

## EXPONENTIABILITY IN CATEGORIES OF LAX ALGEBRAS

*Dedicated to Nico Pumplün on the occasion of his seventieth birthday*

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ABSTRACT. For a complete cartesian-closed category  $\mathbf{V}$  with coproducts, and for any pointed endofunctor  $T$  of the category of sets satisfying a suitable Beck-Chevalley-type condition, it is shown that the category of lax reflexive  $(T, \mathbf{V})$ -algebras is a quasitopos. This result encompasses many known and new examples of quasitopoi.

### 1. Introduction

Failure to be cartesian closed is one of the main defects of the category of topological spaces. But often this defect can be side-stepped by moving temporarily into the quasitopos hull of  $\mathbf{Top}$ , the category of pseudotopological (or Choquet) spaces, see for example [11, 14, 7]. A pseudotopology on a set  $X$  is most easily described by a relation  $\mathfrak{x} \rightarrow x$  between ultrafilters  $\mathfrak{x}$  on  $X$  and points  $x$  in  $X$ , the only requirement for which is the *reflexivity* condition  $\dot{x} \rightarrow x$  for all  $x \in X$ , with  $\dot{x}$  denoting the principal ultrafilter on  $x$ . In this setting, a topology on  $X$  is a pseudotopology which satisfies the *transitivity* condition

$$\mathfrak{x} \rightarrow \eta \ \& \ \eta \rightarrow z \ \Rightarrow \ m(\mathfrak{x}) \rightarrow z$$

for all  $z \in X$ ,  $\eta \in UX$  (the set of ultrafilters on  $X$ ) and  $\mathfrak{x} \in UUX$ ; here the relation  $\rightarrow$  between  $UX$  and  $X$  has been naturally extended to a relation between  $UUX$  and  $UX$ , and  $m = m_X : UUX \rightarrow UX$  is the unique map that gives  $U$  together with  $e_X(x) = \dot{x}$  the structure of a monad  $\mathbf{U} = (U, e, m)$ . Barr [2] observed that the two conditions, reflexivity and transitivity, are precisely the two basic laws of a lax Eilenberg-Moore algebra when one extends the  $\mathbf{Set}$ -monad  $\mathbf{U}$  to a lax monad of  $\mathbf{Rel}(\mathbf{Set})$ , the category of sets with relations as morphisms. In [9] Barr's presentation of topological spaces was extended to include Lawvere's presentation of metric spaces as  $\mathbf{V}$ -categories with  $\mathbf{V} = \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$ , the extended real half-line. Thus, for any symmetric monoidal category  $\mathbf{V}$  with coproducts preserved by the tensor product, and for any  $\mathbf{Set}$ -monad  $\mathbf{T}$  that suitably extends from  $\mathbf{Set}$ -maps to

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all  $\mathbf{V}$ -matrices (or “ $\mathbf{V}$ -relations”, with ordinary relations appearing for  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{2}$ , the two-element chain), the paper [9] develops the notion of reflexive and transitive  $(\mathbb{T}, \mathbf{V})$ -algebra, investigates the resulting category  $\text{Alg}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbf{V})$ , and presents many examples, in particular  $\mathbf{Top} = \text{Alg}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{2})$ .

The purpose of this paper is to show that dropping the transitivity condition leads us to a quasitopos not only in the case of  $\mathbf{Top}$ , but rather generally. In order to define just reflexive  $(\mathbb{T}, \mathbf{V})$ -algebras, one indeed needs neither the tensor product of  $\mathbf{V}$  (just the “unit” object) nor the “multiplication” of the monad  $\mathbb{T}$ . Positively speaking then, we start off with a category  $\mathbf{V}$  with coproducts and a distinguished object  $I$  in  $\mathbf{V}$  and any pointed endofunctor  $T$  of  $\mathbf{Set}$  and define the category  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$ . Our main result says that when  $\mathbf{V}$  is complete and locally cartesian closed and a certain Beck-Chevalley condition is satisfied, also  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$  is locally cartesian closed (Theorem 3.7).

Defining reflexive  $(T, \mathbf{V})$ -algebras for the “truncated” data  $T, \mathbf{V}$  entails a considerable departure from [9], as it is no longer possible to talk about the bicategory  $\text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})$  of  $\mathbf{V}$ -matrices. The missing tensor product prevents us from being able to introduce the (horizontal) matrix composition; however, “whiskering” by  $\mathbf{Set}$ -maps (considered as 1-cells in  $\text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})$ ) is still well-defined and well-behaved, and this is all that is needed in this paper.

We explain the relevant properties of  $\text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})$  in Section 2 and define the needed Beck-Chevalley condition. Briefly, this condition says that the comparison map that “measures” the extent to which the  $T$ -image of a pullback diagram in  $\mathbf{Set}$  still is a pullback diagram must be cofully faithful when considered a 1-cell in  $\text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})$ . Having presented our main result, at the end of Section 3 we show that this condition is equivalent to asking  $T$  to preserve pullbacks *or*, if  $\mathbf{V}$  is thin (i.e., a preordered class), to transform pullbacks into weak pullback diagrams (barring trivial choices for  $I$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ ). In certain cases, (BC) turns out to be even a necessary condition for local cartesian closedness of  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$ , see 3.10. In Section 4 we show how to construct limits and colimits in  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$  in general, and Section 5 presents the construction of partial map classifiers, leading us to the theorem stated in the Abstract. A list of examples follows in Section 6.

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## 2. $\mathbf{V}$ -matrices

2.1. Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be a category with coproducts and a distinguished object  $I$ . A  $\mathbf{V}$ -matrix (or  $\mathbf{V}$ -relation)  $r$  from a set  $X$  to a set  $Y$ , denoted by  $r : X \dashrightarrow Y$ , is a functor  $r : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbf{V}$ , i.e. an  $X \times Y$ -indexed family  $(r(x, y))_{x, y}$  of objects in  $\mathbf{V}$ . With  $X, Y$  fixed, such  $\mathbf{V}$ -matrices form the objects of a category  $\text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})(X, Y)$ , the morphisms  $\varphi : r \rightarrow s$  of which are natural transformations, i.e. families  $(\varphi_{x, y} : r(x, y) \rightarrow s(x, y))_{x, y}$  of morphisms in  $\mathbf{V}$ ;

briefly,

$$\text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})(X, Y) = \mathbf{V}^{X \times Y}.$$

2.2. Every **Set**-map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  may be considered as a  $\mathbf{V}$ -matrix  $f : X \dashrightarrow Y$  when one puts

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} I & \text{if } f(x) = y, \\ 0 & \text{else,} \end{cases}$$

with  $0$  denoting a fixed initial object in  $\mathbf{V}$ . This defines a functor

$$\mathbf{Set}(X, Y) \longrightarrow \text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})(X, Y),$$

of the discrete category  $\mathbf{Set}(X, Y)$ , and the question is: when do we obtain a full embedding, for all  $X$  and  $Y$ ? Precisely when

$$\mathbf{V}(I, 0) = \emptyset \text{ and } |\mathbf{V}(I, I)| = 1 \tag{*}$$

as one may easily check. In the context of a cartesian-closed category  $\mathbf{V}$ , we usually pick for  $I$  a terminal object  $1$  in  $\mathbf{V}$ , and then condition  $(*)$  is equivalently expressed as

$$0 \not\cong 1 \tag{**}$$

preventing  $\mathbf{V}$  from being equivalent to the terminal category.

2.3. While in this paper we do not need the horizontal composition of  $\mathbf{V}$ -matrices in general, we do need the composites  $sf$  and  $gr$  for maps  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ ,  $g : Y \rightarrow Z$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ -relations  $r : X \dashrightarrow Y$ ,  $s : Y \dashrightarrow Z$ , defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (sf)(x, z) &= s(f(x), z), \\ (gr)(x, z) &= \sum_{y: g(y)=z} r(x, y), \end{aligned}$$

for  $x \in X$ ,  $z \in Z$ ; likewise for morphisms  $\varphi : r \rightarrow r'$  and  $\psi : s \rightarrow s'$ . Hence, we have the “whiskering” functors

$$\begin{aligned} -f : \text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})(Y, Z) &\rightarrow \text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})(X, Z), \\ g- : \text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})(X, Y) &\rightarrow \text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})(X, Z), \end{aligned}$$

giving  $\text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})$  the structure of an equipment in the sense of [3]. Accordingly, the horizontal composition with **Set**-maps from either side is associative up to coherent isomorphisms whenever defined; hence, if  $h : U \rightarrow X$  and  $k : Z \rightarrow V$ , then

$$(sf)h = s(fh) \quad \text{and} \quad k(gr) \cong (kg)r.$$

Although  $\text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})$  falls short of being a bicategory, even a sesquicategory [15], we refer to sets as 0-cells of  $\text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})$ ,  $\mathbf{V}$ -matrices as its 1-cells, and natural transformations between them as its 2-cells.

2.4. The transpose  $r^\circ : Y \dashrightarrow X$  of a  $\mathbf{V}$ -matrix  $r : X \dashrightarrow Y$  is defined by  $r^\circ(y, x) = r(x, y)$  for all  $x \in X, y \in Y$ . Obviously  $r^{\circ\circ} = r$ , and with

$$(sf)^\circ = f^\circ s^\circ, (gr)^\circ = r^\circ g^\circ$$

we can also introduce whiskering by transposes of **Set**-maps from either side, also for 2-cells.

A **Set**-map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  gives rise to 2-cells

$$\eta : 1_X \rightarrow f^\circ f, \quad \varepsilon : ff^\circ \rightarrow 1_Y$$

satisfying the triangular identities  $(\varepsilon f)(f\eta) = 1_f, (f^\circ\varepsilon)(\eta f^\circ) = 1_f$ .

As a consequence one obtains adjoints to the whiskering functors of 2.3:

$$\frac{t \rightarrow sf}{tf^\circ \rightarrow s} \qquad \frac{gr \rightarrow t}{r \rightarrow g^\circ t}$$

for all  $r, s, f, g$  as in 2.3 and  $t : X \dashrightarrow Z$ ; briefly,

$$(-f^\circ) \dashv (-f), \qquad (g-) \dashv (g^\circ-).$$

2.5. For a functor  $T : \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ , we denote by  $\kappa : TW \rightarrow U$  the comparison map from the  $T$ -image of the pullback  $W := Z \times_Y X$  of  $(g, f)$  to the pullback  $U := TZ \times_{TZ} TX$  of  $(Tg, Tf)$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 TW & \xrightarrow{\quad Tk \quad} & & & TX \\
 \downarrow \kappa & \searrow & U & \xrightarrow{\quad \pi_2 \quad} & \downarrow Tf \\
 & & \downarrow \pi_1 & & TZ \xrightarrow{\quad Tg \quad} TY \\
 & & & & \downarrow Tf
 \end{array} \tag{1}$$

We say that the **Set**-functor  $T$  satisfies the *Beck-Chevalley Condition (BC)* if the 1-cell  $\kappa$  is cofully faithful; that is, if the “whiskering” functor  $-\kappa : \text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})(U, S) \rightarrow \text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})(TW, S)$  is full and faithful, for every set  $S$ .

In the next section we will relate this condition with other known formulations of the Beck-Chevalley condition.

### 3. Local cartesian closedness of $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$

3.1. Let  $(T, e)$  be a pointed endofunctor of **Set** and  $\mathbf{V}$  category with coproducts and a distinguished object  $I$ . A *lax (reflexive)  $(T, \mathbf{V})$ -algebra*  $(X, a, \eta)$  is given by a set  $X$ , a 1-cell  $a : TX \dashrightarrow X$  and a 2-cell  $\eta : 1_X \rightarrow ae_X$  in  $\text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})$ . The 2-cell  $\eta$  is completely determined by the  $\mathbf{V}$ -morphisms

$$\eta_x := \eta_{x,x} : I \longrightarrow a(e_X(x), x),$$

$x \in X$ . As we shall not change the notation for this 2-cell, we write  $(X, a)$  instead of  $(X, a, \eta)$ . A (lax) homomorphism  $(f, \varphi) : (X, a) \rightarrow (Y, b)$  of  $(T, \mathbf{V})$ -algebras is given by a map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  in **Set** and a 2-cell  $\varphi : fa \rightarrow b(Tf)$  which must preserve the units:  $(\varphi e_X)(f\eta) = \eta f$ . The 2-cell  $\varphi$  is completely determined by a family of  $\mathbf{V}$ -morphisms

$$f_{\mathfrak{r},x} : a(\mathfrak{r}, x) \longrightarrow b(Tf(\mathfrak{r}), f(x)),$$

$x \in X$ ,  $\mathfrak{r} \in TX$ , and preservation of units now reads as  $f_{e_X(x),x}\eta_x = \eta_{f(x)}$  for all  $x \in X$ . For simplicity, we write  $f$  instead of  $(f, \varphi)$ , and when we write

$$f_{\mathfrak{r},x} : a(\mathfrak{r}, x) \longrightarrow b(\mathfrak{h}, y)$$

this automatically entails  $\mathfrak{h} = Tf(\mathfrak{r})$  and  $y = f(x)$ ; these are the  $\mathbf{V}$ -components of the homomorphism  $f$ . Composition of  $(f, \varphi)$  with  $(g, \psi) : (Y, b) \rightarrow (Z, c)$  is defined by

$$(g, \psi)(f, \varphi) = (gf, (\psi(Tf))(g\varphi))$$

which, in the notation used more frequently, means

$$(gf)_{\mathfrak{r},x} = (a(\mathfrak{r}, x) \xrightarrow{f_{\mathfrak{r},x}} b(\mathfrak{h}, y) \xrightarrow{g_{\mathfrak{h},y}} c(\mathfrak{z}, z)).$$

We obtain the category  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$  (denoted by  $\text{Alg}(T, e; \mathbf{V})$  in [9]).

3.2. Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be finitely complete. The pullback  $(W, d)$  of  $f : (X, a) \rightarrow (Z, c)$  and  $g : (Y, b) \rightarrow (Z, c)$  in  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$  is constructed by the pullback  $W = X \times_Z Y$  in **Set** and a family of pullback diagrams in  $\mathbf{V}$ , as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} d(\mathfrak{w}, w) & \xrightarrow{f'_{\mathfrak{w},w}} & b(\mathfrak{h}, y) \\ g'_{\mathfrak{w},w} \downarrow & & \downarrow g_{\mathfrak{h},y} \\ a(\mathfrak{r}, x) & \xrightarrow{f_{\mathfrak{r},x}} & c(\mathfrak{z}, z) \end{array}$$

for all  $w \in W$ ; hence,

$$d(\mathfrak{w}, w) = a(Tg'(\mathfrak{w}), g'(w)) \times_c b(Tf'(\mathfrak{w}), f'(w))$$

in  $\mathbf{V}$ , where  $g' : W \rightarrow X$  and  $f' : W \rightarrow Y$  are the pullback projections in **Set**. For each  $w = (x, y)$  in  $W$ , we define  $\eta_w := \langle \eta_x, \eta_y \rangle$ .

3.3. Every set  $X$  carries the discrete  $(T, \mathbf{V})$ -structure  $e_X^\circ$ . In fact, the 2-cell  $\eta : 1_X \rightarrow e_X^\circ e_X$  making  $(X, e_X^\circ)$  a  $(T, \mathbf{V})$ -algebra is just the unit of the adjunction  $e_X \dashv e_X^\circ$  in  $\text{Mat}(\mathbf{V})$ . Now  $X \mapsto (X, e_X^\circ)$  defines the left adjoint of the forgetful functor

$$\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V}) \longrightarrow \text{Set}$$

since every map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  into a  $(T, \mathbf{V})$ -algebra  $(Y, b)$  becomes a homomorphism  $f : (X, e_X^\circ) \rightarrow (Y, b)$ ; indeed the needed 2-cell  $f e_X^\circ \rightarrow b(Tf)$  is obtained from the unit 2-cell  $\eta : 1 \rightarrow b e_Y$  with the adjunction  $e_X \dashv e_X^\circ$ : it is the mate of  $f \eta : f \rightarrow b e_Y f = b(Tf) e_X$ . In pointwise notation, for

$$f_{\mathfrak{x},x} : e_X^\circ(\mathfrak{x}, x) \longrightarrow b(\eta, y)$$

one has  $f_{\mathfrak{x},x} = 1_I$  if  $e_X(x) = \mathfrak{x}$ ; otherwise its domain is the initial object  $0$  of  $\mathbf{V}$ , i.e. it is *trivial*.

3.4. We consider the discrete structure in particular on a one-element set  $1$ . Then, for every  $(T, \mathbf{V})$ -algebra  $(X, a)$ , an element  $x \in X$  can be equivalently considered as a homomorphism  $x : (1, e_1^\circ) \rightarrow (X, a)$  whose only non-trivial component is the unit  $\eta_x : I \rightarrow a(e_X(x), x)$ .

3.5. Assume  $\mathbf{V}$  to be complete and locally cartesian closed. For a homomorphism  $f : (X, a) \rightarrow (Y, b)$  and an additional  $(T, \mathbf{V})$ -algebra  $(Z, c)$  we form a substructure of the partial product of the underlying **Set**-data (see [10]), namely

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xleftarrow{\text{ev}} & Q \xrightarrow{q} X \\ & & \downarrow f \quad \downarrow f \\ & & P \xrightarrow{p} Y, \end{array} \tag{2}$$

with

$$P = Z^f = \{(s, y) \mid y \in Y, s : (X_y, a_y) \rightarrow (Z, c)\},$$

$$Q = Z^f \times_Y X = \{(s, x) \mid x \in X, s : (X_{f(x)}, a_{f(x)}) \rightarrow (Z, c)\},$$

where  $(X_y = f^{-1}y, a_y)$  is the domain of the pullback

$$i_y : (X_y, a_y) \longrightarrow (X, a)$$

of  $y : (1, e_1^\circ) \rightarrow (Y, b)$  along  $f$ . Of course,  $p$  and  $q$  are projections, and  $\text{ev}$  is the evaluation map. We must find a structure  $d : TP \rightrightarrows P$  which, together with a 2-cell  $\eta$ , will make these maps morphisms in  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$ .

For  $(s, y) \in P$  and  $\mathfrak{p} \in TP$ , in order to define  $d(\mathfrak{p}, (s, y))$ , consider each pair  $x \in X$  and  $\mathfrak{q} \in TQ$  with  $f(x) = y$  and  $Tf'(\mathfrak{q}) = \mathfrak{p}$  and form the partial product

$$\begin{array}{ccc} c(\mathfrak{z}, s(x)) \xleftarrow{\tilde{\text{ev}}_{\mathfrak{q},x}} c(\mathfrak{z}, s(x))^{f_{\mathfrak{x},x}} \times_b a(\mathfrak{x}, x) & \longrightarrow & a(\mathfrak{x}, x) \\ & & \downarrow f_{\mathfrak{x},x} \\ c(\mathfrak{z}, s(x))^{f_{\mathfrak{x},x}} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{p}_{\mathfrak{q},x}} & b(\eta, y) \end{array} \tag{3}$$

in  $\mathbf{V}$ , where  $\mathfrak{z} = \text{TeV}(\mathfrak{q})$ , and then the multiple pullback  $d(\mathfrak{p}, (s, y))$  of the morphisms  $\tilde{p}_{\mathfrak{q},x}$  in  $\mathbf{V}$ , as in:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & c(\mathfrak{z}, s(x))^{f_{\mathfrak{r},x}} & \\
 \pi_{\mathfrak{q},x} \nearrow & & \searrow \tilde{p}_{\mathfrak{q},x} \\
 d(\mathfrak{p}, (s, y)) & \xrightarrow{p_{\mathfrak{p},(s,y)}} & b(\mathfrak{q}, y).
 \end{array}$$

3.6. We define the 2-cell  $\eta : 1_P \rightarrow de_P$  componentwise. Let  $(s, y) \in P$  and consider each  $x \in X$  and  $\mathfrak{q} \in TQ$  with  $f(x) = y$  and  $Tf'(\mathfrak{q}) = e_P(s, y) = T(s, y)e_1$  (where  $(s, y) : 1 \rightarrow P$ ). Consider the pullback  $j_y : X_y \rightarrow Q$  of  $(s, y) : 1 \rightarrow P$  along  $f'$  in  $\mathbf{Set}$ ; whence,  $j_y(x) = s(x)$ . By (BC) there is  $\mathfrak{r} \in TX_y$  such that  $Tj_y(\mathfrak{r}) = \mathfrak{q}$  and  $T!(\mathfrak{r}) = e_1(*)$  (where  $! : X_y \rightarrow 1$  and  $*$  is the only point of 1). Since  $\text{ev}j_y = s$ , we may form the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 c(\mathfrak{z}, s(x)) & \xleftarrow{s_{\mathfrak{r},x}} & a_y(\mathfrak{r}, x) & \xrightarrow{(i_y)_{\mathfrak{r},x}} & a(\mathfrak{r}, x) \\
 & & \downarrow & & \downarrow f_{\mathfrak{r},x} \\
 & & I & \xrightarrow{\eta_y} & b(e_Y(y), y)
 \end{array}$$

in  $\mathbf{V}$ , where  $\mathfrak{z} = \text{TeV}(\mathfrak{q}) = Ts(\mathfrak{r})$ , and the square is a pullback. The universal property of (3) guarantees the existence of  $\tilde{\eta}_{\mathfrak{q},x} : I \rightarrow c(\mathfrak{z}, s(x))^{f_{\mathfrak{r},x}}$  such that  $\tilde{p}_{\mathfrak{q},x}\tilde{\eta}_{\mathfrak{q},x} = \eta_y$  and  $\tilde{\text{ev}}_{\mathfrak{q},x}(\tilde{\eta}_{\mathfrak{q},x} \times_b 1) = s_{\mathfrak{r},x}$ . Then, with the multiple pullback property, the morphisms  $\tilde{\eta}_{\mathfrak{q},x}$  define jointly  $\eta_{(s,y)} : I \rightarrow d(e_P(s, y), (s, y))$ .

3.7. THEOREM. *If the pointed  $\mathbf{Set}$ -functor  $T$  satisfies (BC) and  $\mathbf{V}$  is complete and locally cartesian closed, then also  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$  is locally cartesian closed.*

PROOF. Continuing in the notation of 3.5 and 3.6, we equip  $Q$  with the lax algebra structure  $r : TQ \rightrightarrows Q$  that makes the square of diagram (2) a pullback diagram in  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$ . Then the 2-cell defined by

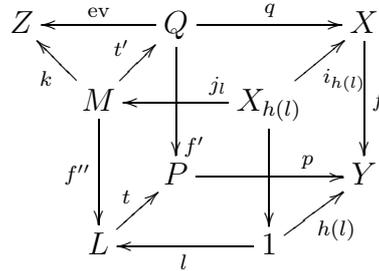
$$r(\mathfrak{q}, (s, x)) \xrightarrow{\pi_{\mathfrak{q},x} \times_b 1} c(\mathfrak{z}, s(x))^{f_{\mathfrak{r},x}} \times_b a(\mathfrak{r}, x) \xrightarrow{\tilde{\text{ev}}_{\mathfrak{q},x}} c(\mathfrak{z}, s(x))$$

makes  $\text{ev} : (Q, r) \rightarrow (Z, c)$  a homomorphism.

In order to prove the universal property of the partial product, given any other pair  $(h : (L, u) \rightarrow (Y, b), k : (M, v) \rightarrow (Z, c))$ , where  $M := L \times_Y X$ , we consider the map  $t : L \rightarrow P$ , defined by  $t(l) := (s_l, h(l))$ , with

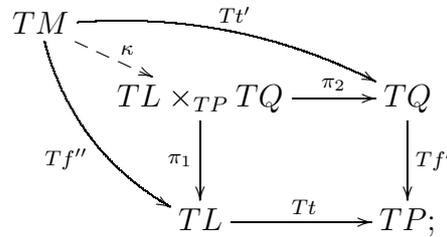
$$((X_{h(l)}, a_{h(l)}) \xrightarrow{s_l} (Z, c)) = ((X_{h(l)}, a_{h(l)}) \xrightarrow{j_l} (M, v) \xrightarrow{k} (Z, c)),$$

where  $j_l$  is the pullback of  $l : (1, e_1^\circ) \rightarrow (L, u)$  along  $f'' : (M, v) \rightarrow (L, u)$ . We remark that in the commutative diagram

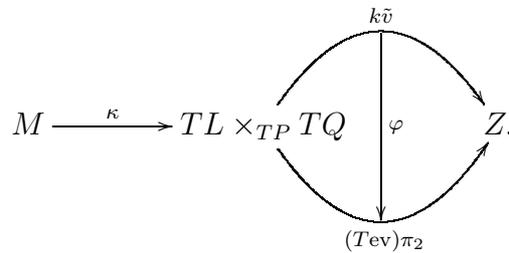


every vertical face of the cube is a pullback in **Set**.

Now, for each  $l \in L$  and  $\mathfrak{l} \in L$  we define  $t_{\mathfrak{l},l} : u(\mathfrak{l}, l) \rightarrow d(Tt(\mathfrak{l}), t(l))$  componentwise. Since  $evt' = k$  we observe that  $Tk$  factors through the comparison map  $\kappa : TM \rightarrow TL \times_{TP} TQ$ , defined by the diagram



that is  $Tk = (Tev)(Tt') = (Tev)\pi_2\kappa$ . Since also  $kv$  factors through  $\kappa$ , i.e.,  $kv = k\tilde{v}\kappa$ , with (BC) we conclude that the 2-cell  $kv \rightarrow c(Tk)$  is of the form



For each  $x \in X$  and  $\mathfrak{q} \in TQ$  such that  $f(x) = h(l)$  and  $Tf'(\mathfrak{q}) = Tt(\mathfrak{l})$ , let  $\mathfrak{m} \in TM$  be such that  $(Tf'')(\mathfrak{m}) = \mathfrak{l}$  and  $(Tt')(\mathfrak{m}) = \mathfrak{q}$ . In the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 c(\mathfrak{z}, s_l(x)) & \xleftarrow{k_{\mathfrak{m},(l,x)}} v(\mathfrak{m}, (l, x)) & \longrightarrow a(\mathfrak{x}, x) \\
 & \downarrow & \downarrow f_{\mathfrak{x},x} \\
 u(\mathfrak{l}, l) & \xrightarrow{h_{\mathfrak{l},l}} & b(\mathfrak{y}, y)
 \end{array}$$

in **V** one has  $\mathfrak{z} = (Tev)(\mathfrak{q})$  and the morphism  $k_{\mathfrak{m},(l,x)}$  depends only on  $\mathfrak{q}$  and  $\mathfrak{l}$ . Moreover, the square is a pullback, hence there is a **V**-morphism  $\tilde{t}_{\mathfrak{l},l} : u(\mathfrak{l}, l) \rightarrow c(\mathfrak{z}, s_l(x))^{f_{\mathfrak{x},x}}$  such that  $\tilde{p}_{\mathfrak{q},x}\tilde{t}_{\mathfrak{l},l} = h_{\mathfrak{l},l}$  and  $k_{\mathfrak{m},(l,x)}(\tilde{t}_{\mathfrak{l},l} \times_b 1) = \tilde{e}\tilde{v}_{\mathfrak{q},x}$ . With the multiple pullback property, the morphisms  $\tilde{t}_{\mathfrak{l},l}$  define the unique 2-cell that makes  $t : (L, u) \rightarrow (P, d)$  a homomorphism. ■

If in the proof we take for  $(Y, b)$  the terminal object of  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$ , that is, the pair  $(1, \top)$  where the lax structure  $\top$  is constantly equal to the terminal object of  $\mathbf{V}$ , we conclude:

**3.8. COROLLARY.** *If the pointed **Set**-functor  $T$  satisfies (BC) and  $\mathbf{V}$  is complete and cartesian closed, then also  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$  is cartesian closed.*

We explain now the strength of our Beck-Chevalley condition.

**3.9. PROPOSITION.** *For  $T$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  as in 2.5, let  $\mathbf{V}(I, 0) = \emptyset$ . Then:*

- (a) *If  $T$  satisfies (BC), then  $T$  transforms pullbacks into weak pullbacks. The two conditions are actually equivalent when  $\mathbf{V}$  is thin (i.e. a preordered class).*
- (b) *If  $\mathbf{V}$  is not thin, satisfaction of (BC) by  $T$  is equivalent to preservation of pullbacks by  $T$ .*
- (c) *If  $\mathbf{V}$  is cartesian closed, with  $I = 1$  the terminal object, then  $T$  satisfies (BC) if and only if  $(Tf)^\circ Tg = Tk(Th)^\circ$ , for every pullback diagram*

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 W & \xrightarrow{k} & X \\
 h \downarrow & & \downarrow f \\
 Z & \xrightarrow{g} & Y
 \end{array} \tag{4}$$

in **Set**.

**PROOF.** (a) Let  $\kappa : TW \rightarrow U$  be the comparison map of diagram (1). By (BC) the 2-cell  $\kappa\eta : \kappa \rightarrow \kappa\kappa^\circ\kappa$  is the image by  $-\kappa$  of a 2-cell  $\sigma : 1_U \rightarrow \kappa\kappa^\circ$ . Hence, for each  $u \in U$  there is a  $\mathbf{V}$ -morphism

$$I \rightarrow \kappa\kappa^\circ(u, u) = \sum_{\mathfrak{w} \in TW : \kappa(\mathfrak{w}) = u} \kappa(\mathfrak{w}, u).$$

Therefore the set  $\{\mathfrak{w} \in TW \mid \kappa(\mathfrak{w}) = u\}$  cannot be empty, that is,  $\kappa$  is surjective.

If  $\mathbf{V}$  is thin and  $\kappa$  is surjective, there is a (necessarily unique) 2-cell  $1_U \rightarrow \kappa\kappa^\circ$ . Then each 2-cell  $\psi : \kappa r \rightarrow \kappa s$  induces a 2-cell  $\varphi : r \rightarrow s$  defined by

$$r \xrightarrow{r\sigma} r\kappa\kappa^\circ \xrightarrow{\psi\kappa^\circ} s\kappa\kappa^\circ \xrightarrow{s\varepsilon} s$$

whose image under  $-\kappa$  is necessarily  $\psi$ .

(b) If  $T$  preserves pullbacks, then  $\kappa$  is an isomorphism and (BC) holds.

Conversely, let  $T$  satisfy (BC) and let  $\kappa : TW \rightarrow U$  be a comparison map as in (1). We consider  $\mathfrak{w}_0, \mathfrak{w}_1 \in TW$  with  $\kappa(\mathfrak{w}_0) = \kappa(\mathfrak{w}_1)$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ -morphisms  $\alpha, \beta : v \rightarrow v'$  with  $\alpha \neq \beta$ , and define  $r : U \times U \rightarrow \mathbf{V}$  by  $r(u, u') = v$  and  $s : U \times U \rightarrow \mathbf{V}$  by  $s(u, u') = v'$ .

The 2-cell  $\psi : r\kappa \rightarrow s\kappa$ , with  $\psi_{\mathfrak{w},u} = \alpha$  if  $\mathfrak{w} = \mathfrak{w}_0$  and  $\psi_{\mathfrak{w},u} = \beta$  elsewhere, factors through  $\kappa$  only if  $\mathfrak{w}_0 = \mathfrak{w}_1$ .

(c) For any commutative diagram (4) there is a 2-cell  $kh^\circ \rightarrow f^\circ g$ , defined by

$$kh^\circ \xrightarrow{\eta kh^\circ} f^\circ fkh^\circ = f^\circ ghh^\circ \xrightarrow{f^\circ g\varepsilon} f^\circ g,$$

which is an identity morphism in case the diagram is a pullback.

If  $T$  satisfies (BC) and  $\mathbf{V}$  is not thin, the equality  $Tk(Th)^\circ = (Tf)^\circ Tg$  follows from (b). If  $\mathbf{V}$  is thin, then in the diagram (1) the 2-cell  $\sigma : 1 \rightarrow \kappa\kappa^\circ$  considered in (a) gives rise to a 2-cell

$$(Tf)^\circ Tg = \pi_2\pi_1^\circ \xrightarrow{\pi_2\sigma\pi_1^\circ} \pi_2\kappa\kappa^\circ\pi_1^\circ = Tk(Th)^\circ,$$

and the equality follows.

Conversely, the equality  $(Tf)^\circ Tg = Tk(Th)^\circ$  guarantees the surjectivity of  $\kappa$ , hence (BC) follows in case  $\mathbf{V}$  is thin, by (a). If  $\mathbf{V}$  is not thin, we first observe that a coproduct  $\sum_X I$  is isomorphic to  $I$  only if  $X$  is a singleton, due to the cartesian closedness of  $\mathbf{V}$ . Now,  $(Tf)^\circ Tg = Tk(Th)^\circ$  means that, for every  $\mathfrak{z} \in TZ$  and  $\mathfrak{x} \in TX$  with  $Tg(\mathfrak{z}) = Tf(\mathfrak{x})$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= Tf(\mathfrak{x}, Tg(\mathfrak{z})) = Tf^\circ Tg(\mathfrak{z}, \mathfrak{x}) = TkTh^\circ(\mathfrak{z}, \mathfrak{x}) \\ &= \sum \{I \mid \mathfrak{w} \in TW : Tk(\mathfrak{w}) = \mathfrak{x} \ \& \ Th(\mathfrak{w}) = \mathfrak{z}\}. \end{aligned}$$

From this equality we conclude that there exists exactly one such  $\mathfrak{w}$ , i.e.  $TW = TZ \times_{TY} TX$ . ■

**3.10.** Finally we remark that, in some circumstances, the 2-categorical part of (BC) is essential for local cartesian-closedness of  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$ . Indeed, if  $\mathbf{V}$  is extensive [4],  $T$  transforms pullback diagrams into weak pullback diagrams and  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$  is locally cartesian closed, then  $T$  satisfies (BC), as we show next. To check (BC) we consider a 2-cell  $\psi : r\kappa \rightarrow s\kappa$ , with  $\kappa : TW \rightarrow U$  the comparison map of diagram (1) and  $r, s : U \rightarrow S$ . We need to check that  $\psi = \varphi\kappa$  for a unique 2-cell  $\varphi : r \rightarrow s$ . This 2-cell exists, and it is unique if and only if

$$\forall \mathfrak{w}_0, \mathfrak{w}_1 \in TW \quad \forall s \in S \quad \kappa(\mathfrak{w}_0) = \kappa(\mathfrak{w}_1) \Rightarrow \psi_{\mathfrak{w}_0,s} = \psi_{\mathfrak{w}_1,s}.$$

For  $v := r(\kappa(\mathfrak{w}_0), s)$  and  $v' := s(\kappa(\mathfrak{w}_0), s)$ , and  $\alpha := \psi_{\mathfrak{w}_0,s}$  and  $\beta = \psi_{\mathfrak{w}_1,s}$ , we want to show that  $\alpha = \beta$ .

For that, in the pullback diagram (4) we consider structures  $a, b, c, d$ , on  $X, Y, Z$  and  $W$  respectively, constantly equal to  $I + v$ , with  $\eta : I \rightarrow I + v$  the coproduct injection. For  $d'$  constantly equal to  $I + v'$ , in the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (W, d') & \xleftarrow{(\text{id}, \varepsilon)} & (W, d) \xrightarrow{(k, 1)} (X, a) \\ & & \downarrow (h, 1) \qquad \qquad \downarrow (f, 1) \\ & & (Z, c) \xrightarrow{(g, 1)} (Y, b) \end{array}$$

we define  $\varepsilon$  by:

$$\varepsilon_{\mathfrak{w},w} = \begin{cases} 1 + \alpha & \text{if } \mathfrak{w} = \mathfrak{w}_0, \\ 1 + \beta & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

The square is a pullback. Hence the morphism  $(\text{id}, \varepsilon)$  factors through the partial product via  $t \times_Y \text{id}$ , with  $t : Z \rightarrow P$ . Since the 2-cell of  $t \times_Y \text{id}$  is obtained by a pullback construction and  $\kappa(\mathfrak{w}_0) = \kappa(\mathfrak{w}_1)$ , its 2-cell “identifies”  $\mathfrak{w}_0$  and  $\mathfrak{w}_1$ , hence  $\varepsilon_{\mathfrak{w}_0,w} = \varepsilon_{\mathfrak{w}_1,w}$ , that is,  $1 + \alpha = 1 + \beta$ . Therefore  $\alpha = \beta$ , by extensivity of  $\mathbf{V}$ .

#### 4. (Co)completeness of the category $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$

4.1. We assume  $\mathbf{V}$  to be complete and cocomplete. The construction of limits in  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$  reduces to a combined construction of limits in  $\mathbf{Set}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$ , as we show next.

The limit of a functor

$$\begin{aligned} F : \mathbf{D} &\rightarrow \text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V}) \\ D &\mapsto (FD, a_D) \\ D \xrightarrow{f} E &\mapsto (FD, a_D) \xrightarrow{Ff} (FE, a_E) \end{aligned}$$

is constructed in two steps.

First we consider the composition of  $F$  with the forgetful functor into  $\mathbf{Set}$

$$\mathbf{D} \xrightarrow{F} \text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V}) \longrightarrow \mathbf{Set}, \tag{5}$$

and construct its limit in  $\mathbf{Set}$

$$(L \xrightarrow{p^D} FD)_{D \in \mathbf{D}}.$$

Then, we define the  $(T, \mathbf{V})$ -algebra structure  $a : TL \rightarrow L$ , that is the map  $a : TX \times X \rightarrow \mathbf{V}$ , pointwise. For every  $\mathfrak{l} \in TL$  and  $l \in L$ , we consider now the functor

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\mathfrak{l},l} : \mathbf{D} &\rightarrow \mathbf{V} \\ D &\mapsto a_D(Tp^D(\mathfrak{l}), p^D(l)) \\ D \xrightarrow{f} E &\mapsto a_D(Tp^D(\mathfrak{l}), p^D(l)) \xrightarrow{Ff_{Tp^D(\mathfrak{l}), p^D(l)}} a_E(Tp^E(\mathfrak{l}), p^E(l)) \end{aligned}$$

and its limit in  $\mathbf{V}$

$$(a(\mathfrak{l}, l) \xrightarrow{p_{\mathfrak{l},l}^D} a_D(Tp^D(\mathfrak{l}), p^D(l)))_{D \in \mathbf{D}}.$$

This equips  $p^D : (L, a) \rightarrow (FD, a_D)$  with a 2-cell  $p^D a \rightarrow a_D T p^D$ .

By construction

$$(L, a) \xrightarrow{p^D} (FD, a_D) \tag{6}$$

is a cone for  $F$ . To check that it is a limit, let

$$(Y, b) \xrightarrow{g^D} (FD, a_D)$$

be a cone for  $F$ . By construction of  $(L, p^D)$ , there exists a map  $t : Y \rightarrow L$  such that  $p^D t = g^D$  for each  $D \in \mathbf{D}$ . For each  $\eta \in TY$  and  $y \in Y$ ,

$$b(\eta, y) \xrightarrow{g_{\eta,y}^D} a_D(Tp^D(Tt(\eta)), p^D(t(y)))$$

is a cone for the functor  $F_{Tt(\eta), t(y)}$ . Hence, by construction of  $a(Tt(\eta), t(y))$ , there exists a unique  $\mathbf{V}$ -morphism  $t_{\eta,y}$  making the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} a(Tt(\eta), t(y)) & \xrightarrow{p_{\eta,y}^D} & a_D(Tp^D(Tt(\eta)), p^D(t(y))) \\ \uparrow t_{\eta,y} & \nearrow g_{\eta,y}^D & \\ b(\eta, y) & & \end{array}$$

commutative. These  $\mathbf{V}$ -morphisms define pointwise the unique 2-cell  $gb \rightarrow p^D a$ .

For each  $l \in L$ ,  $\eta_l : I \rightarrow a(e_L(l), l)$  is the morphism induced by the cone

$$(\eta_{p^D(l), p^D(l)}^D : I \rightarrow a_D(e_{FD}(p^D(l)), p^D(l)))_{D \in \mathbf{D}}.$$

4.2. COCOMPLETENESS. To construct the colimit of a functor  $F : \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$  we first proceed analogously to the limit construction. That is, we form the colimit in  $\mathbf{Set}$

$$(FD \xrightarrow{i^D} Q)_{D \in \mathbf{D}}$$

of the functor (5).

To construct the structure  $c : TQ \rightarrow Q$ , for each  $\mathfrak{q} \in TQ$  and  $q \in Q$ , we consider the functor  $F^{\mathfrak{q},q} : \mathbf{D} \rightarrow \mathbf{V}$ , with

$$F^{\mathfrak{q},q}(D) = \sum \{a_D(\mathfrak{x}, x) \mid Ti^D(\mathfrak{x}) = \mathfrak{q}, i^D(x) = q\},$$

and, for  $f : D \rightarrow E$ , the morphism  $F^{\mathfrak{q},q}(f) : F^{\mathfrak{q},q}(D) \rightarrow F^{\mathfrak{q},q}(E)$  is induced by

$$a_D(\mathfrak{x}, x) \xrightarrow{Ff_{\mathfrak{x},x}} a_E(Tf(\mathfrak{x}), f(x)) \longrightarrow \sum \{a_E(\eta, y) \mid Ti^E(\eta) = \mathfrak{q}, i^E(y) = q\} = F^{\mathfrak{q},q}(E).$$

and denote by  $\tilde{c}(\mathfrak{q}, q)$  the colimit of  $F^{\mathfrak{q},q}$ . If  $\mathfrak{q} \neq e_Q(q)$  for  $q \in Q$ , then  $\tilde{c}(\mathfrak{q}, q)$  is in fact the structure  $c(\mathfrak{q}, q)$  on the colimit. For  $\mathfrak{q} = e_Q(q)$ , the multiple pushout

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & \tilde{c}(e_Q(q), q) \\ & \nearrow i_{e_{FD}(x),x}^D & \searrow \\ & a_D(e_{FD}(x), x) & \\ \eta_x \nearrow & & \\ I & \xrightarrow{\eta_q} & c(e_Q(q), q), \end{array}$$

defines  $c(e_Q(q), q)$ , with  $D \in \mathbf{D}$  and  $x \in FD$  such that  $i^D(x) = q$ .

### 5. Representability of partial morphisms

5.1. Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a pullback-stable class of morphisms of a category  $\mathbf{C}$ . An  $\mathcal{S}$ -partial map from  $X$  to  $Y$  is a pair  $(X \xleftarrow{s} U \longrightarrow Y)$  where  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ . We say that  $\mathcal{S}$  has a classifier if there is a morphism  $\text{true} : 1 \rightarrow \tilde{1}$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  such that every morphism in  $\mathcal{S}$  is, in a unique way, a pullback of  $\text{true}$ ;  $\mathbf{C}$  has  $\mathcal{S}$ -partial map classifiers if, for every  $Y \in \mathbf{C}$ , there is a morphism  $\text{true}_Y : Y \rightarrow \tilde{Y}$  in  $\mathcal{S}$  such that every  $\mathcal{S}$ -partial map  $(X \xleftarrow{s} U \longrightarrow Y)$  from  $X$  to  $Y$  can be uniquely completed so that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} U & \longrightarrow & Y \\ s \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{true}_Y \\ X & \dashrightarrow & \tilde{Y}. \end{array}$$

is a pullback.

From Corollary 4.6 of [10] it follows that:

5.2. PROPOSITION. *If  $\mathcal{S}$  is a pullback-stable class of morphisms in a finitely complete locally cartesian-closed category  $\mathbf{C}$ , then the following assertions are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\mathcal{S}$  has a classifier;
- (ii)  $\mathbf{C}$  has  $\mathcal{S}$ -partial map classifiers.

■

5.3. Our goal is to investigate whether the category  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$  has  $\mathcal{S}$ -partial map classifiers, for the class  $\mathcal{S}$  of extremal monomorphisms. For that we first observe:

5.4. LEMMA. *An  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$ -morphism  $s : (U, c) \rightarrow (X, a)$  is an extremal monomorphism if and only if the map  $s : U \rightarrow X$  is injective and, for each  $\mathbf{u} \in TU$  and  $u \in U$ ,  $s_{\mathbf{u}, u} : c(\mathbf{u}, u) \rightarrow a(\mathbf{r}, x)$  is an isomorphism in  $\mathbf{V}$ .*

5.5. PROPOSITION. *In  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$  the class of extremal monomorphisms has a classifier.*

PROOF. For  $\tilde{1} = (1 + 1, \tilde{\top})$ , where  $\tilde{\top}$  is pointwise terminal, we consider the inclusion  $\text{true} : 1 \rightarrow \tilde{1}$  onto the first summand. For every extremal monomorphism  $s : (U, c) \rightarrow (X, a)$ , we define  $\chi_U : (X, a) \rightarrow \tilde{1}$  with  $\chi_U : X \rightarrow 1 + 1$  the characteristic map of  $s(U)$ , and the 2-cell constantly  $! : a(\mathbf{r}, x) \rightarrow 1$ . Then the diagram below

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (U, s) & \xrightarrow{!} & 1 \\ s \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{true} \\ (X, a) & \xrightarrow{\chi_U} & \tilde{1} \end{array}$$

is a pullback diagram; it is in fact the unique possible diagram that presents  $s$  as a pullback of  $\text{true}$ .

■

Using Theorem 3.7 and Proposition 5.5, we conclude that:

**5.6. THEOREM.** *If the pointed **Set**-functor  $T$  satisfies (BC) and  $\mathbf{V}$  is a complete and cocomplete locally cartesian closed category, then  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$  is a quasitopos. ■*

**5.7. REMARK.** Representability of (extremal mono)-partial maps can also be proved directly, and in this way one obtains a slight improvement of Theorem 5.6:  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$  is a quasi-topos whenever  $T$  satisfies (BC) and  $\mathbf{V}$  is a complete and cocomplete cartesian closed category, not necessarily locally so.

## 6. Examples.

**6.1.** We start off with the trivial functor  $T$  which maps every set to a terminal object  $1$  of **Set**.  $T$  preserves pullbacks. Choosing for  $I$  the top element of any (complete) lattice  $\mathbf{V}$  we obtain with  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$  nothing but the topos **Set**. This shows that local cartesian closedness of  $\mathbf{V}$  is not a necessary condition for local cartesian closedness of  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$ . We also note that  $T$  does not carry the structure of a monad.

If, for the same  $T$ , we choose  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{Set}$ , then  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{Set})$  is the formal coproduct completion of the category  $\mathbf{Set}_*$  of pointed sets, i.e.  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{Set}) \cong \text{Fam}(\mathbf{Set}_*)$ .

**6.2.** Let  $T = \text{Id}$ ,  $e = \text{id}$ . Considering for  $\mathbf{V}$  as in [9] the two-element chain  $\mathbf{2}$ , the extended half-line  $\overline{\mathbb{R}}_+ = [0, \infty]$  (with the natural order reversed), and the category **Set**, one obtains with  $\text{Alg}(T, \mathbf{V})$  the category of

- sets with a reflexive relation
- sets with a fuzzy reflexive relation
- reflexive directed graphs,

respectively.

More generally, if we let  $TX = X^n$  for a non-negative integer  $n$ , with the same choices for  $\mathbf{V}$  one obtains

- sets with a reflexive  $(n + 1)$ -ary relation
- sets with a fuzzy reflexive  $(n + 1)$ -ary relation
- reflexive directed “multigraphs” given by sets of vertices and of edges, with an edge having an ordered  $n$ -tuple of vertices as its source and a single edge as its target; reflexivity means that there is a distinguished edge  $(x, \dots, x) \rightarrow x$  for each vertex  $x$ .

Note that the case  $n = 0$  encompasses Example 6.1.

6.3. For a fixed monoid  $M$ , let  $T$  belong to the monad  $\mathbb{T}$  arising from the adjunction

$$\mathbf{Set}^M \xrightleftharpoons[\perp]{} \mathbf{Set},$$

i.e.  $TX = M \times X$  with  $e_X(x) = (0, x)$ , with  $0$  neutral in  $M$  (writing the composition in  $M$  additively).  $T$  preserves pullbacks. The quasitopos  $\mathbf{Alg}(T, \mathbf{Set})$  may be described as follows. Its objects are “ $M$ -normed reflexive graphs”, given by a set  $X$  of vertices and sets  $a(x, y)$  of edges from  $x$  to  $y$  which come with a “norm”  $v_{x,y} : a(x, y) \rightarrow M$  for all  $x, y \in X$ ; there is a distinguished edge  $1_x : x \rightarrow x$  with  $v_{x,x}(1_x) = 0$ . Morphisms must preserve the norm. Of course, for trivial  $M$  we are back to directed graphs as in 6.2.

It is interesting to note that if one forms  $\mathbf{Alg}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbf{Set})$  for the (untruncated) monad  $\mathbb{T}$  (see [9]), then  $\mathbf{Alg}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbf{Set})$  is precisely the comma category  $\mathbf{Cat}/M$ , where  $M$  is considered a one-object category; its objects are categories which come with a norm function  $v$  for morphisms satisfying  $v(gf) = v(g) + v(f)$  for composable morphisms  $f, g$ .

6.4. Let  $T = U$  be the ultrafilter functor, as mentioned in the Introduction.  $U$  transforms pullbacks into weak pullback diagrams. Hence, for  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{2}$  we obtain with  $\mathbf{Alg}(T, \mathbf{2})$  the quasitopos of pseudotopological spaces, and for  $\mathbf{V} = \overline{\mathbb{R}}_+$  the quasitopos of (what should be called) quasiapproach spaces (see [9, 8]). If we choose for  $\mathbf{V}$  the extensive category  $\mathbf{Set}$ , then the resulting category  $\mathbf{Alg}(U, \mathbf{Set})$  is a rather naturally defined supercategory of the category of ultracategories (as defined in [9]) but fails to be locally cartesian closed, according to 3.9(b) and 3.10.

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