Intuitionistic epistemic logic categorically and algebraically

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Introduction

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See this summary paper to have the big picture in more detail

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Modal type theory based on IEL^{-}

Bridges with functional programming

The definition of the type theory

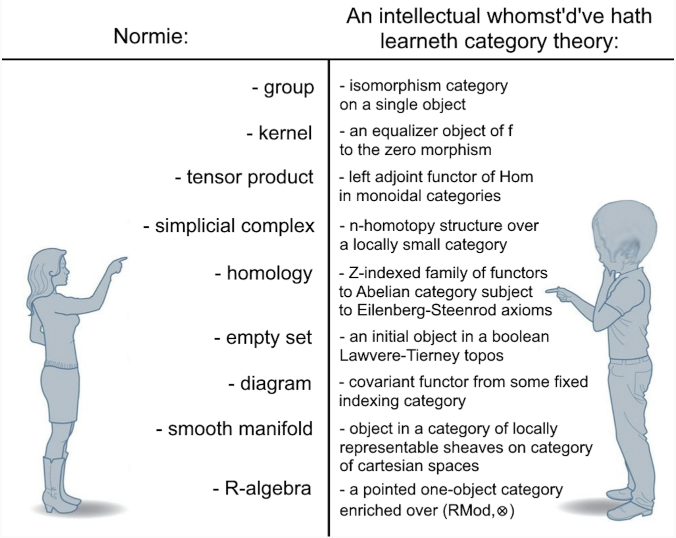
Strong normalisation

The Church-Rosser property

Categorical completeness

Category theory

Now I am going to be like the guy from the right.



General concepts: Category

Recall that a category $\mathcal{C}$ consists of:

- A class of objects $\mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C}) = \{A, B, C, \dots\}$,
- A class of morphisms $\mathcal{C}(A, B)$ for each $A, B \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$, where $f : A \to B$ iff $f \in \mathcal{C}(A, B)$,
- For $f : A \to B$ and $g : B \to C$, then $g \circ f : A \to C$ and $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$ for each f, g, h having an appropriate domain and codomain,
- For each $A, B \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ we have identity morphisms such that for each $f : A \to B$ $f \circ id_A = f$ and $id_B \circ g = g$.

Some examples:

- **Set**, the category of all sets and all functions betweem them,
- **Top**, the category of all topological spaces and continuous maps,
- **Vect**$_k$, the category of vector spaces over a field k and linear maps,
- $(P, \leq)$, any poset where $a \to b$ exists iff $a \leq b$,
- Any monoid (as well as a group) is a category, where $\mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ is a singleton set (Cayley's theorem).
- etc.

General concepts: Functor

Intuitively, a functor is a morphism of category. Rigorously, let $\mathcal{C}$ and $\mathcal{D}$ be categories, a functor $F : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$ is a "function" such that:

- Each $A \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{C})$ maps to $FA \in \mathrm{Ob}(\mathcal{D})$,
- Each $f : A \to B$ in $\mathcal{C}$ maps to $Ff : FA \to FB$ in $\mathcal{D}$,
- $F(g \circ f) = Fg \circ Ff$ for each f and g.

Some examples:

- The powerset functor $\mathcal{P} : \mathbf{Set} \to \mathbf{Set}$ such that $\mathcal{P} : A \mapsto 2^A$,
- The abelianisation functor $Ab : \mathbf{Group} \to \mathbf{Ab}$ such that $Ab : G \mapsto G/[G, G]$,
- The spectrum functor $\mathrm{Spec} : \mathbf{Ring}^{op} \to \mathbf{Top}$ that maps every commutative ring to its Zariski space,
- $\mathbf{Field} \to \mathbf{Ring}$ such that $K \mapsto K[X]$,
- $\pi_1 : \mathbf{Top}_* \to \mathbf{Group}$ maps every topological space with a base point to its fundamental group, for example, $\pi_1(S) = \mathbb{Z}$ (up to isomorphism).
- etc.

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An example:

Let det_M be the determinant of the $n \times n$ matrix $M \in \mathrm{GL}_n\, K$ with entries from a field K and K^* is the multiplicative group of K. Both GL_n and $*$ are functors from the category of fields to the category of groups, and $det_M : \mathrm{GL}_n\, K \to K^*$ is a morphism of groups and it is natural:

$$\begin{tikzcd} \mathrm{GL}_n\, K \arrow[r, "f"] \arrow[d, "detM"'] & \mathrm{GL}_n\, K' \arrow[d, "detM'"] \\ K^* \arrow[r, "f^*"'] & K'^* \end{tikzcd}$$

Cartesian closed categories

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- $|\mathcal{C}(A, \mathbb{1})| = 1$ for each $A \in \mathrm{Ob}(A)$,
- The following diagrams commute:

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- Every Heyting algebra,
- The category of G-sets for a group G (the category of group actions),
- The category of simplicial sets (which are also contravariant functors $\Delta : \omega \to \textbf{Set}$).

Typed lambda calculi type-theoretically

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In particular, simply typed lambda calculus with types $\to$ and $\times$ has the following interpretation in CCCs.

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The modal lambda calculus Curry-Howard isomorphic to the intuitionstic modal logic **K** with $\Box$ is known to sound and complete w.r.t. CCCs with strong monoidal endofunctors.

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Categorical semantics

Kripke-Joyal semantics

Some background: Heyting algebras and locales

Some background: nuclei and prenuclei

Kripke-Joyal semantics generally

Cover systems

The representation theorem for locales with modal operators

Kripke-Joyal semantics for predicate intuitionistic epistemic modal logics