Semantics for two-dimensional type theory

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2-Dimensional interpretations of type theory

There are many interpretations of type theory that are
2-dimensional in a certain sense

- ► The groupoid interpretation by Hofmann and Streicher [1]
- ► The two-dimensional models by Garner[2]

Interpreted in something like **groupoids**

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[1]Hofmann, Martin, and Thomas Streicher. "The groupoid interpretation of
type theory." *Twenty-five years of constructive type theory (Venice, 1995)* 36
(1998): 83-111.

[2]Garner, Richard. "Two-dimensional models of type theory." *Mathematical
structures in computer science* 19.4 (2009): 687-736.

Directed type theory

But directed variants have also been considered

- ▶ An interpretation with directed definitional equality[3]
- ▶ A syntactical framework for directed type theory[4]
- ▶ An interpretation with directed identity types[5]

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[3]Licata, Daniel R., and Robert Harper. "2-dimensional directed type theory." *Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science* 276 (2011): 263-289.

[4]Nuyts, Andreas. Towards a directed homotopy type theory based on 4 kinds of variance. Master's thesis, KU Leuven, 2015.

[5]North, Paige Randall. "Towards a directed homotopy type theory." *Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science* 347 (2019): 223-239.

A framework is missing

Problem:

▶ Garner gave a general notion of 2-dimensional comprehension category, but this only works for **undirected** type theory

▶ The interpretations of directed type theory are ad hoc

Goal of this talk:

find categorical framework in which one can interpret various flavors of 2-dimensional type theory

The work in this talk has been formalized using UniMath.

Idea

- ▶ Use bicategories instead of categories
- ▶ Define **comprehension bicategories**.
- ▶ For that, we need a bicategorical notion of fibration
- ▶ We use ingredients by Hermida[6] and by Buckley[7]
- ▶ Find suitable instances of comprehension bicategories

[6]Hermida, Claudio. "Some properties of Fib as a fibred 2-category." *Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra* 134.1 (1999): 83-109.

[7]Buckley, Mitchell. "Fibred 2-categories and bicategories." *Journal of Pure and Applied Algebra* 218.6 (2014): 1034-1074.

Comprehension categories

Type theory can be interpreted in **comprehension categories**.

Definition

A **comprehension category** is a *strictly* commuting triangle

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathcal{E} & \xrightarrow{\ \chi\ } & \mathcal{C}^{\to} \\
 & \searrow{\scriptstyle F} \quad \swarrow{\scriptstyle \text{cod}} & \\
 & \mathcal{C} &
\end{array}$$

where F is a Grothendieck fibration and where χ preserves cartesian cells.

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- ▶ We also require that cartesian 2-cells are closed under horizontal composition.

The global condition

A pseudofunctor satisfying the global condition is called a **global fibration**.

The global condition basically says the following: given

- contexts Γ_1 and Γ_2
- a substitution $s : \Gamma_1 \to \Gamma_2$
- a type A in context Γ_2

we get a type $A[s]$ in context Γ_1.

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- substitutions $s_1, s_2 : \Gamma_1 \to \Gamma_2$
- a reduction $\tau : s_1 \Rightarrow s_2$
- a type A in context Γ_2
- a term t of type $A[s_1]$

we get a a term of type $A[s_2]$.

Comprehension bicategories

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$$F \searrow \quad \swarrow \text{cod}$$
$$\mathcal{B}$$

where χ preserves cartesian cells and where F is a global fibration and a local opfibration.

Examples of comprehension bicategories

Given a **locally groupoidal** bicategory $\mathcal{B}$ with pullbacks, take

$$\mathcal{B}^{\rightarrow} \xrightarrow{\ \text{id}\ } \mathcal{B}^{\rightarrow}$$

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This does **not** work for arbitrary bicategories.

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The work by North[9] and by Licata and Harper[10] is encapsulated in the following comprehension bicategory

$$\underline{\mathrm{Cat}} \mathbin{/} \mathrm{Cat} \longrightarrow \underline{\mathrm{Cat}}^{\rightarrow}$$

with dom and cod mapping to $\underline{\mathrm{Cat}}$.
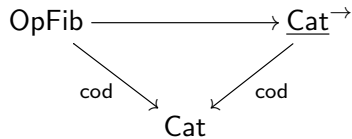
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We have the following comprehension bicategory

$$\text{OpFib} \longrightarrow \underline{\text{Cat}}^{\rightarrow}$$

with maps labeled cod going to $\underline{\text{Cat}}$.

Categorification of the previous one

Examples of comprehension bicategories

Given a bicategory $\mathcal{B}$ with pullbacks, take

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
\mathrm{SOpFib}(\mathcal{B}) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{B}^{\rightarrow} \\
& \searrow \quad \swarrow & \\
\text{cod} & \mathcal{B} & \text{cod}
\end{array}
$$

Here $\mathrm{SOpFib}(\mathcal{B})$ is the bicategory of Street opfibrations in $\mathcal{B}$.
Directed version of Garner's stuff.

Remark on the formalization

- The notion of comprehension bicategory and fibration have been formalized using UniMath.
- Here we make use of **displayed bicategories**[11]

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[11]Ahrens, B., et al (2022). Bicategories in univalent foundations. *Mathematical Structures in Computer Science*, 1-38.

Conclusion

▶ We defined a notion of **comprehension bicategory**

▶ This is a suitable framework in which one can interpret (directed) type theory: we proved **soundness**

▶ There are general instances of this definition (internal Street fibrations)

Further work: look at type formers, completeness