

Coderelictions for Free Exponential Modalities  
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- In categorical models of linear logic, the exponential modality  $!$  is interpreted as a **monoidal coalgebra modality**, which in particular is a symmetric monoidal comonad  $!$  such that for every object  $A$ ,  $!A$  is a cocommutative comonoid.
- An important source of examples of monoidal coalgebra modalities are the **free exponential modalities**, where  $!A$  is also the cofree cocommutative comonoid over  $A$ . Categorical models of linear logic with free exponential modalities are known as **Lafont categories**.
- Differential linear logic is an extension of linear logic which includes a differentiation inference rule. Categorical models of differential linear logic are called **differential categories**, where the extra differential structure this can be equivalently interpreted either as a **deriving transformation**  $d_A : !A \otimes A \rightarrow !A$  or a **coderelection**  $\eta_A : A \rightarrow !A$ .
- There are many examples of differential categories whose  $!$  is a free exponential modality. This raises the question of if free exponential modalities (in an appropriate setting) always comes equipped with a coderelection/deriving transformation, and if a Lafont category is always a differential category...

- The answer is **YES!** In fact, in this paper:



R. Blute, K. O'Neil, R. Lucyshyn-Wright [Derivations in Codifferential Categories](#). (2016)

It was shown that every free exponential modality admits a deriving transformation, and thus every Lafont category with finite biproducts is a differential category.

- However, from a differential linear logic perspective, this approach is not the usual one since:
  - 1 The result was stated in the dual setting;
  - 2 The proof and construction involve the deriving transformation rather than the codereliction.

The latter reason is important since in differential linear logic, it is often the codereliction  $\eta$  that is preferred and plays a more central role instead of the deriving transformation  $d$ .

- **TODAY'S STORY:** provide an alternative proof that every Lafont category is a differential category by showing that every free exponential modality comes equipped with a unique codereliction  $\eta$ , which we will construct using the couniversal property of  $!A$ , and where the necessary axioms are satisfied almost automatically simply by construction

- Review monoidal coalgebra modalities and their  $!$ -coalgebras.
- Review free exponential modalities.
- Review coderelictions and differential categories.
- **NEW**: Introduce **infinitesimal augmentations**, a new axiomatization of differential categories in terms of  $!$ -coalgebras.
- Explain how infinitesimal augmentations and coderelictions are the same.
- Provide an alternative proof that free exponential modalities have a codereliction by easily constructing its infinitesimal augmentation.

# Monoidal Coalgebra Modalities

Let  $\mathbb{X}$  be a symmetric (strict) monoidal category (with tensor  $\otimes$  and unit  $k$ ) and with finite products (with binary product  $\times$  and terminal object  $\top$ ).

## Definition

A **monoidal coalgebra modality** on  $\mathbb{X}$  consists of:

- A comonad  $(!, \delta, \varepsilon)$  which recall consists of:

$$! : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{X}$$

$$\delta_A : !A \rightarrow !!A$$

$$\varepsilon_A : !A \rightarrow A$$

satisfying certain identities.

- Equipped with two natural transformations  $\Delta$  and  $e$ :

$$\Delta_A : !A \rightarrow !A \otimes !A$$

$$e_A : !A \rightarrow k$$

such that  $(!A, \Delta_A, e_A)$  is a cocommutative comonoid and  $\delta_A$  is a comonoid morphism.

- Equipped with two natural transformations  $m$  and  $m_k$ :

$$m_{A,B} : !A \otimes !B \rightarrow !(A \otimes B)$$

$$m_k : k \rightarrow !k$$

such that  $!$  is a symmetric monoidal comonad + extra coherences with  $\Delta$  and  $e$ .

One then has the **Seelye isomorphisms** that:  $!(\top) \cong k$  and  $!(A \times B) \cong !A \otimes !B$ .

# !-Coalgebras

Recall that for a  $(!, \delta, \varepsilon)$ :

- A  $!$ -coalgebra is a pair  $(A, \omega : A \rightarrow !A)$  such that:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\omega} & !A \\
 & \searrow & \downarrow \varepsilon_A \\
 & & A
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\omega} & !A \\
 \omega \downarrow & & \downarrow \delta_A \\
 !A & \xrightarrow{\omega} & !!A
 \end{array}$$

- The  $!$ -coalgebra  $(!A, \delta_A)$  is called the cofree  $!$ -coalgebra over  $A$ .
- The category of  $!$ -coalgebras and  $!$ -coalgebra morphisms is called the **coEilenberg-Moore category** of the comonad  $(!, \delta, \varepsilon)$  and will be denoted  $\mathbb{X}^!$ .

## Proposition

The coEilenberg-Moore category of a monoidal coalgebra modality has finite products where  $(k, m_k)$  is a terminal object and

$$(A, \omega) \otimes (B, \nu) := (A \otimes B, A \otimes B \xrightarrow{\omega \otimes \nu} !A \otimes !B \xrightarrow{m_{A,B}} !(A \otimes B))$$

So  $\otimes$  of the base category becomes a product in the coEilenberg-Moore category.

If  $(A, \omega)$  is a  $!$ -coalgebra, then the triple  $(A, \Delta^\omega, e^\omega)$  is a cocommutative comonoid where:

$$\Delta^\omega := A \xrightarrow{\omega} !A \xrightarrow{\Delta_A} !A \otimes !A \xrightarrow{\varepsilon_A \otimes \varepsilon_A} A \otimes A \qquad e^\omega := A \xrightarrow{\omega} !A \xrightarrow{e_A} k$$

So every  $!$ -coalgebra is also a cocommutative comonoid.

# Free Exponential Modalities

## Definition

A **free exponential modality** is a monoidal coalgebra modality<sup>a</sup> ! where !A is the cofree cocommutative comonoid over A, that is:

- if  $(C, \Delta, e)$  is a cocommutative comonoid, then for every map  $f : C \rightarrow A$  there exists a unique comonoid morphism  $\hat{f} : (C, \Delta, e) \rightarrow (!A, \Delta, e)$  such that:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \xrightarrow{\exists! \hat{f}} & !A \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow \varepsilon_A \\ & & A \end{array}$$

A **Lafont category** is a symmetric monoidal category with finite products and a free exponential modality.

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<sup>a</sup>It is possible to define free exponential modalities from scratch and show that they are always monoidal coalgebra modalities.

The !-coalgebras of a free exponential modality are precisely the cocommutative comonoids, in other words: the coEilenberg-Moore category of a free exponential modality is equivalent to the category of cocommutative comonoids.

# Examples of Free Exponential Modalities

## Example

Let REL be the category of sets and relations. Then REL has a free exponential modality where for a set  $X$ ,  $!X = \{\llbracket x_1, \dots, x_n \rrbracket \mid x_i \in X\}$  is the set of finite multisets/bags of  $X$ .

## Example

Let  $k$  be a field and let  $\text{VEC}_k$  be the category of  $k$ -vector spaces and  $k$ -linear maps between them. Then  $\text{VEC}_k^{\text{op}}$  has a free exponential modality given by the free symmetric algebra,  $!V = \text{Sym}(V)$ , which is the free commutative  $k$ -algebra. In particular, if  $X$  is a basis for  $V$ , then  $!V \cong k[X]$ .

## Example

$\text{VEC}_k$  has a free exponential modality given where  $!V$  is the cofree cocommutative  $k$ -coalgebra over  $V$ . When  $k$  is a field of characteristic 0 and if  $X$  is a basis of  $V$ , then  $!V \cong \bigoplus_{v \in V} k[X]$ .



Clift, J. and Murfet, D., [Cofree coalgebras and differential linear logic](#).

For a list of more examples, see:



M. Hyland, A. Schalk, [Glueing and orthogonality for models of linear logic](#)



P-A. Mellies, N. Tabareau, C. Tasson, [An explicit formula for the free exponential modality of linear logic](#).



# Additive Structure and Biproducts

Before we switch gears to talk about differential stuff, we must first discuss additive structure:

## Definition

An additive symmetric monoidal category is a symmetric monoidal category  $\mathbb{X}$  which is enriched over commutative monoids, that is, every hom-set is a commutative monoid with an addition operation  $+$  and a zero  $0$ , such that the additive structure is preserved by composition and  $\otimes$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ 0 \circ g &= 0 & f \circ (g + h) \circ k &= f \circ g \circ k + f \circ h \circ k \\ f \otimes 0 \otimes g &= 0 & f \otimes (g + h) \otimes k &= f \otimes g \otimes k + f \otimes h \otimes k \end{aligned}$$

If an additive symmetric monoidal category has finite products, then said finite product structure is in fact a finite biproduct structure that is distributive. We denote the zero object as  $0$ , and the biproduct as  $\oplus$  and we have that:

$$(A \oplus B) \otimes (C \oplus D) \cong (A \otimes C) \oplus (A \otimes D) \oplus (B \otimes C) \oplus (B \otimes D) \quad A \otimes 0 \cong 0 \cong 0 \otimes A$$

If  $!$  is a monoidal comonoid modality on an additive symmetric monoidal category, then we have:

$$\nabla_A : !A \otimes !A \rightarrow !A \quad u_A : k \rightarrow !A$$

which makes  $!A$  into a bialgebra, so in particular a commutative monoid.

## Definition

For a monoidal coalgebra modality  $!$  on an additive symmetric monoidal category (with finite biproducts), a **codereliction** is a natural transformation  $A \xrightarrow{\eta_A} !A$  such that:

[dC.1] Constant Rule:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\eta_A} & !A \\
 & \searrow 0 & \downarrow e_A \\
 & & k
 \end{array}$$

[dC.2] Product Rule:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\eta_A} & !A \\
 & \searrow \eta_A \otimes u_A + u_A \otimes \eta_A & \downarrow \Delta_A \\
 & & !A \otimes !A
 \end{array}$$

[dC.3] Linear Rule:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\eta_A} & !A \\
 & \searrow & \downarrow \varepsilon_A \\
 & & A
 \end{array}$$

[dC.4'] Alternative Chain Rule:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\eta_A} & !A & & \\
 \downarrow u_A \otimes \eta_A & & \downarrow \delta_A & & \\
 !A \otimes !A & \xrightarrow{\delta_A \otimes \eta_{!A}} & !!A \otimes !!A & \xrightarrow{\nabla_{!A}} & !!A
 \end{array}$$

[dC.m] Monoidal Rule:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 !A \otimes B & \xrightarrow{1_{!A} \otimes \eta_B} & !A \otimes !B \\
 \downarrow \varepsilon_A \otimes 1_B & & \downarrow m_{A,B} \\
 A \otimes B & \xrightarrow{\eta_{A \otimes B}} & !(A \otimes B)
 \end{array}$$

A **differential (storage) category** is an additive symmetric monoidal category with finite biproducts with a monoidal coalgebra modality  $!$  that comes equipped with a codereliction  $\eta$ .

## A quick word on deriving transformations

Alternatively, a differential category can be defined in terms of a deriving transformation  $d_A : !A \otimes A \rightarrow !A$  satisfying five axioms (such as the product rule and the chain rule).

### Proposition

*For monoidal coalgebra modalities, deriving transformations are in bijective correspondence with coderelictions.*

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &:= A \xrightarrow{u_A \otimes 1_A} !A \otimes A \xrightarrow{d_A} !A \\ d &:= !A \otimes A \xrightarrow{1_{!A} \otimes \eta_A} !A \otimes !A \xrightarrow{\nabla_A} !A \end{aligned}$$



M. Fiore [Differential Structure in Models of Multiplicative Biadditive Intuitionistic Linear Logic](#)



R. Blute, R. Cockett, R.A.G. Seely, J-S. P. Lemay [Differential Categories Revisited](#)

# Examples of Differential Categories

## Example

In REL:

$$d_X := \{((\llbracket x_1, \dots, x_n \rrbracket, x), \llbracket x, x_1, \dots, x_n \rrbracket) \mid x, x_i \in X\} \subseteq (!X \times X) \times !X$$

$$\eta_X := \{(x, \llbracket x \rrbracket) \mid x \in X\} \subseteq X \times !X$$

## Example

In  $\text{VEC}_k^{op}$ , if  $X$  is a basis of  $V$ :

$$d_V : k[X] \rightarrow k[X] \otimes V$$

$$d(p(x_1, \dots, x_n)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial p}{\partial x_i}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \otimes x_i$$

$$\eta_V : k[X] \rightarrow V$$

$$\eta\left(\sum a_j x_1^{j_1} \dots x_n^{j_n}\right) = \sum a_j x_j$$

## Example

In  $\text{VEC}_k$ , if  $X$  is a basis of  $V$ ,

$$d_V : \left(\bigoplus_{v \in V} k[X]\right) \otimes V \rightarrow \bigoplus_{v \in V} k[X]$$

$$d_V(p_v(x_1, \dots, x_n) \otimes x_i) = p_v(x_1, \dots, x_n) x_i$$

$$\eta_V : V \rightarrow \bigoplus_{v \in V} k[X]$$

$$\eta(v) = \eta\left(\sum a_i x_i\right) = \left(\sum a_i x_i\right)_0$$

## Proposition

*Every additive Lafont category is a differential category, that is, every free exponential modality has a deriving transformation.*



*R. Blute, K. O'Neil, R. Lucyshyn-Wright* **Derivations in Codifferential Categories.**

I will now give an alternative proof in terms of the codereliction...

To do this: provide alternative axiomatization of differential categories using  $!$ -coalgebras!

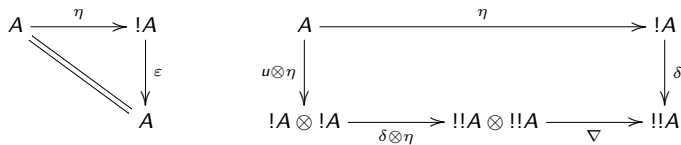
# Coderelictions vs. !-coalgebras

Consider the type of the codereliction:

$$\eta_A : A \rightarrow !A$$

it may be tempting to think that this equips  $A$  with a !-coalgebra structure...

But this doesn't work!



The diagram on the right is the problem....

Another way of seeing this is because  $A$  may not have a comonoid structure, in particular it may not have a counit! Indeed,  $0 : A \rightarrow A \otimes A$  works as a comultiplication but we don't necessarily have a map  $A \rightarrow k$  which satisfies the necessary counit identities.

# Coderelictions vs. !-coalgebras

Ok so what do we do? The answer is that we take a trick out of:



P-A. Mellies, N. Tabareau, C. Tasson, [An explicit formula for the free exponential modality of linear logic.](#)

Suppose that we have biproducts  $\oplus$ , with injections  $\iota_j : A_j \rightarrow A_0 \otimes A_1$  and projections  $\pi_j : A_0 \otimes A_1 \rightarrow A_j$ .

Then for every object  $A$ , it turns out that  $k \oplus A$  has a canonical comonoid structure:

$$\Lambda_A := k \oplus A \xrightarrow{(\iota_0 \otimes \iota_0) \circ \pi_0 + (\iota_1 \otimes \iota_0) \circ \pi_1 + (\iota_0 \otimes \iota_1) \circ \pi_1} (k \oplus A) \otimes (k \oplus A)$$
$$k \oplus A \xrightarrow{\pi_0} k$$

Using element notation:

$$\Lambda_A(r, a) = (r, 0) \otimes (1, 0) + (0, a) \otimes (1, 0) + (1, 0) \otimes (0, a) \quad e(r, a) = r$$

So there's a  $k \otimes k$ ,  $A \otimes k$  and  $k \otimes A$  part, but no  $A \otimes A$  part.

IDEA: Every codereliction induces a !-coalgebra structure on  $k \oplus A$ .

## Definition

For a monoidal coalgebra modality  $!$  on an additive symmetric monoidal category with finite biproducts, an **infinitesimal augmentation** is a natural transformation  $H_A : k \oplus A \rightarrow !(k \oplus A)$  such that:

[IA.1]  $(k \oplus A, H_A)$  is an  $!$ -coalgebra;

[IA.2]  $H_A : (k \oplus A, \Lambda_A, \pi_0) \rightarrow (!(k \oplus A), \Delta_{k \oplus A}, e_{k \oplus A})$  is a comonoid morphism;

[IA.3] The canonical strength map  $\Theta_{B,A} : !B \otimes (k \oplus A) \rightarrow k \oplus (!B \otimes A)$  defined as:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & !A \otimes (k \oplus B) & & \\
 & \swarrow e_A \otimes \pi_0 & | & \searrow 1_{!A} \otimes \pi_1 & \\
 & & \downarrow \Theta_{A,B} & & \\
 k & \xleftarrow{\pi_0} & k \oplus (!A \otimes B) & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & !A \otimes B
 \end{array}$$

Then  $(!A, \delta_A) \otimes (k \oplus B, H_B) \xrightarrow{\Theta_{A,B}} (k \oplus (!A \otimes B), H_{!A \otimes B})$  is a  $!$ -coalgebra morphism.

The canonical comonoid structure of  $(k \oplus A, H_A)$  is precisely that from the previous slide, that is:

$$\Delta^{H_A} = \Lambda_A$$

$$e^{H_A} = \pi_0$$



# Coderelictions and Infinitesimal Augmentations are the same!

## Proposition

*There is a bijective correspondence between coderelictions and infinitesimal augmentations.*

Proof: The axioms of infinitesimal augmentation are analogous to those of a codereliction:

$$[\mathbf{IA.1}] = [\mathbf{dc.3}] + [\mathbf{dc.4}]$$

$$[\mathbf{IA.2}] = [\mathbf{dc.1}] + [\mathbf{dc.2}]$$

$$[\mathbf{IA.3}] = [\mathbf{dc.5}]$$

$\eta \Rightarrow H$ : Define  $H$  as the unique map:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} k & \xrightarrow{\iota_0} & k \oplus A & \xleftarrow{\iota_1} & A \\ \downarrow m_k & & \downarrow H_A & & \downarrow m_k \otimes \eta_A \\ !k & \xrightarrow{!(\iota_0)} & !(k \oplus A) & \xleftarrow{\cong} & !k \otimes !A \end{array}$$

$H \Rightarrow \eta$ : Define  $\eta$  as follows:

$$\eta_A := A \xrightarrow{\iota_1} k \oplus A \xrightarrow{H_A} !(k \oplus A) \xrightarrow{!(\pi_1)} !A$$

# Coderelictions for Free Exponential Modalities

## Proposition

Free exponential modalities have a *unique* infinitesimal augmentation, and therefore have a *unique* codereliction.

Proof: Recall that  $!$ -coalgebras for free exponential modalities are precisely cocommutative comonoids. So since  $k \oplus A$  is a cocommutative comonoid, it has a  $!$ -coalgebra structure  $(k \oplus A, H_A)$ . Explicitly,  $H_A$  is defined as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k \oplus A & \xrightarrow{\exists! H_A} & !(k \oplus A) \\ & \searrow & \downarrow \varepsilon_{k \oplus A} \\ & & k \oplus A \end{array}$$

From here, it remains only to check the strength rule, which amounts to asking that  $\Theta$  is a comonoid morphism (which it always is!). Uniqueness follows from the universal property of  $!$ . As a result, we also obtain a codereliction, which is also unique. ■

Alternatively,  $\eta : A \rightarrow !A$  can be built as follows:

$$\eta_A = A \xrightarrow{\iota_1} k \oplus A \xrightarrow{\pi_1^b} !A$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} k \oplus A & \xrightarrow{\exists! \pi_1^b} & !A \\ & \searrow \pi_1 & \downarrow \varepsilon_A \\ & & A \end{array}$$

# Terminology

A quick word on the terminology behind the name “infinitesimal augmentation”.

- “Augmentation” is a reference to the fact that  $k \oplus A$  is always an augmented (co)algebra in the classical sense, in particular since  $k \oplus A$  is the (co)free (co)pointed object over  $A$ .
- “Infinitesimal” is related to tangent category terminology.



R. Cockett, G. Cruttwell. [Differential structure, tangent structure, and SDG](#)

- A tangent category is a category equipped with an endofunctor  $T$  and various other natural transformations whose axioms generalize the theory of smooth manifolds and their tangent bundles. A representable tangent category is a tangent category such that  $T \cong (-)^D$ , where  $D$  is called an **infinitesimal object**.
- In this paper:



R. Cockett, J-S. P. Lemay, R. Lucyshyn-Wright [Tangent Categories from the Coalgebras of Differential Categories](#).

It was explained how the coEilenberg-Moore category of a differential category is a representable tangent category. It turns out that the infinitesimal object is  $(k \oplus k, H_k)$ !

- In future work, it would be interesting to further study the connection between infinitesimal augmentations and tangent structure. In particular, infinitesimal augmentations may provide the key in generalizing linear-non-linear adjunctions for differential categories...

## Conclusion

- It is always of mathematical interest to have different proofs of the same result, especially when said proofs take different approaches.
- In this case, the proof given here has a more differential linear logic flavour to it, and is mostly automatic using the universal property of free exponential modalities.
- We hope that this paper will help open the door to revisiting other examples of Lafont categories and studying them from a differential category point of view.
- A possible advantage of infinitesimal augmentations is that the notions of  $!$ -coalgebras and comonoid morphisms are well-known, even to those who are not familiar with differential categories, and provide yet another way of understanding differentiation.
- Infinitesimal augmentations are closely linked to the notion of tangent categories. This should be studied more!

**HOPE YOU ENJOYED MY TALK!**

**THANKS FOR LISTENING!**

**MERCI!**