

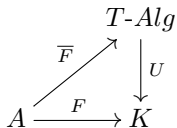
A general limit lifting theorem for 2-dimensional  
monad theory  
(but don't let the long title scare you!)

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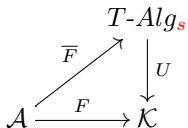
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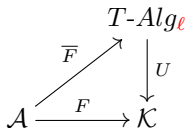
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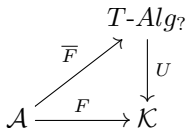
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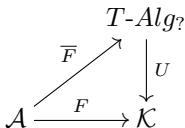
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 & T\pi_A \nearrow & \downarrow TFf & \xrightarrow{\underline{Ff}} & \downarrow Ff \\
 \uparrow \theta_f: TL & \xrightarrow{\uparrow T\pi_f} & & & \\
 & T\pi_B \searrow & TFB & \xrightarrow{b} & FB
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# Our limit lifting theorem (finding the hypotheses)

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Can we give  $L = \sigma\text{-}\omega\text{-}\text{oplim} F$  a structure of algebra such that the projections are strict morphisms?

We need the 2-cells  $\theta_f$  yielding a  $\sigma$ - $\omega$ -opcone:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & T\text{-Alg}^{\Omega'} & \\
 \bar{F} \nearrow & \downarrow U & \\
 \mathcal{A} & \xrightarrow{F} & \mathcal{K}
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{ccccc}
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The limit  $L$  is  $\Omega'$ -compatible  $\Rightarrow (TL, \ell)$  is the desired lifted limit.

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The case  $\Omega, \Omega' \in \{\Omega_\ell, \Omega_p, \Omega_s\}$

$T(\Omega) \subseteq \Omega$  ✓,  $\Omega'$ -compatible ✓

- 1 (with  $\Omega = \Omega' = \Omega_s$ )  $T\text{-Alg}_s \xrightarrow{U} \mathcal{K}$  creates all (strict) limits.
- 2 (with  $\Omega = \Omega' = \Omega_p$ )  $T\text{-Alg}_p \xrightarrow{U} \mathcal{K}$  creates  $\sigma$ -limits (thus in particular lax and pseudolimits).
- 3 (with  $\Omega = \Omega' = \Omega_\ell$ )  $T\text{-Alg}_\ell \xrightarrow{U} \mathcal{K}$  creates oplax limits.

# Thank you for your attention!

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