

# The 2-Category of Algebras over a Relative 2-Monad

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### Introduction: the Presheaf Functor

Idea: We would like to give a monad structure to the presheaf construction

$$\mathbb{C} \mapsto \mathsf{Psh}\,\mathbb{C} \coloneqq [\mathbb{C}^\mathsf{op}, \underline{\mathsf{Set}}].$$

We have an obvious choice of unit; for every (locally small) category there is the Yoneda embedding

$$\mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{Y} \mathsf{Psh}\,\mathbb{C} : A \mapsto \mathbb{C}(-,A).$$

### The Presheaf Functor (cont.)

For the multiplication M: Psh Psh  $\mathbb{C} \to P$ sh  $\mathbb{C}$ , we take the left Kan extension of  $1_{Psh \mathbb{C}}$  along the Yoneda embedding:

$$\mathsf{Psh}\,\mathbb{C} \xrightarrow{Y} \mathsf{Psh}\,\mathsf{Psh}\,\mathbb{C} \\ \xrightarrow{1} \xrightarrow{\downarrow} M \coloneqq \mathsf{Lan}_{Y}\,1 \\ \mathsf{Psh}\,\mathbb{C}$$

[This extension is guaranteed to exist, since  $Psh \mathbb{C}$  is cocomplete.] It is also worth noting the size issue here—we now need  $\mathbb{C}$  to be small.

# The Presheaf Functor (cont.)

We should not forget to check that Psh is a functor: it turns out that for an  $F : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{D}$  we can define

 $\mathsf{Psh}(F):\mathsf{Psh}\,\mathbb{C}\to\mathsf{Psh}\,\mathbb{D}$ 

as the left adjoint of the pre-composition functor

$$[\mathbb{D}^{\mathsf{op}},\underline{\mathsf{Set}}] \xrightarrow{{}^{-\circ}{\mathsf{F}}} [\mathbb{C}^{\mathsf{op}},\underline{\mathsf{Set}}],$$

since <u>Set</u> has all small colimits. (Somewhat more explicitly, Psh(F) is the left Kan extension of  $Y \circ F : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{D} \to Psh \mathbb{D}$  along the Yoneda embedding).

Now in 2D

Unfortunately, this is not enough to give us a genuine monad. The first problem is that none of the monad conditions hold on the nose: for example, the diagram



commutes only up to the 2-cell shown.

# Size Issues

The second problem is more fundamental: Psh isn't really an endofunctor. For example, the category of presheaves on a small category is only locally-small.

Writing Cat for the 2-category of small categories, and CAT for the 2-category of locally-small categories, we have a 2-functor

$$\mathsf{Psh}:\mathsf{Cat}\to\mathsf{CAT}$$

To get around this issue, we will need to develop our definitions in the so-called 'relative setting'.

#### **One-dimensional Ordinary Monads**

Let (T, e, m) be a monad on a category  $\mathbb{C}$ . An algebra (A, a) over T consists of a carrier object  $A \in ob \mathbb{C}$  and algebra map  $a : TA \to A$  making two diagrams commute:



An algebra morphism  $(A, a) \rightarrow (B, b)$  is given by an arrow  $f : \overline{A} \rightarrow \overline{B}$  commuting with the algebra maps:



# Relative Monads (Altenkirch, Chapman, Uustalu)

Let  $\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{C}$  be categories and  $J : \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$  a functor. A <u>relative monad</u> T along J consists of:

- For every  $A \in ob \mathbb{D}$  an object  $TA \in ob \mathbb{C}$  and map  $e_A : JA \to TA$ ,
- For every  $f : JA \to TB$  an extension  $f^* : TA \to TB$ , such that

$$(JA \xrightarrow{e} TA)^* = (TA \xrightarrow{1} TA),$$
$$(JA \xrightarrow{e} TA \xrightarrow{f^*} TB) = (JA \xrightarrow{f} TB) \ \forall f,$$
$$(TA \xrightarrow{g^*} TB \xrightarrow{f^*} TC) = (JA \xrightarrow{g} TB \xrightarrow{f^*} TC)^* \ \forall f, g.$$

These three equations correspond to the equations for an ordinary monad.

A relative monad along the identity  $1_\mathbb{C}$  is a monad, and vice versa; in one direction, a relative monad  $(\mathcal{T},e,{}^*)$  is given the structure of a functor via

$$(TA \xrightarrow{Tf} TB) \coloneqq (A \xrightarrow{f} B \xrightarrow{e} TB)^*,$$

and multiplication given by

$$(T^2 A \xrightarrow{m} TA) \coloneqq (TA \xrightarrow{1} TA)^*.$$

In the other direction, given a monad (T, e, m) we can define the extension by

$$(A \stackrel{f}{\longrightarrow} TB)^* \coloneqq (TA \stackrel{Tf}{\longrightarrow} T^2B \stackrel{m}{\longrightarrow} TB).$$

It is worth noting that the three relative monad equations:

• 
$$e_A^* = 1_{TA}$$
,

• 
$$f^* \circ e_A = f$$
 for all  $f : JA \to TB$ ,

• 
$$(f^* \circ g)^* = f^* \circ g^*$$
 for all  $g : JA \to TB$ ,  $f : JB \to TC$ 

together *imply* that T is a functor  $T : \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$ , and that the collection of  $e_A : JA \to TA$  forms a natural transformation  $e : J \to T$ .

#### Algebras over a Relative Monad

Let (T, e, \*) be a relative monad along  $J : \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$ . An algebra (A, a) over T consists of a carrier object  $A \in ob \mathbb{C}$  and for every  $f : JZ \to A$  a map  $f^a : TZ \to A$ , such that

$$(JZ \xrightarrow{e} TZ \xrightarrow{f^a} A) = (JZ \xrightarrow{f} A) \forall f,$$
$$(TY \xrightarrow{g^*} TZ \xrightarrow{f^a} A) = (JY \xrightarrow{g} TZ \xrightarrow{f^a} A)^a \forall f, g.$$

An algebra morphism  $(A, {}^{a}) \to (B, {}^{b})$  is given by a map  $f : A \to B$ such that for all  $g : JZ \to A$  we have that  $f \circ g^{a} = (f \circ g)^{b}$ :



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An algebra over a relative monad along the identity  $1_\mathbb{C}$  is equivalent to an algebra over an ordinary monad, and the morphisms also correspond. The equivalence is given by the definitions

$$(TA \xrightarrow{a} A) := (A \xrightarrow{1} A)^{a},$$
  
 $(Z \xrightarrow{f} A)^{a} := (TZ \xrightarrow{Tf} TA \xrightarrow{a} A)$ 

We still have a category of algebras: the composition of two algebra morphisms is again an algebra morphism in the relative setting:



# 1D Relative Setting: Summary

- ▶ Relative monad (T, e, \*) along functor  $J : \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$ ,
- Algebras (A, <sup>a</sup>) over T and algebra morphisms
  (A, <sup>a</sup>) → (B, <sup>b</sup>), forming
- Category of algebras *T*-Alg over a relative monad.

# 2D: Degrees of Strictness

- ► A <u>strict 2-monad</u> (*T*, *e*, *m*) consists of a strict 2-endofunctor *T* on a strict 2-category and strict 2-natural transformations *e*, *m* satisfying the monad laws strictly.
- A fully <u>weak 2-monad</u> (*T*, *e*, *m*) consists of a pseudofunctor *T* on a bicategory and pseudonatural transformations *e*, *m* satisfying the monad laws up to specified isomorphisms with coherence conditions.

Often we want to work somewhere in the middle: consider our example of Psh. The presheaf functor is between the strict 2-categories Cat, CAT but the e, m we defined are not strict. For the sake of time, in this talk we will take our 2-monads to be strict.

# Algebras over a 2-monad (Lack)

Let (T, e, m) be a 2-monad on a 2-category  $\mathbb{C}$ . A pseudoalgebra (A, a) over T consists of a carrier object  $A \in ob \mathbb{C}$  and algebra map  $a : TA \to A$  making two diagrams commute up to invertible 2-cells



called the <u>unit</u> and <u>associativity</u> of the pseudoalgebra, and these satisfy two coherence diagrams. If these 2-cells are in fact identities, we call (A, a) a strict algebra.

# Morphisms of Algebras

We have now three levels of strictness for algebra morphisms. A <u>lax morphism</u> of algebras  $(A, a) \xrightarrow{f, \hat{f}} (B, b)$  consists of a morphism  $A \xrightarrow{f} B$  and a 2-cell



satisfying two coherence conditions. If  $\hat{f}$  is invertible we call  $(f, \hat{f})$  a pseudomorphism, and if it is the identity we call  $(f, \hat{f})$  a strict morphism of algebras.

### Algebra 2-Cells

An algebra 2-cell  $(f, \hat{f}) \xrightarrow{\alpha} (g, \hat{g})$  between algebra morphisms  $(f, \hat{f}), (g, \hat{g}) : (A, a) \to (B, b)$  is a 2-cell  $f \xrightarrow{\alpha} g$  for which



With algebras, algebra morphisms and algebra 2-cells we can form various 2-categories (strict when the underlying 2-category is strict).

#### Various 2-Categories

|                 | Morphisms                      |                   |                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
|                 | Lax                            | Pseudo-           | Strict                         |
| Strict algebras | T-Alg <sub>/</sub>             | T-Alg             | T-Alg <sub>s</sub>             |
| Pseudoalgebras  | Ps- <i>T</i> -Alg <sub>/</sub> | Ps- <i>T</i> -Alg | Ps- <i>T</i> -Alg <sub>s</sub> |

Relative Pseudomonads (Fiore, Gambino, Hyland, Winskel)

A relative pseudomonad (T, e, \*) along 2-functor  $J : \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$ consists of, for every  $A \in ob \mathbb{D}$ , an object  $TA \in ob \mathbb{C}$  and 1-cell  $e_A : JA \to TA$ , and for every A, B a functor  $(-)^* : \mathbb{C}(JA, TB) \to \mathbb{C}(TA, TB)$ , equipped with natural families of invertible 2-cells

$$(JA \xrightarrow{e} TA)^* \xrightarrow{\theta_A} (TA \xrightarrow{1} TA),$$
$$(JA \xrightarrow{e} TA \xrightarrow{f^*} TB) \xrightarrow{\eta_f} (JA \xrightarrow{f} TB) \ \forall f,$$
$$(TA \xrightarrow{g^*} TB \xrightarrow{f^*} TC) \xrightarrow{\mu_{f,g}} (JA \xrightarrow{g} TB \xrightarrow{f^*} TC)^* \ \forall f,g,$$

satisfying two coherence equations. For this talk, I will henceforth consider only (strict) <u>relative 2-monads</u>, where the  $\theta, \eta, \mu$  are all identities.

#### Algebras over Relative 2-monads

Let (T, e, m) be a relative 2-monad along  $J : \mathbb{D} \to \mathbb{C}$ . A pseudoalgebra (A, a) over T consists of a carrier object  $A \in ob \mathbb{C}$ and functors  $(-)^a : \mathbb{C}(JZ, A) \to \mathbb{C}(TZ, A)$ , along with natural families of invertible 2-cells

$$(JZ \xrightarrow{f} A) \xrightarrow{\tilde{a}_f} (JZ \xrightarrow{e} TZ \xrightarrow{f^a} A) \ \forall f,$$
$$(JY \xrightarrow{g} TZ \xrightarrow{f^a} A)^a \xrightarrow{\hat{a}_{f,g}} (TY \xrightarrow{g^*} TZ \xrightarrow{f^a} A) \ \forall f,g,$$

satisfying two coherence diagrams. These 2-cells correspond to the two 2-cells in the definition of a pseudoalgebra over an ordinary 2-monad. If both these families of 2-cells are made up of identities, we have a strict algebra. For this talk, I will henceforth consider only strict algebras.

# Algebra Morphisms

A <u>lax morphism</u>  $(f, \overline{f})$  of algebras  $(A, {}^{a}) \xrightarrow{(f, \overline{f})} (B, {}^{b})$  is an arrow  $A \xrightarrow{\overline{f}} B$  together with a natural\* family of 2-cells

$$(JZ \xrightarrow{g} A \xrightarrow{f} B)^b \xrightarrow{\overline{f}_g} (TZ \xrightarrow{g^a} A \xrightarrow{f} B) \forall g : JZ \to A,$$



satisfying two equalities of 2-cells (next slide). \*Here 'naturality' means that for any 2-cell  $g \stackrel{\alpha}{\Longrightarrow} g'$ , we have

$$(f \cdot \alpha^a) \circ \overline{f}_g = \overline{f}_{g'} \circ (f \cdot \alpha)^b.$$

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#### Diagrams of 2-Cells

• Naturality:  $(f \cdot \alpha^a) \circ \overline{f}_g = \overline{f}_{g'} \circ (f \cdot \alpha)^b$ .



Coherence with the unit: f<sub>g</sub> · e<sub>Z</sub> = 1<sub>f ∘ g</sub> for every g : JZ → A.



► Coherence with the extension:  $\overline{f}_g \cdot h^* = \overline{f}_{g^a \circ h} \circ (\overline{f}_g \cdot h)^b$  for every  $g : JZ \to A$ ,  $h : JY \to TZ$ .



If all the  $\bar{f}_g$  2-cells are invertible, we call  $(f, \bar{f})$  a <u>pseudomorphism</u>, and if they are identities, we call  $(f, \bar{f})$  a <u>strict</u> morphism.

Proposition

A lax (pseudo-, strict) morphism of algebras over a relative 2-monad along the identity is equivalent to a lax (pseudo-, strict) morphism of algebras over an ordinary monad.

For example, since  $b \circ Tf := f^b$  and  $a := 1^a_A$ , we have



as part of the equivalence in one direction.

### The Category of Algebras and Algebra Morphisms

We can define the composite of two lax (pseudo-, strict) morphisms

$$(A, {}^{a}) \xrightarrow{(f,\bar{f})} (B, {}^{b}) \xrightarrow{(f',\bar{f}')} (C, {}^{c})$$

as  $(f' \circ f, \overline{f' \circ f}) : (A, {}^{a}) \to (C, {}^{c})$  where  $(\overline{f' \circ f})_{g} := \overline{f'}_{f \circ g} \circ (f' \cdot \overline{f}_{h})$ :



This composition is associative (by pasting another triangle on top) and we have identities for each  $(A, {}^a)$  given by  $(1_A, \overline{1_A})$  where  $(\overline{1_A})_g := 1_{g^a}$ .



Hence we have a category of (strict) algebras over a relative 2-monad and lax (pseudo-, strict) morphisms between them.

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# Algebra 2-Cells

An algebra 2-cell  $(f, \overline{f}) \xrightarrow{\alpha} (f, \overline{f}')$  between algebra morphisms  $(f, \overline{f}), (f', \overline{f}') : (A, a) \to (B, b)$  is a 2-cell  $f \xrightarrow{\alpha} f'$  for which  $(\alpha \cdot g^a) \circ \overline{f} = \overline{f'} \circ (\alpha \cdot g)^b.$ 



# The 2-Category of Algebras over a Relative 2-Monad

Because the algebra 2-cells are just 2-cells from the underlying 2-category with an extra property, to show that "algebras, algebra morphisms and algebra 2-cells" form a 2-category we simply need to show the collection of algebra 2-cells is suitably closed (associativity, interchange, etc. follow from the structure of the underlying 2-category). We need to show:

- the identity 2-cell  $(f,\overline{f}) \stackrel{1_f}{\Longrightarrow} (f,\overline{f})$  is an algebra 2-cell,
- the composite  $\beta \circ \alpha$  of two algebra 2-cells  $(f, \overline{f}) \stackrel{\alpha}{\Longrightarrow} (f_1, \overline{f}_1) \stackrel{\beta}{\Longrightarrow} (f_2, \overline{f}_2)$  is again an algebra 2-cell,
- ▶ the left whiskering  $\alpha \cdot f : (f_1 \circ f, \overline{f_1 \circ f}) \implies (f_2 \circ f, \overline{f_2 \circ f})$  of an algebra 2-cell wih an algebra morphism is again an algebra 2-cell,
- the right whiskering f ⋅ α : (f ∘ f<sub>1</sub>, f ∘ f<sub>1</sub>) ⇒ (f ∘ f<sub>2</sub>, f ∘ f<sub>2</sub>) of an algebra 2-cell with an algebra morphism is again an algebra 2-cell.

#### Identities are Algebra 2-Cells



and so indeed the identity is an algebra 2-cell.

#### Composites are Algebra 2-Cells

Since 
$$((\beta \circ \alpha) \cdot g)^b = (\beta \cdot g)^b \circ (\alpha \cdot g)^b$$
,



and so indeed the composite of algebra 2-cells is again an algebra 2-cell.

### Left Whiskerings are Algebra 2-Cells

We have the series of equalities



(where the equality \* follows from  $\alpha$  being an algebra 2-cell) and so indeed  $\alpha \cdot f$  is an algebra 2-cell.



#### Right Whiskerings are Algebra 2-Cells We have the equalities



(where \* follows from  $\alpha$  being an algebra 2-cell, and  $\dagger$  from the naturality condition) and so indeed right whiskerings are algebra 2-cells.

2-Categories of Algebras, Algebra Morphisms and Algebra 2-Cells

So we have verified that algebras over a relative 2-monad, lax (pseudo-, strict) morphisms and algebra 2-cells form a 2-category. We have 2-categories as shown:

|                 | Morphisms          |         |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|
|                 | Lax                | Pseudo- | Strict             |
| Strict algebras | T-Alg <sub>/</sub> | T-Alg   | T-Alg <sub>s</sub> |
| Pseudoalgebras  |                    |         |                    |

Adding sufficiently-many invertible 2-cells to the previous slides in order to define  $Ps-T-Alg_1$  etc. is left as an exercise to the reader.



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