Towards an implementation in LambdaProlog of the two level Minimalist Foundation

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Usual mathematical proof are written in natural languages

Flexible and intuitive but easily ambiguous (esempi)

Formal languages allow for a centralized proof to be trusted

After the initial implementation and verification (which at some point must be verified on paper) new proof can rely on the initial proof

new implementations can be verified on older implementations

This allow for various languages and formal systems to be available for different areas

An explicit computational semantic often allows for code extraction so that verified executables can be automatically generated

questi linguaggi richiedono competenze specifiche per poter essere usati

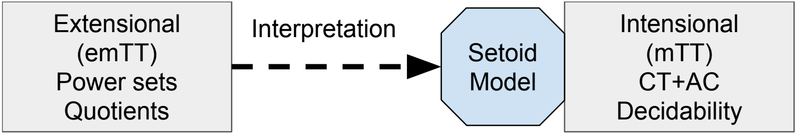
As a convention mathematical proofs and theories are expressed in variations of set theories.

For verification Type Theories are usually preferred as they more closely resemble the underlying structure of computers.

Also, mathematicians strive for Quotients

The Minimalist Foundation

- The Minimalist Foundation [MaiettiSambin 2005, Maietti 2009] is a two-level formal system completed in 2009 by Maietti.
- The extensional level allows for quotients.
- The intensional satisfies the proof-as-programs paradigm.
- The Minimalist Foundation is compatible with all major constructive foundations for mathematics



Outline of Our Work

Work in Progress

- Type checkers for the two levels of the Minimalist Foundation (implemented in λProlog).
- Implementation (in λProlog) of the interpretation from the extensional level to the intensional level.

Future Works

- Formal validation of the interpretation (in Abella).
- Proof assistant over the extensional level (in *ELPI* = λProlog + Constraint Programming)
- Code extraction at the intensional level.

What Programming Language to Formalize a Theory?

Characteristics of λ-Prolog

1. very high level language, usable by a logician/mathematician
2. easy definition of structures with binders
3. α-equality and capture-avoiding substitution for free
4. simple encoding of inference rules
5. automatic management of non-determinism/backtracking
6. simple reasoning on the programs (simple semantics)

λProlog is the smallest extension to Prolog able to treat syntaxes with binders

Higher Order Logic Programming (HOLP)

λProlog = Prolog $\cup \{\Rightarrow, \forall\}$ in queries

$$\dfrac{\begin{matrix}[\mathrm{c}] \\ \vdots \\ \mathrm{q}\end{matrix}}{\mathrm{c} \Rightarrow \mathrm{q}}$$

Locally scoped,
hypothetical reasoning

$$\dfrac{\mathrm{c}\{y/x\} \qquad y \text{ fresh}}{\mathrm{pi}\ \mathrm{x} \backslash\ \mathrm{c}}$$

Generation of
fresh names

HOAS + $\{\Rightarrow, \forall\}$ for entering binders in recursive definition

The Hello-World of λProlog

Type-Checking for Simply Typed λ-calculus

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A \to B \quad \Gamma \vdash N : A}{\Gamma \vdash MN : B} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash F\ x : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.F\ x : A \to B} \qquad \frac{(x : A) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : A}$$

Representation of Simply Typed λ-calculus

```
type app    term -> term -> term.
type lam    (term -> term) -> term.
```

Type-Checking/Inference in λProlog

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of (app M N) B :- of M (arr A B), of N A.
of (lam F) (arr A B) :- pi x\ of x A => of (F x) B.
```

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Preliminary Work: Minor Changes to the Calculus

Syntax directed version of the rules

From

$$\frac{x \in A \qquad A = B}{x \in B} \qquad \frac{f \in \Pi_{x \in B} C(x) \qquad t \in B}{f\ t \in C(t)}$$

to

$$\frac{f \in \Pi_{x \in B} C(x) \qquad t \in = B}{f\ t \in C(t)}$$

Deterministic equality check

From $\quad (\lambda_{x \in B} C(x))\ t = C(t)$

to $\quad (\lambda_{x \in B} C(x))\ t \rhd C(t)$ and $(s = t) := s \rhd^{*}{}^{*}\lhd t$

Preliminary Work: Major Changes to the Calculus

Problem: proofs are not recorded at the extensional level

$$\frac{true \in Eq(C, c, d)}{c = d \in C} \qquad \frac{true \in B \quad true \in C \quad B\ props \quad C\ props}{true \in B \wedge C}$$

Discarded solution

The typechecker takes the whole derivation in input.
The datatype for the derivation is yet another typed λ-calculus.

Partial solution

Keep proof terms as in the intensional level.
To a user we can still show *true* because of proof irrelevance.
It does not solve the problem of the *conv* rule.

Preliminary Work: Major Changes to the Calculus

Full solution: deterministic equality check in the ext. level

From arbitrary conversion proofs

$$\frac{true \in Eq(C, c, d)}{c = d \in C}$$

to contextual closure + context lookup rule

$$\frac{(x \in Eq(C, c, d)) \in \Gamma}{c = d \in C}$$

and new LetIn term constructor

$$\frac{p \in P \qquad t \in T\,[x \in P]}{let\ x := p \in P\ in\ t \in T}$$

Preliminary Work: Changes for Code Reuse

Π Introduction rule

$$\frac{B\ set \qquad c(x) \in C(x)\ [x \in B] \qquad C(x)\ set\ [x \in B]}{\lambda x^B.c(x) \in \Pi_{x \in B} C(x)}$$

```
of (lambda B F) (setPi B C) IE :-
  isType B _ IE,
  (pi x\ locDecl x B => isType (C x) _ IE)
  pi x\ locDecl x B => of (F x) (C x) IE.
```

Π Formation rule

$$\frac{B\ set \qquad C(x)\ set\ [x \in B]}{\Pi_{x \in B} C(x)\ set} \qquad \frac{B\ col \qquad C(x)\ col\ [x \in B]}{\Pi_{x \in B} C(x)\ col}$$

```
isType (setPi B C) KIND3 IE :-
  isType B KIND1 IE,
  pi x locDecl x B  => isType (C x) KIND2 IE,
  pts_pi KIND1 KIND2 KIND3.
```

Typechecking and future works

Typechecking

- Code reuse between levels.
- Code reduction via PTS-style.
- Extremely modular code.

Future works

- Complete and debug all the rules.
- The changes to the calculi have to be validated
- The ξ-rule at the intentional level must be removed.
  Requires a syntax directed version of explicit substitutions.

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Design of the Interpretation

The Interpretation in a Nutshell

- In the Minimalist Foundation types are interpreted in dependent setoids.
- The interpretation on types is defined by structural recursion.
- For simple types (the singleton, the empty set, naturals) the setoid equality is the intensional propositional equality
- The equality of functions imposes the ξ rule
- Proof irrelevance is imposed by the interpretation
- Lack of impredicative quantifications avoids user-defined type equalities: this is NOT homotopy type theory

Design of the Interpretation

The Interpretation is Rich and Complex

- Requires lots of (proof) terms to be defined by meta-level recursion on types, terms and derivations of equalities
  - proofs of reflexivity, symmetry, transitivity
  - proofs that equivalences behave as congruences for every user defined function
  - canonical isomorphisms between interpretation of extensionally equal types
  - proofs that they are indeed isomorphisms
  - ...
- We are unable to directly use the proof of the paper as they are often given in categorical terms.

The Main Issue

Subsumption becomes coercions

- Equality used to fix mismatching (extensionally convertible) types must become term translation.
$$\frac{x \in A \qquad A = B}{x \in B} \quad \text{becomes} \quad \frac{x \in A \qquad A \mathcal{R} B}{\sigma x \in B}$$
- σ is defined by recursion also over the proof of $A = B$ (compring the missing derivations of $Eq(T, c, d)$)
Luckily we made proof search deterministic via let-ins and restricting to congruence rules and context lookup
- An example of an extensionally well typed term with mismatching types
$\forall_{x \in \mathbb{1}} \forall_{f \in (x =_{\mathbb{1}} \bigstar) \to \mathbb{1}} (\bigstar =_{\mathbb{1}} x) \Rightarrow f(rfl(\bigstar)) =_{\mathbb{1}} f(rfl(\bigstar))$

Interpretation of Types

```
forall singleton x0 \
  forall (colSigma (fun (propId singleton x0 star) singl
  forall (propId singleton x0 star) x2 \
  forall (propId singleton x0 star) x3 \
  forall (propId singleton star star) x4 \
  propId singleton (fun_app x1 x2) (fun_app x1 x3)) x1 \
forall (propId singleton star x0) x2 \ propId singleton
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    fun (propId singleton x0 star) singleton) x3 \ x4 \
    (impl_app (impl_app (forall_app (forall_app (impl_ap
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    x2) star) star) (id singleton star)) (id singleton s
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    fun (propId singleton x0 star) singleton) x3 \ x4 \
    (impl_app (impl_app (forall_app (forall_app (impl_ap
    (forall_app (forall_app (k_propId singleton) star) x
    x2) star) star) (id singleton star)) (id singleton s
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Auxiliary Predicates for the Interpretation

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pippo (propEq T T1 T2) (propEq T T1' T2') (SIGMA) :-
    (pippoequ T1 T1' F1),
    (pippoequ T2 T2' F2),
    (trad T1 T1i),
    (trad T2 T2i),
    (trad T1' T1i'),
    (trad T2' T2i'),
    (trad T Ti),
    SIGMA = x\ impl_app (
      impl_app ( forall_app ( forall_app ( impl_app ( for
      forall_app (k_propId Ti) T1i) T1i') F1) T2i) T2i')

pippoequ (fun_app F X1) (fun_app F X2) H :-
  pippoequ X1 X2 G,
  trad F F',
  P2F' = elim_colSigma F' _ (x\ y\ y),
  trad X1 X1',
  trad X2 X2',
  H = forall_app (forall_app (forall_app P2F' X1') X2')
```

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Conclusions

Implementing the Minimalist Foundation is non trivial

- Many different type constructors and rules.
- Many terms need to be provided during the interpretation.
- Extensional type theories pose issues to the implementors.
- Implementation choices impact the calculus.
- The good properties must be preserved.

But the constrained nature of the theory helps

- Structural recursion on types is facilitated by their very rigid structure.
- The propositional equality (int./ext.) is the only type constructor that directly takes terms as arguments.

Conclusions and Future Works

λProlog was a great choice

- Takes away the pain due to binders, α-conversion, capture avoiding substitution, etc.
- The code is in 1-1 relation with the new syntax oriented version of the formal inference rules.
- Joint Bologna/INRIA effort to combine λProlog with Constraint Programming to smoothly transition to proof assistant implementation.

In the future we wish to extend our work

- Complete and validate (in Abella) the type checkers and interpretation.
- Implement code extraction for the intensional level.
- Implement a proof assistant for the extensional level.
- Validate the proof assistant formalizing Sambin's Basic Picture book (porting proofs from Matita).