

Chap. 3

Categorical SOS and

Bialgebras

Plan

- Concurrency, process theory
- SOS
- Compositionality : opr. sem. w/
den. reasoning

References

Bartek Klin, TCS 2011

§3.1 Introduction.

Computer Science

finitary formalism,
representing

(possibly) infinitary behaviors

E.g.

- a while program,
(imperative)

↔ finite string

and its execution

↔ possibly non-termin.

- a DFA

↔ finite

and its accepted language

↔ infinite, w/
arbitrary long words

- A Büchi autom. and
the ω -language it recognizes

$$\begin{array}{c} \varphi \\ \uparrow \\ \boxed{A \subseteq L^\omega} \end{array}$$

- A higher-order recursion scheme
and the tree language it produces
- (... and of course)
a λ -term and its reduction
sequence

A central question

- Given a finitary representation (a program, an autom., ...), what is its (infinitary) behavior?

Now notice that this question is ill-formulated ... We mortal humans are incapable of writing down infinite behaviors ...

The central question,
refined and often asked

1 Given two presentations M, N ,
do they exhibit the same
behavior?

($M =_p N$, $\llbracket M \rrbracket = \llbracket N \rrbracket$, $M \stackrel{a}{=}_{CT \times T} N$,
 $M \stackrel{a}{\approx} N$ (bisim))

[Foundation of program transformation,
automata minimization, etc.

same job,
more efficiently

2 Given a presentation M ,
does its behavior satisfy a
given specification P ?

e.g. P is

- strongly normalizing
(termination)

- never produces a label a
($G(\neg a)$)

- after a occurs, b occurs
eventually ($G(a \supset Fb)$)

specification in modal (temporal)
logic

Anyway To answer such questions,
we need a mathematical def. of
the behavior of a presentation M .

This is what SEMANTICS

(in CS) is about.

↑
"What is its
'meaning'?"

Two common styles of semantics:

- denotational sem.

mathematical / algebraic, abstract,
easy to reason with

- operational sem.

concrete, akin to actual implem.

CS Winstel, Formal Semantics of
Prog. Languages (MIT Press)

The distinction is not clear-cut...

e.g.

* Is game semantics den. or opr.?

- In what follows, we see

initial alg. sem. ($\hat{=}$ den.)

final coalg. sem. ($\hat{=}$ opr.)

coincide in lucky situations

[Hoare, in early years]

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Once ^a denotational model is available, (nasty) operational models should immediately be thrown away"

Structural Operational Semantics

aims at bringing a (SOS) mathematical order to operational semantics.

- [Plotkin '81] First appearance

- Used e.g. for def. of the (opr.) sem. of ML, but

⌘ i.e. language specification

- is much more widely used for process calculi

⌘ CCS, CSP, ACP, π -cal., ...
simple prog. lang. for
Concurrent systems/processes

- [Turi, Plotkin '97] Categorical

⌘ formulation via alg. & coalg.
goal of this part

SOS The first example

- The process algebra:

$P ::= 0$

| $a \cdot P$

| $P + P$

| $P \parallel P$

← Termination

← action prefix
($a \in L$) "do a and then do P"

← non deterministic choice

"choose one and do it"

← parallel composition

"do both in a concurrent manner"

One can also include recursive definitions

⇒ infinitary behaviors

For simplicity we don't do that now

We define the (operational) sem. for this process alg. using

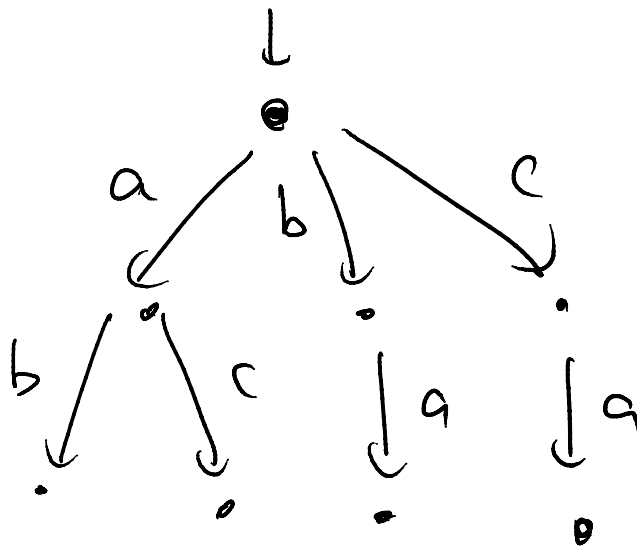
$$\frac{LTS}{\alpha} \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{labeled transition sys.,} \\ \mathcal{P}(L \times X) \\ \text{fin } \uparrow \\ X \end{array} \right]$$

e.g.

$$\llbracket a.0 \parallel (b.0 + c.0) \rrbracket$$

α "the meaning of —"

≡



Q How to define $[-]$
in a math. rigorous manner?

The SOS answer is as follows.

1 You specify the 'meaning' of
process operators ($a.$, $+$, \parallel , ...)
by means of SOS rules

$$\frac{}{a.x \xrightarrow{a} x} \text{ (Act)}$$

$$\frac{x \xrightarrow{a} x'}{x+y \xrightarrow{a} x'} \text{ (+-L)}$$

$$\frac{y \xrightarrow{a} y'}{x+y \xrightarrow{a} y'} \text{ (+-R)}$$

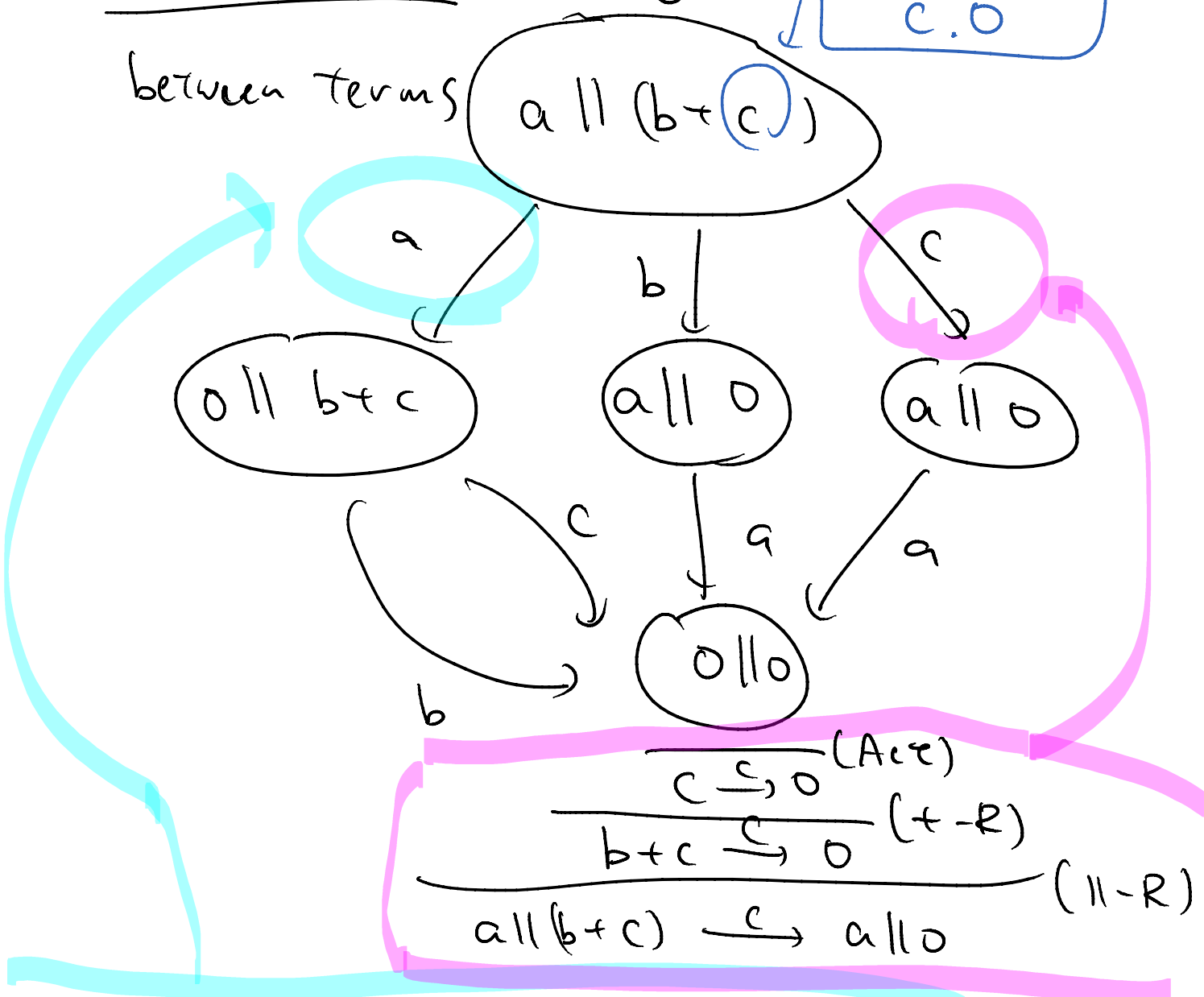
$$\frac{x \xrightarrow{a} x'}{x \parallel y \xrightarrow{a} x' \parallel y} \text{ (||-L)}$$

$$\frac{y \xrightarrow{a} y'}{x \parallel y \xrightarrow{a} x \parallel y'} \text{ (||-R)}$$

2 Using these rules, you derive transitions

between terms

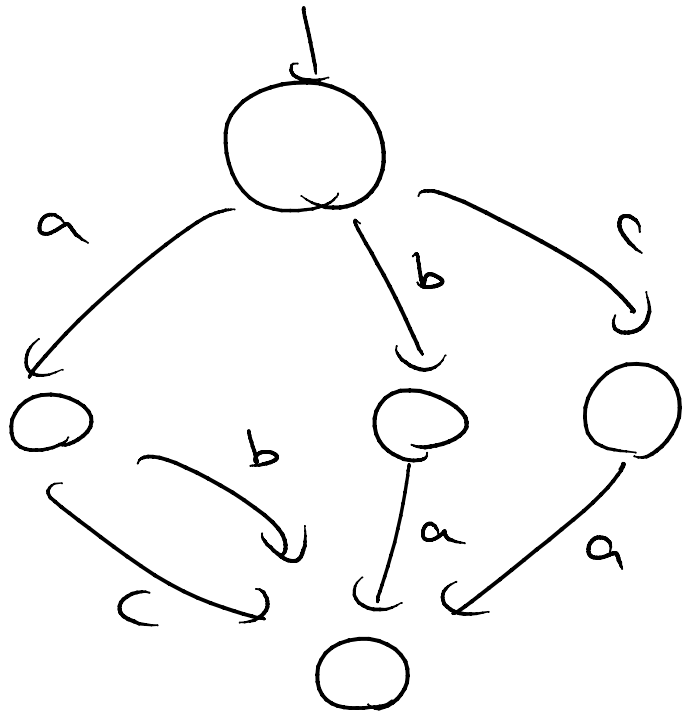
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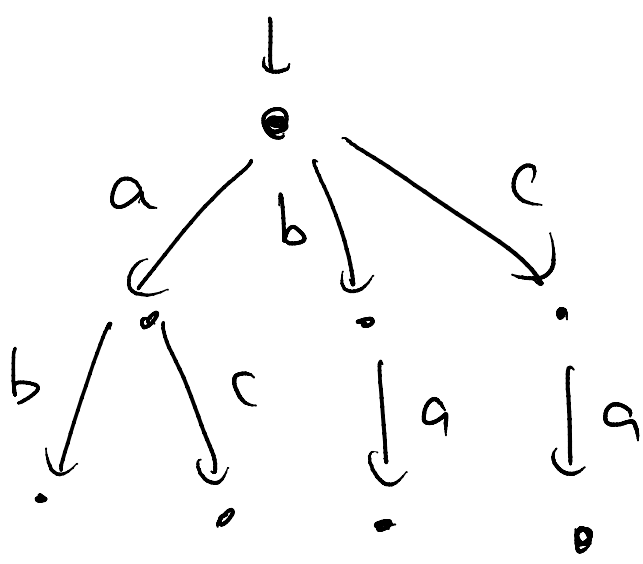
$$\frac{\frac{\frac{c \rightarrow 0 \text{ (Acr)}}{b+c \rightarrow 0 \text{ (+-R)}}}{\text{all (b+c)} \xrightarrow{c} \text{0|0} \text{ (||-R)}}$$

$$\frac{\frac{a \xrightarrow{a} 0 \text{ (Acr)}}{\text{all b+c} \xrightarrow{a} \text{0|b+c} \text{ (||-L)}}$$

[3] The resulting LTS



is bisimilar to the one
3 pages ago:



Moreover, a desirable property:

Compositionality

(Modularity, 「要素還元性」)
"Bisimilarity is a congruence"
For each process opt. σ ,
 $\llbracket t_i \rrbracket$ and $\llbracket s_i \rrbracket$ are bisimilar

↑
"equivalence of LTSs"

$\Rightarrow \llbracket \sigma(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rrbracket$ and
 $\llbracket \sigma(s_1, \dots, s_n) \rrbracket$ are bisimilar.

- Enables algebraic reasoning i

$$\frac{t_1 \sim s_1 \quad \dots \quad t_n \sim s_n}{\sigma(t_1, \dots, t_n) \sim \sigma(s_1, \dots, s_n)}$$

← denotes bisim. LTSs

- Replaceability, maintainability, ...
- Typical property of denotational semantics

Fact There are so-called
syntactic formats (GSoS, tyft, De Simone, ...)

w/ following

(meta) results:

- If all the SOS rules adhere to the format,
- Then the induced $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ always is compositional.

templates for SOS rules

Such a metaresult (and discovery of such a syntactic format) will be the goal of the categorical/bialgebraic development.

We notice strong (co)algebraic flavor

in SOS :

$\Rightarrow a \parallel (b+c), \dots$

- { process terms }

is an initial algebra

- An LTS is a C-algebra

- " ... is bisimilar " \rightarrow C-induction

$$\frac{\overline{a \xrightarrow{a} 0} (Act)}{a \parallel b+c \xrightarrow{a} 0 \parallel b+c} (||-L)$$

: inductive flavor

\Rightarrow Bialgebraic modeling!

BTW, Process alg., concurrency

Their significance:

- Nowadays few computational tasks are sequential; most are parallel
 - * the Internet
 - * a multicore processor
 - * HPC
- Parallelism / concurrency results in vast complexity
 - * Non-determinism is inevitable:
"who goes first?"
 - * n computing units
 $\Rightarrow \exp(n)$ complexity

§3.2 Bialgebraic Modeling :

The Simple Setting

Here we present an (even simpler) example of SOS via bialgebras.

(Following
[Klin, TCS 2011])

We fix :

- \mathbb{Var} , a countable set of metavariables
- Σ : an algebraic signature
(identified with
 $\Sigma : \text{Sets} \rightarrow \text{Sets}, \quad X \mapsto \coprod_{\sigma \in \Sigma} X^{|\sigma|}$)
- L , a set of labels

det. by
 Σ

We consider the process alg.

(i.e. a simple progr. lang.)

that is for expressing L-streams

$$a_0 a_1 a_2 \dots \in L^\omega.$$

Notice that

- $T_\Sigma 0 = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Sigma\text{-terms with no} \\ \text{variables} \end{array} \right\}$
carries an initial algebra

$$\Sigma(T_\Sigma 0)$$

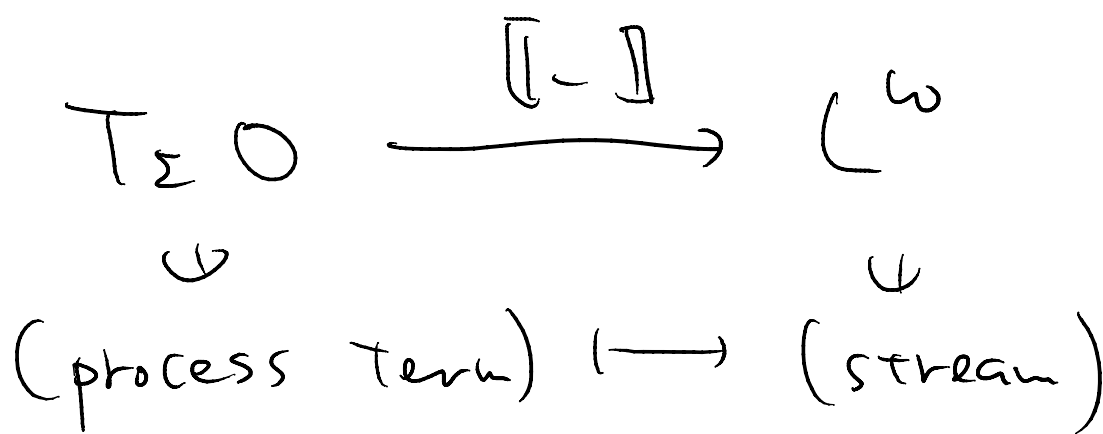
$$\cong \downarrow \text{init.}$$

$$T_\Sigma 0$$

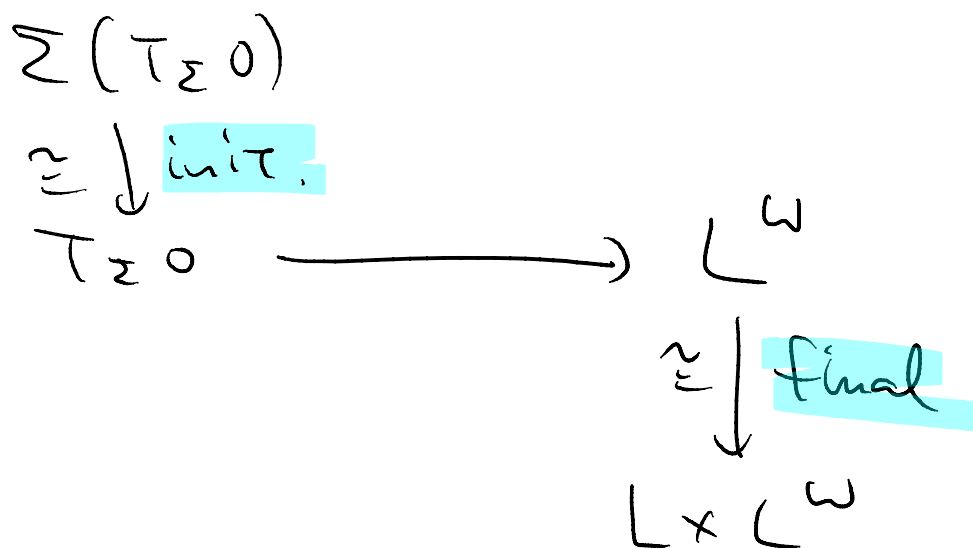
- An $(L \times _)$ -coalgebra $\begin{matrix} L \times X \\ c \uparrow \\ X \end{matrix}$ is a stream automaton; and its state $x \in X$ induces an L -stream $a_0 a_1 \dots \in L^\omega$ by coinduction:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 L \times X & \dashrightarrow & L \times L^\omega \\
 c \uparrow & & \cong \uparrow \text{final} \\
 X & \dashrightarrow_{\text{beh}(c)} & L^\omega \\
 x & \longrightarrow & (\text{beh}(c))(x)
 \end{array}$$

Our goal Operational semantics
of this process alg., that is
(prog. lang.)



We could use either



As before, we start with SOS rules, now subject to a certain syntactic format:

Def. A simple stream SOS rule is

$$x_1 \xrightarrow{a_1} x'_1 \quad \dots \quad x_n \xrightarrow{a_n} x'_n$$

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \xrightarrow{b} g(y_1, \dots, y_m)$$

where

- $f \in \Sigma_n, g \in \Sigma_m$ (operations)
- $x_1, \dots, x_n, x'_1, \dots, x'_n \in \text{Val}$
- $y_j \in \{x'_1, \dots, x'_n\}$ for $j \in [1, m]$
- $b, a_1, \dots, a_n \in L$.

More precisely: a simple str. SOS rule

is

$$R = (f, g, (a_1, \dots, a_n), b, \theta)$$

where $\theta: m \rightarrow n$ is a function.

Def. A simple stream SOS specification
for Σ is a set Λ of
stream SOS rules s.t.

for each $f \in \Sigma_n$ and
each $a_1, \dots, a_n \in L$,
there is exactly one rule in Λ
of the form

$$\frac{\begin{array}{ccc} \circ \xrightarrow{a_1} \circ & \dots & \circ \xrightarrow{a_n} \circ \end{array}}{f(\circ, \dots, \circ) \rightarrow \text{///}}$$

Example - $L = \{a, b\}$

- $\Sigma_0 = \{c_a, c_b\}$ $\Sigma_2 = \{alt\}$
“Constantly a”

$$\Sigma_1 = \Sigma_3 = \Sigma_4 = \dots = \emptyset$$

- Λ consists of

$$c_a \xrightarrow{a} c_a$$

$$c_b \xrightarrow{b} c_b$$

$$x_1 \xrightarrow{l_1} x_1' \quad x_2 \xrightarrow{l_2} x_2' \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{for each} \\ l_1, l_2 \\ \in L \end{array} \right)$$

$$alt(x_1, x_2) \xrightarrow{alt} alt(x_2', x_1')$$

Then Λ is a simple str. SOS
specif. for Σ .

The syntactic format is very much restrictive,
current e.g.

$$x_1 \xrightarrow{\ell_1} x_1'$$

$$\text{zip}(x_1, x_2) \xrightarrow{\ell_1} (x_2, x_1')$$

does not satisfy the zip restriction.

$$\text{zip}(a_0 a_1 \dots, b_0 b_1 \dots) = a_0 b_0 a_1 b_1 \dots$$

Exercise

What is the intention of the operator zip?

- Goals
- Derive $\llbracket - \rrbracket : T \Sigma^0 \rightarrow L^w$
 - Show $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ is compositional

Crucial observation :

a simple str. SOS specification Λ

a natural transformation

"map of functors"

$$\Sigma F \Rightarrow F \Sigma$$

(where $F = L \times _$)

More generally :

A spec. subj. to a certain syntactic format

a natural transformation

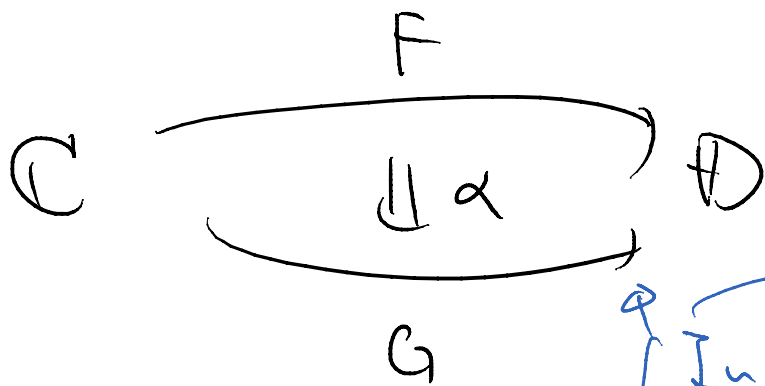
$$\Sigma F \Rightarrow F \Sigma$$

- for many different F
- this can be more complex (later)

... finally we need to introduce
nat. trans.!

Def. Let $\mathbb{C} \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{F} \\ \xrightarrow{G} \end{array} \mathbb{D}$ be
functors.

A natural transformation



is a family

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \mathbb{D} \\ Fx \xrightarrow{\alpha_x} Gx \end{array} \right\}_{x \in \mathbb{C}}$$

of \mathbb{D} -arrows.

In the old age
it was sometimes
written

$$\alpha : F \Rightarrow G : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$$

α_x : α 's component
at $x \in \mathbb{C}$

subject to the naturality condition

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \textcircled{C} & & \textcircled{D} \\ X & & FX \xrightarrow{\alpha_X} GX \\ \downarrow F & & FF \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow GF \\ Y & & FY \xrightarrow{\alpha_Y} GY \end{array}$$

Before exhibiting

a simple str. SOS specification Λ

a natural transformation

$$\Sigma F \Rightarrow F \Sigma$$

(where $F = Lx _$)

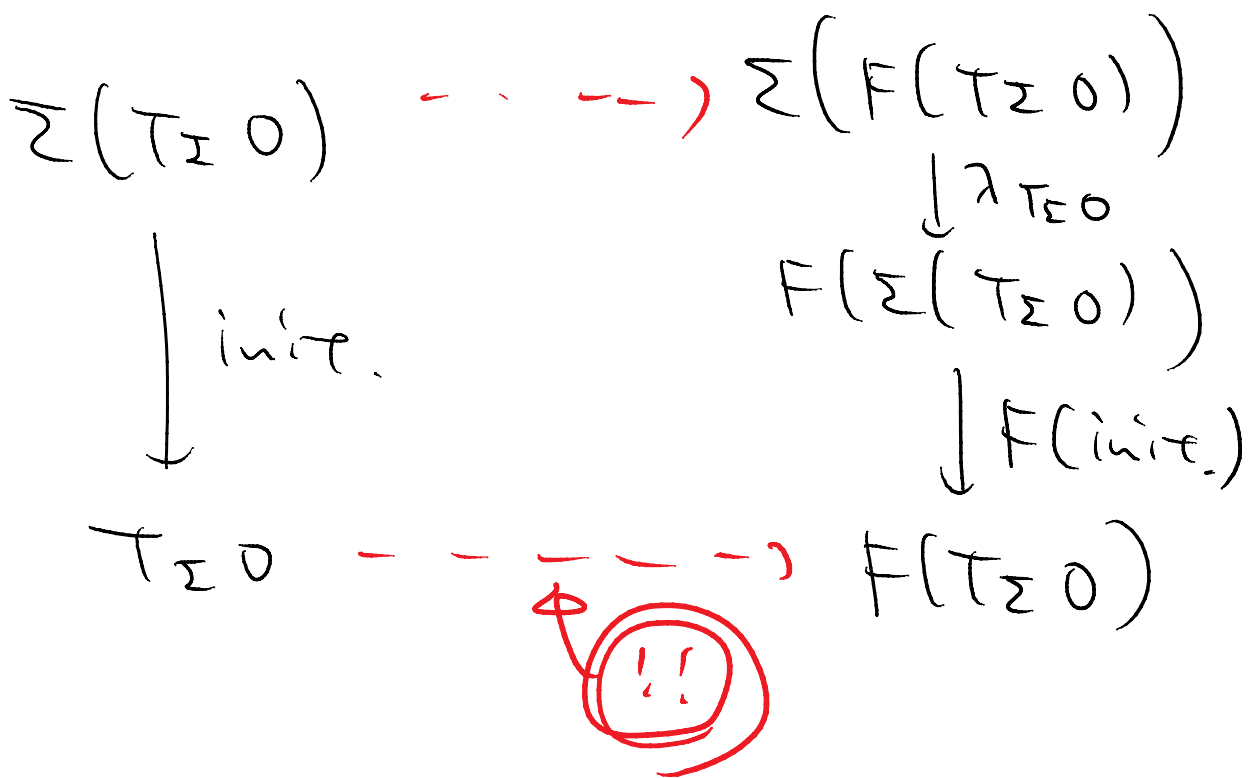
We see why $\Sigma F \Rightarrow F \Sigma$ is useful
in the current setting.

Assume we have obtained

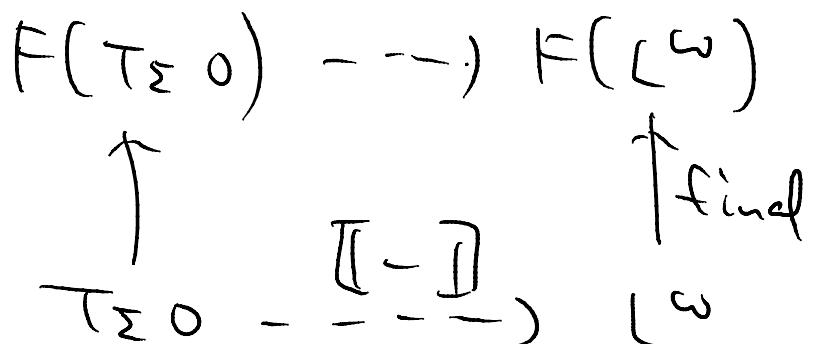
$$\Sigma F \xrightarrow{\lambda} F\Sigma \quad (F = L \times _)$$

Then:

- $\Sigma(T_\Sigma 0)$
 $\cong \downarrow \text{init.}$
 $T_\Sigma 0$
- has an F -Coalg. structure, by



- Which can be used in



(more on this is coming later)

Prop.

a simple str. SOS specification Λ

a natural transformation

$$\Sigma F \Rightarrow F \Sigma$$

(where
 $F = L \times _$)

Proof.

$$[\perp] \quad \Sigma F \Rightarrow F \Sigma$$

$$\coprod_{f \in \Sigma} (F(-))^{|\mathbf{f}|} \Rightarrow F \Sigma$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \underline{(F(-))^{|\mathbf{f}|}} & \Rightarrow & \underline{F \Sigma} \quad \text{for each } f \in \Sigma \\ \parallel & & \parallel \\ (L \times (-))^{|\mathbf{f}|} & & L \times \left(\coprod_{f \in \Sigma} (-)^{|\mathbf{f}|} \right) \end{array}$$

Let
($f \in \Sigma_n$)

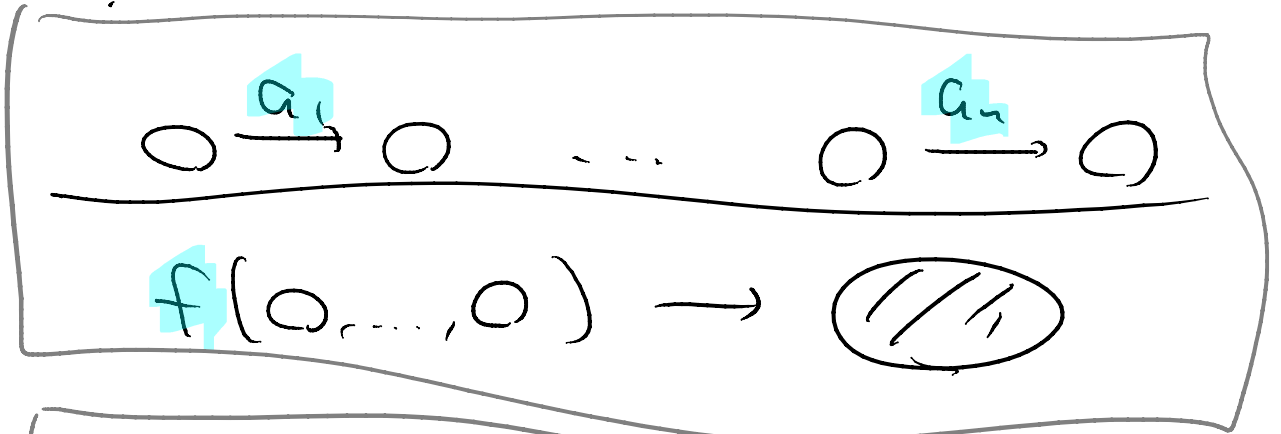
We define such functions by

$$(L \times S)^n \rightarrow L \times \left(\coprod_{k \in \Sigma} S^{|k|} \right)$$

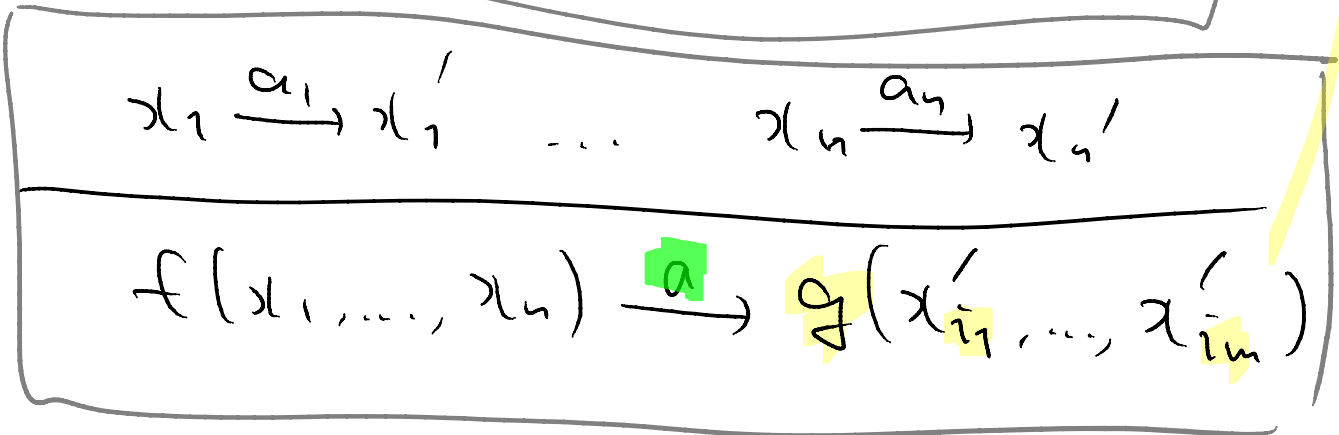
$$(a_1, s_1, \dots, a_n, s_n) \mapsto (a, kg(s_{i_1}, \dots, s_{i_m}))$$

where the rule in Λ corresponding

to



is



We need to check naturality:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Sigma & (L \times S)^n & \longrightarrow & L \times \left(\coprod_{R \in \Sigma} S^{|R|} \right) \\
 \downarrow f & \downarrow (L \times f)^n & & \downarrow \\
 S' & (L \times S')^n & \longrightarrow & L \times \left(\coprod_{R \in \Sigma} (S')^{|R|} \right)
 \end{array}$$

which is easy.

[\uparrow] Given a natural transf.

$$\Sigma F \Rightarrow F \Sigma$$

$$\coprod_{f \in \Sigma} (F(-))^{|\mathcal{A}|} \Rightarrow F \Sigma$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \underline{(F(-))^{|\mathcal{A}|}} & \Rightarrow & \underline{F \Sigma} \quad \text{for each } f \in \Sigma \\
 \parallel & & \parallel \\
 (L \times (-))^{|\mathcal{A}|} & & L \times \left(\coprod_{R \in \Sigma} (-)^{|R|} \right)
 \end{array}$$

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We fix $f \in \Sigma$,
 $a_1, \dots, a_{|f|} \in L$.

Take its component at $X' := \{x'_1, \dots, x'_{|f|}\}$:

$$(L \times X')^{(f)} \longrightarrow L \times \bigsqcup_{h \in \Sigma} (X')^{(h)}$$

we denote
this by
 k

and consider

$$k \left((a_1, x'_1), \dots, (a_{|f|}, x'_{|f|}) \right) \\ =: (a, \kappa_g(x'_{i_1}, \dots, x'_{i_{|g|}}))$$

From this we define a rule

$$x_1 \xrightarrow{a_1} x'_1 \quad \dots \quad x_n \xrightarrow{a_n} x'_n$$

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \xrightarrow{a} g(x'_{i_1}, \dots, x'_{i_{|g|}})$$

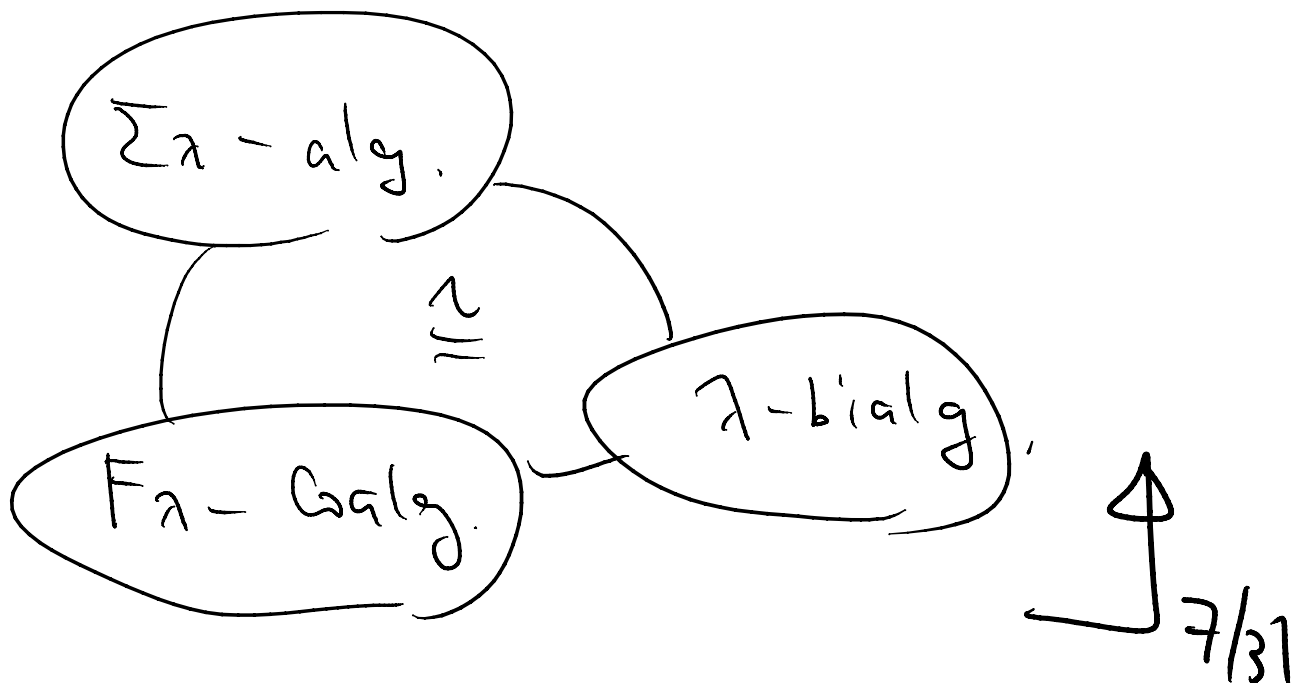
We do this for each f , $a_1, \dots, a_{|f|}$
and define a simple str. SOS spec.

It is not hard to see that $[I]$ and $[J]$ are converse to each other □

Therefore we transformed a set of rules into an abstract SOS rule

$$\lambda: \Sigma F \Rightarrow F \Sigma.$$

We shall now fully exploit this ...



Prop. λ lifts $\Sigma: \text{Sets} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$ to

$$\Sigma\lambda: \text{Coalg}_F \rightarrow \text{Coalg}_F,$$

that is,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Coalg}_F & \xrightarrow{\Sigma\lambda} & \text{Coalg}_F \\ \text{forget} \downarrow & \cong & \downarrow \\ \text{Sets} & \xrightarrow{\Sigma} & \text{Sets} \end{array}$$

Concretely:

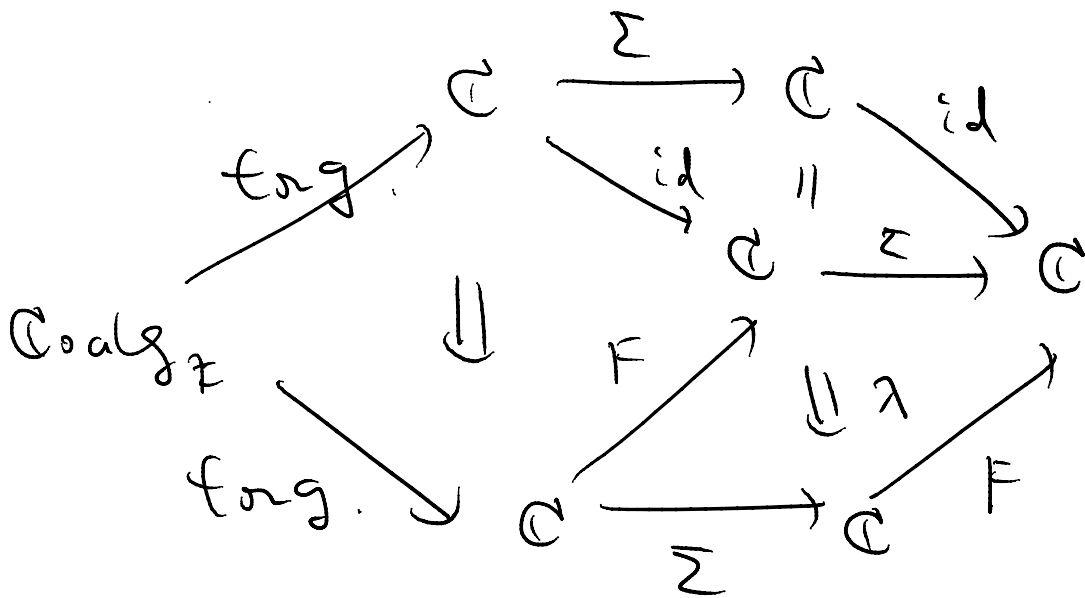
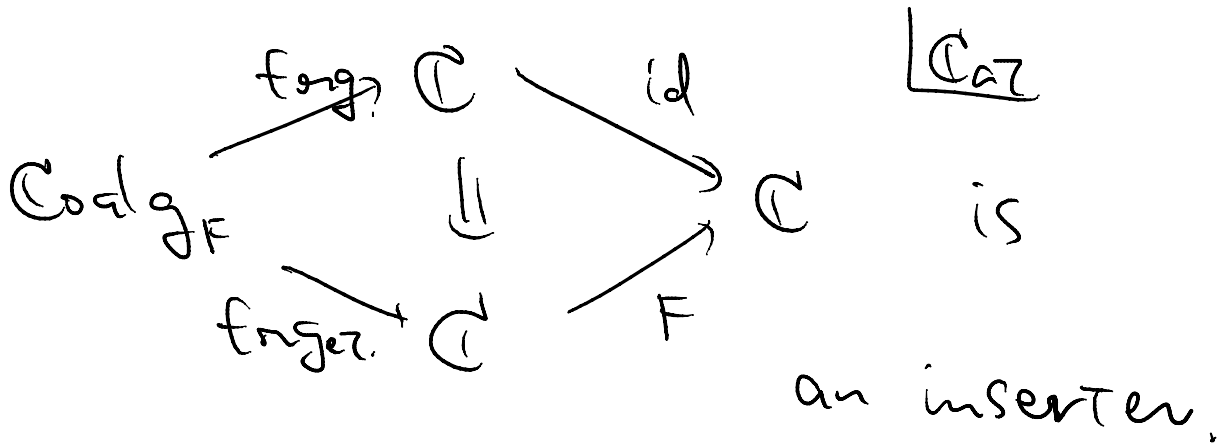
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Coalg}_F & \xrightarrow{\Sigma\lambda} & \text{Coalg}_F \\ \begin{array}{c} FX \\ \uparrow c \\ X \end{array} & \dashv \rightarrow & \left(\begin{array}{c} F\Sigma X \\ \uparrow \lambda x \\ \Sigma FX \\ \uparrow \Sigma c \\ \Sigma X \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$

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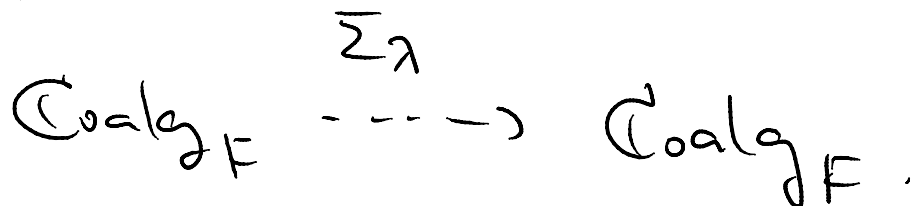
Exercise Write down $\Sigma\lambda$'s action on arrows (Use naturality of η)

Proof. | Straightforward. □

A 2-categorical view:



induces



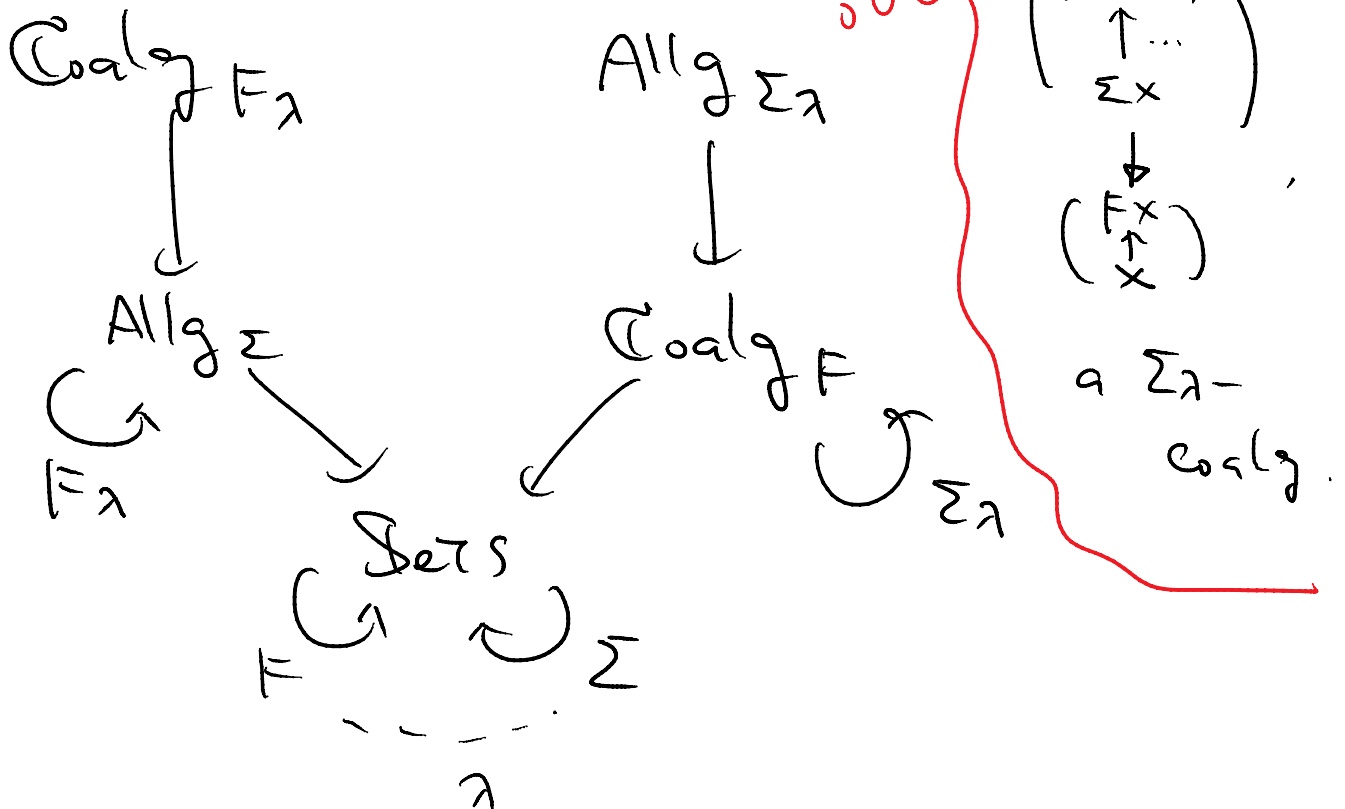
Dually:

Prop. λ lifts $F: \text{Sets} \rightarrow \text{Sets}$,

to $F_\lambda: \text{Alg}_\Sigma \rightarrow \text{Alg}_\Sigma$

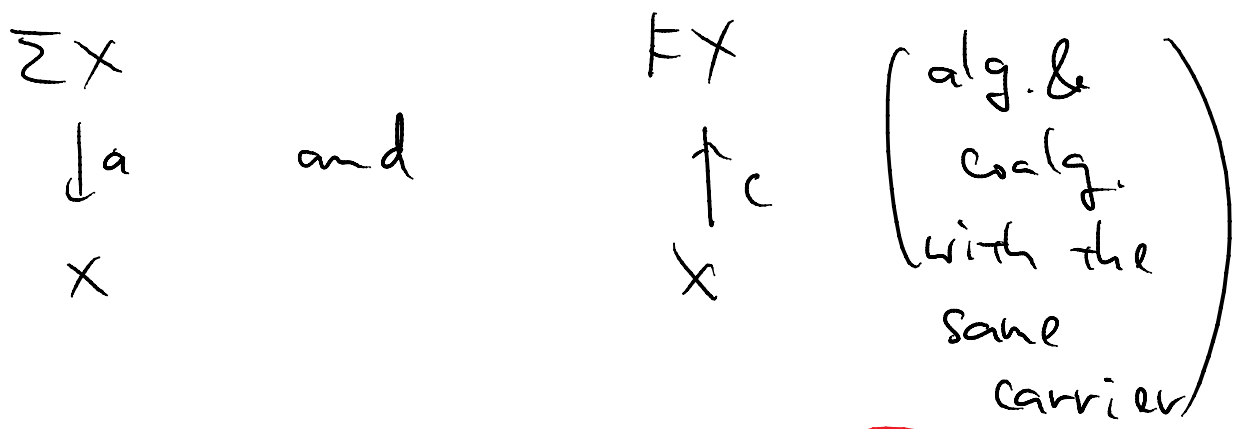
$$\begin{pmatrix} \Sigma X \\ \downarrow a \\ X \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma FX \\ \downarrow \lambda_x \\ FX \\ \downarrow F_a \\ FX \end{pmatrix}$$

Therefore we obtained

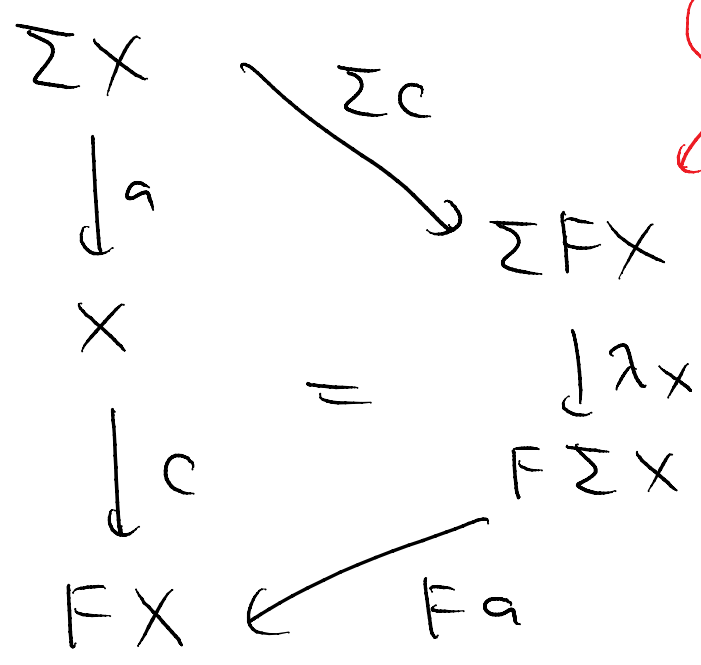


Moreover:

Def. A λ -bialgebra is a pair

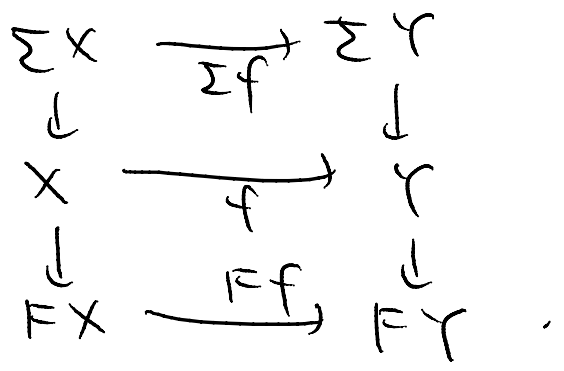


s.t.



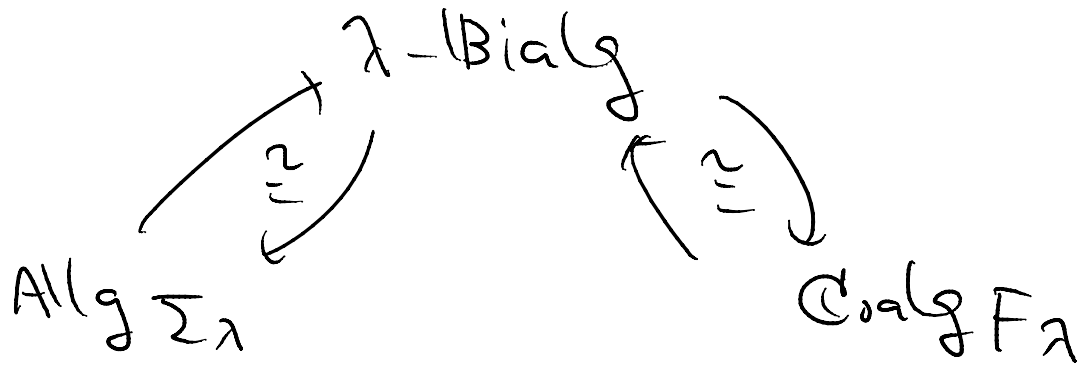
"The pentagon diagram"

A map of λ -bialg. is f s.t.

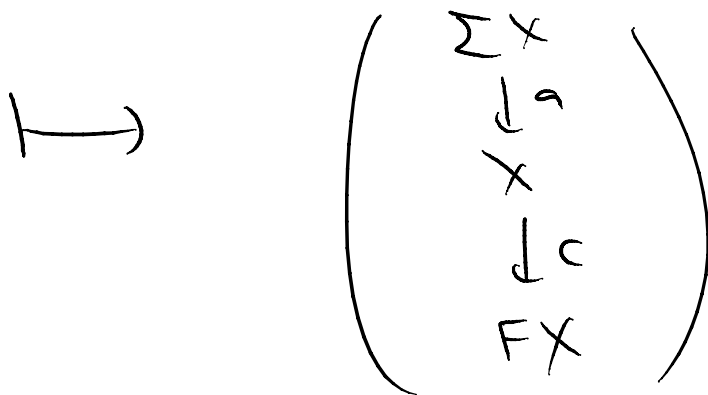
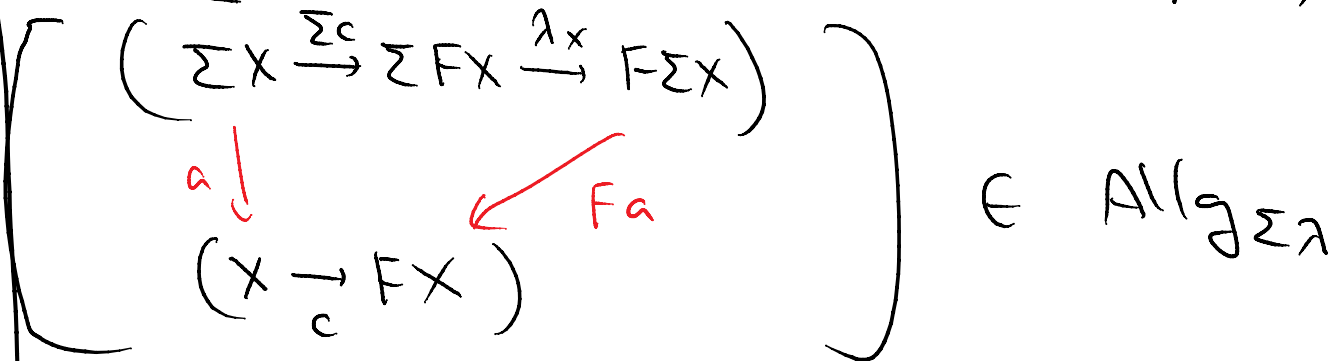


\Rightarrow λ -Bialg.,
the cat. of
 λ -bialg.

Prop. We have isomorphisms between categories:



Proof. Not hard. for example,



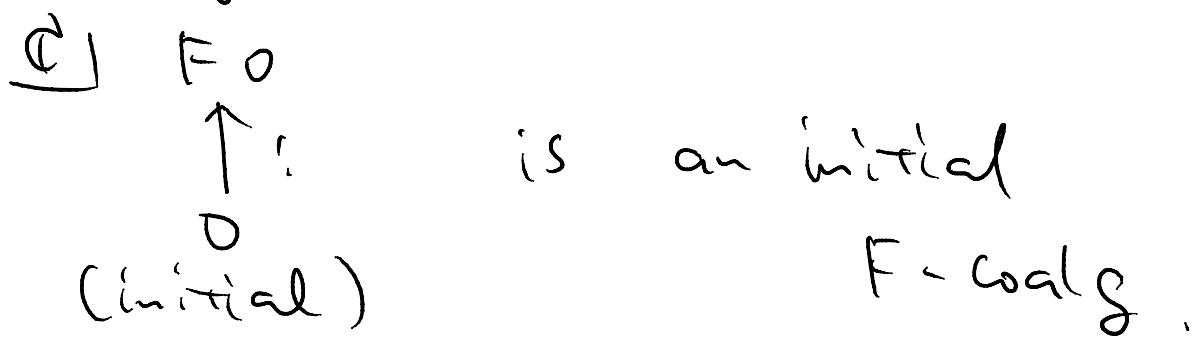
(pentagon is obvious)



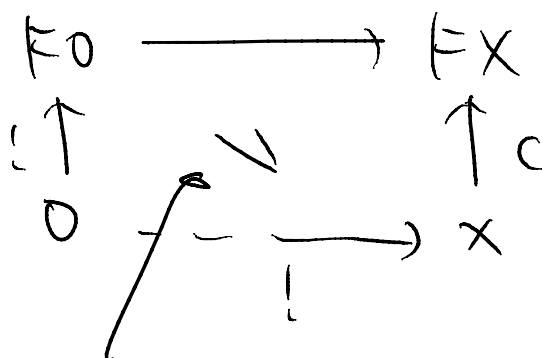
We have seen this:
"What is an initial coalgebra?"

Lem. If \mathcal{C} has an initial obj. 0 ,
for any functor $F: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$

the coalgebra

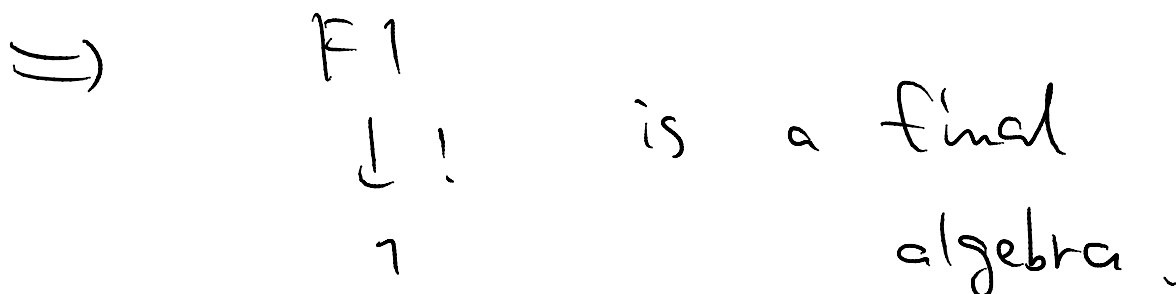


Proof.



trivial due to 0 : initial.

Lem. \mathcal{C} has a final obj. 1



Thm. ASm

$\Sigma : Sets \rightarrow Sets$ has an initial algebra

$F : Sets \rightarrow Sets$ has a final coalgebra

then

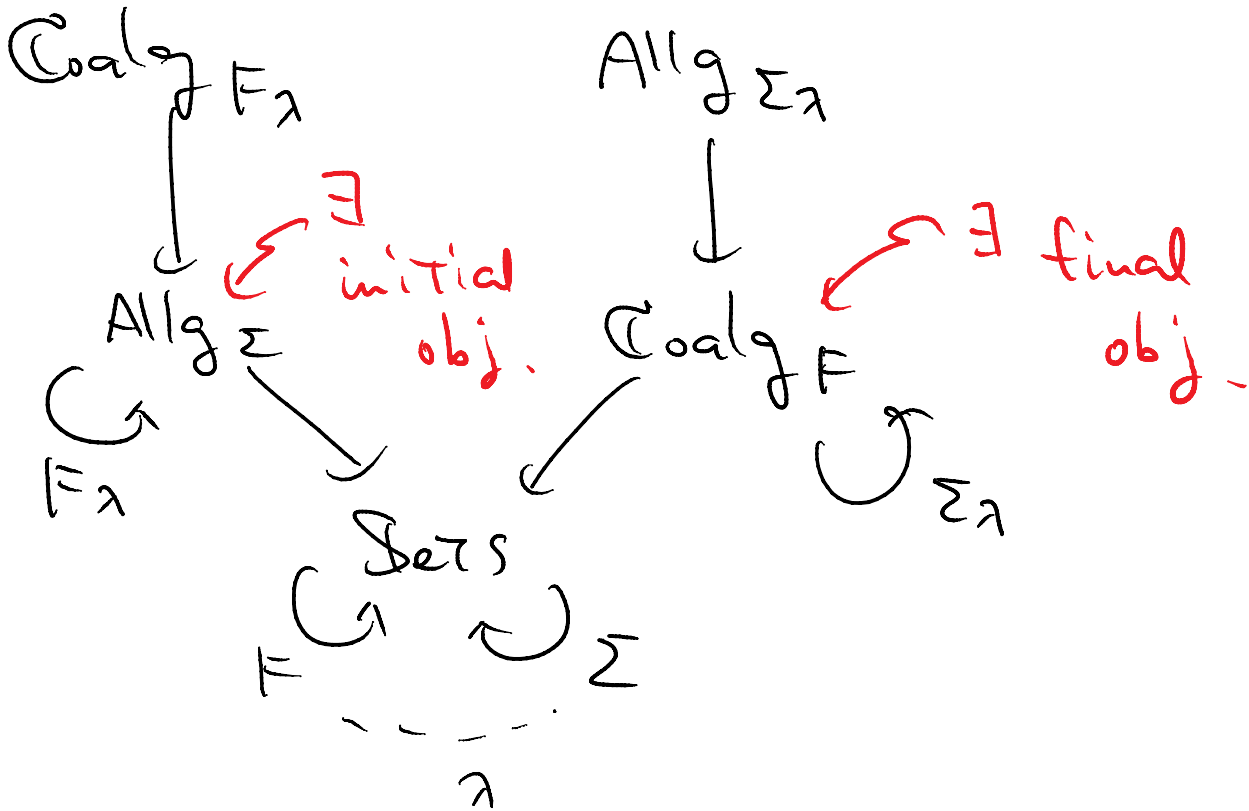
- ΣA
 $\downarrow \text{init}$
 A is canonically a λ -bialgebra.

- It is moreover \uparrow an initial bialg.

- \uparrow final is canonically
 Σ
a λ -bialg.

- It is moreover a final λ -bialg.

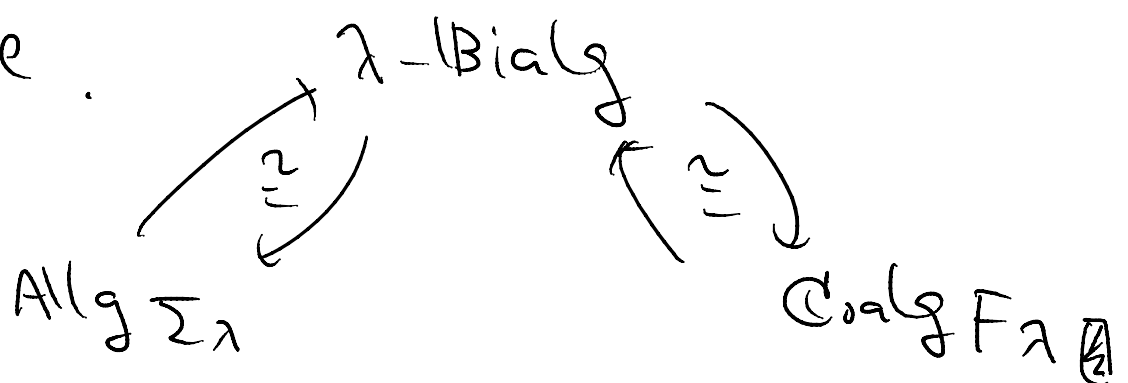
Proof. We apply the lemmas (2 pages ago) to



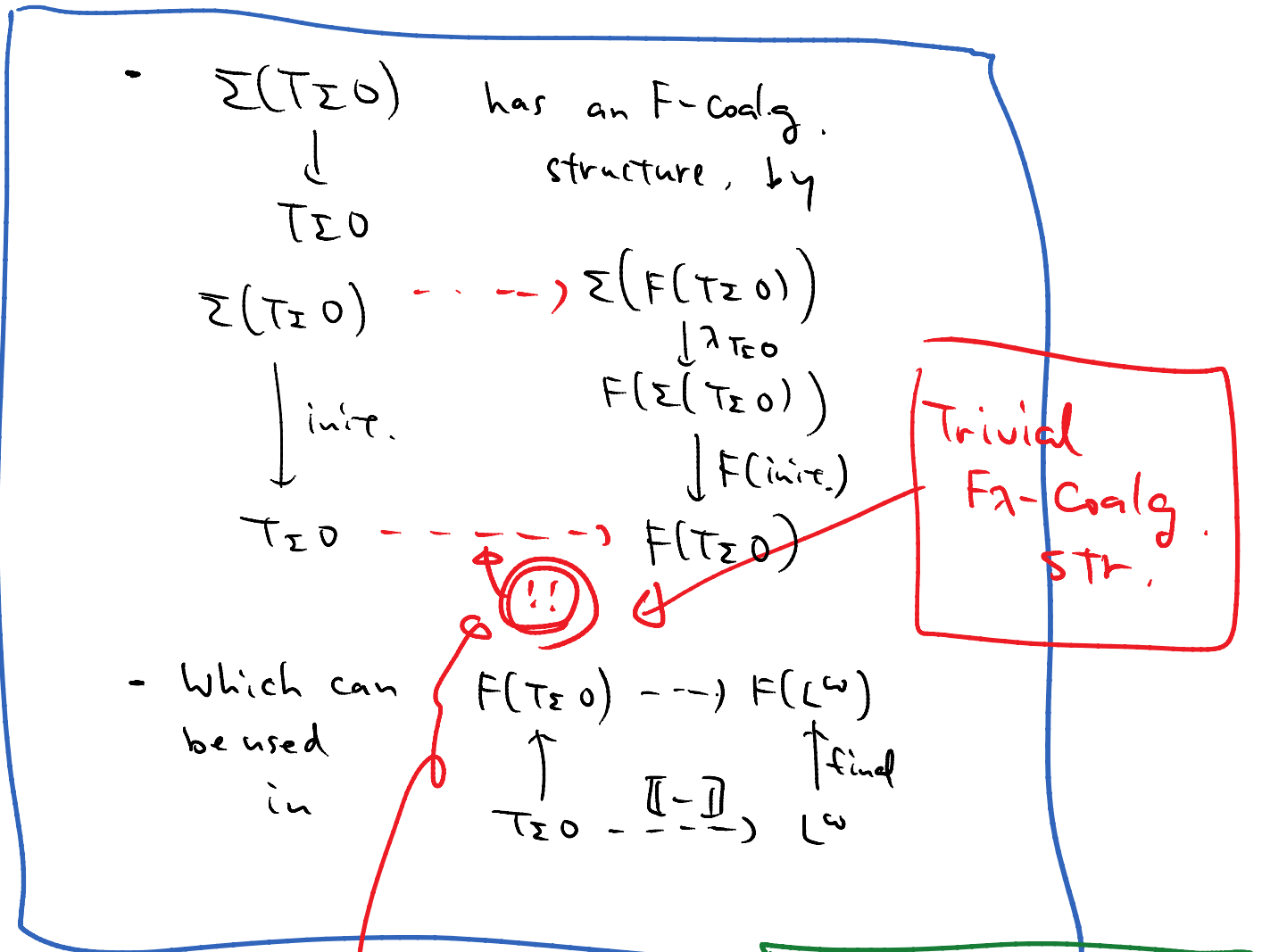
Therefore there are

- an init. obj. in $\text{Alg } \Sigma_\lambda$, and
- a final obj. in $\text{Coalg } F_\lambda$.

Now use



Concretely this is what we did on some 13 pages ago:

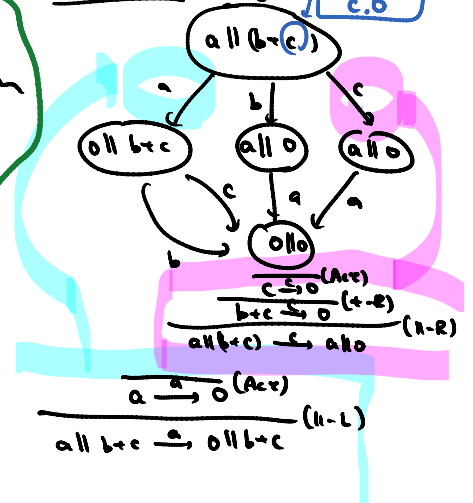


Even More concretely

This "stream automaton structure" on terms

is what we did in (Rule-based deriv. of transitions)

2] Using these rules, you derive transitions



However, we now see more:

- By the dual scheme we can
* equip $F(L^W)$ with an alg.

str. $\Sigma(L^W)$
 \downarrow
 L^W

* and

$\Sigma(T_{\Sigma}O) \dashrightarrow \Sigma(L^W)$
 $\downarrow \text{init}$ \downarrow
 $T_{\Sigma}O \dashrightarrow L^W$

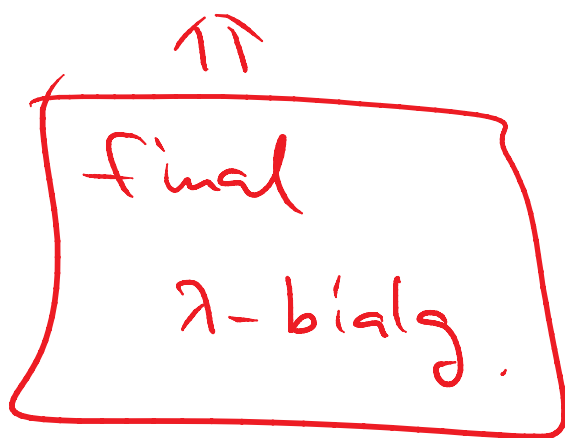
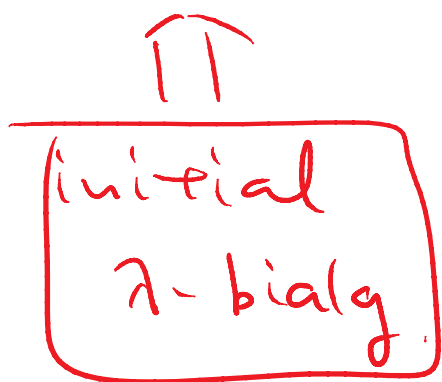
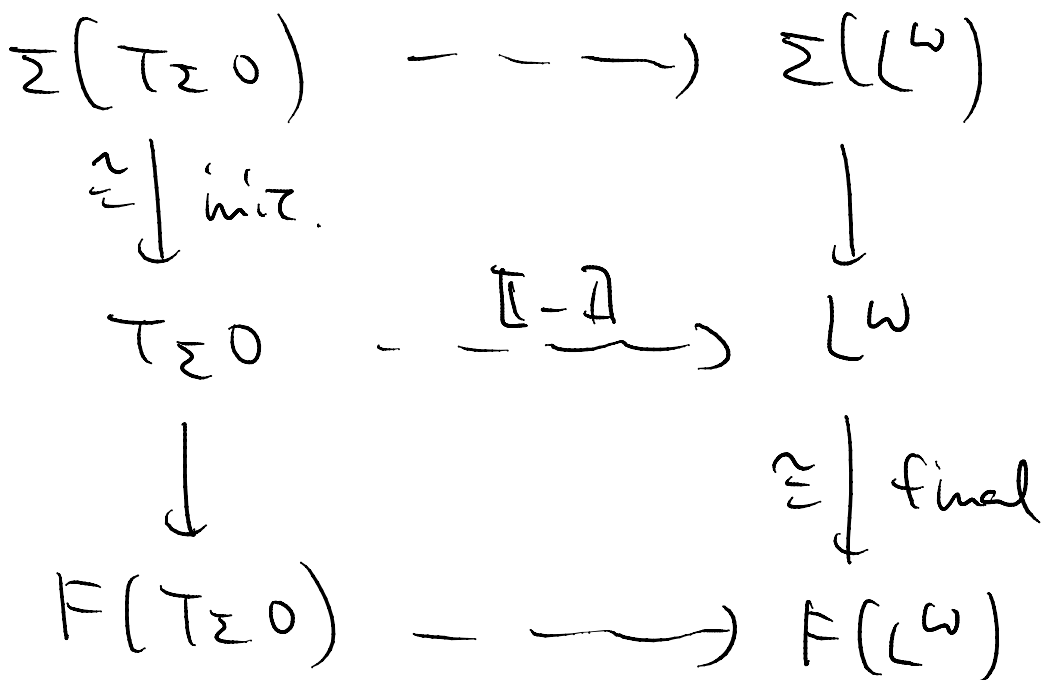
Note

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semantics
(operational)

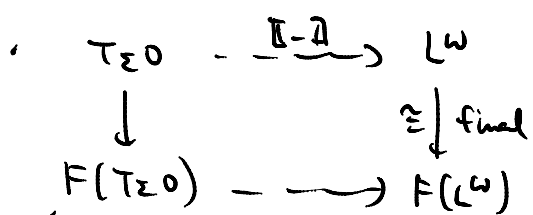
on this page: initial alg.
semantics
(denotational)

Point These two coincide !!

By



∴ If $[-\!-\!]$ makes the above diagram commute, then in particular



thus this $[-\!-\!]$ is the same as

$[-\!-\!]$ 2 pages ago.

Compositionality

By $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ being
an algebra hom.,
we immediately
have

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \Sigma(\tau_{\Sigma 0}) & \dashrightarrow & \Sigma(L^{\omega}) \\
 \cong \downarrow \text{init.} & \color{red}{//} & \downarrow \text{ } \\
 \tau_{\Sigma 0} & \xrightarrow{\llbracket - \rrbracket} & L^{\omega} \\
 \downarrow & & \cong \downarrow \text{final} \\
 F(\tau_{\Sigma 0}) & \dashrightarrow & F(L^{\omega})
 \end{array}$$

$$\llbracket f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rrbracket =$$

$$\llbracket f \rrbracket \left(\llbracket t_1 \rrbracket, \dots, \llbracket t_n \rrbracket \right)$$

The interpretation
of $f \in \Sigma$ in

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \Sigma(L^{\omega}) \\
 \downarrow \\
 L^{\omega}
 \end{array}$$

What is crucial:

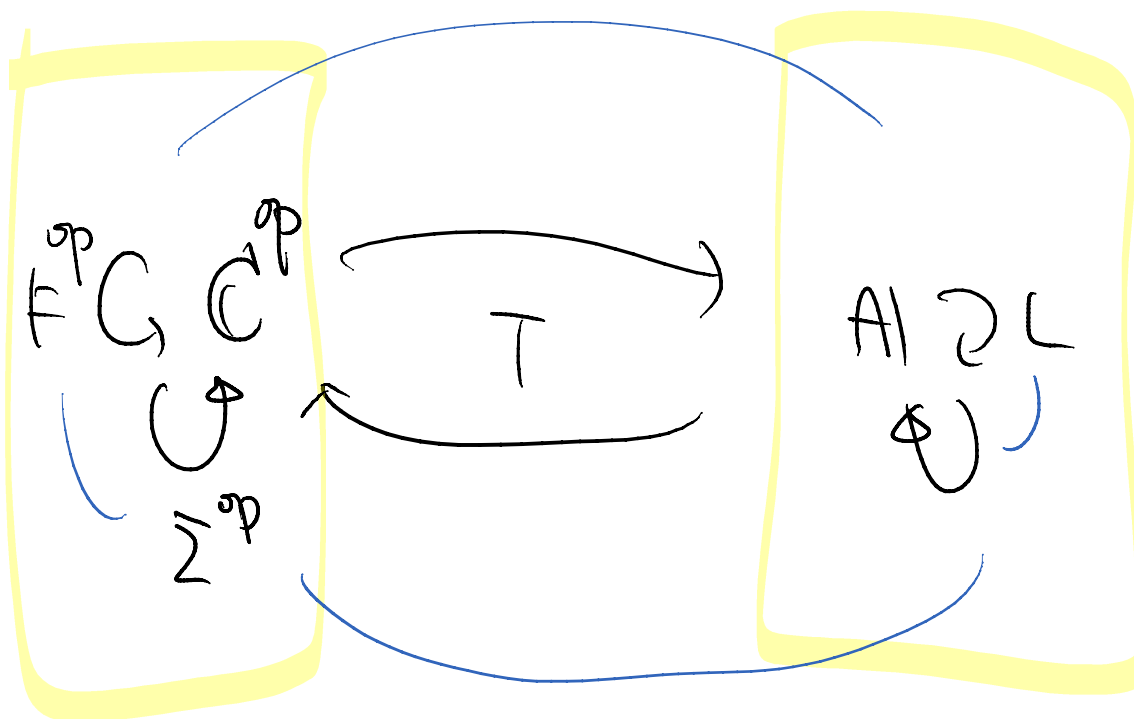
$\llbracket f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rrbracket$ is a function
on $\llbracket t_1 \rrbracket, \dots, \llbracket t_n \rrbracket$

From this we have compositionality

$$\frac{t_1 \sim s_1 \quad \dots \quad t_n \sim s_n}{f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \sim f(s_1, \dots, s_n)}$$

i.e. bisimilarity is a Congruence.

↖ final coalg. sem.



§3.3 Bialgebraic Modeling Beyond the Simple Setting

① As we saw, an abstract
SOS rule of the form

$$\Sigma F \Rightarrow F \Sigma$$

is very much restricted.

(For example, "zip" of two streams)
(cannot be modeled)

More expressive formats of
abstract SOS rules:

$$- \frac{\Sigma (F \times \text{id})}{\uparrow} \Rightarrow F \frac{T \Sigma}{\uparrow}$$

the cofree
copointed functor
over F

the free monad
over Σ

This corresponds to the well-known
GSOs format.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma F^\infty & \Rightarrow & F T_\Sigma \\ \underbrace{\quad} \uparrow & & \underbrace{\quad} \uparrow \\ & & \text{free monad} \\ & & \text{of free comonad} \end{array}$$

This canonically induces a
distributive law

$$T_\Sigma F^\infty \Rightarrow F^\infty T_\Sigma$$

[2] For many functors F / base categories \mathcal{C}

- For probabilistic systems:
take F that involves a distribution functor \mathcal{D}

[Bartels]

- Timed systems [Kick et al.]

- Continuous prob. sys.

(with $\mathcal{C} = \text{Meas}$) [Bacci, Miculan]

- For value-passing / name-passing calculi [Turi, Fiore, Staton, ...]

(with \mathcal{C} : a presheaf cat.)