Higher-order Arities, Signatures and Equations via Modules

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Keywords associated with syntax

Induction/Recursion

Substitution



Model

Operation/Construction

Arity/Signature

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But which ones are allowed? What is the limit?

Syntax of dLC: Our version

Which operations/equations are allowed to specify a syntax?

A stand-alone presentation of differential λ -terms:

Allow sums everywhere (not only in the right arg of application)

Differential λ -terms:

$$\Lambda^{\mathrm{d}}: S,T := x \mid \lambda x.S \mid ST \mid \mathsf{D}S \cdot T$$

$$\mid 0 \mid S+T$$

neutral element for +

modulo commutativity and associativity

$$\lambda x. \Sigma_i t_i := \Sigma_i \lambda x. t_i$$

$$(\Sigma_i t_i) u := \Sigma_i t_i u$$

$$D(\Sigma_i t_i) \cdot (\Sigma_j u_j) := \Sigma_i \Sigma_j D t_i \cdot u_j$$

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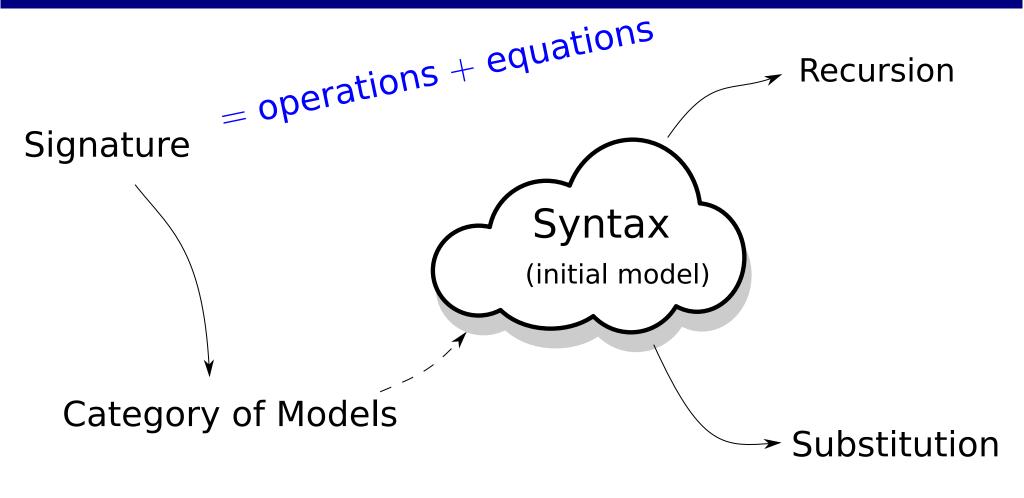
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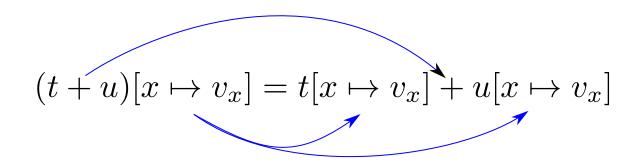
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monad morphism = mapping preserving variables and substitutions.

Preview: Operations are module morphisms

+ commutes with substitution



Categorical formulation

dLC imes dLC supports dLC-substitution



 $dLC \times dLC$ is a **module over** dLC

+ commutes with substitution



+:dLC imes dLC o dLC is a

module morphism

Building blocks for specifying operations

Essential constructions of **modules over a monad** R:

• R itself

• M imes N for any modules M and N e.g. R imes R: $(t,u)[\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})] := (\mathbf{t}[\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})], \, \mathbf{u}[\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})]) \qquad \text{where} \quad f \colon X \to R(Y)$

• M' = derivative of a module M: $M'(X) = M(X \coprod \{ \diamond \})$.

used to model an operation binding a variable (Cf next slide).

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Combining operations into a single one using disjoint union

$$[\mathrm{app,\,abs}]:(\mathrm{dLC}\times\mathrm{dLC})\coprod\mathrm{dLC'} o\mathrm{dLC}$$
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powerset endofunctor on Set

Examples of 1-signatures generating syntax

• **(0,+) language**:

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Signature: R \mapsto \mathbf{1} \coprod (R \times R)
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Model:
$$(R , 0: 1 \rightarrow R, +: R \times R \rightarrow R)$$

Syntax:
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lambda calculus:

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Syntax: (Λ , $abs: \Lambda' o \Lambda$, $app: \Lambda imes \Lambda o \Lambda$)

Can we generalize this pattern?

Initial semantics for algebraic 1-signatures

Syntax exists for any **algebraic 1-signature**, i.e. 1-signature built out of derivatives, products, disjoint unions, and the 1-signature $R \mapsto R$.

Algebraic 1-signatures correspond to the binding signatures described in [Fiore-Plotkin-Turi 1999]

(binding signatures = lists of natural numbers specify n-ary operations, possibly binding variables)

Question: Can we enforce some equations in the syntax?

e.g. associativity and commutativity of + for the differential λ -calculus.

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- linearity of the operations

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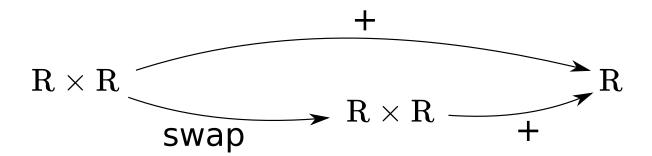
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Equation (1) states an equality between R-module morphisms:



Equations

Given a 1-signature Σ , (e.g. binary operation: $\Sigma(R) = R \times R$)

a Σ -equation $A \Rightarrow B$ is a functorial assignment: e.g. commutativity:

$$R \mapsto \left(\begin{array}{c} A(R) \Longrightarrow B(R) \\ \end{array}\right)$$
 model of Σ parallel pair of module morphisms over R

A **2-signature** is a pair

$$\begin{array}{c} (\Sigma,E) \\ \text{1-signature} \end{array} \quad \text{set of Σ-equations}$$

model of a 2-signature (Σ, E) :

- a model R of Σ
- s.t. \forall (A \Rightarrow B) \in E, the two morphisms $A(R) \Rightarrow B(R)$ are equal

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Sketch of the construction of the syntax:

Quotient the initial model R of Σ by the following relation:

$$x \sim y \text{ in } R(X)$$
 iff for any model S of (Σ, E) , $\mathbf{i}(x) = \mathbf{i}(y)$

initial $\Sigma\text{-model}$ morphism $i:R\to S$

Example: λ-calculus modulo βη

The algebraic 2-signature $(\Sigma_{LC\beta\eta}, E_{LC\beta\eta})$ of λ -calculus modulo $\beta\eta$:

$$\mathbf{\Sigma}_{\mathbf{LC\beta\eta}}\left(\mathbf{R}\right) := \Sigma_{\mathbf{LC}}(\mathbf{R}) = \left(\mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R}\right) \coprod \mathbf{R'}$$

model of Σ_{1C} = monad R with module morphisms:

$$app: R \times R \to R$$
 $abs: R' \to R$

β-equation:
$$(\lambda x.t) u = \underline{t[x \mapsto u]}$$
 η-equation: $t = \lambda x.(t x)$ $\sigma_R(t,u)$

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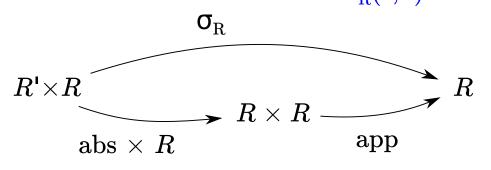
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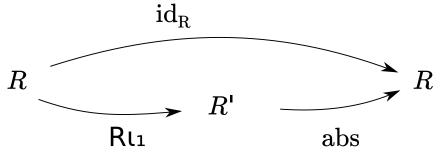
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Example: fixpoint operator

Definition [AHLM CSL 2018]

A **fixpoint operator** in a monad R is a module morphism fix: $R' \rightarrow R$

s.t. for any term
$$t \in R(X \coprod \{ \diamond \})$$
, $fix(t) = t[\diamond \mapsto f(t)]$

Intuition:

$$fix(t) := let rec \diamond = t in \diamond$$

Algebraic 2-signature (Σ_{fix}, E_{fix}) of a fixpoint operator:

$$\Sigma_{ ext{fix}}\left(ext{R}
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$$E_{\text{fix}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{fix}(t) \\ R' \\ t \\ \hline t \\ \hline \end{array} \right\}$$

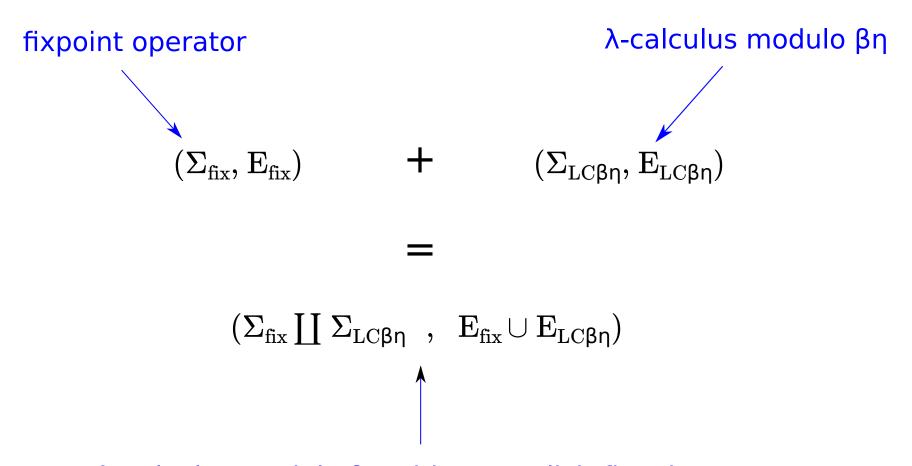
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Fixpoint operators in $LC_{\beta\eta}$ are in one to one correspondance with

fixpoint combinators (i.e. λ -terms Y s.t. t (Yt) = Yt for any t).

Combining algebraic 2-signatures

Algebraic 2-signatures can be combined:



 λ -calculus modulo $\beta\eta$ with an explicit fixpoint operator

Example: free commutative monoid

An algebraic 2-signature (Σ_{mon}, E_{mon}) for the free commutative monoid monad: $\Sigma_{mon}(R):=1$ [] $(R\times R)$

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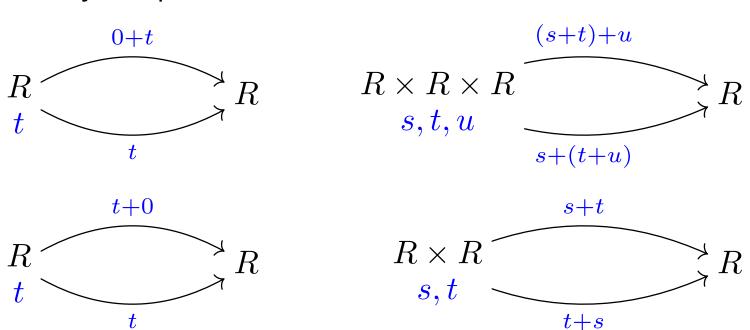
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4 elementary Σ -equations:



Our target: dLC

Syntax of the differential λ-calculus:

Differential λ-terms

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Elementary equations for dLC

Commutative monoidal structure:

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n-ary fixpoint operator

Reminder: unary fixpoint operator in a monad R

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X} \coprod \{\diamond\}) & \rightarrow & \mathbf{R}(\mathbf{X}) \\ t & \mapsto & \overline{t} \end{array}$$

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n elementary equations
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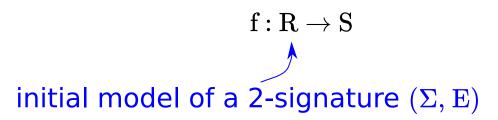
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