

An Ultrametric for Cartesian Differential Categories for Taylor Series Convergence

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C(C)DC have also been quite popular in computer science, in particular since they provide categorical frameworks for differential programming languages; automatic differentiation; some machine learning algorithms; etc.

- The coKleisli category of a categorial model of Differential Linear Logic (DiLL) is a C(C)DC

Motivation of Today's Story: Taylor Series

An all-important concept in differential calculus is the notion of *Taylor series*.

- For a smooth function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, its Taylor series at 0 (sometimes also called its Maclaurin series) is the power series:

$$T(f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \cdot f^{(k)}(0)x^k$$

Taylor series are very useful, and a lot of information about a function can be gained from studying its Taylor series. It is often highly desirable for Taylor series to converge (in the usual real analytical sense) and also for functions to equal their Taylor series.

Motivation of Today's Story: Taylor Series Expansion

Taylor series expansion is also important for differential λ -calculus and resource calculus.

 T. Ehrhard, L. Regnier [Bohm tree, Krivine's Machine, and the Taylor Expansion of \$\lambda\$ -terms.](#)

 T. Ehrhard, L. Regnier [Uniformity and the Taylor Expansion of ordinary \$\lambda\$ -terms.](#)

 Boudes, P., He, F., Pagani, M. [A characterization of the Taylor expansion of \$\lambda\$ -terms](#)

 Manzonetto, G., Pagani, M. [Bohm's Theorem for resource \$\lambda\$ -calculus through Taylor Expansion](#)

- In the presence of countable infinite sums, one can give full Taylor expansions of λ -terms. In particular, Taylor expansion provides a linear approximation of ordinary application, so:

$$MN = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} (D^n M \cdot N^n) 0$$

where $D^n M \cdot N^n$ denotes the n -th derivative of M applied n times to N .

- Manzonetto provides the categorical interpretation this in a CCDC with infinite sums.
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- Taylor series expansion of coKleisli maps in a categorial model of DiLL was first considered by Ehrhard, and then further studied by Kerjean and me. This approach played a crucial role for defining *codigging* in DiLL:
 -  [Ehrhard, T. An introduction to differential linear logic: proof-nets, models and antiderivatives. \(2018\)](#)
 -  [Kerjean, M. and Lemay, J.-S. P. Taylor Expansion as a Monad in Models of DiLL.](#)

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- **OBJECTIVE:** provide a formal theory of Taylor series in an arbitrary CDC in such a way that it also gives a unified story recapturing Taylor series expansion in differential calculus via convergence and for the differential λ -calculus via algebraic infinite sums.

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- We also explain how for coKleisli maps in DiLL, we recapture what was done by Ehrhard and also Kerjean & Lemay.
- In a CCDC with algebraic infinite sums, we explain how being Taylor is equivalent to Manzonetto's notion of modelling Taylor series expansion.

Cartesian Differential Categories - Definition

Definition

For a commutative semiring k , a **Cartesian k -differential category** (CDC) is a category \mathbb{X} with finite products such that:

- Hom-sets $\mathbb{X}(A, B)$ are k -modules such that pre-composition preserves the k -linear structure:

$$(r \cdot f + s \cdot g) \circ x = r \cdot (f \circ x) + s \cdot (g \circ x)$$

- A **differential combinator** D , which is a family of operators $\mathbb{X}(A, B) \xrightarrow{D} \mathbb{X}(A \times A, B)$,

$$\frac{f : A \rightarrow B}{D[f] : A \times A \rightarrow B}$$

where $D[f]$ is called the derivative of f , and which satisfies seven axioms which capture the basics of the derivative from differential calculus (such as the chain rule, etc.)

There is a very practical (sound and complete) term logic for CDC. So we write:

$$D[f](a, b) := \frac{df(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot b$$

Cartesian Differential Categories - Examples

Example

Let POLY_k be the Lawvere theory of polynomials, that is, whose objects are $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and where a map $P : n \rightarrow m$ is a tuple of polynomials $P = \langle p_1(\vec{x}), \dots, p_m(\vec{x}) \rangle$ with $p_i(\vec{x}) \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$. Then POLY_k is a CDC where $D[P] : n \times n \rightarrow m$ is:

$$D[P] := \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial p_1(\vec{x})}{\partial x_i} y_i, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial p_m(\vec{x})}{\partial x_i} y_i \right\rangle$$

where $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial p_i(\vec{x})}{\partial x_i} y_i \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n]$.

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Let SMOOTH be the Lawvere theory of real smooth functions, that is, whose objects are Euclidean spaces \mathbb{R}^n and whose maps are real smooth functions $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$. Note we have that $F = \langle f_1, \dots, f_n \rangle$ for real smooth functions $f_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then SMOOTH is a CDC, where for a smooth function $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, its derivative $D[F] : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is then defined as:

$$D[F](\vec{x}, \vec{y}) := J(F)(\vec{x}) \cdot \vec{y} = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_i}(\vec{x}) y_i, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_i}(\vec{x}) y_i \right\rangle$$

which is the *total* derivative of F . Note that $\mathbb{R}\text{-POLY}$ is a sub-CDC of SMOOTH .

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To make this precise: we need **partial differentiation**.

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Then for a map $f : A \rightarrow B$, its **n -th derivative** is defined by continuously deriving the first argument of the derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} & A \rightarrow B \\ & A \times A \rightarrow B \\ & A \times A \times A \rightarrow B \\ & \vdots \\ & A \times \underbrace{A \times \dots \times A}_{n\text{-times}} \rightarrow B \end{aligned}$$

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$$\partial^{(n)}[f](a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n) := \frac{d^{(n)}f(x)}{dx}(a_0) \cdot a_1 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n$$

and is defined inductively as:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^{(0)}f(x)}{dx}(a_0) &= f(a_0) \\ \frac{d^{(n+1)}f(x)}{dx}(a_0) \cdot a_1 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n \cdot a_{n+1} &= \frac{d \frac{d^{(n)}f(x)}{dx}(y) \cdot a_1 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n}{dy}(a_0) \cdot a_{n+1}\end{aligned}$$

$D^n[f]$ can be expressed in terms of sums of $\partial^{(j)}[f]$ ($j \geq n$) , while $\partial^{(n)}[f]$ can be obtained by inserting zeroes into $D^n[f]$.

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For the rest of this talk, we will assume k is a commutative $\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0}$ -algebra.

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The solution comes from the higher order derivatives.

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Consider a real smooth function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, then we get that $\partial^{(n)}[f] : \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and is:

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In a CDC, a **D-polynomial** is a map $p : A \rightarrow B$ such that there is a $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\partial^{(n+1)}[p] = 0$.

D-polynomials form a sub-CDC.

Lemma

In a CDC, for every map f and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, both $\mathcal{M}^{(n)}[f]$ and $\mathcal{T}^{(n)}[f]$ are D-polynomials.

REMARK: In some CDC, there are D-polynomials that are not Taylor D-polymials.

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But first we define an ultra*pseudometric*.

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$$d_D(f, g) = \begin{cases} 2^{-n} & \text{where } n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ is the smallest natural number such that } \mathcal{M}^{(n)}[f] \neq \mathcal{M}^{(n)}[g] \\ 0 & \text{if all } n \in \mathbb{N}, \mathcal{M}^{(n)}[f] = \mathcal{M}^{(n)}[g] \end{cases}$$

Proposition

$d_D : \mathbb{X}(A, B) \times \mathbb{X}(A, B) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ is an ultrapseudometric.

Moreover, composition, pairing, scalar multiplication, and differentiation are all non-expansive. So this makes a CDC enriched over ultrapseudometric spaces.

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Taylor Cartesian Differential Category

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A **Taylor Cartesian differential category** is a CDC such that:

- If for parallel maps $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : A \rightarrow B$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\mathcal{M}^{(n)}[f] = \mathcal{M}^{(n)}[g]$. then $f = g$.

Proposition

A *CDC is Taylor if and only if for every homset, the ultrapseudometric $d_D : \mathbb{X}(A, B) \times \mathbb{X}(A, B) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ is an ultrametric.*

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Taylor Series Convergence in Taylor CDC

Theorem

In a Taylor CDC, for every map $f : A \rightarrow B$, the sequence $(\mathcal{T}^{(n)}[f])_{n=0}^{\infty}$ converges to f with respect to the ultrametric d_D , so we may write:

$$f = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{M}^{(n)}[f] \quad f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \cdot \frac{d^{(n)}f(u)}{du}(0) \cdot x \cdot \dots \cdot x \quad (1)$$

This ultrametric forces the Taylor series to converge to f the same way that the ultrametric for power series makes the infinite sum converge.

Example

POLY_k is Taylor.

Example

SMOOTH is not Taylor since two smooth functions can have the same Taylor expansion but not be equal. On the other hand, the subcategory of real *entire* functions is a Taylor CDC.

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So let (M, d) be an ultrapseudometric space. Then we have an equivalence relation \sim given by $x \sim y$ if and only if $d(x, y) = 0$. Let M_\sim be the set of equivalence classes of \sim , so $[x] = \{y \in M | x \sim y\}$. Then (M_\sim, d_\sim) is an ultrametric space where $d_\sim([x], [y]) = d(x, y)$.

Lemma

For a CDC \mathbb{X} , let \mathbb{X}_\sim be the CDC whose objects are the same \mathbb{X} and whose homsets are $\mathbb{X}_\sim(A, B) = \mathbb{X}(A, B)_\sim$. Then \mathbb{X}_\sim is a Taylor CDC.

The CDC structure on \mathbb{X}_\sim is defined as for \mathbb{X} on the representatives, and is well-defined since \sim is fully compatible with the CDC structure.

What about other ways?

What if we were in a CDC where there was another reason for maps to equal their Taylor series:

- Convergence via another metric
- Algebraic Infinite Sums

Another metric?

Suppose we are in a CDC which is metric space enriched, so homsets have another possible metric $b : \mathbb{X}(A, B) \times \mathbb{X}(A, B) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$.

Lemma

If for every map f , the sequence $(T^{(n)}[f])_{n=0}^{\infty}$ converges to f with respect to the metric b , then the CDC is Taylor.

REMARK: The converse is not true!

Infinite Sum Case

If we are in a setting with algebraic infinite sums, for every map $f : A \rightarrow B$, we can formally define the map $\mathcal{T}[f] : A \rightarrow B$ as the infinite sum of its Taylor monomials:

$$\mathcal{T}[f] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{M}^{(n)}[f]$$

Proposition

A CDC with countably infinite sums is Taylor if and only if for every map, $f = \mathcal{T}[f]$.

Modelling Taylor Expansion

Definition

A CCDC with countably infinite sums is said to **model Taylor expansion**^a if for every map $f : C \times A \rightarrow B$ and a map $g : C \rightarrow A$,

$$f(c, g(c)) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \cdot \frac{d^{(n)} f(c, y)}{dy}(0) \cdot g(c) \cdot \dots \cdot g(c)$$



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^aThis is the unCurry version of Manzonetto's formula. For convenience, Manzonetto also works in a setting with addition is idempotent, so the coefficients $\frac{1}{n!}$ would disappear.

Proposition

A CCDC with countably infinite sums is Taylor if and only if it models Taylor expansion.

CoKleisli Category of a Differential Category

Differential categories provide the categorical semantics of DiLL. In particular a differential category has a comonad $\mathbf{!}$ and the coKleisli category of $\mathbf{!}$ is a CDC.

In a differential category, we can define canonical natural transformations:

$$M_A^{(n)} : \mathbf{!}A \rightarrow \mathbf{!}A$$

$$T_A^{(n)} : \mathbf{!}A \rightarrow \mathbf{!}A$$

and we can show that for any coKleisli map $f : \mathbf{!}A \rightarrow B$, we have that:

$$\mathcal{M}^{(n)}[f] = f \circ M_A^{(n)}$$

$$\mathcal{T}^{(n)}[f] = f \circ T_A^{(n)}$$

The natural transformations $T^{(n)}$ were defined and studied by Ehrhard:

-  Ehrhard, T. [An introduction to differential linear logic: proof-nets, models and antiderivatives](#). (2018)

The natural transformations $M^{(n)}$ were further studied in:

-  Kerjean, M. and Lemay, J.-S. P. [Taylor Expansion as a Monad in Models of DiLL](#).

The notion of Taylor series in CDC from today's story recaptures what was done in the above for coKleisli maps of differential categories. These ideas played a key role in our LICS2023 paper for defining codigging.

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