

Taking "algebraically" seriously
in the definition of
algebraically injective type

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Abstract

Theorem. In a 1-topos, the following two categories are isomorphic, with an isomorphism that is the identity on objects:

1. Pullback-natural, associative, algebraically injective objects.
2. Algebras of the partial-map classifier (also lifting) monad.

- Partial results towards the ∞ -topos situation.
- We work in HoTT/UF.

I. Algebraic injectives | (MSCS'2021)

Def. Algebraic injective structure on a type D consists of

1. An extension operation, for any types X and Y ,

$$(-) \mid (-) : (X \rightarrow D) \times (X \hookrightarrow Y) \rightarrow (Y \rightarrow D).$$

fibers are propositions.

2. For each map $f : X \rightarrow D$ and embedding $j : X \hookrightarrow Y$,
 - a choice of an identification $(f|j) \circ j = f$, as illustrated by

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{j} & Y \\ f \searrow & \swarrow f|j & \\ & D & \end{array}$$

Some examples

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(They need univalence)

$$1. \quad D := \mathcal{M}$$

$$(a) \begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{j} & Y \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \mathcal{M} & & \end{array} (f|j)(y) := \prod_{(x,-) : \text{fiber } j y} f(x) . \quad (\text{Right kan extension.})$$

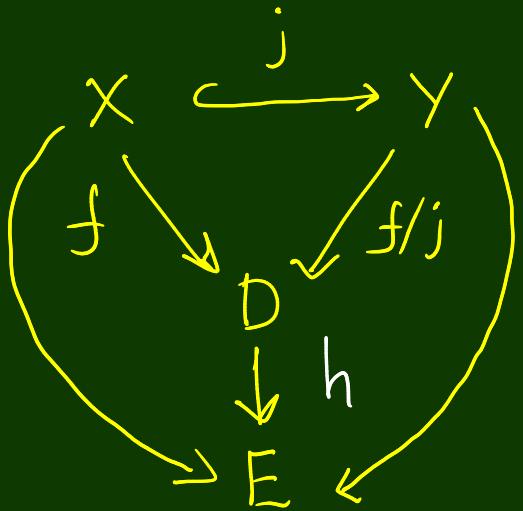
(b) Use \sum instead. ($\text{Left kan extension.}$)

2. The type \mathcal{Q} of propositions. Use \forall or \exists .

3. Universes of n -types.

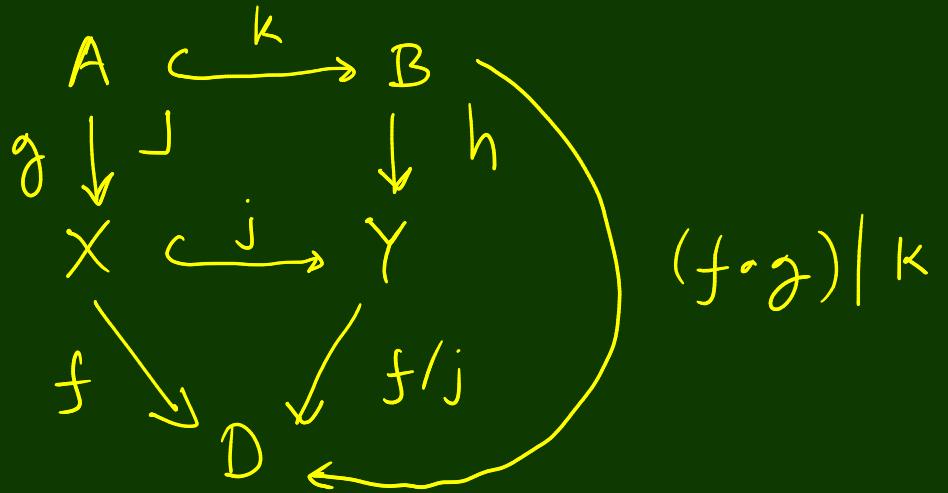
4. Algebras of the lifting monad. We'll come back to this.

Homomorphisms of algebraic infectives



$$h \circ (f|j) = (h \circ f) | j$$

[Pullback naturality]



Previous examples are all
pullback natural.

$$[(f|j) \circ h = (f \circ g)|k]$$

It is essential that the square is a pullback.

Consider the non-pullback square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 0 & \hookrightarrow & 1 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ 1 & \hookrightarrow & 1 \end{array}$$

for a counter-example.

Associativity

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{j} & Y & \xrightarrow{k} & Z \\ f & \searrow & \downarrow f|j & \nearrow & f|(k \circ j) = (f|j)|k \\ D & & & & \end{array}$$

Examples (Mscs' 2021) $D := \mathcal{U}$ with extension given by Π or Σ .

II. Algebraic flabby structure

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \hookrightarrow & 1 \\ f \downarrow & & \Downarrow f \\ D & & \end{array}$$

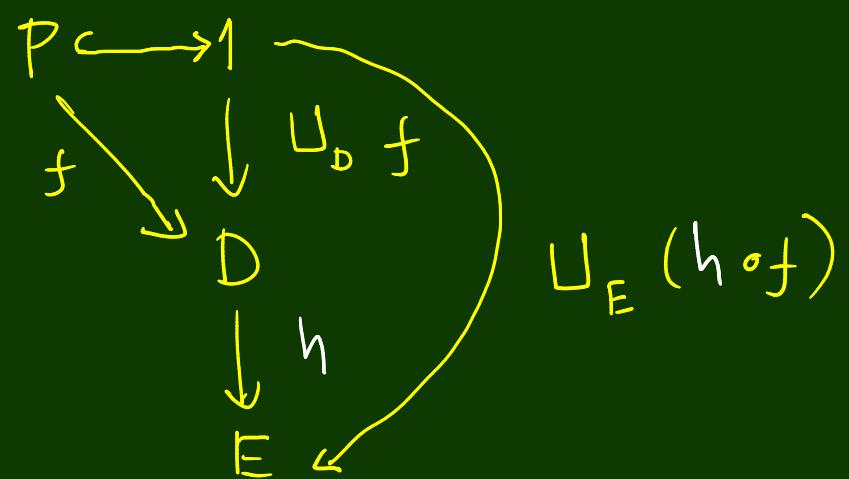
Every partial element
of D can be extended
to a total element

N.B. T.F.A.E.

1. The map $P \rightarrow 1$ is an embedding.
2. The type P is a proposition.

Trivial fact. Algebraic injective structure is, in particular,
algebraic flabby structure.

Homomorphisms



$$h \circ \sqcup_D f = \sqcup_E (h \circ f)$$

construction Algebraic flabby \rightarrow algebraic injective MSCS'2024

$$X \xrightarrow{j} Y$$

$$f \downarrow \quad \downarrow D$$

$$(f|j)(y) := \bigsqcup_{(x,-) \in \text{fiber } j(y)} f(x)$$

Fact (new observation)

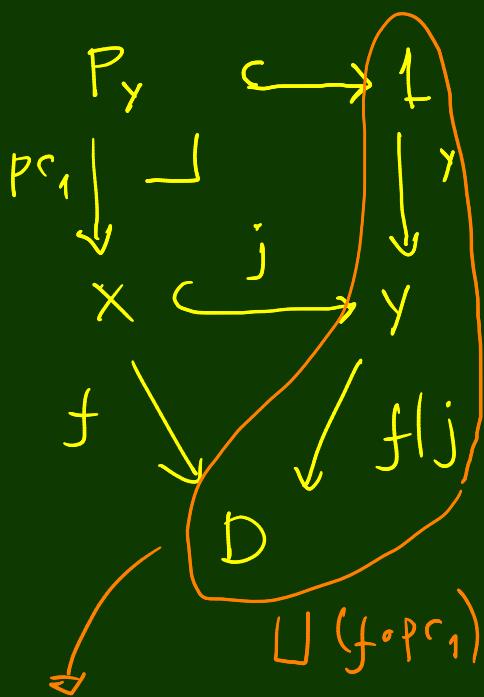
This algebraic injective

structure is pullback natural.

(Not only fiber, natural)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P_Y & \longrightarrow & 1 \\ \downarrow p_{c_1} & & \downarrow \bigsqcup (f \circ p_{c_1}) \\ X & \xrightarrow{f} & D \end{array}$$

Fiberwise extension.



Get this by
flabbiness-

III. The lifting monad

M.H.E & C. Knapp CSL'2017 &
TypeTopology 2018

$$\mathcal{Z}X := \sum_{P:\Omega} (P \xrightarrow{\varphi} X)$$

The type of partial elements of X .

$$X \downarrow$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\ \gamma_x \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma_y \\ \mathcal{Z}X & \xrightarrow{\mathcal{Z}f} & \mathcal{Z}Y \end{array}$$

$$(\underline{1}, \gamma \cdot x) \quad (P, \varphi) \longmapsto (P, f \circ \varphi)$$

$$\text{is-def}(ncl) : \mathcal{Z}X \rightarrow \Omega := P^c_1$$

$$\text{value} : (\ell : \mathcal{Z}X) \rightarrow \text{is-def } \ell \rightarrow X := P^c_2$$

$$X \xrightarrow{g} \mathcal{Z}Y$$

$$\mathcal{Z}X \xrightarrow{g^\#} \mathcal{Z}Y$$

$$(P, \varphi) \longmapsto$$

$$\left(\left(\sum_{P:P} \text{is-def}(g(\varphi P)) \right) \lambda(p,d) \cdot \text{value}(g(\varphi p)) d \right)$$

is a prop,
as required.

Monad algebras

1. Structure map

$\sqcup : \wp A \rightarrow A$ ↗ Extend a partial element to a total element!
 So \wp -algebras give algebraic fibrhy structure.
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2. Unit law

$$\sqcup (\lambda(-: 1) \cdot a) = a \text{ for every } a: A.$$

Extension "property", as for fibrhy types.
 (extension dots!)

3. Associativity law

$$\bigsqcup_{P: P} \bigsqcup_{q: Q_P} f(p, q) = \bigsqcup_{n: \sum_{P: P} Q_P} f n \quad \begin{array}{l} p: \Omega \\ q: P \rightarrow \Omega \\ f: \sum_{P: P} Q_P \rightarrow A \end{array}$$

Previously unaccounted for
 when discussing injectivity

| IV. Putting I - III together |

So \mathcal{Z} -algebra structure = associative algebraic flabby structure.

Lemma Let \sqcup be the algebraic flabby structure induced by
a given algebraic injective structure $|$ that is pullback natural.

Then \sqcup is associative iff $|$ is associative

$$\sqcup \sqcup = \sqcup$$



Ongoing work. Replace "iff" by " \simeq ".
(For sets we have this.)

[Lemma] Let $|$ be the algebraic injective structure induced by
a given algebraic fibrant structure \square .
Then $|$ is always pullback natural. (We've already discussed this.)

[Lemma] The round trip $\square \rightarrow | \rightarrow \square'$
is always the identity on both extension operators and extension dots.

[Lemma] The round trip $| \rightarrow \square \rightarrow |'$
is the identity on extension operators
iff $|$ is pullback natural.

But what about
extension dots?
Ongoing.

Theorem. Let D be any type.

1. Then

$$\begin{aligned} &\Leftrightarrow \text{pullback-natural, associative injective structure on } D \\ &= \text{associative algebraic fibrancy structure on } D \\ &= \mathcal{L}\text{-algebra structure on } D. \end{aligned}$$

2. If D is a set, then " \Leftrightarrow " in (1) becomes an equivalence " \sim ".

- What is missing to always have a type equivalence?
 - check that the pullback-naturality data is unchanged by round trips.
 - check that the associativity data is unchanged by round trips.
- (Ongoing work, perhaps not difficult.)
- But there is still something else missing.

V. Is \mathcal{L} really a monad?

Nobody knows what a monad on types is in HoTT/UF.

People do know what monads on ∞ -toposes are, though.

But we don't know how to say that in the language of HoTT/UF.

The problem is how to specify coherence data for the monad laws.