

Categorical Semantics for STLC

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First Try

Category of Baby Type Theory

Definition 1.1. A *baby type system* with only atomic types and where typing context are singletons.

Definition 1.2. A interpretation of baby type system is category \mathbf{C}_{bT} such that objects are interpretations of types and morphism are interpretations of term-in-context(sequent).

- *objects*: $\llbracket A \rrbracket$ where A is atomic type;
- *morphism*: $\llbracket \Gamma \vdash E : A \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket A \rrbracket$, abbreviated to $\llbracket E \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket A \rrbracket$;
- *identity*: $\llbracket x : A \vdash x : A \rrbracket = 1_{\llbracket A \rrbracket} : \llbracket A \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket A \rrbracket$, it corresponds to

$$\overline{x : A \vdash x : A} \text{ VAR}$$

- *composition*: $\llbracket E_2[y \rightarrow E_1] \rrbracket = \llbracket E_2 \rrbracket \circ \llbracket E_1 \rrbracket : \llbracket A \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket C \rrbracket$, it corresponds to

$$\frac{x : A \vdash E_1 : B \quad y : B \vdash E_2 : C}{x : A \vdash E_2[y \rightarrow E_1] : C} \text{ Sub}$$

- *unit law*:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket x : A \vdash E[x \rightarrow x] \rrbracket &= \llbracket x : A \vdash E : B \rrbracket \circ \llbracket x : A \vdash x : A \rrbracket \\ \llbracket x : A \vdash E[y \rightarrow E] \rrbracket &= \llbracket y : B \vdash y : B \rrbracket \circ \llbracket x : A \vdash E : B \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

- *associative law*: Given $x : A \vdash E_1 : B, y : B \vdash E_2 : C, z : C \vdash E_3 : D$, we have

$$\llbracket E_3[z \rightarrow E_2[y \rightarrow E_1]] \rrbracket = \llbracket E_3[z \rightarrow E_2][y \rightarrow E_1] \rrbracket : \llbracket A \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket D \rrbracket$$

Category of Propositions and Derivations

Definition 1.3. A natural deduction system corresponds to category C_{ND} such that objects are interpretations of propositions and morphisms are interpretations of derivations.

1. *morphism*: a morphism $\llbracket \mathcal{D} \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket A \rrbracket$ corresponds

$$\frac{\Gamma}{\mathcal{D}} \frac{}{A}$$

2. *identity*: $1_{\llbracket A \rrbracket}$ corresponds identity derivation $\frac{}{A}$.

Unit Type and Void Type

Definition 1.4. The unit type is interpreted by the terminal object in categorical representation

$$\llbracket \top \rrbracket := 1$$

where \top is actually unit type¹ and 1 represents terminal object. The introduction rule for unit type

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash * : \top} \top I$$

is interpreted by the unique map to terminal object

$$\llbracket * \rrbracket := !(\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket) : \Gamma \rightarrow 1.$$

Definition 1.5. The void type is interpreted by the initial object in categorical representation

$$\llbracket \perp \rrbracket := 0$$

where \perp is actually unit type and 1 represents initial object. The elimintaion rule for void type

¹Though \top is described in subtyping

Truth and Falsehood

Definition 1.6. Logical propositional constant truth is interpreted by the terminal object in categorical representation

$$\llbracket \top \rrbracket := 1$$

where 1 represents terminal object. The natural deduction introduction rule for truth

$$\frac{}{\top} \top I$$

is interpreted by the unique map to terminal object

$$\llbracket \top I \rrbracket := !(\llbracket A \rrbracket) : \llbracket A \rrbracket \rightarrow 1.$$

Definition 1.7. Logical propositional constant falsehood is interpreted by the initial object in categorical representation

$$\llbracket \perp \rrbracket := 0$$

where 0 represents initial object. The natural deduction elimination rule for falsehood

$$\frac{\perp}{A} \perp E$$

is interpreted by the unique map from the initial object:

$$\llbracket \perp E \rrbracket := i(\llbracket A \rrbracket) : 0 \rightarrow \llbracket A \rrbracket$$

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