

A Generalized Logical Framework

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In this talk:

- ① A syntax of GLF + examples + increasing amount of syntactic sugar.
- ② A short overview of semantics.

GLF basic universes & type formers

Set	A universe that supports ETT.
Base : Set	Sort of “base categories”.
1 : Base	The terminal category as a base category.
PSh : Base \rightarrow Set	Universes of presheaves. Cumulativity: $\text{PSh}_i \subseteq \text{Set}$. Supports ETT. We can only eliminate from PSh_i to PSh_i .
Cat _{<i>i</i>} : PSh _{<i>i</i>}	$:=$ <i>type of categories in</i> PSh_i
In : Cat _{<i>i</i>} \rightarrow Set	“Permission token” for working in presheaves over some $C : \text{Cat}_i$.
base : In $C \rightarrow$ Base	“Using the permission”.

We use type-in-type everywhere for simplicity, i.e. $\text{Set} : \text{Set}$ and $\text{PSh}_i : \text{PSh}_i$.

Basic things we can do

$\text{Set} : \text{Set}$	$\text{Base} : \text{Set}$	$\mathbf{1} : \text{Base}$	$\text{PSh} : \text{Base} \rightarrow \text{Set}$
$\text{Cat}_i : \text{PSh}_i := \text{type of cats in } \text{PSh}_i$	$\text{In} : \text{Cat}_i \rightarrow \text{Set}$	$\text{base} : \text{In } \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \text{Base}$	

PSh_1 is a universe supporting ETT, semantically a universe of sets.

We can define some $\mathbb{C} : \text{Cat}_1$, where $\text{Obj}(\mathbb{C}) : \text{PSh}_1$.

Now, **under the assumption** of $i : \text{In } \mathbb{C}$, we can form the universe $\text{PSh}_{(\text{base } i)}$, which is semantically the universe of presheaves over \mathbb{C} .

Syntax sugar: we'll omit base in the following.

At this point, we have no interesting interaction between PSh_1 and PSh_i .

Example: embedding pure lambda calculus

A **second-order model of pure LC** in \mathbf{PSh}_I consists of:

$$\mathsf{Tm} : \mathbf{PSh}_I$$

$$\mathsf{lam} : (\mathsf{Tm} \rightarrow \mathsf{Tm}) \rightarrow \mathsf{Tm}$$

$$\mathsf{-\$-} : \mathsf{Tm} \rightarrow \mathsf{Tm} \rightarrow \mathsf{Tm}$$

$$\beta : \mathsf{lam } f \$ t = f t$$

$$\eta : \mathsf{lam } (\lambda x. t \$ x) = t$$

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A **first-order model of pure LC** consists of:

- A category of contexts and substitutions with $\text{Con} : \text{PSh}_I$, $\text{Sub} : \text{Con} \rightarrow \text{Con} \rightarrow \text{PSh}_I$ and terminal object \bullet .
- $\text{Tm} : \text{Con} \rightarrow \text{PSh}_I$, plus a term substitution operation.
- A context extension operation $-\triangleright : \text{Con} \rightarrow \text{Con}$ such that $\text{Sub } \Gamma (\Delta \triangleright) \simeq \text{Sub } \Gamma \times \text{Tm } \Gamma$.
- A natural isomorphism $\text{Tm } (\Gamma \triangleright) \simeq \text{Tm } \Gamma$ whose components are λ and application.

We define $\text{FMod}_I : \text{PSh}_I$ as the above Σ -type.

FMod is mechanically derivable from SMod .¹

¹Ambrus Kaposi & Szumi Xie: *Second-Order Generalised Algebraic Theories*.

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