

# Differential Categories II

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## Introduction

- Motivating example of linear logic

$$A \Rightarrow B = !A \multimap B$$

- coKleisli category of comonad !

Comonad

stable domains  
& coherence  
spaces

- Differential  $\lambda$ -calculus of Ehrhard & Regnier

Köthe spaces  
Finiteness spaces

Our aim:

Categorically "reconstruct" the  $\mathcal{E}\text{-R}$  differential structure

symmetric

Basic setting: monoidal category with comonad on it

Intuition: The "base category" maps are "linear"  
CoKleisli maps are "smooth"

## An illustration of how this works

A smooth map  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$   $f(x,y,z) = \langle x^2 + xyz, z^3 - xy \rangle$

Its Jacobian  $\begin{pmatrix} 2x + yz & xz & xy \\ -y & -x & 3z^2 \end{pmatrix}$

For chosen  $\langle x,y,z \rangle$  this is a linear map  $\mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$

ie from  $f: A \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$   
we get  $D[f]: A \rightarrow \text{Lin}(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathbb{R}^m)$

These are  
both smooth  
ie CoKleisli  
maps

So: in our setting we would have this:

$$\begin{array}{l} f: !A \rightarrow B \\ \hline D[f]: !A \rightarrow (A \multimap B) \end{array}$$

all maps  
in base cat  
X

Linear  
Hom

To avoid the need for closed structure, we shall

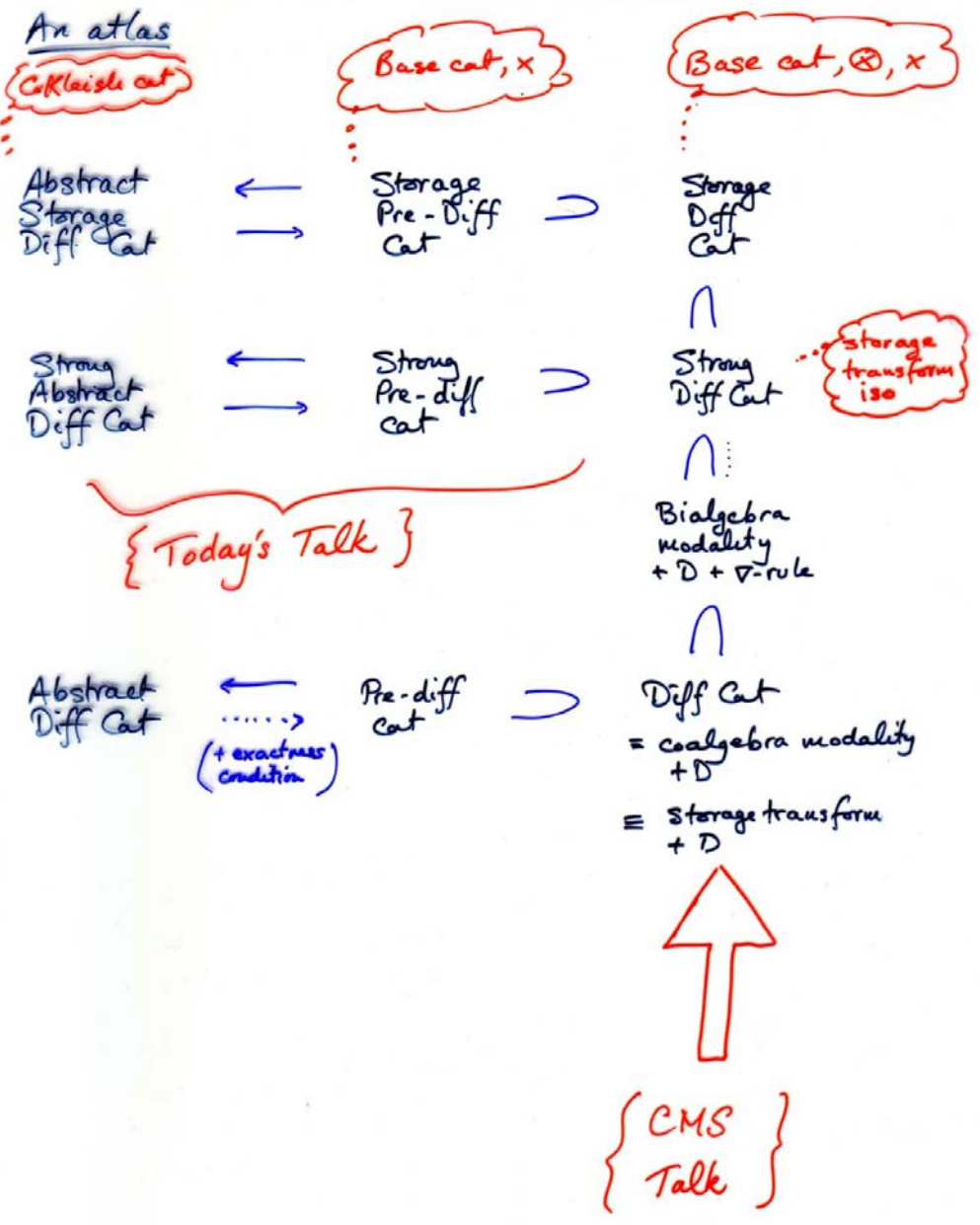
take

$$D[f]: A \otimes !A \rightarrow B$$

Outline of talk

- Basic definition of differential category
  - coalgebra modality on a (semi) additive symmetric monoidal category
  - differential combinator
- Question: how can we characterize the cokerisli category of such a diff cat?
  - we shall drop the tensor structure cokerisli cat emphasizes  $\times$  over  $\otimes$
  - define two secondary notions:
    - Cartesian differential categories ... Cokerisli cats
    - Pre differential categories ...  $\otimes$ -free diff cats
  - examine the connection between these & between pre diff cats & diff cats

Technical remark: all this is "cleanest" in the "strong" case - our focus today



## Basic context

- (semi) additive symmetric monoidal category  $\mathcal{X}$

commutative monoid enriched  
no assumption of biproducts - yet!

Eg Sets & relations  
is (semi)additive  
but not AbGrp-enriched

- coalgebra modality !

- a cotriple (comonad)

$$T \xleftarrow{e} !X \xrightarrow{\Delta} !X \otimes !X \quad \text{natural coalgebra str.}$$

- $(!X, \Delta, e)$  is a comonoid

$$\begin{array}{ccc} !X & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & !X \otimes !X \\ \Delta \downarrow & & \downarrow \Delta \circ 1 \\ !X \otimes !X & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & !X \otimes !X \otimes !X \\ \downarrow \Delta & & \downarrow \Delta \circ 1 \\ !X \otimes !X \otimes !X & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & !X \otimes !X \otimes !X \otimes !X \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & !X & \\ 1 \swarrow & \Delta & \searrow 1 \\ !X & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & !X \otimes !X \\ \downarrow e & & \downarrow e \circ 1 \\ !X & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & !X \otimes !X \end{array}$$

commute

- $\delta: !X \rightarrow !!X$  is a comonoid morphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} !X & \xrightarrow{\delta} & !!X \\ \downarrow e & & \downarrow \delta \circ 1 \\ !X \otimes !X & \xrightarrow{\delta} & !!X \otimes !!X \end{array} \quad \text{commute}$$

[we don't assume that  $\delta$ , or any of these transformations are monoidal - yet]

Intuition:  $!A \rightarrow !B$  is "a differentiable map  $A \rightarrow B$ "

(but we need more structure to realize this)

## Storage

Given a s.m.cat with products and a comonad !  
a comonoidal transformation  $s: ! \rightarrow !$

from  $(X, \times, 1)$  to  $(X, \otimes, T)$  amounts to

$$s_0: !(1) \rightarrow T \quad \text{and} \quad s_2: !(X \times Y) \rightarrow !X \otimes !Y$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} !((X \times Y) \times Z) & \xrightarrow{s_2} & !(X \times Y) \otimes !Z \xrightarrow{s_2 \circ 1} (!X \otimes !Y) \otimes !Z \\ \downarrow !(a_2) & & \downarrow a_\otimes \\ !(X \times (Y \times Z)) & \xrightarrow{s_2} & !X \otimes !(Y \times Z) \xrightarrow{!s_2} !X \otimes (!Y \otimes !Z) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} !(1 \times X) & \xrightarrow{s_2} & !(1) \otimes !X \\ \downarrow !\eta & & \downarrow s_0 \circ 1 \\ !X & \xleftarrow{u_\otimes} & T \otimes !X \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} !(X \times 1) & \xrightarrow{s_2} & !X \otimes !(1) \\ \downarrow !\eta & & \downarrow !s_0 \\ !X & \xleftarrow{u_\otimes} & !X \otimes T \end{array}$$

(+ diagram for symmetry if appropriate)

(as a comonad)

In our setting, requiring that ! be comonoidal is too strong -  
we'd want  $\delta$  to be so, but not  $e$  (The Id functor is not comonoidal)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F(X \times Y) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & G(X \times Y) \\ \downarrow s^F & & \downarrow s^G \\ FX \otimes FY & \xrightarrow{\alpha \otimes \alpha} & GX \otimes GY \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} F(1) & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & G(1) \\ s^F \searrow & & \swarrow s^G \\ & & T \end{array}$$

no such  $s^G$   
for  $G = \text{Id}$

A (sym) cat  $\mathcal{X}$  with comonad  $!$ , products has a storage transformation if there is a comonoidal transformation

$$s: ! \rightarrow ! : (\mathcal{X}, x, 1) \rightarrow (\mathcal{X}, \otimes, \tau)$$

so that  $\delta$  is comonoidal

using the canonical comonoidal trans  $(\mathcal{X}, x, 1) \rightarrow$   
 ie  $!(X \times Y) \rightarrow !X \times !Y$   
 $!(1) \rightarrow 1$

### Key Fact:

For a (sym) monoidal cat with products:  
 to have a comonad with (sym) storage trans is equiv.  
 to having a (cocommutative) coalgebra modality.

$$\Downarrow \text{ Define } \Delta: !X \xrightarrow{!(\Delta_x)} !(X \times X) \xrightarrow{s_2} !X \otimes !X$$

$$e: !X \xrightarrow{!(\eta)} !(1) \xrightarrow{s_0} \tau$$

$$\Uparrow \text{ Define } s_2: !(X \times Y) \xrightarrow{\Delta} !(X \times Y) \otimes !(X \times Y) \xrightarrow{!(\tau \otimes \tau)} !X \otimes !Y$$

$$s_0: !(1) \xrightarrow{e} \tau$$

This works!

### Examples

- id on any cat with finite products
- $!$  in linear logic
- Dual of "algebra modality"
  - The free algebra  $T(X) = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} X^{\otimes n}$
  - The free symmetric algebra  $\text{Sym}(X) = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} X^{\otimes n} / S_n$
  - The "exterior algebra"  $\Lambda(X) = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} X^{\otimes n} / A$   
 so  $xy = -yx$

### Differential Combinators

$$D_{AB}: \mathcal{X}(!A, B) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}(A \otimes !A, B)$$

$$\frac{!A \xrightarrow{f} B}{A \otimes !A \xrightarrow{D[f]} B}$$

Think  $!A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B)$

This must satisfy:

- naturality (for combinators), additivity
- "constants have deriv = 0"  $D[e] = 0$
- product rule  $(1 \otimes \Delta)(D[f] \otimes g) + (1 \otimes \Delta)(c \otimes (f \circ D[g])) = D[\delta(f \circ g)]$
- "linear maps have constant deriv"  $D[ef] = (1 \otimes e)f$
- chain rule  $D[\delta!fg] = (1 \otimes \Delta)(D[f] \otimes \delta!f) D[g]$

There is a "circuit calculus" for all this ...

## Preliminaries ( $\rightarrow$ cartesian differential categories)

(semi)

Left/additive category: each hom set is a commutative monoid

$$f(g+h) = fg + fh$$
$$f0 = 0$$

... diagrammatic order of composition

(semi)

A map  $h$  is additive if also

$$(f+g)h = fh + gh$$
$$0h = 0$$

Prop The additive maps of a left additive category  $\mathcal{A}$  form an additive subcategory  $\mathcal{A}_+$ .

The inclusion  $\mathcal{A}_+ \hookrightarrow \mathcal{A}$  reflects isos.

Eg Commutative monoids with "set" maps

... no preservation properties

form a left additive, not additive, category

Left additive: because operations are def'd pointwise

Not additive: because maps need not preserve monoid str.

Those that do are in  $\mathcal{A}_+$ .

## Cartesian Differential categories

- Left additive
- products
- a cartesian differential operator

$$X \xrightarrow{f} Y$$
$$X \times X \xrightarrow{D_x[f]} Y$$

... Think: 1st arg't is "linear"; 2nd is "smooth"

satisfy several axioms:

$$[CD1] D_x[f+g] = D_x[f] + D_x[g] \quad ; \quad D_x[0] = 0$$

$$[CD2] \langle h+k, v \rangle D_x[f] = \langle h, v \rangle D_x[f] + \langle k, v \rangle D_x[f]$$
$$\langle 0, v \rangle D_x[f] = 0$$

$$[CD3] D_x[1] = \pi_0 \quad ; \quad D_x[\pi_i] = \pi_0 \pi_i \quad (i=0,1)$$

$$[CD4] D_x[\langle f, g \rangle] = \langle D_x[f], D_x[g] \rangle$$

$$[CD5] D_x[fg] = \langle D_x[f], \pi, f \rangle D_x[g]$$

Example: Fin dim vector spaces over  $\mathbb{R}$  (or  $\mathbb{C}$ ...)  
with  $\infty$ 's differentiable maps

-  $D_x$  given by Jacobian

... "just like" the diff cat eg

## "Linear maps"

In a cart diff cat,  $f$  is linear if

$$D_x[f] = \pi_0 f$$

Prop: The linear maps form an additive subcat  $\mathcal{Y}_{lin}$  of a cart diff cat  $\mathcal{Y}$ ;  $\mathcal{Y}_{lin}$  has (bi)products;  $\mathcal{Y}_{lin} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  reflects isos & creates products

Prop: The cocomplete category of a differential cat with biproducts is a cartesian differential cat

define  $D_x[f]$ , for  $X \xrightarrow{f} Y$ , to be:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 S(X \times X) \xrightarrow{\Delta} S(X \times X) \otimes S(X \times X) \xrightarrow{S\pi_0 \otimes S\pi_0} S(X) \otimes S(X) \\
 \searrow \text{S}_2 \text{ (The canonical storage trans)} & & \downarrow \epsilon \otimes 1 \\
 & & X \otimes S(X) \\
 & & \downarrow D_x[f] \\
 & & S(X)
 \end{array}$$

Notation:  $D_x$  is the diff combinator for the diff cat  
 ( $D_x$  is the cart diff op)  
 $S$  is the comonad (called  $!$  in linear logic)

MORE: The cocomplete cat of a diff cat also satisfies

- $D_x[\epsilon] = \pi_0 \epsilon$
- $D_x[S(f)] = \pi_0 S(f)$  (for any  $f$ )

## STRONG Differential categories

- Diff cats with storage transformations  $S_0, S_2$  iso (without further coherence - this is weaker than what we called "storage diff. cats")

In this context we can define some maps in the cocomplete cat:

$$\varphi: A \rightarrow S(A) \quad (\text{ie } id: S(A) \rightarrow S(A) \text{ in } \mathcal{X})$$

$$\eta: A \rightarrow S(A) := \epsilon(1 \otimes 1) d_0$$

$$\text{ie } S(A) \xrightarrow{\epsilon_1} A \otimes 1 \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \epsilon} A \otimes S(A) \xrightarrow{d_0} S(A) \text{ in } \mathcal{X}$$

$$d_x: A \times A \rightarrow S(A) := D_x[\varphi]$$

$$\text{ie } S(A \times A) \xrightarrow{S_2} S(A) \otimes S(A) \xrightarrow{\epsilon \otimes 1} A \otimes S(A) \xrightarrow{d_0} S(A) \text{ in } \mathcal{X}$$

PROP: The coKleisli cat of a strong diff cat satisfies:

- $\eta$  is " $\epsilon$ -natural"  $\dots \dots \dots$  [i.e.  $\epsilon\eta = S(\eta)\epsilon$ ]

- $\eta = \langle 1, 0 \rangle dx$

- $\eta\epsilon = 1$

- " $\epsilon$ -natural"  $\equiv$  "linear"

- $S(dx)\epsilon = s_2(\epsilon\eta \otimes 1) \nabla$

- $d_{\otimes} = (\eta \otimes 1) s_2^{-1} S(dx)\epsilon \dots \dots$

**NB** In the coKleisli cat,  $\epsilon$  is NOT a nat. transformation:  $f$  is " $\epsilon$ -natural" if the  $\epsilon$ -naturality square with  $f$  commutes

So we can recapture  $d_{\otimes}$  from  $dx$  as well as vice versa

These are properties we shall want to hold in our characterization of coKleisli cats of (strong) diff cats.

Disclaimer: The "not strong" case is more "fiddley"!

Abstract coKleisli category

... inspired by Carstern Führmann's charact<sup>n</sup> of abstract Kleisli cats

- cat  $\mathcal{Y}$ , functor  $S: \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$

- nat. transf<sup>n</sup>:  $\varphi: A \rightarrow S(A)$

- unnatural transf<sup>n</sup>:  $\epsilon: S(A) \rightarrow A$

- $\epsilon\epsilon = S(\epsilon)\epsilon$  ...  $\epsilon$  is " $\epsilon$ -natural"

- $\varphi\epsilon = 1_A$        $S(\varphi)\epsilon = 1_{S(A)}$

- $\epsilon_{S(A)}: S(S(A)) \rightarrow S(A)$  is natural in  $A$

This makes  $(S, \varphi, \epsilon_{S-})$  a monad/triple on  $\mathcal{Y}$

Let  $\mathcal{Y}_{\epsilon}$  be the subcat of  $\epsilon$ -natural maps

Then  $(S, \epsilon, S(\varphi))$  is a comonad on  $\mathcal{Y}_{\epsilon}$

and  $\mathcal{Y}$  is its coKleisli cat  $(\mathcal{Y}_{\epsilon})_S$

Q: Given a comonad  $S$ , what's the connection between  $\mathcal{X}$  and  $(\mathcal{X}_S)_{\epsilon}$ ?  
(for any  $\mathcal{X}$  with a comonad  $S$ )



### Technical remark

If  $\mathcal{Y}$  is an abstract coKleisli cat

①  $A \xrightarrow{\varphi} S(A) \xrightarrow[S(\varphi)]{\varphi} S(S(A))$  is a (split) equalizer (for all  $A$ )  
(by  $\epsilon$ )

②  $S(S(A)) \xrightarrow[S(\epsilon)]{\epsilon} S(A) \xrightarrow{\epsilon} A$  is a (split) coequalizer ("")  
(by  $\varphi$ )

The 2nd diagram is in  $\mathcal{X}_\epsilon$ ; it characterizes comonads from abstract coKleisli cats, in this sense:

FACT: The canonical functor (when  $X$  carries a comonad  $S$ )

$X \rightarrow (X_S)_\epsilon$  is an iso iff ② is a coequalizer (for all  $A$ )

(call such  $S$  an exact comonad)

In the "strong" context, having  $\eta$  forces exactness since then  $\eta$  makes ② a split coequalizer

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{since } \epsilon\epsilon = S(\epsilon)\epsilon \\ \eta\epsilon = 1 \\ \eta S(\epsilon) = \epsilon\eta \end{array} \right\}$  so absolute

(Without "strength",  $X \rightarrow (X_S)_\epsilon$  need not even preserve what structure  $X$  has, so things become "fiddly", as we've said before)

$\mathcal{Y}$  is an abstract additive coKleisli category if in addition

- left additive ie "semi-additive"
- $\epsilon, S(f)$  (for all  $f$ ) are additive

[This guarantees  $\mathcal{Y}_\epsilon$  is in fact additive

Furthermore, the coKleisli cat of a comonad on an additive cat satisfies these, so this characterizes coKleisli cats for comonads on additive cats]

$\mathcal{Y}$  is a strong abstract differential category if in addition:

- cartesian diff. cat st  $\pi_i, \Delta$  are  $\epsilon$ -natural,
- $D_x[\epsilon] = \pi_0 \epsilon$
- $D_x[S(f)] = \pi_0 S(f)$  (for all  $f$ )
- $\eta := \langle 1, 0 \rangle D_x[\varphi]$  is  $\epsilon$ -natural

[These guarantee all the properties of the earlier prop. which hold of coKleisli cats of strong diff cats

- incl. " $\epsilon$ -natural"  $\equiv$  "linear" ]

## Technical note ( $\leadsto$ "pre-differential categories")

In this context (somewhat less suffices) we can define a "cartesian deriving transformation"

$$d_x: A \times A \longrightarrow S(A)$$

satisfying "the usual axioms", so that this structure is equivalent to having a cartesian differential operator  $D_x$

An impressionist's view of the axioms:

$$[cd1] \quad d_x S(f+g) \epsilon = d_x S(f) \epsilon + d_x S(g) \epsilon \quad ; \quad d_x S(0) \epsilon = 0$$

$$[cd2] \quad \langle h+k, v \rangle d_x = \langle h, v \rangle d_x + \langle k, v \rangle d_x \quad ; \quad \langle 0, v \rangle d_x = 0$$

$$[cd3] \quad d_x \epsilon = \pi_0$$

$$[cd4] \quad d_x S(\langle f, g \rangle) \epsilon = d_x \langle S(f) \epsilon, S(g) \epsilon \rangle$$

$$[cd5] \quad \langle d_x S(f) \epsilon, \pi_1 f \rangle d_x S(g) \epsilon = d_x S(fg) \epsilon$$

STRONG

## Pre differential Category

$\mathcal{X}$ : additive with biproducts

comonad  $(S, \epsilon, \delta)$

a "pre differential operator"  $d'_x: S(A \times A) \rightarrow S(A)$

Think: this is a coKleisli map  
 $A \times A \rightarrow S(A)$  - ie  $d_x$  in  $\mathcal{X}_S$

$\eta: A \rightarrow SA$  ... we're in the "strong" setting

st

$$[pd1] \quad \delta S(\langle h+k, v \rangle) d'_x = \delta [S(\langle h, v \rangle) + S(\langle k, v \rangle)] d'_x$$

$$[pd2] \quad d'_x \epsilon = \epsilon \pi_0$$

$$[pd3] \quad d'_x \delta S(f) g = \delta S(\langle d'_x f, S(\pi_1) f \rangle) d'_x g$$

$$[spd1] \quad \eta \epsilon = 1$$

$$[spd2] \quad S(\langle 1, 0 \rangle) d'_x = \epsilon \eta$$

These are "coKleisli" translations of the axioms for  $d_x, \eta$

The point of this:

- The coKleisli cat  $X_S$  of a <sup>strong</sup>  $k$  pre-diff. cat  $X$  is a <sup>strong</sup>  $k$  abstract diff cat st  $(X_S)_\epsilon = X$

must assume some exactness in the "not-strong" case

- iff  $\mathcal{Y}$  is a <sup>strong</sup>  $k$  abstract diff cat, then  $\mathcal{Y}_\epsilon$  is a <sup>strong</sup>  $k$  pre-diff cat [and of course  $(\mathcal{Y}_\epsilon)_S = \mathcal{Y}$ ]

$$d_X' = S(d_X)_\epsilon$$

So we've characterized abstract diff cats as coKleisli cats on pre-diff cats

- What about diff cats?
- What happened to  $\otimes$ ?

- Any <sup>strong</sup> differential cat "is" (ie induces) a <sup>strong</sup> pre-differential cat

via:

$$d_X' := S(A \times A) \xrightarrow{s_2} S(A) \otimes S(A) \xrightarrow{\epsilon \otimes 1} A \otimes S(A) \xrightarrow{d_0} S(A)$$

diagram chase!!

whence:

Prop:  $X$  is a <sup>strong</sup> differential cat iff

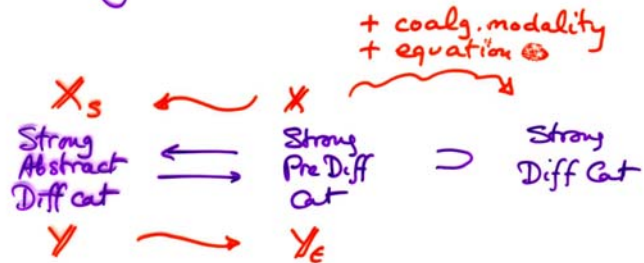
- $X$  carries a <sup>strong</sup> coalgebra modality
- $X$  is a <sup>strong</sup> pre-differential category st

$$d_X' = s_2 ; (\epsilon \eta \otimes 1) ; \nabla \dots$$

Recall this property from previous slide.

$$d_0 = (\eta \otimes 1) \nabla$$

Look again at our "atlas":



Comment about "the fiddley bits":

- stepping "down" (dropping "strong") just requires care (& some exactness assumptions at times)
- stepping "up" ("storage" - i.e. the linear logic!) only affects the "abstract" column: how to describe storage "abstractly" can be done by examining the interaction of  $\otimes$  and  $X$  in coKleisli cats [details are in the paper!]

*in preparation*

Future work?

- Examples would be nice ...
- Higher order version of this setting also ...
- Connect to other notions of differentiability ...
- Some of this is in progress, some still just "ambition" ...