

Adversarial Path of Cartesian Product

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*In this paper I represent the adversarial path of Cartesian products.
This is based on ideas from a discussion with Adam Nemecek.*

A Cartesian product is just a tuple:

$$\begin{aligned} a &: A \\ b &: B \\ (a, b) &: A \times B \end{aligned}$$

The paper “Adversarial Paths” introduced choices and adversarial choices.
Making a choice `A` is written `A ~ 0`, which has the type:

$$A \sim 0 : T \rightarrow A \sim 1$$

A Cartesian product of choices is itself a choice.
In the case of a making a choice of a Cartesian product of choices:

$$(a, b) \sim 0 \iff (a \sim 0, b \sim 0)$$

For example, when `a` and `b` are lists:

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b) &: [A] \times [B] \\ (a, b) \sim 0 &: ([A] \times [B]) \sim 0 \\ (a \sim 0, b \sim 0) &: [A] \sim 0 \times [B] \sim 0 \\ (a \sim 0, b \sim 0) &: (\text{nat} \rightarrow A \sim 1) \times (\text{nat} \rightarrow B \sim 1) \\ (a \sim 0, b \sim 0) &: \text{nat} \times \text{nat} \rightarrow A \sim 1 \times B \sim 1 \\ (a \sim 0, b \sim 0) &: \text{nat} \times \text{nat} \rightarrow (A \times B) \sim 1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore:

$$(a, b) \sim 0 : \text{nat} \times \text{nat} \rightarrow (A \times B) \sim 1$$
$$\begin{aligned} a &: [A] \\ b &: [B] \end{aligned}$$

A such tuple of list of choices is called “undecidable” because it lacks the necessary information to arrive at any concrete new resource `(A × B) ~ 1`. To do this, one has to apply the tuple to arguments:

$$(a, b)(x, y) : (A \times B) \sim 1 \quad \quad \quad `(a, b)(x, y)` \text{ is “decidable”}$$
$$x, y : \text{nat}$$