Game Semantics for Dependent Types

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- Id-types more intensional than domain model: function extensionality fails;
- intensional in orthogonal way to HoTT (time vs space): UIP holds.

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- Tight correspondence with syntax (full abstraction, full faithful completeness): often unique semantics in this respect.

Computation / Logic	Games
data type / proposition	2-player game (duality!)
computational process / argument	play: alternating seq. of moves
program / proof	Player (P) strategy
environment / refutation	Opponent (O) strategy
variable declarations / axiom links	copycat strategies
substitution / cut	interaction
termination / correctness	winning
pure sequential functional behaviour	history-freeness + determinism
(no state, parallelism, control ops) /	+ well-bracketing of strategies

An example:

Player:
$$x : \mathbb{B}, y : (\mathbb{B} \Rightarrow \mathbb{B}) \vdash y(x) : \mathbb{B}$$

Opponent: $-[\operatorname{tt}/x, (\lambda_{z:\mathbb{B}} \neg z)/y]$

\mathbb{B}	\Rightarrow	(₿	\Rightarrow	$\mathbb{B})$	\Rightarrow	\mathbb{B}	
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Ground types (finite inductive types): for a set X, game \widetilde{X}_* with one Opponent move *, followed by any of the Player moves $x \in X$.

Use the term simple type theory (STT) to refer to a simple λ -calculus with binary products \times , function types \Rightarrow and finite inductive types $\{a_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$, or a total finitary PCF with binary products, with $\beta\eta$ -rules and PCF commutative conversions for case-constructs.

Straightforward consequence of AJM:

Theorem

The interpretation of STT in Game₁ is fully and faithfully complete.

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Why care?

- Move towards richer type systems: e.g. GADTs in Haskell.
- Types allowed to refer to data: e.g. $n : \mathbb{N} \vdash \text{List}(n)$ type.
- Specification by typing: certification by type checking.
- Proof assistants.
- Logical Frameworks.

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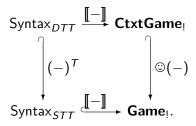
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$$x:A \vdash (a_i \mapsto_i \{b_{i,j} \mid j\}) \text{ type}$$
 $\mapsto \vdash \{b_{i,j} \mid i,j\} \text{ type}$ $x:A \vdash \Sigma_{y:B}C \text{ type}$ $\mapsto \vdash B^T \times C^T \text{ type}$ $x:A \vdash \Pi_{y:B}C \text{ type}$ $\mapsto \vdash B^T \Rightarrow C^T \text{ type}$ $x:A,y:B,y':B \vdash \text{Id}_B(y,y') \text{ type}$ $\mapsto \vdash B^T \text{ type}$ $x':A' \vdash B[a/x] \text{ type}$ $\mapsto \vdash B^T \text{ type}$

+ translation on terms.

The idea of our interpretation $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$ will be to construct a category **CtxtGame**! of *dependent context games* with a functor $\mathfrak{G}(-)$ to **Game**!, such that



Games model of DTT will therefore automatically be faithful.

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Note: $ob(Game_!) \subseteq ob(DGame_!(I))$. Indeed, a dependent game A in empty context is a pair $A(\bot) \preceq \odot(A)$, for empty strategy \bot .

Define $ob(\mathbf{DGame}_!(A)) := ob(\mathbf{DGame}_!(\mathfrak{G}(A))).$

Can define I, & and \Rightarrow on games with dependency and make into ccc with homset **DGame**_! $(A)(B, C) := \text{wstr}(\Pi_A(B \Rightarrow C))$.

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- That is, as long as there is such a τ ; otherwise, anything goes.
- Indeed, Opponent is totally free and might not play along a winning strategy, as $\odot(-)$ should be faithful (to match $(-)^T$).

Non-example of dependently typed algorithm: scheduling finance meetings

Player/Academic:
$$x : months \vdash 31 : days(x)$$

Opponent/Education Finance Business Manager Manager:

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} \hline \Pi(&\widetilde{\mathsf{months}}_*\,,&\widetilde{\mathit{days}}_*) & \\ & * & O \\ & 31 & P \end{array}$$

Player chooses fibre: e.g. February doesn't have a 31^{st} day. Mr Manager shouldn't allow that...

Example of dependently typed algorithm:

Academic/Player:
$$x$$
: months \vdash case_{days,months} $(x, \{31, 1, ..., 1, 31\})$: days (x)

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Example (fibre-wise identities):

Player: $x : A, y : B(x) \vdash y : B(x)$

Opponent: choose your favourite

П([[A]] ,	$\llbracket B \rrbracket$	\Rightarrow	$\llbracket B \rrbracket)$	
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Formally add them: get model $CtxtGame_!$ of DTT with $\Sigma\Pi Id$ (the last through intersection) and fin. inductive type families!

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$$x : \mathbb{B} \vdash \mathsf{refl}_x : \mathsf{Id}_{\mathbb{B}}(x, x)$$

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Place in intensionality spectrum Id-types:

	Domains	HoTT	Games
Failure of Equality Reflection	1	✓	1
Streicher Intensionality Criteria (11) and (12)	✓	✓	1
Streicher Intensionality Criterion (13)	×	×	1
Failure of Function Extensionality (FunExt)	×	X	1
Failure of Uniqueness of Identity Proofs (UIP)	×	✓	Х.

Discrete ground types (0-types), but function hierarchy generates (open) propositional identities: observational equivalences.

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Actually, the model has strong completeness properties.

Theorem (Full Completeness)

This interpretation is full when restricted to the types of the form A or $\Pi_A Id_B(f,g)$ with A and B built without Id-types:

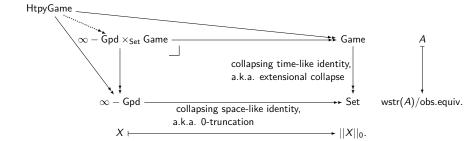
$$\mathsf{Syntax}_{DTT}^{\mathsf{Restricted Types}} \stackrel{\llbracket - \rrbracket}{\longrightarrow} \mathbf{CtxtGame}_! \qquad \mathsf{full}.$$

Future Work

Ultimate goal: intensional, computational analysis of HoTT.

- game semantics of higher inductive types / quotient types;
- examining function extensionality and univalence;
- universes and a more intensional notion of type family;
- infinite inductive type families and their definability results;
- examining completeness properties of the model for the complete type hierarchy, including Id-types;
- constructing models of DTT with side effects.

In particular, for the first item:



Bonus Example (Higher order dependent functions):

Player/Employer: x: years, y: $\Pi(x$: days(year), $\Pi(y$: holidays, \mathbb{B})) \vdash approval check1: \mathbb{B} Opponent/Employee: - [2015/x, holiday plans/y]

$\Pi(\widetilde{years}_*,$	$\Pi(\widetilde{days_*},$	$\Pi(\widetilde{holidays}_*,$	$\widetilde{\mathbb{B}}_*)),$	$\widetilde{\mathbb{B}}_*)$	
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(Note that Holi happens every year with variable Gregorian date and that Player gets to choose the day so can even specify the holiday before the day.)

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