

The glass optic

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At the intersection between a **lens** and a **grate** there should be an optic that I have started to call **glass**. If the pseudomonoid action that describes a lens is $c \times (-)$ and the one for glass is $c \rightarrow (-)$, the action that we want to get should be the one given by the coproduct pseudomonoid.

We rewrite the action of every word $c_1 d_1 \dots c_k d_k$ as follows, for some $e, f \in \mathbf{C}$ bicartesian closed category.

$$\begin{aligned} a &\mapsto d_1 \times (c_1 \rightarrow d_2 \times (c_2 \rightarrow \dots x)) \\ &= d_1 \times (c_1 \rightarrow d_2) \times ((c_1 \times c_2) \rightarrow \dots x) \\ &= e \times (f \rightarrow x) \end{aligned}$$

And we derive the concrete representation.

$$\begin{aligned} &\int^{c,d} \mathbf{C}(s, c \times (d \rightarrow a)) \times \mathbf{C}((d \rightarrow b) \times c, t) \\ &\cong \int^{c,d} \mathbf{C}(s, c) \times \mathbf{C}(s \rightarrow d \rightarrow a) \times \mathbf{C}((d \rightarrow b) \times c, t) \\ &\cong \int^d \mathbf{C}(s \rightarrow d \rightarrow a) \times \mathbf{C}((d \rightarrow b) \times s, t) \\ &\cong \int^d \mathbf{C}(d \rightarrow (s \rightarrow a)) \times \mathbf{C}((d \rightarrow b) \times s, t) \\ &\cong \mathbf{C}(((s \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b) \times s, t) \\ &\cong \mathbf{C}(((s \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b), s \rightarrow t) \end{aligned}$$

The optic in Haskell is $((s \rightarrow a) \rightarrow b) \rightarrow s \rightarrow t$. My intuition at the moment is "If from a getter you can create a b, then you can update s to t", which apparently also rhymes.