

# Monad Algebras

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**Definition** (Algebra of a **CAT**-Monad  $\langle \mathbf{C}, M, \mu, \cdot, \eta, \cdot \rangle$ ). A tuple  $\langle C, a, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{i} \rangle$  of the following form:

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| <p><b>Underlying Object <math>C</math>:</b> <math>\mathbf{C}</math></p> <p><b>Operation <math>a</math>:</b> <math>M(C) \rightarrow C</math></p> <p><b>Associativity <math>\mathbf{a}</math>:</b> <math>M(a); a = \mu_C; a : M(M(C)) \rightarrow C</math></p> <p><b>Identity <math>\mathbf{i}</math>:</b> <math>id_C = \eta_C; a : C \rightarrow C</math></p> |
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*Remark.* The above definition is also known as an Eilenberg-Moore algebra.

**Example.** The algebras for  $\mathbb{L}$  are the (unbiased) monoids. The algebras for  $\mathbb{M}$  are the (unbiased) commutative monoids. The algebras for  $\mathbb{S}$  are the (unbiased) idempotent commutative monoids.

**Definition** (Morphism of Monad Algebras from  $\langle C_1, a_1, \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  to  $\langle C_2, a_2, \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ ). A tuple  $\langle f, \mathfrak{d} \rangle$  where  $f$  is a morphism from  $C_1$  to  $C_2$  and  $\mathfrak{d}$  is a proof that  $M(f); a_2$  equals  $a_1; f$ .

**Example.** Just like how an algebra for  $\mathbb{L}$  corresponds to a monoid, a morphism of  $\mathbb{L}$ -algebras corresponds to a monoid homomorphism.

**Definition** ( $\mathbf{Alg}(\mathcal{M})$  where  $\mathcal{M}$  is a **CAT**-Monad). The category whose objects are  $\mathcal{M}$ -algebras and whose morphisms are  $\mathcal{M}$ -algebra morphisms. Identities and composition of morphisms are inherited from  $\mathbf{C}$ .

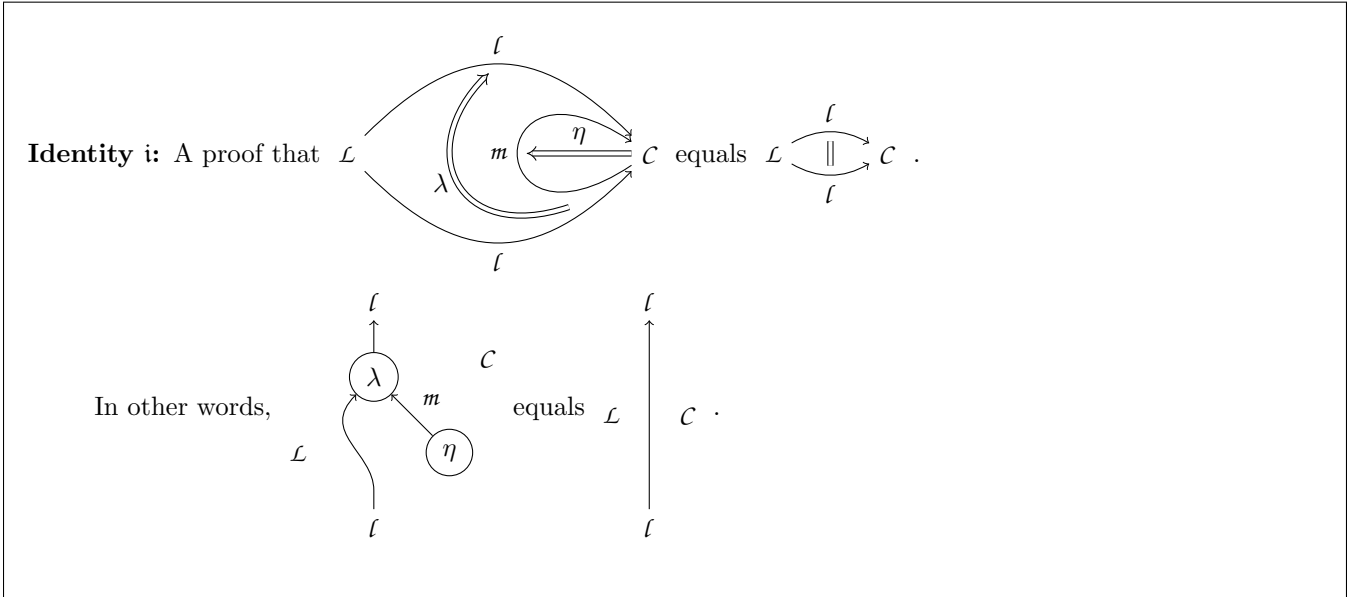
*Remark.*  $\mathbf{Alg}(\mathcal{M})$  is known as the Eilenberg-Moore category of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

**Example.** Abusing notation,  $\mathbf{Alg}(\mathbb{L})$  is  $\mathbf{Mon}_{Unbiased}$ , and  $\mathbf{Alg}(\mathbb{M})$  is  $\mathbf{CommMon}_{Unbiased}$ .

**Exercise 1.** Show that a monad morphism from  $\mathcal{M}_1$  to  $\mathcal{M}_2$  provides a functor from  $\mathbf{Alg}(\mathcal{M}_2)$  to  $\mathbf{Alg}(\mathcal{M}_1)$ .

**Definition** ( $\langle C, m, \mu, \cdot, \eta, \cdot \rangle$ -Premodule in a 2-Category  $\mathbf{C}$ ). A tuple  $\langle \mathcal{L}, \ell, \lambda, \mathfrak{d}, \mathbf{i} \rangle$  of the following form:

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| <p><b>Object <math>\mathcal{L}</math>:</b> <math>\mathbf{C}</math></p> <p><b>Morphism <math>\ell</math>:</b> <math>\mathcal{L} \rightarrow C</math></p> <p><b>Action <math>\lambda</math>:</b> <math>\ell; m \Rightarrow \ell</math></p> |
| <p><b>Distributivity <math>\mathfrak{d}</math>:</b> A proof that</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p>equals</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>   |
| <p>In other words,</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div> <p>equals</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> </div>   |



*Remark.* A premodule is more commonly called a left module.

*Remark.* An algebra for a **CAT**-monad is simply a premodule where  $\mathcal{L}$  is  $\mathbf{1}$ .

**Theorem.** For every monad  $\langle \mathcal{C}, m, \mu, \mathfrak{d}, \eta, \mathfrak{i} \rangle$ , the tuple  $\langle \mathcal{C}, m, \mu, \mathfrak{d}, \mathfrak{i} \rangle$  is a premodule of that monad.

**Example.** Suppose we have a **CAT**-monad  $\mathcal{M}$  whose components are  $\langle \mathbf{C}, M, \mu, \mathfrak{d}, \eta, \mathfrak{i} \rangle$ . Let  $U$  be the functor from  $\mathbf{Alg}(\mathcal{M})$  to  $\mathbf{C}$  that maps each algebra  $\langle \mathcal{C}, a, \mathfrak{d}, \mathfrak{i} \rangle$  to  $\mathcal{C}$  and each algebra morphism  $\langle f, \mathfrak{d} \rangle$  to  $f$ . Let  $\alpha : U; M \Rightarrow M$  be the natural transformation mapping each algebra  $\langle \mathcal{C}, a, \mathfrak{d}, \mathfrak{i} \rangle$  to the morphism  $a : M(U(\langle \mathcal{C}, a, \mathfrak{d}, \mathfrak{i} \rangle)) = M(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ . This forms a  $\mathcal{M}$ -premodule:  $\alpha$  distributes and preserves identity because each operation  $a$  is associative and preserves identity.

**Exercise 2.** Prove that for any **CAT**-monad  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M}$ -premodule  $\langle \mathbf{L}, L, \lambda, \mathfrak{d}, \mathfrak{i} \rangle$ , there is a unique functor  $L' : \mathbf{L} \rightarrow \mathbf{Alg}(\mathcal{M})$  such that  $L = L'; U$  and  $\lambda = L' \cdot \alpha$ .

*Remark.* Given a 2-category  $\mathbf{C}$ , one can construct an opetory with the same 0-cells and 1-cells and with a 2-cell for each 2-cell from the composition of the inputs to the output.  $\mathbf{1}$  is the opetory with one 0-cell  $\mathcal{C}$ , one 1-cell  $m : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ , and one 2-cell from  $m^n \Rightarrow m$  for each  $n : \mathbb{N}$ . A monad  $\mathcal{M}$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  corresponds to a functor  $M$  of opetories from  $\mathbf{1}$  to  $\mathbf{C}$ . Let  $\mathbf{1}_\ell$  be the opetory with two 0-cells  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{C}$ , two 1-cells  $\ell : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  and  $m : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ , and one 2-cell from  $\ell m^n$  to  $\ell$  for each  $n : \mathbb{N}$  and one 2-cell from  $m^n \Rightarrow m$  for each  $n : \mathbb{N}$ . There is a unique functor of opetories from  $\mathbf{1}$  to  $\mathbf{1}_\ell$ , which we will call  $I_\ell$ . An  $\mathcal{M}$ -premodule  $\mathcal{L}$ , then, corresponds to a functor  $L$  of opetories from  $\mathbf{1}_\ell$  to  $\mathbf{C}$  such that  $I_\ell; L$  equals  $M$ .

**Exercise 3.** Show that a monad morphism from  $\mathcal{M}_1$  to  $\mathcal{M}_2$  provides a functor from  $\mathbf{Alg}(\mathcal{M}_2)$  to  $\mathbf{Alg}(\mathcal{M}_1)$ .

*Remark.* The monad morphism from the  $\mathbb{L}$  monad to the  $\mathbb{M}$  monad corresponds to the inclusion functor from **CommMon** to **Mon**.