

Procontainers

• proposal from computational effects

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Computational effects

```
let f (x : int) =  
  if x % 2 = 0 then  
    x / 2  
  else  
    3 * x + 1
```



$$f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

But generally, programs interact with env., such as:

- read input
- print
- non-determinism
- memory cell usage

Monads [Moggi '89]

One alternative is to assume a monad (T, μ, η) or equiv. an extension system $(T, -, \eta)$

```
type t a = ...
-* bind    : forall a b . t a -> (a -> t b) -> t b
 $\eta$  return : forall a . a -> t a
```

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read : () -> t int
print : string -> t ()  $\perp \Downarrow \simeq \{*\}$ 
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```
let c () =
  bind (read ()) (fun n ->
    if (n > 10) then print "big!"
      else return ())
```

$\rightsquigarrow c : \perp \rightarrow T \perp$

Idioms (or applicative functors) [McBride, Paterson '08]

There are more "static" alternatives:

```
type f a = ...  
app    : forall a b . f (a -> b) -> f a -> f b  
pure  : forall a . a -> f a
```

We still can write programs, but much more limited:

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let c =  
  app (app (pure (fun () () -> ()))  
        (print "Hello!"))  
      (print "Goodbye!")
```

CANNOT use read's result
to decide next computation

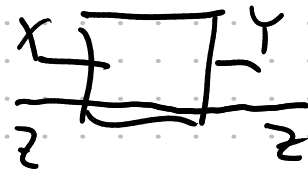
We can think of f as a (strong) lax monoidal functor:

(F, m, e) $m: FA \times FB \rightarrow F(A \times B)$ $e: 1 \rightarrow F 1$

Arrows [Hughes' 00]

$f: X \rightsquigarrow Y$

An intermediate point is obtained by using a type constructor in two arguments:



```
type a x y = ...
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arr    : forall x y . (x -> y) -> a x y
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(>>>) : forall x i y . a x i -> a i y -> a x y
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first : forall x y z . a x y -> a (x * z) (y * z)
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We can think of a as a "profuctor":

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lmap : forall x y z . (y -> z) -> a x y -> a x z
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rmap : forall x y z . (z -> x) -> a x y -> a z y
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The operator first gives a a structure of strong profuctor.

Ex. parser which has static information about if it accepts empty word.

Transforming computational effects

Given \underline{t} with monad structure, we can construct

$$a \times y = x \rightarrow t y$$

$$\text{arr} : (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow a \times y$$

$$f \mapsto \lambda x. \text{return}(f x)$$

$$(\gg) : a \times i \rightarrow a i y \rightarrow a \times y$$

$$f \quad g \mapsto \lambda x. \text{bind}(f x) (\lambda i. g i)$$

Given \underline{a} with arrow structure,

$$f x = a \uparrow x$$

$$\text{pure} : x \rightarrow f x$$

$$x \mapsto \text{arr}(\lambda *. x)$$

$$\text{app} : f(x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow f x \rightarrow f y$$

$$f \quad v \mapsto \dots$$

Given \underline{f} with idiom structure, we can construct

$$a \times y = f(x \rightarrow y)$$

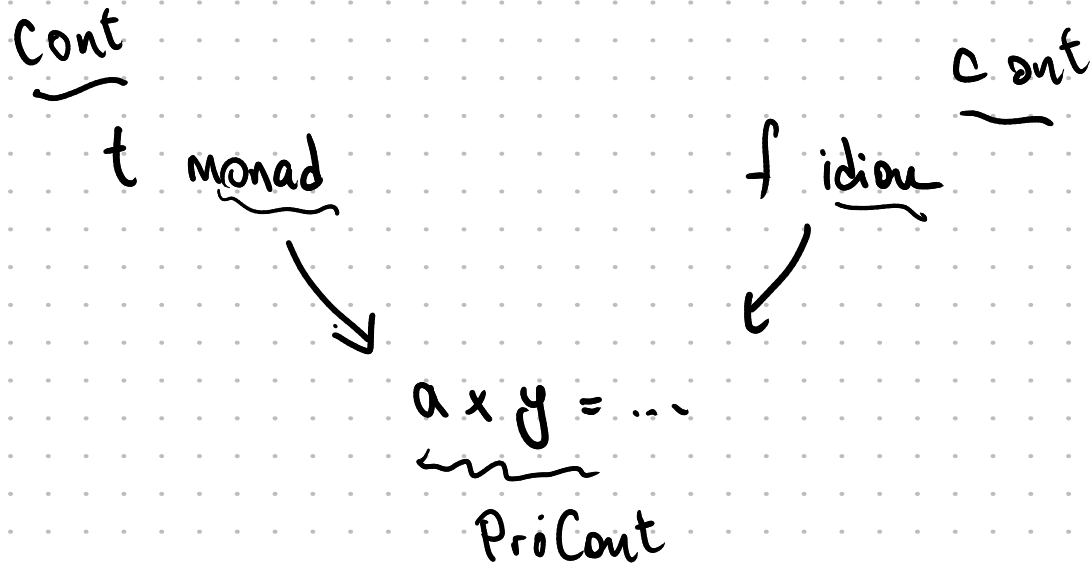
$$\text{arr} : (x \rightarrow y) \rightarrow a \times y$$

$$f \mapsto \text{pure } f$$

$$(\gg) : a \times i \rightarrow a i y \rightarrow a \times y$$

$$f \quad g \mapsto \text{app}(\text{app}(\text{pure}(\lambda f. \lambda g. g.f)) f) g$$

This talk : in case t or f are containers,
can we propose a notion of procontainer
that captures these transformations?



A short review of containers

structure

$$S \triangleleft P \begin{cases} S : \text{Set} \\ P : S \rightarrow \text{Set} \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{ccc} E & \longrightarrow & B \\ \sum_s P_s & \xrightarrow{\pi_1} & S \end{array}$$

morphism

$$S \triangleleft P \xrightarrow{(f, f^\#)} T \triangleleft Q \begin{cases} f : S \rightarrow T \\ f^\# : \forall (s : S). Q(f s) \rightarrow P s \end{cases}$$

monoidal structures

monoids
↑
monoids

$$(S \triangleleft P) \circ (T \triangleleft Q) = \left(\sum_{s \in S} P(s) \Rightarrow T \right) \triangleleft \left(\lambda (s, h). \sum_{p \in P(s)} Q(h(p)) \right)$$

$$(S \triangleleft P) * (T \triangleleft Q) = (S \times T) \triangleleft (\lambda (s, t). P(s) \times Q(t))$$

monoid \hookrightarrow Day's conv.
for monoidal functors

Procontainers

$S : \text{Set}$

$P^+ : S \rightarrow \text{Set}$

$P^- : \forall (s : S) . P^+(s) \rightarrow \text{Set}$

$\frac{}{[\sum_{s:S} P^+(s)] \rightarrow \text{Set}}$

} notation
↓

$S \triangleleft P^+ \triangleleft P^-$

$F \longrightarrow E \longrightarrow B$

$\sum_{(s,p) : \sum_s P^+(s)} P^-(s,p) \longrightarrow \sum_s P^+(s) \longrightarrow S$

Procontainers as profunctors

$$\llbracket S \triangleleft P^+ \triangleleft P^- \rrbracket : \text{Set}^{\text{op}} \times \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

$$\llbracket S \triangleleft P^+ \triangleleft P^- \rrbracket (X, Y) = \sum_{s \in S} (X \Rightarrow \left(\sum_{p^+ \in P^+(s)} (P^-(s, p^+) \Rightarrow Y) \right))$$

$$\llbracket S \triangleleft P^+ \triangleleft P^- \rrbracket (f, g) : \llbracket S \triangleleft P^+ \triangleleft P^- \rrbracket (A, B) \rightarrow \llbracket S \triangleleft P^+ \triangleleft P^- \rrbracket (C, D)$$

$$(s, h : A \Rightarrow \sum_{p^+} P^-(p^+) \Rightarrow B) \mapsto (s, \lambda c. \text{let } (p^+, k) = h(f\ c) \text{ in } (p^+, g \circ k))$$

for

$$f : C \rightarrow A$$
$$g : B \rightarrow D$$

On strength

Q: What's a strength for a profunctor?

A: [Pare & Román '98] define a strength for P as

$$st_{x,y,v} : P(x,y) \rightarrow P(x \otimes v, y \otimes v) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{nat. in } x, y \\ \text{dinat. in } v \end{array}$$

subject to:

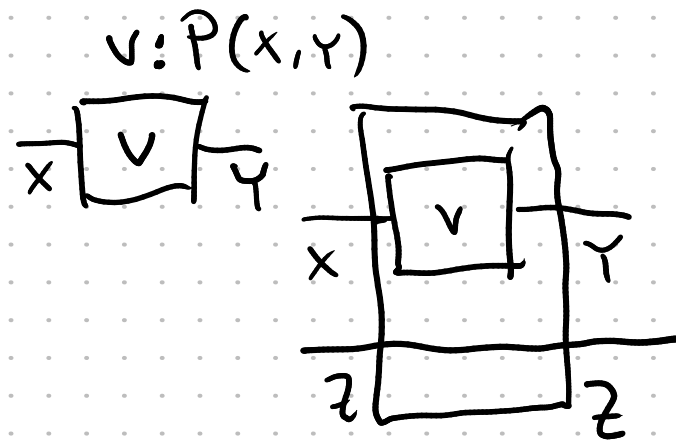
$$\begin{array}{ccc} P(x,y) & \xrightarrow{st} & P(x \otimes I, y \otimes I) \\ \downarrow P(p, id) & & \swarrow P(id, p) \\ & & P(x \otimes I, y) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P(x,y) & \xrightarrow{st} & P(x \otimes (v \otimes w), y \otimes (v \otimes w)) \\ \downarrow st & & \downarrow \\ P(x \otimes v, y \otimes v) & \xrightarrow{st} & P((x \otimes v) \otimes w, (y \otimes v) \otimes w) \end{array}$$

In our case, we want $\otimes = \times$



Strength for $\text{Set}^{\text{op}} \times \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ can fail to exist, or not be unique!



On strength for procontainers

Given a procontainer $S \triangleleft P^+ \triangleleft P^-$, define strength

$$\text{st}: \llbracket S \triangleleft P^+ \triangleleft P^- \rrbracket (X, Y) \longrightarrow \llbracket S \triangleleft P^+ \triangleleft P^- \rrbracket (X \times V, Y \times V)$$

$$(s, h: X \Rightarrow \sum_{P^+} (P^- \xrightarrow{p^-} Y)) \longmapsto (s, \lambda(x, v)). \text{ let } (p^+, \kappa) = hx \text{ in } \\ (p^+, \lambda_{p^-} \cdot (\kappa(p^-), v))$$

- It satisfies previous axioms.
- Moreover, for $\llbracket S \triangleleft P^+ \triangleleft P^- \rrbracket$ this strength is unique!
- All morphisms between procontainers are strong.

Procontainer morphisms

Look for a notion of morphism

$$S \circ P^+ \circ P^- \longrightarrow T \circ Q^+ \circ Q^-$$

$$\underline{[S \circ P^+ \circ P^-]} \longrightarrow \underline{[T \circ Q^+ \circ Q^-]}$$

$$\underline{[S \circ P^+ \circ P^-]}(X, Y) \longrightarrow \underline{[T \circ Q^+ \circ Q^-]}(X, Y)$$

$$\sum_s X \Rightarrow \sum_{P^+} P^-(s, P^+) \Rightarrow Y \longrightarrow \sum_t X \Rightarrow \sum_{Q^+} Q^-(t, Q^+) \Rightarrow Y$$



$$f: S \longrightarrow T$$

$$f^+: \forall s: S. P^+ s \rightarrow Q^+(f s)$$

$$f^-: \forall s: S. \forall P^+: P^+(s). Q^-(f(s), f^+ s P^+) \rightarrow P^-(s, P^+)$$

Defines a cat. ProCont

Products and coproducts

$$(S \Delta P^+ \Delta P^-) \times (T \Delta Q^+ \Delta Q^-) =$$

$$S \times T \Delta \lambda(s, t) \cdot P^+(s) \times Q^+(t)$$

$$\Delta \lambda(s, t), (p^+, q^+) \cdot P^-(s, p^+) + Q^-(t, q^+)$$

$$(S \Delta P^+ \Delta P^-) + (T \Delta Q^+ \Delta Q^-) =$$

$$S + T \Delta \lambda \{ \text{inl } s \mapsto P^+(s) ; \text{inr } t \mapsto Q^+(t) \}$$

$$\Delta \lambda \{ \text{inl } s, p^+ \mapsto P^-(s, p^+) ; \\ \text{inr } t, q^+ \mapsto Q^-(t, q^+) \}$$

Convolutions

The product can be thought as conv. on $\text{Set}^{\text{op}} \times \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}$,

where the monoidal structure on $\text{Set}^{\text{op}} \times \text{Set}$ is given by \times on Set^{op} and $+$ on Set .

Another kind of conv. with $+$ in Set^{op} and \times in Set is:

$$(S \triangleleft P^+ \triangleleft P^-) * (T \triangleleft Q^+ \triangleleft Q^-) =$$

$$S \times T \triangleleft \lambda(s, t) \cdot P^+(s) + Q^+(t)$$

$$\triangleleft \lambda \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (s, t), \text{inl } p^+ \mapsto P^-(s, p^+) ; \\ (s, t), \text{inr } q^+ \mapsto Q^-(t, q^+) \end{array} \right\}$$

Bénabou's tensor and arrows

$$P : \mathcal{C}^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

$$Q : \mathcal{D}^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

$$(P \otimes Q)(x, \gamma) = \int^{\mathcal{I}} P(x, \mathcal{I}) \times Q(\mathcal{I}, \gamma)$$

$$P \otimes P \rightarrow P$$

$$(P \otimes P)(x, \gamma) \rightarrow P(x, \gamma)$$

$$\int^{\mathcal{I}} P(x, \mathcal{I}) \times P(\mathcal{I}, \gamma) \rightarrow P(x, \gamma)$$

$$P(x, \mathcal{I}) \times P(\mathcal{I}, \gamma) \rightarrow P(x, \gamma)$$



$$(\gg): a \times i \rightarrow a \cdot i \cdot y \rightarrow a \times y$$

Bénabou's tensor and arrows

$$(S \triangleleft P^+ \triangleleft P^-) \otimes (T \triangleleft Q^+ \triangleleft Q^-) =$$

$$S \times T \triangleleft \lambda(s, t). \sum_{p^+ \in P^+(s)} P^-(s, p^+) \Rightarrow Q^+(t)$$

$$\triangleleft \lambda(p^+, h). \sum_{p^- \in P^-(s, p^+)} Q^-(t, h(p^-))$$

Also, there's the unit:

$$\text{Hom} \otimes P \simeq P \otimes \text{Hom} \simeq P$$

$$\text{Hom} = 1 \triangleleft \lambda_*. 1 \triangleleft \lambda_*. 1$$

Procontainers to containers

Given profunctor $p: \text{Set}^{\text{op}} \times \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}$, we can obtain a functor by

$$p \mapsto p(1, -) \quad (\text{this is the same as intro})$$

In case we have a profunctor $S \triangleleft P^+ \triangleleft P^-$, we do:

$$[[S \triangleleft P^+ \triangleleft P^-]](1, -) = \sum_{s \in S} 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{p^+ \in P^+(s)} P^-(p^+) \Rightarrow - \simeq \sum_{s \in S} \sum_{p^+} P^-(p^+) \Rightarrow -$$

which we can think as $\text{cont.} \quad \sum_{s \in S} P^+(s) \triangleleft P^-$

As bundles, $F \xrightarrow{q} E \xrightarrow{p} B$ gets to $F \xrightarrow{q} E$

Defines a functor $-^*: \text{ProCont} \rightarrow \text{Cont}$

Containers to procontainers: Kleisli

On the opposite direction, given $F: \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}$, we form

$$F_* : \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

$$F_*(X, Y) = X \Rightarrow FY$$

"direct image"

Given $S \triangleleft P$, this time we construct

$$1 \triangleleft F_* . S \triangleleft P$$

As bundles, we have

$$E \xrightarrow{P} B \quad \longmapsto \quad E \xrightarrow{P} B \xrightarrow{!} 1$$

And this defines a functor $-_* : \text{Cont} \rightarrow \text{ProCont}$

Containers to procontainers: Cayley

There's another construction for a functor $F: \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}$:

$$F_! (X, Y) = F(X \Rightarrow Y) \quad [\text{Pastor, Street '07}]$$

is also a profunctor

In the case of a container $S \triangleleft P$,

$$[S \triangleleft P]_! (X, Y) = \sum_{s \in S} P(s) \Rightarrow (X \Rightarrow Y) = \sum_{s \in S} X \Rightarrow (P(s) \Rightarrow Y)$$

which is a procontainer $S \triangleleft \lambda s. 1 \triangleright \lambda (s, *) . P(s)$

In terms of bundles, we have

$$E \xrightarrow{P} B \quad \longmapsto \quad E \xrightarrow{P} B \xrightarrow{\text{id}} B$$

This defines a functor $-_! : \text{Cont} \rightarrow \text{ProCont}$

Monoidality of Kleisli and Cayley

- $*$ is monoidal w.r.t. \circ in Cat and \otimes in ProCat

- $!$ is monoidal w.r.t. $*$ in Cat and \otimes in ProCat

Monoidal functors send monoids to monoids:

- $(\text{SOP}, \mu, \eta) \mapsto (\text{SOP})_*$ monoid in $(\text{ProCat}, \otimes, \text{Hom})$
 - $(\text{SOP}, \mu, e) \mapsto (\text{SOP})_!$ monoid in $(\text{ProCat}, \otimes, \text{Hom})$
- arrows

- $*$ is monoidal w.r.t. \otimes in ProCat and $*$ in Cat

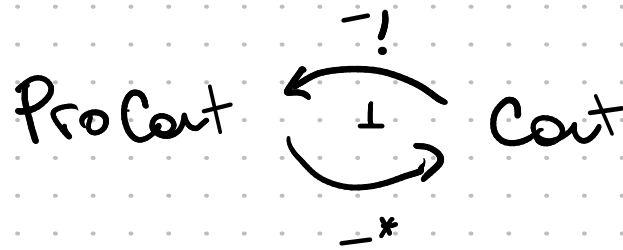
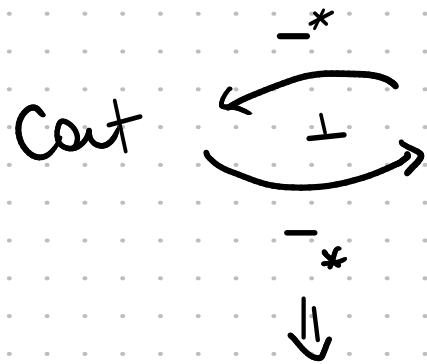
- $(\text{SOP}^+ \Delta \text{P}^-, \gg, \text{arr}) \mapsto (\text{SOP}^+ \Delta \text{P}^-)^*$ monoid in $(\text{Cat}, *, \text{Id})$

Adjunctions of Kleisli and Cayley

There's a number of nice obs. for these functors

$$\frac{C_! \rightarrow P}{C \rightarrow P^*}$$

$$\frac{P^* \rightarrow C}{P \rightarrow C_*$$



$(-^*)_! = \square$ monad on ProCont

$(-^*)_* = \square$ comonad on ProCont

Combinatorial aspects: containers

Extra structure that give a container a monad or lax monoidal functor structure

[Mastaliu'17]

We define an *mnd-container* to be a container (S, P) with operations

- $e : S$
- $\bullet : \Pi s : S. (P s \rightarrow S) \rightarrow S$
- $q_0 : \Pi s : S. \Pi v : P s \rightarrow S. P (s \bullet v) \rightarrow P s$
- $q_1 : \Pi s : S. \Pi v : P s \rightarrow S. \Pi p : P (s \bullet v). P (v (v \wedge_s p))$

where we write $q_0 s v p$ as $v \wedge_s p$ and $q_1 s v p$ as $p \uparrow_v s$, satisfying

- $s = s \bullet (\lambda_. e)$
- $e \bullet (\lambda_. s) = s$
- $(s \bullet v) \bullet (\lambda p''. w (v \wedge_s p'') (p'' \uparrow_v s)) = s \bullet (\lambda p'. v p' \bullet w p')$
- $p = (\lambda_. e) \wedge_s p$
- $p \uparrow_{\lambda_. s} e = p$
- $v \wedge_s ((\lambda p''. w (v \wedge_s p'') (p'' \uparrow_v s)) \wedge_{s \bullet v} p) = (\lambda p'. v p' \bullet w p') \wedge_s p$
- $((\lambda p''. w (v \wedge_s p'') (p'' \uparrow_v s)) \wedge_{s \bullet v} p) \uparrow_v s =$
 $\text{let } u p' \leftarrow v p' \bullet w p' \text{ in } w (u \wedge_s p) \wedge_{v (u \wedge_s p)} (p \uparrow_u s)$
- $p \uparrow_{\lambda p''. w (v \wedge_s p'') (p'' \uparrow_v s)} (s \bullet v) =$
 $\text{let } u p' \leftarrow v p' \bullet w p' \text{ in } (p \uparrow_u s) \uparrow_{w (u \wedge_s p)} v (u \wedge_s p)$

We define an *lmf-container* as a container (S, P) with operations

- $e : S$
- $\bullet : S \rightarrow S \rightarrow S$
- $q_0 : \Pi s : S. \Pi s' : S. P (s \bullet s') \rightarrow P s$
- $q_1 : \Pi s : S. \Pi s' : S. P (s \bullet s') \rightarrow P s'$

where we write $q_0 s s' p$ as $s' \wedge_s p$ and $q_1 s s' p$ as $p \uparrow_{s'} s$, satisfying

- $e \bullet s = s$
- $s = s \bullet e$
- $(s \bullet s') \bullet s'' = s \bullet (s' \bullet s'')$
- $e \wedge_s p = p$
- $p \uparrow_s e = p$
- $s' \wedge_s (s'' \wedge_{s \bullet s'} p) = (s' \bullet s'') \wedge_s p$
- $(s'' \wedge_{s \bullet s'} p) \uparrow_{s'} s = s'' \wedge_{s'} (p \uparrow_{s' \bullet s''} s)$
- $p \uparrow_{s''} (s \bullet s') = (p \uparrow_{s' \bullet s''} s) \uparrow_{s''} s'$

Combinatorial aspects: procontainers

We define an *arrow-procontainer* as a procontainer $(S \triangleleft P^+ \triangleleft P^-)$ with operations

- $e : S$
 - $\bullet : S \rightarrow S \rightarrow S$
 - $r : P^+ e$
 - $q_0 : \prod s_l : S. \prod s_r : S. \prod p_l^+ : P^+ s_l. (P^-(s_l, p_l^+) \rightarrow P^+ s_r) \rightarrow P^+(s_l \bullet s_r)$
 - $q_1 : \prod s_l : S. \prod s_r : S. \prod p_l^+ : P^+ s_l. \prod h : P^-(s_l, p_l^+) \rightarrow P^+ s_r.$
 $P^-(s_l \bullet s_r, q_0(s_l, s_r, p_l^+, h)) \rightarrow P^-(s_l, p_l^+)$
 - $q_2 : \prod s_l : S. \prod s_r : S. \prod p_l^+ : P^+ s_l. \prod h : P^-(s_l, p_l^+) \rightarrow P^+ s_r.$
 $\prod p^- : P^-(s_l \bullet s_r, q_0(s_l, s_r, p_l^+, h)). P^-(s_r, h(q_0(s_l, s_r, p_l^+, h), p^-))$
- where we write $q_0(s_l, s_r, p_l^+, h)$ as $p_l^+ \wedge_{s_l, s_r} h$, $q_1(s_l, s_r, p_l^+, h, p^-)$ as $(p_l^+, p^-) \uparrow_{s_l, s_r} h$ and $q_2(s_l, s_r, p_l^+, h, p^-)$ as $(p_l^+, p^-) \downarrow_{s_l, s_r} h$, satisfying
- $s \bullet e = s$
 - $e \bullet s = s$
 - $s \bullet (s' \bullet s'') = (s \bullet s') \bullet s''$
 - $p^+ \wedge_{s, e} (\lambda_{\cdot} . r) = p^+$
 - $r \wedge_{e, s} (\lambda_{\cdot} . p^+) = p^+$
 - $(p^+, p^-) \uparrow_{s, e} (\lambda_{\cdot} . r) = p^-$
 - $(r, p^-) \downarrow_{e, s} (\lambda_{\cdot} . p^+) = p^-$
 - $p^+ \wedge_{s, s' \bullet s''} (\lambda p^- . v(p^-) \wedge_{s', s''} w(p^-)) =$
 $p^+ \wedge_{s, s'} v \wedge_{s \bullet s', s''} (\lambda p^- . w((p^+, p^-) \uparrow_{s, s'} v) ((p^+, p^-) \downarrow_{s, s'} v))$
 - $(p^+, p^-) \uparrow_{s, s' \bullet s''} (\lambda p_2^- . v(p_2^-) \wedge_{s', s''} w(p_2^-)) =$
 $(p^+, (p^+ \wedge_{s, s'} v, p^-) \uparrow_{s \bullet s', s''} (\lambda p_2^- . w((p^+, p_2^-) \uparrow_{s, s'} v) ((p^+, p_2^-) \downarrow_{s, s'} v))) \uparrow_{s, s'} v$
 - $(v(h), (p^+, p^-) \downarrow_{s, s' \bullet s''} (\lambda p_2^- . v(p_2^-) \wedge_{s', s''} w(p_2^-))) \uparrow_{s', s''} w(h) =$
 $(p^+, (p^+ \wedge_{s, s'} v, p^-) \uparrow_{s \bullet s', s''} (\lambda p_2^- . w((p^+, p_2^-) \uparrow_{s, s'} v) ((p^+, p_2^-) \downarrow_{s, s'} v))) \downarrow_{s, s'} v$
 - $w. h = (p^+, (p^+ \wedge_{s, s'} v, p^-) \uparrow_{s \bullet s', s''} (\lambda p_2^- . w((p^+, p_2^-) \uparrow_{s, s'} v) ((p^+, p_2^-) \downarrow_{s, s'} v))) \uparrow_{s, s'} v$
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Discussion

An interesting class of arrows come from a comonad D ,
and considering:

$$A(x, Y) = D X \Rightarrow Y$$

Comonads which are containers are a nice structure, but given a comonad container, we don't get a procontainer:

$$D = SAP \quad \mapsto \quad \left[\sum_{s \in S} (P(s) \Rightarrow X) \right] \Rightarrow Y \simeq \forall (s: S). (P(s) \Rightarrow X) \Rightarrow Y$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (D X \Rightarrow Y) \Rightarrow D(X \times Z) \Rightarrow (Y \times Z) & & \\ h & , & d \quad \mapsto \quad \text{let } (x, z) = \varepsilon(d) \text{ in} \\ & & \text{let } l = D(\pi_1)(d) \text{ in} \\ & & (h(l), z) \end{array}$$

The strength already uses
the comonadic structure!



Conclusion

Departing from some relationship between monads, idempotents and arrows, we proposed a notion of procontainer which is closed under interesting operations and can mimic the situation for comp. effects.

- Bénabou's tensor
- Products & coproducts
- Other convolutions

Are there more general notions of procontainers?

Thanks!