

# Category Theory

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- Idea:
- like sociology, not neuroscience
  - ideal for semantics
  - way of thinking
  - translate between fields

Def: a category consist of

- objects  $A, B, C, \dots$
- morphisms  $f, g, h, \dots : A \rightarrow B$  for every two objects  $A, B$
- if  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$ , a morphism  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$
- for every object  $A$ , a morphism  $\text{id}_A : A \rightarrow A$

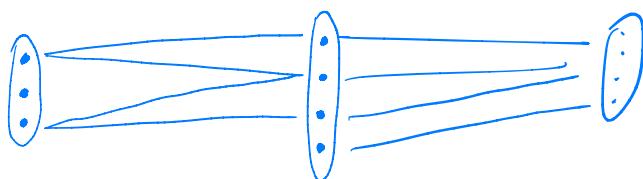
such that:

- associativity:  $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$
- identity:  $\text{id}_B \circ f = f = f \circ \text{id}_A$  for every  $f: A \rightarrow B$

Examples: ① Set: obj: sets  $A, B, C, \dots$   
arr: functions  $A \xrightarrow{f} B$

② Rel: obj: sets  $A, B, C, \dots$   
arr: relations  $R \subseteq A \times B$

$$A \xrightarrow{R} B \xrightarrow{S = id_C} C = B$$



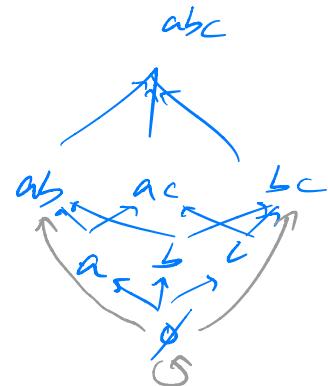
$$S \circ R = \{(a, c) \in A \times C \mid \exists b \in B : (a, b) \in R \text{ and } (b, c) \in S\}$$

PFn: arr: partial functions  $A \rightarrow B$

③ if  $(P, \leq)$  is partially ordered set

obj:  $p \in P$

arr:  $p \rightarrow q$  iff  $p \leq q$



④ Poset: obj: partially ordered set  $P, Q, \sim$

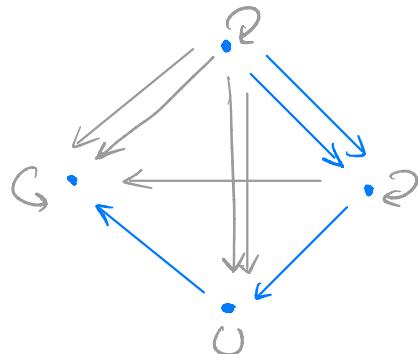
arr: monotone functions  $f: P \rightarrow Q$

$$p \leq p' \implies f(p) \leq f(p')$$

⑤ if  $G = (V, E)$  directed graph

obj:  $v \in V$

arr:  $v \rightarrow w$  are paths  $v \rightarrow w$



⑥ Graph: obj: directed graphs

arr:  $(V, E) \rightarrow (V', E')$  graph homomorphisms

$f: V \rightarrow V'$

$(v, u) \in E \implies (fv, fu) \in E'$

e.g.  $\text{id}: V \rightarrow V$

⑦ simply typed  $\lambda$ -calculus:

obj: types

arr:  $A \rightarrow B$  are  $\beta\eta$ -equivalence classes of terms of type  $B$  with one free var of type  $A$

⑧ Haskell: obj: Haskell types

arr  $A \rightarrow B$  are closed Haskell expressions  
of type  $A \rightarrow B$

comp:  $g \circ f = (\lambda x \rightarrow g(f x))$

but:  $\text{undefined} \circ \text{id} = \lambda x. \text{undefined} \neq \text{undefined}$

solution? equate  $f, g: A \rightarrow B$  when  $f x = g x$   
for all  $x: A$  but need operational  
semantics

Def: if  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$  are categories, a functor  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  consists of:

- an object  $FA \in \mathcal{D}$  for each object  $A \in \mathcal{C}$
- a morphisms  $Ff: FA \rightarrow FB$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  for each morphism  $A \xrightarrow{f} B$  in  $\mathcal{C}$

such that:

- $F(g \circ f) = Fg \circ Ff$
- $F(id_A) = id_{FA}$

Examples: ③ if  $P, Q$  are posets

and  $f: P \rightarrow Q$  monotone function

regard as categories  $\underline{P}$  and  $\underline{Q}$

can make functor  $f: \underline{P} \rightarrow \underline{Q}$

$$p \mapsto f(p)$$

$$p \leq p' \Rightarrow f(p) \leq f(p')$$

⑤ If  $G = (V, E)$  and  $G' = (V', E')$  directed graphs

can regard as categories  $\underline{G}$ ,  $\underline{G}'$ ,

if  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  graph homomorphism,

can regard as functor  $\underline{G} \longrightarrow \underline{G}'$   
 $v \mapsto f(v)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ \downarrow \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ \downarrow \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} \longmapsto \begin{pmatrix} f(v_1) \\ \downarrow \\ f(v_2) \\ \vdots \\ \downarrow \\ f(v_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Set} & \xrightarrow{\Gamma} & \text{Rel} \\
 A & \longmapsto & A \\
 (A \sqsubseteq B) & \longmapsto & \{(a, f(a)) \in A \times B \mid a \in A\}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Rel} & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{P}} & \text{Set} \\
 A & \longmapsto & \mathcal{P}A \\
 (R \subseteq A \times B) & \longmapsto & \left( \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{P}A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}B \\ u \mapsto \{b \in B \mid \exists a \in u : (a, b) \in R\} \end{array} \right)
 \end{array}$$

⑨  $\text{Cat} : \begin{matrix} \text{obj} : \text{categories } \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}, \dots \\ \text{arr} : \text{functors } \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D} \end{matrix}$

④  $\begin{matrix} \text{Posets} & \longrightarrow & \text{Cat} \\ P & \longmapsto & \underline{P} \\ f & \longmapsto & \underline{f} \end{matrix}$

⑥  $\begin{matrix} \text{Graph} & \xrightarrow{\text{Path}} & \text{Cat} \\ G & \longmapsto & \text{Path}(G) \\ f & \longmapsto & \text{Path}(f) \end{matrix}$

## Universal properties

Def: an object  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  is terminal if (strictly)  
for any object  $B \in \mathcal{C}$  there is a unique morphism  $B \xrightarrow{!} A$ .

- Ex:
- Set: any singleton set
  - Rel: the empty set
  - Poset: any singleton poset

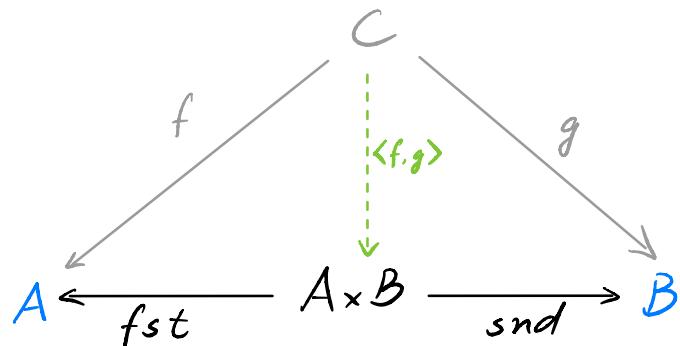
universal property

Def: a morphism  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is an isomorphism if  
there is  $g: B \rightarrow A$  such that  $g \circ f = id_A$  and  $f \circ g = id_B$

Lem: terminal objects are unique up to isomorphism.

Pf: If  $A, B$  terminal, then  $\begin{array}{ccc} id_A & \longrightarrow & B \\ \longleftarrow & & \supset id_B \end{array}$

Def: If  $A, B \in \mathcal{C}$ , a product of  $A$  and  $B$  is an object  $A \times B$  together with map  $A \xleftarrow{\pi_A} A \times B \xrightarrow{\pi_B} B$  such that for every object  $C$  and maps  $A \xleftarrow{f} C \xrightarrow{g} B$  there is unique map  $\langle f, g \rangle: C \rightarrow A \times B$  s.t.  $f = \text{fst} \circ \langle f, g \rangle$  and  $g = \text{snd} \circ \langle f, g \rangle$



Ex:

- Set: cartesian product of sets is a (categorical) product
- Rel: disjoint union of sets is a (categorical) product

"limit"  
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"cone"  
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"diagram"

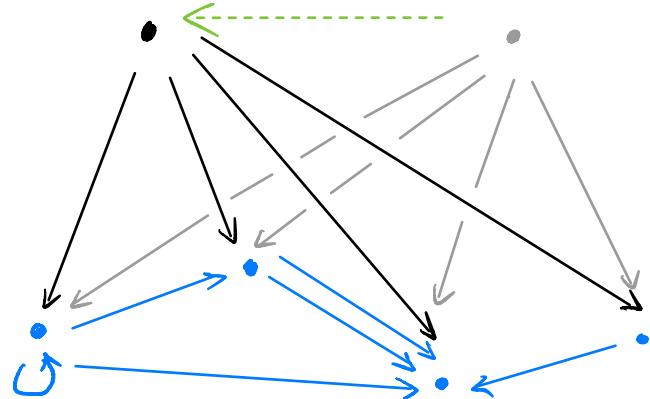
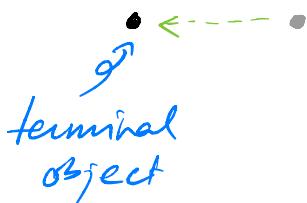
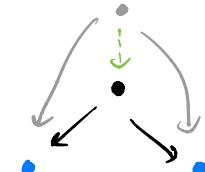


diagram =  $\emptyset$

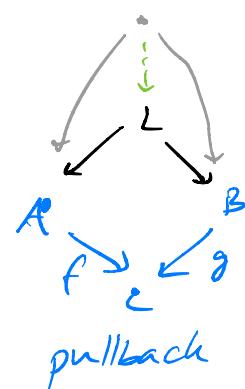


diagram



product

in Set:  $L = \{(a, b) \in A \times B \mid f_a = g_b\}$



Def : If  $A, B \in \mathcal{C}$ , an exponential object is an object  $B^A \in \mathcal{C}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & C \times A & \\ \downarrow f & \downarrow & \searrow ev' \\ B^A & B^A \times A & \xrightarrow{ev} B \end{array}$$

Ex: - in Set,  $B^A = \{f: A \rightarrow B\}$

- in Graph,  $H^G = \{f: (\bullet \rightarrow \bullet) \times G \rightarrow H \text{ graph homomorph}\}$

Def: a category is cartesian closed if it has  
a terminal object, all (binary) products, and all  
exponential objects



if  $A, B$  are objects  
then  $A \times B$  exists  
and  $B^A$  exists

Thm:  $\text{Cart} \rightleftarrows \text{Lambda}$

of

obj: cartesian closed cat's

arr: functors

in

models of simply-typed  $\lambda$ -calculus

Cat :      obj: categories      is cartesian closed:  
arr: functors      if  $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}$  are categories.

$\mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{D}$ ?      obj:  $(A, B)$  where  $A \in \mathcal{C}, B \in \mathcal{D}$   
arr  $(A, B) \rightarrow (A', B')$  are pairs  $(f, g)$  where  $f: A \rightarrow A'$  in  $\mathcal{C}$   
 $g: B \rightarrow B'$  in  $\mathcal{D}$

$\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{C}} = [\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}]$ ?      obj: functors  $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$   
arr  $F \rightarrow G$ : natural transformations, i.e. collection  
 $\alpha_A: FA \rightarrow GA$  for each  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  such that

$[\mathcal{C}, \text{Set}]$   $\leftarrow$  presheaf

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & & \\
 \downarrow f & & \\
 B & & \\
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 FA & \xrightarrow{\alpha_A} & GA \\
 \downarrow Ff & & \downarrow Gf \\
 FB & \xrightarrow{\alpha_B} & GB
 \end{array}$$

Def1: a monad ("standard construction," "triple") consists of

- a functor  $T: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

- a natural transformation  $\eta_A: A \rightarrow TA$  — "unit"

$\mu_A: T^2A \rightarrow TA$  — "multiplication" "join"

such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TA & \xrightarrow{T\eta_A} & T^2A \\ \downarrow \eta_{TA} & \nearrow & \downarrow \mu_A \\ T^2A & \xrightarrow{\mu_A} & TA \end{array}$$

"unit laws"

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^2(TA) = T^3A & \xrightarrow{T\mu_A} & T^2A \\ \downarrow \mu_{TA} & & \downarrow \mu_A \\ T^2A & \xrightarrow{\mu_A} & TA \end{array}$$

"associative law"

Def 2: a monad ("Kleisli triple") consists of

- an object  $T \in \mathcal{C}$  for every object  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  a "type constructor"
- morphisms return:  $A \rightarrow T(A)$  a "type converter"
- a morphism bind( $-$ ,  $f$ ) = ( $- \gg f$ ):  $TA \rightarrow TB$  for each  $f: A \rightarrow TB$  a "combinator"

such that:

$$\text{return}(x) \gg f = f(x)$$

$$t \gg \text{return} = t \quad \text{where } t: TA$$

$$t \gg (\lambda x \rightarrow (f(x) \gg g)) = ((t \gg f) \gg g)$$

Def 1 = def 2:  $\Rightarrow:$   $\text{bind}(x, f) = \mu_{Tf}(x)$

$\eta = \text{return}$

$$\Leftarrow: \mu = \text{bind}(-, \text{id}_{TA})$$

Remark: do notation:  $\text{do } a \leftarrow b \dots = b \gg (\lambda a \rightarrow \dots)$

Example ① Maybe:  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Set}$

$$T(A) = A + 1$$

$$T(f) = f + 1$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \gamma_A: A & \longrightarrow & A + 1 \\ a & \longmapsto & a \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mu_A: (A + 1) + 1 & \longrightarrow & A + 1 \\ a & \longmapsto & a \\ * & \longmapsto & * \\ * & \longmapsto & * \end{array}$$

② Exception:  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Set}$  — we work in any category with coproducts

$$T = (-) + E \quad \text{— fixed set of 'exceptions'}$$

$$\gamma_A(a) = a$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mu_A: (A + E) + E & \longrightarrow & A + E \\ a & \longmapsto & a \\ e & \longmapsto & e \\ e & \longmapsto & e \end{array}$$

③ Reader:  $TA = A^I \rightarrow$  fixed obj of 'inputs'

$$\frac{A \xrightarrow{\eta_A} A^I}{A \times I \xrightarrow{\text{fst}} A}$$

$$\frac{(A^I)^I \xrightarrow{\mu_A} A^I}{(A^I)^I \times I \longrightarrow A}$$

eg. in set:  $\mu_A(\varphi)(i) = \varphi^{(i)}(i)$

$\downarrow \text{id}_{A^I} \times \text{id}_I$        $\uparrow \text{ev}$

$$(A^I)^I \times (I \times I) \xrightarrow{\text{ev} \times \text{id}_I} A^I \times I$$

④ Writer:  $TA = A \times O \rightarrow$  fixed object of 'outputs' that is a semigroup

$$O \times O \xrightarrow{c} O \quad 1 \xrightarrow{e} O$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\eta_A} & A \times O \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \text{id}_A \times e \\ A \times I & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (A \times O) \times O & \xrightarrow{\mu_A} & A \times O \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \text{id}_A \times c \\ A \times (O \times O) & & \end{array}$$

⑤ State :  $\tau A = (A \times S)^S$  where  $S$  fixed object of 'States'

$$\frac{A \xrightarrow{\eta_A} (A \times S)^S}{A \times S \xrightarrow{id_{A \times S}} A \times S}$$

$$\frac{(A \times S)^S \times_S S \xrightarrow{\mu_A} (A \times S)^S}{((A \times S)^S \times_S S)^S \times_S S \xrightarrow{\quad\quad\quad A \times S \quad\quad\quad} (A \times S)^S \times_S S}$$

## ⑥ Nondeterminism

$\mathcal{C} = \text{Set}$

$TA = \wp A$  List A

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\eta_A} & \wp A \\ a & \longmapsto & \{a\} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \wp \wp A & \xrightarrow{\mu_A} & \wp A & \text{concat} \\ A & \longmapsto & \{ \langle a, t \rangle \mid \exists u : a \in u \} \end{array}$$

## ⑦ Probability

$\mathcal{C} = \text{Set}$

$TA = \{ p : A \rightarrow [0,1] \mid \text{supp}(p) \text{ finite and } \sum_{a \in A} p(a) = 1 \}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \eta_A : A & \longrightarrow & TA \\ a & \longmapsto & \lambda b : A . [ \circ \quad \text{if } a \neq b \\ & & \quad \quad \quad \text{if } a = b ] \end{array} \rightsquigarrow \text{Dirac distribution}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mu_A : TA & \longrightarrow & TA \\ p & \longmapsto & \lambda a : A . \sum_{p \in TA} P(p) \cdot p(a) \end{array}$$

"pure" computations  
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"effectful computations"  
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Prop: If  $T: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is a monad, then there is a category  $\text{Kl}(T) = \mathcal{C}_T$   
with obj:  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  same as in  $\mathcal{C}$   
arr  $A \rightarrow B$ : are morphisms  $f: A \rightarrow T(B)$  in  $\mathcal{C}$

"Kleisli category of  $T$ "

Pf: What is composition?

given  $A \xrightarrow{f} T(B)$  and  $B \xrightarrow{\delta} T(C)$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ ,

want  $A \xrightarrow{f} TB \xrightarrow{Tg} T(C) \xrightarrow{\mu_C} T(C)$  in  $\mathcal{C}$

What are identities?

want  $A \xrightarrow{\eta_A} TA$  in  $\mathcal{C}$

Ex ①  $\text{Kl}(\text{Maybe})$  :   
 ||  
 Obj: sets  $A, B, C$   
 $\text{arr } A \rightarrow B$  are functions  $A \rightarrow B + 1$   
 can be thought of as partial functions  $A \rightarrow B$

②  $\text{Kl}(\text{Powerset})$  :   
 ||  
 Rel  
 $\text{arr } A \rightarrow B$  are functions  $A \xrightarrow{f} \mathcal{P}B$   
 can be thought of as relations  $R \subseteq A \times B$   
$$R = \{(a, b) \mid b \in f(a)\}$$
  
$$f(a) = \{b \mid (a, b) \in R\}$$

Def: an (Eilenberg-Moore) algebra of a monad  $T: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  consists of:

- an object  $A \in \mathcal{C}$   $\Leftarrow$  "carrier object"
- a morphism  $TA \xrightarrow{a} A$   $\Leftarrow$  "structure map"

such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^2A & \xrightarrow{\quad Ta \quad} & TA \\ \downarrow \mu_A & & \downarrow a \\ TA & \xrightarrow{\quad a \quad} & A \end{array}$$
$$A \xrightarrow{\eta_A} TA \quad \begin{matrix} \nearrow \\ \searrow \end{matrix} \quad \downarrow a \quad \downarrow A$$

Prop: there is a category  $EM(T) = \mathcal{C}^T$  with

obj:  $EM$ -algebras

and  $(A, a) \rightarrow (B, b)$  are  $f: A \rightarrow B$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  s.t.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TA & \xrightarrow{\quad Tf \quad} & TB \\ \downarrow a & & \downarrow b \\ A & \xrightarrow{\quad f \quad} & B \end{array}$$

Ex:  $EM(\text{Powerset}) = \text{Complete Lattices}$   $\Leftarrow$  obj: poset  $(P, \leq)$  s.t. each subset has a least upper bound  $a(P)$   
arr: functions that preserve  $\vee$

Def Functors  $\mathcal{C} \xrightleftharpoons[\mathcal{G}]{\mathcal{F}} \mathcal{D}$  are adjoint,  $\mathcal{F}$  being left adjoint  
 $\mathcal{G}$  right adjoint  
denoted  $\mathcal{F} \dashv \mathcal{G}$

① if there is a natural bijection

$$\{f: FA \rightarrow B \text{ in } \mathcal{D}\} \xrightleftharpoons{P_{AB}} \{g: A \rightarrow GB \text{ in } \mathcal{C}\}$$

$\uparrow F_A \quad \downarrow B' \quad \uparrow P_{AB} \quad \downarrow G_B'$

or, equivalently,

② there are natural transformations  $\eta_A: A \rightarrow GFA$  "unit"  
 $\varepsilon_B: FG B \rightarrow B$  "counit"

satisfying

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
& & F_A & \xrightarrow{F\eta_A} & FGFA \\
& & \searrow & & \downarrow \varepsilon_{FA} \\
GA & \xrightarrow{\eta_A} & GFAGA & \xrightarrow{G\varepsilon_A} & GA \\
& & \swarrow & & \downarrow \\
& & GFGA & \xrightarrow{G\varepsilon_A} & GA
\end{array}$$

"zig-zag equations"

Ex: ①

$$\text{Set} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\Gamma} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{\text{Powerset}} \end{array} \text{Rel}$$

$$\frac{\underline{R \subseteq A \times B}}{\underline{\Gamma A \rightarrow B \text{ in Rel}}} \rightarrow \underline{\underline{A \rightarrow \wp B \text{ in Set}}} \underline{\underline{f: A \rightarrow \wp B}}$$

$$f(a) = \{b \mid (a, b) \in R\}$$

$$R = \{(a, b) \mid f(a) = b\}$$

Lem: right adjoint preserves limits  
"free"

$$A \xrightarrow{\text{List}} (\text{List } A, \text{ concat})$$

Ex ②:

$$\text{Set} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\Gamma} \\ \perp \\ \xleftarrow{\text{Forget}} \end{array} \text{Mon}$$

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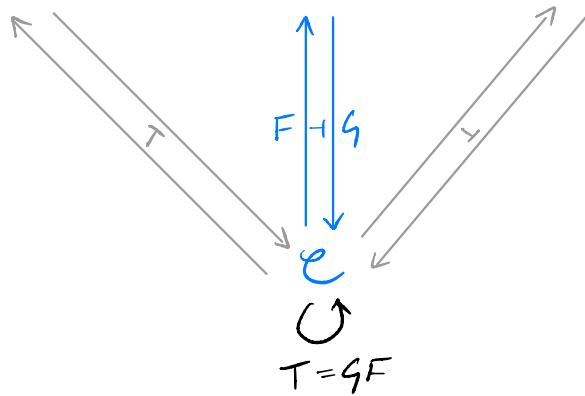
"forgetful"

sets A with  $\begin{matrix} A \times A \rightarrow A \\ , \rightarrow A \end{matrix}$

Lem: If  $\mathcal{C} \xrightarrow{\begin{smallmatrix} F \\ \perp \\ G \end{smallmatrix}} \mathcal{D}$  adjoint, then  $T = GF$  is monad on  $\mathcal{C}$

Thm:

$$K\ell(T) \dashrightarrow \mathcal{D} \dashrightarrow EM(T)$$



Def: a symmetric monoidal category is a category  $\mathcal{C}$  with

- a functor  $\otimes: \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$
- an object  $I$
- natural isomorphisms

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & B & A \otimes B \\ f \downarrow & g \downarrow & \downarrow f \circ g \\ A' & B' & A' \otimes B' \end{array}$$

$$\alpha_{A,B,C}: A \otimes (B \otimes C) \rightarrow (A \otimes B) \otimes C \quad \text{"associator"}$$

$$\gamma_A: I \otimes A \rightarrow A$$

$$\rho_A: A \otimes I \rightarrow A$$

$$\gamma_{A,B}: A \otimes B \rightarrow B \otimes A$$

for "unitors"

such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \otimes (I \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{A,I,B}} & (A \otimes I) \otimes B \\ id_A \otimes \gamma_B \swarrow & & \searrow \rho_A \otimes id_B \\ A \otimes B & & \end{array}$$

"triangle equations"

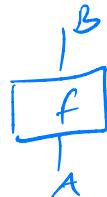
$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A \otimes ((B \otimes C) \otimes D) & \xrightarrow{\alpha_{A,B,C,D}} & (A \otimes (B \otimes C)) \otimes D & & \\ id_A \otimes \alpha_{B,C,D} \nearrow & & \searrow \alpha_{A,B,C} \otimes id_D & & \\ A \otimes (B \otimes (C \otimes D)) & & ((A \otimes B) \otimes C) \otimes D & & \\ & \searrow \alpha_{A,B,C,D} & \nearrow \alpha_{A,B,C,D} & & \\ & & (A \otimes B) \otimes (C \otimes D) & & \end{array}$$

"pentagon equations"

- Ex:
- If  $\mathcal{C}$  has finitary products, then  $\otimes = \times$ ,  $I = 1$  makes  $\mathcal{C}$  monoidal
  - Vect under tensor product

Thm: ("coherence theorem") any two "well-typed" morphisms  $A \rightarrow B$  in a monoidal category built from  $\text{id}, \alpha, \lambda, \rho$  using  $\circ, \otimes$  are equal

$$f: A \rightarrow B$$



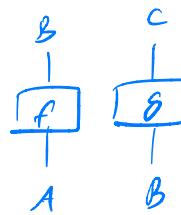
$$g: B \rightarrow C$$

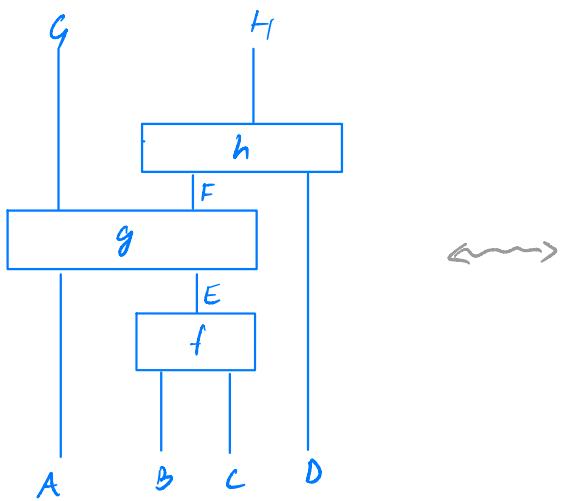


$$g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$$



$$f \otimes g: A \otimes B \rightarrow C \otimes C$$





$$\begin{aligned}
 & G \otimes H \\
 & \uparrow id_G \otimes h \\
 & G \otimes (F \otimes D) \\
 & \uparrow \alpha_{G,F,H}^{-1} \\
 & (G \otimes F) \otimes D \\
 & \uparrow g \otimes id_D \\
 & (A \otimes E) \otimes D \\
 & \uparrow \alpha_{A,E,D} \\
 & A \otimes (E \otimes D) \\
 & \uparrow id_A \otimes (f \otimes id_0) \\
 & A \otimes ((B \otimes C) \otimes D) \\
 & \uparrow id_A \otimes \alpha_{B,C,D} \\
 & A \otimes (B \otimes (C \otimes D))
 \end{aligned}$$

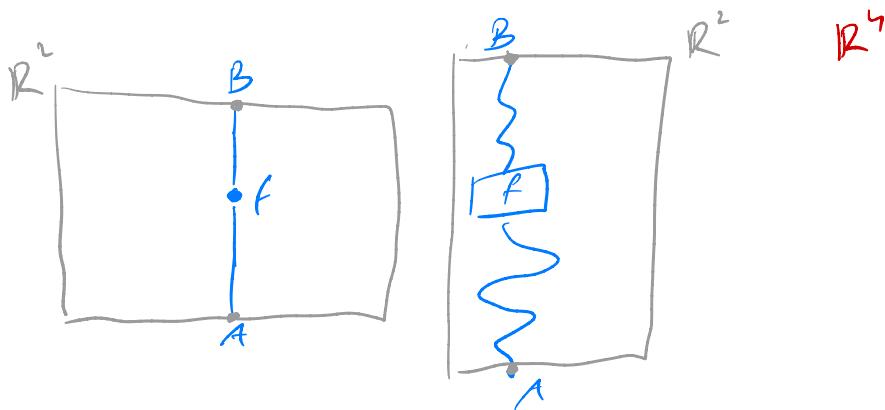
Thm ("Correctness of graphical calculus")

two morphisms  $A \rightarrow B$  in a monoidal category are equal

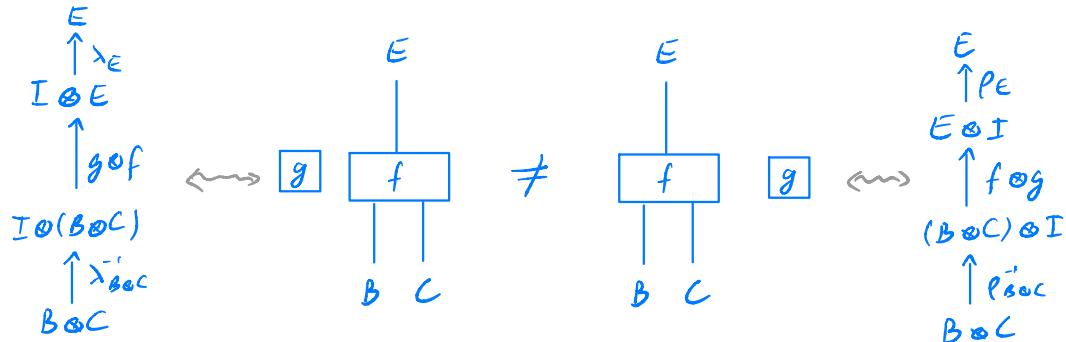


their pictures are isotopic

f



But e.g.:



Def: a monad  $T: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  on a monoidal category  $\mathcal{C}$  is strong if it has a natural transformation

$$st_{A,B}: A \otimes TB \longrightarrow T(A \otimes B) \quad \text{"strength map"}$$

such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I \otimes TA & \xrightarrow{st_{I,A}} & T(I \otimes A) \\ \downarrow \lambda_{TA} & & \downarrow \tau_A \\ TA & & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A \otimes B & \xrightarrow{id_A \otimes \gamma_B} & A \otimes TB \\ \downarrow \gamma_{A \otimes B} & & \downarrow st_{A,B} \\ T(A \otimes B) & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} (A \otimes B) \otimes TC & \xrightarrow{st_{(A \otimes B), C}} & T((A \otimes B) \otimes C) & & \\ \downarrow \alpha_{A,B,TC} & & & & \downarrow T\alpha_{A,B,C} \\ A \otimes (B \otimes TC) & \xrightarrow{id_A \otimes st_{B,C}} & A \otimes T(B \otimes C) & \xrightarrow{st_{A, B \otimes C}} & T(A \otimes (B \otimes C)) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A \otimes TB & \xrightarrow{st_{A,TB}} & T(A \otimes TB) & \xrightarrow{Tst_{A,B}} & T^2(A \otimes B) \\ \downarrow id_A \otimes \mu_B & & & & \downarrow \mu_{A \otimes B} \\ A \otimes TB & \xrightarrow{st_{A,B}} & T(A \otimes B) & & \end{array}$$

Def :  $T$  is commutative if it is strong and

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & T(T(A) \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{T(st'_{A,B})} & T^L(A \otimes B) \\
 & st_{T,A,B} \nearrow & & & \searrow \mu_{A \otimes B} \\
 TA \otimes TB & \xrightarrow{\text{dst}} & & & T(A \otimes B) \\
 & st'_{A,TB} \searrow & & & \nearrow \mu_{A \otimes B} \\
 & & T(A \otimes TB) & \xrightarrow{T(st_{A,B})} & T^L(A \otimes B)
 \end{array}$$

where

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 TA \otimes B & \xrightarrow{\text{dst}'_{A,B}} & T(A \otimes B) \\
 \downarrow \gamma_{TA,B} & & \uparrow T\gamma_{B,A} \\
 B \otimes TA & \xrightarrow{st'_{B,A}} & T(B \otimes A)
 \end{array}$$

Lem:  $Kl(T)$  is symmetric monoidal  $\iff T$  is commutative

Ex: Maybe is strong:  $A \times (B + 1) \longrightarrow (A \times B) + 1$

Writer is strong:  $A \times (B \times \mathbb{O}) \longrightarrow (A \times B) \times \mathbb{O}$

Writer is commutative  $\iff \mathbb{O} \times \mathbb{O} \rightarrow \mathbb{O}$  is commutative

any monad on Set is strong:  $A \times TB \longrightarrow T(A \times B)$   
 $(a, t) \mapsto T(\lambda b. (a, b))(t)$

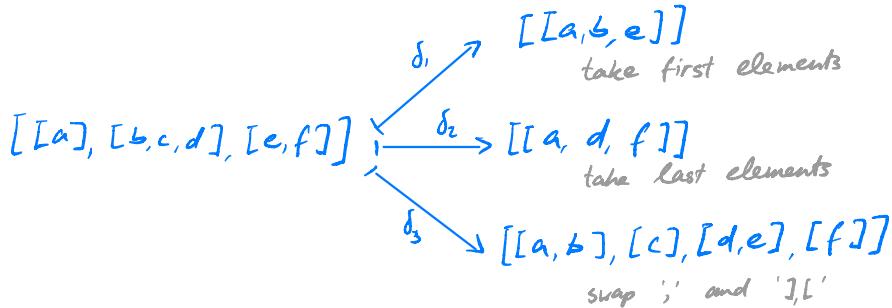
Def: a distributive law of monad  $S : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  over a monad  $T : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$   
 is a natural transformation  $\delta_A : TSA \rightarrow STA$   
 such that

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 TSSA & \xrightarrow{\delta_{SA}} & STSA & \xrightarrow{s\delta_A} & SSTA \\
 T\eta_A^S \downarrow & & & & \downarrow \eta_{TA}^S \\
 TSA & \xrightarrow{\delta_A} & STA & & \\
 \mu_{SA}^T \uparrow & & & & \uparrow s\mu_A^T \\
 TTSA & \xrightarrow{T\delta_A} & TSTA & \xrightarrow{\delta_{TA}} & STA
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & TA & \\
 T\eta_A^S \swarrow & \searrow \eta_{TA}^S & \\
 TSA & \xrightarrow{\delta_A} & STA
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 & SA & \\
 \eta_T^A \swarrow & \searrow s\eta_A^T & \\
 STA & \xrightarrow{\delta_A} & STA
 \end{array}$$

Thm: if  $\delta$  is distributive law, then  $ST : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is a monad

Ex:  $S=T = \text{nonempty List monad}$



Ex: Powerset does not distributive over Distribution

so nondeterminism and probability hard to combine