

The Microcosm Principle and Concurrency in Coalgebras

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1-slide review of coalgebra/coinduction

Theory of **coalgebras**

abstraction, genericity, (joy)

= “**categorical theory of state-based systems**”

system

coalgebra

categorically

$$\begin{array}{c} FX \\ \uparrow \\ X \end{array}$$

in Sets : bisimilarity
in Kleisli : trace semantics

morphism of coalgebras

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FX & \xrightarrow{Ff} & FY \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \end{array}$$

[Hasuo, Jacobs, Sokolova]

behavior

coinduction
(via final coalgebra)

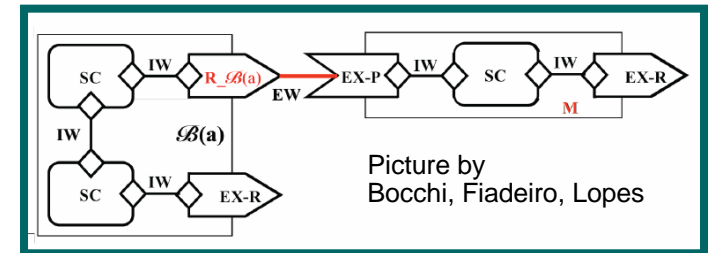
$$\begin{array}{ccc} FX & \dashrightarrow & FZ \\ c \uparrow & & \cong \uparrow \text{final} \\ X & \dashrightarrow_{\text{beh}(c)} & Z \end{array}$$

Concurrency

- is about **parallel composition** $C \parallel D$
 - running C and D at the same time
 - with *communication/synchronization* between C and D

- is **everywhere**

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



Picture by
Bocchi, Fiadeiro, Lopes

- is **hard to get right**

- e.g. so easy to get into *deadlocks*
- cf. Edward Lee. *Making Concurrency Mainstream*.
Invited talk at CONCUR 2006.
<http://ptolemy.eecs.berkeley.edu/presentations/main.htm>

Compositionality

Behavior of $C \parallel D$

is determined by

behavior of C and behavior of D

- Enables ***compositional*** verification of complex systems
- Conventional presentation:

$$C \sim C', \quad D \sim D' \quad \rightarrow \quad C \parallel D \sim C' \parallel D'$$

- \sim : process/observational/behavioral equivalence
 - bisimilarity, trace equivalence, etc.
- “*bisimilarity is a congruence*”

Compositionality in coalgebras

- **Final coalgebra semantics** as “process semantics”.

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

- “Coalgebraic compositionality”

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

- Two different \parallel !
 - $\parallel : \text{Coalg}_F \times \text{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \text{Coalg}_F$ on *coalgebras*
 - $\parallel : Z \times Z \rightarrow Z$ on *states*

Nested algebraic structures: *the microcosm principle*

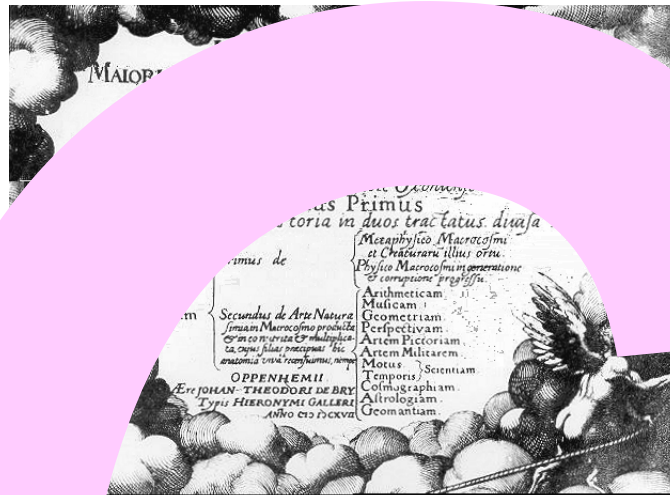
$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \text{Coalg}_F & \times & \text{Coalg}_F & \xrightarrow{\parallel} & \text{Coalg}_F \\
 Z & \times & Z & \xrightarrow{\parallel} & Z
 \end{array}$$

with

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

- The same “algebraic structure”
 - **operations** (binary \parallel)
 - **equations** (e.g. associativity of \parallel)
- is carried by
 - the **category Coalg_F** and
 - its **object $Z \in \text{Coalg}_F$**
 in a nested manner!
- “Microcosm principle” (Baez & Dolan)

Microcosm in macrocosm



The microcosm principle

- You may have seen it
 - “a monoid is 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	
$(X \otimes Y) \otimes Z \cong X \otimes (Y \otimes Z)$	assoc. law	

- Notice:
 - The “inner” structure depends on the “outer” one
- We identify (probably) the first CS example

Formalizing the microcosm principle

What do we mean exactly by the “microcosm principle”?

- When a category \mathbb{L} presents an algebraic theory (*Lawvere theory*),
- Its **(set-theoretic) model** is a FP-preserving functor

$$\mathbb{L} \xrightarrow{X} \mathbf{Sets}$$

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

- How about a **nested model** as in the microcosm principle?
 → Our answer: a lax natural transformation

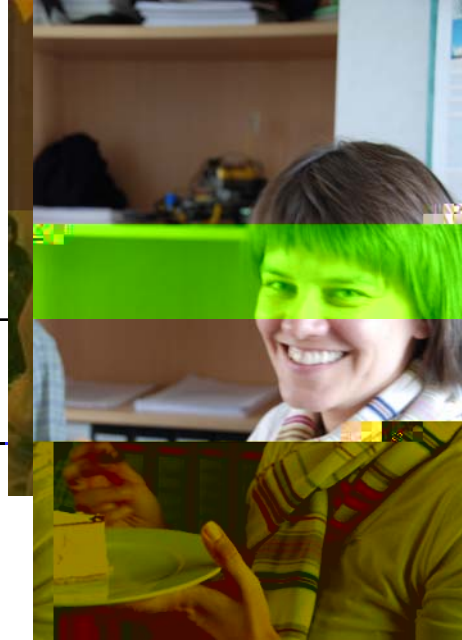
$$\mathbb{L} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{1} \\ \Downarrow X \\ \xrightarrow{\mathbb{C}} \end{array} \mathbf{Cat}$$

Outline

- Microcosm principle for concurrency (|| and ||)
 - || and || essentially arise from “**synchronization**” natural transformation

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

- The microcosm principle syntactically
 - Algebraic structure is syntactically presented as (Σ, E)
 - ... (Ana can tell you more!)
- The microcosm principle 2-categorically
 - (Common) alg. str. is presented by a **Lawvere theory**
 - Applications:
 - generic compositionality theorem
 - generic soundness theorem





Part I:

**Parallel composition of coalg.
via *sync* nat. trans.**

Parallel composition of coalgebras

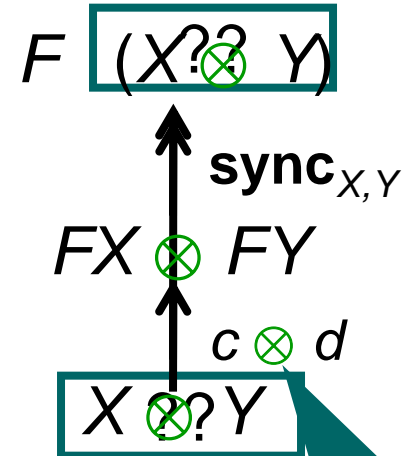
$$\text{bbbh} \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \begin{array}{c} FEX \\ \uparrow \\ c \\ \uparrow \\ X \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} FXY \\ \uparrow \\ d \\ \uparrow \\ Y \end{array} \\ \hline \otimes \end{array} \right) = \text{bbbh} \left(\begin{array}{c} FX \\ \uparrow \\ c \\ \uparrow \\ X \end{array} \right) \parallel \text{bbbh} \left(\begin{array}{c} FXY \\ \uparrow \\ d \\ \uparrow \\ Y \end{array} \right)$$

- \parallel : bifunctor $\mathbf{Coalg}_F \times \mathbf{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \mathbf{Coalg}_F$
 \rightarrow usually denoted by \otimes (tensor)
- Theorem If
 - the base category \mathbf{C} has associative tensor
 $\otimes : \mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$
 - and $F : \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ comes with natural transformation
 $\text{sync}_{X,Y} : FX \otimes FY \rightarrow F(X \otimes Y)$
 - then we have $\otimes : \mathbf{Coalg}_F \times \mathbf{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \mathbf{Coalg}_F$

Parallel composition arises from **sync**

Parallel composition of coalgebras

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



\otimes on base category

- Different **sync** yield different \otimes

Examples of

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

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

Cartesian product as \otimes

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

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



Compositionality result



Compositionality result

- **Theorem**
Given that

- \mathbf{C} has tensor \otimes
- F has **sync** $_{X,Y} : FX \otimes FY \rightarrow F(X \otimes Y)$
- there is a final coalgebra $Z \rightarrow FZ$

we have **compositionality**

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

- “**Compositionality for free**”
- It follows: $\mathbf{C} \sim \mathbf{C}', D \sim D' \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \parallel D \sim \mathbf{C}' \parallel D'$
- Proof By finality
- We shall generalize this to an **arbitrary** (single-sorted) algebraic theory



Part II:

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

Microcosm principle (Baez & Dolan)

- The same algebraic theory
- interpreted both on \mathbf{C} and on $X \in \mathbf{C}$
 - \mathbf{C} : *outer* model
 - $X \in \mathbf{C}$: *inner* model
- Examples:
 - monoid in a monoidal category
 - final coalgebra in \mathbf{Coalg}_F with \otimes

What is microcosm principle, mathematically?

Setting

- 2-categorical
 - 2-categories: **categories** in **categories**
 - suitable for microcosm structures, i.e. **algebras** in **algebras**

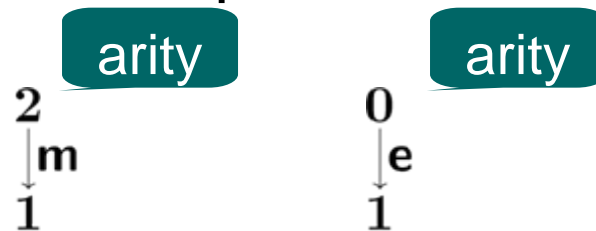
Lawvere theory L

- *Categorical presentation* of an algebraic specification/theory
- **Definition**
A **Lawvere theory** L is a small category s.t.
 - L 's objects are natural numbers
 - L has finite products

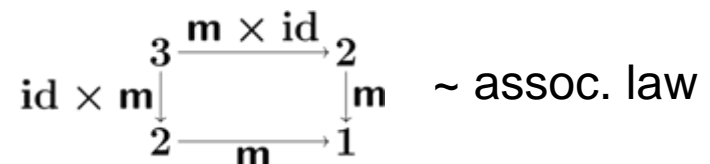
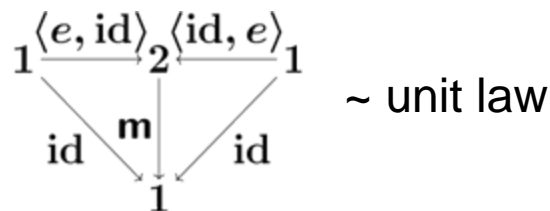
Lawvere theory

is a category L that has

- Arrows for operations

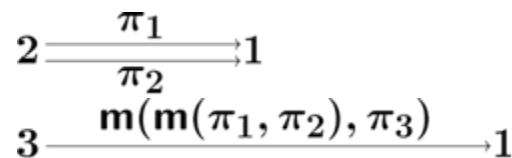


- Commutativity for equations



- Other arrows:

- projections
- (composed) terms



Models for Lawvere theory

- Cf. A **(set-theoretic) model** is a FP-preserving functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{L} & \xrightarrow{X} & \mathbf{Sets} \\ \\ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ \downarrow \mathbf{m} \\ 1 \end{array} & \longmapsto & \begin{array}{c} X^2 \\ \downarrow [\mathbf{m}] \\ X \end{array} \end{array}$$

- A set with **L**-structure
 - “Functorial semantics”
- How about the microcosm principle:
L-algebraic structures on
 - **C**: **outer** model
 - $X \in \mathbf{C}$: **inner** model

Outer model: L -category

- Outer model =
a category with L -structure \rightarrow “ L -category”
- L -category: an FP-preserving functor

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbb{L} & \xrightarrow{\mathbb{C}} & \mathbf{Cat} \\
 \\
 \mathbb{2} & \downarrow m & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathbb{C}^2 \\
 & \downarrow & & \downarrow [m] \\
 \mathbb{1} & & & \mathbb{C}
 \end{array}$$

- In fact, a **pseudo**-functor (equations are up-to-iso)

Inner model: L -object

Definition

An **L -object** in an **L -category** $\mathbb{L} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{C}} \mathbf{Cat}$
 is a **lax** natural transformation

Outer model

compatible with product
 Recall: $\frac{X \in \mathbb{C}}{1}$

Inner alg. structure occurs from ***lax naturality***

Components

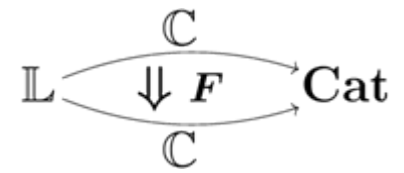
$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_0 : 1 & \xrightarrow{!} & 1 \\ X_1 : 1 & \xrightarrow{X} & \mathbb{C} \\ X_2 : 1 & \xrightarrow{(X, X)} & \mathbb{C}^2 \\ & \vdots & \end{array}$$

naturality

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

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

lax L-functor: lax natural trans.

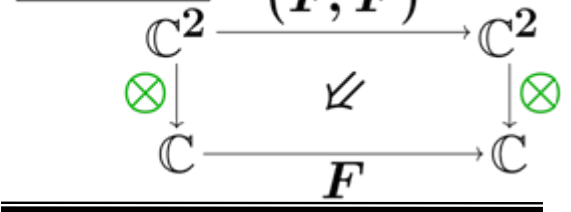


Facts

lax naturality:

In \mathbb{L}

In \mathbf{Cat}



lax **L**-functor
= functor with **sync**.

$$FX \otimes FY \xrightarrow{\text{sync}_{X,Y}} F(X \otimes Y) \text{ in } \mathbf{C}$$

- **L**-category
 - $F: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$, **lax L**-functor
→ \mathbf{Coalg}_F is an **L**-category
 - $F: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$, **oplax L**-functor
→ \mathbf{Alg}_F is an **L**-category
 - $X \in \mathbf{C}$, **L**-object
→ \mathbf{C}/X is an **L**-category
 - Final object is an **L**-object

$F: \text{lax}, G: \text{oplax}$
→ **Inserters** $\text{Ins}(F, G)$ is an **L**-category

Generic compositionality result

- **Theorem**

Given that

- \mathbf{C} is an L -category
- $F: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ is a lax L -functor
- there is a final coalgebra $Z \rightarrow FZ$

the functor

$$\text{Coalg}_F \xrightarrow{\text{beh}} \mathbb{C}/Z$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} FX \\ c \uparrow \\ X \end{array} \right) \longmapsto (X \xrightarrow{\text{beh}(c)} Z)$$

by coinduction

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

is a (strict) **L-functor**.

- This subsumes the previous compositionality result

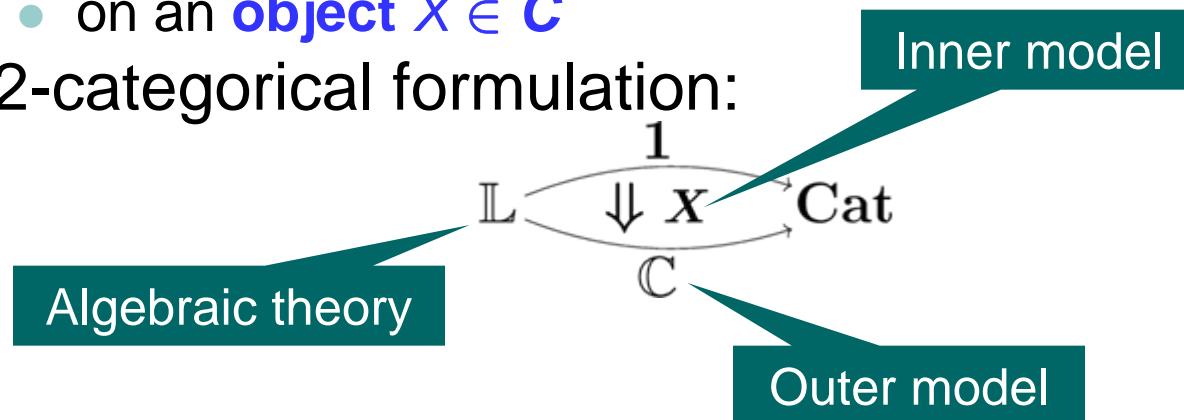
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Related work: bialgebras

- Related to the study of ***bialgebraic structures***
[Turi-Plotkin, Bartels, Klin, ...]
 - Algebraic structures on coalgebras
- In the current work:
 - ***Equations***, not only *operations*, are also an integral part
 - Algebraic structures are ***nested, higher-dimensional***

Conclusion

- **Microcosm principle** :
same algebraic structure
 - on a **category \mathbf{C}** and
 - on an **object $X \in \mathbf{C}$**
- 2-categorical formulation:



- ***Concurrency in coalgebras*** as a CS example
- Preprint available:
<http://www.cs.ru.nl/~ichiro>

Thank you for your attention!

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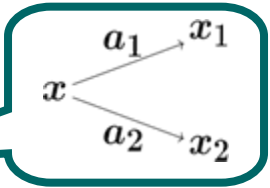
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Behavior by coinduction: example

Take $F = \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin}}(\Sigma \times _)$ in **Sets**.

- System as coalgebra:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin}}(\Sigma \times X) & & \{(a_1, x_1), (a_2, x_2)\} \\ \uparrow c & & \uparrow x \\ X & & \end{array}$$



- Behavior by coinduction:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FX & \dashrightarrow & FZ \\ \uparrow c & & \cong \uparrow \text{final} \\ X & \xrightarrow{\text{beh}(c)} & Z \\ x & \longrightarrow & \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{process} \\ \text{graph of } x \end{array} \right] \end{array}$$

the set of

- finitely branching
- edges labeled with Σ
- infinite-depth trees,

such as

- in **Sets**: **bisimilarity**
- in certain Kleisli categories: **trace equivalence**
[Hasuo, Jacobs, Sokolova, CMCS'06]

Examples of

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

○ Note:

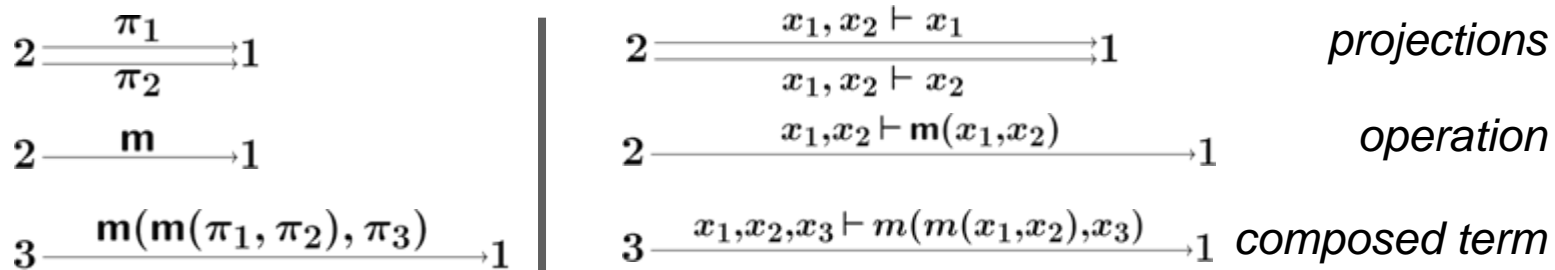
Asynchronous/interleaving compositions don't fit in this framework

- such as $a.P \parallel Q \xrightarrow{a} P \parallel Q$
- We have to use, instead of F , the ***cofree comonad*** on F

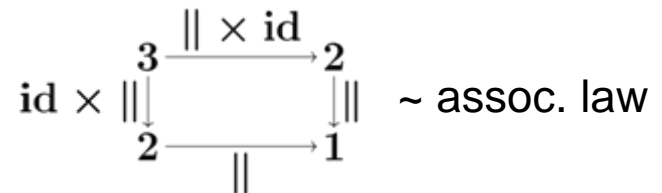
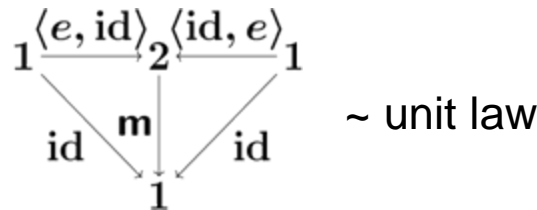
Lawvere theory

- Presentation of an algebraic theory as a category:

- objects: 0, 1, 2, 3, ... “**arities**”
- arrows: “**terms** (in a context)”



- commuting diagrams are understood as “**equations**”



- arises from
 - (single-sorted) algebraic specification (Σ, E) as the *syntactic category*
 - FP-sketch

Outline

- In a coalgebraic study of **concurrency**,
- **Nested** algebraic structures
 - on a **category \mathbf{C}** and
 - on an **object $X \in \mathbf{C}$**arise naturally (**microcosm principle**)
- Our contributions:
 - Syntactic formalization of microcosm principle
 - 2-categorical formalization with Lawvere theories
 - Application to coalgebras:
 - generic compositionality theorem

Generic soundness result

- A Lawvere theory L is for
 - operations, and
 - **equations** (e.g. associativity, commutativity)
- \mathbf{Coalg}_F is an L -category
 - ➔ Parallel composition \otimes is automatically **associative** (for example)
 - Ultimately, this is due to the **coherence condition** on the **lax L -functor F**
- **Possible application** :
Study of *syntactic formats* that ensure associativity/commutativity (future work)