

Introduction to modalities

Motivation:

- modal logic

\Diamond : "possibility"

\Box : "necessity"

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$$\Box A \rightarrow \Box \Box A \quad \Box A \rightarrow A \text{ common ad}$$

$$\Box \Box A \rightarrow \Box A \quad A \rightarrow \Diamond A \text{ monad}$$

multiplication unit

$$\frac{A \rightarrow \Diamond A}{\Diamond A \rightarrow \Diamond \Diamond A} \quad \Diamond \Diamond A \rightarrow \Diamond A$$

$$\frac{}{\Box A \leftrightarrow \Box \Diamond A}$$

- Moggi's monadic λ -calculus

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A}{\Gamma \vdash \gamma(t) : TA}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash s : TA \quad \Gamma, x:A \vdash t : TB}{\Gamma \vdash (\text{let } x := s \text{ in } t) : TB}$$

- model side effects
- not idempotent

Let $P_0 : U \longrightarrow \text{Prop}$

be a predicate on a universe U .

We can form a subuniverse

$$U_0 = \{ A : U \mid P_0(A) \} \xrightarrow{\quad} U$$

$$\sum_{A:U} P_0(A)$$

Def: We call a subuniverse $U_0 \hookrightarrow U$ reflective, if for all $A : U$ there exist (Σ) a type OA in U_0 together with a function

$$\eta : A \longrightarrow OA \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\left(\forall (B : U_0) (f : A \longrightarrow B) \right) \underbrace{(\exists! (\bar{f} : OA \longrightarrow B). \bar{f} \circ \eta = f)}_{\text{is } \text{ctr}(\sum_{\bar{f}:OA \rightarrow B} \bar{f} \circ \eta = f)}$$

universal
property

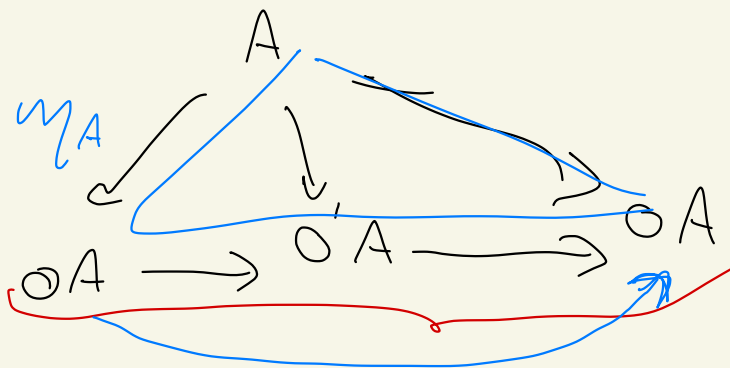
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & & \\
 \eta_A \downarrow & \searrow f & \\
 OA & \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} & B
 \end{array}$$

Terminology

- $\circ : U \longrightarrow U$ — modal operator
- $\eta_A : A \longrightarrow \circ A$ — modal unit
- we call $A : U$ a \circ -modal type if η_A is an equivalence
- we call A \circ -connected if $\circ A \cong 1$.

Lemma: The map $(A \xrightarrow{\eta_A} \circ A)$ is determined up to unique equivalence by the UP.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & A & \\
 \eta_A \swarrow & & \searrow \eta'_A \\
 \circ A & \dashrightarrow & \circ A
 \end{array}$$

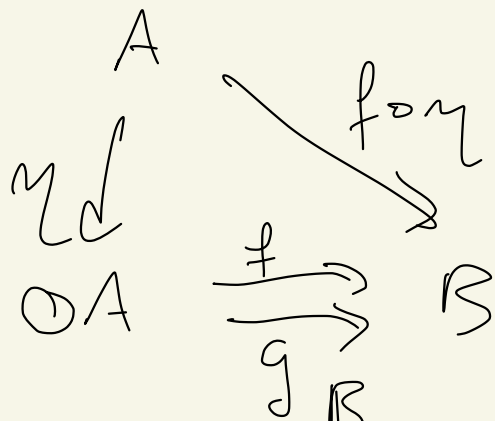


Ex: truncation levels : for $n \geq -2$
 $\text{istrunc}_n : U \rightarrow \text{Prop}$
 $n\text{-Type} \hookrightarrow U$

Lemma: Given $A : U, B : U_0$

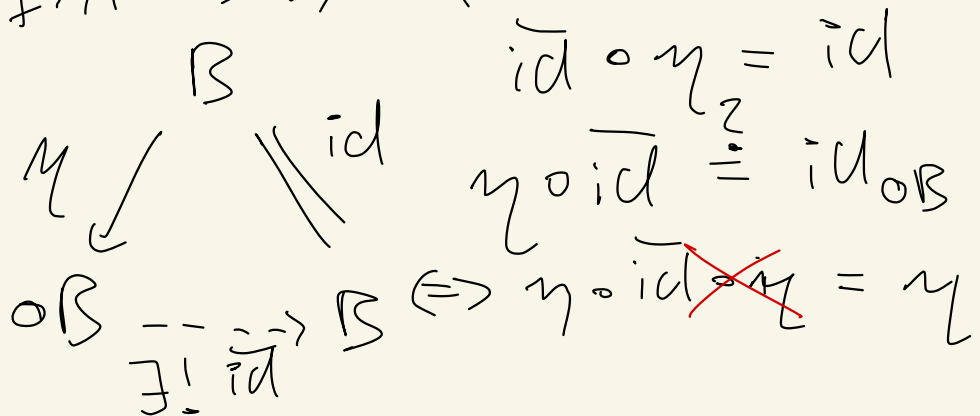
$f, g : \odot A \rightarrow B$

we have $(f = g) \approx (f \circ \eta = g \circ \eta)$



Lemma: A type V is modal iff

$\forall (A : U) (f : A \rightarrow B) \exists ! (\bar{f} : \odot A \rightarrow B) \bar{f} \circ \eta = f$



Theorem: TFAE for refl subuniverses

$$U_0 \hookrightarrow U.$$

① U_0 is Σ -closed, i.e. for all $A : U_0$
 $B : A \rightarrow U_0$, the type $\sum_{a:A} B(a)$
 is modal.

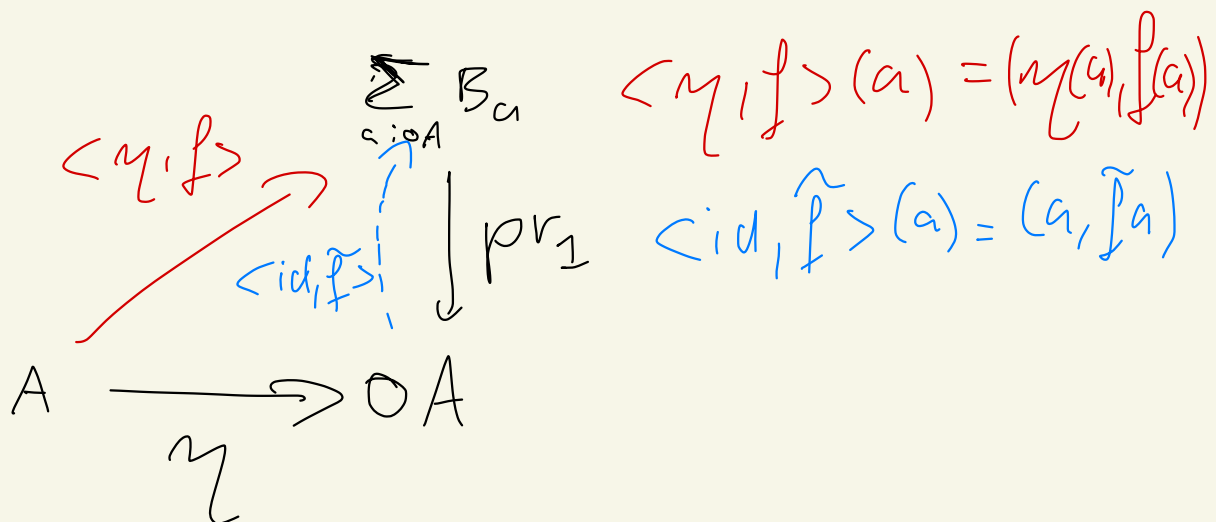
② U_0 "admits unique dependent
 elimination", i.e. given $A : U$

$B : OA \rightarrow U_0$, $f : \prod_{a:A} B(\eta_A a)$

there ex a unique $\tilde{f} : \prod_{a:OA} B(a)$

such that $\tilde{f} \circ \eta = f$

$$\prod_{(a:A)} \tilde{f}(\eta a) = f a$$



Proof: If U is Σ -closed then &

$$A: L \quad B: OA \rightarrow U_0, \quad f: \prod_{a:A} B(\gamma_A)$$

$$g = \langle \gamma, f \rangle \rightarrow \Sigma_a B_a \quad \bar{g} \circ \gamma = g$$

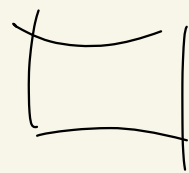
$$A \xrightarrow{\gamma} OA$$

$$pr_1 \circ \bar{g} \stackrel{?}{=} 1$$

$$pr_1 \circ \bar{g} \circ \gamma = pr_1 \circ g = \gamma$$

Conversely

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Def: A modality is a

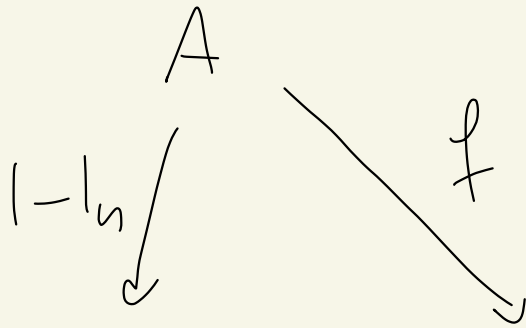
refl subuniverse satisfying
the conditions of the theorem.

Examples

① Truncation

$$n\text{-Type} \hookrightarrow U$$

Proof of reflectivity:
We have to show that



$$n\text{-type } \|A\|_n \dashrightarrow B$$

Proof by induction:

- (-2) is trivial $\|A\|_{-2} = 1$
- (-1) is prop truncation

$$\|A\|_{-1} = \forall (Q : \text{Prop}) . (A \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow Q$$

Impredicative

or join construction

IS : Assume U -Trunc $\hookrightarrow U$
 is reflective ~~let $A . (n+1)$ -Trunc~~
 Define

$$R_n : A \longrightarrow U^A$$

$$R_n(a) = \lambda b . \|a=b\|_n$$

$$\{f : A \rightarrow U \mid \exists a . R_n(a) = f\} \xrightarrow{\quad} ((U)\text{-Type})^A$$

$$\simeq \sum_{f : A \rightarrow U} \|f \circ R_n f\|_{-1}$$

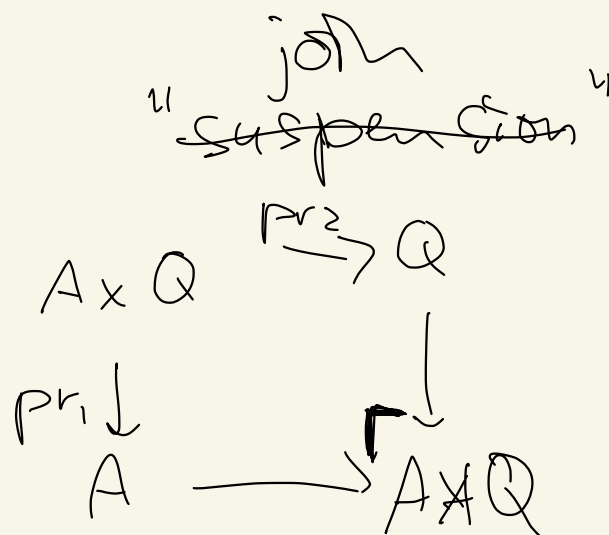
Open and closed modalities

Let $Q : \text{Prop}$

$$\text{Op}_Q, \text{Cl}_Q : U \longrightarrow U$$

$$\text{Op}_Q(A) = A^Q$$

$$\text{Cl}_Q(A) = A \times Q$$



lex modalities

$$T, \perp : \text{Prop}$$

Localization & nullification.

If $f : B \xrightarrow{\quad} A$, call $X : U$ f -local,
if $\left(\begin{array}{ccc} X^A & \xrightarrow{x^\sharp} & X^B \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ U & \xrightarrow{\quad} & U \end{array} \right)$ is an equivalence.

$\{ \text{p-local-types} \} \hookrightarrow \mathcal{U}$

- is always reflective
- Σ -closed whenever $A = 1$

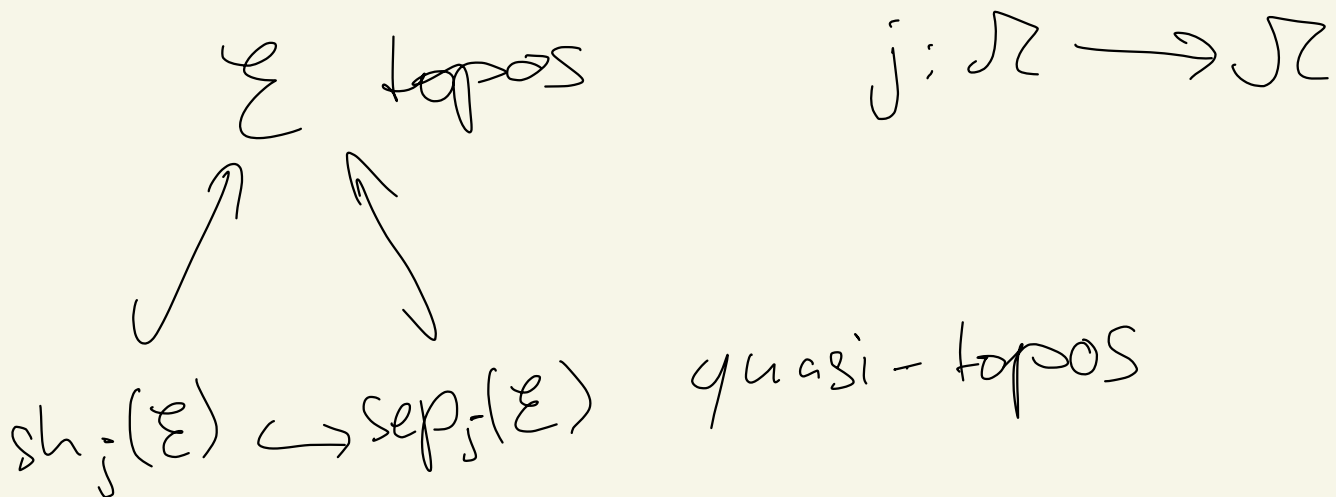
$B \rightarrow 1$

Cohesive HoTT / purely topological

• nullify at \mathbb{R} (Dedekind reals)

\Rightarrow shape modality

In Cohesive toposes



$\mathcal{E} \sim \text{topos}$

$O: \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$

