

Title Effective descent morphisms in categories of lax algebras

Abstract In [3] M.M. Clementino and D. Hofmann investigate effective descent morphisms in categories of (\mathbb{T}, \mathbf{V}) -categories, with respect to a quantale \mathbf{V} and a *flat* lax extension of a **Set**-monad \mathbb{T} to the category $\mathbf{V}\text{-Rel}$ of \mathbf{V} -relations; in fact, in the literature, flatness is often included in the definition of lax extension. In this talk we investigate the problem of descent in categories of (\mathbb{T}, \mathbf{V}) -categories considering the more general case of non-necessarily flat lax extensions. We introduce the notion of *triquotient maps* in the context of $(\mathbb{T}, \mathbf{2})$ -categories, investigating their role in Descent Theory, based on the results in **Top** given in [2] by M.M. Clementino and D. Hofmann. If time permits, we conclude giving an overview of the problem concerning the characterization of the effective descent morphisms in $(\mathbb{T}, \mathbf{V}, \tilde{\mathbb{T}})\text{-Cat}$, where $\tilde{\mathbb{T}}$ is the *uniform extension* of \mathbb{T} introduced in [4] by M.M. Clementino and D. Hofmann. This work is part of my Ph.D. Thesis [1], developed under the supervision of Maria Manuel Clementino.

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