Higher-order Arities, Signatures and Equations via Modules

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Keywords associated with syntax

Induction/Recursion

Substitution



Model

Operation/Construction

Arity/Signature

This talk: give a *discipline* for specifying syntaxes

Motivating example: dLC

syntax of dLC = **differential** λ -calculus [Ehrhard-Regnier 2003].

- explicitly involves **equations** e.g. s+t=t+s
- specifically taylored: (not an *instance* of a general framework/scheme)
 - inductive definition of a set + ad-hoc structure e.g. **unary substitution**

Our proposal = a discipline for presenting syntaxes

- signature = operations + equations
- [Fiore-Hure 2010]: alternative approach, for simply typed syntaxes
 - \Rightarrow our approach explicitly relies on monads and modules (untyped case).

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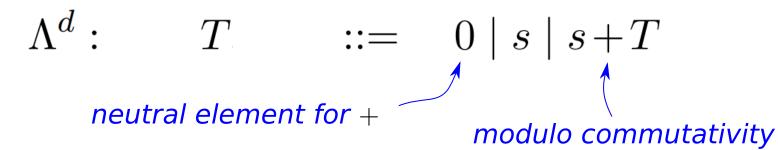
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But which ones are allowed? What is the limit?

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:

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m d}: S,\!T := x \mid \lambda x.S \mid ST \mid \mathsf{D}S \cdot T$$
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Macros in [BEM 2010]:

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

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

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

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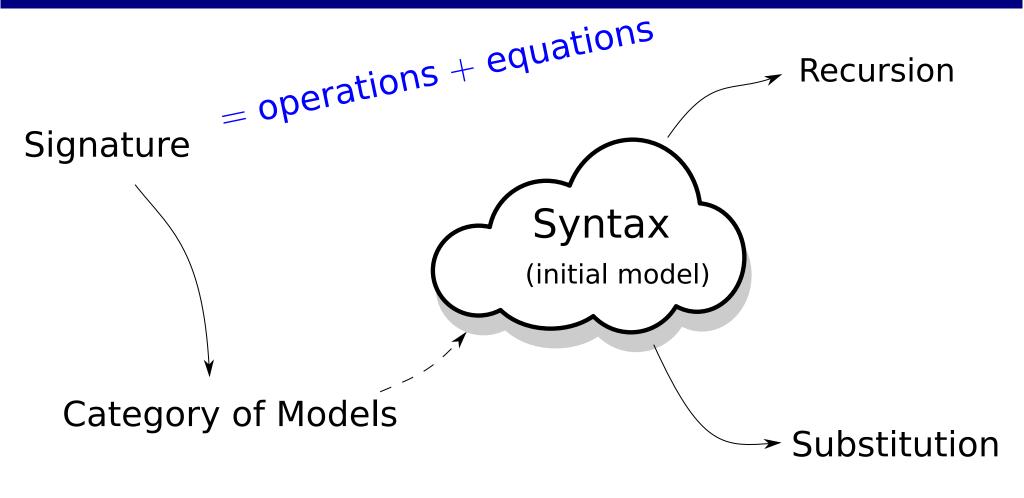
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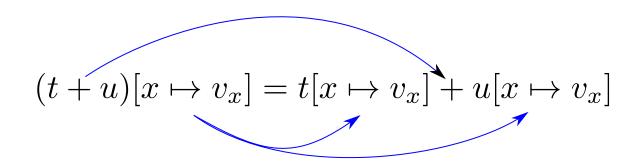
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Preview: Operations are module morphisms

+ 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.
$$R \times R$$
: $f: X \to R(Y)$

$$(t,u)[x\mapsto f(x)]:=(t[x\mapsto f(x)],u[x\mapsto f(x)])$$

 $\text{disjoint union} \\ \text{fresh variable} \\ \text{M'} = \text{derivative of a module } M \text{:} \quad M'(X) = M(X \mid I \mid \{ \diamondsuit \} \}.$

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

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Counter-example: the 1-signature $R \mapsto \mathscr{P} \circ R$.

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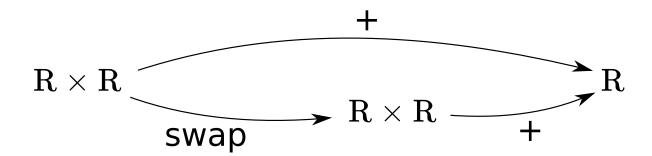
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Equation (1) states an equality between R-module morphisms:



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 $\beta\eta$:

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

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β-equation:
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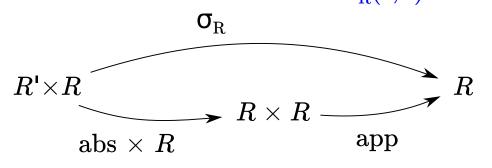
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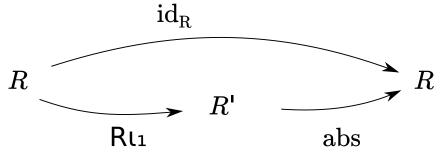
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$$\sigma_R(t,u)$$

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Example: fixpoint operator

Definition [AHLM CSL 2018]
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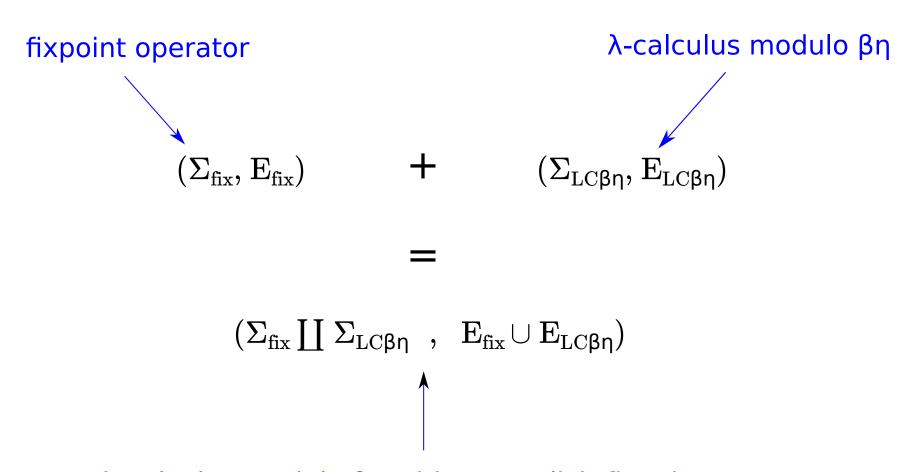
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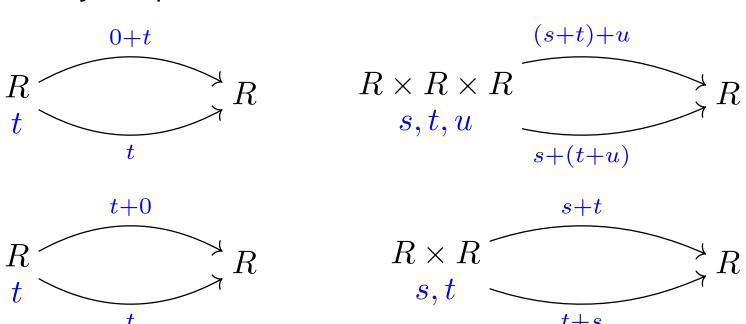
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Commutative monoidal structure:

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Linearity:

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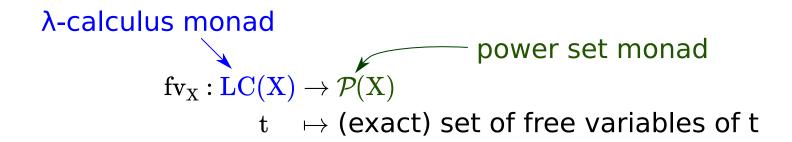
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