

Models of Typed Lambda Calculi

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Typed Lambda Calculi

- Often presented starting with the lambda calculus
 - Type system imposed to classify “good” terms
- I present it as a multi-sorted algebraic theory
 - constants and operations over a carrier set
 - Equations between elements

Types

- Assume a set Σ of ground types
 - $1 \in \Sigma$
- $A \times B$ is a type if A, B are types
- $A \rightarrow B$ is a type if A, B are types

Terms

A typed lambda calculus is a set of terms \mathcal{T}_A , one per type A , and constants and operations $*$, pair, fst, snd, app, λ of the appropriate type

- Variables $x_1^A, x_2^A, \dots \in \mathcal{T}_A$
- $*$ $\in \mathcal{T}_1$
- $\text{pair}_{A,B}(a, b) \in \mathcal{T}_{A \times B}$ if $a \in \mathcal{T}_A, b \in \mathcal{T}_B$
- $\text{fst}_{A,B}(c) \in \mathcal{T}_A$ if $c \in \mathcal{T}_{A \times B}$
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- $\text{app}_{A,B}(f, a) \in \mathcal{T}_B$ if $f \in \mathcal{T}_{A \rightarrow B}, a \in \mathcal{T}_A$
- $\lambda x^A. \varphi(x) \in \mathcal{T}_{A \rightarrow B}$ if $\varphi(x) \in \mathcal{T}_B$

Equational Theory

Properties of the constants and operations are defined by equations

$$a \stackrel{\Gamma}{=} b$$

- $a, b \in \mathcal{T}_A$
- Γ is a sequence of variables x_1, \dots, x_k
- Free variables of a, b are in Γ

Equational theory defined by inference rules and axioms

Inference Rules

$$\text{(Add)} \quad \frac{a \equiv_{\Gamma} b}{a \equiv_{\Gamma'} b} \quad (\Gamma \sqsubseteq \Gamma')$$

$$\text{(Substitution)} \quad \frac{a \equiv_{\Gamma} b}{\text{app}(f, a) \equiv_{\Gamma} \text{app}(f, b)}$$
$$\frac{\varphi(x) \equiv_{\Gamma, x} \varphi'(x)}{\lambda x^A. \varphi(x) \equiv_{\Gamma} \lambda x^A. \varphi'(x)}$$

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+ transitivity, reflexivity, symmetry

Axioms

$$\begin{array}{ll} a \equiv_{\Gamma} * & \text{(for all } a \in \mathcal{T}_1) \\ \text{fst}(\text{pair}(a, b)) \equiv_{\Gamma} a & \text{(for all } a \in \mathcal{T}_A, b \in \mathcal{T}_B) \\ \text{snd}(\text{pair}(a, b)) \equiv_{\Gamma} b & \text{(for all } a \in \mathcal{T}_A, b \in \mathcal{T}_B) \\ \text{pair}(\text{fst}(c), \text{snd}(c)) \equiv_{\Gamma} c & \text{(for all } c \in \mathcal{T}_{A \times B}) \\ \text{app}(\lambda x^A. \varphi(x), a) \equiv_{\Gamma} \varphi(a) & \text{(for all } a \in \mathcal{T}_A \text{ subst. for } x) \\ \lambda x^A. (\text{app}(f, x)) \equiv_{\Gamma} f & \text{(for all } f \in \mathcal{T}_{A \rightarrow B}, x \notin \Gamma) \\ \lambda x^A. \varphi(x) \equiv_{\Gamma} \lambda x'^A. \varphi(x') & (x' \text{ subst. for } x) \end{array}$$

Set-Theoretic Models

Given a typed lambda calculus, we give it an interpretation using sets of values (called domains)

- A type A correspond to a domain of values \mathcal{D}_A
- A term $a \in \mathcal{T}_A$ corresponds (essentially) to a value $\llbracket a \rrbracket \in \mathcal{D}_A$
- Equations hold:
 - If $a \stackrel{\Gamma}{=} b$, then $\llbracket a \rrbracket, \llbracket b \rrbracket$ are the same element of \mathcal{D}_A

Interpretation of Types

Assign to every type A a set \mathcal{D}_A of values

- Choose \mathcal{D}_A for every $A \in \Sigma$
 - $\mathcal{D}_1 = \{d_*\}$ for some d_*
- $\mathcal{D}_{A \times B} = \mathcal{D}_A \times \mathcal{D}_B$
- $\mathcal{D}_{A \rightarrow B} = (\mathcal{D}_B)^{\mathcal{D}_A}$

Interpretation of Terms

Assign to every term $a \in \mathcal{T}_A$ an element of \mathcal{D}_A

- Problem: need to account for *free variables* in a
- Free variables act as parameters

Assume that each constant $c \in \mathcal{T}_A$ is associated with an element $\llbracket c \rrbracket$ in \mathcal{D}_A

- $\llbracket * \rrbracket \in \mathcal{D}_1$, i.e., $\llbracket * \rrbracket = d_*$

Associate to every term $a \in \mathcal{T}_A$ in context Γ a *function* from the domain of the free variables to \mathcal{D}_A

- If $\Gamma = x_1^{A_1}, \dots, x_k^{A_k}$, let $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket = \mathcal{D}_{A_1} \times \dots \times \mathcal{D}_{A_k}$
- For $a \in \mathcal{T}_A$, $\llbracket a \rrbracket_\Gamma$ will be a function from $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$ to \mathcal{D}_A , to be defined shortly

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We say *sets have finite products*

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$\text{app}(\lambda x^A. \varphi(x), a) \underset{\Gamma}{=} \varphi(a)$ for all $a \in \mathcal{T}_A$ (subst. for x):

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{app}(\lambda x^A. \varphi(x), a) \rrbracket_{\Gamma} &= \text{eval} \circ \langle \llbracket \lambda x^A. \varphi(x) \rrbracket_{\Gamma}, \llbracket a \rrbracket_{\Gamma} \rangle \\ &= \text{eval} \circ \langle \text{curry}(\llbracket \varphi(x) \rrbracket_{\Gamma, x}), \llbracket a \rrbracket_{\Gamma} \rangle \\ &= \text{eval} \circ (\text{curry}(\llbracket \varphi(x) \rrbracket_{\Gamma, x} \times \text{id}) \circ \langle \text{id}, \llbracket a \rrbracket_{\Gamma} \rangle) \\ &= \llbracket \varphi(x) \rrbracket_{\Gamma, x} \circ \langle \text{id}, \llbracket a \rrbracket_{\Gamma} \rangle \\ &= \llbracket \varphi(a) \rrbracket_{\Gamma} \end{aligned}$$

Cartesian Closed Categories

A category \mathcal{C} is a cartesian closed category (CCC) if

(1) \mathcal{C} has a terminal object

(An object T s.t. for every object X , there is exactly one morphism $t_X : X \rightarrow T$)

(2) \mathcal{C} has finite products

(For any objects X_1, \dots, X_k , there is an object $X_1 \times \dots \times X_k$ and morphisms $\pi_i : X_1 \times \dots \times X_k \rightarrow X_i$ such that ...)

(3) \mathcal{C} has exponentials

(For any objects X and Y , there is an object Y^X and a morphism $eval : Y^X \times X \rightarrow Y$ such that ...)

The category of sets (with functions) is a CCC

Further Remarks

- For any cartesian closed category \mathcal{C} , can “extract” a typed lambda calculus
 - Types are objects of \mathcal{C}
 - Terms are a certain class of morphisms of \mathcal{C}
 - Called the *internal language* of \mathcal{C}
 - **Theorem:** proving the a diagram commutes in \mathcal{C} is equivalent to proving an equation in the internal language of \mathcal{C}
- The relationship between cartesian closed categories and typed lambda calculi is in fact deeper
 - **Theorem:** Cartesian closed categories and typed lambda calculi are equivalent as categories

Beyond Typed Lambda Calculi

- Can play the same game with the untyped lambda calculus
 - Need one-object cartesian closed categories without a terminal object
 - Much harder to come by (see Wojtek's talk)
- Can play the same game with type theory (typed lambda calculus with truth values and logical constants)
 - Need *topoi*
 - Every topos is cartesian closed