Mathematical Semantics of Computer Systems, MSCS (4810-1168) Handout for Lecture 6 (2014/12/1)

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We continue using the handout from the last lecture. The relevant part is repeated below just in case.

1 Today's Goal

Identify the following framework of *abstract interpretation* [1] as an instance of adjunction. (Thanks are due to Kengo Kido for a nice introduction.)

Definition (Galois connection). Let L and \overline{L} be posets; and $\alpha: L \to \overline{L}$ and $\gamma: \overline{L} \to L$ be monotone functions. The pair (α, γ) is said to be a *Galois connection* if, for any $x \in L$ and $\overline{x} \in \overline{x}$,

 $\alpha(x) \leq_{\overline{L}} \overline{x}$ if and only if $x \leq_L \gamma(\overline{x})$.

Example (interval domain). Let

$$L := \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \text{ and } \overline{L} := \{\emptyset\} \cup \{[l,r] \mid l,r \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{-\infty,\infty\}, l \le r\}$$

where each set is ordered by inclusion. Moreover,

 $\alpha(S) := [\min S, \max X] \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma(\overline{S}) := \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \in \overline{S}\} \ .$

Then the pair (α, γ) is a Galois connection.

2 Today's Agenda

2.1 Adjunction

Definition. Homset.

Definition. Adjunction.

Example. Free monoids.

Definition. Unit, counit.

Lemma. Adjoint transposes by units and counits.

Proposition. Characterization of adjuction by: 1) the universality of η (Def. 3.2 of [Lambek & Scott], intuitive for free monoids); 2) the triangular equalities (Def. 3.1 of [Lambek & Scott]).

Lemma. 1. Adjoint functors determine each other uniquely up-to canonical natural isomorphisms.

2. Composition of adjoints.

2.2 Limits as Adjoints

Definition. Functor category

Proposition. A limit gives rise to an adjunction.

3 Exercises

1. Formulate and prove the following statement.

A right adjoint preserves limits.

2. Prove the following: in an adjunction $F \dashv G$, G is faithful if and only if every component of the counit ε is an epi. [2, Thm. IV.3.1]

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