb{W}(A)^{\mathbb{N}}$  is injective as well, we get

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbb{W}(A) & \xrightarrow{F_{nA}} & \mathbb{W}(A) & & \\ \downarrow \Delta_A & & \downarrow \Delta_A & \cdots & \\ \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A)) & \xrightarrow{F_{n\mathbb{W}(A)}} & \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A)) & \xrightarrow{F_A} & \mathbb{W}(A)^{\mathbb{N}} \\ \downarrow w & & \downarrow w & & \\ \mathbb{W}(A)^{\mathbb{N}} & \xrightarrow{\widetilde{F_{n\mathbb{W}(A)}}} & \mathbb{W}(A)^{\mathbb{N}} & & \end{array}$$

using the fact that 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A)) & & \\ \downarrow w & \searrow w_{nm} & \\ \mathbb{W}(A)^N & \xrightarrow{\widetilde{F}_n \mathbb{W}(A)} & \mathbb{W}(A)^N \end{array}$$
 commutes, we can simplify the situation to

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{W}(A) & \xrightarrow{F_n} & \mathbb{W}(A) \\ \downarrow \Delta_A & \searrow F_{nm} & \downarrow F_m \\ \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A)) & \xrightarrow{w_{nm}} & \mathbb{W}(A) \end{array}$$

which can again be simplified to

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{W}(A) & \xrightarrow{F_n} & \mathbb{W}(A) \\ & \searrow F_{nm} & \downarrow F_m \\ & & \mathbb{W}(A) \end{array}$$

now this commutes by ???, hence we are finished. //

**CLAIM.** 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{W}(A) & & \\ \Delta_A \downarrow & \searrow \text{id}_{\mathbb{W}(A)} & \\ \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A)) & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{W}(w_1)} & \mathbb{W}(A) \end{array}$$
 commutes.

*Proof of claim.* evaluate the ghost coordinates:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{W}(A) & & \\ \Delta_A \downarrow & \searrow \text{id}_{\mathbb{W}(A)} & \\ \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A)) & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{W}(w_1)} & \mathbb{W}(A) \\ \downarrow w & & \downarrow w \\ \mathbb{W}(A)^N & \xrightarrow{w_1^N} & A^N \end{array}$$

$F$  (dotted arrow from  $\mathbb{W}(A)$  to  $\mathbb{W}(A)^N$ )

we can then simplify to

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{W}(A) & & \\ F \downarrow & \searrow w & \\ \mathbb{W}(A)^N & \xrightarrow{w_1^N} & A^N \end{array}$$

now it suffices to show for all  $n$  that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{W}(A) & & \\ F_n \downarrow & \searrow w_n & \\ \mathbb{W}(A) & \xrightarrow{w_1} & A \end{array}$$

commutes, which is true by ??? ( $\varepsilon = w_1$ ). //

CLAIM. 
$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathbb{W}(A) & \\ \text{id}_{\mathbb{W}(A)} \swarrow & \downarrow \Delta_A & \text{commutes.} \\ \mathbb{W}(\mathbb{W}(A)) & \xleftarrow{\varepsilon_{\mathbb{W}(A)}} & \mathbb{W}(A) \end{array}$$

*Proof of claim.* Let  $a \in \mathbb{W}(A)$ .

$\varepsilon(\Delta_A(a)) = w_1(\Delta_A(a)) = F_1(a) = a$ , since  $F_1 = \text{id}_{\mathbb{W}(A)}$ . //

This concludes the proof.  $\square$

## The Teichmüller map induces a morphism of comonads

We now consider another example of a comonad; the *free monoid comonad*.

**Definition 3.22** (monoid ring). Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $G$  be a monoid. The *monoid ring* of  $G$  over  $R$ , denoted  $R[G]$  or  $RG$  is the set of formal finite sums  $\sum_{g \in G} r_g \cdot g$  with addition and multiplication defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{g \in G} r_g \cdot g + \sum_{g \in G} s_g \cdot g &:= \sum_{g \in G} (r_g + s_g) \cdot g \\ \sum_{g \in G} r_g \cdot g \cdot \sum_{g \in G} s_g \cdot g &:= \sum_{g \in G} \left( \sum_{k \cdot l = g} r_k \cdot s_l \right) \cdot g \end{aligned}$$

**Example 6.**  $R = \mathbb{R}, G = \{x^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \implies RG = \mathbb{R}[X]$

**Remark 3.23.**  $R[G]$  together with the ring homomorphism  $\alpha: R \rightarrow R[G]; r \mapsto r \cdot 1$  and the monoid homomorphism  $\beta: G \rightarrow R[G]; g \mapsto 1 \cdot g$  enjoys the following universal property:

$$\alpha(r) \cdot \beta(g) = \beta(g) \cdot \alpha(r) \quad \forall r \in R, g \in G$$

and if  $(S, \alpha', \beta')$  is another such triple with  $\alpha'(r) \cdot \beta'(g) = \beta'(g) \cdot \alpha'(r) \quad \forall r \in R, g \in G$ , there is a unique monoid homomorphism  $\gamma: R[G] \rightarrow S$  such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & S & & \\ & \nearrow \alpha' & \uparrow \gamma & \nwarrow \beta' & \\ R & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & R[G] & \xleftarrow{\beta} & G \end{array}$$

Here,  $\gamma$  is defined by  $\sum_{g \in G} r_g \cdot g \mapsto \sum_{g \in G} \alpha'(r_g) \cdot \beta'(g)$ .

**Example 7.** Let  $S$  be a ring,  $G$  be a monoid. Since there is a unique ring homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow S$ , each monoid homomorphism  $G \rightarrow S$  induces a unique ring homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z}G \rightarrow S$  such that the following commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} G & \longrightarrow & S \\ & \searrow & \uparrow \\ & & \mathbb{Z}G \end{array}$$

Now if  $H$  is another monoid and  $f: G \rightarrow H$  a monoid morphism,  $G \xrightarrow{f} H \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}H$  is a monoid homomorphism, hence it extends uniquely to  $f: \mathbb{Z}G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}H$ ,  $\sum_{g \in G} r_g \cdot g \mapsto \sum_{g \in G} r_g \cdot f(g)$ .

In this way, the free monoid ring construction over  $\mathbb{Z}$  is functorial.

Let  $G: \mathbf{CRing} \rightarrow \mathbf{CMon}$ ,  $(R, +, \cdot) \mapsto (R, \cdot)$  be the forgetful functor and let  $F: \mathbf{CMon} \rightarrow \mathbf{CRing}$  be the *free monoid ring functor*,  $G \mapsto \mathbb{Z}G$ .

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**Proposition 3.24** *There is an adjoint situation*  $\mathbf{CMon} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{G} \end{array} \mathbf{CRing}$

Now consider the *teichmüller map*  $\tau: A \rightarrow \mathbb{W}(A); a \mapsto (a, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$ .  $\tau$  is multiplicative and preserves the unit, hence it extends uniquely to a ring homomorphism

$$\tau: \mathbb{Z}A \rightarrow \mathbb{W}(A)$$

**Theorem 3.25**  $\tau: \mathbb{Z}A \rightarrow \mathbb{W}(A)$  is a morphism of comonads.