

# Differential Categories I

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## Introduction

- Motivating example of linear logic

$$A \Rightarrow B = !A \rightarrow B$$

- cokleisli category of cotriple  $!_{\text{Comonad}}$

stable domains  
& coherence  
Spaces

- Differential  $\lambda$ -calculus of Ehrhard & Regnier

Köthe spaces  
Finiteness spaces

Our aims:

categorically "reconstruct" the E-R differential structure

symmetric

Basic setting: monoidal category with comonad on it

Intuition: The "base category" maps are "linear"

Cokleisli maps are "smooth"

## An illustration of how this works

A smooth map  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   $f(x,y,z) = \langle x^2 + xyz, z^3 - xy \rangle$

Its Jacobian  $\begin{pmatrix} 2x+yz & xz & xy \\ -y & -x & 3z^2 \end{pmatrix}$

For chosen  $\langle x, y, z \rangle$  this is a linear map  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

i.e. from  $f: A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$   
we get  $D[f]: A \rightarrow \text{Lin}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m)$

These are both smooth  
ie Cokleisli maps

So: in our setting we would have this:

$f: !A \rightarrow B$   
 $D[f]: !A \rightarrow (A \multimap B)$   
Linear Hom

all maps  
in base cat  
 $X$

To avoid the need for closed structure, we shall  
take  $D[f]: A \otimes !A \rightarrow B$

## An atlas

Cokleisli cat

Abstract  
Storage  
Diff Cat

Base cat,  $x$

Storage  
Pre-Diff  
Cat

Base cat,  $\otimes, x$

Storage  
Diff  
Cat

Strong  
Abstract  
Diff Cat

Strong  
Pre-diff  
cat

Storage  
transform  
iso

Bialgebra  
modality  
+ D +  $\nabla$ -rule

Abstract  
Diff Cat

Pre-diff  
cat

Diff Cat  
= coalgebra modality  
+ D

= Storage transform  
+ D

(+ exactness condition)

## What we don't suppose:

- we don't require the underlying cat to be  $\star$ -autonomous - nor even monoidal closed
- we don't require (initially) biproducts
- we don't require (initially) all the properties of  $!$  that the linear logic  $!$  has
  - in particular "storage" ...  
 $(A \otimes !B \cong !(A \times B))$

(But we do get some nice structures if we do have biproduct & storage  
- a "not-nec-closed version of E-R's notion.)

Why? Because we want some simple examples of standard "differentiation" which don't have closed structure, nor "storage modalities" ...

## Outline of the talk:

### • Basic notions

- Differential Category
- coalgebra modality on a (semi)additive symmetric monoidal category
  - differential combinator

comm  
monoid  
enriched

{we'll show this in  
2 presentations}

### • Examples

- sets & relations (with "bag" functor)
- suplattices (with dual of free algebra functor)
- commutative polynomials + "ordinary" derivatives (on  $\text{Vec}^{\text{op}}$ )
- $S_\infty$  construction (generalises previous eg)

### • Extending the theory

#### • storage

- $\rightarrow$  Ehrhard & Regnier (a not-necessarily-closed version of their structure)

## Basic context

- (semi) additive symmetric monoidal category  $\mathcal{X}$ 
  - commutative monoid enriched
  - no assumption of biproducts - yet!
- Eg Sets & relations is (semi) additive but not AbGrp-enriched

## coalgebra modality !

- a cotriple (comonad)

$$\begin{array}{c} T \xleftarrow{\epsilon} !X \xrightarrow{\Delta} !X \otimes !X \\ \text{natural coalgebra str.} \end{array}$$

- $(!X, \Delta, \epsilon)$  is a comonoid

$$\begin{array}{c} !X \xrightarrow{\Delta} !X \otimes !X \\ \Delta = \begin{cases} !X \xrightarrow{\Delta} !X \otimes !X \\ !X \otimes !X \xrightarrow{\Delta} !X \otimes !X \end{cases} \\ \text{coassoc} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} !X \\ \downarrow \Delta \\ !X \xleftarrow{\epsilon} !X \otimes !X \xrightarrow{\Delta} !X \\ \text{be} \\ \text{commute} \end{array}$$

- $\delta: !X \rightarrow !!X$  is a comonoid morphism

$$\begin{array}{c} !X \xrightarrow{\delta} !!X \quad !X \xrightarrow{\epsilon} !!X \\ \epsilon \circ \delta = \text{id}_{!X} \quad \text{commute} \\ \delta \circ \Delta = \text{id}_{!!X} \end{array}$$

[we don't assume that  $\delta$ , or any of these transformations are monoidal - yet]

Intuition:  $!A \rightarrow B$  is "a differentiable map  $A \rightarrow B$ "

(but we need more structure to realize this)

## Examples

- id on aug cat with finite products

- $!$  in linear logic

- Dual of "algebra modality"

$$\text{The free algebra } T(X) = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} X^{\otimes n}$$

$$\text{The free symmetric algebra } \text{Sym}(X) = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} X^{\otimes n} / S_n$$

$$\text{The "exterior algebra"} \Lambda(X) = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} X^{\otimes n} / A$$

$$\text{so } xy = -yx$$

## Differential Combinators

$$D_{AB}: \mathcal{X}(!A, B) \longrightarrow \mathcal{X}(A \otimes !A, B)$$

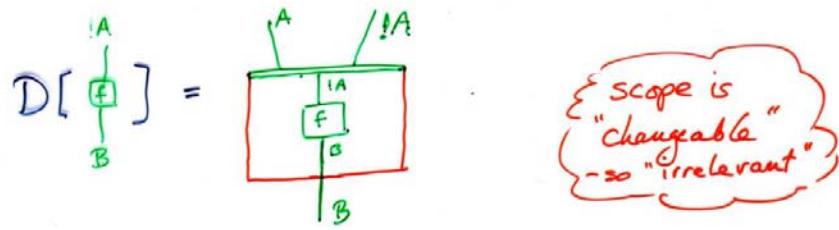
$$\frac{!A \xrightarrow{f} B}{A \otimes !A \xrightarrow{D[f]} B} \quad \text{Def}$$

Think  
 $!A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B)$

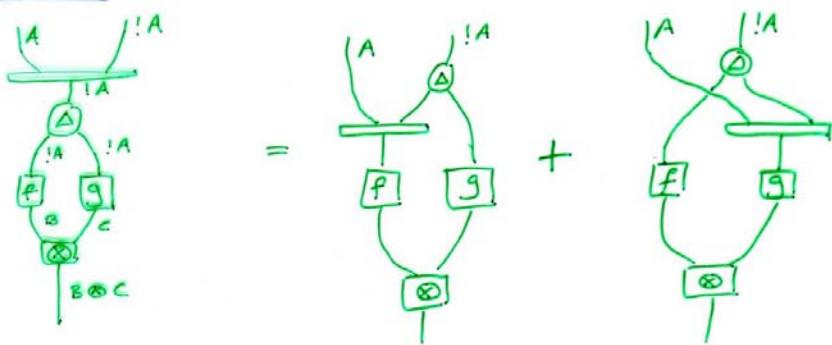
This must satisfy:

- naturality (for combinators), additivity
- "constants have deriv = 0"  $D[e] = 0$
- product rule  $(\text{id}_A)(D[f] \otimes g) + (\text{id}_A)(c \otimes i)(f \circ D[g]) = D[\delta(f \circ g)]$
- "Linear maps have constant deriv"  $D[ef] = (\text{id}_e)f$
- chain rule  $D[\delta(fg)] = (\text{id}_\delta)(D[f] \otimes \delta_! f) D[g]$

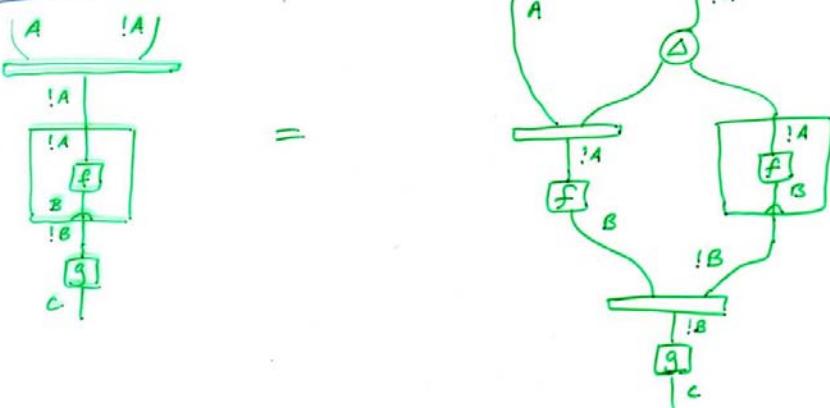
There is a "circuit calculus" for all this ...



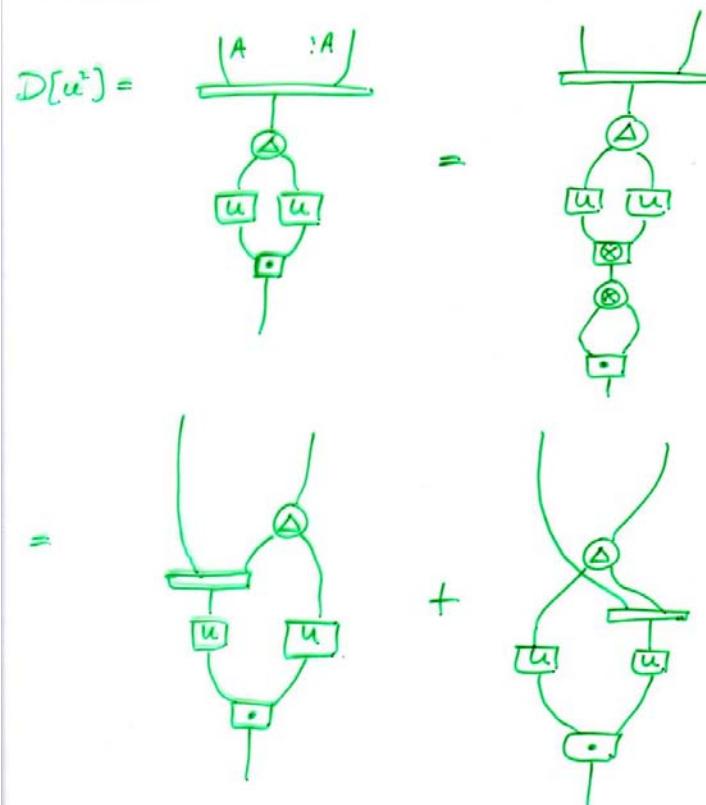
Product rule:



Chain Rule:



" $D[u^2] = 2u \cdot u'$ " (assume  $\circ : A \otimes A \rightarrow A$ ) ( $u^2 = u \circ u$ )



$$= u' \cdot u + u \cdot u' = 2u \cdot u'$$

[Def] A differential category is a (semi) additive sm cat with a coalg. modality & a differential combinator.]

## Deriving transformations

[An alternate presentation of differential combinator]

Note that  $D[1_A]$  is "special":  $(d_A \stackrel{\text{DEF}}{=} D[1_A])$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} !A \xrightarrow{!} !A & \rightsquigarrow & A \otimes !A \xrightarrow{d_A} !A \\ !A \downarrow f \quad \downarrow f & & 1 \downarrow \quad \downarrow f \\ !A \xrightarrow{f} B & & A \otimes !A \xrightarrow{D[f]} B \end{array}$$

$\therefore D[f] = d_A ; f$

"Evident" axioms for  $d_A$

So (equiv) a diff cat is a coalg modality + "deriving trans"  
(The circuit axioms are a bit simpler with  $d_A$ )

## Examples

- Sets & Relations

$!X$  = "bag functor" ... converse of the free commutative monoid monad

$$d_X : X \otimes !X \rightarrow !X$$

$$x_0, \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \mapsto \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

## Examples

• Sup lattices (with map preserving all joins) {This is a  $\star$ -autonomous category}

$!X$  is deMorgan dual of free  $\oplus$ -algebra; equiv free commutative algebra

$$!X = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} X^{\otimes n} / S_n$$

This has a bialgebra structure

$$d : X \otimes !X \rightarrow !X$$

"multiply by the result" (in sense of symmetry str.)

• Commutative polynomials & (standard) derivatives  
(we'll generalize this in a moment)

Idea: to "fix" (the dual of)  $\text{Mod}_R$  ... {modules over a ring  $R$ }  
with free non-commutative algebra monad and "usual" derivative

$$df = \sum x \otimes \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$$

(which fails the chain rule)

→ use the free commutative algebra monad  $S$ .

Consider (dual of)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} c\text{Poly}_K & \xrightarrow{\quad} & c\text{Alg}_K \\ (= \text{Vec}_S) & & (= \text{Vec}^S) \\ \swarrow \quad \uparrow & & \uparrow \quad \searrow \\ & \text{Vec}_K & \end{array}$$

$S$  is a monad & an algebra modality

$c\text{Poly}_K^{\text{op}}$  is the cat of polynomial functions:  
[ $f : W \xrightarrow{\sim} S(V)$  def'd by its basis, so may be seen as a collection of polys in the basis  $V$ .]

Generalization: Soo

Start with a rig  $R$  (eventually we'll really want a field)

- construct a monad on  $\text{Mod}_R$
- if this "supports" 'partial derivatives', we get a co-deriving transformation [Then  $(\circ)$  everything]

First: suppose  $U(R)$  is the initial alg for an alg theory  $T$  which includes the theory of commutative polynomials over  $R$

- $T[0,1]$  contains exactly alts of  $R$
- $T[2,1]$  contains (at least)  $\cdot, +$
- $T[n,1]$  contains (at least)  $R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  with usual interpretation of  $\cdot, +$

(call  $T$  a "polynomial theory over  $R$ ")

Eg:  $T =$  "smooth theory" of  $\infty$  "diff" comt real functions:  $T[n,1] = C^\infty(R^n, R)$   
 or complex

Monad?

set map

$$S_T(V) = \left\{ h: V \rightarrow R \mid \exists v_1, \dots, v_n \in V, \alpha \in T[n,1] \right. \\ \left. \text{st } h(u) = \alpha(u(v_1), \dots, u(v_n)) \right\}$$

$V^* = V \otimes R$  ...

Regard  $h$  as "instantiation of  $\alpha$ "  $\circ$  the  $v_i$  determine a fin dim subspace where  $h$  "is"  $\alpha$ .

Eg:  $T =$  "pure theory"  $T[n,1] = R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

Then  $S_T(V)$  is the sym. algebra monad  $\text{Sym}(V)$  and  $\text{Lin}(TR^m, S_T(R^n)) \approx \text{Poly}(n, m)$

Monad structure:

$$\begin{aligned} f: V &\rightarrow S_T(W) \\ f^*: S_T(V) &\rightarrow S_T(W) \end{aligned} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} h: u \mapsto \alpha(u(v_1), \dots, u(v_n)) \\ h': u' \mapsto \alpha(f(v_1)(u'), \dots, f(v_n)(u')) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\eta: V \rightarrow S_T(V) : v \mapsto [u \mapsto u(v)]$$

(This is / becomes an algebra homomorphism)

So we have a coalgebra modality on  $\text{Mod}_R^{op}$

- What of diff?

We need another assumption: that the theory  $T$  "admits partial derivatives"

Combinators on  $T[n,1]$ :  $\frac{x_1, \dots, x_n \vdash t}{x_1, \dots, x_n \vdash \partial_i t}$

(with "obvious axioms")

a differential  
theory over  $R$

inducing  $d: S_T(V) \rightarrow V \otimes S_T(V)$

$$d: [u \mapsto \alpha(u(v_1), \dots, u(v_n))]$$

$$\mapsto \sum_i v_i \otimes [u \mapsto \partial_i(\alpha)(u(v_1), \dots, u(v_n))]$$

Need to verify this is well defined & satisfies appropriate axioms

- this needs another condition on  $R$ , which is automatic if  $R$  is a field. (so for now, think of  $R$  as a field!)

Then:

If  $T$  is a differential theory over  $\wedge^{\text{suitable}} R$ , then  
 $\text{Mod}_R^{**}$  is a differential category (wrt  $\delta$  modality & d above)

### Storage

Given a s.m.cat with products and a comonad!

a comonoidal transformation  $s: ! \rightarrow !$

from  $(X, \times, 1)$  to  $(X, \otimes, T)$  amounts to

$$s_0: !(1) \rightarrow T \quad \text{and} \quad s_2: !(X \times Y) \rightarrow !X \otimes !Y$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{st} \quad !(X \times Y) & \xrightarrow{s_2} & !(X \times Y) \otimes !Z \\ & \downarrow !(a_x) & \downarrow a_{\otimes} \\ & !(X \times (Y \times Z)) & \xrightarrow{!s_2} !X \otimes !(Y \times Z) \xrightarrow{!s_2} !X \otimes !(Y \otimes !Z) \\ & & & \\ & !(1 \times X) & \xrightarrow{s_2} !(1) \otimes !X & !(X \times 1) & \xrightarrow{s_2} !X \otimes !(1) \\ & \downarrow !\pi_1 & \downarrow s_0 \otimes 1 & \downarrow !\pi_1 & \downarrow !s_0 \\ & 1X & \xleftarrow{u_0} T \otimes !X & 1X & \xleftarrow{u_0} !X \otimes T \end{array}$$

(+ diagram for symmetry if appropriate)

(as a comonad)

In our setting, requiring that  $!$  be comonoidal is too strong - we'd want  $\delta$  to be so, but not  $\epsilon$  (The Id functor is not comonoidal)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(X \times Y) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & G(X \times Y) \\ \downarrow \delta^F & & \downarrow \delta^G \\ FX \otimes FY & \xrightarrow{\alpha \otimes \alpha} & GX \otimes GY \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} F(1) & \xrightarrow{\epsilon} & G(1) \\ \delta^F \swarrow & & \searrow \delta^G \\ T & & \end{array}$$

no such  $\delta^G$  for  $G = \text{Id}$

A (s)mcat  $X$  with comonad  $!$ , products has a storage transformation if there is a comonoidal transformation

$$s : ! \rightarrow ! : (X, \times, 1) \rightarrow (X, \otimes, T)$$

so that  $s$  is comonoidal

using the canonical  
 comonoidal trans  $(X, \times, 1) \Rightarrow$   
 ie  $!(X \times Y) \rightarrow !X \times !Y$   
 $!(1) \rightarrow 1$

### Key Fact:

For a (symm) monoidal cat with products:  
 to have a comonad with (symm) storage trans. is equiv.  
 to having a (cocommutative) coalgebra modality.

$$\begin{aligned} (\Downarrow) \text{ Define } \Delta : !X &\xrightarrow{!(\eta_X)} !(X \times X) \xrightarrow{s_2} !X \otimes !X \\ e : !X &\xrightarrow{!(\eta)} !(1) \xrightarrow{s_0} T \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\Uparrow) \text{ Define } s_2 : !(X \times Y) &\xrightarrow{\Delta} !(X \times Y) \otimes !(X \times Y) \xrightarrow{!(\pi_0 \otimes !\pi_1)} !X \otimes !Y \\ s_0 : !(1) &\xrightarrow{e} T \end{aligned}$$

This  
 works!

In our context, we want the storage transformation to be an iso, with good coherence properties

{ we also consider the structure  
 where we've the iso, but not  
 all the "good coherence"

To guarantee this we may define a storage modality!

- symm monoidal cat  $X$
- symm monoidal comonad on  $X$  !
- cofree objects are naturally comm. comonoids
- comonoid str. given by  $!$ -coalgebra morphisms

### Then Note:

• A s.m.cat has a storage modality iff the induced tensor on coalgebras for  $!$  is a cartesian product. (Schalt)

• In a storage category ( $\equiv$  s.m.cat with  $X$  and storage  $!$ )  
 $!A \otimes !B \xrightarrow{\cong} !(A \times B)$  and  $T \xrightarrow{\cong} !(1)$

(whose inverses are the canonical  $s_2$ , so  
 and indeed, the iso's shown are also canonically given)

(In this context, the adjunction between  $X$  and  $X!$  is monoidal)  
 (Bierman)

Eg  $\text{Mod}_R$  is/has a storage modality (viz the dual of the symm alg. monad on  $\text{Mod}_R$ )  
(for any rig  $R$ )

- $X$ , a storage modality! :  $X_!$  = free coalgebras  
(in  $X^!$ )  
-  $X^!$  has products given by  $\otimes$   
- the storage iso guarantees the tensor of 2 free obj  
is  $\cong$  to a free one

So:  $X_!$  is closed under the induced tensor of  $X^!$

and  $X_!$  inherits products from  $X$ .

All very  
"linear logic"

### Bialgebra modalities

(a bit weaker than storage; seems not to have  
the storage iso's)

- comonad  $!$  so each  $!A$  is naturally a bialgebra  
δ a coalgebra homom (not rec. analg. one)  
 $\epsilon = 0$   
 $\nabla \epsilon = \epsilon \otimes \epsilon + \epsilon \otimes \epsilon$

Storage modalities are bialgebra modalities

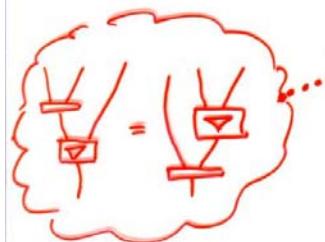
[In an additive storage cat, cofree objects are nat'lly comm. bialgs:  
- transport bialg str on  $X$  to the tensor via storage iso.]

### Differential Storage Cats

- (semi)additive storage cat
- deriving transformation

- ( $\nabla$  rule)  $A \otimes !A \otimes !A \xrightarrow{\text{!Op}} A \otimes !A$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} d \otimes 1 & \downarrow & \downarrow d_A \\ = & & = \\ !A \otimes !A & \xrightarrow{\nabla} & !A \end{array}$$



This is (our version of) a "not-necessarily-closed" version of Ehrhard & Regnier's structures

We can see this via an intermediate structure

Define a nat trans  $\eta: A \rightarrow !A$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 \otimes 1 & \downarrow \text{def } / d_A & \\ A \otimes !A & & \end{array}$$

•  $\eta$  is a primitive  
in E-R's  
system

$\eta$  is essentially  
their differentiation

A categorical model of the differential calculus:

- (semi) additive cat with biproducts
- bialgebra modality: comonad  $(!, \delta, \epsilon)$ 
  - each  $!X$  has bialg str  $(!X, \nabla, \epsilon, \Delta, \eta)$
  - natural  $\eta : X \rightarrow !X$

+ 4 axioms:  $\eta e = 0$

$$\eta \Delta = \eta \otimes \epsilon + \epsilon \otimes \eta$$

$$\eta \epsilon = 1$$

$$(\eta \otimes 1) \nabla \delta = (\eta \otimes \Delta) ((\nabla \eta) \otimes \delta) \nabla$$

- Then:
- A model of the diff calculus  
 $\equiv$  diff. cat with biproducts whose coalg modality is in fact a bialg modality sat the  $\nabla$ -rule
  - Models of diff calculus on additive storage cats  
 $\equiv$  differential storage categories

$$(I) d_x = (\eta_x \otimes 1) \nabla$$

$$(II) \eta_x = (1 \otimes \iota) d_x$$

What's next?

- Eventually we hope to make connections with other notions of "differentiation" and "smoothness"
- More immediately: characterize those cats which are  $\text{coKleisli}$  cats of (several variants of) differential cats

