

Definition

UMP of the free monoid $M(1)$, where $1 = \{\star\}$, (Awodey p.19)

There is a set-function $i: 1 = \{\star\} \rightarrow |M(1)|$,

such that for every monoid L and every function $f: 1 \rightarrow |L|$, there is a unique $\bar{f}: M(1) \rightarrow L$ such that $|\bar{f}| \circ i = f$, where $|\bar{f}|: |M(1)| \rightarrow |L|$ (see diagram 1 below and the diagram on p.19)

Problem

Let M and N be monoids and $h: M \rightarrow N$ a monoid-homomorphism.

To prove:

$$"h: M \rightarrow N \text{ is monic} \Leftrightarrow |h|: |M| \rightarrow |N| \text{ is monic}"$$

\Rightarrow) Suppose the monoid-homomorphism $h: M \rightarrow N$ is monic and let $x, y \in M$ such that $x \neq y$
We have to prove that $|h|(x) \neq |h|(y)$, then we are ready

We have $x, y \in M$ such that $x \neq y$

This is equivalent with taking two different set-functions $x, y: 1 = \{\star\} \rightarrow |M|$

I guess $x(\star) = x$ and $y(\star) = y$ (sorry for the double notation)

Now use the definition of the UMP of the free monoid $M(1)$ [[[not the same M]]] applied to $x: 1 \rightarrow |M|$:

[[[in the definition, replace L with M , and $f: 1 \rightarrow |L|$ with $x: 1 \rightarrow |M|$]]]

There is a unique $\bar{x}: M(1) \rightarrow M$ such that $|\bar{x}| \circ i = x$, where $|\bar{x}|: |M(1)| \rightarrow |M|$ (See diagram 2)

Similar applied to $y: 1 \rightarrow |M|$:

[[[in the definition, replace L with M , and $f: 1 \rightarrow |L|$ with $y: 1 \rightarrow |M|$]]]

There is a unique $\bar{y}: M(1) \rightarrow M$ such that $|\bar{y}| \circ i = y$, where $|\bar{y}|: |M(1)| \rightarrow |M|$

Because $x \neq y$, we must have $\bar{x} \neq \bar{y}$

Because $h: M \rightarrow N$ is monic, we must have $h \circ \bar{x} \neq h \circ \bar{y}$ (recall the definition of monomorphisms)

Now use the definition of the UMP of the free monoid $M(1)$ [[[not the same M]]] applied to $|h| \circ x: 1 \rightarrow |M| \rightarrow |N|$:

[[[in the definition, replace L with N , and $f: 1 \rightarrow |L|$ with $|h| \circ x: 1 \rightarrow |N|$]]]

There is a unique $\overline{|h| \circ x}: M(1) \rightarrow N$ such that $|\overline{|h| \circ x}| \circ i = |h| \circ x$, where $|\overline{|h| \circ x}|: |M(1)| \rightarrow |N|$ (See diagram 3)

Similar, applied to $|h| \circ y: 1 \rightarrow |M| \rightarrow |N|$:

[[[in the definition, replace L with N , and $f: 1 \rightarrow |L|$ with $|h| \circ y: 1 \rightarrow |N|$]]]

There is a unique $\overline{|h| \circ y}: M(1) \rightarrow N$ such that $|\overline{|h| \circ y}| \circ i = |h| \circ y$, where $|\overline{|h| \circ y}|: |M(1)| \rightarrow |N|$ (Make a diagram)

Now we have $|h| \circ |\bar{x}| \circ i = |h| \circ x$

And we have $|\overline{|h| \circ x}| \circ i = |h| \circ x$

By the uniqueness of $\overline{|h| \circ x}: M(1) \rightarrow N$ it follows that $\overline{|h| \circ x} = |\overline{|h| \circ x}|$

And $|h| \circ |\bar{x}| = |h \circ \bar{x}|$ [[[why ???]]]

Similar $\overline{|h| \circ y} = |h \circ \bar{y}| = |h \circ \bar{y}|$

Because $h \circ \bar{x} \neq h \circ \bar{y}$,

We have $|h \circ \bar{x}| \neq |h \circ \bar{y}|$

Therefore $\overline{|h| \circ x} \neq \overline{|h| \circ y}$

Thus $|h| \circ x \neq |h| \circ y$ [[[because, if $|h| \circ x = |h| \circ y$, then $\overline{|h| \circ x} = \overline{|h| \circ y}$]]] *

We have elements $x, y \in M$, thus $hx, hy \in N$

Now, with the same double notation as above, this is equivalent with taking two different set-functions $hx, hy: 1 = \{\star\} \rightarrow |N|$

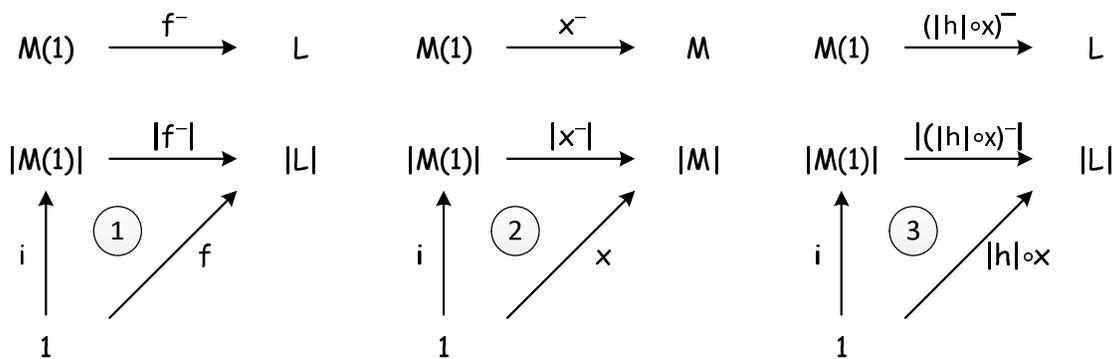
I guess $hx(\star) = hx$ and $hy(\star) = hy$

We have $hx = |h| \circ x: 1 \rightarrow |N|$ [[[why ???]]]

We have $hy = |h| \circ y: 1 \rightarrow |N|$ [[[why ???]]]

By *) above, we have $hx \neq hy$ and we may conclude that $|h|: |M| \rightarrow |N|$ is monic

Diagrams



Sorry for slightly strange notation : f^- in stead of \bar{f} , I can't help it.