

# Lecture two:

## A Coinductive Calculus of Streams

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# Overview of this talk

1. Stream differential equations (SDEs)
2. Solving systems of SDEs
3. Formats for SDEs
4. Streams and coinduction
5. Discussion

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represents a system of stream differential equations  
and its solution.

# A stream system/coalgebra

$$\begin{array}{c} X \\ \langle \text{out}, \text{tr} \rangle \downarrow \\ \mathbb{N} \times X \end{array}$$

For  $x \in X$ , one often writes

$$(\text{out}(x) = n \text{ and } \text{tr}(x) = y) \quad \equiv \quad x \xrightarrow{n} y$$

(dynamical/transition system)

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Another way of writing:

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*initial value and derivative!*

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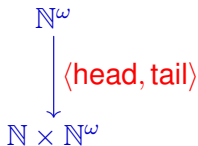
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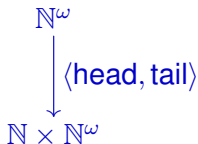
# Streams



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$$\text{tail}(n_0, n_1, n_2, \dots) = (n_1, n_2, \dots)$$

# Stream Differential Equations



Also here we shall write

$$(n_0, n_1, n_2, \dots)(0) = n_0$$

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## Finality of streams

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The function  $f$ , defined by

$$f(x) = (\text{out}(x), \text{out}(\text{tr}(x)), \text{out}(\text{tr}(\text{tr}(x))), \dots)$$

is the *unique* function making the diagram commute.

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SDEs:  $x(0) = 0, x' = y$  and  $y(0) = 1, y' = x$

Solution:  $f(x) = (0, 1, 0, 1, \dots), f(y) = (1, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$

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## Example: in the end . . .

... we simply will say: Let the function

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by defining functions  $\text{out} : \text{Term} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  and  $\text{tr} : \text{Term} \rightarrow \text{Term}$  by *induction* on the structure of terms, following the stream diff. eqn's.

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- A. Moessner (1951), proof by O. Perron (1951) and I. Paasche (1952).
- Cf. Ralf Hinze: Scans and convolutions - a calculational proof of Moessner's theorem (Oxford University, 2010).
- Our proof: by coinduction (Niqui & R., 2011) . . .
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