

Modelling crisp type theory

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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

modal logic
 $\Box A$ $\Diamond A$
comonad monad

linear logic
 $!A$ $?A$
comonad monad

e.g. modal logic S4

Axioms
(K) $\Box(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\Box A \rightarrow \Box B)$
(T) $\Box A \rightarrow A$
(4) $\Box A \rightarrow \Box \Box A$

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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

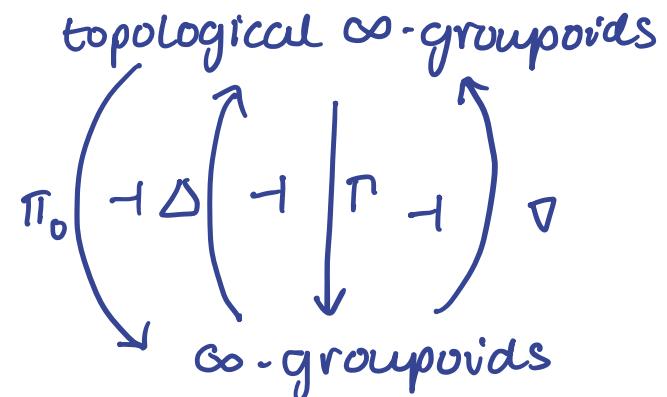
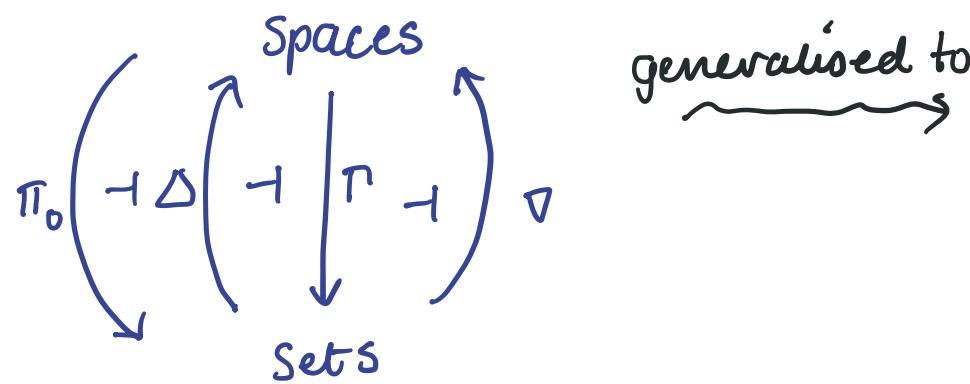
↳ we'll see an alternative "logical" account due to
Pfenning & Davies, 2001

The view from HoTT

"Axiomatic cohesion"
- Lawvere 2007

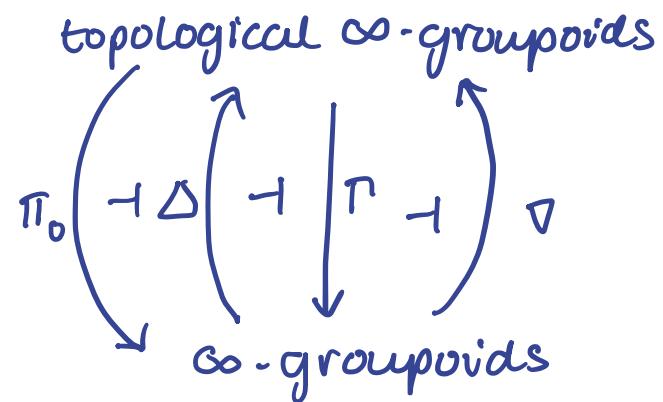
*points in a space
"hanging together"*

"Cohesive homotopy type theory"
- Schreiber and Shulman 2012

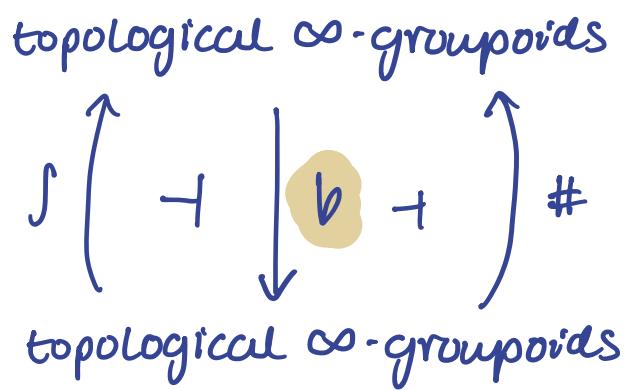


types in HoTT

Modalities are endofunctors
on types/propositions



endofunctor
 \rightsquigarrow
perspective



idempotent

$$\begin{cases} \int = \Delta \pi_0 \\ b = \Delta \Gamma \\ \# = \nabla \Gamma \end{cases}$$

comonad

monad

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

- Shulman's "Spatial type theory" (2018) incorporates b , $\#$ and \int
 - ↳ "Crisp type theory" is the b -fragment
 - dependent version of Pfenning and Davies' 2001 system
- uses a "split context" $\Delta \wr \Gamma$

Applications -

- "Brouwer's fixed-point theorem in real-cohesive HoTT"
 - Shulman 2018
- "Internal universes in models of HoTT"
 - Licata, Orton, Pitts and Spitters, 2018
 - ↳ "Kripke-Joyal forcing for type theory and uniform fibrations"
 - Awodey, Gambino and Hazratpour, 2021

"A judgemental reconstruction of modal logic"

- Pfenning and Davies, 2001

Judgements in logic

- A is a proposition
- A is true

we know what
counts as a
verification of A

we know how
to verify A

NB: " A is true" presupposes " A is a proposition"

Example Conjunction

Explained by the following "inference rules"

- Formation rule

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

- Introduction rule

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

- Elimination rule

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

How do we explain implication, $A \Rightarrow B$?

Hypothetical judgements

$J_1, \dots, J_n \vdash J$
hypotheses

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

J assuming
 J , through J_n

To explain implication:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} A \text{ prop} \quad B \text{ prop} \\ \hline A \Rightarrow B \text{ prop} \end{array}}{} \quad$$

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

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

What about modality?

1) Introduce a third judgement

Definition (Validity)

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

necessarily
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.

2) Internalise this judgement as a proposition

- Formation rule

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

- Introduction rule

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

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

1) If $\Delta \mid \bullet \vdash A \text{ true}$ then A valid.

2) If A valid then $\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash A \text{ true}$.)

- Elimination rule

$$\frac{\Delta \models \Gamma \vdash \Box A \text{ true}}{\Delta \models \bullet \vdash A \text{ true}} \quad \times \quad \text{too strong}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \models \Gamma \vdash \Box A \text{ true}}{\Delta \models \Gamma \vdash A \text{ true}} \quad \times \quad \text{too weak}$$

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

$\Gamma \vdash A \vee B$ $\Gamma, A \vdash C \text{ true}$ $\Gamma, B \vdash C \text{ true}$ $\vee E$
 \hline
 $\Gamma \vdash C \text{ true}$

Our formal system -

Propositions

$$A ::= P \parallel \Box A$$

True hypotheses

$$\Gamma ::= \cdot \parallel \Gamma, A \text{ true}$$

Valid hypotheses

$$\Delta ::= \cdot \parallel \Delta, A \text{ valid}$$

Inference rules

$$\frac{\Delta \mid \cdot \vdash A \text{ true}}{\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash \Box A \text{ true}} \Box I$$

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

$$\frac{\Delta \mid \Gamma, A \text{ true}, \Gamma' \vdash A \text{ true}}{\Delta, B \text{ valid}, \Delta' \mid \Gamma \vdash B \text{ true}} \begin{array}{l} \text{hyp}_1 \\ \text{hyp}_2 \end{array} \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{new}$$

Moving to a type theory

Recall the judgement form

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
term for A

proof / term

proposition / type

Hypothetical version : $x : A$ $u :: A$

variables

Example Conjunction

- Formation rule

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

- Introduction rule

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} A \text{ true} \quad B \text{ true} \\ A \wedge B \text{ true} \end{array}}{\sim \quad \frac{M:A \quad N:B}{\langle M, N \rangle : A \wedge B}}$$

- Elimination rule

$$\frac{A \wedge B \text{ true}}{\begin{array}{c} A \text{ true} \\ \sim \quad \frac{M:A \wedge B}{\text{fst } M : A} \end{array}}$$

$$\frac{A \wedge B \text{ true}}{\begin{array}{c} B \text{ true} \\ \sim \quad \frac{M:A \wedge B}{\text{snd } M : B} \end{array}}$$

- Computation rules

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

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

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

relate intro
and elim rules

Our typed formal system -

Types

New \rightsquigarrow Terms

True contexts

Valid contexts

Inference rules -

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

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

$$\frac{}{\Delta \mid \Gamma, \kappa : A, \Gamma' \vdash \kappa : A} \text{hyp}_1 \quad \frac{}{\Delta, u :: A, \Delta' \mid \Gamma \vdash u : A} \text{hyp}_2$$

Computation rules -

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

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

replace all instances
of u in N with M

$$A ::= P \parallel \Box A$$

$$M ::= x \parallel u \parallel \text{box } M \parallel \text{let box } u = M_1 \text{ in } M_2$$

$$\Gamma ::= \bullet \parallel \Gamma, x : A$$

$$\Delta ::= \bullet \parallel \Delta, u :: A$$

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 functorial

- 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"

Context rules

Crisp type theory

$$\frac{}{\bullet \vdash \bullet} \text{Emp}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \mid \bullet \vdash A \text{ type}}{\Delta, u::A \mid \bullet \vdash} b\text{-ext}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash A \text{ type}}{\Delta \mid \Gamma, x:A \vdash} \text{ext}$$

$$\frac{\Delta, u::A, \Delta' \mid \Gamma \vdash}{\Delta, u::A, \Delta' \mid \Gamma \vdash u:A} b\text{-var}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \mid \Gamma, x:A, \Gamma' \vdash}{\Delta \mid \Gamma, x:A, \Gamma' \vdash x:A} \text{Var}$$

Pfenning and Davies' Modal type theory

$$\begin{aligned}\Gamma &::= \bullet \parallel \Gamma, x:A \\ \Delta &::= \bullet \parallel \Delta, u::A\end{aligned}$$

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$$\frac{}{\Delta, u::A, \Delta' \mid \Gamma \vdash u:A} \text{hyp}_2$$

$$\frac{}{\Delta \mid \Gamma, x:A, \Gamma' \vdash x:A} \text{hyp}_1$$

b rules

Crisp type theory

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash \bullet : A \text{ type}}{\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash bA \text{ type}} \quad b\text{-Form}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash \bullet : M : A}{\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash M^b : bA} \quad b\text{-Intro}$$

$$\frac{\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash M : bA \quad \Delta, u :: A \mid \Gamma \vdash N : [u^b/x] \quad \Delta \mid \Gamma, x : bA \vdash C \text{ type}}{\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash (\text{let } u^b := M \text{ in } N) : C[M/x]} \quad b\text{-Elim}$$

Pfenning and Davies' Modal type theory

(implicit in $\square I$ rule)

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash \bullet : M : A}{\Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash \text{box } M : \square A} \quad \square I$$

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

(plus computation rules)

② Modelling dependent type theory

Modelling dependent type theory

let \mathcal{C} be a category with a class of maps $D \subseteq \mathcal{C}^{\rightarrow}$.

“display maps” - all pullbacks of members of D exist and belong to D

Ingredients of a type theory

contexts

Γ, Δ, Θ

types-in-context

$\Gamma \vdash A$ type

terms-in-context

$\Gamma \vdash M : A$

substitution

$$\frac{x:A \vdash B(x) \text{ type} \quad y:C \vdash N:A}{y:C \vdash B(N) \text{ type}}$$

objects Π, Δ, Θ in \mathcal{C}

display maps

$$\begin{array}{c} A \\ \downarrow \\ \Gamma \end{array}$$

sections of
display maps

$$M \begin{pmatrix} A \\ \downarrow \\ \Gamma \end{pmatrix}$$

pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} B(N) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & B \\ \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \\ C & \xrightarrow{\quad} & A \\ & N & \end{array}$$

Problem

- Substitution in type theory is strictly functorial,
while pullback in general is not.

Solutions

comprehension categories, display map categories,
categories with attributes, contextual categories,
categories with families, natural models

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

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

objects Γ, Δ, \dots

morphisms $\sigma: \Delta \rightarrow \Gamma$

and

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

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

contexts " $\Gamma \vdash$ ",

substitutions

empty context " $\cdot \vdash$ "

$U(\Gamma)$ set of types in context Γ

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

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

$p_{\Gamma}: \tilde{U}(\Gamma) \rightarrow U(\Gamma)$

sends a term to its unique type

Observation

Given $u, \tilde{u} \in [\ell^{\text{op}}, \text{Set}]$ and $\text{ty}: \tilde{u} \rightarrow u$,

by Yoneda we have

$$\frac{\alpha \in U(\Gamma)}{\Gamma = \frac{\alpha}{\ell_{\Gamma} \xrightarrow{\alpha} u}} , \quad \frac{a \in \tilde{U}(\Gamma)}{\Gamma = \frac{a}{\ell_{\Gamma} \xrightarrow{a} \tilde{u}}}$$

so "typing" corresponds to a commutative triangle



(iv) specified pullbacks, i.e.

for each $\Gamma \in \mathcal{L}_0$ and each $\alpha: \Gamma \rightarrow U$ in $\widehat{\mathcal{L}}$,
there is a specified pullback

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma, \alpha & \xrightarrow{q_\alpha} & \tilde{U} \\ p_\alpha \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow t_y \\ \Gamma & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & U \end{array}$$

○○○ $\Gamma, \alpha \vdash q_\alpha : \alpha[p_\alpha]$

Remarks

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

$$\Delta \xrightarrow{\sigma} \Gamma \xrightarrow{\alpha} U$$
$$a \xrightarrow{\tilde{U}} \tilde{U} \downarrow_{ty}$$

! explicit substitution

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash a : \alpha \quad \sigma : \Delta \rightarrow \Gamma}{\Delta \vdash a[\sigma] : \alpha[\sigma]}$$

- 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 $D \in \mathcal{C}$.
Then there is a representable natural transformation

$$ty: \tilde{\mathcal{U}} \longrightarrow \mathcal{U}$$

over \mathcal{C} defined as follows:

$$1) \quad \mathcal{U}(\Gamma) := \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \Theta \\ \downarrow \alpha \\ \Delta \end{array} \mid \alpha \in D \right\}$$

$$2) \quad \tilde{\mathcal{U}}(\Gamma) := \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \Theta \\ \downarrow \alpha \\ \Delta \end{array} \mid \alpha \in D \right\}$$

③ Modelling crisp type theory

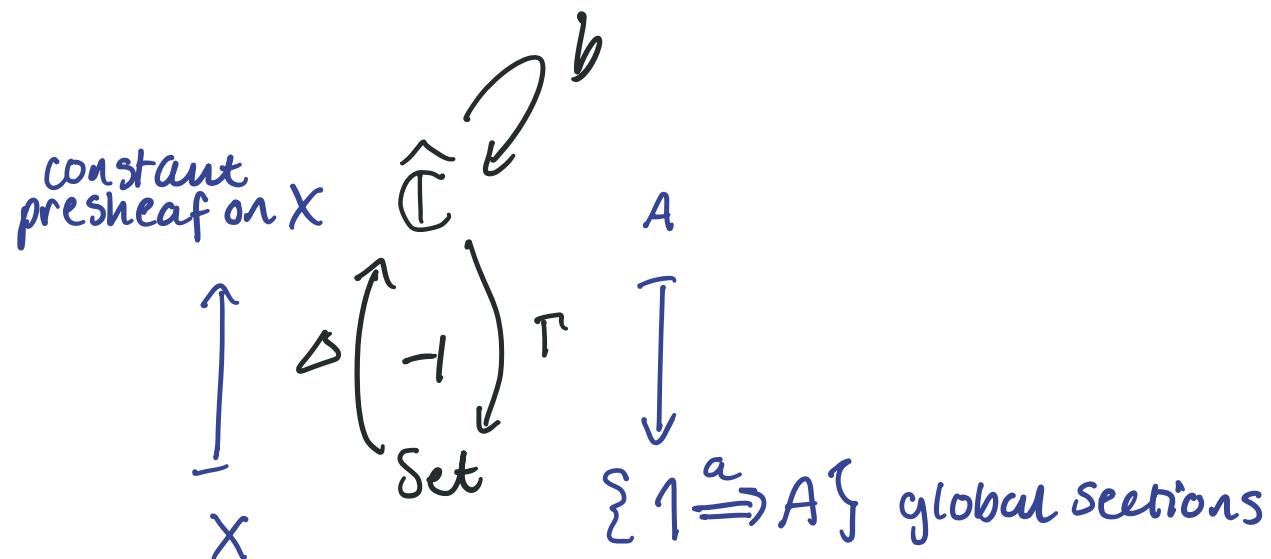
Existing work

- de Paiva and Ritters
 - "Fibrational modal type theory" 2016
- Shulman
 - "Semantics of multimodal adjoint type theory" 2023
- Zwanziger
 - "The natural display topos of coalgebras" PhD thesis, 2023

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

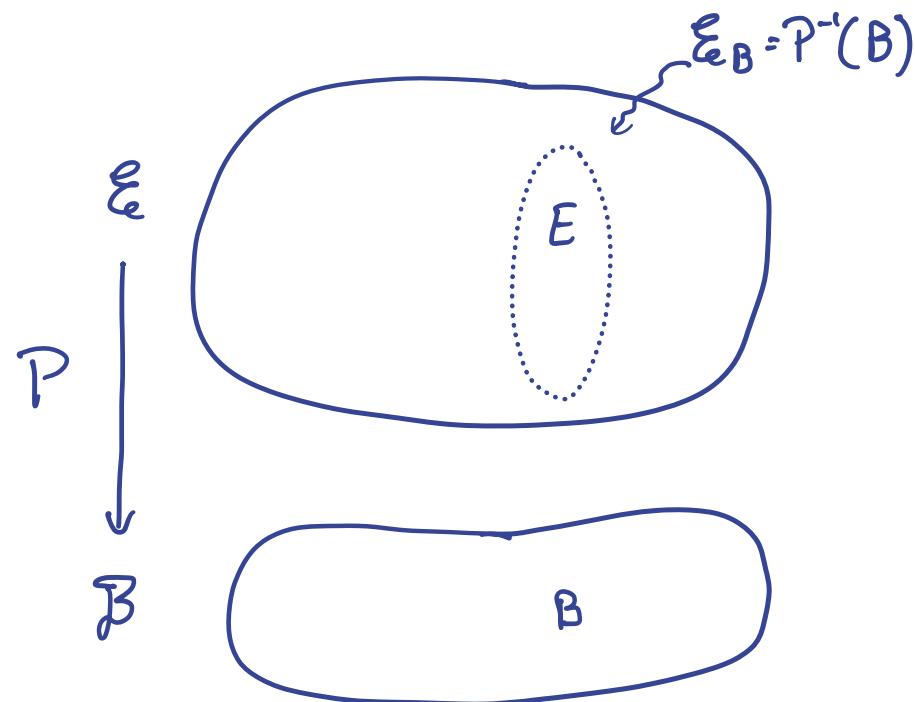
Question what are the features of the language
and how might we model them more
abstractly?

Feature 1: Split context

Grothendieck
fibration

For a context Δ/Γ , want to capture the dependency of Γ on Δ .

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



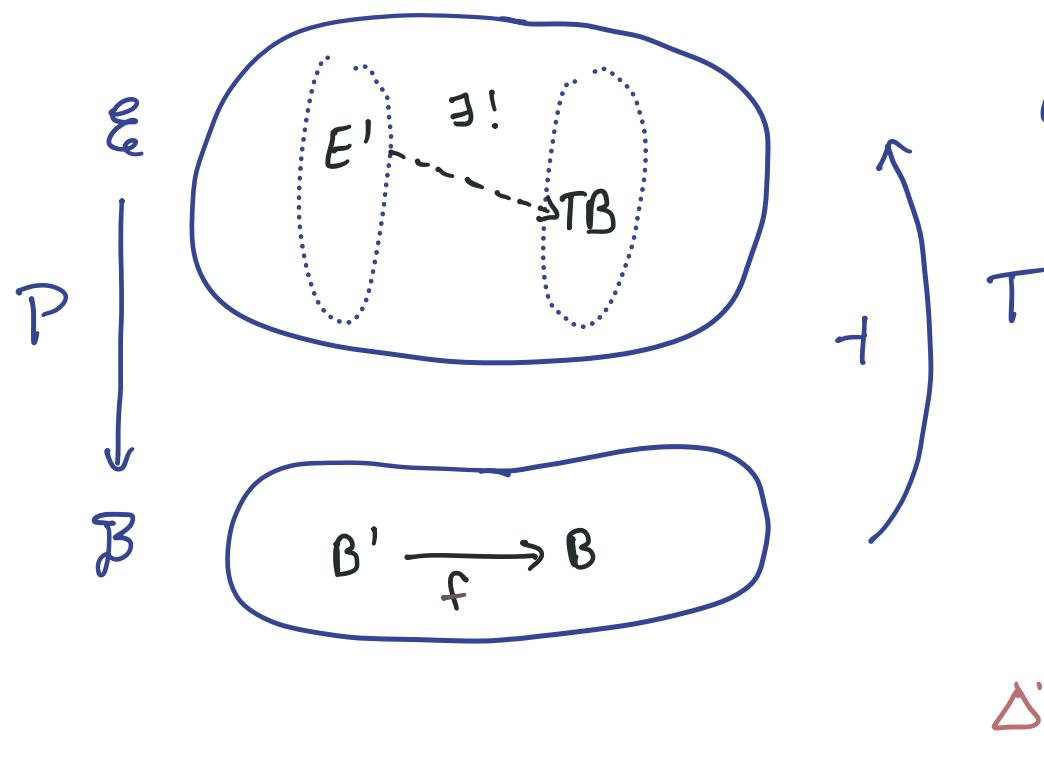
$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &\leadsto B \in \mathcal{B} \\ \Delta/\Gamma &\leadsto E \in \mathcal{E}_B\end{aligned}$$

Feature 2: Empty contexts

The context may have only crisp variables

$\Delta|_0$.

Ask for a right adjoint right inverse to P .



TB is the germinal object in the fibre E_B

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &\sim B \in \mathcal{B} \\ \Delta|\Gamma &\sim E \in E_B \\ \Delta|_0 &\sim TB \in E_B \\ \Delta \xrightarrow{\sigma} \Delta &\sim B' \xrightarrow{f} B \in \mathcal{B}\end{aligned}$$

Feature 2: Empty contexts (cont.)

The context may be empty

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Ask for a terminal object in \mathcal{B}

Consequence \mathcal{E} has a terminal object

Feature 3 : Extension of the non-crisp context

$$\frac{\Delta \models \alpha \text{ type}}{\Delta \models \alpha \text{ context}}$$

To implement type extension in the total space, ask for a locally representable map

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

such that the specified pullback along $E \xrightarrow{\alpha} U_\xi$,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E \cdot \alpha & \longrightarrow & \tilde{U}_\xi \\ p \downarrow & \lrcorner & \downarrow \text{ty}_\xi \\ E & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & U_\xi \end{array},$$

lies in the fibre $\mathcal{E}_{p^{-1}(E)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \models \Gamma &\sim E \in \underline{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{B}} \\ \Delta \models \Gamma \vdash \alpha \text{ type} &\sim E \xrightarrow{\alpha} U_\xi \in \hat{\mathcal{E}} \\ \Delta \models \Gamma, \alpha \text{ context} &\sim E \cdot \alpha \xrightarrow{p} E \in \underline{\mathcal{E}}_{\mathcal{B}} \end{aligned}$$

Feature 3 : Extension of the non-crisp context (cont.)

\Rightarrow the fibres are natural model categories

In the fibre E_B over B there is

- a specified terminal object T_B
- a locally representable map

$$\tilde{U}|_{E_B} \xrightarrow{\cong} U|_{E_B}$$

The natural model structure is preserved between the fibres.

Feature 4: extension of the crisp context

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

To implement type extension in the base, ask that the following map defined using $\text{ty}_{\mathcal{E}}$ in $\hat{\mathcal{E}}$ is locally representable in $\hat{\mathcal{B}}$:

$$\tilde{u}_{\mathcal{B}} := \tilde{u}_{\mathcal{E}} \circ T^{\text{op}}$$

$$\downarrow \text{ty}$$

$$u_{\mathcal{B}} := u_{\mathcal{E}} \circ T^{\text{op}}$$

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$\Delta \vdash \alpha \text{ type}$
 $\Delta \vdash \alpha \text{ type}$
have the same
interpretation

So \mathcal{B} has a **relativised**
natural model structure

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.

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

example: $\Delta(\overset{\wedge}{\mathbb{C}} \overset{\wedge}{\rightarrow} b)$
 $\uparrow \downarrow$
Set

Theorem

The above category possesses the structure of our abstract model.

Proof sketch

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

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

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

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

full subcategory
of objects C in \mathcal{C}_0
with $E_C = i^* d_C$

- 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

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

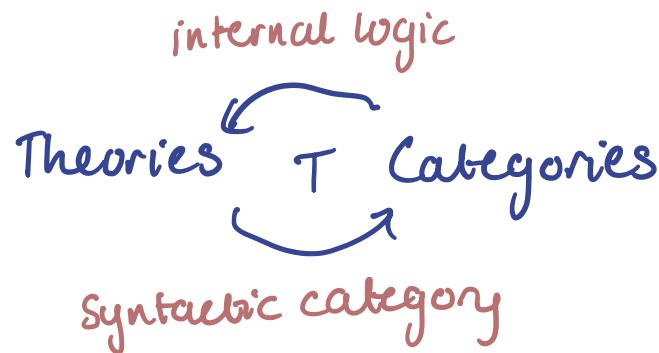
Ongoing work

- Modelling \Box and the "let" construct

$$\Box : U^{\circ T^{\circ P}} \longrightarrow U^{\circ T^{\circ P}}$$

$$\Box : \tilde{U}^{\circ T^{\circ P}} \longrightarrow \tilde{U}^{\circ T^{\circ P}}$$

- Formalising the relationship between the type theory and the categorical model



Thanks