

¹ Nominal Type Theory by Nullary Internal Parametricity²

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⁹ — Abstract —

¹⁰ There are many ways to represent the syntax of a language with binders. In particular, nominal
¹¹ frameworks are metalanguages that feature (among others) name abstraction types, which can be
¹² used to specify the type of binders. The resulting syntax representation (nominal data types) makes
¹³ alpha-equivalent terms equal, and features a name-invariant induction principle. It is known that
¹⁴ name abstraction types can be presented either as existential or universal quantification on names.
¹⁵ On the one hand, nominal frameworks use the existential presentation for practical reasoning since
¹⁶ the user is allowed to match on a name-term pattern where the name is bound in the term. However
¹⁷ inference rules for existential name abstraction are cumbersome to specify/implement because they
¹⁸ must keep track of information about free and bound names at the type level. By contrast universal
¹⁹ name abstractions are easier to specify since they are treated not as pairs, but as functions consuming
²⁰ fresh names. Yet the ability to pattern match on such functions is seemingly lost. In this work we
²¹ show that this ability and others are recovered in a type theory consisting of (1) nullary (i.e. 0-ary)
²² internally parametric type theory (nullary PTT) (2) a type of names Nm and a novel name induction
²³ principle (3) nominal data types. This extension of nullary PTT can act as a legitimate nominal
²⁴ framework. Indeed it has universal name abstractions, nominal pattern matching, a freshness type
²⁵ former, name swapping and local-scope operations and (non primitive) existential name abstractions.
²⁶ We illustrate how term-relevant nullary parametricity is used to recover nominal pattern matching.
²⁷ Our main example involves synthetic Kripke parametricity.

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³¹ 1 Introduction

³² **Nominal syntax** There are many ways to formally define the syntax of a language with
³³ binders. In particular, nominal frameworks [24, 31, 27, 30, 12, 33] are metalanguages featuring
³⁴ (among others) a primitive type of names Nm as well as a “name abstraction” type former
³⁵ which we write $@N \multimap -$. Name abstraction types can be used to specify the type of binders
³⁶ of a given object language. For example, we can define the syntax of untyped lambda calculus
³⁷ (ULC) with the following data type.

```
38 data Ltm : U where
39   var : Nm → Ltm
40   app : Ltm → Ltm → Ltm
41   lam : (@N → Ltm) → Ltm
42
```

⁴⁴ The resulting representation is called a “nominal data type” or “nominal syntax” and offers
⁴⁵ several advantages: α -equivalent terms are equal, names are more readable/writable than
⁴⁶ e.g. De Bruijn indices, indexing on contexts can often be dropped, and importantly nominal



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47 data types feature a name-invariant induction principle. A drawback of this representation
48 is that it is not definable in plain type theory.

49 Inference rules for the name abstraction type former can be defined in two ways: either in
50 an existential/positive, or in a universal/negative fashion. Interestingly, these presentations
51 are semantically equivalent [30, 29] but syntactically have different pros and cons.

52 On the one hand, the existential presentation makes the name abstraction type former
53 behave as an existential quantification on names. So intuitively an element of that type, i.e.
54 a name abstraction, is a *pair* $\langle a, t \rangle$ where the name a is bound in the term t . Additionally the
55 system ensures that the pair is handled up to α -renaming. This presentation is convenient
56 since the user is allowed to *pattern match* on such “binding” name-term pairs, an ability
57 that we call nominal pattern matching. The following example is Example 2.1 from [31] and
58 illustrates this ability. It is a (pseudo-) FreshML program computing the equality modulo
59 α -renaming of two existential name abstractions. In the example A has decidable equality
60 $\text{eq}_A : A \rightarrow A \rightarrow \text{Bool}$ and the existential name abstraction type is written $@N \cdot -$.

```
61 eqabs : (@N · A) → (@N · A) → Bool
62 eqabs ⟨x0, a01, a1⟩ = eqA (swap x0, x1 in a0) a1
```

65 Note (1) the occurrences of x_0, x_1 outside of $\langle x_0, a_0 \rangle, \langle x_1, a_1 \rangle$ and (2) the appearance of the
66 swap operation exchanging free names.

67 Nominal pattern matching is convenient and for that reason nominal frameworks use
68 the existential presentation for practical reasoning on nominal syntax. However, inference
69 rules for existential abstraction types are cumbersome to specify. The issue is that a name
70 x is considered fresh in a binding pair $\langle x, y \rangle$ and that information must be encoded at the
71 type level and propagated when pattern matching. The consequence is that the rules for
72 existential abstraction types are polluted with typal freshness information. This makes the
73 implementation of such rules in a proof assistant environment harder.

74 On the other hand, the universal presentation treats name abstractions not as pairs, but
75 rather as *functions* consuming fresh names (a.k.a. affine or fresh functions), as in [27, 12].
76 This has several consequences: names can only be used when they are in scope, no explicit
77 swapping primitive is needed and the inference rules are straightforward to specify. However
78 one seems to lose the important ability to pattern match.

79 In this paper we will propose a new foundation for nominal frameworks relying on
80 the notion of *parametricity*, which we describe now. Parametricity is a language property
81 expressing that all values automatically satisfy properties that can be derived structurally
82 from their types [28]. More precisely, parametricity asserts that types behave as reflexive
83 graphs [6]. For example the parametricity of a function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a proof that f maps
84 related inputs in A to related outputs in B , i.e. f is a morphism of reflexive graphs. Although
85 the notion of parametricity is typically used in its binary form, the property can actually be
86 considered generally for n -ary relations and n -ary graphs.

87 Parametricity can be regarded as a property that is defined and proven to hold externally
88 about a dependent type theory (DTT). Indeed in [10] the parametricity property, or *translation*,
89 is a map $[-]$ defined by induction on the types and terms of DTT. The translation
90 $[A]$ of a type A asserts the parametricity property at A and the translation of a term a
91 is a proof $[a] : [A]$. By contrast, n -ary internally parametric type theory (n -ary PTT for
92 short) [11, 17, 19, 21, 2, 1] extends DTT with new type and term formers. These primitives
93 make it possible to prove parametricity results *within* n -ary PTT.

94 To that end, n -ary PTT typically provides two kinds of primitives, whose syntax internalize
95 aspects of reflexive graphs. Firstly, Bridge types are provided, which intuitively are to a type
96 what an edge is to a reflexive graph. Syntactically, a bridge $q : \text{Bridge } A a_0 \dots a_{n-1}$ at type

$K : \mathcal{U}$	$\text{Bridge } K k_0 k_1 \simeq \dots$	$k_0 \equiv_K k_1 \simeq \dots$
$A \rightarrow B$	$\forall a_0 a_1. \text{Bridge } A a_0 a_1 \rightarrow \text{Bridge } B (k_0 a_0) (k_1 a_1)$	$\forall a_0 a_1. a_0 \equiv_A a_1 \rightarrow k_0 a_0 \equiv_B k_1 a_1$
$A \times B$	$\text{Bridge } A (k_0.\text{fst})(k_1.\text{fst}) \times \text{Bridge } B (k_0.\text{snd})(k_1.\text{snd})$	$(k_0.\text{fst}) \equiv_A (k_1.\text{fst}) \times (k_0.\text{snd}) \equiv_B (k_1.\text{snd})$
\mathcal{U}	$k_0 \rightarrow k_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$	$k_0 \simeq k_1$

■ **Figure 1** The Bridge and Path type former commute with some example type formers.

97 A between a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} is treated as a function $\mathbf{N} \rightarrow A$ out of a posited bridge interval \mathbf{N} .
 98 The \mathbf{N} interval contains n endpoints $(e_i)_{i < n}$ and q must respect these definitionally $q e_i = a_i$.
 99 When $n = 2$ this is similar to the “paths” of cubical type theory [35] which play the role
 100 of equality proofs in the latter. However, bridges do not satisfy various properties of paths,
 101 e.g. they can not be composed and one can not transport values of a type $P x$ over a bridge
 102 $\text{Bridge } A x y$ to type $P y$. Moreover, contrary to paths, bridges may only be applied to
 103 variables $x : \mathbf{N}$ that do not appear freely in them, i.e. fresh variables. Functions with such a
 104 freshness side condition are also known as affine or fresh functions and we will use the symbol
 105 \multimap instead of \rightarrow for their type. Secondly, the other primitives of n-ary PTT make it possible
 106 to prove that the Bridge type former has a commutation law with respect to every other
 107 type former. Figure 1 lists some of these laws (equivalences) for arity $n = 2$ and compares
 108 the situation for bridges and paths. Path types are written \equiv .

109 The last column in Figure 1 states a collection of equivalences known as the Structure
 110 Identity Principle (SIP) in HoTT/UF. Concisely, it states that (path-)equality at a type
 111 K is equivalent to observational equality [3] at K . The Bridge column of Figure 1 shows
 112 an analogue Structure Relatedness Principle (SRP) [34] which expresses equivalence of K 's
 113 Bridge type to the parametricity translation of K , i.e. the Bridge type former internalizes the
 114 parametricity translation for types *up to SRP equivalences*. Finally parametricity of a term
 115 k is the reflexivity bridge $\lambda(_) : \mathbf{N}. k : \text{Bridge } K k \dots k$ mapped through the SRP equivalence
 116 at K . This is summarized in the slogan “parametricity = every term is related with itself”.

117 Nullary Parametricity as Foundation for Nominal Type Theory

118 In this work, we propose nullary PTT (i.e. 0-ary PTT) as the foundation for nominal
 119 dependent type theory. First, we make the simple observation that universal name abstraction
 120 types have the same rules as the nullary (i.e. 0-ary) Bridge types from nullary PTT: nullary
 121 bridges and universal abstractions are simply affine functions. This has been noticed in
 122 various forms [20, 14] but never exploited, to our knowledge. Second, we show that, on
 123 its own, nullary PTT (i.e. 0-ary PTT) already supports important features of nominal
 124 frameworks: universal name abstractions (bridge types), typal freshness, (non-primitive)
 125 existential name abstractions, a name swapping operation and the local-scoping primitive ν of
 126 [27] (roughly, the latter primitive is used to witness freshness). Third we can recover nominal
 127 pattern matching in this parametric setting by extending nullary PTT with a full-fledged type
 128 $\vdash \mathbf{Nm}$. It comes equipped with a novel dependent eliminator $\text{ind}_{\mathbf{Nm}}$ called *name induction*,
 129 which expresses for a term $\Gamma \vdash n : \mathbf{Nm}$ and a bridge variable x in Γ , that n is either just x ,
 130 or x is *fresh* in n .

131 Nominal pattern matching can be recovered via an extended version of the nullary
 132 SRP: the Structure Abstraction Principle (SAP), as we call it. The SAP expresses that
 133 the nullary bridge former $@\mathbf{N} \multimap -$ commutes with every type former in a specific way,
 134 including (1) standard type formers, (2) the \mathbf{Nm} type (3) nominal data types. For standard

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135 type formers, the SAP asserts that name abstraction commutes as one might expect, e.g.
136 $(@N \multimap A \rightarrow B) \simeq ((@N \multimap A) \rightarrow (@N \multimap B))$. However, for Nm , the SAP asserts that
137 $(@N \multimap Nm) \simeq 1 + Nm$, which can be proved by name induction. The SAP also holds
138 for nominal data types. For example, the SAP at the Ltm nominal data type asserts that
139 that there is an equivalence e between $@N \multimap Ltm$ and the following data type. Intuitively,
140 it corresponds to Ltm terms with Nm -shaped holes and we say it ought to be the nullary
141 parametricity translation of Ltm .

```
142
143 data Ltm1 : U where
144   hole : Ltm1
145   var : Nm → Ltm1
146   app : Ltm1 → Ltm1 → Ltm1
147   lam : (@N → Ltm1) → Ltm1
```

149 Nominal pattern matching can now be recovered: for a term $\lambda g : Ltm$: we have $g : @N \multimap$
150 Ltm and equivalently $e g : Ltm_1$ for which the induction principle of Ltm_1 applies.

151 **Contributions and Outline** In this paper, we propose nullary PTT (i.e. 0-ary PTT) as the
152 foundation for nominal dependent type theory and evidence for its suitability. Specifically:

- 153 ■ In Section 2, we define a variant of the univalent parametric type theory of [11] where (1)
154 we replace the arity $n = 2$ by $n = 0$, (2) we construct a type Nm from the bridge interval
155 $@N$ and provide a name induction principle. We explain how the primitives validate our
156 Structure Abstraction Principle (SAP) and discuss semantics and soundness.
- 157 ■ In Section 3, we systematically discuss the inference rules of existing nominal frameworks
158 for typal freshness, name swapping, the local-scoping primitive ν , existential and universal
159 name abstractions. We explain in detail how they can all be (adapted and) implemented
160 in terms of nullary PTT primitives.
- 161 ■ Section 4 demonstrates examples of nominal recursion in a nullary parametric setting.
162 Section 4.1 shows that the nullary translation of data types lets us emulate nominal pattern
163 matching: functions that are defined by matching on patterns which bind variables. In
164 Section 4.2 we provide a novel example of a function f defined by nominal recursion, whose
165 correctness proof requires computing its nullary translation $[f_0]$, i.e. the parametricity of
166 f is term-relevant. Specifically, we connect the Ltm nominal data type to a nominal HOAS
167 representation and our proofs externalize to Atkey’s Kripke parametricity model [5].

168 Relational parametric cubical type theory has already been implemented, particularly as
169 an extension of the mature proof assistant Agda [34]. As such, our work offers a clear path
170 to a first practical implementation of nominal type theory. To our knowledge, we are also
171 the first to make explicit and active use of nullary parametricity. We discuss related work in
172 more detail in Section 5.

173 2 Nullary PTT

174 In this section we present the nullary internally parametric type theory (nullary PTT) which
175 we use as a nominal framework in the next sections. It is an extension of the binary PTT of
176 Cavallo and Harper (CH type theory, [11]), where we have replaced the arity 2 by 0. More
177 precisely, our rules are obtained by (1) considering the rules of the parametricity primitives
178 of the CH binary PTT and replacing the arity 2 by 0 instead and (2) adding novel rules
179 to turn the bridge interval $@N$ into a fully-fledged type Nm , including a name induction
180 principle.

181 Apart from its parametricity primitives, the CH theory is a cubical type theory, and so is
182 our system. We briefly explain what that means before reviewing the nullary parametricity
183 primitives, and our rules for Nm . For the impatient reader, the relevant rules of our system
184 appear in Figure 2 and $\text{Gel } Ax$ can be understood as “the a ’s in A for which x is fresh”.

185 **Cubical type theory** Cubical type theory (cubical TT) is a form of homotopy type theory
186 (HoTT, [32]) that adds new types, terms and equations on top of plain dependent type
187 theory. These extra primitives make it possible, among other things, to prove univalence and
188 more generally the SIP. Recall from Section 1 that the SIP gives, for each type former, a
189 characterization of the equality type at that type former (see Figure 1).

190 Conveniently we will only need to know that the SIP holds in our system in order to
191 showcase our examples. That is to say, we will not need to know about the exact primitives
192 that cubical TT introduces. Nonetheless we list them for completeness: (1) the path interval
193 I , dependent path types and their rules; paths play the role of equality proofs thus non-
194 dependent path types are written \equiv (2) the transport and cube-composition operations,
195 a.k.a the Kan operations; these are used e.g. to prove transitivity of \equiv (3) a type former to
196 turn equivalences into paths in the universe, validating one direction of univalence (4) higher
197 inductive types (HITs) if desired.

198 Additionally, in HoTT an equivalence $A \simeq B$ is by definition a function $A \rightarrow B$ with
199 contractible fibers. We rather build equivalences using the following fact (Theorem 4.2.3 of
200 [32]): Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ have a quasi-inverse, i.e. a map $g : B \rightarrow A$ satisfying the two roundtrip
201 equalities $\forall a. g(f a) \equiv a$ and $\forall b. f(g b) \equiv b$. Then f can be turned into an equivalence $A \simeq B$.

202 2.1 Nullary CH

203 Let us explain the rules of Figure 2. We begin with the nullary primitives of the CH type
204 theory since our rules for the bridge interval Nm depend on them.

205 **Contexts** There are two ways to extend a context. The first way is the usual “cartesian”
206 comprehension operation where Γ gets extended with a type $\Gamma \vdash A$ resulting in a context
207 $\Gamma, (a : A)$. The second, distinct way to extend a context Γ is an “affine” comprehension
208 operation where Γ gets extended with a bridge variable x resulting in a context written
209 $\Gamma, (x : @N)$. Note that $@N$ is *not* a type and morally always appears on the left of \vdash (the
210 Bridge type former will be written $@N \multimap -$ – but this is just a suggestive notation).

211 Intuitively the presence of $@N$ is required because the theory treats affine variables in
212 a special way that is ultimately used to prove the SAP (briefly mentioned in Section 1).
213 Specifically, terms, types and substitutions depending on an affine variable $x : @N$ are not
214 allowed to duplicate x in affine positions. So typechecking an expression that depends on
215 $x : @N$ may involve checking that x does not appear freely in some subexpressions. Since
216 variables declared after x in the context may eventually be substituted by terms mentioning
217 x , a similar verification must be performed for them.

218 More formally, such “freshness” statements about free variables are specified in the
219 inference rules using a context restriction operation $\Gamma \setminus x$. If Γ is a context containing
220 $(x : @N)$ then $\Gamma \setminus x$ is the context obtained from Γ by removing x itself, as well as all the
221 cartesian (i.e. not $@N$) variables to the right of x ¹. If $(x : @N) \in \Gamma$ and $\Gamma \setminus x \vdash a : A$ we say
222 that x is fresh in a .

¹ Path variables $i : I$ and cubical constraints are not removed.

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$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\Gamma, (x : @N) \vdash A \text{ type}}{\Gamma \vdash (x : @N) \multimap A \text{ type}} \multimap F \quad \frac{\Gamma, (x : @N) \vdash a : A}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. a : (x : @N) \multimap A} \multimap I \\
\\
\frac{(x : @N) \in \Gamma \quad \Gamma \setminus x \vdash a' : (y : @N) \multimap A}{\Gamma \vdash a' x : A[x/y]} \multimap E \quad \frac{(x : @N) \in \Gamma \quad \Gamma \setminus x, (y : @N) \vdash a : A}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda y. a) x = a[x/y] : A[x/y]} \multimap \beta \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma, (x : @N) \vdash a'_0 x = a'_1 x : A \quad \Gamma \setminus x, (y : @N), (a : A y) \vdash B \text{ type}}{\Gamma \vdash a'_0 = a'_1 : (x : @N) \multimap A} \multimap \eta \quad \frac{\text{EXT prem.} \quad \Gamma \setminus x, (y : @N) \vdash a : A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{ext}(\lambda a' y. b) x (a[x/y]) = b[(\lambda y. a)/a', x/y] : B[x/y, a[x/y]/a]} \text{EXT}^\beta \\
\\
\frac{(x : @N) \in \Gamma \quad \Gamma \setminus x, (y : @N) \vdash A \text{ type} \quad \Gamma \setminus x, (y : @N), (a : A y) \vdash B \text{ type}}{\Gamma \setminus x, (a' : (z : @N) \multimap A[z/y]), (y : @N) \vdash b : B[a'/y/a] \quad \Gamma \vdash a_x : A[x/y]} \text{EXT} \\
\qquad \qquad \qquad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{ext}(\lambda a' y. b) x a_x : B[x/y, a_x/a]} \\
\\
\frac{(x : @N) \in \Gamma \quad \Gamma \setminus x \vdash A \text{ type}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{Gel } A x \text{ type}} \text{GELF} \quad \frac{\Gamma, (x : @N) \vdash g : \text{Gel } A x}{\Gamma \vdash \text{ung}(\lambda x. g) : A} \text{GELE} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash a : A}{\text{ung}(\lambda x. \text{gel } a x) = a} \text{GEL}\beta \\
\\
\frac{(x : @N) \in \Gamma \quad \Gamma \setminus x \vdash a : A}{\text{gel } a x : \text{Gel } a x} \text{GELI} \quad \frac{\text{GELF prem.} \quad \Gamma \setminus x, (y : @N) \vdash g_0, g_1 : \text{Gel } A y}{\Gamma \vdash \text{ung}(\lambda y. g_0) = \text{ung}(\lambda y. g_1) : A} \text{GEL}\eta \\
\qquad \qquad \qquad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash g_0[x/y] = g_1[x/y] : \text{Gel } A x} \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma \text{ ctx}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{Nm type}} \text{NmF} \quad \frac{(x : @N) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash c x : \text{Nm}} \text{NmI} \\
\\
\frac{(x : @N) \in \Gamma \quad \Gamma \vdash n : \text{Nm} \quad \Gamma, z : \text{Nm} \vdash B \text{ type} \quad \Gamma \vdash b_0 : B[c x/z]}{\Gamma, (g : \text{Gel Nm } x) \vdash b_1 : B[\text{forg } x g/z]} \quad \frac{\Gamma, (g : \text{Gel Nm } x) \vdash \text{forg } x g := \text{ext}(\lambda g' y. \text{ung } g') x g : \text{Nm}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{ind}_{\text{Nm}} x n b_0 (\lambda g. b_1) : B[n/z]} \text{NmE} \\
\\
\frac{\text{NmE prem. without } n}{\Gamma \vdash \text{ind}_{\text{Nm}} x (c x) b_0 (\lambda g. b_1) = b_0 : B[c x/y]} \text{Nm}\beta_0 \quad \frac{\text{NmE prem. without } n \quad \Gamma \setminus x \vdash n : \text{Nm}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{ind}_{\text{Nm}} x n b_0 (\lambda g. b_1) = b_1[\text{gel } n x/g] : B[n/z]} \text{Nm}\beta_1
\end{array}$$

Figure 2 Parametricity fragment of the CH theory [11] where we replace the arity by 0, and novel rules for the interval Nm. For binding rules such as EXT, we rely on the invertibility of both variable and name abstraction to bind using λ .

223 Nullary bridges The type former of dependent bridges with dependent codomain $\Gamma, (x : @N) \vdash A$ is denoted by $(x : @N) \multimap A x$. The type of non-dependent bridges with codomain
224 $\Gamma \vdash A$ is written $@N \multimap A$ and defined as $(- : @N) \multimap A$. Introducing a bridge requires
225 providing a term in a context extended with a bridge variable $(x : @N)$. A bridge $a' : (y : @N) \multimap A y$ can be eliminated at a variable $(x : @N)$ only if x is fresh in a' . In summary,
226 nullary bridges are treated and written like (dependent) functions out of the $@N$ pretype
227 but are restricted to consume fresh variables only. From a nominal point of view, a bridge
228 $a' : @N \multimap A$ is a name-abstracted value in A .

231 Since we will use the theory on non-trivial examples in the next sections, we prefer to
232 explain the other primitives of Figure 2 from a user perspective: we derive programs in the
233 empty context corresponding to the primitives of Figure 2 and express types as elements of
234 the universe type \mathcal{U} , whose rules are not listed but standard. Furthermore we explain what
235 the equations of Figure 2 entail for these closed programs. The closed programs derived from
236 the CH nullary primitives have a binary counterpart in [34], an implementation of the CH
237 binary PTT. The nullary and binary variants operate in a similar way. The pseudo-code we
238 write uses syntax similar to Agda. We ignore writing universe levels and \multimap is parsed like \rightarrow ,
239 e.g., it is right associative. We use ; to group several declarations in one line.

240 Lastly we indicate that the SAP holds at equality types $(a'_0 a'_1 : @N \multimap A) \rightarrow ((x : @N) \multimap$
241 $a'_0 x \equiv_A a'_1 x) \simeq a'_0 \equiv a'_1$. Proofs of this fact in the binary case can be found in [11, 34]. The
242 nullary proof is obtained by erasing all mentions of (bridge) endpoints.

243 **The extent primitive** The rule for the extent primitive (EXT) together with the rules of \multimap
244 and \mathcal{U} provide a term `ext` in the empty context with the following type.

```
245 ext : {A : @N  $\multimap \mathcal{U}$ } {B : (x:@N)  $\multimap A x \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ }
246   (f' : (a' : (x:@N)  $\multimap A x$ )  $\rightarrow$  (x:@N)  $\multimap B x (a' x)$ )  $\rightarrow$ 
247   (x:@N)  $\multimap (a : A x) \rightarrow B x a$ 
```

250 From a function f' mapping a bridge in A to a bridge in B , the extent primitive lets
251 us build a bridge in the dependent function type formed from A and B , or $\Pi A B$ for short.
252 Concisely put, the extent primitive validates one direction of the SAP at Π . It can be
253 upgraded into the following equivalence, using the β -rule of extent, described below.

254 $((a' : (x : @N) \multimap A x) \rightarrow (x : @N) \multimap B x (a' x)) \simeq (x : @N) \multimap (a : A x) \rightarrow B x a$

255 Proofs in the binary case can be found in [11, 34]. The nullary proof is obtained by erasing
256 all mentions of endpoints. This equivalence entails $((@N \multimap A) \rightarrow (@N \multimap B)) \simeq @N \multimap$
257 $(A \rightarrow B)$ in the non-dependent case.

258 The β -rule of extent (EXT β) is peculiar because a substituted premise $a[x/y]$ appears in
259 the redex on the left-hand side. To compute the right-hand side out of the left-hand side
260 only, the premise a is rebuilt (*) and a term where a variable is bound in a is returned. The
261 step (*) is possible thanks to the restriction in the context $\Gamma \setminus x, (y : @N)$ of a . This is quite
262 technical and explained in [11, 34]. We instead explain what that entails for our `ext` program
263 above. Non-trivial examples of β -reductions for extent will appear in Section 2.2.

264 In a context Γ containing $(x : @N)$, The term $\Gamma \vdash \text{ext } f' x a$ reduces if $\Gamma \vdash a$ is a term
265 that does not mention cartesian variables strictly to the right of x in Γ , i.e. declared after
266 x in Γ . In particular a can mention x . If such a freshness condition holds, x can in fact
267 soundly be captured in a and the reduction can trigger. By default the reduction does not
268 trigger because $f', x, a \vdash \text{ext } f' x a$ does not satisfy the freshness condition as in this case a is
269 a variable appearing to the right of x in the context.

270 **Gel types** Internally parametric type theories that feature interval-based Bridge types
271 [17, 11] need a primitive to convert a n -ary relation of types into an n -ary bridge. In the
272 CH theory the primitive is called Gel. The rules for Gel types together with the rules of \multimap
273 and \mathcal{U} imply the existence of the following programs in the empty context. Note that `ung` is
274 called ungel in the CH theory.

```
275 Gel :  $\mathcal{U} \rightarrow @N \multimap \mathcal{U}$ 
276 gel : {A :  $\mathcal{U}$ }  $\rightarrow A \rightarrow (x : @N) \multimap \text{Gel } A x$ 
277 ung : {A :  $\mathcal{U}$ }  $\rightarrow ((x : @N) \multimap \text{Gel } A x) \rightarrow A$ 
```

280 Similar to extent, Gel validates one direction of the SAP, this time at the universe \mathcal{U} . The
281 Gel function can be upgraded into an equivalence $\mathcal{U} \simeq (@N \multimap \mathcal{U})$ by using the rules of Gel
282 and `ext`. In particular this requires proving that `gel` and `ung` are inverses, i.e. the SAP at Gel
283 types $A \simeq (x : @N) \multimap \text{Gel } A x$. Again these theorems are proved in [11, 34] in the binary
284 case, and the nullary proofs are obtained by erasing endpoints.

285 From a nominal perspective, we observe that Gel is a type former that can be used to
286 express freshness information. This can be seen by looking at the GELI rule: canonical
287 inhabitants of $\text{Gel } A x$ are equivalently terms $a : A$ such that x is fresh in a . Conversely the
288 `ung` primitive is a binder that makes available a fresh variable x when a value of type A is
289 being defined, as long as the result value is typically fresh w.r.t. x . The `ung` primitive can also
290 be used to define a map forgetting freshness information.

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```

291   forg : {A : U} → (x:@N) →o Gel A x → A
292   forg {A} = ext [λ(g'):(x:@N) →o Gel A x). λ(_:@N). ung g']
293

```

295 Lastly, $\text{GEL}\eta$ can be used if a certain freshness side condition holds, similar to $\text{EXT}\beta$. We
296 will not need to make explicit use of $\text{GEL}\eta$.

297 2.2 The Nm type, name induction, nominal data types

298 So far the rules we presented involved occurrences of the bridge interval morally to the left
299 of \vdash , as affine comprehensions. Since we wish to use nullary PTT as a nominal framework,
300 we need a first-class type of names $\vdash \text{Nm}$ type. Indeed this is needed to express nominal data
301 types, whose constructors may take names as arguments. For example the `var` constructor
302 of the `Ltm` nominal data type declared in Section 1 has type `var : Nm → Ltm`, a regular
303 “cartesian” function type.

304 Constructors must be cartesian functions because that is what the initial algebra semantics
305 of (even nominal) data types dictates. In other words it is unclear whether there exists
306 a sound notion of data types D with “constructors” of the form $@N \multimap D$ for instance².
307 Moreover the fact that nominal constructors use standard functions out of `Nm` is one of the
308 main ingredients required to recover nominal pattern matching as we shall see.

309 Another important ingredient is the SAP at the type of names `Nm` which reads $1 + \text{Nm} \simeq$
310 $(@N \multimap \text{Nm})$. The principle expresses that a bridge at the type of names `Nm` is either the
311 “identity” bridge or a constant bridge. This principle is proved based on our rules for `Nm`
312 which we explain now. The rules of `Nm` together with the other rules of Figure 2 entail the
313 existence of the following programs in the empty context.

```

314   Nm : U
315   c : @N → Nm
316   indNm : {B : Nm → U} →
317     (x:@N) →o (n:Nm) →
318     (b0 : B (c x)) → (b1 : (g : Gel Nm x) → B (forg x g)) → B n
319
320

```

321 The `NmI` rule expresses that the canonical inhabitants of `Nm` in a context Γ are simply
322 the affine variables $(x : @N)$ appearing in Γ . The “identity” bridge program `c` above is derived
323 from that rule. In simple terms, `c` coerces affine bridge variables x into names $c x : \text{Nm}$.

324 **Name induction** The `indNm` program/rule is an induction principle, or dependent eliminator
325 for the type `Nm`. It expresses that in a context Γ containing an affine variable $(x : @N)$
326 we can do a case analysis on a term $\Gamma \vdash n : \text{Nm}$. Either x is bound in n and n is in fact
327 exactly $c x$, or x is *fresh* in n . The call `indNm x n b0 b1` returns b_0 if $n = c x$ (see rule `Nmβ0`)
328 and returns b_1 (`gel n x`) if x is fresh in n (see rule `Nmβ1`). The freshness assumption in b_1 is
329 expressed typically using a `Gel` type.

330 We show that the rules `Nmβ0` and `Nmβ1` are well typed, i.e. that the `indNm` program
331 above reduces to something of type $B n$ in both scenarios. If $n = c x$ then the reduction
332 result is `indNm x (c x) b0 b1 = b0 : B (c x)` and $B(c x) = B n$. Else if x is fresh in n then `gel n x`
333 typechecks and the reduction result is `indNm x n b0 b1 = b1 (gel n x) : B(forg x (gel n x))` where
334 `forg` is the function defined in Section 2.1 So we need to prove that `forg x (gel n x) = n`. Note

² If the arity is 2, the path analogue of such a notion does exist: higher inductive types (HITs) [32].

335 that `forg` is defined as `ext` applied to a function of type $((x : @N) \multimap \text{Gel Nm } x) \rightarrow @N \multimap \text{Nm}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 336 \quad \text{forg } x (\text{gel } n \, x) &= \text{ext} [\lambda(g' : (x : @N) \multimap \text{Gel Nm } x). \lambda(_) (\text{ung } g')] x (\text{gel } n \, x) && (\text{def.}) \\
 337 \quad &= (\lambda(_) (\text{ung } (\lambda y. \text{gel } n \, y))) x && (\text{EXT}\beta) \\
 338 \quad &= \text{ung } (\lambda y. \text{gel } n \, y) && (\multimap \beta) \\
 339 \quad &= n && (\text{GEL}\beta) \\
 340
 \end{aligned}$$

341 The $\text{EXT}\beta$ rule triggers because (1) by assumption, x is fresh in n , i.e. n does not mention x ,
 342 nor cartesian variables strictly to the right of x (2) thus the term $\text{gel } n \, x$ mentions x but no
 343 cartesian variables declared later. The latter condition is exactly the condition under which
 344 this `ext` call can reduce. To that end, x is captured in the term $\text{gel } n \, x$ leading to a term
 345 $g' := \lambda y. \text{gel } n \, y$ appearing on the second line.

346 **SAP at Nm** We now prove that $1 + \text{Nm} \simeq @N \multimap \text{Nm}$. We take inspiration from [11] who
 347 developed a relational encode-decode technique to prove the SAP at data types. The type
 348 Nm is defined existentially, i.e. by an induction principle, and it turns out that a similar
 349 technique can be applied.

```

350
351 loosen : 1 + Nm → @N → Nm
352 loosen (inl _) = λx. c x ; loosen (inr n) = λ_. c n
353
354 t1 : (@N → Nm) → (x:@N) → 1 + Gel Nm x
355 t1 n' x = indNm x (n' x) (inl _) (λ (g:Gel Nm x). inr g)
356
357 t2pre : (x:@N) → (1 + Gel Nm x) → Gel (1 + Nm) x
358 t2pre x (inl _) = gel (inl _) x
359 t2pre x (inr g) = ext [λg'. λy. gel (inr (ung g')) y] x g
360
361 t2 : ((x:@N) → 1 + Gel Nm x) → (x:@N) → Gel (1 + Nm) x
362 t2 = λ s' x. t2pre x (s' x)
363
364 tighten : (@N → Nm) → 1 + Nm
365 tighten n' = ung (t2 (t1 n'))

```

366 It remains to prove the roundtrip equalities. The roundtrip for $s : 1 + \text{Nm}$ is obtained by
 367 induction on s . If $s = \text{inl } -$ then $(\text{ung} \circ t_2 \circ t_1 \circ \text{loosen}) s = (\text{ung} \circ t_2 \circ t_1)(\lambda x. c x) \stackrel{\text{Nm}\beta_0}{=} (\text{ung} \circ$
 368 $t_2)(\lambda x. \text{inl } -) = \text{ung } (\lambda x. \text{gel } (\text{inl } -) x) = s$. If $s = \text{inr } n$ then $(\text{ung} \circ t_2 \circ t_1 \circ \text{loosen}) s = (\text{ung} \circ t_2 \circ$
 369 $t_1)(\lambda x. n) \stackrel{\text{Nm}\beta_1}{=} (\text{ung} \circ t_2)(\lambda x. \text{inr } (\text{gel } n \, x)) = \text{ung } (\lambda x. \text{ext} [\lambda g'. \text{gel } (\text{inr } (\text{ung } g')) y] x (\text{gel } n \, x)) \stackrel{\text{EXT}\beta}{=} \text{ung } (\lambda x. \text{gel } (\text{inr } n) x) = \text{inr } n$.

370 For the other roundtrip we first give a sufficient condition. It is the first type of this
 371 chain of equivalences and can be understood as a propositional η -rule for Nm .

$$\begin{aligned}
 374 \quad (x : @N) \multimap (n : \text{Nm}) \rightarrow (n \equiv_{\text{Nm}} \text{ext} [\text{loosen} \circ \text{tighten}] x \, n) &\simeq \\
 375 \quad (n' : @N \multimap \text{Nm}) \rightarrow (x : @N) \multimap (n' x \equiv_{\text{Nm}} (\text{loosen} \circ \text{tighten}) n' x) &\simeq && (\text{SAP}_\rightarrow) \\
 376 \quad (n' : @N \multimap \text{Nm}) \rightarrow n' \equiv (\text{loosen} \circ \text{tighten}) n' &&& (\text{SAP}_\equiv) \\
 377
 \end{aligned}$$

378 The `ext` in the first line vanishes in the second because $\text{EXT}\beta$ triggers. We prove the sufficient
 379 condition. Let $(x : @N), (n : \text{Nm})$ in context. We reason by name induction on n . If
 380 $n = c \, x$ then the right-hand side is $\text{ext} [\text{loosen} \circ \text{tighten}] x (c \, x) \stackrel{\text{EXT}\beta}{=} ((\text{loosen} \circ \text{tighten}) c) \, x$.
 381 From the proof above we know that $\text{tighten } c = \text{inl } -$, and by definition $\text{loosen } (\text{inl } -) = c$.
 382 So both sides of the equality are equal to $c \, x$. If x is fresh in n then the right-hand side is

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Parameters	$(x : @N) \multimap$	K	\simeq	K'
$A : @N \multimap \mathcal{U}$, $B : (x : @N) \multimap$ $A x \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$.	$(x : @N) \multimap$	$(a : A x) \rightarrow B x a$	\simeq	$(a' : (x : @N) \multimap Ax) \rightarrow (x : @N) \multimap B x (a' x)$
	$(x : @N) \multimap$	$(a : A x) \times (B x a)$	\simeq	$(a' : (x : @N) \multimap Ax) \times ((x : @N) \multimap B x (a' x))$
	$(x : @N) \multimap$	\mathcal{U}	\simeq	\mathcal{U}
$A : \mathcal{U}, a_0, a_1 : @N \multimap A$.	$(x : @N) \multimap$	$a_0 x \equiv a_1 x$	\simeq	$a_0 \equiv_{@N \multimap A} a_1$
	$(x : @N) \multimap$	Nm	\simeq	$1 + \text{Nm}$
$A : \mathcal{U}$	$(x : @N) \multimap$	$\text{Gel } Ax$	\simeq	A
$A : (x : @N) \multimap$ $(y : @N) \multimap \mathcal{U}$	$(x : @N) \multimap$	$(y : @N) \multimap Ax y$	\simeq	$(y : @N) \multimap (x : @N) \multimap Ax y$

Table 1 The Structure Abstraction Principle

383 $\text{ext} [\text{loosen} \circ \text{tighten}] x n \stackrel{\text{EXT}^\beta}{=} (\text{loosen} \circ \text{tighten})(\lambda -. n)x$. By the proof above $\text{tighten}(\lambda -. n) =$
384 $\text{inr } n$ and by definition $\text{loosen}(\text{inr } n) = \lambda -. n$. Thus both sides are equal to $n : \text{Nm}$.

385 **Nominal data types** When looking at a specific example of a nominal data type D we
386 temporarily extend the type system with the rules of D . This includes the dependent
387 eliminator of D . For example in the case of the Ltm type of Section 1 we add a rule that
388 entails the existence of this closed program:

389
390 $\text{indLtm} : (\mathsf{P} : \text{Ltm} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}) ((n : \text{Nm}) \rightarrow \mathsf{P}(\text{var } n)) (\forall a b. \mathsf{P}(\text{app } a b)) \rightarrow$
391 $(g : @N \multimap \text{Ltm}) ((x : @N) \multimap \mathsf{P}(g x)) \rightarrow \forall t. \mathsf{P} t$

393 2.3 The Structure Abstraction Principle (SAP)

394 As hinted above, the primitives of our nullary PTT allow us to prove the Structure Abstraction
395 Principle (SAP). Similar to the SIP of HOTT/UF, or the SRP of binary PTT [34], the SAP
396 defines how (nullary) Bridge types commute with other type formers. Table 1 lists several
397 SAP instances, including the ones we have encountered so far. Each instance is of the form
398 $\forall \dots ((x : @N) \multimap K) \equiv K'$, where K may depend on some terms and $(x : @N)$. Note
399 that the instances in Table 1 involve primitive type formers K . In order to obtain the SAP
400 instance of a composite type K , we can combine the SAP instances of the primitives used to
401 define K . This was done e.g. in Section 2.2 when proving the propositional η -rule of Nm . A
402 larger example will appear e.g. in Theorem 1.

403 For a type K (potentially dependent, composite), the SAP provides a type³ $K' \simeq @N \multimap$
404 K which we will refer to as (1) the observational parametricity of K or (2) the nullary
405 parametricity translation of K . Types of DTT can contain terms and thus there exists a
406 SAP for terms as well. The basic idea is simple. Any term $k : K$ induces a reflexivity bridge
407 $\lambda(_ : @N). k : @N \multimap K$, and the SAP for K says $\text{SAP}_K : K' \simeq @N \multimap K$. K' is (typically)
408 the recursive translation $[K]_0$ of the type K and the translation is defined in such a way
409 that $[k]_0 : [K]_0$. Now, The SAP for $k : K$ asserts that the reflexivity bridge of k and its
410 translation agree up to \equiv , i.e. $\text{SAP}_K^{-1}(\lambda _-. k) \equiv [k]_0$. For that reason, we define and write the

³ With this direction $\text{SAP}_{\mathcal{U}} = \text{Gel}$ and $\text{SAP}_{\Pi} = \text{ext}$.

411 observational parametricity of a term to be $[k]_0 := \text{SAP}_K^{-1}(\lambda _. k)$. Note that this definition
 412 depends on the exact choice of K' and equivalence SAP_K .

413 For example suppose A and B are types with SAP instances $A' \simeq (@N \multimap A)$ and $B' \simeq$
 414 $(@N \multimap B)$. The SAP at $A \rightarrow B$ is the composition $\text{SAP}_{A \rightarrow B}^{-1} : (@N \multimap (A \rightarrow B)) \simeq ((@N \multimap$
 415 $A) \rightarrow @N \multimap B) \simeq A' \rightarrow B'$. The map $\text{SAP}_{A \rightarrow B}^{-1}$ is given by $\lambda f'. \text{SAP}_B^{-1} \circ (\text{ext}^{-1} f') \circ \text{SAP}_A$
 416 where $\text{ext}^{-1} f' = \lambda(a' : @N \multimap A). \lambda(x : @N). f' x (a' x)$. With this choice of SAP instances,
 417 the observational parametricity of a function $f : A \rightarrow B$ has type $[f]_0 : A' \rightarrow B'$ and unfolds
 418 to $[f]_0 = \text{SAP}_B^{-1} \circ (@N \multimap f) \circ \text{SAP}_A$ where $(@N \multimap f) = \lambda a'. f(a' x)$ is the action of f on
 419 bridges. So the SAP for a function $f : A \rightarrow B$ asserts that its action on bridges agrees with
 420 its translation, up to the SAP at A, B .

421 The SAP of a composite type K is obtained by manually applying the SAP rules from
 422 Table 1. This process will produce an observational parametricity/parametricity translation
 423 K' that is equivalent to $@N \multimap K$. Although we suggestively use the notation $[-]_0$, the actual
 424 function $[-]_0$ which maps *every* type/term to its recursively defined translation, does not
 425 exist in our system and we manually define K' on a case-by-case basis. In the binary case,
 426 Van Muylder et al. [34] have shown that this process can be systematized, by organizing
 427 types and terms together with their SRP instances into a (shallowly embedded) type theory
 428 called ROTT. For types K and terms $k : K$ that fall in the ROTT syntax, the parametricity
 429 translations $[K]_0, [k]_0$ and the SAP equivalences $[K]_0 \simeq @N \multimap K$ and $\text{SAP}_K^{-1}(\lambda _. k) \equiv [k]_0$
 430 can be derived automatically. Although we believe the same process applies here, we have not
 431 constructed the corresponding DSL, instead applying SAP instances manually in examples.

432 2.4 Semantics, Soundness and Computation

433 We follow Cavallo and Harper [11] in modeling internal parametricity in cubical type theory
 434 in presheaves over the product of two base categories: the binary cartesian cube category \square_2
 435 for path dimensions [4] and the n -ary affine cube category \square_n for bridge dimensions. For
 436 nullary PTT, \square_0 is a category whose objects are finite ordinals (sets of names) and whose
 437 morphisms $\varphi : V \rightarrow W$ are injections $-\lceil \varphi \rceil : W \hookrightarrow V$.

438 We note that \square_0 is the base category of the Schanuel sheaf topos [26, §6.3] which
 439 is equivalent to the category of nominal sets [26] used to model FreshMLTT [27]. The
 440 sheaf-condition requires that presheaves $\Gamma : \square_0^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \text{Set}$ preserve pullbacks, i.e. compatible
 441 triples in $\Gamma_{U \sqcup V} \rightarrow \Gamma_{U \sqcup V \sqcup W} \leftarrow \Gamma_{U \sqcup W}$ have a unique preimage in Γ_U . Conceptually, if a cell
 442 $\gamma \in \Gamma_{U \sqcup V \sqcup W}$ is both fresh for V and for W , then it is fresh for $V \sqcup W$, with unique evidence.
 443 This property is not available internally in nullary PTT, nor do we have the impression that
 444 it is important to add it, so we content ourselves by modeling types as presheaves over \square_0 .
 445 It is worth noting that the property holds for any presheaf over $\square_{n > 0}$, so that both $\text{Psh}(\square_0)$
 446 and the Schanuel topos are legitimate nullary analogues of $\text{Psh}(\square_{n > 0})$.

447 The semantics of the primitives and inference rules of nullary CH are then straightforwardly
 448 adapted (and often simplified) to our model.

449 The type Nm is interpreted as the Yoneda-embedding of the base object with 1 name
 450 and no path dimensions. The elimination and computation rules for this type are based on a
 451 semantic isomorphism $x : @N \vdash \text{Nm} \cong \top \sqcup \text{Gel } \text{Nm } x$ which is straightforwardly checked. Kan
 452 fibrancy of this type is semantically trivial, since we can tell from the base category that any
 453 path in Nm will be constant. As for computation, we propose to wait until all arguments to
 454 the Kan operation reduce to $\text{c } x$ for the same affine name x , in which case we return $\text{c } x$. This
 455 is in line with how Kan operations for positive types with multiple constructors are usually
 456 reduced [13, 4]. Regarding nominal data types, which we only consider in an example-based
 457 fashion in this paper, we take the viewpoint that these arise from an interplay between the

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458 usual type formers, bridge types, Nm , and an initial algebra operation for ‘nominal strictly
459 positive functors’. We do not attempt to give a categorical description of such functors
460 or prove that they have initial algebras. The Kan operation will reduce recursively and
461 according to the Kan operations of all other type formers involved.

462 3 Nominal Primitives for Free

463 In this section, we argue that the central features in a number of earlier nominal type systems,
464 can essentially be recovered in nullary PTT. The case of nominal pattern matching is treated
465 separately, in the next section. Concretely, we consider Shinwell, Pitts and Gabbay’s FreshML
466 [31], Schöpp and Stark’s bunched nominal type theory which we shall refer to here as BNTT
467 [30, 29], Cheney’s λ^{NN} [12] and Pitts, Matthiesen and Derikx’s FreshMLTT [27]. The central
468 features we identify there, are: existential and universal name quantification, a type former
469 expressing freshness for a given name, name swapping, and locally scoped names. Existential
470 and universal name quantification are known to be equivalent in the usual (pre)sheaf or
471 nominal set semantics of nominal type theory, but generally have quite different typing rules:
472 the former is an existential type former with pair-like constructor and matching eliminator
473 (opening the door to matching more deeply), whereas the latter is a universal type operated
474 through name abstraction and application (getting in the way of matching more deeply).
475 We note that some systems (FreshMLTT, λ^{NN}) support multiple name types, something we
476 could also easily accommodate but leave out so as not to distract from the main contributions
477 (but see Section 5). BNTT even allows substructural quantification and typal freshness for
478 arbitrary closed types (rather than just names), which is not something we intend to support
479 and which inherently seems to require a bunched context structure. In what follows, we will
480 speak of ‘our rules’, not to claim ownership (as they are inherited from Bernardy, Coquand
481 and Moulin [9] and Cavallo and Harper [11]), but to distinguish with the other systems.

482 **Universal name quantification** Universal name quantification is available in BNTT, λ^{NN}
483 and FreshMLTT. In our system, it is done using the nullary bridge type $(x : @N) \multimap A$,
484 whose rules are given in Figure 2. The rules $\multimap F$ and $\multimap I$ correspond almost perfectly with
485 the other three systems; for BNTT we need to keep in mind that our context extension with
486 a fresh name, is semantically a monoidal product. The application rules in λ^{NN} and BNTT
487 also correspond almost precisely to $\multimap E$, but the one in BNTT is less algorithmic than ours.
488 Specifically, the BNTT bunched application rule takes a function $\Theta \vdash f : (x : T) \multimap A x$ and
489 an argument $\Delta \vdash t : T$ and produces $f t : A t$ in a non-general context $\Theta * \Delta$. Our rule $\multimap E$
490 (inherited from [9, 11]) improves upon this by taking in an arbitrary context Γ and *computing*
491 a context $\Gamma \setminus x$ such that there is a morphism $\Gamma \rightarrow (\Gamma \setminus x, (x : @N))$. The application rule in
492 FreshMLTT is similar, but uses definitional freshness – based on a variable swapping test –
493 to ensure that the argument is fresh for the function.

494 **Typal freshness** A type former expressing freshness is available in BNTT (called the free-
495 from type). FreshMLTT uses definitional freshness instead. In nullary PTT, elements of A
496 that are fresh for x are classified by the type $\text{Gel } A x$. BNTT’s free-from types only apply to
497 closed types A , so GELF is evidently more general. BNTT’s introduction rule corresponds
498 to GELI, which is however again more algorithmic. BNTT’s elimination rule is explained in
499 terms of single-hole bunched contexts [29, §4.1.1] which specialize in our setting (where the
500 only monoidal product is context extension with a name) to contexts with a hole up front.
501 Essentially then, the rule can be phrased in nullary PTT as

$$502 \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : @N, z : \text{Gel } B x, \Theta \vdash T \text{ type} \quad \Gamma, y : B, x : @N, \Theta[y/x/z] \vdash t : T[y/x/z]}{\Gamma, x : @N, z : \text{Gel } B x, \Theta \vdash t' : T}$$

503 where Γ must be empty, together with β - and η -rules establishing that the above operation is
 504 inverse to applying the substitution $[y/x/z]$ ⁴. We can in fact accommodate the rule for non-
 505 empty Γ . Without loss of generality, we can assume Θ is empty: by abstraction/application,
 506 we can subsume Θ in T ⁵. We then have an equivalence

$$507 \quad \begin{aligned} ((y : B) \rightarrow ((x : @N) \multimap T[y/x/z])) &\simeq (z' : (x : @N) \multimap \text{Gel } B x) \rightarrow ((x : @N) \multimap T[z'/x/z]) \\ 508 &\simeq (x : @N) \multimap (z : \text{Gel } B x) \rightarrow T \end{aligned}$$

510 where in the first step, we precompose with the `gel/ung` isomorphism (the SAP for `Gel`), and
 511 in the second step, we apply the `ext` equivalence (the SAP for functions).

512 **Existential name quantification** Existential name quantification is available in FreshML
 513 and BNTT. We first discuss how we can accommodate the BNTT rules, and then get back
 514 to FreshML. The BNTT existential quantifier is just translated to the nullary bridge type
 515 $(x : @N) \multimap A$ again, i.e. both quantifiers become definitionally the same type in nullary
 516 PTT. BNTT's introduction rule follows by applying a function

$$517 \quad \text{bind} : (x : @N) \multimap B x \rightarrow \text{Gel}((w : @N) \multimap B w) x,$$

518 which is obtained from the identity function on $(w : @N) \multimap B w$ by the SAP for functions
 519 and `Gel`. BNTT's elimination rule essentially provides a function

$$520 \quad \text{matchbind} : ((x : @N) \multimap B x \rightarrow \text{Gel } C x) \rightarrow (((x : @N) \multimap B x) \rightarrow C)$$

521 such that if we apply `matchbind f` under `Gel` to `bind xb`, then we obtain $f xb$. Again, the
 522 SAP for `Gel` and functions reveals that the source and target of `matchbind` are equivalent.

523 The non-dependently typed system FreshML has a similar type former, but lacks any typal
 524 or definitional notion of freshness. Their introduction rule then follows by postcomposing the
 525 above `bind` with the function `forg` that forgets freshness (Section 2.1). If we translate
 526 FreshML's declarations $\Gamma \vdash d : \Delta$ to operations that convert terms $\Gamma, \Delta \vdash t : T$ to
 527 terms $\Gamma \vdash t\{d\}$ (not necessarily by substitution), then we can translate their declaration
 528 $\Gamma \vdash \text{val } \langle x \rangle y = e : (x : @N, y : B)$, where e is an existential pair, as `matchdecl e` where

$$529 \quad \text{matchdecl} : (@N \multimap B) \rightarrow (@N \multimap B \rightarrow T) \rightarrow (@N \multimap T).$$

530 This function is obtained by observing that the second argument type, by the SAP for
 531 functions, is equivalent to $(@N \multimap B) \rightarrow (@N \multimap T)$. It may be surprising that the result
 532 has type $@N \multimap T$ rather than just T ; this reflects the fact that FreshML cannot enforce
 533 freshness, and is justified by the fact that it allows arbitrary declaration of fresh names via
 534 the declaration $\Gamma \vdash \text{fresh } x : (x : @N)$, which we do not support.

535 **Swapping names** The name swapping operation is available in FreshML and FreshMLTT.
 536 We can accommodate the full rule of FreshML (which is not dependently typed) and a
 537 restricted version of the rule in FreshMLTT, where we allow the type of the affected term

⁴ The original rule immediately subsumes a substitution $\Delta \rightarrow (x : @N, z : \text{Gel } A x)$.

⁵ This may raise questions about preservation of substitution w.r.t. Θ . However, we are unaware of any non-bunched dependent type systems that assert preservation of substitution w.r.t. a part of the context that is dependent on one of the premises of an inference rule.

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538 to depend on the names being swapped, but other than that, only on variables fresh for
 539 those names. We simply use the function $\text{swap} : (x y : @N) \multimap T x y \rightarrow T y x$ whose type
 540 is equivalent to $((x y : @N) \multimap T x y) \rightarrow ((x y : @N) \multimap T y x)$ by the SAP, and the latter is
 541 clearly inhabited by $\lambda t x y. t y x$. Finally, we note that the aforementioned restriction on the
 542 type can be mitigated in an ad hoc manner, because types $T : (x y : @N) \multimap \Delta \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$ (where
 543 Δ denotes any telescope consisting of both affine names and non-affine variables) are by the
 544 SAP in correspondence with types $\Delta'' \rightarrow (x y : @N) \multimap \mathcal{U}$ for a different telescope Δ'' . This
 545 however does not imply that we can accommodate the full FreshMLTT name swapping rule
 546 in a manner that commutes with substitution. We expect that this situation can be improved
 547 by integrating ideas related to the transposition type [20, 18] into the current system.

548 Using swap , we can follow Pitts et al. [27] in defining non-binding abstraction $\langle x \rangle - =$
 549 $\lambda a y. \text{swap } x y a : A x \rightarrow (y : @N) \multimap A y$, where A can depend only on variables fresh for x .

550 **Locally scoped names** Locally scoped names [22, 25] are available in FreshMLTT, by the
 551 following rule on the left, and allow us to spawn a name from nowhere, provided that we use
 552 it to form a term that is fresh for it:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \Gamma, x : @N \vdash T \text{ type} \\ \Gamma, x : @N \vdash t : T \\ x \text{ is fresh for } t : T \end{array}}{\Gamma \vdash \nu x. t : \nu x. T} \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} \Gamma, x : @N \vdash \nu x. t = t : T \\ \text{Added: } \nu x. t = t \text{ if } x \text{ is not free in } t. \end{array}}{\Gamma \vdash \nu x. t : S} \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} \Gamma \vdash S \text{ type} \\ \Gamma, x : @N \vdash t : S \\ x \text{ is fresh for } t : T \end{array}}{\Gamma \vdash \nu x. t : S}$$

554 It is used ([23]) in FreshMLTT to define e.g.

$$555 \quad \lambda c'. \nu x. \text{case } c' x \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{inl } a \mapsto \text{inl } \langle x \rangle a \\ \text{inr } b \mapsto \text{inr } \langle x \rangle b \end{array} \right\} : (@N \multimap A + B) \rightarrow (@N \multimap A) + (@N \multimap B)$$

556 It has a computation rule which says that as soon as x comes into scope again, we can
 557 drop the ν -binder. Combined with α -renaming, this means $\nu x.$ says ‘let x be any name we
 558 have in scope, or a fresh one, it doesn’t matter’. In particular, $\nu x.-$ is idempotent. Before
 559 translating to nullary PTT, we add another equation rule, which says that we can drop $\nu x.-$
 560 if x is not used freely at all (in the example above, x is used freely but freshly). This way, the
 561 FreshMLTT ν -rule above becomes equivalent to the one to its right. Indeed, the functions
 562 $T \mapsto \nu x. T$ and $S \mapsto S$ now constitute an isomorphism between types that are and are not
 563 dependent on $x : @N$. The advantage of the rule on the right is that it is not self-dependent.
 564 In nullary PTT, we express freshness using Gel, suggesting the following adapted rules:

$$565 \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : @N \vdash t : \text{Gel } S x}{\Gamma \vdash \nu x. t : S} \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} \Gamma, x : @N \vdash \text{gel } (\nu x. t) x = t : \text{Gel } S x \\ \nu x. \text{gel } t x = t \text{ (where } x \text{ cannot be free in } t \text{ by GELI).} \end{array}}$$

566 In this formulation, it is now clear that $\nu x. t$ can be implemented as $\text{ung } t$, while the two
 567 computation rules follow from GEL η and GEL β .

568 4 Nominal Pattern Matching

569 In this section we provide concrete examples of functions $D \rightarrow E$ defined by recursion on a
 570 nominal data type D , within nullary PTT as introduced in Section 2.

571 4.1 Patterns that bind

572 Some nominal frameworks with existential name-abstraction types [31] provide a convenient
 573 user interface to define functions $f : D \rightarrow E$ out of a nominal data type. The user can define

574 f by matching on patterns that bind names (see `eqabs` in Section 1). We explain how nullary
 575 parametricity lets us informally recover this feature in our system.

576 The following nominal data type is the nominal syntax of the π -calculus [16]. This
 577 data type appears in [8]. The constructors stand for: terminate, silent computation step,
 578 parallelism, non-determinism, channel allocation, receiving⁶, and sending.

```
579 data Proc : U where
  nil : Proc
  τpre : Proc → Proc
  par, sum : Proc → Proc → Proc
  nu : (@N → Proc) → Proc
  inp : Nm → (@N → Proc) → Proc
  out : Nm → Nm → Proc → Proc
```

580 The π -calculus [16] is a formal language whose expressions represent concurrently com-
 581 municating processes. An example of a process (in an appropriate context) is `par(out a b q)`
 582 (`inp a (λ(x : @N).p'x)`). The first argument of `par` emits a name b on channel a and continues
 583 with q . Simultaneously, the second argument waits for a name x on channel a and continues
 584 with $p'x$. The expectation is that such an expression should reduce to `par q (p'{b/x})` where
 585 $p'\{b/x\}$ replaces occurrences of $(x : @N)$ in the body of p' by the name $b : Nm$. Note that
 586 $p'b$ does not typecheck and that this substitution operation called `nsub` must be defined
 587 recursively, as done in [8] and here. The following is an informal definition of `nsub` where
 588 some patterns bind (bridge) variables.

```
589 nsub : Nm → (@N → Proc) → Proc
590 nsub b (λx. par (u' x) (v' x)) = par (nsub b u') (nsub b v')
591 ... --nil, τpre, sum similar
592 nsub b (λx. (nu (q' x))) = nu (λy. nsub b (λx. q' x y))
593 nsub b (λx. inp a (q' x)) = inp a (λy. nsub b (λx. q' x y)) --(0)
594 nsub b (λx. inp (c x) (q' x)) = inp b (λy. nsub b (λx. q' x y)) --(1)
595 ...
596 ...
```

598 Note how patterns (0) and (1) match on the same term constructor `inp m q'`, but cover the
 599 case where m is different resp. equal to the variable being substituted. The informal `nsub`
 600 function reduces accordingly.

601 More formally in our system we define `nsub` by using the SAP at `Proc`, so `nsub b` is the
 602 following composition $(@N \multimap \text{Proc}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \text{AProc} \longrightarrow \text{Proc}$. The SAP at `Proc` asserts that
 603 $(@N \multimap \text{Proc})$ is equivalent to `AProc`, the nullary translation of `Proc`:

```
604 data AProc : U where
605   nil, τpre, par, sum, nu : ... --similar
606   inp0 : Nm → (@N → AProc) → AProc
607   inp1 : (@N → AProc) → AProc
608   out00 : Nm → Nm → AProc → AProc
609   out01, out10 : Nm → AProc → AProc
610   out11 : AProc → AProc
```

613 We can then define `nsub' : Nm → AProc → Proc` by induction on the second argument. Then
 614 the informal clauses (0), (1) can be translated into formal ones using `inp0`, `inp1`, respectively.

⁶ The reader might wonder if we could instead bind a cartesian name in the second argument of `inp`. However, this would lead to exotic process terms which can check the bound name for equality to other names.

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615 4.2 A HOAS Example by term-relevant parametricity

616 Let D be a nominal data type. This example illustrates the fact that defining and proving
 617 correct a function $f : D \rightarrow E$ often requires (1) the SAP at E and (2) to compute the
 618 translation of the term $f : D \rightarrow E$.

619 We connect the nominal syntax of the untyped lambda calculus (ULC) to a higher-order
 620 abstract syntax (HOAS) representation. The nominal syntax of ULC is expressed as the
 621 following data type family Ltm , parametrized by a natural number $j : \text{nat}$.

```
622 data Ltm (j : nat) : U
623   holes : Fin j → Ltm j
624   var : Nm → Ltm j
625   app : Ltm j → Ltm j → Ltm j
626   lam : (@N → Ltm j) → Ltm j
```

629 The type $\text{Fin } j$ is the finite type with j elements $\{0, \dots, j - 1\}$. Ltm_j is a shorthand for
 630 $\text{Ltm } j$. The types Ltm and Ltm_1 of Section 1 are Ltm_0 and Ltm_1 respectively.

631 The corresponding HOAS representation, or encoding, is $\text{HEnc}_j : \mathcal{U}$ defined below. Since
 632 it uses a Π -type we say it is a Π -encoding (there are other ways to define and use HOAS not
 633 discussed here).

```
634 HMod (j : nat) = (H : U) × (Fin j → H) × (Nm → H) ×
635   (H → H → H) × ((H → H) → H)
636
637 --projections
638 |_| : ∀ {j}. HMod j → U
639 |_| M = M .fst
640 holesOf, varOf, appOf, hlamOf = ... --other projections of HMod
641
642 HEnc (j : nat) = (M : HMod j) → |M|
643
644 NMod (j : nat) = (H : U) × (Fin j → H) × (Nm → H) ×
645   (H → H → H) × ((@N → H) → H)
```

648 The type of “nominal models” NMod_j is also defined as it will be useful later on. The carrier
 649 function $| - |$ and other projections are defined similarly for nominal models. Additionally
 650 we define explicit constructors mkHM , mkNM for HMod_j , NMod_j . For instance $\text{mkNM}_j : (H : \mathcal{U}) \rightarrow (\text{Fin } j \rightarrow H) \rightarrow (\text{Nm} \rightarrow H) \rightarrow (H \rightarrow H \rightarrow H) \rightarrow ((@N \rightarrow H) \rightarrow H) \rightarrow \text{NMod}_j$.

652 We will show that we can define maps in and out of the encoding HEnc_j and prove the
 653 roundtrip at ULC if a certain binary parametricity axiom is assumed, as explained below.

```
654 ubd : ∀{j}. HEnc_j → Ltm_j
655 toh : ∀{j}. Ltm_j → HEnc_j
656 rdt-ulc : ∀{j}. (t : Ltm_j) → ubd(toh_j t) ≡ t
```

659 **Unembedding** We begin by defining the “unembedding” map denoted by ubd , which has
 660 a straightforward definition that does not involve nominal pattern matching. The name
 661 and the idea behind the definition come from [5, 7], where Atkey et al. were interested in
 662 comparing (non-nominal) syntax and HOAS Π -encodings using a strengthened form of binary
 663 parametricity called Kripke parametricity. We claim that the correspondence obtained here
 664 between Ltm_j and HEnc_j is a partial internalization of what these works achieve, and we
 665 do in fact rely on a (non-Kripke) binary parametricity axiom to prove rdt-ulc . This is
 666 discussed later, for now let us focus on the the example.

```

667 ubd {j} = λ(h : HEncj). h (Ltm-as-HMod j) where
668   Ltm-as-HMod : ∀ j. HModj
669   Ltm-as-HMod j = mkHModj Ltmj holes var app (hλamLtm j)
670   hλamLtm : ∀ j.(Ltmj → Ltmj) → Ltmj
671   hλamLtm j f = lam(λ(x:@N). f(var (c x)))
672

```

674 So unembedding a HOAS term h consists of applying h at Ltm_j . This is possible thanks to
675 the fact that Ltm_j can be equipped with a higher-order operation hλamLtm_j .

676 **Defining the map into HOAS** The other map toh_j is defined by nominal recursion. In
677 other words it is defined by recursion on its input $t : \text{Ltm}_j$, i.e. using the eliminator of Ltm_j .
678 We write the (uncurried) non-dependent eliminator as rec_j . Its type expresses that Ltm_j is
679 the initial nominal model.

```

680 recj : (N : NModj) → Ltmj → |N|
681

```

683 Hence in order to define toh_j we need to turn its codomain HEnc_j into a nominal model.
684 For fields in NMod_j that are not binders this is straightforward.

<pre> 685 holesH : Fin j → HEnc_j holesH : Fin j → HEnc_j varH : Nm → HEnc_j varH : Nm → HEnc_j appH : HEnc_j → HEnc_j → HEnc_j appH : HEnc_j → HEnc_j → HEnc_j </pre>	<pre> holesH k = λ (M:HEnc_j). holesOf M k holesH k = λ (M:HEnc_j). holesOf M k varH n = λ (M:HEnc_j). varOf M n varH n = λ (M:HEnc_j). varOf M n appH u v = λ M. appOf M (u M) (v M) appH u v = λ M. appOf M (u M) (v M) </pre>
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686 Additionally we need to provide a function $\text{lamH} : (@N \multimap \text{HEnc}_j) \rightarrow \text{HEnc}_j$. This is done by
687 using the SAP at HEnc_j , i.e. the following characterization of $(@N \multimap \text{HEnc}_j)$.

688 ▶ **Theorem 1.** *We have $\text{mbump}_j : (@N \multimap \text{HMod}_j) \simeq \text{HMod}_{j+1}$, $\text{nbump}_j : (@N \multimap \text{NMod}_j) \simeq$
689 NMod_{j+1} , $\text{ebump}_j : (@N \multimap \text{HEnc}_j) \simeq \text{HEnc}_{j+1}$ and $\text{lbump}_j : (@N \multimap \text{Ltm}_j) \simeq \text{Ltm}_{j+1}$.*

690 **Proof.** The lbump_j equivalence is the SAP at a (nominal) data type and its proof is performed
691 using an encode-decode argument similar to the proof of SAP_{Nm} , or other data types as in
692 [11, 34]. One salient feature of Ltm_j is its nominal constructor $\text{var} : \text{Nm} \rightarrow \text{Ltm}_j$. Intuitively
693 the type of var is the reason why the j index gets bumped to $j + 1$. Indeed the SAP at
694 $\text{Nm} \rightarrow \text{Ltm}_j$ contains an extra factor $\text{Ltm}_{j+1} \times (\text{Nm} \rightarrow \text{Ltm}_{j+1}) \simeq (@N \multimap \text{Nm} \rightarrow \text{Ltm}_j)$. We
695 don't prove lbump_j and prove mbump_j instead, which uses a similar fact.

696 For space reasons we sometimes omit types for Σ and \multimap , e.g. we write $x \multimap T$ as
697 shorthand for $(x : @N) \multimap T$.

$$\begin{aligned}
698 \quad x \multimap \text{HMod}_j &\simeq (H' : x \multimap \mathcal{U}) \times (x \multimap [(\text{Fin } j \rightarrow H'x) \times \dots]) & \text{SAP}_\Sigma \\
699 \quad &\simeq (H' : x \multimap \mathcal{U}) \times (x \multimap (\text{Fin } j \rightarrow H'x)) \times (x \multimap [\dots]) & \text{SAP}_\Sigma \\
700 \quad &\simeq (H' : x \multimap \mathcal{U}) \times (\text{holes}' : \text{Fin } j \rightarrow (x \multimap H'x)) \times (x \multimap [\dots]) & \text{SAP}_{\text{Fin } j, \rightarrow}
\end{aligned}$$

702 Since $\text{Fin } j$ is a non-nominal data type its SAP instance asserts $\text{Fin } j \simeq (x \multimap \text{Fin } j)$, i.e. the
703 only bridges in $\text{Fin } j$ are reflexive bridges. This was proved in the binary case in [11, 34] for
704 various data types. This is related to the fact that $\text{Fin } j$ is “bridge-discrete” [11]. Moving on,

$$\begin{aligned}
705 \quad &\simeq H' \times \text{holes}' \times (x \multimap [(\text{Nm} \rightarrow H'x) \times \dots]) \\
706 \quad &\simeq H' \times \text{holes}' \times (x \multimap (\text{Nm} \rightarrow H'x)) \times (x \multimap [\dots]) & \text{SAP}_\Sigma \\
707 \quad &\simeq H' \times \text{holes}' \times ((x \multimap \text{Nm}) \rightarrow (x \multimap H'x)) \times (x \multimap [\dots]) & \text{SAP}_\rightarrow \\
708 \quad &\simeq H' \times \text{holes}' \times (\text{foo} : (1 + \text{Nm}) \rightarrow (x \multimap H'x)) \times (x \multimap [\dots]) & \text{SAP}_{\text{Nm}}
\end{aligned}$$

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$$709 \quad \simeq H' \times \text{holes}'_+ \times (\text{var}' : \text{Nm} \rightarrow x \multimap H'x) \times (x \multimap [\dots])$$

711 where $\text{holes}'_+ : \text{Fin}(j+1) \rightarrow (x \multimap H'x)$ is defined as $\text{holes}'_+ 0 = \text{foo}(\text{inl}(-))$ and $\text{holes}'_+(k+1) = \text{holes}'_+ k$. The next two types in $x \multimap [\dots]$ are computed using the SAP at \rightarrow . Thus so
712 far we have shown that $@\text{N} \multimap \text{HMod}_j$ is equivalent to:

$$714 \quad (H' : x \multimap \mathcal{U}) \times \text{holes}'_+ \times \text{var}' \times (\text{app}' : (x \multimap H'x) \rightarrow (x \multimap H'x) \rightarrow (x \multimap H'x)) \\ 715 \quad \times (\text{hlambda}' : ((x \multimap H'x) \rightarrow (x \multimap H'x)) \rightarrow (x \multimap H'x))$$

717 Now since the SAP at \mathcal{U} is $\text{Gel} : \mathcal{U} \xrightarrow{\sim} (@\text{N} \multimap \mathcal{U})$, we can do a change of variable in this
718 last Σ type, i.e. use a variable $(K : \mathcal{U})$ instead of $(H' : x \multimap \mathcal{U})$ at the cost of replacing
719 occurrences of H' by $\text{Gel } K$. Pleasantly, occurrences of $(x \multimap H'x)$ become $(x \multimap \text{Gel } K x)$
720 and are equivalent to K by the SAP for Gel types: the inverse of Gel is the nullary bridge
721 type former. Hence $@\text{N} \multimap \text{HMod}_j \simeq \text{HMod}_{j+1}$. Equivalences for ebump_j and nbump_j are
722 obtained similarly. \blacktriangleleft

723 Next, we can define the desired operation $\text{lamH} : (@\text{N} \multimap \text{HEnc}_j) \rightarrow \text{HEnc}_j$ as $\text{lamH } h' =$
724 $\lambda(M : \text{HMod}_j). \text{lamOf } M \$ \lambda(m : |M|). (\text{ebump}_j h')(m :: M)$ where $(m :: M)$ is the HMod_{j+1}
725 obtained out of $M : \text{HMod}_{j+1}$ by pushing m onto the list $\text{holesOf } M$. In other words,
726 $\text{holesOf } (m :: M) 0 = m$ and $\text{holesOf } (m :: M) (k+1) = \text{holesOf } M k$. All in all we proved
727 that HEnc_j is a nominal model, and since Ltm_j is the initial one we obtain the desired map
728 $\text{toh}_j : \text{Ltm}_j \rightarrow \text{HEnc}_j$.

```
729
730  $\text{toh}_j = \text{rec}_j (\text{mkNM}_j \text{ holesH varH appH} \\ 731 \quad (\lambda h' M. \text{ lamOf } M (\lambda(m : |M|). \text{ ebump}_j h' (m :: M))))$ 
```

733 **Observational parametricity of toh_j** Computing the nullary observational parametricity of
734 $\text{toh}_j : \text{Ltm}_j \rightarrow \text{HEnc}_j$ will be needed to show the roundtrip at Ltm_j . Recall from Section 2.3
735 that, since SAP instances are fixed for Ltm_j and HEnc_j , we can define the observational
736 parametricity of toh_j as $[\text{toh}_j]_0 = \text{ebump}_j^{-1} \circ (@\text{N} \multimap \text{toh}_j) \circ \text{lbump}_j : \text{Ltm}_{j+1} \rightarrow \text{HEnc}_{j+1}$. It
737 turns out that $[\text{toh}_j]_0 \equiv \text{toh}_{j+1}$. As explained in Section 2.3, the global, recursive nullary
738 translation is not first-class. Using a notation $[-]_0$ that reminds the latter recursive translation
739 has merit because the proof of the square $[\text{toh}_j]_0 \equiv \text{toh}_{j+1}$ is structurally the same than a
740 “proof” by computation showing that $[\text{toh}_j]_0$ reduces to toh_{j+1} . Indeed we can prove the
741 following derivation (up to a small fixable lemma, see below) which looks like a series of
742 reductions, ending in a term that looks like toh_{j+1} (some parts are proved/stated afterwards).

$$743 \quad [\text{toh}_j]_0 \equiv [\text{rec}_j (\text{mkNM}_j \text{ HEnc}_j \text{ holesH}_j \text{ varH}_j \text{ appH}_j \text{ lamH}_j)]_0 \\ 744 \quad \equiv [\text{rec}_j]_0 ([\text{mkNM}_j]_0 [\text{HEnc}_j]_0 [\text{holesH}_j]_0 [\text{varH}_j]_0 [\text{appH}_j]_0 [\text{lamH}_j]_0) \\ 745 \quad \equiv \text{rec}_{j+1}([\text{mkNM}_j]_0 [\text{HEnc}_j]_0 [\text{holesH}_j]_0 [\text{varH}_j]_0 [\text{appH}_j]_0 [\text{lamH}_j]_0) \\ 746 \quad \equiv \text{rec}_{j+1}([\text{mkNM}_j]_0 \text{ HEnc}_{j+1} [\text{holesH}_j]_0 [\text{varH}_j]_0 [\text{appH}_j]_0 [\text{lamH}_j]_0) \\ 747 \quad \equiv \text{rec}_{j+1}(\text{mkNM}_{j+1} \text{ HEnc}_{j+1} ([\text{varH}_j]_0 (\text{inl tt} :: [\text{holesH}_j]_0) \\ 748 \quad \quad \quad ([\text{varH}_j]_0 \circ \text{inr}) [\text{appH}_j]_0 [\text{lamH}_j]_0) \\ 749 \quad \equiv \text{rec}_{j+1}(\text{mkNM}_{j+1} \text{ HEnc}_{j+1} \text{ holesH}_{j+1} \text{ varH}_{j+1} \text{ appH}_{j+1} [\text{lamH}_j]_0)$$

751 Before proving that $[\text{lamH}]_0 \equiv \text{lamH}_{j+1}$ we justify some of the steps above. First, since
752 the function rec_j is dependent, its square, i.e. the equality $[\text{rec}_j]_0 \equiv \text{rec}_{j+1}$ is dependent
753 as well. It asserts that $\forall(K' : @\text{N} \multimap \text{NMod}_j)(K_+ : \text{NMod}_{j+1}). (\text{nbump}_j K' \equiv K_+) \rightarrow$
754 $(@\text{N} \multimap \text{rec}_j) K' \sim \text{rec}_{j+1} N_+$ where $a \sim b$ means a, b are in correspondence through the

755 equivalence $((x : @N) \multimap (\text{Ltm}_j \rightarrow |N'x|)) \simeq \text{Ltm}_{j+1} \rightarrow |N_+|$. We were able to prove
 756 $[\text{rec}_j] \equiv \text{rec}_{j+1}$ by induction on K_+ and by extracting the exact definition of nbump_j from
 757 Theorem 1. We don't give the proof here. Second, $[\text{HEnc}_j : \mathcal{U}]_0 \equiv \text{HEnc}_{j+1}$. Indeed the
 758 reflexivity bridge $\lambda(_) : @N \multimap \mathcal{U}$ maps to the type $@N \multimap \text{HEnc}_j$ via the
 759 SAP equivalence $\text{Gel}^{-1} : (@N \multimap \mathcal{U}) \xrightarrow{\sim} \mathcal{U}$. And by univalence $(@N \multimap \text{HEnc}_j) \equiv \text{HEnc}_{j+1}$.
 760 Third, $\text{varH} : \text{Nm} \rightarrow \text{HEnc}_j$ thus $[\text{varH}]_0 : 1 + \text{Nm} \rightarrow \text{HEnc}_{j+1}$. Furthermore we can prove
 761 that $[\text{mkNM}_j]_0 A \text{env}_j \text{vr}_0 \text{apIm} \equiv \text{mkNM}_{j+1} A (\text{vr}_0(\text{inl}(tt)) :: \text{env}_j) (\text{vr} \circ \text{inr}) \text{apIm}$. Fourth we
 762 can show $([\text{varH}]_0(\text{inl}(tt)) :: [\text{holesH}]_0) \equiv \text{holesH}_{j+1}$, $([\text{varH}]_0 \circ \text{inr}) \equiv \text{varH}_{j+1}$ and $[\text{appH}]_0 \equiv$
 763 app_{j+1} . The proofs pose no particular problem.

764 To obtain $[\text{toh}_j]_0 \equiv \text{toh}_{j+1}$ it remains to prove that $[\text{lamH}]_0 \equiv \text{lamH}_{j+1}$. Again we inspect
 765 lamH to do so and can prove

$$\begin{aligned} 766 \quad [\text{lamH}]_0 &\equiv [\lambda(k : @N \multimap \text{HEnc}_j)(M : \text{HMod}_j). \text{lamOf } M (\lambda m. \text{ebump}_j k(m :: M))]_0 \\ 767 &\equiv \lambda(k_+ : @N \multimap \text{HEnc}_{j+1})(M_+ : \text{HMod}_{j+1}). \text{lamOf } M_+ (\lambda m_+. [\text{ebump}_j]_0 k_+ ([::]_0 M_+ m_+)) \end{aligned}$$

769 where $[::]_0 : (M_+ : \text{HMod}_{j+1}) \rightarrow |M_+| \rightarrow \text{HMod}_{j+2}$ is the translation of the function $- :: -$.

770 Things become less straightforward now because (1) $[\text{ebump}_j]_0 \not\equiv \text{ebump}_{j+1}$ and (2)
 771 $[::]_0 M_+ m_+ \not\equiv (m_+ :: M_+)$ (recall that the latter right-hand sides appear in the definition
 772 of toh_{j+1}). Instead we can prove $[\text{ebump}_j]_0 k_+ \equiv \text{ebump}_{j+1}(\text{flip } k_+)$ and $[::]_0 M_+ m_+ \equiv$
 773 $\text{insert}_1 M_+ m_+$ where (1) flip is defined as the following composition $(x \multimap \text{HEnc}_{j+1}) \rightarrow (x \multimap$
 774 $y \multimap \text{HEnc}_j) \rightarrow (y \multimap x \multimap \text{HEnc}_j) \rightarrow (y \multimap \text{HEnc}_{j+1})$ and (2) insert_1 inserts the value m_+ at
 775 index 1 in the holes list of M_+ (by contrast $- :: -$ inserts values at index 0 instead). Hence
 776 what remains to be seen is the following lemma. We have not proved the lemma yet, but are
 777 confident we can provide a proof.

778 ▶ **Lemma 2.** $\text{ebump}_{j+1}(\text{flip } k_+) (\text{insert}_1 M_+ m_+) \equiv \text{ebump}_{j+1} k_+ (m_+ :: M_+)$

779 **Observational parametricity of ubd_j** The proof that $[\text{ubd}_j]_0 \equiv \text{ubd}_{j+1}$ is somewhat similar.
 780 We have $[\text{ubd}_j]_0 \equiv \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} 781 \quad &\equiv [\lambda(h : \text{HEnc}_j). (\text{mkHM}_j \text{Ltm}_j \text{holes}_j \text{var}_j \text{app}_j \text{hlambdaLtm}_j)]_0 \\ 782 &\equiv \lambda(h_+ : \text{HEnc}_{j+1}). ([\text{mkHM}_j]_0 \text{Ltm}_{j+1} [\text{holes}_j]_0 [\text{var}_j]_0 [\text{app}_j] [\text{hlambdaLtm}_j]_0) \\ 783 &\equiv \lambda h_+. \text{mkHM}_{j+1} \text{Ltm}_{j+1} ([\text{var}_j]_0.\text{fst} :: [\text{holes}_j]_0) ([\text{var}_j]_0.\text{snd}) [\text{app}_j] [\text{hlambdaLtm}_j]_0 \\ 784 &\equiv \lambda h_+. \text{mkHM}_{j+1} \text{Ltm}_{j+1} \text{var}_{j+1} \text{var}_{j+1} \text{app}_{j+1} [\text{hlambdaLtm}_j]_0 \end{aligned}$$

786 And $[\text{hlambdaLtm}_j]_0 \equiv \dots$

$$\begin{aligned} 787 \quad &\equiv [\lambda(f : \text{Ltm}_j \rightarrow \text{Ltm}_j). \text{lam}_j (\lambda(x : @N). f(\text{var}_j(c x)))]_0 \\ 788 &\equiv \lambda(f_+ : \text{Ltm}_{j+1} \rightarrow \text{Ltm}_{j+1}). \text{lam}_{j+1} (\lambda(x : @N). f_+([\lambda(y : @N). \text{var}_j(c y)]_0 x)) \\ 789 &\equiv \lambda(f_+ : \text{Ltm}_{j+1} \rightarrow \text{Ltm}_{j+1}). \text{lam}_{j+1} (\lambda(x : @N). f_+(\text{lbump}_j (\lambda_. \text{var}_j(c x)))) \end{aligned}$$

791 By definition of lbump_j , which is extracted from Theorem 1, it turns out that the term
 792 $\text{lbump}_j (\lambda_. \text{var}_j(c x))$ reduces to $\text{var}_{j+1}(c x)$. Thus $[\text{hlambdaLtm}_j]_0 \equiv \text{hlambdaLtm}_{j+1}$, and thus
 793 $[\text{ubd}_j]_0 \equiv \text{ubd}_{j+1}$.

794 **Roundtrip at Ltm_j** We now prove that $\forall j (t : \text{Ltm}_j). t \equiv \text{ubd}_j(\text{toh}_j t)$. Note that within
 795 the proof we use a specific binary parametricity axiom. The proofs for constructors other
 796 than lam_j are easy. For $t \equiv \text{lam}_j(g : @N \multimap \text{Ltm}_j)$ we must prove that if the induction
 797 hypothesis holds $(g^\bullet : (z : @N) \multimap (gz \equiv \text{ubd}_j(\text{toh}_j(gz))))$ then $\text{lam}_j g \equiv \text{ubd}_j(\text{toh}_j(\text{lam}_j g))$.
 798 We are indeed doing an induction on t , i.e. using the dependent eliminator of Ltm_j . Let g^\bullet

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799 in the context and let us compute the right-hand side of the latter equation. We use the \$
800 application operator found e.g. in Haskell. This operator is defined as function application
801 but associates to the right, improving clarity.

$$\begin{aligned}
&\equiv \text{ubd}_j \$ \lambda M. \text{lamOf } M \$ \lambda m. (\text{ebump}_j \circ (@N \multimap \text{toh}_j)) g (m :: M) && (\text{def.}) \\
&\equiv \text{hlaM Ltm}_j \$ \lambda m. (\text{ebump}_j \circ (@N \multimap \text{toh}_j)) g (m :: M) && (\text{def.}) \\
&\equiv \text{hlaM Ltm}_j \$ \lambda m. (\text{toh}_{j+1} \circ \text{lbump}_j) g (m :: M) && ([\text{toh}_j]_0 \equiv \text{toh}_{j+1}) \\
&\equiv \text{lam}_j \$ \lambda(x : @N). (\text{toh}_{j+1} \circ \text{lbump}_j) g (\text{var}(c x) :: (\text{Ltm}_j, \dots)) && (\text{def.}) \\
&\equiv \text{lam}_j \$ \lambda(x : @N). (\text{toh}_{j+1} \circ \text{lbump}_j) g \$ \\
&\quad \text{mkHM}_j \text{ Ltm}_j (\text{var}(c x) :: \text{holes}_j) \text{ var}_j \text{ app}_j \text{ hlaM Ltm}_j && (\text{def.})
\end{aligned}$$

802 The latter model is of type HMod_{j+1} and we observe that it looks similar to $\text{mkHM}_{j+1} \text{ Ltm}_{j+1}$
803 $\text{holes}_{j+1} \text{ var}_{j+1} \text{ app}_{j+1} \text{ hlaM Ltm}_{j+1} : \text{HMod}_{j+1}$. More formally, for $(x : @N)$ in context the
804 (graph of the) map $\text{foo} : \text{Ltm}_{j+1} \rightarrow \text{Ltm}_j : u \mapsto \text{lbump}_j^{-1} u x$ turns out to be a structure-
805 preserving relation between $\text{Ltm}_{j+1}, \text{Ltm}_j : \text{HMod}_{j+1}$. The proof is not difficult. This
806 suggests to use binary parametricity, which for dependent functions k out of HMod_{j+1} asserts
807 that k preserve such structure-preserving relations. So taking $k = (\text{toh}_{j+1} \circ \text{lbump}_j) g$, in a
808 context containing $(x : @N)$, binary parametricity grants the first equality of this chain:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{lam}_j \$ \lambda(x : @N). (\text{toh}_{j+1} \circ \text{lbump}_j) g (\text{var}(c x) :: (\text{Ltm}_j, \dots)) \\
&\equiv \text{lam}_j \$ \lambda(x : @N). \text{foo} \$ (\text{toh}_{j+1} \circ \text{lbump}_j) g (\text{Ltm}_{j+1} : \text{HMod}_{j+1}) \\
&\equiv \text{lam}_j \$ \lambda(x : @N). \text{foo} \$ (\text{toh}_{j+1} (\text{lbump}_j g)) (\text{Ltm}_{j+1} : \text{HMod}_{j+1}) \\
&\equiv \text{lam}_j \$ \lambda(x : @N). \text{foo} \$ (\text{ubd}_{j+1} \circ \text{toh}_{j+1})(\text{lbump}_j g) \\
&\equiv \text{lam}_j \$ \lambda(x : @N). (\text{lbump}_j^{-1} \$ (\text{ubd}_{j+1} \circ \text{toh}_{j+1})(\text{lbump}_j g)) x \\
&\equiv \text{lam}_j \$ \text{lbump}_j^{-1} \$ (\text{ubd}_{j+1} \circ \text{toh}_{j+1})(\text{lbump}_j g)
\end{aligned}$$

809 Now it remains to see that $g \equiv \text{lbump}_j^{-1} \$ (\text{ubd}_{j+1} \circ \text{toh}_{j+1})(\text{lbump}_j g)$, i.e. $\text{lbump}_j g \equiv$
810 $(\text{ubd}_{j+1} \circ \text{toh}_{j+1})(\text{lbump}_j g)$. Let us denote the roundtrip function by $r_j := \text{ubd}_j \circ \text{toh}_j$. (1)
811 The induction hypothesis tells us $g^\bullet : (z : @N) \multimap (gz \equiv r_j(gz))$ so by the SAP at \equiv we get
812 $g \equiv \lambda(z : @N). r_j(gz)$ and by applying lbump_j we get $\text{lbump}_j g \equiv \text{lbump}_j(\lambda(z : @N). r_j(gz))$.
813 (2) Observe that $[r_j]_0 \equiv [\text{ubd}_j \circ \text{toh}_j]_0 \equiv [\text{ubd}_j]_0 \circ [\text{toh}_j]_0 \equiv \text{ubd}_{j+1} \circ \text{toh}_{j+1} = r_{j+1}$. The
814 function r_j has type $\text{Ltm}_j \rightarrow \text{Ltm}_j$ and $[r_j]_0 \equiv r_{j+1}$ desugars to $r_{j+1} \circ \text{lbump}_j \equiv \text{lbump}_j \circ$
815 $(@N \multimap r_j) = \lambda q. \text{lbump}_j(\lambda(y : @N). r_j(qy))$. Applying both sides to $g : @N \multimap \text{Ltm}_j$ we
816 get $r_{j+1}(\text{lbump}_j g) \equiv \text{lbump}_j(\lambda(y : @N). r_j(qy))$. (3) Now, step (1) told us $\text{lbump}_j g \equiv$
817 $\text{lbump}_j(\lambda(y : @N). r_j(qy))$ and step (2) told us $\text{lbump}_j(\lambda(y : @N). r_j(qy)) \equiv r_{j+1}(\text{lbump}_j g)$.
818 Hence $\text{lbump}_j g \equiv r_{j+1}(\text{lbump}_j g) = \text{ubd}_{j+1}(\text{toh}_{j+1}(\text{lbump}_j g))$. This concludes the proof of
819 the roundtrip equality at Ltm_j .

820 **Synthetic Kripke parametricity** The above definitions of toh_j , ubd_j and the proof of the
821 roundtrip at Ltm_j draw inspiration from [5, 7]. In [5], R. Atkey shows that, in the presence
822 of *Kripke* binary parametricity, the non-nominal syntax of ULC is equivalent to the standard
823 HOAS Π -encoding $\forall A. (A \rightarrow A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A$. The Kripke binary
824 parametricity of $f : A \rightarrow B$ is written $[f]_{K2}$ and is very roughly a proof of the following fact:

$$[f]_{K2} : \forall(W : \text{PreOrder})(a_0 a_1 : A). \text{Mon}(W, [A]_2 a_0 a_1) \rightarrow \text{Mon}(W, [B]_2 (f a_0) (f a_1)).$$

825 Here $\text{Mon}(W, X)$ is the set of monotonic functions from W to X and $[A]_2$ denotes the binary
826 (non-Kripke) parametricity translation. So the Kripke parametricity of f asserts that f
827 preserves monotonic families of relations.

844 We claim without proof that the correspondence we obtain between Ltm_j and HEnc_j
 845 (done in nullary PTT with a binary axiom) maps to the analogue correspondence in Atkey's
 846 model (which uses \mathbb{N} -restricted Kripke 2-ary parametricity). I.e. externalizing $(0, 2)$ -ary
 847 parametricity leads to \mathbb{N} -restricted Kripke 2-ary parametricity.

848 With regards to unrestricted Kripke parametricity, we observe that the quantification on
 849 preorders is *hard-coded* into $[f]_{\mathsf{K}2}$, i.e. $[f]_{\mathsf{K}2}$ is not the mere meta-theoretical conjunction of
 850 its W -restricted Kripke parametricities. In particular $[f]_{\mathsf{K}2}$ lives one universe level higher
 851 than f which is peculiar. Interestingly this hard-coding plays a crucial role in the proof of
 852 the roundtrip at HOAS. Indeed, within Atkey's model, the proof introduces a variable $B : \mathcal{U}$
 853 and uses (roughly) $[f]_{\mathsf{K}2}(\text{List } B) (1 : \mathcal{U}) (B : \mathcal{U})$ to conclude. This is a form of diagonalization
 854 that can not be internalized in our nullary PTT. Hence we claim that in our system the
 855 roundtrip at HOAS can not be proved by a similar argument.

856 5 Related and Future Work

857 We remark here that $1 + \mathsf{Nm} \simeq @\mathbb{N} \multimap \mathsf{Nm}$ and $(@\mathbb{N} \multimap \text{Ltm}_0) \simeq \text{Ltm}_1$ were proved
 858 semantically in [15].

859 We have already discussed the most closely related work in nominal type theory [31, 29,
 860 30, 12, 27] and internally parametric type theory [9, 11, 34] in detail in Sections 3 and 2
 861 respectively.

862 **Semantics of other nominal frameworks** In Section 2.4 we modelled nullary PTT in
 863 presheaves over the nullary affine cube category \square_0 , which is also the base category of the
 864 Schanuel sheaf topos [26, §6.3], which is in turn equivalent to the category of nominal sets [26]
 865 that forms the model of FreshMLTT [27]. FreshML [31] is modelled in the Fraenkel-Mostowski
 866 model of set theory, which nominal sets seem to have been inspired by. Schöpp and Stark's
 867 bunched system [30] is modelled in a class of categories, including the Schanuel topos, that
 868 is locally cartesian closed and also equipped with a semicartesian closed structure. Finally,
 869 $\lambda^{\Pi\mathcal{M}}$ [12] has a syntactic soundness proof.

870 FreshMLTT and $\lambda^{\Pi\mathcal{M}}$ support having multiple name types. As long as a set of name
 871 types \mathfrak{N} is fixed in the metatheory, we can support the same and justify this semantically by
 872 considering presheaves over $\square_2 \times \square_0^{\mathfrak{N}}$.

873 **Transpension** The category \square_0 is an example of a cube category without diagonals and as
 874 such, its internal language is among the first candidates to get a transpension type [20] with
 875 workable typing rules [18]. Dual to the fact that universal and existential name quantification
 876 semantically coincide, so do freshness and transpension. As such, the transpension type is
 877 already present as Gel in the current system, but Gel's typing rules are presently weaker:
 878 the rules GELF and GELI remove a part of the context, rather than quantifying it (which
 879 can be done manually using ext in the current system). Nuyts and Devriese [20] explain the
 880 relationship between Gel and transpension in more generality, and apply the transpension
 881 type and related operations to nominal type theory; however all in a setting where all name-
 882 and dimension-related matters are handled using modal techniques.

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