Unstable-Funcons-beta: Memos

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 ${\tt Unstable-Funcons-beta/Computations/Normal/Memos/Memos.cbs}^*$

Memos

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[ Entity memo-map
Funcon initialise-memos
Funcon memo-value
Funcon initialise-memo-value
Funcon memo-value-recall ]
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A memo is like a mutable variable, except that the memo is updated and accessed by a specified key, rather than by an allocated location. The collection of memos is represented by a mutable entity that maps keys to values.

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\begin{tabular}{ll} Entity $\langle \_$, memo-map(\_: maps(ground-values, & values)) $\rangle & \longrightarrow \langle \_$, memo-map(\_: maps(ground-values, & values)) $\rangle$ \\ \\ Funcon initialise-memos(\_: \Rightarrow values) : \Rightarrow values & Rule $\langle $initialise-memos(X), memo-map(\_) $\rangle & \longrightarrow \langle X, memo-map(map(\_)) $\rangle$ \\ \\ \hline \end{tabular}
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When key K is associated with value V, the funcon $\operatorname{\mathsf{memo-value}}(K,X)$ simply gives V, without evaluating X. When K is not currently associated with any value, it associates K with the value computed by X.

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Funcon memo-value(K: ground-values, X: \Rightarrow values): \Rightarrow values \Rightarrow else(memo-value-recall(K), give(X, sequential(else(initialise-memo-value(K, given), null-value), memo-value-recall(K))))
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The initialisation could fail due to memoisation of a (potentially different) value for K during the computation X. In that case, the value computed by X is simply discarded; a resource-safe funcon would take an extra argument to roll back the effects of X.