Coalgebras

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The conceptual comparison chart

FILLING OUT THE DETAILS IS MY GOAL FOR COALGEBRA

| set with algebraic | set with transitions |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| operations | and observations |
| algebra for a functor | coalgebra for a functor |
| initial algebra | final coalgebra |
| least fixed point | greatest fixed point |
| congruence relation | bisimulation equivalence rel'n |
| equational logic | modal logic |
| recursion: map out of | corecursion: map into |
| an initial algebra | a final coalgebra |
| Foundation Axiom | Anti-Foundation Axiom |
| iterative conception of set | coiterative conception of set |
| useful in syntax | useful in semantics |
| bottom-up | top-down |

We have seen examples of circularly-defined sets such as

the set of streams the set of infinite trees

One of the main goals of the course is to present a theory of how these "solution spaces" work.

The theory is based on the concept of a coalgebra for a functor and on similar notions from category theory.

Today's lecture includes an introduction to the main concepts which we'll need.

But it is not a systematic presentation of the subject.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} x & \approx & \langle 0, y \rangle \\ y & \approx & \langle 1, z \rangle \\ z & \approx & \langle 2, x \rangle \end{array}$$

Let us construe such a system as a function from its set of variables.

So let $X = \{x, y, z\}.$

We regard the system as a function $e: X \rightarrow N \times X$. (*e* stands for "equation".)

$$e(x) = \langle 0, y \rangle$$

 $e(y) = \langle 1, z \rangle$
 $e(z) = \langle 2, x \rangle$

Review: A stream system

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Let's write N^{∞} for the set of streams on *N*.

The solution to our system *e* is a function $e^+: X \to N^{\infty}$. Explicitly,

$$e^{+}(x) = (0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2, ...)$$

 $e^{+}(y) = (1, 2, 0, 1, 2, 0, ...)$
 $e^{+}(z) = (2, 0, 1, 2, 0, 1...)$

Now what we want to do is to talk in an abstract way what the relation between e and e^{\dagger} .

And what we say should hold for all systems.

Here is what we want to say:



More on our diagram

I'm in the middle of explaining the diagram



The hard part is the function $id_N \times e^{\dagger}$.

For this, I will need some general notation on products.

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The product set $A \times B$ itself comes with projections

$$A \stackrel{\pi_A}{\longleftrightarrow} A \times B \stackrel{\pi_B}{\longrightarrow} B$$

And then the diagram below commutes:



More on product functions

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The $f \times g$ notation is a special case of pairing:



So that

$$f \times g = \langle f \cdot \pi_C, g \cdot \pi_D \rangle$$

More on our diagram

Let's get back to the diagram



Now we know about the function $id_N \times e^+$. id_N is the identity function on N. The definitions that we have seen tell us that for $i \in N$ and $w \in X$,

$$(id_N \times e^{\dagger})(i, w) = (i, e^{\dagger}(w)).$$

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Recall that $X = \{x, y, z\}$ and that

| e(x) | = | $\langle 0, y \rangle$ | $e^{\dagger}(x)$ | = | (0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2,) |
|------|---|------------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| e(y) | = | (1 <i>,z</i>) | e ⁺ (y) | = | (1,2,0,1,2,0,) |
| e(z) | = | $\langle 2, x \rangle$ | $e^{\dagger}(z)$ | = | (2,0,1,2,0,1) |

We'll check that the diagram really does commute,

Let's start with y, for example, as a "random" element of X.

Across the top, we get $\langle 1, z \rangle$. Then going down, we get $\langle 1, (2, 0, 1, 2, 0, 1...) \rangle$. But starting again with *y* and going down, we get (1, 2, 0, 1, 2, 0, ...). And the head of this stream is 1; the tail is (2, 0, 1, 2, ...).

So it really does commute!

Reading the diagram

In fact, we can verbalize what it means to say that our diagram



commutes.

For all $w \in X$, if $e(w) = \langle i, v \rangle$, then $e^{\dagger}(w)$ is a stream whose head is *i*, and whose tail is $e^{\dagger}(v)$.

Here is a deterministic automaton with no start state:



The set of states is $S = \{s, t, u\}$. We have one accepting state (in green). The input alphabet is $A = \{a, b, c\}$.

We have a transition function $t : S \times A \rightarrow S$, and also an output function $o : S \rightarrow 2$. (Here $2 = \{0, 1\}$, and o(s) = 1 iff *s* is accepting.)

AUTOMATA: THE LANGUAGE OF A STATE



For all states *s*, the empty word ε is accepted at *s* if acc(s) = 1.

If w is a word and a an alphabet symbol, then

aw is accepted at s iff w is accepted at t(s, a)

AUTOMATA: THE COOKED FORM

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We can curry s to get $\widehat{s} : S \to S^A$.

We also use pairing

$$\langle \widehat{s} \times acc \rangle : S \rightarrow 2 \times S^A.$$

To match our earlier usage, we write *e* for $\langle \hat{s} \times acc \rangle$.

In full glory



We have re-packaged the picture into a function

 $e: S \rightarrow 2 \times S^A$

It is

$$\begin{array}{lll} e(s) &=& (1, \{(a, s), (b, t), (c, s)\})\\ e(t) &=& (0, \{(a, t), (b, t), (c, u)\})\\ e(u) &=& (0, \{(a, t), (b, t), (c, s)\}) \end{array}$$

A^* is the set of finite words on A, including the empty word ϵ .

 $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{P}(A^*)$ is the set of languages X on A.

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But this needs an explanation! Let's write \mathcal{L} for the set of all languages on A. (This is just $\mathcal{P}(A^*)$.)

We make \mathcal{L} into an automaton (!) in our cooked sense by

$$\ell: \mathcal{L} \to 2 \times \mathcal{L}^{A}.$$

where

$$\ell(X) = (1 \text{ iff } \epsilon \in X, a \mapsto \{w : aw \in X\})$$

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Now we understand



In words



For all states *s*, language accepted at *s* has two features:

- it contains the empty word iff s is an accepting state; that is, if π₂(e(s)) = 1.
- ▶ for all words w and all a, it contains aw iff w is in the language accepted at π_{S^A}(e(s))(a).

The reason for all these diagrams is that they enable us see the same kind of pattern coming up again and again. We want an overall language to talk about it.

We have seen:

streams $e: X \to A \times X$ languages $e: S \to 2 \times S^A$

Let's think of $A \times X$ and $\mathcal{P}X$ as cooked versions of X.

So the kind of systems that we have seen are

functions from a raw object to a cooked version of it

Very soon, we'll start calling this a coalgebra.

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In Set, \emptyset is initial, and every singleton $\{x\}$ is final.

Note that there is more than one final object, but they are all isomorphic.

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In Pos, the empty poset is initial, and the one-point poset $\{x\}$ is final.

The same basically works for MS.

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In a poset *P*, an initial object would be a minimal element, and a final object would be a maximal element.

(These may or may not exist.)

INITIAL AND FINAL OBJECTS

Let *C* be a category.

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In BiP, the initial object is any object based on a two-element set: $(\{\top, \bot\}, \top, \bot)$.

We often write 0 for an initial object and 1 for a final one.

So in the category of pointed sets, 0 = 1.

Let $F : C \to C$ be an endofunctor. A coalgebra for F is a pair (A, a), where $a : A \to FA$ in C. We have already seen many examples!

A morphism from (A, a) to (B, b) is $h : A \to B$ such that



commutes.

So now we have a category of coalgebras for an endofunctor.

Comparing algebras and coalgebras

Let $(A, a : FA \rightarrow A)$ and $(B, b : FB \rightarrow B)$ be algebras. A morphism in the algebra category of *F* is $f : A \rightarrow B$ in the same underlying category so that



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Let $(A, a : A \to FA)$ and $(B, b : B \to FB)$ be coalgebras. A morphism in the coalgebra category of *F* is $f : A \to B$ in the same underlying category so that

$$\begin{array}{c} A \xrightarrow{a} FA \\ f \downarrow & \downarrow Ff \\ B \xrightarrow{b} FB \end{array}$$

commutes.

INITIAL ALGEBRAS AND FINAL COALGEBRAS

An initial algebra is an initial object of the algebra category. A final coalgebra is a final object of the coalgebra category.



$$\begin{array}{c} A \xrightarrow{a} FA \\ f \downarrow & \downarrow Ff \\ B \xrightarrow{b} FB \end{array} \qquad \text{final coalgebra} \end{array}$$

(One could also consider final algebras and initial coalgebras, but they turn out to be much less interesting.)

IN A POSET CATEGORY

Recall that an endofunctor on a poset (P, \leq) is a monotone function $f : P \rightarrow P$. An algebra for *f* is some *p* such that $f(p) \leq p$.

A coalgebra for *f* is some *p* such that $p \le f(p)$.

An initial algebra for f is some p such that

A final algebra for f is some p such that

▶
$$p \leq f(p)$$
.

If
$$q \le f(q)$$
, then $q \le p$.

These correspond to least fixed points and greatest fixed points, respectively.

languages give a final coalgebra of $2 \times X^A$



 e^{\dagger} takes a states s to the language of all words accepted if we start at s.

It is important to check that the coalgebra morphisms are exactly the usual morphisms of automata.

In general, final coalgebras are like the "semantic observation spaces" for the type of coalgebra.
STREAM SYSTEMS AS COALGEBRAS, THEIR SOLUTIONS AS COALGEBRA MORPHISMS

Let $FX = N \times X$. Coalgebras of *F* are stream systems; that is, maps of the form $e : X \to FX$.

Even more, the solution $e^{\dagger} : X \to N^{\infty}$ would be a coalgebra morphism:



The point is that for $x \in X$,

$$\begin{array}{lll} {\it Fe}^{\dagger}(e(x)) & = & {\it Fe}^{\dagger}\langle {\rm fst}(e(x)), {\rm snd}(e(x))\rangle \\ & = & \langle {\rm fst}(e(x)), e^{\dagger}({\rm snd}(e(x)))\rangle \end{array}$$

We have seen this formulation before.

$F(X) = A \times X$ on Set

Here A is a fixed set.

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The final coalgebra is the set of streams on A, with a structure

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If we change to $F(X) = (A \times X) + 1$, then what would we get?

Finality at work: two examples of corecursion

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To start, what equations do we want these to satisfy? Remember that streams are pairs, and that we have structure

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 $map_f(s) = f(head(s)) : map_f(tail(s)).$

Defining **C** and **map**_f

We start with two coalgebras of $A \times X$:

$$A \xrightarrow{\Delta} A \times A \qquad A^{\infty} \xrightarrow{\langle h, t \rangle} A \times A^{\infty} \xrightarrow{f \times id} A \times A^{\infty}$$

These immediately drive corecursions, by finality:



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 $c \cdot f = map_f \cdot c.$

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So we need to prove that both diagrams below commute:

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Why do all parts of the diagram commute?

Expand both diagrams, and fill them in with stuff



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So we have two coalgebra maps from the same coalgebra in to the final one.



Thus

 $map_f \cdot c = ((f \times id) \cdot \Delta)^{\dagger} = c \cdot f.$

INFINITE BINARY TREES

Let $FX = A \times X \times X$.

The final coalgebra is the set T of infinite binary trees with all points labeled by an element of A.

We have a structure $t : T \rightarrow A \times T \times T$.

The trees are ordered, with a left child and a right child:

$$t = head(t) : left(t) : right(t)$$

Those children are both themselves trees. Let *swap* : $T \times T \rightarrow T \times T$ be

$$\mathsf{swap}(\langle t, u \rangle) = \langle u, t \rangle.$$

Now consider

$$T \xrightarrow{t} A \times T \times T \xrightarrow{id \times swap} A \times T \times T$$

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Let
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, with final coalgebra $(T, t = \langle head, left, right \rangle)$.

Let $G(X) = A \times X$, with final coalgebra $(A^{\infty}, \langle head, tail \rangle)$.

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How to define the left and right branch of a tree?

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How can we define the left branch function $lb : T \to A^{\infty}$?



We write down the coalgebra on the top, and then *lb* comes automatically by finality of the streams as a *G*-coalgebra.

$lb \cdot mirror = rb$

The right branch function rb is the coalgebra map for

$$T \xrightarrow{t} A \times T \times T \xrightarrow{id \times \pi_2} A \times T$$

and this is the same as

$$T \xrightarrow{t} A \times T \times T \xrightarrow{id \times swap} A \times T \times T \xrightarrow{id \times \pi_1} A \times T$$

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More on $FX = \mathbb{R} \times X$

 \mathbb{R} here is the set of real numbers. For $FX = \mathbb{R} \times X$ on Set,

- Initial algebra is the empty set
- Another representation of the final coalgebra: Let *RA* be the set of functions which are real analytic at 0: f⁽ⁿ⁾(0) exists for all *n*, and *f* agrees with its Taylor series in a neighborhood of 0.

The coalgebra structure $\varphi : RA \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times RA$ is given by

$$f \mapsto (f(0), f').$$

Finality at work: $FX = \mathbb{R} \times X$

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It is

 $\alpha \mapsto \sin x, \quad \beta \mapsto \cos x, \quad \gamma \mapsto -\sin x, \quad \gamma \mapsto -\cos x$

h is defined by corecursion.

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 $FX = \{ fail, success \} + \Delta X.$

We'll call the coalgebras of this *F* Markov chains with observations (MCO's).

IN MORE DETAIL



The set *S* of states is $\{0, 1, 2, ..., s_0, s_1, s_2, ...\}$. m(0) is given by m(0)(1) = 5/6, $m(0)(s_0) = 1/6$. m(1) is given by m(1)(2) = 5/6, $m(1)(s_1) = 1/6$. $m(s_0) = success$:

We'll call this MCO S.

The fact that 0 is a start state is not reflected, but adding it gives a pointed Markov chain with observations.

In more detail



The set *T* of states is {*odd*, *even*, *succ*, *fail*}. We'll call this structure *T*.



We have two Markov chain with observations, and we want to say why the smaller one is a quotient of the larger one.

quotient: a surjective image preserving relevant structure

We need a notion of a mapping between Markov chains with observations

$$\varphi: S \to T.$$

Given S = (S, m), and T = (T, n), a map between them is a coalgebra morphsim. This is a function m = S + T as that

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Maps between MCOs

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One can check that in our examples, the following is a map between MCOs:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 2k & \mapsto & even \\ 2k+1 & \mapsto & odd \\ s_{2k} & \mapsto & succ \\ s_{2k+1} & \mapsto & fail \end{array}$$

Another thing we can do

Given a Markov chain without observations, say $(S, m : S \rightarrow \Delta S)$, and some measure $\mu \in \Delta S$, we might want to talk about the next step measure $next(\mu)$.

The way we get this is via

$$\Delta S \xrightarrow{\Delta m} \Delta \Delta S \xrightarrow{\min_{S}} \Delta S$$

Here $mix_S : \Delta \Delta S \rightarrow \Delta S$ takes a discrete measure on discrete measures on *S* to another discrete measure on *S* by mixing.

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The function mix_S is then a composition:



Since you have been learning about natural transformations

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The initial algebra and the final coalgebra

For our functor $FX = \{ fail, success \} + \Delta X, \}$

 Initial algebra is finite probabilistic trees ending in observations, such as



 Final coalgebra is harder to come by, but it does exist (One way to get it is to use coalgebraic generalizations of modal logic.)

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 $F(X) = \{1, -1\} \times X \times X.$

But, we are now used to thinking of the final coalgebra of this *F* as the trees, not the streams!

A different final coalgebra of $FX = A \times X \times X$

$$A \times A^{\infty} \times A^{\infty} \to A^{\infty}$$

given by taking the inverse of the one-to-one function

$$a, s, t \mapsto a : zip(s, t)$$

For each coalgebra $(A, e : X \to A \times X \times X)$, the map $e^{\dagger} : A \to A^{\infty}$ takes a state $a \in A$ to the stream whose *n*th term is obtained by writing *n* in binary, reading the digits into the coalgebra starting with the least significant one, and then taking the output at the end.

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(Kupke and Rutten 2011)
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Some semantic models

- Kripke model
- conditional frame
- Markov chain with observations
- belief space

- A Kripke model is a set W of worlds, together with an accessibility relation R ⊆ W × W and a valuation telling which atomic sentences are true at which worlds.
- ► A conditional frame is a set W together with a selection function $f: W \times \mathcal{P}(W) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(W)$.
- A Markov chain with observations is a set S such that each s ∈ S either
 - comes with an observation set from {success, fail}
 - 2 or there are outgoing arrows $s \rightarrow t$ whose labels sum to 1.
- ► A belief space (for two players, over a space S) is a pair

$$(T_1, T_2, m_1, m_2)$$

where $m_1 : T_1 \rightarrow \Delta(S \times T_2)$, and $m_2 : T_2 \rightarrow \Delta(S \times T_1)$. (This is from Heifetz and Samet 1998; other definitions exist.) To put things under one roof, we use some standard "repackaging":

- ▶ trade in a relation $R \subseteq A \times B$ for $f_R : A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}B$.
- trade in the valuation on a Kripke model for a function from worlds to sets of atomic sentences.
- trade in $f : A \times B \to C$ for $f^* : A \to C^B$.
- ▶ trade two functions $f : A \to B$ and $g : A \to C$ for $\langle f, g \rangle : A \to B \times C$.
- trade in a choice between a member of A and a member of B for a member of A + B (disjoint union).

Some semantic models

► A Kripke model is $(W, f : W \to \mathcal{P}W \times \mathcal{P}(AtSen))$

A conditional frame is a

 $(W, f: W \to \mathcal{P}(W)^{\mathcal{P}(W)})$

A Markov chain with observations is

 $(S, m: S \rightarrow \Delta S + Obs),$

where $Obs = \{success, fail\},\$ and Δ is described below.

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(T, m: T \rightarrow FT)
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where T is a pair (T_1, T_2) of measurable spaces, and $FT = (\Delta(S \times T_2), \Delta(S \times T_1))$.



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CAUTION

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Indeed, based on what we have seen for automata, we might expect

the final coalgebra to be the canonical model C of modal logic



with the "theory" map $th: W \to C$ defined by

$$th(w) = \{\varphi : w \models \varphi \text{ in the model } W\}$$

Unfortunately this is false!

th isn't a coalgebra morphism,

and in the first place, the functor doesn't have a final coalgebra.



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Next time I'll try to tell you quite a bit about the general constructions of final coalgebras.