

Category Theory Session 9: Questions

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1. Let \mathbb{C} be cartesian closed. Show that the functor $S(A) = A \times S^A$ extends to a monad – the *side effect monad*. Why is it called that name?
2. Let $\mathcal{P}(X)$ be the powerset of a set X . Then \mathcal{P} extends to a monad on \mathbf{Set} where the unit is singleton, and the multiplication is union. Show that the category of \mathcal{P} -algebras is isomorphic to the category of join-semilattices.

Hint. Given a \mathcal{P} -algebra $\alpha : \mathcal{P}(A) \rightarrow A$, one can define an ordering by $a \leq b$ iff $\alpha(\{a, b\}) = b$.

3. Consider the category \mathbf{Meas} of measurable spaces, and define a functor $M : \mathbf{Meas} \rightarrow \mathbf{Meas}$ where $\mathbf{Meas}(S)$ is the set of all probability measures on S , endowed with the smallest σ -algebra that makes the evaluation maps $\mathbf{ev}_U : M(X) \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $\mathbf{ev}_U(\mu) = \mu(U)$ measurable for all measurable $U \subseteq X$.
 - Can you define a unit and a co-unit that turn M into a monad?
 - Can you Algebras for the *functor* M in terms of a different mathematical structure?