## An extended calculus of constructions by Zhaohui Luo (sections 7.1 & 7.2)

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#### Goal

The goal is to use sets to model the calculus of extended calculus of constructions

## (recap / intuition)

- $(|A|, \Vdash_A)$
- Elements of |A| are the *objects* of the set.
- The relation  $n \Vdash_A x$  means:

"the code n gives a (computational) representation of x."

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#### Surjectivity condition

We require:

$$\forall a \in |A|. \exists n \in \omega. n \Vdash_A a.$$

(Every element has at least one realizer.)

## $\omega$ -sets: Boolean example

#### Example: Booleans

Let  $|A| = \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}\$ and suppose we choose two codes in  $\omega$  as realizers:

$$\omega \supseteq \{r_{\mathsf{true},r_{\mathsf{false}}\}.}$$

Set

$$r_{\text{true}} \vdash_{A} \text{true}, \qquad r_{\text{false}} \vdash_{\Delta} \text{false}.$$

Then  $\Vdash_A$  consists of these pairs (plus any additional pairs allowed).

## Morphisms (Recap)

#### example

suppose we have two sets

 $(\mathbb{N}, \Vdash_{\mathbb{N}})$  and  $(\mathbb{B}, \Vdash_{\mathbb{B}})$ 

If we want to go  $\mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{B}$  we could use the function:

 $f: even: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{B}$ 

e: is the implementation of the function such that

if  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  &  $d \Vdash_{\mathbb{N}} n$  then  $ed \Vdash_{\mathbb{B}} even(n)$ 

## Morphisms of $\omega$ -sets (definition)

A morphism  $f: A \rightarrow B$  consists of:

- **1** A function on carriers  $f: |A| \rightarrow |B|$ ;
- **2** Computable realizer: there exists  $e \in \omega$  (a code) such that

$$\forall a \in |A| \ \forall m \in \omega. \quad m \Vdash_A a \Longrightarrow e \cdot m \Vdash_B f(a).$$

(Here  $e \cdot m$  denotes Kleene application / partial recursive application.)

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- Prop closed under Π



## **Empty** context

The empty context is interpreted as the trivial  $\omega$ -set:

$$[\![\langle\rangle]\!](1,\ \omega\times 1)$$

- Carrier  $|1| = \{*\}$ .
- Every  $n \in \omega$  realizes \*:  $n \Vdash_{\llbracket \langle \rangle \rrbracket} *$ .



## Types as Γ-indexed families

A type judgment  $\Gamma \vdash A : \text{Type}_j$  is interpreted as:

 $\llbracket A \rrbracket : | \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket | \longrightarrow \omega$ -set.

- For each environment  $\gamma \in | \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket |$ ,  $\llbracket A \rrbracket (\gamma)$  is an  $\omega$ -set.
- So a type is a family of carriers with realizability relations depending on  $\gamma$ .

#### Context extention

#### Sementically

$$\llbracket \Gamma, x : A \rrbracket = \sigma(\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket, \llbracket A \rrbracket)$$

- $\llbracket A \rrbracket$  is a family  $|\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket| \to \omega set$ .
- $\bullet$   $\sigma$  bundles an environment with a value for the new variable.

## The $\sigma$ -construction (context extension)

Let  $\Gamma$  be an  $\omega$ -set and  $A: |\Gamma| \to \text{be a } \Gamma$ -indexed family. Define:

$$|\sigma(\Gamma, A)|\{(\gamma, a) \mid \gamma \in |\Gamma|, a \in |A(\gamma)|\}.$$

Realizers:

$$\langle m, n \rangle \Vdash_{\sigma(\Gamma, A)} (\gamma, a) \iff m \Vdash_{\Gamma} \gamma \wedge n \Vdash_{A(\gamma)} a.$$

So realizers for a pair are pairs of realizers.

## Extention example

#### Example

Let  $\Gamma = (x:Bool)$ 

Let A(x) = Nat

Then:

$$|\llbracket \Gamma, x : A \rrbracket| = \{(true, n), (false, n) | n \in Nat\}$$

## Dependent extension example

#### Example (dependent)

Let 
$$\Gamma = (n : Nat)$$

Let 
$$A(n) = Vec(Bool, n)$$

Then:

$$|\llbracket \Gamma, x : A \rrbracket| = \{(n, v) \mid n \in Nat, \ v \in Bool^n\}.$$

#### Realizers:

- a realizer for n
- a realizer computing a Boolean vector of length n

## Terms as morphisms

A term judgment  $\Gamma \vdash M : A$  is interpreted as a morphism:

$$\llbracket M \rrbracket : |\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket | \longrightarrow |\llbracket A \rrbracket |$$

together with a realizer-index e such that for each  $\gamma$  and each  $m \Vdash_{\Gamma} \gamma$  we have:

$$e \cdot m \Vdash_{\llbracket A \rrbracket(\gamma)} \llbracket M \rrbracket(\gamma).$$

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- FPP guarantees that a term producing an element of the extended context does not change the underlying environment.
- It is crucial when interpreting dependent terms as sections of  $\sigma$ .

## General interpretation

$$\Gamma \in \omega$$
-Set

$$K: |\Gamma| \to \omega$$
-Set

$$K(\gamma) = (X, \omega \times X) \ \forall \gamma \in |\Gamma|$$

$$n \Vdash_{K(\gamma)} X$$

This means that terms like  $(\Gamma, K)$  are similar to morphisms of  $|\Gamma| \to X$ 

## Summary

- $\omega$ -sets give a computational semantics for ECC.
- Contexts interpreted as  $\omega$ -sets via the  $\sigma$ -construction.
- Types become families of  $\omega$ -sets over contexts.
- Terms become computable morphisms.
- The First Projection Property ensures coherence of context extension.

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## Questions

Are there any questions?

