

# Frobenius-Eilenberg-Moore objects in dagger 2-categories

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*A note on Frobenius-Eilenberg-Moore objects in dagger 2-categories*  
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# The formal definition of monads

The *formal definition of monads* due to Benábou (1967).

A *monad* in a 2-category  $\mathcal{K}$  is a monoid object  $(A, s, \mu, \eta) = (A, s)$  in the category  $\mathcal{K}(A, A)$ , for some  $A \in \mathcal{K}$ .

**Equivalently:** A monad in a 2-category  $\mathcal{K}$  is a lax functor  $\mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  from the terminal 2-category  $\mathbf{1}$  to  $\mathcal{K}$ .

For each 2-category  $\mathcal{K}$ , this defines a 2-category

$$\mathbf{Mnd}(\mathcal{K}) = \mathbf{LaxFun}(\mathbf{1}, \mathcal{K})$$

# EM-objects

## Eilenberg-Moore objects (Street, 1972)

For each monad  $(A, s)$  in a 2-category  $\mathcal{K}$ , there is a 2-functor

$$\mathcal{K}^{\text{op}} \longrightarrow \text{Cat} : X \longmapsto \mathcal{K}(X, A)^{\mathcal{K}(X, s)}$$

If this 2-functor is representable,  $A^s$  is the representing object, and is called the *Eilenberg-Moore (EM) object* of the monad  $(A, s)$ .

That is,

$$\mathcal{K}(X, A^s) \cong \mathcal{K}(X, A)^{\mathcal{K}(X, s)}$$

2-naturally in the arguments.

**Example:** in 2-category  $\text{Cat}$ , EM-objects are usual Eilenberg-Moore categories for the monad.

# The construction of EM-algebras

A 2-category  $\mathcal{K}$  admits the *construction of EM-algebras* when the obvious inclusion 2-functor

$$\mathcal{K} \longrightarrow \text{Mnd}(\mathcal{K}) : X \longmapsto (X, 1)$$

has a right adjoint  $\text{EM} : \text{Mnd}(\mathcal{K}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{K}$ .

**Fact:** For a monad  $(A, s)$  in  $\mathcal{K}$

$$\text{Mnd}(\mathcal{K})((X, 1), (A, s)) \cong \mathcal{K}(X, A)^{\mathcal{K}(X, s)}$$

Therefore,

**Theorem**

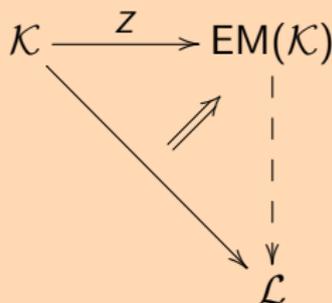
*$\mathcal{K}$  admits the construction of EM-algebras if and only if  $\mathcal{K}$  has all EM-objects.*

# Free completion under EM-objects

EM objects are weighted limits (Street, 1976)  $\implies$  free completion under EM objects.

Theorem (Lack & Street, 2002)

*For a 2-category  $\mathcal{K}$ , there is a 2-category  $\text{EM}(\mathcal{K})$  having EM-objects and fully faithful  $Z : \mathcal{K} \longrightarrow \text{EM}(\mathcal{K})$  with*



## Free completion, cont.

The Eilenberg-Moore completion can also be given an explicit description (Lack & Street, 2002).  $\text{EM}(\mathcal{K})$  has:

- objects as monads  $(A, s)$  of  $\mathcal{K}$
- 1-cells as morphisms of monads  $(u, \phi) : (A, s) \longrightarrow (B, t)$
- 2-cells  $\rho : (u, \phi) \longrightarrow (v, \psi)$  as 2-cells  $\rho$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  suitably commuting with a “Kleisli composition”.

In general,  $\text{EM}(\mathcal{K}) \not\cong \text{Mnd}(\mathcal{K})$

**But:**  $E : \text{Mnd}(\mathcal{K}) \longrightarrow \text{EM}(\mathcal{K})$ , which is identity on 0- and 1-cells

# Frobenius monads

A monad  $(X, t, \mu, \eta)$  in a 2-category  $\mathcal{K}$  is a *Frobenius monad* if there is a comonad  $(X, t, \delta, \epsilon)$  such that the *Frobenius law* is satisfied:

$$t\mu \cdot \delta t = \delta \cdot \mu = \mu t \cdot t\delta$$

**Example:** One-object 2-category  $\Sigma(\mathbf{Vect}_k)$  = the suspension and strictification of  $\mathbf{Vect}_k$ . A Frobenius monad in  $\Sigma(\mathbf{Vect}_k)$  is just usual notion of a Frobenius algebra; that is, a  $k$ -algebra  $A$  with a nondegenerate bilinear form  $\sigma : A \times A \rightarrow k$  that satisfies:

$$\sigma(ab, c) = \sigma(a, bc)$$

## Frobenius monads, cont.

### Theorem (Lauda, 2006)

*For 1-cells  $f : A \longrightarrow B$  and  $u : B \longrightarrow A$  in a 2-category  $\mathcal{K}$ , if  $f \dashv u \dashv f$  is an ambidextrous adjunction, then the monad  $uf$  generated by the adjunction is a Frobenius monad.*

### Corollary (Lauda, 2006)

*Given a Frobenius monad  $(X, t)$  in a 2-category  $\mathcal{K}$ , in  $\text{EM}(\mathcal{K})$  the left adjoint  $f^t : X \longrightarrow X^t$  to the forgetful 1-cell  $u^t : X^t \longrightarrow X$  is also right adjoint to  $u^t$ . Hence, the Frobenius monad  $(X, t)$  is generated by an ambidextrous adjunction in  $\text{EM}(\mathcal{K})$ .*

In particular, every Frobenius algebra (and hence every 2D TQFT) is generated by an ambidextrous adjunction in  $\text{EM}(\Sigma(\mathbf{Vect}_k))$ .

# Characterising Frobenius algebras

**Question:** Under appropriate conditions, can we more directly characterize Frobenius objects in a monoidal category? That is, via construction?

- Given a Frobenius monad, can we define an appropriate notion of a “Frobenius-Eilenberg-Moore object”?
- Can we describe FEM-objects as some kind of limit as well as the completion of a 2-category under such FEM-objects like is done for the EM construction?
- Is there an explicit description of this FEM-completion similar to the EM-completion?

# Frobenius categories

**Theory of accessible categories:** A category  $\mathbf{C}$  is *accessible* if it is equivalent to  $\text{Ind}(\mathbf{S})$  for some category  $\mathbf{S}$ .

**Theory of locally connected categories:** A category  $\mathbf{C}$  is *locally connected* if it is equivalent to  $\text{Fam}(\mathbf{S})$  for some category  $\mathbf{S}$ .

**Question:** Can we develop the theory of *Frobenius categories*, i.e. A category  $\mathbf{C}$  is *Frobenius* if it is equivalent to  $\text{FEM}(\mathbf{S})$  for some category  $\mathbf{S}$ .

# Wreaths

A *wreath*  $((A, t), (s, \lambda), \sigma, \nu)$  is an object of  $\text{EM}(\text{EM}(\mathcal{K}))$ .

**Examples:** The crossed product of Hopf algebras, factorization systems on categories.

EM is an endo-2-functor  $2\text{-Cat} \rightarrow 2\text{-Cat}$ , the universal property of the EM construction determines a 2-functor

$$\text{wr}_{\mathcal{K}} : \text{EM}(\text{EM}(\mathcal{K})) \rightarrow \text{EM}(\mathcal{K})$$

called the *wreath product*, and there is the embedding 2-functor

$$\text{id}_{\mathcal{K}} : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \text{EM}(\mathcal{K})$$

sending objects in  $\mathcal{K}$  to the identity monad on them. In total  $(\text{EM}, \text{wr}, \text{id})$  is a 2-monad.

# Frobenius wreaths

A wreath  $((A, t), (s, \lambda), \sigma, \nu)$  in a 2-category  $\mathcal{K}$  is called *Frobenius* when, considered as a monad in  $\text{EM}(\mathcal{K})$ , it is a Frobenius monad.

Theorem (Street, 2004)

*The wreath product of a Frobenius wreath on a Frobenius monad is Frobenius.*

For our proposed FEM construction and its universal property, this result is immediate since:

$$\text{wr}_{\mathcal{D}} : \text{FEM}(\text{FEM}(\mathcal{D})) \longrightarrow \text{FEM}(\mathcal{D})$$

# Dagger categories

A *dagger category*  $\mathbf{D}$  is a category with an involutive functor  $\dagger : \mathbf{D}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$  which is the identity on objects.

A *dagger functor* between dagger categories is a functor which preserves daggers.

A *monoidal dagger category* is a dagger category that is also a monoidal category, satisfying  $(f \otimes g)^\dagger = f^\dagger \otimes g^\dagger$  and, whose coherence morphisms are *unitary*.

## Examples:

- Any groupoid, with  $f^\dagger = f^{-1}$ .
- The category **Hilb** of complex Hilbert spaces and bounded linear maps, taking the dagger of  $f : A \rightarrow B$  to be its adjoint, i.e. the unique linear map  $f^\dagger : B \rightarrow A$  satisfying  $\langle f(a), b \rangle = \langle a, f^\dagger(b) \rangle$  for all  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ .

# Dagger 2-categories

A 2-category  $\mathcal{D}$  is a *dagger 2-category* when the hom-categories  $\mathcal{D}(A, B)$  are dagger categories, and horizontal and vertical composition commute with daggers.

**Example:** The dagger 2-category  $\text{DagCat}$  of dagger categories, dagger functors and natural transformations.

A 2-functor is a *dagger 2-functor* when each of its component functors are dagger functors.

# Dagger Frobenius monads

A monad  $(D, t, \mu, \eta)$  in a dagger 2-category  $\mathcal{D}$  is a *dagger Frobenius monad* (Heunen and Karvonen, 2016) if the Frobenius law is satisfied:

$$t\mu \cdot \mu^\dagger t = \mu^\dagger \cdot \mu = \mu t \cdot t\mu^\dagger$$

**Example:** A *dagger Frobenius monoid* in a monoidal dagger category  $\mathbf{D}$  is a monoid which satisfies the Frobenius law. In fact:

$B$  dagger Frobenius monoid  $\iff - \otimes B$  dagger Frobenius monad

## Frobenius-Eilenberg-Moore algebras (Heunen & Karvonen, 2016)

A *Frobenius-Eilenberg-Moore algebra* for a dagger Frobenius monad  $(T, \mu, \eta)$  is an Eilenberg-Moore algebra  $(D, \delta)$  for  $T$ , such that:

$$\mu_D \cdot T(\delta)^\dagger = T(\delta) \cdot \mu_D^\dagger$$

**Example:** Free algebras for a dagger Frobenius monad are FEM-algebras.

$\text{FEM}(\mathbf{D}, T) \subseteq \mathbf{D}^T$  is the “largest” subcategory of  $\mathbf{D}^T$  having a dagger.

**Example** (Heunen & Karvonen, 2016): If  $B$  is a dagger Frobenius monoid in  $\mathbf{FHilb}$ , a FEM-algebra  $(D, \delta)$  for the dagger Frobenius monad

$$T = - \otimes B : \mathbf{FHilb} \longrightarrow \mathbf{FHilb}$$

corresponds precisely to *quantum measurements* on  $D$ : orthogonal projections on  $D$  that sum to the identity.

## Lemma

Let  $T$  be a dagger Frobenius monad. An EM-algebra  $(D, \delta)$  is a FEM-algebra if and only if

$$\delta^\dagger : D \longrightarrow T(D)$$

is a homomorphism of EM-algebras  $(D, \delta) \longrightarrow (T(D), \mu_D)$ .

**Proof** (one direction): A morphism  $f$  is *self-adjoint* if  $f^\dagger = f$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T(D) & \xrightarrow{T(\delta^\dagger)} & T^2(D) \\
 \delta \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu_D \\
 D & \xrightarrow{\delta^\dagger} & T(D)
 \end{array}
 \implies \mu_D \cdot T(\delta^\dagger) = \delta^\dagger \cdot \delta = T(\delta) \cdot \mu_D^\dagger$$

# Dagger Frobenius monads

The dagger 2-category  $\text{DFMnd}(\mathcal{D})$  should obey a “daggerfied” universal property: for a dagger Frobenius monad  $(D, t, \mu, \eta)$  in  $\mathcal{D}$

$$\text{DFMnd}(\mathcal{D})((X, 1), (D, t)) \cong \text{FEM}(\mathcal{D}(X, D), \mathcal{D}(X, t))$$

That is,  $(f : X \rightarrow D, \sigma : tf \rightarrow f)$  is a FEM-algebra for  $\mathcal{D}(X, t)$  iff:

A commutative square diagram with nodes  $ttf$ ,  $tf$ ,  $tf$ , and  $f$ . The top-left node is  $ttf$ . Two arrows originate from  $ttf$ : one pointing to the top-right node  $tf$  labeled  $t\sigma$ , and one pointing to the bottom-left node  $tf$  labeled  $\mu f$ . The top-right node  $tf$  has an arrow pointing to the top-right node  $f$  labeled  $\sigma$ . The bottom-left node  $tf$  has an arrow pointing to the bottom-right node  $f$  labeled  $\sigma$ . The right side of the square is a double vertical line connecting the two  $f$  nodes.

A commutative triangle diagram with nodes  $tf$ ,  $f$ , and  $f$ . The top-left node is  $tf$ , the top-right node is  $f$ , and the bottom node is  $f$ . An arrow points from  $tf$  to  $f$  (top-right) labeled  $\sigma$ . An arrow points from  $f$  (bottom) to  $tf$  labeled  $\eta f$ . The right side of the triangle is a double line connecting the two  $f$  nodes.

## Dagger Frobenius monads, cont.

But also by previous lemma

$$\sigma^\dagger : (f, \sigma) \longrightarrow (\mathcal{D}(X, t)(f), \mathcal{D}(X, \mu)(f)) = (tf, \mu f)$$

is a homomorphism of Eilenberg-Moore algebras for the monad  $\mathcal{D}(X, t)$ .

$$\sigma^\dagger \cdot \sigma = \mu f \cdot t\sigma^\dagger$$

$\iff$

A commutative diagram with four nodes:  $tf$  (top-left),  $f$  (top-right),  $t\sigma^\dagger$  (bottom-left), and  $tf$  (bottom-right).  
- An arrow labeled  $\sigma$  points from  $tf$  to  $f$ .  
- An arrow labeled  $t\sigma^\dagger$  points from  $tf$  to  $t\sigma^\dagger$ .  
- A double arrow labeled  $\mu f$  points from  $f$  to  $tf$ .  
- A double arrow labeled  $\mu f$  points from  $t\sigma^\dagger$  to  $tf$ .  
- A vertical arrow labeled  $\sigma^\dagger$  points from  $f$  to  $tf$ .

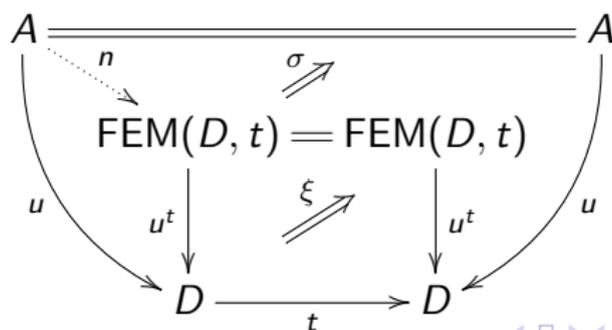
# Dagger lax functors

A *dagger lax functor*  $F : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  between dagger 2-categories is a lax functor satisfying an additional *Frobenius axiom*...

**Equivalently:** A dagger Frobenius monad in a dagger 2-category  $\mathcal{D}$  is a dagger lax functor  $\mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  from the terminal 2-category  $\mathbf{1}$  to  $\mathcal{D}$ . So

$$\text{DFMnd}(\mathcal{D}) = \text{DagLaxFun}(\mathbf{1}, \mathcal{D})$$

*Dagger lax-natural transformations, dagger lax modifications, dagger lax limits,...*



## Frobenius-Eilenberg-Moore objects

For each dagger Frobenius monad  $(D, t)$  in a dagger 2-category  $\mathcal{D}$ , there is a dagger 2-functor

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}^{\text{op}} &\longrightarrow \text{DagCat} \\ X &\longmapsto \text{FEM}(\mathcal{D}(X, D), \mathcal{D}(X, t))\end{aligned}$$

If this dagger 2-functor is representable,  $\text{FEM}(D, t)$  is the representing object, and is called the *Frobenius-Eilenberg-Moore (FEM) object* of  $(D, t)$ .

That is,

$$\mathcal{D}(X, \text{FEM}(D, t)) \cong \text{FEM}(\mathcal{D}(X, D), \mathcal{D}(X, t))$$

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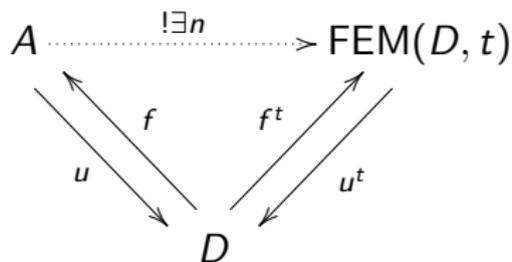
# Important properties

## Theorem

$FEM(\mathbf{D}, T)$  is FEM-object for a dagger Frobenius monad  $(\mathbf{D}, T)$  in  $\text{DagCat}$ .

## Theorem

Suppose  $(D, t)$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  generated by the adjunction  $f \dashv u : D \longrightarrow A$  has a FEM-object. Then, there exists a unique 1-cell  $n : A \longrightarrow FEM(D, t)$  – called the right comparison 1-cell – such that  $u^t n = u$  and  $nf = f^t$ .



## Frobenius-Kleisli objects

A *Frobenius-Kleisli object* for a dagger Frobenius monad  $(D, t)$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  is dual to  $\text{FEM}(D, t)$ . Denoted  $\text{FK}(D, t)$ . In particular

$$\mathcal{D}(\text{FK}(D, t), X) \cong \text{FEM}(\mathcal{D}(D, X), \mathcal{D}(t, X))$$

2-natural in each of the arguments.

## Theorem

*Each dagger Frobenius monad  $T = (T, \mu, \eta)$  on a dagger category  $\mathbf{D}$  has an FK-object, which is the Kleisli category  $\mathbf{D}_T$  of the monad  $T$ .*

# Free cocompletions

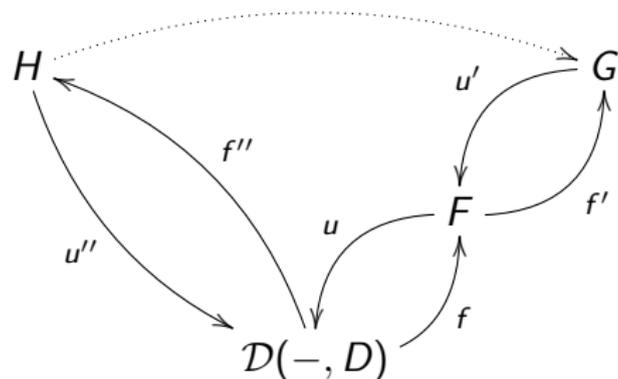
Kelly (2005) provides very general theory of cocompletions. Hard (impossible?) to transfer to the dagger context (e.g. Karvonen, 2019)

Build closure  $\overline{\mathcal{K}}$  via transfinite process: take  $[\mathcal{K}^{\text{op}}, \text{Cat}]$  and start with representables. At each stage, add colimits of the previous stage.

**Plan:** imitate this for FK-objects without general theory.

## Free cocompletions, cont.

Transfinite process ends in after one step. **Proof:** In  $[\mathcal{D}^{\text{op}}, \text{DagCat}]$



$\text{FK}(\mathcal{D})$  is replete, full dagger-sub-2-category of  $[\mathcal{D}^{\text{op}}, \text{DagCat}]$  of objects resulting from the single step.

## Explicit definition

We want  $\text{FEM}(\mathcal{D}) = \text{KL}(\mathcal{D}^{\text{op}})^{\text{op}}$ . So we define  $\text{FEM}(\mathcal{D})$  as:

- 0-cells are dagger Frobenius monads in  $\mathcal{D}$
- 1-cells are the same as 1-cells in  $\text{DFMnd}(\mathcal{D})$
- A 2-cell  $(f, \sigma) \rightarrow (g, \gamma) : (D, t) \rightarrow (C, s)$  is a 2-cell  $\alpha : f \rightarrow gt$  in  $\mathcal{D}$  suitably commuting with a “Kleisli composition”.

There is an embedding  $I : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \text{FEM}(\mathcal{D})$ ,  $D \mapsto (D, 1)$ .

## Explicit definition, cont.

### Theorem

When a dagger 2-category  $\mathcal{C}$  has FEM-objects, there is an equivalence of categories  $\text{FEM}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ .

**Proof:** By bijection of mates under the adjunction  $f^t \dashv u^t$  in  $\mathcal{D}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (D, t) & & \\ (f, \sigma) \swarrow \alpha \searrow & & \\ (C, s) & & \end{array} \quad \mapsto \quad \begin{array}{ccc} & \bar{f} & \\ & \curvearrowright & \\ \text{FEM}(D, t) & \downarrow \rho & \text{FEM}(C, s) \\ & \bar{g} & \\ & \curvearrowleft & \\ D & \xrightarrow{f} & C \\ & \curvearrowright & \\ & g & \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \downarrow u^t \\ \\ \downarrow u^s \end{array}$$

# Universal property of FEM construction

## Theorem

For a dagger 2-category  $\mathcal{D}$ , and  $\mathcal{C}$  a dagger 2-category with FEM-objects, each dagger 2-functor extends to a FEM-object preserving 2-functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{D} & \xrightarrow{I} & \text{FEM}(\mathcal{D}) \\ & \searrow & \uparrow \\ & & \mathcal{C} \end{array}$$

That is,

$$[\text{FEM}(\mathcal{D}), \mathcal{C}]_{\text{FEM}} \approx [\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{C}]$$

# Examples

Calculate  $FEM(\Sigma(\mathbf{FHilb}))$ :

0-cells: (Heunen & Vicary, 2019)

Let  $\mathbf{G}$  be a finite groupoid, and  $G$  its set of objects. The assignments

$$1 \mapsto \sum_{A \in G} \text{id}_A \quad f \otimes g \mapsto \begin{cases} f \cdot g & \text{if } f \cdot g \text{ is defined} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

define a dagger Frobenius monoid in  $\mathbf{FHilb}$ . Any dagger Frobenius monoid in  $\mathbf{FHilb}$  is of this form.

1-cells: Any isometry  $f : A \rightarrow B$  between 0-cells preserving (co)multiplication and the unit. More generally, seem to be related to the *unitary transformations of fibre functors* of D. Verdon.

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