

# cubical evaluation semantics

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I've been thinking a bit more carefully about the evaluation semantics and the semantic domain. What I think we want to do is take a term and an environment and return a family of values (indexed in restrictions); but crucially, I think it is important that the environment be a vector of *values* and not of value-families. By studying carefully the case for instantiating closures (where the rubber meets the road for variables), I think it becomes clear that this is the right way.

To interpret a variable, we just project from the environment and ignore the restriction. I think the way that we had been thinking of doing it would result in the restriction from inside the closure infecting the argument.

Colors: terms, value families, values, restrictions. I am writing  $\phi^* F$  to mean the reindexing of a family by a restriction.

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket (\lambda \{M\}) \rrbracket_{\rho} &= [\phi] \lambda \langle M, \rho, \phi \rangle \\ \llbracket (\Pi A \{B\}) \rrbracket_{\rho} &= [\phi] \Pi(\phi^* \llbracket A \rrbracket_{\rho}, \langle B, \rho, \phi \rangle) \\ \llbracket (M N) \rrbracket_{\rho} &= \underline{\text{app}}(\llbracket M \rrbracket_{\rho}, \llbracket N \rrbracket_{\rho}) \\ \llbracket x_i \rrbracket_{\rho} &= [\_] \rho_i \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{app}}(F, G) = [\phi] \left\{ \begin{array}{l} F[\phi] \equiv \lambda \langle M, \rho, \psi \rangle \\ F[\phi] \equiv \uparrow^C R, C[\cdot] \equiv \Pi(A, \langle B, \rho, \psi \rangle) \\ F[\phi] \equiv \text{?coe} \\ F[\phi] \equiv \text{hcom}_C^{r \rightsquigarrow r'} M [\xi_i \hookrightarrow \langle \alpha_i \rangle N_i], C[\cdot] \equiv \Pi(A, \langle B, \rho, \psi \rangle) \end{array} \right. & \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \llbracket M \rrbracket_{\rho, G[\phi]}[\psi] \\ \Rightarrow \uparrow^{\psi^*} \llbracket B \rrbracket_{\rho, G[\phi]} \underline{\text{app}}(R, \phi^* G) \\ \Rightarrow \text{?coe} \\ \Rightarrow \forall \beta. \underline{\text{hcom}}_{\psi^* \llbracket B \rrbracket_{\rho, G[\phi]}}^{r \rightsquigarrow r'} \underline{\text{app}}(M, \phi^* G) \overline{\xi_i \hookrightarrow \langle \beta \rangle \underline{\text{app}}((\alpha_i \beta) \cdot N_i, \phi^* G)} \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{\text{hcom}}_C^{r \rightsquigarrow r'} M [\xi_i \hookrightarrow \langle \alpha_i \rangle N_i] = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} r[\cdot] = r'[\cdot] \\ \exists_{\min} k. \vdash \xi_i[\cdot] \\ C[\cdot] \equiv \Pi(A, B) \\ C[\cdot] \equiv \text{bool} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} M[\cdot] \\ N_i[\alpha_i = r'[\cdot]] \\ \underline{\text{hcom}}_C^{r \rightsquigarrow r'} M [\xi_i \hookrightarrow \langle \alpha_i \rangle N_i] \\ M[\cdot] \end{array}$$