

ORACLES AND CHOICE SEQUENCES FOR TYPE-THEORETIC PRAGMATICS

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1. MODEL CONSTRUCTION

We will now ground the intuitive semantics for the extended theory in a concrete model construction, using Kripke logical relations. Let \mathcal{B}_Ψ be the set of abstract binding trees (terms) generated by the signature Ψ . Then, we define a world w as a triple $\langle \Psi_w, \mathbf{T}_w, \mathbf{K}_w \rangle$, where \mathbf{T}_w is the finite list of terms which have been recognized as canonical types so far, and $\mathbf{K}_w(A)$ is the finite list of witnesses of the truth of A that have been constructed so far, for each A in \mathbf{T}_w . In other words, the set of worlds \mathcal{W} is defined as follows, where for any set S , the operator $[-] : S\star \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ takes a list to its extension as a set.

$$\mathcal{W} \triangleq \coprod_{\Psi \in \text{sig}} \coprod_{T \in \mathcal{B}_\Psi\star} [T] \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_\Psi\star$$

Let \mathbf{D}_w be the domain of discourse \mathcal{B}_{Ψ_w} . The accessibility relation \preceq is defined as follows:

$$\frac{\Psi_u \preceq \Psi_v \quad [\mathbf{T}_u] \subseteq [\mathbf{T}_v] \quad \forall A \in \mathbf{T}_u. \mathbf{K}_u(A) \subseteq \mathbf{K}_v(A)}{u \preceq v}$$

Theorem 1.1. $\langle \mathcal{W}, \preceq \rangle$ is a Kripke frame.

Proof. It suffices to show that \preceq is reflexive and transitive, which is immediate from the corresponding properties of signature subsumption and subsethood. \square

1.1. Operational Semantics. We begin with an intensional (i.e. world-indexed) operational semantics for the fragment of type theory which is characterized by the signature \mathbf{TT} :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{void} &: () \\ \text{unit} &: (), \text{Ax} : () \\ \Pi &: (0, 1), \lambda : (1), \text{ap} : (0, 0) \\ \Sigma &: (0, 1), \langle -, - \rangle : (0, 0), \text{spread} : (0, 2) \\ \text{require} &: (0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

Let the judgment $M \Downarrow_\alpha M'$ be pronounced “The value of M is M' under choice sequence α .” Then, we will explain its meaning with respect to any world $w \in \mathcal{W}$ such that $\Psi_w \succeq \mathbf{T}\mathbf{T}$.

The canonical forms all evaluate to themselves; the non-canonical operators evaluate in the following way:

$$\frac{w \Vdash M \Downarrow_\alpha (\lambda x)E \quad w \Vdash [N/x]E \Downarrow_\alpha E'}{w \Vdash \mathbf{ap}(M; N) \Downarrow_\alpha E'}$$

$$\frac{w \Vdash M \Downarrow_\alpha \langle M_1, M_2 \rangle \quad w \Vdash [M_1/u, M_2/v]E \Downarrow_\alpha E'}{w \Vdash \mathbf{spread}(M; u, v.E) \Downarrow_\alpha E'}$$

$$\frac{A \Downarrow_\alpha A' \quad \mathbf{K}_w A' \ni_{\text{hd}(\alpha)} M \quad [M/x]N \Downarrow_{\text{tl}(\alpha)} N'}{w \Vdash \mathbf{require}(A; x.N) \Downarrow_\alpha N'}$$

The type system is defined by mutual recursion with the world-wellformedness judgment, $w \Vdash u \text{ world}_\alpha$ (presupposing $u \succeq w$):

$$\frac{\frac{\mathbf{T}_u \setminus \mathbf{T}_w \equiv \{\}}{w \Vdash u \text{ world}_\alpha}}{\mathbf{T}_u \setminus \mathbf{T}_w \equiv \dots, B \quad \forall M \in [\mathbf{K}_u B]. w \Vdash \mathcal{E}_\alpha \llbracket B \rrbracket (M, M) \quad w \Vdash \langle \Psi_u, \mathbf{T}_u \setminus \{B\}, \mathbf{K}_u \rangle \text{ world}_\alpha \quad w \Vdash u \text{ world}_\alpha}$$

$$\frac{}{w \Vdash \mathcal{V}_\alpha \llbracket \mathbf{unit} \rrbracket (A\mathbf{x}, A\mathbf{x})}$$

$$\frac{\forall u \succeq w. \forall M, N \in \mathbf{D}_u. \quad \begin{array}{l} w \Vdash u \text{ world}_\alpha \\ u \Vdash \mathcal{E}_\alpha^* \llbracket A \rrbracket (M, N) \Rightarrow u \Vdash \mathcal{E}_\alpha^* \llbracket [M/x]B \rrbracket ([M/x]E, [N/y]F) \end{array}}{w \Vdash \mathcal{V}_\alpha \llbracket (\Pi x \in A)B \rrbracket ((\lambda x)E, (\lambda y)F)}$$

$$\frac{w \Vdash \mathcal{E}_\alpha^* \llbracket A \rrbracket (M, M') \quad w \Vdash \mathcal{E}_\alpha^* \llbracket [M/x]B \rrbracket (N, N')}{w \Vdash \mathcal{V}_\alpha \llbracket (\Sigma x \in A)B \rrbracket (\langle M, N \rangle, \langle M', N' \rangle)}$$

$$\frac{w \Vdash M \Downarrow_\alpha M' \quad w \Vdash N \Downarrow_\alpha N' \quad w \Vdash \mathcal{V}_\alpha \llbracket A \rrbracket (M', N')}{w \Vdash \mathcal{E}_\alpha \llbracket A \rrbracket (M, N)}$$

$$\frac{w \Vdash A \Downarrow_\alpha A' \quad w \Vdash \mathcal{E}_\alpha \llbracket A' \rrbracket (M, N)}{w \Vdash \mathcal{E}_\alpha^* \llbracket A \rrbracket (M, N)}$$