

# **Seminar Presentation**

## **Theorems & Proofs for Free**

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# Overview

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## 2. Theorems For Free

## 3. Proofs for Free

# My Two Papers

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- 1st Paper: Theorems for Free! by Philip Wadler (1989)
- 2nd Paper: Proofs for free: Parametricity for dependent types (2012)  
by Bernardy, Paterson & Jansson

# Initial Motivation

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And how does it rely on System F?

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Also known as

$\lambda 2$  type theory, second-order lambda calculus, polymorphic lambda calculus

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*If we derive a theorem for a type of a polymorphic function,  
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i.e. *lists are related iff they have the same length and corresponding elements are related.*

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## Parametricity under a naive set-theoretic model

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Assume  $a : A \rightarrow A'$  and  $b : B \rightarrow B'$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{head} &: \forall X. X^* \rightarrow X \\ a \circ \text{head}_A &= \text{head}_{A'} \circ a^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tail} &: \forall X. X^* \rightarrow X^* \\ a^* \circ \text{tail}_A &= \text{tail}_{A'} \circ a^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{++}) &: \forall X. X^* \rightarrow X^* \rightarrow X^* \\ a^* (xs \text{++}_A ys) &= (a^* xs) \text{++}_{A'} (a^* ys) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{concat} &: \forall X. X^{**} \rightarrow X^* \\ a^* \circ \text{concat}_A &= \text{concat}_{A'} \circ a^{**} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{fst} &: \forall X. \forall Y. X \times Y \rightarrow X \\ a \circ \text{fst}_{AB} &= \text{fst}_{A'B'} \circ (a \times b) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{zip} &: \forall X. \forall Y. (X^* \times Y^*) \rightarrow (X \times Y)^* \\ (a \times b)^* \circ \text{zip}_{AB} &= \text{zip}_{A'B'} \circ (a^* \times b^*) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{filter} &: \forall X. (X \rightarrow \text{Bool}) \rightarrow X^* \rightarrow X^* \\ a^* \circ \text{filter}_A (p' \circ a) &= \text{filter}_{A'} (p' \circ a^*) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sort} &: \forall X. (X \rightarrow X \rightarrow \text{Bool}) \rightarrow X^* \rightarrow X^* \\ \text{if for all } z, y \in A, (x < y) = (a z <' a y) \text{ then} \\ a^* \circ \text{sort}_A (<) &= \text{sort}_{A'} (<) \circ a^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{fold} &: \forall X. \forall Y. (X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Y) \rightarrow Y \rightarrow X^* \rightarrow Y \\ \text{if for all } z \in A, y \in B, b (z \oplus y) = (a z) \otimes (b y) \text{ and } b u = u' \text{ then} \\ b \circ \text{fold}_{AB} (\otimes) u &= \text{fold}_{A'B'} (\otimes) u' \circ a^* \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I &: \forall X. X \rightarrow X \\ a \circ I_A &= I_{A'} \circ a \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K &: \forall X. \forall Y. X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow X \\ a (K_{AB} z y) &= K_{A'B'} (a z) (b y) \end{aligned}$$

Figure 1: Examples of theorems from types

# Proofs for Free! (2012)

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For a Pure Type System used as a programming language,  
there is a Pure Type System that can be used as a logic for Parametricity

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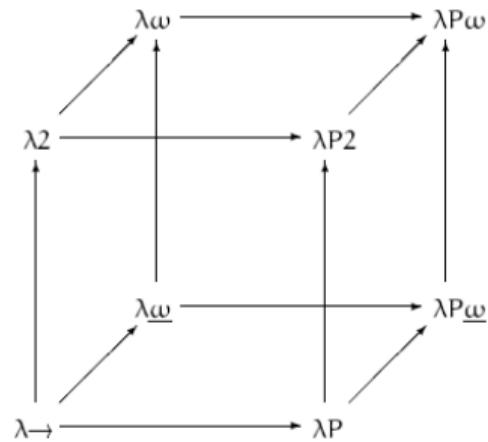


Figure: Pure type systems

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- $\mathbb{S} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$  sorts
- $\mathbb{A} \subseteq \mathbb{C} \times \mathbb{S}$  axioms
- $\mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S} \times \mathbb{S}$  typing rules

# Typing rules for PTS

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$$\frac{}{\vdash c : s} c : s \in \mathbb{A}$$

**AXIOM**

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : s}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash x : A}$$

**START**

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : B \quad \Gamma \vdash C : s}{\Gamma, x : C \vdash A : B}$$

**WEAKING**

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : s_1 \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash B : s_2}{\Gamma \vdash (\forall x : A. B) : s_3} (s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \mathbb{R}$$

**PRODUCT**

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash F : (\forall x : A : B) \quad \Gamma \vdash a : A}{\Gamma \vdash Fa : B[x \mapsto a]}$$

**APPLICATION**

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash b : B \quad \Gamma \vdash (\forall x : A : B) : s}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x : A. B) : (\forall x : A : B)}$$

**ABSTRACTION**

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : B \quad \Gamma \vdash B' : s \quad B =_{\beta} B'}{\Gamma \vdash A : B'}$$

**CONVERSION**

The rule  $(s_1, s_2, s_3)$  is often written as  $s1 \rightsquigarrow s2$ .

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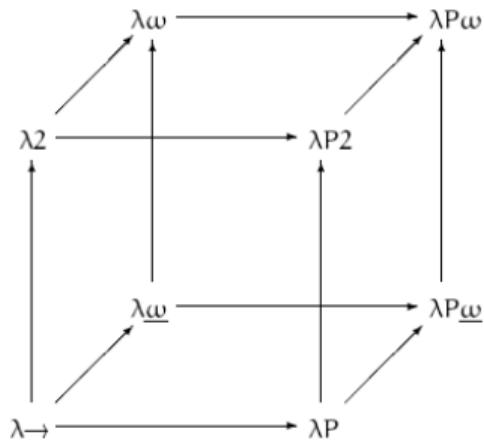


Figure: Pure type systems

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## Q&A

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