

# Universal Coalgebra



  
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## 0. Introduction

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# Universal Coalgebra is a theory of Systems

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It suffices to:

- Model systems.
- Construct morphisms between systems.
- Detect behavioural equivalent states.
- Simplify systems.
- Define new concepts and operators via coinduction.

# 1. Coalgebra

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## Definition

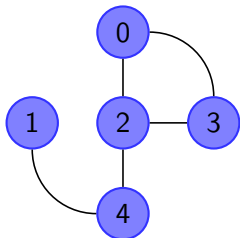
Given a category  $\mathbf{X}$ , called the *base category*, and an endofunctor  $F : \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{X}$ , a  *$F$ -coalgebra* (or  *$F$ -system*) consists of a pair  $(X, \alpha)$ , where  $X$  is an object of  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\alpha : X \rightarrow FX$  an arrow in  $\mathbf{X}$ . We call  $X$  the *base* and  $\alpha$  the *structure map* of the coalgebra.

# 1. Example: Graphs

## Definition

A *graph* is an ordered pair  $G = (V, E)$  comprising a set  $V$  of *vertices* together with a set  $E \subseteq [V]^2$  called *edges*.

## Example



$$V = 5$$

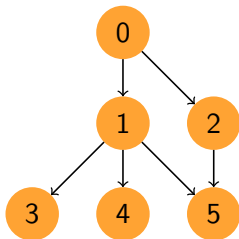
$$E = \{\{0, 2\}, \{0, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}\}$$

# 1. Example: Posets

## Definition

A *partially ordered set* (or *poset*) is a pair  $\mathbb{P} = (P, \leq)$  where  $P$  is a set and  $\leq$  is an order over  $P$ .

## Example



To each  $p \in P$  we can  
associate two subsets of  $P$ :

Its *downset*  $\downarrow p = \{q \in P : q \leq p\}$

Its *upset*  $\uparrow p = \{q \in P : p \leq q\}$

## 2. Coalgebra Homomorphisms

### Definition

Let  $\mathbf{X}$  be any category. Let  $F$  be an endofunctor over  $\mathbf{X}$ . Let  $(X, \alpha)$  and  $(Y, \beta)$  be two  $F$ -coalgebras. A  *$F$ -coalgebra homomorphism*,  $f : (X, \alpha) \rightarrow (Y, \beta)$  is an arrow  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  in  $\mathbf{X}$  such that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y \\
 \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \beta \\
 FX & \xrightarrow{Ff} & FY
 \end{array}$$



## 2. Example: $\mathcal{P}$ -Coalgebra Homomorphisms

### Remark

Given a  $\mathcal{P}$ -coalgebra  $(X, \alpha)$ , we can write it as  $(X, R_\alpha)$  with  $R_\alpha \subseteq X \times X$  and  $x_1 R_\alpha x_2 \Leftrightarrow x_2 \in \alpha(x_1)$ . Notice that  $R_\alpha$  can also play the role of  $\alpha$  by setting  $R_\alpha x_1 = \{x_2 \in X : x_1 R_\alpha x_2\} = \alpha(x_1)$ .

### Proposition

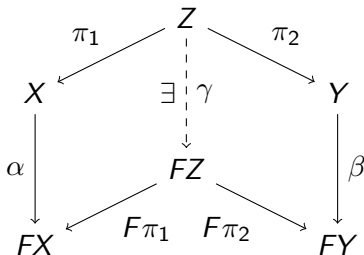
Let  $(X, R_\alpha)$  and  $(Y, R_\beta)$  be two  $\mathcal{P}$ -coalgebras. A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a  $\mathcal{P}$ -coalgebra homomorphism if and only if:

- $x_1 R_\alpha x_2 \implies f(x_1) R_\beta f(x_2)$
- $f(x_1) R_\beta y \implies \exists x_2 \in X (x_1 R_\alpha x_2 \text{ and } f(x_2) = y)$

### 3. Bisimulation

#### Definition

Let  $F$  be any endofunctor over **Set**. Let  $(X, \alpha)$ ,  $(Y, \beta)$  be two  $F$ -coalgebras. A subset  $Z \subseteq X \times Y$  of the cartesian product of  $X$  and  $Y$  is called a ***F-bisimulation*** if there exists a structure map  $\gamma : Z \rightarrow FZ$  such that the projections from  $Z$  to  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $F$ -coalgebra homomorphisms.



### 3. Bisimulation

#### Definition

- We will denote by  $B(X, Y)$  to the set of all bisimulations between  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- If  $(X, \alpha) = (Y, \beta)$ , then  $(Z, \gamma)$  is called a bisimulation on  $(X, \alpha)$ . We will write  $B(X)$  instead of  $B(X, X)$ . A *bisimulation equivalence* is a bisimulation that is also an equivalence relation.
- Two states  $x \in X, y \in Y$  are called *bisimilar* if there exists a bisimulation  $Z$  with  $\langle x, y \rangle \in Z$ .

#### Example

The empty set,  $\emptyset \subseteq X \times Y$ , is always a bisimulation.  $\emptyset \in B(X, Y)$ .

### 3. Basic Properties

#### Properties

Let  $(X, \alpha)$ ,  $(Y, \beta)$  and  $(W, \delta)$  be three  $F$ -coalgebras.

- $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is a  $F$ -coalgebra homomorphism iff  $G(f) \in B(X, Y)$ .

$$G(f) = \{\langle x, f(x) \rangle : x \in X\}$$

- If  $Z \in B(X, Y)$  then  $Z^{-1} \in B(Y, X)$ .

$$Z^{-1} = \{\langle y, x \rangle : \langle x, y \rangle \in Z\}$$

### 3. Basic Properties

#### Theorem

Let  $(X, \alpha)$  and  $(Y, \beta)$  be two  $F$ -coalgebras and let  $\{Z_j : j \in J\}$  be a family of  $B(X, Y)$ . Then the union of the family is also a bisimulation between  $X$  and  $Y$ .

#### Corollary

$B(X, Y)$  is a complete lattice for the inclusion order, with least upper bound and greatest lower bound given by:

$$\bigvee_{j \in J} Z_j = \bigcup_{j \in J} Z_j$$

$$\bigwedge_{j \in J} Z_j = \bigcup \{Z : Z \in B(X, Y) \text{ and } Z \subseteq \bigcap_{j \in J} Z_j\}$$

### 3. Example: Kripke Models

#### Definition

Given a set of atomic propositions  $\text{Prop}$  and an arbitrary set  $A$ , the set of all *multimodal formulas*  $\mathcal{ML}$  is defined inductively by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p \in \text{Prop} &\Rightarrow p \in \mathcal{ML} \\
 \perp &\in \mathcal{ML} \\
 \varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{ML} &\Rightarrow \varphi \rightarrow \psi \in \mathcal{ML} \\
 \varphi \in \mathcal{ML}, a \in A &\Rightarrow \Box_a \varphi \in \mathcal{ML}
 \end{aligned}$$

As usual,  $\top$ ,  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ , can be defined from  $\perp$ ,  $\rightarrow$ . The modal operator  $\Diamond_a$  for each  $a \in A$  is defined as  $\neg \Box_a \neg$ .

### 3. Example: Kripke Models

#### Definition

A *Kripke Model* is a triple  $\mathbb{X} = (X, (R_a)_{a \in A}, V)$  consisting on a set  $X$ , a relation  $R_a \subseteq X \times X$  for each  $a \in A$  and a valuation  $V : X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\text{Prop})$ .

Elements of  $X$  are called *states*.  $R_a$  is called the *accessibility relation* according to  $a$ . As usual we think of  $V$  as a mapping assigning to each possible state the set of atomic propositions holding in  $x$ .

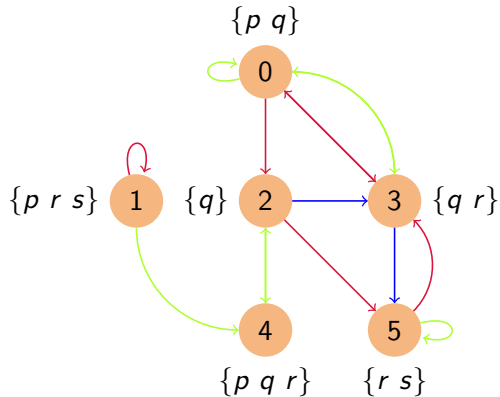
#### Remark

For  $A = 1$  we reduce that construction for the case of the usual modal logic.

We think of  $A$  as a set of agents and of  $\Box_a \varphi$  as 'agent  $a$  knows  $\varphi$ '. Atomic propositions describe the facts agents can know.

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#### Definition

Given a Kripke Model  $\mathbb{X} = (X, (R_a)_{a \in A}, V)$  and  $x \in X$  we define:

$$(\mathbb{X}, x) \models p \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad p \in V(x)$$

$$(\mathbb{X}, x) \not\models \perp$$

$$(\mathbb{X}, x) \models \varphi \rightarrow \psi \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \text{if } (\mathbb{X}, x) \models \varphi \text{ then } (\mathbb{X}, x) \models \psi$$

$$(\mathbb{X}, x) \models \Box_a \varphi \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \forall y \in X \text{ such that } xR_a y \text{ then } (\mathbb{X}, y) \models \varphi$$

When the model  $\mathbb{X}$  is clear from the context, we will write  $x \models \varphi$  instead of  $(\mathbb{X}, x) \models \varphi$ . We say that  $\varphi$  *holds* in a model  $\mathbb{X}$ , written  $\mathbb{X} \models \varphi$  if and only if  $\forall x \in X \ x \models \varphi$ . Finally,  $\varphi$  is *valid*, written  $\models \varphi$  if and only if  $\varphi$  holds in all models.

### 3. Example: Kripke Models

#### Theorem

Given two Kripke Models  $\mathbb{X} = (X, (R_a)_{a \in A}, V)$ ,  
 $\mathbb{X}' = (X', (R'_a)_{a \in A}, V')$  and  $x \in X$  and  $x' \in X'$ .

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#### Theorem (Hennesy and Milner)

Let  $K$  be the class of *image-finite Kripke Models*, i.e., for all  $\mathbb{X} = (X, (R_a)_{a \in A}, V) \in K$  and each  $x \in X$ , the set  $\{y : xR_a y\}$  is finite for each  $a \in A$ . Then in the class  $K$ , the converse hold:

For all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{ML}$  ( $x \models \varphi \Leftrightarrow x' \models \varphi$ )  $\Rightarrow x, x'$  are bisimilar

### 3. Pullbacks

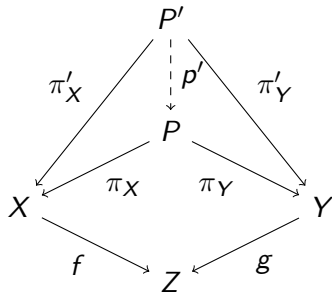
#### Definition

A *weak pullback* of two mappings  $f : X \rightarrow Z$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  in the category **Set** is a triple  $(P, \pi_X, \pi_Y)$  such that  $P$  is a set,  $\pi_X : P \rightarrow X$  and  $\pi_Y : P \rightarrow Y$  are such that:

- $f \pi_X = g \pi_Y$
- For each triple  $(P', \pi'_X, \pi'_Y)$  with  $\pi'_X : P' \rightarrow X$  and  $\pi'_Y : P' \rightarrow Y$  and  $f \pi'_X = g \pi'_Y$ , there is a *mediating mapping*  $p' : P' \rightarrow P$  such that  $\pi_X p' = \pi'_X$  and  $\pi_Y p' = \pi'_Y$

Note that the mediating mapping  $p'$  need not to be unique; adding this requirement to the definition it would give the more familiar, and stronger, notion of *pullback*.

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Let  $F$  be an endofunctor over **Set**. We say that it *preserves (weak) pullbacks*, written *pwp*, if for any (weak) pullback  $(P, \pi_X, \pi_Y)$  of  $(f, g)$ , the triple  $(FP, F\pi_X, F\pi_Y)$  is a (weak) pullback of  $(Ff, Fg)$ .

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#### Proposition

All endofunctors inductively defined upon:

- The Identity Functor  $\mathcal{I}$
- The Constant Functor  $C$
- The Coproduct Functor  $\amalg$
- The Product Functor  $\times$
- The Exponent Functor  $(\cdot)^C$
- The Power Set Functor  $\mathcal{P}$

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### 3. Pullbacks and Bisimulations

Let  $F$  be a *pwp* endofunctor over **Set**.

Let  $(X, \alpha)$ ,  $(Y, \beta)$ ,  $(W, \delta)$  be three  $F$ -coalgebras.

#### Theorem

Let  $Z_1$  be a bisimulation between  $X$  and  $Y$  and let  $Z_2$  be a bisimulation between  $Y$  and  $W$ . Then the composition  $Z_1 \circ Z_2$  is a bisimulation between  $X$  and  $W$ .



### 3. Pullbacks and Bisimulations

Let  $F$  be a *pwp* endofunctor over **Set** and let  $(X, \alpha)$  be a  $F$ -coalgebra, then:

#### Corollary

- $X \bowtie X$  is a bisimulation equivalence on  $X$ .

Let  $(Y, \beta)$  be another  $F$ -coalgebra, let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $F$ -coalgebra homomorphism, then:

#### Corollary

- $\text{Ker} f$  is a bisimulation equivalence on  $X$ .

$$\text{Ker} f = \{ \langle x_1, x_2 \rangle : f(x_1) = f(x_2) \}$$

### 3. Idempotent Semirings

#### Definition

An *idempotent semiring*, or *dioid*, is a 5-tuple,  $\mathbb{S} = (S, \oplus, \otimes, \varepsilon, e)$  where:

- $(S, \oplus, \varepsilon)$  is a commutative monoid.
- $(S, \otimes, e)$  is a monoid.
- $\otimes$  distributes over  $\oplus$ , i.e.,  $\forall s, t, u \in S$

$$s \otimes (t \oplus u) = (s \otimes t) \oplus (s \otimes u)$$

$$(t \oplus u) \otimes s = (t \otimes s) \oplus (u \otimes s)$$

- $\oplus$  is idempotent, i.e.,  $\forall s \in S$

$$s \oplus s = s$$

### 3. Associated Dioid

Let  $F$  be a *pwp* endofunctor over **Set** and let  $(X, \alpha)$  be a  $F$ -coalgebra, then:

#### Theorem

The set  $B(X)$  together with the union of bisimulations and the composition of bisimulations forms an idempotent semiring:

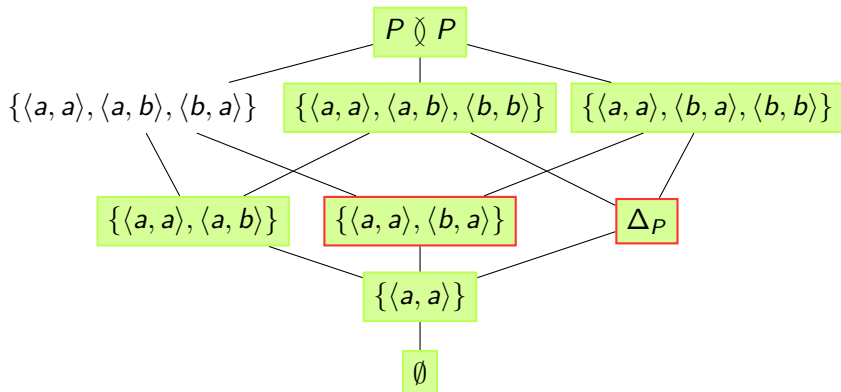
$$(B(X), \cup, \circ, \emptyset, \Delta_X)$$

#### Definition

We say that  $(B(X), \cup, \circ, \emptyset, \Delta_X)$  is the *associated dioid* of  $X$ , and we denote it by  $\pi(X, \alpha)$ .

### 3. Associated Dioid

#### Example



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#### Proposition

Let  $F$  be a *pwp* endofunctor over **Set**. Let  $(X, \alpha)$  and  $(Y, \beta)$  be two  $F$ -coalgebras. Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $F$ -coalgebra homomorphism. It holds:

- $Z \in B(X) \Rightarrow f(Z) \in B(Y)$
- $Z \in B(Y) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(Z) \in B(X)$

#### Remark

- $f(\Delta_X) = \Delta_{f(X)}$
- For each  $Z$  bisimulation on  $X$  holds that  $f(Z^{-1}) = f(Z)^{-1}$
- If  $f$  is a  $F$ -coalgebra embedding, for each  $Z_1, Z_2$  bisimulations on  $X$  holds that  $f(Z_1 \circ Z_2) = f(Z_1) \circ f(Z_2)$

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## 4. Subcoalgebras

### Definition

Let  $F$  be an arbitrary functor over **Set**. Let  $(X, \alpha)$  be a  $F$ -coalgebra. Let  $W \subseteq X$  be any subset of  $X$ .

We say that  $W$  is a *subcoalgebra* of  $X$ , written  $W \leq X$ , if there exists an structure map  $\alpha_W$  on  $W$  such that it turns the inclusion mapping  $i : W \rightarrow X$  into a  $F$ -coalgebra homomorphism.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 W & \xrightarrow{i} & X \\
 \exists \downarrow \alpha_W & & \downarrow \alpha \\
 FW & \xrightarrow{Fi} & FX
 \end{array}$$



## 4. Basic Properties

### Properties for arbitrary functors

- $W \leq X \Leftrightarrow \Delta_W \in B(X)$
- $B(W) \subseteq B(X)$

### Properties for *pwp* functors

- $\Delta_W \circ B(X) \circ \Delta_W = B(W)$

Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a coalgebra homomorphism, then:

- $W \leq X \Rightarrow f(W) \leq Y$
- $W \leq Y \Rightarrow f^{-1}(W) \leq X$

## 4. Basic Properties

### Theorem

Let  $F$  be a *pwp* endofunctor over **Set** and let  $(X, \alpha)$  be a  $F$ -coalgebra. The collection of all subcoalgebras of  $X$  is a complete lattice in which least upper bounds and greatest lower bounds are given by union and intersection.

### Definition

Let  $Y \subseteq X$  be any subset of  $X$ . We define:

The *subcoalgebra generated by  $Y$* , denoted by  $\langle Y \rangle$ ,

- $\langle Y \rangle = \bigcap \{W : W \leq X \text{ and } Y \subseteq W\}$

The *greatest subcoalgebra contained in  $Y$* , denoted by  $[Y]$ ,

- $[Y] = \bigcup \{W : W \leq X \text{ and } W \subseteq Y\}$

## 5. Quotients

### Theorem

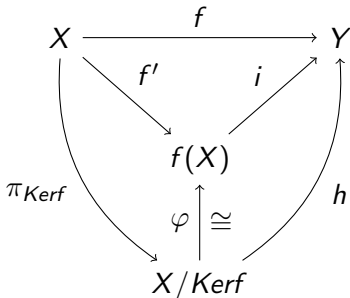
Let  $F$  be an arbitrary endofunctor over **Set**. Let  $(X, \alpha)$  be a  $F$ -coalgebra. Let  $Z$  be a bisimulation equivalence on  $X$ . Then there exists a unique map structure  $\gamma_Z : X/Z \rightarrow F(X/Z)$  that turns  $\pi_Z : X \rightarrow X/Z$  (the quotient mapping), into a  $F$ -coalgebra homomorphism.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\pi_Z} & X/Z \\
 \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \exists! \gamma_Z \\
 FX & \xrightarrow{F\pi_Z} & F(X/Z)
 \end{array}$$

## 6. Isomorphism Theorems

### 1st Isomorphism Theorem

Let  $F$  be a *pwp* endofunctor over **Set**, let  $(X, \alpha)$  and  $(Y, \beta)$  be two  $F$ -coalgebras and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a  $F$ -coalgebra homomorphism. Then there is the following factorization of  $f$ :



Where:

- $i$  is the inclusion morphism.
- $h$  is a monomorphism.
- $f'$  is a epimorphism with  $f(x) = f'(x)$  for each  $x \in X$ .
- $\pi_{Kerf}$  is the quotient morphism.

## 6. Isomorphism Theorems

### 2nd Isomorphism Theorem

Let  $F$  be a *pwp* endofunctor over **Set**, let  $(X, \alpha)$  be a  $F$ -coalgebra, let  $W \leq X$  and let  $Z$  be a bisimulation equivalence on  $X$ .

Let  $W^Z$  be defined as

$$W^Z = \{x \in X : \exists w \in W (\langle x, w \rangle \in Z)\}$$

The following facts hold:

- $W^Z \leq X$ .
- $Z \cap (W \times W)$  is a bisimulation equivalence on  $W$ .
- $W / (Z \cap (W \times W)) \cong W^Z / Z$ .

## 6. Isomorphism Theorems

### 3rd Isomorphism Theorem

Let  $F$  be a *pwp* endofunctor over **Set**. Let  $(X, \alpha)$  be a  $F$ -coalgebra and let  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  be two bisimulation equivalences on  $X$  such that  $Z_2 \subseteq Z_1$ . It holds:

- There is a unique  $F$ -coalgebra homomorphism  $h : X/Z_2 \rightarrow X/Z_1$  such that  $h\pi_{Z_2} = \pi_{Z_1}$ . That is to say that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{\pi_{Z_2}} & X/Z_2 \\
 \searrow \pi_{Z_1} & & \downarrow \exists! h \\
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## 6. Isomorphism Theorems

### 3rd Isomorphism Theorem

- Let  $Z_2/Z_1$  denote  $\text{Ker}h$ . It holds that  $Z_2/Z_1$  is a bisimulation equivalence on  $X/Z_2$  and induces a  $F$ -coalgebra isomorphism  $h' : (X/Z_2)/(Z_2/Z_1) \rightarrow X/Z_1$  such that  $h = h'\pi_{Z_2/Z_1}$ . That is to say that the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X/Z_2 & \xrightarrow{\pi_{Z_2/Z_1}} & (X/Z_2)/(Z_2/Z_1) \\
 \downarrow h & \swarrow h' & \\
 X/Z_1 & & 
 \end{array}$$

## 7. Simple Coalgebras

### Definition

Let  $F$  be a *pwp* endofunctor on **Set**. We say that a  $F$ -coalgebra,  $(X, \alpha)$ , is *simple* if it has no proper quotients. That is to say, if  $Z$  is a bisimulation equivalence on  $X$ , then  $X/Z \cong X$ .



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- Any  $F$ -coalgebra homomorphism,  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , is injective.

## 7. Example: NFAs

### Definition

A *nondeterministic finite automaton* or *NFA* is a quintuple

$\mathbb{M} = (Q, \Sigma, \delta, q_0, F)$ , where:

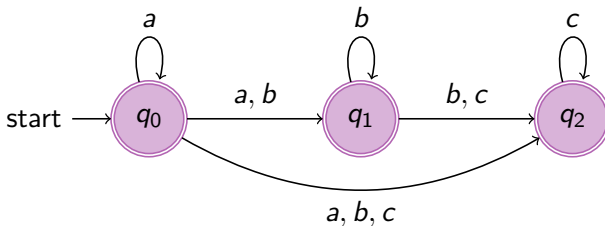
- $Q$  is a finite set of *states*.
- $\Sigma$  is a finite set of symbols, known as *alphabet*. The elements of  $\Sigma$  are called *letters*.
- $\delta : Q \times \Sigma \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q)$  is a partial function named *transition function*.
- $q_0 \in Q$  is the *initial* state.
- $F \subseteq Q$  is the set of *final* states.



## 7. Example NFAs

### Example

Let  $M = (\{q_0, q_1, q_2\}, \{a, b, c\}, \delta, q_0, \{q_0, q_1, q_2\})$  be a NFA with the corresponding transition diagram given by:



## 7. Example: NFAs

### Definition

In order to define the behaviour of a NFA on a string it is necessary to extend the transition function to a function acting on states and strings. Therefore, we define the *extended transition function*  $\hat{\delta} : Q \times \Sigma^* \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q)$  in the following way:

- $\forall q \in Q, x \in \Sigma^*, a \in \Sigma:$
- $\hat{\delta}(q, \lambda) = \{q\}$
- $\hat{\delta}(q, xa) = \bigcup_{p \in \hat{\delta}(q, x)} \delta(p, a)$

Item 2. means that a NFA can not change its state until it gets a symbol; The 3rd item states the recursive definition of  $\hat{\delta}$  on non-empty strings.

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- $0 \in N(p)$  if and only if  $p = q_0$ .
- $1 \in N(p)$  if and only if  $p \in F$ .

We say that  $N(p)$  is the *nature of the state*  $p$ .

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Let  $L$  be a regular language, there exists a minimal NFA that accepts  $L$ . It is unique up to isomorphism.

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### Proposition

Let  $(X, \alpha)$  be a final  $F$ -coalgebra, then  $(X, \alpha)$  is simple.

## 8. Coinduction

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Let  $A$  be an arbitrary set, we define the endofunctor  $G$  as:

$$\begin{array}{lll} G : \mathbf{Set} & \longrightarrow & \mathbf{Set} \\ X & \longmapsto & A \times X \\ f & \longmapsto & id_A \times f \end{array}$$

Let  $(X, \alpha)$  be an arbitrary  $G$ -coalgebra. The structure map on  $X$  can be splitted in two functions  $X \rightarrow A$  and  $X \rightarrow X$  which we will call  $value : X \rightarrow A$  and  $next : X \rightarrow X$ . With these operations we can do two things, given an element  $x \in X$ :

- Produce an element in  $A$ , namely  $value(x)$ .
- Produce a next element in  $X$ , namely  $next(x)$ .

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Now we can repeat this process and therefore form another element in  $A$ , namely  $value(next(x))$ . By preceding in this way we can get for each element  $x \in X$  an infinite sequence  $(a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots) \in A^\omega$  of elements  $a_n = value(next^{(n)}(x)) \in A$ , where  $next^{(0)}(x)$  denotes  $x$ . This sequence of elements that  $x$  gives rise to is what we can observe about  $x$ .

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$(A^\omega, \langle head, tail \rangle)$  is a final  $G$ -coalgebra.

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