

HIGHER-ORDER ALGEBRAIC THEORIES AND RELATIVE MONADS

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Outline

- Algebraic theories
- Second-order algebraic theories
- Higher-order algebraic theories
- Relative monads, monads, and theories

I. ALGEBRAIC THEORIES

First-order operators

1.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash a \quad \Gamma \vdash b}{\Gamma \vdash a \times b}$$

Multiplication

2.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash a}{\Gamma \vdash a^{-1}}$$

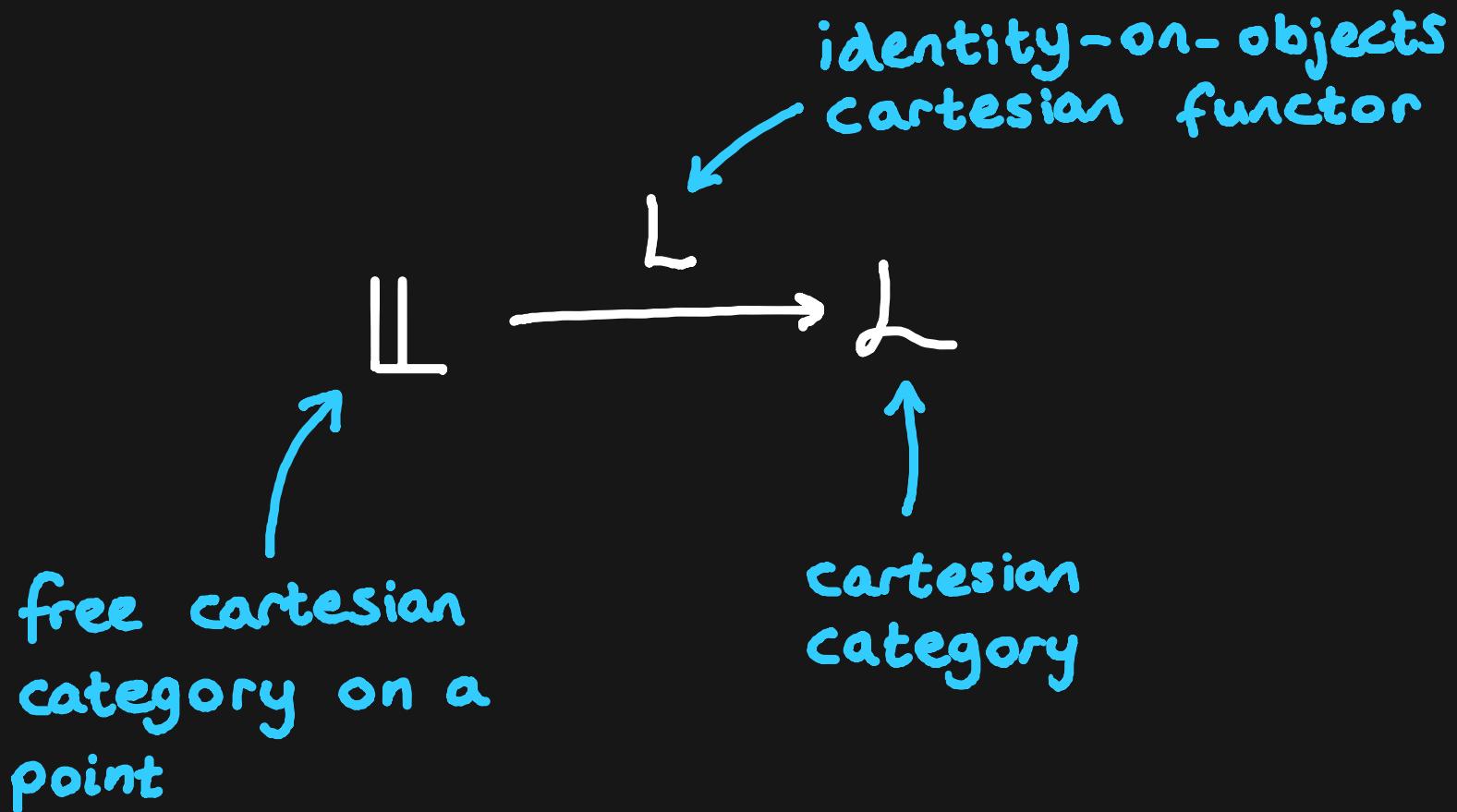
Inverses

3.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash m:M \quad \Gamma \vdash a:A}{\Gamma \vdash m * a : A}$$

Actions

Algebraic theories



(Here, 'cartesian' means finite products.)

Algebraic theories

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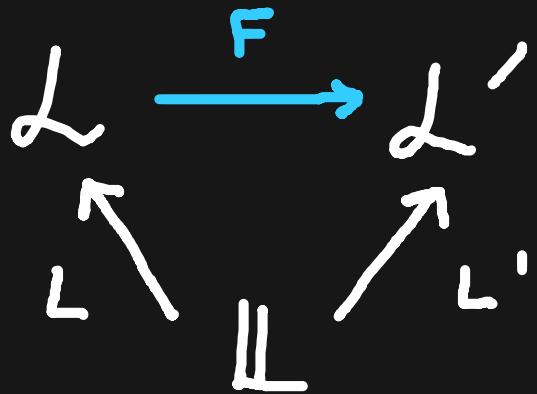
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$$\rightarrow \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \vdash t_i \rangle_{1 \leq i \leq m}$$

n -ary operation $\langle t_i : X^n \rightarrow X \rangle_i$

Algebraic theories

A map of algebraic theories is a commutative triangle



Algebraic theories and their maps form a category
Law.

Monads and theories

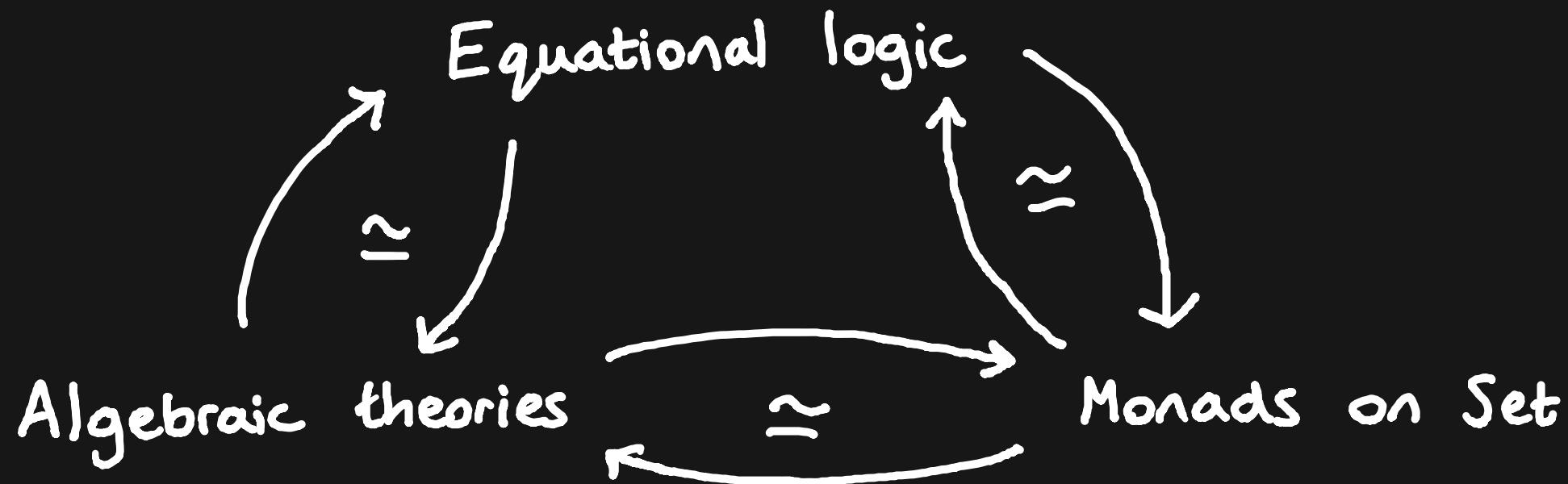
There is a classic equivalence between algebraic theories and (strongly) finitary monads on the category of sets.

$$\text{Law} \cong \text{Mnd}_f(\text{Set}) = \text{Mnd}_{sf}(\text{Set})$$

Finitary = preserves filtered colimits

Strongly finitary = preserves sifted colimits
(sifted-cocontinuous)

Universal algebra



II. SECOND-ORDER ALGEBRAIC THEORIES [Fiore & Mahmoud, 2010]

Second-order operators

1.
$$\frac{\Gamma, x \vdash f \quad \Gamma \vdash x_0}{\Gamma \vdash \frac{df}{dx}(x_0)}$$
 Differential operators
(cf. Plotkin 2020)

2.
$$\frac{\Gamma, x \vdash P}{\Gamma \vdash \exists x. P}$$
 Logical quantifiers

3.
$$\frac{\Gamma, x \vdash t}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. t}$$
 λ -abstraction

Second-order operators

4.

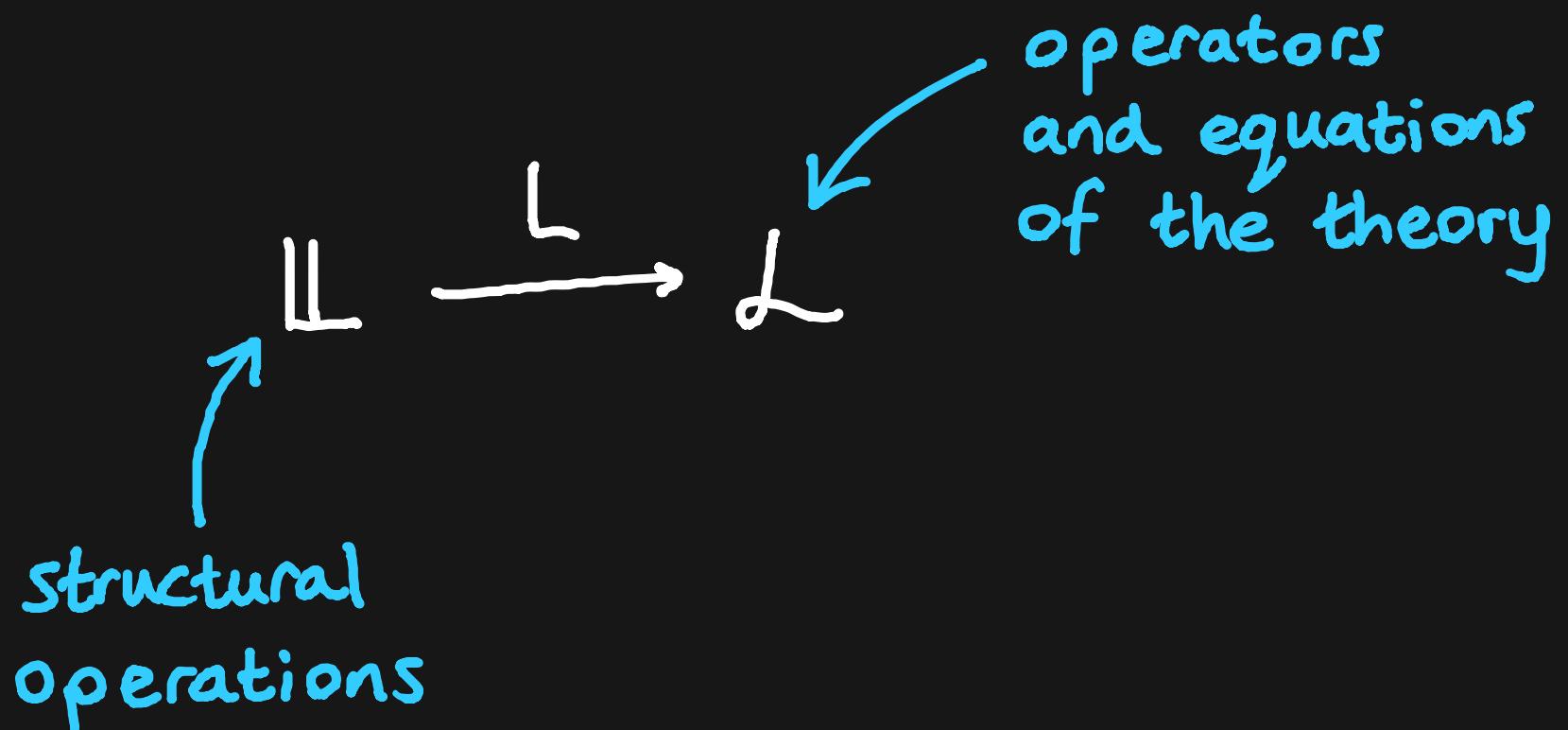
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A + B \quad \Gamma, a:A \vdash u : C \quad \Gamma, b:B \vdash v : C}{\Gamma \vdash \text{case}(t, a.u, b.v) : C}$$

Coproducts,
case-splitting

5.

$$\frac{\Gamma, x:X \vdash f : X}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fix}(f) : X}$$

Fixed points



Second-order theory of equality

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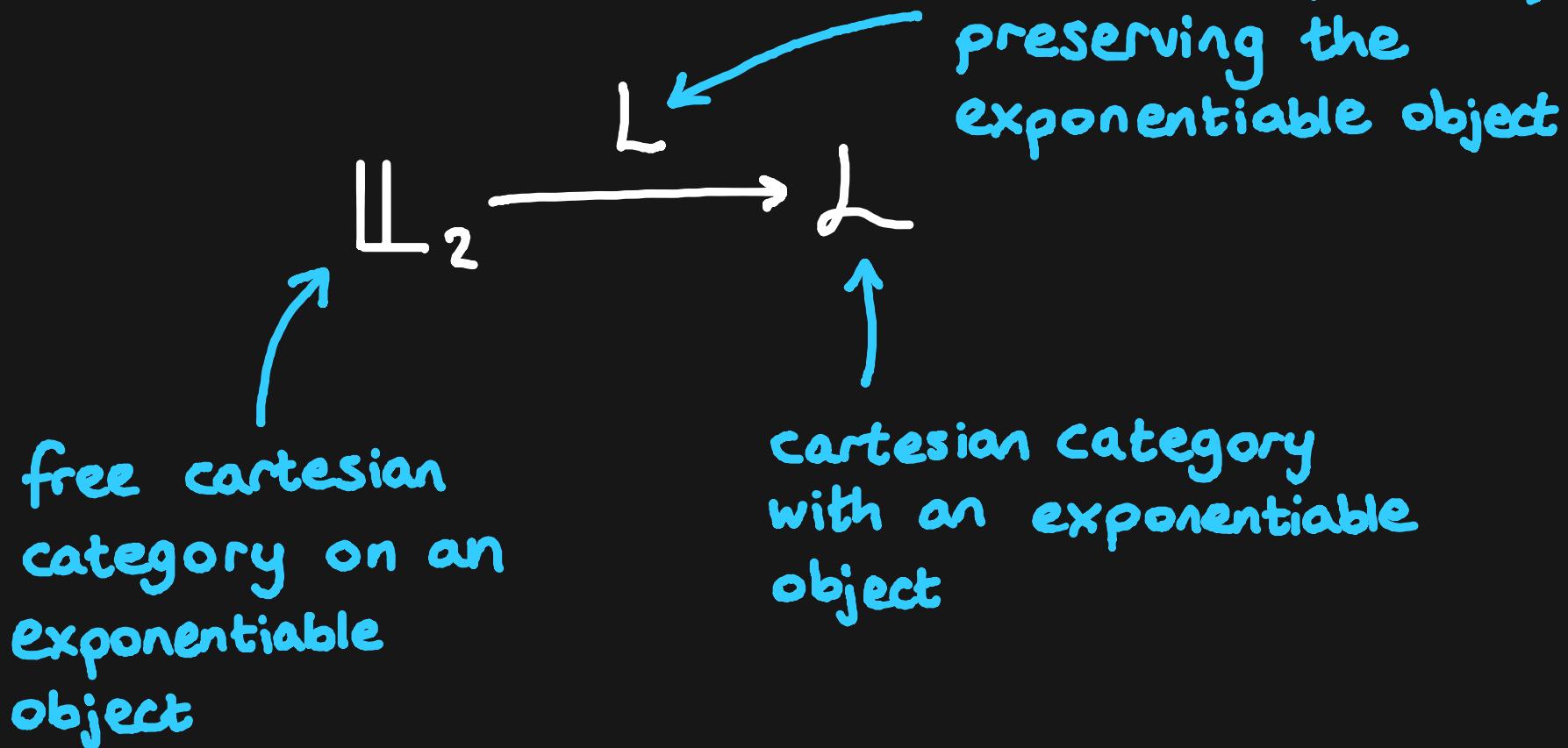
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in \mathcal{L} represents an L -tuple of terms in
 K metavariables and m_i variables:

$$\langle (x_1^1, \dots, x_{n_1}^1) x_1, \dots, (x_1^K, \dots, x_{n_K}^K) x_K, y_1, \dots, y_{m_i}; t \rangle_i$$



parameterised variable Ordinary variable

'Differentiate $f(x)$ with respect to x and evaluate at x_0 '

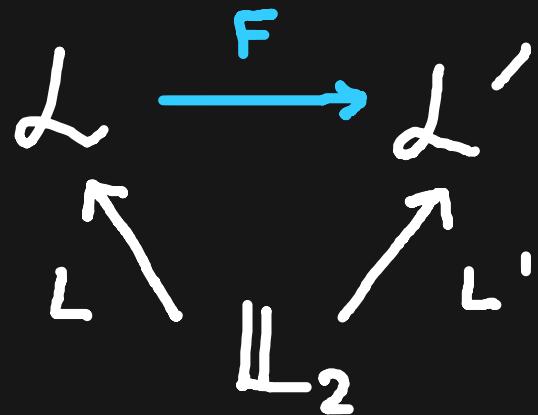
$$\partial(x, f(x), x_0)$$

represented by

$$X^X \times X \xrightarrow{\partial} X$$

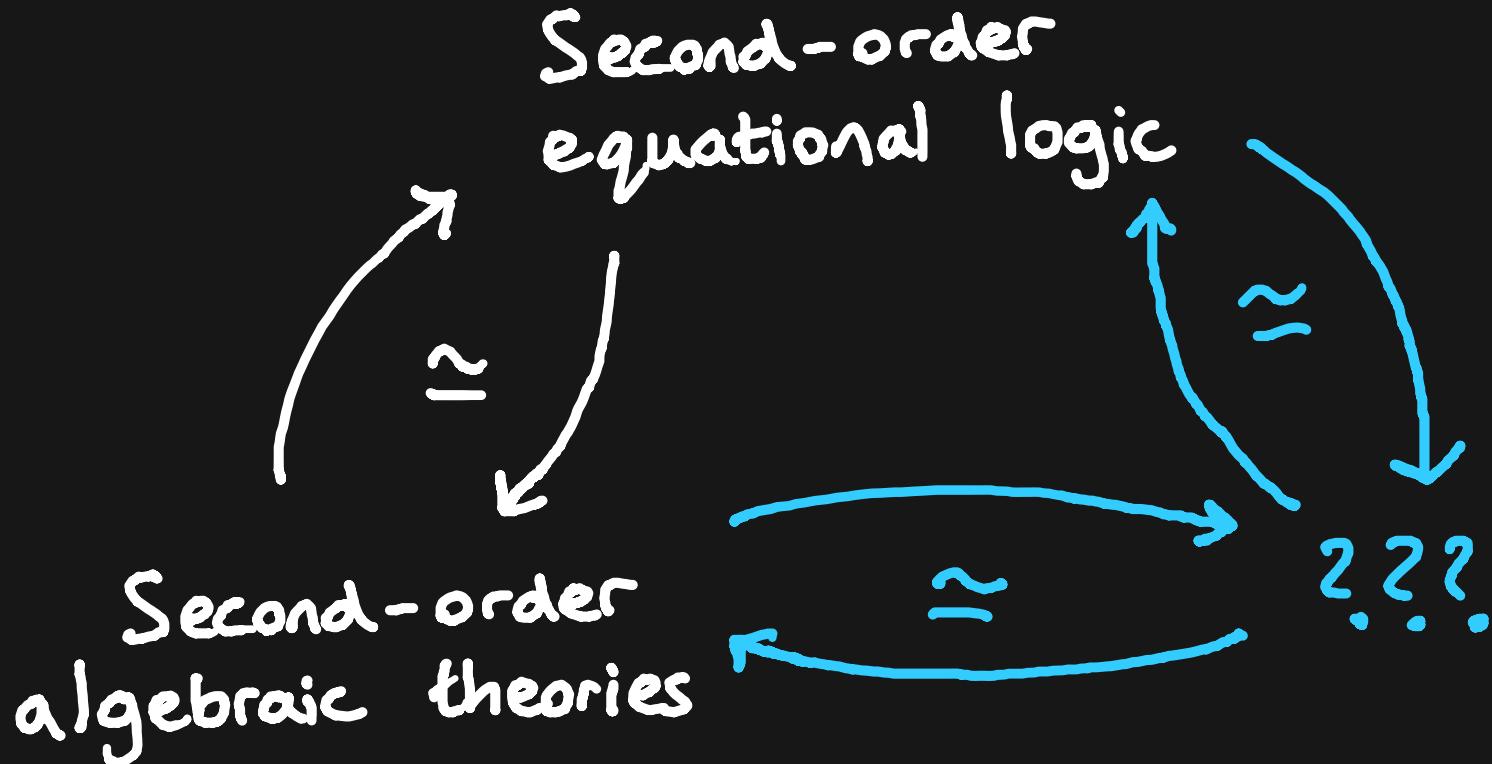
Second-order algebraic theories

A map of second-order algebraic theories is a commutative triangle

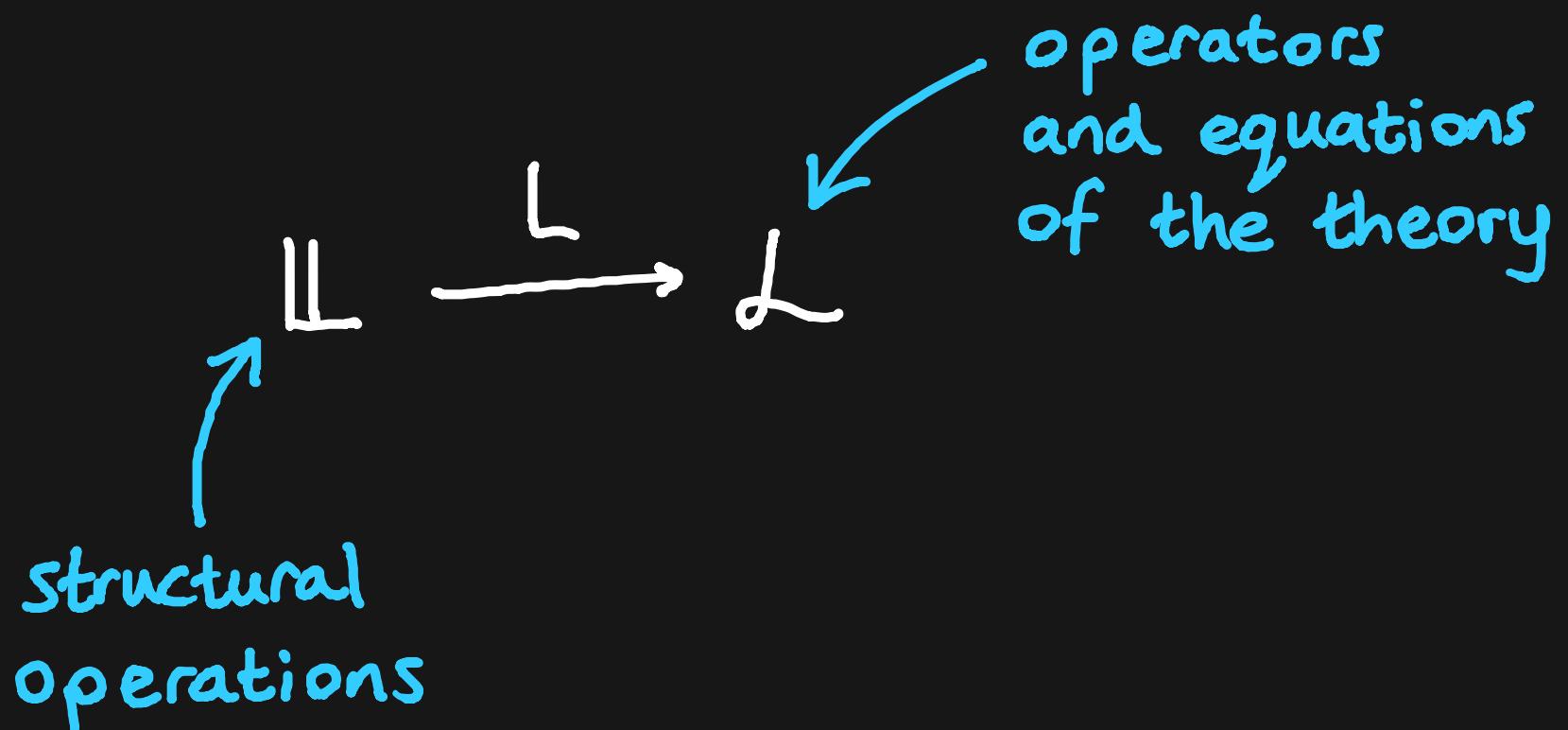


Second-order algebraic theories and their maps form a category Law_2 .

Second-order universal algebra

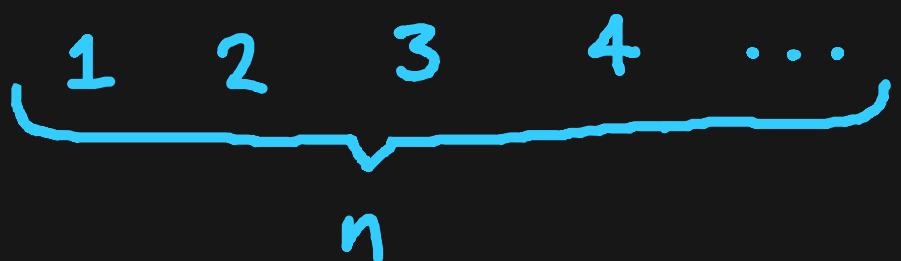


III . HIGHER-ORDER ALGEBRAIC THEORIES



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$$\underbrace{1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ \dots}_n$$

Intuitively, morphisms in \mathbb{L}_n represent operators taking operators as operands.

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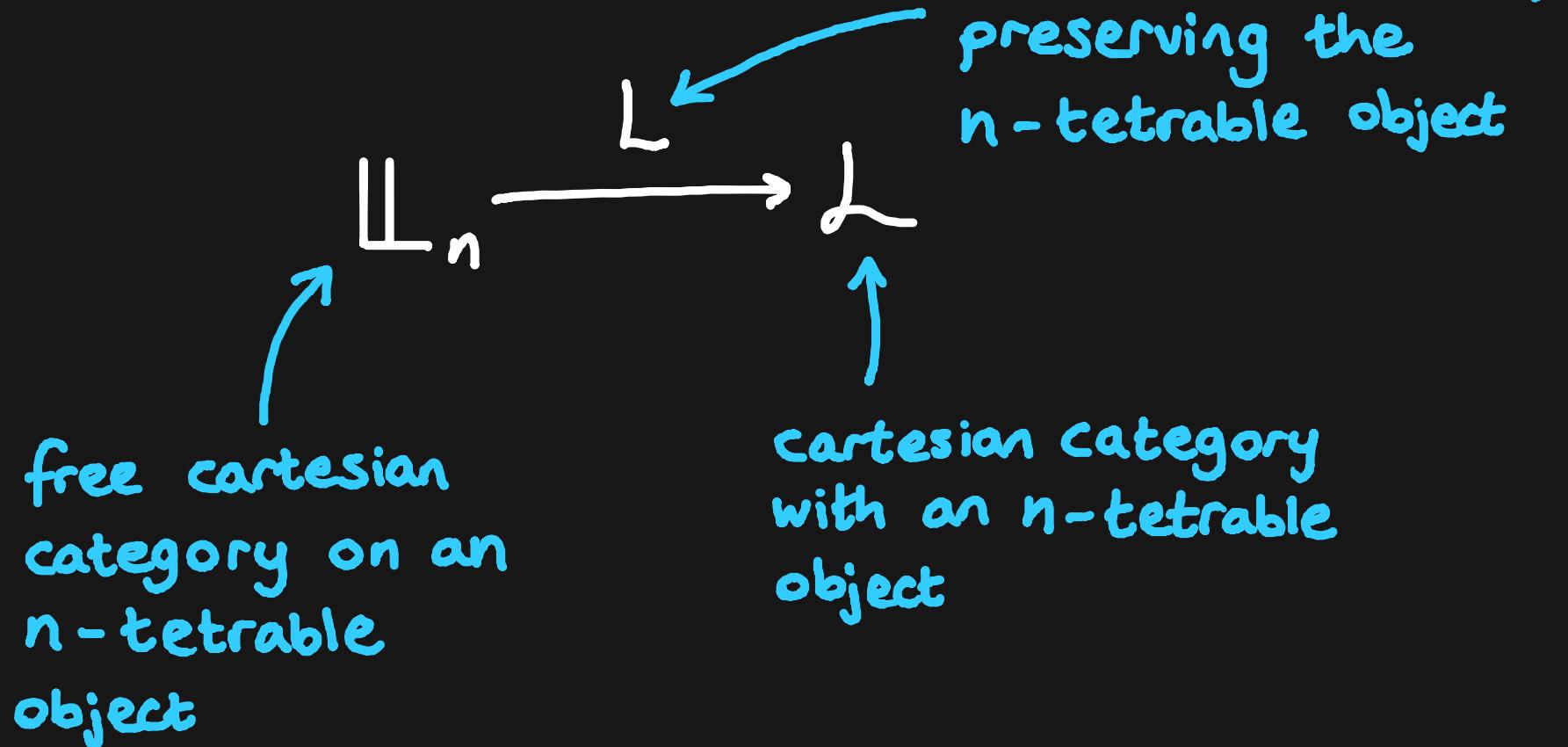
We have:

$$\mathbb{L} = \mathbb{L}_1 \hookrightarrow \mathbb{L}_2 \hookrightarrow \cdots \hookrightarrow \mathbb{L}_\omega$$

↑
free cartesian
category on a point

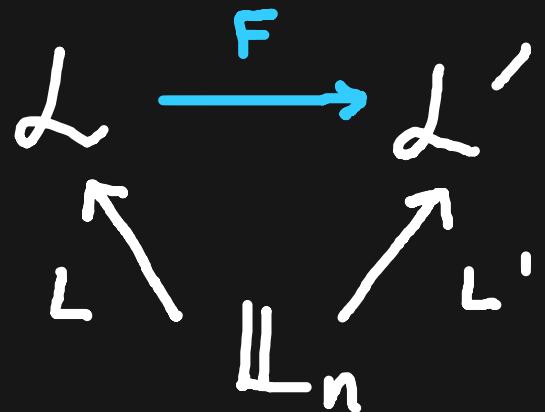
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category on a point

Higher-order algebraic theories



Higher-order algebraic theories

A map of n^{th} -order algebraic theories is a commutative triangle



n^{th} -order algebraic theories and their maps form a category Law_n .

Is there a monad correspondence
for n^{th} -order algebraic theories?

The universal property of Law_n

Thm

Law_n is locally strongly finitely presentable.

$$\text{Law}_n \simeq \text{Cart}(\mathbb{L}_{n+1}, \text{Set})$$

sifted cocompletion $\xrightarrow{\quad \simeq \quad} \text{Sind}(\mathbb{L}_{n+1}^\circ)$

free cartesian category on an $(n+1)$ -tetrable point

The universal property of Law_n ($n=1$)

Thm

Law_1 is locally strongly finitely presentable.

$$\text{Law} = \text{Law}_1 \simeq \text{Cart}(\mathbb{L}_2, \text{Set})$$

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Hence also:

- Locally finitely presentable
- Cocomplete
- Complete

IV. RELATIVE MONADS

Higher-order
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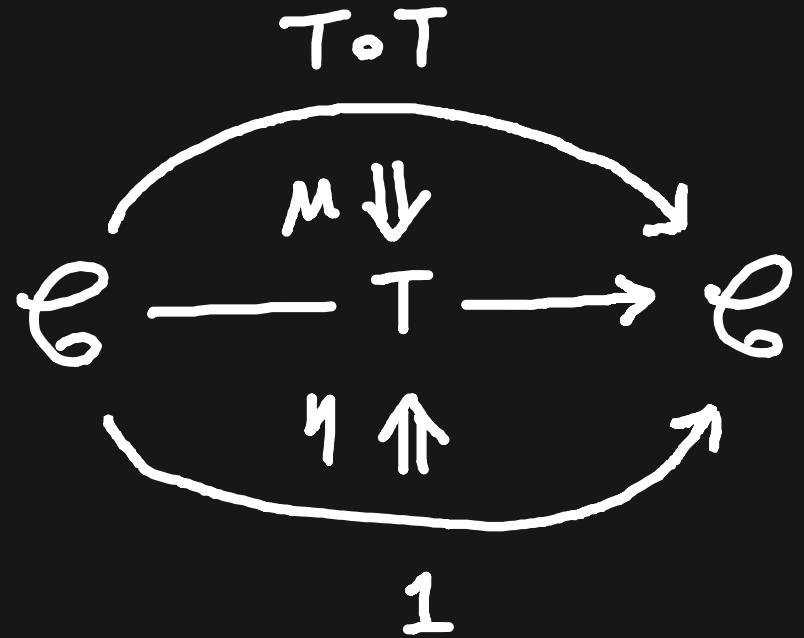
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~ Relative monads ~

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Monads

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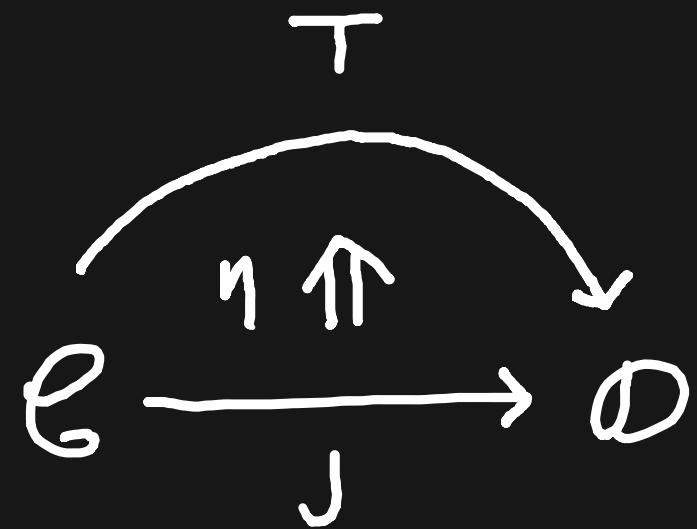


subject to associativity and unitality laws

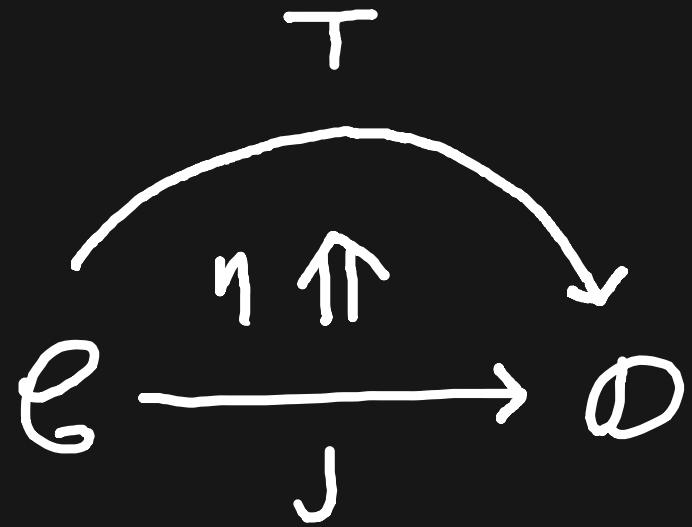
Relative monads

$$e \xrightarrow{j} \emptyset$$

Relative monads



Relative monads



But what about multiplication?

Relative monads

A J -relative monad $(T, \eta, (-)^*)$ consists of

- a function

$$T : |\mathcal{C}'| \rightarrow |\mathcal{C}|$$

- a transformation

$$\eta_x : JX \rightarrow TX$$

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Prop: a monad is precisely an Id -relative monad.

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Thm

$$\text{Law}_{n+1} \cong \text{RMnd}_{+-\text{lin}}(\mathcal{L}_{n+1}^\circ)$$

+-linear ($\mathcal{L}_{n+1}^\circ \hookrightarrow \text{Law}_n$) -
relative monads

$(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ -order algebraic
theories

Thm

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When $n=0$, this says that algebraic theories are equivalent to $(\text{FinSet} \hookrightarrow \text{Set})$ - relative monads.

Thm

Law_{n+1} \cong
 $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ -order algebraic
theories

technical condition, imposing
invertibility of a canonical strength

$\text{RMnd}_{+-\text{lin}}(\mathcal{L}_{n+1}^\circ)$

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(But what about ordinary monads?)

$\mathbb{L}_1 \xrightarrow{L} \mathcal{L}$

Theory

Relative monad

Monad

$\mathbb{L}_1 \xrightarrow{L} \mathcal{L}$ $\mathbb{L}_1^\circ \xrightarrow{T_L} \text{Sind}(\mathbb{L}_1^\circ)$

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$\mathbb{L}_1 \xrightarrow{L} \mathcal{L}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{Sind}(\mathbb{L}_1^\circ) & \\ \mathbb{L}_1^\circ & \xrightarrow{\quad L \quad} & \downarrow \text{Lang } T_L \\ & \xrightarrow{T_L} \text{Sind}(\mathbb{L}_1^\circ) & \end{array}$$

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Monad

$\mathbb{U}_2 \xrightarrow{L} \mathcal{L}$

$\mathbb{U}_1 \xrightarrow{L} \mathcal{L}$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \text{Sind}(\mathbb{U}_1^\circ) & \\ \mathbb{U}_1^\circ & \xrightarrow{T_L} & \downarrow \text{Lang}_{\mathcal{L}} T_L \\ & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \end{array}$$

Theory

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Monad

$$\mathbb{U}_2 \xrightarrow{L} \mathcal{L}$$

$$\mathbb{U}_2^\circ \xrightarrow[T_L]{} \text{Sind}(\mathbb{U}_2^\circ)$$

$$\mathbb{U}_1 \xrightarrow{L} \mathcal{L}$$

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$$\mathbb{U}_3 \xrightarrow{L} \mathcal{L}$$

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⋮

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$(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ -order algebraic theories

$$\cong \text{Mnd}_{+-\text{lin}, \text{sf}}(\text{Law}_n)$$

sifted-cocontinuous $+-\text{linear}$ monads on Law_n

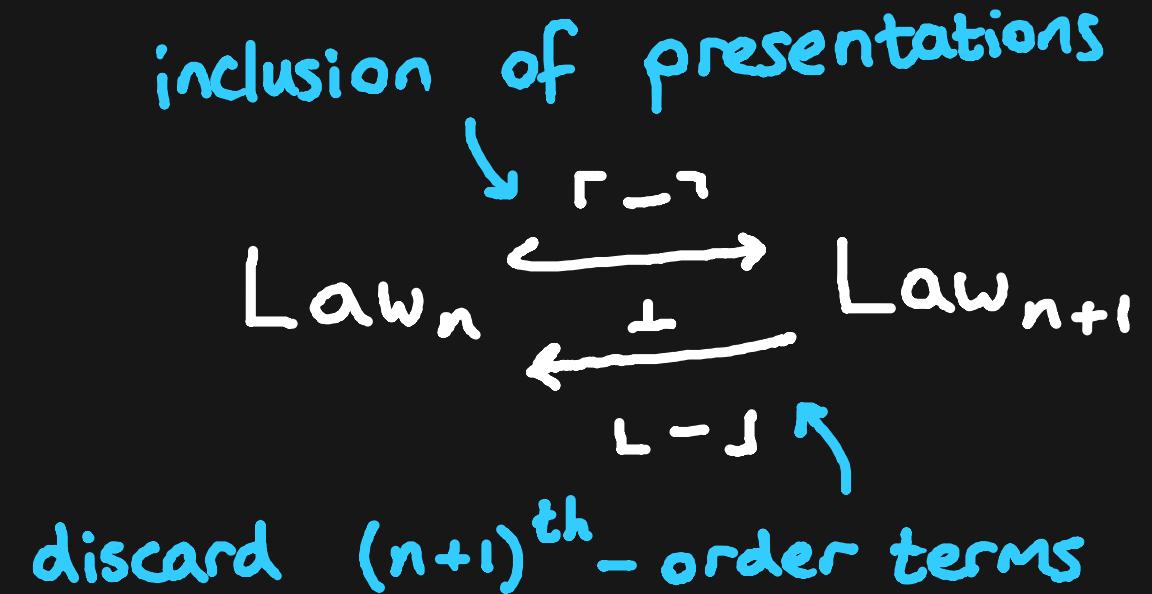
Idea

Variable-binding structure is algebraic over algebraic structure.

Coreflections

Thm

There is a coreflection of categories:



Coreflections

There is a chain of coreflections,

$$\text{Law}_1 \begin{array}{c} \leftrightarrow \\ \perp \end{array} \text{Law}_2 \begin{array}{c} \leftrightarrow \\ \perp \end{array} \cdots \begin{array}{c} \leftrightarrow \\ \perp \end{array} \text{Law}_\omega$$

allowing us to freely extend or restrict the order
of a higher-order algebraic theory.

Prop.

Let $L : \mathbb{L}_{n+1} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$ be an $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ -order algebraic theory.

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When $n=0$, this says that T_L takes a set of constants, freely adds them to L , then extracts the new constants formed from those in X under the operations of L .

Summary

- Higher-order algebraic theories generalise algebraic theories by (higher-order) variable binding operators.
- There are coreflections $\text{Law}_n \rightleftarrows_{\perp} \text{Law}_{n+1}$.
- $\text{Law}_n \simeq \text{Sind}(\mathbb{L}_{n+1})$
- $\text{Law}_{n+1} \simeq \text{Mndsf}_{,+-\text{lin}}(\text{Law}_n)$

Algebras

Let $L: \mathbb{U}_{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}$ be an $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$ -order algebraic theory,
and let $T_L: \text{Law}_n \rightarrow \text{Law}_n$ be the corresponding monad.

$$T_L\text{-Alg} \simeq \text{Cart}(\mathbb{L}, \text{Set})$$