Interpretation of Universes (Prop, $Type_j$), Propositions and Π/Σ -types

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- \blacktriangleright Where |A|: carrier set
- \blacktriangleright \Vdash_A : realizability relation $(\omega \times |A|)$
- $ightharpoonup n \Vdash a$: n implements a

How are ω -sets used?

Definition ω -set

- $ightharpoonup A = (|A|, \Vdash_A)$
- Where |A| is called the carrier set, and ⊩A is called the realizability relation.

In practice

- ► Context: $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$: ω -**Set**
- ► Type: $\llbracket \Gamma \vdash A : Type_i \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \omega \mathbf{Set}$
- $ightharpoonup \sigma(\Gamma, A)$: expand Γ with type A

Requirements of Type universes

How can we interpret a type universe, such that:

- ▶ $Prop \in Type_0 \in Type_1 \in Type_2 \in ...$
- ▶ $Prop \subseteq Type_0 \subseteq Type_1 \subseteq Type_2 \subseteq ...$
- $ightharpoonup Type_i$ is closed under Σ and Π (predicatively)
- \triangleright *Prop* is closed under Π (impredicatively for arbitrary products).

Interpreting and extending the context

Definition $\sigma(\Gamma, A)$

Let Γ be an ω -set and A be a $|\Gamma|$ indexed ω -set

$$|\sigma(\Gamma, A)| =_{\mathsf{df}} \{(\gamma, a) | \gamma \in |\Gamma|, a \in |A(\gamma)|\}$$

$$\langle m,n \rangle \Vdash_{\sigma(\Gamma,a)} (\gamma,a)$$
 if and only if $m \Vdash_{\Gamma} \gamma$ and $n \Vdash_{A(\gamma)} a$

- Extend context Γ with A

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Π/Σ types

Definition Σ-types

- \triangleright $\Sigma x : A.B$
- Dependent pair type
- Type of the second element of the pair depends on value of the first element

Definition Π-types

- ► ∏x : A.B
- Dependent function type
- Type of the result of the function depends on value of x.

Σ -Types as ω -sets

Definition $\sigma_{\Gamma}(A, B)$

▶ Let $A : \Gamma \to \omega$ -**Set** and $B : |\sigma(\Gamma, A)| \to \omega$ -**Set**

$$\sigma_{\Gamma}(A,B): |\Gamma| \to \omega - \mathbf{Set}$$

The carrier set is defined by:

$$|\sigma_{\gamma}(A,B)(\gamma)| =_{\mathsf{df}} \{(a,b) | a \in |A(\gamma)|, b \in |B(\gamma,a)|\}$$

Realizability relation is defined by:

$$\langle m,n \rangle \Vdash_{\sigma_{\Gamma}(A,B)(\gamma)} (a,b)$$
 if and only if $m \Vdash_{A(\gamma)} a$ and $n \Vdash_{B(\gamma,a)} b$

Π -Types as ω-sets

Definition $\pi_{\Gamma}(A, B)$

▶ Let $A : \Gamma \to \omega$ -**Set** and $B : |\sigma(\Gamma, A)| \to \omega$ -**Set**

$$\pi_{\Gamma}(A,B): |\Gamma| \to \omega$$
-**Set**

$$|\pi_{\Gamma}(A,B)(\gamma)| =_{\mathsf{df}} \left\{ f \in \prod_{a \in |A(\gamma)|} |B(\gamma,a)| \mid \exists n \in \omega. \ n \Vdash_{\pi_{\Gamma}(A,B)(\gamma)} f \right\}$$

$$n \Vdash_{\pi_{\Gamma}(A,B)(\gamma)} \text{ iff } \forall a \in |A(\gamma)|$$
:

$$\forall m \in \omega. \ m \Vdash_{|A(\gamma)|} a \implies nm \Vdash_{|B(\gamma,a)|} f(a)$$

- ▶ Let $A : \Gamma \to \omega$ -**Set** and $B : |\sigma(\Gamma, A)| \to \omega$ -**Set**
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 - $\blacktriangleright \pi_{\Gamma}(A,B): |\Gamma| \rightarrow \omega \mathbf{Set}$

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$$Prop = B \cup N$$

$$\downarrow$$
 $Type_j = \dots$

Cumulative hierarchy of set

- $ightharpoonup Prop \in Type_0 \in Type_1 \in Type_2 \in \dots$
- ▶ $Prop \subseteq Type_0 \subseteq Type_1 \subseteq Type_2 \subseteq ...$

$$Prop = \mathbb{B} \cup \mathbb{N}$$

$$\downarrow$$
 $Type_0 = \mathbb{B} \cup \mathbb{N} \cup \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{B} \cup \mathbb{N})$

$$Type_1 = \mathbb{B} \cup \mathbb{N} \cup \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{B} \cup \mathbb{N}) \cup \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{B} \cup \mathbb{N}))$$

- $ightharpoonup \kappa_1 < \kappa_2 < \kappa_3 < \dots$
- $\triangleright V_{\kappa_i}$: set universe
- ▶ ω -**Set**(j) subcategory of ω -**Set**
- ► Type_i corresponds to category ω -**Set**(j)
- ▶ All carrier sets in $\omega \mathbf{Set}(j)$ are in universe V_{κ_i}

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ightharpoonup \Delta(Obj(\omega - \mathbf{Set}(j))) \in Obj(\omega - \mathbf{Set}(j+1))
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$$\blacktriangleright \ \llbracket \Gamma \vdash \mathit{Type}_j : \mathit{Type}_{j+1} \rrbracket (\gamma) =_{\mathsf{df}} \Delta(\mathit{Obj}(\omega - \mathsf{Set}(j)))$$

where $\Delta : \mathbf{Set} \to \omega - \mathbf{Set}$

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Modest Sets

Definition M

$$\forall n \in \omega \ \forall a, b \in |A|. \ n \Vdash_A a \ and \ n \Vdash_A b \implies a = b$$

- ▶ **M** is too "big"
- ► Define "smaller" category **PROP**

PROP

Definition *Obj*(**PROP**)

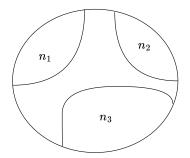
Let R be a partial equivalence relation

$$Obj(\mathsf{PROP}) =_{\mathsf{df}} \{ (Q(R), \in) \mid R \subseteq \omega \times \omega \}$$

- ► Elements in $Type_i$ are ω-sets
- ► Elements in *Prop* are also ω-set
- Should be small

Quotient Set with Respect to R

- ▶ Partial equivalence relation: $R \subseteq \omega \times \omega$
- $ightharpoonup [n_1]_R: \{m \in \omega \mid n_1Rm\}$
- \triangleright All implementation related to n_1
- \triangleright $Q(R) = \{[n]_R \mid (n, n) \in R\}$



Definition of back

Lemma

There is an equivalence of categories **back** : $M \rightarrow PROP$ such that:

- ▶ $back(A) \cong A \text{ for } A \in Obj(M)$
- ▶ $back(P) = P \text{ for } P \in Obj(Prop)$

Definition back : $M \rightarrow PROP$

For $A \in Obj(\mathbf{M})$

$$\mathbf{back}(A) =_{\mathsf{df}} (Q(R_A), \in)$$

where

$$R_A = \{(n, m) \mid \exists a \in A. \ n \Vdash_A a \text{ and } m \Vdash_A a\}$$

Definition of back continued

▶ A morphism between ω -sets A and B is an $f: |A| \to |B|$ s.t.:

$$\exists n \in \omega \ \forall a \in |A| \ \forall m \in \omega. \ m \Vdash_A a \implies nm \Vdash_B f(a)$$

 \blacktriangleright A morphism is an ω -set

Definition **back** on morphisms

back : $M \rightarrow PR\Omega P$

Let $f: |A| \rightarrow |B|$ in **M**

 $\mathbf{back}(f): |A| \rightarrow |B| \text{ in PROP}$

$$\mathbf{back}(f)([p]_{R_A}) =_{df} [np]_{R_B} \text{ where } n \Vdash_{A,B} f$$

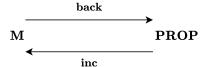
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Definition of inc

- Let inc :PROP → M, such that it is the inverse of back
- ▶ It is the inclusion functor from **PROP** to **M**

$$id: id_{PROP} \rightarrow back \circ inc$$

$$\eta: id_{\mathsf{M}} \to \mathsf{inc} \circ \mathsf{back}$$



Proof lemma part 1

Lemma (part 1)

There is an equivalence of categories back : $M \rightarrow PROP$ s.t:

▶ back(A) \cong A for A \in Obj(M)

Proof.

- ▶ Let $A \in Obj(A)$ and $a \in |A|$
- $\triangleright \eta_A(a) =_{\mathrm{df}} [n]_{R_A}$ where $n \Vdash_A a$
- ▶ $back(A) = (Q(R_A), \in) = inc \circ back(A) \cong A$

Proof lemma part 2

Lemma (part 2)

There is an equivalence of categories back : $M \rightarrow PROP$ s.t.:

▶ $back(P) = P \text{ for } P \in Obj(Prop)$

Proof.

Let
$$P = (Q(R), \in) \in Obj(\mathbf{PROP})$$

 $\mathbf{back}(P) = (Q(R_P), \in) = (Q(R), \in) = P$

$$R_p = \{(n, m) \mid \exists a \in |P| . n \Vdash_P a \text{ and } m \Vdash_P a\}$$

$$= \{(n, m) \mid \exists [a]_R \in Q(R). m \Vdash_P [a]_R \text{ and } n \Vdash_P [a]_R\}$$

$$= \{(n, m) \mid \exists a \in \omega. (m, n \in [a]_R)\}$$

$$= R$$

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Requirement 4 of Type universes

- Prop is closed under Π
- First use $\pi_{\llbracket\Gamma\rrbracket}$ to form the product. Then use **back** to take it back into a family of objects in **PROP**.

$$\llbracket \Gamma \Vdash \Pi x : A.P : Prop \rrbracket =_{df} \mathbf{back} \circ \pi_{\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket} (\llbracket \Gamma \Vdash A : T_{\Gamma}(A) \rrbracket, \llbracket \Gamma, x : A \Vdash P : Prop \rrbracket)$$

Interpretation universe PROP

Based on these, we interpret the universe *Prop* as the following $| \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket |$ -indexed family of ω -sets, for $\gamma \in | \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket |$,

$$\llbracket \Gamma \vdash Prop : Type_0 \rrbracket(y) =_{df} \Delta(Obj(PROP))$$

Similar to how the universes *Type* are defined:

$$\llbracket \Gamma \vdash Type_j : Type_{j+1} \rrbracket (\gamma) =_{\mathsf{df}} \Delta(Obj(\omega - \mathsf{Set}(j)))$$

where $\Delta : \mathbf{Set} \to \omega - \mathbf{Set}$