

The Microcosm Principle and Concurrency in Coalgebra

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A short review of coalgebra/coinduction

Theory of coalgebra

General theory of state-based systems

in **Sets** : bisimilarity
in Kleisli: trace semantics

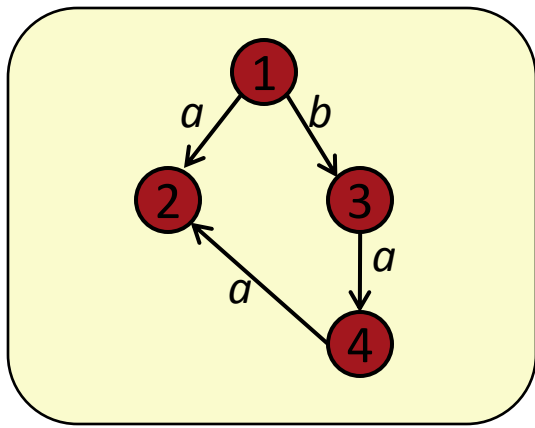
[Hasuo, Jacobs, Sokolova LMCS'07]

Categorically

coalgebra	$\begin{array}{c} FX \\ \uparrow \\ X \end{array}$
morphism of coalgebras	$\begin{array}{ccc} FX & \xrightarrow{Ff} & FY \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$
coinduction (via final coalgebra)	$\begin{array}{ccc} FX & \dashrightarrow & FZ \\ c \uparrow & & \cong \uparrow \text{final} \\ X & \dashrightarrow_{\text{beh}(c)} & Z \end{array}$

behavior

Coalgebra example – LTS



$C = \text{Sets}, F = P_{\text{fin}}(\Sigma \times _)$

$F\text{-coalgebra} = \text{LTS}$

coalgebra $c: X \rightarrow FX$

states $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ labels $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$

transitions $c(1) = \{(a, 2), (b, 3)\}, c(2) = \emptyset, \dots$

Concurrency

 $C \parallel D$

running C and D in parallel

is everywhere

- computer networks
- multi-core processors
- modular, component-based design of complex systems

is hard to get right

- exponentially growing complexity
- need for a compositional verification

Compositionality

aids compositional
verification

Behavior of $C \parallel D$
is determined by
behavior of C and behavior of D

Conventional presentation

$$C_1 \sim C_2 \quad \text{and} \quad D_1 \sim D_2 \quad \implies \quad C_1 \parallel D_1 \sim C_2 \parallel D_2$$

behavioral equivalence

- bisimilarity
- trace equivalence
- ...

„bisimilarity is a
congruence“

Compositionality in coalgebra

$\parallel : \text{Coalg}_F \times \text{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \text{Coalg}_F$
 composing coalgebras/systems

are compositionality

$$\text{beh} \left(\begin{array}{c|c} FX & FY \\ c \uparrow & d \uparrow \\ X & Y \end{array} \right) = \text{beh} \left(\begin{array}{c} FX \\ c \uparrow \\ X \end{array} \right) \parallel \text{beh} \left(\begin{array}{c} FY \\ d \uparrow \\ Y \end{array} \right)$$

$\parallel : Z \times Z \rightarrow Z$
 composing behavior

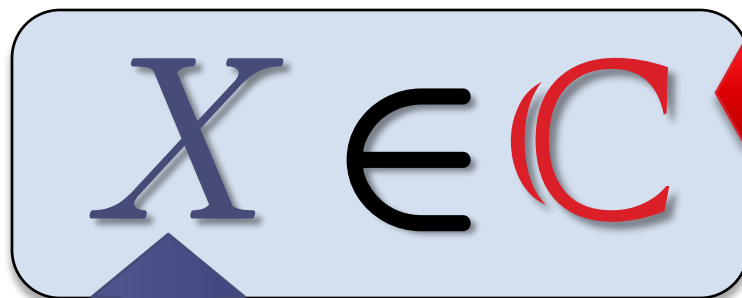
$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & FZ \\ & \dashrightarrow & \\ & \cong \uparrow \text{final} & \\ \text{beh}(c) \dashrightarrow & & Z \end{array}$$

Nested algebraic structures: *the microcosm principle*

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Coalg}_F & \times & \text{Coalg}_F & \xrightarrow{\quad || \quad} & \text{Coalg}_F \\ Z & \times & Z & \xrightarrow{\quad || \quad} & Z \end{array}$$

with

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} FZ \\ \cong \uparrow \text{final} \\ Z \end{array} \right) \in \text{Coalg}_F$$



outer interpretation

inner interpretation

algebraic theory

- **operations**

binary $||$

- **equations**

e.g. assoc. of $||$

Microcosm in macrocosm

We name this principle the *microcosm principle*, after the theory, common in pre-modern correlative cosmologies, that every feature of the microcosm (e.g. the human soul) corresponds to some feature of the macrocosm.

John Baez & James Dolan

Higher-Dimensional Algebra III:

n-Categories and the Algebra of Opetopes

Adv. Math. 1998



The microcosm principle: you may have seen it

monoid in a monoidal category

monoidal cat. \mathbb{C}		monoid $M \in \mathbb{C}$
$\otimes : \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ $I \in \mathbb{C}$	mult. unit	$M \otimes M \xrightarrow{m} M$ $I \xrightarrow{e} M$
$I \otimes X \cong X \cong X \otimes I$	unit law	$ \begin{array}{c} M \rightarrow M \otimes M \leftarrow M \\ \searrow \quad \downarrow \quad \swarrow \\ \quad M \\ M \otimes M \otimes M \rightarrow M \otimes M \\ \downarrow \quad \quad \downarrow \\ M \otimes M \longrightarrow M \end{array} $
$(X \otimes Y) \otimes Z \cong X \otimes (Y \otimes Z)$	assoc. law	

inner depends on outer

Formalizing the microcosm principle

What do we mean by
“**microcosm principle**”?
mathematical definition of such nested models?

inner model
as lax natural trans.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & 1 & \\ & \downarrow X & \\ \mathbb{L} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbf{CAT} \\ & \mathbb{C} & \end{array}$$

algebraic theory
as *Lawvere theory*

outer model
as prod.-pres. functor

Outline

microcosm for
concurrency
(**||** and **|||**)

parallel
composition
via **sync** nat. trans.

generic
compositionality
theorem

for arbitrary
algebraic
theory

2-categorical formulation

$$\mathbb{L} \xrightarrow[\mathbb{C}]{\downarrow X} \mathbf{CAT}$$

The diagram shows a horizontal arrow from \mathbb{L} to \mathbf{CAT} with \mathbb{C} below it. A curved arrow above the horizontal one starts at \mathbb{L} and ends at \mathbf{CAT} , with 1 above it. In the center of the curved arrow is a triple arrow $\Downarrow X$.

Parallel composition of coalgebras via *sync*

Part 1

Parallel

bifunctor $\text{Coalg}_F \times \text{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \text{Coalg}_F$

usually denoted by \parallel (tensor)

Aim

$$\text{beh} \left(\begin{array}{c|c} FX & FY \\ \hline c \uparrow & d \uparrow \\ X & Y \end{array} \right) = \text{beh} \left(\begin{array}{c} FX \\ \hline c \uparrow \\ X \end{array} \right) \parallel \text{beh} \left(\begin{array}{c} FY \\ \hline d \uparrow \\ Y \end{array} \right)$$

Theorem

$\parallel : \text{Coalg}_F \times \text{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \text{Coalg}_F$

$$\text{sync}_{X,Y} : FX \times FY \rightarrow F(X \times Y)$$

F with
sync

lifting

$$\times : C \times C \rightarrow C$$

Parallel composition via sync

$$\text{sync}_{X,Y} : FX \quad FY \rightarrow F(X \quad Y)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} FX \\ \uparrow c \\ X \end{array} \right) \otimes \left(\begin{array}{c} FY \\ \uparrow d \\ Y \end{array} \right) = \begin{array}{c} F(X \otimes Y) \\ \uparrow \text{sync}_{X,Y} \\ FX \otimes FY \\ \uparrow c \otimes d \\ X \otimes Y \end{array}$$

on the base
category

different
sync



different

Examples of

$$\text{sync} : FX \otimes FY \rightarrow F(X \otimes Y)$$

$$: \text{Coalg}_F \times \text{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \text{Coalg}_F$$

F with
sync

lifting

$$x : \text{Sets} \times \text{Sets} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$$

► CSP-style (Hoare)

$$a.P \parallel a.Q \xrightarrow{a} P \parallel Q$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin.}}(\Sigma \times X) \times \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin.}}(\Sigma \times Y) & \xrightarrow{\text{sync}_{X,Y}} & \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin.}}(\Sigma \times (X \times Y)) \\ (S, T) & \mapsto & \{ (a, (x, y)) \mid (a, x) \in S \wedge (a, y) \in T \} \end{array}$$

► CCS-style (Milner)

$$a.P \parallel \bar{a}.Q \xrightarrow{\tau} P \parallel Q$$

Assuming $\Sigma = \{a, a', \dots\} + \{\bar{a}, \bar{a}', \dots\} + \{\tau\}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin.}}(\Sigma \times X) \times \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin.}}(\Sigma \times Y) & \xrightarrow{\text{sync}_{X,Y}} & \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin.}}(\Sigma \times (X \times Y)) \\ (S, T) & \mapsto & \{ (\tau, (x, y)) \mid (a, x) \in S \wedge (\bar{a}, y) \in T \} \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \text{Sets}, \quad F = P_{\text{fin}}(\Sigma \times _)$$

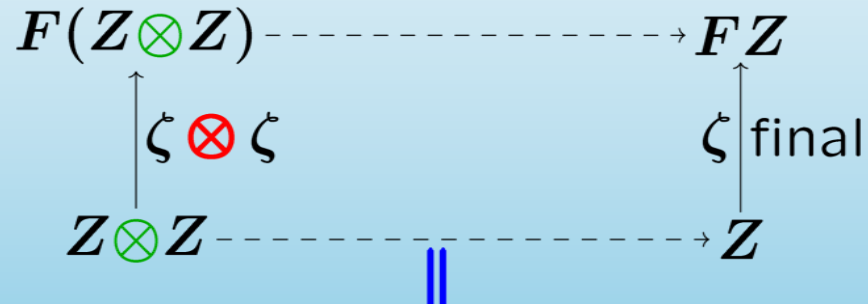
$$F\text{-coalgebra} = \text{LTS}$$

Inner composition

Aim

$$\text{beh} \left(\begin{array}{c} FX \\ c \uparrow \\ X \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{c} FY \\ d \uparrow \\ Y \end{array} \right) = \text{beh} \left(\begin{array}{c} FX \\ c \uparrow \\ X \end{array} \right) \parallel \text{beh} \left(\begin{array}{c} FY \\ d \uparrow \\ Y \end{array} \right)$$

|| “composition of states/*behavior*”
arises by **coinduction**



Compositionality theorem

Theorem

$$\text{beh} \left(\begin{array}{c} FX \\ c \uparrow \\ X \end{array} \otimes \begin{array}{c} FY \\ d \uparrow \\ Y \end{array} \right) = \text{beh} \left(\begin{array}{c} FX \\ c \uparrow \\ X \end{array} \right) \parallel \text{beh} \left(\begin{array}{c} FY \\ d \uparrow \\ Y \end{array} \right)$$

for by

and \parallel by

$: \text{Coalg}_F \times \text{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \text{Coalg}_F$

F with
sync

lifting

$: C \times C \rightarrow C$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(Z \otimes Z) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & FZ \\ \uparrow \zeta \otimes \zeta & & \uparrow \zeta \text{ final} \\ Z \otimes Z & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Z \end{array} \parallel$$

Assumptions: , sync, final exists

Equational properties

associative

$: \text{Coalg}_F \times \text{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \text{Coalg}_F$

commutativity?

F with
"associative"

sync

$$\begin{array}{c} FX \otimes (FY \otimes FZ) \xrightarrow{\text{sync}} FX \otimes F(Y \otimes Z) \xrightarrow{\text{sync}} F(X \otimes (Y \otimes Z)) \\ \downarrow \text{id} \\ (FX \otimes FY) \otimes FZ \end{array}$$

arbitrary algebraic
theory?

lifting

associative

$: C \times C \rightarrow C$

for arbitrary
algebraic theory

**2-categorical formulation of
the microcosm principle**

Part 2

Lawvere theory \mathbb{L}

a **category** representing an algebraic theory

Definition

A **Lawvere theory** \mathbb{L} is a small category

- with objects natural numbers
- that has finite products

Lawvere theory

other arrows:

- projections
- composed terms

$$2 \xrightarrow[\pi_2]{\pi_1} 1$$

$$3 \xrightarrow{m(m(\pi_1, \pi_2), \pi_3)} 1$$

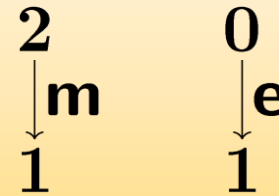
algebraic theory

as category

operations

m (binary)
e (nullary)

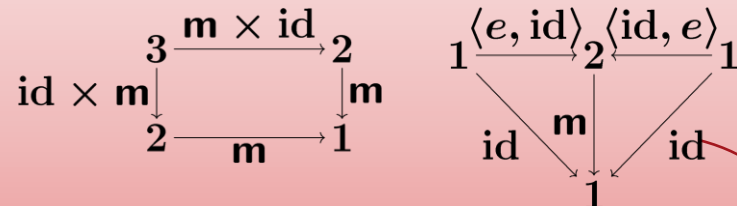
as **arrows**



equations

assoc. of **m**
unit law

as **commuting diagrams**



Models for a Lawvere theory \mathbb{L}

Standard: set-theoretic model

a set with \mathbb{L} -structure, **L-set**

$$\mathbb{L} \xrightarrow{X} \mathbf{Sets} \quad (\text{product-preserving})$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & & X^2 \\ \downarrow m & \mapsto & \downarrow [m] \\ 1 & & X \end{array}$$

binary op.
on X

what about
nested models?

$X \in \mathbb{C}$

Outer model: L-category

outer model

- a **category** with \mathbb{L} -structure, **L-category**

$$\mathbb{L} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{C}} \text{Cat} \quad (\text{product-preserving})$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 2 & & \mathbb{C}^2 \\ \downarrow m & \mapsto & \downarrow [m] \\ 1 & & \mathbb{C} \end{array} = \otimes$$

Inner model: \mathbb{L} -object

Definition

Given an \mathbb{L} -category \mathbb{C} ,
 an **\mathbb{L} -object** X in it
 is a lax natural transformation
 compatible with products.

inner alg. str.
 by
 mediating 2-cells

components

$$\begin{aligned} X_0 : 1 &\xrightarrow{!} 1 \\ X_1 : 1 &\xrightarrow{X} \mathbb{C} \\ X_2 : 1 &\xrightarrow{(X, X)} \mathbb{C}^2 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

X : carrier obj.

$$\frac{X \in \mathbb{C}}{1 \xrightarrow{X} \mathbb{C}}$$

lax naturality

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \boxed{\text{In } \mathbb{L}} & & \boxed{\text{In Cat}} \\ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \downarrow m \\ 1 \end{array} & & \begin{array}{c} 1 \xrightarrow{(X, X)} \mathbb{C}^2 \\ \parallel \\ 1 \xrightarrow{X} \mathbb{C} \end{array} \end{array}$$

$\downarrow \otimes$

$$X \otimes X \xrightarrow{X_m} X \quad \text{in } \mathbb{C}$$

lax \mathbb{L} -functor
 = F with sync

Theorem

Coalg_F is an L -category

lax L -
 functor F

lifting

L -category

Theorem

The final object of an L -category is an L -object

lax L -functor?

$\mathbb{L} \xrightarrow{\quad} \text{Cat}$ lax natur.
 trans.

Equations are built in!

lax naturality?

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \boxed{\text{In } \mathbb{L}} & & \boxed{\text{In Cat}} \\
 \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \downarrow m \\ 1 \end{array} & & \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C}^2 & \xrightarrow{(F, F)} & \mathbb{C}^2 \\ \otimes \downarrow & \swarrow & \downarrow \otimes \\ \mathbb{C} & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathbb{C} \end{array} \\
 & & \hline
 FX \otimes FY & \xrightarrow{\text{sync}_{X,Y}} & F(X \otimes Y) \text{ in } \mathbb{C}
 \end{array}$$

Compositionality theorem

Theorem

The behaviour functor *beh* is a strict L-functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Coalg}_F & \xrightarrow{\text{beh}} & \mathbb{C}/Z \\ \left(\begin{array}{c} FX \\ \uparrow c \\ X \end{array} \right) & \longmapsto & (X \xrightarrow{\text{beh}(c)} Z) \end{array} \quad \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{by coinduction} \\ \begin{array}{ccc} FX & \dashrightarrow & FZ \\ c \uparrow & & \cong \uparrow \text{final} \\ X & \dashrightarrow_{\text{beh}(c)} & Z \end{array} \end{array} \right]$$

In a situation

Coalg_F is an L -category

**lax L -
functor F**

lifting

L -category C

The final object of
an L -category is an
 L -object

Assumptions: C is an L -category, F is lax L -functor, final exists

Related and future work: bialgebras

Bialgebraic structures

[Turi-Plotkin, Bartels, Klin, ...]
algebraic structures on coalgebras

In the current work

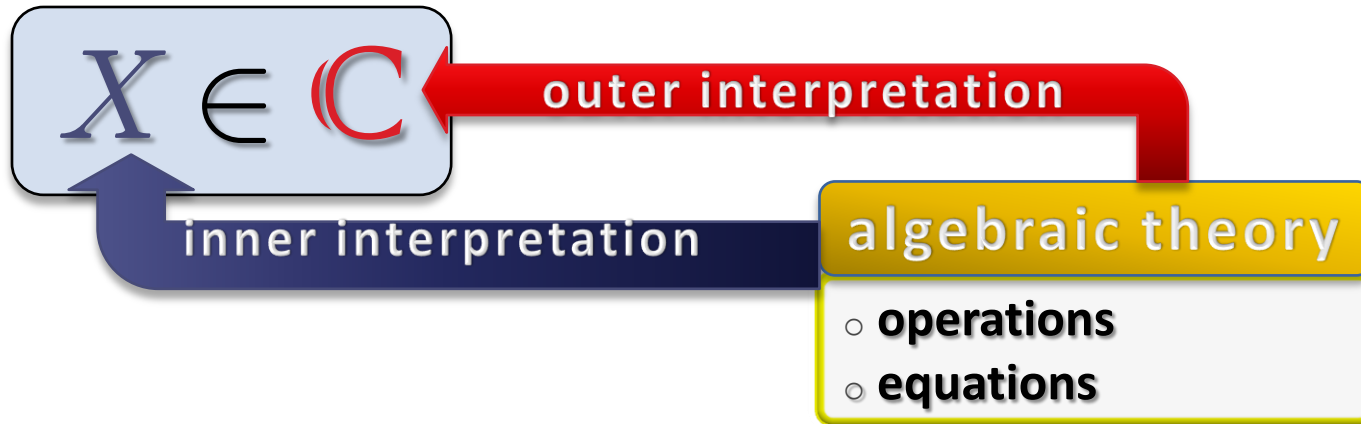
Equations, not only operations, are an integral part
The algebraic structures are **nested**, **higher dimensional**

Missing

Full **GSOS** expressivity

Conclusion

Microcosm principle



2-categorical formulation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & 1 & \\ & \curvearrowright & \\ \mathbb{L} & \Downarrow X & \mathbf{CAT} \\ & \mathbb{C} & \end{array}$$

Concurrency in coalgebra
as motivation and
CS example