

Algebra for an endofunctor

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For a category \mathcal{C} and an endofunctor F , an **algebra** of F is an object X in \mathcal{C} together with a morphism $\alpha : F(X) \rightarrow X$.

A morphism between two algebras (X, α) and (Y, β) of F is a morphism $m : X \rightarrow Y$ in \mathcal{C} such that the following square commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(X) & \xrightarrow{F(m)} & F(Y) \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta \\ X & \xrightarrow{m} & Y \end{array}$$