

Game Semantics

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1 Denotational Semantics

vs. Operational Semantics

$$t, c \rightarrow t', c' \quad (\text{Operational})$$

Meta Language SD:

$$\llbracket - \rrbracket : \text{PL} \rightarrow \text{SD} \quad (\text{Denotational})$$

$$\llbracket k \ t_0, \dots, t_i \rrbracket = f(\llbracket t_0 \rrbracket, \dots, \llbracket t_i \rrbracket)$$

1.0.1 Example

Regular Language - Kleene Algebras - FSA

1.0.2 Equivalence in PL's

- OS: $t \rightarrow t' \quad t \equiv t'$
But, $\forall C[-]. C[t] \stackrel{?}{\equiv} C[t']$ Not universally.
- DS: $\llbracket C[t] \rrbracket = \llbracket t \rrbracket \circ \llbracket C \rrbracket$
 $\llbracket t \rrbracket = \llbracket t' \rrbracket \iff \forall C. \llbracket C[t] \rrbracket = \llbracket C[t'] \rrbracket$

1.1 Relating OS-DS

1. Termination: $t \uparrow \sim \llbracket t \rrbracket = \perp$ or $t \downarrow \sim \llbracket t \rrbracket = \top$
2. Observational Equivalence: $t_0 \equiv t_1 \iff \forall C[-]. (C[t_0] \downarrow \iff C[t_1] \downarrow)$

1.1.1 Property 1: Soundness

$$\llbracket t_0 \rrbracket = \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket \Rightarrow t_0 \equiv t_1 \quad (\text{Soundness})$$

1.1.2 Property 2: Adequacy

$$\llbracket t \rrbracket = \top \iff t \downarrow \quad (\text{Adequacy})$$

1.1.3 Property 3: Definability

$$\forall \tau \in \text{SD} \exists t \in \text{PL} \llbracket t \rrbracket = \tau \quad (\text{definablility})$$

1.1.4 Full Abstraction

$$\llbracket t_0 \rrbracket = \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket \iff t_0 \equiv t_1 \quad (\text{Full Abstraction})$$

1.1.5 Theorem

$$1 + 2 + 3 \Rightarrow \text{FA}$$

1.1.6 Proof

Assume: $\llbracket t_0 \rrbracket \neq \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket$

$\exists^* \tau \in \text{SD}$ s.t. $\llbracket t_0 \rrbracket \circ \tau = \top \neq \perp = \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket \circ \tau$

By Definability: $\exists C. \llbracket C \rrbracket = \tau$ s.t. $\llbracket t_0 \rrbracket \circ \tau = \llbracket t_0 \rrbracket \circ \llbracket C \rrbracket = \llbracket C[t_0] \rrbracket = \top$

By Adequacy: $C[t_0] \Downarrow$ and $C[t_0] \Uparrow$ which is a contradiction.

2 Game Semantics

D.S., Interaction-Based

Two Protagonists - P (Proponent or Popeye) and O (Opponent or Olive Oil)

These protagonists interact via "moves" (actions): Questions and Answers

	O	P
Q		
A		

2.1 Example

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2.2 Example

$\lambda x.x : \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}$

- play = one interaction
- all plays = strategy $\rightarrow \text{SD}$

2.3 Definition: Arena $\langle M, Q, O, I, \vdash \rangle$

- M is a set of moves
- $Q \subseteq M \quad A = M \setminus Q$
- $O \subseteq M \quad P = M \setminus O$
- $I \subseteq O \cap Q$ initial moves

- $\vdash \subseteq Q \times M$ enabling
 $m \vdash n \iff (m \in O \iff n \in P)$

2.4 Example

$\mathbf{Nat} = \langle 1 + \mathbb{N}, 1, 1, 1, 1 \times \mathbb{N} \rangle$
 $I = \langle 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 \rangle$

2.4.1 Composite Arenas

$A \times B = \langle M_A + M_B, Q_A + Q_B, O_A + O_B, I_A + I_B, \vdash_A + \vdash_B \rangle$
 $A \rightarrow B = \langle M_A + M_B, Q_A + Q_B, P_A + O_B, \mathbf{inl}(I_B), \vdash_A + \vdash_B \cup (\mathbf{inr}(I_B) \times \mathbf{inl}(I_A)) \rangle$

2.4.2 Theorem

$(A \times B) \rightarrow C \cong A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$
 $1 \times A \cong A \times I \cong A$

2.4.3 Definition: Plays

$\lambda x.x : \mathbf{Nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{Nat}$
Plays = Sequence + Pointers
 $q \ q'_1 \ m' \ q'_2 \ n' \ p$
 $p \rightarrow q; \ n' \rightarrow q'_2; \ q'_2 \rightarrow q; \ m' \rightarrow q'_1; \ q' \rightarrow q$
 $q(a\langle b \rangle).q'(b\langle c \rangle).m'(c).q'(b\langle d \rangle).n'(d).p.b$

2.4.4 Definition: Play

A play is a pointer sequence in arena A s.t.

- $p'.m(a) \subseteq p$ then $\exists q \in Q_A$ s.t. $g(b\langle a \rangle) \in p'$ and $q \vdash_A m$
- If $q(a\langle b \rangle) \subseteq p$ then $q \in I_A$

2.4.5 Definition: Strategy

A strategy $T : A$ is a set of plays s.t. $\forall p \in T$

- $p' \subseteq p$ then $p' \in T$
- $p \cdot m \in \mathbf{Play}_A$ and $m \in O_A$ then $p \cdot m \in T$
- \forall permutation $\Pi : A \rightarrow A$ $\Pi \cdot p \in T$

Π defined as follows:

$\Pi \cdot \varepsilon = \varepsilon$
 $\Pi \cdot (p \cdot m(a\langle b \rangle)) = (\Pi \cdot p) \cdot m(\Pi(a)(\Pi(b)))$
 $\Pi \cdot (p \cdot m(a)) = (\Pi \cdot p) \cdot m(\Pi(a))$