

Computational Type Theory

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1 Recap

So far we're developing computational type theory

- types are behavioral specifications.

(exact) type equality: $A \doteq A'$ (A type means $A \doteq A$)

(exact) member equality: $M \doteq M' \in A$ ($M \in A$ means $M \doteq M \in A$)

Expressions do not intrinsically have a type; the same program can satisfy many spec's.

$M \in \mathbf{Nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{Nat}$

$M \in \mathbf{Primes} \rightarrow \mathbf{Primes}$

$\lambda a. a \doteq \lambda a. |a| \in \mathbf{Nat} \rightarrow \mathbf{Nat}$

$\lambda a. a \neq \lambda a. |a| \in \mathbf{Int} \rightarrow \mathbf{Int}$

1.1 Definitions of types

Bool - Inductive type

Nat - Inductive type

$A_1 \times A_2$ - Products

$A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ - Functions

0 a.k.a. **Void** - $\mathbf{case}\{\}(M)$

$A_1 + A_2$ - $1 \cdot M, 2 \cdot M, \mathbf{case}\{a_1.M_1; a_2.M_2\}(M)$

$a : A_1 \times A_2$ - Dependent product - Σ type

$a : A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ - Dependent function - Π type

Note: To define $a : A_1 \times A_2$ or $a : A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ first need to determine A_1 then can determine A_2 .

1.2 Types

Bool - **true**, **false**

Nat - 0, **succ**(M)

Bool \times **Nat**

Bool \rightarrow **Nat**

(**Nat** \rightarrow **Nat**) \rightarrow **Nat**

2 Type Theory: A Theory of Computation (Computer Specification)

Brouwer as a means to give a notion of truth for logical propositions: "Propositions as Types" or "Semantic Correspondence"

Type is primary and more extensive than mere logic.

\top^* - 1 a.k.a. Unit

\perp^* - 0 a.k.a. Void

$(\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2)^* - \varphi_1^* \times \varphi_2^*$

$(\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2)^* - \varphi_1^* + \varphi_2^*$ (NB)

$(\varphi_1 \supset \varphi_2)^* - \varphi_1^* \rightarrow \varphi_2^*$

$(\forall x : A. \varphi_a)^* - a : A \rightarrow \varphi_a^*$

$(\exists a : A. \varphi_a)^* - a : A \times \varphi_a^*$ (NB)

$$(\forall a : A. \exists b : B. R(a, b)) \supset (\exists f : A \rightarrow B. \forall a : A. R(a, f(a))) \text{ true}$$

$$(a : A \rightarrow (b : B \times R(a, b))) \rightarrow (f. A \rightarrow B \times (a : A \rightarrow R(a, f(a))))$$

$$f \triangleq \lambda a. (F(a) \cdot 1)$$

2.1 How to interpret equality as a type?

2.1.1 Equality Types

$$\text{Eq}_A(M_1, M_2) \doteq \text{Eq}_{A'}(M'_1, M'_2) \iff A \doteq A'; M_1 \doteq M'_1 \in A; M_2 \doteq M'_2 \in A$$

$$M \in \text{Eq}_A(M_1, M_2) \iff M \Downarrow \star \text{ and } M_1 \doteq M_2 \in A$$

$$(M_1 =_A M_2)^* = \text{Eq}_A(M_1, M_2)$$

Exercise: Show that $\text{Eq}_A(-, -)$ is the least reflexive relation on A

1. $\star \in \text{Eq}_A(M, M)$ whenever $M \in A$
2. TS: $\text{Eq}_A(M, N) \rightarrow R(M, N)$
STS: R is reflexive, $a : A \gg _ \in R(a, a)$

2.2 Formalisms

formal type theory is inductively defined by rules for deriving

$$\Gamma \vdash A \text{ type} \quad \Gamma \vdash A \equiv A'$$

$$\Gamma \vdash M : A \quad \Gamma \vdash M \equiv M' : A$$

$$\overline{\Gamma, x : A, \Gamma' \vdash x : A}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A_1 \text{ type } \Gamma \vdash A_2 \text{ type}}{\Gamma \vdash A_1 \times A_2 \text{ type}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A \quad \Gamma \vdash A \equiv A'}{\Gamma \vdash M : A'}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\Gamma \vdash M_1 : A_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash M_2 : A_2}{\Gamma \vdash \langle M_1; M_2 \rangle : A_1 \times A_2} \\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A_1 \times A_2}{\Gamma \vdash M \cdot i : A_i} (i = 1, 2) \\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash M_1 : A_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash M_2 : A_2}{\Gamma \vdash \langle M_1; M_2 \rangle \cdot i \equiv M_i : A_i} \checkmark \\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A_1 \times A_2}{\Gamma \vdash \langle M \cdot 1; M \cdot 2 \rangle = M : A_1 \times A_2} ?
\end{array}$$

2.2.1 Design Requirements

All judgements should be decidable

- type checking
- defined equivalence (for some choice of def eq)

Structural properties of entailment

Formalism is a useful approximation to the truth.

2.3 How to axiomatize/formalize equality?

2.3.1 First Cut: equality reflection

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \mathbf{Eq}_A(M_1, M_2)}{\Gamma \vdash M_1 \equiv M_2 : A} (\text{ER})$$

Threatens/compromises decidability

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M_1 \equiv M_2 : A}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{refl}_A(M_1) \mathbf{Eq}_A(M_1, M_2)}$$