# 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 mathematical account of this area

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The next slides give 3 variants of the syntax:

- 1. Mutual definition of *simple terms* and *differential*  $\lambda$ -terms
- 2. Stand-alone definition of simple terms
- 3. Stand-alone definition of differential  $\lambda$ -terms.

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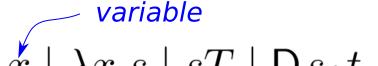
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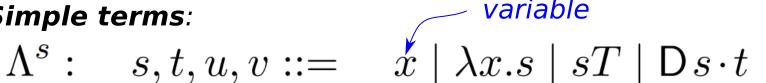
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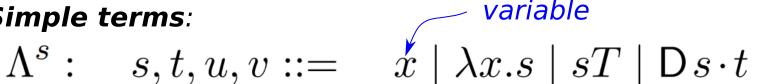
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$$\Lambda^{
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Turn [Categorical Models for

Simply Typed Resource Calculi]'s

abbreviations into equations:

$$\lambda x. \Sigma_i t_i = \Sigma_i \lambda x. t_i$$
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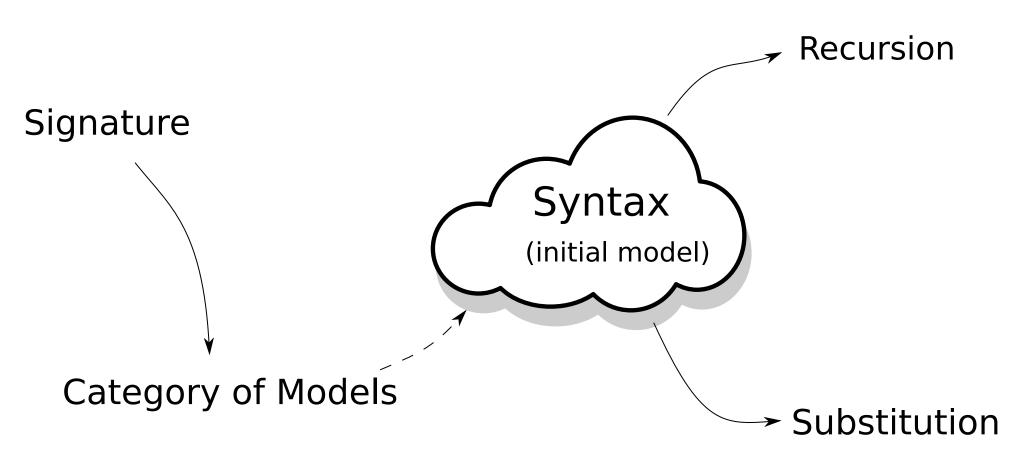
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generates a syntax = existence of the initial model

### Overview

**Topic**: specification and construction of untyped syntaxes with variables and a well-behaved substitution (e.g. differential  $\lambda$ -calculus).

#### Our work:

- 1. general notion of *1-signature* based on *monads* and *modules*.
  - Caveat: Not all of them do generate a syntax
  - special case: classical *algebraic 1-signatures* generate a syntax
- 2. notion of **2-signature**: a pair of a 1-signature and a set of equations.
  - special case: *algebraic 2-signatures* generate a syntax

### Previous work of Fiore-Hur 2010

[Fiore-Hur 2010]: presentations of simply typed languages by generating *binding* operations (e.g.  $\lambda$ -abstraction) and equations among them.

**Our work**: for the untyped setting, a variant of their approach where monads and modules over them are the central notions.

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Next slides: generalize this pattern to other languages

# Binding Signatures

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**Binding signature** = a family of lists of natural numbers.

Each list specifies one operation in the syntax:

- length of the list = number of arguments of the operation
- natural number in the list = number of bound variables in the corresponding argument

Syntax with 0, +:

Lambda calculus:

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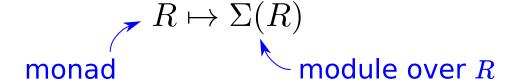
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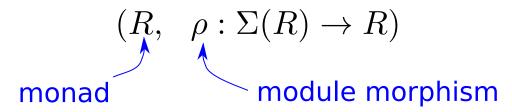
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The triple (LCD, var, bind) is called a **monad**.

**monad morphism** = mapping preserving var and bind.

#### Monads

1. LCD : Set  $\rightarrow$  Set

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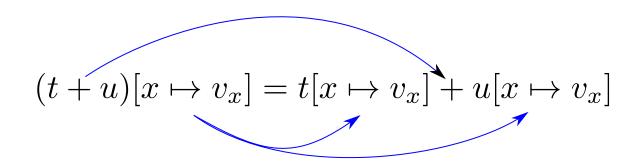
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### Preview: Operations are module morphisms

#### + commutes with substitution



#### **Categorical formulation**

$$LCD imes LCD$$
 supports  $LCD$ -substitution



 $LCD \times LCD$  is a module over LCD



+:LCD imes LCD o LCD is

a module morphism

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#### **Monad**

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**Monad** Module over a monad B (e.g.  $B \times B, 2, ...$ )

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### Building blocks for binding signatures

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

- R itself
- $M \times N$  for any modules M and N (in particular,  $R \times R$ )
- The **derivative of a module** M is the module M' defined by  $M'(X) = M(X + \{ \diamond \}).$

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

# Syntactic operations are module morphisms

**module morphism** = maps commuting with substitution.

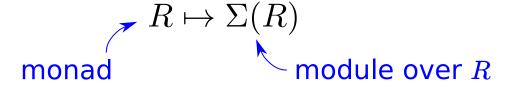
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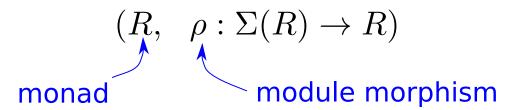
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### The Big Picture again

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A **model of**  $\Sigma$  is a pair:



A **model morphism**  $m:(R,\rho)\to (S,\sigma)$  is a monad morphism commuting with the module morphism:  $\Sigma(R) \xrightarrow{\rho} R$ 

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
\Sigma(R) & \xrightarrow{\rho} & R \\
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\end{array}$$

# Syntax

Definition

Given a 1-signature  $\Sigma$ , its **syntax** is an initial object in its category of models.

**Question**: Does the syntax exist for every 1-signature?

Answer: No.

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

powerset endofunctor on Set

# Examples of 1-signatures generating syntax

#### • **(0,+) language**:

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

Syntax: 
$$(B, 0: 1 \rightarrow B, +: B \times B \rightarrow B)$$

#### lambda calculus:

Signature:  $R \mapsto R' + R \times R$ 

Model:  $(R \text{ , } abs: R' \rightarrow R \text{ , } app: R \times R \rightarrow R)$ 

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

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, coproducts, and the trivial 1-signature  $R \mapsto R$ .

**Algebraic 1-signatures** correspond to binding signatures through the embedding:

Binding signatures  $\hookrightarrow$  Our 1-signatures

**Question**: Can we enforce some equations in the syntax ? For example: commutativity of + for the differential  $\lambda$ -calculus.

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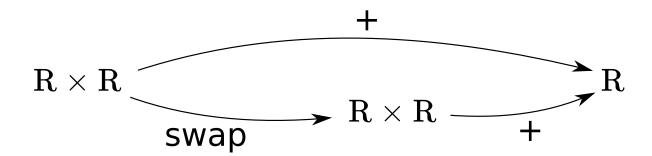
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Equation (1) states an equality between R-module morphisms:



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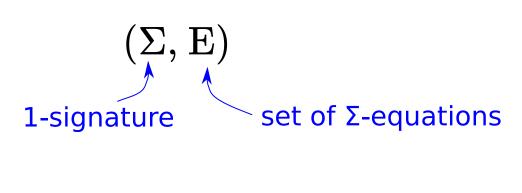
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### Equations

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

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

### Algebraic 2-signatures

Given a 1-signature  $\Sigma$ , a  $\Sigma$ -equation  $A \Rightarrow B$  is **elementary** if:

- 1. A "preserves pointwise epimorphisms"
  - (e.g., any "algebraic 1-signature")
- 2. B is of the form  $R \mapsto R'^{...}$  (e.g.  $R \mapsto R$ )

**Algebraic** 2-signature:

 $(\Sigma, E)$  set of **elementary** algebraic 1-signature  $\Sigma$ -equations

Syntax exists for any algebraic 2-signature

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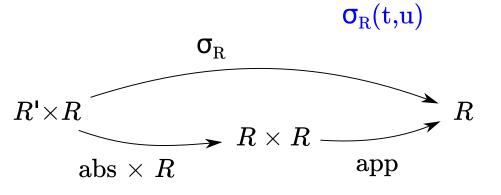
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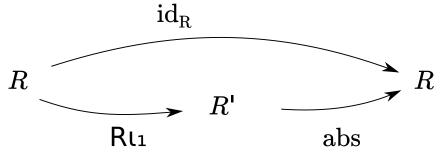
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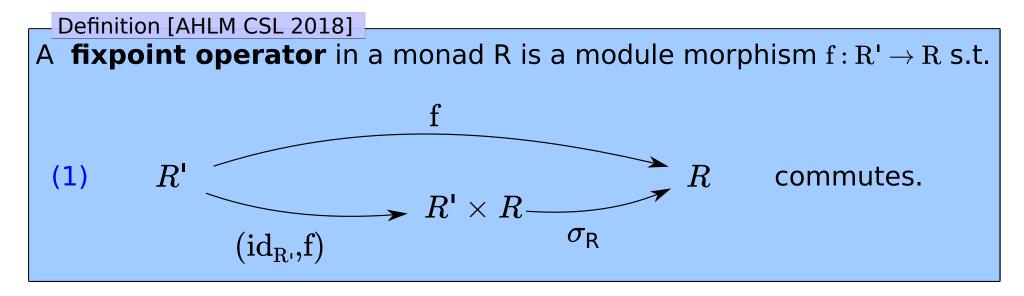
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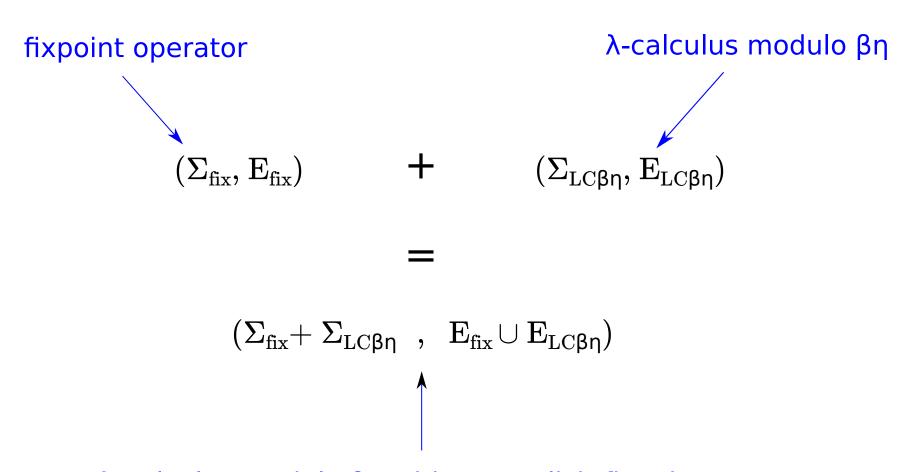
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#### Proposition [AHLM CSL 2018]

**Fixpoint operators** in  $LC_{\beta\eta}$  are in one to one correspondance with fixpoint combinators (i.e.  $\lambda$ -terms Y s.t. t (Yt) = Yt for any t).

### Combining algebraic 2-signatures

Algebraic 2-signatures can be combined:



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

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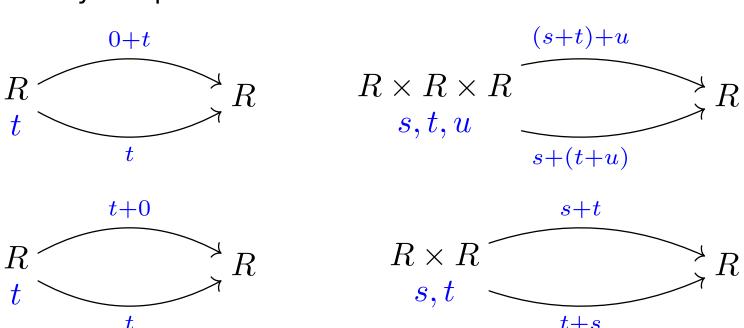
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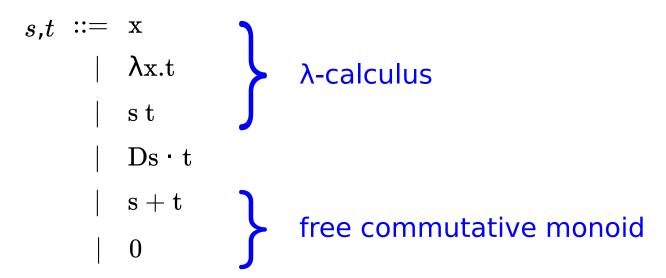
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