

Category Theory Meets the First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

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The First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus

One of the most important results in the calculus is the First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, which states that if $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function and if F is defined on $[a, b]$ by $F(x) = \int_a^x f(t)dt$, then

- 1 F is continuous on $[a, b]$,
- 2 F is differentiable on (a, b) and
- 3 $\frac{d}{dx} \left(\int_a^x f(t)dt \right) = f(x)$ on (a, b) .

We will investigate (3) from a categorical viewpoint.

Outline

- Notations & Review of Some Category Theory
- Differential Algebras
- Rota-Baxter Algebras
- Mixed Distributive Laws
- Differential Rota-Baxter Algebras

Notations

- Fix \mathbf{k} a commutative ring with identity and fix $\lambda \in \mathbf{k}$.
- All algebras are commutative \mathbf{k} -algebras with identity.
- All homomorphisms preserve the identity.
- All linear maps and tensor products are over \mathbf{k} .
- $\mathbf{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ will denote the natural numbers.
- $\mathbf{N}_+ = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$.

Natural Transformations

Definition: For categories \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} and functors $F : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ and $G : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$, a **natural transformation** $\eta : F \rightarrow G$ is a family of morphisms in \mathbf{B} , $\{\eta_X : FX \rightarrow GX\}$, one for each $X \in \mathbf{A}$, such that for any morphism $f : X \rightarrow Y$ in \mathbf{A} , we have the following in \mathbf{B} :

$$\eta_Y \circ Ff = Gf \circ \eta_X,$$

i.e., the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FX & \xrightarrow{\eta_X} & GX \\ Ff \downarrow & & \downarrow Gf \\ FY & \xrightarrow{\eta_Y} & GY \end{array}$$

commutes.

Natural Transformations

Example

- Let **FVS** denote the category of finite-dimensional vector spaces over some field K . Let $V \in \mathbf{FVS}$ and V^* be the dual space of V . Then $V^* \cong V$, but the isomorphism is not “natural” in the sense that it requires the choice of a basis for V .
- However, there is a natural transformation $\eta_V : V \rightarrow V^{**}$ defined by $(\eta_V(v))(\varphi) = \varphi(v)$ for any $v \in V$ and $\varphi \in V^*$.

Adjoint Functors

Definition: Given categories \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} , an **adjunction** between \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} consists of functors $F : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ and $U : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ (opposite directions) such that for each $X \in \mathbf{A}$ and $Y \in \mathbf{B}$,

$$\mathbf{B}(FX, Y) \cong \mathbf{A}(X, UY),$$

where the isomorphism is natural in $X \in \mathbf{A}$ and $Y \in \mathbf{B}$.

In this case, we say that F is **left adjoint** to U , or that U is **right adjoint** to F .

Adjoint Functors

Example

- Let $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{SET}$, the category of sets and functions, and let $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{GRP}$, the category of groups and group homomorphisms.
- Let $F : \mathbf{SET} \rightarrow \mathbf{GRP}$ be the free group functor, and let $U : \mathbf{GRP} \rightarrow \mathbf{SET}$ be the underlying set functor, i.e. the "forgetful" functor.
- Then F is left adjoint to U , since we have the natural isomorphism

$$\mathbf{GRP}(FX, G) \cong \mathbf{SET}(X, UG)$$

for any set X and any group G .

Unit-Counit Description of an Adjunction

- Given adjoint functors $F : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ and $U : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ with F left adjoint to U , we can equivalently describe the adjunction by using natural transformations.
- In this case, there are natural transformations $\eta : \mathbf{id}_{\mathbf{A}} \rightarrow UF$ and $\varepsilon : FU \rightarrow \mathbf{id}_{\mathbf{B}}$ such that

$$\varepsilon F \circ F \eta = \mathbf{id}_F$$

and

$$U \varepsilon \circ \eta U = \mathbf{id}_U.$$

- η is called the **unit** of the adjunction, and ε is called the **counit** of the adjunction.
- We write the adjunction as $\langle F, U, \eta, \varepsilon \rangle : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$.

Unit-Counit Description of an Adjunction

Example

- As before, let $F : \mathbf{SET} \rightarrow \mathbf{GRP}$ be the free group functor, and $U : \mathbf{GRP} \rightarrow \mathbf{SET}$ the forgetful functor.
- The unit is the natural transformation $\eta : \mathbf{id}_{\mathbf{SET}} \rightarrow UF$ given for each set X by $\eta_X : X \rightarrow UFX$, i.e., η_X is the injection of the generators into the (underlying set of the) free group on X .
- The counit is $\varepsilon : FU \rightarrow \mathbf{id}_{\mathbf{GRP}}$ given for each group G by $\varepsilon_G : FUG \rightarrow G$, where ε_G maps an element of the free group on UG to the corresponding element in G by using the operation in G to "condense" the string to an element in G .

Monads

Definition: A **monad** \mathbf{T} on a category \mathbf{A} is a triple $\mathbf{T} = (T, \eta, \mu)$ where

- $T : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ is a functor (i.e., an endofunctor on \mathbf{A}),
- η is a natural transformation $\eta : \mathbf{id}_{\mathbf{A}} \rightarrow T$, and
- μ is a natural transformation $\mu : TT \rightarrow T$,

such that

- $\mu \circ T\eta = \mathbf{id}_T = \mu \circ \eta T$, and
- $\mu \circ T\mu = \mu \circ \mu T$

that is, the diagrams

Monads

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T & \xrightarrow{T\eta} & TT & \xleftarrow{\eta T} & T \\
 & \searrow & \downarrow \mu & \swarrow & \\
 & \text{id}_T & & \text{id}_T & \\
 & & T & &
 \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 TTT & \xrightarrow{T\mu} & TT \\
 \mu T \downarrow & & \downarrow \mu \\
 TT & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T
 \end{array}$$

commute.

Monads

Example

- Take $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{SET}$.
- Let $T : \mathbf{SET} \rightarrow \mathbf{SET}$ to be the functor that assigns to each set X the underlying set of the free group on X .
- Let $\eta_X : X \rightarrow TX$ be the "insertion of the generators" as before.
- Let $\mu_X : TTX \rightarrow TX$ be the underlying set map of the "partial collapse" of a string of strings to a string using the operation in the free group.

Algebras from a Monad

Given a monad $\mathbf{T} = (T, \eta, \mu)$ on a category \mathbf{A} , we can form the category of \mathbf{T} -algebras, denoted by $\mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$, as follows.

- The objects of $\mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ are pairs (A, f) , where A is an object of \mathbf{A} and $f : TA \rightarrow A$ is a morphism in \mathbf{A} such that
 - $f \circ \eta_A = \mathbf{id}_A$, and
 - $f \circ \mu_A = f \circ Tf$.
- A morphism $g : (A, f) \rightarrow (A', f')$ in $\mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ is a morphism $g : A \rightarrow A'$ in \mathbf{A} such that $g \circ f = f' \circ Tg$.

Algebras from a Monad

The diagrams for objects:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\eta_A} & TA \\
 & \searrow \text{id}_A & \downarrow f \\
 & & A
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{and} \quad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 TTA & \xrightarrow{\mu_A} & TA \\
 Tf \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\
 TA & \xrightarrow{f} & TA
 \end{array}$$

and for morphisms:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 TA & \xrightarrow{Tg} & TA' \\
 f \downarrow & & \downarrow f' \\
 A & \xrightarrow{g} & A'
 \end{array}$$

Monad from an Adjunction

Given adjoint functors $F : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ and $U : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ with F left adjoint to U , the adjunction $\langle F, U, \eta, \varepsilon \rangle : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ gives rise to a monad $\mathbf{T} = (T, \eta, \mu)$ on the category \mathbf{A} by taking:

- $T = UF : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$,
- $\eta = \eta : \mathbf{id}_A \rightarrow UF = T$, and
- $\mu = U\varepsilon F : UFUF = TT \rightarrow UF = T$.

Adjunction from a Monad

Given a monad $\mathbf{T} = (T, \eta, \mu)$ on the category \mathbf{A} , there are adjoint functors $F^{\mathbf{T}} : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ and $U^{\mathbf{T}} : \mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{T}} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ defined as follows:

- For any $X \in \mathbf{A}$, define $F^{\mathbf{T}}X = (TX, \mu_X)$, and define $F^{\mathbf{T}}$ on morphisms in \mathbf{A} similarly.
- For any $(A, f) \in \mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$, define $U^{\mathbf{T}}(A, f) = A$, and similarly for morphisms in $\mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$.

This adjunction gives rise to the same monad $\mathbf{T} = (T, \eta, \mu)$ on the category \mathbf{A} .

Comparison of Algebras from an Adjunction

- Given adjoint functors $F : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ and $U : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$ with F left adjoint to U , let $\mathbf{T} = (T, \eta, \mu)$ be the monad on the category \mathbf{A} generated by the adjunction, and let $\langle F^{\mathbf{T}}, U^{\mathbf{T}}, \eta^{\mathbf{T}}, \varepsilon^{\mathbf{T}} \rangle : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ be the adjunction given from \mathbf{T} .
- Then there is a “comparison” functor $K : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ given by $KX = (UX, U\varepsilon_X)$, which satisfies $KF = F^{\mathbf{T}}$ and $U^{\mathbf{T}}K = U$.
- In some nice cases, K is an isomorphism, in which case we say that \mathbf{B} is **monadic** over \mathbf{A} .

Dualizing Monads and Algebras

A **comonad** \mathbf{G} on a category \mathbf{B} is a (co)triple $\mathbf{G} = (G, \varepsilon, \delta)$ where $G : \mathbf{B} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ is a functor (i.e., an endofunctor on \mathbf{B}) and ε and δ are natural transformations, $\varepsilon : G \rightarrow \mathbf{id}_{\mathbf{B}}$ and $\delta : G \rightarrow GG$ such that the following diagrams commute:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & G & & \\
 & \swarrow \text{id}_G & \downarrow \delta & \searrow \text{id}_G & \\
 G & \xleftarrow{\varepsilon G} & GG & \xrightarrow{G\varepsilon} & G
 \end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 G & \xrightarrow{\delta} & GG \\
 \delta \downarrow & & \downarrow G\delta \\
 GG & \xrightarrow{\delta G} & GGG
 \end{array}$$

Monads and Comonads from an Adjunction

- We have seen that an adjunction $\langle F, U, \eta, \varepsilon \rangle : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ gives rise to a monad $\mathbf{T} = (T, \eta, \mu)$ on the category \mathbf{A} by taking $T = UF$ and $\mu = U\varepsilon F$.
- The adjunction $\langle F, U, \eta, \varepsilon \rangle : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ also gives rise to a comonad $\mathbf{G} = (G, \varepsilon, \delta)$ on the category \mathbf{B} by taking $G = FU$ and $\delta = F\eta U$.

Dualizing Monads and Algebras

- A comonad $\mathbf{G} = (G, \varepsilon, \delta)$ on \mathbf{B} gives a category of \mathbf{G} -coalgebras, denoted by $\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{G}}$, as follows.
- The objects of $\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{G}}$ are pairs (B, g) , where B is an object of \mathbf{B} and $g : B \rightarrow GB$ is a morphism in \mathbf{B} such that $\varepsilon_B \circ g = \mathbf{id}_B$ and $Gg \circ g = \delta_B \circ g$.
- A morphism $f : (B, g) \rightarrow (B', g')$ in $\mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{G}}$ is a morphism $f : B \rightarrow B'$ in \mathbf{B} such that $g' \circ f = Gf \circ g$.
- Et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

Derivations with Weight

Let \mathbf{k} be a ring, $\lambda \in \mathbf{k}$, and let R be an algebra.

- A **derivation of weight λ on R over \mathbf{k}** or more briefly, a **λ -derivation on R over \mathbf{k}** is a module endomorphism d of R satisfying both

$$d(xy) = d(x)y + xd(y) + \lambda d(x)d(y), \quad \text{for all } x, y \in R$$

and

$$d(\mathbf{1}_R) = 0.$$

- A **λ -differential algebra** is a pair (R, d) where R is an algebra and d is a λ -derivation on R over \mathbf{k} .
- Let (R, d) and (S, e) be two λ -differential algebras. A **homomorphism of λ -differential algebras** $f : (R, d) \rightarrow (S, e)$ is a homomorphism $f : R \rightarrow S$ of algebras such that $f(d(x)) = e(f(x))$ for all $x \in R$.

Note that a 0-derivation is a derivation in the usual sense.

An Example of a λ -Derivation

Example

Let \mathbb{R} denote the field of real numbers, and let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lambda \neq 0$. Let A denote the \mathbb{R} -algebra of \mathbb{R} -valued continuous functions on \mathbb{R} , and consider the usual "difference quotient" operator d_λ on A defined by

$$(d_\lambda(f))(x) = (f(x + \lambda) - f(x))/\lambda.$$

Then a simple calculation shows that d_λ is a λ -derivation on A .

Leibniz' Rule

Proposition (Leibniz' Rule): Let (R, d) be a λ -differential algebra, let $x, y \in R$, and let $n \in \mathbf{N}$. Then

$$d^{(n)}(xy) = \sum_{k=0}^n \sum_{j=0}^{n-k} \binom{n}{k} \binom{n-k}{j} \lambda^k d^{(n-j)}(x) d^{(k+j)}(y).$$

When $\lambda = 0$, this reduces to the familiar

$$d^{(n)}(xy) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} d^{(k)}(x) d^{(n-k)}(y).$$

A Simplification

For the remainder of the talk, to simplify notation, we will assume that

$$\lambda = 0.$$

The Hurwitz Product

For any algebra A , let $A^{\mathbf{N}}$ denote the \mathbf{k} -module of all functions $f : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow A$. On $A^{\mathbf{N}}$, we define the **Hurwitz product** fg of any $f, g \in A^{\mathbf{N}}$ by

$$(fg)(n) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f(k)g(n-k).$$

Compare with Leibniz' Rule:

$$d^{(n)}(xy) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} d^{(k)}(x)d^{(n-k)}(y).$$

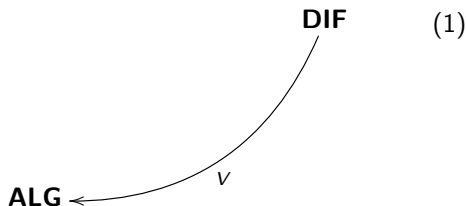
The Algebra of Hurwitz Series

- $A^{\mathbf{N}}$ (with the Hurwitz product) is called the **algebra of Hurwitz series** over A .
- The map $\partial_A : A^{\mathbf{N}} \rightarrow A^{\mathbf{N}}$, defined by $\partial_A(f)(n) = f(n+1)$ for any $f \in A^{\mathbf{N}}$, is a derivation on $A^{\mathbf{N}}$.
- Hence $(A^{\mathbf{N}}, \partial_A)$ is a differential algebra for any algebra A .
- For any algebra homomorphism $h : A \rightarrow B$, the map $h^{\mathbf{N}} : A^{\mathbf{N}} \rightarrow B^{\mathbf{N}}$ defined by $(h^{\mathbf{N}}(f))(n) = h(f(n))$ for any $f \in A^{\mathbf{N}}$ and $n \in \mathbf{N}$ is a differential algebra homomorphism from $(A^{\mathbf{N}}, \partial_A)$ to $(B^{\mathbf{N}}, \partial_B)$.

Functors for Differential Algebras

- Let **DIF** denote the category of differential algebras, and let **ALG** denote the category of algebras.
- We have a functor $G : \mathbf{ALG} \rightarrow \mathbf{DIF}$ given on objects $A \in \mathbf{ALG}$ by $G(A) = (A^{\mathbf{N}}, \partial_A)$ and on morphisms $h : A \rightarrow B$ in \mathbf{ALG} by $G(h) = h^{\mathbf{N}}$ as defined above.
- Let $V : \mathbf{DIF} \rightarrow \mathbf{ALG}$ denote the forgetful functor defined on objects $(R, d) \in \mathbf{DIF}$ by $V(R, d) = R$ and on morphisms $g : (R, d) \rightarrow (S, e)$ in \mathbf{DIF} by $V(g) = g$.

Beginning of the Big Picture



The Natural Transformations

There are two natural transformations $\eta : \mathbf{id}_{\mathbf{DIF}} \rightarrow GV$ and $\varepsilon : VG \rightarrow \mathbf{id}_{\mathbf{ALG}}$.

- For any $(R, d) \in \mathbf{DIF}$, define

$$\eta_{(R,d)} : (R, d) \rightarrow (GV)(R, d) = (R^{\mathbf{N}}, \partial_R)$$

by $(\eta_{(R,d)}(x))(n) := d^{(n)}(x), x \in R, n \in \mathbf{N}$.

- For any $A \in \mathbf{ALG}$, define

$$\varepsilon_A : (VG)(A) = A^{\mathbf{N}} \rightarrow A$$

by $\varepsilon_A(f) := f(0), f \in A^{\mathbf{N}}$.

The Forgetful Functor Has a Right Adjoint

Proposition:

- The functor $G : \mathbf{ALG} \rightarrow \mathbf{DIF}$ defined above is the **right** adjoint of the forgetful functor $V : \mathbf{DIF} \rightarrow \mathbf{ALG}$.
- It follows that (A^N, ∂_A) is a **cofree** differential algebra on the algebra A .

The Comonad from the Adjunction

The adjunction $\langle V, G, \eta, \varepsilon \rangle : \mathbf{DIF} \rightarrow \mathbf{ALG}$ gives rise to a comonad $\mathbf{C} = (C, \varepsilon, \delta)$ on the category \mathbf{ALG} , where

- C is the functor $C := VG : \mathbf{ALG} \rightarrow \mathbf{ALG}$ given by $C(A) = A^{\mathbf{N}}$ for any $A \in \mathbf{ALG}$, and
- $\delta : C \rightarrow CC$ is the natural transformation defined by $\delta := V\eta G$.

It follows that for any $A \in \mathbf{ALG}$,

$$\delta_A : A^{\mathbf{N}} \rightarrow (A^{\mathbf{N}})^{\mathbf{N}}, \quad (\delta_A(f))(m)(n) = f(m+n), \quad f \in A^{\mathbf{N}}, m, n \in \mathbf{N}.$$

Note that as a \mathbf{k} -module, $(A^{\mathbf{N}})^{\mathbf{N}} \cong A^{\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N}}$, the set of sequences of sequences, or equivalently, doubly-indexed sequences with values in A .

The Comonad Comes from the Monoid $(\mathbf{N}, +, 0)$

Observe that comonad $\mathbf{C} = (C, \varepsilon, \delta)$ on **ALG** come from the monoid of natural numbers $(\mathbf{N}, +, 0)$ in the following sense:

- The functor C is given by $C(A) = A^{\mathbf{N}}$.
- $\varepsilon_A : A^{\mathbf{N}} \rightarrow A \cong A^{\{*\}}$ is induced by $0 : \{*\} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$, i.e., $\varepsilon_A \cong A^0$.
- $\delta_A : A^{\mathbf{N}} \rightarrow (A^{\mathbf{N}})^{\mathbf{N}} \cong A^{\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N}}$ is induced by $+$: $\mathbf{N} \times \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}$, i.e., $\delta_A \cong A^+$.

Coalgebras for the Differential Comonad \mathbf{C} on \mathbf{ALG}

- The comonad \mathbf{C} induces a category of \mathbf{C} -coalgebras, denoted by $\mathbf{ALG}_{\mathbf{C}}$.
- The objects in $\mathbf{ALG}_{\mathbf{C}}$ are pairs $\langle A, f \rangle$ where $A \in \mathbf{ALG}$ and $f : A \rightarrow A^{\mathbf{N}}$ is an algebra homomorphism satisfying the two properties

$$\varepsilon_A \circ f = \mathbf{id}_A, \quad \delta_A \circ f = f^{\mathbf{N}} \circ f$$

- A morphism $\varphi : \langle A, f \rangle \rightarrow \langle B, g \rangle$ in $\mathbf{ALG}_{\mathbf{C}}$ is an algebra homomorphism $\varphi : A \rightarrow B$ such that $g \circ \varphi = \varphi^{\mathbf{N}} \circ f$.

DIF is comonadic over ALG

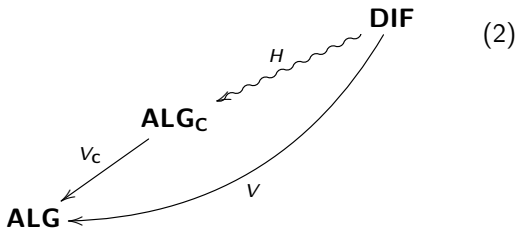
Proposition: The cocomparison functor $H : \mathbf{DIF} \rightarrow \mathbf{ALG}_{\mathbf{C}}$ is an isomorphism, i.e., \mathbf{DIF} is comonadic over \mathbf{ALG} .

Corollary: For any algebra A , there is a one-to-one correspondence among

- derivations d on A over \mathbf{k} ;
- \mathbf{C} -costructures f on A , i.e., algebra homomorphisms $f : A \rightarrow A^{\mathbf{N}}$ satisfying $\varepsilon_A \circ f = \mathbf{id}_A$ and $\delta_A \circ f = f^{\mathbf{N}} \circ f$;
- sequences of \mathbf{k} -module homomorphisms $(f_n) : A \rightarrow A$ for $n \in \mathbf{N}$ that satisfy $f_0 = \mathbf{id}_A$, $f_m \circ f_n = f_{m+n}$ and

$$f_n(ab) = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} f_k(a) f_{n-k}(b) \text{ for all } a, b \in A.$$

The Picture Grows



Definitions

Let R be an algebra.

- A **Rota-Baxter operator** on R is a \mathbf{k} -linear endomorphism P of R satisfying

$$P(x)P(y) = P(xP(y)) + P(yP(x)), \quad \text{for all } x, y \in R.$$

- A **Rota-Baxter algebra** is a pair (R, P) where R is an algebra and P is a Rota-Baxter operator on R .
- Let (R, P) and (S, Q) be two Rota-Baxter algebras. A **homomorphism of Rota-Baxter algebras** $f : (R, P) \rightarrow (S, Q)$ is a homomorphism $f : R \rightarrow S$ of algebras with the property that $f(P(x)) = Q(f(x))$ for all $x \in R$.

An Example

Example

Let $R = \text{Cont}(\mathbb{R})$ denote the \mathbb{R} -algebra of continuous functions on \mathbb{R} . Let P_0 be the operator on R given by

$$P_0(f)(x) = \int_0^x f(t)dt.$$

Then P_0 is a Rota-Baxter operator on R .

Rota-Baxter Categories and Functors

- Let **RBA** denote the category of commutative Rota-Baxter \mathbf{k} -algebras, and let **ALG** denote the category of commutative algebras.
- Let $U : \mathbf{RBA} \rightarrow \mathbf{ALG}$ denote the forgetful functor given on objects $(R, P) \in \mathbf{RBA}$ by $U(R, P) = R$ and on morphisms $f : (R, P) \rightarrow (S, Q)$ in **RBA** by $U(f) = f : R \rightarrow S$.
- We proved earlier that U has a left adjoint, and below we give an explicit description of the left adjoint, the free commutative Rota-Baxter algebra functor.
- There are earlier constructions (e.g., by Cartier and by Rota) of free commutative Rota-Baxter algebras on sets, that is, as a left adjoint of the forgetful functor from **RBA** to **SET**.

The Free Rota-Baxter Algebra

We begin with some general observations about the free commutative Rota-Baxter algebra on a commutative algebra A with identity $\mathbf{1}_A$.

- The product for this free Rota-Baxter algebra on A is constructed in terms of a generalization of the shuffle product, called the **mixable shuffle product**, which we will describe below and which in its recursive form is a natural generalization of the quasi-shuffle product.
- This free commutative Rota-Baxter algebra on A is denoted by $\text{III}(A)$.
- As a module, we have

$$\text{III}(A) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 1} A^{\otimes i} = A \oplus (A \otimes A) \oplus (A \otimes A \otimes A) \oplus \cdots$$

where the tensors are defined over \mathbf{k} .

The Mixable Shuffle Product

The multiplication on $\text{III}(A)$ is the product \diamond defined as follows.

Let $\mathfrak{a} = a_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_m \in A^{\otimes(m+1)}$ and $\mathfrak{b} = b_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_n \in A^{\otimes(n+1)}$.

If $mn = 0$, define

$$\mathfrak{a} \diamond \mathfrak{b} = \begin{cases} (a_0 b_0) \otimes b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_n, & m = 0, n > 0, \\ (a_0 b_0) \otimes a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_m, & m > 0, n = 0, \\ a_0 b_0, & m = n = 0. \end{cases}$$

The Mixable Shuffle Product

If $m > 0$ and $n > 0$, then $\mathfrak{a} \diamond \mathfrak{b}$ is defined inductively on $m + n$ by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{a} \diamond \mathfrak{b} = & (a_0 b_0) \otimes \left((a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_m) \diamond (\mathbf{1}_A \otimes b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_n) \right. \\ & \left. + (\mathbf{1}_A \otimes a_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes a_m) \diamond (b_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes b_n) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Extending by additivity, \diamond gives a \mathbf{k} -bilinear map

$$\diamond : \text{III}(A) \times \text{III}(A) \rightarrow \text{III}(A).$$

An Example of the Product

Example

$$(a_0 \otimes a_1)(b_0 \otimes b_1 \otimes b_2) = (a_0 b_0) \otimes \left(a_1(\mathbf{1}_A \otimes b_1 \otimes b_2) \right. \\ \left. + (\mathbf{1}_A \otimes a_1)(b_1 \otimes b_2) \right).$$

Now the first term in the right tensor factor is just $a_1 \otimes b_1 \otimes b_2$.
For the second term, we have

$$(\mathbf{1}_A \otimes a_1)(b_1 \otimes b_2) = b_1 \otimes (a_1(\mathbf{1}_A \otimes b_2) + (\mathbf{1}_A \otimes a_1)b_2) \\ = b_1 \otimes (a_1 \otimes b_2 + b_2 \otimes a_1).$$

Thus we obtain

$$(a_0 \otimes a_1)(b_0 \otimes b_1 \otimes b_2) = \\ (a_0 b_0) \otimes (a_1 \otimes b_1 \otimes b_2 + b_1 \otimes a_1 \otimes b_2 + b_1 \otimes b_2 \otimes a_1).$$

The Rota-Baxter Operator on $\text{III}(A)$

Define a linear endomorphism P_A on $\text{III}(A)$ by assigning

$$P_A(x_0 \otimes x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n) = \mathbf{1}_A \otimes x_0 \otimes x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n,$$

for all $x_0 \otimes x_1 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n \in A^{\otimes(n+1)}$ and extending by additivity.

The Rota-Baxter Functors

- Let $F : \mathbf{ALG} \rightarrow \mathbf{RBA}$ denote the functor given on objects $A \in \mathbf{ALG}$ by $F(A) = (\mathbb{I}\mathbb{I}(A), P_A)$ and on morphisms $f : A \rightarrow B$ in \mathbf{ALG} by

$$F(f) \left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_{i0} \otimes a_{i1} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{in_i} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^k f(a_{i0}) \otimes f(a_{i1}) \otimes \cdots \otimes f(a_{in_i})$$

which we also denote by $\mathbb{I}\mathbb{I}(f)$.

- As above, $U : \mathbf{RBA} \rightarrow \mathbf{ALG}$ denotes the forgetful functor.

The Natural Transformations

Next define two natural transformations $\eta : \mathbf{id}_{\mathbf{ALG}} \rightarrow UF$ and $\varepsilon : FU \rightarrow \mathbf{id}_{\mathbf{RBA}}$.

- For any $A \in \mathbf{ALG}$, define $\eta_A : A \rightarrow (UF)(A) = \mathbb{I}\mathbb{I}(A)$ to be just the natural embedding $j_A : A \rightarrow \mathbb{I}\mathbb{I}(A) = \bigoplus_{i \geq 1} A^{\otimes i}$.
- For any $(R, P) \in \mathbf{RBA}$, define

$$\varepsilon_{(R,P)} : (FU)(R, P) = (\mathbb{I}\mathbb{I}(R), P_R) \rightarrow (R, P)$$

by

$$\varepsilon_{(R,P)} \left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_{i0} \otimes a_{i1} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{in_i} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^k a_{i0} P(a_{i1} P(\cdots P(a_{in_i}) \cdots)),$$

for any $\sum_{i=1}^k a_{i0} \otimes a_{i1} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{in_i} \in \mathbb{I}\mathbb{I}(R)$.

Adjoint Functors for RBA

Theorem: The functor $F : \mathbf{ALG} \rightarrow \mathbf{RBA}$ defined above is the left adjoint of the forgetful functor $U : \mathbf{RBA} \rightarrow \mathbf{ALG}$. More precisely, there is an adjunction $\langle F, U, \eta, \varepsilon \rangle : \mathbf{ALG} \rightarrow \mathbf{RBA}$.

The Monad for Rota-Baxter Algebras

The adjunction $\langle F, U, \eta, \varepsilon \rangle : \mathbf{ALG} \rightarrow \mathbf{RBA}$ gives rise to a monad $\mathbf{T} = \langle T, \eta, \mu \rangle$ on \mathbf{ALG} .

- T is the functor defined for any $A \in \mathbf{ALG}$ by $T(A) = \text{III}(A)$.
- μ is the natural transformation $\mu_A : \text{III}(\text{III}(A)) \rightarrow \text{III}(A)$ extended additively from

$$\begin{aligned} & \mu_A((a_{00} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{0n_0}) \otimes \cdots \otimes (a_{k0} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{kn_k})) \\ = & (a_{00} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{0n_0}) P_A(\cdots P_A(a_{k0} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{kn_k}) \cdots), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(a_{00} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{0n_0}) \otimes \cdots \otimes (a_{k0} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{kn_k}) \in \text{III}(\text{III}(A)) \text{ with } a_{i0} \otimes \cdots \otimes a_{in_i} \in A^{\otimes(n_i+1)} \text{ for } n_0, \dots, n_k \geq 0 \text{ and } 0 \leq i \leq k.$$

Algebras for the Rota-Baxter Monad \mathbf{T} on \mathbf{ALG}

- The monad \mathbf{T} induces a category of \mathbf{T} -algebras, denoted by $\mathbf{ALG}^{\mathbf{T}}$.
- The objects in $\mathbf{ALG}^{\mathbf{T}}$ are pairs $\langle A, h \rangle$ where $A \in \mathbf{ALG}$ and $h : \text{III}(A) \rightarrow A$ is an algebra homomorphism satisfying the two properties

$$h \circ \eta_A = \text{id}_A, \quad h \circ T(h) = h \circ \mu_A.$$

- A morphism $\phi : \langle R, f \rangle \rightarrow \langle S, g \rangle$ in $\mathbf{ALG}^{\mathbf{T}}$ is an algebra homomorphism $\phi : R \rightarrow S$ such that $g \circ T(\phi) = \phi \circ f$.

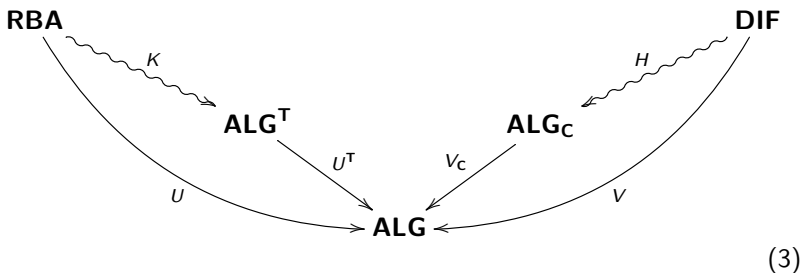
RBA is Monadic over ALG

Theorem: The comparison functor $K : \mathbf{RBA} \rightarrow \mathbf{ALG}^T$ is an isomorphism, i.e., **RBA** is monadic over **ALG**.

Corollary: For any algebra A , there is a one-to-one correspondence between

- 1 Rota-Baxter operators P on A ;
- 2 **T**-structures on A , i.e., algebra homomorphisms $h : \mathbb{III}(A) \rightarrow A$ satisfying both $h \circ \eta_A = \mathbf{id}_A$ and $h \circ T(h) = h \circ \mu_A$;
- 3 Sequences of linear maps $h_n : \mathbb{III}(A) \rightarrow A, n \in \mathbf{N}_+$, satisfying certain conditions.

The Big Picture Grows a Little More



Rota-Baxter Operators on A Extend to $A^{\mathbf{N}}$

Proposition: Let (A, P) be a Rota-Baxter algebra.

- Define a \mathbf{k} -linear mapping $\tilde{P} : A^{\mathbf{N}} \rightarrow A^{\mathbf{N}}$ by

$$\tilde{P}(f)(0) = P(f(0)), \quad \tilde{P}(f)(n) = f(n-1), \quad f \in A^{\mathbf{N}}, n \in \mathbf{N}_+.$$

- Then \tilde{P} is a Rota-Baxter operator on $A^{\mathbf{N}}$,

$$\varepsilon_A \circ \tilde{P} = P \circ \varepsilon_A$$

and

$$\partial_A \circ \tilde{P} = \mathbf{id}_{A^{\mathbf{N}}}.$$

- Compare with the First Fundamental Theorem of Calculus.

Definition of Mixed Distributive Law

Definition: Given a category \mathbf{A} , a monad $\mathbf{T} = (T, \eta, \mu)$ on \mathbf{A} and a comonad $\mathbf{C} = (C, \varepsilon, \delta)$ on \mathbf{A} , then a **mixed distributive law of \mathbf{T} over \mathbf{C}** is a natural transformation $\beta : TC \rightarrow CT$ such that

- $\beta \circ \eta C = C\eta$;
- $\varepsilon T \circ \beta = T\varepsilon$;
- $\delta T \circ \beta = C\beta \circ \beta C \circ T\delta$ and
- $\beta \circ \mu C = C\mu \circ \beta T \circ T\beta$.

The Lifting Theorem

Theorem: Given a category \mathbf{A} , a monad $\mathbf{T} = (T, \eta, \mu)$ on \mathbf{A} , a comonad $\mathbf{C} = (C, \varepsilon, \delta)$ on \mathbf{A} , and a mixed distributive law of \mathbf{T} over \mathbf{C} . Then:

- there is a comonad $\tilde{\mathbf{C}}$ on the category $\mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{T}}$ of \mathbf{T} -algebras which lifts \mathbf{C} ,
- there is a monad $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}$ on the category $\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{C}}$ of \mathbf{C} -coalgebras which lifts \mathbf{T} , and
- there is an isomorphism of categories $(\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{C}})^{\tilde{\mathbf{T}}} \cong (\mathbf{A}^{\mathbf{T}})_{\tilde{\mathbf{C}}}$ over \mathbf{A} .

The Mixed Distributive Law

- We want to apply this theorem to the case where $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{ALG}$, \mathbf{T} is the Rota-Baxter monad and \mathbf{C} is the differential comonad. So we need a mixed distributive law of \mathbf{T} over \mathbf{C} .
- This means that for each $A \in \mathbf{ALG}$, we need a natural homomorphism $\beta_A : \mathbb{I}\mathbb{I}(A^{\mathbb{N}}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{I}\mathbb{I}(A))^{\mathbb{N}}$.
- By an earlier result, the Rota-Baxter operator P_A on $\mathbb{I}\mathbb{I}(A)$ extends to a Rota-Baxter operator \widetilde{P}_A on $(\mathbb{I}\mathbb{I}(A))^{\mathbb{N}}$.

The Key Lemma

Lemma: For any algebra A , there is a unique Rota-Baxter algebra homomorphism

$$\beta_A : (\mathbb{III}(A^{\mathbf{N}}), P_{A^{\mathbf{N}}}) \rightarrow ((\mathbb{III}(A))^{\mathbf{N}}, \widetilde{P}_A)$$

such that the equation

$$(\eta_A)^{\mathbf{N}} = \beta_A \circ \eta_{A^{\mathbf{N}}}$$

holds.

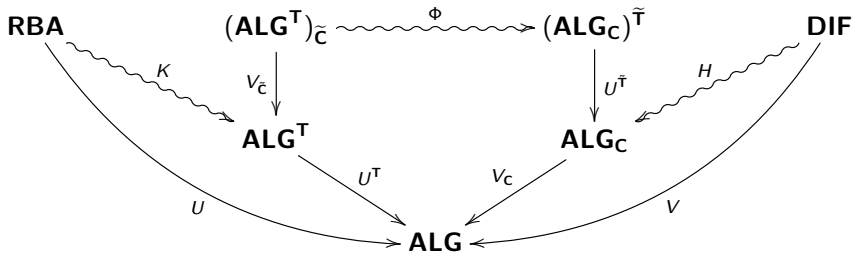
The Main Theorem

- The natural transformation $\beta : TC \rightarrow CT$ given by $\beta_A : \mathbb{I}(A^{\mathbf{N}}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{I}(A))^{\mathbf{N}}$ is a mixed distributive law of \mathbf{T} over \mathbf{C} .
- $\beta : TC \rightarrow CT$ gives rise to a comonad $\tilde{\mathbf{C}}$ on the category $\mathbf{ALG}^{\mathbf{T}}$ of \mathbf{T} -algebras which **lifts** \mathbf{C} in the sense that the underlying functor $U^{\mathbf{T}} : \mathbf{ALG}^{\mathbf{T}} \rightarrow \mathbf{ALG}$ commutes with $\tilde{\mathbf{C}}$ and \mathbf{C} , that is,

$$U^{\mathbf{T}}\tilde{\mathbf{C}} = \mathbf{C}U^{\mathbf{T}}, \quad U^{\mathbf{T}}\tilde{\varepsilon} = \varepsilon U^{\mathbf{T}} \quad \text{and} \quad U^{\mathbf{T}}\tilde{\delta} = \delta U^{\mathbf{T}}.$$

- Similarly, β gives rise to a monad $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}$ on the category $\mathbf{ALG}_{\mathbf{C}}$ of \mathbf{C} -coalgebras which lifts \mathbf{T} .
- There is an isomorphism $\Phi : (\mathbf{ALG}_{\mathbf{C}})^{\tilde{\mathbf{T}}} \rightarrow (\mathbf{ALG}^{\mathbf{T}})_{\tilde{\mathbf{C}}}$ of categories.

The Big Picture Grows Larger



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Differential Rota-Baxter Algebras

Definition: We say that (R, d, P) is a **differential Rota-Baxter algebra** if

- (R, d) is a differential algebra,
- (R, P) is a Rota-Baxter algebra, and
- $d \circ P = \mathbf{id}_R$.

If (R, d, P) and (R', d', P') are differential Rota-Baxter algebras, then a morphism of differential Rota-Baxter algebras

$f : (R, d, P) \rightarrow (R', d', P')$ is an algebra homomorphism

$f : R \rightarrow R'$ such that $d'(f(x)) = f(d(x))$ and $P'(f(x)) = f(P(x))$

for all $x \in R$. The category of differential Rota-Baxter algebras will be denoted by **DRB**.

DRB is Added to the Big Picture

There are forgetful functors:

- $U' : \mathbf{DRB} \rightarrow \mathbf{DIF}$ and
- $V' : \mathbf{DRB} \rightarrow \mathbf{RBA}$

such that $UV' = VU'$. We will see that:

- U' has a left adjoint,
- V' has a right adjoint, and
- $\mathbf{DRB} \cong (\mathbf{ALG}_{\mathbf{C}})^{\tilde{\mathbf{T}}} \cong (\mathbf{ALG}^{\mathbf{T}})_{\tilde{\mathbf{C}}}$, where $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{C}}$ come from the Main Theorem.

The Right Adjoint to V'

- Suppose that $(A, P) \in \mathbf{RBA}$.
- Let $\partial_A : A^{\mathbf{N}} \rightarrow A^{\mathbf{N}}$ and $\tilde{P} : A^{\mathbf{N}} \rightarrow A^{\mathbf{N}}$ be as above.
- Since $\partial_A \circ \tilde{P} = \mathbf{id}_{A^{\mathbf{N}}}$, the triple $(A^{\mathbf{N}}, \partial_A, \tilde{P})$ is a differential Rota-Baxter algebra.
- Thus we have a functor $G' : \mathbf{RBA} \rightarrow \mathbf{DRB}$ given on objects $(A, P) \in \mathbf{RBA}$ by $G'(A, P) = (A^{\mathbf{N}}, \partial_A, \tilde{P})$ and on morphisms $\varphi : (A, P) \rightarrow (A', P')$ in \mathbf{RBA} by $(G'(\varphi)(f))(n) = \varphi(f(n))$ for $f \in A^{\mathbf{N}}$ and $n \in \mathbf{N}$.
- G' is the right adjoint to V' .

Another Comonad

The adjunction $\langle V', G', \eta', \varepsilon' \rangle : \mathbf{DRB} \rightarrow \mathbf{RBA}$ gives a comonad $\mathbf{C}' = \langle C', \varepsilon', \delta' \rangle$ on the category \mathbf{RBA} , where

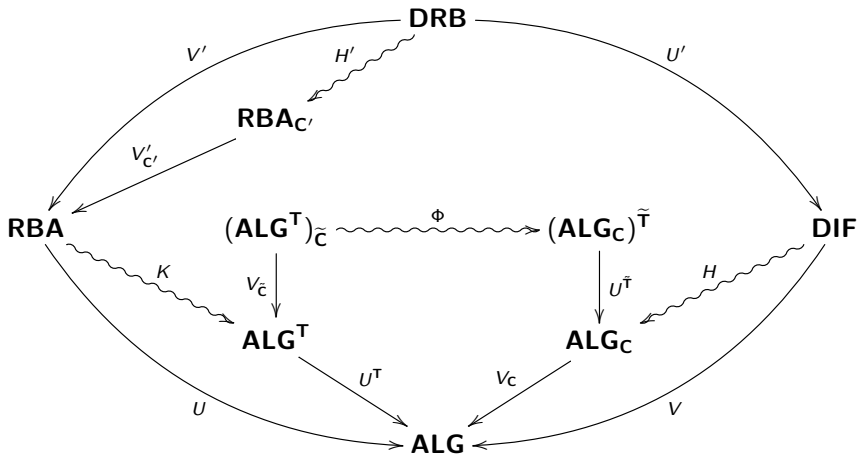
- $C' := V'G' : \mathbf{RBA} \rightarrow \mathbf{RBA}$ is given by $C'(A, P) = (A^{\mathbf{N}}, \tilde{P})$,
- δ' is a natural transformation from C' to $C'C'$ defined by $\delta' := V'\eta'G'$.
- In other words, for any $(A, P) \in \mathbf{RBA}$,

$$\delta'_{(A,P)} : (A^{\mathbf{N}}, \tilde{P}) \rightarrow ((A^{\mathbf{N}})^{\mathbf{N}}, \tilde{\tilde{P}}), \quad \delta'_{(A,P)}(f) = \delta_A(f), \quad f \in A^{\mathbf{N}}.$$

And Another Category of Coalgebras

- The comonad \mathbf{C}' on \mathbf{RBA} gives a category of \mathbf{C}' -coalgebras, denoted by $\mathbf{RBA}_{\mathbf{C}'}$.
- The comonad \mathbf{C}' also induces an adjunction.
- There is a uniquely defined cocomparison functor $H' : \mathbf{DRB} \rightarrow \mathbf{RBA}_{\mathbf{C}'}$, and
- H' is an isomorphism, so that $\mathbf{DRB} \cong \mathbf{RBA}_{\mathbf{C}'}$.

More Functors for the Big Picture



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Some Folklore from Category Theory

Lemma: Suppose that \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} are categories, $K : \mathbf{A} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}$ is an isomorphism of categories, $\mathbf{C} = \langle C, \varepsilon, \delta \rangle$ is a comonad on \mathbf{A} and $\mathbf{C}' = \langle C', \varepsilon', \delta' \rangle$ is a comonad on \mathbf{B} . If K commutes with \mathbf{C} and \mathbf{C}' , i.e., $KC = C'K$, $K\varepsilon = \varepsilon'K$ and $K\delta = \delta'K$, then there exists a unique isomorphism $\tilde{K} : \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{C}} \rightarrow \mathbf{B}_{\mathbf{C}'}$ that lifts K , i.e., $U_{\mathbf{C}'}\tilde{K} = KU_{\mathbf{C}}$.

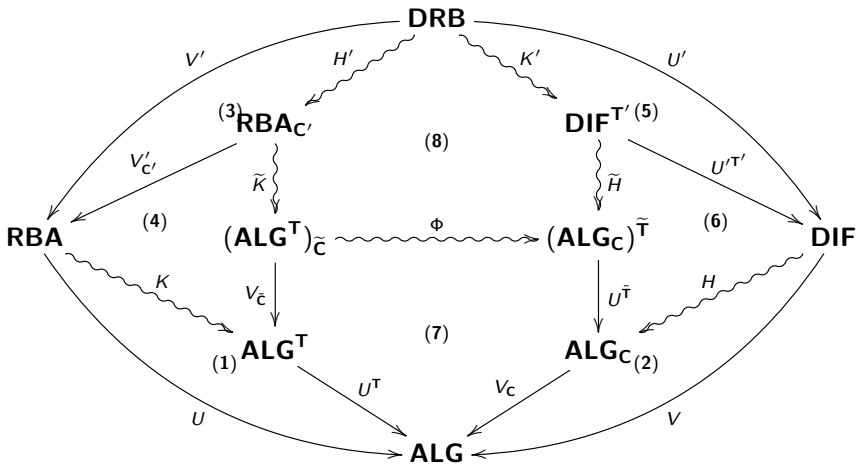
Corollary: There is an isomorphism of categories $\tilde{K} : \mathbf{RBA}_{\mathbf{C}'} \rightarrow (\mathbf{ALG}^{\mathbf{T}})_{\tilde{\mathbf{C}}}$ such that $V_{\tilde{\mathbf{C}}}\tilde{K} = KV'_{\mathbf{C}'}$.

The Left Adjoint to U'

Let (A, d) be a differential algebra.

- There is a derivation \tilde{d} on $\mathbb{III}(A) \rightarrow \mathbb{III}(A)$ extending d .
- $(\mathbb{III}(A), \tilde{d}, P_A)$ is a free differential Rota-Baxter algebra on the differential algebra (A, d) .
- There is a functor $F' : \mathbf{DIF} \rightarrow \mathbf{DRB}$ that is left adjoint to the forgetful $U' : \mathbf{DRB} \rightarrow \mathbf{DIF}$.
- There is a monad \mathbf{T}' on \mathbf{DIF} such that $\mathbf{DIF}^{\mathbf{T}'} \cong \mathbf{DRB}$.

To Complete the Picture



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