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Algebraic Theories and Equational Logics

(Rough Notes for an MFPS Tutorial Lecture)

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Abstract

The tutorial is organised in two parts. In the first part, I will review the basic theory of universal algebra; presenting the syntax and semantics of algebraic theories and their associated equational logic from the general perspective of categorical algebra. In the second part, I will show how to enrich the setting to provide an algebraic treatment of binding operators and substitution on top of which I will discuss second-order algebraic theories and their associated equational logic.

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Part I: 1st order (Universal algebra)

Part II: 2nd order (Simple Type Theory)

prequel

sequel

to MFPS paper [FH]

prequel to L21 paper. [F08]

Algebraic Theories

Equational Logic

model theory

logical theory

mathematical structures (algebras)

formal language

Semantics

Syntax

(dichotomy)

← interpretation

soundness = formal non-probation makes sense in all models

completeness = what makes sense in all models is actually formal non-probation

1. Universal algebra (algebraic mathematical structure).

Example: Groups

- carrier set: G
- operations: $e \in G$
 $m: G \times G \rightarrow G$
 $i: G \rightarrow G$
- axioms:
such that
 $\forall x \in G. m(x, e) = x$
...

2. Equational logic (formal language)

for reasoning about algebraic structure.

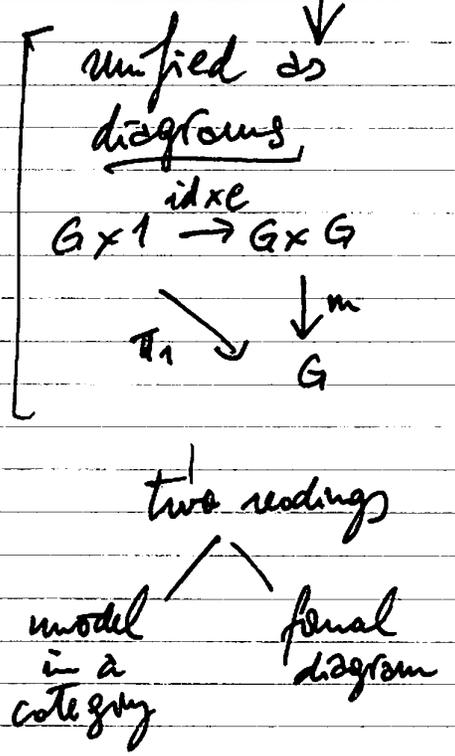
- sorts: G
- operations: $\frac{e}{m}: G, G \rightarrow G$
 $i: G \rightarrow G$ [TERMS]
- axioms $\Sigma: G \vdash m(x, e) = x : G$
...

Equational reasoning:

Rules for Equiv. Rel. + Axioms
+ Substitution

$$\frac{x_1 \dots x_n \vdash u \equiv v \quad \Pi \vdash u_i \equiv v_i \ (i=1..n)}{\Pi \vdash u[x_1 \dots x_n] \equiv v[x_1 \dots x_n]}$$

[SUBSTITUTION]



3. Syntactic structure: Signatures

Specification of operators/ operations

$$m: G, G \rightarrow G \quad m: G \times G \rightarrow G$$

arity \mapsto arity-coded case = a natural number indicating the number of arguments that the operator takes.

Signature:
 \hookrightarrow sets of operators indexed by their arities.
 $\{\Sigma(n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

4. Syntactic structure: Terms.

(i) Concrete presentation

$$\frac{x \in V}{\langle x \rangle \in TV}$$

$$\frac{t_i \in TV}{f(t_1 - t_n) \in TV} \quad (f \in \Sigma(n))$$

(An inductive definition \leadsto structural induction)

(ii) Model-theoretic universal characterisation.

Σ -algebras (Universal algebras).

• carriers: A

• operations: $\{ \llbracket f \rrbracket_A : A^n \rightarrow A \}_{f \in \Sigma(n), n \in \mathbb{N}}$

• homomorphisms: maps that commute with interpretations.

- TV is ^{counitally} a Σ -algebra:

purely formal / syntactic
interpretation

$$\llbracket f \rrbracket : (TV)^n \rightarrow TV : t_1 - t_n \mapsto f(t_1 - t_n)$$

- $(TV, \llbracket - \rrbracket)$ is the free Σ -algebra on V :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} V & \xrightarrow{\llbracket - \rrbracket} & TV \\ & \searrow f & \vdots f^\# \\ & & A \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (TV, \llbracket - \rrbracket) & & \\ \downarrow \exists! f^\# & & \\ (A, \llbracket - \rrbracket_A) & & \end{array}$$

no universal (implementation-independent) description.
no structural induction principle.

$$f^\# \llbracket x \rrbracket = f(x)$$

$$f^\# (\llbracket t_1 - t_n \rrbracket)$$

$$= \llbracket \sigma \rrbracket_A (f^\# t_1 - f^\# t_n)$$

5. Algebras (for an endofunctor).
 Categorical (abstract) view:

$$\{ [f]_x : A^n \rightarrow A \mid f \in \Sigma(n), n \in \mathbb{N} \}$$

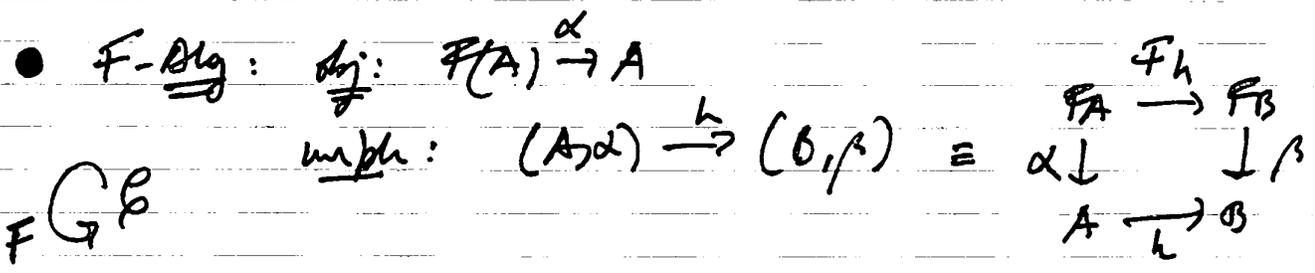
$$\cong \left(\coprod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \coprod_{f \in \Sigma(n)} A^n \right) \rightarrow A$$

// def

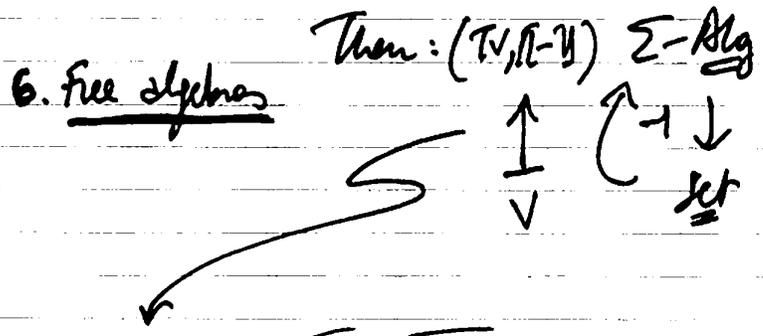
$$\Sigma(A) (= \coprod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Sigma(n) \cdot X^n)$$

NB: makes sense quite generally.

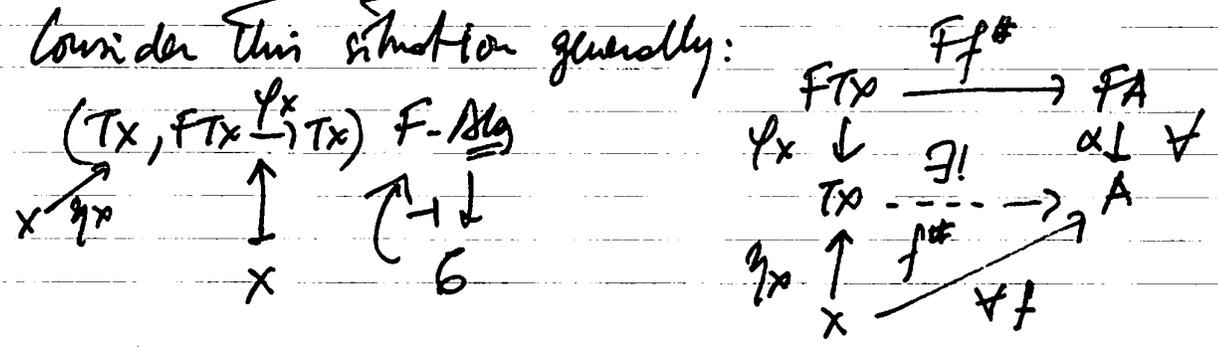
$\cong \Sigma(A) \rightarrow A \sim$ algebra for an endofunctor.



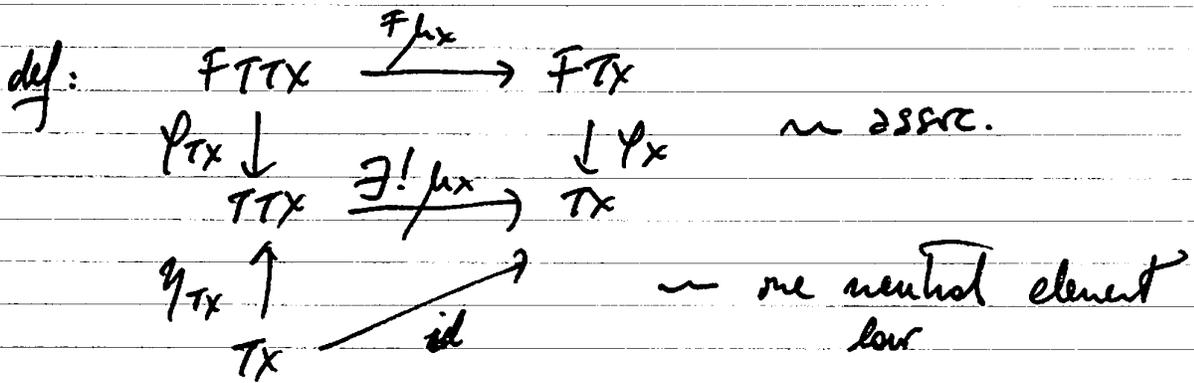
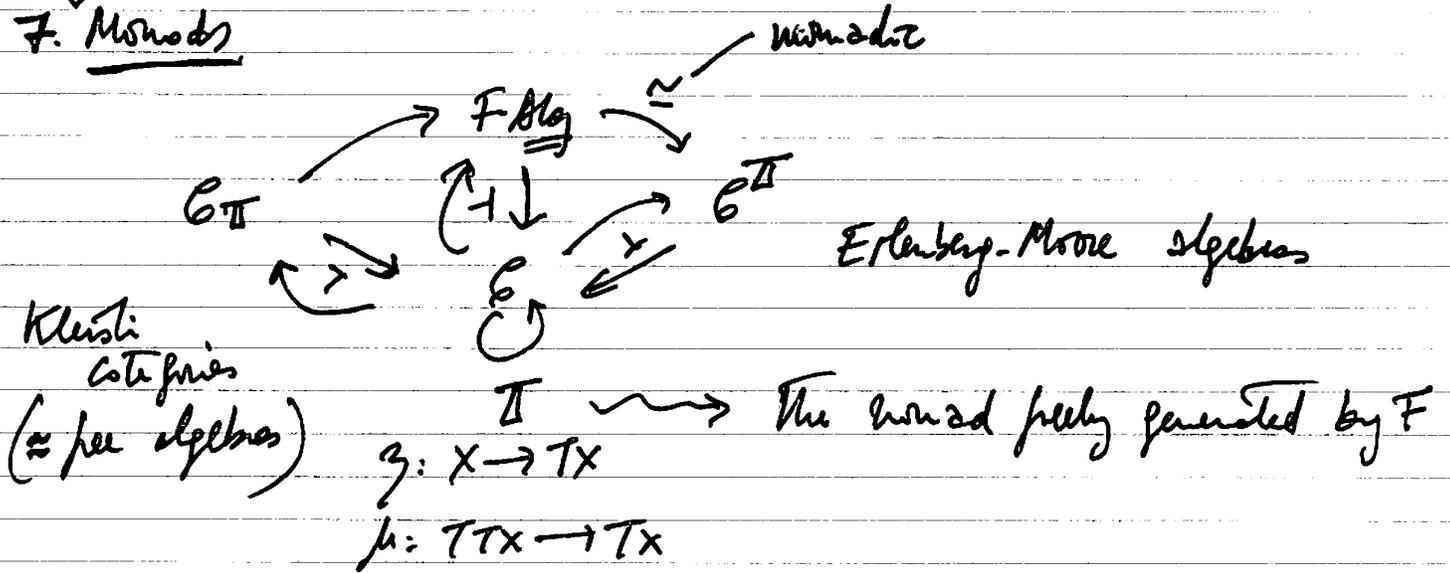
Exercise: Show that the two notions of Σ -algebra homomorphism coincide.



Consider this situation generally:



(Free)
F. Monads



(Monad structure = substitution structure).

8. Strengths [Kock]: allow the introduction of parameters.
(e.g. parameterised initiality).

st: $F(X) \times Y \rightarrow F(X \times Y)$
 \hookrightarrow natural and coherent with the cartesian (tensor) structure

Example/Exercise: The endofunctor induced by a signature is canonically strong.

Prop: The strength on an endofunctor canonically extends to a monad strength on the free monad on the endofunctor.

parameterized injectivity:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F(Tx) \times Y & \xrightarrow{st} & F(T(x) \times Y) \\
 \downarrow \eta_x \times id & & \downarrow Ff^\# \\
 T(x) \times Y & \xrightarrow{f!} & A \\
 \uparrow \eta_x \times id & \nearrow f^\# & \\
 X \times Y & \xrightarrow{\forall f} &
 \end{array}$$

Proof (of Prop.):

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F(Tx) \times Y & \xrightarrow{st} & F(T(x) \times Y) \xrightarrow{F(st^\#)} & F(T(x \times Y)) \\
 \downarrow \eta_x \times id & & & \downarrow \eta_{x \times Y} \\
 T(x) \times Y & \xrightarrow{st^\#} & T(x \times Y) \\
 \uparrow \eta_x \times id & \nearrow \eta_{x \times Y} & \\
 X \times Y & &
 \end{array}$$

Exercise: Show that $st^\#$ is a monad strength, i.e. compatible with the monad structure.

9. Substitution

A strong monad (T, st, η, μ) yields substitution structure (see e.g. [ICMS])

$$\begin{cases}
 \eta_V: V \rightarrow TV \\
 \sigma: T(V) \times (TV)^V \rightarrow TV
 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \downarrow st & \xrightarrow{def} & \uparrow \eta_U \\
 & T(V \times (TV)^V) & \rightarrow & TTV \\
 & \text{Total} & &
 \end{array}$$

Example: Let T be the free monad on a signature endofunctor.

Exercise: State and establish the laws of substitution.

Exercise: Establish the equivalence between monad structure and substitution structure.

(That:

$$T^2 X \cong T(X) \times 1 \xrightarrow{id \times \tau id} T(X) \times T(X) \xrightarrow{\sigma} TX$$

$\swarrow \text{def}$
 $\searrow \mu$

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Exercise: Give a universal characterization of substitution for monads on endofunctors.

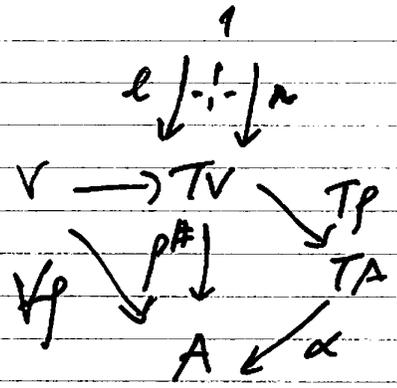
10. Equations/Axioms (see [FH])

$(\forall r \in \Sigma) \rightsquigarrow$ starts for $l, r \in T_\Sigma(V)$.

Satisfaction relation:

$(A, \alpha) \models \Sigma$ -algebra (equiv. a Π_Σ -algebra)

iff $(A, \alpha) \models l \equiv r$

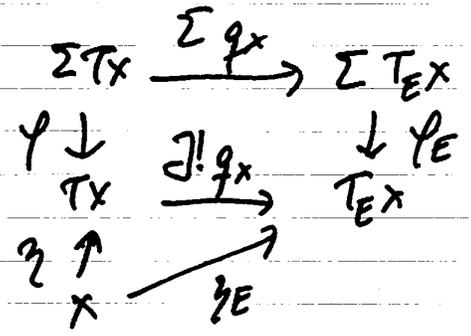
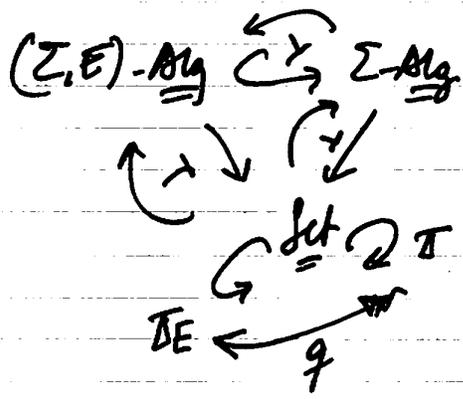


NB: generalises to an arbitrary strong monad.

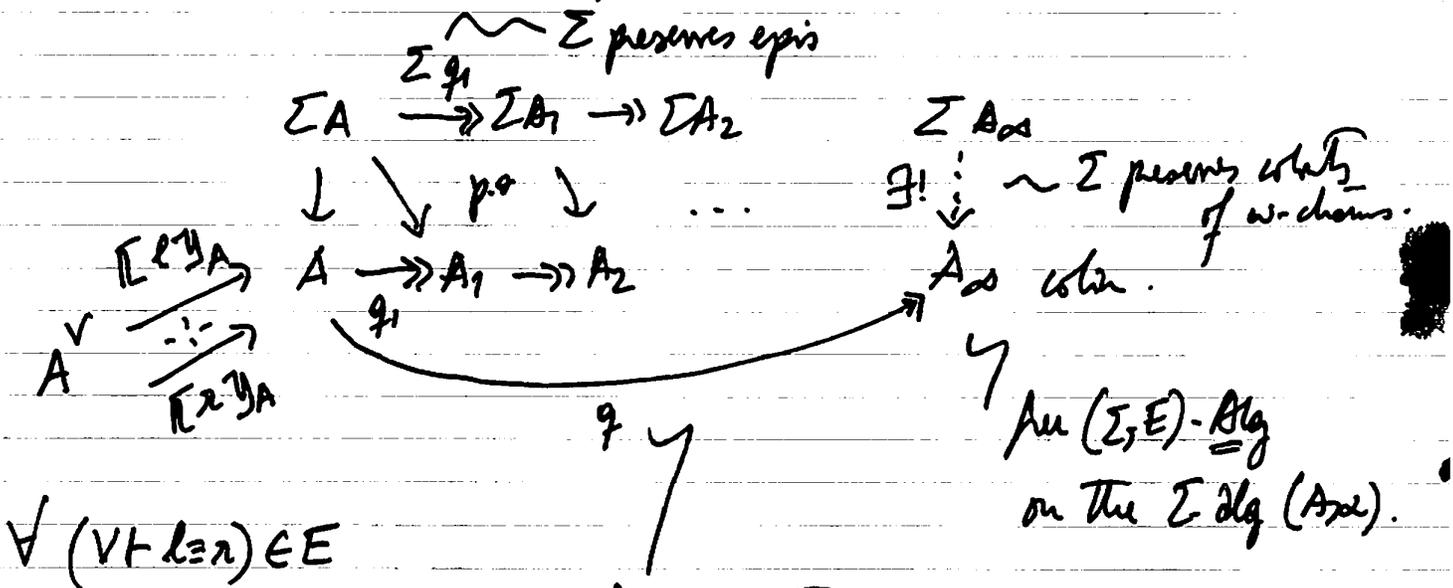
(Exercise?)

$$\| [l]_A = [r]_A : A^V \rightarrow A \quad \left(\begin{array}{ccc} A^V & \xrightarrow{\tau} & TA^V \\ & \searrow \alpha & \downarrow \alpha \\ & & A \end{array} \right)$$

Then



A general construction of free algebras under equations: (see [FH*])



formalizes the idea of quotienting by equations and congruence rules.

11. Completeness of equational logic.

$\forall (A, \alpha) \in (\Sigma, E)\text{-Alg} \quad (A, \alpha) \models (V \vdash u \equiv v)$
 iff $(T_{E^V}, \llbracket - \rrbracket) \models (V \vdash u \equiv v)$
 iff $\begin{array}{ccc} \eta & & \theta \\ \downarrow & \dashrightarrow & \downarrow \\ T_{E^V} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & T_{E^V} \end{array}$

} General abstract theorem [FH]

iff $V \vdash u \equiv v$ is derivable

idea: because the entailment relation is generated by axioms and closed under congruence rules (cf. the construction of free (Σ, E) -algebras).

Hence: $T_{(\Sigma, E)}(\Gamma)$ describes the theory of the presentation (Σ, E) (in context Γ).

12. Theories

(i) Universal algebra: Abstract clone of operations.

Example: Clone of operations.

$\mathcal{C}_E(n) = T_E(x_1 \dots x_n)$

or subject to suitable minors.

- $x_i \in \mathcal{C}_E(n) \quad \text{is in} \quad (\text{cf } \eta)$
- $\mathcal{C}_E(n) \times (\mathcal{C}_E^m)^n \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_E^m \quad (\text{cf } \sigma)$

More generally:

- $\mathcal{O}(n)$ $n \in \mathbb{N}$ "operations in context $x_1 \dots x_n$ "
- $v_i \in \mathcal{O}(n)$ $i > n$ "variables"
- $\mathcal{O}(n) \times (\mathcal{O}(m))^n \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(m)$ "substitution".

subject to suitable axioms

(ii) Categorical algebra: Lawvere theories (classifying category)

Example: Lawvere theory of an abstract clone of operations:

obj: $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\text{morph: } \mathcal{L}(m, n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}(m, 1) = (\mathcal{L}(m, 1))^n$$

$$\mathcal{L}(m, 1) = \mathcal{O}(m)$$

$$\text{identifiers: } (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathcal{L}(n, n) = (\mathcal{L}(n, 1))^n = (\mathcal{O}(n))^n$$

$$\text{composition: } \mathcal{L}(n, l) \times \mathcal{L}(m, n) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(m, l)$$

$$(\mathcal{O}(n))^l \times (\mathcal{O}(m))^n \rightarrow (\mathcal{O}(m))^l$$

$$\downarrow \text{def} \nearrow$$

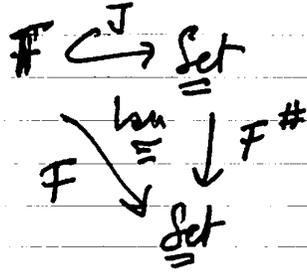
$$(\mathcal{O}(n) \times (\mathcal{O}(m))^n)^l$$

Definition: \mathcal{L}

- obj = \mathbb{N}

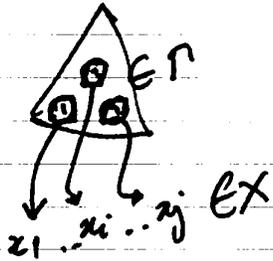
- $\text{MA} = \underbrace{1 \pi \dots \pi 1}_{n \text{ times}}$

14. Functor extensions:



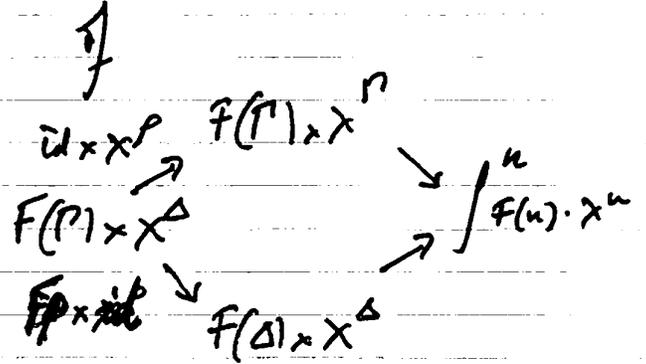
$$F^\#(x) = \int^{r \in \mathbb{F}} F(r) \cdot x^r$$

idea: an element of $F^\#(x)$ is given by a "structure"

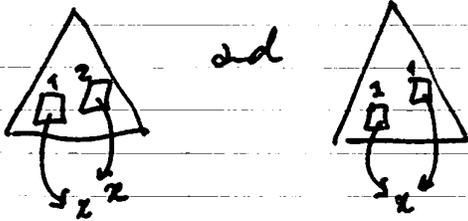


$$= \left(\int^{r \in \mathbb{F}} F(r) \cdot x^r \right) / \sim$$

equivalence relation generated by identifying the maps



The descriptions



for all $p: \Pi \rightarrow \Delta$

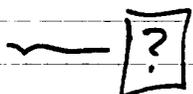
are equivalent.

Prop: $[\mathbb{F}, \underline{\text{Set}}] \simeq \underline{\text{Fm}}[\underline{\text{Set}}, \underline{\text{Set}}]$

$$F \mapsto F^\#$$

$$TJ \longleftarrow T$$

substitution
universal
structure.



composition universal structure

15. Substitution monoidal structure: (see [FPT])

• unit: $V: \mathbb{F} \hookrightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$

Exercise: Show that $V^\# \cong \text{Id}$.

• substitution tensor product:

$$(F \cdot G)(P) = \int^{\Delta \in \mathbb{F}} F(\Delta) \cdot (G P)^\Delta$$

(NB: It is not strict).

Exercise: Show that $(F \cdot G)^\# \cong F^\# \cdot G^\#$.

Exercise: Show that $(\underline{\text{Set}}^\mathbb{F}, V, \cdot)$ is a monoidal category.

Exercise: Show that $(\underline{\text{Set}}^\mathbb{F}, V, \cdot)$ and $(\underline{\text{Fin}}[\underline{\text{Set}}, \underline{\text{Set}}], \text{Id}, \circ)$ are equivalent as monoidal categories.

16. Monoids in $\underline{\text{Set}}^\mathbb{F}$

Corollary: $\underline{\text{Mon}}(\underline{\text{Set}}^\mathbb{F}, V, \cdot) \cong \underline{\text{FinMonoid}}(\underline{\text{Set}})$

Theories

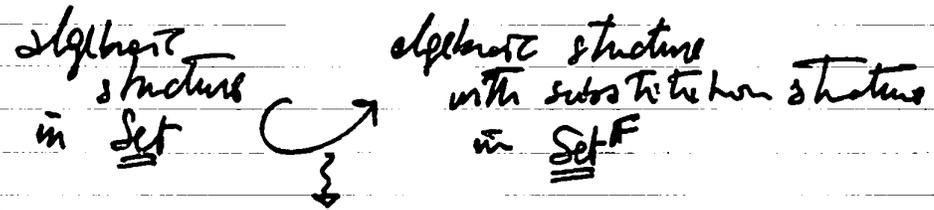
$\text{Finite monoids on } \underline{\text{Set}} \cong \text{monoids in } \underline{\text{Set}}^\mathbb{F} \cong \text{Abstract clones} \cong \text{Lawvere Theories}$

Exercise:

\cong

idea:

18. From 1st-order models to 2nd-order models

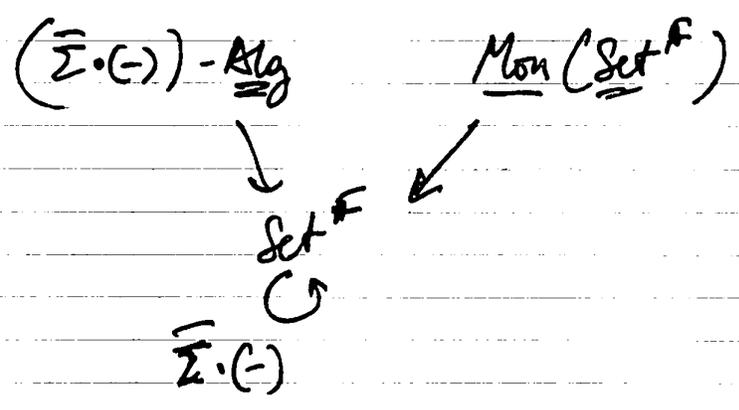


(i) 1st-order models in the 2nd-order context.

Σ signature = $\{\Sigma(n) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ (i.e. $\Sigma \in \text{Set}^{\mathbb{N}}$).

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Sigma}(F) &= \int^{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Sigma(n) \cdot F^n \\ &= \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Sigma(n) \cdot F^n \end{aligned}$$

We have the following situation:



Exercise: Show that $\bar{\Sigma} \cdot X \cong \prod_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Sigma(n) \cdot X^n$.

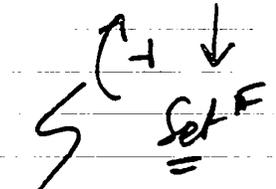
and extend it to consider algebras with substitution structure:

$$\bar{\Sigma} \cdot X \xrightarrow{\eta} X$$

Σ -Mon \sim obj $v \xrightarrow{e} X \xleftarrow{m} X \cdot X$

s.t. $(\bar{\Sigma} \cdot X) \cdot X \cong \bar{\Sigma} \cdot (X \cdot X) \xrightarrow{\bar{\Sigma} \cdot m} \bar{\Sigma} \cdot X$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \cdot X & \xrightarrow{m} & X \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ X & & X \end{array}$$



$$\Sigma \mapsto \mu X. V + \bar{\Sigma} \cdot X + Z \cdot X$$

in particular the initial Σ -Mon $\mu X. V + \bar{\Sigma} \cdot X$ is the free $(\bar{\Sigma} \cdot (-))$ -algebra on V and yields the syntactic Lawvere theory associated to the signature Σ . (see [F08])

19. Second-order syntax:

Example: $\{ \}$ variables $\{ \}$ variable binding / α -equivalence.

$$(1) \quad M[C], N[C] \vdash (\lambda x. M(x)) N[C] = M[N[C]]$$

$\{ \}$ meta variables

$\{ \}$ meta substitution
 avoids capture-avoiding substitution.

$$(2) \quad M[C] \vdash \lambda x. M[C] x = M[C]$$

20. Algebraic treatment of variable binding:

(see [FPT])

idea:

$$\frac{\Gamma, x \vdash t}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. t} \approx$$

$$\begin{array}{c} T(\Gamma, x) \\ \downarrow \\ T(\Gamma) \end{array}$$

context extension.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F^{op} & \hookrightarrow & \text{Set}^F \\
 +1 \downarrow & \text{-xv} \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \end{array} & \\
 F^{op} & \hookrightarrow & \text{Set}^F
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow (X^V)(\Gamma) = X(\Gamma_H)$$

The arity of variable binding.

Example: λ -calculus
 $\text{exp} : (0, 0)$, $\text{abs} : (1)$
 ?
 two arguments did no binding
 one argument binding one variable.

signature endofunctor: $\Sigma(X) = X^2 + X^V$

21. Algebraic models of variable binding with substitution. (see [FPT])

(i) Pointed strengths.

$$\underline{X^V \cdot Y \rightarrow (X \cdot Y)^V}$$

$$(X^V \cdot Y) \times V \rightarrow X \cdot Y$$

$$(X^V \times V) \cdot (Y \times V)$$

comes from a distribution law:

$$(X \cdot Y) \times Z \rightarrow (X \times Z) \cdot (Y \times Z)$$

is the other part of a syntactic mechanism for avoiding capturing free variables.

for pointed Y (equipped with $V \rightarrow Y$)

(provides "fresh" variables as needed)

(ii) Algebra in the substitution structure.

$\Sigma \xrightarrow{\text{def}} \mathbb{F}$ pointed strength

$$\Sigma(X) \cdot Y \longrightarrow \Sigma(X \cdot Y)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{st}}{\Sigma} X, Y \rightarrow Y$$

Σ -monoids, s.t.

$$\Sigma(X) \xrightarrow{\eta} X$$

$$V \xrightarrow{e} X \xleftarrow{m} X \cdot X$$

$$\Sigma(X) \cdot X \xrightarrow{\text{st}_{X,e}} \Sigma(X \cdot X) \xrightarrow{\Sigma m} \Sigma X$$

$$\downarrow \eta \quad \downarrow \eta$$

$$X \cdot X \xrightarrow{m} X$$

multiplication: Σ -alg & unadorned homomorphism.

Then:

$$\Sigma\text{-Mon} \quad (\mu_X \cdot V + \Sigma(X) + Z \cdot X) = \mathcal{M}(Z)$$

$$\uparrow \downarrow \quad \uparrow$$

$$\text{Set}^{\mathbb{F}} \quad Z$$

Example: For $\Sigma(X) = X^2 + X^V$ the signature endofunctor for the λ -calculus, $\mathcal{M} \circ \eta$ yields the Lawvere theory of λ -terms ($\mathcal{L}(n) = \{t \in \mathcal{L}_\alpha \mid x_1 \dots x_n t\}$) up to α -equivalence with capture-avoiding simultaneous substitution.

More generally, let $\mathcal{X} \in \text{Set}^{\mathcal{A}}$ be an indexed

family of term metavariables:

$$M \in \mathcal{X}(n) \sim M[-1, \dots, -n]$$

then, $M(\bar{x})$

yields the Lawvere theory of λ -terms (up to α -equivalence) with metavariables in \mathcal{X} , equipped with capture-avoiding substitution.

22. Meta substitution: (see [F08])

$$M(X) \times (MY)^X \rightarrow MY$$

comes from a cartesian strength and the monad structure (which embeds capture-avoiding substitution structure)

then: a cartesian strength

$$\Sigma(X) \times Y \rightarrow \Sigma(X \times Y)$$

compatible with the pointed monoidal strength

$$\Sigma(X) \cdot Y \rightarrow \Sigma(X \cdot Y)$$

canonically induces a cartesian strength

$$M(X) \times Y \rightarrow M(X \times Y)$$

[See his '08 paper for concrete syntactic theory.]
[F08]

23. Second-order equational theories

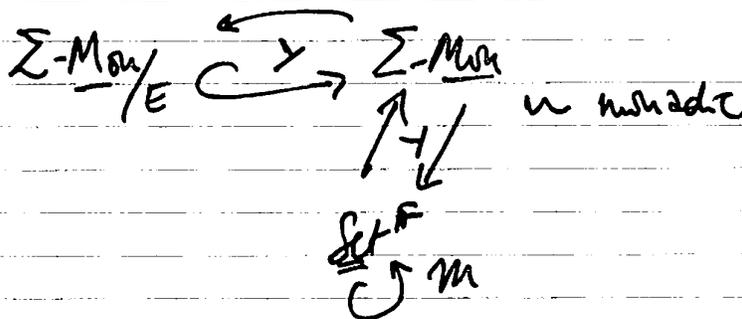
- Equations: $\text{lex} : \mathcal{V}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\bar{x})$

From the theory of Term Equational Systems

↳ terms with metavariables fixed in context Γ

- Model Theory:

} for syntactically generated hypotheses



Example: For $E = \beta\eta$, the initial object in $\Sigma\text{-Mon}/E$ is the Lawvere theory of λ -terms

- Logical theory:

From the theory of Term Equational Logics

- Completeness:

From the theory of free constructions for Equational Systems.

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