

Higher-order Arities, Signatures and Equations via Modules

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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 λ -terms*
2. Stand-alone definition of simple terms
3. Stand-alone definition of differential λ -terms.

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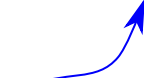

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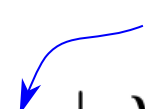
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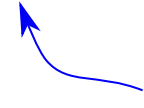
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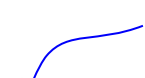
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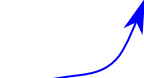

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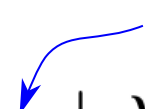
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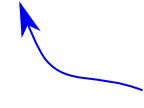
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A stand-alone presentation of differential λ -terms:

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

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Turn [Categorical Models for
Simply Typed Resource Calculi]'s
abbreviations into equations:

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

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

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

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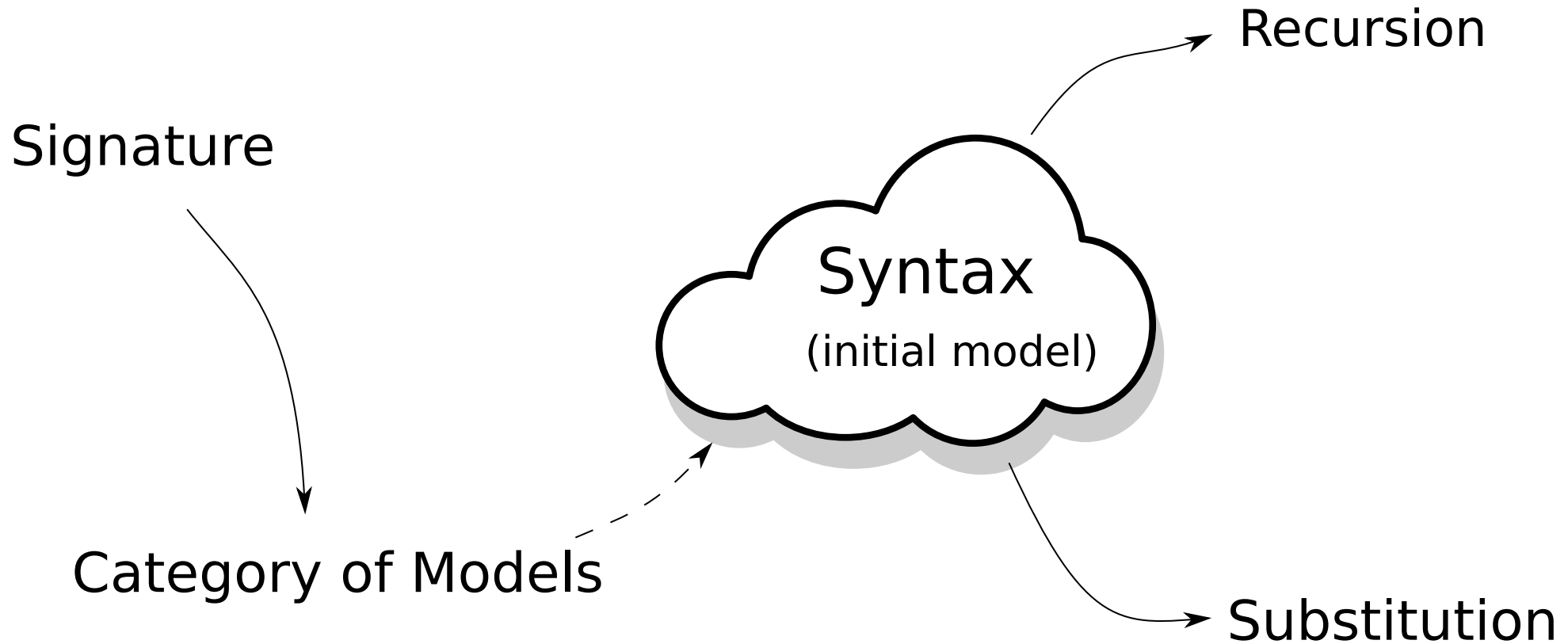
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generates a syntax = existence of the initial model

Overview

Topic: specification and construction of untyped syntaxes with variables and a well-behaved substitution (e.g. differential λ -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. λ -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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\Rightarrow **LCD is an endofunctor on Set**

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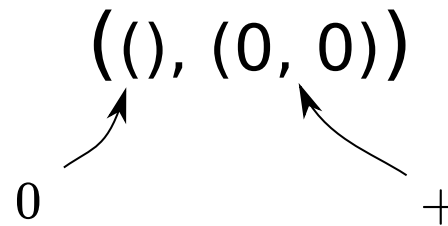
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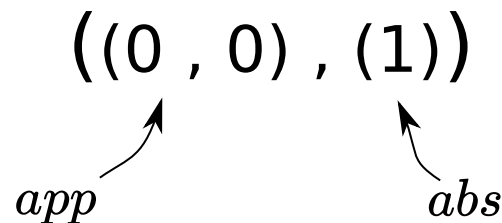
Each list specifies one operation in the syntax:

- 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:



Initial semantics for binding signatures

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The triple $(LCD, \text{var}, \text{bind})$ is called a **monad**.

monad morphism = mapping preserving var and bind .

Monads

1. $LCD : Set \rightarrow Set$
2. A collection of functions $(var_X : X \rightarrow LCD(X))_X$
Variables are expressions
3. For each function $u : X \rightarrow LCD(Y)$, a function $bind_u : LCD(X) \rightarrow LCD(Y)$
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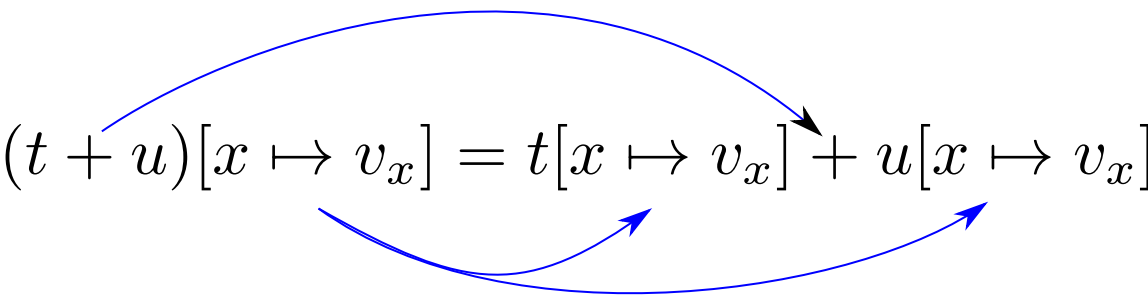
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$$t[x \mapsto f(x)][y \mapsto g(y)] = t[x \mapsto f(x)[y \mapsto g(y)]]$$

Preview: Operations are module morphisms

+ commutes with substitution

$$(t + u)[x \mapsto v_x] = t[x \mapsto v_x] + u[x \mapsto v_x]$$


Categorical formulation

$LCD \times LCD$ supports
 LCD -substitution



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

+ commutes
with substitution



$+ : LCD \times LCD \rightarrow LCD$ is
a **module morphism**

Modules VS Monads

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

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$M(X) = \text{expressions taking variables in } X$

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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 $M'(X) = M(X \amalg \{\diamond\})$.

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.

$$id_M : M \rightarrow M$$

$$0 : 1 \rightarrow LCD$$

$$+ : LCD \times LCD \rightarrow LCD$$

$$app : LCD \times LCD \rightarrow LCD$$

$$abs : LCD' \rightarrow LCD$$

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A **model morphism** $m : (R, \rho) \rightarrow (S, \sigma)$ is a monad morphism commuting with the module morphism:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Sigma(R) & \xrightarrow{\rho} & R \\ \Sigma(m) \downarrow & & \downarrow m \\ \Sigma(S) & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & S \end{array}$$

Syntax

Definition

Given a 1-signature Σ , 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 $R \mapsto \mathcal{P} \circ R$



powerset endofunctor on Set

Examples of 1-signatures generating syntax

- **(0,+) language:**

Signature: $R \mapsto 1 \coprod (R \times R)$

Model: $(R, \quad 0 : 1 \rightarrow R, \quad + : R \times R \rightarrow R)$

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

- **lambda calculus:**

Signature: $R \mapsto R' \coprod (R \times R)$

Model: $(R, \quad abs : R' \rightarrow R, \quad app : R \times R \rightarrow R)$

Syntax: $(\Lambda, \quad abs : \Lambda' \rightarrow \Lambda, \quad app : \Lambda \times \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda)$

Can we generalize this pattern?

Initial semantics for algebraic 1-signatures

Theorem [Hirschowitz & Maggesi 2007]

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 binding signatures through the embedding:

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Question: Can we enforce some equations in the syntax ?

For example: commutativity of $+$ for the differential λ -calculus.

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Example: a commutative binary operation

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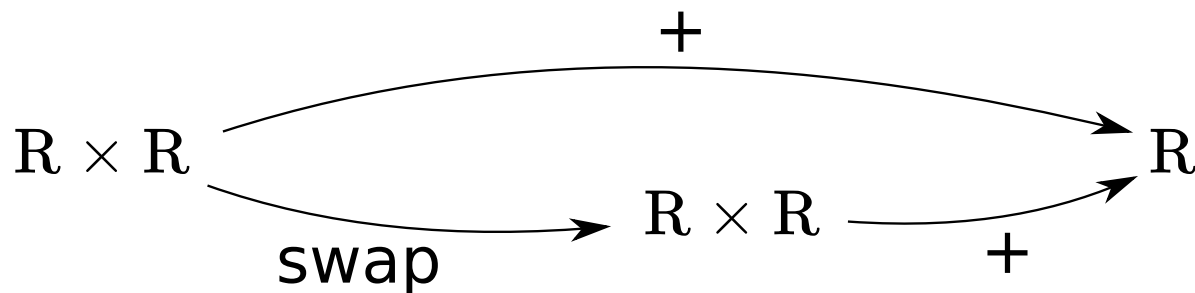
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This work: more general equations (e.g. associativity of a binary op).

Equations

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

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

$$R \mapsto \left(A(R) \rightrightarrows B(R) \right)$$

model of Σ (points to R)

parallel pair of module morphisms over R (points to $A(R) \rightrightarrows B(R)$)

$$R \mapsto \left(R \times R \xrightarrow[+\circ swap]{+} R \right)$$

A **2-signature** is a pair

$$(\Sigma, E)$$

1-signature (points to Σ)

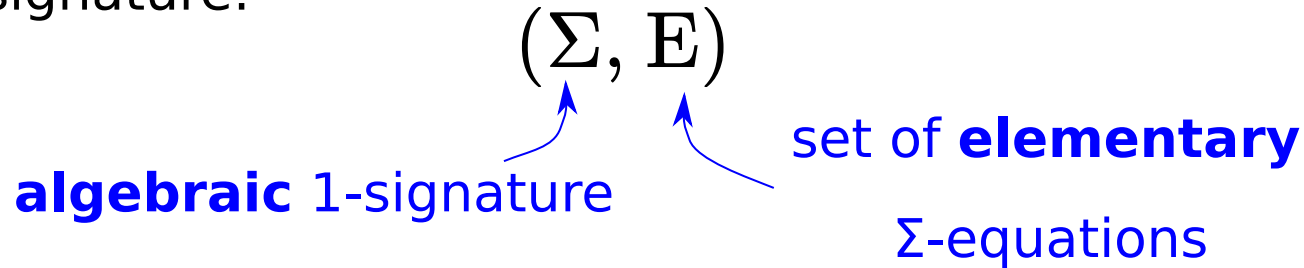
set of Σ -equations (points to E)

model of a 2-signature (Σ, E) :

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

Initial semantics for algebraic 2-signatures

Algebraic 2-signature:



Theorem

Syntax exists for any algebraic 2-signature

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

1. A "preserves pointwise epimorphisms"

(e.g., any "algebraic 1-signature", such as $R \mapsto R \times R$)

2. B is of the form $R \mapsto R' \dots'$ (e.g. $R \mapsto R$)

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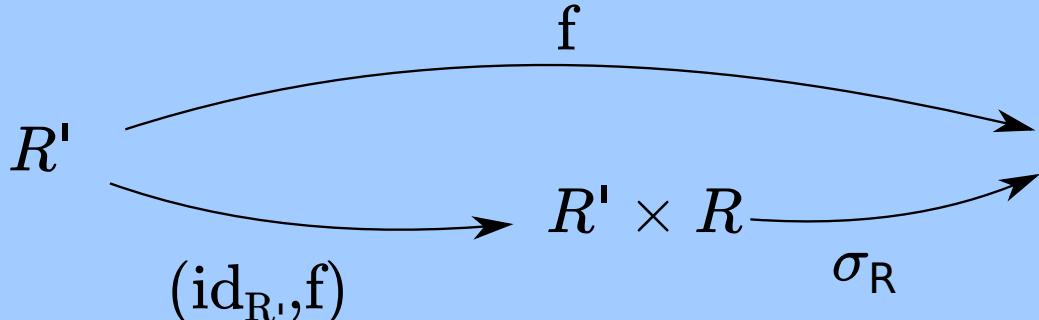
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Definition [AHLM CSL 2018]

A **fixpoint operator** in a monad R is a module morphism $f : R' \rightarrow R$ s.t.

(1)  commutes.

The algebraic 2-signature $(\Sigma_{\text{fix}}, E_{\text{fix}})$ of a fixpoint operator:

$$\Sigma_{\text{fix}}(R) := R' \quad E_{\text{fix}} = \{ (1) \}$$

Proposition [AHLM CSL 2018]

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:

fixpoint operator

λ -calculus modulo $\beta\eta$

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

+

$(\Sigma_{\text{LC}\beta\eta}, E_{\text{LC}\beta\eta})$

=

$(\Sigma_{\text{fix}} \amalg \Sigma_{\text{LC}\beta\eta}, E_{\text{fix}} \cup E_{\text{LC}\beta\eta})$

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and (bi)linearity of constructors with respect to $+$:

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Elementary equations for LCD

Commutative monoidal structure:

$$\mathbf{E}_{\text{mon}} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} s + t = t + s \\ s + (t + u) = (s + t) + u \\ 0 + t = t \\ t + 0 = t \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \Rightarrow \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \times \mathbf{R} \Rightarrow \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{R} \Rightarrow \mathbf{R} \\ \mathbf{R} \Rightarrow \mathbf{R} \end{array}$$

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
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
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


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