

## Chapter 1

Type theory from comp. perspective  
constructive

Type theory as if prog. lang.

→ Martin - Fod Constructive Mathematics and Computer Programming

Constable et al. NuPRL System & Semantics

Plan

1. type theory starting from computation
  2. → theory of truth (based on proof)
    - ↳ based on computation
2. contrast that w/ formalism
- theory of formal proof

cubical Type Theory from comp. perspective

just because you can play the video game known as Coq does not mean you know type theory

Idea: start w/ a programming language  
(HoTt is lacking as comp context)

Deterministic operational semantics

Assume: some idea of abstract syntax w/ binding & scope - subst. for vars.

Forms of expression w/ binding & scope  $E$

judgment forms  $\boxed{E \text{ val}}$  means  $E$  is fully evaluated  
eg.  $\text{tt val}$   
 $\text{ff val}$

transition

$\boxed{E \mapsto E'}$  one step of simplification of  $E$ .

derived notion  $E \Downarrow E_0$  means  $E \xrightarrow{*} E_0 \text{ val}$

eg. if  $(N, P)(M)$   
 $\Downarrow (E_1, E_2)(E)$

$E \mapsto E'$   
 $\underline{\text{if } (E_1, E_2)(E) \longrightarrow \text{if } (E_1, E_2)(E')}$

if  $(E_1, E_2)(tt) \mapsto E_1$

...  $(ff) \mapsto E_2$

"binary decision diagrams"

Shannon expansion

Types are specifications of program behavior.  
(not "pieces of syntax")

<sup>eg)</sup> Two principal forms of judgment  
(expressions of knowledge)

Brouwer premise:  
mathematics as human activity

app inf as fun w/ algorithm

A type

$M \in A$

$M$  program run how A  
says it does

- behavioral, not structural
- both  $M$  and A
- $M, A$  are programs

need Bool val judgment

eg)  $\text{tt}$

Bool type

$\text{tt} \in \text{Bool}$      $\text{ff} \in \text{Bool}$

(<sup>7</sup> ("true by defn"))

but this is not the defn

if  $M \in \text{Bool}$  and  $M_1, M_2 \in A$   
A type  
then if  $(M_1; M_2)(M) \in A$

turns out to be a fact, not a defn

eg) if  $(17, "17")(\text{tt}) \in \underline{\text{Nat}}$   
<sub>(GARBAGE)</sub>  $\rightarrow$  assuming have that  
if you run it <sup>runs</sup> by simplifying to  $17 \in \text{Nat}$

eg) if  $(\text{Nat}, \text{Bool})(n)$  Type when  $n \in \text{Bool}$   
any outcome for  $M$  induces a simplification  
to A type

eg) if  $(17, \frac{\text{tt}}{\text{ff}})(M) \in \text{if}(\text{Nat}, \text{Bool})(M)$ !  
(need determin semantics)

because of  $M$  on both sides needs be same result

Specs / types are programs  
(there is nothing else)

Key idea: families of types

type-indexed families of types  
aka dependent types

eg) seq( $n$ ) type when  $n \in \text{Nat}$

$$\boxed{n : \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{seq}^{(n)} \text{type}}$$

not same thing as turnstile

family of types indexed by a type

hypothetical general judgment

$$\text{eg: } \langle 0, 1, \dots, n-1 \rangle \in \text{seq}(n)$$
$$\langle 0, 1, \dots, 9 \rangle \in \text{seq}(10)$$

$$f : \forall n : \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Seq}(n)$$

$$(\Pi n : \text{Nat}, \text{Seq}(n))$$

notion of functionality

hyp judgment / gen judgment

Critical idea : Functionality

families of types of elements

must respect equality of indices

e.g.  $\text{seg}(2+)$  "same as"  $\text{seg}(4)$

$\text{seg}(\text{if}(17; 18)(n))$  "same as"

$\text{if}(\underbrace{\text{seg}(17); \text{seg}(18)}_{\text{types}}, \overbrace{n})$

a.  $\text{Bool} \rightarrow \text{seg}(\text{if}(17; 18)(a))$

"same as"      "same type"

$(\text{seg}^2 \text{if}(\text{seg}(17), \text{seg}(18))(a))$

generic in 'a'

revise principal forms of judgment

### Judgments

$A \text{ type} \rightsquigarrow A \doteq A'$  (exact equality) of types  
(conditions)

$M \in A \rightsquigarrow M \doteq M' \in A$

satisfaction (equisatisfaction) (exact equality of elements)  
at type  $A'$

depends completely on  $A$

e.g.) not  $2 \doteq 4 \in \text{Nat}$

is:  $2 \doteq 4 \in \text{Nat}/2$   
Evens

} equality depends  
on type

in TT, equality is independent of  
type ??

generalizing  $M \in A$   
to  $M \doteq M' \in A$

intention - 
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{if } M \doteq M' \in A \\ \text{and } A \doteq A' \\ \text{then } M \doteq M' \in A' \end{array}$$

later add variables  $[x_1 \dots x_n]$

coordinate axes n-cubes

notation for kind of presheaf

# Meaning explanations aka Semantics (computational)

1.  $A \doteq A'$  means

$$A \Downarrow A_0 \wedge A' \Downarrow A'_0 \wedge \underbrace{A_0 \doteq_0 A'_0}_{A_0, A'_0 \text{ are equal type-values}}$$

$A_0, A'_0$  are equal canonical types

e.g) by definition  $\frac{\text{Bool}}{\text{val}} \doteq_0 \frac{\text{Bool}}{\text{val}}$  i.e. Bool is type<sub>0</sub>

2.  $M \doteq M' \in A$  means, where  $A$  type

$$\text{(i.e. } A \Downarrow A_0 \wedge A_0 \doteq_0 A'_0 \text{)}$$

means  $M \Downarrow M_0 \wedge M' \Downarrow M'_0 \wedge M_0 \doteq_0 M'_0 \in A_0$

(equal values in a type value)

3.  $a : A \gg B \doteq B'$  means

if  $M \doteq M' \in A$  then  $B[M/a] = B'[M'/a]$

"functionality"

check  $a : A \gg B$  type  $\longrightarrow B \doteq B'$   
means

$$M \doteq M' \in A$$

implies  $B[M/a] \doteq B[M'/a]$

4.  $a : A \Rightarrow N \doteq N \in B$

assuming that  $a : A \Rightarrow B \doteq B$   
 $B$  type

means

if  $M \doteq M' \in A$

then  $N[M/a] \doteq N[M'/a] \in B[M/a]$

$\doteq B[M'/a]$

### Booleans:

1.  $\text{Bool} \doteq \text{Bool}$  i.e.  $\text{Bool}$  type

i.e.  $\text{Bool}$  is a type

Bool names a type

(bec. type determined by what comes next)

(not going to say '17 type')

2. membership reln

$M_0 = M'_0 \in \text{Bool}$  is the strongest relation  
(least)

such that

$\text{tt} \doteq \text{tt} \in \text{Bool}$  (i.e.  $\text{tt} \in \text{Bool}$ )

$\text{ff} \doteq \text{ff} \in \text{Bool}$  (i.e.  $\text{ff} \in \text{Bool}$ )

$\_\_ \doteq \_\_ (\in \text{Bool})$

- strongest /  
least } (a.) the stated conditions hold  
 (b.) nothing else! is true about  
that relation

relation of on program values ( $\equiv_0$ )

strongest  $R \subseteq \text{Exp} \times \text{Exp}$   
 s.t.  $R(\text{ff}, \text{ff})$   
 $R(\text{ft}, \text{ft})$

You "must" accept this as a valid defn

(w/ Gödel's thm)

Prop / Fact / Claim

If  $M \in \text{Bool}$  and  $A$  type and  $M_1 \in A$  and  $M_2 \in A$   
 then if  $(M_1; M_2)(n) \in A$   
 (fact, not a defn)

Pf. How to prove it?

Key  $\in \text{Bool}$  is given by universal property  
 - least containing  
 $\text{ft} \in \text{Bool}$   
 $\text{ff} \in \text{Bool}$

Fix  $A$  type, consider the property

$M_1 \in A, M_2 \in A$

If  $M \in \text{Bool}$  then  $\dots M$

$$\text{if } (M_1 ; M_2)(M) \in A$$

It's sufficient to show

for  $M \in \text{Bool}$  means  $M \Downarrow M_0$        $M_0 = \text{tt}$  or  
 $M_0 = \text{ff}$

if  $(M_1 ; M_2)(\text{tt}) \in A$       }      because "if" evaluates  
                         $(\text{ff}) \in A$       its principal argument

a) if  $(M_1 ; M_2)(\text{tt}) \mapsto M_1 \in A$

b) if  $(M_1 ; M_2)(\text{ff}) \mapsto M_2 \in A$

Lemma (head-expansion)  
(reverse execution)

"typing is closed under  
reverse execution"

If  $M' \in A$  and  $M \mapsto M'$ ,

then  $M \in A$

Ex. prove it using defns in terms of eval to canons

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } (M_1 ; M_2)(M) &\xrightarrow{*} \text{if } (M_1 ; M_2)(\text{tt}) \\ &\xrightarrow{*} (\text{ff}) \end{aligned}$$



why)

- 1) since fact Bool being inductively defined ("strongest reln")
- 2) typing is closed under head expansion