

Harper 3

So far, we're developing computational type theory - types are behavioural specifications

key setup

principal forms of judgment

exact type equality

$A = A'$ (A type means $A = A$)

technical device

could define A type

then define when equal

more technically efficient
(less redundant)

when reflexive, happens to be a type

exact member equality $M = M' \in A$

($M \in A$ means $M \doteq M \in A$)

alternatively: $M \doteq_A M'$ (mix-fix notation)

→ expressions do not intrinsically have a type
some program can ^{specify} satisfy many specifications

eg. $M \in \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}$

$M \in \text{Primes} \rightarrow \text{Primes}$

equality depends on what type you're talking about

$$\lambda a. a \doteq \lambda a. |a| \in \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}$$

but not true for

$$\cancel{\lambda a. a \doteq \lambda a. |a| \in \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}}$$

Definitions of various types

Bool } inductive types
Nat }

1 also Unit - exercise \leftrightarrow val

$A_1 \times A_2$ products

$A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ functions

0 also Void (empty type - exercise)
no entry forms
has nullary case analysis
case $\{\} (M)$

$A_1 + A_2$ exercise

$1 \cdot M, 2 \cdot M, \underline{\text{case}} \{a_1, M_1; a_2, M_2\} (M)$

meaning of \times, \rightarrow
 defined
 determines in terms of A_1, A_2

two axes

Bool	true, false 0, succ(0), ...	(really succ(n) where n & t. 0 etc.)
Nat		
Bool \times Nat		
Bool \rightarrow Nat		
(Nat \equiv Nat) \rightarrow Nat		
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types

vertical induction , horizontal

dependent case

$a : A_1 \times A_2$ aka dep sum product aka Σ -type $\Sigma a : A_1, A_2$

$a : A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ dep function aka Π -type $\prod a : A_1, A_2$

to define $a : A_1 \times A_2$

must already have

A_1 defined

$A_2 [M, I_a]$

infinite wide
for every $M \in A_1$, not inf. deep

$$A_1 \\ / \backslash \\ A_2[m] \ A_2[n_a] \dots$$

defined in terms of A_1 with
and all instances $A_2[m, n_a]$

A_1 . type

$a = A_1 \gg A_2$ type

trouble w/ quantification across all possible types
point of universe to ensure these
are well-defined

Crucial point: everything defined in terms of
evaluation

lots of types arise that don't (as naturally)
in formal setting

example: intersection, union types

back to lecture 1

type theory a theory of computation
(simple - not incl effects, etc)
(program specification)

→ Brouwer as a means to give a
notion of truth for logical propositions

"Propositions as types"

aka semantic correspondence

(realizability)

about how programs run

not formal derivations

capsule summary

how do
we explain
these?

{
 φ prop
 φ true

ϕ prop proposition is a specification
or problem

e.g. There are infinitely many problems

ϕ true solution to problem

satisfies spec
realizes

ϕ^* type

$\phi^* = \phi^* (?)$ \leftarrow more troublesome

ϕ^* inhabited (can find a program)

there is

$\exists M \in \phi^*$ in passing \Downarrow
 $M = M' \in \phi^*$

notion of type is primary

effective construction, computation

more extensive than merely propositions
merely logic

typically

T^*

I aka unit

(trivially true)

\perp^*

O aka Void

$(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2)^*$

$\phi_1^* \times \phi_2^*$

$(\phi_1 \vee \phi_2)^*$

$\phi_1^* + \phi_2^*$

controversial

note here:
constructive notion
of truth

implication

$(\phi_1 \supset \phi_2)^*$

$\phi_1^* \rightarrow \phi_2^*$

$(\forall a : A. \phi_a)^*$

$a : A \rightarrow \phi_a^*$

=
need notion of
what we are quantifying
over (e.g. Nat)

$(\exists a : A. \phi_a)^*$

$a : A \times \phi_a^*$

N.B. controversial

to prove something
exists, need to show it

"constructive existence"

(in M-type paper)

$$\left(\forall a:A \exists b:B R(a,b) \right) \quad "R \text{ is total}"$$

↑
 $\xrightarrow{\quad}$

$$\left(\exists f:A \rightarrow B \forall a:A, R(a, f(a)) \right) \quad f: \text{"choice function"}$$

true

$$F: \left(a:A \rightarrow (b:B \times R(a,b)) \right)$$
$$\rightarrow \left(f: A \rightarrow B \times (a:A \rightarrow R(a, f(a))) \right) \quad \text{axiom of choice}$$

$$f \triangleq \lambda a. (F(a) \cdot 1)$$

"fact" of choice
(theorem in this theory)

what to do about equality

$$(M =_A M')^* \quad (?)$$

How do we interpret equality as a type?

Introduce Equality Types

$$Eq_A(M_1, M_2) \doteq \text{if } A = A' \text{ then } M_1 = M_1' \in A \text{ and } M_2 = M_2' \in A$$

$M \in Eq_A(n_1, n_2)$ iff

$M \downarrow *$ and

$$n_1 = n_2 \in A$$

subsingleton (has at most one element)
↳ idea: "at most true" ↳ nothing about why its true

$Eq_{nat}(2, 3)$ - uninhabited

$Eq_{nat}(2, 1+1)$ - inhabited

$M \in Eq_A(n_1; n_2)$ iff $n_1 = n_2 \in A$

corresponds to

$$(n_1 = n_2)^* = Eq_A(n_1; n_2)$$

"works"

Exercise. show that $Eq_A(-, -)$ is
the least reflexive ^(binary) relation

1) reflexive $* \in Eq_A(n, n)$ whenever $n \in A$

2) (if R is reflexive)

to show T.S. $Eq_A(n, n) \rightarrow R(n, n)$

suffices to show G.T.S.

R is reflexive

$$a : A \Rightarrow a \in R(a, a)$$

"equality induction"

Formalisms - formal type theory

is inductively defined by a collection of rules for deriving

$\Gamma \vdash A \text{ type}$

~~$\Gamma \vdash M = M' : A$~~

"definitional equality"

$\Gamma \vdash M : A$

$\Gamma \vdash M = M' : A$

↳ choice is somewhat up for grabs

$\frac{}{\Gamma, x:A, \Gamma' \vdash x : A}$

$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A_1 \text{ type} \quad \Gamma \vdash A_2 \text{ type}}{\Gamma \vdash A_1 \times A_2 \text{ type}}$

$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A \quad \Gamma \vdash A \equiv A'}{\Gamma \vdash M : A'}$

$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M_1 : A_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash M_2 : A_2}{\Gamma \vdash \langle M_1; M_2 \rangle : A_1 \times A_2}$

$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A_1 \times A_2}{\Gamma \vdash M.i : A_i} \quad (i=1,2)$

$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M_1 : A_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash M_2 : A_2}{\Gamma \vdash \langle M_1; M_2 \rangle . i \equiv M_i : A_i} \quad \checkmark$

$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A_1 \times A_2}{\Gamma \vdash \langle M.1, M.2 \rangle = M : A_1 \times A_2} \quad ? \quad (\text{sometimes taken})$

There exist a composition of rule



inherently
computable
(recursively)
enumerable

(Harper cont)

Design requirements

all judgments should be decidable.

(complexity doesn't come up,
can be bad)

- type checking decidable

- defin^el equivalence ^{dec.} (for some choice of def. eq.)

structural properties of entailment

formalism is a useful ^(?) approximation to
the truth (has to be an
approximation)

can apply correspondence in a
formal sense

("exactly same" as rules for formal proof
with elements removed)

via formal correspondence w/ formal logics

then type checking same as formal proof checking
"derivation checking"

How to axiomatize equality?
(formalize)

First cut (violates precepts of decidability)
"equality reflection"

$$\boxed{\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \text{Eq}_A(M_1; M_2)}{\Gamma \vdash M_1 \equiv M_2 : A}} \quad (\text{ER}) \quad \text{problematic} \times$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M_1 \equiv M_2 : A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{refl}_A(M_1) : \text{Eq}_A(M_1; M_2)}$$

"ETT"

(this approach)

have to reason backwards

(need to do \uparrow proof search
for ' M ' on the top)

threatens or compromises decidability

What do you do?

to axiomatize least reflexive relation
(but doesn't mean the same thing
in particular for function types)