

Supported Sets

A New Foundation For Nominal Sets And Automata

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- ⚡ not monadic over Set

Eilenberg-Moore category for a monad



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Examples Objects

- the set A itself, $s_A = \text{id}_A$
- singleton $\{a\}$ (for $a \in A$)
- every nominal set X for $s_X := \text{supp}$

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Name Binding via de Bruijn indices

$[\mathbb{A}]: \text{Supp}(\mathbb{A}) \rightarrow \text{Supp}(\mathbb{A})$ for $A := \mathbb{A} = \{a_0, a_1, \dots\}$

$$[\mathbb{A}]X = X \quad s_{[\mathbb{A}]X}(x) := \{a_k \mid a_{k+1} \in s_X(x), k \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

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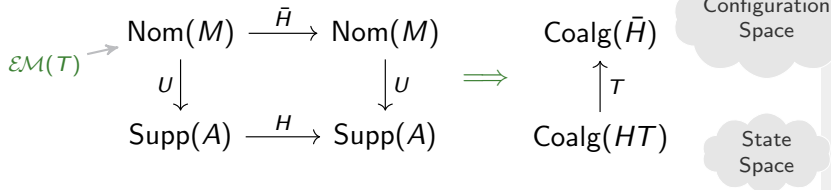
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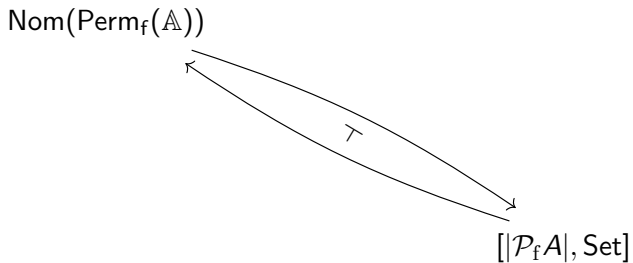
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$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{Nom}(M) & \xrightarrow{\bar{H}} & \text{Nom}(M) & & \text{Coalg}(\bar{H}) \\
 \varepsilon_{\mathcal{M}(T)} \nearrow & & & & & & \text{Configuration Space} \\
 \downarrow U & & \downarrow U & \implies & \uparrow \tau \\
 \text{Supp}(A) & \xrightarrow{H} & \text{Supp}(A) & & \text{Coalg}(HT) & & \text{State Space}
 \end{array}$$

Functors that lift:

- $\times, +, \mathcal{P}_f, \mathcal{P}_{\text{ufs}}, \dots$
- Binding functor $[\mathbb{A}]$ (for $A := \mathbb{A}$) Lifts to Gabbay & Pitts' abstraction functor
- E.g. RNA $HX := 2 \times \mathcal{P}_{\text{ufs}}([\mathbb{A}](-) + \mathbb{A} \times (-))$
- E.g. Register Automata $HX := 2 \times [\mathbb{A}]\mathcal{P}_f(\Sigma\mathbb{A} \times X)$

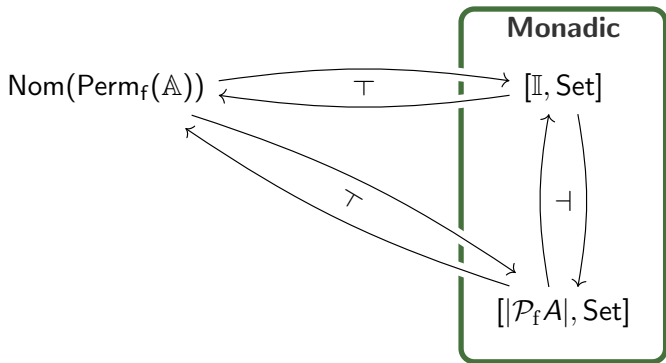
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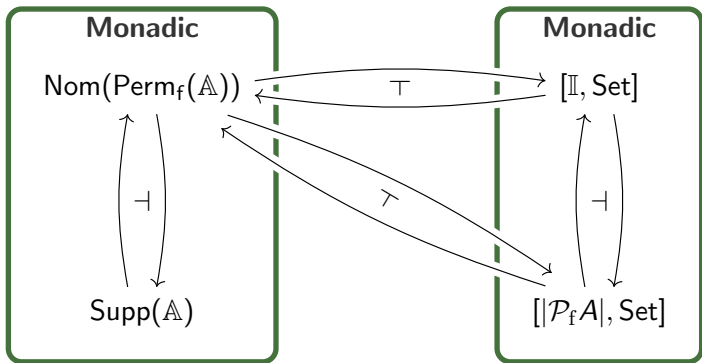
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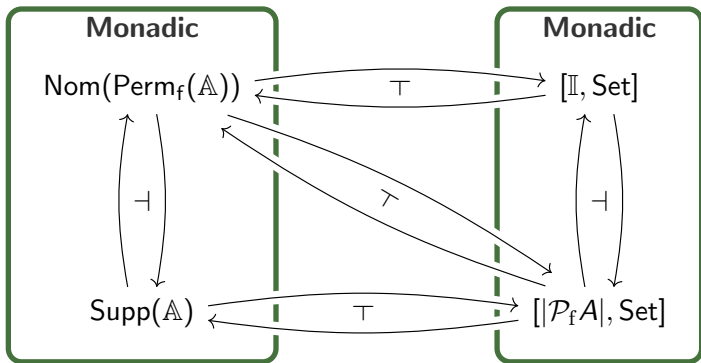
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