

Category Theory

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Write three (distinct) functions $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3$ of type $\alpha \text{ option} \rightarrow \alpha \text{ list}$

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Prove that each φ_i from above satisfies the naturality criterion, namely:

$$(\forall f : \alpha \rightarrow \beta) (\text{o_map } f \circ \varphi_i \cong \varphi_i \circ \text{map } f)$$

Where, as usual,

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o_map : ( $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ )  $\rightarrow$   $\alpha$  option  $\rightarrow$   $\beta$  option
o_map f NONE = NONE
o_map f (SOME x) = SOME (f x)
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map : ( $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ )  $\rightarrow$   $\alpha$  list  $\rightarrow$   $\beta$  list
map f [] = []
map f (x :: xs) = (fx) :: (map f xs)
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3

In lecture we discussed the notion of a “Kleisli Category” where instead of our arrows being of the form $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$, we have some added (monadic) structure on our output type. Namely, our arrows have the form $\alpha \rightarrow \beta \text{ monad}$ for some fixed monad “ $\alpha \text{ monad}$ ”. Note that now arrow composition is not simple function composition anymore, instead it is a more complicated notion \mapsto .

Prove that every monad “ $\alpha \text{ monad}$ ” can be identified with a Kleisli Category by showing both that

$$\mapsto : (\alpha \rightarrow \beta \text{ monad}) \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma \text{ monad}) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \gamma \text{ monad})$$

is associative, namely $((f \mapsto g) \mapsto h) \cong (f \mapsto (g \mapsto h))$ and that

$$\eta : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \text{ monad}$$

acts as an identity arrow, namely $(f \mapsto \eta) \cong (\eta \mapsto f) \cong f$

Further, prove that every Kleisli Category can be identified with a monad by showing that given an associative function

$$\mapsto : (\alpha \rightarrow \beta \text{ blah}) \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma \text{ blah}) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \gamma \text{ blah})$$

and an identity under this function

$$\eta : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \text{ blah}$$

then **blah** is a monad.

It may be useful to recall the definition of a monad:

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An endofunctor m is called a monad iff it has two maps
 $\eta : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \text{ m}$ 
 $\mu : \alpha \text{ m m} \rightarrow \alpha \text{ m}$ 
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So proving that **blah** is a monad amounts to showing it is an endofunctor (namely there is some function **blah_map** : $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha \text{ blah} \rightarrow \beta \text{ blah}$) with two additional maps η and μ as defined above¹

¹I’m glossing over some coherence conditions on η and μ , but I don’t think you’re losing anything by not explicitly seeing them