# 1 Weak factorization systems

In this section, we will briefly review the notions of functorial factorization, weak factorization system, and algebraic weak factorization system.

# 1.1 Arrow Categories

Let  $\mathscr C$  be a category. Its arrow category  $\mathscr C^2$  is the category whose objects are arrows in  $\mathscr C$  and whose morphisms are commutative squares. The arrow category comes with two functors dom,  $\operatorname{cod}:\mathscr C^2\to\mathscr C$ , along with a natural transformation  $\kappa:\operatorname{dom}\to\operatorname{cod}$ . The component of  $\kappa$  at an object f of  $\mathscr C^2$  is simply  $f:\operatorname{dom} f\to\operatorname{cod} f$ . Moreover,  $\mathscr C^2$  satisfies a universal property: there is an equivalence of categories

$$\operatorname{Fun}(2,\operatorname{Fun}(\mathscr{X},\mathscr{C})) \simeq \operatorname{Fun}(\mathscr{X},\mathscr{C}^2) \tag{1}$$

given by composition with  $\kappa$ . Here, 2 is the ordinal, i.e. the category with two objects and a single non-identity arrow. In other words,  $\mathscr{C}^2$  is the cotensor of  $\mathscr{C}$  with the category 2 in the 2-category  $\mathscr{C}$ at.

We will make this universal property more explicit in the next lemma:

### **Lemma 1.1.** Let $\mathscr{C}$ be a category.

i) For any category  $\mathcal{X}$ , pair of functors  $F, G: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{C}$ , and natural transformation  $\alpha: F \Rightarrow G$ , there is a unique functor  $\hat{\alpha}: \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{C}^2$  such that  $\operatorname{dom} \hat{\alpha} = F$ ,  $\operatorname{cod} \hat{\alpha} = G$ , and

$$\mathscr{X} \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} \mathscr{C}^2 \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} \mathscr{C} = \mathscr{X} \xrightarrow{F} \mathscr{C}. \tag{2}$$

ii) For any functors  $F, F', G, G' \colon \mathscr{X} \to \mathscr{C}$  and a commutative square of natural transformations

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
F & \xrightarrow{\gamma} & F' \\
\alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta \\
G & \xrightarrow{\phi} & G',
\end{array}$$

there is a unique natural transformation  $\eta: \hat{\alpha} \to \hat{\beta}$  such that dom  $\eta = \gamma$  and cod  $\eta = \phi$ , hence

$$\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{F}_{G'} \mathcal{C} = \mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}}_{\hat{\beta}} \mathcal{C}^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}}_{\text{cod}} \mathcal{C} = \mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{F' \to \mathcal{C}}_{G'}. \tag{3}$$

**Definition 1.2.** Let  $\mathscr{D}$  be any 2-category. For any object A in  $\mathscr{D}$ , the *arrow object* of A, if it exists, is an object  $A^2$  satisfying the universal property (1). If every object has an arrow object, i.e. if  $\mathscr{D}$  has cotensors by 2, we will say  $\mathscr{D}$  has arrow objects.

**Proposition 1.3.** Any arrow object  $A^2$  has an internal category structure

$$A^3 \xrightarrow{c} A^2 \xrightarrow{\text{dom} \atop \leftarrow i \xrightarrow{c}} A$$

where  $A^3$  is the pullback of the span

$$A^2 \xrightarrow{\operatorname{cod}} A \xleftarrow{\operatorname{dom}} A^2$$

*Proof.* Using the universal property, we define i and c by the equations dom i =id, cod i = id,  $\kappa i = id_{id}$ ,  $dom c = dom p_1$ ,  $cod c = cod p_2$ , and  $\kappa c = \kappa p_2 \circ \kappa p_1$ , where  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  are the projections of the pullback.

#### 1.2 Functorial Factorizations

**Definition 1.4.** A functorial factorization on a category  $\mathscr C$  consists of a functor E and two natural transformations  $\eta$  and  $\epsilon$  which factor  $\kappa$ , as in

$$C^{2} \underbrace{ \downarrow x \atop \text{cod}}^{\text{dom}} C = C^{2} \underbrace{ - E \atop \downarrow \varepsilon \atop \text{cod}}^{\text{dom}} C.$$

This determines for any arrow f in  $\mathscr C$  a factorization  $f = \varepsilon_f \circ \eta_f$ . The factorization is natural, meaning that for any morphism (u,v):  $f \Rightarrow g$  in  $\mathscr C^2$  (i.e. commutative square in  $\mathscr C$ ), the two squares in

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
 & u \\
 & \eta_f \\
 & \downarrow E(u,v) \\
 & & \downarrow \epsilon_g \\
 & & \downarrow \epsilon_g
\end{array}$$

commute.

A functorial factorization also determines two functors  $L, R: C^2 \to C^2$  such that dom L = dom, cod R = cod, cod L = dom R = E,  $\kappa L = \eta$ , and  $\kappa R = \epsilon$ , by the universal property of  $C^2$ . The components of the factorization of f can then also be referred to as Lf and Rf, now thought of as objects in  $\mathcal{C}^2$ .

There are also two canonical natural transformations,  $\vec{\eta}$ : id  $\Rightarrow$  R and  $\vec{\epsilon}$ :  $L \Rightarrow$  id, determined by the commuting squares

respectively. These make L and R into (co)pointed endofunctors of  $\mathscr{C}^2$ .

An algebra for the pointed endofunctor R is an object f in  $\mathscr{C}^2$  equipped with a morphism  $\vec{t}\colon Rf\Rightarrow f$ , such that  $\vec{t}\circ\vec{\eta}_f=\mathrm{id}_f$ . Similarly, a coalgebra for the copointed endofunctor L is an f equipped with a morphism  $\vec{s}\colon f\Rightarrow Lf$ , such that  $\vec{e}_f\circ\vec{s}=\mathrm{id}_f$ .

**Lemma 1.5.** Let  $f: X \to Y$  be a morphism in  $\mathscr{C}$ . An R-algebra structure on  $f \in \mathscr{C}^2$  is precisely a choice of lift t in the square

$$X = X$$

$$Lf \downarrow f \qquad \downarrow f$$

$$Ef \xrightarrow{Rf} Y.$$
(4)

Dually, an L-coalgebra structure on f is precisely a choice of lift s in the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
X & \xrightarrow{Lf} & Ef \\
f \downarrow & s & & \downarrow Rf \\
Y & & & Y.
\end{array} (5)$$

#### **Algebraic Weak Factorization Systems**

To simplify the discussion of weak factorization systems, we will start by introducing a notation. For any two morphisms l and r in  $\mathscr{C}$ , write  $l \square r$  to mean that for every commutative square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \xrightarrow{u} & & \\
\downarrow & & & \downarrow r \\
\downarrow & & & & \ddots \\
\downarrow & & & & \ddots \\
\end{array}$$
(6)

there exists a lift w. In this case, we will say that l has the *left lifting property* with respect to r, and that r has the *right lifting property* with respect to l. Similarly, for two classes of morphisms  $\mathcal L$  and  $\mathcal R$ , we will say  $\mathcal L \boxtimes \mathcal R$  if  $l \boxtimes r$  for every  $l \in \mathcal L$  and  $r \in \mathcal R$ . Finally, we will write  $\mathcal L^{\boxtimes}$  for the class of morphisms having the right lifting property with respect to every morphism of  $\mathcal L$ , and  $^{\boxtimes}\mathcal R$  for the class of morphisms having the left lifting property with respect to every morphism of  $\mathcal R$ .

**Definition 1.6.** A functorial weak factorization system on a category  $\mathscr{C}$  consists of a functorial factorization on  $\mathscr{C}$  and two classes  $\mathscr{L}$  and  $\mathscr{R}$  of morphisms in  $\mathscr{C}$ , such that

- for every morphism f in  $\mathscr{C}$ ,  $Lf \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $Rf \in \mathcal{R}$ ,
- $\mathcal{L}^{\square} = \mathcal{R}$  and  $^{\square}\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{L}$ .

It a simple and standard proof that the lifting property condition can be replaced by two simpler conditions:

**Lemma 1.7.** A functorial weak factorization system can equivalently be defined to be a functorial factorization on  $\mathscr C$  and two classes  $\mathcal L$  and  $\mathcal R$  of morphisms in  $\mathscr C$ , such that

- for every morphism f in  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $Lf \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $Rf \in \mathcal{R}$ ,
- L □ R,
- *L* and *R* are both closed under retracts.

In fact, the functorial factorization by itself already determines the two classes of morphisms, with  $\mathcal{L}$  the class of morphisms admitting an L-coalgebra structure, and  $\mathcal{R}$  the class of morphisms admitting an R-algebra structure. The lifting properties also follow directly from the functorial factorization, as the next lemma shows.

**Lemma 1.8.** For any L-coalgebra (l,s) and any R-algebra (r,t), there is a canonical choice of lift in the square (6).

*Proof.* The construction is shown in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \stackrel{u}{\longrightarrow} & \ddots \\
 & \stackrel{Ll}{\longrightarrow} & \stackrel{t}{\longrightarrow} & \downarrow Lr \\
 & \stackrel{C}{\longrightarrow} & \stackrel{C}{\longrightarrow} & \downarrow Rr \\
 & \stackrel{C}{\longrightarrow} & \stackrel{C}{\longrightarrow} & \ddots \\
 & \stackrel{C}{\longrightarrow} & \stackrel{C}{\longrightarrow} & \ddots \\
\end{array} (7)$$

Commutativity of (6) follows immediately from (4) and (5).  $\Box$ 

This, together with the classical fact that the class of objects admitting a (co)algebra structure for a (co)pointed endofunctor is closed under retracts, gives a third equivalent definition of a functorial weak factorization system.

**Lemma 1.9.** A functorial weak factorization system can equivalently be defined to be a functorial factorization on  $\mathscr{C}$  such that

• for every morphism f in C, Lf admits an L-coalgebra structure, and Rf admits an R-algebra structure.

An R-algebra structure on Rf consists of a morphism  $\vec{\mu}_f \colon R^2 f \to Rf$  in  $\mathscr{C}^2$  such that  $\vec{\mu}_f \circ \vec{\eta}_f = \mathrm{id}_f$ , while an L-coalgebra structure on Lf consists of a morphism  $\vec{\delta}_f \colon Lf \to L^2 f$  such that  $\vec{\epsilon}_f \circ \vec{\delta}_f = \mathrm{id}_f$ . We might hope that it is possible to choose these structures for all f in a natural way, such that they form the components of natural transformations  $\vec{\mu} \colon R^2 \to R$  and  $\vec{\delta} \colon L \to L^2$ .

If we want these choices of lifts to be fully coherent, we should also ask that for any R-algebra (f,t), the lift constructed as in (7) for the square (4) is equal to t, and similarly for L-coalgebras and (5). Lastly, we should ask that the components  $\vec{\mu}_f$  and  $\vec{\delta}_f$  are (co)algebra morphisms. With these conditions made, we have the definition of an *algebraic weak factorization system*, first given in [GT06] (there called *natural* weak factorization systems), and further refined in [Gar07] and [Gar09].

**Definition 1.10.** An algebraic weak factorization system on a category  $\mathscr C$  consists of a functorial factorization  $(L, \vec{\epsilon}, R, \vec{\eta})$  together with natural transformations  $\vec{\mu} : R^2 f \Rightarrow Rf$  and  $\vec{\delta} : L \Rightarrow L^2$ , such that

- $\mathbb{R} = (R, \vec{\eta}, \vec{\mu})$  is a monad and  $\mathbb{L} = (L, \vec{\epsilon}, \vec{\delta})$  a comonad on  $\mathscr{C}^2$ , and
- the natural transformation  $\Delta = (\delta, \mu) : LR \Rightarrow RL$  determined by the equation  $\epsilon L \circ \delta = \mu \circ \eta R$  (= id<sub>E</sub>) as in 1.1 is a distributive law, which in this case reduces to the single condition  $\delta \circ \mu = \mu L \circ E\Delta \circ \delta R$ .

### 2 Double Categories

In this section, we will give an overview of double categories, as well as (one possible version of) the definition of monads in a double category

A (strict) double category is a two-dimensional categorical structure, similar to a 2-category. Unlike a 2-category, a double category has two types of 1-cells, called *vertical* and *horizontal*, and 2-cells all have a square shape, with domain and codomain horizontal 1-cells as well as domain and codomain vertical 1-cells.

We will first give the most concise definition of a double category, which we will then break down into more concrete terms.

**Definition 2.1.** A (strict) *double category* is an internal category object in the (large) category of categories.

So a double category  $\mathbb{D}$  consists of a category  $\mathbb{D}_0$  and a category  $\mathbb{D}_1$ , along with functors  $s,t\colon \mathbb{D}_1\to \mathbb{D}_0$ ,  $i\colon \mathbb{D}_0\to \mathbb{D}_1$ , and  $\otimes\colon \mathbb{D}_1\times_{\mathbb{D}_0}\mathbb{D}_1\to \mathbb{D}_1$  satisfying the usual axioms of a category. We will call the objects of  $\mathbb{D}_0$  the 0-cells of  $\mathbb{D}$ , and the morphisms of  $\mathbb{D}_0$  the vertical 1-cells. Thus  $\mathbb{D}_0$  forms the so-called *vertical category* of  $\mathbb{D}$ . We will call the objects of  $\mathbb{D}_1$  the horizontal 1-cells of  $\mathbb{D}$ , and the morphisms of  $\mathbb{D}_1$  are the 2-cells.

A morphism  $\phi: X \to Y$  in  $\mathbb{D}_1$ , where s(X) = C, t(X) = C', s(Y) = D, t(Y) = D',  $s(\phi) = f$ , and  $t(\phi) = g$  will be drawn as

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
C & \xrightarrow{X} & C' \\
f \downarrow & \psi \phi & \downarrow g \\
D & \xrightarrow{Y} & D'
\end{array} \tag{8}$$

where the tick-mark on the horizontal 1-cells serves as a further reminder that the horizontal 1-cells are of a different nature than the vertical 1-cells. The composition in  $\mathbb{D}_0$  provides a vertical composition of vertical 1-cells and 2-cells, while the composition functor  $\otimes: \mathbb{D}_1 \times_{\mathbb{D}_0} \mathbb{D}_1 \to \mathbb{D}_1$  provides a horizontal composition of horizontal 1-cells and 2-cells.

For any object C in  $\mathbb{D}_0$ , i(C) is the *unit* horizontal 1-cell

$$C \stackrel{I_C}{\longrightarrow} C$$

and acts as an identity with respect to the horizontal composition.

A 2-cell  $\theta$  for which  $s\theta = t\theta = id$  will be called *globular*. We will sometimes draw globular 2-cells as

$$C \stackrel{X}{\biguplus_{\theta}} C',$$

to save space and help readability of diagrams.

Remark 2.2. A monoid object in the category  $\mathbf{Cat}_{\mathbb{D}_0}$  of categories over  $\mathbb{D}_0$  is equivalently a double category where the source and target functors  $s,t:\mathbb{D}_1\to\mathbb{D}_0$  are equal and with the vertical category  $\mathbb{D}_0$ . Conversely, any double category  $\mathbb{D}$  in which all horizontal 1-cells have equal domain and codomain, and all 2-cells have equal vertical 1-cells as domain and codomain, is equivalently a monoid object in  $\mathbf{Cat}_{\mathbb{D}_0}$ . We will alternate between these two descriptions as convenient.

*Example 2.3.* For any 2-category  $\mathcal{D}$ , there is an associated double category  $Sq(\mathcal{D})$  of *squares* in  $\mathcal{D}$ , in which the vertical and horizontal 1-cells are both just 1-cells in  $\mathcal{D}$ , and 2-cells

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
C & \xrightarrow{j} & C' \\
f \downarrow & \psi \phi & \downarrow g \\
D & \xrightarrow{k} & D'
\end{array}$$

are simply 2-cells  $\phi$ :  $gj \Rightarrow kf$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ .

*Example* 2.4. Given any category M, there is a double category Span(M) of *spans* in M. The vertical category of Span(M) is just M, while horizontal 1-cells

$$C \stackrel{X}{\longrightarrow} D$$

are given by spans

$$C \stackrel{j}{\longleftarrow} X \stackrel{k}{\longrightarrow} D$$

in M, and 2-cells

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
C & \xrightarrow{X} & D \\
f \downarrow & & \downarrow g \\
C' & \xrightarrow{Y} & D'
\end{array}$$

are given by commutative diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
C & \stackrel{j}{\longleftarrow} & X & \stackrel{k}{\longrightarrow} & D \\
f \downarrow & & \downarrow \theta & & \downarrow g \\
C' & \stackrel{j'}{\longleftarrow} & Y & \stackrel{k'}{\longrightarrow} & D'
\end{array}$$

**Definition 2.5.** For any double category  $\mathbb{D}$ , there is an associated 2-category  $\mathcal{V}\text{ert}(\mathbb{D})$ , called the *vertical 2-category* of  $\mathbb{D}$ . The objects and 1-cells of  $\mathcal{V}\text{ert}(\mathbb{D})$  are the objects and vertical 1-cells of  $\mathbb{D}$ , while 2-cells  $\phi: g \Rightarrow f$  in  $\mathcal{V}\text{ert}(\mathbb{D})$  are

2-cells in  $\mathbb{D}$  of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
C & \xrightarrow{I_C} & C \\
f \downarrow & \psi \phi & \downarrow g \\
D & \xrightarrow{I_D} & D
\end{array}$$

Notice that  $Vert(Sq(\mathcal{D}))$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{D}$ .

**Definition 2.6.** Given a double category  $\mathbb{D}$ , define double categories  $\mathbb{D}^{op}$  and  $\mathbb{D}^{co}$ , obtained by reversing the direction of the vertical and horizontal 1-cells respectively, and changing the orientation of the 2-cells as appropriate. For example, a 2-cell (8) in  $\mathbb{D}^{op}$  is a 2-cell

$$D \xrightarrow{Y} D'$$

$$f \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \phi \qquad \downarrow g$$

$$C \xrightarrow{X} C'$$

in D.

# 2.1 Arrow Objects

In the following we will need an extension of the universal property 1 to double categories. Fortunately, this is quite straightforward.

Let  $\mathbb{D}$  be a double category. Given an object C of  $\mathbb{D}$ , the *arrow object*  $C^2$ , if it exists, is an object together with a diagram

$$C^2 \xrightarrow{\text{dom} \atop \text{cod}} C$$
,

such that any 2-cell

$$A \xrightarrow{d_1} C$$

uniquely factors through  $\kappa$ , as

$$A \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} C^2 \xrightarrow{\text{dom} \atop \text{tod}} C.$$

Given a vertical 1-cell  $F: C \to D$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ , the *lift to arrow objects*  $\hat{F}: C^2 \to D^2$ , if it exists, is a vertical 1-cell  $\hat{F}: C^2 \to D^2$  together with 2-cells

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
C^2 & \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} & C & C^2 & \xrightarrow{\text{cod}} & C \\
\hat{F} \downarrow & \psi \gamma_1 & \downarrow F & \hat{F} \downarrow & \psi \gamma_0 & \downarrow F \\
D^2 & \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} & D & D^2 & \xrightarrow{\text{cod}} & D
\end{array}$$

satisfying

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} C \qquad C^{2} \xrightarrow{\downarrow \kappa} C$$

$$\hat{F} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \gamma_{1} \qquad \downarrow_{F} = \hat{F} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \gamma_{0} \qquad \downarrow_{F}$$

$$D^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} D \qquad D^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{cod}} D,$$

such that for any 2-cells

$$A \xrightarrow{d_1} C \qquad B \xrightarrow{d'_1} D$$

and

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
A & \stackrel{d_1}{\longrightarrow} & C & & A & \stackrel{d_0}{\longrightarrow} & C \\
G \downarrow & \Downarrow \lambda_1 & \downarrow F & & G \downarrow & \Downarrow \lambda_0 & \downarrow F \\
B & \stackrel{d_1}{\longrightarrow} & D & & B & \stackrel{d_0}{\longrightarrow} & D
\end{array}$$

satisfying

$$A \xrightarrow{d_1} C \qquad A \xrightarrow{\downarrow \alpha} C$$

$$G \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \lambda_1 \qquad \downarrow F = G \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \lambda_0 \qquad \downarrow F$$

$$B \xrightarrow{d'_1} D \qquad B \xrightarrow{d'_0} D$$

there is a unique 2-cell

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A & \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} & C^2 \\
G \downarrow & \psi\theta & \downarrow \hat{F} \\
B & \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}'} & D^2
\end{array}$$

such that the horizontal composition of  $\theta$  with  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1$  is respectively equal to  $\lambda_0$  and  $\lambda_1$ .

*Remark* 2.7. Notice that if we take F and  $\hat{F}$  to both be the identity, then the second part of this universal property is exactly the second part of Lemma 1.1, applied to the horizontal 2-category of  $\mathbb{D}$ . It is in this sense that this universal property generalizes that for arrow objects in a 2-category.

#### 2.2 Monads

We will define a *monad* in a double category  $\mathbb D$  to be a tuple  $(C, T, \eta, \mu)$ , in which C is an object,  $T: C \to C$  is a horizontal 1-cell, and  $\eta$  and  $\mu$  are 2-cells

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
C & \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}_{C}} & C & & C & \xrightarrow{T} & C & \xrightarrow{T} & C \\
\parallel & \psi \eta & \parallel & & \parallel & \psi \mu & & \parallel \\
C & \xrightarrow{T} & C & & C & \xrightarrow{T} & C
\end{array}$$

satisfying the usual unit and associativity conditions.

Given two monads  $(C, T, \eta, \mu)$  and  $(D, S, \eta', \mu')$ , a monad morphism from (C, T) to (D, S) consists of a pair  $(f, \phi)$ , where f is a vertical 1-cell  $C \to D$  and  $\phi$  is a 2-cell

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
C & \xrightarrow{T} & C \\
f \downarrow & \psi \phi & \downarrow f \\
D & \xrightarrow{S} & D
\end{array}$$

which commutes with the unit and multiplication 2-cells in the sense of the two equations

$$C \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}_{C}} C \qquad C \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}_{C}} C$$

$$\parallel \quad \downarrow \eta \quad \parallel \quad f \downarrow \quad \downarrow \mathrm{id}_{f} \quad \downarrow f$$

$$C \xrightarrow{T} C = D \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}_{D}} D$$

$$f \downarrow \quad \downarrow \phi \quad \downarrow f \quad \parallel \quad \downarrow \eta' \quad \parallel$$

$$D \xrightarrow{S} D \qquad D \xrightarrow{S} D$$

$$(9)$$

and

**Definition 2.8.** Given any double category  $\mathbb{D}$ , we will write  $Mon(\mathbb{D})$  for the category of monads in  $\mathbb{D}$ , consisting of monads and monad morphisms as

defined above. The category  $Comon(\mathbb{D})$  of comonads in  $\mathbb{D}$  is defined to be the category  $Mon(\mathbb{D}^{op})$  of monads in  $\mathbb{D}^{op}$ .

*Example* 2.9. The category Mon(Span(Set)) is precisely the category of small categories. It is an easy and enlightening exercise to work this out for oneself.

**Proposition 2.10.** The categories of (co)monads and (co)lax morphisms in a 2-category  $\mathcal{D}$  can be given in terms of (co)monads in the double category of squares as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} &\operatorname{Mon}_{colax}(\mathcal{D}) = \operatorname{Mon}(\operatorname{Sq}(\mathcal{D})) \\ &\operatorname{Comon}_{colax}(\mathcal{D}) = \operatorname{Comon}(\operatorname{Sq}(\mathcal{D})) \\ &\operatorname{Mon}_{lax}(\mathcal{D}) = \operatorname{Mon}(\operatorname{Sq}(\mathcal{D}^{op}))^{op} \\ &\operatorname{Comon}_{lax}(\mathcal{D}) = \operatorname{Comon}(\operatorname{Sq}(\mathcal{D}^{op}))^{op} \end{aligned}$$

where by  $\mathcal{D}^{op}$  we mean the 2-category obtained by reversing the direction of all 1-cells (but not 2-cells).

*Proof.* Immediate from the definitions. Readers unfamiliar with (co)lax morphisms of monads can take this as the definition.  $\Box$ 

#### 2.3 Double Functors

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $\mathbb D$  and  $\mathbb E$  be double categories. A *lax double functor*  $F:\mathbb D\to\mathbb E$  consists of:

- Functors  $F_0: \mathbb{D}_0 \to \mathbb{E}_0$  and  $F_1: \mathbb{D}_1 \to \mathbb{E}_1$  such that  $sF_1 = F_0 s$  and  $tF_1 = F_0 t$
- Natural transformations with globular components  $F_{\otimes}: F_1X \otimes F_1Y \to F_1(X \otimes Y)$  and  $F_I: I_{F_0C} \to F_1(I_C)$ , which satisfy the usual coherence axioms for a lax monoidal functor.

A lax double functor F for which the components of  $F_1$  and  $F_0$  are identities will be called *strict*. For the intermediate notion where the components of  $F_1$  and  $F_0$  are (vertical) isomorphsims, we will simply refer to F as a double functor.

**Proposition 2.12.** A lax double functor  $F: \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{E}$  induces a functor  $F: \mathrm{Mon}(\mathbb{D}) \to \mathrm{Mon}(\mathbb{E})$ .

*Proof.* This works just like the case for monoidal categories. For instance, if X is a monad in  $\mathbb{D}$ , FX has the multiplication

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
C & \xrightarrow{FX} & C & \xrightarrow{FX} & C \\
\parallel & & \downarrow F_{\otimes} & \parallel \\
C & \xrightarrow{F(X \otimes X)} & C \\
\parallel & & \downarrow F\mu & \parallel \\
C & \xrightarrow{FX} & C
\end{array}$$

The fact that F takes monad morphisms to monad morphisms can easily be checked using the naturality of  $F_I$  and  $F_{\otimes}$ .

# 3 2-Fold Double Categories

In this section we will propose a generalization of the 2-fold monoidal categories as used in [Gar09].

A 2-fold double category  $\mathbb{D}$  is a structure which has two different underlying double categories, both of which have the same vertical category  $Vert(\mathbb{D})$ . We will start with a concise formal definition, and then expand on the definition more concretely.

**Definition 3.1.** A 2-fold double category  $\mathbb{D}$  with vertical category  $\operatorname{Vert}(\mathbb{D}) = \mathcal{D}_0$  is a 2-fold monoid object in the 2-category  $\operatorname{Cat}/\mathcal{D}_0$  of categories over  $\mathcal{D}_0$ .

Breaking this down, we have a category  $\mathscr{D}_1$ , a functor  $p \colon \mathscr{D}_1 \to \mathscr{D}_0$ , two functors  $\otimes, \odot \colon \mathscr{D}_1 \times_{\mathscr{D}_0} \mathscr{D}_1 \to \mathscr{D}_1$  commuting with p, and two functors  $I, \bot \colon \mathscr{D}_0 \to \mathscr{D}_1$  which are sections of p, such that  $\otimes, \odot, I$ , and  $\bot$  satisfy all the axioms of a 2-fold monoidal category. In particular, each fiber of p has a 2-fold monoidal structure.

This definition also implies that  $\mathbb D$  has two underlying double categories, both with vertical category  $\mathscr D_0$  and with source and target functors both equal to  $p\colon \mathscr D_1 \to \mathscr D_0$ , as in Remark 2.2. The double category  $\mathbb D_\otimes$  has the rest of the double category structure given by the functors I and  $\otimes$ , while the double category  $\mathbb D_\odot$  uses the functors I and  $\odot$ .

Using this double category interpretation, we will find it convenient to think of a 2-fold double category as a double category with two different but interacting horizontal compositions. Notice that from this perspective, all horizontal 1-cells are endomorphisms.

For any object *C* there are 2-cells

and for any four horizontal morphisms  $W, X, Y, Z: C \rightarrow C$  there is a 2-cell

$$C \xrightarrow{(W \odot X) \otimes (Y \odot Z)} C$$

$$\parallel \qquad \downarrow z \qquad \parallel$$

$$C \xrightarrow{(W \otimes Y) \odot (X \otimes Z)} C.$$
(12)

These are natural in the sense that, for any vertical morphism  $f: C \to D$  we

have an equality

$$C \xrightarrow{1_{C} \otimes 1_{C}} C \qquad C \xrightarrow{1_{C} \otimes 1_{C}} C$$

$$\parallel \qquad \downarrow m \qquad \parallel \qquad f \qquad \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow_{f} \otimes \downarrow_{f} \qquad f$$

$$C \xrightarrow{1_{C}} C = D \xrightarrow{\downarrow_{D} \otimes 1_{D}} D$$

$$f \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \downarrow_{f} \qquad \downarrow f \qquad \parallel \qquad \downarrow m \qquad \parallel$$

$$D \xrightarrow{\downarrow_{D}} D \qquad D \xrightarrow{\downarrow_{D}} D$$

and similarly for c and j, and for any four 2-cells  $\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_4$  of the appropriate form, we have an equality

**Definition 3.2.** A monad in a 2-fold double category  $\mathbb D$  is a monad in  $\mathbb D_\otimes$ ; a comonad in  $\mathbb D$  is a comonad in  $\mathbb D_\odot$ . Furthermore, we define the categories  $\text{Mon}(\mathbb D) = \text{Mon}(\mathbb D_\otimes)$  and  $\text{Comon}(\mathbb D) = \text{Comon}(\mathbb D_\odot)$ .

So a monad X and a comonad Y in  $\mathbb{D}$  are given by 2-cells

The categories  $Mon(\mathbb{D})$  and  $Comon(\mathbb{D})$  come naturally equipped with functors to  $\mathcal{D}_0$ , defined on objects and morphisms simply by applying p to the underlying 1-cells and 2-cells respectively. It turns out that the interaction between the  $\otimes$  and  $\odot$  compositions in the 2-fold double category structure is precisely what is needed to lift  $\odot$  to  $Mon(\mathbb{D})$  and to lift  $\otimes$  to  $Comon(\mathbb{D})$ . In this way, we can define double categories  $Mon(\mathbb{D})$  and  $Comon(\mathbb{D})$ , both having  $\mathcal{D}_0$  as vertical category.

These lifted compositions are defined as follows: Given two monads  $(C, X, \eta, \mu)$  and  $(C, Y, \eta', \mu')$  in  $\mathbb{D}$ , the horizontal composition

$$C \xrightarrow{(X,\eta,\mu)} C \xrightarrow{(Y,\eta',\mu')} C$$

is the monoid with underlying horizontal 1-cell  $X \odot Y$  and unit and multiplication 2-cells

The unit for this composition is  $I_C$ , given the trivial monad structure with  $\eta = \mu = \mathrm{id}_{I_C}$ .

Similarly, the horizontal composition of two 2-cells in  $Mon(\mathbb{D})$  is the  $\odot$  product of the underlying 2-cells in  $\mathbb{D}$ . The fact that this commutes with the unit and multiplication defined above follows from the naturality of c and z.

In this same way, we can define the horizontal composition of two 1-cells  $(X, \epsilon, \delta)$  and  $(Y, \epsilon', \delta')$  in  $\mathbb{C}omon(\mathbb{D})$  to be a comonad with underlying horizontal 1-cell  $X \otimes Y$ , with horizontal unit  $\bot$  with the trivial comonad structure.

This allows us to define (ordinary) categories  $Mon(Comon(\mathbb{D}))$  and  $Comon(Mon(\mathbb{D}))$ . Furthermore, these two categories are equivalent, leading to the next definition.

**Definition 3.3.** A *bimonad* in a 2-fold double category  $\mathbb D$  is a monad in  $\mathbb C$ omon( $\mathbb D$ ), or equivalently a comonad in  $\mathbb M$ on( $\mathbb D$ ). We can define a category of bimonads in  $\mathbb D$  as

$$Bimon(\mathbb{D}) := Mon(Comon(\mathbb{D})) \simeq Comon(Mon(\mathbb{D}))$$

Concretely, a bimonad in  $\mathbb D$  is a tuple  $(X, \eta, \mu, \epsilon, \delta)$  where X is a horizontal 1-cell,  $(X, \eta, \mu)$  is a monad and  $(X, \epsilon, \delta)$  is a comonad as above, such that four

equations hold:

A bimonoid morphism is simply a 2-cell which is simultaineously a monoid morphism and a comonoid morphism.

# 4 Cyclic 2-fold Double Categories

Recall the notion of a cyclic double category from [GR12]. A cyclic double category  $\mathbb D$  is a double category with an extra involutive operation. On objects and horizontal 1-cells  $X:C \to C$ , this operation is written

$$C^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{X^{\bullet}} C^{\bullet}$$

and respects horizontal identities and composition. The involution takes any vertical 1-cell  $f: C \to D$  to some  $\sigma f: D^{\bullet} \to C^{\bullet}$ , and any 2-cell

respecting vertical identities and composition.

We will generalize this to a cyclic action on a 2-fold double category. Suppose that  $\mathbb{D}$  is a 2-fold double category. A cyclic action, written as above, must satisfy the following:

• For every object *C*,

$$I_{C^{\bullet}} = (\bot_C)^{\bullet}$$
 and  $\bot_{C^{\bullet}} = (I_C)^{\bullet}$ .

• For every composable pair of horizontal 1-cells  $X,Y:C \rightarrow C$ ,

$$(X \otimes Y)^{\bullet} = X^{\bullet} \odot Y^{\bullet}$$
 and  $(X \odot Y)^{\bullet} = X^{\bullet} \otimes Y^{\bullet}$ 

• For every vertical 1-cell  $f: C \to D$ , there are equalities

$$D^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{I_{D^{\bullet}}} D^{\bullet} \qquad D^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{(\perp_{D})^{\bullet}} D^{\bullet}$$

$$\sigma f \downarrow \qquad \Downarrow I_{\sigma f} \qquad \downarrow \sigma f = \sigma f \downarrow \qquad \Downarrow \sigma \perp_{f} \qquad \downarrow \sigma f$$

$$C^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{I_{C^{\bullet}}} C^{\bullet} \qquad C^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{(\perp_{C})^{\bullet}} C^{\bullet}$$

$$D^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{\perp_{D^{\bullet}}} D^{\bullet} \qquad D^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{(I_{D})^{\bullet}} D^{\bullet}$$

$$\sigma f \downarrow \qquad \downarrow_{\perp_{\sigma f}} \qquad \downarrow_{\sigma f} \qquad \downarrow_{\sigma f} \qquad \downarrow_{\sigma I_{f}} \qquad \downarrow_{\sigma f}$$

$$C^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{\perp_{L^{\bullet}}} C^{\bullet} \qquad C^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{(I_{C})^{\bullet}} C^{\bullet}$$

• For every horizontally composable pair of 2-cells

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
C & \xrightarrow{X} & C & \xrightarrow{Y} & C \\
f \downarrow & \downarrow \theta & \downarrow f & \downarrow \phi & \downarrow f \\
D & \xrightarrow{X'} & D & \xrightarrow{Y'} & D
\end{array}$$

there are equalities

$$D^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{(X' \otimes Y')^{\bullet}} D^{\bullet} \qquad D^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{X'^{\bullet} \odot Y'^{\bullet}} D^{\bullet}$$

$$\sigma f \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \sigma(\theta \otimes \phi) \qquad \downarrow \sigma f \qquad = \sigma f \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \sigma(\theta) \odot \sigma(\phi) \qquad \downarrow \sigma f$$

$$C^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{(X' \odot Y')^{\bullet}} C^{\bullet} \qquad C^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{X'^{\bullet} \odot Y^{\bullet}} C^{\bullet}$$

$$D^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{(X' \odot Y')^{\bullet}} D^{\bullet} \qquad D^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{X'^{\bullet} \otimes Y'^{\bullet}} D^{\bullet}$$

$$D^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{(X' \odot Y')^{\bullet}} D^{\bullet} \qquad D^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{X'^{\bullet} \otimes Y'^{\bullet}} D^{\bullet}$$

$$\sigma f \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \sigma(\theta \odot \phi) \qquad \downarrow \sigma f \qquad = \sigma f \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \sigma(\theta) \otimes \sigma(\phi) \qquad \downarrow \sigma f$$

$$C^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{(X \odot Y)^{\bullet}} C^{\bullet} \qquad C^{\bullet} \xrightarrow{X^{\bullet} \otimes Y^{\bullet}} C^{\bullet}$$

One nice consequence of this definition is that a cyclic action on a 2-fold double category  $\mathbb D$  induces a cyclic action on the category of bimonoids  $Bimon(\mathbb D)$ .

**Proposition 4.1.** Suppose  $\mathbb D$  is a cyclic 2-fold double category. Then the category  $\operatorname{Bimon}(\mathbb D)$  of bimonoids in  $\mathbb D$  carries a natural cyclic action (contravariant isomorphism).

*Proof.* The involution  $(-)^{\bullet}$  gives an isomorphism of double categories  $\mathbb{D}_{\otimes} \cong \mathbb{D}_{\odot}^{op}$ . Therefore it also induces an isomorphism

$$\mathbb{M}on(\mathbb{D}) = \mathbb{M}on(\mathbb{D}_{\otimes}) \cong \mathbb{M}on(\mathbb{D}_{\odot}^{op}) \cong \mathbb{C}omon(\mathbb{D}_{\odot})^{op} = \mathbb{C}omon(\mathbb{D})^{op}$$

as well as an isomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{Bimon}(\mathbb{D}) &= \mathsf{Comon}(\mathbb{Mon}(\mathbb{D})) \cong \mathsf{Comon}(\mathbb{C}\mathsf{omon}(\mathbb{D})^{op}) \\ &\cong \mathsf{Mon}(\mathbb{C}\mathsf{omon}(\mathbb{D}))^{op} = \mathsf{Bimon}(\mathbb{D})^{op}. \end{aligned}$$

In more concrete terms, the involution takes a bimonoid  $(X, \eta, \mu, \epsilon, \delta)$  to  $(X, \eta, \mu, \epsilon, \delta)^{\bullet} = (X^{\bullet}, \epsilon^{\bullet}, \delta^{\bullet}, \eta^{\bullet}, \delta^{\bullet})$ , swapping the monoid and comonoid structures. This is again a bimonoid, as the top two equations of (13) are interchanged under the involution, while the bottom two equations are self-dual.

The action of the involution on bimonoid morphisms can be broken down as in the following lemma.

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $(X, \eta, \mu, \epsilon, \delta)$  and  $(Y, \eta', \mu', \epsilon', \delta')$  be bimonoids in a cyclic 2-fold double category  $\mathbb{D}$ , and let  $\phi$  be a 2-cell in  $\mathbb{D}$ 

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
C & \xrightarrow{X} & C \\
f \downarrow & \psi \phi & \downarrow f \\
D & \xrightarrow{Y} & D.
\end{array}$$

Then  $(f,\phi)$  is a monoid morphism  $X \to Y$  if and only if  $(\sigma f,\phi^{\bullet})$  is a comonoid morphism  $Y^{\bullet} \to X^{\bullet}$ . Dually,  $\phi$  is a comonoid morphism  $X \to Y$  if and only if  $\phi^{\bullet}$  is a monoid morphism  $Y^{\bullet} \to X^{\bullet}$ .

*Proof.* Simply notice that the involution takes equations (9) and (10) to the equations defining a comonad morphism in  $\mathbb{D}$ .

This immediately implies a useful characterization of bimonoid morphisms.

**Corollary 4.3.** Given bimonoids  $(X, \eta, \mu, \epsilon, \delta)$  and  $(Y, \eta', \mu', \epsilon', \delta')$  in a cyclic 2-fold double category  $\mathbb{D}$ , a bimonoid morphism  $X \to Y$  consists of:

- Either a monoid morphism  $X \to Y$  or a comonoid morphism  $Y^{\bullet} \to X^{\bullet}$ , and
- Either a comonoid morphism  $X \to Y$  or a monoid morphism  $Y^{\bullet} \to X^{\bullet}$ .

#### 5 Functorial Factorizations

Let  $\mathbb D$  be a cyclic double category, and assume it has arrow objects in the sense of Section 2.1. In this section, we will define a 2-fold double category  $\mathbb FF(\mathbb D)$  of functorial factorizations in  $\mathbb D$ , as follows:

- The objects and vertical 1-cells are the same as in  $\mathbb{D}$ .
- Horizontal 1-cells  $C \to C$  in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  are tuples  $(E, \eta, \epsilon)$ , where  $E: C^2 \to C$  is a horizontal 1-cell in  $\mathbb{D}$ , and

$$C^{2} \underbrace{\downarrow \eta}_{E} C \qquad C^{2} \underbrace{\downarrow \varepsilon}_{cod} C$$

are 2-cells in D such that

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{\downarrow \varphi} C = C^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} C.$$

By the universal property of  $C^2$ , this also determines horizontal 1-cells  $L, R: C^2 \to C^2$  such that dom  $\circ L = \text{dom}$ ,  $\text{cod} \circ R = \text{cod}$ ,  $\text{cod} \circ L = \text{dom} \circ R = E$ ,  $\kappa \circ L = \eta$ , and  $\kappa \circ R = \epsilon$ , and 2-cells

$$C^2 \xrightarrow{\stackrel{L}{\downarrow \vec{e}}} C^2.$$
  $C^2 \xrightarrow{\stackrel{\text{id}}{\downarrow \vec{\eta}}} C^2.$ 

such that dom  $\circ \vec{\epsilon} = \mathrm{id}_{\mathrm{dom}}$ ,  $\mathrm{cod} \circ \vec{\epsilon} = \epsilon$ , dom  $\circ \vec{\eta} = \eta$ , and  $\mathrm{cod} \circ \vec{\eta} = \mathrm{id}_{\mathrm{cod}}$ .

• The horizontal composition  $(E_1, \eta_1, \epsilon_1) \otimes (E_2, \eta_2, \epsilon_2)$  of two horizontal 1-cells

$$C \xrightarrow{(E_1,\eta_1,\epsilon_1)} C \xrightarrow{(E_2,\eta_2,\epsilon_2)} C$$

in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  is a horizontal 1-cell  $(E_{1\otimes 2}, \eta_{1\otimes 2}, \epsilon_{1\otimes 2})$ , where

$$E_{1\otimes 2} = C^2 \xrightarrow{R_1} C^2 \xrightarrow{E_2} C$$

$$\eta_{1\otimes 2} = C^2 \underbrace{\downarrow \vec{\eta_1}}_{R_1} C^2 \underbrace{\downarrow \eta_2}_{E_2} C$$

$$\epsilon_{1\otimes 2} = C^2 \xrightarrow{R_1} C^2 \xrightarrow{\epsilon_2} C$$

which also determines that  $R_{1\otimes 2} = R_2 \circ R_1$ .

- The horizontal unit  $I_C$  for  $\otimes$  is  $(dom,id,\kappa)$ .
- The second horizontal composition  $(E_1, \eta_1, \epsilon_1) \odot (E_2, \eta_2, \epsilon_2)$  is a horizontal 1-cell  $(E_{1\odot 2}, \eta_{1\odot 2}, \epsilon_{1\odot 2})$ , where

$$E_{1 \odot 2} = C^2 \xrightarrow{L_1} C^2 \xrightarrow{E_2} C$$

$$\eta_{1 \odot 2} = C^2 \xrightarrow{L_1} C^2 \xrightarrow{\psi_{1 \odot 2}} C$$

$$\epsilon_{1 \odot 2} = C^2 \xrightarrow{\downarrow \epsilon_1} C^2 \xrightarrow{\downarrow \epsilon_2} C$$

$$c_{1 \odot 2} = C^2 \xrightarrow{\downarrow \epsilon_1} C^2 \xrightarrow{\downarrow \epsilon_2} C$$

$$c_{1 \odot 2} = C^2 \xrightarrow{\downarrow \epsilon_1} C^2 \xrightarrow{\downarrow \epsilon_2} C$$

which also determines that  $L_{1 \odot 2} = L_2 \circ L_1$ .

- The horizontal unit  $\bot_C$  for  $\odot$  is  $(cod, \kappa, id)$ .
- 2-cells

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
C & \xrightarrow{(E_1, \eta_1, \epsilon_1)} & C \\
F \downarrow & & \downarrow \theta & \downarrow F \\
D & \xrightarrow{(E_2, \eta_2, \epsilon_2)} & D
\end{array}$$

in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  are given by 2-cells

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
C^2 & \xrightarrow{E_1} & C \\
\hat{F} \downarrow & & \downarrow \theta & \downarrow F \\
D^2 & \xrightarrow{E_2} & D
\end{array}$$

in D such that

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{1}} C \qquad C^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi \epsilon_{1}} C$$

$$\hat{F} \downarrow \qquad \psi \theta \qquad \downarrow_{F} = \hat{F} \downarrow \qquad \psi \gamma_{0} \qquad \downarrow_{F}$$

$$D^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{2}} D \qquad D^{2} \xrightarrow{cod} D$$

$$(14)$$

and

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} C \qquad C^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi \eta_{1}} C$$

$$\hat{f} \downarrow \qquad \psi \gamma_{1} \qquad \downarrow_{F} = \hat{f} \downarrow \qquad \psi \theta \qquad \downarrow_{F}$$

$$D^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi \eta_{2}} D \qquad D^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{2}} D$$

$$(15)$$

This also determines unique 2-cells

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{1}} C^{2} \qquad C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1}} C^{2}$$

$$\hat{f} \downarrow \downarrow_{\theta^{R}} \downarrow_{\hat{f}} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{f} \downarrow \downarrow_{\theta^{L}} \downarrow_{\hat{f}}$$

$$D^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{2}} D^{2} \qquad D^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{2}} D^{2}$$

such that composing horizontally with  $\gamma_0$  or  $\gamma_1$  gives  $\gamma_0$ ,  $\gamma_1$ , or  $\theta$  as appropriate. For instance:

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{1}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} C \qquad C^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{1}} C$$

$$\hat{f} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \theta^{R} \qquad \downarrow \hat{f} \qquad \downarrow \gamma_{1} \qquad \downarrow F \qquad = \hat{f} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \theta \qquad \downarrow F$$

$$D^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{2}} D^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} D \qquad D^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{2}} D$$

• Given a pair of composable 2-cells in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  as in

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
C & \xrightarrow{(E_1, \eta_1, \epsilon_1)} & C & \xrightarrow{(E_2, \eta_2, \epsilon_2)} & C \\
F \downarrow & \downarrow \theta_1 & \downarrow F & \downarrow \theta_2 & \downarrow F \\
D & \xrightarrow{(E'_1, \eta'_1, \epsilon'_1)} & D & \xrightarrow{(E'_2, \eta'_2, \epsilon'_2)} & D
\end{array}$$

the composite  $\theta_1 \otimes \theta_2$  is given by

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{1}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{2}} C$$

$$\hat{f} \downarrow \quad \downarrow \theta_{1}^{R} \quad \downarrow \hat{f} \quad \downarrow \theta_{2} \quad \downarrow F$$

$$D^{2} \xrightarrow{R'_{1}} D^{2} \xrightarrow{E'_{2}} D$$

while the composite  $\theta_1 \odot \theta_2$  is given by

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{2}} C$$

$$\hat{f} \downarrow \quad \downarrow \theta_{1}^{L} \quad \downarrow \hat{f} \quad \downarrow \theta_{2} \quad \downarrow F$$

$$D^{2} \xrightarrow{L'_{1}} D^{2} \xrightarrow{E'_{2}} D$$

It is a straightforward exercise to check that these definitions satisfy equations (14) and (15). To illustrate, we will demonstrate that  $\theta_1 \otimes \theta_2$ 

satisfies (14):

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{1 \otimes 2}} C \qquad C^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{1}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{2}} C$$

$$\hat{F} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \theta_{1} \otimes \theta_{2} \qquad \downarrow F \qquad = \hat{F} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \theta_{1}^{R} \qquad \hat{F} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \theta_{2} \qquad \downarrow F$$

$$D^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{1' \otimes 2'}} D \qquad D^{2} \xrightarrow{R'_{1}} D^{2} \xrightarrow{E'_{2}} D$$

$$= C^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{1}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\downarrow \epsilon_{2}} C \xrightarrow{cod} C$$

$$= \hat{F} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \theta_{1}^{R} \qquad \hat{F} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \gamma_{0} \qquad \downarrow F$$

$$D^{2} \xrightarrow{R'_{1}} D^{2} \xrightarrow{cod} C$$

$$= \hat{F} \downarrow \qquad \downarrow \gamma_{0} \qquad \downarrow F$$

$$D^{2} \xrightarrow{cod} D$$

*Example* 5.1. Functorial factorizations in the double category  $\mathbb{D} = \operatorname{Sq}(\mathcal{C}at)$  of squares in the 2-category of categories are precisely functorial factorizations as defined in Section 1.2.

It is straightforward to check that  $\otimes$  and  $\odot$  are each associative and unital. It takes more work to provide the compatibility between  $\otimes$  and  $\odot$ , which is the content of the proof of the next proposition.

**Proposition 5.2.**  $\mathbb{FF}(\mathbb{D})$  has the structure of a 2-fold double category.

*Proof.* The primary structure of  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  was given in the first part of this section. What is left is to provide the coherence data (11) and (12).

First, note that  $I_C$  is initial in the sense that, given any vertical morphism  $F: C \to D$  and any functorial factorization  $(E, \eta, \epsilon)$  on D, there is a unique 2-cell

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
C & \xrightarrow{I_C} & C \\
F \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow F \\
D & \xrightarrow{(E,\eta,\epsilon)} & D
\end{array}$$

given by

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} C$$

$$\hat{F} \downarrow \qquad \psi \gamma_{1} \qquad \psi F$$

$$D^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} D.$$

$$\psi \eta \qquad E$$

Similarly,  $\perp_C$  is terminal. Thus there is only one possible way to define the 2-cells m, c, and j, and naturality and all other coherence equations follows immediately from this uniqueness.

We still need to construct the 2-cell z, which will take some work. We begin by defining 2-cells

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
C & \xrightarrow{E_1 \odot E_2} & C & & C & \xrightarrow{E_1} & C \\
\parallel & \Downarrow p_{E_1, E_2} & \parallel & & \text{and} & & \parallel & \Downarrow i_{E_1, E_2} & \parallel \\
C & \xrightarrow{E_1} & C & & & C & \xrightarrow{E_1 \otimes E_2} & C.
\end{array}$$

for any pair of functorial factorizations. The 2-cell p is given by the underlying 2-cell in  $\mathbb D$ 

$$C^2 \xrightarrow{L_1} C^2 \xrightarrow{\xi_2} C$$

and i is given by

$$C^2 \xrightarrow{R_1} C^2 \xrightarrow{\text{dom} \atop E_2} C.$$

To illustrate the verification that these give well-defined 2-cells in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$ , we will show that i satisfies (14) (keep in mind that when F is an identity,  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1$  are also identities):

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi_{2}} C = C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi_{\kappa}} C$$

$$= C^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi_{\eta_{1}}} C.$$

$$= C^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi_{\eta_{1}}} C.$$

Moreover, it is straightforward to check that i and p are natural families of 2-cells. Specifically, for any pair of 2-cells  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ 

$$C \xrightarrow{E_{1} \odot E_{2}} C \qquad C \xrightarrow{E_{1} \odot E_{2}} C$$

$$\parallel \psi_{P_{E_{1},E_{2}}} \parallel \qquad F \downarrow \psi_{\theta_{1} \odot \theta_{2}} \downarrow_{F}$$

$$C \xrightarrow{E_{1}} C = D \xrightarrow{E'_{1} \odot E'_{2}} D$$

$$F \downarrow \psi_{\theta_{1}} \downarrow_{F} \qquad \psi_{P_{E'_{1},E'_{2}}} \parallel D$$

$$C \xrightarrow{E_{1}} C \qquad C \xrightarrow{E_{1}} C$$

$$\downarrow \psi_{i_{E_{1},E_{2}}} \parallel \qquad F \downarrow \psi_{\theta_{1}} \downarrow_{F}$$

$$C \xrightarrow{E_{1} \otimes E_{2}} C = D \xrightarrow{E'_{1}} D$$

$$F \downarrow \psi_{\theta_{1} \otimes \theta_{2}} \downarrow_{F} \qquad \psi_{i_{E'_{1},E'_{2}}} \parallel D$$

$$E'_{1} \otimes E'_{2} \otimes D \qquad D \xrightarrow{E'_{1} \otimes E'_{2}} D$$

As with any 2-cell in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$ , p and i induce 2-cells in  $\mathbb{D}$ 

$$C^2 \underbrace{\downarrow p^R}_{R_1} C^2$$
 and  $C^2 \underbrace{\downarrow i^L}_{L_{1 \otimes 2}} C^2$ .

such that

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{1} \odot 2} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} C = C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{god}} C$$

$$(16)$$

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{\underset{L_{1 \otimes 2}}{\downarrow_{i^{L}}}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{cod}} C = C^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{1}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\underset{E_{2}}{\downarrow_{\eta_{2}}}} C \tag{17}$$

Now suppose given three functorial factorizations  $E_1, E_2, E_3$  on an object C. We define a 2-cell in  $\mathbb D$ 

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi w} C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{3}} C^{2}$$

$$\downarrow w \qquad C^{2}$$

$$\downarrow L_{1\otimes 3} \qquad C^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{2}} C^{2}$$

such that

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi w} C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{3}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} C = C^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi i^{L_{1}}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{2}} C$$

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi w} C^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{2}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} C = C^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi i^{L_{1}}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{2}} C$$

$$(18)$$

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi w} C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{3}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\cot} C = C^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi p^{R}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{3}} C.$$
 (19)

Using the universal property for  $C^2$ , it suffices to check that

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow[L_{1 \otimes 3}]{L_{1} \otimes 3} C^{2} \xrightarrow[cod]{E_{2}} C = C^{2} \xrightarrow[R_{1} \odot 2]{R_{1} \otimes 2} C^{2} \xrightarrow[R_{3} \to \infty]{dom}$$

and a quick check using equations (16) and (17) shows that both are equal to

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow[R_{1}]{C^{2}} \xrightarrow[c_{0}]{E_{2}} \xrightarrow[c_{0}]{E_{2}}$$

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow[R_{1}]{C^{2}} \xrightarrow[\psi_{3}]{E_{3}}$$

where the inner diamond is the equality  $\operatorname{cod} L_1 = \operatorname{dom} R_1 = E_1$ .

We also check that w is natural with respect to 2-cells in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  in the following sense: given three 2-cells  $\theta_1$ ,  $\theta_2$ , and  $\theta_3$ , there is an equality

To verify this equation, it suffices to check equality upon right composition with  $\gamma_0$  and  $\gamma_1$ . We will illustrate the  $\gamma_1$  case, making use of the naturality

of *i*:

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{\Downarrow w} C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1\otimes 3}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{dom} C$$

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{\downarrow i^{L}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1\otimes 3}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\downarrow i^{L}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1\otimes 3}} C$$

$$\downarrow (\theta_{1}\otimes\theta_{3})^{L} \downarrow \hat{F} \qquad \downarrow \theta_{2}^{R} \qquad \downarrow \hat{F} \qquad \downarrow (\theta_{1}\otimes\theta_{3})^{L} \downarrow \hat{F} \qquad \downarrow \theta_{2} \qquad \downarrow F$$

$$D^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1\otimes 3}} D^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{2}'} D^{2} \xrightarrow{dom} D$$

$$D^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1'\otimes 3'}} D^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{2}'} D$$

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{2}} C$$

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1}\otimes 3'} D^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{2}'} D$$

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{2}} C$$

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1}\otimes 3'} D^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{2}'} D$$

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1}\otimes 3} D^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1}'} D^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1}'\otimes 3'} D^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1}'\otimes 3'} D^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1}'\otimes 3'} D^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{1}'\otimes 3'} D^{2} \xrightarrow{dom} D.$$

Finally, given four functorial factorizations  $E_1$ ,  $E_2$ ,  $E_3$ ,  $E_4$  on an object C, we define the 2-cell

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
C & \xrightarrow{(1 \odot 2) \otimes (3 \odot 4)} & C \\
\parallel & & \downarrow z_{1,2,3,4} & \parallel \\
C & \xrightarrow{(1 \otimes 3) \odot (2 \otimes 4)} & C
\end{array}$$

in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$ , where  $(1 \odot 2)$  is shorthand for  $(E_1, \eta_1, \epsilon_1) \odot (E_2, \eta_2, \epsilon_2)$ , to have the underlying 2-cell in  $\mathbb{D}$ 

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{\psi w} C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{3}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{4}} C.$$

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{\downarrow w} C^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{2}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{4}} C.$$

The naturality of z follows immediately from that of w, but we still need to check that this satisfies equations (14) and (15). We will leave the details to the reader, but note that (15) comes down to the verification of the equality

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{1} \odot 2} C^{2} \xrightarrow{U_{3}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{U_{4} \to C} C^{2} \xrightarrow{U_{1} \otimes 3} C^{2} \xrightarrow{U_{1} \otimes$$

which follows from equation (18) and the fact that dom  $\circ i^L = \mathrm{id}_{\mathrm{dom}}$ .

Up to this point, we have demonstrated that given any double category  $\mathbb{D}$  having arrow objects, there is a 2-fold double category  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  of functorial factorizations in  $\mathbb{D}$ . The last thing we want to say about this construction is that a cyclic action on  $\mathbb{D}$  lifts to one on  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$ , and hence also to one on  $\mathbb{B}\mathrm{imon}(\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D}))$ .

The cyclic action on objects and vertical morphisms is given directly by that on  $\mathbb{D}$ . Given a horizontal 1-cell  $(E, \eta, \epsilon)$  on an object C, we define the 1-cell  $(E, \eta, \epsilon)^{\bullet}$  on  $C^{\bullet}$  to be  $(E^{\bullet}, \epsilon^{\bullet}, \eta^{\bullet})$ . This also implies that the cyclic action swaps L and R for any given functorial factorization.

A quick look at the definitions of the two horizontal compositions is now enough to see that for any two functorial factorizations  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ , we have

$$(E_1 \otimes E_2)^{\bullet} = E_1^{\bullet} \odot E_2^{\bullet}$$
 and  $(E_1 \odot E_2)^{\bullet} = E_1^{\bullet} \otimes E_2^{\bullet}$ 

Similarly, the cyclic action on 2-cells in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  is given by the cyclic action in  $\mathbb{D}$  on the underlying 2-cell. This gives a valid 2-cell in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  since the cyclic action simply swaps the equations (14) and (15).

**Lemma 5.3.** There is a strict double functor  $R: \mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})_{\otimes} \to \mathbb{D}$  whose behavior on 2-cells is

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
C & \xrightarrow{(E_1,\eta_1,\epsilon_1)} & C & & C^2 & \xrightarrow{R_1} & C^2 \\
\downarrow F & & \downarrow \theta & \downarrow F & \mapsto & \hat{F} \downarrow & \downarrow \theta^R & \downarrow \hat{F} \\
D & \xrightarrow{(E_2,\eta_2,\epsilon_2)} & D & & D^2 & \xrightarrow{R_2} & D^2
\end{array}$$

and a double functor  $L: \mathbb{FF}(\mathbb{D})_{\odot} \to \mathbb{D}$  whose behavior on 2-cells is

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
C & \xrightarrow{(E_1,\eta_1,\varepsilon_1)} & C & & C^2 & \xrightarrow{L_1} & C^2 \\
\downarrow F & & \downarrow \theta & \downarrow F & \mapsto & \hat{F} \downarrow & \downarrow \theta^L & \downarrow \hat{F} \\
D & \xrightarrow{(E_2,\eta_2,\varepsilon_2)} & D & & D^2 & \xrightarrow{L_2} & D^2
\end{array}$$

**Corollary 5.4.** *R* and *L* respectively induce functors  $Mon(\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})) \to Mon(\mathbb{D})$  and  $Comon(\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})) \to Comon(\mathbb{D})$ .

### 6 Algebraic Weak Factorization Systems

For this section, let  $\mathbb{D}= \operatorname{Sq}(\mathcal{D})$  be the double category of squares in a 2-category  $\mathcal{D}$ . We will show that bimonoids in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  are precisely algebraic weak factorization systems, and more generally that the morphisms in  $\operatorname{Bimon}(\mathbb{D})$  are given by (co)lax morphisms of algebraic weak factorization systems.

Suppose that  $E = (E, \eta, \epsilon)$  is a functorial factorization on a category  $\mathscr{C}$ , and consider a monoid structure on E. As  $I_C$  is initial, the unit of the monoid is forced, and is simply  $\eta$ . The multiplication is given by a natural transformation  $\mu$ :  $ER \Rightarrow E$  satisfying equations (14) and (15), which now take the form  $\epsilon \circ \mu = \epsilon R$  and  $\mu \circ (\eta \cdot \vec{\eta}) = \eta$ .

The unit axioms for the monoid give the equations  $\mu \circ E\vec{\eta} = \mathrm{id}_E = \mu \circ \eta R$ , which together imply the equation  $\mu \circ (\eta \cdot \vec{\eta}) = \eta$  above. And finally, writing  $\vec{\mu} = \mu^R : R^2 \to R$  for the natural transformation induced by the 2-cell  $\mu$ , the associativity axiom gives the equation  $\mu \circ E\vec{\mu} = \mu \circ \mu R$ .

**Proposition 6.1.** A monoid structure on an object  $(E, \eta, \epsilon)$  in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  is given by a natural transformation  $\mu: ER \Rightarrow E$ , satisfying equations

$$\epsilon \circ \mu = \epsilon R$$
  $\mu \circ E \vec{\eta} = id_E = \mu \circ \eta R$   $\mu \circ E \vec{\mu} = \mu \circ \mu R$ . (20)

This determines a monad  $\mathbb{R} = (R, \vec{\eta}, \vec{\mu})$ , such that dom  $\vec{\mu} = \mu$  and cod  $\vec{\mu} = \mathrm{id}_{\mathrm{cod}}$ . Similarly, a comonoid structure on  $(E, \eta, \epsilon)$  is given by a natural transformation  $\delta: E \Rightarrow EL$ , satisfying equations

$$\delta \circ \eta = \eta L \qquad E\vec{\epsilon} \circ \delta = \mathrm{id}_E = \epsilon L \circ \delta \qquad E\vec{\delta} \circ \delta = \delta L \circ \delta, \tag{21}$$

which determines a comonad  $\mathbb{L} = (L, \vec{\epsilon}, \vec{\delta})$ , such that dom  $\vec{\delta} = \mathrm{id}_{\mathrm{dom}}$  and cod  $\vec{\delta} = \delta$ .

Hence a functorial factorization which simultaineously has a monoid structure and a comonoid structure in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  is precisely a weak factorization system, missing only the second bullet of Definition 1.10, the distributive law condition. This is not surprising, as it is the only condition requiring a compatability between the monad and comonad structures. We will see that a bialgebra in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  adds precisely this compatibility.

**Proposition 6.2.** A bimonoid structure on a horizontal morphism  $(E, \eta, \epsilon)$ :  $C \to C$  in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  is precisely a weak factorization system on C with underlying functorial factorization system  $(E, \eta, \epsilon)$ .

*Proof.* We have already shown how the monoid an comonoid structures give rise to the monod and comonad of the awfs. All that remains is to show that

the equations (13) amount to just the distributive law, i.e. the equation

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{\mu} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E} C = C^{2} \xrightarrow{E} C.$$

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$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{E} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E} C.$$

First of all, notice that the first three equations of (13) follow trivially from the initiality of  $I_C$  and the terminality of  $\bot_C$  in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$ , hence they do not impose any further conditions.

The fourth equation here takes the form

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{R} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E} C$$

$$\parallel \downarrow \delta^{R} \parallel \downarrow \delta^{R} \parallel \downarrow \delta \parallel C^{2} \xrightarrow{R} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E} C$$

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{E \odot E}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{L} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E} C \parallel \downarrow \mu \parallel \parallel$$

$$\parallel \downarrow \psi \parallel \downarrow \text{id}_{E} \parallel = C^{2} \xrightarrow{E} C$$

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{L_{E \otimes E}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{R} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E} C \parallel \downarrow \delta \parallel$$

$$\parallel \downarrow \mu^{L} \parallel \downarrow \mu \parallel \parallel C^{2} \xrightarrow{E} C,$$

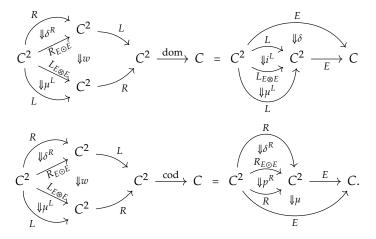
$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{L} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E} C$$

and so to prove (22), it suffices to show that

$$C^{2} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^{c} \circ^{\mathbb{E}}} \mathbb{V}^{2} \xrightarrow{L} C^{2} = C^{2} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^{c}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{L} C^{2}.$$

We can check this using the universal property of  $C^2$  by composing with dom

and cod. First, use (18) and (19) to check that



Then use the definitions of i and p to check that  $\mu \circ i = \mu \circ \eta R = \mathrm{id}_E$  and  $p \circ \delta = \epsilon L \circ \delta = \mathrm{id}_E$ , so that the first row above just equals  $\delta$ , and the second row equals  $\mu$ . Since  $\Delta$  also (by definition) satisfies dom  $\Delta = \delta$  and cod  $\Delta = \mu$ , we are done.

The appropriate notion of morphism between awfs, analogous to left/right Quillen functors and Quillen adjunctions, is (to our knowledge) first given in [Rie11].

**Definition 6.3.** Suppose that  $(E_1, \eta_1, \mu_1, \epsilon_1, \delta_1)$  and  $(E_2, \eta_2, \mu_2, \epsilon_2, \delta_2)$  are awfs on  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $\mathscr{D}$  respectively.

- A *lax morphism of awfs*  $(G, \rho)$ :  $E_1 \rightarrow E_2$  consists of a functor  $G: \mathscr{C} \rightarrow \mathscr{D}$  and a natural transformation  $\rho: E_2\hat{G} \Rightarrow GE_1$ , such that  $(1, \rho): L_2\hat{G} \Rightarrow GL_1$  is a lax morphism of comonads and  $(\rho, 1): R_2\hat{G} \Rightarrow GR_1$  is a lax morphism of monads.
- A colax morphism of awfs  $(F, \lambda)$ :  $E_1 \to E_2$  consists of a functor  $F: \mathscr{C} \to \mathscr{D}$  and a natural transformation  $\lambda: FE_1 \Rightarrow E_2\hat{F}$ , such that  $(1, \lambda): FL_1 \Rightarrow L_2\hat{F}$  is a colax morphism of comonads and  $(\lambda, 1): FR_1 \Rightarrow R_2\hat{F}$  is a colax morphism of monads.

Notice that a lax morphism of awfs induces a lift of the functor  $\hat{G}$  to a functor  $\mathbb{R}_1 \text{Alg} \to \mathbb{R}_2 \text{Alg}$ . In that sense, G "preserves the right class," so is analogous to a right Quillen functor. Similarly, a colax morphism of awfs induces a lift of  $\hat{F}$  to  $\mathbb{L}_1 \text{Coalg} \to \mathbb{L}_2 \text{Coalg}$ , so is analogous to a left Quillen functor.

**Proposition 6.4.** *Morphisms in*  $Bimon(\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D}))$  *are precisely the colax morphisms of awfs.* 

*Proof.* As above, let  $(E_1, \eta_1, \mu_1, \epsilon_1, \delta_1)$  and  $(E_2, \eta_2, \mu_2, \epsilon_2, \delta_2)$  be awfs on  $\mathscr E$  and  $\mathscr D$  respectively. A morphism of bimonoids is given by a 2-cell

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathscr{C} \xrightarrow{(E_1,\eta_1,\epsilon_1)} \mathscr{C} \\ F \downarrow & \downarrow \lambda & \downarrow F \\ \mathscr{D} \xrightarrow{(E_2,\eta_2,\epsilon_2)} \mathscr{D} \end{array}$$

which commutes with the monoid and comonoid structures. It is straightforward to check that this implies the natural transformations

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \mathscr{C}^2 & \xrightarrow{L_1} & \mathscr{C}^2 & & \mathscr{C}^2 & \xrightarrow{R_1} & \mathscr{C}^2 \\ \hat{\mathbf{f}} \downarrow & \Downarrow \lambda^L & \downarrow \hat{\mathbf{f}} & & \hat{\mathbf{f}} \downarrow & \Downarrow \lambda^R & \downarrow \hat{\mathbf{f}} \\ \mathscr{D}^2 & \xrightarrow{L_2} & \mathscr{D}^2 & & \mathscr{D}^2 & \xrightarrow{R_2} & \mathscr{D}^2 \end{array}$$

are colax morphisms of comonads and monads respectively.

# 7 Composition of L-coalgebras

For this section, we will continue to let  $\mathbb{D} = \mathbb{S}q(\mathcal{D})$  be the double category of squares in a 2-category  $\mathcal{D}$  with arrow objects.

In an algebraic weak factorization system, the categories  $\mathbb{L}$ -Coalg and  $\mathbb{R}$ -Alg respectively play the roles of the left and right classes of morphisms of the weak factorization system. In an ordinary weak factorization system, these two classes of morphisms are closed under composition. In [Gar09], this is strengthened to a composition functor

$$\mathbb{L}$$
-Coalg  $\Pi_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{L}$ -Coalg  $\to \mathbb{L}$ -Coalg

and in [Rie11], it is shown that colax morphisms of awfs preserve this composition. Similarly, there is a composition functor on  $\mathbb{R}$ -Alg which is preserved by lax morphisms of awfs.

In this section, we will generalize these results to the setting of bimonads in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$ .

First, recall from [Str72] the following proposition.

**Proposition 7.1.** Let C be a category, and  $\mathbb{L} = (L, \epsilon, \delta)$  be a comonad on C. The category of coalgebras  $\mathbb{L}$ -Coalg has a universal property as follows:

- There is a forgetful functor  $U: \mathbb{L}\text{-Coalg} \to C$  and a natural transformtion  $\alpha: U \Rightarrow LU$ , satisfying  $\epsilon U \circ \alpha = \mathrm{id}_U$  and  $\delta U \circ \alpha = L\alpha \circ \alpha$ .
- $(U,\alpha)$  is universal among such pairs satisfying such equations. Given another such pair  $(F,\beta)$ , where  $F:X\to C$ , there exists a unique functor  $\hat{F}:X\to \mathbb{L}$ -Coalg such that  $U\hat{F}=F$  and  $\alpha\hat{F}=\beta$ .

Any colax morphism of comonads  $(F,\phi)$ :  $(C,L_1,\epsilon_1,\delta_1) \to (D,L_2,\epsilon_2,\delta_2)$  induces a functor  $\tilde{F}$ :  $\mathbb{L}_1$ -Coalg  $\to \mathbb{L}_2$ -Coalg such that  $U\tilde{F} = FU$ .

For the rest of this section, assume that  $\mathcal{D}$  has EM-objects for comonads, i.e. for every comonad  $\mathbb{L}$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  there is an object  $\mathbb{L}$ -Coalg satisfying the universal property above.

The main goal of this section will be to prove the following theorem:

**Theorem 7.2.** *There is a lax double functor* 

Coalg: Comon(
$$\mathbb{F}F(Sq(\mathcal{D}))$$
)  $\rightarrow Span(\mathcal{D}_0)$ 

where  $\mathcal{D}_0$  is the ordinary category underlying the (strict) 2-category  $\mathcal{D}$ , which is the identity on the vertical categories, and which takes a comonad  $(E, \eta, \epsilon, \delta)$  in  $\mathbb{F}F(Sq(\mathcal{D}))$  to the span

$$C \xleftarrow{\operatorname{dom} U} \mathbb{L}\operatorname{-Coalg} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{cod} U} C.$$

Before we get to the proof of Theorem 7.2, we will need to establish several technical lemmas.

Consider a comonad in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  on an object C, i.e. a functorial factorization with half of the awfs structure. We can combine the universal properties of EM-objects and arrow objects into a universal property for  $\mathbb{L}$ -Coalg, where now  $\mathbb{L}$  is the comonad in  $\mathcal{D}$  arising from the comonad in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$ .

**Lemma 7.3.** Let  $(E, \eta, \epsilon, \delta)$  be a comonad in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{D})$  on an object C. There is a 2-cell

satisfying equations

$$\mathbb{L}\text{-Coalg} \xrightarrow{U} C^2 \xrightarrow[cod]{\text{dom}} C = \mathbb{L}\text{-Coalg} \xrightarrow{U} C^2 \xrightarrow[E]{\text{dom}} C$$
 (23)

$$\mathbb{L}\text{-Coalg} \xrightarrow{U} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{cod}} C = X \xrightarrow{U} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\text{cod}} C$$

$$(24)$$

where  $\vec{\alpha}$  is the unique 2-cell such that dom  $\vec{\alpha} = \mathrm{id}_{\mathrm{dom}\,U}$  and  $\mathrm{cod}\,\vec{\alpha} = \alpha$ , the existence of which is implied by Equation 23.

Given any object X, together with a morphism  $F: X \to C^2$  and a 2-cell  $\beta: \operatorname{cod} F \Rightarrow EF$  satisfying equations

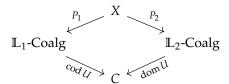
- 1.  $\beta \circ \kappa F = \eta F$
- 2.  $\epsilon F \circ \beta = \mathrm{id}_{\mathrm{cod}\,F}$
- 3.  $\delta F \circ \beta = E \vec{\beta} \circ \beta$

where  $\beta: F \Rightarrow LF$  is the unique 2-cell such that  $\operatorname{dom} \beta = \operatorname{id}_{\operatorname{dom} F}$  and  $\operatorname{cod} \beta = \beta$ ; there is a unique morphism  $\hat{F}: X \to \mathbb{L}$ -Coalg such that  $U\hat{F} = F$  and  $\alpha \hat{F} = \beta$ .

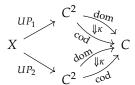
*Proof.* U is simply the U from proposition 7.1, while the 2-cell  $\alpha$  there is the 2-cell  $\vec{\alpha}$  here. The equation  $\vec{\epsilon}U \circ \vec{\alpha} = \mathrm{id}_F$  implies that  $\mathrm{dom}\,\vec{\alpha} = \mathrm{id}_{\mathrm{dom}\,U}$ . With that observation, the rest of the equations follow immediately from the

universal property of  $C^2$  and the equations  $\epsilon U \circ \alpha = \mathrm{id}_U$  and  $\delta U \circ \alpha = L\alpha \circ \alpha$  from Proposition 7.1.

We will now prove a couple of simple lemmas to establish the existence of certain 2-cells in  $\mathcal{D}$  using the arrow object universal property. For each of these lemmas, let  $(E_1, \eta_1, \epsilon_1, \delta_1)$  and  $(E_2, \eta_2, \epsilon_2, \delta_2)$  be two comonads in  $\mathbb{F}F(Sq(\mathcal{D}))$ , both on the same object C; let X be the pullback



let *m* be the 2-cell



and let  $\vec{m}$ :  $X \to C^2$  be the corresponding 1-cell with  $\kappa \vec{m} = m$ .

**Lemma 7.4.** There is a 2-cell

$$X \xrightarrow{P_1} \mathbb{L}_1\text{-Coalg} \xrightarrow{U} C^2$$

*such that* dom  $\zeta$  = id *and* 

$$X \xrightarrow{P_1} \mathbb{L}_1\text{-Coalg} \xrightarrow{U} C^2 \xrightarrow{\text{cod}} C = X \xrightarrow{UP_1} C^2$$

$$UP_1 \xrightarrow{C^2} C \xrightarrow{\text{cod}} C$$

$$UP_2 \xrightarrow{W} C$$

Proof. Equation (3) becomes

$$X \xrightarrow{\vec{m}} C^2 \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} C = X \xrightarrow{\text{cod}} C^2 \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} C$$

$$UP_1 \xrightarrow{\text{cod}} C \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} C$$

$$UP_2 \xrightarrow{\text{dom}} C$$

which is simply the definition of  $\vec{m}$ .

#### **Lemma 7.5.** *There is a 2-cell*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
P_2 & \mathbb{L}_2\text{-Coalg} & U \\
X & & \psi & C^2 \\
& \stackrel{\vec{m}}{\longrightarrow} & C^2 & R_1
\end{array}$$

*such that* cod v = id *and* 

*Proof.* We just need to verify Equation (3):

where the first equation follows from (24), and the second by reducing  $\cot \zeta$ using Lemma 7.4.

*Proof of Theorem 7.2.* For notational convenience, let G = Coalg be the lax double functor we need to establish. Both the double categories  $Comon(\mathbb{F}F(Sq(\mathcal{D})))$ and Span( $\mathcal{D}_0$ ) have  $\mathcal{D}_0$  as vertical category, and  $G_0$  is simply the identity. From the statement of the theorem, G takes an object in Comon( $\mathbb{F}F(Sq(\mathcal{D}))$ ) to the span

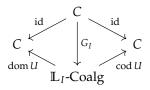
$$C \xleftarrow{\operatorname{dom} U} \mathbb{L}$$
-Coalg  $\xrightarrow{\operatorname{cod} U} C$ .

To define the behavior of G on 2-cells, consider a 2-cell in  $Comon(\mathbb{F}F(Sq(\mathcal{D})))$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
C & \xrightarrow{(E_1, \eta_1, \epsilon_1, \delta_1)} & C \\
F \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi & \downarrow F \\
D & \xrightarrow{(E_2, \eta_2, \epsilon_2, \delta_2)} & D.
\end{array}$$

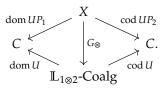
By Corollary 5.4,  $\phi$  induces a colax morphism of comonads from  $L_1$  to  $L_2$ , hence by Proposition 7.1 there is an induced morphim  $\tilde{\phi}$  between the EMobjects such that  $U\tilde{\phi} = F^2U$ . We can then define  $G\phi$  to be the morphism of spans

Next we must define the coherence data  $G_I$  and  $G_{\otimes}$ . We will define  $G_I$  to be the morphims of spans



defined via Lemma 7.3 by the equations  $UG_I = i: C \to C^2$  and  $\alpha_I G_I$  is the identity on dom  $i = \operatorname{cod} i$ . The conditions of the lemma are trivially satisfied.

We will similarly use Lemma 7.3 to define  $G_{\otimes}$ . Let X,  $\vec{m}$ ,  $\zeta$ , and  $\nu$  be as defined earlier in the section.  $G_{\otimes}$  is a morphism of spans



We will define  $G_{\otimes}$  to be the 1-cell such that  $UG_{\otimes} = \vec{m}$  and

$$X \xrightarrow{G_{\otimes}} \mathbb{L}\text{-Coalg} \xrightarrow{U} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{cod}} C = X \xrightarrow{P_{2}} \mathbb{L}_{2}\text{-Coalg} \xrightarrow{U} C^{2} \xrightarrow{\operatorname{cod}} C$$

$$U \xrightarrow{G_{\otimes}} \mathbb{L}^{2}\text{-Coalg} \xrightarrow{U} C^{2} \xrightarrow{V} C^{2} \xrightarrow{U} C^{2} \xrightarrow{C} C^{2} \xrightarrow{R_{1}} C^{2} \xrightarrow{E_{2}} C^{2}$$

In other words, in the notation of Lemma 7.3 let  $F = \vec{m}$  and  $\beta = E_2 \nu \circ \alpha_2 P_2$ , and define  $G_{\otimes} = \hat{F}$ .

We now need to check equations 1-3 of Lemma 7.3 to verify that  $G_{\otimes}$  is well defined. We will check these equationally to save space, but the reader may want to draw out the diagrams for themselves to follow along. For the first equation:

$$\begin{split} E_{2}\nu \circ \alpha_{2}P_{2} \circ \kappa \vec{m} &= E_{2}\nu \circ \alpha_{2}P_{2} \circ \kappa UP_{2} \circ \kappa UP_{1} & \text{Def of } \vec{m} \\ &= E_{2}\nu \circ (\alpha_{2} \circ \kappa U)P_{2} \circ \kappa UP_{1} & \text{Eq (23)} \\ &= E_{2}\nu \circ \eta_{2}UP_{2} \circ \kappa UP_{1} & \text{Eq (23)} \\ &= \eta_{2}R_{1}\vec{m} \circ \text{dom } \nu \circ \kappa UP_{1} & \text{Interchange} \\ &= \eta_{2}R_{1}\vec{m} \circ E_{1}\zeta \circ \alpha_{1}P_{1} \circ \kappa UP_{1} & \text{Def of } \nu \\ &= \eta_{2}R_{1}\vec{m} \circ E_{1}\zeta \circ (\alpha_{1} \circ \kappa U)P_{1} & \text{Eq (23)} \\ &= \eta_{2}R_{1}\vec{m} \circ E_{1}\zeta \circ \eta_{1}UP_{1} & \text{Eq (23)} \\ &= \eta_{1\otimes 2}\vec{m} \circ \text{dom } \zeta & \text{Interchange; Def of } \eta_{1\otimes 2} \\ &= \eta_{1\otimes 2}\vec{m} & \text{dom } \zeta & \text{dom } \zeta = \text{id} \end{split}$$

and the second:

$$\begin{split} & \epsilon_{1 \otimes 2} \vec{m} \circ E_2 \nu \circ \alpha_2 P_2 \\ & = \epsilon_2 R_1 \vec{m} \circ E_2 \nu \circ \alpha_2 P_2 \\ & = \operatorname{cod} \nu \circ (\epsilon_2 U \circ \alpha_2) P_2 \\ & = \operatorname{id}_{\operatorname{cod} \vec{m}}. \end{split} \qquad \text{Def of } \epsilon_{1 \otimes 2} \\ & = \operatorname{id}_{\operatorname{cod} \vec{m}}. \end{aligned}$$

The third equation is a bit trickier to prove. We will need to prove two intermediate equations first, using the arrow object universal property.

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$$i^{L}\vec{m} \circ L_{1}\zeta \circ \vec{\alpha}_{1}P_{1} = \vec{\beta} \circ \zeta \tag{26}$$

*Proof.* We must show the 2-cells become equal upon composition with dom and cod:

$$\operatorname{dom}(i^{L}\vec{m} \circ L_{1}\zeta \circ \vec{\alpha}_{1}P_{1}) = \operatorname{id}_{\operatorname{dom}\vec{m}} = \operatorname{dom}(\vec{\beta} \circ \zeta)$$

and

$$cod(i^{L}\vec{m} \circ L_{1}\zeta \circ \vec{\alpha}_{1}P_{1})$$

$$= cod i^{L}\vec{m} \circ E_{1}\zeta \circ cod \vec{\alpha}_{1}P_{1}$$

$$= \eta_{2}R_{1}\vec{m} \circ E_{1}\zeta \circ \alpha_{1}P_{1} \qquad Def of i^{L}, \vec{\alpha}$$

$$= \eta_{2}R_{1}\vec{m} \circ dom \nu \qquad Def of \nu$$

$$= E_{2}\nu \circ \eta_{2}UP_{2} \qquad Interchange$$

$$= E_{2}\nu \circ (\alpha_{2} \circ \kappa U)P_{2} \qquad Eq (23)$$

$$= (E_{2}\nu \circ \alpha_{2}P_{2}) \circ \kappa UP_{2}$$

$$= cod \vec{\beta} \circ cod \zeta \qquad Def of \vec{\beta}, \zeta$$

$$= cod(\vec{\beta} \circ \zeta).$$

Lemma.

$$R_1 \vec{\beta} \circ \nu = w \vec{m} \circ L_2 \delta_1^R \vec{m} \circ L_2 \nu \circ \vec{\alpha}_2 P_2 \tag{27}$$

Proof. Again we must prove equality after composing with dom and cod:

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dom(R_1\vec{\beta} \circ \nu)
= E_1\vec{\beta} \circ dom \nu
= E_1\vec{\beta} \circ E_1\zeta \circ \alpha_1 P_1 \qquad Def of \nu
= E_1(\vec{\beta} \circ \zeta) \circ \alpha_1 P_1 \qquad Eq (26)
= E_1(i^L \vec{m} \circ E_1 L_1 \zeta \circ (E_1 \vec{\alpha}_1 \circ \alpha_1) P_1 \qquad Eq (25)
= E_1i^L \vec{m} \circ E_1 L_1 \zeta \circ (\delta_1 U \circ \alpha_1) P_1 \qquad Eq (25)
= E_1i^L \vec{m} \circ \delta_1 \vec{m} \circ E_1 \zeta \circ \alpha_1 P_1 \qquad Interchange
= dom w \vec{m} \circ dom \delta_1^R \vec{m} \circ dom \nu \circ dom \vec{\alpha}_2 P_2 \qquad Defs of w, \delta^R, \nu, \vec{\alpha}
= dom(w \vec{m} \circ L_2 \delta_1^R \vec{m} \circ L_2 \nu \circ \vec{\alpha}_2 P_2)
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and

$$cod(R_1\vec{\beta} \circ \nu)$$

$$= cod \vec{\beta} \circ cod \nu$$

$$= E_2 \nu \circ \alpha_2 P_2 \qquad Defs of \vec{\beta}, \nu$$

$$= E_2 (p^R \circ \delta_1^R) \vec{m} \circ E_2 \nu \circ \alpha_2 P_2 \qquad p^R \circ \delta^R = id$$

$$= E_2 p^R \vec{m} \circ E_2 \delta_1^R \vec{m} \circ E_2 \nu \circ \alpha_2 P_2$$

$$= cod w \vec{m} \circ cod L_2 \delta_1^R \vec{m} \circ cod L_2 \nu \circ cod \vec{\alpha}_2 P_2 \qquad Defs of w, L, \vec{\alpha}$$

$$= cod(w \vec{m} \circ L_2 \delta_1^R \vec{m} \circ L_2 \nu \circ \vec{\alpha}_2 P_2)$$

Now we are prepared to prove the third equation of Lemma 7.3 validating our definition of  $G_{\infty}$ :

$$\begin{split} &\delta_{1\otimes 2}\vec{m}\circ E_{2}\nu\circ\alpha_{2}P_{2}\\ &=(E_{2}w\circ\delta_{2}R_{1\odot 1}\circ E_{2}\delta_{1}^{R})\vec{m}\circ E_{2}\nu\circ\alpha_{2}P_{2} & \text{Def of }\delta_{1\otimes 2}\\ &=E_{2}(w\vec{m}\circ L_{2}\delta_{1}^{R}\vec{m}\circ L_{2}\nu)\circ(\delta_{2}U\circ\alpha_{2})P_{2} & \text{Interchange}\\ &=E_{2}(w\vec{m}\circ L_{2}\delta_{1}^{R}\vec{m}\circ L_{2}\nu)\circ(E_{2}\vec{\alpha}_{2}\circ\alpha_{2})P_{2} & \text{Eq (25)}\\ &=E_{2}(w\vec{m}\circ L_{2}\delta_{1}^{R}\vec{m}\circ L_{2}\nu\circ\vec{\alpha}_{2}P_{2})\circ\alpha_{2}P_{2}\\ &=E_{2}(R_{1}\vec{\beta}\circ\nu)\circ\alpha_{2}P_{2} & \text{Eq (27)}\\ &=E_{1\otimes 2}\vec{\beta}\circ E_{2}\nu\circ\alpha_{2}P_{2} & \text{Def of }E_{1\otimes 2} \end{split}$$

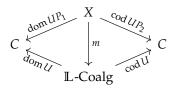
The verification that the definitions of  $G_I$  and  $G_{\otimes}$  form natural families, and of the coherence axioms for a lax double functor, is tedious, but follows from what we have presented here without requiring any new ideas or ingenuity.

**Corollary 7.6.** For any awfs  $(E, \eta, \mu, \epsilon, \delta)$  on an object C in D, the multiplication  $\mu$  induces a composition functor on  $\mathbb{L}$ -Coalg, and the functor between EM-objects induced by any colax morphism of awfs preserves this composition.

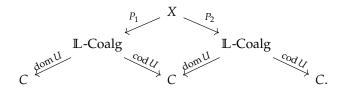
*Proof.* Any awfs  $(E, \eta, \mu, \epsilon, \delta)$  has an underlying object in Comon( $\mathbb{F}F(Sq(\mathcal{D}))$ ), by simply forgetting  $\mu$ . The lax double-functor Coalg takes this to a span

$$C \xleftarrow{\operatorname{dom} U} \mathbb{L}$$
-Coalg  $\xrightarrow{\operatorname{cod} U} C$ .

The multiplication  $\mu$  provides this object in Comon(FF(Sq( $\mathcal{D}$ ))) with a monad structure, and lax double-functors preserve monads, so  $\mu$  induces a monad structure on this span. A multiplication on this span is a morphism m:



where *X* is the pullback in the composite span



The morphism m is the composition structure that we want. If  $\mathcal{D} = \operatorname{Cat}$  is the 2-category of small categories, then an object (f,g) in X is a pair of morphisms in C equipped with coalgebra structures, such that  $\operatorname{cod} f = \operatorname{dom} g$ , and m(f,g) is a morphism equipped with a coalgebra structure, with  $\operatorname{dom} m(f,g) = \operatorname{dom} f$  and  $\operatorname{cod} m(f,g) = \operatorname{cod} g$ .

Of course, what we really want is that the morphism underlying the coalgebra m(f,g) is the composition  $g \circ f$ . To see that this is the case, we will use the fact that the functorial factorization  $\bot_C$ , equipped with the trivial comonad structure, is terminal in the double category  $\mathbb{C}\operatorname{omon}(\mathbb{F}\operatorname{F}(\operatorname{Sq}(\mathcal{D})))$ , in the sense of the proof of Proposition 5.2.

The comonad  $\perp_C$  in  $\mathbb{F}F(\mathbb{S}q(\mathcal{D}))$  induces the trival comonad on  $C^2$ , hence gets taken to the span

$$C \stackrel{\text{dom}}{\longleftarrow} C^2 \stackrel{\text{cod}}{\longrightarrow} C.$$

[TODO: Need to prove that the induced monad structure on this span is simply the composition in C. Maybe this should be a separate lemma?]

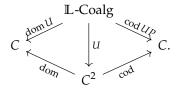
The unique 2-cell

$$C \xrightarrow{(E,\eta,\epsilon,\delta)} C$$

$$\parallel \qquad \downarrow \qquad \parallel$$

$$C \xrightarrow{\perp_C} C$$

gets taken to the morphism of spans



Moreover, the image of any 2-cell in  $Comon(\mathbb{F}F(Sq(\mathcal{D})))$  commutes with these forgetful-functor span morphisms.

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