

Formal Metatheory of Second-Order Abstract Syntax

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Lemma (Weakening) If $\Gamma \vdash t : \beta$, then $\Gamma, x : \alpha \vdash t : \beta$.

Proof Trivial.

Lemma (Substitution) If $\Gamma, x : \alpha \vdash t : \beta$ and $\Gamma \vdash s : \alpha$
then $\Gamma \vdash [s/x]t : \beta$.

Proof By induction on $\Gamma, x : \alpha \vdash t : \beta$, weakening, and exchange.

Theorem (Type preservation) If $\Gamma \vdash t : \alpha$ and $t \rightsquigarrow s$ then $\Gamma \vdash s : \alpha$.

Proof By induction on $t \rightsquigarrow s$ and the substitution lemma.

Lemma (Renaming) If $\Gamma \vdash t : \alpha$ and $\rho : \Gamma \rightsquigarrow \Delta$, then $\Delta \vdash \langle \rho \rangle t : \alpha$.

Proof By induction on $\Gamma \vdash t : \alpha$.

Lemma (Weakening) If $\Gamma \vdash t : \beta$, then $\Gamma, x : \alpha \vdash t : \beta$.

Proof By renaming with $\Gamma \rightsquigarrow (\Gamma, \alpha)$.

Lemma (Lifting) If $\Delta \vdash \sigma : \Gamma$, then $(\Delta, \alpha) \vdash \text{lift } \sigma : (\Gamma, \alpha)$.

Proof By induction on $\Delta \vdash \sigma : \Gamma$ and weakening.

Lemma (Simultaneous substitution) If $\Gamma \vdash t : \alpha$ and $\Delta \vdash \sigma : \Gamma$,
then $\Delta \vdash [\sigma]t : \alpha$.

Proof By induction on $\Gamma \vdash t : \alpha$ and lifting.

Lemma (Substitution) If $\Gamma, x : \alpha \vdash t : \beta$ and $\Gamma \vdash s : \alpha$
then $\Gamma \vdash [s/x]t : \beta$.

Proof By simultaneous substitution with $\Gamma \vdash \text{id}, t : \Gamma, \alpha$.

Theorem (Type preservation) If $\Gamma \vdash t : \alpha$ and $t \rightsquigarrow s$ then $\Gamma \vdash s : \alpha$.

Proof By induction on $t \rightsquigarrow s$ and the substitution lemma.

Lemma (Lift-id)

$$\text{lift}_v \text{id } v = v$$

Lemma (Ren-id)

$$\langle \text{id} \rangle t = t$$

Lemma (Lift-var)

$$\text{lift var } v = \text{var } v$$

Theorem (Identity substitution) $[\text{var}]t = t$

Lemma (Lift-ren-ren)

$$\text{lift}_v (\varrho \circ \rho) v = \langle \text{lift}_v \varrho \rangle (\text{lift}_v \rho v)$$

Lemma (Ren-ren)

$$\langle \varrho \rangle (\langle \rho \rangle t) = \langle \varrho \circ \rho \rangle t$$

Lemma (Lift-ren-sub)

$$\text{lift} (\langle \rho \rangle \circ \sigma) v = \langle \text{lift}_v \rho \rangle (\text{lift } \sigma v)$$

Lemma (Ren-sub)

$$\langle \rho \rangle ([\sigma] t) = [\langle \rho \rangle \circ \sigma] t$$

Lemma (Lift-sub-ren)

$$\text{lift} (\sigma \circ \rho) x = \text{lift } \sigma (\text{lift}_v \rho) v$$

Lemma (Sub-ren)

$$[\sigma] (\langle \rho \rangle t) = [\sigma \circ \rho] t$$

Lemma (Lift-sub-sub)

$$\text{lift} ([\zeta] \circ \sigma) x = [\text{lift } \zeta] (\text{lift } \sigma x)$$

Theorem (Substitution associativity) $[\zeta]([\sigma] t) = [[\zeta] \circ \sigma] t$

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a tasteful boilerplate
code generation

Syntax description file

Data type of types and terms

syntax Λ

type

$N : 0\text{-ary}$

$_ \succ _ : 2\text{-ary}$

term

$\text{app} : (\alpha \succ \beta) \quad \alpha \rightarrow \beta$

$\text{lam} : \alpha.\beta \rightarrow \alpha \succ \beta$

\Rightarrow

data $\Lambda T : \text{Set}$ **where**

$N : \Lambda T$

$_ \succ _ : \Lambda T \rightarrow \Lambda T \rightarrow \Lambda T$

data $\Lambda : \Lambda T \rightarrow \text{Ctx } \Lambda T \rightarrow \text{Set}$ **where**

var : $\mathcal{I} \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda \alpha \Gamma$

app : $\Lambda (\alpha \succ \beta) \Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda \beta \Gamma$

lam : $\Lambda \beta (\alpha \cdot \Gamma) \rightarrow \Lambda (\alpha \succ \beta) \Gamma$

Syntactic and semantic operations

$\text{wk} : \Lambda \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda \alpha (\beta \cdot \Gamma)$

$[_ / _] : \Lambda \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda \beta (\alpha \cdot \Gamma) \rightarrow \Lambda \beta \Gamma$

$\llbracket _ \rrbracket : \Lambda \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \alpha \Gamma$

Correctness laws

syn-sub-lemma : $[r /] ([s /] t) \equiv [[r /] s /] ([r /] t)$

sem-sub-lemma : $\llbracket [s /] t \rrbracket \equiv \mathcal{M}.\text{sub } \llbracket s \rrbracket \llbracket t \rrbracket$

Syntax
signature



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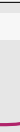


Syntactic
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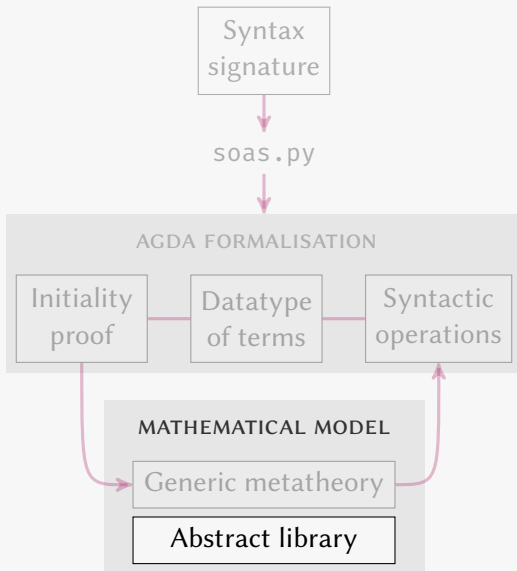


MATHEMATICAL MODEL

Generic metatheory



Abstract library



The universe of discourse of abstract syntax is typed- and scoped- sets – *sorted families*

Objects and morphisms

$\text{Family}_s : \text{Set}_1$

$\text{Family}_s = T \rightarrow \text{Ctx} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

$_ \rightarrow _ : \text{Family}_s \rightarrow \text{Family}_s \rightarrow \text{Set}$

$\mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y} = \{\alpha : T\} \{\Gamma : \text{Ctx}\} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{Y} \alpha \Gamma$

Example (Variables)

data $\mathcal{I} : \text{Family}_s$ where

new : $\mathcal{I} \alpha (\alpha \cdot \Gamma)$

old : $\mathcal{I} \beta \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{I} \beta (\alpha \cdot \Gamma)$

Example (Syntactic terms)

data $\mathcal{A} : \text{Family}_s$ where

var : $\mathcal{I} \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \alpha \Gamma$

app : $\mathcal{A} (\alpha \succ \beta) \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \beta \Gamma$

lam : $\mathcal{A} \beta (\alpha \cdot \Gamma) \rightarrow \mathcal{A} (\alpha \succ \beta) \Gamma$

Context maps assign terms of a family to variables in a type-preserving way

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \Gamma = & & \alpha & & \beta & & \gamma & & \delta & & : \text{Ctx} \\ & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \\ \sigma = & t_1 : \mathcal{X} \alpha \Delta & & t_2 : \mathcal{X} \beta \Delta & & t_3 : \mathcal{X} \gamma \Delta & & t_4 : \mathcal{X} \delta \Delta & & : \Gamma \multimap [\mathcal{X}] \rightarrow \Delta \end{array}$$

Simultaneous substitutions represented as a function space

$$\begin{array}{l} \multimap \multimap \rightarrow \multimap : \text{Ctx} \rightarrow \text{Family}_s \rightarrow \text{Ctx} \rightarrow \text{Set} \\ \Gamma \multimap [\mathcal{X}] \rightarrow \Delta = \{\alpha : T\} \rightarrow \mathcal{I} \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \alpha \Delta \end{array}$$

Renamings are variable-valued context maps

Contexts and renamings form a cocartesian category

$$\begin{array}{l} \multimap \rightsquigarrow \multimap : \text{Ctx} \rightarrow \text{Ctx} \rightarrow \text{Set} \\ \Gamma \rightsquigarrow \Delta = \Gamma \multimap [\mathcal{I}] \rightarrow \Delta \end{array}$$

Families can be parametrised by context maps

Make \mathcal{Y} dependent on a \mathcal{X} -valued context map into an arbitrary Δ
Internal hom of \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} in the skew-closed category of families

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket _, _ \rrbracket &: \mathbf{Family}_s \rightarrow \mathbf{Family}_s \rightarrow \mathbf{Family}_s \\ \llbracket \mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y} \rrbracket \alpha \Gamma = \{ \Delta : \mathbf{Ctx} \} &\rightarrow (\Gamma \multimap [\mathcal{X}] \rightarrow \Delta) \rightarrow \mathcal{Y} \alpha \Delta \end{aligned}$$

“Renamable” terms are elements of $\square \mathcal{X} \triangleq \llbracket \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{X} \rrbracket$

A term $t \in (\square \mathcal{X}) \alpha \Gamma$ applied to $\rho: \Gamma \rightsquigarrow \Delta$ gives $t \rho: \mathcal{X} \alpha \Delta$

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Renamability is coalgebra structure

Definition

A *coalgebra* for the comonad \square on \mathbf{Fam}_s is an object \mathcal{X} and a structure map $\mathbf{r}: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \square \mathcal{X}$ compatible with the comonad structure:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X} & & \\ \mathbf{r} \downarrow & \searrow & \\ \square \mathcal{X} & \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} & \mathcal{X} \end{array}$$

$$t \mapsto \mathbf{r} \, t \, \text{id} = t$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{X} & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{r}} & \square \mathcal{X} \\ \mathbf{r} \downarrow & & \downarrow \delta \\ \square \mathcal{X} & \xrightarrow{\square \mathbf{r}} & \square \square \mathcal{X} \end{array}$$

$$t \mapsto \rho, \varrho \mapsto \mathbf{r} \, (\mathbf{r} \, t \, \rho) \, \varrho = \mathbf{r} \, t \, (\varrho \circ \rho)$$

The structure map $\mathbf{r}: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \square \mathcal{X}$ acts as the *renaming operation*

It turns a family with coalgebra structure into a renamable family

$$\mathbf{r}: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \square \mathcal{X} = \forall \{\alpha \, \Gamma\} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \, \alpha \, \Gamma \rightarrow (\forall \{\Delta\} \rightarrow (\Gamma \rightsquigarrow \Delta) \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \, \alpha \, \Delta)$$

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Substitutability is monoid structure

Definition

A *monoid* in a closed category $(\mathbf{Fam}_s, \mathcal{I}, \llbracket -, = \rrbracket)$ is an object \mathcal{M} with a unit $\eta: \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ and multiplication $\mu: \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \llbracket \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M} \rrbracket$ satisfying unit and associativity laws.

record Mon ($\mathcal{M} : \mathbf{Family}_s$) : Set where

field $\eta : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$

$\mu : \mathcal{M} \rightarrow \llbracket \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M} \rrbracket$

lunit : $\{\sigma : \Gamma \multimap \llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket \rightarrow \Delta\} \{v : \mathcal{I} \alpha \Gamma\} \rightarrow \mu (\eta v) \sigma \equiv \sigma v$

runit : $\{t : \mathcal{M} \alpha \Gamma\} \rightarrow \mu t \eta \equiv t$

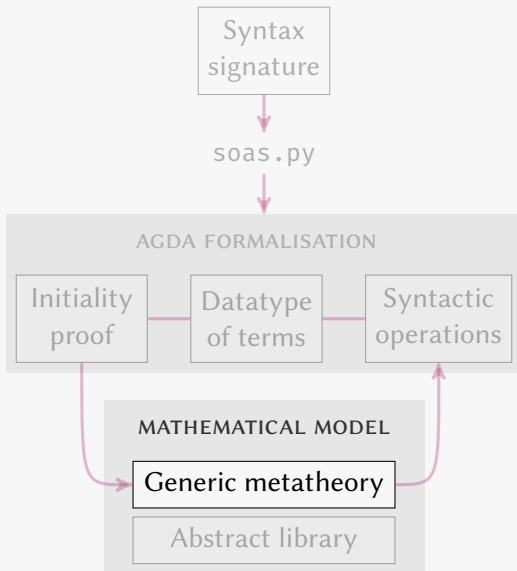
assoc : $\{\sigma : \Gamma \multimap \llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket \rightarrow \Delta\} \{\varsigma : \Delta \multimap \llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket \rightarrow \Theta\} \{t : \mathcal{M} \alpha \Gamma\} \rightarrow$
 $\mu (\mu t \sigma) \varsigma \equiv \mu t (\lambda v \rightarrow \mu (\sigma v) \varsigma)$

Simultaneous substitution μ and associativity **assoc** reduces to single-variable substitution and the substitution lemma, respectively

$$\llbracket _ / _ \rrbracket : \mathcal{M} \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \beta (\alpha \cdot \Gamma) \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \beta \Gamma$$
$$\llbracket s / _ \rrbracket t = \mu t (\lambda \text{new} \rightarrow s; (\text{old } v) \rightarrow \eta v)$$

$$\llbracket r / _ \rrbracket (\llbracket s / _ \rrbracket t) \equiv \llbracket \llbracket r / _ \rrbracket s / _ \rrbracket (\llbracket r / _ \rrbracket t)$$

The categorical viewpoint leads to an abstract,
natural characterisation of substitution structure



Initial pointed Σ -algebras encode syntax with variables

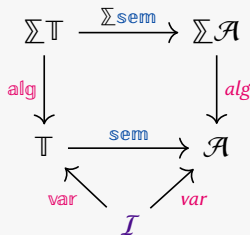
Signature endofunctor Σ captures operator arities

For example, $\Sigma_{\text{Mon}}(\mathcal{A}) \triangleq 1 + \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}$

Algebras $\Sigma\mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ capture constructors of the syntax

For example, $[\text{unit}, \text{mult}] : (1 + \mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathcal{A} = \Sigma_{\text{Mon}}(\mathcal{A}) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$

Initial pointed Σ -algebras $\Sigma\mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T} \leftarrow \mathcal{I}$ capture structural recursion



$$\text{sem}(\text{alg}(t)) = \text{alg}(\Sigma\text{sem}(t))$$

$$\text{sem}(\text{var}(v)) = \text{var}(v)$$

Syntactic operations are constructed and proved correct using initiality

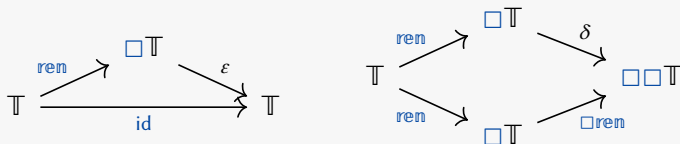
Syntactic operations can often be brought to the form $\mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$

Suffices to show that \mathcal{A} is a $(\Sigma + \mathcal{I})$ -algebra

$$\text{ren}: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \square \mathbb{T} \quad \text{sub}: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \langle \mathbb{T}, \mathbb{T} \rangle$$

Correctness laws equate maps of the form $\mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$

Suffices to show that edges are $(\Sigma + \mathcal{I})$ -algebra homomorphisms



Coalgebra and monoid structure given by categorical reasoning

Compositional constructions and diagrammatic proofs

The substitution structure is defined and proved generically over any second-order signature

Syntax
signature



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Everything starts with a syntax description file

```
syntax STLC |  $\Lambda$ 
type
  N      : 0-ary
   $\_>\_$     : 2-ary | r30
term
  app : ( $\alpha > \beta$ )  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  |  $\_ \$ \_$  l20
  lam :  $\alpha . \beta \rightarrow \alpha > \beta$  |  $\lambda \_$  r10
```

Type syntax

```
data  $\Lambda T$  : Set where
  N      :  $\Lambda T$ 
   $\_>\_$     :  $\Lambda T \rightarrow \Lambda T \rightarrow \Lambda T$ 
```

Term syntax

```
data  $\Lambda$  :  $\Lambda T \rightarrow \text{Ctx } \Lambda T \rightarrow \text{Set}$  where
  var :  $\mathcal{I} \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda \alpha \Gamma$ 
   $\_ \$ \_$  :  $\Lambda (\alpha > \beta) \Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda \beta \Gamma$ 
   $\lambda \_$  :  $\Lambda \beta (\alpha \cdot \Gamma) \rightarrow \Lambda (\alpha > \beta) \Gamma$ 
```

Operator symbols

```
data  $\Lambda_o$  : Set where
  appo : { $\alpha \beta$  :  $\Lambda T$ }  $\rightarrow \Lambda_o$ 
  lamo : { $\alpha \beta$  :  $\Lambda T$ }  $\rightarrow \Lambda_o$ 
```

Signature

```
 $\Lambda\text{Sig}$  :  $\Lambda_o \rightarrow \text{List } (\text{Ctx} \times \Lambda T) \times \Lambda T$ 
 $\Lambda\text{Sig}$  =  $\lambda \{ \text{app}_o \rightarrow [([], \alpha > \beta), ([], \alpha)], \beta$ 
           ; lamo  $\rightarrow [([\alpha], \beta), \alpha > \beta] \}$ 
```

The signature determines the endofunctor Σ and its algebras

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma &: \mathbf{Family}_s \rightarrow \mathbf{Family}_s \\ \Sigma \mathcal{X} \alpha \Gamma &= \Sigma[o \in \Lambda_o] (\alpha \equiv \text{Sort } o \times \text{Arg } (\text{Arity } o) \mathcal{X} \Gamma)\end{aligned}$$

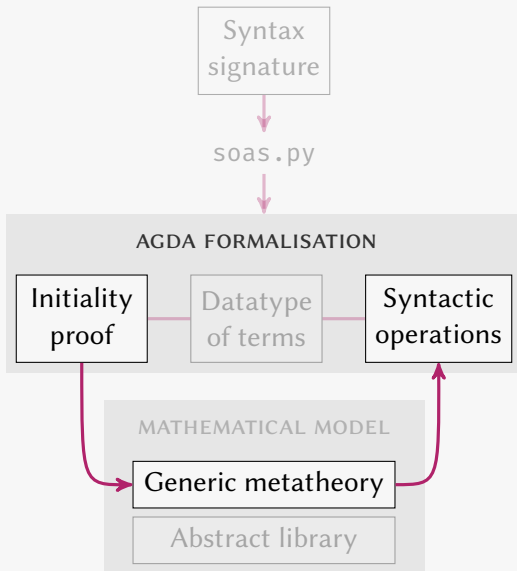
Associate an operator symbol with a tuple of \mathcal{X} -terms

The operator arity determines the type and context of subterms

$$\begin{aligned}f: \mathcal{X} (\alpha \succ \beta) \Gamma, a: \mathcal{X} \alpha \Gamma \vdash (\text{app}_o, \text{refl}, (f, a)) &: \Sigma \mathcal{X} \beta \Gamma \\ b: \mathcal{X} \beta (\alpha \cdot \Gamma) \vdash (\text{lam}_o, \text{refl}, b) &: \Sigma \mathcal{X} (\alpha \succ \beta) \Gamma\end{aligned}$$

Pointed Σ -algebras $\Sigma \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{X} \leftarrow \mathcal{I}$ carry the syntactic structure

The initial such algebra will also have substitution structure



The inductive type of terms is the initial pointed Σ -algebra

Translation of Λ to any algebra $(\mathcal{A}, \text{var}: \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}, \text{alg}: \Sigma \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{A})$

Captures all forms of recursive definitions on the syntax

```
sem :  $\Lambda \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$   
sem (var v)   = var v  
sem (app g a) = alg (appo, refl, (sem g, sem a))  
sem (lam b)   = alg (lamo, refl, sem b)
```

Uniqueness of `sem` among all homomorphisms $(g, \langle \text{var} \rangle, \langle \text{alg} \rangle)$

Captures all forms of inductive equality proofs on the syntax

```
sem! : (t :  $\Lambda \alpha \Gamma$ )  $\rightarrow$  sem t  $\equiv$  g t  
sem! (var v)                               = sym  $\langle \text{var} \rangle$   
sem! (app f a) rewrite sem! f | sem! a = sym  $\langle \text{alg} \rangle$   
sem! (lam b)  rewrite sem! b           = sym  $\langle \text{alg} \rangle$ 
```

The initiality proof for the syntax
instantiates the generic metatheory

```
open import SOAS.Metatheory  $\Lambda$ :Sig  $\Lambda$  sem sem!
```

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket _ \rrbracket &: \Lambda \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow (\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket^c \rightarrow \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket^t) \\ \llbracket _ \rrbracket &= \text{Alg.sem record } \{ \dots \} \end{aligned}$$
$$\text{sub-lemma} : \{b : \Lambda \beta (\alpha \cdot \Gamma)\} \{a : \Lambda \alpha \Gamma\} (\gamma : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket^c) \rightarrow \llbracket [a/] b \rrbracket \gamma \equiv \llbracket b \rrbracket (\gamma + \llbracket a \rrbracket)$$
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{data } _ \rightsquigarrow _ : \Lambda \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \text{Set where} \\ \beta\text{-}\lambda : \{b : \Lambda \beta (\alpha \cdot \Gamma)\} \{a : \Lambda \alpha \Gamma\} \rightarrow (\lambda b) \$ a \rightsquigarrow [a /] b \\ \zeta\text{-}\$: \{f \ g : \Lambda (\alpha \succ \beta) \Gamma\} \{a : \Lambda \alpha \Gamma\} \rightarrow f \rightsquigarrow g \\ \phantom{\zeta\text{-}\$: } \phantom{\{f \ g : \Lambda (\alpha \succ \beta) \Gamma\} \{a : \Lambda \alpha \Gamma\} \rightarrow } \phantom{\phantom{\zeta\text{-}\$: } \phantom{\{f \ g : \Lambda (\alpha \succ \beta) \Gamma\} \{a : \Lambda \alpha \Gamma\} \rightarrow } } \rightarrow f \$ a \phantom{\phantom{\zeta\text{-}\$: } \phantom{\{f \ g : \Lambda (\alpha \succ \beta) \Gamma\} \{a : \Lambda \alpha \Gamma\} \rightarrow } } \rightsquigarrow q \$ a \end{array}$$
$$\begin{aligned} \text{sound} &: \{t\ s : \Lambda\ \alpha\ \Gamma\} \rightarrow t \rightsquigarrow s \rightarrow (\gamma : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket^c) \rightarrow \llbracket t \rrbracket \gamma \equiv \llbracket s \rrbracket \gamma \\ \text{sound} &(\zeta\text{-}\$ r) \quad \gamma \text{ rewrite } \text{sound } r \gamma = \text{refl} \\ \text{sound} &(\beta\text{-}\lambda \{t\}\{b\}) \gamma \text{ rewrite } \text{sub-lemma } t\ b \\ &= \text{cong } \llbracket b \rrbracket (\text{dext } \lambda\{\text{new} \rightarrow \text{refl} ; (\text{old } v) \rightarrow \text{refl}\}) \end{aligned}$$

Move from language design to
valuable metatheory in seconds!

Example: first-order logic

syntax F

type

$*$: 0-ary

N : 0-ary

data FT : Set where

\star : FT

N : FT

term

false $\rightarrow *$ | \perp

and : $*$ $*$ $\rightarrow *$ | $_ \wedge _$

not : $*$ $\rightarrow *$ | $\neg _$

all : $N.*$ $\rightarrow *$ | $\forall _ \dots$

data F : FT \rightarrow Ctx FT \rightarrow Set where

var : $\mathcal{I} \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \Lambda \alpha \Gamma$

\perp : F $\star \Gamma$

$_ \wedge _$: F $\star \Gamma \rightarrow F \star \Gamma \rightarrow F \star \Gamma$

$\neg _$: F $\star \Gamma \rightarrow F \star \Gamma$

$\forall _$: F $\star (N \cdot \Gamma) \rightarrow F \star \Gamma \dots$

theory

'and' commutative, idempotent

'false' annihilates 'and'

(DM \wedge) $a \ b \triangleright \text{not} (\text{and} (a, b)) = \text{or} (\text{not}(a), \text{not}(b))$

($\wedge P \forall^L$) $p : * \quad q : N.* \triangleright \text{and} (p, \text{all}(x.q[x]))$

$= \text{all} (x. \text{and}(p, q[x])) \dots$

Example: first-order logic

$\text{data } _ \triangleright _ \vdash _ \approx_A _ : \forall (\mathfrak{M} \Gamma) \rightarrow \mathsf{F} \mathfrak{M} \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \mathsf{F} \mathfrak{M} \alpha \Gamma \rightarrow \mathsf{Set} \text{ where}$
 $\wedge C : [*] [*] \triangleright \emptyset \vdash a \wedge b \approx_A b \wedge a$
 $\perp X \wedge^L : [*] \triangleright \emptyset \vdash \perp \wedge a \approx_A \perp$
 $DM \wedge : [*] [*] \triangleright \emptyset \vdash \neg (a \wedge b) \approx_A (\neg a) \vee (\neg b)$
 $\wedge PV^L : [*] [N \Vdash *] \triangleright \emptyset \vdash a \wedge (\underline{\vee} b \langle x_0 \rangle) \approx_A \underline{\vee} (a \wedge b \langle x_0 \rangle) \dots$

$\text{ax_with_} : \{s \ t : \mathsf{F} \mathfrak{M} \alpha \Pi\} \rightarrow \mathfrak{M} \triangleright \Pi \vdash s \approx_A t \rightarrow$
 $(\zeta : \mathsf{MSub} \Gamma \mathfrak{M} \mathfrak{N}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{N} \triangleright \Pi \vdash \text{msub } s \ \zeta \approx \text{msub } t \ \zeta$

$\text{cong}[_]_{\text{in}} : \{s \ t : \mathsf{F} \mathfrak{M} \beta (\Pi \dot{+} \Gamma)\} \rightarrow \mathfrak{M} \triangleright (\Pi \dot{+} \Gamma) \vdash s \approx_A t \rightarrow$
 $(u : \mathsf{F} (\mathfrak{M} [\Pi \Vdash \beta]) \alpha \Gamma) \rightarrow \mathfrak{M} \triangleright \Gamma \vdash \text{msub}_1 u \ s \approx \text{msub}_1 u \ t$

$\wedge PV^R : [N \Vdash *] [*] \vdash (\underline{\vee} a \langle x_0 \rangle) \wedge b \approx \underline{\vee} (a \langle x_0 \rangle \wedge b)$

$\wedge PV^R = \text{begin}$

$(\underline{\vee} a \langle x_0 \rangle) \wedge b \approx \langle \text{ax } \wedge C \text{ with } \langle \langle \underline{\vee} a \langle x_0 \rangle \rangle \triangleleft b \rangle \rangle$

$b \wedge (\underline{\vee} a \langle x_0 \rangle) \approx \langle \text{ax } \wedge PV^L \text{ with } \langle \langle b \triangleleft a \langle x_0 \rangle \rangle \rangle \rangle$

$\underline{\vee} (b \wedge a \langle x_0 \rangle) \approx \langle \text{cong} [\text{ax } \wedge C \text{ with } \langle \langle b \triangleleft a \langle x_0 \rangle \rangle \rangle]_{\text{in}} \underline{\vee} (\odot^c \langle x_0 \rangle) \rangle$

$\underline{\vee} (a \langle x_0 \rangle \wedge b) \blacksquare$

Conclusions

A signature captures the full syntactic structure of a language
No definition or proof requires particular, syntax-specific insight

Categorical viewpoint lends generality and deep understanding
Capture and abstract over common constructions from literature

Second-order extensions follow naturally from the theory
Further analysis of metasubstitution is ongoing work

Generality, practicality, efficiency – choose three!

Source code, documentation, and examples
can be found on the project page:

<https://tinyurl.com/agda-soas>

Give it a try!