

Modelling crisp type theory

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Firstly

Why crisp type theory?

- relevance to homotopy type theory
 - "Kripke-Joyal forcing for type theory"
Awodey, Gambino & Hazenpaur, 2021
 - "Internal universes in models of HoTT"
Licata, Orton, Pitts & Spitters, 2018
- models aren't very obvious

Plan

① Modalities and modal type theory

- the view of crisp type theory from logic and from HoTT

② Modelling dependent type theory

- natural models approach

③ Modelling crisp type theory

- the abstract to the (slightly more) concrete

① Modalities and modal type theory

The "traditional" view from logic

- modalities are operations on propositions

e.g. in modal logic

 $\Box A$

"A is necessarily true"

 $\Diamond A$

"A is possibly true"

also in linear logic: $!A$ and $?A$

possible world semantics

- modelled categorically by (co)monads

e.g. modal logic S4

$$(K) \Box(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\Box A \rightarrow \Box B)$$

$$(T) \Box A \rightarrow A$$

$$(F) \Box A \rightarrow \Box \Box A$$

the data of a comonad

(i) $\Box : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ a functor

(ii) $\varepsilon : \Box \Rightarrow \text{id}_{\mathcal{C}}$ natural

(iii) $\jmath : \Box \Rightarrow \Box \Box$ transformations

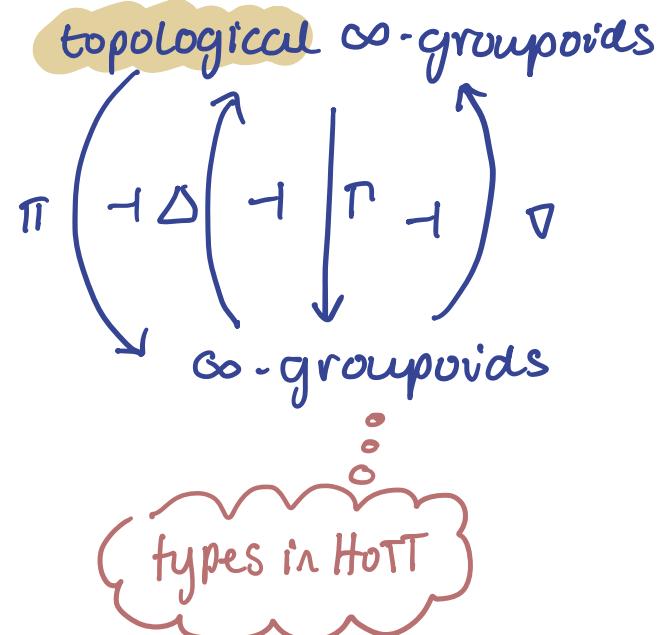
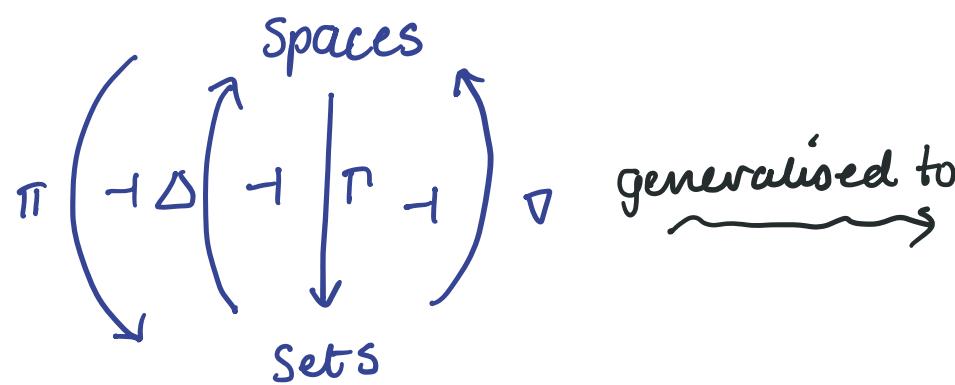
- modal type theories originate in computer science to model "real" programming languages

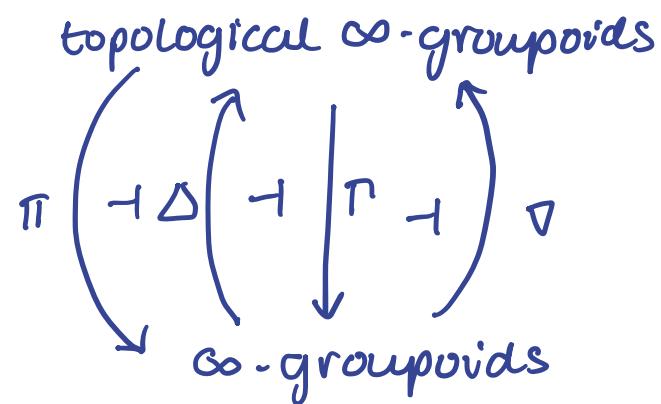
The view from HoTT

"Axiomatic cohesion"
- Lawvere 2007

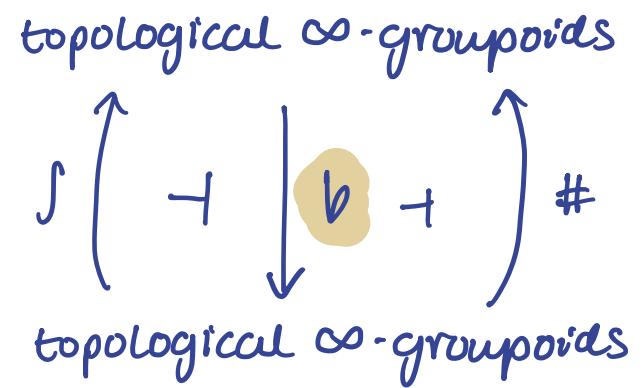
*"points in a space
"hanging together"*

"Cohesive homotopy type theory"
- Schreiber and Shulman 2012





endofunctor
 \rightsquigarrow
perspective
(since ∇ and
 Δ are ff)



idempotent

$$\begin{cases} \int = \Delta \Pi \\ b = \Delta \Gamma \\ \# = \nabla \Gamma \end{cases}$$

comonad
monad

Modalities are endofunctors on types/propositions.

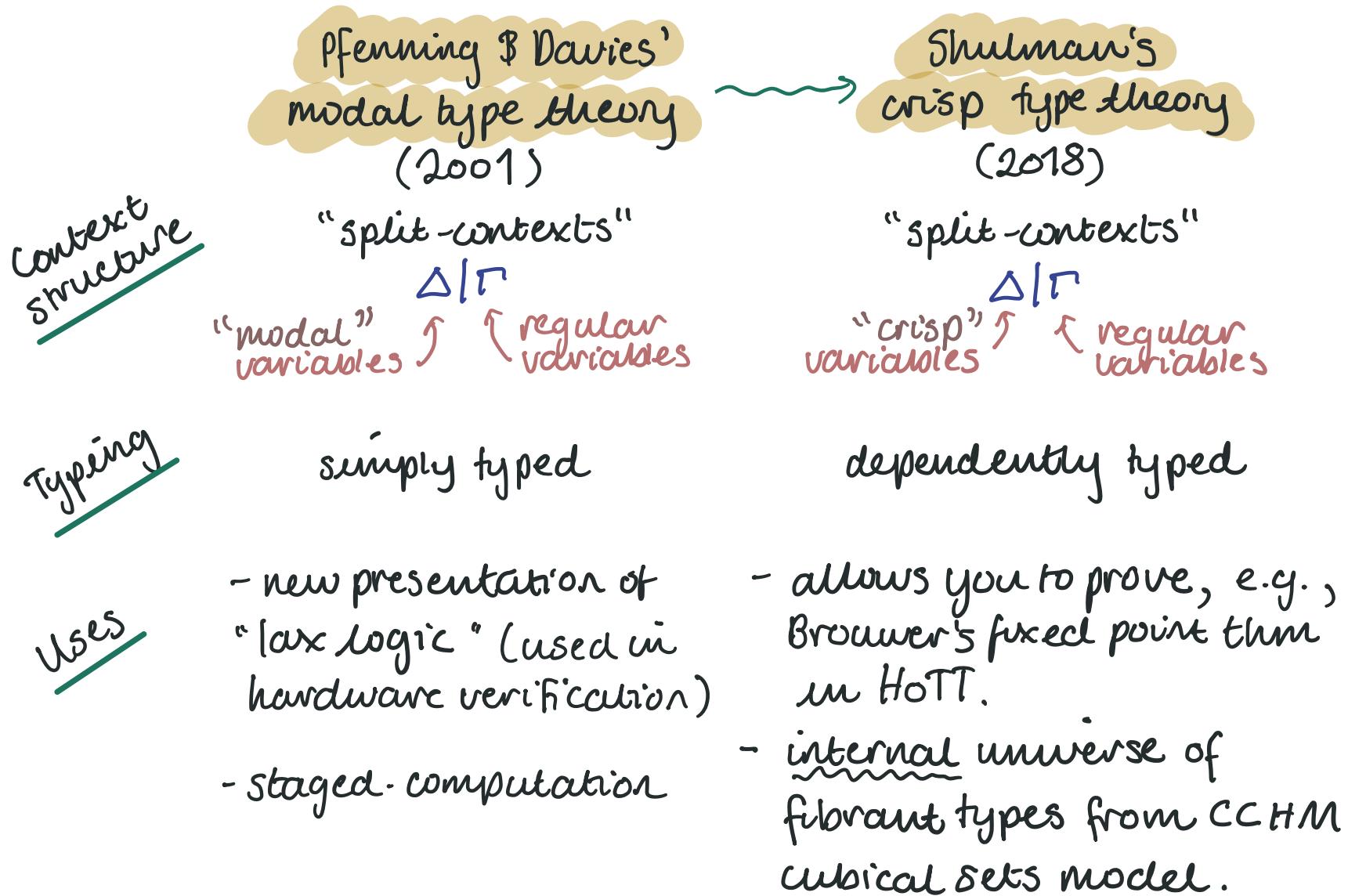
Modalities

- 1) The "traditional" view from logic
- 2) The view from HoTT

How are these views connected?

Case study: crisp type theory

Crisp type theory - overview



"A judgemental reconstruction of modal logic"

- Pfenning and Davies, 2001

Basic judgements in logic

1) A is a proposition

we know what counts
as a verification of A

2) A is true

we know how to verify A

(presupposes A is a proposition)

used in inference rules to explain connectives

e.g. conjunction

$$\frac{A \text{ prop} \quad B \text{ prop}}{A \wedge B \text{ prop}} \text{ Formation}$$

$$\frac{A \text{ true} \quad B \text{ true}}{A \wedge B \text{ true}} \text{ Introduction}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{c} \frac{A \wedge B \text{ true}}{A \text{ true}} \\ \frac{A \wedge B \text{ true}}{B \text{ true}} \end{array} \right\} \text{ Elimination}$$

Hypothetical judgements

- to explain the connective \Rightarrow , we need another form of judgement, written:

$$\frac{J_1, \dots, J_n \vdash J}{\text{"hypotheses"}}$$

J assuming
J, through J_n

e.g. $A, \text{true}, \dots, A_n \text{ true} \vdash A \text{ true}$

- this allows us to introduce implications with the rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \text{ true} \vdash B \text{ true}}{\Gamma \vdash A \Rightarrow B \text{ true}}$$

we know how to verify $A \Rightarrow B$
if we know how to verify B
under hypothesis "A true"

- we may as well write our other rules in this judgement form, e.g.

$$\frac{A \text{ true} \quad B \text{ true}}{A \wedge B \text{ true}} \rightsquigarrow \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \text{ true} \quad \Gamma \vdash B \text{ true}}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B \text{ true}}$$

Rethinking our judgements...

Recall the second basic judgement

2) A is true

we know how to verify A

Let's give names to verifications and replace the above judgement with

$M : A$

" M is a proof of proposition A "

" M is a term of type A "

For hypothetical judgements, we name our hypothesised proof/term with a variable:

$\kappa : A$

... leads to type theory

Example Conjunction

- Formation rule

$$\frac{A \text{ prop} \quad B \text{ prop}}{A \wedge B \text{ prop}}$$

- Introduction rule

$$\frac{A \text{ true} \quad B \text{ true}}{A \wedge B \text{ true}}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A \quad \Gamma \vdash N : B}{\Gamma \vdash \langle M, N \rangle : A \wedge B}$$

- Elimination rule

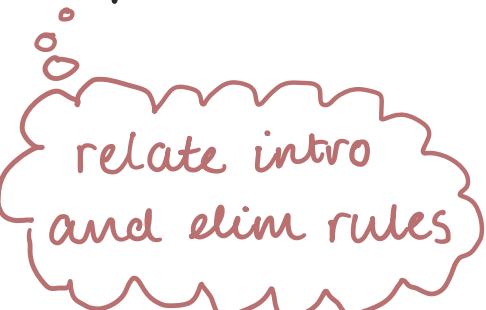
$$\frac{A \wedge B \text{ true}}{A \text{ true}}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fst } M : A}$$

$$\frac{A \wedge B \text{ true}}{B \text{ true}}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A \wedge B}{\Gamma \vdash \text{snd } M : B}$$

- Computation rules

 relate intro
and elim rules

$$\text{fst } \langle M, N \rangle \xrightarrow{R} M$$

$$\text{snd } \langle M, N \rangle \xrightarrow{R} N$$

$$M : A \wedge B \xrightarrow{E} \langle \text{fst } M, \text{snd } M \rangle$$

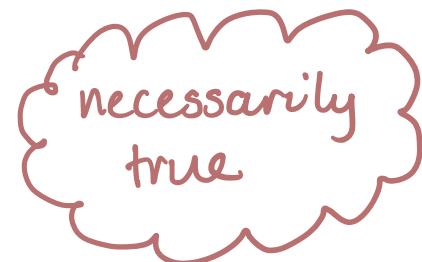
Pfenning and Davies' idea -

- use this methodology of analysing judgements to incorporate modality in a type theory

Step 1) Introduce a third basic judgement

Definition (Validity)

- 1) If $\bullet \vdash A$ true then A valid. . . .
- 2) If A valid then $\Gamma \vdash A$ true.



This may be used in hypothetical judgements

B_1 valid, ..., B_m valid | A_1 true, ..., A_n true $\vdash A$ true,

abbreviated

$\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash A$ true.

Step 2) Internalise this judgement as a proposition

- Formation rule

$$\frac{A \text{ prop}}{\Box A \text{ prop}}$$

- Introduction rule

$$\frac{\Delta \models \bullet \vdash A \text{ true}}{\Delta \models \Gamma \vdash \Box A \text{ true}}$$

(follows from the definition of validity, updated with split contexts -

- 1) If $\Delta \models \bullet \vdash A \text{ true}$ then A valid.
- 2) If A valid then $\Delta \models \Gamma \vdash A \text{ true. }$)

- Elimination rule

$$\frac{\Delta \models \Gamma \vdash \Box A \text{ true} \quad \Delta, A \text{ valid} \models \Gamma \vdash C \text{ true}}{\Delta \models \Gamma \vdash C \text{ true}}$$

Step 3) Perform the same move as before to "term:type" judgements

- Formation rule

$$\frac{A \text{ prop}}{\Box A \text{ prop}}$$

- Introduction rule

$$\frac{\Delta \mid \bullet \vdash A \text{ true}}{\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash \Box A \text{ true}} \rightsquigarrow \frac{\Delta \mid \bullet \vdash M : A}{\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash \text{box } M : \Box A}$$

- Elimination rule

$$\frac{\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash \Box A \text{ true} \quad \Delta, \text{Valid} \mid \Gamma \vdash C \text{ true}}{\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash C \text{ true}}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \frac{\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash M : \Box A \quad \Delta, u:A \mid \Gamma \vdash N : C}{\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash \text{let box } u = M \text{ in } N : C}$$

modical variable

- Computation rules

$$\text{let box } u = \text{box } M \text{ in } N \Rightarrow_R N[M/u]$$

replace all instances
of u in N with M

$$M : \Box A \Rightarrow_E \text{let box } u = M \text{ in } (\text{box } u)$$

Moving to Crisp type theory

$\kappa : A \vdash B(\kappa) \text{ type}$

- Crisp type theory is **dependently-typed**

i.e. $x_1 : A_1, \dots, x_n : A_n \vdash$ really means

$x_1 : A_1, x_2 : A_2(x_1), x_3 : A_3(x_1, x_2), \dots, x_n : A_n(x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \vdash$

- Substitution is a meta-operation on expressions (types & terms)

$\phi[N/x]$ *replace all instances
of x in ϕ with N*

N.B. substitution is strictly functional

- Terminology changes

box modality $\Box A \rightsquigarrow$ flat modality bA
validity hypotheses $w :: A \rightsquigarrow$ "crisp" hypotheses

"crisp context /
context of crisp
variables" \rightsquigarrow $\Delta \mid T$ \vdash *For* "non-crisp context,
context of non-crisp
variables"

② Modelling dependent type theory

Modelling dependent type theory

let \mathcal{C} be a category with a class of display maps $D \subseteq \text{mor}(\mathcal{C})$.
(all pullbacks of members of D exist and belong to D)

Ingredients of a type theory

contexts
 Γ, Δ, Θ

types-in-context
 $\Gamma \vdash \alpha \text{ type}$

terms-in-context
 $\Gamma \vdash s : \alpha$

(\mathcal{C}, D)

objects in \mathcal{C}
 Γ, Δ, Θ

display maps
 $\alpha \downarrow \Gamma$

sections of display maps
 $s \uparrow \alpha \downarrow \Gamma$

Substitution

1) of a term into another term

$$\frac{x:\alpha \vdash s:\beta \quad y:\gamma \vdash t:\alpha}{y:\gamma \vdash s[t] : \beta}$$

which is functorial:

$$\frac{x:\alpha \vdash s:\beta \quad y:\gamma \vdash t:\alpha \quad z:\delta \vdash r:\gamma}{z:\delta \vdash s[t][r] = s[t \circ r] : \beta}$$

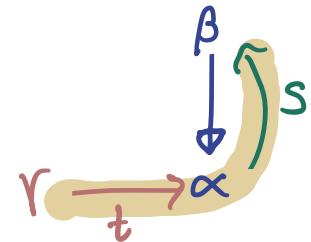
2) of a term into a type

$$\frac{x:\alpha \vdash \beta(x) \text{ type} \quad y:\gamma \vdash t:\alpha}{y:\gamma \vdash \beta(t) \text{ type}}$$

which is functorial:

$$\frac{x:\alpha \vdash \beta(x) \text{ type} \quad y:\gamma \vdash t:\alpha \quad z:\delta \vdash r:\gamma}{z:\delta \vdash \beta(t)(r) = \beta(t \circ r) \text{ type}}$$

composition sot



$$s \xrightarrow{r} r \xrightarrow{t} \alpha \stackrel{\beta}{\Downarrow} s = s \xrightarrow{t \circ r} \alpha \stackrel{\beta}{\Downarrow} s$$

pullback

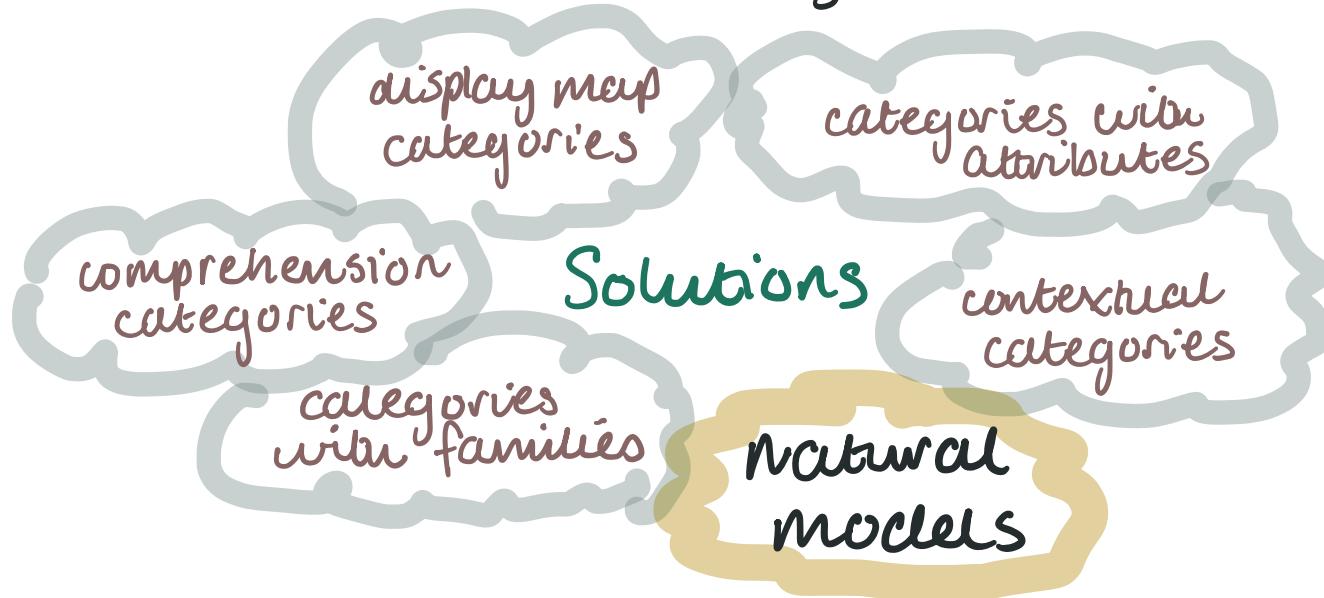
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \beta(t) & \longrightarrow & \beta \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ r & \xrightarrow{t} & \alpha \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \beta[t][r] & \longrightarrow & \beta[t] & \longrightarrow & \beta \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ s & \xrightarrow{r} & r & \xrightarrow{t} & \alpha \end{array} \text{ and } \begin{array}{ccc} \beta[t \circ r] & \longrightarrow & \beta \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ s & \xrightarrow{t \circ r} & \alpha \end{array}$$

$\beta[t][r] \cong \beta[t \circ r]$



Substitution is strictly functorial,
while pullback is only pseudo functorial.



Advantages of natural models (Awodey, 2016)

- smaller distance between the syntax and the categorical model
- distinguishes between a type in context and extension by a single type
- type constructors are given by operations on a “universe” of types / terms

Definition A **natural model** is a category \mathcal{E} with

objects Γ, Δ, \dots

morphisms $s: \Delta \rightarrow \Gamma$

contexts " $\Gamma \vdash$ ",
substitutions

and

(i) a specified terminal object $1_{\mathcal{E}}$,

"empty context" " $\cdot \vdash$ "

(ii) presheaves $\mathcal{U}, \tilde{\mathcal{U}}$ over \mathcal{E}

$\mathcal{U}(\Gamma)$ set of types in context Γ

$\tilde{\mathcal{U}}(\Gamma)$ set of terms in context Γ

(iii) a natural transformation $ty: \tilde{\mathcal{U}} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$

$ty_r: \tilde{\mathcal{U}}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\Gamma)$

sends a term to its unique type

Observation

Given $U, \tilde{U} \in [\mathcal{C}^{\text{op}}, \text{Set}]$ and $t_y: \tilde{U} \rightarrow U$,

by Yoneda we have

$$\Gamma = \frac{\alpha \in U(\Gamma)}{\alpha : \tilde{U} \rightarrow U}, \quad \Gamma = \frac{a \in \tilde{U}(\Gamma)}{a : U \rightarrow \tilde{U}}$$

so "typing" corresponds to a commutative triangle



(iv) specified represented pullbacks, i.e.

for each object T in \mathcal{C} and each $\alpha \in U(T)$,
there is a specified pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \xrightarrow{q_\alpha} & \tilde{U} \\
 L_{T.\alpha} \downarrow & & \downarrow ty \\
 L_{P_\alpha} & \nearrow & \\
 & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & U
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{... } \Gamma, \alpha \vdash q_\alpha : \alpha[P_\alpha]$$

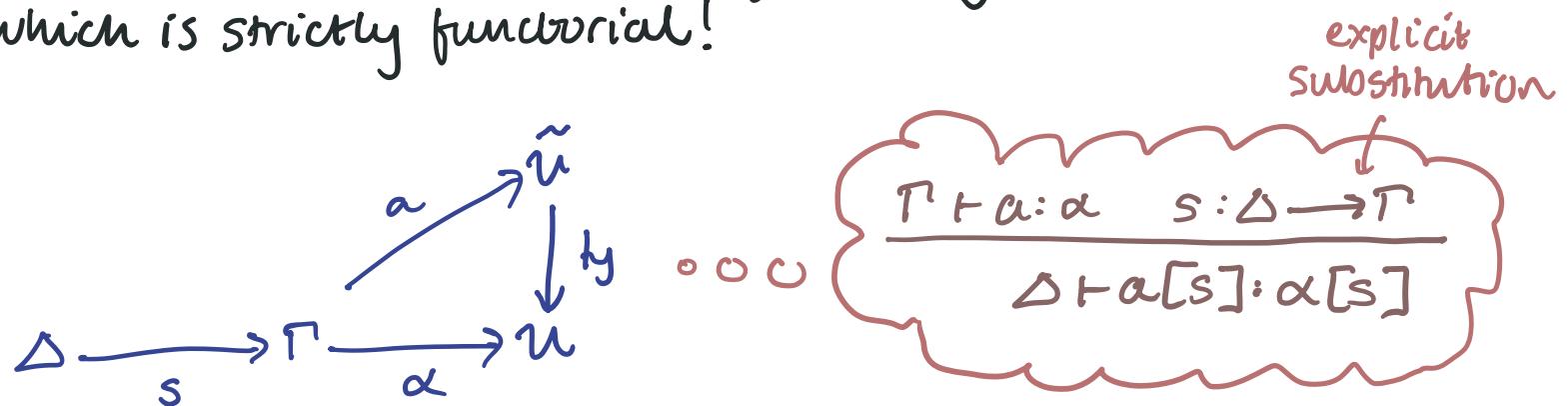
in $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$, so we have $T.\alpha \xrightarrow{P} T$ in \mathcal{C} .

N.B. we will omit
the " L ", as in:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T.\alpha & \xrightarrow{q_\alpha} & \tilde{U} \\
 P_\alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow ty \\
 \Gamma & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & U
 \end{array}$$

Remarks

- (ii)-(iv) abbreviated by “ $\text{ty}: \tilde{U} \rightarrow U$ is locally representable”
- substitution into a type is now given by composition, which is strictly functorial!



- We can define structure-preserving maps between categories with natural model structure, so we have a category

NM Cat objects - natural model categories
 arrows - natural model functors

- We won't look at type constructors

Example - presheaf topos

Proposition Suppose \mathcal{C} has a class of display maps $\text{Desmor}(\mathcal{C})$. Then there is a representable natural transformation

$t_y: \tilde{\mathcal{U}} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}$
in $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ defined as follows:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{U}}(T) := \left\{ \begin{array}{c} a \nearrow \theta \\ T \xrightarrow{\quad} \Delta \\ \downarrow \alpha \end{array} \mid a \in D \right\}$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\mathcal{U}(T) := \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \theta \\ \downarrow \alpha \\ T \xrightarrow[s]{} \Delta \end{array} \mid a \in D \right\}$$

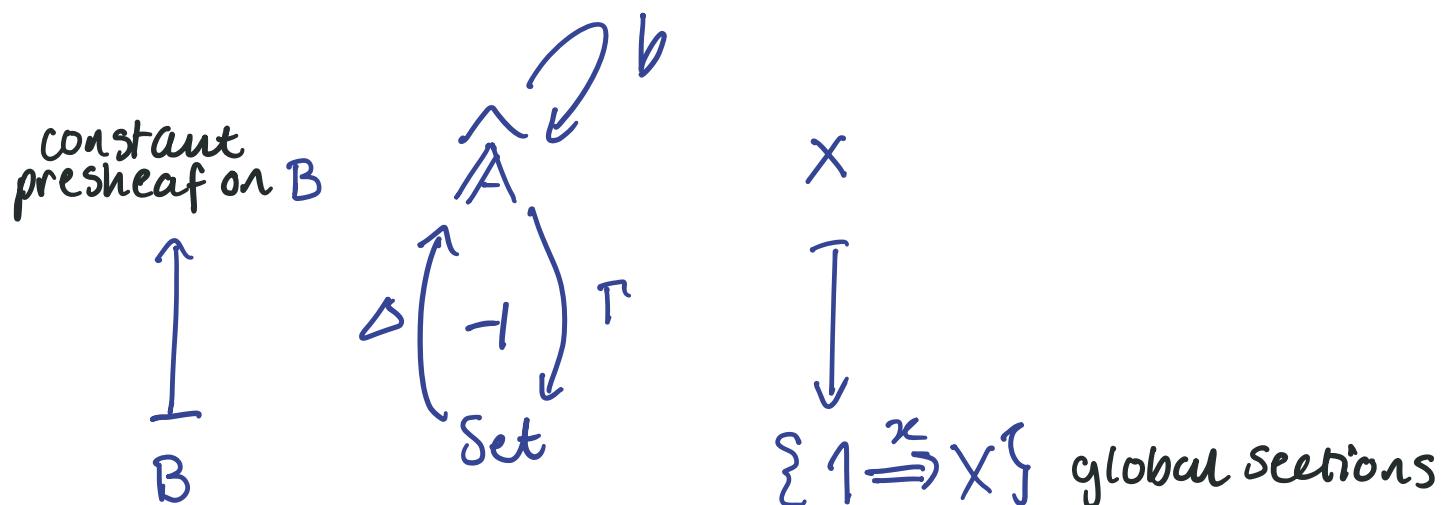
where the action of the presheaves is by precomposition.

③ Modelling crisp type theory

On modelling crisp type theory

- Licata, Orton, Pitts, Spitters 2018, referencing Shulman 2018

"very little is required of a category \mathcal{C} for the presheaf topos $\widehat{\mathcal{C}}$ to soundly interpret [crisp type theory] using the comonad b ... Although the details remain to be worked out, it appears that ... the only additional condition needed is that this comonad is idempotent"



Is it obvious how this is a model?

Zooming out

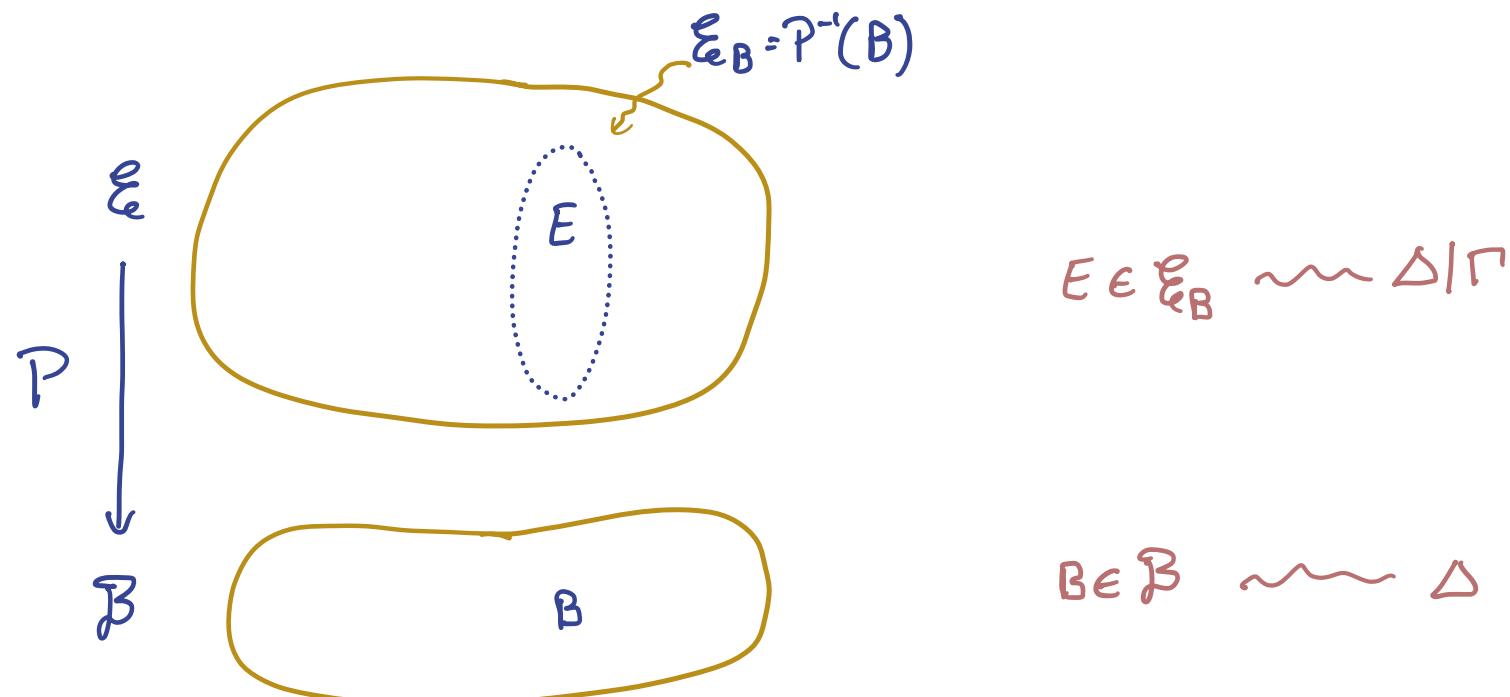
Question what are the features of the language
and how might we model them more
abstractly?

Feature 1: Split context

Grothendieck
fibration

For a context $\Delta \mid \Gamma$, want to capture the dependency of Γ on Δ .

Ask for a functor, viewed as a display family of categories

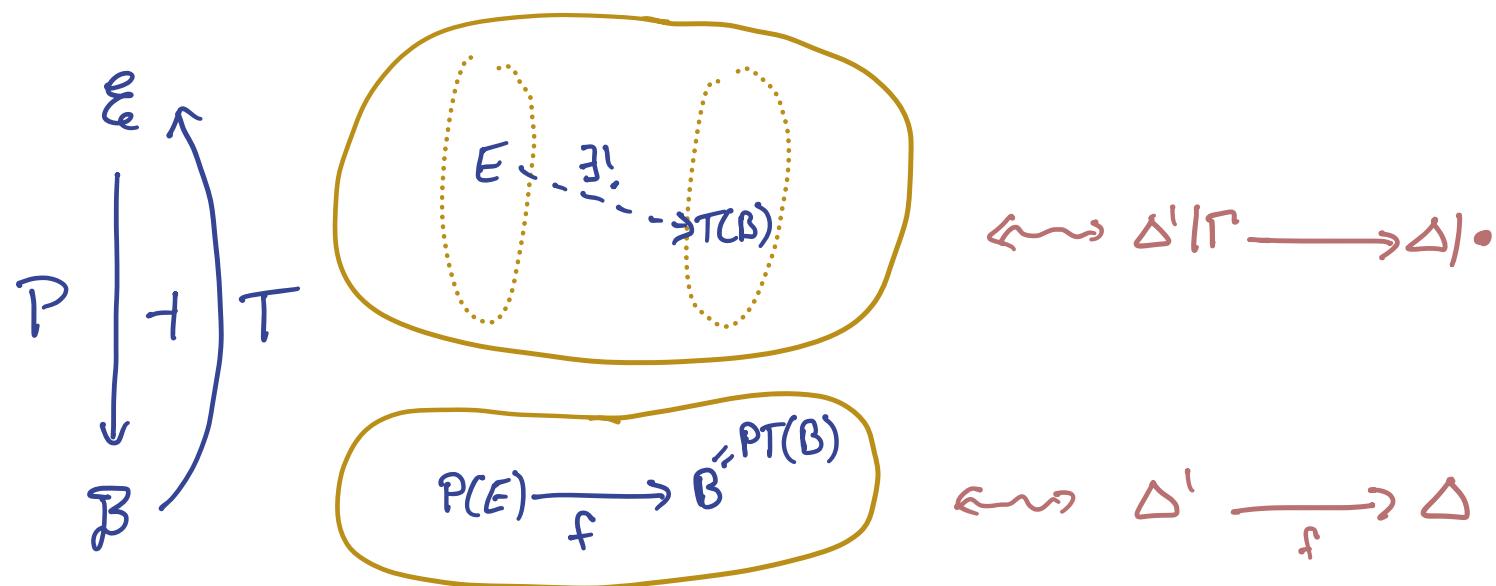


Feature 2: Empty contexts

The context may have no non-crisp variables:

$\Delta|_0$

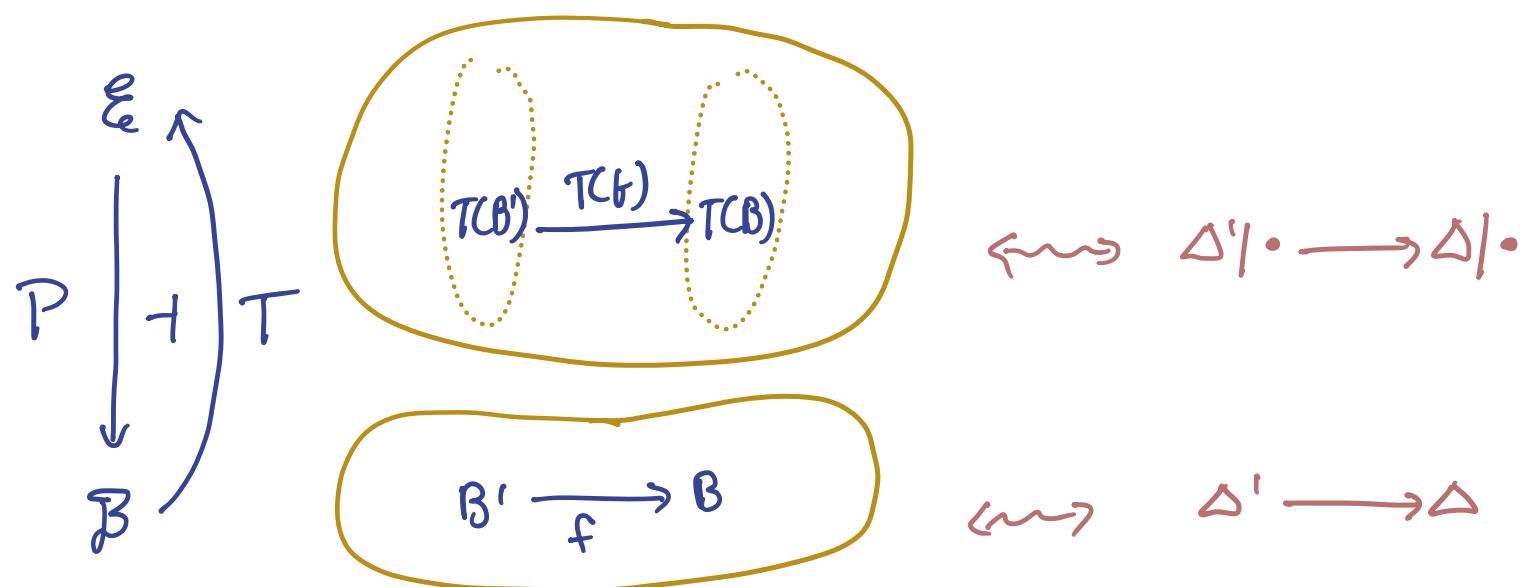
Ask for a right adjoint right inverse to P .



Consequence 1: each fibre \mathcal{E}_B has a terminal object, $T(B)$

Consequence 2: fibrewise terminal objects are stable under reindexing

i.e. $T(f)$ is a cartesian lift of f



Feature 2: Empty contexts (continued)

The context may be empty:

• / •

Ask for a terminal object in \mathcal{B}

Consequence: \mathcal{E} has a terminal object

Feature 3 : Extension of the non-crisp context

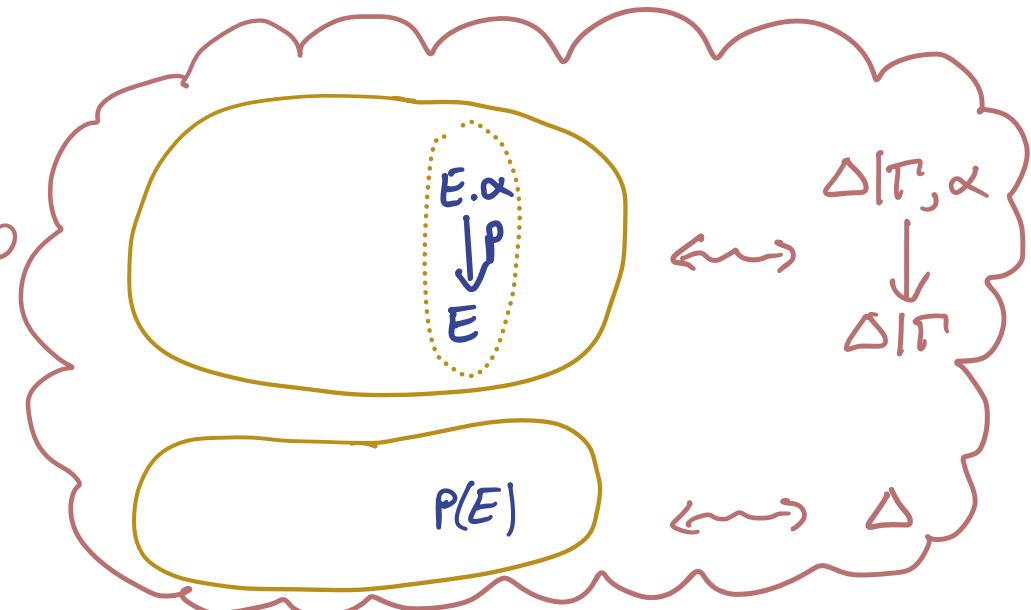
$$\frac{\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash \alpha \text{ type}}{\Delta \mid \Gamma, \alpha \text{ context}}$$

ooo type extension in $\hat{\mathcal{E}}$

Ask for a locally representable map $\text{ty}_{\mathcal{E}}: \tilde{\mathcal{U}}_{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_{\mathcal{E}}$ in $\hat{\mathcal{E}}$
 with "fibrewise local representatives":
 in the specified pullback along an $E \xrightarrow{\alpha} \mathcal{U}_{\mathcal{E}}$,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E.\alpha & \longrightarrow & \tilde{\mathcal{U}}_{\mathcal{E}} \\ p \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \text{ty}_{\mathcal{E}} \\ E & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & \mathcal{U}_{\mathcal{E}} \end{array}$$

$E.\alpha \xrightarrow{p} E$ in \mathcal{E} lies
 in the fibre $\mathcal{E}_{P(E)}$.



Consequences

1) the fibres are natural model categories:

In the fibre \mathcal{E}_B over B there is

- a specified terminal object T_B
- a locally representable map

$$\tilde{u}|_{\mathcal{E}_B} \xrightarrow{\cong} u|_{\mathcal{E}_B}$$

2) The natural model structure is preserved between
the fibres

Feature 4: extension of the crisp context

$$\frac{\Delta \models \bullet \vdash \alpha \text{ type}}{\Delta, \alpha \models \bullet \text{ context}}$$

ooo (type extension in $\hat{\mathcal{B}}$)

Ask that the following map defined using ty_ε in $\hat{\mathcal{E}}$
is locally representable in $\hat{\mathcal{B}}$:

$$\tilde{u}_{\mathcal{B}} := \tilde{u}_\varepsilon \circ T^{\text{op}} \quad \left(\mathcal{B}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{T^{\text{op}}} \varepsilon^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{\tilde{u}_\varepsilon} \text{Set} \right)$$

$$u_{\mathcal{B}} := u_\varepsilon \circ T^{\text{op}} \quad \left(\mathcal{B}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{T^{\text{op}}} \varepsilon^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{u_\varepsilon} \text{Set} \right)$$

Consequence: a type $\alpha \in \mathcal{U}_\varepsilon(T(\mathcal{B}))$ corresponds to both

1) a map $\alpha: \mathcal{B} \longrightarrow \mathcal{U}_\varepsilon \circ T^{\text{op}}$ in $\hat{\mathcal{B}}$ $\leadsto \Delta \vdash \alpha \text{ type}$

2) a map $\alpha: T(\mathcal{B}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{U}_\varepsilon$ in $\hat{\mathcal{E}}$ $\leadsto \Delta \models \bullet \vdash \alpha \text{ type}$

Summary

Let $P: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ be a functor.

Axioms

1) P has a right adjoint right inverse, T .

2) \mathcal{B} has a specified terminal object.

3) There is a locally representable map

$$ty: \tilde{U}_{\mathcal{E}} \rightarrow U_{\mathcal{E}} \text{ in } \widehat{\mathcal{E}}$$

whose local representatives are given fibrewise.

4) $\tilde{U}_{\mathcal{E}} \circ T^{\text{op}} \rightarrow U_{\mathcal{E}} \circ T^{\text{op}}$ in $\widehat{\mathcal{B}}$ is locally representable.

(+ ask for cartesian lifts of display maps in \mathcal{B})

Claim This models the context in crisp type theory.

Zooming back in

let \mathcal{C} be a category with

- 1) a terminal object
- 2) a class of display maps D
- 3) an idempotent comonad $(b, \varepsilon_c : bc \rightarrow c)$ where
 b preserves
 - the terminal object
 - display maps and their pullbacks

Theorem

The above category possesses the structure of our abstract model.

Proof sketch

Let $\mathcal{B} = \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{C}$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{C}} = \mathcal{C} \downarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$P = \text{cod}: \mathcal{C} \downarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}}$$

$$T: \mathcal{C}^{\mathcal{B}} \rightarrow \mathcal{C} \downarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}}$$

full subcategory
of objects C in \mathcal{C}_0
with $E_C = \text{id}_C$

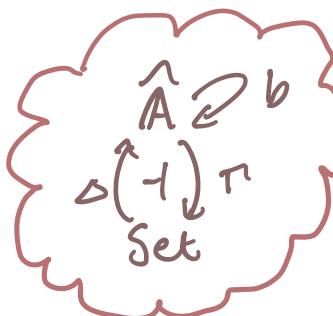
- 1) Show T is a right adjoint right inverse to P
 \hookrightarrow (a general result about comma categories)
- 2) Show that $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}}$ has a terminal object
- 3) Define a locally representable map $\tilde{u} \xrightarrow{ty} u$ in $\mathcal{C} \downarrow \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{B}}$
- 4) Show that the restriction of ty to T is locally representable

$$\tilde{u} \circ T^{\text{op}} \rightarrow u \circ T^{\text{op}}$$

Our conjectured model provides us with an example of such a category:

$$\text{Let } \mathcal{C} = \hat{\mathbb{A}}$$

$$B = \Delta \Gamma \circ \circ$$



$$\mathcal{C}_B \simeq \text{Set}$$

And we have:

$$\begin{array}{c} \hat{\mathbb{A}} \downarrow \text{Set} \\ \text{wd} \downarrow (-)^T \\ \text{Set} \end{array}$$

A hand-drawn brain-like cloud containing the following symbols: $\text{Set} \circ \circ$, $\text{wd} \downarrow$, Set , and $(-)^T$.

Ongoing work

- Adding the modality \square and the "let" constructor in the elimination rule

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{U}^{\circ T^{\text{op}}} & \xrightarrow{\square} & \tilde{U}^{\circ \tilde{T}^{\text{op}}} \\ \downarrow \text{ty}^{\circ T^{\text{op}}} & & \downarrow \text{ty}^{\circ \tilde{T}^{\text{op}}} \\ U^{\circ T^{\text{op}}} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & U^{\circ \tilde{T}^{\text{op}}} \\ & \square & \end{array} \quad \text{in } \widehat{\mathcal{B}}$$

- Formalising the abstract model as semantics
- Extending the Kripke-Joyal semantics in [Awodey, Gambino, Hazratpour, 2021] to crisp type theory.

Thanks