

## MPRI 2.4

### “Side effects” in Programming (and the rest)

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## What this course is about

“Side effects”. “pure”, “impure”, “effectful”.

What do those terms mean?

It depends!

Effects are **subjective** notions used to structure systems.

Consequences in

- programming language theory
- actual programming practice
- logic
- ...

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# Typed effects

```
t : (bool * int) list
```

We can view  $t$  as describing

- a **value** of type  $(\text{bool} * \text{int}) \text{ list}$ ,
- or a **computation** of type  $\text{bool} * \text{int}$  with some typed effect  $\_ \text{ list}$
- or a **computation** of type  $\text{bool}$  in some typed effect  $(\_ * \text{int}) \text{ list}$
- ...

The style of the author favors one interpretation.

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(Inspired by Philip Wadler's Bastaad lecture notes, 1995)

Variation 0: a simple calculator.

```
type expr =  
  | Int of int  
  | Add of expr * expr  
  
val eval : expr -> int
```

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Variation 1: `_ option` for division error

```
type expr = ... | Div of exp * exp
```

```
val eval : expr -> int option
```



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Variation 1: `_ option` for division error

```
type expr = ... | Div of exp * exp
```

```
val eval : expr -> int option
```

Then refactor the code with

```
val return : 'a -> 'a option
```

```
val bind : 'a option -> ('a -> 'b option) -> 'b option
```

## Ad break: binding operators

```
let<op> p = <def> in <body>
(* desugars into *)
( let<op> ) <def> (fun p -> <body>)
```

Go refactor the option evaluator with ( `let*` ) for bind.

Example:

```
val ( let* ) : 'a list -> ('a -> 'b list) -> 'b list
let ( let* ) li f = List.concat_map f li
let* x = [1; 10] in [x; x+1]
(* [1; 2; 10; 11] *)
```

Note: there is also a desugaring for simultaneous bindings:

```
let<op> p1 = <def1> and<op'> p2 = <def2> in <body>
(* desugars into *)
( let<op> ) (and<op'> <def1> <def2>) (fun (p1, p2) -> <body>)
```

Example:

```
val ( let+ ) : 'a list -> ('a -> 'b) -> 'b list
let ( let+ ) li f = List.map f li
let ( and+ ) li1 li2 = List.combine li1 li2
let+ x = [1; 3; 5] and+ y = [10; 20; 30] in x + y
(* [11; 23; 35] *)
```

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## Logging work

Variation 2: `_ * count` for counting work

```
type count = Count of int
val eval : expr -> int * count
```

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Then refactor the code with

```
val return : 'a -> 'a * count
val ( let* ) : 'a * count -> ('a -> 'b * count) -> 'b * count

val tick : unit * count
```

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Variation 3: `Cfg.t`  $\rightarrow$  `_` to access a configuration

```
type expr = ... | Current_time
```

```
module Cfg : sig  
  type t = {  
    current_time : int;  
    ...  
  }  
end
```

```
val current_time : Cfg.t  $\rightarrow$  int
```

```
val eval : expr  $\rightarrow$  Cfg.t  $\rightarrow$  int
```

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Variation 3: `Cfg.t -> _` to access a configuration

```
type expr = ... | Current_time
```

```
module Cfg : sig  
  type t = {  
    current_time : int;  
    ...  
  }  
end
```

```
val current_time : Cfg.t -> int
```

```
val eval : expr -> Cfg.t -> int
```

Then refactor the code with

```
val return : 'a -> (Cfg.t -> 'a)  
val ( let* ) : (Cfg.t -> 'a) -> ('a -> Cfg.t -> 'b) -> Cfg.t -> 'b
```

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Variation 4:  $\text{Rng.t} \rightarrow \_ * \text{Rng.t}$  for random number generation.

```
type expr = .. | Random of int  (* Random n in [0; n] *)
```

```
module Rng : sig
  type t
  val init : int array -> t
  val next : ~max:int -> t -> int * t
end
```

```
val eval : expr -> Rng.t -> int * Rng.t
```

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Variation 4: `Rng.t -> _ * Rng.t` for random number generation.

```
type expr = .. | Random of int  (* Random n in [0; n] *)
```

```
module Rng : sig
  type t
  val init : int array -> t
  val next : ~max:int -> t -> int * t
end
```

```
val eval : expr -> Rng.t -> int * Rng.t
```

Then refactor the code with

```
type 'a with_rng = Rng.t -> 'a * Rng.t
val return : 'a -> 'a with_rng
val ( let* ) : 'a with_rng -> ('a -> 'b with_rng) -> 'b with_rng
```



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Effects break some equational reasoning.

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{let}^{\star} x = d_1 \text{ in} & & \text{let}^{\star} y = d_2 \text{ in} \\ \text{let}^{\star} y = d_2 \text{ in} & \stackrel{?}{\simeq} & \text{let}^{\star} x = d_1 \text{ in} \\ e\{x, y\} & & e\{x, y\} \end{array}$$

Valid for Option, Count and Cfg, but not Rng

(Note: Count works because  $(+)$  is commutative.)

## (De)duplicating

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Valid for Option and Cfg, but not Count or Rng.

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## Typed vs. untyped effects

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An effect can be

- “typed”: tracked by the type system
- “untyped”: its usage in terms is not seen in the types

Untyped languages only have untyped effects.

Typed languages can have both.

In the previous examples, all effects were typed.

Example of untyped effects:

- Non-termination  
(in most programming languages; otherwise `nat -> _ option.`)
- OCaml and Haskell both offer untyped exceptions, for convenience  
– with regrets.

## Primitive vs. user-defined effects

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The effects in the calculators were "user-defined",  
we (the users) implemented them ourselves

A language and its standard library / built-in primitives  
may also provide "primitive effects", available from scratch.

Primitive effects are often untyped (most programming languages),  
but may also be typed (in Haskell: IO, etc., but not looping or exceptions).

Typed effects are generally better: easier reasoning.

But: effect typing at scale brings many usability issues.

(Current state-of-the-art: Koka, Frank)



## Direct vs. indirect style

“direct style” (for an effect): using the effect without ceremony

```
(* non-standard OCaml with a built-in non-determinism effect *)
let pythagorean_triples n =
  let a = in_interval 1 n in
  let b = in_interval a n in
  let c = in_interval a n in
  if not (a * a + b * b = c * c) then fail
  else (a, b, c)
```

“indirect style”: using an effect with visible plumbing/encoding

```
let pythagorean_triples n =
  in_interval 1 n |> List.concat_map @@ fun a ->
  in_interval a n |> List.concat_map @@ fun b ->
  in_interval a n |> List.concat_map @@ fun c ->
  if not (a * a + b * b = c * c) then []
  else [ (a, b, c) ]
```

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Direct-style can be just syntactic sugar:

```
let pythagorean_triples n =
  let* a = in_interval 1 n in
  let* b = in_interval a n in
  let* c = in_interval a n in
  if not (a * a + b * b = c * c) then fail
  else return (a, b, c)
```

Compare:

```
(* non-standard OCaml with a built-in non-determinism effect *)
let pythagorean_triples n =
  let a = in_interval 1 n in
  let b = in_interval a n in
  let c = in_interval a n in
  if not (a * a + b * b = c * c) then fail
  else (a, b, c)
```

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## No Free Lunch

It is possible to mechanically translate a direct-style program into an indirect-style program.

This makes it "pure" (for this effect), therefore better?

```
let pythagorean_triples n =  
  let a = in_interval 1 n in  
  let b = in_interval a n in  
  let c = in_interval a n in  
  if not (a * a + b * b = c * c) then fail  
  else (a, b, c)
```

```
let pythagorean_triples n =  
  in_interval 1 n |> List.concat_map @@ fun a ->  
  in_interval a n |> List.concat_map @@ fun b ->  
  in_interval a n |> List.concat_map @@ fun c ->  
  if not (a * a + b * b = c * c) then []  
  else [ (a, b, c) ]
```

Stronger equational reasoning... on more complex code.

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## Writing better code

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"Unseeing" effects does not make them go away.

Recognizing effects will clarify its program structure,  
help you find the right reasoning abstractions.

To get better code, write **simpler** code with less powerful effects.

Example: mutable state  $\Rightarrow$  commutative, write-only state

Slogan: avoid **accidental** effects.

```
let map f li =  
  let acc = ref [] in  
  List.iter (fun x -> acc := f x :: !acc) li;  
  List.rev !acc
```

## Effects in logic

Logic has many effects, for example:

- Axiom of choice.
- Excluded middle:  $A \vee \neg A$ .
- Duplication:  $A \multimap A \otimes A$ .

Step indexing:  $\llbracket P \rrbracket := \mathbb{N} \rightarrow P$ .

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```
val map : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a t -> 'b t
```

```
val ( let+ ) : 'a t -> ('a -> 'b) -> 'b t
```

```
map (fun x -> x) d = d
```

```
map f (map g d) = map (fun x -> f (g x)) d
```

$$\text{let}^+ x = d \text{ in } x \quad \simeq \quad d$$

$$\text{let}^+ y = (\text{let}^+ x = d \text{ in } e_1) \text{ in } e_2\{y\} \quad \simeq \quad \text{let}^+ x = d \text{ in let } y = e_1 \text{ in } e_2\{y\}$$



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```
val return : 'a -> 'a t
val bind : 'a t -> ('a -> 'b t) -> 'b t

val ( let* ) : 'a t -> ('a -> 'b t) -> 'b t
```

## Monad laws (1)

```
let* x = return v in m
=
let x = v in m
```

Example:

```
match Some v with
| None -> None
| Some x -> m
=
let x = v in m
```

## Monad laws (2)

```
let* x = m in return v
=
let+ x = m in v
```

Example:

```
match m with
| None -> None
| Some x -> Some v
=
Option.map (fun x -> v) m
```

## Monad laws (3)

```
let* y = (let* x = mx in my) in m
=
let* x = mx in (let* y = my in m)
```

Example:

```
match
  (match mx with
   | None -> None
   | Some x -> my)
with
  | None -> None
  | Some y -> m
=
match mx with
| None -> None
| Some x ->
  match my with
  | None -> None
  | Some y -> m
```

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## Common monads

- partiality:  $\text{Option } A := 1 + A$
- non-determinism:  $\text{NonDet } A := \text{List } A$
- reading from  $I$ :  $\text{Reader}_I A := I \rightarrow A$
- writing to a monoid  $O$ :  $\text{Writer}_O A := A \times O$
- global state  $S$ :  $\text{State}_S A := S \rightarrow (A \times S)$
- input/output:  $\text{IO } A := \text{State}_{\text{World}} A$

# Monads represent effects

“Notions of computations and monads”, Eugenio Moggi, 1991.

We have seen how monads can be used to refactor effectful code.

Can we make the connection more precise?

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Suppose we have a programming language  $\lambda^{\text{eff}}$  with some untyped effect, represented by a typing judgment  $\Gamma \vdash^{\text{eff}} e : A$ .

If the built-in effects of  $\lambda^{\text{eff}}$  can be represented by a monad  $M$ , we can transform effectful  $\lambda^{\text{eff}}$  terms  $e : A$  into terms  $\llbracket e \rrbracket_M : M A$  in a pure calculus.

Monadic translation: compiling direct style into indirect style.

Theorem:

$$\Gamma \vdash^{\text{eff}} e : A \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket_M \vdash \llbracket e \rrbracket_M : M \llbracket A \rrbracket_M$$

## Effectful source language

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash^{\text{eff}} x : A} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash^{\text{eff}} e_1 : A \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash^{\text{eff}} e_2 : B}{\Gamma \vdash^{\text{eff}} \text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 : B} \\
 \\
 \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash^{\text{eff}} e : B}{\Gamma \vdash^{\text{eff}} \lambda x. e : A \rightarrow B} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash^{\text{eff}} e_1 : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash^{\text{eff}} e_2 : A}{\Gamma \vdash^{\text{eff}} e_1 e_2 : B} \\
 \\
 \frac{\text{op}(f) : A_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B}{\Gamma \vdash^{\text{eff}} \text{op}(f) : A_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B}
 \end{array}$$

Examples:

- $\text{op}(\text{fail}) : A$
- $\text{op}(\text{choose}) : \text{List } A \rightarrow A$
- $\text{op}(\text{time}) : \mathbb{N}$
- $\text{op}(\text{rand}) : \mathbb{N}$



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We assume that  $(M, \text{return}, \text{let}^*)$  forms a monad:

$$\text{return} : A \rightarrow M A \qquad (\text{let}^*) : M A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow M B) \rightarrow M B$$

and we assume a translation of each operation supported by  $M$ :

$$\forall \text{op}(f) : A_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow B, \qquad \llbracket \text{op}(f) \rrbracket_M : A_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow A_n \rightarrow M B$$

Examples:

- $\llbracket \text{op}(\text{fail}) \rrbracket_{\text{Option}} : \text{Option } A = \text{None}$
- $\llbracket \text{op}(\text{fail}) \rrbracket_{\text{List}} : \text{List } A = []$
- $\llbracket \text{op}(\text{choose}) \rrbracket_{\text{List}} : \text{List } A \rightarrow \text{List } A = \text{Id}_{\text{List } A}$
- $\llbracket \text{op}(\text{time}) \rrbracket_{\text{Cfg}} : \text{Cfg.t} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
- $\llbracket \text{op}(\text{rand}) \rrbracket_{\text{Rng}} : \text{Rng.t} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \text{Rng.t}$

## Translation: types

Translation of types and contexts:

$$[\mathbb{N}] \quad := \quad \mathbb{N}$$

$$[A \rightarrow B]_M \quad := \quad [A]_M \rightarrow M [B]_M$$

$$[\Gamma, x : A]_M \quad := \quad [\Gamma]_M, x : [A]_M$$

Translation of judgments:

$$[\Gamma \vdash^{\text{eff}} e : A]_M \quad := \quad [\Gamma]_M \vdash [e]_M : M [A]_M$$

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# Translation: terms

$$\left[ \Gamma, x : A \vdash^{\text{eff}} x : A \right]_M :=$$

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## Monadic translation: conclusion

A compilation from direct style to indirect style.

A recipe to “see” effectful programs as pure programs.

An instance: the continuation-passing-style translation seen earlier.

$$\text{Cont}_A B = ((B \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A)$$

$$\llbracket x \rrbracket_{\text{Cont}_A} = \lambda k. k \ x$$

$$\llbracket \lambda x. t \rrbracket_{\text{Cont}_A} = \lambda k. k \ (\lambda x. \llbracket t \rrbracket_{\text{Cont}_A})$$

$$\llbracket t_1 \ t_2 \rrbracket_{\text{Cont}_A} = \lambda k. \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\text{Cont}_A} \ (\lambda x_1. \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket_{\text{Cont}_A} \ (\lambda x_2. x_1 \ x_2 \ k))$$

$$\llbracket \text{let } x = t_1 \text{ in } t_2 \rrbracket_{\text{Cont}_A} = \lambda k. \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\text{Cont}_A} \ (\lambda x. \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket_{\text{Cont}_A} \ k)$$

Can be refined in many ways. For example, if the source language has **typed** effects, the translation can be refined with several monads.

For example: “Lightweight monadic programming in ML”,  
Nikhil Swamy, Nataliya Guts, Daan Leijen, Michael Hicks, 2011

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# Monads: denotational semantics

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Denotational semantics: defining the meaning of programs (or proofs, etc) as mathematical objects.

Types as sets, as directed-complete partial orders, as game arenas...

Modern structuring approach: categories.

Category theory: the mathematical theory of composition.

(Started around Mac Lane in the 1940s, replaced universal algebra).

The minimum we need:

- reminder on categories, functors, natural transformations
- interpreting  $\lambda$ -terms in categories
- monads
- monadic interpretation of  $\lambda$ -terms
- Kleisli categories

## Reminder: Category

A **category**  $C$  is given by

- a set of **objects**  $\text{Obj}(C)$   
(we write  $A \in C$  for  $A \in \text{Obj}(C)$ )
- for each pair of objects  $A, B \in \text{Obj}(C)$ , a set of **morphisms**  $C(A, B)$   
(we write  $f : A \rightarrow B$  for  $f \in C(A, B)$ )

with a monoid-like structure on morphisms:

- each  $A \in C$  has an **identity morphism**  $\text{Id}_A : A \rightarrow A$
- each  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  have a **composition**  $(f; g) : A \rightarrow C$   
(composition may be written  $f; g$  or  $g \circ f$ )
- identity morphisms are identities for composition: for  $f : A \rightarrow B$  we have  $(\text{Id}_A; f) = f = (f; \text{Id}_B)$ .

## Category: examples

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Categories generalize sets: a set is a “discrete” category  
(only identity morphisms).

Categories generalize ordered sets  $(S, \leq)$ : orders with non-trivial  
“justifications”.

Categories generalize monoids: a monoid is a single-object category.

Set-like categories: the category of sets (and functions), of (sets and)  
relations, of groups (and morphisms), etc. The category of (small)  
categories, of course.

Categories combinators, for example: product of categories  $C \times \mathcal{D}$ .

Our working category: objects are types, morphisms are one-variable  
terms  $A(B, :) = \{x : A \vdash e : B\}$

## Categories with structure

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We define families of categories whose objects and morphisms come with additional structure.

Monoidal categories, cartesian categories, closed categories, categories with coproducts, etc.

(skipped in this course)

Denotational semantics of  $\lambda$ -calculi:

What is the minimal, natural categorical structure required to interpret terms as morphisms?

This meaning can then be instantiated to sets, domains, games, graphs, types...

Provided one has equipped them with the necessary structure.

A shared language for structure.

A **functor**  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is given by:

- a function from  $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$  to  $\text{Obj}(\mathcal{D})$ , also written  $F$ ;
- for each  $A, B \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ , a function from  $\mathcal{C}(A, B)$  to  $\mathcal{D}(F(A), F(B))$ , also written  $F$ , that respects identities and compositions:
  - $F(\text{Id}_A) = \text{Id}_{F(A)}$
  - $F(f; g) = F(f); F(g)$

Instances:

- between sets: functions
- between ordered sets: monotone functions
- between graphs: graph morphisms
- between types: “positive”/covariant parametrized types  $((\text{List } \_), (\_ \times B) \dots \text{ not } (\_ \rightarrow B))$
- from types to sets: compositional semantics
- ...



## Reminder: Natural transformations

Given two functors  $F, G : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ , a **natural transformation**  $\theta : F \rightarrow G$  is given by a family of morphisms  $\theta\{A\} : F A \rightarrow G A$  (for all  $A \in \text{Obj}(\mathcal{C})$ ) such that the following diagram commutes for any  $f : A \rightarrow B$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F A & \xrightarrow{F(f)} & F B \\ \downarrow \theta\{A\} & & \downarrow \theta\{B\} \\ G A & \xrightarrow{G(f)} & G B \end{array}$$

For example,

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{List Int} & \xrightarrow{\text{List.map string\_of\_int}} & \text{List String} \\ \downarrow \text{head}\{\text{Int}\} & & \downarrow \text{head}\{\text{String}\} \\ \text{Option Int} & \xrightarrow{\text{Option.map string\_of\_int}} & \text{Option String} \end{array}$$

## Example of structure: monoidal category

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The only additional structure we see in this course – it helps to define monads.

A **monoidal category**  $C$  is a category  $C$  equipped with

- a functor  $\otimes : C \times C \rightarrow C$  – the product
- an object  $1_C \in C$  – the unit object
- natural isomorphisms (two inverse natural transformations)
  - $A \otimes (B \otimes C) \simeq (A \otimes B) \otimes C$
  - $1 \otimes A \simeq A \simeq A \otimes 1$

with some coherence diagrams (skipped in this course).

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We mentioned that one-variable terms  $x : A \vdash e : B$  form a category.

How to represent multi-variable terms  $\Gamma \vdash e : B$ ?

Answer: assume some product structure  $A \otimes B$  on our categories.

$$x_\Gamma : \bigotimes_{x:A \in \Gamma} A \vdash e : B$$

Various notions of products exist  
(monoidal product, cartesian product..).

They correspond to different **structural rules** on context.  
(Ordered, linear, etc.)

In this course we skip this discussion  
and require the two following operations:

- projection:  $\text{proj}_{(x:A) \in \Gamma} : (\bigotimes_{x_i:A_i \in \Gamma} A_i) \rightarrow A$
- input duplication:  $\text{keep}_A (f : A \rightarrow B) : A \rightarrow A \otimes B$

We interpret derivations  $\Gamma \vdash e : A$  as morphisms  $\llbracket e \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket A \rrbracket$ .

Interpreting type formers ( $A \times B$ ,  $A \rightarrow B$ ...) requires extra categorical structure: cartesian products, exponentials, etc.

(Skipped in this lecture.)

$$\frac{\llbracket A \rrbracket}{\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket}$$

$$:= \text{assumed} \quad \bigotimes_{(x:A) \in \Gamma} \llbracket A \rrbracket$$

$$\left[ \frac{(x : A) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : A} \right]$$

$$:= \text{proj}_{(x:A) \in \Gamma} : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket A \rrbracket$$

$$\left[ \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : A \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash e_2 : B}{\Gamma \vdash \text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 : B} \right]$$

$$:=$$

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$$:= (\text{keep}_{\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket} \llbracket e_1 \rrbracket; \llbracket e_2 \rrbracket) : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket B \rrbracket$$



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## Monoid object

In a monoidal category  $(C, \otimes)$ , a **monoid object**  $M$  is an object  $M \in C$  equipped with the following structure:

- a **neutral** morphism  $1_M : 1_C \rightarrow M$
- a **multiplication** morphism  $\mu_M : M \otimes M \rightarrow M$

such that the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 1_C \otimes M & \xrightarrow{1_M \otimes \text{Id}_M} & M \otimes M & \xleftarrow{\text{Id}_M \otimes 1_M} & M \otimes 1_C \\
 & \searrow \cong & \downarrow \mu & \swarrow \cong & \\
 & & M & & 
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (M \otimes M) \otimes M & \xrightarrow{\cong} & M \otimes (M \otimes M) \\
 \downarrow \mu \otimes \text{Id}_M & & \downarrow \text{Id}_M \otimes \mu \\
 M \otimes M & \xrightarrow{\mu} & M \leftarrow \xrightarrow{\mu} & M \otimes M
 \end{array}$$

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Given a category  $C$ , the category  $\text{Endo}(C)$  of endofunctors has:

- as objects, the functors  $F : C \rightarrow C$
- as morphisms, the natural transformations between endofunctors

$\text{Endo}(C)$  has a monoidal structure given by functor composition:

- $F \otimes G = F \circ G = (X \mapsto F(G(X)))$
- $1_{\text{Endo}(C)} = \text{Id}_C : C \rightarrow C$

A **monad** in  $C$  is a **monoid object** in  $\text{Endo}(C)$ .

## Monads (unfolded)

A **monad** on a category  $C$  is a functor  $M : C \rightarrow C$  equipped with the following structure:

- a **neutral** natural transformation  $\eta_M : \text{Id}_C \rightarrow M$   $\forall X. X \rightarrow M(X)$
- a **multiplication** natural transformation  $\mu_M : M \circ M \rightarrow M$   $\forall X. M(M(X)) \rightarrow M(X)$

such that the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \text{Id}_C \circ M = M & \xrightarrow{\eta \circ M} & M \circ M & \xleftarrow{M \circ \eta} & M = M \circ \text{Id}_C \\
 & \searrow & \downarrow \mu & \swarrow & \\
 & & M & & 
 \end{array}$$

(The diagram shows that the two paths from  $\text{Id}_C \circ M = M$  to  $M$  are equal, and the two paths from  $M \circ M$  to  $M$  are equal.)

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (M \circ M) \circ M & \xlongequal{\quad} & M \circ (M \circ M) \\
 \downarrow \mu \circ M & & \downarrow M \circ \mu \\
 M \circ M & \xrightarrow{\mu} & M \leftarrow \xrightarrow{\mu} M \circ M
 \end{array}$$

(The diagram shows that the two ways of associating the multiplication  $\mu$  are equal.)

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Interpreting type formers ( $A \times B$ ,  $A \rightarrow B$ ...) requires extra categorical structure: cartesian products, exponentials, etc.

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$$\text{keep}_{\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket_M} \llbracket e_1 \rrbracket_M :$$

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Given a category  $C$  and a monad  $M : C \rightarrow C$ , the **Kleisli category**  $K_M(C)$  is defined as follows.

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 $\text{Obj}(K_M(C)) := \text{Obj}(C)$
- The **morphisms** between  $A$  and  $B$  in  $K_M C$  are the morphisms from  $A$  to  $MB$ :  
 $K_M(C)(A, B) := C(A, MB)$

Question: how to define composition in  $K_M(C)$ ?

If  $f :_K A \rightarrow B$  and  $g :_K B \rightarrow C$ , we want  $f;_K g :_K A \rightarrow C$ .

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 f & : A \rightarrow MB \\
 ; \quad Mg & : MB \rightarrow M(MC) \\
 ; \quad \mu_{MC} & : M(MC) \rightarrow MC
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 f;_K g := (f; Mg; \mu)$$

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Note: when  $M$  is a **strong monad**, we have

- $\text{strength}_M : A \otimes MB \rightarrow M(A \otimes B)$
- $\text{proj}_{(x:A) \in \Gamma} ; \eta : \Gamma \rightarrow MA$
- $\text{keep}_A (f : A \rightarrow MB); \text{strength}_M : A \rightarrow M(A \otimes B)$

**Theorem:**  $\llbracket e \rrbracket_M = \llbracket e \rrbracket_{K_M(C)}$

**Theorem:** if  $\llbracket \text{return} \rrbracket = \eta_M$  and  $\llbracket \text{let}^* \rrbracket = \dots$ , then  $\llbracket e \rrbracket_M = \llbracket \llbracket e \rrbracket_M \rrbracket$ .