The Semantics of Effects: Centrality, Quantum Control and Reversible Recursion

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$$\mathtt{Nat} = \mu X.\mathtt{I} \oplus X$$
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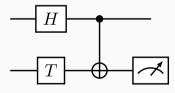
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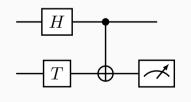
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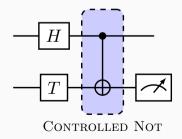


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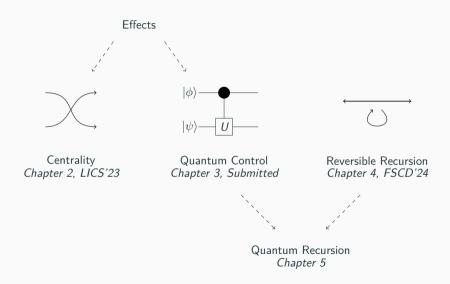
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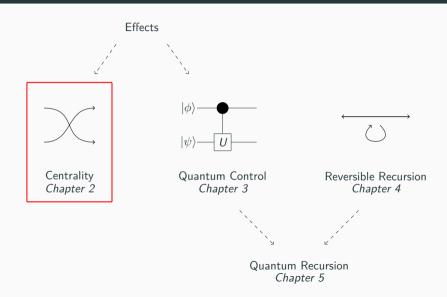
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What is centrality for monads?

Centrality: Background on Premonoidal categories

[PowerRobinson97] Premonoidal categories as model of effects.

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Premonoidal category



- A premonoidal category \mathcal{P} has a centre $Z(\mathcal{P})$;
- $Z(\mathcal{P})$ is a monoidal subcategory of \mathcal{P} .

Centrality: Strong monads

Strong monad \mathcal{T} : combines effect with pairing (\otimes) with a strength τ :

$$\tau_{X,Y}: X \otimes \mathcal{T}Y \to \mathcal{T}(X \otimes Y).$$

Operationally:

Input:
$$\langle x, M \rangle$$

Output: do $y \leftarrow M$; return $\langle x, y \rangle$

With strong monad $\mathcal{T} \colon \mathbf{C} \to \mathbf{C}$, the category $\mathbf{C}_{\mathcal{T}}$:

- Objects of C;
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is called Kleisli category, and is a premonoidal category.

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Powerset monad: non-determinism

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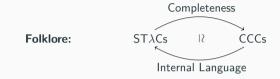
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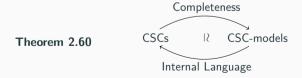
- + new types: SX and TX;
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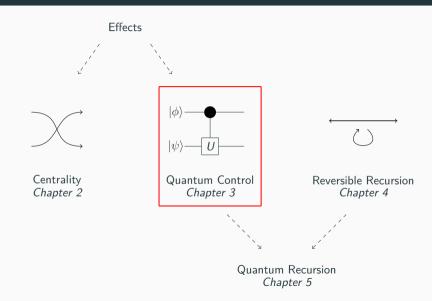
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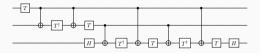
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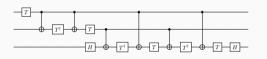
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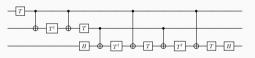
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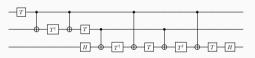
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Mathematically (Hilbert spaces):

- Normalised vector $|\phi\rangle$.
- Orthogonality: $|\phi\rangle \perp |\psi\rangle$.
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- Well-typed term $\Delta \vdash t: A$.
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$$\frac{\Delta \vdash t_i \colon A \quad t_j \perp t_k \quad \sum_i |\alpha_i|^2 = 1}{\Delta \vdash \sum_i (\alpha_i \cdot t_i) \colon A}$$

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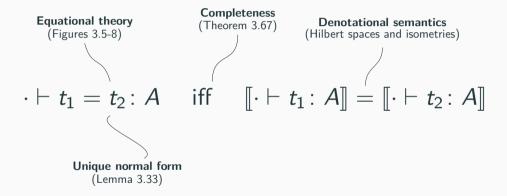
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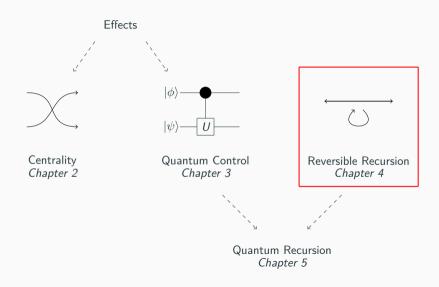
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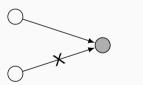
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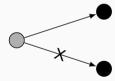
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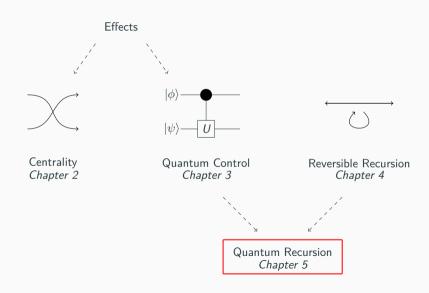
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