

# Computing with Isomorphisms

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# Quote

The Fabric of Reality, David Deutsch (1997):

*“Turing hoped that his **abstracted-paper-tape model** was so simple, so transparent and well defined, that it **would not depend on any assumptions about physics** that could conceivably be falsified, and therefore that it could become the basis of an abstract theory of computation that was independent of the underlying physics. ‘**He thought,**’ as Feynman once put it, ‘**that he understood paper.**’ But he was mistaken. Real, quantum-mechanical paper is wildly different from the abstract stuff that the Turing machine uses. The Turing machine is entirely classical...”*

# Computing with the Physical World

- Quantum Physics suggests a universe in which
  - ▶ fundamental interactions are all **reversible**.
  - ▶ various quantities such as mass, energy, angular momentum, spin etc are **conserved**.

# Computing with the Physical World

- Abstract models of computation **shield** us from the underlying technology that realize computation in the real world.
- Irreversible classical worldview.
  - ▶ **Logic gates** such as **nand** cannot recover inputs from outputs.
  - ▶ **Turing machines** rely on overwriting of symbols on a tape.
  - ▶  **$\lambda$ -calculus** relies on  $\beta$  reduction.

# Closed Systems and Interactions as Effects

- **Closed systems** are the basic notion and the basic unit of study in Physics.
  - ▶ Closed systems are reversible and obey various conservation laws.
- **Open systems**, ones that interact with their environment, are a derived notion.
  - ▶ Open systems do not share these properties.

## Interactions as Effects

Interactions with the environment that change the properties of a closed system, are much like side effects .

# Embedding Irreversibility within Reversibility

## Toffoli (1980)

For every finite function  $\phi : \text{bool}^m \rightarrow \text{bool}^n$  there exists an invertible finite function  $\phi^R : \text{bool}^{r+m} \rightarrow \text{bool}^{r+m}$ , with  $r \leq n$ , such that  $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_m) = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  iff

$$\phi^R(x_1, \dots, x_m, \overbrace{\text{false}, \dots, \text{false}}^r) = (\overbrace{\dots}^{m+r-n}, y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

# Compiling AND

- Consider the irreversible function  $\text{and} : \text{bool} \times \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}$
- According to Toffoli (1980), “and” can be compiled to

|          |          |   |  |   |   |          |
|----------|----------|---|--|---|---|----------|
| <i>F</i> | <i>F</i> | F |  | F | F | <i>F</i> |
| <i>T</i> | <i>F</i> | F |  | T | F | <i>F</i> |
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Technically:

- 1 A function is **information preserving** if its input entropy matches its output entropy.
- 2 **Logically reversible functions are information preserving.**
- 3 **Irreversibility** is a derived concept and **is captured by a type-and-effect system.**
  - ▶ Information effects are modeled as interactions with a surrounding information environment.

# Contributions

- We develop such a “information preserving” reversible computational model called  $\Pi^o$  (also a strong normalizing fragment called  $\Pi$ ).
- Reversibility is captured by (partial) type isomorphisms.
- Interactions with the heap and garbage are effects that are tracked by the type system.

# Computing with Isomorphisms

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- Information can **neither be created nor deleted** in  $\Pi^0$  much like
  - ▶ Restrictions on weakening and contraction in Linear Logic
  - ▶ The no-cloning and no-deletion theorems of Quantum Mechanics.

# Type Isomorphisms for Finite types

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{base types, } b & ::= 0 \mid 1 \mid b + b \mid b \times b \\ \text{values, } v & ::= () \mid \text{left } v \mid \text{right } v \mid (v, v) \end{array}$$



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# Type Isomorphisms with Recursive Types and Trace

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$\mu x.b \quad \rightleftharpoons \quad b[\mu x.b/x]$  *isorecursive types*

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# Witnesses for Type Isomorphisms with Trace : $\Pi^0$

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*unfold* :  $\mu x.b \rightleftharpoons b[\mu x.b/x]$  : *fold*

*zeroe* :  $0 + b \rightleftharpoons b$  : *zeroi*

*swap*<sup>+</sup> :  $b_1 + b_2 \rightleftharpoons b_2 + b_1$  : *swap*<sup>+</sup>

*assocl*<sup>+</sup> :  $b_1 + (b_2 + b_3) \rightleftharpoons (b_1 + b_2) + b_3$  : *assocr*<sup>+</sup>

*unite* :  $1 \times b \rightleftharpoons b$  : *uniti*

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*distrib*<sub>0</sub> :  $0 \times b \rightleftharpoons 0$  : *factor*<sub>0</sub>

*distrib* :  $(b_1 + b_2) \times b_3 \rightleftharpoons (b_1 \times b_3) + (b_2 \times b_3)$  : *factor*

$\frac{}{id : b \rightleftharpoons b}$      $\frac{c : b_1 \rightleftharpoons b_2}{sym\ c : b_2 \rightleftharpoons b_1}$      $\frac{c_1 : b_1 \rightleftharpoons b_2 \quad c_2 : b_2 \rightleftharpoons b_3}{(c_1 \circ c_2) : b_1 \rightleftharpoons b_3}$

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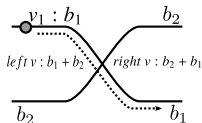
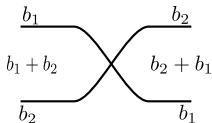
- We encode booleans in  $\Pi^0$  by  $bool = 1 + 1$

And thus we have

$true = left()$

$false = right()$

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Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \text{not} : \text{bool} &\rightleftharpoons \text{bool} \\ \text{not} &= \text{swap}^+ \end{aligned}$$

and we can verify that:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{not true} &\mapsto \text{false} \\ \text{not false} &\mapsto \text{true} \end{aligned}$$

- Computation is modeled as the flow of particles in a circuit.
  - ▶ Geometry of Interaction
  - ▶ Proof Nets
  - ▶ Penrose diagrams for categories etc.

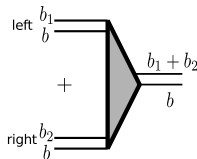
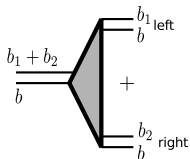
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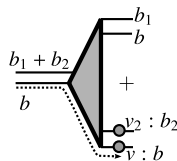
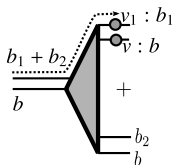
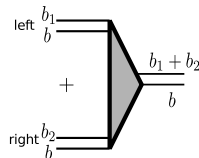
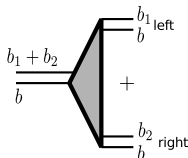
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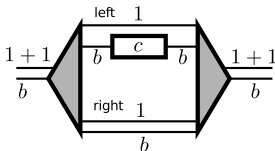


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- $\text{if}_c : \text{bool} \times b \Rightarrow \text{bool} \times b$   
 $\text{if}_c = \text{distrib} \circ ((id \times c) + id) \circ \text{factor}$

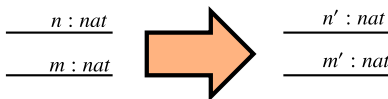


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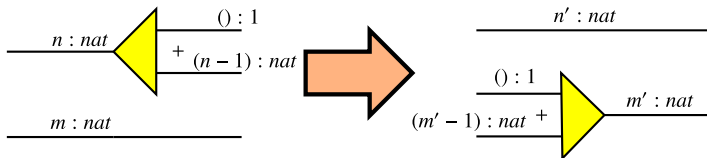
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$$\begin{aligned} \text{fold}_{\text{nat}} : 1 + \text{nat} &\rightleftharpoons \text{nat} : \text{unfold}_{\text{nat}} \\ \text{nat} &= \mu x. (1 + x) \end{aligned}$$

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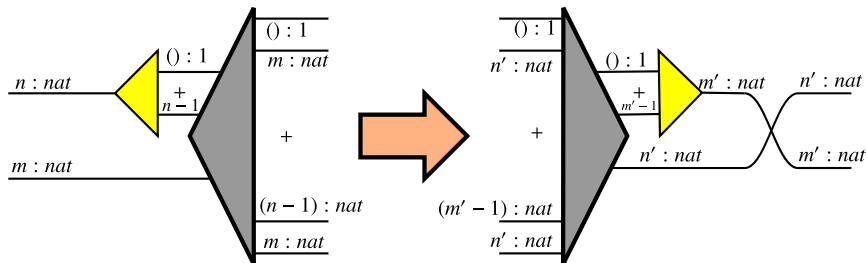
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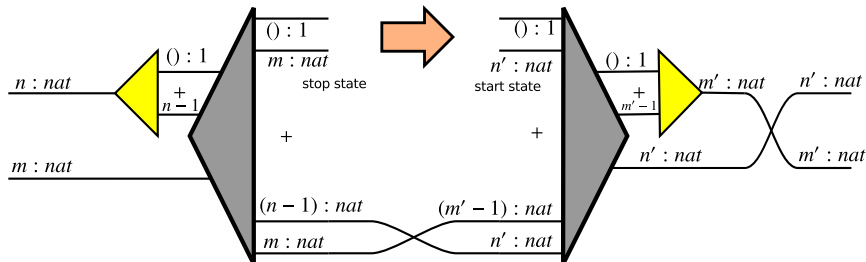
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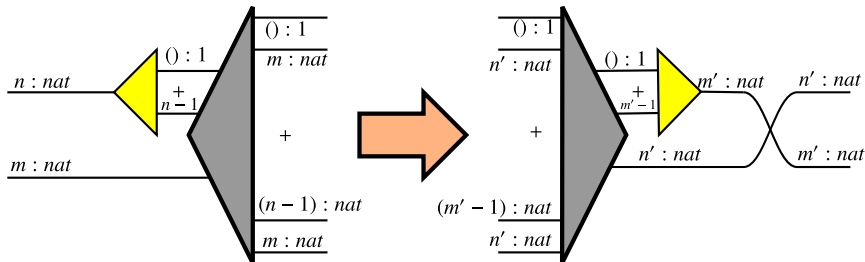
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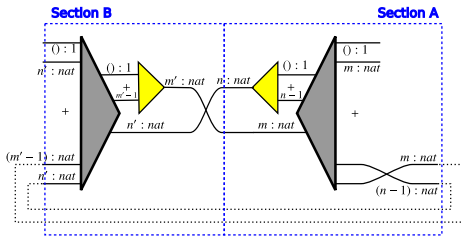
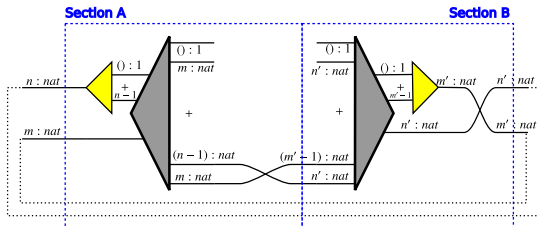
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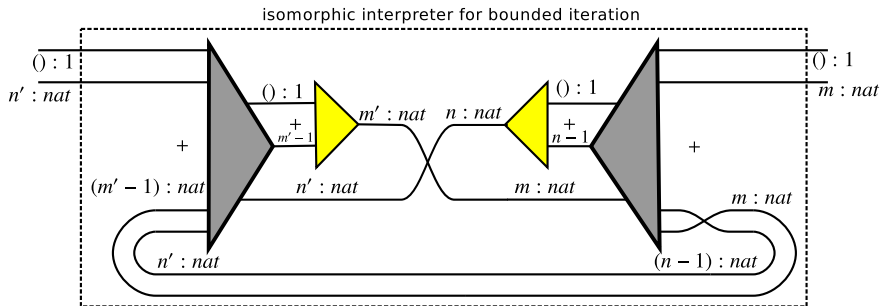
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# $\Pi^0$ examples : Metacircular Evaluator

*Combinators, c* =  $iso \mid c \circ c \mid c \times c \mid c + c \mid trace \ c$   
*Combinator Contexts, cc* =  $\square \mid Fst \ cc \ c \mid Snd \ c \ cc$   
 $\mid LeftTimes \ cc \ c \ v \mid RightTimes \ c \ v \ cc$   
 $\mid LeftPlus \ cc \ c \mid RightPlus \ c \ cc \mid Trace \ cc$   
*Values, v* =  $() \mid (v, v) \mid L \ v \mid R \ v$

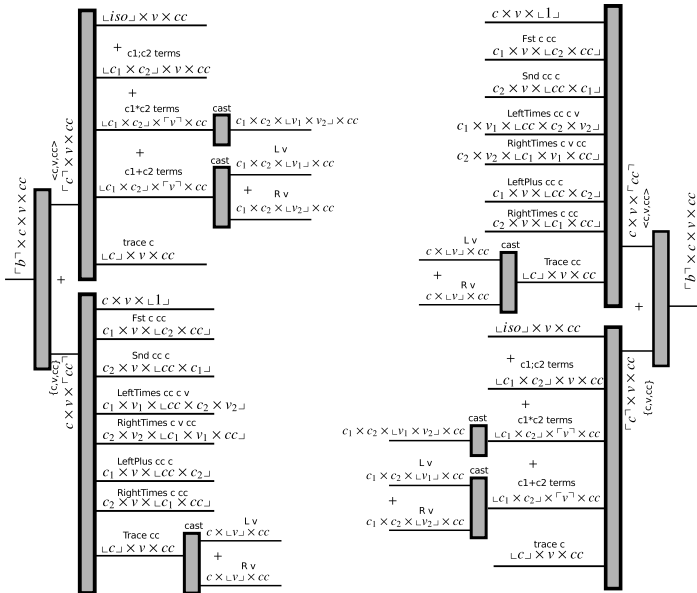
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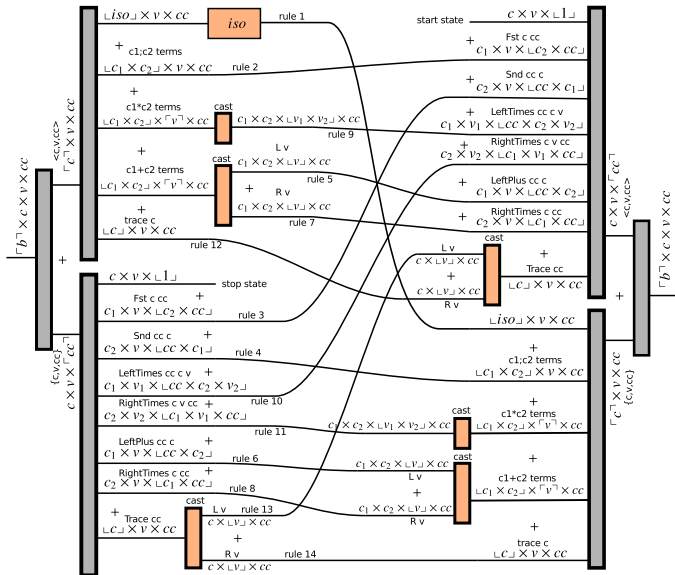
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|  |   |         |
|--|---|---------|
| $\langle iso, v, cc \rangle$                     | $\mapsto \{iso, iso(v), cc\}$                                   | rule 1  |
| $\langle c_1 \circ c_2, v, cc \rangle$           | $\mapsto \langle c_1, v, Fst \ cc \ c_2 \rangle$                | rule 2  |
| $\{c_1, v, Fst \ cc \ c_2\}$                     | $\mapsto \langle c_2, v, Snd \ c_1 \ cc \rangle$                | rule 3  |
| $\{c_2, v, Snd \ c_1 \ cc\}$                     | $\mapsto \langle c_1 \circ c_2, v, cc \rangle$                  | rule 4  |
| $\langle c_1 + c_2, L \ v, cc \rangle$           | $\mapsto \langle c_1, v, LeftPlus \ cc \ c_2 \rangle$           | rule 5  |
| $\{c_1, v, LeftPlus \ cc \ c_2\}$                | $\mapsto \{c_1 + c_2, L \ v, cc\}$                              | rule 6  |
| $\langle c_1 + c_2, R \ v, cc \rangle$           | $\mapsto \langle c_2, v, RightPlus \ c_1 \ cc \rangle$          | rule 7  |
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| $\langle c_1 \times c_2, (v_1, v_2), cc \rangle$ | $\mapsto \langle c_1, v_1, LeftTimes \ cc \ c_2 \ v_2 \rangle$  | rule 9  |
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| $\{c_2, v_2, RightTimes \ c_1 \ v_1 \ cc\}$      | $\mapsto \langle c_1 \times c_2, (v_1, v_2), cc \rangle$        | rule 11 |
| $\langle trace \ c, v, cc \rangle$               | $\mapsto \langle c, R \ v, Trace \ cc \rangle$                  | rule 12 |
| $\{c, L \ v, Trace \ cc\}$                       | $\mapsto \langle c, L \ v, Trace \ cc \rangle$                  | rule 13 |
| $\{c, R \ v, Trace \ cc\}$                       | $\mapsto \{trace \ c, R \ v, cc\}$                              | rule 14 |

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## Extending $\Pi^o$ with Information Effects

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- 2 Lifts traces, sequencing and parallel composition to the new arrow type  $b_1 \rightarrow b_2$ .
- 3 And adds two information effects representing the creation and erasure of information.
  - ▶ *create* :  $1 \rightarrow b$
  - ▶ *erase* :  $b \rightarrow 1$
- 4 Given the ability to *create* constants, we can construct a *clone* operator.

## Entropy Analysis Example : $ML_{\Pi^o}$

# XOR and NAND example : entropy analysis

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## XOR and NAND example : $ML_{\Pi^0}$ implementation

- The most optimal implementation of *xor* must erase at least 1 bit i.e. there must be at least one *erase<sub>bool</sub>*.

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- These minimums are captured in the structure of the program.



$$\text{LET}^o \implies \text{ML}_{\Pi^o} \implies \Pi^o$$

## Translation 1: $\text{LET}^o \Longrightarrow \text{ML}_{\Pi^o}$

We show the translation from a first-order  $\lambda^\rightarrow$ , with sum and product types, and extended with iteration to  $\text{ML}_{\Pi^o}$ .

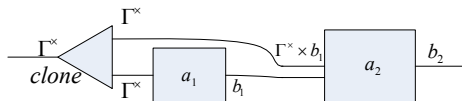
$$\Gamma \vdash e : b \Longrightarrow a : \Gamma^\times \multimap b$$

- The translation exposes the implicit irreversibility of the  $\lambda$ -calculus by requiring explicit *create* and *erase* operations.

# Translation 1 : overview

- Case *let*  $x = e_1$  in  $e_2$ :

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \Gamma \vdash e_1 : b_1 \implies a_1 : \Gamma^\times \multimap b_1 \\ \Gamma, x : b_1 \vdash e_2 : b_2 \implies a_2 : \Gamma^\times \times b_1 \multimap b_2 \end{array}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 : b_2 \implies a : \Gamma^\times \multimap b_2}$$



# Translation 1 : overview

- The main work of the translation is to
  - ▶ Make the implicit environment of  $\text{LET}^0$  explicit as the  $\Gamma^\times$  input.
  - ▶ Thread the environment through the computation.
  - ▶ Clone/introduce constants as required.
  - ▶ Erase unwanted values.
- Much of the complexity lies in the handling of sums and case.
- The product fragment of this translation is much like the *CCC* semantics for  $\lambda^\rightarrow$ .

## Translation 2: $\text{ML}_{\Pi^0} \Longrightarrow \Pi^0$

$\text{ML}_{\Pi^0}$  can be embedded in  $\Pi^0$ .

$$a : \Gamma^\times \multimap b \Longrightarrow c : h \times \Gamma^\times \Rrightarrow g \times b$$

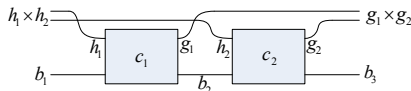
- Information effects manifest as interactions with an information environment.
  - ▶ The artifacts  $h$  and  $g$ , exposed in the types, represent this information environment.

## Translation 2 : overview

- $a_1 \ggg a_2$ :

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} a_1 : b_1 \rightarrow b_2 \implies c_1 : h_1 \times b_1 \Rrightarrow g_1 \times b_2 \\ a_2 : b_2 \rightarrow b_3 \implies c_2 : h_2 \times b_2 \Rrightarrow g_2 \times b_3 \end{array}}{a_1 \ggg a_2 : b_1 \rightarrow b_3 \implies c : h \times b_1 \Rrightarrow g \times b_3}$$

We choose  $h = h_1 \times h_2$  and  $g = g_1 \times g_2$  and we have



## Translation 2 : overview

- The main work of the translation is to shuffle  $h$  and  $g$  values through the computation.
- In the simplest sense, *create* exposes the input heap.

$$\overline{\text{create} : 1 \multimap b \implies c : h \times 1 \Rrightarrow g \times b}$$

We choose  $h = b$  and  $g = 1$  and we have  $c = \text{swap}^\times$ .

- The operator *erase* does the dual and is also realized by  $\text{swap}^\times$ .

Note: The paper refines this further and gives two different treatments of *create*, one for  $\Pi^\circ$  and one for its strong-normalizing fragment  $\Pi$ .

# Applications and Connections

- Could serve as better basis of computation than  $\lambda$ -calculus for applications where information manipulation is computationally significant.
  - ▶ Quantitative information-flow security. Sabelfeld and Myers (2003)
  - ▶ Differential privacy. Dwork (2006)
  - ▶ Energy-aware computing. Ma et al. (2008); Zeng et al. (2002)
  - ▶ VLSI design. Macii and Poncino (1996)
  - ▶ Biochemical models of computation. Cardelli and Zavattaro (2008)
- Hiding in the structure of  $\Pi^o$  is a Dagger Symmetric Traced Monoidal Category.
  - ▶ Gol. Girard (1989)
  - ▶ Duality of Computation. Filinski (1989), Curien and Herbelin (2000)
  - ▶ Quantum Computing.
  - ▶ Categorical constructions such as  $\mathcal{G}$  and **Int**.



# The Dualities of Computation

# Extensions: Duality

- How do we express functions in  $\Pi^0$ ?
- How do we express continuations in  $\Pi^0$ ?

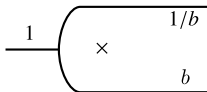
# Extensions: Duality

Not one duality, but two: negative and fractional types.

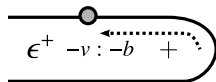
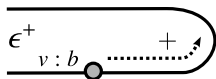
$$\eta^+ : 0 \leftrightarrow (-b) + b : \epsilon^+$$

$$\eta^\times : 1 \leftrightarrow (1/b) \times b : \epsilon^\times$$

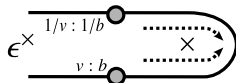
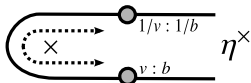
$$\frac{\vdash v : b}{\vdash -v : -b} \quad \frac{\vdash v : b}{\vdash 1/v : 1/b}$$



# Extensions: $\Pi^{\eta\epsilon}$



Backward Information Flow.



Creation and Annihilation of entangled particles.

In many ways, we are only beginning to understand these structures.

# Extras

# The language $\Pi^o$

## Syntax of $\Pi^o$

*base types,  $b$*  ::=  $0 \mid 1 \mid b + b \mid b \times b \mid x \mid \mu x.b$

*combinator types,  $t$*  ::=  $b \Rightarrow b$

*values,  $v$*  ::=  $() \mid \text{left } v \mid \text{right } v \mid (v, v) \mid \langle v \rangle$

*isomorphisms,  $iso$*  ::=  $\text{swap}^+ \mid \text{assocl}^+ \mid \text{assocr}^+$   
|  $\text{swap}^\times \mid \text{assocl}^\times \mid \text{assocr}^\times \mid \text{unite} \mid \text{uniti}$   
|  $\text{distrib} \mid \text{factor} \mid \text{id} \mid \text{fold} \mid \text{unfold}$

*combinators,  $c$*  ::=  $iso \mid \text{sym } c \mid c \circ c \mid c \times c \mid c + c \mid \text{trace } c$

- $\Pi$  is the fragment of  $\Pi^o$  sans recursive types and trace.
  - ▶ i.e. without the red parts.

# Logically reversible functions are “information preserving”

- 1 **Logical reversibility**: A function  $f : b_1 \rightarrow b_2$  is logically reversible if there exists an inverse function  $g : b_2 \rightarrow b_1$  such that for all values  $v_1 \in b_1$  and  $v_2 \in b_2$ , we have:  $f(v_1) = v_2$  iff  $g(v_2) = v_1$ . (Zuliani (2001))
- 2 **Entropy of a variable** : Let ‘ $b$ ’ be a (not necessarily finite) type whose values are labeled  $b^1, b^2, \dots$ . Let  $\xi$  be a random variable of type  $b$  that is equal to  $b^i$  with probability  $p_i$ . The entropy of  $\xi$  is defined as  $-\sum p_i \log p_i$ .
- 3 **Output entropy of a function**: Consider a function  $f : b_1 \rightarrow b_2$  where  $b_2$  is a (not necessarily finite) type whose values are labeled  $b_2^1, b_2^2, \dots$ . The output entropy of the function is given by  $-\sum q_j \log q_j$  where  $q_j$  indicates the probability of the output of the function to have value  $b_2^j$ .
- 4 **Information Preservation**: We say a function is *information-preserving* if its output entropy is equal to the entropy of its input.
- 5 **Non-termination is not an observable**.

# We extend Toffoli's result in several ways

- Richer types, not truth tables. (Full sum and product types)
- Term language for reversible and irreversible computation.
- Type directed translation.
- Deal with infinite functions (ex. over nats).



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