Monadic Augment and Generalised Short Cut Fusion

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Abstract

Monads are commonplace programming devices that are used to uniformly structure computations with effects such as state, exceptions, and I/O. This paper further develops the monadic programming paradigm by investigating the extent to which monadic computations can be optimised by using generalisations of short cut fusion to eliminate monadic structures whose sole purpose is to "glue together" monadic program components.

We make several contributions. First, we show that every inductive type has an associated build combinator and an associated short cut fusion rule. Second, we introduce the notion of an inductive monad to describe those monads that give rise to inductive types, and we give examples of such monads which are widely used in functional programming. Third, we generalise the standard augment combinators and cata/augment fusion rules for algebraic data types to types induced by inductive monads. This allows us to give the first cata/augment rules for some common data types, such as rose trees. Fourth, we demonstrate the practical applicability of our generalisations by providing Haskell implementations for all concepts and examples in the paper. Finally, we offer deep theoretical insights by showing that the augment combinators are monadic in nature, and thus that our cata/build and cata/augment rules are arguably the best generally applicable fusion rules obtainable.

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1. Introduction

As originally conceived by Moggi, monads form a useful computational abstraction which models diverse effects such as stateful computations, exceptions, and I/O in a modular, uniform, and principled manner [13]. Wadler [24] led the call to turn Moggi's theory of effectful computation into a practical programming methodology, and showed how to use monads to structure such computations. Monads are now firmly established as part of Haskell [16], supported by specific language features and used in a wide range of applications. The essential idea behind monads is the type-safe separation of values from effectful computations that return those values.¹ Because monads abstract the nature of effectful computations, and in particular the mechanism for composing them, monadic programs are often more highly structured than non-monadic ones which perform the same computational tasks. Monadic programs thus boast the usual benefits of structured code, namely being easier to read, write, modify, and reason about than their non-monadic counterparts. However, compositionally constructed monadic programs also tend to be less efficient than monolithic ones. In particular, a component in such a program will often construct an intermediate monadic structure - i.e., an intermediate structure of type m t where m is a monad and t is a type — only to have it immediately consumed by the next component in the composition.

Given the widespread use of monadic computations, it is natural to try to apply automatable program transformation techniques to improve the efficiency of modularly constructed monadic programs. Fusion is one technique which has been used to improve modularly constructed functional programs, and a number of fusion transformations appropriate to the non-monadic setting have been developed in recent years [1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 19, 20, 21, 23]. Perhaps the best known of these is short cut fusion [6], a local transformation based upon two combinators - build, which produces lists in a uniform manner, and foldr, which uniformly consumes them — and a single, oriented replacement rule known as the foldr/build rule. (See Section 3.) The foldr/build rule replaces calls to build which are immediately followed by calls to foldr with equivalent computations that do not construct the intermediate lists introduced by build and consumed by foldr. Eliminating such lists via short cut fusion can significantly improve the efficiency of programs.

Unfortunately, there are common list producers — such as the append function — that build cannot express in a manner suitable for short cut fusion. This led Gill to introduce a list producer, called augment, which generalises build, together with an accompanying foldr/augment fusion rule for lists [5]. This rule has

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¹ Monads, such as the expression monad in Example 1, which correspond to ordinary algebraic data types can be thought of as having an effect of storing data in a data structure.

subsequently been generalised to give cata/augment rules which fuse producers and consumers of arbitrary non-list algebraic data types [8].² Fusion rules which are dual to the foldr/build rule (in a precise category-theoretic sense) [20, 21], and rules which eliminate list-manipulating operations other than data constructors [23], have also been developed.

This paper further generalises short cut fusion to rules which eliminate intermediate monadic structures. In order to write consumers of expressions of type m t in terms of catas we restrict attention to types m t which are inductive types in a uniform manner. We call a monad m with the property that m t is an inductive data type for every type t an *inductive monad*.

Our first observation is that build combinators and cata/build fusion rules can be defined for all inductive types. As we demonstrate, this opens the way for a generic theory of fusion. Next, we ask whether augment combinators and cata/augment rules can similarly be generically defined. We show that there are inductive types which do not support augment combinators (see Section 4.2), but that a large class of inductive monads do. To describe these monads, we introduce the notion of a *parameterised* monad, and use the observation that the least fixed point of every parameterised monad is an inductive monad [22] to define generic augment combinators and cata/augment rules for all such fixed points. We illustrate our results with expression languages, rose trees, interactive input/output monads, and hyperfunctions, all of which are commonly used monads arising as least fixed points of parameterised monads. When applied to types for which augment combinators are already known, our results yield more expressive augment combinators. On the other hand, the examples involving rose trees and interactive input/output monads show that there are well-known and widely used monads for which neither augment combinators nor cata/augment fusion rules were previously known, but for which we can derive both. Since, as we show in Section 4.3, the bind operations for monads which are least fixed points of parameterised monads can be written in terms of our augment combinators, our cata/augment fusion rules can be applied whenever an application of bind is followed by a cata. This is expected to be often, since the bind operation is the fundamental operation in monadic computation. We thus expect our cata/augment fusion rules to be widely applicable.

The results detailed in this paper are of practical interest since the cata/augment fusion rules we develop have the potential to improve the efficiency of modularly constructed programs using a variety of different monads. Our results are of theoretical importance as well: they clearly establish the monadic nature of our augment combinators by showing that they are interdefinable with the monadic bind operations. The fact that our results make it possible to define cata/build rules for all functors, as well as cata/augment rules for all least fixed points of parameterised monads, suggests that they are close to the best achievable. We expect, therefore, that our results will appeal to a variety of different audiences. Those who work with monads will be interested in parameterised monads and their applications, and those in the program transformation community will be interested in seeing their ideas for optimising computations successfully deployed in the monadic setting. We hope that, as with the best cross-fertilisations of ideas, ours will enable experts in each of these communities to gain greater understanding of, and facility with, the ideas and motivations of the other.

The concrete contributions of this paper are as follows:

- In Section 3 we derive a build combinator for the least fixed point of *any* functor, and show how this opens the way for an *algebra of fusion*.
- In Section 4 we define the notion of a *parameterised monad* and show that the least fixed point of *any* parameterised monad is a monad. We use this observation to generalise the standard augment combinators for algebraic data types to give augment combinators for *all* monads arising as least fixed points of parameterised monads. Finally, we argue that our augment combinators are inherently monadic in nature by showing that the augment combinator for each parameterised monad is interdefinable with the bind operation for the monad which is its least fixed point via the elegant equality

A more general development of augment combinators for a larger class of data types is hard to envisage.

- In Section 5 we generalise the standard cata/augment fusion rules for algebraic data types to give cata/augment rules for *all* monads arising as least fixed points of parameterised monads.
- We support this development with a variety of running examples and a Haskell implementation. The latter can be downloaded from http://www.mcs.le.ac.uk/~ng13.

We discuss related work in Section 6 and conclude in Section 7. Throughout the paper we assume as little background of the reader as possible. In particular, no knowledge of category theory is assumed or required and, in order to make this paper accessible to as wide an audience as possible, the correctness of the fusion rules presented here is given in a separate paper [4]. On the other hand, this paper is addressed to the functional programming community and, aside from using the same combinators, is disjoint from [4].

2. Why monads?

Functional programming was recognised early on as providing a clean programming environment in which programs are easy to read, write, and prove correct. But the problem of performing effectful computations in a purely functional language without compromising the advantages of the functional paradigm proved difficult to solve. Moggi's very nice solution was to tag types with "flags" which indicate that effects are associated with values of those types. For example, if t is a type and m flags a particular computational effect, then m t is a new computational type whose inhabitants can be thought of as performing effectful computations described by m and (possibly) returning results of type t. For example, the type Int contains integer values, while the computational type State Env Int contains functions which transform the current state (given by an element of type Env) into an integer value and a new state. (See Example 3 below.)

In order to program with computational types we need two operations. The first, called return, lifts any value of the underlying type to the trivial computation which returns that value. The second, called bind and written >>=, composes two computations which have the same type of effect. A flag m together with its two operations forms a *monad*. Monads are represented in Haskell via the type class

```
class Monad m where
return :: a -> m a
>>= :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b
```

From a semantic perspective, return and bind are expected to satisfy the three monad laws [13]. These can be thought of as requiring that the composition of effectful computations be associative and that values act as left and right units for it. Satisfaction of the

 $^{^2\,\}rm As$ is standard in Haskell, we use foldr to denote the standard catamorphism for lists. Catamorphisms for other inductive data types are written as cata.

monad laws is, however, not enforced by the compiler. Instead, it is the programmer's responsibility to ensure that the return and bind operations for any instance of Haskell's monad class behave appropriately.

EXAMPLE 1. The algebraic data type Expr a represents simple arithmetic expressions.

EXAMPLE 2. The type Maybe a consists of values of type a and a distinguished error value.

```
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
instance Monad Maybe where
return = Just
Nothing >>= k = Nothing
```

Just x >>= k = k x

EXAMPLE 3. The type State s a represents computations that can change states of type s while computing results of type a.

```
newtype State s a = State {runState :: s -> (a,s)}
```

```
instance Monad (State s) where
return x = State (\s -> (x,s))
State g >>= k = State (\s -> let (y,t) = g s
in runState (k y) t)
```

We conclude this section by demonstrating how monads systematise, simplify, and highlight the structure of effectful programs by allowing us to structure them as though they were non-effectful. Suppose we want to write an evaluator eval :: Expr Int -> Int for (closed) expressions over the type a. In a non-monadic setting we might have the clause

eval (Op Div e1 e2) = (eval e1) 'div' (eval e2)

together with similar clauses for expressions involving the other arithmetic operators. To better accommodate exceptions — arising, for example, from attempting to divide by 0 — we could instead use a monadic evaluator eval' :: Expr Int -> Maybe Int and write

Here, liftM2 is a built-in Haskell function which lifts functions over types to functions over their corresponding monadic types. Note how the essential structure of the computation remains faithfully represented in the definition of eval' while all error handling is abstracted and hidden in the use of the monadic operation liftM2.

3. Short cut fusion

As already noted, modularly constructed programs tend to be less efficient than their non-modular counterparts. A major difficulty is that the direct implementation of compositional programs *literally* constructs, traverses, and discards intermediate data structures — although they play no essential role in a computation. Even in lazy

Figure 1. Combinators and functions for lists

languages like Haskell this is expensive, both slowing execution time and increasing heap requirements.

3.1 Short cut fusion for algebraic data types

Fortunately, fusion rules often make it possible to avoid the creation and manipulation of intermediate data structures. The foldr/build rule [6], for example, capitalises on the uniform production of lists via build and the uniform consumption of lists via foldr to optimise list-manipulating programs. Intuitively, foldr c n xs produces a value by replacing all occurrences of (:) in xs by c and the single occurrence of [] in xs by n. For instance, foldr (+) 0 xs sums the (numeric) elements of the list xs. The function build, on the other hand, takes as input a function g providing a type-independent template for constructing "abstract" lists, and produces a corresponding "concrete" list. For example, build ($c n \rightarrow c 3 (c 7 n)$) produces the list [3,7]. The Haskell definitions of foldr and build, as well as those of other list-processing functions used in this paper, are given in Figure 1. The recursive combinator foldr is standard in the Haskell prelude.

The foldr/build rule serves as the basis for short cut fusion. It states that, for every closed type t and every closed function $g :: forall b. (t \rightarrow b \rightarrow b) \rightarrow b \rightarrow b$,

foldr c n (build g) = g c n
$$(1)$$

Here, type instantiation is performed silently, as in Haskell. When this law, considered as a replacement rule oriented from left to right, is applied to a program, it yields a new program which avoids constructing the intermediate list produced by build g and immediately consumed by foldr c n in the original. Thus, if sum and map are defined as in Figure 1, and if sqr x = x * x, then

No intermediate lists are produced by this version of sumSqs.

Transformations such as the above can be generalised to other data structures. It is well-known that every algebraic data type D — whose definition appears in, e.g., [8] — has an associated cata combinator and an associated build combinator. Operationally, the cata combinator for an algebraic data type D takes as input appropriately typed replacement functions for each of D's constructors

```
cata-E :: (a -> b) -> (Int -> b) ->
	(Ops -> b -> b -> b) -> Expr a -> b
cata-E v l o e = case e of
	Var x -> v x
	Lit i -> l i
	Op op e1 e2 -> o op (cata-E v l o e1)
	(cata-E v l o e2)
build-E :: (forall b. (a -> b) -> (Int -> b) ->
	(Ops -> b -> b -> b) -> b) -> Expr a
build-E g = g Var Lit Op
augment-E :: (forall b. (a -> b) -> (Int -> b) ->
	(Ops -> b -> b -> b) -> b) ->
	(a -> Expr c) -> Expr c
augment-E g v = g v Lit Op
```

Figure 2. Combinators for expressions

and a data element d of D. It replaces all (fully applied) occurrences of D's constructors in d by corresponding applications of their replacement functions. The build combinator for an algebraic data type D takes as input a function g providing a type-independent template for constructing "abstract" data structures from values. It instantiates all (fully applied) occurrences of the abstract constructors which appear in g with corresponding applications of the "concrete" constructors of D. Versions of these combinators and related functions for the arithmetic expression data type of Example 1 appear in Figures 2 and 3. As we will see, the types of augment-E and subst are more general than those in [8] — a benefit arising from our monadic perspective.

Compositions of data structure-consuming and -producing functions defined using the cata and build combinators for an algebraic data type D can be fused via a cata/build rule for D. For example, the rule for the data type Exprt states that, for every closed type t and every closed function g :: forall b. (t -> b) -> (Int -> b) -> (Ops -> b -> b) -> b,

$$cata-E v l o (build-E g) = g v l o$$
 (2)

EXAMPLE 4. Let env :: a -> b be a renaming environment and e be an expression. The function

renameAccum :: (a -> b) -> Expr a -> [b]

which accumulates variables of renamings of expressions, can be defined modularly as

renameAccum env e = accum (map-E env e)

Using rule (2) and the definitions in Figure 3 we can derive the following optimised version of renameAccum:

```
renameAccum env e
= cata-E (\x -> [x]) (\i -> []) (\op -> (++))
    (build-E (\v l o -> cata-E (v . env) l o e))
= (\v l o -> cata-E (v . env) l o e)
    (\x -> [x]) (\i -> []) (\op -> (++))
= cata-E ((\x -> [x]) . env) (\i -> [])
    (\op -> (++)) e
```

Unlike the original expression accum (map-E env e), the optimised version of renameAccum does not construct the renamed expression but instead accumulates variables "on the fly" while renaming.

3.2 Short cut fusion for functors

In this section we show that the least fixed point of every functor has an associated cata/build rule and provide clean Haskell 

implementations of these rules. This opens the way for an *algebra of fusion*, which allows us to define generic fusion rules which are applicable to any data type, rather than only specific rules for specific data types. Haskell's Functor class, which represents type constructors supporting map functions, is given by

class Functor f where fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b

The function fmap is expected to satisfy two semantic functor laws stating that fmap preserves identities and composition. Like the monad laws, they are enforced by the programmer rather than by the compiler.

Given an arbitrary functor **f** we can implement its least fixed point and cata and build combinators as follows:

newtype M f = Inn {unInn :: f (M f)}

cata-f :: Functor $f \Rightarrow (f a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow M f \rightarrow a$ cata-f h (Inn k) = h (fmap (cata-f h) k)

The definition of the type M f represents in Haskell the standard categorical formulation of the initial algebra/least fixed point of f, while cata-f represents the unique mediating map from the initial algebra of f to any other f-algebra. For a categorical semantics of build and the other combinators introduced in this paper see [3]. By contrast with the various build combinators that have previously been defined for specific data types, the build combinators defined above are entirely generic. Moreover, all previously known definitions of build for specific types are instances of these. We call a type of the form M f for an instance f of the Functor class an *inductive data type*, and we call an element of an inductive data type is an inductive data type.

EXAMPLE 5. The algebraic data type Expr a in Example 1 is M (E a) for the functor E a defined by

data E a b = Var a | Lit Int | Op Ops b b

EXAMPLE 6. An interactive input/output computation [18] is either i) a value of type a, ii) an input action, which for every input token of type i results in a new interactive input/output computation, or iii) an output of an output token of type \circ and a new interactive input/output computation. The algebraic data type

of such computations is the least fixed point of the functor ${\tt K}$ i o a where

data K i o a b = V a | I (i -> b) | O (o,b)

We can derive a build combinator for K i \circ a by instantiating our generic definition of build.³ Writing f for K i \circ a gives

Pleasingly, our generic cata and build combinators for any functor f can be used to eliminate inductive data structures of type M f from computations. For *every* functor f, and for every closed function g of closed type forall b. (f $b \rightarrow b$) $\rightarrow b$, we can generalise rules (1) and (2) to the following cata/build rule for f:

cata-f h (build-f g) = g h (3)

In Section 3.1 we saw how the foldr/build rule can be used to eliminate from sumSqs the intermediate list produced by map and consumed by sum. In Example 4, we saw how the cata/build rule for expressions can be used to eliminate from renameAccum the intermediate expression produced by map-E and consumed by accum. Since modularly constructed programs often use catas to consume data structures produced by maps, it is convenient to derive a generic cata/map fusion rule that can be instantiated at different types, rather than having to invent a new such rule for each data type. We now show that our build combinators make this possible.

A bifunctor is a functor in two variables. In Haskell, we have

class BiFunctor f where bmap :: $(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (c \rightarrow d) \rightarrow f a c \rightarrow f b d$

If f is a bifunctor then, for every type a, f a is a functor, and the type M (f a) is sensible. If we define the type constructor Mu f by Mu f a = M (f a) then, by inlining the definition of M in that of Mu f, we see that Mu f is a functor and its cata and build combinators can be represented in Haskell as

newtype Mu f a = In {unIn :: f a (Mu f a)}

cata-f :: BiFunctor f => (f a c -> c) -> Mu f a -> c cata-f h (In k) = h (bmap id (cata-f h) k)

build-f :: (forall c. (f a c \rightarrow c) \rightarrow c) \rightarrow Mu f a build-f g = g In

Here, we have written cata-f and build-f rather than cata-(f a) and build-(f a), respectively. Suppressing reference to the type a is reasonable because the definitions of the build and cata combinators for f a are uniform in a. The function

for a functor h can be defined in terms of cata-f provided h a is uniformly a least fixed point. This is certainly the case when h is of the form Mu f for some bifunctor f, and we have

instance BiFunctor f => Functor (Mu f) where

EXAMPLE 7. If f is the bifunctor E from Example 5 then the above instance declaration gives the function map-E from Figure 3. Using this definition of fmap we have, for every bifunctor f, the cata/map fusion rules

The first expression in the first rule above constructs an intermediate data structure via fmap and then immediately consumes it with a call to cata-f. The optimised final expression avoids this. In the second fusion rule, the right-hand side expression is a call to build, making further fusions possible. Developing an algebra of fusion incorporating generic rules such as these is an exciting possibility.

4. Augment

The instance of build-E used in map-E in Figure 3 can be thought of as constructing particularly simple substitution instances of expressions. It replaces data associated with the non-recursive constructor Var by new data, but not with arbitrary expressions. As demonstrated above, the process of mapping over an expression in this way and then accumulating variables in the resulting expression is well-suited for optimisation via the cata/build rule for expressions.

Although it is possible to use build-E to construct more general substitution instances of expressions which replace data with arbitrary expressions — and, indeed, to use build-f to construct general substitution instances of structures of any inductive data type M f — the build representations of these more robust substitution instances are inefficient. The problem is that extra consumptions must be introduced to process the subexpressions introduced by the substitution. Unfortunately, subsequent removal of such consumptions via fusion cannot be guaranteed [5].

Suppose, for example, that we want to write a substitution function for expressions of type Expr a in terms of build-E and cata-E. It is tempting to write

```
badSub :: (a -> Expr a) -> Expr a -> Expr a
badSub env e = build-E (\v l o -> cata-E env l o e)
```

but the expression on the right hand side is ill-typed: env has type a -> Expr a, while build-E requires cata-E's replacement for Var to be of the more general type a -> b for some type variable b. The difficulty here is that the constructors in the expressions introduced by env are part of the result of badSub, but they are not properly abstracted by build-E. More generally, the argument g to build-E must abstract *all* of the concrete constructors that appear in the data structure it produces, not just the top-level ones contributed by g itself. To achieve this, extra consumptions using cata-E are required:

In the literature, eliminating such extra consumptions has been addressed by the introduction of more general augment combinators. The augment combinator for lists was introduced in [5] and appears in Figure 1. Analogues for arbitrary algebraic data types are

³ Here, and at several places below, we must appropriately unbundle type isomorphisms to obtain the desired instantiation. So rather than cata-f for f = K i o a having type (K i o a b -> b) -> IntIO i o a -> b, we take it to have the type given above. Unbundling is done without comment henceforth.

given in [8]; the augment combinator given in [8] for the Expr data type, for example, is

Note that the type of aug-E is more restrictive than that of the augment combinator augment-E developed in this paper, which appears in Figure 2. Using aug-E we can express subst as

The aug-E combinator offers more than a nice means of expressing substitution, however. When expression-producing functions are written in terms of aug-E and are composed with expression-consuming functions written in terms of cata-E, a cata/augment rule generalising the cata/build rule for expressions can eliminate the intermediate data structure produced by aug-E. This fusion rule asserts that, for every closed type t and every closed function g :: forall b. (t -> b) -> (Int -> b) -> (Ops -> b -> b -> b) -> b,

$$cata-E v l o (aug-E g f)$$
(4)
= g (cata-E v l o . f) l o

EXAMPLE 8. First inlining the aug-E form of subst above and the cata-E form of accum from Figure 3, and then applying the above rule, eliminates the intermediate expression in

to give

This example generalises Example 4 since renaming is a special case of substitution.

Note that augment combinators are derived only for algebraic data types in [8]. In Section 5 we generalise the combinators of [8] to give augment combinators, and analogues of the cata/augment rule (4), for non-algebraic inductive data types as well. The precise relationship between our combinators and those of [8] is discussed in Section 4.5 below, where we show how, for algebraic data types, the latter can be derived from the former.

4.1 Introducing monadic augment

We have seen that a build combinator can be defined for any functor. A natural question raised by the discussion in the previous section is thus: For how general a range of functors can augment combinators be defined?

The essence of augment is to extend build by allowing data structure-producing functions to take as input additional replacement functions. In [5], the append function is the motivating example, and the replacement function argument to the augment combinator for lists replaces the empty list occurring at the end of append's first input list with append's second input list. Similar combinators are defined for arbitrary algebraic types in [8]. There, each constructor of an algebraic data type is designated either recursive or non-recursive, and the augment combinator for each algebraic data type allows the replacement of data stored at the non-recursive constructors with arbitrary elements of that data type. (See Section 4.5.)

We take a different approach in this paper. We, too, start from the observations that i) each augment combinator extends the corresponding build combinator with a function which replaces data/values by structures/computations, and ii) the essence of monadic computation is precisely a well-behaved notion of such replacement. But we see these as evidence that the augment combinators are inherently monadic in nature. Moreover, as discussed at the end of Section 4.3, the augment combinators bear relationships to their corresponding build combinators similar to those that the bind operations bear to their corresponding fmaps. That is, both build and fmap support the replacement of data by data, while augment and bind allow the replacement of data by structures. Of course, augment and bind are defined for monads, while build and fmap are defined for functors.

This theoretical insight offers practical dividends. As we demonstrate below, it allows us to define more expressive augment combinators, and more general cata/augment rules, than those known before. It also allows us to define augment combinators and cata/augment rules for types for which these were not previously known to exist. We briefly illustrate our results before proceeding with the formal development of the monadic augment combinators and their associated fusion rules in the next section.

EXAMPLE 9. The data type

data Rose a = Node a [Rose a]

of rose trees has no non-recursive constructors. The associated augment combinator of [8] therefore does not allow the replacement of data of type a with rose trees. But we will see in Section 4.3 that Rose is a monad, and thus that the augment combinator for Rose defined in this paper does allow such replacements. In fact, it allows replacements of data of type a with structures of type Rose b for any b.

EXAMPLE 10. The inductive data type

has one non-recursive constructor storing data of type b. The associated augment combinator of [8] thus supports replacement functions of type $b \rightarrow$ Tree a b. But since Tree a is also a monad, the augment combinator defined in this paper supports replacement functions of the more general type $b \rightarrow$ Tree a c.

4.2 Parameterised monads

We have argued above that the essence of an augment combinator is to extend its corresponding build combinator with replacement functions mapping data/values to structures/computations. The types of the structures produced by the augment combinators must therefore be of the form m a for some monad m. But if we want to be able to consume with catas the monadic structures produced by augment combinators then we must restrict our attention to those monads m for which cata combinators can be defined. This is possible provided m is an inductive monad.

One way to specify inductive monads uniformly is to focus on monads of the form m a = Mu f a for a bifunctor f. As we have seen, Mu f is a functor. But it is clear that Mu f is not, in general, a monad. Indeed, the data type Tree a b from Example 10 can be written as Tree a b = Mu (T b) a where data T b a c = N c a c | L b, but Tree a b is not a monad in a, i.e., does not admit a substitution function Tree a b -> (a -> Tree c b) -> Tree c b. Defining such a function would entail constructing new trees from old ones by replacing each internal node in a given tree by a new tree. Since there is no way to do this, we see that Tree a b is an example of a common inductive type which does not support an augment combinator. In light of this observation, it is quite satisfying to find weak and elegant conditions on f which guarantee that Mu f is indeed a monad. To define these conditions we introduce the notion of a *pa-rameterised monad* [22]. Parameterised monads are represented in Haskell via the following type class:

```
class PMonad f where
  preturn :: a -> f a c
  (>>!) :: f a c -> (a -> f b c) -> f b c
  pmap :: (c -> d) -> f a c -> f a d
```

The operations preturn, >>=, and pmap are expected to satisfy the following five parameterised monad laws:

```
>>! preturn = id
(>>! g) . preturn = g
>>! ((>>! g) . j) = (>>! j) . (>>! j)
pmap g . preturn = preturn
pmap g . (>>! j) = (>>! (pmap g . j)) . pmap g
```

Thus a parameterised monad is just a type-indexed family of monads. That is, for each type c, the map f' c sending a type a to f a c is the monad whose return operation is given by preturn, and whose bind operation is given by >>!. Note how the first three parameterised monad laws ensure this. Moreover, the fact that f' c is a monad uniformly in c is expressed by requiring the operation pmap to be such that every map $g :: c \rightarrow d$ lifts to a map pmap g between the monads f' c and f' d. This is ensured by the last two parameterised monad laws. Intuitively, we think of >>! as replacing, according to its second argument, the non-recursive data of type a in structures of type f a c, and of pmap as modifying, according to its first argument, the recursively defined substructures of structures of type f a c to give corresponding structures of type f a d. As for the monad and functor laws, the compiler does not check that the operations of a parameterised monad satisfy the required semantic conditions. Note that a parameterised monad is a special form of bifunctor with pmap, >>!, and preturn implementing the required bmap operation:

instance PMonad m => BiFunctor m where bmap f g xs = (pmap g xs) >>! (preturn . f)

There are many parameterised monads commonly occurring in functional programming. To illustrate, we first show that the expression language Expr a is generated by a parameterised monad. We then give three different mechanisms for constructing parameterised monads and, for each such mechanism, give a widely used example of a parameterised monad constructed using that mechanism.

EXAMPLE 11. We can derive expression monads from parameterised monads as follows. If

data E a b = Var a | Lit Int | Op Ops b b

as in Example 5, then E is a parameterised monad with operations given as follows, and Expr a = Mu E a.

```
instance PMonad E where
  preturn = Var
  Var x >>! h = h x
  Lit i >>! h = Lit i
  Op op e1 e2 >>! h = Op op e1 e2
  pmap g (Var x) = Var x
  pmap g (Lit i) = Lit i
  pmap g (Op op e1 e2) = Op op (g e1) (g e2)
```

EXAMPLE 12. If h is any functor, then the following defines a parameterised monad:

data SumFunc h a b = Val a | Con (h b)

instance Functor h => PMonad (SumFunc h) where

preturn	= Val
Val x >>! h	= h x
Con y >>! h	= Con y
pmap g (Val x)	= Val x
pmap g (Con y)	= Con (fmap g y)

The name SumFunc reflects the fact that SumFunc h a is the sum of the functor h and the constantly a-valued functor. The data type Expr a from Example 1 is (essentially, i.e., ignoring terms induced by the "extra" lifting implicit in the data declaration for h b) Mu (SumFunc h) a for

data h b = Lit Int | Op Ops b b

The data type IntIO i o a of interactive input/output computations from Example 6 is (essentially) Mu (SumFunc h) a for $h = k i o and data k i o b = I (i \rightarrow b) | O (o,b).$

A parameterised monad of the form SumFunc h constructs monads with a tree-like structure in which data is stored at the leaves. We can instead consider monads with a tree-like structure in which data is stored at the nodes, i.e., in the recursive constructors. These are induced by parameterised monads of the form ProdFunc h a b = Node a (h b). Because the >>! operation of a parameterised monad must replace (internal) tree nodes with other trees, the branching structure of such trees must form a monoid. We therefore restrict attention to "structure functors" h such that, for each type t, the type h t forms a monoid. This restriction is captured in the following Haskell type class definition:

class Functor h => FunctorPlus h where zero :: h a plus :: h a -> h a -> h a

The programmer is expected to verify that the operations zero and plus form a monoid on h a.

EXAMPLE 13. If h is an instance of the FunctorPlus class, then the following defines a parameterised monad:

newtype ProdFunc h a b = Node a (h b)

A commonly occurring data type which is the least fixed point of a parameterised monad of the form ProdFunc h is the data type of rose trees from Example 9. Indeed, the data type Rose is Mu (ProdFunc []) where [] is the list functor and

instance FunctorPlus [] where
 zero = []
 plus = (++)

Our final example of a general mechanism for generating parameterised monads concerns a generalisation of hyperfunctions [10]. Here, we start with a contravariant "structure functor", i.e., with a functor in the class

class ContraFunctor f where cfmap :: (a -> b) -> f b -> f a

EXAMPLE 14. If h is a contravariant functor, then the following defines a parameterised monad:

newtype H h a b = H {unH :: h b \rightarrow a}

instance ContraFunctor h => PMonad (H h) where
preturn x = H (\f -> x)

H h >>! k = H ($f \rightarrow unH$ (k (h f)) f) pmap g (H h) = H ($f \rightarrow h$ (cfmap g f))

An example of a data type which arises as the least fixed point of a parameterised monad of the form H h is the data type of hyperfunctions with argument type e and result type a:

newtype Hyp e a = Hyp {unHyp :: (Hyp e a -> e) -> a}

Indeed, Hyp e is Mu (H h) for the contravariant functor h b = $b \rightarrow e$. This example shows that the data types induced by parameterised monads go well beyond those induced by polynomial functors, and include exotic and sophisticated examples which arise in functional programming.

We now turn our attention to showing that every parameterised monad has an augment combinator and an associated cata/augment fusion rule. This will allow us to show that every least fixed point of a parameterised monad is a monad by writing the required bind operation for the least fixed point in terms of the augment combinator for the parameterised monad whose least fixed point it is. That this can be done is very important and we will return to it in the next section. We will also show there that we can write the augment combinators in terms of their corresponding binds, and thus that the augment combinators really are gmonadic in nature.

4.3 Augment for parameterised monads

The central contribution of this paper is the definition, for each parameterised monad f, of an augment combinator and cata/augment fusion rule for the monad Mu f. Our definition is entirely generic, and extends the definition of the augment combinators from [8] to accommodate non-algebraic inductive data types.

If f is a parameterised monad then we can define an augment combinator for it by

Here, >>! (unIn . k) is the application of the infix operator >>! to its second argument. We can now see clearly that the definition of augment is the same as that of build, except that it allows an extra input of type a -> Mu f b which is used to replace data of type a in the structure generated by g with structures of type Mu f b. Note that a -> Mu f b is the type of a Kleisli arrow for what we will see is the *monad* Mu f. It is the augment combinators' ability to consume Kleisli arrows — mirroring the bind operations' ability to do so — that precisely locates augment as a monadic concept. Indeed, as we now show, the bind operation for Mu f can be written in terms of the augment combinator for f.

We have already observed that if f is a bifunctor then Mu f is a functor. But if f satisfies the stronger criteria on bifunctors necessary to ensure that it is a parameterised monad, then Mu f is actually an inductive monad. The relationship between a parameterised monad f and the induced monad Mu f is captured in the Haskell instance declaration

```
instance PMonad f => Monad (Mu f) where
return x = In (preturn x)
x >>= k = augment-f g k where g h = cata-f h x
```

Although not stated explicitly, this instance declaration entails that if f satisfies the semantic laws for a parameterised monad, then Mu f is guaranteed to satisfy the semantic laws for monads. Moreover, while Mu f may support more than one choice of monadic return and bind operations, this declaration uniquely determines a choice of monadic operations for Mu f which respect the structure of the underlying parameterised monad f. By analogy with the situation for inductive data types, we call a type of the form Mu f a which is induced by a parameterised monad in this way a *parameterised monadic data type*. Further, we call an element of a parameterised monadic data type a *parameterised monadic data structure*.

We now consider the relationship between augment, build, and bind. We have seen above that the bind operation for the least fixed point of a parameterised monad can be defined in terms of the associated augment combinator. It is also known that the build combinators for specific data types can be defined as specialisations of the augment combinators for those types, e.g., build g = augment g []. Our generic definitions allow us to show that this holds in general. We have, for every parameterised monad f:

build-f g >>= k = augment-f g k
$$(5)$$

Setting k = return and using the monad laws, we see that build-f is definable from augment-f. Together with the observation that

fmap
$$k = >>=$$
 (return . k)

the equality (5) shows that the implementation of build in terms of augment is similar to that of fmap in terms of bind. But (5) also shows how augment combinators can be defined in terms of bind operations. The equality (5) is very elegant indeed! In addition, it provides support for our assertion that the augment combinators are monadic by demonstrating that they are interdefinable with, and hence are essentially optimisable forms of, the bind operations for their associated monads.

4.4 Examples

Examples of the monads and augment combinators derived from the parameterised monads E, SumFunc (k i o), ProdFunc [], and H h for h b = b \rightarrow e from Examples 11 through 14 appear below. In the interest of completeness we give the correspondence between the generic combinators derived from the definition based on parameterised monads and the specific combinators given earlier for the expression language in Example 1. The monadic interpretation of our augment combinators makes it possible to generalise those of [8], which allow replacement only of data stored in the non-recursive constructors of data types, to allow replacement of data stored in recursive constructors of data types as well. (See Example 17.) It also makes it possible to go well beyond algebraic data types, as is illustrated in Example 18.

EXAMPLE 15. If E is the parameterised monad from Example 11, then the data type induced by E is the expression monad Expr a from Example 1, whose return and bind operations are defined below. Instantiating the generic derivations of the cata, build, and augment combinators for E and then simplifying the results gives the cata, build, and augment combinators in Figure 2.

EXAMPLE 16. If f = SumFunc (k i o) is the parameterised monad from Example 12, then the data type induced by f is (es-

sentially) that of interactive input/output computations from Example 6. Instantiating the generic derivations of the cata, build, and augment combinators for the parameterised monad f yields the definitions for cata-f and build-f from Example 6 and

augment-f :: (forall b. (a -> b) -> ((i -> b) -> b) -> ((o,b) -> b) -> b) -> (a -> IntIO i o c) -> IntIO i o c augment-f g k = g k Inp Outp

Using the above definitions, we can also instantiate the generic derivation of the monad operations for $IntIO i \circ from$ the operations for the underlying parameterised monad f. This gives

```
return x = Val x
intio >>= k = cata-f k Inp Outp intio
```

EXAMPLE 17. If f = ProdFunc [] is the parameterised monad from Example 13, then the data type induced by f is that of rose trees from Example 9. Instantiating the generic derivations of the cata, build, and augment combinators for the parameterised monad f gives

The definitions of cata-f and build-f coincide with those in [15]. Using the above definitions, we can also instantiate the generic derivation of the monad operations for Rose a from the operations for the underlying parameterised monad f. This gives

EXAMPLE 18. If f = H h with $h b = b \rightarrow e$ is the parameterised monad from Example 14, then the data type induced by f is the monad of hyperfunctions given there. Instantiating the generic derivations of the cata, build, and augment combinators for the parameterised monad f gives

Using the above definitions, we can also instantiate the generic derivation of the monad operations for Hyp e a from the operations for the underlying parameterised monad f. This gives

4.5 Representing algebraic augment

In addition to providing new augment combinators for rose trees, as well as augment combinators for other types which were not previously known to have them, our results also generalise the augment combinators of [8]. At first glance this does not appear to be the case, however, since the augment combinators from [8] are derived for all algebraic data types, while the ones in this paper are derived for types of the form Mu f a where f is a parameterised monad. Surely, one thinks, there are more algebraic types than inductive monads arising as least fixed points of parameterised monads. Put differently, it seems that one can distinguish between recursive and non-recursive constructors, as Johann does, more often than one can distinguish between values and computations, as we do.

The key to resolving this apparent conundrum is the observation that, for each algebraic data type, we can form a parameterised monad by bundling all the non-recursive constructors of the algebraic type together and treating them as values. The augment combinator derived from this parameterised monad will allow replacement of all of these values, thereby achieving the expressiveness of Johann's augment combinators for the original algebraic data type. Lack of space prevents a full treatment of this observation, but we illustrate with two examples, namely Gill's augment combinator for lists and Johann's augment combinator for expressions.

The list monad is not of the form Mu L for any parameterised monad L. However, if we define

data L a e b = Var e | Cons a b

then, for each type a, the type L a is a parameterised monad. The data type Lt a e = Mu (L a) e can be thought of as representing lists of elements of type a that end with elements of type e, rather than with the empty list. We therefore have that [a] = Lt a (), where () is the one element type. The augment combinator for this parameterised monad can take as input a replacement function of type () -> Lt a (), i.e., can take as input another list of type a. This gives precisely the functionality of Gill's augment combinator for lists. Note the key step of generalising the non-recursive constructor [] of lists to variables.

Johann's augment combinator for expressions allows the replacement of both variables *and* literals with other expressions. By contrast, our augment combinator for the expression data type allows only the replacement of variables with other expressions. However, the same approach we used to derive the standard augment combinator for lists works here as well. If we define the parameterised monad

data Ex a b = Op op b b | Var a

then the type Expr a is Mu Ex (Plus a) where

data Plus a = Left a | Right Int

Here, any occurrences of the constructor Left can be thought of as the true variables of Expr a, while any occurrences of the constructor Right can be thought of as its literals.

The augment combinator for Ex can take as input replacement functions of type Plus t \rightarrow Mu Ex (Plus u), which replace both the literals and true variables with expressions of type Expr u. This augment combinator is actually more general than the one in [8], which forces the type of the variables being replaced to be the same as that of the variables occurring in the replacement expressions. This extra generality, while appearing small, is actually very useful in practice, e.g., in implementing map functions using augment. Once again, the key step in the derivation here is the treatment of the non-recursive constructors as variables in the parameterised monad. Although Johann's augment combinators can be derived from our monadic ones, the distinction between recursive/non-recursive constructors may be more intuitive for many programmers than the monadic distinction between values and computations. Of course, when augment combinators based on both distinctions are available, the programmer is free to choose between them. But a monadic augment may be available even if an algebraic one is not.

5. Generalised short cut fusion

We have seen that parameterised monads are particularly wellbehaved, in the sense that their least fixed points are inductive monads which support cata, build, and augment combinators. In this section we give a generic cata/augment fusion rule which can be specialised for each parameterised monad. The rule we give generalises the cata/augment rules for lists and expressions discussed in Section 4, as well as the ones in [8].

The rule says that, for each parameterised monad f,

The correctness, and indeed the derivation, of this rule is based on a categorical interpretation of the augment combinators which reduces correctness to parametricity; see [4] for details. As with the generic cata/build rule (3) from Section 3.2, the right-hand side of this rule is an application of the abstract template g, but now the extra replacement function k must be blended into the algebra h.

As we have seen in Section 4.3, the bind operation of the least fixed point of a parameterised monad f can be defined in terms of the associated augment combinator. The possibility of cata/bind fusion for Mu f is therefore hardwired into the very definition of parameterised monadic types. Moreover, since bind is the most fundamental of monadic operations, and since data structures uniformly constructed via binds are often uniformly consumed by catas, we expect to see many applications of binds followed by catas in monadic code. The intermediate data structures constructed by such binds and consumed by such catas are eligible for elimination via (6) and, because the augment representation of each bind is based on a cata, the fused optimisation of a bind followed by a cata will itself be a cata. This has the important consequence that not just a single bind followed by a cata, but in fact a whole sequence of binds followed by a cata, can be optimised by a series of cata/augment fusions, each (except the first) enabled by the one that came before. These will ripple backward, allowing monadic code to intermingle and intermediate data structures to be eliminated from computations.

We now illustrate fusion using the generic rule (6). The examples below are natural generalisations of the optimisation of sumSqs in Section 3.1, which is typical of the applications found in the literature.

EXAMPLE 19. To compute the list of free variables appearing in any expression, we can first substitute for each variable node in the expression a new variable node consisting of the singleton list containing the variable name, and then accumulate the contents of these lists by recursively appending them. We have

The instantiation of the generic cata/augment rule for E is

cata-E v l o (augment-E g k)
= g (cata-E v l o . k) l o

where cata-E and augment-E are as in Figure 2. Using this, together with the augment representation of subst from Figure 3,

we can derive an equivalent version of free-vars in which the intermediate expression produced by subst has been eliminated from the modular computation:

Note that whereas the intermediate expressions in Examples 4 and 8 are of type Expr a, the one in free-vars has a type of the more general form Expr c, where c is taken to be [a].

EXAMPLE 20. Consider again the monad of interactive input/output computations from Examples 12 and 16. The function down plays the game in which the user chooses an integer n and tries to incrementally decrease this number to 0 by inputting a number, recording that number as an output, decreasing n by the input, and playing the game from the result. Let f = SumFunc (k i o) as in Example 16. Then

We can represent such a game as a tree with nodes labelled by the last input and the remaining distance to go to zero. The exception is the root node, representing the start of the game, which does not have a preceding input. For example, ignoring the branches which fail by becoming negative, down 3 could be represented by



The function results takes as input a number n and an interactive input/output computation, and returns the list of values in the leaves of that computation. The user's inputs are assumed to be integers between 1 and n.

```
results :: Int -> IntIO Int o a -> [a]
results n = cata-f v in out where
    v x = [x]
    in g = concat [g x | x <- [1 .. n]]
    out (o, p) = p</pre>
```

The instantiation of the generic cata/augment rule for f = SumFunc (k i o) is

cata-f v in out (augment-f g k)
= g (cata-f v in out . k) in out

We can optimise the function which returns the list of values in the leaves of the game tree rooted at n. Since v x = [x], in g = concat [g x | x <- [1 .. n]], and out (o,p) = p, we have the following equivalent computation from which the intermediate tree of type IntIO Int Int Int has been eliminated:

results n (down n)

```
= cata-f v in out
   (augment-f (\v in out ->
     let loop x = if x \le 0 then v x else
                      in (\langle k \rangle \rightarrow out (k, loop (x-k)))
     in loop n) Val)
= (v in out ->
    let loop x = if x \le 0 then v x else
                    in (\langle k \rangle \rightarrow out (k, loop (x-k)))
   in loop n) (cata-f v in out . Val) in out
= let loop x = if x \leq 0
                  then (cata-f v in out . Val) x
                   else in (\k \rightarrow out (k, loop (x-k)))
  in loop n
= let loop x = if x \le 0 then [x] else
                  in (\k \rightarrow loop (x-k))
  in loop n
= let loop x = if x \le 0 then [x] else
                  concat [loop (x-z) | z <- [1 .. n]]
  in loop n
```

EXAMPLE 21. Consider again the monad of rose trees from Examples 13 and 17. The function down takes a non-negative integer n as input and produces a rose tree whose root is labelled n and in which each node has one child for each non-negative integer smaller than its label. For example, down 3 produces



Letting f = ProdFunc [] as in Example 17 we have

```
return :: a -> Rose a
return x = Node x []
down :: Int -> Rose Int
```

```
down n = augment-f (\h ->
    let loop x = h x (map loop [0 .. x-1])
    in loop n) return
```

The function results returns the prefix list of data elements in a rose tree:

results :: Rose a -> [a]
results = cata-f (\x ys -> x : concat ys)

The instantiation of the generic cata/augment rule for f = ProdFunc [] is

Using this we can optimise the function which returns the prefix list of data elements in the rose tree produced by down n. Letting

no x ys = x : concat ys

we have the following equivalent computation from which the intermediate rose tree of integers produced by down n has been eliminated:

in loop n = y : concat (map loop [0 .. y-1])
in loop n

EXAMPLE 22. Rather than give another example in the same vein as previously, we add some variety by establishing the potential for the optimisation of programs which manipulate hyperfunctions by reimplementing the interface for hyperfunctions given in [10]. The original interface was based upon the following operations:

run :: Hyp o o \rightarrow o run (Hyp k) = k run

base :: o \rightarrow Hyp i o base a = Hyp (\x \rightarrow a)

(<<) :: (i -> o) -> Hyp i o -> Hyp i o f << fs = Hyp (\k -> f (k (fs)))

We can now reimplement this library using the combinators given in Example 18:

run = cata ($c \rightarrow c$ id)

base a = build ($h \rightarrow h (x \rightarrow a)$)

f << fs = build ($h \rightarrow h (k \rightarrow f (k (cata h fs)))$)

Correctness of the implementation of run is proved as follows:

Similar proofs exist for the other combinators. Code written using this interface can now potentially be optimised.

As a final observation, we note that, in the instance declaration for parameterised monadic data types, we could have written the bind operation of the monad Mu f as

```
x \gg k = cata-f (In . ( \gg! (unIn . k))) x
```

rather than in terms of augment-f. There are, however, two reasons to not do this. First, this definition of bind is significantly less clear than the one involving augment-f, and it goes against the practice of abstracting away from programming details via highlevel combinators. The second, bigger problem for the purpose of optimisation is that, if a bind is followed by a consuming cata, then it might not be possible to fuse the cata implementing the bind with this cata since not all compositions of catas can be fused. To get around this difficulty we would be led to devise some kind of strategy for marking those compositions which can be so fused, which would be tantamount to inventing the augment combinators.

6. Related work

In addition to the literature on monads and program transformation cited above, there are some additional papers relating to the interaction of these subjects.

- Our work on generic build and augment combinators contributes to the fruitful line of research into generic recursion combinators. Research in this area has led, for example, to the generalisation of fold for lists to arbitrary mixed variance data types [2, 11].
- Like us, Pardo [14] sought to understand fusion in the context of monadic computation, but his goal was different from ours. Pardo investigated conditions under which an expression of type M(µF), for M a monad and F a functor with least fixed point µF, can be fused with a function foldφ : µF → X to produce an expression of type M(X). The crucial difference with our work is that Pardo considered the monad M an ambient structure which was not to be eliminated by the fusion rule. Our goal, on the other hand, is to eliminate the construction of precisely such monadic structures.
- In a similar vein, [12] develops a variety of fusion laws in the monadic setting, including a short cut deforestation law for eliminating intermediate structures of the form M(List X). However, as with [14], the aim is not to eliminate the monad, but rather the list inside the monad.
- Jürgensen [9] defined a fusion combinator based on the uniqueness of the map from a free monad to any other monad. Thus, his technique is really a different form of fusion from ours and, in particular, isn't based upon writing consumers in terms of catamorphisms. Since catamorphisms appear in the literature far more frequently than monad morphisms, it is natural to want as well-developed a theory of catamorphism-based fusion as possible, irrespective of other possibilities such as Jürgensen's.
- Correctness proofs for the fusion rules presented in this paper rely on sophisticated categorical concepts — in particular, strong dinaturality, which, it has been suggested, is unsuitable for a general functional programming and programming transformation audience. Since our aim is to reach precisely such an audience, the correctness proofs of our fusion rules are given in a separate paper [4] which extends the categorical account of cata/build fusion given in [3].

7. Conclusion and future work

We have defined build combinators for all inductive types. In addition, we have demonstrated that augment is inherently an inductive and monadic construction, and defined augment combinators for inductive monads arising as least fixed points of parameterised monads. We believe it will be difficult to find a more general mechanism for defining inductive monads, and thus that these results are about as general as can be hoped for.

The categorical semantics of [4] reduces correctness of the fusion rules given here to the problem of constructing parametric models which respect the categorical semantics given there. An alternative approach to correctness is taken in [8], where the operational semantics-based parametric model of [17] is used to validate the fusion rules for algebraic data types introduced in that paper. Extending these techniques to tie the correctness of our monadic fusion rules into an operational semantics of the underlying functional language is ongoing work. Benchmarking the rules and developing a preprocessor for automatically converting monadically structured functions into cata/augment form are additional directions for future work.

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