

The World of Differential Categories: A Tutorial on Cartesian Differential Categories

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The Differential Category World: The Four Tomes

Differential Categories

Blute, Cockett, Seely - 2006

Cartesian Differential Categories

Blute, Cockett, Seely - 2009

Differential Restriction Categories

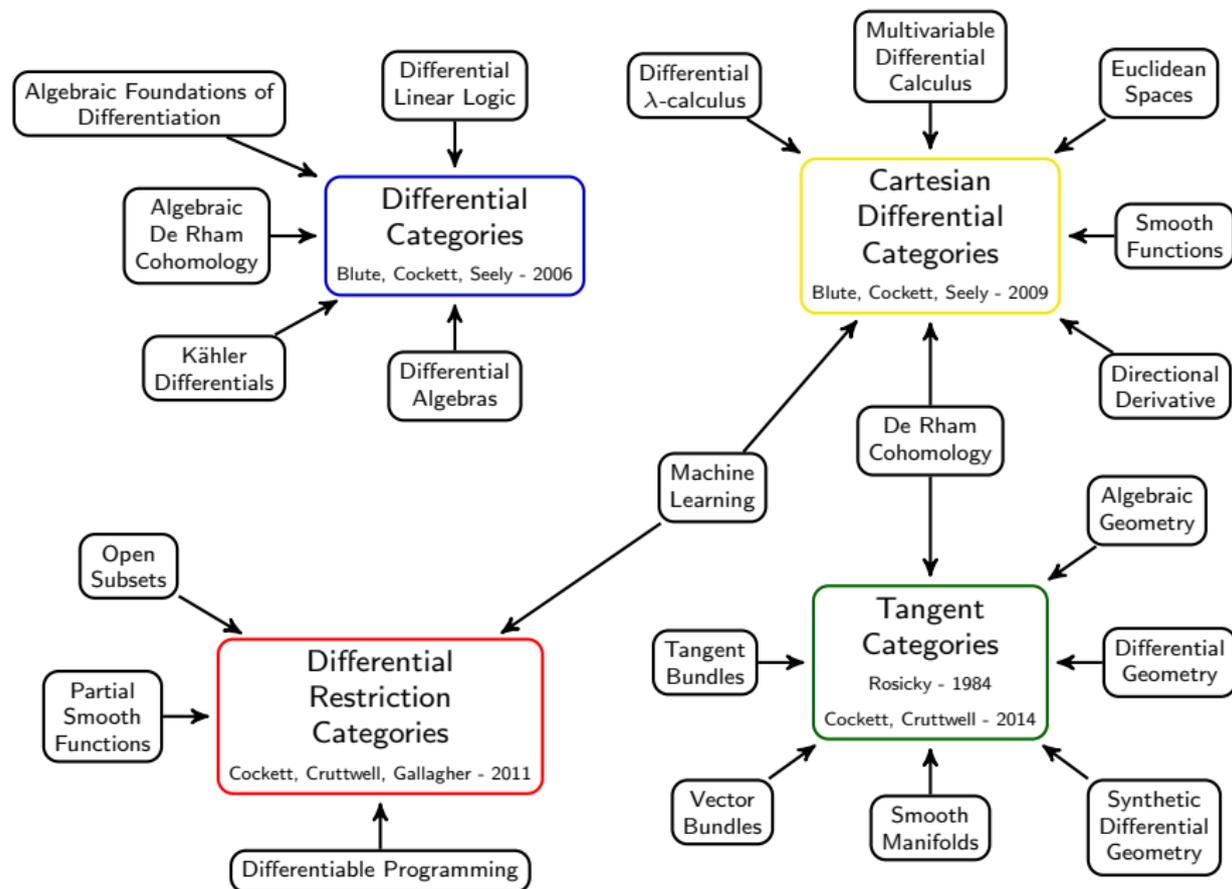
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Tangent Categories

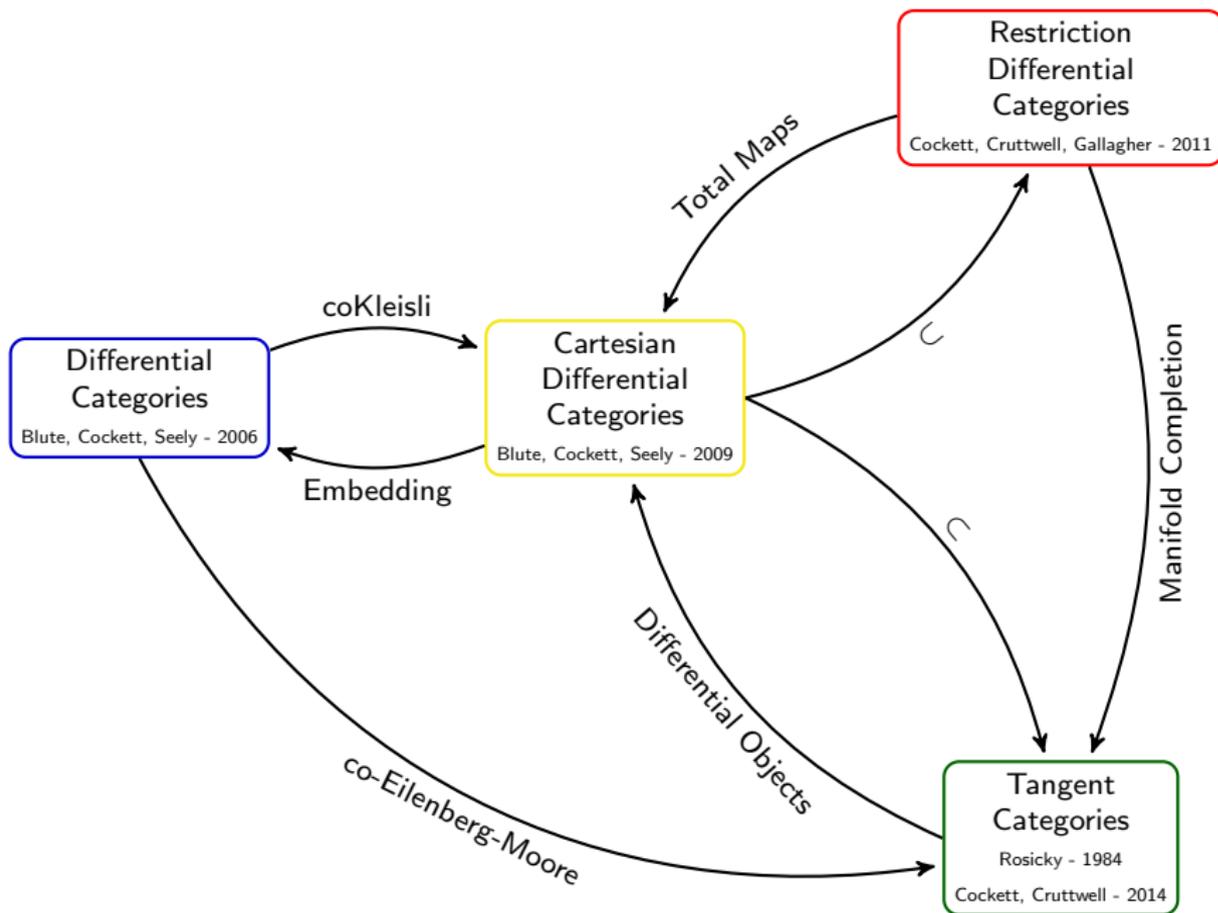
Rosicky - 1984

Cockett, Cruttwell - 2014

The Differential Category World: A Taster



The Differential Category World: It's all connected!



Today's Story: Cartesian Differential Categories

Cartesian Differential Categories:

- Formalize differentiation in multivariable calculus of Euclidean spaces.
- Provide the categorical semantics of the differential λ -calculus.



T. Ehrhard, L. Regnier **The differential λ -calculus.** (2003)

Main Reference:



R. Blute, R. Cockett, R.A.G. Seely, **Cartesian Differential Categories**

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Cartesian Left Additive Category - Definition

A **left additive category** is a category \mathbb{X} which is *skew-enriched* over commutative monoids:



Campbell, A., 2018. [Skew-enriched categories](#).

Explicitly, every homset is a commutative monoid, so we can add maps and have zero maps:

$$+ : \mathbb{X}(A, B) \times \mathbb{X}(A, B) \rightarrow \mathbb{X}(A, B) \qquad 0 \in \mathbb{X}(A, B)$$

such that composition preserves the addition in the following sense:

$$(f + g) \circ x = f \circ x + g \circ x \qquad 0 \circ x = 0$$

A map f is **additive** if $f \circ (x + y) = f \circ x + f \circ y$ and $f \circ 0 = 0$.

A **Cartesian left additive category** (CLAC) is a left additive category with finite products such that the projection maps $\pi_0 : A \times B \rightarrow A$ and $\pi_1 : A \times B \rightarrow B$ are additive.

Example

- Every category with finite biproducts is a CLAC where every map is additive. For example, VEC_k the category of k -vector spaces and k -linear maps is a CLAC.
- VEC_k^ω the category of k -vector spaces and arbitrary set functions is a CLAC, where the sum of set functions is defined point-wise $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$.
- Let Poly_k be the Lawvere theory of polynomials, that is, the category whose objects are $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and where a map $P : n \rightarrow m$ is a tuple of polynomials:

$$P = \langle p_1(\vec{x}), \dots, p_m(\vec{x}) \rangle \quad p_i(\vec{x}) \in R[x_1, \dots, x_n]$$

Then Poly_k is a CLAC (where $n \times m = n + m$).

- Let SMOOTH be the category of smooth real functions, that is, the category whose objects are the Euclidean vector spaces \mathbb{R}^n and whose maps are smooth function $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, which is actually an m -tuple of smooth functions:

$$F = \langle f_1, \dots, f_m \rangle \quad f_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

Then SMOOTH is a CLAC. Note that $\text{Poly}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is a sub-CLAC of SMOOTH .

A **Cartesian differential category** is:

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- 2 With a **differential combinator**.

A **differential combinator** on a Cartesian left additive category \mathbb{X} is a combinator D , which is a family of functions $\mathbb{X}(A, B) \rightarrow \mathbb{X}(A \times A, B)$, which written as an inference rule:

$$\frac{f : A \rightarrow B}{D[f] : A \times A \rightarrow B}$$

Before giving the axioms, let's look at some examples!

Example

SMOOTH is a Cartesian differential category where the differential combinator is defined as the directional derivative of a smooth function. A smooth function $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is in fact a tuple:

$$F = \langle f_1, \dots, f_m \rangle$$

of smooth functions $f_i : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Then the Jacobian matrix of F at vector $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the matrix $\mathbf{J}(F)(\vec{x})$ of size $m \times n$ whose coordinates are the partial derivatives of the f_i :

$$\mathbf{J}(F)(\vec{x}) := \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1}(\vec{x}) & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2}(\vec{x}) & \dots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n}(\vec{x}) \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1}(\vec{x}) & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2}(\vec{x}) & \dots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n}(\vec{x}) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1}(\vec{x}) & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2}(\vec{x}) & \dots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n}(\vec{x}) \end{bmatrix}$$

So for a smooth function $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, its derivative $D[F] : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is then defined as:

$$D[F](\vec{x}, \vec{y}) := \mathbf{J}(F)(\vec{x}) \cdot \vec{y} = \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_i}(\vec{x}) y_i, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_i}(\vec{x}) y_i \right\rangle$$

where \cdot is matrix multiplication and \vec{y} is seen as a $n \times 1$ matrix. For example, Let $f(x_1, x_2) = x_1^3 x_2$.

$$D[f]((x_1, x_2), (y_1, y_2)) = 3x_1^2 x_2 y_1 + x_1^3 y_2$$

Example

Any category with finite biproduct \oplus is a CDC, where for a map $f : A \rightarrow B$:

$$D[f] := A \oplus A \xrightarrow{\pi_1} A \xrightarrow{f} B$$

For example, VEC_k is a CDC where $D[f](x, y) = f(y)$.

Example

POLY_k is a CDC where for a map $P : n \rightarrow m$ with $P = \langle p_1(\vec{x}), \dots, p_m(\vec{x}) \rangle$, $D[P] : n \times n \rightarrow m$ is:

$$D[P] := \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial p_1(\vec{x})}{\partial x_i} y_i, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial p_m(\vec{x})}{\partial x_i} y_i \right\rangle$$

where $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial p_i(\vec{x})}{\partial x_i} y_i \in R[x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n]$. Note that $\text{POLY}_{\mathbb{R}}$ is a sub-CDC of SMOOTH .

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To help us with the axioms, we will use the following notation/proto-term logic:

$$D[f](a, b) := \frac{df(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot b$$

Example

The notation comes from SMOOTH: $D[F](\vec{x}, \vec{y}) := \mathbf{J}(F)(\vec{x}) \cdot \vec{y}$.

Remark

There is a sound and complete term logic for Cartesian differential categories. In short: anything we can prove using the term logic, holds in any Cartesian differential category. So doing proofs in the term logic is super useful!

- Additivity of Combinator:

$$D[f + g] = D[f] + D[g]$$

$$D[0] = 0$$

$$\frac{df(x) + g(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot b = \frac{df(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot b + \frac{dg(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot b$$

$$\frac{d0}{dx}(a) \cdot b = 0$$

- Additivity in Second Argument

$$D[f] \circ \langle a, b + c \rangle = D[f] \circ \langle a, b \rangle + D[f] \circ \langle a, c \rangle$$

$$D[f] \circ \langle x, 0 \rangle = 0$$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot (b + c) = \frac{df(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot b + \frac{df(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot c$$

$$\frac{df(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot 0 = 0$$

- Identities + Projections

$$D[1] = \pi_1$$

$$D[\pi_i] = \pi_i \circ \pi_1$$

$$\frac{dx}{dx}(a) \cdot b = b$$

$$\frac{dx_i}{d(x_0, x_1)}(a_0, a_1) \cdot (b_0, b_1) = b_i$$

- Pairings

$$D[\langle f, g \rangle] = \langle D[f], D[g] \rangle$$

$$\frac{d\langle f(x), g(x) \rangle}{dx}(a) \cdot b = \left\langle \frac{df(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot b, \frac{dg(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot b \right\rangle$$

Example

In SMOOTH, if $F = \langle f_1, \dots, f_n \rangle$, then $D[F](\vec{x}, \vec{y}) := \langle D[f_1](\vec{x}, \vec{y}), \dots, D[f_n](\vec{x}, \vec{y}) \rangle$.

Chain Rule:

$$D[g \circ f] = D[g] \circ \langle f \circ \pi_0, D[f] \rangle$$

$$\frac{dg(f(x))}{dx}(a) \cdot b = \frac{dg(x)}{dx}(f(a)) \cdot \left(\frac{df(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot b \right)$$

$$\frac{f : A \rightarrow B}{D[f] : A \times A \rightarrow B}$$

$$D[D[f]] : (A \times A) \times (A \times A) \rightarrow B$$

- Linearity in Second Argument

$$D[D[f]] \circ \langle a, 0, 0, b \rangle = D[f] \circ \langle a, b \rangle$$

$$\frac{d \frac{df(x)}{dx}(y) \cdot z}{d(y, z)}(a, 0) \cdot (0, b) = \frac{df(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot b$$

- Symmetry

$$D[D[f]] \circ \langle \langle a, b \rangle, \langle c, d \rangle \rangle = D[D[f]] \circ \langle \langle a, c \rangle, \langle b, d \rangle \rangle$$

$$\frac{d \frac{df(x)}{dx}(y) \cdot z}{d(y, z)}(a, b) \cdot (c, d) = \frac{d \frac{df(x)}{dx}(y) \cdot z}{d(y, z)}(a, c) \cdot (b, d)$$

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Before we give some more examples: let's see what we can do within a CDC!

Partial Derivatives I

Suppose we have a map $f : A \times B \rightarrow C$ and we only want to differentiate with respect to A .

We can zero out in $D[f] : (A \times B) \times (A \times B) \rightarrow C$ to obtain a partial derivative!

Define the partial derivative $D_0[f] : (A \times B) \times A \rightarrow C$ as follows:

$$D_0[f] := (A \times B) \times A \xrightarrow{(1_A \times 1_B) \times \langle 1_A, 0 \rangle} (A \times B) \times (A \times B) \xrightarrow{D[f]} C$$

$$D_0[f](a, b, c) := \frac{df(x, b)}{dx}(a) \cdot c := \frac{df(x, y)}{d(x, y)}(a, b) \cdot (c, 0)$$

Similarly, define the partial derivative $D_1[f] : (A \times B) \times B \rightarrow C$ as follows:

$$D_1[f] := (A \times B) \times B \xrightarrow{(1_A \times 1_B) \times \langle 0, 1_B \rangle} (A \times B) \times (A \times B) \xrightarrow{D[f]} C$$

$$D_1[f](a, b, d) := \frac{df(a, y)}{dy}(b) \cdot d := \frac{df(x, y)}{d(x, y)}(a, b) \cdot (0, d)$$

You can also do this with maps $f : A_0 \times \dots \times A_n \rightarrow B$.

Partial Derivatives II

A consequence of symmetry rule, CD.7, is that for $f : A \times B \rightarrow C$, doing the partial derivative with respect to A then B is the same as doing the partial derivative with respect to B then A .

$$\frac{d \frac{df(x,y)}{dy}(b) \cdot d}{dx}(a) \cdot c = \frac{d \frac{df(x,y)}{dx}(a) \cdot c}{dy}(b) \cdot d$$

Additivity in the second argument, CD.2, tells us that for $f : A \times B \rightarrow C$, $D[f]$ is the sum of the partial derivatives!

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{df(x,y)}{d(x,y)}(a,b) \cdot (c,d) &= \frac{df(x,y)}{d(x,y)}(a,b) \cdot ((c,0) + (0,d)) \\ &= \frac{df(x,y)}{d(x,y)}(a,b) \cdot (c,0) + \frac{df(x,y)}{d(x,y)}(a,b) \cdot (0,d) \\ &= \frac{df(x,b)}{dx}(a) \cdot c + \frac{df(a,y)}{dy}(b) \cdot d \end{aligned}$$

Example

For a smooth map $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $D[f]$ is the sum of its partial derivatives:

$$D[f] : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \qquad D[f](\vec{v}, \vec{w}) := \mathbf{J}(f)(\vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{v}) w_i$$

Linear Maps I

In a Cartesian differential category, there is a natural notion of **linear maps**. A map $f : A \rightarrow B$ is said to be linear if:

$$D[f] := A \times A \xrightarrow{\pi_1} A \xrightarrow{f} B$$
$$\frac{df(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot b = f(b)$$

Example

- In a category with finite biproducts, every map is linear (by definition!).
- In POLY_k , $P = \langle p_1, \dots, p_m \rangle$ is linear if each $p_i \in k[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ is a polynomial of degree 1, that is, a sum of the form $p_i = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j x_j$.
- In $\text{SMOOTH}_{\mathbb{R}}$, a smooth function $F : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$ is linear in the Cartesian differential sense precisely when it is \mathbb{R} -linear in the classical sense:

$$F(s\vec{x} + t\vec{y}) = sF(\vec{x}) + tF(\vec{y})$$

for all $s, t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$.

- Linear \Rightarrow Additive, but not necessarily the converse!
(But in the above examples: Additive \Rightarrow Linear)
- Identity maps and projection maps are linear by CD.3

Linear Maps II

A map $f : A \times B \rightarrow C$ can also be linear in its second argument if it is linear with respect to its partial derivative:

$$D_1[f] := (A \times B) \times B \xrightarrow{\pi_0 \times 1} A \times B \xrightarrow{f} C$$
$$\frac{df(a, y)}{dy}(b) \cdot c = f(a, c)$$

The linearity in the second argument rule, CD.6, says that for any $f : A \rightarrow B$, $D[f]$ is linear in its second argument:

$$\frac{d \frac{df(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot y}{dy}(b) \cdot c = \frac{df(x)}{dx}(a) \cdot c$$

Example

For a smooth map $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $D[f]$ is linear in its second argument:

$$D[f] : \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \qquad D[f](\vec{v}, \vec{w}) := \mathbf{J}(f)(\vec{v}) \cdot \vec{w} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\vec{v}) w_i$$

Example

Every model of the differential λ -calculus induces a Cartesian differential category. Conversely, every Cartesian differential category which is Cartesian closed such that the evaluation maps are linear in their second argument gives rise to a model of the differential λ -calculus.



Manzonetto, G., 2012. [What is a Cartesian Model of the Differential and the Resource \$\lambda\$ -Calculus?](#)

Example

Bauer, Johnson, Osborne, Riehl, and Tebbe (BJORT) constructed an Abelian functor calculus model of a Cartesian differential category.



Bauer, K., Johnson, B., Osborne, C., Riehl, E. and Tebbe, A., 2018. [Directional derivatives and higher order chain rules for abelian functor calculus.](#)

Example

There is a couniversal construction of Cartesian differential categories, known as the Faa di Bruno construction, that is, for every Cartesian left additive category \mathbb{X} there is a cofree Cartesian differential category over \mathbb{X} .



Cockett, J.R.B. and Seely, R.A.G., 2011. [The Faa di Bruno construction.](#)

Cartesian Differential Categories - Other Applications

Example

Study and solve differential equations, and also study exponential functions, trigonometric functions, hyperbolic functions, etc.



Cockett, R., Cruttwell, G., Lemay, J-S. P., [Differential equations in a tangent category I: Complete vector fields, flows, and exponentials.](#)



Cockett, R., Lemay, J-S.P., [Exponential Functions for Cartesian Differential Categories.](#)

Example

There is a notion of integration for Cartesian differential categories.



Lemay, J-S.P., [Cartesian Integral Categories and Contextual Integral Categories.](#)

Example

Machine learning algorithms and differentiable programming languages via **reverse differentiation**.



Cockett, R., Cruttwell, G., Gallagher, J., Lemay, J. S. P., MacAdam, B., Plotkin, G., & Pronk, D. (2020). *Reverse derivative categories.*



Wilson, P., & Zanasi, F. *Reverse Derivative Ascent: A Categorical Approach to Learning Boolean Circuits.*

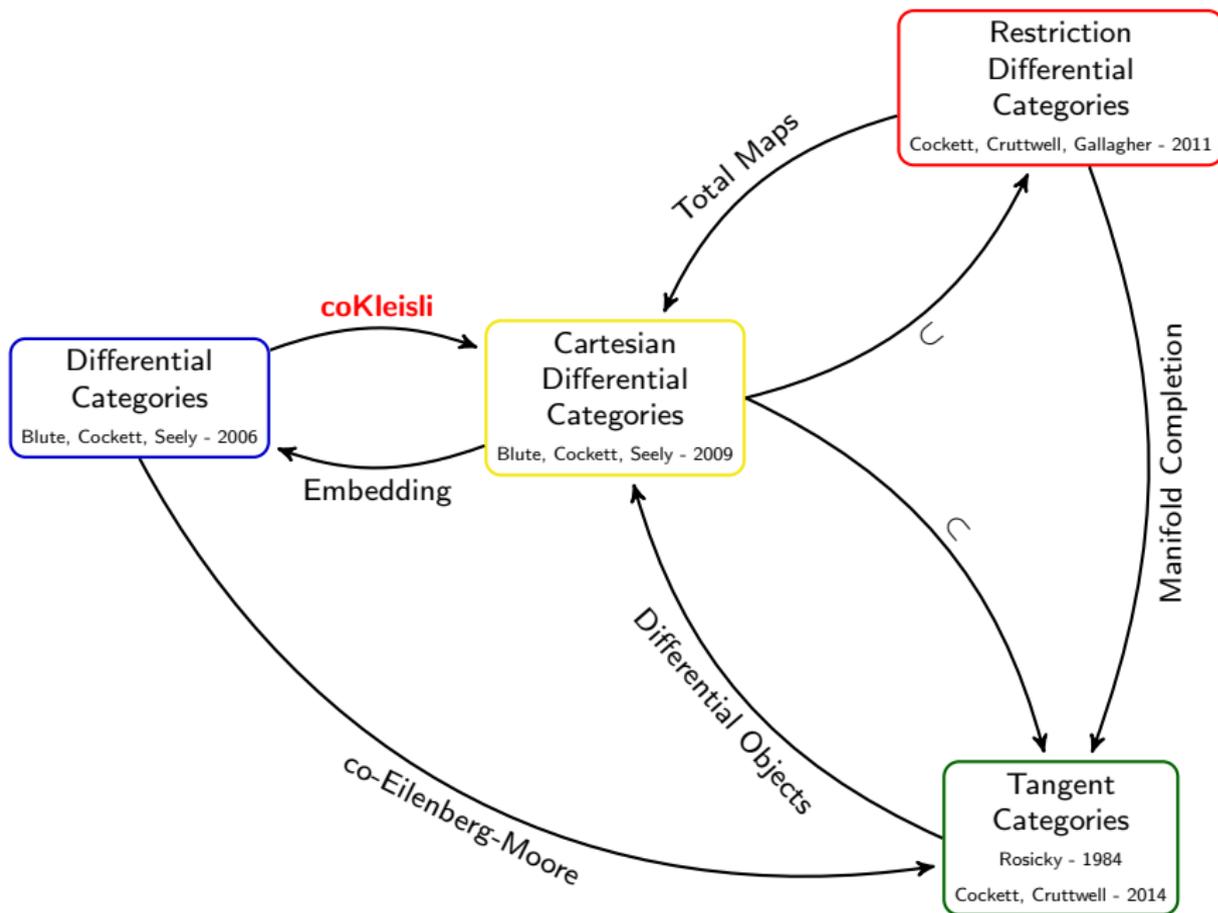


Cruttwell, G., Gallagher, J., & Pronk, D. *Categorical semantics of a simple differential programming language.*



Cruttwell, G., Gavranovic, B., Ghani, N., Wilson, P., & Zanasi, F. *Categorical Foundations of Gradient-Based Learning.*

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The coKleisli Category of a Differential Category I

Consider a differential category \mathbb{X} with a coalgebra modality $!$:

$$!A \xrightarrow{\delta} !!A$$

$$!A \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} A$$

$$!A \xrightarrow{\Delta} !A \otimes !A$$

$$!A \xrightarrow{e} I$$

and deriving transformation:

$$!A \otimes A \xrightarrow{d} !A$$

and finite products \times (which are actually biproducts by the additive structure of \mathbb{X}).

Let $\mathbb{X}_!$ be the coKleisli category and we are going to use interpretation brackets $\llbracket - \rrbracket$.

$$\frac{f : A \rightarrow B \text{ in } \mathbb{X}_!}{\llbracket f \rrbracket : !A \rightarrow B}$$

$$\llbracket 1 \rrbracket = !A \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} A$$

$$\llbracket g \circ f \rrbracket = !A \xrightarrow{\delta} !!A \xrightarrow{!(\llbracket f \rrbracket)} !B \xrightarrow{\llbracket g \rrbracket} C$$

So how do we make $\mathbb{X}_!$ into a Cartesian differential category?

The coKleisli Category of a Differential Category II

For the product structure:

- On objects, $A \times B$
- Projections:

$$\llbracket \pi_i \rrbracket := !(A_0 \times A_1) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} A_0 \times A_1 \xrightarrow{\pi_i} A_i$$

For a comonad on a category with finite products, the coKleisli category has finite products.

For the additive structure:

- The sum of maps: $\llbracket f + g \rrbracket := \llbracket f \rrbracket + \llbracket g \rrbracket$
- Zero maps: $\llbracket 0 \rrbracket := 0$

For a comonad on an additive category, the coKleisli category is **ONLY** a left additive category, because coKleisli composition does not preserve the additive structure. However, every coKleisli map of the form $f \circ \varepsilon$ is additive.

For a comonad on an additive category with finite products, the coKleisli category is a Cartesian left additive category.

The coKleisli Category of a Differential Category III

Recall that last time we defined the differential of $\llbracket f \rrbracket : !A \rightarrow B$ as:

$$!A \otimes A \xrightarrow{d} !A \xrightarrow{\llbracket f \rrbracket} B$$

But this is not a coKleisli map!

The differential combinator $\llbracket D[f] \rrbracket : !(A \times A) \rightarrow B$ is defined as follows:

$$!(A \times A) \xrightarrow{\Delta} !(A \times A) \otimes !(A \times A) \xrightarrow{!(\pi_0) \otimes !(\pi_1)} !A \otimes !A \xrightarrow{1 \otimes \varepsilon} !A \otimes A \xrightarrow{d} !A \xrightarrow{\llbracket f \rrbracket} B$$

Theorem

For a differential category with finite products, its coKleisli category is a Cartesian differential category.

Every coKleisli map of the form $f \circ \varepsilon$ is linear! (This is an if and only if when $!0 \cong I$)

Example

Consider the differential category VEC_k^{op} with $!(V) = \text{Sym}(V)$ from last time. Then POLY_k is a sub-CDC of the coKleisli category $(\text{VEC}_k^{op})_{\text{Sym}}$. More explicit examples are described in:



Bucciarelli, A. and Ehrhard, T. and Manzonetto, G. [Categorical models for simply typed resource calculi](#).

which include the relational model and the finiteness space model

The other direction: Cartesian differential storage categories



Blute, R., Cockett, J.R.B. and Seely, R.A., 2015. [Cartesian differential storage categories](#).

“... it was not obvious how to pass from Cartesian differential categories back to monoidal differential categories. This paper provides natural conditions under which the linear maps of a Cartesian differential category form a monoidal differential category. ... The purpose of this paper is to make precise the connection between the two types of differential categories. ”

Main idea: While not every Cartesian differential category is the coKleisli category of a differential category, **Cartesian differential storage categories** are precisely the coKleisli categories of differential categories.

Theorem

A differential category with finite products and the Seely isomorphisms ($!(A \times B) \cong !A \otimes !B$ and $!0 \cong I$), its coKleisli category is a Cartesian differential storage category. Conversely, for a Cartesian differential storage category, its category of linear maps form a differential category with finite products and the Seely isomorphisms.

The other direction: Embedding

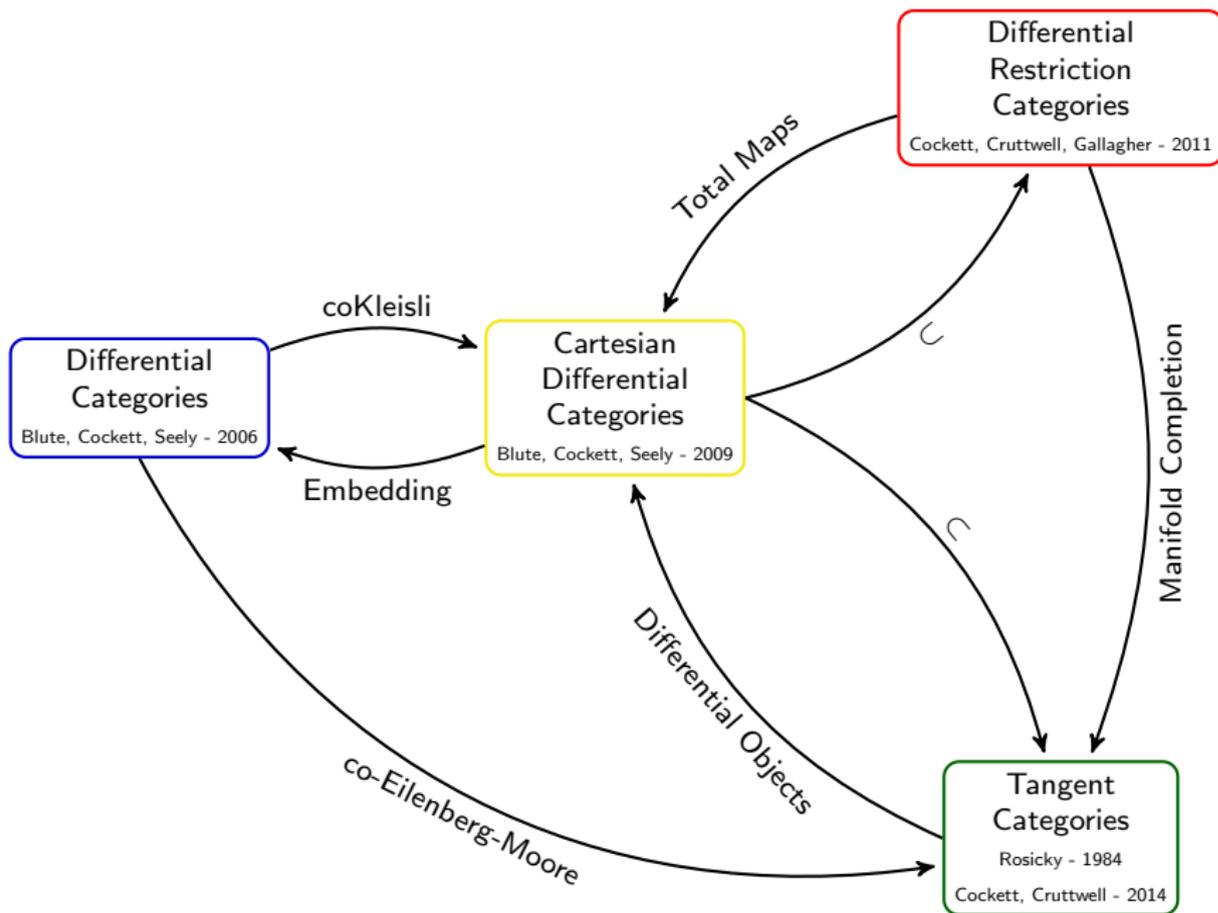


Garner, R, and Lemay, J-S P. **Cartesian differential categories as skew enriched categories.**

Theorem

Every Cartesian differential category embeds into the coKleisli category of a differential category.

The Differential Category World: It's all connected!



A quick word on Differential Restriction Categories

A **restriction category** is a category equipped with a restriction operator

$$\frac{f : A \rightarrow B}{\bar{f} : A \rightarrow A}$$

where you should think of \bar{f} as capturing the domain of definition of f . Restriction categories allow us to work with partially defined functions.



Lack, S., and Cockett, R. [Restriction Categories \(I - III\)](#).

A **differential restriction category** is **NAIVELY** a Cartesian differential category with a restriction operator such that the differential operator and restriction operator are compatible.



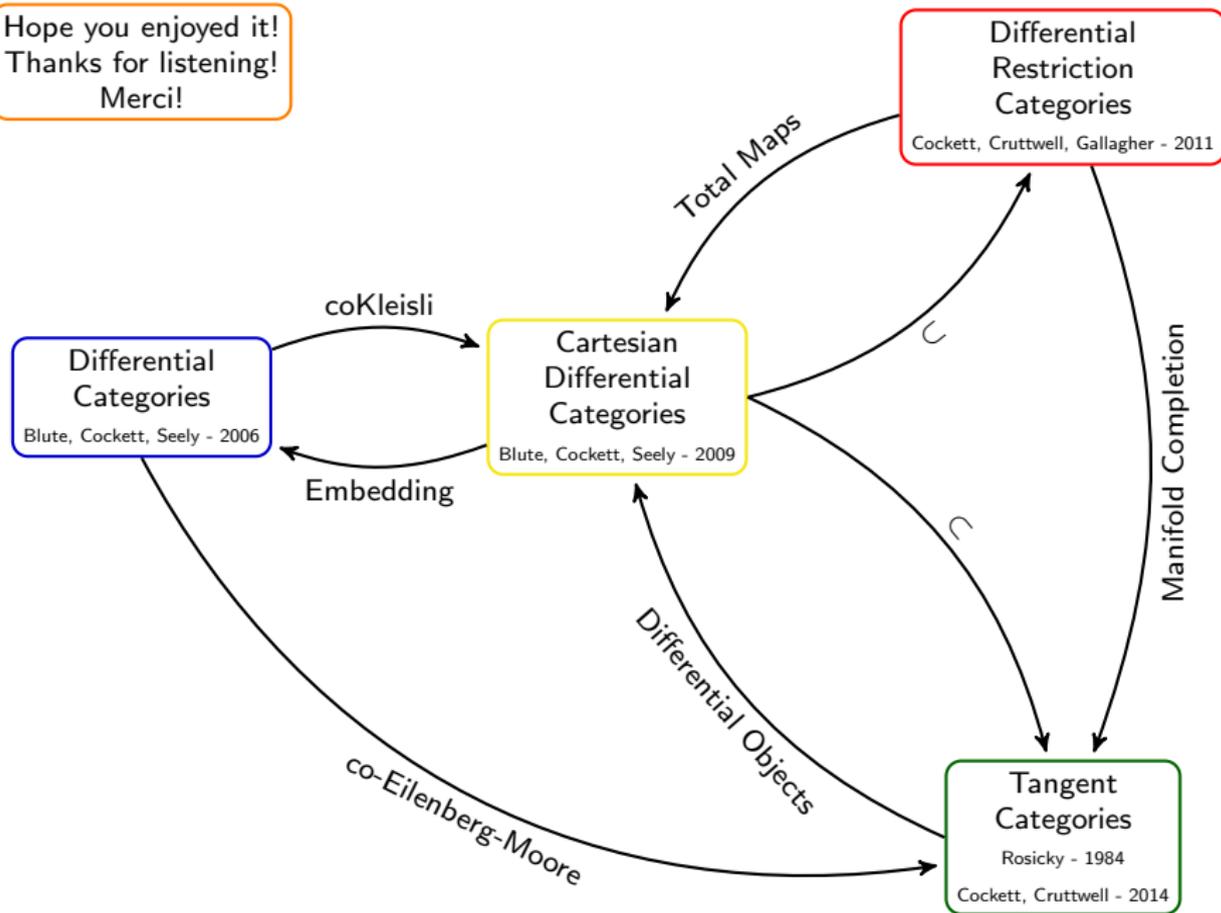
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Example

- The category of smooth functions defined on open subsets is a differential restriction category.
- Any Cartesian differential category is a differential restriction category where $\bar{f} = 1$, so every map is total.
- Conversely, the subcategory of maps such that $\bar{f} = 1$ in a differential restriction category is a Cartesian differential category.

The Differential Category World: It's all connected!

Hope you enjoyed it!
Thanks for listening!
Merci!





Go Habs Go!