

Metric Spaces, Entropic Spaces and Convexity

WORK IN PROGRESS

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Introduction

Lawvere: state spaces for thermodynamics should be certain "metric-like" enriched categories
entropic spaces

Baez-Lynch-Moeller: state spaces and entropy should be convex spaces & concave maps to $[-\infty, +\infty]$.

GOAL: synthesise these to get a category of convex entropic spaces & concave maps.

Inspiration: Fritz-Perrone approach to convexity monad on metric spaces.
(Also Mardare - Panangaden - Plotkin.)

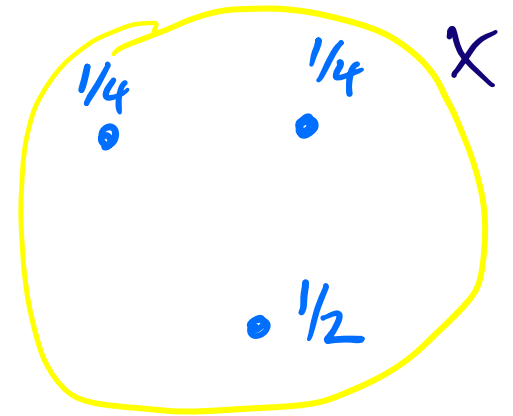
I CONVEXITY MONADS

$C: \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ monad

$$C(X) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \cdot x_i \mid \alpha_i \in [0,1], \sum \alpha_i = 1, x_i \in X, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

↑ formal symbol

"Convexity monad", "distribution monad",
"finitely supported measures monad".



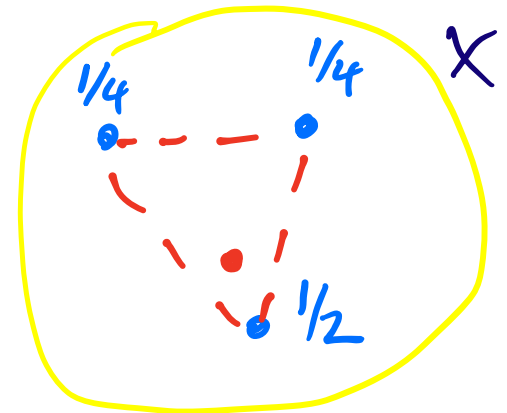
Algebras for C : convex spaces
 $C(X) \xrightarrow{e_X} X$

$$\sum \alpha_i \cdot x_i \mapsto \sum \alpha_i x_i$$

Algebra map $f: X \rightarrow Y$

$$f\left(\sum \alpha_i x_i\right) = \sum \alpha_i f(x_i)$$

convex linear maps



Rational convexity monad

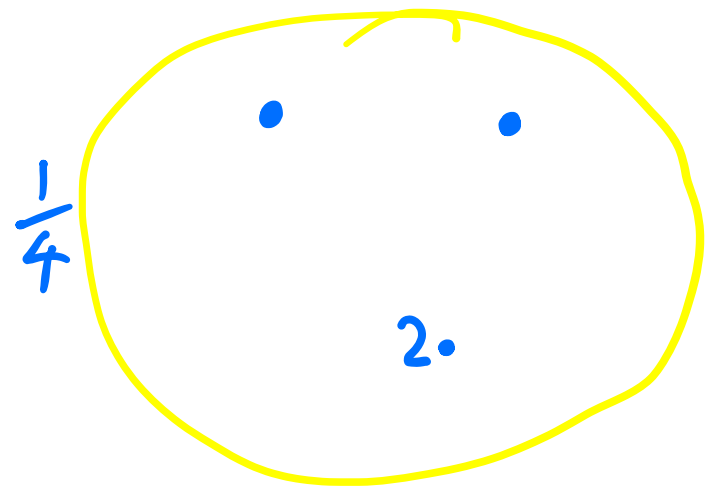
$C_{\mathbb{Q}}: \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ (submonad)

$$C_{\mathbb{Q}}(X) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \ulcorner x_i \urcorner \mid \alpha_i \in [0,1] \cap \mathbb{Q}, \sum \alpha_i = 1, x_i \in X, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

If $c \in C_{\mathbb{Q}}(X)$ then $c = \frac{1}{N} \sum \ulcorner x_i \urcorner$ for some N .

$$\text{eg } \frac{1}{4} \ulcorner x_1 \urcorner + \frac{1}{4} \ulcorner x_2 \urcorner + \frac{1}{2} \ulcorner x_3 \urcorner = \frac{1}{4} (\ulcorner x_1 \urcorner + \ulcorner x_2 \urcorner + \ulcorner x_3 \urcorner + \ulcorner x_3 \urcorner)$$

This has a more discrete feel.



II. ENRICHED CATEGORIES

We will enrich over a commutative quantale
(aka (co)complete, skeletal, closed sym^c monoidal thin category)

Concentrate on $\overline{\mathbb{R}}_+ = ([0, \infty], \geq), +, 0$

Also of interest $\overline{\mathbb{R}} = ([-\infty, +\infty], \geq), +, 0$ convey analysis

$\overline{\mathbb{R}}^0 = ([-\infty, +\infty], \leq), +, 0$ entropic spaces

Truth = ($\{\top, \perp\}, \top$), $\&$, \top preorders

$\overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ - category X :

$$\begin{aligned}x(a, b) &\in [0, \infty] && \forall a, b \in X \\x(a, b) + x(b, c) &\geq x(a, c) && \forall a, b, c \in X \\0 &\geq x(a, a) && \forall a \in X\end{aligned}$$

(Lawvere) metric space versus classical metric space
Not necessarily symmetric, can have ∞ value.

Get a category of metric spaces

$\overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ -cat

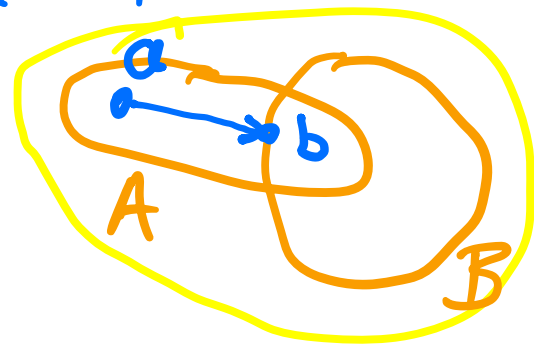
Morphisms: short maps - distance non-increasing

Examples (i) $\overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ is an $\overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ -category: $\overline{\mathbb{R}}_+(a,b) = b - a$
 $= \max(b-a, 0)$

(ii) M (classical) metric space $S_M = \{\text{compact subsets of } M\}$

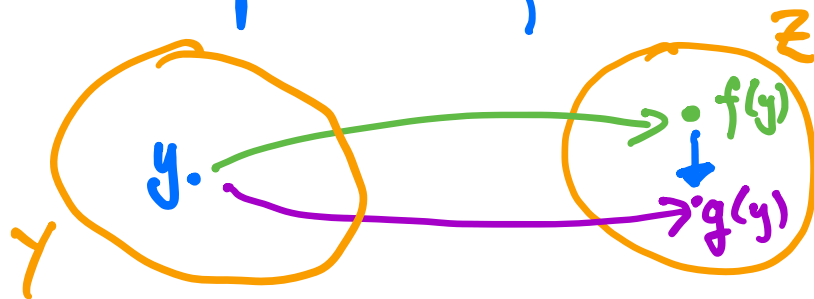
$$S_M(A, B) = \sup_a \inf_b M(a, b)$$

$$S_M(A, B) = 0 \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq B$$



(iii) Y, Z $\overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ -cats then $[Y, Z] = \{\text{short maps } Y \rightarrow Z\}$

$$[Y, Z](f, g) = \sup_{y \in Y} Z(f(y), g(y))$$

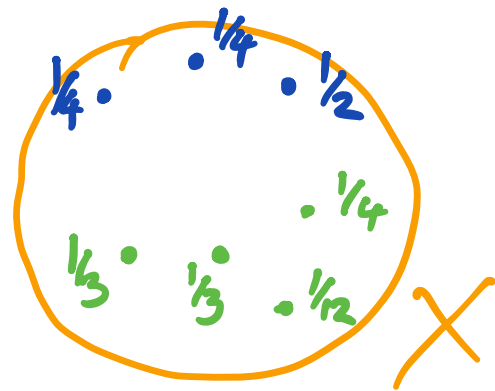


III. CONVEX METRIC SPACES

Want a monad

$$C: \mathbb{R}_+ \text{-cat} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \text{-cat}; \quad X \mapsto C(X)$$

But what metric on $C(X)$?



Can consider $\sum \alpha_i \cdot \lceil x_i \rceil \in C(X)$ as a finite measure
ie a function on functions

$$\sum \alpha_i \cdot \lceil x_i \rceil \mapsto (f \mapsto \sum \alpha_i f(x_i)) \quad \leftarrow \text{Short map}$$

$$C(X) \rightarrow [[X, \mathbb{R}_+], \mathbb{R}_+] \quad \leftarrow \text{map of sets}$$

Get metric

$$C^{DD}(\sum \alpha_i \lceil x_i \rceil, \sum \beta_j \lceil x_j \rceil) = \sup_{f \in [X, \mathbb{R}_+]} (\sum \beta_j f(x_j) - \sum \alpha_i f(x_i))$$

and whence a monad

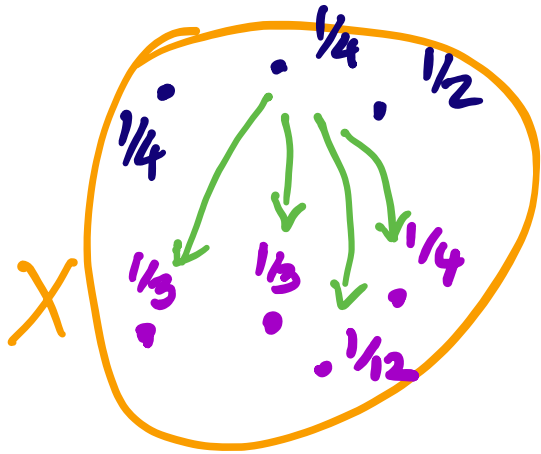
$$C^{DD}: \mathbb{R}_+ \text{-cat} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+ \text{-cat}$$

DD = Double Dual

There's **another** way to define a metric.

Think of optimal transport of goods.

$$C^{\text{OT}}(\sum \alpha_i \delta_{x_i}, \sum \beta_j \delta_{x'_j}) = \inf \left\{ \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} \chi(x_i, x'_j) \mid A_{ij} \in [0,1] \right. \\ \left. \sum_j A_{ij} = \alpha_i, \sum_i A_{ij} = \beta_j \right\}$$



A_{ij} is amount of goods $x_i \rightsquigarrow x'_j$
 $A_{ij} \chi(x_i, x'_j) = \text{cost of transportation}$

C^{OT} is the minimum cost of transportation

$$C^{\text{OT}}: \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+ \text{-cat} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+ \text{-cat}$$

(aka Wasserstein or Kantorovich-Rubinstein metric)

We have

$$C^{\text{DD}}(X) = C^{\text{OT}}(X)$$

if

X is classical
[Kantorovich duality]



X is symmetric
 $X(a,b) = X(b,a)$
[Callum Reader]



X has finite distances
 $X(a,b) < \infty$
[Me]



Likely in general,
I think!

Convex metric space is an algebra for C^{∞}
i.e. metric space and convex space with
compatibility.

Can characterize this for

$$C_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\text{OT}} : \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+ \text{-cat} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+ \text{-cat}$$

Compatibility is

$$\sum \alpha_i \chi(x_i, x_i') \geq \chi(\sum \alpha_i x_i, \sum \alpha_i x_i')$$

$C_{\mathbb{Q}}^{\text{OT}}$ is simpler to handle as purely combinatorial!

Fritz-Perrone use this to characterize convexity
for complete classical metric spaces

IV: 2-MONAD & CONCAVE MAPS

Every enriched category has an underlying category.
 Every $\overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ -enriched category has an underlying preorder.

$$a \succcurlyeq_x b \iff X(a, b) = 0$$

Ex (i) $\overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$: $a \succcurlyeq_{\overline{\mathbb{R}}_+} b \iff a \succcurlyeq b$

(ii) S_M : $A \succcurlyeq_{S_M} B \iff A \subseteq B$
 (compact subsets of M)

(iii) $[Y, Z]$: $F \succcurlyeq_{[Y, Z]} G \iff F(y) \succcurlyeq_z G(y) \quad \forall y \in Y$

(iv) X discrete $X(a, b) = \begin{cases} 0 \\ \infty \end{cases}$ } $a \succcurlyeq_x b \iff a = b$
 X classical

Convexity monad gives an enriched monad

$$C^{DD}: \overline{\mathbb{R}_+}\text{-CAT} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}_+}\text{-CAT} \quad (\mathbb{R}_+\text{-cat enriched})$$

This is because
is short.

$$[X, Y] \rightarrow [C(X), C(Y)]$$

Get a 2-monad

$$C^{DD}: \overline{\mathbb{R}_+}\text{-CAT} \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}_+}\text{-CAT}$$

ob - metric spaces
mor - short maps
2-mor - \cong

Strict algebras: convex metric spaces $C^{DD}(X) \rightarrow X$

Lax algebra maps: $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ $C^{DD}(X) \rightarrow X$
 $C^{DD}(Y) \rightarrow Y$

$$\text{ie } \sum \alpha_i f(x_i) \cong_Y f(\sum \alpha_i x_i)$$

convex maps

Can replace $\bar{\mathbb{R}}_+$ by any convex quantale

Eg

$\bar{\mathbb{R}} = ([-\infty, +\infty], \geq), +, 0$ convex analysis

$\bar{\mathbb{R}}^0 = ([-\infty, +\infty], \leq), +, 0$ entropic spaces

Truth = ($\{T, F\}, \vdash$), $\&$, \top preorders $+ C^{DD} \neq C^{OT}$

Obtain 2-monad

$C: \bar{\mathbb{R}}^0\text{-CAT} \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{R}}^0\text{-CAT}$

2-category of strict algebras, lax morphisms $\& \geq$.

convex entropic spaces, concave maps $\& \geq$