

# Nominal PROPs

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# Overview

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# Partially Monoidal Categories

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Monoidal categories are models of resources

In some models partiality arises naturally

Example: Memory allocation

Example: Simultaneous substitutions

# 2-Dimensional Calculus of Simultaneous Substitutions

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horizontal/sequential composition:  $[a \mapsto b] ; [b \mapsto c] = [a \mapsto c]$

vertical/parallel composition:  $[a \mapsto b] \oplus [c \mapsto d] = [a \mapsto b, c \mapsto d]$

$\oplus$  is partial since the following is not allowed:  $[a \mapsto b] \oplus [a \mapsto c]$

semantics: functions  $f : \{a, c\} \rightarrow \{b, d\}$

# Semantics of Simultaneous Substitutions

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The category  $n\mathbb{F}$  of finite subsets of a countably infinite set  $\mathcal{N}$  of ‘names’ or ‘variables’.

$n\mathbb{F}$  is equivalent to the category  $\mathbb{F}$  of finite cardinals with all functions.



So why do we care of representing  $n\mathbb{F}$  as opposed to  $\mathbb{F}$ ?

- Syntax is not invariant under isomorphism, see variables vs de Bruin indices in  $\lambda$ -calculus.
- $n\mathbb{F}$  has more structure, namely that of a **nominal category**, and this structure is not preserved by the equivalence.
- in other words:  $\mathbb{F} \dashrightarrow n\mathbb{F}$  is not an internal functor in the category **Nom** of **nominal sets**.

# Internal Monoidal Categories

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What is the relevant structure of  $\mathbf{nF}$  ?

It is an **internal monoidal category** in  $(\mathbf{Nom}, 1, *)$  where  $*$  is the so-called separated product of nominal sets.

To make this precise we need to show that we can extend the monoidal operation

$$* : \mathbf{Nom} \times \mathbf{Nom} \rightarrow \mathbf{Nom}$$

to an operation

$$* : \mathbf{Cat}(\mathbf{Nom}) \times \mathbf{Cat}(\mathbf{Nom}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}(\mathbf{Nom})$$

on internal categories in  $\mathbf{Nom}$ .

In the following we generalise from  $\mathbf{Nom}$  to  $\mathcal{V}$  and only assume that  $(\mathcal{V}, I, \otimes)$  is a monoidal category with finite limits in which  $I$  is the terminal object.

# Internal Monoidal Categories

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pull back the internal category

$$(\mathbb{C}_1 \times \mathbb{D}_1, \mathbb{C}_0 \times \mathbb{D}_0)$$

along

$$\mathbb{C}_0 \otimes \mathbb{D}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_0 \times \mathbb{D}_0$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 (\mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{D})_1 & \overset{\text{---}}{\longrightarrow} & \mathbb{C}_1 \times \mathbb{D}_1 \\
 \begin{array}{c} \text{dom} \\ \vdots \\ \text{cod} \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} \text{dom} \\ \downarrow \\ \text{cod} \end{array} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathbb{C}_0 \otimes \mathbb{D}_0 & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{C}_0 \times \mathbb{D}_0
 \end{array} \tag{1}$$

Lifting  $\mathbb{C}_0 \otimes \mathbb{D}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_0 \times \mathbb{D}_0$  to  $\mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{D}$  has a universal property

**Lemma 1:** The forgetful functor  $\text{Cat}(\mathcal{V}) \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  is a fibration.

Where:  $\text{Cat}(\mathcal{V})$  is the category of internal categories in  $\mathcal{V}$ .

# Internal Monoidal Categories, cont'd

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But we need more, namely that

$$\mathbb{C}_0 \otimes \mathbb{D}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_0 \times \mathbb{D}_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{C} \otimes \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{D}$$

are *natural transformations*.

Hence, we extend the previous lemma to functor categories:

**Lemma 2:** If  $P : \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is a fibration, then  $P^{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{E}^{\mathcal{A}} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}^{\mathcal{A}}$  is a fibration.

**Theorem:** Let  $(\mathcal{V}, 1, \otimes)$  be a (symmetric) monoidal category with finite limits in which the monoidal unit is the terminal object.  $(\text{Cat}(\mathcal{V}), 1, \otimes)$  inherits from  $(\mathcal{V}, 1, \otimes)$  the structure of a (symmetric) monoidal category with finite limits in which the monoidal unit is the terminal object,



# Internal Monoidal Categories, cont'd

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**Definition:** A strict internal monoidal category  $\mathbb{C}$  is a monoid  $(\mathbb{C}, \emptyset, \odot)$  in  $(\text{Cat}(\mathcal{V}), 1, \otimes)$ .

**Example:** The category  $n\mathbb{F}$  of finite subsets of a set  $\mathcal{N}$  of names is an internal monoidal category in  $(\text{Nom}, 1, *)$ , where

$$* : \text{Cat}(\text{Nom}) \times \text{Cat}(\text{Nom}) \rightarrow \text{Cat}(\text{Nom})$$

$$\uplus : n\mathbb{F} * n\mathbb{F} \rightarrow n\mathbb{F}$$

$n\mathbb{F} * n\mathbb{F}$  has objects: pairs of disjoint sets

arrows: pairs of functions with disjoint domains and disjoint codomains

$\uplus$  is disjoint union, partial wrt to  $n\mathbb{F} \times n\mathbb{F} \rightarrow n\mathbb{F}$  but total wrt  $n\mathbb{F} * n\mathbb{F} \rightarrow n\mathbb{F}$

# Nominal PROPs

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**Definition:** A nominal PROP is strict internal monoidal category in  $(\text{Nom}, 1, *)$  which has finite subsets of  $\mathcal{N}$  as objects (supported by themselves) and all bijections as arrows. A morphism of nominal PROPs is an internal strict monoidal functor that preserves bijections.

# Equivalence of PROPs and nominal PROPs

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**Definition/Proposition:** For any PROP  $\mathcal{S}$ , there is an nPROP

$$NOM(\mathcal{S})$$

that has for all arrows  $f : \underline{n} \rightarrow \underline{m}$  of  $\mathcal{S}$ , and for all lists  $\mathbf{a} = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$  and  $\mathbf{b} = [b_1, \dots, b_m]$  arrows  $[\mathbf{a}]f\langle\mathbf{b}\rangle$ . These arrows are subject to equations

$$[\mathbf{a}]f; g\langle\mathbf{c}\rangle = [\mathbf{a}]f\langle\mathbf{b}\rangle; [\mathbf{b}]g\langle\mathbf{c}\rangle \quad (\text{NOM-1})$$

$$[\mathbf{a} \uplus \mathbf{c}]f \oplus g\langle\mathbf{b} \uplus \mathbf{d}\rangle = [\mathbf{a}]f\langle\mathbf{b}\rangle \uplus [\mathbf{c}]g\langle\mathbf{d}\rangle \quad (\text{NOM-2})$$

$$[\mathbf{a}]id\langle\mathbf{b}\rangle = [\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{b}] \quad (\text{NOM-3})$$

$$[\mathbf{a}] \langle\mathbf{b}|\mathbf{b}'\rangle; f\langle\mathbf{c}\rangle = [\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{b}]; [\mathbf{b}']f\langle\mathbf{c}\rangle \quad (\text{NOM-4})$$

$$[\mathbf{a}]f; \langle\mathbf{b}|\mathbf{b}'\rangle\langle\mathbf{c}\rangle = [\mathbf{a}]f\langle\mathbf{b}\rangle; [\mathbf{b}'|\mathbf{c}] \quad (\text{NOM-5})$$

# Equivalence of PROPs and nominal PROPs, cont'd

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**Definition/Proposition:** For any nPROP  $\mathcal{T}$  there is a PROP

$$ORD(\mathcal{T})$$

that has for all arrows  $f : A \rightarrow B$  of  $\mathcal{T}$ , and for all lists  $\mathbf{a} = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$  and  $\mathbf{b} = [b_1, \dots, b_m]$  arrows  $\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle f \langle \mathbf{b} \rangle$ . These arrows are subject to equations

$$\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle f ; g \langle \mathbf{c} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{a} \rangle f \langle \mathbf{b} \rangle ; \langle \mathbf{b} \rangle g \langle \mathbf{c} \rangle \quad (\text{ORD-1})$$

$$\langle \mathbf{a}_f \uplus \mathbf{a}_g \rangle f \uplus g \langle \mathbf{b}_f \uplus \mathbf{b}_g \rangle = \langle \mathbf{a}_f \rangle f \langle \mathbf{b}_f \rangle \oplus \langle \mathbf{a}_g \rangle g \langle \mathbf{b}_g \rangle \quad (\text{ORD-2})$$

$$\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle id \langle \mathbf{a} \rangle = id \quad (\text{ORD-3})$$

$$\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle [\mathbf{a}' | \mathbf{b}] ; f \langle \mathbf{c} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{a} | \mathbf{a}' \rangle ; \langle \mathbf{b} \rangle f \langle \mathbf{c} \rangle \quad (\text{ORD-4})$$

$$\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle f ; [\mathbf{b} | \mathbf{c}] \langle \mathbf{c}' \rangle = \langle \mathbf{a} \rangle f \langle \mathbf{b} \rangle ; \langle \mathbf{c} | \mathbf{c}' \rangle \quad (\text{ORD-5})$$

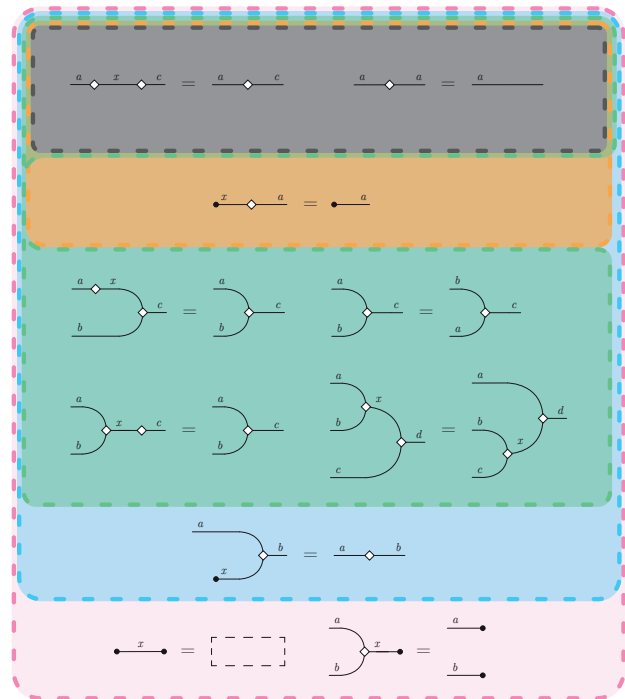
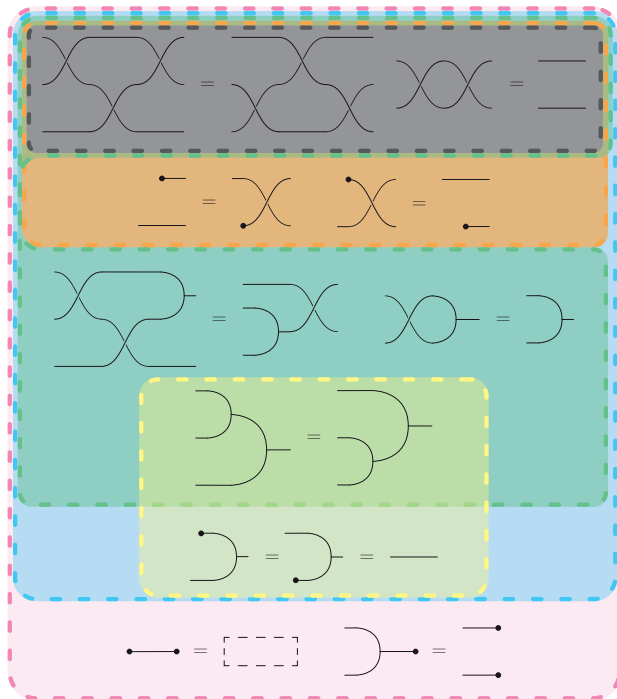
# Equivalence of PROPs and nominal PROPs, cont'd

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**Theorem:** The categories PROP and nPROP are equivalent.

**Remark:** The interesting part of the proof is to show how commutativity of  $\oplus$  in nPROPs and naturality of symmetries in PROPs correspond to each other.

# Equivalence of PROPs and nominal PROPs, cont'd



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