COALGEBRAIC STOCHASTIC CONTINUOUS SYSTEMS

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ABSTRACT. We argue for the time-graded coalgebras of the Giry monad to be suitable coalgebraic stochastic continuous dynamical systems.

Definition 1 (Graded monad). A graded monad Θ in a category \mathbb{C} , graded on a monoid (M, \cdot, e) , is a family of endofunctors $\Theta_s \colon \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{C}$ together with a family of natural transformations,

$$\mu_X^{s,t} \colon \Theta_s(\Theta_t(X)) \to \Theta_{s \cdot t}(X);$$

and a natural transformation $\eta_X \colon X \to \Theta_e(X)$; making the following diagrams commute.

Definition 2 (Graded coalgebra for a graded monad). A graded coalgebra for a graded monad Θ is a carrier object, X, together with a family of morphisms $\alpha s \colon X \to \Theta_s(X)$ indexed over the monoid (M, \cdot, e) , and making the following diagrams commute.

$$\begin{array}{cccc} X & \xrightarrow{\alpha_s} & \Theta_s X & X & \xrightarrow{\alpha_e} & \Theta_e X \\ & & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ & & & \downarrow \\ \Theta_{s \cdot t} X & \xleftarrow{\mu_{s,t}} & \Theta_s \Theta_t X & & \Theta_e X \end{array}$$

Definition 3 (Homomorphism of graded coalgebras). A homomorphism between two graded coalgebras, $\gamma_1^s \colon X \to \Theta_s(X)$ and $\gamma_2^s \colon Y \to \Theta_s(Y)$, is a family of morphisms $f \colon X \to Y$ satisfying $\gamma_1^s \circ \Theta_s(f) = f \circ \gamma_2^s$.

Example 4 (Brownian motion). Consider the Giry monad [Gir82] as trivially graded over the real numbers, $\Theta_s = D$. The family of morphisms $\beta_s \colon X \to D(X)$ defined by $\beta_s(x) = \text{Normal}(x; s)$ forms a graded coalgebra for the Giry monad. Proving this amounts to check that, if $y \sim \text{Normal}(x; s)$ and $z \sim \text{Normal}(y; t)$, then $z \sim$ Normal(x; s + t); and that $y \sim \text{Normal}(x; 0)$ means y = x.

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