# 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

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#### A stand-alone presentation of differential $\lambda$ -terms:

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

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

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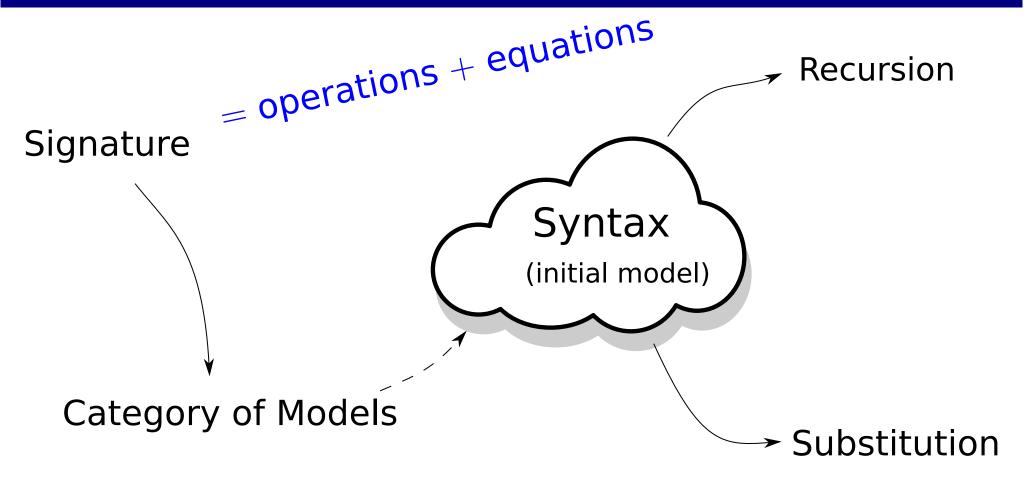
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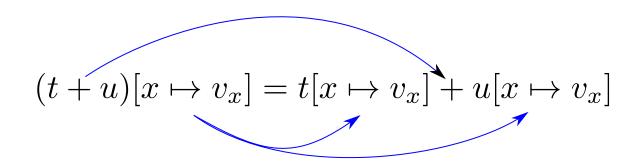
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**monad morphism** = mapping preserving variables and substitutions.

### 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:  $(t,u)[\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})] := (\mathbf{t}[\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})], \, \mathbf{u}[\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})])$  where  $f: X \to R(Y)$ 

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

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

### Syntactic operations are module morphisms

**operations** = **module morphisms** = maps commuting with substitution.

#### 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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**Counter-example**: The 1-signature  $R \mapsto \mathscr{P} \circ R$  has a syntax S.

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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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  $\lambda$ -calculus.

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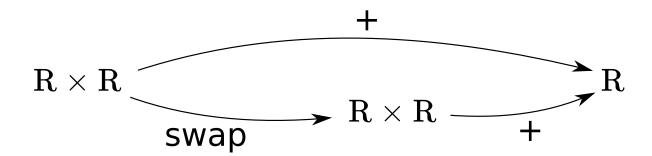
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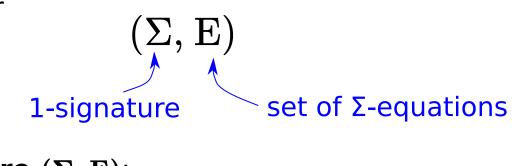
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Given a 1-signature  $\Sigma$ , (e.g. binary operation:  $\Sigma(R) = R \times R$ )

a  $\Sigma$ -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  $\Sigma$  parallel pair of module morphisms over  $R$ 

A **2-signature** is a pair



#### *model* of a 2-signature $(\Sigma, E)$ :

- 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  $\Sigma$  by the following relation:

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

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  $\lambda$ -calculus modulo  $\beta\eta$ :

$$\mathbf{\Sigma}_{\mathrm{LCBn}}\left(\mathrm{R}
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**model of**  $\Sigma_{1C}$  = monad R with module morphisms:

$$app: R \times R \to R$$
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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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η-equation:  $t = \lambda x.(t x)$ 

 $Rl_1$ 

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abs

# 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  $(\Sigma_{fix}, E_{fix})$  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\}$$

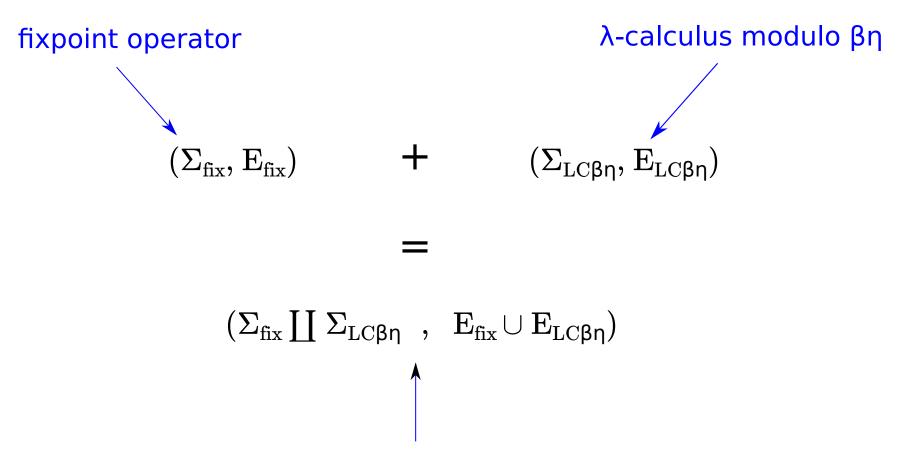
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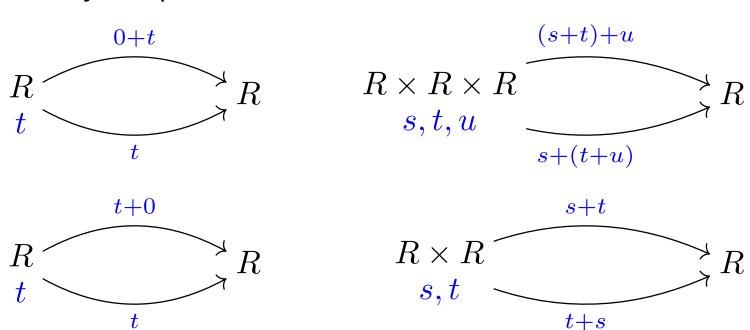
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Resulting algebraic 1-signature:

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# Elementary equations for dLC

#### **Commutative monoidal structure:**

$$E_{mon} \begin{tabular}{ll} $s+t=t+s$ & $R\times R \rightrightarrows R$ \\ $s+(t+u)=(s+t)+u$ & $R\times R\times R \rightrightarrows R$ \\ $0+t=t$ & $R\rightrightarrows R$ \\ $t+0=t$ & $R\rightrightarrows R$ \\ \end{tabular}$$

#### **Linearity:**

$$\begin{split} \lambda x.(s+t) &= \lambda x.s + \lambda x.t & R \times R \rightrightarrows R \\ D(s+t) \cdot u &= Ds \cdot u + Dt \cdot u & R \times R \times R \rightrightarrows R \\ Ds \cdot (t+u) &= Ds \cdot t + Ds \cdot u & R \times R \times R \rightrightarrows R \end{split}$$

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#### 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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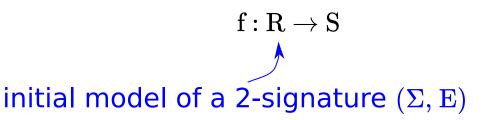
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