

1 Overview

- Any side effects regime can be grafted onto a continuized CCG. Give a general technique for accomplishing this, relate it to the ContT monad transformer (Liang et al. 1995).
- Yields two combinators. Type-theoretic way to track effects (Shan 2005).
- Dynamic semantics is (Shan 2001):¹
 - State: ability to manipulate the discourse context, i.e. create discourse referents.
 - Nondeterminism: indefinites are
- No need to settle on “the” grammar. Functional application can live in its bones, and side effects can be grafted on, modularly. Lexical entries that would from a more flat-footed perspective seem completely incongruous can play together nicely.
- The perspective Barker 2002, Shan & Barker 2006, Barker & Shan 2014 is in a sense an instantiation of this general perspective, where the underlying monad is the Identity monad.
- Monads as a natural way to extend a continuations-based grammar with tools for dynamic binding and exceptional scope. In the end: you have functional application, plus the functors from whichever monads are implicated in a given language.
- Other techniques (DPL, DMG) not reducible to monads.

2 Adding side effects to k

- Normal continuized grammar:
 - Lift
 - Lower
 - Continuized functional application
- Adding side effects (Wadler 1994, 1995, Shan 2002):
 - Replace Lift with \star
 - Replace Lower with η
 - Keep continuized functional application
- Two type constructors:
 - Bipartite Cont:
 - Unary Monadic:

¹ NB: does not characterize all varieties of dynamic semantics. Dynamic treatments following Groenendijk & Stokhof 1990 (e.g. Zimmermann 1991, Dekker 1993, Szabolcsi 2003, de Groote 2006) provide a way for indefinites to extend their binding domain but do not treat indefinites as nondeterministic analogs of proper names.

3 Finding the dynamic monad

- The meat of PLA (Dekker 1994): sentences are relations on stacks. Non-empty relations correspond to truth. Non-functional pairs in the relation correspond to nondeterminism introduced by indefinites (and perhaps disjunction).

$$\llbracket a \text{ linguist} \rrbracket = \lambda k s. \bigcup_{x \in \text{ling}} k x s \hat{x}$$

- A different perspective on this.
- Monad for nondeterminism:

Definition 1 (The Set monad).

$$\begin{aligned} M a &::= a \rightarrow t \\ \eta x &::= \{x\} \\ m \star k &::= \bigcup_{x \in m} k x \end{aligned}$$

- Monad for state (generalization of monad for environment-sensitivity):

Definition 2 (The State monad).

$$\begin{aligned} M a &::= s \rightarrow a \times s \\ \eta x &::= \lambda s. \langle x, s \rangle \\ m \star k &::= \lambda s. k (m s)_0 (m s)_1 \end{aligned}$$

- Use StateT to stitch the two together²

Definition 3 (The StateT monad transformer).

$$\begin{aligned} M a &::= s \rightarrow L(a \times s) \\ \eta x &::= \lambda s. \eta_L \langle x, s \rangle \\ m \star k &::= \lambda s. m s \star_L \lambda \pi. k \pi_0 \pi_1 \end{aligned}$$

Definition 4 (The State_Set monad).

$$\begin{aligned} M a &::= s \rightarrow (a \times s) \rightarrow t \\ \eta x &::= \lambda s. \{ \langle x, s \rangle \} \\ m \star k &::= \lambda s. \bigcup_{\pi \in m s} k \pi_0 \pi_1 \end{aligned}$$

- Static lexicon, dynamic lexicon
- Binding, totally modularized

$$\begin{aligned} \text{BarkerShan} : \quad & \mathbf{bind} m := \lambda k. m (\lambda x. k x x) \\ \text{Now} : \quad & \mathbf{bind} m := \lambda k. m (\lambda x s. k x s \hat{x}) \end{aligned}$$

- Summing up: three combinators for “order-insensitive” (i.e. continuized combination). **unit**, **run**, **bind**

| | lift m | $M \text{triv}$ | $\mathbf{bind} M$ |
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| Previous | $\lambda k. k m$ | $M (\lambda x. x)$ | $\lambda k. m (\lambda x. k x x)$ |
| Proposal | $\lambda k. m \star k$ | $M \eta$ | $\lambda k. m (\lambda x s. k x s \hat{x})$ |

² Fn. about SetT

4 Examples

- Interesting properties: no dynamic conjunction, completely standard model theory (cf. de Groote 2006).

de Groote 2001 Charlow 2014 Bumford to appear

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