

Algebraic Semantics of Higher-Order Abstract Syntax and Second-Order Rewriting

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This Lecture

I. Higher-Order Abstract Syntax

1. What is HOAS
2. Algebraic semantics
3. AIM: Meta-terms form a free Σ -monoid

II. Second-Order Rewrite System

1. Definition of CRS
2. Algebraic interpretation
3. AIM: CRS rewriting forms a monotone (Σ, \mathcal{R}) -algebra
4. Termination by interpretation

We begin with a review on TRS.

TRS: Review

Term Rewriting System (TRS) \mathcal{R} :

$$\mathit{fact}(0) \rightarrow S(0)$$

$$\mathit{fact}(S(x)) \rightarrow \mathit{fact}(x) * S(x)$$

Terms are defined by

$$T_{\Sigma}(X) \ni t ::= x \mid f(t_1, \dots, t_m)$$

The **rewrite relation**

$$\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}} \subseteq T_{\Sigma}(X) \times T_{\Sigma}(X)$$

is defined by

$$\frac{l \rightarrow r \in \mathcal{R}}{l\theta \rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}} r\theta} \qquad \frac{s \rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}} t}{f(\dots, s, \dots) \rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}} f(\dots, t, \dots)}$$

where θ is a substitution $\theta : X \rightarrow T_{\Sigma}(X)$

Problem of TRS

- ▷ TRS doesn't involve λ -terms
- ▷ It is problematic in applying it to the theory of programming languages

Combinatory Reduction Systems **CRS** [Klop'80]

- A second-order extension of TRS

Example of CRS (1): Prenex normal forms

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 P \wedge \forall(\mathbf{x}.Q[\mathbf{x}]) \rightarrow \forall(\mathbf{x}.P \wedge Q[\mathbf{x}]) & \neg \forall(\mathbf{x}.Q[\mathbf{x}]) \rightarrow \exists(\mathbf{x}.\neg(Q[\mathbf{x}])) \\
 \forall(\mathbf{x}.Q[\mathbf{x}]) \wedge P \rightarrow \forall(\mathbf{x}.Q[\mathbf{x}] \wedge P) & \neg \exists(\mathbf{x}.Q[\mathbf{x}]) \rightarrow \forall(\mathbf{x}.\neg(Q[\mathbf{x}]))
 \end{array}$$

CRS (Combinatory Reduction System):

- ▷ Variable binders
- ▷ Metavariables
- ▷ Substitutions (Metavars, object vars)

Aim of This Lecture

Example of CRS (2): the λ -calculus

$$\mathbf{app}(\lambda(x.M[x]), N) \rightarrow M[N]$$

$$\lambda(x.\mathbf{app}(M, x)) \rightarrow M$$

- ▷ The syntax is similar to the usual meta-language in CS
- ▷ Aim: Algebraic semantics of CRS

Theory of TRS	\rightsquigarrow	Theory of CRS
algebraic models exist		what are algebraic models?

- ▷ Goals: CRS's
 - (1) Complete algebraic models
 - (2) Proof method of termination based on models

What is Higher-Order Abstract Syntax

- ▷ Abstract Syntax with variable binding

$$\lambda x.xx \qquad \forall x.\mathbf{bird}(x) \rightarrow \mathbf{fly}(x)$$

- ▶ Not merely a context free grammar

- ▷ with Metavariables

$$\lambda x.M[x] \qquad \forall x.P[x] \rightarrow Q[x]$$

- ▷ Substitution for metavariables

$$(\lambda x.M[x])\{M^{(1)} \mapsto yy\} = \lambda x.xx$$

$$(\lambda x.M[x])\{M^{(1)} \mapsto \mathbf{fix}(y)\} = \lambda x.\mathbf{fix}(x)$$

► Meta-terms

- Aczel. *A general Church-Rosser theorem*, unpublished, University of Manchester, 1978.
- Aczel. *Frege structures* [Aczel'80]
- Klop. *Combinatory Reduction Systems*, CWI, volume 127 of Mathematical Centre Tracts, 1980.

Higher-Order Abstract Syntax (without metavaris)

▷ Formalisation – Haskell

```
data Lam :: * -> * where
  Var :: a -> Lam a
  App :: Lam a -> Lam a -> Lam a
  Abs :: Lam (Maybe a) -> Lam a

data Maybe a = Nothing
             | Just a
```

▷ Formalisation – Agda

```
data Lam : Nat -> Set where
  Var : Fin n -> Lam n
  App : Lam n -> Lam n -> Lam n
  Abs : Lam (S n) -> Lam n

data Fin : Nat -> Set where
  Zero : Fin (S n)
  S     : Fin n -> Fin (S n)
```

cf. Hamana, Fiore. *A Foundation for GADTs and Inductive Families: Dependent Polynomial Functor Approach*. ACM WGP'11.

λ -terms in de Bruijn Levels

- ▷ Different from de Bruijn **indices**
- ▷ Variables are numbers starting from 1, counted from the top

Examples

$\lambda x. \lambda y. yx$

$\lambda 1. \lambda 2. 21$

$(\lambda x. xx)(\lambda x. xx)$

$(\lambda 1. 11)(\lambda 1. 11)$

$\lambda x. xy$

$\lambda 2. 21$

- ▷ Terms in contexts
- ▷ Free variables are “external” binders

λ -terms in de Bruijn Levels: Constructions

▷ Normal way: terms-in-contexts

$$\frac{}{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \vdash \mathbf{x}_i} \quad \frac{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \vdash t \quad \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \vdash s}{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \vdash t@s}$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{x}_{n+1} \vdash t}{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \vdash \lambda(\mathbf{x}_{n+1}.t)}$$

▷ Construction rules in de Bruijn levels

$$\frac{}{1, \dots, n \vdash i} \quad \frac{1, \dots, n \vdash t \quad 1, \dots, n \vdash s}{1, \dots, n \vdash t@s}$$

$$\frac{1, \dots, n, n+1 \vdash t}{1, \dots, n \vdash \lambda(n+1.t)}$$

λ -terms in de Bruijn Levels: Constructions

- ▷ We will simply write ($n = \{1, \dots, n\}$)

$$n \vdash \lambda(n + 1.t)$$

- ▷ Construction rules in de Bruijn levels

$$\frac{}{n \vdash i} \qquad \frac{n \vdash t \quad n \vdash s}{n \vdash t@s}$$

$$\frac{n + 1 \vdash t}{n \vdash \lambda(n + 1.t)}$$

Free Σ -monoids: HO Syntax with Metavariables

[Fiore, Plotkin, Turi'99][Hamana APLAS'04]

- ▷ A Σ -monoid (A, α, ν, μ) is
 - a Σ -algebra (A, α) in the category $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$ with
 - a monoid structure in $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$ using ν, μ
 - both are compatible.

- ▷ Idea
 - Unit ν models the **variable** former
 - Multiplication μ models **substitution** for variables



Very Basic Category Theory

- ▷ Categories: definition, **Set**, \mathbb{F}
- ▷ Functors
- ▷ Natural transformations
- ▷ Functor category **Set** ^{\mathbb{F}}
(Presheaf category)

Very Basic Category Theory (1)

- ▷ A **category** \mathcal{C} consists of
- A set of objects **ob** \mathcal{C}
. A, B, C, \dots
 - A set of arrows **$\mathcal{C}(A, B) = \{f \mid f : A \rightarrow B\}$**
. for every $A, B \in \text{ob } \mathcal{C}$
 - Identities **$\text{id}_A : A \rightarrow A$** for every $A \in \text{ob } \mathcal{C}$
 - Composition **$g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$**
. for $f : A \rightarrow B, g : B \rightarrow C$

satisfying

- $f \circ \text{id} = f$
- $\text{id} \circ f = f$
- $f \circ (g \circ h) = (f \circ g) \circ h.$

Examples of Categories

Category **Set**

- ▷ **Objects:** (small) sets S
- ▷ **Arrows:** functions $f : S \rightarrow S'$

Category \mathbb{F} ... category of finite (skelatal) sets

- ▷ **Objects:** finite cardinals $n = \{1, \dots, n\}$
- ▷ **Arrows:** functions $\rho : m \rightarrow n$

Examples of Categories

Category **Mon** ... category of monoids

- ▷ **Objects:** monoids $M = (M, \cdot, e)$
- ▷ **Arrows:** monoid homomorphisms $h : M \rightarrow M'$

Category **Σ -alg** ... category of Σ -algebras

- ▷ **Objects:** Σ -algebras $A = (A, \{f^A\}_{f \in \Sigma})$
- ▷ **Arrows:** homomorphisms $h : A \rightarrow A'$

Very Basic Category Theory (2)

- ▷ Let \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D} be categories.
- ▷ A **functor** $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$ is given by (F_0, F_1)
 - i) the object part function $F_0 : \text{ob } \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{ob } \mathcal{D}$
 - ii) the arrow part function $F_1 : \mathcal{C}(A, B) \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(F_0(A), F_0(B))$satisfying
 - i) $F_1(\text{id}_A) = \text{id}_{F_0(A)}$
 - ii) $F_1(g \circ f) = F_1(g) \circ F_1(f)$Note: F_0, F_1 will be denoted simply by F

Important Examples of Categories

Category $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$ (functor category, presheaf category)

▷ Object: functor $A : \mathbb{F} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$
 (called **presheaf**, and written $A \in \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$)

▷ Arrow: **natural transformation** $f : A \rightarrow B$

which is a family of functions (“components”)

$$\{ f(n) : A(n) \longrightarrow B(n) \}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

that satisfies the condition

$$\forall a \in A(m). B(\rho)(f(m)(a)) = f(n)(A(\rho)(a))$$

for all functions $\rho : m \rightarrow n$.

Idea: f is a polymorphic function w.r.t. n

An arrow of $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$

This condition “naturality”

$$\forall a \in A(m). B(\rho)(f(m)(a)) = f(n)(A(\rho)(a))$$

diagrammatically means the commutativity of the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 m & & A(m) & \xrightarrow{f(m)} & B(m) \\
 \rho \downarrow & & \downarrow A(\rho) & & \downarrow B(\rho) \\
 n & & A(n) & \xrightarrow{f(n)} & B(n)
 \end{array}$$

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I. Abstract Syntax and Variable Binding

[Fiore, Plotkin, Turi LICS'99]

- ▷ Aim: To model syntax with variable binding, e.g.

$$\frac{}{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \vdash \mathbf{x}_i} \quad \frac{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \vdash \mathbf{t} \quad \mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \vdash \mathbf{s}}{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \vdash \mathbf{t}@\mathbf{s}}$$

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- ▷ Syntax generated by 3 constructors
- ▷ λ is a **special** unary function symbol:
it decreases the context

Abstract Syntax and Variable Binding

- ▷ Aim: model syntax with variable binding, e.g.

$$\frac{}{n \vdash i} \quad \frac{n \vdash t \quad n \vdash s}{n \vdash t@s}$$

$$\frac{n + 1 \vdash t}{n \vdash \lambda(n + 1.t)}$$

- ▷ Category \mathbb{F} for variable contexts

objects: $n = \{1, \dots, n\}$ (variable contexts)

arrows: all functions $n \rightarrow n'$ (renamings)

- ▷ Context extension: $\delta A \in \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$; $(\delta A)(n) = A(n + 1)$

The presheaf of variables: $V \in \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$; $V(n) = \{1, \dots, n\}$



Algebras in $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$

Def. A **binding signature** Σ consists of a set Σ of function symbols with binding arities.

A function symbol with **binding arity** $(n_i \in \mathbb{N})$

$$f : \langle n_1, \dots, n_l \rangle$$

has l arguments and binds n_i variables in the i -th argument .

Def. A Σ -**algebra** $A = (A, \{f^A\}_{f \in \Sigma})$ in $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$ consists of

▷ a presheaf $A \in \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$ (**carrier**)

▷ an arrow of $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$ (**operation**)

$$f^A : \delta^{n_1} A \times \dots \times \delta^{n_l} A \longrightarrow A$$

corresponding to each function symbol $f : \langle n_1, \dots, n_l \rangle \in \Sigma$.

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▷ an arrow of $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$ (**unit**)

$$\nu : V \longrightarrow A$$

Σ -monoids – Algebras with Substitutions

Def. A Σ -monoid $A = (A, \nu, \mu)$ is a Σ -algebra A equipped with

▷ an arrow $\nu : \mathbf{V} \rightarrow A$ of $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$ (unit)

▷ a family of functions (multiplication),

$$\mu_n^{(m)} : A(m) \times A(n)^m \longrightarrow A(n)$$

which is (extra)natural and satisfies the Σ -monoid laws

$$(i) \quad \mu_n(\nu_m(i); \vec{b}) = b_i$$

$$(ii) \quad \mu_n^{(n)}(a; \nu_n(1), \dots, \nu_n(n)) = a$$

$$(iii) \quad \mu_n(a; \mu_n(b_1, \vec{c}), \dots, \mu_n(b_l, \vec{c})) = \mu_n(\mu_n(a; \vec{b}); \vec{c})$$

$$(vi) \quad \mu_n(f_n^A(a_1, \dots, a_l); \vec{b}) =$$

$$f_n^A(\mu_n(a_1; \vec{b}, (\nu_{m+k_i}(m+i))_{i=1, \dots, k_1}), \dots,$$

$$\mu_n(a_l; \vec{b}, (\nu_{m+k_l}(m+i))_{i=1, \dots, k_l}))$$

for $f : \langle k_1, \dots, k_l \rangle \in \Sigma$

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– compatibility between Σ -algebra and multiplication

Example: λ -terms

- ▷ Binding signature Σ_λ for λ -terms

$$\lambda : \langle 1 \rangle, \quad @ : \langle 0, 0 \rangle$$

- ▷ Carrier: the presheaf Λ of all λ -terms

$$\Lambda(n) = \{t \mid n \vdash t\}$$

$$\Lambda(\rho) : \Lambda(m) \rightarrow \Lambda(n) \quad \text{renaming on } \lambda\text{-terms}$$

for $\rho : m \rightarrow n$ in \mathbb{F} .

- ▷ Forms a Σ_λ -algebra

$$@^\Lambda : \Lambda \times \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda \quad \lambda^\Lambda : \delta\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$$

$$@_n^\Lambda(s, t) = s@t \quad \lambda_n^\Lambda(t) = \lambda(n+1.t)$$

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- ▷ Forms a $\mathbf{V} + \Sigma_\lambda$ -algebra

$$\nu^\Lambda : \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \Lambda \quad @^\Lambda : \Lambda \times \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda \quad \lambda^\Lambda : \delta\Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$$

$$\nu_n(i) = i \quad @_n^\Lambda(s, t) = s@t \quad \lambda_n^\Lambda(t) = \lambda(n+1.t)$$

Example: λ -terms – Summary (1)

- ▷ $V + \Sigma_{\lambda}$ -algebra ($\Lambda \in \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$, $\{\mathbf{var}, \mathbf{app}, \mathbf{abs}\}$)

$$\begin{array}{llll}
 \mathbf{var} : V \rightarrow \Lambda & \mathbf{app} : \Lambda \times \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda & \mathbf{abs} : \delta\Lambda & \rightarrow \Lambda \\
 i \mapsto i & s, t \mapsto s@t & \mathbf{abs}(n) : \Lambda(n+1) \rightarrow \Lambda(n) & \\
 & & t & \mapsto \lambda n+1.t
 \end{array}$$

- ▷ Unit = variables
- ▷ Multiplication = substitution for variables
- ▷ Why presheaves? e.g. $\Lambda \in \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$
- ▷ A judgment $n \vdash t$ is modelled as $t \in \Lambda(n)$
- ▷ Presheaf action $\Lambda(\rho) : \Lambda(n) \rightarrow \Lambda(n')$
is renaming of free variables $\rho : n \rightarrow n'$ in a λ -term
- ▷ Thm. Λ is an **initial** $V + \Sigma_{\lambda}$ -algebra

Example: λ -terms – Summary (2)

Forms a Σ_λ -monoid (Λ, ν, μ)

▷ Multiplication $\mu_n^{(m)} : \Lambda(m) \times \Lambda(n)^m \longrightarrow \Lambda(n)$

$$\cdot \quad \mu_n(t, \vec{s}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} t[1 := s_1, \dots, n := s_m]$$

(the substitution of λ -terms for de Bruijn variables) satisfying:

$$(i) \quad \mu_n(i; \vec{s}) = s_i \quad (i \in n)$$

$$(ii) \quad \mu_n^{(n)}(t; 1, \dots, n) = t$$

$$(iii) \quad \mu_n(t; \mu_n(s_1, \vec{u}), \dots, \mu_n(s_l, \vec{u})) = \mu_n(\mu_n(t; \vec{b}); \vec{c})$$

$$(vi-@) \quad \mu_n(t_1 @ t_2; \vec{s}) = \mu_n(t_1; \vec{s}) @ \mu_n(t_2; \vec{s})$$

$$(vi-\lambda) \quad \mu_n(\lambda(n+1.t); \vec{s}) = \lambda(n+1. \mu_{n+1}(t; \vec{s}, n+1))$$

▷ The above axioms of Σ_λ -monoid are satisfied, because μ is substitution.

▷ Thm. (Λ, ν, μ) is an **initial** Σ_λ -monoid



Example of $\mathbf{V} + \Sigma$ -algebra (1): Polynomial Interpretation

▷ $\forall(y.\exists(x.(\neg p(x) \vee q(y))))$.

▷ Binding signature Σ

$$\forall, \exists : \langle 1 \rangle \quad \wedge, \vee : \langle 0, 0 \rangle \quad \neg, p, q : \langle 0 \rangle$$

▷ $\mathbf{V} + \Sigma$ -algebra $(K_{\mathbb{N}}, >_{K_{\mathbb{N}}}) \quad K_{\mathbb{N}} \in \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$

– carrier $K_{\mathbb{N}}(n) = \mathbb{N}$ for “the sizes of formulae”

– operations $\nu_n^{K_{\mathbb{N}}}(x) = 1$

$$\wedge_n^{K_{\mathbb{N}}}(x, y) = \vee_n^{K_{\mathbb{N}}}(x, y) = x + y \quad \forall_n^{K_{\mathbb{N}}}(x) = \exists_n^{K_{\mathbb{N}}}(x) = x + 1$$

$$\neg_n^{K_{\mathbb{N}}}(x) = p_n^{K_{\mathbb{N}}} = q_n^{K_{\mathbb{N}}} = x + 1$$

▷ Difficult to be a Σ -monoid (what is multiplication?)

▷ Basically first-order algebra

Example (2): Second-Order Polynomial Interpretation

$$\mathbf{map}(x.F[x], \mathbf{nil}) \rightarrow \mathbf{nil}$$

$$\mathbf{map}(x.F[x], \mathbf{cons}(X, Y)) \rightarrow \mathbf{cons}(F[X], \mathbf{map}(F, Y))$$

▷ Binding signature

$$\Sigma_{\mathbf{map}} = \{\mathbf{nil} : \langle \rangle \quad \mathbf{cons} : \langle 0, 0 \rangle \quad \mathbf{map} : \langle 1, 0 \rangle\},$$

$$\text{metavariables } \mathcal{Z} = \{F^{(1)}, X^{(0)}, Y^{(0)}\}$$

▷ carrier: **presheaf of clones** $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$

$$\mathbf{H}(0) = \mathbb{N}$$

$$\mathbf{H}(n) = (\mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}) \quad (\text{for } n > 0)$$

$$\mathbf{H}(\rho)(f) = f \circ \langle \pi_{\rho 1}, \dots, \pi_{\rho m} \rangle$$

operations (at n): $\mathbf{nil}_n^{\mathbf{H}} = \mathbf{K1} : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

$$\mathbf{cons}_n^{\mathbf{H}}(x, y) = (+) \circ \langle x, y, \mathbf{K2} \rangle : \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$\mathbf{map}_n^{\mathbf{H}}(f, a) = f \circ \langle \text{id}, \mathbf{K3} \rangle + (\times) \circ \langle a, f \circ \langle \text{id}, a \rangle \rangle$$

Example (2): Second-Order Polynomial Interpretation

operations (at 0): $\mathbf{nil}_0^H = 1 \quad : \mathbb{N}$

$\mathbf{cons}_0^H(x, y) = x + y + 2 \quad : \mathbb{N}$

$\mathbf{map}_0^H(f, a) = f(3) + a \times f(a) \quad : \mathbb{N}$

some calculation:

Homomorphisms

Structure preserving maps for algebras

Def. A **homomorphism** h between Σ -algebras $(A, \{f^A\}_{f \in \Sigma})$ to $(B, \{f^B\}_{f \in \Sigma})$ is an arrow $h : A \longrightarrow B$ of $\mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$ such that

$$h_n(f_n^A(a_1, \dots, a_l)) = f_n^B(h_{n+i_1}(a_1), \dots, h_{n+i_l}(a_l))$$

Def. A **morphism of Σ -monoids** $h : (M, \nu^A, \mu^A) \longrightarrow (M', \nu^B, \mu^B)$ is a Σ -algebra homomorphism that is also a monoid morphism, i.e., it satisfies moreover

$$h_n(\nu_n^A(x)) = \nu_n^B(x)$$

$$h_n(\mu_n^{(m)A}(a; \overrightarrow{b})) = \mu_n^{(m)B}(h_m(a); h_n(b_1), \dots, h_n(b_m))$$

Homomorphisms

Initial $\mathbf{V} + \Sigma$ -algebra

- ▷ Carrier: $\mathbf{T}_\Sigma \mathbf{V}(n) = \{\text{all terms using } \Sigma \text{ with free vars in } n\}$
- ▷ \exists unique homomorphism: $\mathbf{T}_\Sigma \mathbf{V} \longrightarrow \mathbf{A}$ for any $\mathbf{V} + \Sigma$ -algebra \mathbf{A}

Excercise

- ▷ Describe an initial $\mathbf{V} + \Sigma_{\text{map}}$ -algebra
- ▷ Describe an initial Σ_{map} -monoid

TRS: An Important Idea — Freeness of Terms

$T_\Sigma(\mathbf{X})$, the set of all terms forms a **free Σ -algebra** over \mathbf{X} in **Set**

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \mathbf{X} & \xrightarrow{\eta_{\mathbf{X}}} & T_\Sigma(\mathbf{X}) \\
 & \searrow \theta & \vdots \theta^\# \text{ homomorphism} \\
 & & \mathbf{A} \\
 & \text{\(\Sigma\)-algebra} &
 \end{array}$$

Unique homomorphism = compositional interpretation

$$\theta^\#(f(t_1, t_2)) = f_{\mathbf{A}}(\theta^\#(t_1), \theta^\#(t_2)) \quad (\text{homomorphic})$$

Remember the principle of semantics:

$$\llbracket f(t_1, t_2) \rrbracket = \llbracket f \rrbracket(\llbracket t_1 \rrbracket, \llbracket t_2 \rrbracket) \quad (\text{compositional})$$

► CRS's case: Does the set of all meta-terms have **freeness**?

Open problem [Klop'80][Klop, van Oostrom, van Raamsdonk TCS'93]

TRS: Special Case – Initiality of Ground Terms

$T_{\Sigma}(\emptyset)$, the set of all **ground** terms forms an **initial Σ -algebra** in **Set**



Unique homomorphism = compositional interpretation

Intuition:

- ▷ Initial algebras = syntax
- ▷ Free algebras over X = syntax generated by X

Set^ℱ: Two “generic” examples of Σ -monoids

“Generic” means defined for a signature Σ

- (1) The **initial** Σ -monoid $\mathbf{T}_\Sigma \mathbf{V}$
 (= Σ -monoid over $\mathbf{0}$ = initial $\mathbf{V} + \Sigma$ -algebra)
 higher-order abstract syntax (without metavariables)
 ► CRS’s **terms**
- (2) The **free** Σ -monoid $\mathbf{M}_\Sigma \mathbf{Z}$ over $\underline{\mathbf{Z}}$
 higher-order abstract syntax with metavariables \mathbf{Z}
 ► CRS’s **meta-terms**

Note: Terms are special cases of meta-terms.

CRS: Meta-terms (1)

▷ A **binding signature** Σ

▷ \mathcal{Z} is an **\mathbb{N} -indexed set of metavariables** parameterised by arities:

$$\mathcal{Z}(l) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{z \mid z^l, \text{ where } l \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

▷ Raw meta-terms generated by \mathcal{Z} :

$$t ::= x \mid f(x_1 \cdots x_{i_1}.t_1, \dots, x_1 \cdots x_{i_l}.t_l) \mid z[t_1, \dots, t_l]$$

▷ A **meta-term** t is a raw meta-term derived from:

$$\frac{x \in n}{n \vdash x} \quad \frac{f : \langle i_1, \dots, i_l \rangle \in \Sigma \quad n+i_1 \vdash t_1 \cdots n+i_l \vdash t_l}{n \vdash f(n+1 \dots n+i_1.t_1, \dots, n+1 \dots n+i_l.t_l)}$$

$$\frac{z \in \mathcal{Z}(l) \quad n \vdash t_1 \cdots n \vdash t_l}{n \vdash z[t_1, \dots, t_l]}$$

▷ Every meta-term follows the method of de Bruijn levels
– some examples

CRS: Meta-terms (2)

▷ Presheaf $\mathbf{M}_\Sigma \mathbf{Z} \in \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$

$$\mathbf{M}_\Sigma \mathbf{Z}(n) = \{t \mid n \vdash t\}$$

with the presheaf action \dots “renaming on variables”

$$\mathbf{M}_\Sigma \mathbf{Z}(\rho)(x) = \rho(x) \quad (x \in n)$$

$$\mathbf{M}_\Sigma \mathbf{Z}(\rho)(f(n + \vec{i}_1 . t_1, \dots, n + \vec{i}_l . t_l))$$

$$= f(n + \vec{i}_1 . \mathbf{M}_\Sigma \mathbf{Z}(\rho)(t_1), \dots, n + \vec{i}_l . \mathbf{M}_\Sigma \mathbf{Z}(\rho)(t_l))$$

$$\mathbf{M}_\Sigma \mathbf{Z}(\rho)(z[t_1, \dots, t_l]) = z[\mathbf{M}_\Sigma \mathbf{Z}(\rho)(t_1), \dots, \mathbf{M}_\Sigma \mathbf{Z}(\rho)(t_l)]$$

for $\rho : m \rightarrow n$ in \mathbb{F} .

CRS: Meta-terms (3)

- ▷ $V + \Sigma$ -algebra $(M_\Sigma Z, \{\nu, f_T\}_{f \in \Sigma})$

$$\nu(n) : V(n) \longrightarrow M_\Sigma Z(n),$$

$$x \longmapsto x$$

$$f_T : \delta^{i_1} M_\Sigma Z \times \cdots \times \delta^{i_l} M_\Sigma Z \longrightarrow M_\Sigma Z$$

$$(t_1, \dots, t_l) \longmapsto f(n + \vec{i}_1 . t_1, \dots, n + \vec{i}_l . t_l).$$

- ▷ Multiplication $\mu \dots$ “substitution for variables”

$$\mu_n(\text{var}(i); \vec{s}) = s_i$$

$$\mu_n(f(t_1, \dots, t_l); \vec{s}) = f(\mu_{n+i_1}(t_1; \vec{s}), \dots, \mu_{n+i_l}(t_l; \vec{s}))$$

$$\mu_n(Z[t_1, \dots, t_l]; \vec{s}) = Z[\mu_n(t_1, \vec{s}), \dots, \mu_n(t_l, \vec{s})]$$

- ▷ $M_\Sigma Z$ is a free Σ -monoid over Z .

CRS: Terms

- ▷ A **term** is a meta-term using only the first two rules
- ▷ A **meta-term** t is a raw meta-term derived from:

$$\frac{x \in n}{n \vdash x} \quad \frac{f : \langle i_1, \dots, i_l \rangle \in \Sigma \quad n+i_1 \vdash t_1 \cdots n+i_l \vdash t_l}{n \vdash f(n+1 \dots n+i_1.t_1, \dots, n+1 \dots n+i_l.t_l)}$$

- ▷ Presheaf $\mathbf{M}_\Sigma \mathbf{Z} \in \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$

$$\mathbf{T}_\Sigma \mathbf{V}(n) = \{t \mid n \vdash t\}$$

- ▷ $\mathbf{T}_\Sigma \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{M}_\Sigma \mathbf{0}$ is a free Σ -monoid over $\mathbf{0}$.
- ▷ $\mathbf{T}_\Sigma \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{M}_\Sigma \mathbf{0}$ is an initial $\mathbf{V} + \Sigma$ -algebra
- . $!_A : \mathbf{T}_\Sigma \mathbf{V} \longrightarrow A$

Free Σ -monoids: HO Syntax with Metavariables

Thm. $(M_\Sigma Z, \nu, \mu)$ forms a **free Σ -monoid** over Z

▷ Freeness of $M_\Sigma Z$: given assignment θ

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Z & \xrightarrow{\eta_Z} & M_\Sigma Z \\
 & \searrow \theta & \downarrow \exists! \theta^\# \\
 & & A
 \end{array}
 \quad \Sigma\text{-monoid morphism}$$

▷ The unique Σ -monoid morphism $\theta^\#$ that extends θ

$$\theta_n^\# : M_\Sigma Z(n) \longrightarrow A(n) \quad (A, \nu, \mu) \Sigma\text{-monoid}$$

$$\theta_n^\#(i) = \nu_n(i)$$

$$\theta_n^\#(f(t_1, \dots, t_l)) = f_n^A(\theta_{n+i_1}^\#(t_1), \dots, \theta_{n+i_l}^\#(t_l))$$

$$\theta_n^\#(Z[t_1, \dots, t_l]) = \mu_n(\theta_l(Z); \theta_n^\#(t_1), \dots, \theta_n^\#(t_l))$$

Proof. Check: presheaf, Σ -algebra, Σ -monoid, freeness. ▶ (Ex.)

Instance: Valuation

- ▷ Case $A = T_{\Sigma}V$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 Z & \xrightarrow{\eta_Z} & M_{\Sigma}Z \\
 & \searrow \theta & \downarrow \exists! \theta^{\#} \\
 & & T_{\Sigma}V
 \end{array}
 \quad \Sigma\text{-monoid morphism}$$

- ▷ Substitution for metavariables

$$\theta_n^{\#} : M_{\Sigma}Z(n) \longrightarrow T_{\Sigma}V(n)$$

$$\theta_n^{\#}(i) = i$$

$$\theta_n^{\#}(f(t_1, \dots, t_l)) = f(\theta_{n+i_1}^{\#}(t_1), \dots, \theta_{n+i_l}^{\#}(t_l))$$

$$\theta_n^{\#}(Z[t_1, \dots, t_l]) = \mu_n(\theta_l(Z); \theta_n^{\#}(t_1), \dots, \theta_n^{\#}(t_l))$$

- ▷ This is called a **valuation** in CRS.

- ▷ Case $A = M_{\Sigma}Z$ is also possible (“meta-valuation”).

▷ E.g. $\mathbf{M}_{\Sigma, \lambda} \mathbf{Z} \rightarrow \mathbf{T}_{\Sigma, \lambda} \mathbf{V}$

$$\theta^\#(\lambda(x.z[x]@y)) = \lambda(x.(x@x)@y)$$

where $\theta(z^{(1)}) = \mathbf{1}@1$

▷ Other examples of Σ -monoids: clone $\mathcal{C}(D^{(-)}, D)$ (for Λ), terms with additional a free variable $\delta \mathbf{T}_{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}$.