

Bauer 1

Algebraic effects & handlers
Math \rightarrow programming

1. Algebraic theories
2. Programming language
3. Reasoning
4. Applications

historically math \rightarrow programming
Power, Plotkin (cat theory, lots of math)

math can inform PL design

① algebraic theories "universal algebra"

Example: a group $(G, u, \cdot, {}^{-1})$:

$$u \cdot x = x = x \cdot u$$

$$(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$$

$$x \cdot x^{-1} = u = x^{-1} \cdot x$$

important form: operations
equations

operations everywhere defined

alternative defn (G, u, \cdot) monoid

$$+ \forall x. \exists y. x \cdot y = u = y \cdot x$$

(equivalent defn, need prove y is unique)

difference in form

$\forall \exists$ complicates matters

equations simpler

in general to have theory ops + eqns

op w/ how many args

Terms, what can be on either side =

Def. a signature $\Sigma = \{ (op_i, n_i) \}_{i \in I}$

where op_i are operation symbols
(can be anything)

and $n_i \in \mathbb{N}$ is the arity of op_i .

Def. a term in context x_1, \dots, x_k is

- one of the variables x_i
- one of the operations applied to terms
 $op_i(t_1, \dots, t_{n_i})$ where t_1, \dots, t_{n_i} are terms
in context x_1, \dots, x_k

(read as inductive definition)

Def. An ^(equational) algebraic theory ^{(almost} ~~Laure~~ theory)

T is $(\Sigma_T, \mathcal{E}_T)$ where Σ_T is a signature
 \mathcal{E}_T is a set of equations

An equation is

$$x_1, \dots, x_k \mid l = r$$

where l, r are Σ_T terms in x_1, \dots, x_k

Example Group.

signature $\Sigma_{\text{Group}} = \{(u, 0), (m, 2), (i, 1)\}$

$$\begin{array}{l} x \mid m(u(), x) = x \\ x \mid m(x, i(x)) = u() \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

Examples
 others:
 • ring ✓

• empty theory

"math is study of pathological examples"

Example Pointed set

- signature $(\cdot, 0)$
- no equations

Example semilattice

• signature $\{(+, 0), (\vee, 2)\}$

• axioms:

$$1 \vee x = x$$

$$x \vee (y \vee z) = (x \vee y) \vee z$$

$$x \vee y = y \vee x$$

$$x \vee x = x$$

field $+, -, \times, \overset{-1}{\circlearrowleft}, 0, 1,$

↑
problematic
not defined everywhere, particularly 0^{-1}
undefined

interpretation of models

axioms / theory of group

examples of group (theory)

(special case of
1st order logic,
model theory)

② Interpretations & models

Suppose T theory \leftarrow (algebraic)

An interpretation I of Σ_T is given by

• a carrier set $|I|$

• for each $(op_i, n_i) \in \Sigma_T$ a map

$$\llbracket op_i \rrbracket_I : \underbrace{|I| \times \dots \times |I|}_{n_i \quad |I|^{n_i}} \rightarrow |I|$$

$$X^m = \underbrace{X \times \dots \times X}_m$$

$$X^0 = \{ () \} = 1$$

0-tuple

Each term $x_1, \dots, x_k \mid t$ is interpreted as a map

$$\llbracket x_1, \dots, x_k \mid t \rrbracket : |I|^k \rightarrow |I|$$

as follows:

• $\llbracket x_1, \dots, x_k \mid x_i \rrbracket_I : |I|^k \rightarrow |I|$
 π_i i -th projection

- $\llbracket x_1, \dots, x_k \mid \text{op}_i(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rrbracket_I$ is composition
 $|I|^k \xrightarrow{(\llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_I, \dots, \llbracket t_n \rrbracket_I)} |I|^{n_i} \xrightarrow{\llbracket \text{op}_i \rrbracket_I} |I|$

Def A T-model is an interpretation M of theory T such that for every
 $x_1, \dots, x_k \mid l = r$ in \mathcal{E}_T

the maps

$$\llbracket x_1, \dots, x_k \mid l \rrbracket_M : |M|^k \rightarrow |M| \quad \text{and}$$

$$\llbracket x_1, \dots, x_k \mid r \rrbracket_M : |M|^k \rightarrow |M|$$

are equal

Examples a model M of the theory of a pointed set

- a carrier set $|M|$

- a map $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket_M : |M|^0 \rightarrow |M|$

$1 \rightarrow |M|$ (picks out exactly one element)

Isomorphically: (S, s) where S is a set and $s \in S$.

Example Every theory T has the trivial model

$$M : |M| = 1$$

$$\llbracket \text{op}_i \rrbracket_M : 1^{n_i} \rightarrow 1$$

good thing (ring w/ 0 diff from 1
destroys algebraic structure of ring)

Example: If M and L are T -models

$$|M \times L| = |M| \times |L|$$

$$\llbracket \text{op}_i \rrbracket_{M \times L} : (|M| \times |L|)^{n_i} \rightarrow |M| \times |L|$$

$$\llbracket \text{op}_i \rrbracket_{M \times L}(a_1, \dots, a_{n_i}) =$$

$$(\llbracket \text{op}_i \rrbracket_M(\pi_1 a_1, \dots, \pi_1 a_{n_i}), \llbracket \text{op}_i \rrbracket_L(\pi_2 a_1, \dots, \pi_2 a_{n_i}))$$

do all ops component-wise
all hold component-wise

③ Free Models

Given theory T and set X
 say that a T model M is freely
~~gen~~ with a map $\eta: X \rightarrow |M|$
 is freely generated by X
 when

$$\forall f \exists! \bar{f}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xrightarrow{\eta} & |M| \\ & \searrow f & \downarrow \bar{f} \\ & & |L| \end{array}$$

where $\bar{f}: M \rightarrow L$
 is a T -homomorphism

- best way of doing
- better than any other way of doing it
- spse had another way of doing it is better than it

A T -homomorphism $f: M \rightarrow L$

(map that preserves operations)

For every op_i in T :

$$f(\llbracket op_i \rrbracket_M(a_1, \dots, a_{n_i}))$$

$$= \llbracket op_i \rrbracket_L(f(a_1), \dots, f(a_{n_i}))$$

Terminology

$(M, \eta: X \rightarrow |M|)$ is $\begin{cases} \text{free model over } X \\ \text{free model generated by } X \end{cases}$

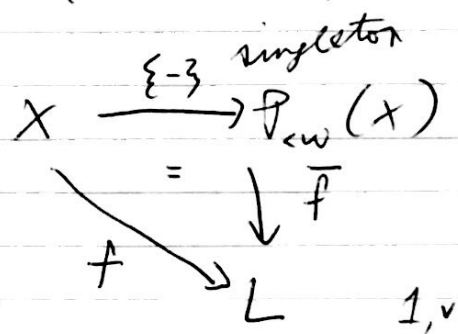
• [2 such models, isomorphic in a unique way]

Example: Define

$$P_{<\omega}(X) := \{S \subseteq X \mid S \text{ finite}\}$$

Claim: $(P_{<\omega}(X), \emptyset, \cup)$ is the free semilattice generated by X

with $\eta: X \rightarrow P_{<\omega}(X)$,
 $\eta: x \mapsto \{x\}$



\bar{f} homomorphism

$$\begin{cases} \bar{f}(\emptyset) = \perp \\ \bar{f}(s_1 \cup s_2) = \bar{f}(s_1) \cup \bar{f}(s_2) \\ \bar{f}(\{x\}) = f(x) \text{ (diagram commutes)} \end{cases}$$

does \bar{f} exist?

if so, how many are there?

every algebraic theory has a free model
 computation trees gen by any set

trivial model believes all equations
smallest } w/ respect elements & equations
most economical

Free Model construction

2 steps

$\text{Free}_T(X)$

1. $\text{Free}_T(X)$ set of well-founded trees

defined inductively: (no infinite paths)
(inductively defined)

• for every $x \in X$

there is tree

• leaf labeled w/ x
label is arbitrary

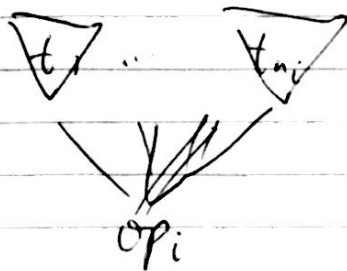
return $x \in \text{Free}_T(X)$

• if $(op_i, n_i) \in \Sigma_T$

way of building new trees
using operators

and $t_1, \dots, t_{n_i} \in \text{Free}_T(X)$

then



$op_i(t_1, \dots, t_{n_i}) \in \text{Free}_T(X)$

not done bec. equations
I have right elements
but some may have to be
considered equal
quotient by those eqns

2. Define equivalence relation

Define \approx_T on $\text{Tree}_T(x)$ to be

the least equivalence relation such that

(need to make congruence relation
as well as theory equations)

congruence: equiv which
commutes w/ operations
behaves nicely w/ resp to ops)

Homework: write two conditions

- it's a congruence w/ respect to forming trees (tree formation)
- it validates the equations of the theory