Semantic Analysis of Normalization by Evaluation for Fitch-Style Modal Lambda Calculi

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Modal logic IK

$$\frac{\cdot \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash \Box A} \text{ NECESSITATION}$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \Box(A \to B) \to \Box A \to \Box B} \text{ Axiom K}$$

Fitch-style lambda calculus for IK (λ_{IK}) [Borghuis 1994]

$$\Gamma ::= \cdot \mid \Gamma, x : A \mid \Gamma, \blacksquare$$

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma, x : A, \Gamma' \vdash x : A} \triangleq \not\in \Gamma' \qquad \frac{1}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{box}} \underbrace{t : A}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, \mathbf{a} \vdash t : A}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{box} \ t : \Box A} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \Box A}{\Gamma, \mathbf{a}, \Gamma' \vdash \mathbf{unbox} \ t : A} \ \mathbf{a} \notin \Gamma'$$

$$A \nvdash \Box A$$
 $\Box (A \times B) \vdash \Box A$ $\Box A \nvdash A$ $\Box A, \Box B \vdash \Box (A \times B)$

Applications of NbE for modal lambda calculi

Interpretations of $\Box A$:

Staging: Code of type A

Security: Sensitive values of type A

Purity: Pure values of type A

NbE can be used to prove:

- Domain-specific theorems, e.g., noninterference
- Completeness theorems, e.g., completeness of possible-worlds semantics

Normalization by Evaluation

$$norm : \Gamma \vdash A \to \operatorname{Nf}_{\Gamma} A$$
$$norm \ t = \downarrow^{A} ((t) \gamma_{\operatorname{id}})$$

NbE model for λ_{IK}

W: Category of contexts and OPEs

 \widehat{W} as NbE model for STLC

 $(\ \): \lambda_{\mathrm{IK}} \leadsto \mathrm{CCC}_{\square \dashv \square} \mathcal{C}$ [Clouston 2018]

 W_{\square} : Akin to W, morphisms preserve locks

 \widehat{W}_{\square} as NbE model for $\lambda_{\rm IK}$

Adjoint functors Lock ⊢ Box

$$\llbracket \Box A \rrbracket_{\Gamma} = \operatorname{Box}_{\Gamma} \llbracket A \rrbracket \qquad \llbracket \Delta, \blacksquare \rrbracket_{\Gamma} = \operatorname{Lock}_{\Gamma} \llbracket \Delta \rrbracket$$

$$\mathcal{A}:\widehat{W_{f Q}}$$

$$\frac{x:\mathcal{A}_{\Gamma, }}{\text{box } x:\text{Box}_{\Gamma} \; \mathcal{A}} \qquad \frac{x:\mathcal{A}_{\Gamma}}{\text{lock } x:\text{Lock}_{\Gamma, \square, \Gamma'} \; \mathcal{A}} \; \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \; \notin \Gamma'$$

Gives (\mathbf{box}) and (\mathbf{unbox}) , and $\downarrow^{\Box A}$ and $\uparrow^{\Box A}$

NbE as an instance of possible-worlds semantics

Semantics for λ_{IK} parameterized by a frame (\mathcal{W}, \leq, R) (subject to conditions on \leq and R)

Pick objects of W_{\square} for \mathcal{W} Pick morphisms of W_{\square} for \leq $\Gamma R \Delta$ iff $\exists \Gamma'$. $\Delta = \Gamma, \square, \Gamma'$ s.t. $\square \notin \Gamma'$

yields the NbE model for $\lambda_{\rm IK}$

Next steps: Axioms beyond K

IS4
$$\begin{cases} K: \Box(A \to B) \to \Box A \to \Box B \\ T: \Box A \to A \\ 4: \Box A \to \Box \Box A \longrightarrow IK4 \\ R: A \to \Box A \longrightarrow IR \end{cases}$$



Agda mechanization: github.com/nachivpn/k

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