Internal Language of Rel

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I wanted an internal language corresponding to the double category **Rel** the double category with sets as objects, relations as horizontal arrows and functions as vertical arrows.

I present three different calculi: a substructural "context calculus" corresponding to the horizontal edge of **Rel**; a "term calculus" corresponding to **Set**, the vertical edge category of **Rel**; and a simple "command calculus" corresponding to commuting squares of **Rel**.

First, I give the basic framework of the calculi. Then I discuss semantics and applications. And finally I list a few possible extensions such as coproduct and dependent sum types.

Core Calculi

The core context calculus is the linear lambda calculus with a few symbol changes and corresponds to the closed monoidal structure of the horizontal edge of **Rel**. The core term calculus is a little language with only product types and corresponds to the Cartesian structure of **Set**. I am still figuring out the core command calculus which ought to correspond to commuting squares in **Rel**.

The context calculus has a linear variable rule. To make mechanization easier and ensure the typing environment can always be directly inferred from context expressions linear variables are explicitly indexed by their types and variable binding is more imperative.

Grammar, Syntax and Reductions

$$\begin{array}{cccc} type, \ t & & ::= & & \\ & \mid & \top & \\ & \mid & t \times t' \end{array}$$

$$term, \ v & ::= & \end{array}$$

context, E

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} . & x & \\ & \exists \, x \colon t.E & \text{ bind } x \text{ in } E \\ & E \, E' & \\ & (E) & \mathsf{S} \\ & [x \colon = E] E' & \mathsf{M} \\ & e[E] & \mathsf{M} \end{array}$$

environment, Γ :::

$$\begin{array}{cccc} | & \bullet & & \mathsf{M} \\ | & \Gamma, x \colon t & & \mathsf{M} \\ | & \Gamma \cup \Gamma' & & \mathsf{M} \end{array}$$

 $\Gamma \vdash E : t$

 $\vdash v : t$

 $\vdash E[v]$

$$\frac{\vdash E_0[v]}{\vdash E_1[\pi_1 \ v]} \\ \vdash (E_0 \ E_1)[\pi_2 \ v]$$
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 $E \rightarrow E'$

 $v \rightarrow v'$

$$\frac{\pi_1(v_1, v_2) \to v_1}{\pi_2(v_1, v_2) \to v_2} \quad \text{stepv_beta2}$$

$$\frac{v \to v'}{V[v] \to V[v']} \quad \text{stepv_ctx}$$

 $v \longrightarrow v'$

$$\frac{}{v \longrightarrow v} \quad \text{multiv_id}$$

$$_1 \to v_2$$

 $E \longrightarrow E'$

$$\overline{E \longrightarrow E}$$
 multiE_id
$$E_1 \to E_2$$

$$E_2 \longrightarrow E_3$$

$$E_1 \longrightarrow E_3$$
 multiE_then

Types $t := * | t \times t$

Contexts $E ::= x_t \mid E E \mid \forall (x:t).E$ Terms $v ::= x \mid \pi_1(v) \mid \pi_2(v) \mid v, v$

Environment $\Gamma := \cdot \mid \Gamma, x : t$ Command Env $\Delta := \cdot \mid \Delta, x \otimes v$

Context Calculus

$$\boxed{\mathbf{V}} \cdot, x \colon t \vdash x_t \colon t$$

$$\boxed{\times \mathbf{I}} \frac{\Gamma \vdash E \colon t_1}{\Gamma \setminus x \vdash \forall (x \colon t_0) . E \colon t_0 \times t_1} \{x \colon t_0 \in \Gamma\}$$

$$\boxed{\times \mathbf{E}} \frac{\Gamma_0 \vdash E_0 \colon t_0 \times t_1}{\Gamma_0, \ \Gamma_1 \vdash E_0 \ E_1 \colon t_1}$$

$$\boxed{\times \beta} \left(\forall (x \colon t) . E_0 \right) E_1 \leadsto [x_t \coloneqq E_1] E_0$$

Term Calculus

$$\boxed{\mathbf{V}} \frac{x \colon t \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x \colon t}$$

$$\boxed{\times \mathbf{I}} \frac{\Gamma \vdash v_0 \colon t_0 \qquad \Gamma \vdash v_1 \colon t_1}{\Gamma \vdash v_0, v_1 \colon t_0 \times t_1}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \times \mathbf{E}_1 & \hline \Gamma \vdash v \colon t_0 \times t_1 \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash \pi_1(v) \colon t_0 \\ \hline \hline \times \beta_1 & \pi_1(v_0, v_1) \leadsto v_0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|}
\hline \times \mathbf{E}_2 & \hline{\Gamma \vdash v \colon t_0 \times t_1} \\
\hline \Gamma \vdash \pi_2(v) \colon t_1 \\
\hline \times \beta_2 & \pi_2(v_0, v_1) \leadsto v_1
\end{array}$$

Command Calculus

$$\boxed{\mathbf{V}} \frac{\Delta \vdash E \otimes v_0 \quad v_0 \leadsto v_1}{\Delta \vdash E \otimes v_1} \qquad \boxed{\mathbf{E}} \frac{\Delta \vdash E_0 \otimes v \quad E_0 \leadsto E_1}{\Delta \vdash E_1 \otimes v}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{X}} \frac{\Delta, x_t \otimes v_0 \vdash E \otimes v_1}{\Delta \vdash \forall (x:t).E \otimes v_0, v_1}$$

$$\boxed{\mathbf{X}} \frac{\Delta_0 \vdash E_0 \otimes v \quad \Delta_1 \vdash E_1 \otimes \pi_1(v)}{\Delta_0, \Delta_1 \vdash E_0 E_1 \otimes \pi_2(v)}$$

Examples

Identity

$$\mathbf{id}_{t} = \forall (x:t). \ x_{t} \ \frac{\frac{\top}{\cdot, \ x:t \vdash x_{t}:t} \ \text{(V)}}{\cdot \vdash \forall (x:t). \ x_{t}:t \times t} \ \text{(\times I)} \qquad \frac{\frac{\top}{\Delta, \ x_{t} \otimes v \vdash x_{t} \otimes v} \ \text{(V)}}{\Delta \vdash \forall (x:t). \ x_{t} \otimes v, v} \ \text{(\times I)}$$

Composition

$$f \circ_{t} g = \forall (x:t). f (g x_{t})$$

$$\frac{ \cdot \vdash g \colon t_{0} \times t_{1} \qquad \frac{\top}{\cdot, x \colon t_{0} \vdash x_{t_{0}} \colon t_{0}}}{ \cdot, x \colon t_{0} \vdash g x_{t_{0}} \colon t_{1}} \underset{(\times E)}{(\times E)}$$

$$\frac{ \cdot \vdash g \colon t_{0} \times t_{1} \qquad \frac{\top}{\cdot, x \colon t_{0} \vdash g x_{t_{0}} \colon t_{1}}}{ \cdot, x \colon t_{0} \vdash f (g x_{t_{0}}) \colon t_{2}} \underset{(\times E)}{(\times E)}$$

$$\frac{ \cdot \vdash g \otimes v_{0}, v_{1} \qquad \frac{\top}{\cdot, x_{t_{0}} \otimes v_{0} \vdash x_{t_{0}} \otimes v_{0}}} \underset{(\times E)}{(\times E)}$$

$$\frac{\cdot \vdash g \otimes v_{0}, v_{1} \qquad \frac{\top}{\cdot, x_{t_{0}} \otimes v_{0} \vdash x_{t_{0}} \otimes v_{0}}} \underset{(\times E)}{(\times E)}$$

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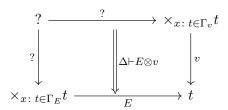
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Categorical Semantics

The intent is to create calculi encoding the core features of the double category **Rel**. If this is successful then terms and types ought to map to **Rel** as follows.

I think you want pullbacks for the environment arrows?



I have no idea about universe issues and such. Dependent sum is probably wrong. Really need to think about denotation again.

Applications to Synthetic Category Theory

A category is a monad in **Span**. Once this system has been generalized to **Span** we can define monads internal to **Span**.

This is not fully internal but a simple approach to defining an equivalence relation might be something like:

object
$$\cdot \vdash O$$
: *
$$\frac{\text{refl} \ \frac{\cdot \vdash o : O}{\cdot \vdash R \otimes o, o}}{\cdot \vdash R \otimes o, o}$$

$$\frac{\cdot \vdash \forall (x : O) . R (R x) \otimes o_0, o_1}{\cdot \vdash R \otimes o_0, o_1} \{\cdot \vdash o_1, o_0 : O \times O\}$$

$$\frac{\text{sym}}{\cdot \vdash R \otimes o_1, o_0} \{\cdot \vdash o_1, o_0 : O \times O\}$$
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Extensions

Singleton set, disjoint union and dependent sum types.

Unit Type

$$\begin{tabular}{ll} {\bf Types} & t ::= \dots \mid 1 \\ {\bf Contexts} & E ::= \dots \mid {\bf true} \mid E \gg E \\ {\bf Terms} & v ::= \dots \mid ! \\ \end{tabular}$$

Context Calculus

Term Calculus

$$\boxed{\top I}$$
 $\Gamma \vdash !: \top$

Command Calculus

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \hline \top \hline \end{bmatrix} \cdot \vdash \mathbf{true} \otimes \mathbf{!} \\ \hline \hline \top E \\ \hline \Delta_0 \vdash \mathbf{true} \otimes \mathbf{!} & \Delta_1 \vdash E \otimes v \\ \hline \Delta_0, \ \Delta_1 \vdash E \otimes v \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Disjoint Unions

Disjoint unions in **Set** become Cartesian products/coproducts in **Rel**.

As a technical hack false is explicitly indexed by the environment it ignores. This hack also requires inferring the environment in certain reduction rules.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{Types} & t ::= \ldots \mid \emptyset \mid t+t \\ \mathbf{Contexts} & E ::= \ldots \mid \mathbf{abort}_t(E) \mid \mathbf{i}_{1t}(E) \mid \mathbf{i}_{2t}(E) \mid \\ & \mathbf{m}(v, E.v, x.E) \mid \mathbf{false}_{\Gamma} \mid \mathbf{l}(E) \mid \mathbf{r}(E) \mid E; E \\ \mathbf{Terms} & v ::= \ldots \mid \mathbf{abort}_t(v) \mid \mathbf{i}_{1t}(v) \mid \mathbf{i}_{2t}(v) \mid \mathbf{m}(v, x.v, x.v) \\ \end{array}$$

Context Calculus

Term Calculus

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & & & & & \\ \hline \text{\emptysetE$} & \frac{\Gamma \vdash v \colon \emptyset}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{abort}_t(v) \colon t} \\ \hline \\ + I_1 \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} \Gamma \vdash v \colon t_0 \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash \mathbf{i}_{1t_1}(v) \colon t_0 + t_1 \\ \hline \\ + E \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \Gamma \vdash v \colon t_0 \\ \hline \\ \Gamma \vdash v_0 \colon t_0 + t_1 \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \Gamma \vdash w_0 \colon t_0 \vdash t_1 \\ \hline \\ \Gamma \vdash \mathbf{m}(v_0, x_0.v_1, x_1.v_2) \colon t_2 \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ + \beta_1 \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \Gamma \vdash v \colon t_1 \\ \hline \\ \Gamma \vdash \mathbf{m}(v_0, x_0.v_1, x_1.v_2) \colon t_2 \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ + \beta_1 \\ \hline \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \Gamma \vdash v \colon t_1 \\ \hline \\ \Gamma \vdash \mathbf{m}(v_0, x_0.v_1, x_1.v_2) \colon t_2 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{+\beta_2} \mathbf{m}(\mathbf{i}_{2t}(v_0), x_0.v_1, x_1.v_2) \leadsto [x_1 := v_0]v_2$$

Command Calculus

Dependent Sums

If product of sets becomes an internal hom in the predicate calculus then dependent sums ought to become a little like Π types. So the predicate calculus effectively becomes like a linear System-F.

Some things become awkward to interpret here though.

I also really can't figure out unpacking. It's messy if you don't want full dependent types.

Not really good at the typing judgements for dependent sum types.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{Types} & & t ::= \ldots \mid x \mid ^* \mid \mathbf{h}(v) \mid \Sigma(x \colon ^*).t \\ \textbf{Contexts} & & E ::= \ldots \mid E t \mid \Pi(x \colon ^*).E \\ \textbf{Terms} & & v ::= \ldots \mid \mathbf{t}(v) \mid \langle x := t, v \rangle \\ \textbf{Command Env} & & \Delta ::= \ldots \mid \Delta, \, x \otimes t \\ \end{array}$$

Context Calculus

$$\underline{\Sigma} \underbrace{\frac{\Gamma_0 \vdash E \colon \Sigma(x \colon *).t_1 \qquad \Gamma_1 \vdash t_0 \colon *}{\Gamma_0, \ \Gamma_1 \vdash E_0 \ t_0 \colon [x := t_0]t_1}}_{\Gamma_0, \ x \colon * \vdash E \colon t} \underbrace{\frac{\Gamma, \ x \colon * \vdash E \colon t}{\Gamma \vdash \Pi(x \colon *).E \colon \Sigma(x \colon *).t}}_{\Sigma\beta \mid (\Pi(x \colon *).E) \ t \leadsto [x := t]E}$$

Term Calculus

Term Calculus
$$\begin{array}{c} \underline{ \Sigma \mathbf{E}_1} & \underline{ \Gamma \vdash E \colon \Sigma(x \colon \ ^*).t} \\ \underline{ \Gamma \vdash \mathbf{h}(v) \colon \ ^*} \\ \underline{ \Sigma \mathbf{E}_2} & \underline{ \Gamma \vdash v \colon \Sigma(x \colon \ ^*).t} \\ \underline{ \Gamma \vdash \mathbf{t}(v) \colon [x \coloneqq \mathbf{h}(v)]t} \\ \underline{ \Sigma \mathbf{I}} & \underline{ \Gamma \vdash t_0 \colon \ ^* \quad \Gamma, \ x \colon \ ^* \vdash v \colon t_1} \\ \underline{ \Gamma \vdash \langle x \coloneqq t_0, v \rangle \colon \Sigma(x \colon \ ^*).t_0} \\ \underline{ \Sigma \beta_1} & \mathbf{h}(\langle x \coloneqq t, v \rangle) \leadsto t \end{array} \\ \underline{ \begin{array}{c} \underline{ \Sigma \beta_1} \\ \underline{ \Sigma \beta_2} \end{array}} \mathbf{t}(\langle x \coloneqq t, v \rangle) \leadsto [x \coloneqq t]v$$

Command Calculus

$$\boxed{\Sigma \mathbf{I}} \frac{\Delta, \ x \otimes t \vdash E \otimes v}{\Delta \vdash \Pi(x \colon *) . E \otimes \langle x := t, v \rangle}$$

I can't figure out commands here at all.

The Future?

Satisifies judgments correspond to thin squares. Moving to more general categories such as **Span** or **Prof** or **Vect** for matrix math requires an interpretation of squares carrying constructive content.