

LOCALISABLE MONADS: FROM GLOBAL TO LOCAL

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Outline

1. Motivational problems
2. Central idempotents
3. Localisable monads
4. Abstract characterisation of localisable monads
5. Back to motivational problems

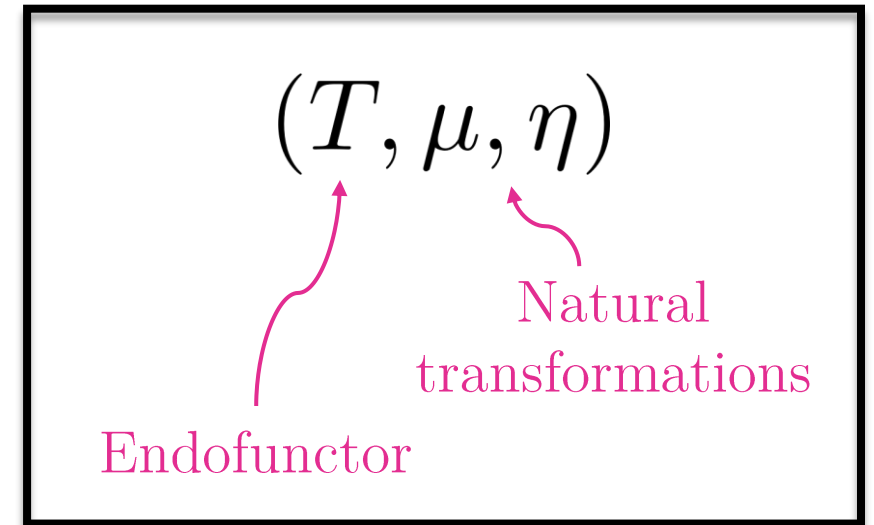


MOTIVATIONAL PROBLEMS

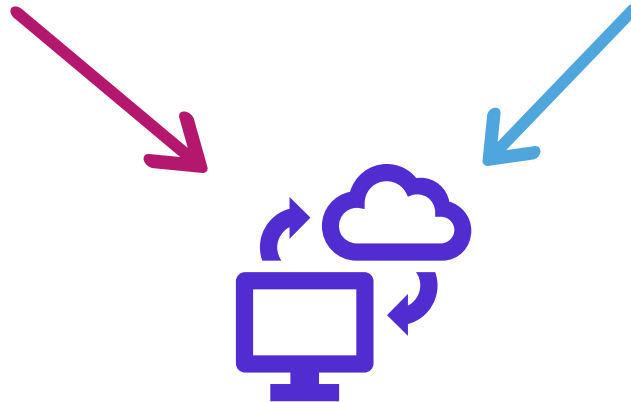


Monads

- Way of providing objects and morphisms with additional context.
- Used to describe side-effects in programming semantics, e.g. reading and writing from a memory store
- From this perspective: if we start with a “large” or global monad, can we obtain “smaller” or local monad-like structures?



Example: Concurrency



Want: Category \mathbf{C} with monad M that “restricts”
to \mathbf{C}_1 and \mathbf{C}_2 with monads M_1 and M_2 .

Example: From Set to Set^n

- **Set:**

$$T(-) = S \multimap (- \times S)$$

➤ Want something with “decomposable underlying data”

What about something like this?

- **Set^n**

$$T(A_1, \dots, A_n) = (S_1, \dots, S_n) \multimap ((A_1, \dots, A_n) \times (S_1, \dots, S_n))$$

➤ Similar question on **Hilb** and **Hilb^n**

~~CENTRAL
IDEMPOTENTS~~



INTRINSIC STRUCTURE

(To a monoidal category)



Intrinsic structure?

- **Idea:** Want a way to split up monads into “smaller monads”
- We want to identify a structure in a monoidal category that will enable this.
 - **Central idempotents!**
- Let’s look at a monoidal category with interesting “bigger” to “smaller” structures...

Motivating example

1 Rings and modules

- Let R be a commutative unital ring.
- Consider the monoidal category of R -modules (and R linear morphisms)
($\otimes : \otimes$ of R -modules and $I = R$)
- Idempotents ideals

Ideal, map $u : U \rightarrow R$

$$u \otimes U : U \otimes U \longrightarrow U$$

$$x \otimes y \longrightarrow xy$$

Idempotent

$$U = U^2 \longrightarrow U \otimes U$$

$$\sum_i x_i y_i \longrightarrow \sum_i x_i \otimes y_i$$

We have that $u \otimes U$ is invertible.

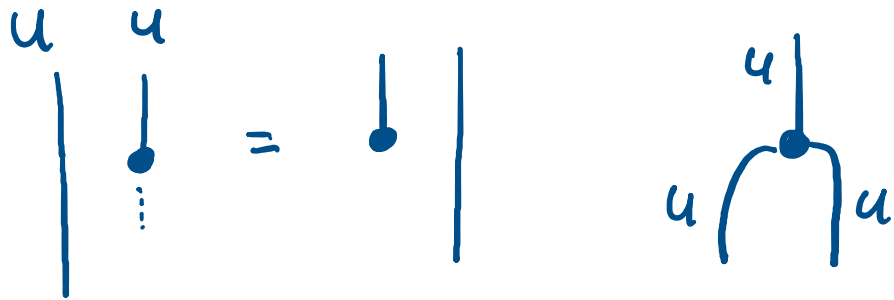
Central idempotents

(in a symmetric monoidal category)

Definition

- Morphism $u : U \rightarrow I$
- Such that $\rho_U \circ (U \otimes u) = \lambda_U \circ (u \otimes U) : U \otimes U \rightarrow U$ is invertible.

Note: I is a central idempotent too!



Equivalence Class

- We identify $u : U \rightarrow I$ and $v : V \rightarrow I$ when there is an isomorphism $m : U \rightarrow V$ such that $u = v \circ m$.

★ Note: u is completely determined by U .

Motivating example

2 Sheaves and opens

- Sheaf $F : \mathcal{O}(X)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$
- Monoidal category of sheaves over X
- Subterminal sheaves:

$$\chi_U : \mathcal{O}(X)^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$$
$$V \mapsto \begin{cases} \{*\} & \text{if } V \subset U \\ \emptyset & \text{if } V \not\subset U \end{cases}$$

- Subterminal object \rightarrow constant presheaves \rightarrow **opens of X**

- In a cartesian category, central idempotent are exactly subterminal objects.
- We can think of central idempotents as open subsets of a hidden base space that any symmetric monoidal category comes equipped with.

More examples

3 Set

$(\mathbf{Set}, \times, \{*\})$

Central idempotents: $0, 1$

$(\mathbf{Set}^n, \times, (\{*\}, \dots, \{*\}))$

Central idempotents: $\{0, 1\}^n$

e.g. $(A, B, C) \otimes (1, 0, 1) \simeq (A, 0, C)$

4 Lattice

- Meet semilattice $(L, \wedge, 1)$ as a category
- **Central idempotents:** all elements of L

★ Note: Central idempotents always form a semilattice!



What is the plan?

0 Want: To use central idempotent to define a notion of local monads

1 Central idempotent \rightarrow “bunch” of local categories

2 Condition to define monads on these categories

Categories restricted to central idempotents

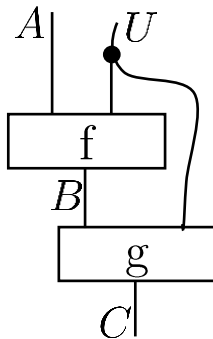
1 We want a “bunch” of categories (for each u)

Idea: For each u define a new category $\mathbf{C}||_u$.

Objects: Objects of \mathbf{C}

Morphisms: $A \longrightarrow B$ in $\mathbf{C}||_u$
corresponds to $A \otimes U \longrightarrow B$ in \mathbf{C}

Composition:

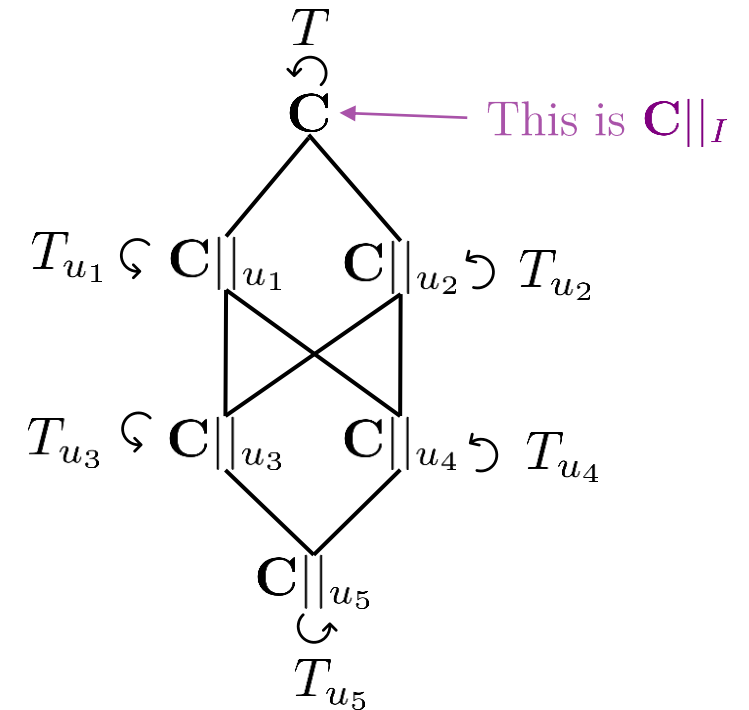


Identity: $A \otimes u$

This is the coKleisli composition
of the comonad $(-)\otimes U$



magic
happens
here



2

Can we put a monad on
each new category?



LOCALISABLE MONADS

(New Stuff!)

2 Can we put a monad on
each new category?

a Conditions \rightarrow Localisable

b Localisable \rightarrow Local

Localisable monads

Definition:

A monad T is *localisable at a central idempotent U* if for any object A there are partial strengths

$$\text{st}_{A,U} : T(A) \otimes U \rightarrow T(A \otimes U)$$

(satisfying some compatibility axioms)

★ Localisable if localisable at all U .

Example: Strong monads.

Example: a monad T on a cartesian closed category if

$$T(A \times B) \simeq T(A) \times T(B)$$

Local monads

We want to define LOCAL monads on $\mathbf{C}||_u$

Assumption: Monad T on \mathbf{C} .

$$T_u(A) = T(A)$$

$$T_u(f) = ?$$

$$T(A) \otimes U \xrightarrow{\text{st}} T(A \otimes U) \xrightarrow{T(f)} T(B)$$

$$\eta_A^u = \eta_A \otimes u$$

$$\mu_A^u = \mu_A \otimes u$$



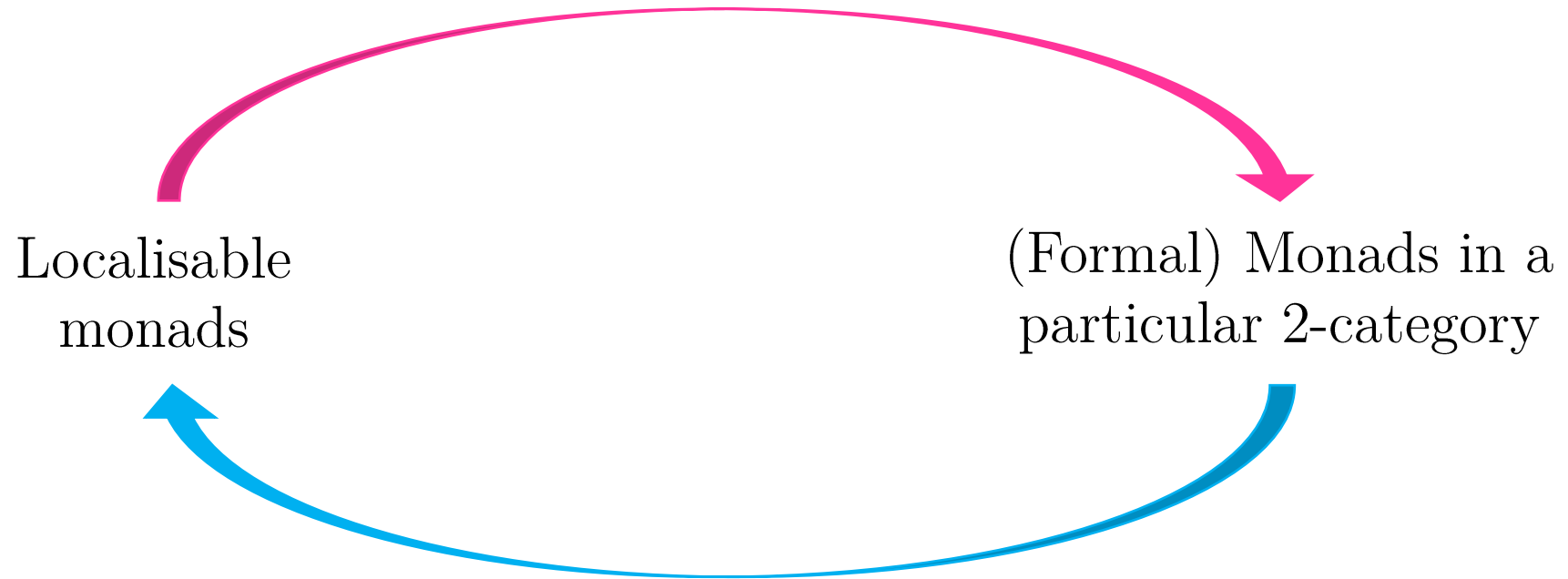
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ABSTRACT CHARACTERISATION



Objective



Theorem: The above are equivalent.

2-categories

Street (1972): Formal theory of monads

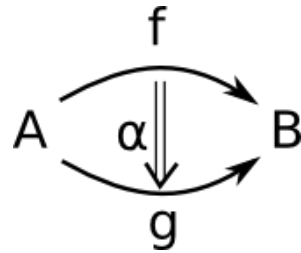
Theory of monads in arbitrary 2-categories

2-category:

0-cells

1-cells: maps between 0-cells

2-cells: maps between 1-cells



2-category: $K = [\mathbf{ZI}(\mathbf{C})^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Cat}]$

0-cells: 2-functors

1-cells: nat. transf. (i.e. components are 2-functors for each U)

2-cells: modifications (i.e. components are nat. transf. for each U)

central idempotents

2-cat

Note: This can get confusing!!!

Monads in 2-categories

What is a monad in a 2-category?

i) 1-cell

$$T : F \rightarrow F$$

ii) 2-cell

$$\mu : TT \rightarrow T$$

$$\eta : 1_F \rightarrow T$$

Satisfying the usual monad laws.

Choose 0-cell $\bar{\mathbf{C}} : \mathbf{ZI}(\mathbf{C})^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Cat}$

$$u \mapsto \mathbf{C}||_u$$

$$T : \bar{\mathbf{C}} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbf{C}}$$

$$\rightarrow T_u : \mathbf{C}||_u \rightarrow \mathbf{C}||_u$$

Functor

1-cell (Nat. Transf)

$$\mu : TT \rightarrow T$$

$$\rightarrow \mu_u : T_u T_u \rightarrow T_u$$

$$\eta : 1_{\bar{\mathbf{C}}} \rightarrow T$$

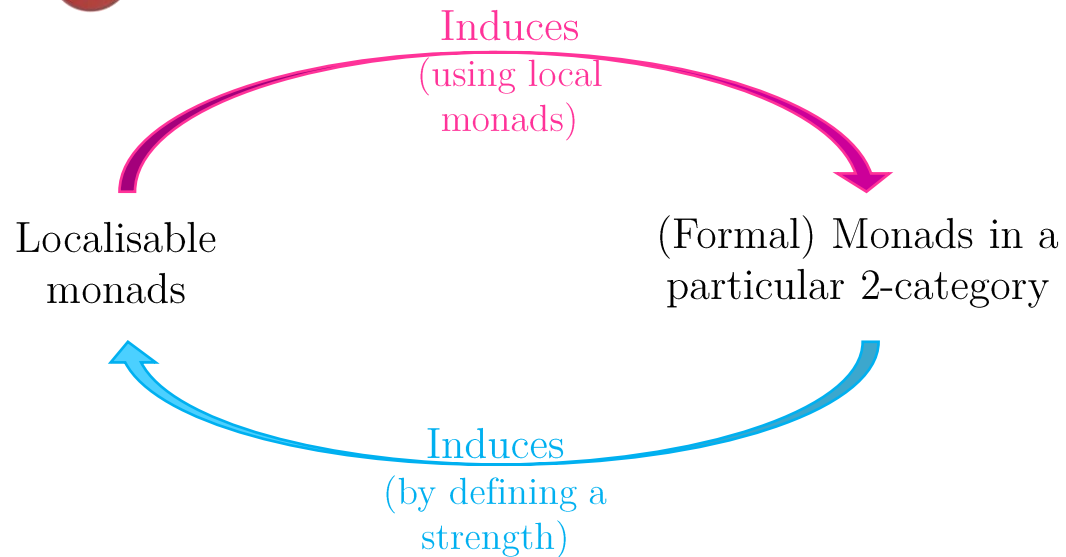
$$\rightarrow \eta_u : 1_{\mathbf{C}||_u} \rightarrow T_u$$

Nat. transf.

2-cells (modifications)



Main Theorem (new result)



- **Top arrow:** Follows by definition
- **Bottom arrow:** Follows from properties of the strength defined
- Formal \rightarrow Localisable \rightarrow Formal:
Naturality of the strength
- Localisable \rightarrow Formal \rightarrow Localisable:
The structure of the strength introduced in the bottom arrow allows us to recover the original strength of the localisable monad

Theorem: For a monoidal category \mathbf{C} there is a bijective correspondence between localisable monads on \mathbf{C} and formal monads on \mathbf{C} in $[\mathbf{ZI}(\mathbf{C})^{\text{op}}, \mathbf{Cat}]$.

What is behind this?

- For each v we want to define a strength

$$\text{st} : T_v(A) \otimes U \longrightarrow T_v(A \otimes U)$$

- $\mathbf{C}||_u$ is the coKleisli category of the comonad $- \otimes U$ on \mathbf{C} .

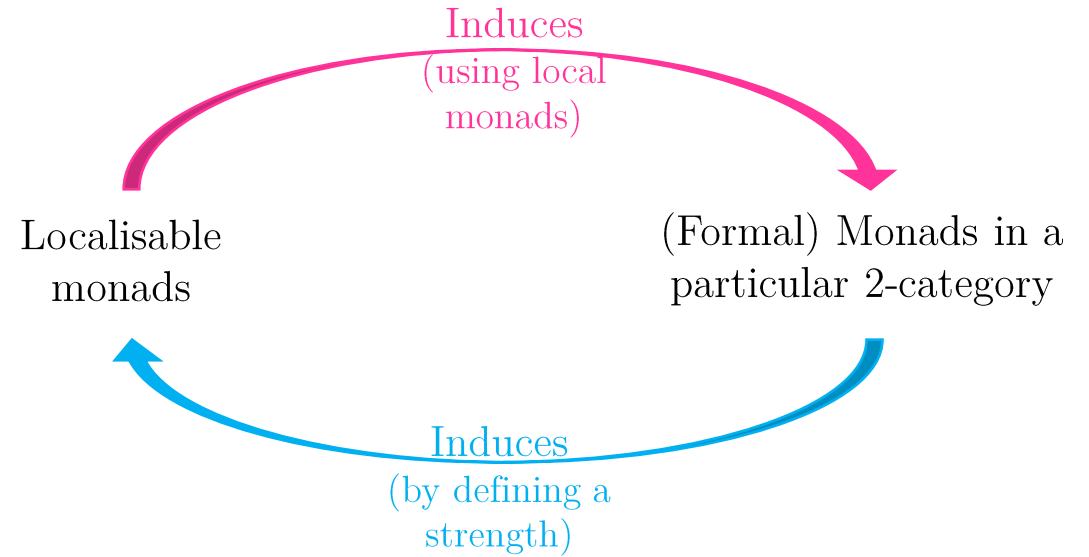
- We have an adjunction:

$$FG = (-) \otimes U \mathbf{C} \rightleftarrows \mathbf{C}||_u$$

$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{G} \\ \text{⊥} \\ \xleftarrow{F} \end{array}$

- The strength is then defined as:

$$T_v(A) \otimes U := FG T_v(A) \stackrel{\text{nat.}}{=} FT_u G(A) \xrightarrow{\text{unit}} FT_u \mathbf{G}FG(A) \stackrel{\text{nat.}}{=} \mathbf{F}GT_v FG(A) \xrightarrow{\text{counit}} T_v FG(A) =: T_v(A \otimes U)$$



BACK TO
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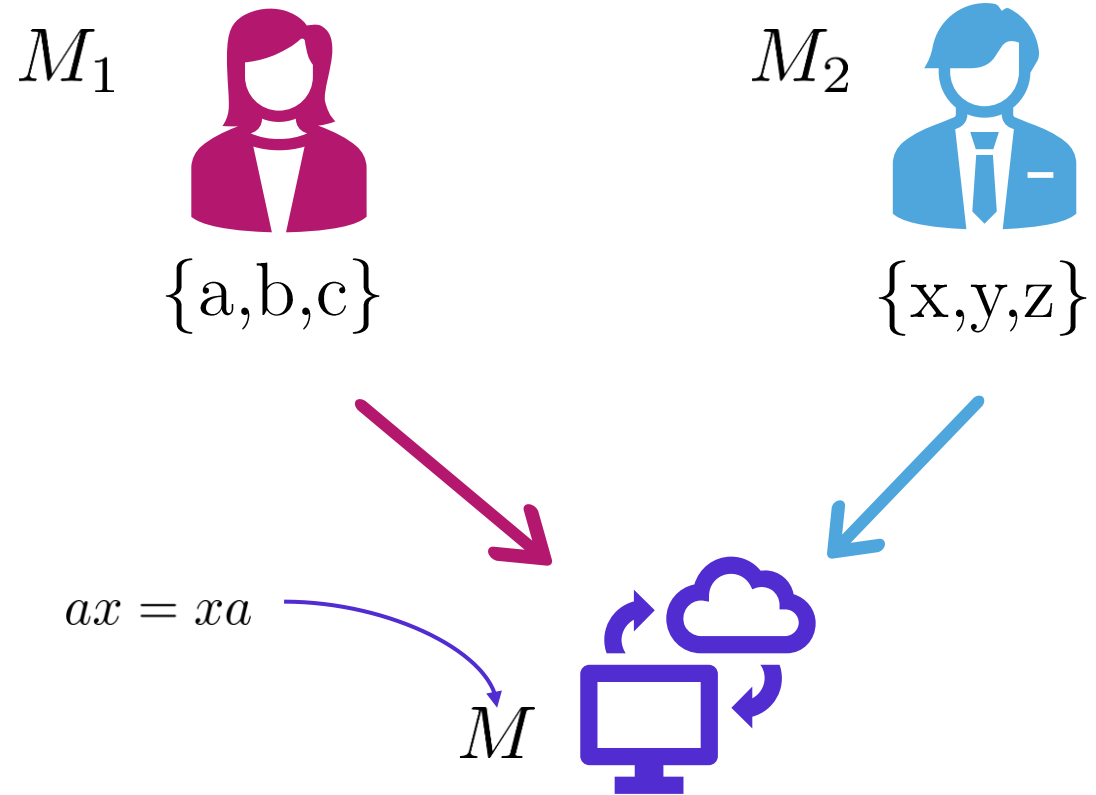
Monad (on **Set**)

$$A \mapsto M \times A$$

(Action monad / Writer monad)

Kleisli maps

$$A \longrightarrow M \times B$$



Start: Categories \mathbf{C}_1 and \mathbf{C}_2 with monoids M_1 and M_2 .

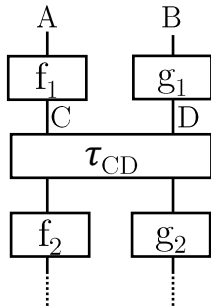
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Building C:

➤ Idea:

- Ob: pairs (A, B) of $A \in \mathbf{C}_1$ and $B \in \mathbf{C}_2$.

• Mor:



➤ Central idempotents:

$$u_1 = (I, 0), u_2 = (0, I)$$

➤ In essence, we get a monoid M of the form

$$M = (M_1, M_2)$$

➤ Then we obtain the restrictions we wanted:

- Restricting \mathbf{C} to u_i yields \mathbf{C}_i , while M restricts to M_i .

Example: Localising the global state monad

- State monad on **Set**:

$$T(-) = S \multimap (- \times S)$$

Central
idempotents: 0, 1

- This is trivially localisable!

What about something like this?

- State monad on **Set**ⁿ:

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Central
idempotents: 2ⁿ

- Strength is curry of

$$T(A_1, \dots, A_n) \times (U_1, \dots, U_n) \times (S_1, \dots, S_n) \longrightarrow (S_1, \dots, S_n) \times (A_1, \dots, A_n) \times (U_1, \dots, U_n)$$

- Similar question on **Hilb** and **Hilb**ⁿ

Other things to mention

- Algebras
- Commutativity

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 T(A) \otimes U \otimes V & \xrightarrow{\text{st}_{A,U} \otimes V} & T(A \otimes U) \otimes V & \xrightarrow{\text{st}_{A \otimes U, V}} & T(A \otimes U \otimes V) \\
 T(A) \otimes \sigma_{U,V} \downarrow & & & & \uparrow T(A \otimes \sigma_{V,U}) \\
 T(A) \otimes V \otimes U & \xrightarrow{\text{st}_{A,V} \otimes U} & T(A \otimes V) \otimes U & \xrightarrow{\text{st}_{A \otimes V, U}} & T(A \otimes V \otimes U)
 \end{array}$$

- Connections to other ideas of modularity on monads

THANK YOU!

Paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.01756>
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