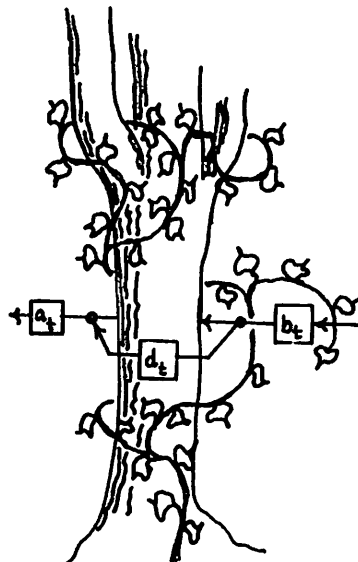


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ABSTRACT

Motivated by the way in which the recursive definition of the response of a generalized sequential machine is intertwined with that of the reachability map, we introduce an intertwined recursion principle valid for any endofunctor that admits free dynamics. This allows us to extend the Arbib-Manes definition of a machine in a category to that of a process transformation which transforms input processes to output processes. This formalization includes primitive recursion, generalized sequential machines, bottom-up tree transformations, and a generalized notion of linear systems which treats the initial state and input on a symmetric footing. We analyze the behavior of loop-free networks of process transformations, and pose open questions concerning the products of endofunctors.

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## 1. Introduction

There are two main approaches to the category-theoretic formulation of systems. The closed-category approach (see, e.g., Goguen [1972] and Ehrig et al. [1974]) takes as its setting a closed category  $\mathcal{K}$  with denumerable coproducts, and takes the state-space  $Q$ , output-space  $Y$  and input-space  $X_0$  of a system to be objects of  $\mathcal{K}$ . A dynamics is then a morphism

$$(1) \quad \delta : Q \otimes X_0 \longrightarrow Y$$

while the output map of the system is another morphism

$$(2) \quad \lambda : Q \otimes X_0 \longrightarrow Y.$$

The advantage of this approach is that we can readily define  $X_0^*$  and  $Y_0^*$  as the coproduct of  $n$ -fold tensor products,  $n \geq 0$ , of  $X_0$  and  $Y_0$  respectively, and then extend  $(\delta, \lambda)$  to a response morphism  $X_0^* \longrightarrow Y_0^*$ . The disadvantage of this approach is its limited applicability: it includes sequential machines and bilinear machines, but does not include linear systems and tree automata.

The recursion-process approach<sup>1</sup> (see, e.g., Arbib and Manes [1974a]; and see Bainbridge [1973] for a related approach) takes as its setting any category  $\mathcal{K}$ , takes the state-space  $Q$  and output-space  $Y$  to be objects of  $\mathcal{K}$ , and takes the input  $X$  to be a functor  $X : \mathcal{K} \longrightarrow \mathcal{K}$  which is a recursion process in the sense of Definition 2 of Section 2 below. A dynamics is then a morphism

$$(3) \quad \delta : QX \longrightarrow Q$$

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<sup>1</sup> Elsewhere called the input-process approach. The reason for the renaming is given at the start of Section 2.

while the output map of the system is another morphism

$$(4) \quad \beta : QX \longrightarrow Y.$$

An initial state map  $\tau : A \longrightarrow Q$  extends<sup>1</sup> to a reachability map  $r : AX^{\textcircled{a}} \longrightarrow Q$  (and, taking  $X = - \otimes X_0$  in a suitable  $\mathcal{K}$ , this includes the definition  $r : A \otimes X_0^* \longrightarrow Q$  of the closed-category approach).

However, the disadvantage of this approach is its asymmetry of treatment of input and output --  $Y$  has no analogue of  $Y_0^*$  in the way that  $X^{\textcircled{a}}$  provides an analogue of  $X_0^*$ . In particular, we have no definition of a response map of a form  $AX^{\textcircled{a}} \longrightarrow BY^{\textcircled{a}}$  for a system represented by (3) and (4). However, the advantages of the approach are considerable. It not only handles sequential machines and bilinear machines, but also includes linear machines, tree automata and many others (see, e.g., Arbib and Manes [1975b]). Can we, then, preserve these advantages yet also provide the analogue of the response map  $X_0^* \longrightarrow Y_0^*$ ? Our observation above that a suitable analogue might be of the form  $AX^{\textcircled{a}} \longrightarrow BY^{\textcircled{a}}$  provides the key to the answer -- input and output must be treated on an equal footing, with both  $X$  and  $Y$  being recursion processes. An elegant analysis along these lines was provided by Alagić [1975], who, motivated by the way in which the dynamics and output map of a generalized sequential machine are captured in a single map

$$(5) \quad Q \times X_0 \longrightarrow Y_0^* \times Q$$

offered the general concept of a direct state transformation which took (a generalization<sup>2</sup> of) the form of a natural transformation<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> We explain how -- and define  $X^{\textcircled{a}}$  -- in Definition 2.2.

<sup>2</sup> Basically, replacing  $Y^{\textcircled{a}}$  by the  $T$  of any algebraic theory.

<sup>3</sup> The reader unfamiliar with natural transformations will find an exposition in Section 3 below.

$$(6) \quad \bar{Q}X \longrightarrow Y^{\bar{Q}}$$

where  $X$  and  $Y$  are recursion processes and  $\bar{Q}$  is now a functor. A major motivation for Alagić's paper was the study of tree transformations, and he showed that (6) subsumed the bottom-up tree transformations of Engelfriet [1975] and the generalized<sup>2</sup> sequential machines of Thatcher [1970]. Alagić also defined inverse state transformations to be natural transformations of the form

$$(7) \quad X\bar{Q} \longrightarrow \bar{Q}Y^{\bar{Q}}$$

where  $X$  and  $Y$  are again recursion processes, and the state-functor  $\bar{Q}$  is now required to have a right adjoint. Alagić shows that this notion subsumes top-down tree transformations. He proves a number of interesting results about these transformations, including the result (stated atop p. 299 as part of his proof of Theorem 3.10) that to every inverse state transformation on a free monad there corresponds a pure direct state transformation on a free monad (the reader is referred to Alagić [1975] for the definitions of this terminology).

But the Alagić approach has one flaw: because  $Q$  is a functor rather than an object, the state is 'entangled' with the input and output, so that 'running' the direct state transformation (6) yields

$$(8) \quad \bar{Q}X^{\bar{Q}} \longrightarrow Y^{\bar{Q}\bar{Q}}$$

but there seems no general way to introduce objects  $A$  and  $B$  in such a way that we can extract from (8) a 'state-free' input-output response

$$(9) \quad AX^{\bar{Q}} \longrightarrow BY^{\bar{Q}}$$

as a suitable generalization of the  $f = \beta \cdot r : AX^{\bar{Q}} \longrightarrow Y$  available for machines described by (3) and (4). Our major contribution, then, is to show that the benefits of the Alagić approach can be obtained in any category with

binary products, and that we can once more use a state-object  $Q$ , with Alagić's state-functor  $\bar{Q}$  restricted to the special form  $\hat{Q} = - \times Q$ . In this case, the direct state transformation  $\hat{Q}X \longrightarrow Y^{\hat{Q}}$  unpacks into a dynamics  $QX \longrightarrow Q$  together with a natural transformation  $\hat{Q}X \longrightarrow Y^{\hat{Q}}$ . These two maps are at the heart of the notion of a process transformation which we develop in this paper. While these two maps may be seen as a specialization of Alagić's machinery, the research reported here required delicate analysis to reveal the proper way of handling  $A$  and  $B$  to yield a response of the form (9). Our development is based on an intertwined recursion principle which makes explicit how the definition of the response (9) of a process transformation is intertwined with the definition of an appropriate reachability map  $r : AX^{\hat{Q}} \longrightarrow Q$ . We show that our notion of a process transformation not only covers all the specific applications which Alagić provided for his direct state transformations, but also includes primitive recursion, and provides an insightful analysis of linear systems which shows that input and initial state may be treated on a surprisingly symmetric basis when considering reachability, but that this symmetry is lost when we consider the response  $AX^{\hat{Q}} \longrightarrow BY^{\hat{Q}}$ .

Apart from some basic familiarity with the notion of a recursion process and the necessary elements of category theory, the paper is self-contained. In particular, no use is made of the results from Alagić [1975]. Where Alagić offers an analysis of serial composition of state transformations, we offer an analysis of cascade connection of process transformations, which includes both serial and parallel connections.

## 2. The Intertwined Recursion Principle

In earlier papers (see, e.g., Arbib and Manes [1974a]) we have studied the category  $\text{Dyn}(X)$  of  $X$ -dynamics for endofunctors  $X : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ , and seen that 'running a dynamics' corresponds to  $X$  being a recursion process. (We have used the term input process in earlier papers, but abandon it now since, in this paper, we consider systems whose outputs, as well as inputs, are recursion processes.)

1. DEFINITION: Let  $X : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  be any endofunctor. An  $X$ -dynamics is a pair  $(Q, \delta)$  where  $Q$  is an object and  $\delta : QX \rightarrow Q$  is a morphism in  $\mathcal{K}$ . Given two  $X$ -dynamics  $(Q, \delta)$ ,  $(Q', \delta')$ , a morphism  $h : Q \rightarrow Q'$  is an  $X$ -dynamorphism if

$$\begin{array}{ccc} QX & \xrightarrow{\delta} & Q \\ hX \downarrow & & \downarrow h \\ Q'X & \xrightarrow{\delta'} & Q' \end{array}$$

We obtain a category  $\text{Dyn}(X)$  with composition and identities at the level of  $\mathcal{K}$ .

2. DEFINITION: We say that  $X : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  is a recursion process if there exists a free dynamics  $(AX^{\textcircled{A}}, A\mu_0)$  over each object  $A$  in  $\mathcal{K}$ ; i.e.  $(AX^{\textcircled{A}}, A\mu_0)$  is coupled with a morphism  $A\eta : A \rightarrow AX^{\textcircled{A}}$  with the universal property that for every other pair of an  $X$ -dynamics  $(Q, \delta)$  and morphism  $\tau : A \rightarrow Q$  there exists a unique  $X$ -dynamorphism  $r : (AX^{\textcircled{A}}, A\mu_0) \rightarrow (Q, \delta)$  such that  $r \cdot A\eta = \tau$ . i.e. given  $\tau$  and  $\delta$

$$(3) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & AX^{\textcircled{A}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & AX^{\textcircled{A}}X \\ & \searrow \tau & \downarrow r & & \downarrow rX \\ & & Q & \xleftarrow{\delta} & QX \end{array}$$

there exists a unique  $r$  such that (3) commutes.

It can be easily shown that  $X^{\textcircled{a}}$  in (3) is the object map of a functor  $X^{\textcircled{a}} : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ . As an application of this we note that each recursion process yields a family of maps

$$A\mu : AX^{\textcircled{a}}X^{\textcircled{a}} \longrightarrow AX^{\textcircled{a}}$$

defined by the diagram

$$(4) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} AX^{\textcircled{a}} & \xrightarrow{AX^{\textcircled{a}}\eta} & AX^{\textcircled{a}}X^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{AX^{\textcircled{a}}\mu_0} & AX^{\textcircled{a}}X^{\textcircled{a}}X \\ & \searrow \text{id}_{AX^{\textcircled{a}}} & \downarrow A\mu & & \downarrow A\mu X \\ & & AX^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & AX^{\textcircled{a}}X \end{array}$$

We now show that (3) includes the classical scheme of simple recursion. Let  $\underline{\mathbb{N}}$  be the set of natural numbers, let  $A, B$  be sets, and let  $\alpha : A \rightarrow B, \Gamma : B \rightarrow B$  be maps. Then the scheme

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(a,0) &= \alpha(a) \\ \gamma(a,n+1) &= \Gamma(\gamma(a,n)) \end{aligned}$$

defines a unique function  $\gamma : A \times \underline{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow B$ . We say that  $\gamma$  is defined by simple recursion from  $\alpha$  and  $\Gamma$ . Now this yields the diagram

$$(5) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{0_A} & A \times \underline{\mathbb{N}} & \xleftarrow{\text{id}_A \times s} & A \times \underline{\mathbb{N}} \\ & \searrow \alpha & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \gamma \\ & & B & \xleftarrow{\Gamma} & B \end{array}$$

where  $s : \underline{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow \underline{\mathbb{N}}, n \mapsto n+1$  is the successor function,  $0_A : A \rightarrow A \times \underline{\mathbb{N}}, a \mapsto (a,0)$  is the zero function. I.e. given  $\alpha$  and  $\Gamma$ , there is a unique  $\gamma$  such that (5) commutes. (It is well known (Lawvere [1964], Freyd [1972, prop. 5.22]) that any natural numbers object  $\underline{\mathbb{N}}$  in a topos satisfies the property.) We now observe that (5) is the special case of (3) obtained by setting

$$\mathcal{K} = \underline{\text{Set}}, \quad X = \text{id}_{\underline{\text{Set}}}$$

where we then have that



$$AX^{\mathcal{Q}} = A \times \underline{N}, \quad A\mu_0 = \text{id}_A \times s, \quad A\eta = 0_A.$$

We now turn to Mealy sequential machines, and see that the definition of the reachability map is again an instance of (3), but that the definition of the response map requires an extension of (3) which -- motivated by the above discussion of the simple recursion principle -- we shall call the intertwined recursion principle.

6. DEFINITION: Given sets  $A, B, X_0, Y_0$  a Mealy sequential machine

$M: (A, X_0) \rightarrow (B, Y_0)$  is a quadruple  $M = (Q, \delta, \tau, \alpha, \lambda)$  with

$$\delta : Q \times X_0 \rightarrow Q$$

$$\tau : A \rightarrow Q$$

$$\alpha : A \rightarrow B$$

$$\lambda : Q \times X_0 \rightarrow Y_0$$

( $A$ , the set of 'initial state labels', is usually taken to contain only one element  $a$ , say, so that  $\tau(a) = q_0$  is the initial state. When  $A$  and  $B$  each have only one element,  $\alpha$  may be omitted.) By a generalized sequential machine  $M: (A, X_0) \rightarrow (B, Y_0)$  we mean  $M = (Q, \delta, \tau, \alpha, \lambda)$  with  $\delta, \tau$  as above but with

$$\alpha : A \rightarrow B \times Y_0^*$$

$$\lambda : Q \times X_0 \rightarrow Y_0^*$$

where  $Y_0^*$  is the free monoid generated by  $Y_0$ . Regarding  $Y_0$  as a subset of  $Y_0^*$ , each Mealy sequential machine is also a generalized sequential machine.

7. DEFINITION: Let  $M = (Q, \delta, \tau, \alpha, \lambda): (A, X_0) \rightarrow (B, Y_0)$  be a generalized sequential machine. Then the reachability map  $r: A \times X_0^* \rightarrow Q$  is defined by

$$(8) \text{ Basis Step: } \quad r(a, \Lambda) = \tau(a) \quad (\Lambda \text{ the empty word})$$

$$\text{Induction Step: } \quad r(a, wx) = \delta(r(w), x) \quad (w \in X_0^*, x \in X_0)$$

The response map  $\gamma : A \times X_0^* \longrightarrow B \times Y_0^*$  is defined by

$$(9) \text{ Basis Step: } \gamma(a, \Lambda) = \alpha(a)$$

$$\text{Induction Step: } \gamma(a, wx) = \gamma(a, w) \cdot \lambda(r(a, w), x) \quad (w \in X_0^*, x \in X_0)$$

where  $\cdot$  is the concatenation of  $Y_0^*$ .

We see that (8) may be rewritten

$$(10) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & A \times X_0^* & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & A \times X_0^* \times X_0 \\ & \searrow \tau & \downarrow r & & \downarrow r \times X_0 \\ & & Q & \xleftarrow{\delta} & Q \times X_0 \end{array}$$

which is clearly the special case of (3) obtained by taking

$$\mathcal{K} = \underline{\text{Set}}, \quad X = - \times X_0$$

where we then have that

$$AX^{\textcircled{e}} = A \times X_0^*, \quad A\mu_0(a, w, x) = (a, wx), \quad A\eta(a) = (a, \Lambda).$$

Incidentally, note that in this case the concatenation  $A \times X_0^* \times X_0^* \longrightarrow A \times X_0^*$ ,  $(a, w, v) \mapsto (a, w \cdot v)$  is just the  $A\mu : AX^{\textcircled{e}}X^{\textcircled{e}} \longrightarrow AX^{\textcircled{e}}$  of (4).

Now, (9) requires a 'recursion' that is 'intertwined' in the sense that the induction step requires that the previous step of  $r$ , as well as that of  $\gamma$ , be available. Diagrammatically, (9) becomes

$$(11) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & A \times X_0^* & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & A \times X_0^* \times X_0 \\ & \searrow \alpha & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ r \end{pmatrix} \times X_0 \\ & & B \times Y_0^* & \xleftarrow{\Gamma} & (B \times Y_0^* \times Q) \times X_0 \end{array}$$

where  $\begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ r \end{pmatrix} : A \times X_0^* \longrightarrow (B \times Y_0^* \times Q) : (a, w) \mapsto (\gamma(a, w), r(a, w))$

and  $\Gamma(b, v, q, x) = (b, v \cdot \lambda(q, x))$

so that the square says

$$\gamma(a, wx) = \Gamma(\gamma(a, w), r(a, w), x) = \gamma(a, w) \cdot \lambda(r(a, w), x).$$

Just as (10) was a special case of (3), so may we see that (11) is a special case of (13) below:

**12. THE INTERTWINED RECURSION PRINCIPLE:** Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a category with binary products, and let  $X : \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  be a recursion process. Then, given  $\tau : A \rightarrow Q$ ,  $\delta : QX \rightarrow Q$ ,  $\alpha : A \rightarrow K$  and  $\Gamma : (K \times Q)X \rightarrow K$  there exists a unique  $\gamma : AX^{\textcircled{a}} \rightarrow K$  such that, with the  $r : AX^{\textcircled{a}} \rightarrow Q$  defined by  $\tau$  and  $\delta$  as in (3) we have

$$(13) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & AX^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & AX^{\textcircled{a}}X \\ & \searrow \alpha & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ r \end{pmatrix} X \\ & & K & \xleftarrow{\Gamma} & (K \times Q)X \end{array}$$

We say that  $\gamma$  is defined from  $\alpha$  and  $\Gamma$  by intertwined recursion with  $r$ .

Proof: Given  $\Gamma$  and  $\delta$  we may define the  $X$ -dynamics

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Gamma \\ \delta \cdot \text{pr}_2 X \end{pmatrix} : (K \times Q)X \rightarrow K \times Q$$

which then lets us apply (3) in the form

$$(14) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & AX^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & AX^{\textcircled{a}}X \\ & \searrow \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \tau \end{pmatrix} & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ r \end{pmatrix} X & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ r \end{pmatrix} X \\ & & K \times Q & \xleftarrow{\begin{pmatrix} \Gamma \\ \delta \cdot \text{pr}_2 X \end{pmatrix}} & (K \times Q)X \end{array}$$

to develop a unique pair  $(\gamma : AX^{\textcircled{a}} \rightarrow K, \bar{r} : AX^{\textcircled{a}} \rightarrow Q)$ . Via the projections  $Q \leftarrow Q \times K \rightarrow K$ , (14) is equivalent to (15) and (16):

$$(15) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & AX^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & AX^{\textcircled{a}}X \\ & \searrow \tau & \downarrow \bar{r} & & \downarrow \bar{r}X \\ & & Q & \xleftarrow{\delta} & QX \end{array}$$

$$(16) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & AX^{\textcircled{0}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & AX^{\textcircled{X}} \\ & \searrow \alpha & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} \gamma \\ \bar{r} \end{array} \right)_X \\ & & K & \xleftarrow{\Gamma} & (K \times Q)_X \end{array}$$

Comparing (14) and (3) we see that, by uniqueness,  $r = \bar{r}$  so that (15) is just (13). Now if  $\gamma'$  also satisfies (13), we have that (15) and (16) hold with  $\bar{r} = r$ ,  $\gamma = \gamma'$  so that (14) holds, yielding  $\begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ r \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma' \\ r \end{pmatrix}$  and hence  $\gamma = \gamma'$ .  $\square$

Just as we saw that simple recursion (5) was a special case of the recursion process setting (3), so we now see that the classical notion of primitive recursion is a special case of intertwined recursion of (13). Given  $\alpha: A \rightarrow K$  and  $\Gamma: K \times A \times \underline{\mathbb{N}}$ , we say that  $\gamma: A \times \underline{\mathbb{N}} \rightarrow K$  is obtained from  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  by primitive recursion if it is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma(a, 0) &= \alpha(a) \\ \gamma(a, n+1) &= \Gamma(\gamma(a, n), a, n). \end{aligned}$$

But this is equivalent to the diagram

$$(17) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{0_A} & A \times \underline{\mathbb{N}} & \xleftarrow{\text{id}_A \times s} & A \times \underline{\mathbb{N}} \\ & \searrow \alpha & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} \gamma \\ \text{id}_{A \times \underline{\mathbb{N}}} \end{array} \right) \\ & & K & \xleftarrow{\Gamma} & K \times (A \times \underline{\mathbb{N}}) \end{array}$$

which corresponds to (13) with  $\mathcal{K} = \underline{\text{Set}}$ ,  $X = \text{id}_{\underline{\text{Set}}}$  where we then have, as in (5), that

$$AX^{\textcircled{0}} = A \times \underline{\mathbb{N}}, \quad A\eta = 0_A, \quad A\mu_0 = \text{id}_A \times s.$$

Finally, we take our underlying dynamics to be the free dynamics over  $A$ , i.e.

$$Q = A \times \underline{\mathbb{N}} \quad \text{with} \quad \tau = 0_A: A \rightarrow A \times \underline{\mathbb{N}}, \quad \delta = \text{id}_A \times s$$

which has reachability map  $r = \text{id}_{A \times \underline{\mathbb{N}}}$ .

### 3. Process Transformations

In 2.12, we established the intertwined recursion principle, namely that to each  $\tau: A \rightarrow Q$ ,  $\delta: QX \rightarrow Q$ ,  $\alpha: A \rightarrow K$  and  $\Gamma: (K \times Q)X \rightarrow K$  we can assign a unique 'response'  $\gamma: AX^{\textcircled{e}} \rightarrow K$

$$(1) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & AX^{\textcircled{e}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & AX^{\textcircled{e}}X \\ & \searrow \alpha & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} \gamma \\ r \end{array} \right) X \\ & & K & \xleftarrow{\Gamma} & (K \times Q)X \end{array}$$

where  $r: AX^{\textcircled{e}} \rightarrow Q$  is the reachability map of  $(\tau, \delta)$ . As a special case of this, we saw in 2.11 that we had the response of a generalized sequential machine

$$(2) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & A \times X_0^* & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & A \times X_0^* \times X_0 \\ & \searrow \alpha & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} \gamma \\ r \end{array} \right) \times X_0 \\ & & B \times Y_0^* & \xleftarrow{\Gamma} & (B \times Y_0^* \times Q) \times X_0 \end{array}$$

where  $\Gamma$  now takes the special form

$$B \times Y_0^* \times Q \times X_0 \xrightarrow{B \times Y_0^* \times \lambda} B \times Y_0^* \times Y_0^* \xrightarrow{B \times \text{concatenation}} B \times Y_0^*$$

If we introduce the functors  $\hat{Q} = - \times Q$ ,  $X = - \times X_0$  and  $Y = - \times Y_0$ , this takes the form (recall 2.4 and the comment following 2.10)

$$(3) \quad BY^{\textcircled{e}\hat{Q}X} \xrightarrow{BY^{\textcircled{e}}\beta} BY^{\textcircled{e}Y^{\textcircled{e}}} \xrightarrow{B\mu} BY^{\textcircled{e}}$$

where  $\beta: K\hat{Q}X \rightarrow KY^{\textcircled{e}} : (k, q, x) \mapsto (k, \lambda(q, x))$  is a natural transformation.

This immediately suggests the notion of process transformation given in (12) below as the appropriate categorical generalization of a generalized sequential machine. However, for completeness, we first give a brief treatment of natural transformations, and of functors of the form  $\hat{Q} = - \times Q$ .

4. DEFINITION: A natural transformation  $\Gamma: F \rightarrow G$  of functors  $F, G: \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$  is an assignment of a  $\mathcal{B}$ -morphism  $A\Gamma: AF \rightarrow AG$  for each object  $A$  of  $\mathcal{A}$  in such a way that for each  $\mathcal{A}$ -morphism  $f: A \rightarrow A'$  the square in (5)

$$(5) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A & & AF \xrightarrow{A\Gamma} AG \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow fF \quad \downarrow fG \\ A' & & A'F \xrightarrow{A'\Gamma} A'G \end{array}$$

commutes. Each such square is called a naturality square.

As an important example of natural transformations, we state, without proof, the following well-known fact:

6. FACT: If we fix a choice of  $A \xrightarrow{A\eta} AX^{\textcircled{a}}$  and  $AX^{\textcircled{a}}X \xrightarrow{A\mu_0} AX^{\textcircled{a}}$  in 2.3 for each object  $A$  in  $\mathcal{K}$ , we obtain a pair of natural transformations

$$\begin{aligned} \eta: \text{id}_{\mathcal{K}} &\rightarrow X^{\textcircled{a}} \\ \mu_0: X^{\textcircled{a}}X &\rightarrow X^{\textcircled{a}} \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, the  $A\mu: AX^{\textcircled{a}}X^{\textcircled{a}} \rightarrow AX^{\textcircled{a}}$  of 2.4 define a natural transformation

$$\mu: X^{\textcircled{a}}X^{\textcircled{a}} \rightarrow X^{\textcircled{a}}. \quad [1]$$

7. OBJECTS AS FUNCTORS: Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a category with binary products and a terminal object  $1$ . Given  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ,  $g: A' \rightarrow B'$ , we define

$f \times g: A \times A' \rightarrow B \times B'$  by

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xleftarrow{\text{pr}_1} & A \times A' & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_2} & A' \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow f \times g & & \downarrow g \\ B & \xleftarrow{\text{pr}_1} & B \times B' & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_2} & B' \end{array}$$

In particular, each object  $Q$  of  $\mathcal{K}$  induces a functor  $\hat{Q}: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  by

$$A\hat{Q} = A \times Q, \quad f\hat{Q} = f \times \text{id}_Q :$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & & \text{pr}_1 & & \\
 & & \longleftarrow & & \\
 A & \longleftarrow & A \times Q & & \\
 \downarrow f & & \downarrow f_{\hat{Q}} & \searrow \text{pr}_2 & \\
 B & \longleftarrow & B \times Q & \xrightarrow{\text{pr}_2} & Q
 \end{array}$$

As part of the theory of monoidal categories (Mac Lane [1972, III.5, VII.1]) there are canonical isomorphisms  $(A \times B) \times C \cong A \times (B \times C)$ ,  $1 \times A \cong A \cong A \times 1$  which may be recast in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 (8) \quad \hat{A}\hat{B}\hat{C} &\cong \hat{A}(B \times C) \\
 1\hat{A} &\cong A \cong A\hat{1}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus the representation  $A \mapsto \hat{A}$  converts  $\times$  into functorial composition.

**9. DEFINITION:** Given two functors  $F, G: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$ , where  $\mathcal{L}$  is a category with binary products, we define the functor  $F \times G: \mathcal{K} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(F \times G) &= AF \times AG \\
 f(F \times G) &= fF \times fG.
 \end{aligned}$$

Motivated by the observation that led to (3) above, we now verify:

**10. PROPOSITION:** Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a category with binary products and a terminal object  $1$ . Let  $Q, X_0, Y_0$  be objects of  $\mathcal{K}$ . Then there exists a canonical injection from morphisms

$$\lambda: Q \times X_0 \rightarrow Y_0$$

to natural transformations

$$\beta: \hat{Q}\hat{X}_0 \rightarrow \hat{Y}_0$$

given by

$$(11) \quad \beta: \hat{A}\hat{Q}\hat{X}_0 \cong A \times (Q \times X_0) \xrightarrow{\text{id}_A \times \lambda} A\hat{Y}_0.$$

**Proof:** To see that (11) describes a natural transformation, we must verify commutativity of the outer rectangle of

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & & A\hat{Q}\hat{X}_0 \cong A \times (Q \times X_0) & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_A \times \lambda} & A\hat{Y}_0 \\
 \downarrow f & & \downarrow f\hat{Q}\hat{X}_0 & & \downarrow f \times \text{id}_{Y_0} \\
 B & & B\hat{Q}\hat{X}_0 \cong B \times (Q \times X_0) & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_B \times \lambda} & B\hat{Y}_0
 \end{array}$$

But this is immediate since the canonical isomorphism  $A\hat{Q}\hat{X}_0 \cong A \times (Q \times X_0)$  renders the left-hand square commutative.

Finally,  $\lambda$  is determined by its  $\beta$  since  $\lambda$  equals

$$Q \times X_0 \cong 1\hat{Q}\hat{X}_0 \cong 1 \times (Q \times X_0) \xrightarrow{\text{id} \times \lambda} 1\hat{Y}_0 \cong Y_0. \quad (11)$$

As a corollary of Theorem 4, which we establish in the next section,  $\lambda \mapsto \beta$  is bijective when  $\mathcal{K} = \underline{\text{Set}}$ . However, for  $\mathcal{K} = \underline{\text{Vect}}$ , given  $\lambda': Q \oplus X_0 \rightarrow X_0$ , the transformation

$$\beta: \hat{Q}\hat{X}_0 \rightarrow \hat{Y}_0 \quad \text{with} \quad A\beta(a, q, x) = (-a, \lambda(q, x))$$

is natural but is not induced by any  $\lambda$  in the fashion of (11).

With these preliminaries, we may now build on the motivation of (1), (2) and (3) to give the promised definition of a process transformation. The passage from the map  $\lambda: Q \times X_0 \rightarrow Y_0$  to a natural transformation will come to seem far less artificial when we turn to the serial composition of process transformations in Section 5.

**12. DEFINITION:** Let  $A, B$  be objects of  $\mathcal{K}$ , and let  $X, Y$  be recursion processes in  $\mathcal{K}$ . A restricted process transformation  $M: (A, X) \rightarrow (B, Y)$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  is  $M = (Q, \delta, \tau, \alpha, \beta)$  where

$(Q, \delta)$  is an  $X$ -dynamics, the state dynamics

$\tau: A \rightarrow Q$  is the initial state

$\alpha: A \rightarrow B$  is the initial throughput

$\beta: \hat{Q}\hat{X} \rightarrow Y$  is a natural transformation, the output transformation.



A process transformation  $M: (A, X) \longrightarrow (B, Y)$  in  $\mathcal{K}$  is  $M = (Q, \delta, \tau, \alpha, \beta)$

where  $(Q, \delta)$  and  $\tau$  are as above, but  $\alpha, \beta$  are generalized to

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha: A &\longrightarrow BY^{\textcircled{a}} \\ \beta: \hat{Q}X &\longrightarrow Y^{\textcircled{a}} \end{aligned}$$

A restricted process transformation induces a process transformation

$M = (Q, \delta, \tau, \hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta})$  by defining

$$(13) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & B \\ & \searrow \hat{\alpha} & \downarrow B\eta \\ & & BY^{\textcircled{a}} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \hat{Q}X & \xrightarrow{\beta} & Y \\ & \searrow \hat{\beta} & \downarrow \rho \\ & & Y^{\textcircled{a}} \end{array}$$

where  $\rho$  is the natural transformation defined by  $AY \xrightarrow{A\eta Y} AY^{\textcircled{a}} Y \xrightarrow{A\mu_0} AY^{\textcircled{a}}$ .

In this sense, a restricted process transformation 'is' a process transformation.

Recalling (1), (2) and (3) we have:

14. DEFINITION: Let  $M = (Q, \delta, \tau, \alpha, \beta) : (A, X) \longrightarrow (B, Y)$  be a process transformation in  $\mathcal{K}$ . The response of  $M$  is the morphism  $\gamma: AX^{\textcircled{a}} \longrightarrow BY^{\textcircled{a}}$  defined by the intertwined recursion

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & AX^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & AX^{\textcircled{a}} X \\ & \searrow \alpha & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \left( \begin{array}{c} \gamma \\ r \end{array} \right) X \\ & & BY^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{B\mu} & BY^{\textcircled{a}} Y^{\textcircled{a}} \xleftarrow{BY^{\textcircled{a}} \beta} & (BY^{\textcircled{a}} \times Q) X \end{array}$$

with  $r$  the reachability map  $AX^{\textcircled{a}} \longrightarrow Q$  of  $(\tau, \delta)$ .

For a restricted process transformation  $M = (Q, \delta, \tau, \alpha, \beta)$  the response is defined to be that of the corresponding  $\hat{M}$  and so, by (13), is given by the diagram (14), on noting that

$$B\mu \cdot BY^{\textcircled{a}} \hat{\beta} = B\mu \cdot BY^{\textcircled{a}} \rho \cdot BY^{\textcircled{a}} \beta = B\mu_0 \cdot BY^{\textcircled{a}} \beta$$

$$(15) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & AX^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & AX^{\textcircled{a}}X \\ \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ r \end{pmatrix} X \\ B & \xrightarrow{B\eta} & BY^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{B\mu_0} & BY^{\textcircled{a}}Y \xleftarrow{BY^{\textcircled{a}}\beta} (BY^{\textcircled{a}} \times Q)X \end{array}$$

16. LEMMA: Let  $M: (A, X) \rightarrow (B, Y)$  be a process transformation  $(Q, \delta, \tau, \alpha, \beta)$  and let  $M': (A, X) \rightarrow (A, Y)$  be obtained from  $M$  by replacing  $\alpha$  by  $A\eta: A \rightarrow AY^{\textcircled{a}}$ . Let  $\tilde{\alpha}$  be defined by

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & AY^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & AY^{\textcircled{a}}Y \\ & \searrow \alpha & \downarrow \tilde{\alpha} & & \downarrow \tilde{\alpha}Y \\ & & BY^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{B\mu_0} & BY^{\textcircled{a}}Y \end{array}$$

Then the responses  $\gamma$  of  $M$  and  $\gamma'$  of  $M'$  are related by

$$\gamma = \tilde{\alpha} \cdot \gamma' : AX^{\textcircled{a}} \rightarrow BY^{\textcircled{a}}$$

so that we have

$$M = (A, X) \rightarrow \boxed{M'} \xrightarrow{(A, Y)} \boxed{\alpha} \rightarrow (B, Y)$$

has response  $\gamma = \tilde{\alpha} \cdot \gamma'$ .

Proof: On noting that  $\tilde{\alpha}$  satisfies  $\tilde{\alpha} \cdot A\mu = B\mu \cdot \tilde{\alpha}Y$ , and that  $M$  and  $M'$  have the same reachability map  $r$ , we see that  $\gamma$  is defined as  $\tilde{\alpha} \cdot \gamma'$  by the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta^X} & AX^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & AX^{\textcircled{a}}X \\ & \searrow A\eta^Y & \downarrow \gamma' & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} \gamma' \\ r \end{pmatrix} X \\ & & AY^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu} & AY^{\textcircled{a}}Y \xleftarrow{AY^{\textcircled{a}}\beta} (AY^{\textcircled{a}} \times Q)X \\ & \searrow \alpha & \downarrow \tilde{\alpha} & & \downarrow \tilde{\alpha}\hat{Q}X \\ & & BY^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{B\mu} & BY^{\textcircled{a}}Y \xleftarrow{BY^{\textcircled{a}}\beta} (BY^{\textcircled{a}} \times Q)X \end{array} \quad \square$$

In the classical study of monoids, any map  $f: X_0 \rightarrow Y_0^*$  extends to a homomorphism  $f^*: X_0^* \rightarrow Y_0^*$  by the inductive definition

$$\begin{aligned} f^*(\Lambda) &= \Lambda \\ f^*(wx) &= f^*(w) \cdot f(x) \quad \text{for } w \in X^*, x \in X. \end{aligned}$$

This reveals  $f^*$  as the response of 1-state generalized sequential machine with

$$\tau = \alpha = \text{id}_1$$

$$\delta: 1 \times X_0 \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{which extends to the unique } r: 1 \times X^* \rightarrow 1$$

$$\beta: 1 \times X_0 \rightarrow Y_0^* = f: X_0 \rightarrow Y_0^* .$$

This motivates the following result, which (apart from the interpretation in terms of process transformations) is a version of a well-known construction concerning morphisms of algebraic theories [Manes, 1976]:

**17. LEMMA:** Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a category with a terminal object 1, let  $X$  and  $Y$  be recursion processes in  $\mathcal{K}$ , and let  $f: X \rightarrow Y^{\textcircled{e}}$  be a natural transformation.

We may then define a process transformation  $(A, X) \rightarrow (A, Y)$  by

$$\alpha = \text{id}_A: A \rightarrow A$$

$$\tau: A \rightarrow 1$$

$$\delta: 1X \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{which extends to the unique } r: 1X^{\textcircled{e}} \rightarrow 1$$

$$\beta: \hat{1}X \rightarrow Y^{\textcircled{e}} = f: X \rightarrow Y^{\textcircled{e}}$$

the response  $Af^{\textcircled{e}}: AX^{\textcircled{e}} \rightarrow AY^{\textcircled{e}}$  of which is defined by the  $X$ -dynamorphic extension

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta^X} & AX^{\textcircled{e}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0^X} & AX^{\textcircled{e}}X \\ & \searrow^{A\eta^Y} & \downarrow Af^{\textcircled{e}} & & \downarrow Af^{\textcircled{e}}X \\ & & AY^{\textcircled{e}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu^Y} & AY^{\textcircled{e}}Y^{\textcircled{e}} \xleftarrow{AY^{\textcircled{e}}f} AY^{\textcircled{e}}X \end{array}$$

Then  $f^{\textcircled{e}}: X^{\textcircled{e}} \rightarrow Y^{\textcircled{e}}$  is a natural transformation.

Proof: For  $a: A \rightarrow B$ , we must show that  $Bf^{\textcircled{a}} \cdot aX^{\textcircled{a}} = aY^{\textcircled{a}} \cdot Af^{\textcircled{a}}$ . We do this by observing from the following that both are induced as X-dynamorphisms by the same specifications.

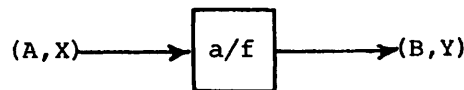
$$(18) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta^X} & AX^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{B\mu_0^X} & AX^{\textcircled{a}}X \\ \downarrow a & & \downarrow aX^{\textcircled{a}} & & \downarrow aX^{\textcircled{a}}X \\ B & \xrightarrow{B\eta^X} & BX^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{B\mu_0^X} & BX^{\textcircled{a}}X \\ & \searrow B\eta^Y & \downarrow BF^{\textcircled{a}} & & \downarrow Bf^{\textcircled{a}}X \\ & & BY^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{B\mu^Y} & BY^{\textcircled{a}}Y^{\textcircled{a}} \xleftarrow{BY^{\textcircled{a}}f} & BY^{\textcircled{a}}X \end{array}$$

commutes since  $\eta^X$  and  $\mu_0^X$  are well-known to be natural transformations.

Again,

$$(19) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta^X} & AX^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0^X} & AX^{\textcircled{a}}X & & \\ & \searrow A\eta^Y & \downarrow Af^{\textcircled{a}} & & \downarrow Af^{\textcircled{a}}X & & \\ & & AY^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu^Y} & AY^{\textcircled{a}}Y^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{AY^{\textcircled{a}}f} & AY^{\textcircled{a}}X \\ a \downarrow & & \downarrow aY^{\textcircled{a}} & & \downarrow aY^{\textcircled{a}}Y & & \downarrow aY^{\textcircled{a}}X \\ B & \xrightarrow{B\eta^Y} & BY^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{B\mu^Y} & BY^{\textcircled{a}}Y^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{BY^{\textcircled{a}}f} & BY^{\textcircled{a}}X \end{array} \quad \square$$

20. COROLLARY: The 'memoryless code'  $a: A \rightarrow B$ ,  $f: X \rightarrow Y^{\textcircled{a}}$



viewed as the process transformation  $(a/f): (A, X) \rightarrow (B, Y)$ :

$(1, \delta: 1X \rightarrow 1, \tau: A \rightarrow 1, a: A \rightarrow B, f: X \rightarrow Y^{\textcircled{a}})$  has response

$$Bf^{\textcircled{a}} \cdot aX^{\textcircled{a}} = aY^{\textcircled{a}} \cdot Af^{\textcircled{a}}.$$

□

#### 4. Tree Transformations

In this section, we shall show that bottom-up tree transformations form a special case of process transformations, and then provide a Yoneda-type lemma which provides further motivation for the introduction of the natural transformation  $\beta: \hat{Q}X \rightarrow Y^{\textcircled{a}}$ .

1. DEFINITION: An operator domain  $\Omega$  is a sequence  $(\Omega_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N})$  of (possibly empty) disjoint sets. An  $\Omega$ -algebra is a pair  $(Q, \delta)$  where  $Q$  is a set and  $\delta = (\delta_n)$  is a sequence of maps  $\delta_n: Q^n \times \Omega_n \rightarrow Q$ . We write  $\delta_\omega$  for  $\delta(-, \omega): Q^n \rightarrow Q$  for  $\omega \in \Omega_n$ .  $Q$  is the carrier of the algebra.

Given  $\Omega$ , we define a functor  $X_\Omega: \underline{\text{Set}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$  by

$$(2) \quad Q_{X_\Omega} = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} Q^n \times \Omega_n$$

while, for  $Q \rightarrow Q'$

$$(3) \quad h_{X_\Omega}(q_1, \dots, q_n, \omega) = (hq_1, \dots, hq_n, \omega).$$

We now observe that an  $X_\Omega$ -dynamics in the sense of 2.1 is just an  $\Omega$ -algebra, and that an  $X_\Omega$ -dynamorphism  $h: (Q, \delta) \rightarrow (Q', \delta')$  is just an  $\Omega$ -homomorphism, for the diagram in 2.1 unpacks to

$$h\delta_\omega(q_1, \dots, q_n) = \delta'_\omega(hq_1, \dots, hq_n) \quad \text{for } \omega \in \Omega_n, (q_1, \dots, q_n) \in Q^n.$$

Moreover,  $X_\Omega$  is a recursion process.  $AX_\Omega^{\textcircled{a}}$  is the carrier of the well-known free  $\Omega$ -algebra generated by  $A$ , and may be defined by the usual inductive definition (Birkhoff [1935]):

$$(4) \quad A \subset AX_\Omega^{\textcircled{a}}$$

If  $\omega \in \Omega_n$ ,  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in AX_\Omega^{\textcircled{a}}$ , then  $\omega t_1 \dots t_n \in AX_\Omega^{\textcircled{a}}$ .

Thus the elements of  $AX_\Omega^@$  may be regarded as finite rooted trees, with nodes of outdegree  $n$  labelled by elements of  $\Omega_n$ , save that some leaves (nodes of outdegree 0) may be labelled by elements of  $A$ . We abbreviate  $X_\Omega^@$  to  $T_\Omega$ . We may define

$$(5) \quad \begin{aligned} A\eta: A &\longrightarrow AT_\Omega, \quad a \mapsto a \\ A\mu_0: AT_\Omega X_\Omega &\longrightarrow AT_\Omega : (t_1, \dots, t_n, \omega) \mapsto \omega t_1 \dots t_n. \end{aligned}$$

If  $(Q, \delta)$  is any  $\Omega$ -algebra and  $\tau: A \longrightarrow Q$  is any map

$$(6) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & AT_\Omega & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & AT_\Omega X_\Omega \\ & \searrow \tau & \downarrow r & & \downarrow rX_\Omega \\ & & Q & \xleftarrow{\delta} & QX_\Omega \end{array}$$

then the unique dynamorphic extension  $r: AT_\Omega \longrightarrow Q$  of  $\tau$  is given by

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} r(a) &= \tau(a) \\ r(\omega t_1 \dots t_n) &= \delta_\omega(r t_1, \dots, r t_n) \end{aligned}$$

Note that this reduces to the dynamics  $\delta: Q \times X_0 \longrightarrow Q$  of 2.10 if we take  $\Omega_1 = X_0$  while  $\Omega_n = \emptyset$  for  $n \neq 1$ .

Suppose that  $\Omega$  and  $\Sigma$  are two operator domains. We consider 'bottom up' (i.e. working from the leaves to the root) transformations of trees in  $AT_\Omega$  into trees in  $BT_\Sigma$ :

**8. DEFINITION:** Given operator domains  $\Omega$  and  $\Sigma$ , and sets  $A$  and  $B$ , a bottom up tree transformation  $(A, \Omega) \longrightarrow (B, \Sigma)$  is given by maps  $\alpha: A \longrightarrow B$ ,

$\tau: A \longrightarrow Q$  together with a sequence  $\theta = (\theta_n)$  of maps

$$(9) \quad \theta_n: Q^n \times \Omega_n \longrightarrow \{1, \dots, n\} T_\Sigma \times Q.$$

The response of  $(\alpha, \tau, \theta)$  is given by  $\gamma: AT_\Omega \longrightarrow BT_\Sigma \times Q$

$$\gamma(a) = (\alpha(a), \tau(a)).$$

To define  $\gamma(\omega t_1 \dots t_n)$ , let  $\gamma(t_j) = (s_j, q_j)$ .

Then let  $\theta(q_1, \dots, q_n, \omega) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \triangle \\ \sigma \\ \dots \\ 1 \quad n \end{array} \right), q$

so that  $\gamma(\omega t_1 \dots t_n) = \left( \begin{array}{c} \triangle \\ \sigma \\ \dots \\ t_1 \quad t_n \end{array} \right), q$

Re-examining (9) we see that is defined by two families of maps

$$(10) \quad \delta_n: Q^n \times \Omega_n \longrightarrow Q$$

and

$$(11) \quad \beta_n: Q^n \times \Omega_n \longrightarrow nY$$

where  $n$  denotes an  $n$ -element set and  $Y = X_\Sigma$  is a functor  $\underline{\text{Set}} \longrightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$ .

The following Yoneda Lemma (Mac Lane [1972]) style result provides considerable generalization for our formulation of  $\beta$  as a natural transformation.

**12. THEOREM:** Let  $\Omega$  be an operator domain, let  $Q$  be a set, and let  $Y$  be any functor  $\underline{\text{Set}} \longrightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$ . Then there exists a canonical bijection

$$(13) \quad \frac{\hat{Q}X_\Omega \xrightarrow{\beta} Y}{Q^n \times \Omega_n \xrightarrow{\beta_n} nY}$$

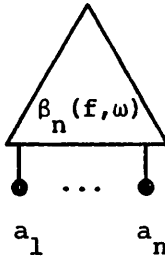
between natural transformations  $\beta$  and sequences  $(\beta_n)$  of functions.

Mutually inverse passages are given by

$$(14) \quad \beta_n = Q^n \times \Omega_n \xrightarrow{k} n\hat{Q}X_\Omega \xrightarrow{n\beta} nY$$

$$\text{where } k(q_1, \dots, q_n, \omega) = ((1, q_1), \dots, (n, q_n), \omega)$$

$$(15) \quad A\beta: A\hat{Q}X_\Omega \longrightarrow AY, \quad ((a_1, q_1), \dots, (a_n, q_n), \omega) \mapsto (a_1, \dots, a_n)Y \cdot \beta_n(q_1, \dots, q_n, \omega)$$



A typical element of  $\hat{A}\hat{Q}X_\Omega$  comprises an element of  $(A \times Q)^n \times \Omega_n$ .

$$(A \times Q)^n \times \Omega_n \cong A^n \times Q^n \times \Omega_n \longrightarrow (nY \longrightarrow AY)(nY) = AY$$

$$(g, f, \omega) \mapsto gY(\beta_n(f, \omega)).$$

Proof: To see that (15) describes a natural transformation, we must verify

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (A \times Q)X_\Omega & \xrightarrow{A\beta} & AY \\ \downarrow (h \times Q)X_\Omega & & \downarrow hY \\ (B \times Q)X_\Omega & \xrightarrow{B\beta} & BY \end{array}$$

for arbitrary  $h: A \longrightarrow B$ . But starting from  $(g, f, \omega) \in A^n \times Q^n \times \Omega_n$ , the upper path yields  $hY \cdot gY(\beta_n(f, \omega))$  and the lower path yields  $(hg)Y(\beta_n(f, \omega))$  and these are equal since  $Y$  is a functor.

We now verify that (14) and (15) are inverse.

Now if  $(\beta_n) \mapsto \beta \mapsto (\bar{\beta}_n)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\beta}_n(q_1, \dots, q_n, \omega) &= n\beta((1, q_1), \dots, (n, q_n), \omega) \\ &= n\beta(\text{id}_n, f, \omega) \quad \text{for } \text{id}_n \in n^n, f = (q_1, \dots, q_n) \in Q^n \\ &= \text{id}_n Y(\beta_n(f, \omega)) = \beta_n(q_1, \dots, q_n, \omega) \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, if  $\beta \mapsto \beta_n \mapsto \bar{\beta}$ , then for  $g \in A^n$  we have the naturality

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$$\begin{array}{ccc} (n \times Q)X_\Omega & \xrightarrow{n\beta} & nY \\ \downarrow (g \times Q)X_\Omega & & \downarrow gY \\ (A \times Q)X_\Omega & \xrightarrow{A\beta} & AY \end{array}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} (A\bar{\beta})(g, f, \omega) &= (gY)(\beta_n(f, \omega)) \\ &= (gY)(n\beta(\text{id}_n, f, \omega)) \\ &= (A\beta)(g \times Q)X_\Omega(\text{id}_n, f, \omega) \\ &= (A\beta)(g, f, \omega) \end{aligned}$$

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We thus conclude

16. OBSERVATION: A bottom-up tree transformation is simply a process transformation  $M: (A, X) \rightarrow (B, Y)$  for  $X = X_\Omega$ ,  $Y = X_\Sigma$  for operator domains  $\Omega$  and  $\Sigma$ .

17. EXAMPLE: We now show how to capture the essential ideas of Reynolds' [1977] "Semantics of the Domain of Flow Diagrams" by giving a succinct account of the relation between general flow diagrams and linear flow diagrams which provides the paradigm for the other relations discussed in that paper. We fix a set  $P$  of predicate symbols and a set  $F$  of function symbols. A general flow diagram may be represented by a  $\Sigma$ -tree where

$$(18) \quad \Sigma_0 = F, \quad \Sigma_1 = \emptyset, \quad \Sigma_2 = P \cup \{;\}$$

and we interpret the following element of  $\emptyset T_\Sigma$

$$(19) \quad \begin{array}{c} & & p & & \\ & \swarrow & & \searrow & \\ & ; & & p' & \\ \swarrow & & \searrow & \swarrow & \searrow \\ h & & f & g & f \end{array}$$

as "If the  $p$ -test yields true, execute  $h$  then  $f$ ; whereas if the test yields false, carry out the  $p'$ -test, executing  $g$  if the outcome is true,  $f$  if the outcome is false."

A linear flow diagram is one in which we cannot compose arbitrary operations using ";", but instead apply one  $f$  at a time. They correspond to  $\Omega$ -trees where

$$(20) \quad \Omega_0 = F, \quad \Omega_1 = F, \quad \Omega_2 = P$$

and (19) corresponds to the following element of  $\emptyset T_\Omega$

$$(21) \quad \begin{array}{c} & & p & & \\ & \swarrow & & \searrow & \\ & h & & p' & \\ | & & \swarrow & \searrow & \\ f & & g & & f \end{array}$$

We now show that that transformation from linear flow diagrams (as represented by  $\Omega$ -trees) to general flow diagrams (as represented by  $\Sigma$ -trees) is given by a pure (i.e.  $Q$  has only one element) tree transformation, i.e. (recalling (9)) by a sequence of maps

$$\theta_n: \Omega_n \longrightarrow \{1, \dots, n\} T_\Sigma$$

which in this case take the form

$$(22) \quad \begin{aligned} \theta_0(f) &= f \\ \theta_1(g) &= \begin{array}{c} i \\ / \quad \backslash \\ g \quad 1 \end{array} \\ \theta_2(p) &= \begin{array}{c} p \\ / \quad \backslash \\ 1 \quad 2 \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

The response  $\emptyset T_\Omega \longrightarrow \emptyset T_\Sigma$  does indeed transform (21) into (19), and the reader may see that it also yields the following typical transformation:

$$(23) \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} p \\ / \quad \backslash \\ k \quad g \\ | \quad | \\ p \quad h \\ / \quad \backslash \\ k \quad f \\ | \\ h \end{array} & \rightsquigarrow & \begin{array}{c} p \\ / \quad \backslash \\ i \quad i \\ / \quad \backslash \quad / \quad \backslash \\ k \quad p \quad g \quad h \\ / \quad \backslash \quad | \\ i \quad f \\ / \quad \backslash \\ k \quad h \end{array} \end{array}$$

Now Reynolds provides for each direct (resp., continuation) semantics for general flow diagrams a corresponding semantics for linear flow diagrams. But each semantics for a general (respectively linear) flow diagram is nothing more nor less than a  $\Sigma$ - (respectively  $\Omega$ -) algebra. Any particular choice of a transformation of semantics which "preserves meaning" with respect to a particular transformation of flow diagrams is subsumed in the following result (which works just as well when  $T_\Sigma$  and  $T_\Omega$  are replaced by arbitrary algebraic theories  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ ):

**24. PROPOSITION:** Let  $\Omega$  and  $\Sigma$  be operator domains, and let  $\xi: RX_\Sigma \rightarrow R$  be a given  $\Sigma$ -algebra. Further, let the family of maps

$$\theta_n: \Omega_n \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\} T_\Sigma$$

define a pure tree transformation. Then there exists an  $\Omega$ -algebra

$\delta: RX_\Omega \rightarrow Q$  such that the result of running  $\delta$  on any  $\Omega$ -tree equals the result of running  $\xi$  on the transformed  $\Sigma$ -tree.

Proof: By (13), for the case  $Q = \{1\}$ ,  $\theta_n$  is equivalent to a natural transformation

$$\theta: X_\Omega \rightarrow T_\Sigma$$

yielding, in particular, the map

$$(25) \quad R\theta: RX_\Omega \rightarrow RT_\Sigma.$$

Now we define the run map  $\xi^\ominus: RT_\Sigma \rightarrow R$  of  $(R, \xi)$  by the diagram (compare (6))

$$(26) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} R & \xrightarrow{R\eta^\Sigma} & RT_\Sigma & \xleftarrow{R\mu^0} & RT_\Sigma X_\Sigma \\ & \searrow \text{id}_R & \downarrow \xi^\ominus & & \downarrow \xi^\ominus X_\Sigma \\ & & R & \xleftarrow{\xi} & RX_\Sigma \end{array}$$

and we may then define an  $\Omega$ -algebra  $(\delta, R)$  by

$$(27) \quad \delta = RX_\Omega \xrightarrow{R\theta} RT_\Sigma \xrightarrow{\xi^\ominus} R.$$

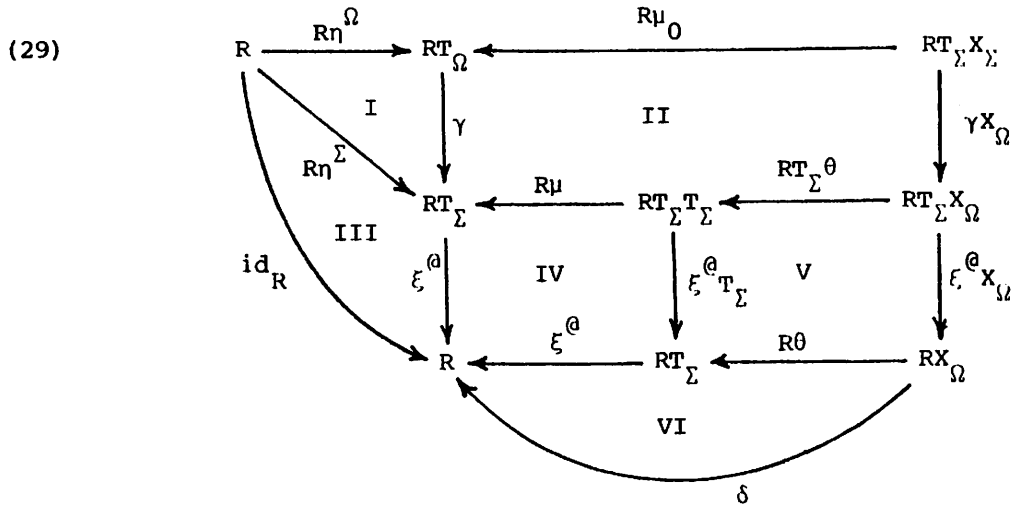
To show that  $\delta$  has the claimed property, we must look at the response

$\gamma: RT_\Omega \rightarrow RT_\Sigma$  of the process transformation with  $A = B = R$  and  $\alpha = \text{id}_R$ ,  $Q = 1$  and  $\tau: R \rightarrow 1$ , and with  $X = X_\Omega$ ,  $Y = X_\Sigma$  and  $\beta = \theta: X \rightarrow Y^\ominus$ .

We have

$$(28) \quad \begin{array}{ccccccc} R & \xrightarrow{R\eta^\Omega} & RT_\Omega & \xleftarrow{R\mu^\Omega} & RT_\Omega X_\Omega & & \\ & \searrow R\eta^\Sigma & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \gamma X_\Omega & & \\ & & RT_\Sigma & \xleftarrow{R\mu^\Sigma} & RT_\Sigma T_\Sigma & \xleftarrow{RT_\Sigma \theta} & RT_\Sigma X_\Sigma \end{array}$$

We have to show that  $\delta^{\textcircled{a}} = RT_{\Omega} \xrightarrow{\gamma} RT_{\Sigma} \xrightarrow{\xi^{\textcircled{a}}} R$  to complete the proof of the proposition. But this is immediate from the following diagram:



where I and II are just (28), III and IV extend (26), V is a naturality square for  $\theta$ , and VI is the definition of  $\delta$ . Thus  $\xi^{\textcircled{a}} \cdot \gamma$  satisfies the diagram which defines  $\delta^{\textcircled{a}}$  uniquely.  $\square$

Since it is an immediate generalization of the above, we may state the following without further proof:

**30. THEOREM:** Let  $M = (1, \delta, \tau, id_A, \beta): (A, X) \rightarrow (A, Y)$  be a pure process transformation ( $Q = 1$ ) with response  $\gamma: AX^{\textcircled{a}} \rightarrow AY^{\textcircled{a}}$ , and let  $(\xi, A)$  be a Y-dynamics. Then the X-dynamics  $(\delta, A)$  defined by

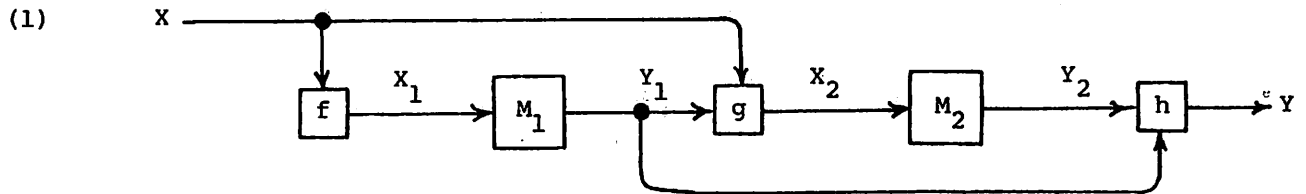
$$\delta = AX \xrightarrow{A\beta} AY^{\textcircled{a}} \xrightarrow{\xi^{\textcircled{a}}} A$$

satisfies the equation

$$\delta^{\textcircled{a}} = AX^{\textcircled{a}} \xrightarrow{\gamma} AY^{\textcircled{a}} \xrightarrow{\xi^{\textcircled{a}}} A . \quad \square$$

### 5. Behavior of Loop-Free Networks

Our development in this section is motivated by the study of the cascade connection of sequential machines as shown in (1) (Arbib [1968]).



In this motivating example, we assume a single initial state, so that  $\alpha$  may be omitted. Here, then,  $M_i = (Q_i, \delta_i, \tau_i, \lambda_i): X_i \rightarrow Y_i$  are Mealy machines, and  $f, g, h$  are auxiliary functions of the form

(2)

$$f: X \rightarrow X_1$$

$$g: X \times Y_1 \rightarrow X_2$$

$$h: Y_1 \times Y_2 \rightarrow Y$$

The formal definition of the cascade connection of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  via  $(f, g, h)$  is then the Mealy machine  $M = (Q, \delta, \tau, \lambda): X \rightarrow Y$  defined by

(3)

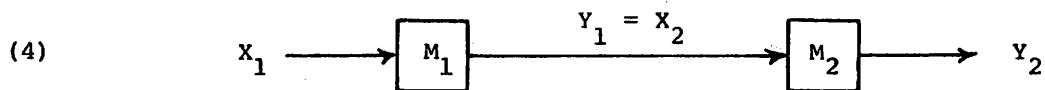
$$Q = Q_1 \times Q_2$$

$$\delta(q_1, q_2, x) = (\delta_1(q_1, fx), \delta_2(q_2, g(x, \lambda_1(q_1, fx))))$$

$$\tau = (\tau_1, \tau_2)$$

$$\lambda(q_1, q_2, x) = h(\lambda_1(q_1, fx), \lambda_2(q_2, g(x, \lambda_1(q_1, fx)))).$$

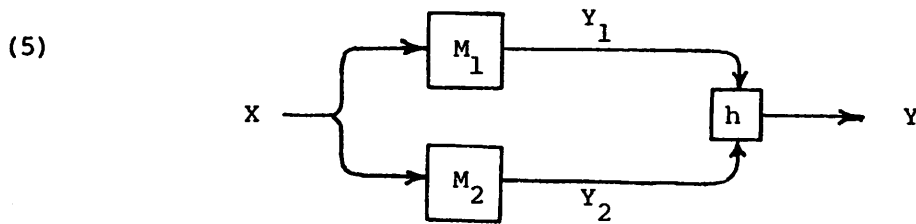
As can readily be seen the serial connection (4) and parallel connection (5) may be obtained as special cases.



which is obtained from (1) on taking

$$X = X_1, \quad Y_1 = X_2, \quad Y_2 = Y$$

$$f = \text{id}_{X_1}; \quad g = \text{pr}_2, (x, y) \mapsto y; \quad h = \text{pr}_2, (y_1, y_2) \mapsto y_2$$



which is obtained from (1) on taking

$$X = X_1 = X_2$$

$$f = \text{id}_{X_1}; \quad g = \text{pr}_1, \quad (x, y) \mapsto y; \quad \text{arbitrary } h.$$

It is also well-known that the behavior of an arbitrary cascade connection can be reconstructed by a loop-free network built up using only series and parallel connections. We shall provide an analogous result in a more general setting. We work, for simplicity, with restricted process transformations.

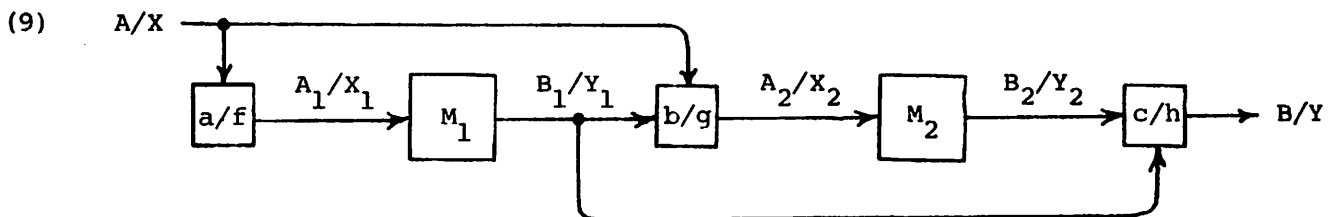
**6. DEFINITION:** Let  $M_1 = (Q_1, \delta_1, \tau_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1): (A_1, X_1) \longrightarrow (B_1, Y_1)$  and  $M_2 = (Q_2, \delta_2, \tau_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2): (A_2, X_2) \longrightarrow (B_2, Y_2)$  be restricted process transformations in  $\mathcal{K}$ . Let  $f, g, h$  be natural transformations

$$(7) \quad f: X \longrightarrow X_1, \quad g: X \times Y_1 \longrightarrow X_2, \quad h: Y_1 \times Y_2 \longrightarrow Y$$

where  $X, Y$  are also recursion processes; and let  $a, b, c$  be morphisms

$$(8) \quad a: A \longrightarrow A_1, \quad b: A \times B_1 \longrightarrow A_2, \quad c: B_1 \times B_2 \longrightarrow B.$$

Then the cascade connection of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  with respect to  $(f, g, h)$  and  $(a, b, c)$  is the restricted process transformation  $M = (Q, \delta, \tau, \alpha, \beta): (A, X) \longrightarrow (B, Y)$  represented in the block diagram



and is defined as follows<sup>1</sup>:

$$Q = Q_1 \times Q_2$$

(10)

$\{ \tau(s) = (\tau_1 a(s), \tau_2 b(s, \alpha_1 a(s))) \} \quad \{ \alpha(s) = c(\alpha_1 a(s), \alpha_2 b(s, \alpha_1 a(s))) \}$

If we now define

(11)

$$\Gamma = \hat{Q}X \xrightarrow{\hat{Q}f} \hat{Q}X_1 \cong \hat{Q}_2 \hat{Q}_1 X_1 \xrightarrow{\hat{Q}_2 \beta_1} \hat{Q}_2 Y_1$$

$$\Delta = \hat{Q}X \xrightarrow{\begin{pmatrix} \hat{pr}_2 X \\ \Gamma \end{pmatrix}} \hat{Q}_2 X \times \hat{Q}_2 Y_1 \xrightarrow{\hat{Q}_2 g} \hat{Q}_2 X_2$$

$\{ \Gamma(q_1, q_2, x) = (q_2, \beta_1(q_1, f(x))) ; \Delta(q_1, q_2, x) = (q_2, g(x, \beta_1(q_1, f(x)))) \}$

then  $\delta$  and  $\beta$  are defined by

(12)

$\{ \delta(q_1, q_2, x) = (\delta_1(q_1, f(x)), \delta_2(q_2, g(x, \beta_1(q_1, f(x)))) \}$

<sup>1</sup> To aid comprehension we place the classical formula in parentheses below each diagram.

$$(13) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} \hat{Q}_1 X & \xrightarrow{\hat{Q}_1 f} & \hat{Q}_1 X_1 & \xrightarrow{\beta_1} & Y_1 \\ \hat{pr}_1 X \uparrow & & & & \uparrow pr_1 \\ \hat{Q} X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & Y_1 \times Y_2 & \xrightarrow{h} & Y \\ \Delta \downarrow & & \downarrow pr_2 & & \\ \hat{Q}_2 X_2 & \xrightarrow{\beta_2} & Y_2 & & \end{array}$$

$$\{\beta(q_1, q_2, x) = h(\beta_1(q_1, f(x)), \beta_2(q_2, g(x, \beta_1(q_1, f(x)))))\}$$

Following the example of (4) and (5), we may read off the following definitions of the serial and parallel connections of two process transformations.

14. DEFINITION: Given restricted process transformations  $M_1: (A, X) \rightarrow (B, Y)$  and  $M_2: (B, Y) \rightarrow (C, Z)$ , their serial connection  $M_2 M_1: (A, X) \rightarrow (C, Z)$  is represented by the block diagram

$$(15) \quad (A, X) \rightarrow \boxed{M_1} \xrightarrow{Y} \boxed{M_2} \rightarrow (C, Z)$$

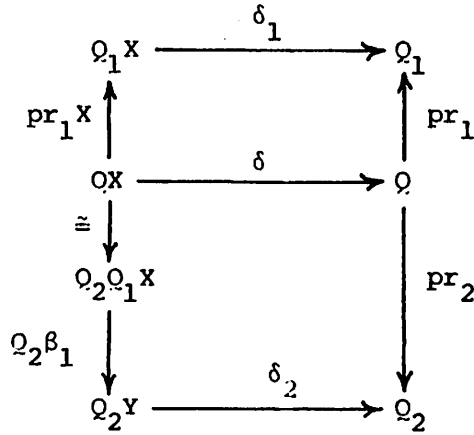
and is the cascade connection with auxiliaries

$$\begin{aligned} f &= id_X: X \rightarrow X; & g &= pr_2: X \times Y \rightarrow Y; & h &= pr_2: Y \times Z \rightarrow Z \\ a &= id_A: A \rightarrow A; & b &= pr_2: A \times B \rightarrow B; & c &= pr_2: B \times C \rightarrow C. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $M_2 M_1 = (Q, \delta, \tau, \alpha, \beta)$  where

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} Q &= Q_1 \times Q_2 \\ \tau &= \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 \\ \tau_2 \alpha_1 \end{pmatrix}: A \rightarrow Q_1 \times Q_2 \\ \{\tau(s) &= (\tau_1(s), \tau_2 \alpha_1(s))\} \\ \alpha &= A \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} B \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} C \\ \{\alpha(s) &= \alpha_2 \alpha_1(s)\} \end{aligned}$$



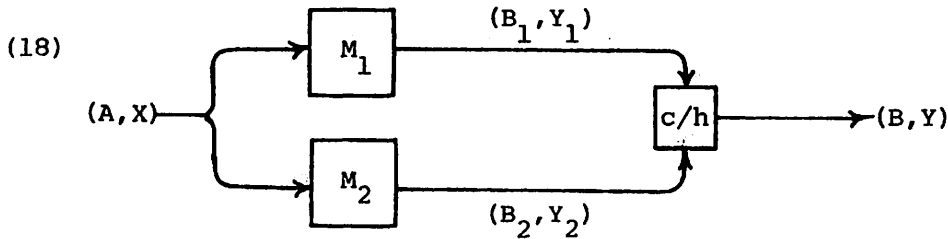


$$\{\delta(q_1, q_2, x) = (\delta_1(q_1, x), \delta_2(q_2, \beta_1(q_1, x)))\}$$

$$\beta = \hat{Q}X \cong \hat{Q}_2 \hat{Q}_1 X \xrightarrow{\hat{Q}_2 \beta_1} \hat{Q}_2 Y \xrightarrow{\beta_2} Z$$

$$\{\beta(q_1, q_2, x) = \beta_2(q_2, \beta_1(q_1, x))\}$$

17. DEFINITION: Given restricted process transformations  $M_i: (A, X) \rightarrow (B_i, Y_i)$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ), a recursion process  $Y$ , a natural transformation  $h: Y_1 \times Y_2 \rightarrow Y$ , and a morphism  $c: B_1 \times B_2 \rightarrow Y$ , the  $(c/h)$ -parallel connection of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  is  $M: (A, X) \rightarrow (B, Y)$  represented by the block diagram

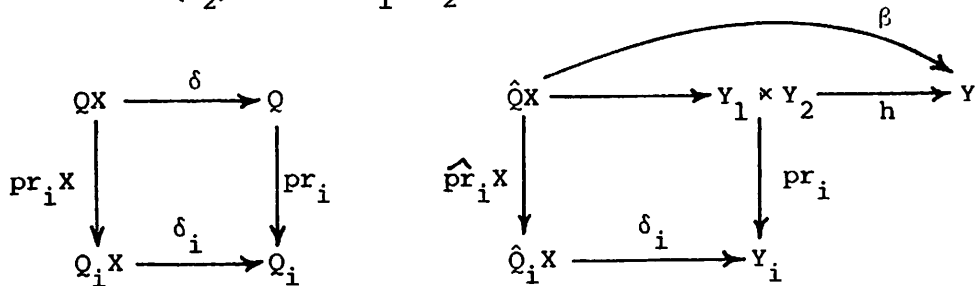


and is the cascade connection with auxiliaries

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \text{id}: X \rightarrow X; & g &= \text{pr}_1: X \times Y_1 \rightarrow X; & h &= Y_1 \times Y_2 \rightarrow Y \\ a &= \text{id}: A \rightarrow A; & b &= \text{pr}_1: A \times B_1 \rightarrow A; & c &= B_1 \times B_2 \rightarrow B. \end{aligned}$$

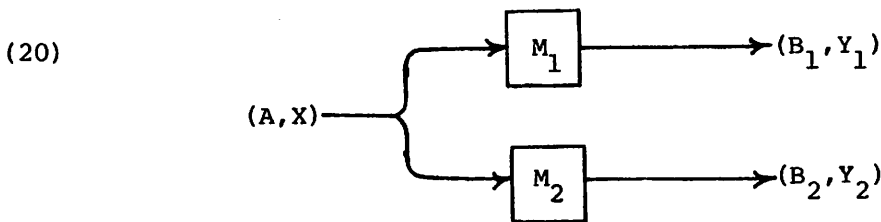
Thus  $M_1 \times M_2 = (Q, \delta, \tau, \alpha, \beta)$  where

(19)  $Q = Q_1 \times Q_2$   
 $\tau = \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 \\ \tau_2 \end{pmatrix}: A \rightarrow Q_1 \times Q_2$   
 $\alpha = c \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix}: A \rightarrow B_1 \times B_2 \rightarrow B$



$\{\delta(q_1, q_2, x) = (\delta_1(q_1, x), \delta_2(q_2, x)); \beta(q_1, q_2, x) = h(\beta_1(q_1, x), \beta_2(q_2, x))\}$

It would be pleasant to replace (18) by the parallel connection represented by



However, this requires  $Y_1 \times Y_2$  -- rather than just  $Y_1$  and  $Y_2$  separately -- to be a recursion process. At present, we do not know how reasonable it is to expect the product of recursion processes to again be a recursion process.

(A related question: What can we say about natural transformations  $h: Y_1 \times Y_2 \rightarrow Y$  when  $Y$  is a recursion process but  $Y_1 \times Y_2$  is not?)

However, the following example may suggest the subtleties involved:

21. EXAMPLE: Let  $\Omega$  and  $\Sigma$  be operator domains, and let  $X_\Omega$  and  $X_\Sigma$  be the corresponding recursion processes  $\underline{\text{Set}} \rightarrow \underline{\text{Set}}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
Q(X_\Omega \times X_\Sigma) &= QX_\Omega \times QX_\Sigma \\
&= \coprod_{m \geq 0} Q^m \times \Omega_m \times \coprod_{n \geq 0} Q^n \times \Sigma_n \\
&\cong \coprod_{k \geq 0} Q^k \left( \coprod_{m+n=k} \Omega_m \times \Sigma_n \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $X_\Omega \times X_\Sigma$  is a recursion process in this case, and is of the form  $X_\Psi$  where the operator domain  $\Psi$  is the convolution  $\Omega * \Sigma$  of  $\Omega$  and  $\Sigma$  defined by

$$(\Omega * \Sigma)_k = \{(\omega, \sigma) \mid \omega \in \Omega_m, \sigma \in \Sigma_n \text{ with } m+n = k\}$$

A 'reasonable' recursion process in Set is a quotient functor of some  $X_\Omega$ . If  $X, Y$  are quotients of  $X_\Omega, X_\Sigma$ ,  $X \times Y$  is easily seen to be a quotient of  $X_{\Omega * \Sigma}$  and, hence, again a recursion process. We conjecture that a product of constructive recursion processes (in the sense of [Adámek, 1974, p. 595]) is again a constructive recursion process.

We devote the rest of this section to studying the behavior of these various connections:

**22. DEFINITION:** The behavior of a restricted process transformation  $M$  is the quadruple  $(r, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  comprising

$$\begin{aligned}
r: AX^{\textcircled{a}} &\longrightarrow Q, && \text{the reachability map} \\
\alpha: A &\longrightarrow B, && \text{the initial throughput} \\
\beta: \hat{Q}X &\longrightarrow Y, && \text{the output transformation} \\
\gamma: AX^{\textcircled{a}} &\longrightarrow BY^{\textcircled{a}}, && \text{the response.}
\end{aligned}$$

**23. THEOREM:** Given  $M_1: (A, X) \longrightarrow (B, Y)$  and  $M_2: (B, Y) \longrightarrow (C, Z)$  with behaviors  $(r_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)$  and  $(r_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)$  respectively, then the behavior  $(r, \alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  of their serial connection  $M_2 M_1: (A, X) \longrightarrow (C, Z)$  is given by

$$(24) \quad \begin{aligned} r &= \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \gamma_1 \end{pmatrix}: AX^{\hat{a}} \longrightarrow Q_1 \times Q_2 \\ \alpha &= \alpha_2 \alpha_1: A \longrightarrow C \\ \beta &= \beta_2 \cdot \hat{Q}_2 \beta_1 \\ \gamma &= \gamma_2 \gamma_1. \end{aligned}$$

Proof: The expressions for  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are immediate from definition 14. We first recall the diagram defining  $\gamma_1$

$$(25) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & AX^{\hat{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & AX^{\hat{a}}X \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma_1 & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1 \\ r_1 \end{pmatrix} X \\ B & \xrightarrow{B\eta} & BY^{\hat{a}} & \xleftarrow{B\mu_0} & BY^{\hat{a}}Y \xleftarrow{BY^{\hat{a}}\beta_1} (BY^{\hat{a}} \times Q_1)X \end{array}$$

and that defining  $r$ :

$$(26) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & AX^{\hat{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & AX^{\hat{a}}X \\ & \searrow \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 \\ \tau_2 \end{pmatrix} & \downarrow r & & \downarrow rX \\ & & Q_1 \times Q_2 & \xleftarrow{\delta} & (Q_1 \times Q_2)X \end{array}$$

To see that  $\text{pr}_1 \cdot r = r_1$ , we simply inspect the diagram

$$(27) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & AX^{\hat{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0} & AX^{\hat{a}}X \\ & \searrow \begin{pmatrix} \tau_1 \\ \tau_2 \end{pmatrix} & \downarrow r & & \downarrow rX \\ & & Q & \xleftarrow{\delta} & QX \\ & \searrow \tau_1 & \downarrow \text{pr}_1 & & \downarrow \text{pr}_1 X \\ & & Q_1 & \xleftarrow{\delta_1} & Q_1 X \end{array}$$

To prove  $\text{pr}_2 \cdot r = r_2 \cdot \gamma_1$ , we show that each is defined by intertwined recursion on the same specifications:

(28)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & AX^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0^X} & AX^{\textcircled{a}}X \\
 \alpha_1 \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma_1 & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_1 \\ r_1 \end{pmatrix} X \\
 B & \xrightarrow{B\eta} & BY^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{B\mu_0^Y} & BY^{\textcircled{a}}Y \xleftarrow{BY^{\textcircled{a}}\beta_1} (BY^{\textcircled{a}} \times Q_1)X \\
 & \searrow \tau_2 & \downarrow r_2 & \downarrow r_2^Y & \downarrow r_2 \hat{Q}_1 X \\
 & & Q_2 & \xleftarrow{\delta_2} & Q_2^Y \xleftarrow{Q_2\beta_1} Q_2 \hat{Q}_1 X \\
 & & & \downarrow \text{pr}_2 & \downarrow \delta \\
 & & & Q & \xleftarrow{\delta} Q_2 \hat{Q}_1 X
 \end{array}$$

$\left( \begin{matrix} r_2 \gamma_1 \\ r_1 \end{matrix} \right) X$

where the upper rectangles commute by the definition of  $\gamma_1$ , I and II commute by the definition of  $r_2$ , III commutes by the naturality of  $\beta_1$ , and IV commutes by the definition of  $\delta$ .

(29)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{A\eta} & AX^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0^X} & AX^{\textcircled{a}}X \\
 \alpha_1 \downarrow & \searrow \tau & \downarrow r & & \downarrow rX \\
 B & & Q & \xleftarrow{\delta} & QX \\
 & \searrow \tau_2 & \downarrow \text{pr}_2 & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} \text{pr}_2 \\ \text{pr}_1 \end{pmatrix} X \\
 & & Q_2 & \xleftarrow{\delta_2 \cdot Q_2 \beta_1} & Q_2 \hat{Q}_1 X
 \end{array}$$

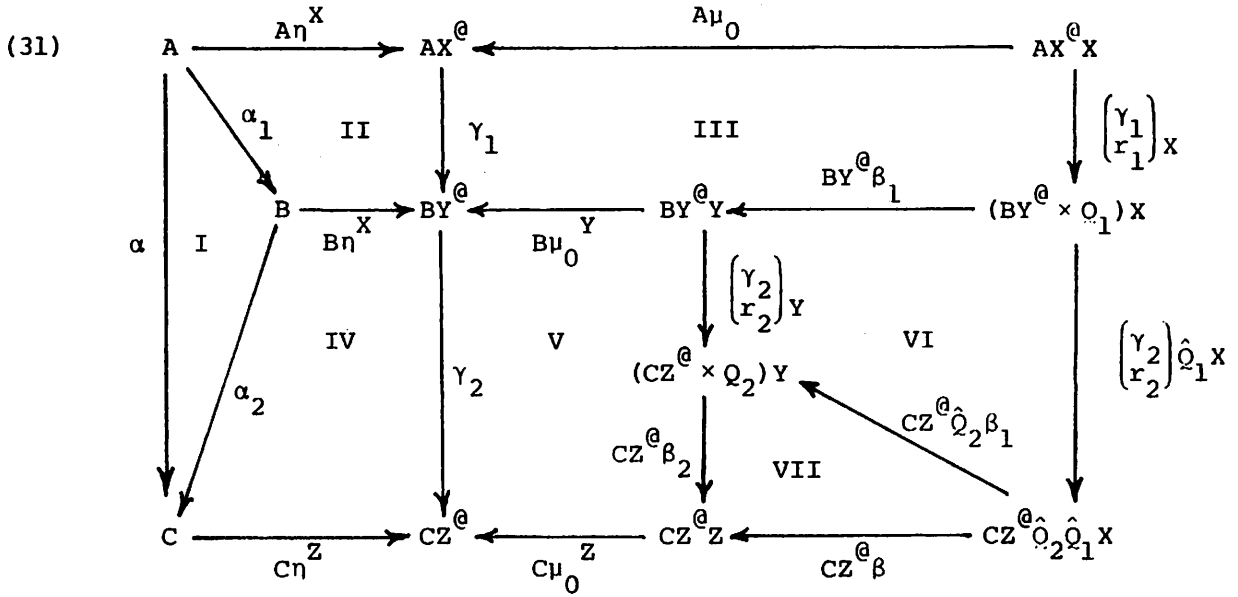
$\left( \begin{matrix} \text{pr}_2 \cdot r \\ r_1 \end{matrix} \right) X$

Comparing (28) and (29), we see that  $\text{pr}_2 \cdot r = r_2 \cdot \gamma_1$ . To show that  $\gamma = \gamma_2 \gamma_1$ , we must verify that

(30)

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{A\eta^X} & AX^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{A\mu_0^X} & AX^{\textcircled{a}}X \\
 \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma & & \downarrow \begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ r \end{pmatrix} X \\
 C & \xrightarrow{C\eta^Z} & CZ^{\textcircled{a}} & \xleftarrow{C\mu_0^Z} & CZ^{\textcircled{a}}Z \xleftarrow{CZ^{\textcircled{a}}\beta} (CZ^{\textcircled{a}} \times Q)X
 \end{array}$$

which is accomplished in the following diagram, which makes use of our verification that  $r = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \gamma_1 \end{pmatrix}$ .



In (31), I is the definition of  $\alpha$ , II and III define  $\gamma_1$ , IV and V define  $\gamma_2$ , VI commutes by the naturality of  $\beta_1$ , and VII defines  $CZ^{\hat{\beta}}$ . Comparing (30) and (31), we conclude that  $\gamma = \gamma_2\gamma_1$ . []

We state the next result without proof, since the proof is akin to, but simpler than, the proof we have just given for the serial composition.

**32. THEOREM:** Given  $M_1: (A, X) \rightarrow (B_1, Y_1)$  and  $M_2: (A, X) \rightarrow (B_2, Y_2)$  with behaviors  $(r_1, \alpha_1, \beta_1, \gamma_1)$  and  $(r_2, \alpha_2, \beta_2, \gamma_2)$  respectively, then the behavior of their (c/h)-parallel connection  $M: (A, X) \rightarrow (B, Y)$  is given by

$$(33) \quad r = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \alpha_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\beta = h \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \text{pr}_1 X \\ \beta_2 \text{pr}_2 X \end{pmatrix}$$

while the response  $\gamma$  is uniquely determined by

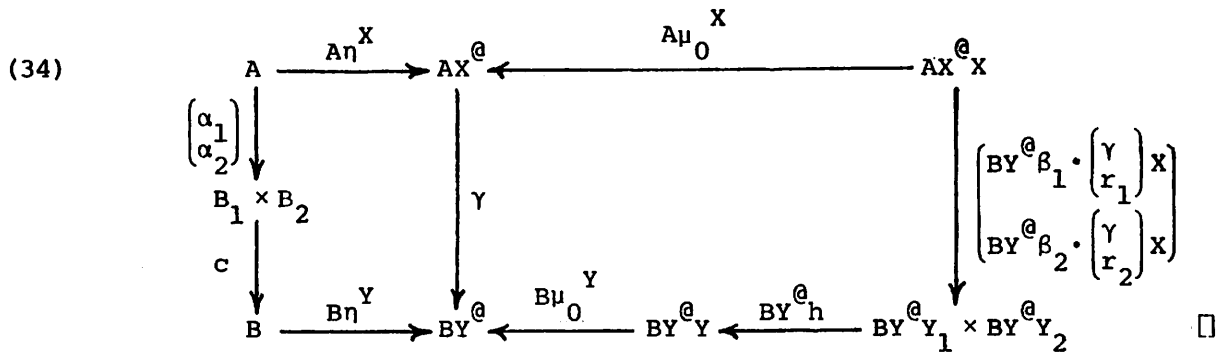


Diagram (34) corresponds to the recursion

$$\gamma(\Lambda) = \Lambda$$

$$\gamma(wx) = \gamma(w) \cdot h(\beta_1(r_1(w), x), \beta_2(r_2(w), x))$$

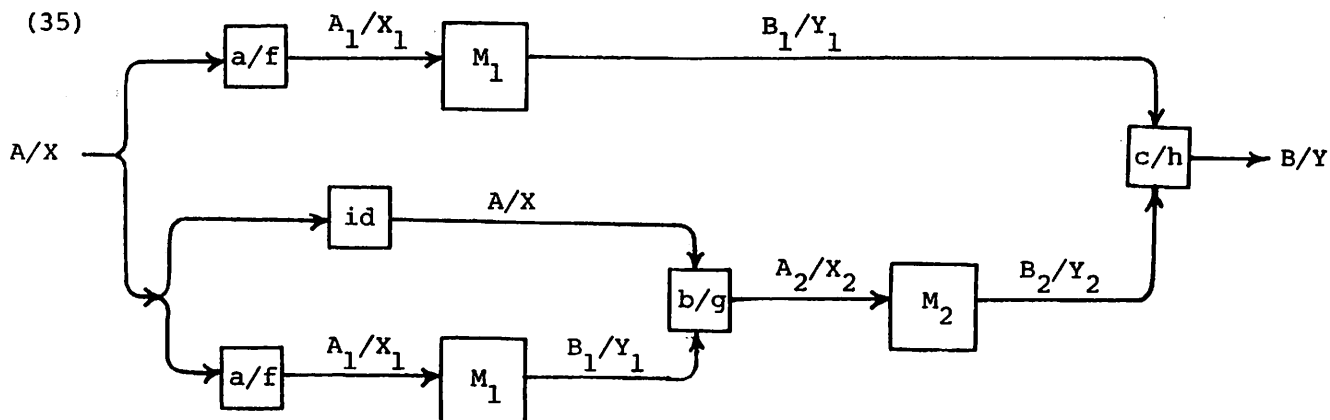
In the classical case, we can extend  $h$  to  $h^* : (Y_1 \times Y_2)^* \rightarrow Z$  where

$$(Y_1 \times Y_2)^* \cong \coprod_{n \geq 0} Y_1^n \times Y_2^n, \text{ so that we also have the formula}$$

$$\gamma(w) = h^*(\gamma_1(w), \gamma_2(w)).$$

However, as Example 21 emphasizes, no similarly convenient extension of  $h$  is known to be available in the general case.

We close this section by noting that the cascade connection (9) can be simulated by the loop-free network shown below in (35). By this, we mean that (35) has the same response  $\gamma$  as that of (9) -- although we shall not burden the reader with the diagram-chasing involved in the proof.



We start by forming two copies of  $M_1 \cdot (a/f)$ , the series connection of  $M_1$  with the memoryless code  $(a/f)$  of Corollary 3.2. Then  $M_1 \cdot (a/f)$  has response  $\gamma_1 \cdot A_1 f^{\text{a}} \cdot aX^{\text{a}}$ . Then, as discussed in 3.17, we may regard the identity natural transformation  $\text{id}: X \longrightarrow X$  as a process transformation, and its response is the identity natural transformation  $X^{\text{a}} \longrightarrow X^{\text{a}}$ . We then form the (b/g)-parallel connection of  $\text{id}$  and  $M_1 \cdot (a/f)$  -- call the result  $M_3$ . Finally, we form the series connection  $M_2 \cdot M_3$ , and then the (c/h)-parallel connection of  $M_1 \cdot (a/f)$  and  $M_2 \cdot M_3$ .

## 6. Linear Systems

There are two formalizations of linear systems in the recursion process literature. The decomposable system approach (Arbib and Manes [1974b]) takes  $X = \text{id}_{\text{Vect}}$ , and represents a linear system with input space  $A$ , state-space  $Q$ , and output space  $B$ , and with input map  $G: A \longrightarrow Q$ , dynamics  $F: Q \longrightarrow Q$  and output map  $H: Q \longrightarrow B$  as:

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} \tau &= G: A \longrightarrow Q \\ \delta &= F: QX = Q \longrightarrow Q \\ \beta &= H: Q \longrightarrow B \end{aligned}$$

The coproduct approach (Arbib and Manes [1974a]), noting that  $Q + X_0 \cong Q \times X_0$  in Vect, takes  $X = - + X_0 = \hat{X}_0$ , and represents a linear system with input space  $X_0$ , state space  $Q$ , and output space  $Y_0$  in the form

$$(2) \quad \begin{aligned} \tau &: A \longrightarrow Q, \text{ the space of initial states is } \tau(a) \\ \delta &= (F,G): QX = Q + X_0 \longrightarrow Q \\ \beta &= H: Q \longrightarrow Y_0 . \end{aligned}$$



The decomposable system approach does not square well with the process transformation approach:

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} \delta: QX &\longrightarrow Q \\ \tau: A &\longrightarrow Q \\ \alpha: A &\longrightarrow B \\ \beta: \hat{Q}X &\longrightarrow Y \end{aligned}$$

When we take  $X = \text{id}$ , (3) includes no representation of the input-dependent map  $Q + A \longrightarrow B$  one would look for in extending (1). However, translating (3) in the context of (2) we obtain:

$$(4) \quad \begin{aligned} \delta = (F,G): Q + X_0 &\longrightarrow Q \\ \tau: A &\longrightarrow Q \\ \alpha: A &\longrightarrow B \\ \beta: Q + X_0 &\longrightarrow Y_0 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha$  now describes the recoding of initial states, and the representation  $\beta: Q + X_0 \longrightarrow Y_0$  is obtained on noting that, in Vect,  $\hat{Q} \cong -+Q$ , and we take  $Y = -+Y_0$ .

The crucial point in the above, then, is that we may identify  $+$  with  $\times$ . This is a feature that Vect shares with any additive category (Arbib and Manes [1975a, Section 5.2]), and the following development is available in any additive category -- in particular for the category R-Mod of modules over a commutative ring  $R$ . However, we shall restrict our attention to Vect for concreteness.

5. DEFINITION: Let  $A, B, X_0$  and  $Y_0$  be vector spaces. Then a linear system is a restricted process transformation  $M: (A, \hat{X}) \longrightarrow (B, \hat{Y})$ . More specifically,  $M = (Q, F, G, \tau, \alpha, H, J)$  where

$$\begin{aligned}
(F,G): Q + X_0 &\longrightarrow Q && \text{is the } \underline{\text{state dynamics}} \\
\tau: A &\longrightarrow Q && \text{is the } \underline{\text{initial state map}} \\
\alpha: A &\longrightarrow B && \text{is the } \underline{\text{initial throughput}} \\
(H,J): Q + X_0 &\longrightarrow Y_0 && \text{is the } \underline{\text{output map}}.
\end{aligned}$$

With any vector space  $A$  we may associate its countable copower

$$(6) \quad A^{\mathbb{S}} = \{(\dots, a_n, \dots, a_1, a_0) \mid \text{each } a_j \in A, \text{ only finitely many } a_j \text{ non-zero}\}$$

with the two associated maps

$$\begin{aligned}
(7) \quad \text{Ain}_0: A &\longrightarrow A^{\mathbb{S}}: a \mapsto (\dots, 0, \dots, 0, a) \\
\text{Az}: A^{\mathbb{S}} &\longrightarrow A^{\mathbb{S}}: (\dots, a_j, \dots, a_1, a_0) \mapsto (\dots, a_{j-1}, \dots, a_0, 0)
\end{aligned}$$

from which we may define

$$(8) \quad \text{Ak} = (z, \text{in}_0): A^{\mathbb{S}} + A \longrightarrow A^{\mathbb{S}}.$$

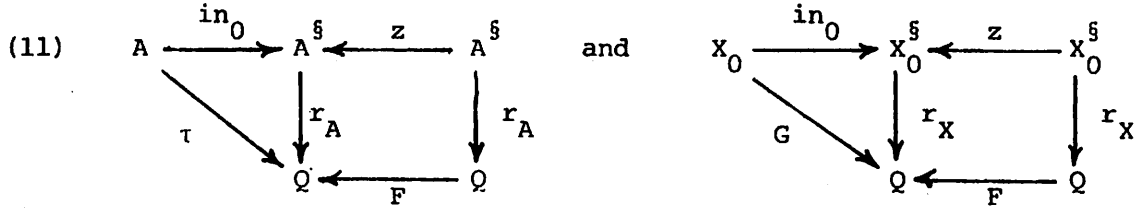
We then have that the free  $X$ -dynamics over  $A$ , for  $X = -+X_0$ , is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
(9) \quad \text{AX}^{\textcircled{A}} &= A^{\mathbb{S}} + X_0^{\mathbb{S}} \\
\text{A}\mu_0: \text{AX}^{\textcircled{A}} &\longrightarrow \text{AX}^{\textcircled{A}} = \text{Az} + X_0 \text{k}: A^{\mathbb{S}} + (X_0^{\mathbb{S}} + X_0) \longrightarrow A^{\mathbb{S}} + X_0^{\mathbb{S}} \\
\text{A}\eta: A &\longrightarrow \text{AX}^{\textcircled{A}} = \text{Ain}_0 + 0: A \longrightarrow A^{\mathbb{S}} + X_0^{\mathbb{S}}.
\end{aligned}$$

The reachability map  $r: A^{\mathbb{S}} + X_0^{\mathbb{S}}$  is defined by the recursion

$$(10) \quad
\begin{array}{ccccc}
A & \xrightarrow{\text{in}_0} & A^{\mathbb{S}} + X_0^{\mathbb{S}} & \xleftarrow{z + (z, \text{in}_0)} & A^{\mathbb{S}} + X_0^{\mathbb{S}} + X_0 \\
& \searrow \tau & \downarrow (r_A, r_X) & & \downarrow (r_A, r_X) + X_0 \\
& & Q & \xleftarrow{(F,G)} & Q + X_0
\end{array}$$

which unpacks as two simple recursions

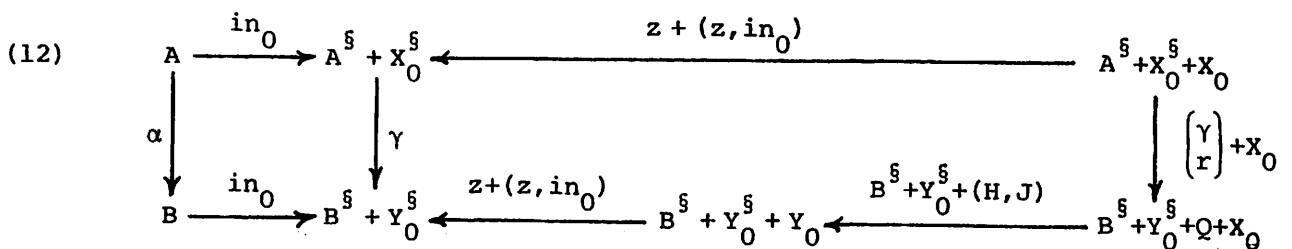


yielding

$$r_A(\dots, a_j, \dots, a_1, a_0) = \sum_{j \geq 0} F^j \tau a_j; \quad r_X(\dots, x_j, \dots, x_1, x_0) = \sum_{j \geq 0} F^j G x_j.$$

The crucial observation, which appears to be new, is the complete symmetry in the treatment of A and X<sub>0</sub> in the reachability of the system. Setting X<sub>0</sub> to 0, we obtain  $-+X_0 \cong \text{id}_{\text{Vect}}$ , and we recapture the decomposable machine setting for linear systems -- but where we now realize the the input is better viewed (though the mathematical effect is the same) as a continuing increment to the initial state, added in anew at each time step. Setting A to 0 in (11), we recapture the 'usual' model of a linear system in which the initial state is 0 and so there cannot be non-zero increments during the running of the system. These observations explain the somewhat anomalous position of decomposable systems within our general theory of machines: in a category -- as the one case in which the initial state  $\tau: A \rightarrow Q$  is treated as an input map.

With this, we can now turn to computing the response of a linear process transformation with, in view of the above, special attention to the case  $A = B = 0$ . In the present case, the general definition 3.15 of the response takes the form:



We may write  $\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{BA} & \gamma_{BX_0} \\ \gamma_{Y_0A} & \gamma_{Y_0X_0} \end{pmatrix}$  where  $\gamma_{RS}: S^s \rightarrow R^s$  and (12) unpacks

to yield the diagrams (13) - (16) below.

$$(13) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\text{in}_0} & A^s & \xleftarrow{z} & A^s \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \gamma_{BA} & & \downarrow \gamma_{BA} \\ B & \xrightarrow{\text{in}_0} & B^s & \xleftarrow{z} & B^s \end{array}$$

$$\gamma_{BA}(\dots, a_j, \dots, a_1, a_0) = (\dots, \alpha(a_j), \dots, \alpha(a_1), \alpha(a_0))$$

This is a memoryless recoding of the initial state symbols from A to B.

$$(14) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{\text{in}_0} & A^s & \xleftarrow{z} & A^s \\ & \searrow 0 & \downarrow \gamma_{Y_0A} & & \swarrow (z, \text{in}_0H) \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{Y_0A} \\ r_A \end{pmatrix} \\ & & Y_0^s & & \end{array}$$

Setting  $\gamma' = \gamma_{Y_0A}$ , we have

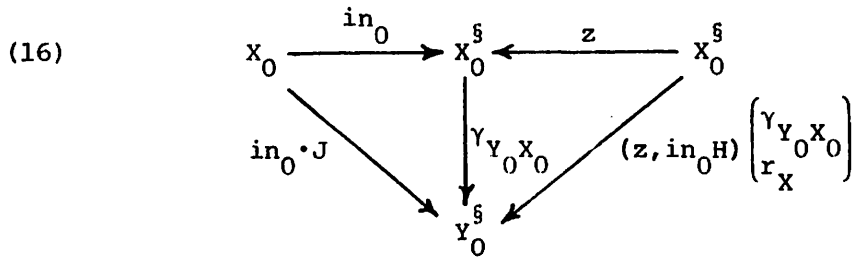
$$\gamma'(\text{in}_0 a) = 0$$

$$\gamma'(zw) = z\gamma'(w) + \text{in}_0 H r_A(w).$$

Thus  $\gamma'(\dots, a_j, \dots, a_1, a_0)_k = H \cdot r_A(\dots, a_{j+k+1}, \dots, a_{k+2}, a_{k+1})$  and records, with unit delay, the effect in  $Y_0$ , via  $H$ , of successive cumulative effects of the initial states.

$$(15) \quad \begin{array}{ccccc} X_0 & \xrightarrow{\text{in}_0} & X_0^s & \xleftarrow{z} & X_0^s \\ & \searrow 0 & \downarrow \gamma_{BX_0} & & \downarrow \gamma_{BX_0} \\ & & B^s & \xleftarrow{z} & B^s \end{array}$$

which implies that  $\gamma_{BX_0} = 0$  -- quite properly, since the inputs  $X_0$  should not have any effect upon the initial state symbols B.



Setting  $\hat{\gamma} = \gamma_{X_0 Y_0}$ , we have

$$\hat{\gamma}(in_0 x) = in_0 Jx$$

$$\hat{\gamma}(zw) = z\gamma'(w) + in_0 H r_X(w)$$

so that

$$(17) \quad \hat{\gamma}(zw + in_0 x)_0 = H r_X(w) + Jx$$

which is the sum of the contribution, via  $H$ , of the state  $r_X(w)$  reached via previous  $X_0$ -inputs and the contribution, via  $J$ , of the present input  $x$  to the  $Y_0$ -output.

Modifying notation appropriately, we see that the  $\hat{\gamma}$  of (17) is essentially the result  $f_M$ , in the sense of Eilenberg [1974, Sec. XVI.2], of the linear system of Definition 5 when  $A$  and  $B$  are restricted to be 0.

Eilenberg associates with  $M$  the transformation from an input sequence

$$x = (x_0, x_0, \dots, x_n, \dots)$$

to both a state sequence

$$q = (0, q_1, \dots, q_n, \dots)$$

and an output sequence

$$y = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_j, \dots)$$

given by the formulas

$$q_{n+1} = Fq_n + Gx_n$$

$$y_n = Hq_n + Jx_n$$

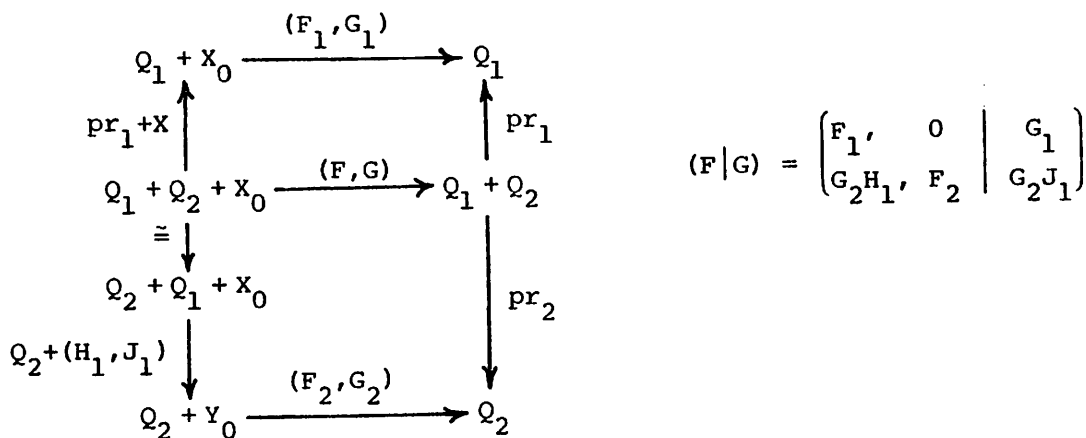
Then  $f_M: X_0 \xrightarrow{N} Y_0 \xrightarrow{N}$  is the passage from  $x$  to  $y$  so defined, and we see that

$$f_M(x)_n = \hat{\gamma}(\dots, 0, \dots, x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n) .$$

To close the section, we specialize the definitions of series and parallel composition for restricted process transformations given in Section 5 to the case of linear systems with  $A = B = 0$ . Proposition 18 is obtained by specializing Definition 5.14; while Proposition 19 is obtained by specializing Definition 5.17, and taking  $Y = Y_1 + Y_2 \cong Y_1 \times Y_2$ ,  $B = B_1 \times B_2$ , and letting  $c$  and  $h$  be the appropriate identities.

**18. PROPOSITION:** Given linear systems  $M_1 = (Q_1, F_1, G_1, H_1, J_1): X_0 \rightarrow Y_0$  and  $M_2 = (Q_2, F_2, G_2, H_2, J_2): Y_0 \rightarrow Z_0$ , their serial connection  $M = (Q, F, G, H, J): X_0 \rightarrow Z_0$  is defined by the equations:

$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2$$



$$(F|G) = \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} F_1 & 0 & G_1 \\ G_2 H_1 & F_2 & G_2 J_1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$(H|J): Q_1 + Q_2 + X_0 \xrightarrow{\cong} Q_2 + Q_1 + X_0 \xrightarrow{Q_2 + (H_1, J_1)} Q_2 + Y_0 \xrightarrow{(H_2, J_2)} Z$$

so that  $(H|J) = (J_2 H_1, H_2 | J_2 J_1)$ .

□

19. PROPOSITION: Given linear systems  $M_1 = (Q_1, F_1, G_1, H_1, J_1): X_0 \longrightarrow Y_1$  and  $M_2 = (Q_2, F_2, G_2, H_2, J_2): X_0 \longrightarrow Y_2$ , their parallel connection  $M = (Q, F, G, H, J): X_0 \longrightarrow Y_1 + Y_2$  is defined by the equations

$$Q = Q_1 + Q_2$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Q_1 + Q_2 + X_0 & \xrightarrow{(F, G)} & Q_1 + Q_2 \\ \text{pr}_i + X_0 \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{pr}_i \\ Q_i + X_0 & \xrightarrow{(F_i, G_i)} & Q_i \end{array} \quad (F|G) = \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} F_1 & 0 & G_1 \\ 0 & F_2 & G_2 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Q_1 + Q_2 + X_0 & \xrightarrow{(H, J)} & Y_1 + Y_2 \\ \text{pr}_i + X_0 \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{pr}_i \\ Q_i + X_0 & \xrightarrow{(H_i, J_i)} & Y_i \end{array} \quad (H|J) = \left( \begin{array}{cc|c} H_1 & 0 & J_1 \\ 0 & H_2 & J_2 \end{array} \right)$$

□

These do indeed coincide with the usual definitions of series and parallel composition of linear machines (see, e.g., Eilenberg [1974, Sections 6 and 7]).

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