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RÉSUMÉ : Les catégories internes sont caractérisées comme certaines classes d'algèbres d'une monade

It is known [2] that the category $Simpl \mathbf{E}$ of simplicial objects in \mathbf{E} is monadic above the category $Sp\ Simpl \mathbf{E}$ of split augmented simplicial objects in \mathbf{E} . From this monadicity is extracted in [1] the monadicity of the category $Grd \mathbf{E}$ of internal groupoids in \mathbf{E} above the category $Pt \mathbf{E}$ of split epimorphisms in \mathbf{E} , when \mathbf{E} is left exact. Now, via the nerve functor N , the category $Cat \mathbf{E}$ of internal categories in \mathbf{E} has an intermediate position : $Grd \mathbf{E} < Cat \mathbf{E} < Simpl \mathbf{E}$. The aim of this note is to precise the place of $Cat \mathbf{E}$ with respect to this monadic complex.

If we denote by U the forgetful functor $Simpl \mathbf{E} \rightarrow Sp\ Simpl \mathbf{E}$, then, given an internal category X_1 in \mathbf{E} , the split augmented simplicial object UNX_1 is the "nerve" of a category with a given choice of initial objects in each connected component. Let us denote by $In\ Cat \mathbf{E}$ the category whose objects are the internal categories in \mathbf{E} equipped with such a choice and whose morphisms are the choice preserving functors. Let $\bar{U} : Cat \mathbf{E} \rightarrow In\ Cat \mathbf{E}$ be the functor induced by U via the previous remark. This functor \bar{U} has an adjoint, namely the restriction \bar{F} of the adjoint F of U . The functor U is no more monadic, but the comparison functor $K : Cat \mathbf{E} \rightarrow Alg \bar{U} \cdot \bar{F}$ is fully faithful (let us say, then, that U is submonadic). Furthermore internal categories are exactly those algebras $z : \bar{U} \cdot \bar{F}Z \rightarrow Z$ in $In\ Cat \mathbf{E}$ which are cartesian with respect to a certain fibration $In\ Cat \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$.

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1 Initialized categories

An internal category X_1 in \mathbf{E} :

$$X_1 : X_0 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xrightarrow{s_0} \\ \xleftarrow{d_1} \end{array} mX_1 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xleftarrow{d_1} \\ \xleftarrow{d_2} \end{array} m_2X_1$$

will be said initialized when it is equipped with a split augmentation as a 2-truncated simplicial object :

$$X_{-1} \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xrightarrow{s_0} \end{array} X_0 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xrightarrow{s_0} \\ \xleftarrow{d_1} \\ \xrightarrow{s_1} \end{array} mX_1 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xleftarrow{d_1} \\ \xleftarrow{d_2} \\ \xrightarrow{s_2} \end{array} m_2X_1$$

That means that there is a given choice of initial objects in each connected component and that X_{-1} represents the object of those distinguished elements.

Example : Given any category X_1 , then the category $Dec X_1$ is canonically initialized :

$$X_0 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xrightarrow{s_0} \end{array} mX_1 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xleftarrow{d_1} \\ \xrightarrow{s_1} \end{array} m_2X_1 \begin{array}{c} \xleftarrow{d_0} \\ \xleftarrow{d_1} \\ \xleftarrow{d_2} \\ \xrightarrow{s_2} \end{array} m_3X_1$$

We shall denote by \underline{X}_1 an initialized category and by $In Cat \mathbf{E}$ the category whose objects are the initialized categories, and whose morphisms are the functors preserving the split augmentation. This category is clearly left exact and the previous example induces a left exact functor $\bar{U} : Cat \mathbf{E} \rightarrow In Cat \mathbf{E}$, where $\bar{U}(X_1)$ is $Dec X_1$ with its canonical initialization.

There is also a functor $\bar{F} : In Cat \mathbf{E} \rightarrow Cat \mathbf{E}$ which associates to \underline{X}_1 its underlying category X_1 . Furthermore $\bar{F} \cdot \bar{U} = Dec$ and there is a natural transformation : $\epsilon_1 X_1 : Dec X_1 \rightarrow X_1$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} m_3X_1 & \xrightarrow{d_3} & m_2X_1 \\ \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow & & \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ m_2X_1 & \xrightarrow{d_2} & mX_1 \\ \downarrow \downarrow & & \downarrow \downarrow \\ mX_1 & \xrightarrow{d_1} & X_0 \end{array}$$

where $\epsilon_1 X_1 : Dec X_1 \rightarrow X_1$ is a discrete cofibration. On the other hand there is a natural transformation $\eta_1 \underline{X}_1 : \underline{X}_1 \rightarrow \bar{U} \cdot \bar{F} \underline{X}_1$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \downarrow & \downarrow \\
 mX_1 & \xrightarrow{s_2} & m_2 X_1 \\
 \downarrow d_0 \downarrow d_1 \uparrow s_1 & & \downarrow d_0 \downarrow d_1 \uparrow s_1 \\
 X_0 & \xrightarrow{s_1} & mX_1 \\
 \downarrow d_0 \uparrow s_0 & & \downarrow d_0 \uparrow s_0 \\
 X_{-1} & \xrightarrow{s_0} & X_0
 \end{array}$$

These natural transformations clearly satisfy the equations which make \bar{F} a left adjoint of \bar{U} . We shall denote by (T, η, μ) and by (Dec, ϵ, ν) the monad and the comonad induced respectively on $In Cat \mathbf{E}$ and on $Cat \mathbf{E}$ by this adjunction.

2 $In Cat \mathbf{E}$ as a fibered category

Let us denote by $h_0 : In Cat \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$ the functor associating X_{-1} to \underline{X}_1 . It is left exact and has a right inverse right adjoint Γ_1 , where, for every object X in \mathbf{E} , $\Gamma_1 X$ is the discrete category $dis X$ with its unique possible initialization. Now, $In Cat \mathbf{E}$ being left exact, the functor h_0 is a fibration. A morphism $\underline{f}_1 : \underline{X}_1 \rightarrow \underline{Y}_1$ is cartesian if and only if the following square is a pullback :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \underline{X}_1 & \xrightarrow{\underline{f}_1} & \underline{Y}_1 \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{X}_1 & \xrightarrow{\Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{f}_1} & \Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{Y}_1
 \end{array}$$

Proposition 1 *The morphism \underline{f}_1 is cartesian if and only if its underlying functor $f_1 = \bar{F}(\underline{f}_1)$ is a discrete cofibration in $Cat \mathbf{E}$.*

Demonstration :

The category $\Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{X}_1$ being discrete, the functor $\Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{f}_1$ is a discrete cofibration. Now if \underline{f}_1 is cartesian, the previous square is a pullback and f_1 is a discrete cofibration.

Conversely let us suppose that f_1 is a discrete cofibration and let us consider the following diagram where the lower right square is a pullback :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 \underline{X}_1 & & & & \\
 \searrow^{g_1} & & f_1 & & \\
 & \underline{Z}_1 & \xrightarrow{k_1} & \underline{Y}_1 & \\
 \searrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow & \\
 & \Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{X}_1 & \xrightarrow{\Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{f}_1} & \Gamma_1 h_0 \underline{Y}_1 &
 \end{array}$$

Then k_1 is a discrete cofibration and also the factorization g_1 . Let us show that \underline{g}_1 is an isomorphism. Thanks to the Yoneda imbedding, it is sufficient to do this with \mathbf{E} the category of sets. Let Z be an object of \underline{Z}_1 and $s_1 Z : s_0 Z \rightarrow Z$ be the associated initial map in its connected component. The object $s_0 Z$ is then a uniquely determined object in a connected component of \underline{X}_1 . The functor g_1 being a discrete cofibration, it determines a unique map $s_0 Z \rightarrow X$ above $s_1 Z$. The object X is the unique object above Z . The functor f_1 is then bijective on the objects and a discrete cofibration. Consequently, it is an isomorphism. — QED (Proposition 1)

Remarks

(1) That \underline{f}_1 is cartesian implies that the following square is a pullback :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X_0 & \xrightarrow{f_0} & Y_0 \\
 d_0 \downarrow & & \downarrow d_0 \\
 X_{-1} & \xrightarrow{f_{-1}} & Y_{-1}
 \end{array}$$

(2) That \underline{f}_1 is cartesian implies that f_1 is also a discrete fibration.

(3) Clearly the functor $\eta_1 \underline{X}_1 : \underline{X}_1 \rightarrow \overline{U} \cdot \overline{F} \underline{X}_1$ is cartesian.

(4) The functor $f_1 : X_1 \rightarrow Y_1$ in $Cat \mathbf{E}$ is a discrete cofibration if and only if $\overline{U}(f_1)$ is cartesian.

3 The comparison functor $K : \text{Cat } \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \text{Alg } T$ is fully faithful

The following diagram in $\text{Cat } \mathbf{E}$ determines a levelwise split fork in \mathbf{E} and thus a coequalizer in $\text{Cat } \mathbf{E}$:

$$\text{Dec}^2 X_1 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{Dec } \epsilon_1 X_1} \\ \xrightarrow{\epsilon_1 \text{Dec } X_1} \end{array} \text{Dec} X_1 \xrightarrow{\epsilon_1 X_1} X_1$$

Proposition 2 *The comparison functor $K : \text{Cat } \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \text{Alg } T$ is fully faithful. This result is a consequence of the following proposition.*

Proposition 3 *Let $(U, F, \eta, \epsilon) : \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{Y}$ be an adjunction, and let*

$$T = (U, F, \eta, U\epsilon F)$$

be the monad it defines on \mathbf{Y} . The comparison functor $K : \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \text{Alg } T$ is fully faithful (i.e. the functor U is submonadic) if and only if for every object X in \mathbf{X} , the map ϵ_X is the coequalizer of ϵFUX and $FU\epsilon X$.

The demonstration is straightforward.

4 The comparison functor K is not an equivalence

Let $\text{Simpl } \mathbf{E}$ and $\text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E}$ denote respectively the category of simplicial objects in \mathbf{E} and the category of split augmented simplicial objects in \mathbf{E} . Let $U : \text{Simpl } \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E}$ denote the functor cancelling the upper indexed face maps. It has a left adjoint F .

Any internal category X_1 can be completed into a simplicial object NX_1 (its nerve) by means of simplicial kernels. In the same way, any initialized category \underline{X}_1 can be completed into a split augmented simplicial object $n\underline{X}_1$. Whence the following diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \text{Grd } \mathbf{E} & \xrightarrow{i} & \text{Cat } \mathbf{E} & \xrightarrow{N} & \text{Simpl } \mathbf{E} \\ \overline{U} \uparrow \overline{F} & & \overline{U} \uparrow \overline{F} & & U \uparrow F \\ \text{Pt } \mathbf{E} & \xrightarrow{j} & \text{In Cat } \mathbf{E} & \xrightarrow{n} & \text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E} \end{array}$$

The functors N and n are full embeddings. $\mathbf{Grd} \mathbf{E}$ denotes the category of internal groupoids, i.e. internal categories such that the following square is a pullback :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 mX_1 & \xleftarrow{d_1} & m_2X_1 \\
 d_0 \downarrow & & \downarrow d_0 \\
 X_0 & \xleftarrow{d_0} & mX_1
 \end{array}$$

$\mathbf{Pt} \mathbf{E}$ denotes the category whose objects are the split epimorphisms and whose morphisms are the coherent squares. The functor i is the inclusion, and the functor j associates to each split epimorphism the initialized groupoid obtained by the kernel groupoid of the given epimorphism. Clearly j is a full embedding.

Thus (\bar{U}, \bar{F}) and $(\bar{\bar{U}}, \bar{\bar{F}})$ appear to be successive restrictions of the adjunction (U, F) . The functor (U, F) is always monadic (See [2]). When the idempotents split in \mathbf{E} , then furthermore F is comonadic. When \mathbf{E} is left exact, $\bar{\bar{U}}$ is monadic (See [1]) and $\bar{\bar{F}}$ is comonadic.

It would be easy to show that \bar{F} is comonadic (the dual of proposition 3, plus the existence of kernels). We are going to show that \bar{U} is not monadic.

Let $\mathbf{2}$ be the category : $\mathbf{0} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathbf{1}$. It is clearly initialized in a unique possible way. The category $T\mathbf{2}$ has two connected components : $\mathbf{0} \xrightarrow{\bar{\alpha}} \alpha$ and $\mathbf{1}$. Let \underline{h}_1 be the unique possible initialized functor: $T\mathbf{2} \rightarrow \mathbf{2}$, which is a left inverse for $\eta_1\mathbf{2}$. It is easy to check that it determines an algebra on $\mathbf{2}$. Now, the simplicial set Z determined by $n \underline{h}_1$, as an algebra on $U \cdot F$, is not the nerve of a category. It is the smallest simplicial set associated to graph $\mathbf{1} : \mathbf{0} \rightarrow \mathbf{0}$.

5 The monad (T, η, μ) is transversely cartesian with respect to h_0

We saw that $\eta_1 \underline{X}_1$ is cartesian. Now $\mu \underline{X}_1 = \bar{U} \epsilon X_1$. But ϵX_1 is a discrete cofibration and \bar{U} sends discrete cofibrations on cartesian maps. So, $\mu \underline{X}_1$ is cartesian. Furthermore $T = \bar{U} \cdot \bar{F}$ preserves cartesian maps following proposition 1 and remark 4.

We shall say then that (T, η, μ) is transversely cartesian with respect to the fibration h_0 .

6 Characterization of $\mathbf{Cat \ E}$

Proposition 4 *Cat \mathbf{E} is isomorphic to the full subcategory of $\mathbf{Alg \ T}$ whose objects are the algebras $\underline{x}_1 : T\underline{X}_1 \rightarrow \underline{X}_1$ in $\mathbf{In \ Cat \ E}$ such that \underline{x}_1 is cartesian.*

Demonstration :

Proof: Let X_1 be a category ; then the algebra $K(X_1)$ is : $\overline{U}\epsilon_1 X_1 : \overline{U}Dec X_1 \rightarrow \overline{U}X_1$. But $\epsilon_1 X_1$ is a discrete cofibration and $\overline{U}\epsilon_1 X_1$ is cartesian.

Conversely if $\underline{x}_1 : T\underline{X}_1 \rightarrow \underline{X}_1$ is cartesian, then, following remark 1, the following diagram is a pullback :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X_0 & \xleftarrow{x_0} & mX_1 \\ d_0 \downarrow & & \downarrow d_0 \\ X_{-1} & \xleftarrow{x_{-1}} & X_0 \end{array}$$

and the 3-truncated simplicial object it determines is underlying to an internal category.

7 The case of $\mathbf{Grd \ E}$

Why is $\mathbf{Grd \ E}$ monadic and not $\mathbf{Cat \ E}$? If we denote again by (T, η, μ) the restriction to $\mathbf{Pt \ E}$ of the monad (T, η, μ) defined on $\mathbf{In \ Cat \ E}$, this monad is again transversely cartesian, but furthermore it has the particularity to be normal, i.e. the following diagram is a always pullback :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T^2 X & \xleftarrow{\mu^{TX}} & T^3 X \\ \mu X \downarrow & & \downarrow T\mu X \\ TX & \xleftarrow{\mu X} & T^2 X \end{array}$$

Then any algebra $x : TX \rightarrow X$ in $\mathbf{Pt \ E}$ induces an internal groupoid in $\mathbf{Pt \ E}$ (see [1]) :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} TX & \xleftarrow{\mu X} & T^2 X & \xleftarrow{\mu^{TX}} & T^3 X \\ & \xleftarrow{T_x} & & \xleftarrow{T\mu X} & \\ & & & \xleftarrow{T^2 x} & \end{array}$$

Now μX is cartesian. So Tx , being “equal to μX up to isomorphism” (thanks to the previous groupoid structure), is again cartesian. Then $Tx \cdot \lambda TX$ is cartesian since both Tx and λTX are cartesian. But $Tx \cdot \lambda TX = \lambda X \cdot x$ and, λX being cartesian, x is cartesian.

Consequently, every algebra $x : TX \rightarrow X$ is cartesian and the comparison functor $K : \text{Grd } \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \text{Alg } T$ is an equivalence.

A last remark : if again (T, η, μ) denotes the monad on $\text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E}$ induced by the adjunction (U, F) , the objects of $\text{In Cat } \mathbf{E}$ are precisely the objects S of $\text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E}$ which have their map $\mu_S : T^2S \rightarrow TS$ cartesian in $\text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E}$ with respect to the fibration $k_0 : \text{Sp Simpl } \mathbf{E} \rightarrow \mathbf{E}$ defined by $k_0(S) = S_{-1}$

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