Category Theory 101 Graph Transformations Discrete Structures Day

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- Simulation of biological phenomenons.
- Simulation of chemical reactions.
- Study of cloning:
  - $\implies$  Typically to produce a web site one starts to copy an existing one, then one modifies it accordingly to its will.
  - ⇒ Social Data Anonymization techniques rely on finely tuned cloning operations.

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  - Results much more general than thought at first.
  - Set theory is just a special case of category (Lawvere).
  - In computer science E. Moggi was able to capture ideas previously thought to be outside of reach with the monads.
  - In logic J.-Y. Girard and the linear logic.
  - etc.

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#### Definition

A category  $\ensuremath{\mathcal{C}}$  is made of

- A collection of object :  $Obj(\mathcal{C})$
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- $\forall x \in Obj(\mathcal{C})$  there is  $id_x \in Hom_{\mathcal{C}}(x,x)$
- $\forall x, y, z \in Obj(C)$  a function  $\circ : Hom_{\mathcal{C}}(x, y) \times Hom_{\mathcal{C}}(y, z) \rightarrow Hom_{\mathcal{C}}(y, z)$

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such that

$$Identity: f \circ id = id \circ f = f$$

Associativity: 
$$(h \circ g) \circ f = h \circ (g \circ f)$$

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#### Pullback

- Lets have :  $f : X \to Z$  and  $g : Y \to Z$
- Fiber product:  $X \times_Z Y := \{(x, w, y) \mid f(x) = w = g(y)\}$



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#### Pushout

- Co-construction of the pullback.
- Lets have :  $f: X \to Z$  and  $g: Y \to Z$
- disjoint sum with gluing: X + \_ Z Y := X + Y + Z /  $\sim$
- With  $\sim$  generated by  $f(z) \sim z \sim g(z)$



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## Rule based transformations

- Rule-based term rewriting is easy: replace a tree by another one.
- Much more difficult with graphs (multiple incident edges).
- Categorical frameworks make it clean to express graph transformations systematically.

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|---------|-------|
| clone   | merge |
| delete  | add   |
| comatch | match |
| global  | local |

# AGREE extended rule

Extension of a framework proposed by A. Corradini, D. Duval, R. Echahed, F. Prost and L. Ribeiro [ICGT15].

Definition (AGREE rules and matches)



A match of such a rule is composed of a mono L → G and a typing morphism G → T<sub>L</sub> and is such that l' ∘ t = (m̄ ∘ m) ∘ l.

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- The cloning of a web site consists in duplicating all local files and keeping external links shared between the two copies.



should be cloned as follows







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- Naïve approach doesn't work : Netflix [NarayanShmatikov06].
- Anonymization is an active research field ... rather artistic at the time: approaches validated through experiments.

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- Hence three important points to consider:
  - Background Knowledge: What does the opponent know ? Model of the opponent.
  - Privacity: what is attacked ?
  - Usage: How the data is going to be analyzed ?

#### ⇒ Anonymizing techniques

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- One solution: select 1/k nodes randomly, create k clones, link the clones together easy to program with AGREE approach.

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# Using AGREE for k-anonymity

- Progaming with types !
- L is just a cloud of nodes, and K is made of k clones of L.
- Standard  $T_L$  is :



• Simplest  $T_K$  is :



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# Self-similar graphs

- Every vertex is replaced by a copy of the graph.
- Interconnections between copies of the original "mimic" the ones in the target graph.







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- Categorical frameworks allow simple and mathematically workable definition of complex transformations.
- Only basic constructs are needed: pushouts, pullbacks.
- An very generic implementation is scheduled.
- Open questions:
  - matching ? (random match does not lead to scale-free networks)
  - What statistics can be interesting (Ramsey-like theory) ?
  - What kind of certificate can be produced ?

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