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**Abstract.** Although categorical composition and finite products can be used for dealing with the substitution of terms, they do not deal with the order of evaluation of arguments, which may have major consequences when there are side-effects. In this paper cartesian effect categories are introduced for solving this issue, and they are compared with strong monads, Freyd-categories and Haskell's Arrows. It is proved that a cartesian effect category is a Freyd-category where the premonoidal structure is provided by a kind of binary product, called the sequential product.

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# 1 Introduction

Roughly speaking, a categorical semantics for a programming language associates an object to each type, a morphism to each term, and uses composition and finite products for dealing with the substitution of terms. This framework does behave very well in a simple equational setting, but it has to be adapted as soon as there is some kind of side-effects, for instance non-termination or state updating in imperative languages. In this paper we focus on the following *sequentiality* issue: the categorical products do not deal with the order of evaluation of arguments, although this order may have major consequences when there are side-effects. We introduce *cartesian effect categories* for this purpose.

Other approaches include strong monads [Mog89], Freyd-categories [PR97] and Arrows [Hug00], as well as [HPP06] and [HLPP07] for the combination of effects. These frameworks are quite similar from several points of view [HJ06, Atk08], while our framework is more precise, and thus less generic. A first draft for cartesian effect categories can be found in [DDR07], and a similar approach in [DR05].

A Freyd-category roughly consists in a category K with a wide subcategory C (wide means with the same objects), such that C is cartesian (i.e., it has finite products) and K is symmetric premonoidal. Quoting [Pow06]: "a Freyd-category is a subtle generalisation of the notion of a category with finite products". The aim of this paper is similar, but the resulting structure, called a cartesian effect category, is more precise and more homogeneous than a Freyd-category: like the symmetric monoidal structure on C derives from its product, here the symmetric premonoidal structure on K derives from some kind of product, called a sequential product, which extends the product of C and which generalizes the usual categorical product. Moreover, there are two steps in our definition. First an effect category is defined, without mentioning any kind of product, as a category K with a wide subcategory C and with a consistency relation  $\preccurlyeq$ , which can

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be seen as an *up-to-effects* relation. Then a *sequential product* on an effect category is defined by a property that generalizes the categorical product property.

A binary product on a category C provides a bifunctor  $\times$  on C such that for all  $v_1 : X_1 \to Y_1$  and  $v_2 : X_2 \to Y_2$ , the morphism  $v_1 \times v_2 : X_1 \times X_2 \to Y_1 \times Y_2$  is is characterized by the following diagram, where the  $p_i$ 's and  $q_i$ 's are the projections. This property is symmetric in  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . When C is the category of sets, this means that  $v_1 \times v_2(x_1, x_2) = (v_1(x_1), v_2(x_2))$ .



On the other hand, a left sequential product of  $f_1: X_1 \to Y_1$  and  $f_2: X_2 \to Y_2$  in a category K should provide a morphism  $f_1 \ltimes f_2: X_1 \times X_2 \to Y_1 \times Y_2$  satisfying some property for formalizing the notion of sequentiality: "first  $f_1$ , then  $f_2$ ", and symmetrically a right sequential product  $f_1 \rtimes f_2: X_1 \times X_2 \to Y_1 \times Y_2$ for "first  $f_2$ , then  $f_1$ ". The left sequential product  $f_1 \ltimes f_2$  can be seen as the composition of two simpler operations, which are both denoted  $\times$  (it will be proved later that there is no ambiguity in this notation):  $f_1 \ltimes f_2 = (\mathrm{id}_1 \times f_2) \circ (f_1 \times \mathrm{id}_2)$  where id\_1 and id\_2 denote the identities of  $Y_1$  and  $X_2$ , respectively. For instance, when K is the category of sets with partial functions,  $f_1 \times \mathrm{id}_2$  is the partial function such that  $f_1 \times \mathrm{id}_2(x_1, x_2) = (f_1(x_1), x_2)$  whenever  $f_1(x_1)$  is defined, otherwise  $f_1 \times \mathrm{id}_2(x_1, x_2)$  is not defined. This means that  $f_1 \times \mathrm{id}_2$  is characterized by the following diagram, where  $\preccurlyeq$  is the usual partial order on partial functions, so that the bottom square means that  $q_2 \circ (f_1 \times \mathrm{id}_2) \preccurlyeq p_2$ .



Let us look more closely at the partial order relation  $\preccurlyeq$  on partial functions, in order to define a similar relation for other kinds of effects. Let us say that two partial functions f and f' have the same effect if they have the same domain of definition. This defines an equivalence relation  $\approx$  by:  $f \approx f'$  if and only if  $\mathcal{D}(f) = \mathcal{D}(f')$ . Then we can say that the relation  $\preccurlyeq$  is an up to effects relation, because whenever  $f \approx f'$  and  $f \preccurlyeq f'$  then f = f'. In this paper, we introduce a framework where the notions of having the same effect and being consistent up to effects are well defined, so that we are able to axiomatize the consistency relation  $\preccurlyeq$  and to define sequential products.

There are some variants in the use of the word "cartesian" for categories, in this paper a *cartesian category* is simply a category with a binary product, it is not required that it has a terminal object nor that it has all finite limits. First effect categories, then cartesian effect categories, are defined in section 2. In section 3 we give a precise meaning to the notions of "having the same effect" and "being consistent up to effects", which provides the motivation for the name "effect categories" in the previous section. Cartesian effect categories are related to Freyd-categories, Arrows and strong monads in section 4. Three examples are presented: partiality and state throughout the paper, and non-determinism in section 4.

## 2 Cartesian effect categories

The aim of this paper is to generalize the binary product functor in a way that formalizes the idea of sequentiality, as explained in the introduction. We define *effect categories* in section 2.1. Then *cartesian effect categories* are defined in section 2.3 as effect categories with *semi-pure products*, which themselves are defined by generalizing the universal property of products. Then *sequential products* are defined in section 2.4 from the composition of semi-pure products. Various premonoidal-like properties of cartesian effect categories are proved in section 2.5, while a description of sequential products by a generalization of the universal property of semi-pure products is given in section 2.6. Examples are studied in section 2.7. The link between effect categories and computational effects will be given in section 3. Note: in many proofs, when a result is a pair of symmetric properties, only the first one is proved.

#### 2.1 Effect categories

**Definition 2.1.** A subcategory C of a category K is *wide* if it has the same objects as K, this is denoted  $C \subseteq K$ . Given a category K with a wide subcategory  $C \subseteq K$ , a morphism of K is called *pure* if it is in C; in the latter case it is denoted with " $\rightsquigarrow$ ".

**Example 2.2.** Let  $C_0$  be a category with a monad  $(M, \mu, \eta)$ , let K be the Kleisli category of M, and let C denote the image of  $C_0$  in K by the functor  $J : C_0 \to K$  associated with M, which is the identity on objects. Then C is a wide subcategory of K. A morphism  $f : X \to Y$  in K is, or stands for, a morphism  $[f] : X \to M(Y)$  in  $C_0$ , and each pure morphism  $v : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  stands for a morphism  $[v] = \eta_Y \circ J(v_0) : X \to M(Y)$  for some morphism  $v_0 : X \to Y$  in  $C_0$ . Let us assume that the mono requirement is satisfied by the monad, which means that  $\eta_X$  is a mono for every object X, or equivalently that the functor J is faithful. Then the correspondence between pure morphisms  $v : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  in K and morphisms  $v_0 : X \to Y$  in  $C_0$  defined by  $[v] = \eta_Y \circ v_0$  is one-to-one.

**Definition 2.3.** Let K be a category with a wide subcategory C. A consistency  $\preccurlyeq$  on  $C \subseteq K$  is a reflexive and transitive relation between parallel morphisms that satisfies:

- substitution: for all  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g, g': Y \to Z$ , if  $g \preccurlyeq g'$  then  $g \circ f \preccurlyeq g' \circ f$ ;
- pure replacement: for all  $f, f': X \to Y$  and  $w: Y \rightsquigarrow Z$ , if  $f \preccurlyeq f'$  then  $w \circ f \preccurlyeq w \circ f'$ .
- equality on pure morphisms: for all  $v, v' : X \rightsquigarrow Y$ , if  $v \preccurlyeq v'$  then v = v'.

Then  $C \subseteq K$  with  $\preccurlyeq$  is called an *effect category* (for short, the consistency relation  $\preccurlyeq$  may be implicit).

The *(full) replacement* property, which means that for all  $f, f' : X \to Y$  and  $g : Y \to Z$ , if  $f \preccurlyeq f'$  then  $g \circ f \preccurlyeq g \circ f'$ , is not required. In some examples, it happens that pure morphisms are *maximal* for the preorder  $\preccurlyeq$ , which means that whenever  $v \preccurlyeq f$  with v pure then v = f.

### 2.2 Cartesian categories

In this paper, a *cartesian category* is a category with a binary product, it is not required that it has a terminal object. Let us remind some facts about binary products. We introduce the (unusual) notion of *product skeleton* because it will be useful later on.

**Definition 2.4.** A binary product skeleton on a category C associates to each pair of objects  $(X_1, X_2)$  in C an object  $X_1 \times X_2$  and a pair of morphisms (called *projections*)  $X_1 \stackrel{p_1}{\leftarrow} X_1 \times X_2 \stackrel{p_2}{\longrightarrow} X_2$  in C. A graph homomorphism  $C^2 \to C$  is compatible with the binary product skeleton if they agree on objects. In the latter case, the graph homomorphism may also be denoted  $\times$ .

We will use the letters  $p, q, r, s, t, \ldots$  for the projections.

**Definition 2.5.** A binary product on a category C is made of a binary product skeleton  $\times$  on C and a compatible graph homomorphism  $\times : C^2 \to C$  such that:

• for all  $v_1 : X_1 \to Y_1$  and  $v_2 : X_2 \to Y_2$ , the morphism  $v_1 \times v_2 : X_1 \times X_2 \to Y_1 \times Y_2$  is the unique morphism that satisfies the *binary product property*:

$$\begin{cases} q_1 \circ (v_1 \times v_2) = v_1 \circ p_1 \\ q_2 \circ (v_1 \times v_2) = v_2 \circ p_2 \end{cases}$$

Then the category C with the binary product  $\times$  is called a *cartesian category* (for short, the binary product  $\times$  may be implicit).



**Proposition 2.6.** Let C be a cartesian category, then the graph homomorphism  $\times : C^2 \to C$  is a functor. If in addition C has a terminal object 1, then C with  $\times$  and 1 is a symmetric monoidal category [Mac97].

**Remark 2.7.** Let us assume that for all  $v, v' : X \to Y_1 \times Y_2$ , if  $q_1 \circ v = q_1 \circ v'$  and  $q_2 \circ v = q_2 \circ v'$  then v = v'. Then obviously if a morphism  $v_1 \times v_2 : X_1 \times X_2 \to Y_1 \times Y_2$  satisfies the binary product property, it is unique.

### 2.3 Semi-pure products

In this section, we define the *semi-pure products* on an effect category  $C \subseteq K$  as two graph homomorphisms  $\ltimes : C \times K \to K$  and  $\rtimes : K \times C \to K$  satisfying some generalization of the binary product property.

**Definition 2.8.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be an effect category with a binary product skeleton  $\times$  on C. A *left semi-pure* product on  $C \subseteq K$  (with respect to  $\times$ ) is a graph homomorphism  $\ltimes : C \times K \to K$  compatible with  $\times$ , which maps  $C^2$  to C and such that:

• for all  $v_1 : X_1 \rightsquigarrow Y_1$  and  $f_2 : X_2 \to Y_2$ , the morphism  $v_1 \ltimes f_2 : X_1 \times X_2 \to Y_1 \times Y_2$  is the unique morphism that satisfies the *left semi-pure product property*:

$$\begin{cases} q_1 \circ (v_1 \ltimes f_2) \preccurlyeq v_1 \circ p_1 \\ q_2 \circ (v_1 \ltimes f_2) = f_2 \circ p_2 \end{cases}$$

Symmetrically, a *right semi-pure product* on  $C \subseteq K$  is a graph homomorphism  $\rtimes : K \times C \to K$  compatible with  $\times$  which maps  $C^2$  to C and such that:

• for all  $f_1 : X_1 \to Y_1$  and  $v_2 : X_2 \rightsquigarrow Y_2$ , the morphism  $v_1 \ltimes f_2 : X_1 \times X_2 \to Y_1 \times Y_2$  is the unique morphism that satisfies the *right semi-pure product property*:

$$\begin{cases} q_1 \circ (f_1 \rtimes v_2) = f_1 \circ p_1 \\ q_2 \circ (f_1 \rtimes v_2) \preccurlyeq v_2 \circ p_2 \end{cases}$$

Then the effect category  $C \subseteq K$  with the semi-pure products  $\ltimes, \rtimes$  is called a *cartesian effect category* (for short, the binary product skeleton  $\times$  and the semi-pure products  $\ltimes, \rtimes$  may be implicit).



**Proposition 2.9.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category. Then the restrictions of  $\ltimes$  and  $\rtimes$  to  $C^2$  coincide and define a binary product functor  $\times$  on C.

*Proof.* Let  $v_1 : X_1 \rightsquigarrow Y_1$  and  $v_2 : X_2 \rightsquigarrow Y_2$ . Since  $\ltimes$  maps  $C^2$  to C, the morphism  $v_1 \ltimes v_2$  is pure, and since consistency is the equality on pure morphisms, the left semi-pure product property for  $v_1 \ltimes v_2$  coincides with the binary product property. Therefore, the restriction of  $\ltimes$  to  $C^2$  defines a binary product functor on C. Symmetrically, the restriction of  $\rtimes$  to  $C^2$  defines a binary product functor on C. Both binary products are compatible with the same product skeleton  $\times$ , hence the binary product unicity property implies that they agree.

**Corollary 2.10.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category. Then for all  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ :

$$\operatorname{id}_{X_1} \ltimes \operatorname{id}_{X_2} = \operatorname{id}_{X_1} \rtimes \operatorname{id}_{X_2} = \operatorname{id}_{X_1} \times \operatorname{id}_{X_2} = \operatorname{id}_{X_1 \times X_2}$$
.

#### 2.4 Sequential products

In accordance with the intended meaning of "sequential", we define sequential products as composed from semi-pure products.

**Definition 2.11.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category. The pair of sequential products composed from the semi-products  $\ltimes$ ,  $\rtimes$  is made of the graph homomorphisms  $\ltimes_{seq}, \rtimes_{seq} : K^2 \to K$  (the *left* and *right* sequential products, respectively) defined as follows:

• for all  $f_1: X_1 \to Y_1$  and  $f_2: X_2 \to Y_2$ :

$$f_1 \ltimes_{\text{seq}} f_2 = (\operatorname{id}_{Y_1} \ltimes f_2) \circ (f_1 \rtimes \operatorname{id}_{X_2})$$

• for all  $f_1: X_1 \to Y_1$  and  $f_2: X_2 \to Y_2$ :

$$f_1 \rtimes_{\text{seq}} f_2 = (f_1 \rtimes \text{id}_{Y_2}) \circ (\text{id}_{X_1} \ltimes f_2)$$



**Proposition 2.12.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category, with the sequential products  $\ltimes_{seq}$ ,  $\rtimes_{seq}$  composed from  $\ltimes$ ,  $\rtimes$ . Then, as graph homomorphisms,  $\ltimes_{seq}$  and  $\rtimes_{seq}$  extend  $\ltimes$  and  $\rtimes$ , respectively.

*Proof.* Let  $v_1 : X_1 \rightsquigarrow Y_1$  and  $f_2 : X_2 \to Y_2$ . Since  $v_1 \ltimes_{seq} f_2 = (\operatorname{id}_{Y_1} \ltimes f_2) \circ (v_1 \rtimes \operatorname{id}_{X_2})$  and since  $\rtimes$  coincides with the binary product  $\times$  on  $C^2$  (by proposition 2.9) we have:

$$v_1 \ltimes_{\text{seq}} f_2 = (\operatorname{id}_{Y_1} \ltimes f_2) \circ (v_1 \times \operatorname{id}_{X_2}) .$$

The left semi-pure product property yields:

$$q_1 \circ (\operatorname{id}_{Y_1} \ltimes f_2) \preccurlyeq r_1 \text{ and } q_2 \circ (\operatorname{id}_{Y_1} \ltimes f_2) = f_2 \circ r_2$$

so that by substitution:

$$q_1 \circ (v_1 \ltimes_{\text{seq}} f_2) \preccurlyeq r_1 \circ (v_1 \times \text{id}_{X_2}) \text{ and } q_2 \circ (v_1 \ltimes_{\text{seq}} f_2) = f_2 \circ r_2 \circ (v_1 \times \text{id}_{X_2})$$

hence from the binary product property we get:

$$q_1 \circ (v_1 \ltimes_{\text{seq}} f_2) \preccurlyeq v_1 \circ p_1 \text{ and } q_2 \circ (v_1 \ltimes_{\text{seq}} f_2) = f_2 \circ p_2$$

which is the left semi-pure product property. Thus,  $\ltimes_{seq}$  extends  $\ltimes$ , as required.

Notation 2.13. It follows from proposition 2.12 that we may drop the subscript "seq".

#### 2.5Some properties of cartesian effect categories

#### 2.5.1Pure morphisms are central

The next definition is similar to the definition of central morphisms in a binoidal category, see section 4.1.

**Definition 2.14.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category. A morphism  $f_1$  is *central* if for all morphism  $f_2, f_1 \ltimes f_2 = f_1 \rtimes f_2$  and symmetrically  $f_2 \ltimes f_1 = f_2 \rtimes f_1$ .

Remark 2.15. Definition 2.11 and corollary 2.10 imply that the identities are central:

- for all f₁ and X₂, f₁ κ id<sub>X₂</sub> = f₁ × id<sub>X₂</sub>;
  and symmetrically, for all X₁ and f₂, id<sub>X₁</sub> × f₂ = id<sub>X₁</sub> κ f₂.

**Theorem 2.16.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category. Then every pure morphism is central.

**Remark 2.17.** Theorem 2.16 means that the graph homomorphisms  $\ltimes$ ,  $\rtimes$  coincide on  $C \times K$  and on  $K \times C$ :

• for all  $f_1: X_1 \to Y_1$  and  $v_2: X_2 \rightsquigarrow Y_2$ :

$$f_1 \ltimes v_2 = f_1 \rtimes v_2 ;$$

• and symmetrically, for all  $v_1: X_1 \rightsquigarrow Y_1$  and  $f_2: X_2 \to Y_2$ :

$$v_1 \rtimes f_2 = v_1 \ltimes f_2 \; .$$

It may be noted that, according to the definitions,  $f_1 \times v_2$  and  $v_1 \ltimes f_2$  are semi-pure products, while  $f_1 \ltimes v_2$ and  $v_1 \rtimes f_2$  are not.

*Proof.* Let  $h = f_1 \ltimes v_2 = (\operatorname{id}_{Y_1} \ltimes v_2) \circ (f_1 \rtimes \operatorname{id}_{X_2})$ . Since  $\ltimes$  coincide with  $\times$  on  $C^2$  by proposition 2.9, we get:

$$h = (\mathrm{id}_{Y_1} \times v_2) \circ (f_1 \rtimes \mathrm{id}_{X_2})$$

The binary product property yields:

$$q_1 \circ h = r_1 \circ (f_1 \rtimes \operatorname{id}_{X_2})$$
 and  $q_2 \circ h = v_2 \circ r_2 \circ (f_1 \rtimes \operatorname{id}_{X_2})$ 

and the right semi-pure product property:

$$r_1 \circ (f_1 \rtimes \operatorname{id}_{X_2}) = f_1 \circ p_1 \text{ and } r_2 \circ (f_1 \rtimes \operatorname{id}_{X_2}) \preccurlyeq p_2$$

so that, using pure replacement, we get:

$$q_1 \circ h = f_1 \circ p_1$$
 and  $q_2 \circ h \preccurlyeq v_2 \circ p_2$ 

which means that h satisfies the right semi-pure product property, hence  $h = f_1 \rtimes v_2$  as required.

Using definition 2.11, theorem 2.16 can also be stated as follows.

**Corollary 2.18.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category. Then:

• for all  $f_1: X_1 \to Y_1$  and  $v_2: X_2 \rightsquigarrow Y_2$ :

 $(\mathrm{id}_{Y_1} \ltimes v_2) \circ (f_1 \rtimes \mathrm{id}_{X_2}) = (f_1 \rtimes \mathrm{id}_{Y_2}) \circ (\mathrm{id}_{X_1} \ltimes v_2) ;$ 

• and symmetrically, for all  $v_1: X_1 \rightsquigarrow Y_1$  and  $f_2: X_2 \rightarrow Y_2$ :

$$(v_1 \rtimes \mathrm{id}_{Y_2}) \circ (\mathrm{id}_{X_1} \ltimes f_2) = (\mathrm{id}_{Y_1} \ltimes f_2) \circ (v_1 \rtimes \mathrm{id}_{X_2}) .$$

Notation 2.19. According to theorem 2.16 there would not be any ambiguity in denoting  $\times$  for the semipure products  $\ltimes$  and  $\rtimes$ , as in the introduction and in [DDR07], however we will not use this opportunity.

#### 2.5.2 Functoriality properties

As reminded in proposition 2.6, the binary product in a cartesian category is a functor. In this section it is proved that similarly the semi-pure products in a cartesian effect category are functors.

**Lemma 2.20.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category. Then:

• for all  $X_1$ ,  $f_2: X_2 \to Y_2$  and  $g_2: Y_2 \to Z_2$ :

$$(\mathrm{id}_{X_1} \ltimes g_2) \circ (\mathrm{id}_{X_1} \ltimes f_2) = \mathrm{id}_{X_1} \ltimes (g_2 \circ f_2)$$

• and symmetrically for all  $f_1: X_1 \to Y_1, g_1: Y_1 \to Z_1$  and  $X_2:$ 

$$(g_1 \rtimes \mathrm{id}_{X_2}) \circ (f_1 \rtimes \mathrm{id}_{X_2}) = (g_1 \circ f_1) \rtimes \mathrm{id}_{X_2} .$$

*Proof.* Let  $h = (id_{X_1} \ltimes g_2) \circ (id_{X_1} \ltimes f_2)$ . The left semi-pure product property yields:

$$s'_1 \circ (\operatorname{id}_{X_1} \ltimes g_2) \preccurlyeq s_1 \text{ and } s'_2 \circ (\operatorname{id}_{X_1} \ltimes g_2) = g_2 \circ s_2$$

and also:

 $s_1 \circ (\operatorname{id}_{X_1} \ltimes f_2) \preccurlyeq p_1 \text{ and } s_2 \circ (\operatorname{id}_{X_1} \ltimes f_2) = f_2 \circ p_2.$ 

Hence by substitution and transitivity:

 $s'_1 \circ h \preccurlyeq p_1 \text{ and } s'_2 \circ h = g_2 \circ f_2 \circ p_2$ 

which proves that  $h = id_{X_1} \ltimes (g_2 \circ f_2)$ .

**Theorem 2.21.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category. Then:

• for all  $f_1: X_1 \to Y_1$ ,  $w_1: Y_1 \rightsquigarrow Z_1$ ,  $f_2: X_2 \to Y_2$  and  $g_2: Y_2 \to Z_2$ :

$$(w_1 \ltimes g_2) \circ (f_1 \ltimes f_2) = (w_1 \circ f_1) \ltimes (g_2 \circ f_2)$$

• and symmetrically for all  $f_1: X_1 \to Y_1, g_1: Y_1 \to Z_1, f_2: X_2 \to Y_2$  and  $w_2: Y_2 \rightsquigarrow Z_2$ :

$$(g_1 \rtimes w_2) \circ (f_1 \rtimes f_2) = (g_1 \circ f_1) \rtimes (w_2 \circ f_2) .$$

*Proof.* According to definition 2.11:

$$(w_1 \ltimes g_2) \circ (f_1 \ltimes f_2) = (\mathrm{id}_{Z_1} \ltimes g_2) \circ (w_1 \rtimes \mathrm{id}_{Y_2}) \circ (\mathrm{id}_{Y_1} \ltimes f_2) \circ (f_1 \rtimes \mathrm{id}_{X_2})$$

We know from corollary 2.18 that:

$$(w_1 \rtimes \operatorname{id}_{Y_2}) \circ (\operatorname{id}_{Y_1} \ltimes f_2) = (\operatorname{id}_{Z_1} \ltimes f_2) \circ (w_1 \rtimes \operatorname{id}_{X_2}),$$

so that:

$$(w_1 \ltimes g_2) \circ (f_1 \ltimes f_2) = (\mathrm{id}_{Z_1} \ltimes g_2) \circ (\mathrm{id}_{Z_1} \ltimes f_2) \circ (w_1 \rtimes \mathrm{id}_{X_2}) \circ (f_1 \rtimes \mathrm{id}_{X_2})$$

The result now follows from lemma 2.20 and definition 2.11 again.

**Corollary 2.22.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category. Then the graph homomorphisms  $\ltimes : C \times K \to K$ ,  $\rtimes : K \times C \to K$  are functors.

Proof. By corollary 2.10 for identities and theorem 2.21 for composition.

**Remark 2.23.** Although we are here more interested in pure morphisms than in central morphisms, it is worth noting that, according to the proof of theorem 2.21, this theorem is valid as soon as  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are central morphisms. A consequence is that the objects of K together with the central morphisms form a wide subcategory  $C_K$  of K, called the *center*, and that corollary 2.22 can be stated more generally as follows. Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category. Then the restrictions of the sequential products are functors  $\bowtie : C_K \times K \to K$  and  $\rtimes : K \times C_K \to K$ .

#### 2.5.3 Naturality properties

Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category, then according to proposition 2.9 the category C is cartesian. Let us assume that in addition  $C \subseteq K$  has a *pure terminal object*, which means, an object 1 that is terminal in C. As reminded in proposition 2.6, then C with  $\times : C^2 \to C$  and 1 is a symmetric monoidal category, which means that the projections can be combined in order to get natural isomorphisms a, r, l, c with components:

•  $a_X = a_{X_1,X_2,X_3} : (X_1 \times X_2) \times X_3 \rightarrow X_1 \times (X_2 \times X_3),$ 

• 
$$r_X : 1 \times X \to X, \ l_X : X \times 1 \to X,$$

•  $c_X = c_{X_1,X_2} : X_1 \times X_2 \to X_2 \times X_1,$ 

which satisfy the symmetric monoidal coherence conditions [Mac97]. In this section we prove that a, r, l, c satisfy more general naturality conditions, involving the sequential products  $\ltimes, \rtimes$ .

**Lemma 2.24.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category,

• For all  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$  and pure  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ :

$$\begin{cases} c_Y \circ (v_1 \ltimes f_2) = (f_2 \rtimes v_1) \circ c_X \\ c_Y \circ (f_1 \rtimes v_2) = (v_2 \ltimes f_1) \circ c_X \end{cases}$$

• For all  $f_1$ ,  $f_2$ ,  $f_3$  and pure  $v_1$ ,  $v_2$ ,  $v_3$ :

$$\begin{cases} a_Y \circ (f_1 \rtimes (v_2 \rtimes v_3)) = ((f_1 \rtimes v_2) \rtimes v_3) \circ a_X \\ a_Y \circ (v_1 \ltimes (f_2 \rtimes v_3)) = ((v_1 \ltimes f_2) \rtimes v_3) \circ a_X \\ a_Y \circ (v_1 \ltimes (v_2 \ltimes f_3)) = ((v_1 \ltimes v_2) \ltimes f_3) \circ a_X \end{cases}$$

Proof. Straightforward.

**Theorem 2.25.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category,

• For all  $f_1: X_1 \to Y_1$ ,  $f_2: X_2 \to Y_2$  and  $f_3: X_3 \to Y_3$ :

 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a_Y \circ (f_1 \ltimes (f_2 \ltimes f_3)) = ((f_1 \ltimes f_2) \ltimes f_3) \circ a_X \\ a_Y \circ (f_1 \rtimes (f_2 \rtimes f_3)) = ((f_1 \rtimes f_2) \rtimes f_3) \circ a_X \end{array} \right.$ 

• For all  $f: X \to Y$ :

$$\begin{cases} r_Y \circ (\mathrm{id}_1 \ltimes f) = f \circ r_X \\ l_Y \circ (f \rtimes \mathrm{id}_1) = f \circ l_X \end{cases}$$

• For all  $f_1: X_1 \to Y_1$  and  $f_2: X_2 \to Y_2$ :

$$\begin{cases} c_Y \circ (f_1 \ltimes f_2) = (f_2 \rtimes f_1) \circ c_X \\ c_Y \circ (f_1 \rtimes f_2) = (f_2 \ltimes f_1) \circ c_X \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* For l and r, this comes directly from the semi-pure product properties. For a, let us use the definition of sequential products:

$$f_1 \ltimes (f_2 \ltimes f_3) = (\mathrm{id} \ltimes (f_2 \ltimes f_3)) \circ (f_1 \rtimes \mathrm{id})$$

and:

$$f_2 \ltimes f_3 = (\mathrm{id} \ltimes f_3) \circ (f_2 \rtimes \mathrm{id})$$

hence by lemma 2.20:

$$\mathrm{id} \ltimes (f_2 \ltimes f_3) = (\mathrm{id} \ltimes (\mathrm{id} \ltimes f_3)) \circ (\mathrm{id} \ltimes (f_2 \rtimes \mathrm{id}))$$

and finally:

$$f_1 \ltimes (f_2 \ltimes f_3) = (\mathrm{id} \ltimes (\mathrm{id} \ltimes f_3)) \circ (\mathrm{id} \ltimes (f_2 \rtimes \mathrm{id})) \circ (f_1 \rtimes \mathrm{id}) .$$

In a symmetric way:

$$(f_1 \ltimes f_2) \ltimes f_3 = (\mathrm{id} \ltimes f_3) \circ ((\mathrm{id} \ltimes f_2) \rtimes \mathrm{id}) \circ ((f_1 \rtimes \mathrm{id}) \rtimes \mathrm{id})$$

Hence the result follows from lemma 2.24, from which the three lines relative to a are used, and from corollary 2.10 for dealing with identities. For c the proof is similar, though shorter.

#### 2.6 The left and right sequential product properties

We have defined the semi-pure products in a way similar to the binary products (definition 2.8), then the sequential products as compositions of semi-pure products (definition 2.11). In this section we prove that sequential products do also satisfy some *left and right sequential product properties*, which generalize the binary product property and the semi-pure products properties. In section 3, we will see that under some additional assumptions the left and right sequential product properties the sequential products.

**Definition 2.26.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be an effect category with a pair of graph homomorphisms  $\ltimes_{seq}, \rtimes_{seq} : K^2 \to K$  compatible with  $\times$  and which maps  $C^2$  to C. Then:

• the left sequential product property says that for all  $f_1 : X_1 \to Y_1$  and  $f_2 : X_2 \to Y_2$ , the morphism  $f_1 \ltimes f_2 : X_1 \times X_2 \to Y_1 \times Y_2$  satisfies:

$$\begin{cases} q_1 \circ (f_1 \ltimes f_2) \preccurlyeq f_1 \circ p_1 \\ q_2 \circ (f_1 \ltimes f_2) = f_2 \circ r_2 \circ (f_1 \rtimes \operatorname{id}_{X_2}) \end{cases}$$

• and symmetrically, the right sequential product property says that for all  $f_1 : X_1 \to Y_1$  and  $f_2 : X_2 \to Y_2$ , the morphism  $f_1 \rtimes f_2 : X_1 \times X_2 \to Y_1 \times Y_2$  satisfies:

$$\begin{cases} q_1 \circ (f_1 \rtimes f_2) = f_1 \circ s_1 \circ (\mathrm{id}_{X_1} \ltimes f_2) \\ q_2 \circ (f_1 \rtimes f_2) \preccurlyeq f_2 \circ p_2 \end{cases}$$



Let us check that the sequential product properties extend the semi-pure product properties.

**Proposition 2.27.** For all  $v_1 : X_1 \rightsquigarrow Y_1$  and  $f_2 : X_2 \rightarrow Y_2$ , the left sequential product property for  $v_1 \ltimes f_2$  is the left semi-pure product property. Symmetrically, for all  $f_1 : X_1 \rightarrow Y_1$  and  $v_2 : X_2 \rightsquigarrow Y_2$ , the right sequential product property for  $f_1 \rtimes v_2$  is the right semi-pure product property.

*Proof.* The left sequential product property for  $v_1 \ltimes f_2$  is:

$$q_1 \circ (v_1 \ltimes f_2) \preccurlyeq v_1 \circ p_1 \text{ and } q_2 \circ (v_1 \ltimes f_2) = f_2 \circ r_2 \circ (v_1 \rtimes \operatorname{id}_{X_2})$$

We know from proposition 2.9 that  $v_1 \rtimes id_{X_2} = v_1 \times id_{X_2}$ , so that  $r_2 \circ (v_1 \rtimes id_{X_2}) = p_2$ , hence:

$$q_1 \circ (v_1 \ltimes f_2) \preccurlyeq v_1 \circ p_1$$
 and  $q_2 \circ (v_1 \ltimes f_2) = f_2 \circ p_2$ 

which is the left semi-pure product property.

**Remark 2.28.** The left and right sequential product properties appear as mutually recursive, however proposition 2.27 proves that this recursivity has only two steps: the left sequential product property uses a right semi-pure product, then the right semi-pure product property does not use any kind of product, and symmetrically.

**Theorem 2.29.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category. Then the sequential products  $\ltimes, \rtimes$  do satisfy the sequential product properties.

*Proof.* The left sequential product is defined (in definition 2.11) as  $f_1 \ltimes_{\text{seq}} f_2 = (\text{id}_{Y_1} \ltimes f_2) \circ (f_1 \rtimes \text{id}_{X_2})$ . The left semi-pure product property yields:

$$q_1 \circ (\mathrm{id}_{Y_1} \ltimes f_2) \preccurlyeq r_1 \text{ and } q_2 \circ (\mathrm{id}_{Y_1} \ltimes f_2) = f_2 \circ r_2$$

so that by substitution:

$$q_1 \circ (f_1 \ltimes f_2) \preccurlyeq r_1 \circ (f_1 \rtimes \operatorname{id}_{X_2}) \text{ and } q_2 \circ (f_1 \ltimes f_2) = f_2 \circ r_2 \circ (f_1 \rtimes \operatorname{id}_{X_2})$$

The right semi-pure product property implies that  $r_1 \circ (f_1 \rtimes id_{X_2}) = f_1 \circ p_1$ , so that:

$$q_1 \circ (f_1 \ltimes f_2) \preccurlyeq f_1 \circ p_1 \text{ and } q_2 \circ (f_1 \ltimes f_2) = f_2 \circ r_2 \circ (f_1 \rtimes \operatorname{id}_{X_2})$$

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which is the left sequential product property.

#### 2.7 Examples

#### 2.7.1 Partiality

Let  $K = \mathcal{P}art$  be the category of sets with partial functions and  $C = \mathcal{S}et$  the wide subcategory of sets, so that the pure morphisms are the total functions. Hence, in this paper, we use " $\rightarrow$ " and " $\sim$ "" for denoting partial functions and total functions, respectively, instead of the more usual " $\rightarrow$ " and " $\rightarrow$ ". For every partial function  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  let  $\mathcal{D}(f)$  denote the *domain of definition* of f (while X is the *domain* of f). The usual partial order relation between partial functions is denoted  $\preccurlyeq$ , it is defined by: for all  $f, f': X \rightarrow Y$ ,

$$f \preccurlyeq f' \iff \mathcal{D}(f) \subseteq \mathcal{D}(f') \text{ and } f, f' \text{ agree on } \mathcal{D}(f)$$
.

Then  $\preccurlyeq$  is a consistency relation, so that  $Set \subseteq Part$  with  $\preccurlyeq$  is an effect category. In addition,  $\preccurlyeq$  satisfies the replacement property and pure morphisms are maximal for  $\preccurlyeq$ . The left semi-product property can be illustrated as follows, with two cases: either  $f_2(x_2)$  is defined or not, in the second case we use the symbol  $\bot$ .



It follows that the left semi-pure product  $v_1 \ltimes f_2$  is such that  $\mathcal{D}(v_1 \ltimes f_2) = X_1 \times \mathcal{D}(f_2)$  and:

$$\forall (x_1, x_2) \in X_1 \times \mathcal{D}(f_2) , v_1 \ltimes f_2(x_1, x_2) = (v_1(x_1), f_2(x_2))$$

then the definition of the left sequential product yields  $\mathcal{D}(f_1 \ltimes f_2) = \mathcal{D}(f_1) \times \mathcal{D}(f_2)$  and:

$$\forall (x_1, x_2) \in \mathcal{D}(f_1) \times \mathcal{D}(f_2) , f_1 \ltimes f_2(x_1, x_2) = (f_1(x_1), f_2(x_2))$$

It may be noted that in this example  $f_1 \ltimes f_2 = f_1 \rtimes f_2$ , which means that all morphisms are central.

**Remark 2.30.** On the other hand, there is an actual product in the category  $\mathcal{P}art$ : the product of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  has vertex  $(X_1 \times X_2) + X_1 + X_2$ , where  $\times$  and + denote the cartesian product and the disjoint union of sets, respectively. But this product does not fit with the semantics of non-termination, in contrast with the sequential product.

#### 2.7.2 State

Let S be some fixed set, called the set of states (or stores), and for each set X let  $\pi_X : S \times X \to X$  and  $\sigma_X : S \times X \to S$  denote the projections. Let  $K_S$  be the category with the sets as objects and with a morphism  $f : X \to Y$  for each map  $[f] : S \times X \to S \times Y$  in Set; we will say that the morphism f in  $K_S$  stands for the map [f] in Set. Let  $C_S$  be the wide subcategory of  $K_S$  with the pure morphisms  $v : X \to Y$  standing for the maps of the form  $[v] = \operatorname{id}_S \times v_0 : S \times X \to S \times Y$  for some map  $v_0 : X \to Y$  in Set. For all  $f, f' : X \to Y$  in  $K_S$ , let:

$$f \smile_S f' \iff \pi_Y \circ [f] = \pi_Y \circ [f']$$

Then  $\smile_S$  is a consistency relation, so that  $C_S \subseteq K_S$  with  $\smile_S$  is an effect category where the consistency relation is symmetric (hence its notation). The left semi-product property can be illustrated as follows:



It follows that the left semi-pure product  $v_1 \ltimes f_2$  is such that:

$$\forall (x_1, x_2) \in X_1 \times X_2 , \forall s \in S , [v_1 \ltimes f_2](s, x_1, x_2) = (s_2, y_1, y_2)$$

where  $[v_1](s, x_1) = (s, y_1)$  and  $[f_2](s, x_2) = (s_2, y_2)$ . Then the definition of the left sequential product yields

 $\forall (x_1, x_2) \in X_1 \times X_2 \;,\; \forall s \in S \;,\; [f_1 \ltimes f_2](s, x_1, x_2) = (s_2, y_1, y_2)$ 

where  $[f_1](s, x_1) = (s_1, y_1)$  and  $[f_2](s_1, x_2) = (s_2, y_2)$ . Hence the left sequential product  $f_1 \ltimes f_2$  is usually distinct from the right sequential product  $f_1 \rtimes f_2$ .

# **3** Computational effects

Semi-pure and sequential products have been defined in section 2 in the framework of an *effect category*. In this section we focus on the relation between effect categories and "computational effects". As mentioned in the introduction, the key point is that, given some computational effect, for an effect category  $C \subseteq K$  with consistency  $\preccurlyeq$  to be considered as a formalization of this notion, we must be able to interpret the relation  $\preccurlyeq$  as an "up-to-effects" relation. So, we now provide definitions for the informal notions of "computational effects" and "up-to-effects". We do not claim that our definitions exhaust the various meanings of these informal notions. However we claim that our definitions are relevant. This claim is supported by a comparison with other approaches in section 4 and by several examples: the examples about partiality and state have been used as guidelines for forging our notions, while the example about non-determinism in section 4.4.3 has been considered afterwards.

First we define the symmetrization of a consistency relation in section 3.1. In section 3.2, starting from a definition of effects that fits with the notion of computational effects, we define a same-effect equivalence relation  $\approx$ . Then in section 3.3, given a same-effect equivalence relation  $\approx$ , we define what it means for a consistency relation  $\preccurlyeq$  to be an up-to-effects relation. In section 3.4 we come back to products and we prove some additional results about cartesian effect categories. Examples are studied in section 3.5.

### 3.1 Symmetric consistency

Given a consistency relation  $\preccurlyeq$ , we define a new relation  $\smile$  such that  $f \smile f'$  when f and f'' have a common upper bound with respect to  $\preccurlyeq$ .

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be an effect category. The symmetrization of  $\prec$  is the relation  $\smile$  between parallel morphisms defined by:

• symmetrization: for all  $f, f' : X \to Y, f \smile f'$  if and only if there is some  $f'' : X \to Y$  such that  $f \preccurlyeq f''$  and  $f' \preccurlyeq f''$ .

Clearly,  $\smile$  always contains  $\preccurlyeq$ , and whenever  $\preccurlyeq$  itself is symmetric then  $\smile$  is the same as  $\preccurlyeq$ , so that the notation in example 2.7.2 is sound. Some properties of  $\sim$  are stated in proposition 3.2, they are quite similar to the properties of  $\preccurlyeq$ , although of course  $\preccurlyeq$  is transitive while  $\smile$  is symmetric. Let us recall that the consistency relation  $\preccurlyeq$  is reflexive and transitive, satisfies substitution and pure replacement, and is the equality on pure morphisms.

**Proposition 3.2.** In an effect category, the symmetrization  $\smile$  of  $\preccurlyeq$  is reflexive and symmetric and it satisfies substitution and pure replacement. If in addition  $\prec$  is symmetric or if pure morphisms are maximal for  $\preccurlyeq$ , then  $\smile$  is the equality on pure morphisms.

*Proof.* The first part is straightforward, let us focus on the equality on pure morphisms. When  $\preccurlyeq$  is symmetric then  $\smile$  is the same as  $\prec$ , which is the equality on pure morphisms. When pure morphisms are maximal for  $\preccurlyeq$ , let  $v, v': X \rightsquigarrow Y$  be such that  $v \smile v'$ , then there is some  $f'': X \rightarrow Y$  such that  $v \preccurlyeq f''$  and  $v' \preccurlyeq f''$ , and the maximality of pure morphisms implies that v = f'' = v'. 

#### 3.2Same-effect equivalence

Let K be a category and C a wide subcategory. This section is independent from sections 2 and 3.1, the relation will be established in section 3.3.

**Remark 3.3.** We claim that the *effect* of a morphism  $f: X \to Y$  should provide some kind of measure of how far f is from being pure, by wiping out the pure part of f. Let us assume that there is a pure terminal object 1 (which means, as in section 2.5.3, that 1 is terminal in C), and for each object X let the unique pure morphism from X to 1 be denoted  $\langle \rangle_X : X \rightsquigarrow 1$ . We claim that the *effect* of a morphism  $f : X \to Y$ can be defined as the morphism  $\langle \rangle_Y \circ f : X \to 1$ . Indeed, every pure morphism  $v : X \to Y$  is effect-free, in the sense that its effect  $\langle \rangle_Y \circ v$  is  $\langle \rangle_X$ , which does not bear any information on v since it is also the effect of the identity  $id_X$ . More generally, if a morphism  $f: X \to Y$  is composed with a pure morphism  $v: Y \to Z$ then  $v \circ f$  has the same effect as f. The examples will further justify the soundness of this definition. In definition 3.4 we keep the main properties of the relation having the same effect, without assuming that there is a terminal object in C, hence without defining explicitly the effect of a morphism (see example 3.10).

**Definition 3.4.** Let K be a category with a wide subcategory C. A same-effect relation  $\approx$  on  $C \subseteq K$  is an equivalence relation  $\approx$  on morphisms with the same domain that satisfies:

- substitution: for all  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g: Y \to Z, g': Y \to Z'$ , if  $g \approx g'$  then  $g \circ f \approx g' \circ f$ ;
- pure morphisms are effect-free: for all  $v: X \rightsquigarrow Y, v \approx id_X$ .

A morphism  $f: X \to Y$  is effect-free if  $f \approx id_X$ .

Here are some straightforward consequences of definition 3.4.

**Proposition 3.5.** Let K be a category with a wide subcategory C and let  $\approx$  be a same-effect relation on  $C \subseteq K$ . Then:

- for all  $v: X \rightsquigarrow Y$  and  $v': X \rightsquigarrow Y'$ ,  $v \approx v'$ ;
- for all  $f: X \to Y$  and  $v: Y \rightsquigarrow Z$ ,  $v \circ f \approx f$ ; for all  $f: X \to Y$ ,  $f': X \to Y'$  and  $v: Y \rightsquigarrow Z$ ,  $v': Y' \rightsquigarrow Z'$ , if  $v \circ f \approx v' \circ f'$  then  $f \approx f'$ .

**Example 3.6.** As in example 2.2, let  $C \subseteq K$  be associated to a monad  $(M, \mu, \eta)$  on a category  $C_0$ , that satisfies the mono requirement. Let us assume that there is a terminal object 1 in  $C_0$ , which means, a pure terminal object 1 in K. For each object X, the pure morphism  $\langle \rangle_X : X \to 1$  stands for  $[\langle \rangle_X] = \eta_1 \circ \langle \rangle_X :$  $X \to M(1)$  in  $C_0$ , and for each morphism  $f: X \to Y$  in K the effect  $\langle \rangle_Y \circ f$  of f, in the sense of remark 3.3, stands for:

$$[\langle \rangle_Y \circ f] = M(\langle \rangle_Y) \circ [f] : X \to M(1)$$
 in  $C_0$ .

For all  $f: X \to Y$  and  $f': X \to Y'$  let  $f \approx f'$  if and only if f and f' have the same effect:

 $f \approx f'$  if and only if  $M(\langle \rangle_Y) \circ [f] = M(\langle \rangle_{Y'}) \circ [f'] : X \to M(1)$  in  $C_0$ .

We claim that this notion is relevant in many situations where a monad is used for dealing with some kind of effect. Examples are provided in section 4.4.

#### 3.3 Up-to-effects consistency

Given a same-effect relation  $\approx$  on  $C \subseteq K$ , we define what it means for a consistency relation  $\preccurlyeq$  on  $C \subseteq K$  to be an *up-to-effects* relation. We rely on definition 3.4 for same-effect relations and on definition 2.3 for consistency relations.

**Definition 3.7.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  with  $\prec$  be an effect category, and let  $\smile$  be the symmetrization of  $\prec$ . Let  $\approx$  be a same-effect relation on  $C \subseteq K$ . Then  $\prec$  is an *up-to-effects* consistency relation with respect to  $\approx$  if:

• complementarity: for all  $f, f' : X \to Y$ , if  $f \approx f'$  and  $f \smile f'$  then f = f'.

When  $\approx$  is not explicitly needed, we simply say that  $\preccurlyeq$  is an *up-to-effects* relation.

**Remark 3.8.** The complementarity property means that every clique for  $\smile$  (a clique is a set of pairwise related elements) has at most one element in each equivalence class for  $\approx$ . Clearly this property can be expressed without  $\smile$ :

• complementarity: for all  $f, f', f'': X \to Y$ , if  $f \approx f'$  and  $f \preccurlyeq f''$  and  $f' \preccurlyeq f''$  then f = f'.

Then, due to the reflexivity of  $\preccurlyeq$ , a consequence of complementarity is that:

• for all  $f, f': X \to Y$ , if  $f \approx f'$  and  $f \preccurlyeq f'$  then f = f'.

Proposition 3.2 can now be completed.

**Proposition 3.9.** In an effect category  $C \subseteq K$ , if  $\preccurlyeq$  is an up-to-effects relation, then the symmetrization  $\smile$  of  $\preccurlyeq$  is the equality on pure morphisms.

*Proof.* Let  $v, v' : X \rightsquigarrow Y$ , then  $v \approx v'$  (proposition 3.5). Thus, if  $v \smile v'$  then by complementarity v = v'.  $\Box$ 

**Example 3.10.** Most examples of same-effect relations in this paper are built as in remark 3.3, by mapping everything to 1; here is a simple example of another kind of same-effect relation. The set  $\mathbb{Z}$  of integers with the addition is a monoid, which is seen as a category K with one object X, a morphism  $f: X \to X$  for each  $f \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and with  $f \circ f' = f + f'$  and  $id_X = 0$ . Let us consider some fixed integer  $m \ge 2$ , then the subset  $m\mathbb{Z}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$  defines a wide subcategory C of K. Let  $\approx$  be the congruence modulo m, clearly it is a same-effect equivalence relation on  $C \subseteq K$ . In addition, this example provides a relation  $\smile$  that satisfies the properties of proposition 3.2 whithout being the symmetrization of a consistency relation. The relation  $\smile$  is defined on  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $f \smile f'$  if and only if |f - f'| < m. Then  $\smile$  is symmetric and reflexive, not transitive, it is such that if  $g \smile g'$  then  $g + f \smile g' + f$  (this is both substitution and replacement), and  $\smile$  is the equality on pure morphisms. In addition,  $\smile$  is a complement of  $\approx$  in the sense that if  $f \approx f'$  and  $f \smile f'$ then f = f'. More precisely, every maximal clique for  $\smile$  has exactly one element in each equivalence class for  $\approx$ . However, there is no consistency relation  $\preccurlyeq$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\smile$  is the symmetrization of  $\preccurlyeq$ . Indeed, let us assume that such a relation exists, and let f, f' be such that  $f \smile f'$  with  $f \neq f'$  (for instance f = 0 and f' = m - 1). Then there is some f'' such that  $f \preccurlyeq f''$  and  $f' \preccurlyeq f''$ . We can assume that  $f'' \neq f$  (otherwise we have  $f'' \neq f'$ , so that a similar argument holds). Let  $k = f'' - f \neq 0$ , then from  $f \preccurlyeq f + k$  we get (by substitution)  $f + k \preccurlyeq f + 2k$ , and so on until  $f + (l-1)k \preccurlyeq f + lk$  for some l such that  $|lk| \ge m$ . It follows that  $f \preccurlyeq f + lk$  (by transitivity of  $\preccurlyeq$ ) so that  $f \smile f + lk$ , which contradicts the definition of  $\smile$ .

#### 3.4 Unicity up-to-effects

Here is a new result about sequential products which holds as soon as the consistency relation  $\prec$  is an up-to-effects relation.

**Definition 3.11.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be an effect category where  $\prec$  is an up-to-effects relation, and let  $\smile$  be the symmetrization of  $\prec$ . Let us assume that there is a product skeleton  $\times$  on C. Then the *unicity up-to-effects* property is:

• unicity up-to-effects: for all  $f, f': X \to Y_1 \times Y_2$ , if  $q_1 \circ f \smile q_1 \circ f'$  and  $q_2 \circ f \smile q_2 \circ f'$  then  $f \smile f'$ .

**Lemma 3.12.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be an effect category where  $\preccurlyeq$  is an up-to-effects relation, with a binary product skeleton  $\times$  on C that satisfies the unicity up-to-effects property. Let  $f, f' : X \to Y_1 \times Y_2, g_1 : X \to Y_1$  and  $g_2 : X \to Y_2$  be such that:

$$\begin{cases} q_1 \circ f \preccurlyeq g_1 \\ q_2 \circ f = g_2 \end{cases} \quad and \quad \begin{cases} q_1 \circ f' \preccurlyeq g_1 \\ q_2 \circ f' = g_2 \end{cases}$$

then f = f'.

Proof. Since  $q_1 \circ f \preccurlyeq q_1$  and  $q_1 \circ f' \preccurlyeq q_1$  we have  $q_1 \circ f \smile q_1 \circ f'$  (definition 3.1). Since  $q_2 \circ f = g_2$  and  $q_2 \circ f' = g_2$  we have  $q_2 \circ f = q_2 \circ f'$ , hence from the reflexivity of  $\smile$  and  $\approx$  we get  $q_2 \circ f \smile q_2 \circ f'$  and  $q_2 \circ f \approx q_2 \circ f'$ . Then the unicity up-to-effects property implies that  $f \smile f'$ , and on the other hand proposition 3.5 implies that  $f \approx f'$ . The result follows from the complementarity of  $\smile$  and  $\approx$ .  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 3.13.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be an effect category where  $\prec$  is an up-to-effects relation, with a binary product skeleton  $\times$  on C that satisfies the unicity up-to-effects property. If there is a pair of graph homomorphisms  $\ltimes, \rtimes : K^2 \to K$  compatible with  $\times$ , that map  $C^2$  to C and that satisfy the left and right sequential product properties, then this pair is the unique pair of sequential products on  $C \subseteq K$  compatible with  $\times$ .

*Proof.* First let us look at the restrictions of  $\ltimes, \rtimes$  to semi-pure arguments: according to proposition 2.27 they satisfy the semi-pure product properties (definition 2.8) hence by lemma 3.12 they are uniquely defined. Then, the sequential product properties (definition 2.26) and lemma 3.12 prove that  $\ltimes, \rtimes : K^2 \to K$  also are uniquely defined.

#### 3.5 Examples

#### 3.5.1 Partiality

As in section 2.7.1, we consider the effect category  $Set \subseteq Part$  with the usual partial order relation as its consistency relation: for all  $f, f': X \to Y$ ,

$$f \preccurlyeq f' \iff \mathcal{D}(f) \subseteq \mathcal{D}(f') \text{ and } f, f' \text{ agree on } \mathcal{D}(f)$$
.

Then the symmetrization  $\smile$  of  $\preccurlyeq$  is the usual consistency of partial functions: for all  $f, f': X \to Y$ ,

$$f \smile f' \iff f, f' \text{ agree on } \mathcal{D}(f) \cap \mathcal{D}(f')$$
.

The singleton  $1 = \{*\}$  is a terminal object in Set, so that for every partial function  $f : X \to Y$  the effect of f is the partial function  $\langle \rangle_Y \circ f : X \to \{*\}$ , with domain of definition  $\mathcal{D}(f)$  and value f(x) = \* for all  $x \in \mathcal{D}(f)$ . Hence the same-effect relation  $\approx$  is having the same domain of definition: for all  $f : X \to Y$ ,  $f' : X \to Y'$ ,

$$f \approx f' \iff \mathcal{D}(f) = \mathcal{D}(f')$$

Then clearly the complementarity property holds, so that  $\preccurlyeq$  is an up-to-effects consistency with respect to  $\approx$ . Moreover, the unicity up-to-effects property is satisfied.

#### 3.5.2 State

With the same notations as in section 2.7.2, on the effect category  $C_S \subseteq K_S$  the consistency relation is symmetric, it means that both functions return the same result, whatever the change of state:

$$f \preccurlyeq_S f' \iff f \smile_S f' \iff \pi_Y \circ [f] = \pi_Y \circ [f']$$
.

The singleton  $1 = \{*\}$  is a terminal object in  $C_S$  and  $S \times \{*\}$  may be identified to S, so that the morphism  $\langle \rangle_X : X \rightsquigarrow \{*\}$  stands for the projection  $\sigma_X : S \times X \to S$  and the effect of a morphism  $f : X \to Y$  stands for  $\sigma_Y \circ [f] : S \times X \to S$ . Hence the same-effect relation  $\approx_S$  means that both functions update the state in the same way:

$$f \approx_S f' \iff \sigma_Y \circ [f] = \sigma_{Y'} \circ [f']$$
.

Then for all  $f, f': X \to Y$  in  $K_S$ , if  $f \preccurlyeq_S f'$  and  $f \approx_S f'$  then  $[f], [f']: S \times X \to S \times Y$  agree when they are projected onto Y and when they are projected onto S, so that [f] = [f'], which means that f = f'. Therefore, the complementarity property holds, which means that  $\preccurlyeq_S$  is an up-to-effects consistency with respect to  $\approx_S$ . Here also, the unicity up-to-effects property is satisfied.

## 4 Comparisons

In this section we compare our approach with other categorical semantics for a language with effects: Freydcategories in section 4.1, strong monads in section 4.3 and Arrows in section 4.2; Examples are given in section 4.4.

#### 4.1 Premonoidal categories and Freyd-categories

It is now easy to prove that cartesian effect categories are Freyd-categories, as in [PR97, PT99, Pow06].

**Definition 4.1.** A binoidal category is a category K together with two functors  $\otimes : |K| \times K \to K$  and  $\otimes : K \times |K| \to K$  which coincide on  $|K|^2$  (so that the notation  $\otimes$  is not ambiguous). The functors  $\otimes$  can be extended as two graph homomorphisms  $\ltimes_{\mathrm{Fr}}, \rtimes_{\mathrm{Fr}} : K^2 \to K$ , as follows. For all  $f_1 : X_1 \to Y_1$  and  $f_2 : X_2 \to Y_2$  in K, let:

$$\begin{cases} f_1 \ltimes_{\mathrm{Fr}} f_2 = (\mathrm{id}_{Y_1} \otimes f_2) \circ (f_1 \otimes \mathrm{id}_{X_2}) : X_1 \otimes X_2 \to Y_1 \otimes Y_2 \\ f_1 \rtimes_{\mathrm{Fr}} f_2 = (f_1 \otimes \mathrm{id}_{Y_2}) \circ (\mathrm{id}_{X_1} \otimes f_2) : X_1 \otimes X_2 \to Y_1 \otimes Y_2 \end{cases}$$

A morphism  $f_1 : X_1 \to Y_1$  is central if for all  $f_2 : X_2 \to Y_2$ ,  $f_1 \ltimes_{\mathrm{Fr}} f_2 = f_1 \rtimes_{\mathrm{Fr}} f_2$  and symmetrically  $f_2 \ltimes_{\mathrm{Fr}} f_1 = f_2 \rtimes_{\mathrm{Fr}} f_1$ . Let  $t : \Phi \Rightarrow \Psi$  be a natural transformation between two functors  $\Phi, \Psi : K' \to K$ , then t is central if every component of t is central.

In theorem 4.3 the graph homomorphisms  $\ltimes_{\mathrm{Fr}}, \rtimes_{\mathrm{Fr}}$  will be related to the sequential products  $\ltimes, \rtimes$  from section 2. In the next definition, "natural" means natural in each component separately [Sel01].

**Definition 4.2.** A symmetric premonoidal category is a binoidal category K together with an object I of K and central natural isomorphisms with components  $a_{X,Y,Z} : (X \otimes Y) \otimes Z \to X \otimes (Y \otimes Z)$ ,  $l_X : X \otimes I \to X$ ,  $r_X : I \otimes X \to X$  and  $c_{X,Y} : X \otimes Y \to X \otimes Y$ , subject to the usual coherence equations for symmetric monoidal categories [Mac97, Sel01]. Note that every symmetric monoidal category, hence every category with finite products, is symmetric premonoidal. A symmetric premonoidal functor between two symmetric premonoidal categories is a functor that preserves the partial functor  $\otimes$ , the object I and the natural isomorphisms a, l, r, c. It is strict if in addition it maps central morphisms to central morphisms. A Freyd-category is an identityon-objects functor  $J : C \to K$  where the category C has finite products, the category K is symmetric premonoidal and the functor J is strict symmetric premonoidal. The following result states that each cartesian effect category with a pure terminal object is a Freyd-category. It is an easy consequence of the results in section 2.

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $C \subseteq K$  be a cartesian effect category with a pure terminal object 1. Let a, l, r, c be the natural isomorphisms on C defined as in section 2.5.3. Let  $J : C \to K$  be the inclusion, let  $\otimes : |K| \times K \to K$  and  $\otimes : K \times |K| \to K$  be the restrictions of  $\ltimes$  and  $\rtimes$ , respectively, and let I = 1. This forms a Freyd-category, where  $\ltimes_{\mathrm{Fr}}$  and  $\rtimes_{\mathrm{Fr}}$  coincide with  $\ltimes$  and  $\rtimes$ , respectively.

*Proof.* It follows from proposition 2.9 that C is a category with finite products. The graph homomorphisms  $\otimes : |K| \times K \to K$  and  $\otimes : K \times |K| \to K$  are functors by corollary 2.10 and they coincide on  $|K|^2$  by remark 2.15, hence K with  $\otimes$  is a binoidal category. Definition 2.11 states that the graph homomorphisms  $\ltimes_{\mathrm{Fr}}, \rtimes_{\mathrm{Fr}}$  are the sequential products  $\ltimes, \rtimes$ , so that both notions of central morphism (definitions 2.14 and 4.1) coincide. The fact that the transformations a, l, r, c are natural, in the sense of symmetric premonoidal categories, is a consequence of theorem 2.25. All the components of a, l, r, c are defined from the symmetric monoidal category C. It follows that they are isomorphisms, that they satisfy the coherence equations, and since pure morphisms are central (theorem 2.16) it follows also that they are central. Hence K with  $\otimes$ , I and a, l, r, c is a symmetric premonoidal category. Clearly the inclusion functor  $J : C \to K$  is symmetric premonoidal, and strictly because of theorem 2.16.

**Remark 4.4.** It is well-known that the center of a symmetric premonoidal category is a symmetric monoidal category [PR97]. For effect categories with sequential products this result can also be deduced from remark 2.23.

#### 4.2 Arrows

In the functional language Haskell, in order to deal with effects one can use strong monads [Wad92] (see section 4.3), which have been generalized as Arrows [Hug00]. A categorical model of Arrows is presented in [Atk08]. Here we follow [Pat01], and we build a bridge from cartesian effect categories to Arrows.

**Definition 4.5.** An *Arrow type* is a binary type constructor **A** of the form:

class Arrow A where  $\begin{array}{l} \texttt{arr}::(X \to Y) \to \texttt{A} \; X \; Y \\ (\ggg)::\texttt{A} \; X \; Y \to \texttt{A} \; Y \; Z \to \texttt{A} \; X \; Z \\ \texttt{first}::\texttt{A} \; X \; Y \to \texttt{A} \; (X,Z) \; (Y,Z) \end{array}$ 

satisfying the following equations:

(1)	$\mathtt{arr} \operatorname{id} \ggg f$	=	f
(2)	$f \ggg { m arr} { m id}$	=	f
(3)	$(f \ggg g) \ggg h$	=	$f \ggg (g \ggg h)$
(4)	arr(w.v)	=	$\texttt{arr} \; v \ggg \texttt{arr} \; w$
(5)	$\texttt{first}(\texttt{arr}\;v)$	=	$\texttt{arr} (v \times \text{id})$
(6)	$\texttt{first} \ (f \ggg g)$	=	$\texttt{first} \ f \ggg \texttt{first} \ g$
(7)	$\texttt{first} \ f \ggg \texttt{arr} \ (\text{id} \times v)$	=	$\mathtt{arr} \; (\mathrm{id}  imes v) >>> \mathtt{first} \; f$
(8)	$\texttt{first} \ f \ggg \texttt{arr} \ \texttt{fst}$	=	$\texttt{arr fst} \ggg f$
(9)	first (first f) >>> arr assoc	=	$ ext{arr}  ext{ assoc} >>>  ext{first} f$

where the functions  $(\times)$ , fst and assoc are defined as:

 $\begin{array}{l} (\times)::(X \to X') \to (Y \to Y') \to (X,Y) \to (X',Y') \mbox{ such that } (f \times g)(x,y) = (f \ x,g \ y) \mbox{ fst}::(X,Y) \to X \mbox{ such that } \mbox{ fst}(x,y) = x \mbox{ assoc}::((X,Y),Z) \to (X,(Y,Z)) \mbox{ such that } \mbox{ assoc}((x,y),z) = (x,(y,z)) \mbox{ } \end{array}$ 

Let  $C_H$  denote the category of Haskell types and ordinary functions, so that the Haskell notation  $(X \to Y)$  represents  $C_H(X, Y)$ , made of the Haskell ordinary functions from X to Y. An arrow A contructs a type A X Y for all types X and Y. We slightly modify the definition of Arrows by allowing  $(X \to Y)$  to represent C(X, Y) for any cartesian category C and by requiring that A X Y is a set rather than a type: more on this issue can be found in [Atk08]. In addition, we use categorical notations instead of Haskell syntax. So, from now on, for any cartesian category C, an Arrow A on C associates to each objects X, Y of C a set A(X, Y), together with three operations:

 $\begin{array}{l} \texttt{arr}: C(X,Y) \to A(X,Y) \\ \ggg: A(X,Y) \to A(Y,Z) \to A(X,Z) \\ \texttt{first}: A(X,Y) \to A(X \times Z, Y \times Z) \end{array}$ 

that satisfy the equations (1)–(9). Basically, the correspondence between a cartesian effect category  $C \subseteq K$ and an Arrow A on C identifies K(X, Y) with A(X, Y) for all types X and Y. This is stated more precisely in proposition 4.6.

**Proposition 4.6.** Every cartesian effect category  $C \subseteq K$  gives rise to an Arrow A on C, according to the following table:

Cartesian effect categories	Arrows
K(X,Y)	A(X,Y)
$C(X,Y) \subseteq K(X,Y)$	$\mathtt{arr}: C(X,Y) \to A(X,Y)$
$f \mapsto (g \mapsto g \circ f)$	$\implies: A(X,Y) \to A(Y,Z) \to A(X,Z)$
$f \mapsto f \times \mathrm{id}$	$\texttt{first}: A(X,Y) \to A(X \times Z, Y \times Z)$

*Proof.* The first and second line in the table say that A(X, Y) is made of the morphisms from X to Y in K and that **arr** is the conversion from pure morphisms to arbitrary morphisms. The third and fourth lines say that  $\gg$  is the (reverse) composition of morphisms and that **first** is the right semi-product with the identity. The following table proves that A is an Arrow, by translating each property (1)–(9) in terms of cartesian effect categories and giving the argument for its proof. Note that **fst** is the common name for projections like  $p_1, q_1, \ldots$  (in section 2) and that **assoc** is the natural isomorphism a as in section 2.5.3.

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(1)	$f \circ \mathrm{id}$	=	f	identity in $K$
(2)	$\mathrm{id}\circ f$	=	f	identity in $K$
(3)	$h\circ (g\circ f)$	=	$(h \circ g) \circ f$	associativity in $K$
(4)	$w \circ v$ in $C$	=	$w \circ v$ in $K$	$C \subseteq K$ is a functor
(5)	$v \times \mathrm{id}$ in $C$	=	$v \times \mathrm{id}$ in $K$	proposition 2.9
(6)	$(g \circ f) \times \mathrm{id}$	=	$(g \times \mathrm{id}) \circ (f \times \mathrm{id})$	lemma 2.20
(7)	$(\mathrm{id} \times v) \circ (f \times \mathrm{id})$	=	$(f \times \mathrm{id}) \circ (\mathrm{id} \times v)$	corollary 2.18
(8)	$q_1 \circ (f \times \mathrm{id})$	=	$f \circ p_1$	definition 2.8
(9)	$a \circ ((f \times \mathrm{id}) \times \mathrm{id})$	=	$(f \times \mathrm{id}) \circ a$	lemma 2.24

The Arrow combinators second, (\*\*\*) and (&& ) can be derived from arr, (>>>) and first, see e.g [Hug00, Pat01]. The correspondence in proposition 4.6 is easily extended to these functions. We denote  $\langle id_X, id_X \rangle : X \rightsquigarrow X \times X$  the diagonal in C and  $\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle_l = (f_1 \ltimes f_2) \circ \langle id, id \rangle : X \to Y_1 \times Y_2$  (where the subscript l stands for "left") for all  $f_1 : X \to Y_1$  and  $f_2 : X \to Y_2$  in K. The natural isomorphism c is defined as in section 2.5.3, it corresponds to swap.

Cartesian effect categories	Arrows
$(id \times f) = c \circ (f \times id) \circ c$	$\texttt{second} \ f = \texttt{arr swap} >>> \texttt{first} \ f >>> \texttt{arr swap}$
$f_1 \ltimes f_2 = (\mathrm{id} \times f_2) \circ (f_1 \times \mathrm{id})$	$f_1 *** f_2 = \mathtt{first} \ f_1 >\!\!>\!\!> \mathtt{second} \ f_2$
$\langle f_1, f_2 \rangle_l = (f_1 \ltimes f_2) \circ \langle \mathrm{id}, \mathrm{id} \rangle$	$f_1 \&\& f_2 = \texttt{arr}(\lambda x \to (x, x)) >>> (f_1 *** f_2)$

For instance in [Hug00, §4.1] it is stated that &&& is not a categorical product since in general  $(f_1 \&\& f_2) \gg$ **arr fst** is different from  $f_1$ : "there is no reason to expect Haskell's pair type, &&, to be a categorical product in the category of arrows, or indeed to expect any categorical product to exist". We can state this more precisely in a cartesian effect category, where  $(f_1 \&\& f_2) \gg$  **arr fst** corresponds to  $q_1 \circ \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle_l$ . Indeed, according to theorem 2.29,  $q_1 \circ (f_1 \ltimes f_2) \preccurlyeq f_1 \circ p_1$ , so that, by substitution,  $q_1 \circ \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle_l \preccurlyeq f_1 \circ p_1 \circ \langle id, id \rangle$ . We thus get the following result, which of course is weaker than an equality:

$$q_1 \circ \langle f_1, f_2 \rangle_l \preccurlyeq f_1$$

### 4.3 Strong monads

The use of strong monads for dealing with computational effects is introduced in [Mog89, Mog91]. As in examples 2.2 and 3.6, let  $C_0$  be a category with a monad  $(M, \mu, \eta)$ , that satisfies the mono requirement, let K be the Kleisli category of M and let C denote the image of  $C_0$  in K by the faithful functor  $J: C_0 \to K$ associated with M, so that  $C \subseteq K$ . A morphism  $f: X \to Y$  in K stands for  $[f]: X \to M(Y)$  in  $C_0$ , and a pure morphism  $v: X \to Y$  stands for  $[v] = \eta_Y \circ v_0: X \to M(Y)$  for the unique  $v_0: X \to Y$  in  $C_0$ such that  $v = J(v_0)$ . The composition  $g \circ f$  of  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g: Y \to Z$  stands for  $[g \circ f] = [g]^* \circ [f]$ where  $[g]^* = \mu_Z \circ M([g])$ . It follows that when  $v: X \to Y$  and  $w: Y \to Z$ , one gets  $[g \circ v] = [g] \circ v_0$ ,  $[w \circ f] = M(w_0) \circ [f]$  and  $[w \circ v] = \eta_Z \circ w_0 \circ v_0$ .

It has been seen in example 3.6 that if there is a terminal object 1 in  $C_0$  then the effect of a morphism  $f: X \to Y$  of K, in the sense of remark 3.3, stands for  $[\langle \rangle_Y \circ f] = M(\langle \rangle_Y) \circ [f] : X \to M(1)$  in  $C_0$ , so that for all  $f: X \to Y$  and  $f': X \to Y'$ :

$$f \approx f' \iff M(\langle \rangle_Y) \circ [f] = M(\langle \rangle_{Y'}) \circ [f'] : X \to M(1)$$
.

Now, let us assume that  $C_0$ , hence C, has binary products. In [Mog89], it is explained why the monad  $(M, \mu, \eta)$  and the product  $\times$  are not sufficient for dealing with several variables: there is a type mismatch from  $Y_1 \times M(Y_2)$  to  $M(Y_1 \times Y_2)$ . This issue is solved by introducing a *strength* t for the monad  $(M, \mu, \eta)$ , which means, a natural transformation with components  $t_{Y_1,Y_2}: Y_1 \times M(Y_2) \to M(Y_1 \times Y_2)$  satisfying four axioms [Mog89]. One of these axioms is that for all X,  $r_{M(X)} = M(r_X) \circ t_{1,X}: 1 \times M(X) \to M(X)$ , where the natural isomorphism r is made of the projections  $r_X: 1 \times X \to X$  as in section 2.5.3. A *strong monad* is a monad with a strength. In K, let  $v: X_1 \rightsquigarrow Y_1$  and  $f: X_2 \to Y_2$ . In order to form a kind of product of v and f, the usual method using strong monads is to compose in  $C_0$  the product  $v_0 \times [f]: X_1 \times X_2 \to Y_1 \times M(Y_2)$  with the strength  $t_{Y_1,Y_2}: Y_1 \times M(Y_2) \to M(Y_1 \times Y_2)$ .

**Definition 4.7.** For all  $v : X_1 \rightsquigarrow Y_1$  and  $f : X_2 \rightarrow Y_2$  in K, the *left Kleisli product* of v and f is  $v \ltimes_{\mathrm{Kl}} f : X_1 \times X_2 \rightarrow Y_1 \times Y_2$  defined by:

$$[v \ltimes_{\mathrm{Kl}} f] = t_{Y_1, Y_2} \circ (v_0 \times [f]) : X_1 \times X_2 \to M(Y_1 \times Y_2) .$$

In proposition 4.11, we will prove that the left Kleisli product is a left semi-pure product, under some assumption about the strength.

**Lemma 4.8.** Let  $C_0$  be a category with binary products and with a strong monad  $(M, \mu, \eta, t)$ . For all  $Y_1, Y_2$  in  $C_0$  (with the projections  $q_2 : Y_1 \times Y_2 \to Y_2$  and  $q'_2 : Y_1 \times M(Y_2) \to M(Y_2)$ ):

$$M(q_2) \circ t_{Y_1,Y_2} = q'_2$$
.

*Proof.* The projection  $q_2$  can be decomposed as  $q_2 = r_2 \circ (\langle \rangle_{Y_1} \times Y_2)$ , where  $r_2 = r_{Y_2} : 1 \times Y_2 \to Y_2$ is the projection. Hence on the one hand  $M(q_2) = M(r_2) \circ M(\langle \rangle_{Y_1} \times Y_2)$ , and on the other hand  $q'_2 = r'_2 \circ (\langle \rangle_{Y_1} \times M(Y_2))$  where  $r'_2 = r_{M(Y_2)} : 1 \times M(Y_2) \to M(Y_2)$  is the projection. In the following diagram, the square on the top is commutative because t is natural, and the square on the bottom is commutative because of the property of the strength with respect to r. Hence the large square is commutative, and the result follows



**Definition 4.9.** Let  $C_0$  be a category with binary products, with a strong monad  $(M, \mu, \eta, t)$  and with a consistency  $\preccurlyeq$  on  $C \subseteq K$ . Let  $\preccurlyeq_0$  denote the relation between parallel morphisms of  $C_0$  with codomain of the form M(Y) defined by:  $\forall f, f' : X \to Y$  in K,

$$[f] \preccurlyeq_0 [f'] \iff f \preccurlyeq f' .$$

The strength is *consistent* with the unit if for all  $Y_1, Y_2$  (with the projections  $q_1 : Y_1 \times Y_2 \to Y_1$  and  $q'_1 : Y_1 \times M(Y_2) \to Y_1$ ):

•  $M(q_1) \circ t_{Y_1,Y_2} \preccurlyeq_0 \eta_{Y_1} \circ q'_1.$ 

**Remark 4.10.** Roughly speaking, the fact that the strength is consistent with the unit means that "the strength is similar to the unit, except for the fact that the strength may have effects". In order to check whether this consistency property is satisfied, one can first look at the case when  $Y_2 = 1$ , so that  $M(q_1)$  is an isomorphism.

**Proposition 4.11.** Let  $C_0$  be a category with binary products, with a strong monad  $(M, \mu, \eta, t)$  and with a consistency  $\prec$  on  $C \subseteq K$  such that the strength is consistent with the unit. Then the left Kleisli product  $\ltimes_{\text{Kl}}$  is a left semi-pure product on  $C \subseteq K$ .

*Proof.* In the diagram below, the squares on the left handside illustrate the binary product property of  $v_0 \times [f]$  and the squares on the right handside illustrate lemma 4.8 (bottom right) and the assumption that the strength is consistent with the unit (top right).



Let us give the same name to the projections in  $C_0$  and to their images by J in C. It follows immediately from the bottom squares that  $M(q_2) \circ [v \ltimes_{\mathrm{Kl}} f] = [f] \circ p_2$ , i.e. that  $[q_2 \circ (v \ltimes_{\mathrm{Kl}} f)] = [f \circ p_2]$ , which means that:

$$q_2 \circ (v \ltimes_{\mathrm{Kl}} f) = f \circ p_2 \; .$$

Now let us look at the top squares. Let  $Y = Y_1 \times M(Y_2)$  and let  $g, g' : Y \to Y_1$  in K be defined by  $[g] = M(q_1) \circ t_{Y_1,Y_2}$  and  $[g'] = \eta_{Y_1} \circ q'_1$ . The assumption that the strength is consistent with the unit may be stated as  $g \preccurlyeq g'$ . Let  $X = X_1 \times X_2$  and let  $w_0 = v_0 \times [f] : X \to Y$  in  $C_0$  and  $w = J(w_0) : X \rightsquigarrow Y$  in K. It follows from  $g \preccurlyeq g'$ , by the substitution property of  $\preccurlyeq$ , that  $g \circ w \preccurlyeq g' \circ w$ . On the one hand  $[g \circ w] = [g] \circ w_0 = M(q_1) \circ t_{Y_1,Y_2} \circ (v_0 \times [f]) = M(q_1) \circ [v \ltimes_{\mathrm{Kl}} f] = [q_1 \circ (v \ltimes_{\mathrm{Kl}} f)]$ . On the other hand  $[g' \circ w] = [g'] \circ w_0 = \eta_{Y_1} \circ q'_1 \circ (v_0 \times [f])$ . With the equality  $q'_1 \circ (v_0 \times [f]) = v_0 \circ p_1$  the latter yields  $[g' \circ w] = \eta_{Y_1} \circ v_0 \circ p_1 = [v \circ p_1]$ . Hence:

$$q_1 \circ (v \ltimes_{\mathrm{Kl}} f) \preccurlyeq v \circ p_1$$
.

So that  $\ltimes_{\mathrm{Kl}}$  satisfies the left semi-pure product property.

Now  $\ltimes_{\mathrm{Kl}}$  will be denoted simply  $\ltimes$ .

#### 4.4 Examples

Let us look at three strong monads implemented in Haskell [Has].

#### 4.4.1 Partiality: the Maybe monad

Partiality has been studied in examples 2.7.1 and 3.5.1. On the other hand, the Maybe monad in Haskell deals with computations which may return Nothing (which means that thay fail to return a value): in a chain of computations, if a step returns Nothing then the chain does return Nothing. This corresponds to the monad with endofunctor  $M(X) = X + \{e\}$  on Set, where the symbol e stands for the error (like Nothing in Haskell). A function  $f: X \to Y + \{e\}$  can be seen as a partial function from X to Y with domain  $\mathcal{D}(f) = \{x \in X \mid f(x) \neq e\}$ . The strength associated to this monad has as components the functions  $t_{Y_1,Y_2}: Y_1 \times (Y_2 + \{e\}) \to (Y_1 \times Y_2) + \{e\}$  that map  $\langle y_1, y_2 \rangle$  to  $\langle y_1, y_2 \rangle$  and  $\langle y_1, e \rangle$  to e. The strength is consistent with the unit: with the same notations as in definition 4.9, both functions  $M(q_1) \circ t_{Y_1,Y_2}$  and  $\eta_{Y_1} \circ q'_1$  return the same value  $y_1$  on any argument  $\langle y_1, y_2 \rangle$ , while  $M(q_1) \circ t_{Y_1,Y_2}(\langle y_1, e \rangle) = e$  and  $\eta_{Y_1} \circ q'_1(\langle y_1, e \rangle) = y_1$ , so that indeed  $M(q_1) \circ t_{Y_1,Y_2}$  is smaller than  $\eta_{Y_1} \circ q'_1$ , as partial functions.

#### 4.4.2 State: the State monad

Side-effects due to a hidden state have been studied in examples 2.7.2 and 3.5.2 in a "linear" way. This effect can equivalently be studied with the help of the **State** monad with endofunctor  $M(X) = (S \times X)^S$  on Set. The strength associated to the **State** monad has as components the functions  $t_{Y_1,Y_2} : Y_1 \times (S \times Y_2)^S \rightarrow (S \times Y_1 \times Y_2)^S$  that map  $(y_1,\varphi_2)$  to  $\varphi$  such that  $\varphi(s) = \langle s_2, y_1, y_2 \rangle$ , where  $\varphi_2(s) = \langle s_2, y_2 \rangle$ , for each  $s \in S$ . The strength is consistent with the unit: with the same notations as in definition 4.9, the function  $M(q_1) \circ t_{Y_1,Y_2}$  maps  $(y_1,\varphi_2)$  to  $\varphi_1$  such that  $\varphi_1(s) = \langle s_2, y_1 \rangle$  where  $\varphi_2(s) = \langle s_2, y_2 \rangle$  for some  $y_2$ , and the function  $\eta_{Y_1} \circ q'_1$  maps  $(y_1,\varphi_2)$  to  $\varphi'_1$  such that  $\varphi'_1(s) = \langle s, y_1 \rangle$ . Hence indeed  $M(q_1) \circ t_{Y_1,Y_2}$  and  $\eta_{Y_1} \circ q'_1$  differ only by their effect on the state.

#### 4.4.3 Non-determinism: the List monad

Non-determinism can be expressed by the List monad  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $C_0 = \mathcal{S}et$ . For each set  $X, \mathcal{L}(X)$  is the set of lists of elements of X, and for each function  $f: X \to Y$  the function  $\mathcal{L}(f): \mathcal{L}(X) \to \mathcal{L}(Y)$  maps  $(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ to  $(f(x_1), \ldots, f(x_n))$ . The multiplication  $\mu$  flattens each list of lists and the unit  $\eta$  maps each element x to the list (x). The strength t associated to the List monad has as components the functions  $t_{Y_1,Y_2}:$  $Y_1 \times \mathcal{L}(Y_2) \to \mathcal{L}(Y_1 \times Y_2)$  that map each pair  $\langle y_1, (y_{2,1}, \ldots, y_{2,n}) \rangle$  to the list of pairs  $(\langle y_1, y_{2,1} \rangle, \ldots, \langle y_1, y_{2,n} \rangle)$ . For all morphisms  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g: Y \to Z$  in the Kleisli category K, the composition  $g \circ f: X \to Z$  is

defined by  $[g \circ f](x) = (z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{1,p_1}, \dots, z_{n,1}, \dots, z_{n,p_n})$  for all  $x \in X$  such that  $[f](x) = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  and  $[g](y_i) = (z_{i,1}, \dots, z_{i,p_i})$  for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

The singleton  $1 = \{*\}$  is terminal in Set, so that a list in  $\mathcal{L}(1)$  can be identified to its length in  $\mathbb{N}$ . For each morphism  $f: X \to Y$  in K, let  $|f|: X \to \mathbb{N}$  denote the function that maps each  $x \in X$  to the length of the list [f](x). According to example 3.6, the effect of  $f: X \to Y$  stands for  $[\langle \rangle_Y \circ f] = \mathcal{L}(\langle \rangle_Y) \circ [f]: X \to \mathcal{L}(1)$ , which gets identified with  $|f|: X \to \mathbb{N}$ . So, the same-effect relation is the relation "having the same length":

$$\forall f: X \to Y, f': X \to Y', \ f \approx f' \iff |f| = |f'| \ ,$$

and a morphism f is effect-free when |f| is the constant function 1. As explained in section 3.2, the relation  $\approx$  is an equivalence relation that satisfies substitution and such that pure morphisms are effect-free. In addition, here, every effect-free morphism is pure:

$$\forall f: X \to Y, f \approx \mathrm{id}_X \iff |f| = 1 \iff f \text{ is pure.}$$

On the other hand, for each  $f: X \to Y$  in K and each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $f^{\langle k \rangle}: X \to Y$  in K denote the morphism defined by  $[f^{\langle k \rangle}](x) = (y_1^k, \ldots, y_n^k)$  for each each  $x \in X$  such that  $[f](x) = (y_1, \ldots, y_n)$ , where  $y_i^k$  denotes the replication of k times  $y_i$ . Then clearly for all  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g: Y \to Z$  in K and for all  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ :

$$|f^{\langle k\rangle}| = k |f|, \ f^{\langle 1\rangle} = f, \ (f^{\langle k\rangle})^{\langle l\rangle} = f^{\langle k \, l\rangle}, \ h^{\langle l\rangle} = f^{\langle k \, l\rangle} \Rightarrow h = f^{\langle k\rangle}, \ g^{\langle l\rangle} \circ f^{\langle k\rangle} = (g \circ f)^{\langle k \, l\rangle}, \ h^{\langle l\rangle} = f^{\langle k \, l\rangle} \Rightarrow h^{\langle k \, l\rangle} = f^{\langle k \, l\rangle} = (g \circ f)^{\langle k \, l\rangle}$$

Let us define the relation  $\preccurlyeq$  as follows:

$$\forall f, f': X \to Y, \ f \preccurlyeq f' \iff \exists k \in \mathbb{N}, \ f = f'^{\langle k \rangle}$$

For all objects X and Y, the *empty* morphism  $e: X \rightsquigarrow Y$  is defined as the unique morphism with constant length 0: it is such that [e] maps every  $x \in X$  to the empty list in  $\mathcal{L}(Y)$ .

**Proposition 4.12.** With the relations  $\approx$  and  $\preccurlyeq$  defined as above:

- 1. the symmetrization  $\smile$  of  $\preccurlyeq$  is such that for all  $f, f': X \to Y, f \smile f'$  if and only if either f is empty, or f' is empty, or there are positive integers n, n' such that  $f^{\langle n \rangle} = f'^{\langle n' \rangle}$ ;
- 2.  $C \subseteq K$  is an effect category where in addition  $\prec$  satisfies replacement and pure morphisms are maximal for  $\prec$ ;
- 3.  $\preccurlyeq$  is an up-to-effects relation with respect to  $\approx$ ;
- 4. the unicity up-to-effects property is satisfied, with respect to the cartesian product;
- 5.  $C \subseteq K$  with its semi-pure products defined as the Kleisli products is a cartesian effect category.

#### Proof.

1. The empty morphism  $e: X \to Y$  is such that  $e \preccurlyeq f$  for every  $f: X \to Y$ , because  $e = f^{\langle 0 \rangle}$ . Hence  $e \smile f$ (and  $f \smile e$ ) for every  $f: X \to Y$ . Now let us assume that neither f nor f' is empty. Let  $f \smile f'$ , then there are g and positive k, k' such that  $f = g^{\langle k \rangle}$  and  $f' = g^{\langle k' \rangle}$ , so that  $f^{\langle k' \rangle} = g^{\langle k k' \rangle} = f'^{\langle k \rangle}$ , as required. If there are n, n' positive such that  $f^{\langle n \rangle} = f'^{\langle n' \rangle}$ , then let  $h = f^{\langle n \rangle} = f'^{\langle n' \rangle}$  and  $D = \operatorname{lcm}(n, n')$ , and let us check that there is some g such that  $h = g^{\langle D \rangle}$ . If  $h = v^{\langle |h| \rangle}$  for a pure morphism v this is clear, otherwise let us consider some  $x \in X$  with at least two distinct values in the list  $h(x) = (y_1, \ldots, y_p)$ , and let i be an index such that  $y_{i-1} \neq y_i$ . Since  $h = f^{\langle n \rangle}$  the index i is a multiple of n, and similarly i it is a multiple of n', so that i is a multiple of D. This proves that  $h = g^{\langle D \rangle}$  for some g. Now let k = D/n and k' = D/n', we have  $f^{\langle n \rangle} = h = g^{\langle D \rangle}$  so that  $f = g^{\langle k \rangle}$ , and similarly  $f' = g^{\langle k' \rangle}$ , hence  $f \smile f'$ .

2. The relation  $\preccurlyeq$  is reflexive because  $f^{\langle 1 \rangle} = f$  and it is transitive because  $(f^{\langle k \rangle})^{\langle l \rangle} = f^{\langle k l \rangle}$ . It satisfies substitution because  $g^{\langle l \rangle} \circ f = g^{\langle l \rangle} \circ f^{\langle 1 \rangle} = (g \circ f)^{\langle l \rangle}$  and replacement because  $g \circ f^{\langle k \rangle} = g^{\langle 1 \rangle} \circ f^{\langle k \rangle} = (g \circ f)^{\langle k \rangle}$ , hence it satisfies pure replacement. If  $v \preccurlyeq f$  with v pure, then  $v = f^{\langle k \rangle}$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  so that 1 = k |f|,

hence k = 1 and f = v. This proves that pure morphisms are maximal for  $\preccurlyeq$ , from which it follows that  $\preccurlyeq$  is the equality on pure morphisms. So,  $\preccurlyeq$  is a consistency relation.

3. In order to prove the complementarity of  $\preccurlyeq$  and  $\approx$ , let  $f, f': X \to Y$  be such that  $f \approx f'$  (which means, |f| = |f'|) and  $f \smile f'$ . If f or f' is empty then so is the other, because both must have length 0, hence f = f'. Now let us assume that neither f nor f' is empty, so that (using (1))  $f^{\langle n \rangle} = f'^{\langle n' \rangle}$  for some n, n' positive. Then n |f| = n' |f'|, which together with |f| = |f'| yields n = n', hence f = f'.

4. Let  $f, f': X \to Y_1 \times Y_2$  be such that  $q_i \circ f \smile q_i \circ f'$  for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ . Note that  $|q_i \circ f| = |f|$  and  $|q_i \circ f'| = |f'|$  because the projections are pure. If  $q_i \circ f$  is empty for some i then so is f, hence  $f \smile f'$ , and similarly if  $q_i \circ f'$  is empty for some i then  $f \smile f'$ . Now let us assume that neither  $q_i \circ f$  nor  $q_i \circ f'$  is empty, so that (using (1))  $q_i \circ f^{\langle n_i \rangle} = q_i \circ f'^{\langle n'_i \rangle}$  for some  $n_i, n'_i$  positive, for i = 1 and for i = 2. It follows that  $n_i |f| = n'_i |f'|$  for  $i \in \{1, 2\}$ , so that  $n_1 n'_2 = n'_1 n_2$ . Let  $k = n_1 n_2$  and  $k' = n_1 n'_2 = n'_1 n_2$ . Let  $F = f^{\langle k \rangle}$  and  $F' = f'^{\langle k' \rangle}$ . Then  $q_1 \circ F = (q_1 \circ f)^{\langle k \rangle} = (q_1 \circ f)^{\langle n_1 \rangle^{\langle n_2 \rangle}}$  and  $q_1 \circ F' = (q_1 \circ f')^{\langle k' \rangle} = (q_1 \circ f')^{\langle n'_1 \rangle^{\langle n_2 \rangle}}$  so that  $q_1 \circ F = q_1 \circ F'$ . And similarly  $q_2 \circ F = (q_2 \circ f)^{\langle k \rangle} = (q_2 \circ f)^{\langle n_2 \rangle^{\langle n_1 \rangle}}$  and  $q_2 \circ F' = (q_2 \circ f')^{\langle k' \rangle} = (q_2 \circ f')^{\langle n'_2 \rangle^{\langle n_1 \rangle}}$  so that  $q_2 \circ F = q_2 \circ F'$ . The equalities  $q_i \circ F = q_i \circ F'$  in K mean that  $\mathcal{L}(q_i) \circ [F] = \mathcal{L}(q_i) \circ [F']$  in  $C_0$ , so that [F] = [F'], which means that F = F'. So,  $f^{\langle k \rangle} = f'^{\langle k' \rangle}$ , which proves (using (1)) that  $f \smile f'$ .

5. Let  $Y_1, Y_2$  be sets. For all  $y_1 \in Y_1$  and  $(y_{2,1}, \ldots, y_{2,n}) \in \mathcal{L}(Y_2)$ , the pair  $\langle y_1, (y_{2,1}, \ldots, y_{2,n}) \rangle \in Y_1 \times \mathcal{L}(Y_2)$  is mapped by  $\eta_{Y_1} \circ s_{1,0}$  to the list  $(y_1) \in \mathcal{L}(Y_1)$  and by  $M(q_{1,0}) \circ t_{Y_1,Y_2}$  to the list  $(y_1, \ldots, y_1) \in \mathcal{L}(Y_1)$  of length n. Hence  $M(q_{1,0}) \circ t_{Y_1,Y_2} \preccurlyeq_0 \eta_{Y_1} \circ s_{1,0}$ , so that the result follows from proposition 4.11.

Here is the diagram illustrating the left semi-pure product of  $v: X_1 \rightsquigarrow Y_1$  and  $f: X_2 \rightarrow Y_2$ . This diagram is in the category  $C_0$  of sets, with  $y_1 = v_0(x_1)$  and  $(y_{2,1}, \ldots, y_{2,n}) = [f](x_2)$ .

Then the definition of the left sequential product (definition 2.11) yields, for all  $f_1 : X_1 \to Y_1$  and  $f_2 : X_2 \to Y_2$ , with  $(y_{1,1}, \ldots, y_{1,n_1}) = [f_1](x_1)$  and  $(y_{2,1}, \ldots, y_{2,n_2}) = [f_2](x_2)$ :

$$\forall (x_1, x_2) \in X_1 \times X_2 , \ [f_1 \ltimes f_2](x_1, x_2) = (\langle y_{1,1}, y_{2,1} \rangle, \dots, \langle y_{1,1}, y_{2,n_2} \rangle, \dots, \langle y_{1,n_1}, y_{2,1} \rangle, \dots, \langle y_{1,n_1}, y_{2,n_2} \rangle) .$$

And symmetrically:

$$\forall (x_1, x_2) \in X_1 \times X_2 , \ [f_1 \rtimes f_2](x_1, x_2) = (\langle y_{1,1}, y_{2,1} \rangle, \dots, \langle y_{1,n_1}, y_{2,1} \rangle, \dots, \langle y_{1,1}, y_{2,n_2} \rangle, \dots, \langle y_{1,n_1}, y_{2,n_2} \rangle) .$$

It follows that  $f_1 \ltimes f_2$  and  $f_1 \rtimes f_2$  are usually distinct.

**Remark 4.13.** This example can easily be adapted to *multisets* instead of lists, then  $f_1 \ltimes f_2$  and  $f_1 \rtimes f_2$  are equal, so that all morphisms are central.

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