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# Tensors of Comodels and Models for Operational Semantics

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## Abstract

In seeking a unified study of computational effects, one must take account of the coalgebraic structure of state in order to give a general operational semantics agreeing with the standard one for state. Axiomatically, one needs a countable Lawvere theory  $L$ , a comodel  $C$ , typically the final one, and a model  $M$ , typically free; one then seeks a tensor  $C \otimes M$  of the comodel with the model that allows operations to flow between the two. We describe such a tensor implicit in the abstract category theoretic literature, explain its significance for computational effects, and calculate it in leading classes of examples, primarily involving state.

*Keywords:* Countable Lawvere theory, model, comodel, global state, arrays, free cocompletion, tensor.

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## 1 Introduction

Over the past decade, in collaboration with a number of other researchers, and following Eugenio Moggi's seminal monadic approach to notions of computation [9], we have been developing an algebraic theory of computational effects. This theory emphasises the operations that give rise to the effects at hand, and the equations that hold between them: see [13] for an overview.

One goal of this project was to give an axiomatic account of the various methods of combining of effects [3,4,5]. Another, indeed the focus of the first paper of the series [10], was to develop a unified theory of structural operational semantics for effects; unfortunately, however, the axiomatics of [10] had the severe limitation of not accounting for the example of state, or for any combination of effects including

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state. More recently, we have begun to appreciate the importance of coalgebra in understanding the dynamics of state [15] and in this paper we start to rectify the situation by developing the combination of algebra and coalgebra which we believe will be needed.

In modelling state, one typically has assignment and dereferencing constructors,  $:=$  and  $!$ , with typing rules of the form

$$\frac{M : \mathbf{loc} \quad N : \mathbf{val}}{(M := N) : 1} \qquad \frac{M : \mathbf{loc}}{!M : \mathbf{val}}$$

where  $\mathbf{loc}$  is a type to be modelled by a finite set of locations  $\text{Loc}$  and  $\mathbf{val}$  is the type of values, modelled by a set  $V$ . The structural operational semantics of state typically involves transition systems of the form:

$$(1) \qquad \langle s, M \rangle \longrightarrow \langle s', M' \rangle$$

where  $M$  and  $M'$  are closed terms of the same type,  $\sigma$  say, and  $s$  and  $s'$  are states, i.e., elements of  $S =_{\text{def}} V^{\text{Loc}}$ . (We reverse the usual order to fit in better with the tensor introduced below.)

The transitions can be generated by such rules as:

$$(2) \qquad \langle s, E[l := v] \rangle \longrightarrow \langle s[v/l], E[*] \rangle$$

$$(3) \qquad \langle s, E[!l] \rangle \longrightarrow \langle s, E[s(l)] \rangle$$

where  $E[ ]$  is an evaluation context. An adequate denotational semantics must, in some way, identify the two sides of these transitions. For example, using Moggi’s state monad  $T_S =_{\text{def}} (S \times -)^S$  the denotation  $\llbracket M \rrbracket$  of  $M$  of type  $\sigma$  is in  $T_S(\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket)$ , where  $\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket$  is the denotation of  $\sigma$ , and one has:

$$(4) \qquad \llbracket M \rrbracket(s) = \llbracket M' \rrbracket(s')$$

However, applying the general operational semantics of [10] to the case of state yields transitions applied to a term  $M$  only, with no state parameter.

Analysis of equation (4) in the cases of rules (2) and (3) shows it has a specific form. Assignment and dereferencing are modelled by evident maps:

$$g_{:=} : \text{Loc} \times V \longrightarrow T_S(\mathbb{1}) \qquad g_! : \text{Loc} \longrightarrow T_S(V)$$

Now, as we recall in detail in Section 2, the countable Lawvere theory  $L_S$  for global state is generated by two operations:

$$a : \mathbb{1} \longrightarrow \text{Loc} \times V \qquad d : V \longrightarrow \text{Loc}$$

subject to seven equations [11,15]. These operations yield two *algebraic operations*, viz families of maps, natural in the Kleisli category:

$$a_{T_S(X)} : T_S(X) \longrightarrow T_S(X)^{\text{Loc} \times V} \qquad d_{T_S(X)} : T_S(X)^V \longrightarrow T_S(X)^{\text{Loc}}$$

and  $g_{:=}$  and  $g_!$  appear as the corresponding *generic effects* [12].

Next, as we recall in Section 3, a comodel of  $L_S$ , i.e., a countable coproduct preserving functor from  $L_S^{op}$  to  $Set$ , amounts to a set  $Y$  together with functions:

$$a_Y : (\text{Loc} \times V) \times Y \longrightarrow Y \qquad d_Y : \text{Loc} \times Y \longrightarrow V \times Y$$

subject, appropriately interpreted, to the same seven equations; the category of such coalgebras is, in turn, equivalent to the category of arrays in the sense of [15], cf [2,17]. Modulo a transposition, the generic effects provide the final such coalgebra on the set of states  $S$ .

Let us now consider equation (4) in the case of Rule (2). One can show that  $\llbracket E[l := v] \rrbracket = a_{T(\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket)}((l, v), \llbracket E[*] \rrbracket)$  and with this the equation becomes:

$$a_{T(\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket)}((l, v), \llbracket E[*] \rrbracket)(s) = \llbracket E[*] \rrbracket(a_S((l, v), s))$$

We see that the equation swaps the coalgebra map  $a_S$  for the algebra map  $a_{T(\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket)}$ . The same holds, albeit a little less obviously, for rule (3) with respect to  $d_S$  and  $d_{T(\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket)}$ . This swapping of an algebra map with a coalgebra map is characteristic of the bilinear maps  $\otimes$  involved in tensors, for example the tensor of two bimodules. In our case  $\otimes$  is application, so we would write the above equation as:

$$s \otimes a_{T(\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket)}((l, v), \llbracket E[*] \rrbracket) = a_S((l, v), s) \otimes \llbracket E[*] \rrbracket$$

with the idea that:

$$S \otimes T_S(\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket) = S \times V$$

In general, given an algebra  $A$  and coalgebra  $C$  we seek the universal map:

$$C \times A \xrightarrow{\otimes} C \otimes A$$

such that for every operation  $f : I \rightarrow J$ , we have:

$$s \otimes f_A(\gamma)(j) = s' \otimes \gamma(i)$$

for every  $s \in C$ ,  $\gamma \in A^I$  and  $j \in J$ , where  $\langle i, s' \rangle = f_C(j, s)$ . Axiomatically this involves a countable Lawvere theory  $L$ , a model  $M : L \rightarrow Set$ , and a comodel  $C : L^{op} \rightarrow Set$ . It turns out that the tensor can be equivalently seen as factoring the sum of all pairs  $Ma \times Ca$  by allowing the swapping of the image  $Mf$  of a map  $f$  in  $L$  with the image  $Cf$  of  $f$ , while respecting the countable product structure of the countable Lawvere theory  $L$ . It is constructed using a countable coproduct-respecting variant of the theorem that the free cocompletion of a small category  $D$  is given by the Yoneda embedding  $Y : D \rightarrow [D^{op}, Set]$ .

We explore the relevant abstract mathematics in Section 4 and show that for an arbitrary  $L$ -comodel  $C$ , the tensor  $C \otimes T_L(X)$  of  $C$  with the free  $L$ -model on a set  $X$  is  $C1 \times X$ . This result confirms and generalises the above informal discussion of state; it also applies to read-only state in combination with other effects. In Section 5, we give general results allowing the calculation of the tensor  $C \otimes M$  in two other cases: the combination of global state or monoid actions with other effects. But what about a combination of co-models, for instance having both read-only and global state? In order to account for these, in Section 6 we give a suitable operation  $C \circ C'$  on comodels and a formula for  $(C \circ C') \otimes M$  in terms of formulae

involving  $C$  and  $C'$  individually. The Appendix gives a bicategorical view of the tensor: while we have no application for it yet, it is mathematically very natural.

We have expressed ourselves here, and we continue to express ourselves through the course of the paper, in terms of ordinary countable Lawvere theories, models in *Set*, and comodels in *Set*. But all the abstract work in the paper generalises routinely to Lawvere  $V$ -theories [14] for those  $V$  that are locally countably presentable as cartesian closed categories, as does all the concrete work except for Example 6.3 and succeeding, where further work remains to be done. So we include  $\omega\mathit{Cpo}$ , often used to account for recursion [3,4]; here one simply includes the lifting monad among the effects not involving co-models. For background definitions and results about enrichment, see [6].

## 2 Models of Countable Lawvere Theories

In this section, we briefly recall the definitions of countable Lawvere theory and model, focusing on the countable Lawvere theory for global state; details are implicit in [11] and explicit in [15]. Let  $\aleph_1$  denote a skeleton of the full subcategory of *Set* of the countable sets. So, up to equivalence, it contains one object  $n$  for each natural number, together with an object  $\aleph_0$  to represent a countable set. It has countable coproducts.

**Definition 2.1** A *countable Lawvere theory* consists of a category  $L$  with countable products and an identity-on-objects strict countable product preserving functor  $J : \aleph_1^{op} \rightarrow L$ . A *model* of  $L$  in a category  $C$  with countable products is a countable product preserving functor from  $L$  to  $C$ .

The models of  $L$  in a category  $C$  with countable products form a category  $Mod(L, C)$ , whose arrows are given by all natural transformations.

**Theorem 2.2** For any countable Lawvere theory  $L$  and any locally presentable category  $C$ , the forgetful functor  $U : Mod(L, C) \rightarrow C$  exhibits  $Mod(L, C)$  as monadic over  $C$ . In the case that  $C = \mathit{Set}$ , the induced monads  $T_L$  are precisely the countably presentable monads on *Set*.

For global state, we assume we are given a finite set  $Loc$  of locations and a countable set  $V$  of values. We identify  $Loc$  with the natural number given by its cardinality, and we identify  $V$  with  $\aleph_0$ .

**Definition 2.3** The countable Lawvere theory  $L_S$  for global state is the theory freely generated by maps

$$\begin{aligned} d : V &\longrightarrow Loc \\ a : 1 &\longrightarrow Loc \times V \end{aligned}$$

subject to the commutativity of seven diagrams, expressible as equations between infinitary terms as follows:

$$(i) \quad d_l((a_{l,v}(x))_v) = x$$

- (ii)  $d_l((d_l((x_{vv'})_v))_{v'}) = d_l((x_{vv})_v)$
- (iii)  $a_{l,v}(a_{l,v'}(x)) = a_{l,v'}(x)$
- (iv)  $a_{l,v}(d_l((x_v)_v)) = a_{l,v}(x_v)$
- (v)  $d_l((d_{l'}((x_{vv'})_{v'}))_v) = d_{l'}((d_l((x_{vv'})_v))_{v'})$  where  $l \neq l'$
- (vi)  $a_{l,v}(a_{l',v'}(x)) = a_{l',v'}(a_{l,v}(x))$  where  $l \neq l'$
- (vii)  $a_{l,v}(d_{l'}((x_{v'})_{v'})) = d_{l'}((a_{l,v}(x_{v'}))_{v'})$  where  $l \neq l'$ .

An equivalent version of the equations in terms of commutative diagrams appears in [15]. The definition implies an equation (viii):

$$d_l((x)_v) = x$$

The following theorem, stated in slightly different but equivalent terms, is the first main theorem of [11].

**Theorem 2.4** *For any category  $C$  with countable products and countable coproducts, the forgetful functor  $U : Mod(L_S, C) \rightarrow C$  exhibits the category  $Mod(L_S, C)$  as monadic over  $C$ , with monad  $(S \otimes -)^S$ , where  $S$  is the set  $V^{Loc}$  and  $S \otimes X$  is the coproduct of  $S$  copies of  $X$ .*

Theorem 2.4 explains why we refer to  $L_S$  as the countable Lawvere theory for global state: taking  $C = Set$ , the induced monad is the monad for global state or side-effects proposed by Moggi [9,11].

**Proposition 2.5** *The left adjoint of the forgetful functor  $U : Mod(L_S, C) \rightarrow C$  sends an object  $X$  of  $C$  to the object  $(S \otimes X)^S$  together with the maps*

$$u : (S \otimes X)^S \rightarrow ((S \otimes X)^S)^{Loc \times V}$$

*determined, modulo an isomorphism, by composition with the function*

$$Loc \times V \times V^{Loc} \rightarrow V^{Loc}$$

*that, given  $(loc, v, \sigma)$ , “updates”  $\sigma : Loc \rightarrow V$  by replacing its value at  $loc$  by  $v$  and*

$$l : ((S \otimes X)^S)^V \rightarrow ((S \otimes X)^S)^{Loc}$$

*determined, modulo an isomorphism, by composition with the function*

$$Loc \times V^{Loc} \rightarrow V \times V^{Loc}$$

*that, given  $(loc, \sigma)$ , “lookups”  $loc$  in  $\sigma : Loc \rightarrow V$  to determine its value, and is given by the projection into  $V^{Loc}$ .*

More generally, for any countable Lawvere theory  $L$ , one can consider the tensor product  $L \otimes L_S$  [3,4]. The monad induced by  $L \otimes L_S$  on  $Set$  is  $T_L(S \times -)^S$ . And the  $L_S$ -model structure of Proposition 2.5 extends from  $(S \times X)^S$  to  $T_L(S \times X)^S$  to give the  $L_S$ -model structure on the free  $(L \otimes L_S)$ -model  $T_L(S \times X)^S$  on any set  $X$ : the key point is that the model structure is determined entirely in terms of the exponent  $S$ .

**Example 2.6** Let  $L_r$  denote the countable Lawvere theory for read-only state. It is freely generated by a map  $r : S \rightarrow 1$  subject to the commutativity of two diagrams, which, expressed as infinitary equations, become:

- (i)  $r((x)_s) = x$
- (ii)  $r((r((x_{ss'})_s))_{s'}) = r((x_{ss})_s)$

The induced monad on  $Set$  is  $(-)^S$ .

The free  $L_r$ -model on a set  $X$  is  $X^S$ , with the  $L_r$ -model structure on  $X^S$  given by precomposition with the diagonal

$$(X^S)^S \cong X^{S \times S} \xrightarrow{X^\delta} X^S$$

So again, the model structure is determined entirely in terms of the exponent  $S$ . And again, that extends to tensor products  $L \otimes L_r$ , the free  $(L \otimes L_r)$ -model on a set  $X$  being given by  $(T_L X)^S$ . We note finally that in the case where  $S = V^{Loc}$ , the theory  $L_r$  can, alternately, be presented by an operation  $d : V \rightarrow Loc$  subject to equations (ii), (v) and (viii) above.

The final example of a countable Lawvere theory of primary importance to us here is that of a monoid action; it has several computational applications.

**Example 2.7** Given a monoid  $M$ , the countable Lawvere theory  $L_M$  induces the monad  $M \times -$  on  $Set$ ; the theory is generated by  $M$  unary operations  $f_m$ , respecting the monoid structure of  $M$ , i.e.,  $f_e = id$  where  $e$  is the unit of  $M$ , and  $f_m f_{m'} = f_{mm'}$  where the multiplication of  $M$  is denoted by juxtaposition. The category of models of  $L_M$  in  $Set$  is the category of left  $M$ -sets. For an arbitrary countable Lawvere theory  $L$ , the tensor product of  $L$  with  $L_M$  generates the monad  $T_L(M \times -)$  on  $Set$  [4].

One use of this theory is for resources, e.g., timed processes [4,8]; there the monoid is typically the positive reals, or the natural numbers, with addition. Another is write-only memory, where for example, one takes the theory generated by an operation  $a : 1 \rightarrow Loc \times V$  and equations (iii) and (vi) above; in this case the monoid has carrier  $\sum_{L \subseteq Loc} V^L$ .

### 3 Comodels of Countable Lawvere Theories

In this section, we briefly recall from [15] the notion of a comodel of an arbitrary countable Lawvere theory, focusing upon the example  $L_S$  of global state in Section 2. The abstract results of this section again enrich routinely to categories that are locally countably presentable as cartesian closed categories.

**Definition 3.1** A *comodel* of a countable Lawvere theory  $L$  in a category  $C$  with countable coproducts is a countable coproduct preserving functor from  $L^{op}$  to  $C$ .

Comodels of  $L$  in a category  $C$  with countable coproducts form a category  $Comod(L, C)$ , whose arrows are given by all natural transformations. So, almost

by definition, for any category  $C$  with countable coproducts, we have the following:

$$\text{Comod}(L, C) \cong \text{Mod}(L, C^{op})^{op}$$

It follows from Theorem 2.2 that for any countable Lawvere theory  $L$  and any category  $C$  for which  $C^{op}$  is locally presentable, the forgetful functor  $U : \text{Comod}(L, C) \rightarrow C$  has a right adjoint, exhibiting  $\text{Comod}(L, C)$  as comonadic over  $C$ . But  $\text{Set}^{op}$  is not locally presentable, so this fact is of no help in regard to our leading example of a base category.

Nevertheless, the following is true, as shown in [15].

**Theorem 3.2** *For any countable Lawvere theory  $L$ , the forgetful functor*

$$U : \text{Comod}(L, \text{Set}) \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

*has a right adjoint, exhibiting  $\text{Comod}(L, \text{Set})$  as comonadic over  $\text{Set}$ .*

The central fact yielding the proof is the cartesian closedness of  $\text{Set}$ , specifically the fact that the tensor of an object  $a$  of  $L$ , i.e., a countable set, with  $X$  has the universal property of a product. It follows that one can extend the result to categories such as  $\text{Poset}$ ,  $\omega\text{Cpo}$ , and  $\text{Cat}$ , and that it generalises to enrichment in any category that is locally countably presentable as a cartesian closed category, such as  $\text{Poset}$ ,  $\omega\text{Cpo}$ , or  $\text{Cat}$ .

The main theorem of [15] asserted that the category of comodels of the countable Lawvere theory  $L_S$  is given by a category of arrays. So we now recall the category of arrays as defined in [15]. The axiomatic definition of an array follows and mildly generalises the approach to arrays in [2,17].

**Definition 3.3** Given a finite set  $\text{Loc}$  of locations and a countable set  $V$  of values, a  $(\text{Loc}, V)$ -array consists of a set  $A$  together with functions

$$\text{sel} : A \times \text{Loc} \rightarrow V$$

and

$$\text{upd} : A \times \text{Loc} \times V \rightarrow A$$

subject to four axioms written in equational form as follows: for  $l$  and  $l'$  in  $\text{Loc}$ , for  $v$  and  $v'$  in  $V$ , and for  $a$  in  $A$

- (i)  $\text{sel}(\text{upd}(a, l, v), l) = v$
- (ii)  $\text{upd}(a, l, \text{sel}(a, l)) = a$
- (iii)  $\text{upd}(\text{upd}(a, l, v), l, v') = \text{upd}(a, l, v')$
- (iv)  $\text{upd}(\text{upd}(a, l, v), l', v') = \text{upd}(\text{upd}(a, l', v'), l, v)$  where  $l \neq l'$

There is an evident notion of a map of arrays, yielding a category  $(\text{Loc}, V)$ -Array. The relationship between the definition of an array and the countable Lawvere theory  $L_S$  is not entirely trivial. The most obvious dissimilarity is that the former has four axioms while the latter has seven, and the next most obvious dissimilarity is that, if one thinks about duals for  $u$  and  $l$ , it is clear that  $u$  matches  $\text{upd}$  but that  $l$  does not match  $\text{sel}$ . On the other hand, the four array axioms are remarkably similar to four of the global state axioms, and to give a function



$sel : A \times \text{Loc} \longrightarrow V$  is equivalent to giving a function  $sel' : A \times \text{Loc} \longrightarrow A \times V$  subject to the axioms

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \times \text{Loc} & \xrightarrow{sel'} & A \times V \\
 \searrow \pi_A & & \downarrow \pi_A \\
 & & A
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccc}
 A \times \text{Loc} & \xrightarrow{sel'} & A \times V \\
 \searrow sel & & \downarrow \pi_V \\
 & & V
 \end{array}$$

The central technical result of [15] was as follows.

**Theorem 3.4** *The forgetful functor from  $(\text{Loc}, V)$ -Array to  $Set$  is comonadic over  $Set$ , with comonad given by  $(-)^{V^{\text{Loc}}} \times V^{\text{Loc}}$ .*

The category  $Set^{op}$  has countable products and countable coproducts, with products given by the coproducts of  $Set$  and with coproducts given by the products of  $Set$ . So, combining Theorem 2.4 with Theorem 3.4, we reached the desired conclusion as follows.

**Corollary 3.5** *Let  $L_S$  be the countable Lawvere theory for global state. Then  $Comod(L_S, Set)$  is equivalent to  $(\text{Loc}, V)$ -Array.*

It follows from Theorem 3.4 and Corollary 3.5 that the final  $L_S$ -comodel is given by the set  $S$  of states with its canonical lookup and update structure. Corollary 3.5 enriches routinely, assuming one uses the evident definition of enriched  $(\text{Loc}, V)$ -array.

Our next two classes of examples are read-only state, extending Example 2.6, and a monoid action, extending Example 2.7.

**Example 3.6** A priori, to give a comodel for  $L_r$  is to give a set  $X$  together with a function  $X \longrightarrow S \times X$  subject to two axioms. But the unit axiom simply asserts that the projection to  $X$  yields the identity, and the composition axiom is trivial. So a comodel is just a function  $X \longrightarrow S$ , i.e., an object of the slice category  $Set/S$ . The maps work similarly. The final comodel is therefore given by the set  $S$  together with the identity map. In the enriched setting, one generalises from  $Set/S$  to  $V/S$ : an object of a slice  $V$ -category  $C/X$  is defined to be an arrow with codomain  $X$  in the  $V0$ -category  $C$ .

**Example 3.7** For a monoid  $M$ , the Lawvere theory  $L_M$  is generated by unary operations subject to axioms that dualise: the duality is given by swapping left with right in  $M$ . So, to give a comodel of  $L_M$  is equivalent to giving a model of  $L_M$  but with the order of multiplication reversed, making  $Comod(L_M, Set)$  the category of right  $M$ -sets. The final comodel is 1, but a more interesting comodel  $C_M$  is given by the set  $M$  with action determined by the multiplication of  $M$  together with a twist. This example also enriches routinely.

Finally, we note that if a theory contains a constant or a commutative binary operation then its only comodel in  $Set$  is the trivial, with empty carrier. We there-

fore do not expect coalgebra to play any direct rôle in such computational effects as exceptions or ordinary or probabilistic nondeterminism.

## 4 The Tensor of a Comodel with a Model

In this section, for any countable Lawvere theory  $L$ , we describe a tensor  $C \otimes M$  of an arbitrary comodel  $C$  with an arbitrary model  $M$  and calculate it in several cases. At the heart of our category theoretic analysis is the fundamental theorem that asserts that the Yoneda embedding expresses the presheaf category  $[D^{op}, Set]$  as the free cocompletion of any small category  $D$ :

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $D$  be a small category. Then for any locally small cocomplete category  $E$ , composition with the Yoneda embedding*

$$Y : D \longrightarrow [D^{op}, Set]$$

*induces an equivalence of categories*

$$Cocomp([D^{op}, Set], E) \cong [D, E]$$

*where, for any locally small cocomplete category  $E'$ , the category  $Cocomp(E', E)$  is the category of colimit preserving functors from  $E'$  to  $E$  and all natural transformations between them.*

A proof of this appears in the enriched setting in Kelly’s book [6], in which it plays a central rôle. The inverse equivalence sends a functor  $H : D \longrightarrow E$  to its left Kan extension  $Lan_Y H$ , which can be described in more elementary terms as follows:

$$(5) \quad (Lan_Y H)(F) = \int^{d \in D} Hd \times Fd$$

This is a coend, so is given by factoring the sum  $\Sigma_{d \in D}(Hd \times Fd)$  by dinaturality:  $H$  is covariant in  $D$  and  $F$  is contravariant in  $D$ , so any map  $f : d' \longrightarrow d$  generates two functions

$$(Hf \times Fd), (Hd' \times Ff) : Hd' \times Fd \longrightarrow Hd \times Fd$$

and one factors the sum  $\Sigma_d(Hd \times Fd)$  by the equivalence relation  $\sim$  generated by all such pairs of functions, yielding

$$(6) \quad \int^{d \in D} Hd \times Fd = (\Sigma_{d \in D}(Hd \times Fd)) / \sim$$

So Theorem 4.1 asserts that every colimit preserving functor from  $[D^{op}, Set]$  to  $E$  is isomorphic to one that sends  $F$  in  $[D^{op}, Set]$  to  $(\Sigma_d(Fd \times Hd)) / \sim$  for some functor  $H : D \longrightarrow E$ , uniquely up to coherent isomorphism.

The theorem says a little more than that in that the fully faithfulness part of being an equivalence says that natural transformations are respected by the constructs too. One can make a slightly stronger statement. All colimit preserving functors from  $[D^{op}, Set]$  to  $E$  have right adjoints, and those adjoints can be described

as follows: for any functor  $H : D \rightarrow E$ , the functor sending an object  $X$  of  $E$  to  $E(H-, X) : D^{op} \rightarrow Set$  is the right adjoint to  $Lan_Y H$ .

There are numerous refinements of Theorem 4.1. A refinement in the direction we need appears in [7] and tells us the following.

**Theorem 4.2** *Let  $D$  be a small category with countable coproducts. Then for any locally small cocomplete category  $E$ , composition with the Yoneda embedding*

$$Y : D \rightarrow CP(D^{op}, Set)$$

*induces an equivalence of categories*

$$Cocomp(CP(D^{op}, Set), E) \cong CC(D, E)$$

where  $CP(D^{op}, Set)$  denotes the full subcategory of  $[D^{op}, Set]$  determined by the countable product preserving functors from  $D^{op}$  to  $Set$ , and  $CC(D, E)$  denotes the category of countable coproduct preserving functors from  $D$  to  $E$ .

There are a number of subtleties implicit in the statement of Theorem 4.2. First, for any small category  $D$  with countable coproducts, the Yoneda embedding

$$Y : D \rightarrow [D^{op}, Set]$$

factors through  $CP(D^{op}, Set)$ : that part is easy. Second, the restricted variant of the Yoneda embedding, i.e., the Yoneda embedding regarded as having codomain  $CP(D^{op}, Set)$ , preserves countable coproducts: that follows from the Yoneda lemma. Third, the category  $CP(D^{op}, Set)$  is cocomplete: that is a substantial result, the colimits not being given pointwise in general.

The proof of the theorem is not difficult. Moreover, the formula for the inverse equivalence is identical to that for Theorem 4.1, i.e., a countable coproduct preserving functor  $H : D \rightarrow E$  corresponds to the colimit preserving functor from  $CP(D^{op}, Set)$  to  $E$  given by restricting  $Lan_Y H$  from  $[D^{op}, Set]$  to  $CP(D^{op}, Set)$ , thus sending  $F$  in  $CP(D^{op}, Set)$  to the coend 5. The right adjoint also restricts, with the same formula as in the classical case.

Observe that a countable Lawvere theory  $L$  is a small category with countable products, the category  $Mod(L, Set)$  is exactly  $CP(L, Set)$ , and the category  $CC(L^{op}, E)$  is the category of comodels of  $L$  in  $E$ . Thus we have:

**Corollary 4.3** *Let  $L$  be a countable Lawvere theory. Then for any cocomplete category  $E$ , the Yoneda embedding*

$$Y : L^{op} \rightarrow Mod(L, Set)$$

*induces an equivalence of categories*

$$Cocomp(Mod(L, Set), E) \cong Comod(L, E)$$

The above analysis gives a formula for the inverse equivalence, i.e., (5), more explicitly (6), as well as a right adjoint  $E \rightarrow Mod(L, Set)$ .

Given a comodel  $C$  and a model  $M$  of  $L$ , we now write  $C \otimes M$  for  $Lan_Y C(M)$ .

Thus, by (5), we have the following formula.

$$(7) \quad C \otimes M = \int^{a \in L} C a \times M a$$

It follows from its definition that the construction  $C \otimes M$  is bifunctorial.

The objects of  $L$  are exactly the natural numbers together with  $\aleph_0$ . So each object  $a$  is a countable coproduct in  $\aleph_1$ , equivalently a countable product in  $L$ , of  $a$  copies of 1. Since  $C$  preserves countable coproducts and  $M$  preserves countable products, we have:

$$C a \times M a \cong a \times C 1 \times M 1^a$$

Next, by the Yoneda lemma, the coend

$$\int^{a \in \aleph_1^{op}} a \times C J 1 \times M J 1^a$$

is  $C 1 \times M 1$ , and so  $C \otimes M$  is given by further coequalising  $C 1 \times M 1$  with respect to arbitrary maps in  $L$  yielding the universal map

$$\otimes_{C,M} : C 1 \times M 1 \longrightarrow C 1 \otimes M 1$$

discussed in the introduction; see too the discussion just before Theorem 6.2.

Given a comodel  $C : L^{op} \longrightarrow Set$  of  $L$  in  $Set$ , as we know, the right adjoint to  $C \otimes -$  sends a set  $Y$  to the composite

$$(8) \quad L \xrightarrow{C} Set^{op} \xrightarrow{Y^-} Set$$

necessarily a model of  $L$  in  $Set$ . This ‘exponential’ construction of a model from a comodel was exemplified in Section 2 for state and read-only state.

This adjointness yields a general formula for the tensor of an arbitrary comodel  $C$  of an arbitrary countable Lawvere theory  $L$  with any free model  $T_L X$  of  $L$  on a set  $X$  as follows.

**Theorem 4.4** *For any countable Lawvere theory  $L$ , comodel  $C$  of  $L$  and set  $X$ , the tensor  $C \otimes T_L X$  of  $C$  with the free model  $T_L X$  of  $L$  on  $X$  is given by the product  $C 1 \times X$ .*

**Proof.** This follows directly from the properties of adjoints: to give a function from  $C \otimes T_L X$  to  $Y$  is equivalent to giving a map of models from the free model  $T_L X$  on  $X$  to  $Set(C-, Y)$ , which is equivalent to giving a function from  $X$  to  $Set(C 1, Y)$ , which, by cartesian closedness of  $Set$ , is equivalent to giving a function from  $C 1 \times X$  to  $Y$ , all natural in  $Y$ . □

So the tensor is indeed the familiar  $S \times X$  considered in the introduction. Indeed, as the reader may check, all the the other examples of tensor we calculate also accord with the usual practise in operational semantics.

Our next example is read-only state. By Example 2.6, the free  $(L \otimes L_r)$ -model  $M$  of  $L \otimes L_r$  on a set  $X$  is given by  $(T_L X)^S$ , which is also the free  $L_r$ -model on the set  $T_L X$ . Thus Theorem 4.4 applies, making  $C \otimes (T_L X)^S = C 1 \times T_L X$ . One usually combines exceptions with other effects by considering the sum of theories

$L' + L_E$ . This corresponds to the monad  $T_{L'}(- + E)$  on  $Set$ . So the theorem also applies if we add exceptions as the monad induced by  $(L \otimes L_r) + L_E$  is given by  $(T_L(X + -))^S$ .

## 5 Further Calculations of the Tensor

In this section, we calculate the tensor for two other examples: global state and monoid actions. As in the case of read-only state we are interested in combinations with other theories, by tensor, and with exceptions, by sum [4]. Our calculations again enrich without fuss.

First consider  $L_S$ . If  $Y$  is any set and  $C$  is any comodel of  $L_S$  in  $Set$ , using the composite (8), we can consider the coend  $\int^{a \in L_S} Ca \times Y^{Ca}$ . Recall that the final comodel of  $L_S$  in  $Set$  sends  $a$  in  $L_S$  to  $a \times S$ .

**Theorem 5.1** *For any set  $Y$ , if  $C$  is the final comodel of  $L_S$ , evaluation generates an isomorphism of sets*

$$\int^{a \in L_S} (Ca \times Y^{Ca}) \longrightarrow Y$$

**Proof.** This follows from a mild strengthening of a form of the Yoneda embedding to account for the *density* of the functor  $C$ , equivalently of the full subcategory of  $Set$  given by those sets of the form  $a \times S$  [6]. Alternatively, one can prove the result directly: for any element  $y$  of  $Y$ , consider constant functions at  $y$  and use the fullness of the functor  $C$ . □

The tensor product  $L \otimes L_S$ , with  $L$  a countable Lawvere theory, generates the monad  $T_L(S \times -)^S$  [3,4]. As remarked in Section 2, the  $L_S$ -model structure on  $T_L(S \times X)^S$  smoothly generalises that on  $(S \times X)^S$ , i.e., it is determined by the final comodel structure of the exponent  $S$ . So Theorem 5.1 yields:

**Corollary 5.2** *For any countable Lawvere theory  $L$  and any set  $X$ , if  $C$  is the final comodel of  $L_S$  and  $M$  is the free  $(L \otimes L_S)$ -model on  $X$ , the tensor  $C \otimes M$  is the set  $T_L(S \times X)$ .*

We can squeeze a little more value out of Theorem 5.1 to obtain the formula  $T_L(S \times (X + E))$  for the tensor of the final comodel of  $L_S$  with the free  $((L \otimes L_S) + L_E)$ -model on any set  $X$ .

For monoid actions  $L_M$ , our primary interest lies not in the trivial final comodel, but rather in the monoid  $M$  treated as the comodel  $C_M$ .

**Theorem 5.3** *For any countable Lawvere theory  $L$  and any set  $X$ , if  $M'$  is the free  $(L \otimes L_M)$ -model on  $X$ , the tensor  $C_M \otimes M'$  is the set  $T_L(M \times X)$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $\aleph_1$  is included in  $L_M$ , there is a canonical function

$$\int^{a \in \aleph_1^{op}} (M \times a) \times (T_L(M \times X))^{M \times a} \longrightarrow \int^{a \in L_M} C_M a \times M' a$$

The Yoneda lemma applied to  $\aleph_1$  implies the following, for any set  $Y$ :

$$Y \cong \int^{a \in \aleph_1} (a \times Y^a)$$

Given  $X$ , putting  $Y = (T_L(M \times X))^M$ , using cartesian closedness of *Set* and the formula (7) for tensor, the above two displays yield a function

$$M \times T_L(M \times X) \longrightarrow C_M \otimes M'$$

exhibiting  $C_M \otimes M'$  as a quotient of  $M \times T_L(M \times X)$ .

The quotient is generated by the identification of  $(m, \eta(e, x))$  with  $(e, \eta(m, x))$  for any  $m$  in  $M$ , where  $e$  is the unit of  $M$ . That routinely yields the result, the coprojections being given by the canonical strength of  $T_L$  together with the multiplication of  $M$ .  $\square$

Theorem 5.3 yields the formula  $T_L(M \times (X + E))$  for the tensor of  $C_M$  and the free  $((L \otimes L_M) + L_E)$ -model on a set  $X$ .

## 6 Combining Comodels

In previous sections, we have considered comodels of three main theories:  $L_S$ ,  $L_r$  and  $L_M$ . But one may have more than one of these acting at once, for instance employing triples  $(s, t, M)$  consisting of a state  $s$ , a time  $t$  and a term  $M$ . So in this section, we consider a tensorial combination of comodels and its interaction with the tensor with models.

Observe that, since *Set* is cartesian closed, for any pair of comodels  $C$  of  $L$  and  $C'$  of  $L'$  in *Set*, the functor

$$L^{op} \times L'^{op} \xrightarrow{C \times C'} \text{Set} \times \text{Set} \xrightarrow{\times} \text{Set}$$

preserves countable coproducts in each argument separately, i.e., for every  $a \in L$ , the functor  $Ca \times C'(-)$  preserves countable coproducts, and dually. By the universal property of the tensor product of countable Lawvere theories, the composite thus yields a comodel of  $L \otimes L'$  in *Set*, which we shall denote by  $C \circ C'$ ; we have  $(C \circ C')1 = C1 \times C'1$ .

Theorem 4.4 immediately yields a formula as follows.

**Corollary 6.1** *For any countable Lawvere theories  $L$  and  $L'$  with comodels  $C$  and  $C'$  respectively in *Set*, if  $M$  is the free  $(L \otimes L')$ -model on a set  $X$ , the tensor  $(C \circ C') \otimes M$  is given by  $C1 \times C'1 \times X$ .*

We next consider models that need not be free  $(L \otimes L')$ -models on a set  $X$ . Given countable Lawvere theories  $L$  and  $L'$ , denote the coprojections from  $L$  and  $L'$  into  $L \otimes L'$  by  $J$  and  $J'$  respectively. So, for any model  $M$  of  $L \otimes L'$ , it follows that  $MJ$  is a model of  $L$  and  $MJ'$  is a model of  $L'$ .

**Theorem 6.2** *For any countable Lawvere theories  $L$  and  $L'$ , comodels  $C$  of  $L$  and  $C'$  of  $L'$ , and model  $M$  of  $L \otimes L'$ , the tensor  $(C \circ C') \otimes M$  is the pushout in *Set**

given as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 C1 \times C'1 \times M1 & \xrightarrow{s \times M1} & C'1 \times C1 \times M1 & \xrightarrow{C'1 \times \otimes_{C,MJ}} & C1 \times (C \otimes MJ) \\
 \downarrow C1 \times \otimes_{C',MJ'} & & & & \downarrow \\
 C1 \times (C' \otimes MJ') & \xrightarrow{\hspace{10em}} & & & (C \circ C') \otimes M
 \end{array}$$

**Proof.** The following formulae are consequences of formula (7) together with cartesian closedness of *Set*:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{a \in \mathbb{N}_1^{op}} (a \times C1 \times C'1 \times (M1)^a) &= C1 \times C'1 \times M1 \\
 \int_{a \in L} (a \times C1 \times C'1 \times (M1)^a) &= C'1 \times (C \otimes MJ) \\
 \int_{a \in L'} (a \times C1 \times C'1 \times (M1)^a) &= C1 \times (C' \otimes MJ') \\
 \int_{a \in L \otimes L'} (a \times C1 \times C'1 \times (M1)^a) &= (C1 \circ C') \otimes M
 \end{aligned}$$

Every map in  $L \otimes L'$  is a composite of a map in  $L$  with a map in  $L'$ . The result follows by an elementary colimit calculation. □

Evidently, one can consider more than two countable Lawvere theories and their comodels. But our analysis here has only involved routine manipulation of colimits and the cartesian closedness of *Set*. So we leave it to the reader to formulate associativity results and the like.

**Example 6.3** Let  $C$  and  $C'$  be the final comodels  $S$  and  $S'$  for state and read-only state respectively, and let  $M$  be the free  $(L_S \otimes L_r \otimes L)$ -model  $T_L(S \times X)^{S \times S'}$  on a set  $X$ . Then, putting  $Y = T_L(S \times X)$  and suppressing the canonical twist map, the tensor  $(C \circ C') \otimes M$  is the pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S \times S' \times Y^{S \times S'} & \xrightarrow{S' \times ev_S} & S' \times Y^{S'} \\
 \downarrow S \times (\pi_{S'}, ev_{S'}) & & \downarrow \rho_0 \\
 S \times S' \times Y^S & \xrightarrow{\rho_1} & P
 \end{array}$$

We need therefore only show that the commutative diagram obtained by replacing  $P$  by  $S' \times Y$  satisfies the universal property of a pushout. So let  $s_0$  be a chosen element of  $S$ . Given  $(s', h)$  and  $(s', h')$  in  $S' \times Y^{S'}$  such that  $h(s') = h'(s')$ , consider

the two elements of  $S \times S' \times (Y^{S'})^S$  determined by  $s_0$ ,  $s'$ , and the constants at  $h$  and  $h'$  respectively. Suppressing a canonical isomorphism, the function  $S \times (\pi_{S'}, ev_{S'})$  identifies those two elements. So  $\rho_0$  must identify  $(s', h)$  with  $(s', h')$ . So the pushout is indeed given by  $S' \times Y$ . Thus  $(C \circ C') \otimes M$  is  $S' \times T_L(S \times X)$ .

It is routine to extend Example 6.3 to incorporate an  $M'$ -action, yielding the following formula:

$$(S \circ S' \circ M') \otimes T_L(S \times M' \times X)^{S \times S'} = S' \times T_L(S \times M' \times X)$$

for global state  $S$  and read-only state  $S'$ .

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## Appendix: Model-Comodel Biactions

One can give a more general setting for our construction of the tensor  $C \otimes M$  of a comodel  $C$  with a model  $M$  that allows a form of iteration of the process. The tensor  $C \otimes M$  can be seen as an instance of composition in a naturally existing bicategory: for any set  $A$  with both an  $L$ -model structure and an  $L'$ -comodel structure on it, subject to natural coherence axioms, and any set  $B$  with an  $L'$ -model structure and an  $L''$ -comodel structure subject to similar coherence conditions, one can build a composite  $A \otimes B$  that factors out the  $L'$ -structures while inheriting the  $L$ -structure of  $A$  and the  $L''$ -structure of  $B$ .

We do not yet have any application of this compositional generalisation of tensor, but as it is mathematically relevant and substantial, we include analysis of it in this section of the paper. We should perhaps mention that, for the enriched setting, one needs a notion of enriched bicategory here that is routine to formulate, but goes beyond the currently standard literature.

**Definition 6.4** Let  $CC$  denote the 2-category for which

- 0-cells are small categories with countable coproducts
- 1-cells are functors that preserve countable coproducts
- 2-cells are all natural transformations

with the evident composition.

The forgetful 2-functor  $U : CC \rightarrow Cat$  has a left biadjoint  $F$ , meaning  $F$  is essentially a left adjoint but adjusted to deal with non-identity isomorphisms and with 2-cells [1].

Passing over size concerns, which can be treated by recourse to Section 2 of [6] for example, it follows from Theorem 4.2 that the construction that sends a small category with countable coproducts  $D$  to  $CP(D^{op}, Set)$  extends canonically to a pseudo-monad  $T_{coc}$  on  $CC$ . Consider the bicategory  $Kl(T_{coc})$ . In particular, consider two 0-cells of it. One of them is  $F1$ , the free category with countable coproducts on 1. So  $F1$  is equivalent to  $Nat$ , but we shall not use that fact here. The other is  $L^{op}$  for any countable Lawvere theory  $L$  seen as a small category with countable products as in Corollary 4.3.

Straightforward calculations show the following.

**Proposition 6.5** *In the bicategory  $Kl(T_{coc})$*

- (i) *to give a 1-cell from  $F1$  to  $L^{op}$  is equivalent to giving a model of  $L$  in  $Set$*
- (ii) *to give a 1-cell from  $L^{op}$  to  $F1$  is equivalent to giving a comodel of  $L$  in  $Set$*
- (iii) *to give a 1-cell in  $Kl(T_{coc})$  from  $F1$  to  $F1$  is equivalent to giving a set.*

The discussion after Theorem 4.2 may be rephrased as the statement that composition in  $Kl(T_{coc})$  is calculated pointwise, i.e., the inclusions

$$CP(D^{op}, Set) \rightarrow [D^{op}, Set]$$

generate a 2-functor from  $Kl(T_{coc})$  to  $Prof$ , the 2-category of small categories,

profunctors, and natural transformations, where composition is calculated as follows: given  $H : D \times D'^{op} \rightarrow Set$  and  $K : D' \times D''^{op} \rightarrow Set$ , the composite  $H \otimes K : D \times D''^{op} \rightarrow Set$  sends  $(x, y)$  to the coend

$$\int^{z \in D'} H(x, z) \times K(z, y)$$

Thus, applying Proposition 6.5, given a model  $M : L \rightarrow Set$  and a comodel  $C : L^{op} \rightarrow Set$  of a countable Lawvere theory  $L$ , the composite in  $Kl(T_{coc})$  yields the set  $\int^{a \in L} Ca \times Ma$ , recovering the tensor formula (7).

To give a 1-cell in *Prof* from  $D$  to  $D'$  is equivalent to giving a functor  $H : D \times D'^{op} \rightarrow Set$ , which is equivalent to giving a 1-cell in *Prof* from  $D'^{op}$  to  $D^{op}$ . This fact has proved to be of considerable value in the abstract theory of categories, supporting Street's study of two-sided fibrations [16]. Unfortunately, the 2-category  $Kl(T_{coc})$  does not allow such symmetry. For to give a countable coproduct preserving functor from  $D$  to  $CP(D'^{op}, Set)$  is not equivalent to giving a functor from  $D \times D'^{op}$  to  $Set$  that preserves countable coproducts in its first argument and countable products in its second. Moreover, we cannot see any malleable formulation of the 1-cells of  $Kl(T_{coc})$  in such terms. So we see no malleable way in which to treat the 1-cells of  $Kl(T_{coc})$  in terms of two-sided fibrations [16] satisfying natural conditions related to preservation of products and coproducts.