



# Semantics of Reactive Probabilistic Programming

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  - Call-by-name: `uniform__int(1, n)`
  - Call-by-value: `uniform{i | t(i) = 0}`

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Yet other models can be defined, where the function type is not interpreted as measures on functions but as a **distribution transformer**, like stochastic matrix or bayesian networks.

📖 *Heunen & al. A convenient category for Higher-Order Probability Theory. 2017*

📖 *Ehrhard & al. Measurable cones and Stable, Measurable Functions. 2018*

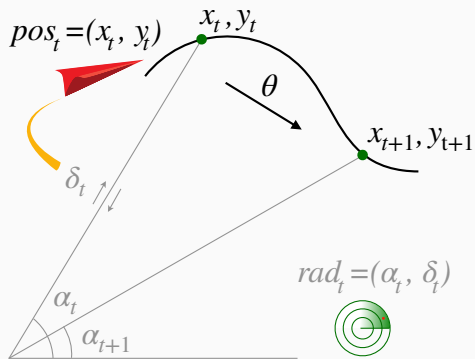
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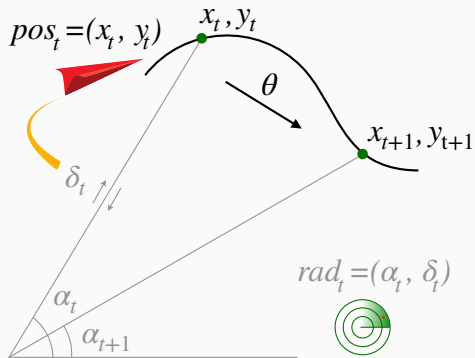


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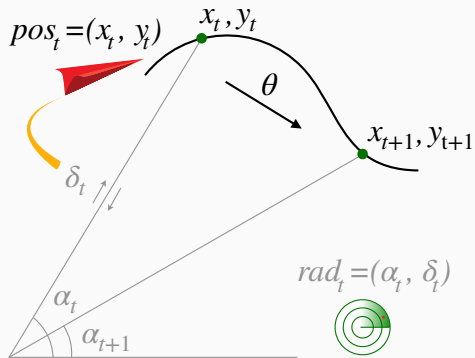


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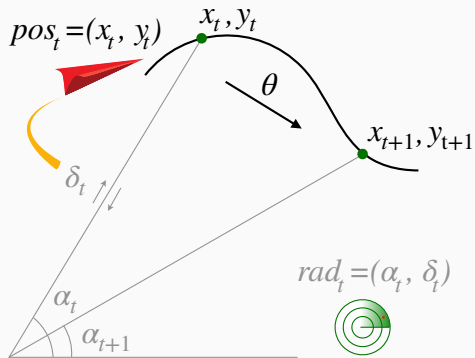
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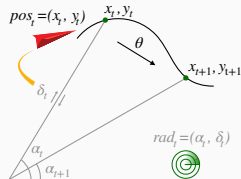
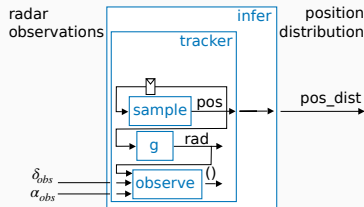
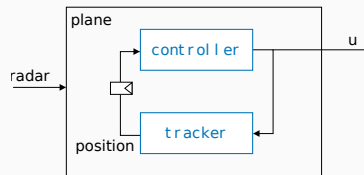
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## Noisy observation

$$rad\_obs_t \sim \mathcal{N}(rad_t, s_r)$$



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Notice that equations correspond to arrows in block diagrams and are unordered.

# Deterministic Synchronous Semantics

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Coiterative Semantics

## State Machine

**Allocation:**  $\llbracket e \rrbracket_{\gamma}^{\text{init}} : M$

**Transition:**  $\llbracket e \rrbracket_{\gamma}^{\text{step}} : M \rightarrow M \times V$

- State:  $M$
- Input Environment:  $\gamma \in \Gamma$
- Output Values:  $V$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{e where rec init } x = c \\ \quad \text{and } x = e\_x \\ \quad \text{and } y = e\_y \end{array} \right]_{\gamma}^{\text{init}} = c, \left( \llbracket e \rrbracket_{\gamma}^{\text{init}}, \llbracket e_x \rrbracket_{\gamma}^{\text{init}}, \llbracket e_y \rrbracket_{\gamma}^{\text{init}} \right)$$

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$$\text{let } m', v = \llbracket e \rrbracket_{\gamma+[x.\text{last} \leftarrow p_x, x \leftarrow v_x, y \leftarrow v_y]}^{\text{step}} (m) \text{ in}$$

$$(v_x, (m', m'_x, m'_y)), v$$



# Mutually recursive equations

## Streams defined by causal equations

$(x, y)$  where  
     $\text{rec } x = z + 1$   
    and  $y = x$   
    and  $z = 42$

## In one time step

let  $\text{rec } x = z + 1$   
    and  $y = x$   
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in  $(x, y)$

## Scheduled agnostic semantics

- Inherited from block diagrams
- Standard in industry:  
    Simulink, Scade

## Fixpoint computation

$$\rho_0 = [x \leftarrow \perp, y \leftarrow \perp, z \leftarrow \perp]$$

$$\rho_1 = [x \leftarrow \perp, y \leftarrow \perp, z \leftarrow 42]$$

$$\rho_2 = [x \leftarrow 43, y \leftarrow \perp, z \leftarrow 42]$$

$$\rho_3 = [x \leftarrow 43, y \leftarrow 43, z \leftarrow 42]$$

$$\rho_4 = [x \leftarrow 43, y \leftarrow 43, z \leftarrow 42]$$



*Colaço & al. A Constructive State-based Semantics and Interpreter for a Synchronous Data-flow Language with State machines. 2023.*



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Relational Semantics

# Deterministic Relational Semantics

## Sequents

Evaluates expressions to streams:  $G, H \vdash e \downarrow s$

Checks stream equations:  $G, H \vdash E$

- $G$  globals
- $H$  maps all variables to streams

$$\emptyset, \left[ \begin{array}{lcl} x & = & 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \\ y & = & 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \end{array} \right] \vdash \begin{array}{l} \text{rec } x = 1 \rightarrow \text{last } x + 1 \\ \text{and } y = 2 * x \end{array}$$

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*Bourke & al. A formally verified compiler for Lustre. 2017.*

# Deterministic Relational Semantics

$$\begin{array}{c}
 G, H \vdash c \downarrow c \qquad G, H \vdash x \downarrow H(x) \qquad \frac{x \notin H}{G, H \vdash x \downarrow G(x)} \qquad \frac{G, H \vdash e_1 \downarrow s_1 \quad G, H \vdash e_2 \downarrow s_2}{G, H \vdash (e_1, e_2) \downarrow (s_1, s_2)}
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{G, H \vdash e \downarrow s}{G, H \vdash \text{op}(e) \downarrow \text{op}(s)} \qquad \frac{H(x.\text{last}) = s}{G, H \vdash \text{last } x \downarrow s}
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{G, H \vdash e \downarrow s_e \quad G(f) = \text{node } f \ x = e_f \quad G, [x \leftarrow s_e] \vdash e_f \downarrow s}{G, H \vdash f(e) \downarrow s}$$

$$\frac{G, H + H_E \vdash E \quad G, H + H_E \vdash e \downarrow s}{G, H \vdash e \text{ where rec } E \downarrow s}$$

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Equivalent semantics

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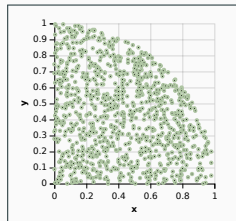
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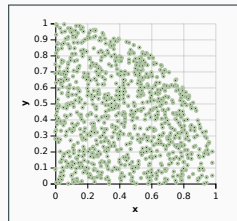
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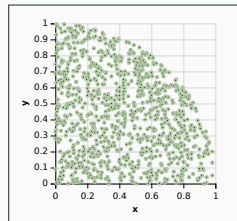
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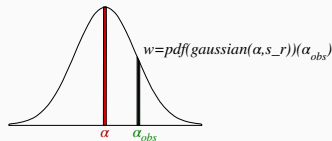
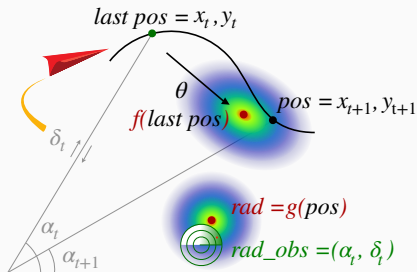
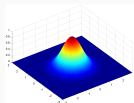
**Monte-Carlo Simulation:** histograms approximate distributions

- $\frac{1}{n} \# \{i | x_i = x\}$  approximates  $\mathbb{E}(\mathbb{1}_{X=x}) = \mathbb{P}(X = x)$
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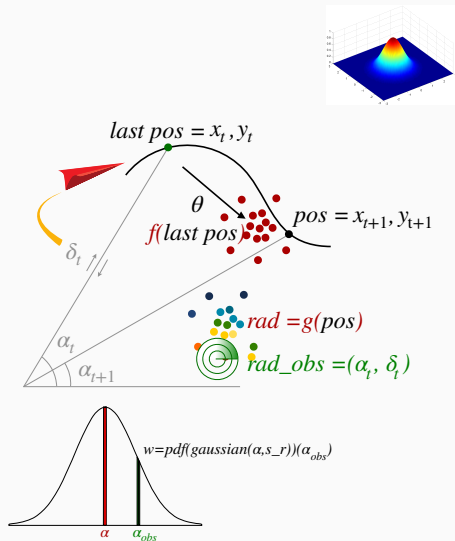
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categorical distribution



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$$\llbracket \text{infer}(e) \rrbracket_{\gamma}^{\text{init}} = \llbracket e \rrbracket_{\gamma}^{\text{init}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{infer}(e) \rrbracket_{\gamma}^{\text{step}}(\sigma) &= \text{let } \nu = \int \sigma(dm) \llbracket e \rrbracket_{\gamma}^{\text{step}}(m) \text{ in let } \bar{\nu} = \nu / \nu(\top) \text{ in} \\ &\quad (\pi_{1*}(\bar{\nu}), \pi_{2*}(\bar{\nu})) \end{aligned}$$



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Jones & Plotkin. *A Probabilistic Powerdomain of Evaluations*. 1998



## From kernel to density semantics

A **measure**  $\mu : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  with **density**  $\text{pdf}_\mu : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  can be expressed with respect to the Lebesgues measure: (change of variable formula)

$$\mu = \int \delta_x * \text{pdf}_\mu(dx) = \int_{[0,1]} \delta_{\text{icdf}_\mu(r)} * \text{pdf}_\mu(\text{icdf}_\mu(dr)) = \int_{[0,1]} \delta_{\text{icdf}_\mu(r)} * dr$$

**Kernel Semantics**  $\llbracket e \rrbracket_\gamma : \Sigma_V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  and **Density Semantics**  $\llbracket e \rrbracket_\gamma : [0, 1]^p \rightarrow V \times \mathbb{R}^+$

$$\llbracket e \rrbracket_\gamma(r) = (v(r), w(r)) \text{ with } \begin{cases} p \text{ number of samples} \\ r \in [0, 1]^p \text{ sample seeds} \\ v(r) \text{ output value} \\ w(r) \text{ weight} \end{cases}$$

are related by **Lebesgues measure**  $\lambda_{[0,1]^p}$

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Co-iterative Density Semantics

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$$\rho_2(r) = [x \leftarrow \text{icdf}_{\mathcal{N}(42,1)}(r), y \leftarrow \text{icdf}_{\mathcal{N}(42,1)}(r)]$$

$$\rho_\infty(r) = [x \leftarrow \text{icdf}_{\mathcal{N}(42,1)}(r), y \leftarrow \text{icdf}_{\mathcal{N}(42,1)}(r)]$$

## Density semantics

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{[0,1]} \text{let } x, y = \rho_\infty(r)(x, y) \text{ in } \delta_{(x,x)} dr \\ &= \int_{[0,1]} \text{let } x = \text{icdf}_{\mathcal{N}(42,1)}(r) \text{ in } \delta_{(x,x)} dr \\ &= \int \delta_{(x,x)} * \mathcal{N}(42, 1)(dx) \end{aligned}$$

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Relational Density Semantics

## Sequents

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**Checks stream equations:**  $G, H, R \vdash E, W$

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## Relational density semantics rules

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Equivalent semantics

**Corollary** (for a causal model)

For any  $R, H$  and  $\gamma$  such that  $\forall k, \forall x \in \text{FV}(e), \gamma_k(x) = H(x)_k$ ,

$$G, H, R \vdash e \downarrow s, w \text{ iff } \forall k, s_k(H, R) = v_k(H_{\leq k} R_{\leq k}) \text{ and } \prod_{i=1}^k w_i(H, R) = \bar{w}_k(H_{\leq k} R_{\leq k})$$

$$\text{where } \begin{cases} m_0 &= \llbracket e \rrbracket_{\gamma_0}^{\text{init}} \\ m_k, v_k, w_k &= \llbracket e \rrbracket_{\gamma_k}^{\text{step}}(m_{k-1}, R_k) \end{cases}$$

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**Theorem** (relational correctness) For a causal model  $e$ , and for any  $H$ ,

$$\text{if } G, H \vdash \text{infer}(e) \downarrow \mu \text{ then } \begin{cases} \sigma_0, p &= \llbracket \text{infer}(e) \rrbracket_{\gamma_0}^{\text{D init}} \\ \forall k > 0, (\sigma_{k+1}, p), \mu_{k+1} &= \llbracket \text{infer}(e) \rrbracket_{\gamma_{k+1}}^{\text{D step}}(\sigma_k, p). \end{cases}$$

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**Proposition:** if there is  $f : [0, 1]^{p_1} \rightarrow [0, 1]^{p_2}$  measurable, that preserves uniform distribution

$$e_1 \cong e_2 \text{ when } \forall H \text{ and } \forall R, \forall k > 0, \begin{cases} s_{1k}(H, R) = s_{2k}(H, f(R)) \\ w_{1k}(H, R) = w_{2k}(H, f(R)) \end{cases},$$

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$$\frac{H + H_E, [R_2 : R_1] \vdash x + y \Downarrow (s_2 + s_1, 1) \quad \frac{H + H_E, R_2 \vdash x = \text{sample}(e_2) : w_2 \quad H + H_E, R_1 \vdash y = \text{sample}(e_1) : w_1}{H + H_E, [R_2 : R_1] \vdash x = \text{sample}(e_2) \text{ and } y = \text{sample}(e_1) : w_1 w_2}}{H, [R_2 : R_1] \vdash x + y \text{ where } \text{rec } x = \text{sample}(e_2) \text{ and } y = \text{sample}(e_1) \Downarrow (s_2 + s_1, w_1 w_2)}$$

where  $H_E = [x \leftarrow s_2, y \leftarrow s_1]$ .

# Soundness of a Program Transformation

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APF

Filtrer sans s'appauvrir : inférer les paramètres constants des modèles réactifs probabilistes

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## Résumé

ProbZelus étend le langage synchrone Zelus pour permettre de décrire des modèles probabilistes synchrones. Là où la programmation synchrone implémente des fonctions de suites, un langage probabiliste synchrone permet de décrire des modèles qui calculent des suites de distributions. On peut par exemple estimer la position d'un objet en mouvement à partir d'observations bruitées ou estimer l'incertitude d'un capteur à partir d'une suite d'observations. Ces problèmes unissent des flots de variables aléatoires - les paramètres d'état qui changent au cours du temps - et des variables aléatoires constantes - les paramètres constants.

Pour estimer les paramètres d'état, les algorithmes d'inférence bayésienne de Monte Carlo séquentiels reposent sur des techniques de filtrage. Le filtrage est une méthode appelée qui consiste à perdre volontairement de l'information sur l'approximation actuelle pour rencontrer les estimations futures au fur de l'information la plus significative. Malheureusement, cette perte d'information est dommageable pour l'estimation des paramètres constants qui n'évoluent pas au cours du temps. Ce phénomène s'appelle l'appauvrissement.

Inspiré de la méthode d'inférence Asynchronous Parameter Filter (APF), nous proposons (1) une analyse statique, (2) une passe de compilation et (3) une nouvelle méthode d'inférence modulaire pour ProbZelus qui évite l'appauvrissement pour les paramètres constants tout en gardant les performances des algorithmes de Monte Carlo séquentiels pour les paramètres d'état.

## 1 Introduction

La programmation synchrone flut de données [5] est un paradigme dans lequel les fonctions, appelées suites, manipulent des suites infinies, appelées flots. Ces flots progressent en rythme synchrone, de manière synchrone. L'expressivité des langages synchrones est volontairement restreinte, ce qui permet à des compilateurs spécialisés de générer du code efficace et correct par construction avec de fortes garanties sur le temps d'exécution et sur l'utilisation de la mémoire [19]. Le langage industriel Scala est notamment utilisé pour la construction de systèmes embarqués critiques [1-4].

Les langages probabilistes [6,14,17,18] étendent des langages de programmation généralistes avec des constructions probabilistes. Suivant la méthode bayésienne, un modèle probabiliste décrit une distribution de probabilité (la distribution *a posteriori*) à partir d'une croyance initiale (la distribution *a priori*) et d'observations encodées (les entrées).

Dans la même lignée de langages, ProbZelus [8] est une extension probabiliste du langage synchrone flut de données Zelus [5]. Ce langage permet de décrire des modèles réactifs probabilistes. Là où la programmation synchrone implémente des fonctions de suites, un langage probabiliste synchrone permet de décrire des modèles qui calculent des suites de distributions.

**Problem:** Implementation and Correction of a transformation of probZelus programs in order to apply APF

**Semantics tools:** Kernel co-iterative semantics

**Correction:**

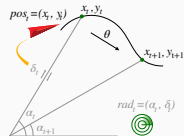


Base case : ✓: 8 pages



General case: ✗ Far too many nested integrals and tedious (even perhaps impossible)

# Program transformation



```
proba f(pre_x) = pre_x + theta where
  rec init theta = sample(gaussian(zeros, st))
  and theta = last theta
```

```
proba tracker(rad_obs) = pos where
  rec init pos = pos_init
  and pos = sample(gaussian(f(last pos), sp))
  and rad = g(pos)
  and () = observe(gaussian(rad, sr), rad_obs)
```

```
node main(rad_obs) = u where
  rec pos_dist = infer (tracker (rad_obs))
  and msg = controller(pos_dist)
```

```
let f_prior = gaussian(zeros, st)
proba f_model(theta, pre_pos) = pre_pos + theta
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```
let tracker_prior = f_prior
proba tracker_model(theta, rad_obs) = pos where
  rec init pos = pos_init
  and pos = sample(gaussian(f_prior(theta, last pos), sp))
  and rad = g(pos)
  and () = observe(gaussian(rad, sr), rad_obs)
```

```
node main(rad_obs) = msg where
  rec pos_dist = APF.infer(tracker_model, tracker_prior, rad_obs)
  and msg = controller(pos_dist)
```

$\text{APF.infer}(f.\text{model}, f.\text{prior}, e) \triangleq \text{infer}(f.\text{model}(\theta, e) \text{ where } \text{rec init } \theta = \text{sample}(f.\text{prior}))$

# Soundness of a Program Transformation

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Soundness proof

# Soundness of a Program Transformation

## Theorem

$$G, H \vdash \text{infer}(f(e)) \Downarrow d \text{ iff } G^+, H \vdash \text{APF.infer}(f.\text{model}, f.\text{prior}, e) \Downarrow d$$

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## Co-iterative density semantics

😌 Base case : ✓

😞 General case: 0.1✓ + 0.9✗: 8 pages (missing step: bisimulation from one time step to the next one, interaction integral and states)

## Relational density semantics

😌 Base case : ✓

🎉 General case: ✓: 2 pages !

# Take home

**Motto:** Every programmer can perform data analysis by describing models as programs and key operations.

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## Semantics

- Might be useful
- Two equivalent density semantics for ProbZelus
- Proof of a program transformation for an optimized inference scheme

## Future

- Denotational validation of inference in ProbZelus
- Higher order probabilistic synchronous programming
- Probabilistic control with differential equations



## The category of measurable space and measurable functions is symmetric monoidal but not closed.

**By contradiction:** Assume Meas is an SMCC:  $\forall X, Y, \text{ev} : Y^X \otimes X \rightarrow Y$  is measurable.

**Measurable spaces**  $X$  is  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $\Sigma_X = \mathcal{P}(X)$  any parts and  $Y$  is  $\mathbb{R}$  with the  $\Sigma$ -algebra generated by countable and cocountable subsets (closed by complement and countable unions and intersections).

**Diagonal function:**  $h : \begin{cases} (\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}, \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R})) & \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \\ (x, y) & \mapsto 1 \text{ if } x = y, \\ & \mapsto 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$

$\Lambda(h) : (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})) \rightarrow (\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{R}}, \Sigma_{2^{\mathbb{R}}})$  is **measurable**

$h = \text{ev} \circ \Lambda(h)$  is **measurable** as the composition of measurable functions

$\Delta = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x = y\} = h^{-1}(1)$  is measurable in  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R})$ .

## The category of measurable spaces and measurable functions is not closed.

**By contradiction:** Assume Meas is an SMCC:  $\forall X, Y, \text{ev} : Y^X \otimes X \rightarrow Y$  is measurable.

We deduced that  $\Delta = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid x = y\} = h^{-1}(\{1\})$  is **measurable** in  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R})$ .

If  $W \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \otimes \mathcal{C}(\mathbb{R})$ , then there is  $B \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  countable such that:

if there is  $(x, y) \in W$  such that  $y \notin B$ , then  $\forall z \notin B, (x, z) \in W$ .

*Proof: satisfied by basic measurable subsets and closed by countable intersection and unions*

**Consequence:**  $\Delta$  satisfies this property: there is  $B$  countable such that there is  $(x, x) \in \Delta$  and  $x \notin B$ . Yet, for any  $z \notin B$  and  $z \neq x$ ,  $(x, z) \notin \delta$ .

**✗ CONTRADICTION**