The Contravariancy of Anticipatory Systems

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Nature of Anticipation

- Where does anticipation come from?
- By definition strong anticipation resides in the anticipatory system itself.
- If this is so, anticipation is of the nature of the system and forms part of the Universe.
- Anticipation must therefore reside in nature and arise from relationships in nature.
- Likewise from no more than its definition, the Universe consists of entities related one to the other.
- Thus each entity affects every other. ²

Existence and Cartesian Closure

- Existence is not therefore just a first order effect but needs an inherent higher order formalism to represent such multi-body interdependence.
- The relationship between any pair of entities depends on every possible path between them.
- In category theory this is the property of cartesian closure found in the highest structure possible -- the identity natural transformation designated as the 'topos'.
- However if every entity is related to every other it follows that the relationship is both ways but not just a simple inverse relationship as appears from the laws of physics.

Duality

- A category **C** of objects and arrows between the objects will have a dual **C**^{op} with arrows reversed.
- The whole universal structure of both-ways relationships will then be represented by the product C^{op} x C.
- This gives rise to the principle of duality throughout the Universe.

Ubiquity of Duality

- Duality is a common enough concept in mathematics, philosophy and most of the sciences with some renowned examples like the mind-body duality.
 - It also appears in other versions of contrast as between the dynamic and the static and between global and local.
- To capture the full effect and subtleties of opposing views and relationships a single view of the duality is needed as a process.

Duality and Variance

- Duality is not a closed Boolean view.
 - Rather it encapsulates opposite orderings within a single (functorial) concept of variancy.
 - These may be conveniently labelled covariant and contravariant but only relative one to the other and not as absolute descriptions.
- Systems theory is a case in point where these different views need to be integrated.
 - Thus for anticipatory systems, anticipation is an instantaneous, local static instantiation of a dynamic global feature that looks either forward or back.
- The natural categories of process as advanced by Whitehead encompass this contravariancy found in reality.

Covariant and Contravariant Functors

Opposite **Covariant F** C Cop Cop D а a Fa a F f^{op} fop Fb b b b C D Fa C a D Fa a f FfF \overline{F} $\overline{F}f$ f Fb h Fb b **Covariant F**

Contravariant F-bar ,

Ffop

Contravariancy

- Highlighted by Lawvere in 1969 as basic property in the intension-extension relationship
 - Governing data values in the context of their name and type
 - Basic property of universe
- Lawvere defined the relationship between intension and extension in terms of adjoint functors with contravariant mapping
 - Used concept of hyperdoctrine
 - Some 'translation' needed for applied scene

Why Contravariant?

The extension is of the form:

value \rightarrow *name* N:1

The intension is of the form:

name \rightarrow *type* N:1

If these arrows were reversed, they would not be functions so can reject such forms:

 $name \rightarrow value$ 1:N

type \rightarrow *name* 1:N

Turn around one arrow

But the common attribute in extension and intension – *name* – is codomain in extension and domain in intension.

So cannot do simple covariant mapping of one to the other.

Need to turn around the arrow in the intension



And map this onto *value* \rightarrow *name* in extension

So that *value* is related to *type* in the context of a common name 10

Ultimate Contravariancy

• A three-level structure is sufficient to provide complete closure with internal contravariant logic providing a generalisation of negation.

Further levels are redundant

- Contravariancy across levels provides more sophisticated reversals such as reverse engineering.
- The ultimate contravariancy is to be found in the universal adjointness
 - between any pair of functors contravariant one to the other
 - to provide both the quantitative and qualitative semantics of intension-extension logic.

Worked Example of Three-level Architecture

- Choices for realisation in formal terms
- Informal look at structures and relationships
- Outline in informal categories
- Two-way mappings as adjunctions
- Examples of Contravariancy



Downward arrows are intension-extension pairs

Figure 1: Informal requirements for Information System Architecture

Formalising the Architecture

- Requirements:
 - mappings within levels and across levels
 - bidirectional mappings
 - closure at top level
 - open-ended logic
 - relationships (product and coproduct)
- Choice: Category theory as used in mathematics as a workspace for relating different constructions

blue – category, red - functor, green - natural transformation



Figure 2: Interpretation of Levels as Natural Schema in General Terms

(Organisational interoperability)



Figure 3: Example for Comparison of Mappings in two Systems Categories: CPT concepts, CST constructs, SCH schema, DAT data, Functors: P policy, O org, I instance, Natural transformations: α , β , γ black - objects



Figure 4: Defining the Three Levels with Contravariant Functors and Intension-Extension (I-E) Pairs

Level	Template	Property	Relational Data-	Abstract Data
			base (aggrega-	Type (encapsula-
			tion)	tion)
CPT	$name \longrightarrow type$	attribute \longrightarrow	table \longrightarrow aggre-	$ADT \longrightarrow encap-$
		property	gation	sulation
P'	~	\sim	~	\sim
CST	value \rightarrow name	registration_no	$birth_type \longrightarrow ta$ -	$BST \longrightarrow ADT$
		\rightarrow attribute	ble	
O'	~ ~	Z \		\sim
SCH	$name \longrightarrow type$	$car_reg \longrightarrow regis$ -	$birth_record \longrightarrow$	aTree \longrightarrow BST
		tration_no	birth_type	
I'	~ <	Z <	~ <u>~</u>	Z <
DAT	value \longrightarrow name	'x123yng' \longrightarrow	<'Smith', 25 mar	instance of tree
		car_reg	1980, 'Torquay' $>$	$(nodes/links) \longrightarrow$
			\longrightarrow birth_record	aTree

Figure 5: Examples of Levels in the Three Level Architecture

Cross-over arrows indicate contravariant mapping

If functors are adjoint, there is a unique relationship between them (a natural bijection).



Figure 6: Composition of Adjoints is Natural

Further Work needed on Three-level Architecture

- Lack of detail on
 - Adjoint relationships
 - Underlying categories
- How are they defined?

Unit and Counit of Adjunction between levels DAT and SCH



Example Mapping derived from Relative Ordering of F --| G



Can think of adjointness as a relative ordering.

The contravariant mapping enables arrows *g* to *type* to be slotted onto the appropriate *name*.

name and type are both preorders.

Contravariant functors reverse the direction of composition.

Nature of Categories in Three-level Architecture

- Consider categories DAT and SCH.
- DAT holds values in the form:

 $value \rightarrow name$

- But the basic structure must be more complex than this as also need to hold:
 - Relationships between values
 - Identifiers of data items

Suitable Constructions

Cartesian closed for connectivity, product (universal relationship) and identifier.

Locally cartesian closed to refine relationship from a general product to a specific context.

Locally cartesian closed categories:

Pullback

Comma (two functors with same codomain, Lawvere)

In theoretical computing much use of locally cartesian closed categories after work by Seely on type theory of Martin-Löf.

Adjoint Functors in a Pullback Diagram in level DAT





 $T \downarrow S$ is comma category, relationship between T and S in context of VN; T is identity functor on VALUES in VN, S is selection functor on NAMES in VN;

P, Q, E, N are projection functors; M is right adjoint to T; K is right adjoint to S; L is product functor

Generalisation of DAT



Comma category $T \downarrow S$ acts as a constraint limit on the product category $E \times D$

Product functor L and inclusion functor R compose a bifunctor (binary functor)

T may be free functor

S may be underlying functor

D and E can be any level in four levels of categories involved in three-level architecture

C is E+D

Further Work

Investigate further the generalisation of DAT

Look at applicability to dynamic application of threelevel architecture

Suggested application domain is security

Explore further the details of DAT and SCH

Conditions for isomorphism

Contravariance and Anticipation

- An anticipatory system is but the structured ordering of adjointness between the systems as a whole and every locality within it.
- Thus in the special case of time, the present is the particular locality of interest as a reductionist self-duality.
- The past and the present is a contravariant view of the past from the present
- while the present access to future states is also a contravariant arrow from the future to the present.