

Beck's Monadicity Theorem.

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Adjunction. \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} be categories.

$F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$
 $G: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ is an adjoint pair, F is left adjoint to G ,

denoted by $F \dashv G$, if there are natural isomorphisms

$$\mathcal{D}(Fc, d) \cong \mathcal{C}(c, Gd).$$

for all $c \in \mathcal{C}, d \in \mathcal{D}$.

i.e. the functors $\mathcal{D}(F-, -), \mathcal{C}(-, G-): \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ are naturally isomorphic.

Take $d = Fc$, adjunction gives $c \rightarrow GFc$.

$$\text{unit: } Id_{\mathcal{C}} \Rightarrow GF.$$

Similarly, counit $\varepsilon: FG \Rightarrow Id_{\mathcal{D}}$

They satisfy triangle identities.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 F & \xrightarrow{F\eta} & FG F & & G & \xrightarrow{G\varepsilon} & G F G \\
 & \parallel & \Downarrow \varepsilon F & & & \parallel & \Downarrow G\varepsilon \\
 & & F & & & & G
 \end{array}$$

Conversely, we can get $F \dashv G$ if there exists η, ε satisfying the triangle identities.

example. Top_* based (Gwt) spaces.

$$\Sigma X = S^1 \wedge X = X \times S^1 / * \times S^1 \vee X \times *$$

$$\Omega X = F(S^1, X) \text{ w/ compact open topology.}$$

Then $\Sigma \dashv \Omega$, both in Top_* and $h\text{Top}_*$.

Applying the definition, $\Sigma^n \dashv \Omega^n$.

Def \mathcal{C} : category

A monad $T = \langle T, \eta, \mu \rangle$ on \mathcal{C} consists of an endofunctor $T: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ and natural transformations

$$\eta: \text{Id}_{\mathcal{C}} \Rightarrow T, \quad \mu: T^2 \Rightarrow T$$

satisfying the following diagrams

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^3 & \xrightarrow{\eta T} & T^2 \\ \mu T \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu \\ T^2 & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccccc} T & \xrightarrow{\eta T} & T^2 & \xleftarrow{T \eta} & T \\ & \searrow & \downarrow \mu & \swarrow & \\ & & T & & \end{array}$$

Remark ① Dually, one can define a comonad.

② A monad T is a monoid in the category of endofunctors of \mathcal{C} .

Every adjunction $F \dashv G: \mathcal{C} \rightleftarrows \mathcal{D}$ gives rise to a monad on \mathcal{C} by:

$$T = \langle GF, \eta, G \varepsilon F \rangle$$

($\eta: \text{Id} \Rightarrow GF$, $\varepsilon: FG \Rightarrow \text{Id}$ are unit and counit of the adjunction)

for associativity: diagram chasing.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} GF & \xrightarrow{\eta GF} & GF GF \\ & \searrow & \downarrow G \varepsilon F \\ & & GF \end{array} \quad \text{comes from} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} G & \xrightarrow{\eta G} & GFG \\ & \searrow & \downarrow G \varepsilon \\ & & G \end{array}$$

triangle identity

Example. Free monoid functor $F: \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Monoid}$ + forgetful functor U

$$T = UF: \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set} \quad X \mapsto \text{underlying set of free monoid } FX$$

$FX = \{ \text{strings of elements of } X \text{ w/ finite length} \}$, w/ concatenation

$$\eta_x: X \rightarrow TX, \quad x \mapsto \langle x \rangle,$$

T^2 . write string of strings as a string, e.g. $\langle xy \rangle \langle zw \rangle \mapsto xyzw$

Question 1: Can every monad be defined from an adjunction?

Answer: Yes.

Def. A T-algebra $\langle Y, \theta \rangle$ is a pair consisting of $Y \in \mathcal{L}$ and an arrow $\theta: TY \rightarrow Y$ such that the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TY & \xrightarrow{\mu_Y} & TY \\ T\theta \downarrow & & \downarrow \theta \\ TY & \xrightarrow{\theta} & Y \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} Y & \xrightarrow{\eta_Y} & TY \\ \parallel & & \downarrow \theta \\ & & Y \end{array}$$

A T-algebra morphism $(A, \alpha) \rightarrow (B, \beta)$ is an arrow $f: A \rightarrow B$ st.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TA & \xrightarrow{Tf} & TB \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta \\ A & \xrightarrow{f} & B \end{array}$$

The Eilenberg-Moore category, denoted by \mathcal{L}^T or $\text{Alg}_T(\mathcal{L})$, is the category of T-algebras and morphisms between them

Remark: In view of the morphism, $\theta: TY \rightarrow Y$ is a morphism from the free algebra $\langle TY, \mu_Y \rangle$ to $\langle Y, \theta \rangle$.

Theorem 1. If $\langle T, \eta, \mu \rangle$ is a monad on \mathcal{L} , then there is an adjunction

$$\mathcal{L} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F^T} \\ \xleftarrow{G^T} \end{array} \mathcal{L}^T$$

$$\text{where } F^T: \begin{array}{ccc} x & \mapsto & \langle Tx, \mu_x \rangle \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow Tf \\ x' & \mapsto & \langle Tx', \mu_{x'} \rangle \end{array} \qquad G^T: \begin{array}{ccc} \langle Y, \theta \rangle & \mapsto & Y \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\ \langle Y', \theta' \rangle & \mapsto & Y' \end{array}$$

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where $F^T: x \mapsto \langle Tx, \mu_x \rangle$ $G^T: \langle Y, \theta \rangle \mapsto Y$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f \downarrow & & \downarrow Tf \\ x' \mapsto \langle Tx', \mu_{x'} \rangle & & \langle Y', \theta' \rangle \mapsto Y' \end{array}$$

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Sketch of proof:

① If $x \in \mathcal{C}$, $\langle Tx, \mu_x \rangle$ is a T -algebra.

② Define the unit and counit as claimed, check the triangle identities.

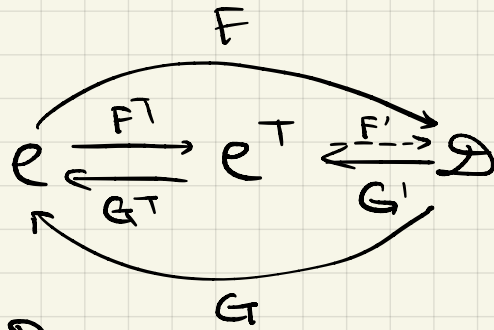
e.g. $G^T \xrightarrow{\eta_{G^T}} G^T F^T G^T \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_{G^T}} G^T \xrightarrow{\eta_{G^T}} G^T F^T G^T$ $Y \xrightarrow{\eta_Y} TY \xrightarrow{\theta} Y$

③. Check $\langle G^T F^T, \eta, G^T \varepsilon F^T \rangle = \langle T, \eta, \mu \rangle$. □

Question 2: Start with $F \dashv G = \mathcal{C} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F} \\ \xleftarrow{G} \end{array} \mathcal{D}$, construct $T = GF$. Then how is \mathcal{C}^T related to \mathcal{D} ?

In $\text{Set} \rightleftharpoons \text{Monoid}$, Set^T looks exactly like Monoid.

Theorem 2. In the context above, there exists a functor $G': \mathcal{D} \rightarrow e^T$ such that $G = G^T G'$.



Sketch of proof: For $d \in \mathcal{D}$,

$\langle Gd, G\varepsilon \rangle$ is a T -algebra.

Define $G'd = \langle Gd, G\varepsilon \rangle$, $G'(f) = Gf$. □

Beck's Theorem tells us when e^T will be isomorphic/equivalent to \mathcal{D} .

Def. We say $F \dashv G$ is monadic if $G': \mathcal{D} \rightarrow e^T$ is an equivalence of categories. We say a functor $G: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow e$ is monadic if there exists a monadic adjunction $F \dashv G$.

Motivation. In $\text{Set} \xrightleftharpoons[u]{F} \text{Monoid}$. If Y is a T -algebra, how (as a set) to construct a monoid out of Y ?

Answer: Construct quotient of the free monoid TY .

Theorem 3. If \mathcal{D} has coequalizers, then there exists a functor $F': e^T \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ such that $F' \dashv G'$. (the hypothesis can be weakened)

Theorem 4 (Beck). An adjunction $F \dashv G$ is monadic if and only if $G: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow e$ creates coequalizers of G -split pairs.

Hence let's look at some special coequalizers.

Def. In a category \mathcal{C} , a split coequalizer (fork) is given by the diagram

$$X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \\ \xleftarrow{j} \end{array} Y \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{q} \\ \xleftarrow{i} \end{array} Z$$

such that

$$qf = qg, \quad qi = id_Z, \quad fj = iq, \quad gj = id_Y.$$

Prop. Split coequalizers are coequalizers.

Proof:

$$X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \\ \xleftarrow{j} \end{array} Y \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{q} \\ \xleftarrow{i} \end{array} Z \\ \searrow h \qquad \downarrow hoq \\ \qquad \qquad Z'$$

$$hf = hg$$

$$\Rightarrow hfj = hgj$$

$$\Rightarrow h iq = h$$

$$\text{If } kq = h, \quad k = kqi = hi$$

The image of any split coequalizer is still a split coequalizer. \square

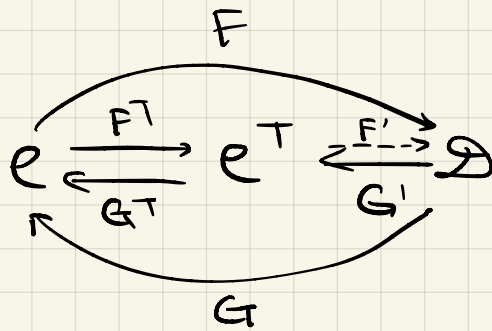
This structure is encoded in the data of a $T = \langle FG, \eta, GEF \rangle$ -algebra.

$$T^2 Y \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{M_Y} \\ \xrightarrow{T\theta} \\ \xleftarrow{\eta_{TY}} \end{array} TY \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\theta} \\ \xleftarrow{\eta_Y} \end{array} Y$$

e.g. η is a natural transformation $Id \Rightarrow T$. thus.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} TY & \xrightarrow{\eta_{TY}} & T^2 Y \\ \theta \downarrow & & \downarrow T\theta \\ Y & \xrightarrow{\eta_Y} & TY \end{array}$$

Furthermore, this coequalizer tells us how to construct Y from T_Y as a quotient/coequalizer:



If $Y \in e^T$, define $F^T Y$ as the coequalizer of

$$F^T G^T Y \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F G^T Y} \\ \xrightarrow{F G^T} \end{array} F G^T Y$$

← algebra map of $F G^T Y$ is μ .

This is the construction in Theorem 3.

Def. A G-split pair is a pair of maps $X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{array} Y$ in \mathcal{D} together w/ a split coequalizer $G X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{Gf} \\ \xrightarrow{Gg} \end{array} G Y \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{i} \\ \xrightarrow{i} \end{array} C$ in \mathcal{C} .

We say $G: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ creates coequalizers of G-split pairs if

(1) for every G-split pair $X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{array} Y$, there is a fork in \mathcal{D}

$$X \rightrightarrows Y \longrightarrow D$$

such that $G \circ i$ is an isomorphism. ($G \circ i$ is the universal arrow $C \rightarrow G D$)

(2) any diagram satisfying (1) is a coequalizer.

We say $G: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ strictly creates coequalizers of G-split pairs if the lift in \mathcal{D} is unique.

Prop. For any monad T on a category \mathcal{C} , the forgetful functor $G^T: \mathcal{C}^T \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ strictly creates coequalizers of G^T -split pairs.

sketch of proof: Start with $A \rightrightarrows B$ in \mathcal{C}^T together with

$$A \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \xrightarrow{g} \end{array} B \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{r} \\ \xleftarrow{s} \end{array} C \text{ in } \mathcal{C}.$$

want to lift C to an object of \mathcal{C}^T .

Look at $TA \rightrightarrows TB \rightarrow TC$

Define $TC \rightarrow C$ as the universal arrow for

$$TA \rightrightarrows TB \rightarrow C$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \beta & \\ & \searrow & \nearrow \\ & B & \end{array}$$

since we want r be algebra map.

Check that it's a coequalizer diagram.

Uniqueness due to G^T is a forgetful functor. \square

Cor. If $F \dashv G$ monadic, then G creates coequalizers of G -split pairs.

Proof: $G = G^T G^!$. \square

Sketch proof of Theorem 4:

If G creates coequalizers of G -split pairs.

If Y is a T -algebra, $G^T Y \in \mathcal{C}$

$F^T Y^u \rightrightarrows F Y^u$ is in \mathcal{D} . $F^! Y$ is coequalizer.

with split fork $T^2 Y^u \rightrightarrows T Y^u \rightarrow Y^u$ in \mathcal{C} .

Then $Y^u \rightarrow G^! F^! Y^u$ is an isomorphism.

remains to prove $F^! G^! \Rightarrow \text{Id}$ is an iso. left as an exercise \square .