An introduction to denotational semantics of logic

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Introduction

I will try to introduce the concepts of semantics and its uses in logic.

The presentation may be more oriented to combinatorists in the audience: I suppose very little on your background in logic.

You are of course very welcome to ask questions.

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(this is the Curry-Howard correspondence) we can play the same game for logics.

The virtuous circle

This is quite useful and productive:

- semantics helps to understand better the properties of logics
- logics helps to find the common structures behind the models

Part I

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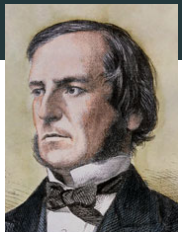

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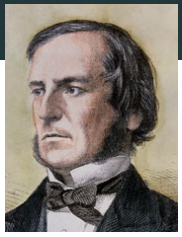

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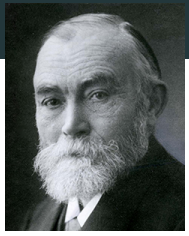

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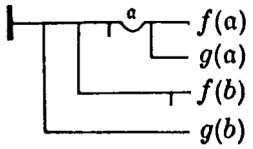

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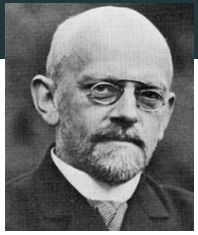

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Let's shift from provability to proofs.

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specifies when I can deduce a sequent from others / what I need to show in order to prove a sequent.

Intuitionistic natural deduction (NJ)

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- a variable x,
- $\lambda x^A.t$: the function which to x associates t (in OCaml: `fun (x : A) -> t`),
- $t\,u$: we apply the function t to u,
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- $\pi_1(t)$, $\pi_r(t)$: the projections,
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A very simple observation is that if we "erase" terms in typing rules and slightly change the notations of connectives

typing	logic
$\to$	$\Rightarrow$
$\times$	$\wedge$
1	$\top$

we obtain the rules of logic, for instance:

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Part IV

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- $[\![A \wedge B]\!] = [\![A]\!] \times [\![B]\!]$ is the cartesian product of $[\![A]\!]$ and $[\![B]\!]$,
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and

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We recover the previous interpretation by considering whether a set is empty or not:

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1	$\emptyset$	1

$A \wedge B$	$\emptyset$	1
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we obtain classical logic.

Theorem
The boolean interpretation is correct and complete for classical logic.

Part V

Dynamics

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For instance, if we define

$$\texttt{double} \qquad = \qquad \lambda x.x + x$$

we have

$$\texttt{double}\, 5 = (\lambda x.x + x)\, 5 \longrightarrow_\beta 5 + 5$$

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We should also add rules for products:

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
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A **redex** is a subterm which can reduce.

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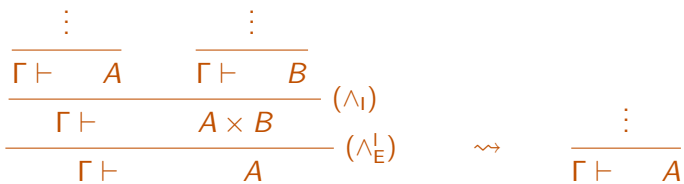

Such a situation is called a **cut** (= introduction and elimination of a connective) and this transformation is called **cut elimination**.

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Correctness of set-theoretic semantics

Theorem
The set-theoretic semantics is correct, *in the sense that it is invariant under reduction (= cut elimination): given a derivation of* $\Gamma \vdash t : A$ *if* $t \longrightarrow_\beta t'$ *then*

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This can be seen as a modularity principle: the behavior of the whole program can be determined from its components only (and not the interactions they can have).

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- we might want to capture more precisely the language:
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Part VI

Categorical semantics

Categorical axiomatization

Instead of checking each time that the model is denotational, people have studied categorical axiomatizations.

We define algebraic structures on categories which ensure that

- *operations*: there is a canonical interpretation of proofs in those categories,
- *axioms*: the interpretation of proofs is invariant under reduction.

Categories

A **category** $\mathcal{C}$ consists of

- a set of objects $A, B, \ldots$
- a set of morphisms $\mathcal{C}(A, B)$ for every objects A and B
- a composition operations and identities

such that

- composition is associative: $h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f$
- identities are neutral elements: $\mathrm{id} \circ f = f = f \circ \mathrm{id}$.

Typically:

- the category Set of sets and functions,
- Top, Vect, ...

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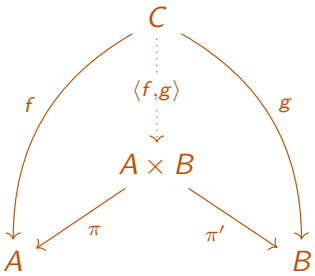

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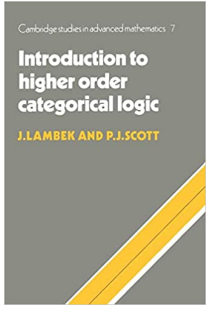

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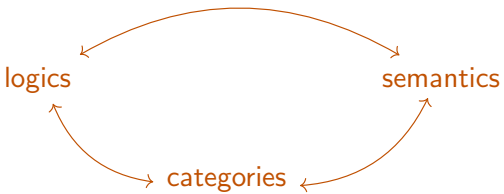

Part VII

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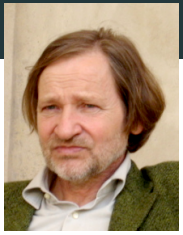

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The main idea is that in sequents, the context Γ maintains the variables we are aware of, which can be thought of as resources that we should handle carefully.

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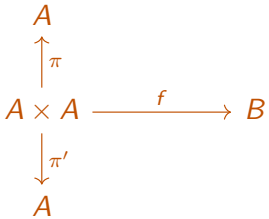

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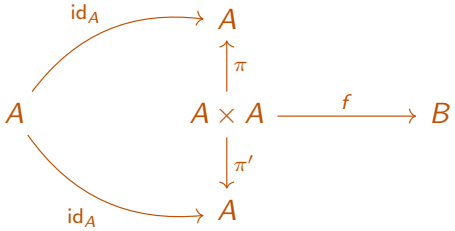

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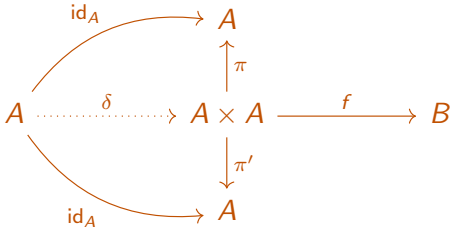

In sets: $\delta(x) = (x, x)$.

This means that from $(x, y) \mapsto f(x, y)$, we can construct $x \mapsto f(x, x)$!

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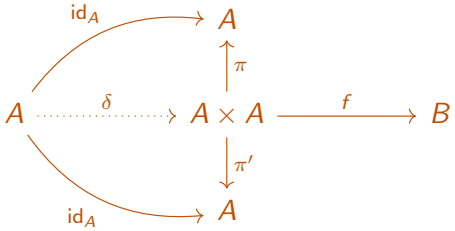

Closely related to the fact that we have the proof $\dfrac{\dfrac{}{A \vdash A}\,(\mathrm{ax}) \qquad \dfrac{}{A \vdash A}\,(\mathrm{ax})}{A \vdash A \wedge A}\,(\wedge_{\mathrm{I}})$.

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The simply-typed linear λ-calculus

Theorem
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- *are typable in the previous sense and*
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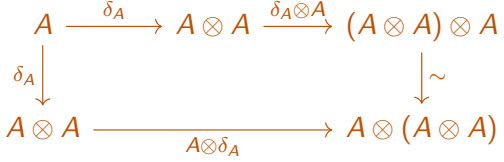
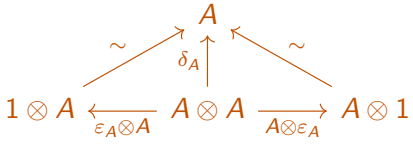
compatible with other morphisms and coassociative, counital and cocommutative:





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It can be shown that we can define

$$A \multimap B \qquad = \qquad A^* \parr B$$

(akin $A \Rightarrow B = \neg A \vee B$ in classical logic).

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The intuition is that $!A$ is an A which an be used any number of times, something like

$$!A = \bigotimes_{n=0} A^{\otimes n} / \sim$$

we will see the formal rules later on (if we have time), but we should have maps

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Part VIII

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A proof π of $A \vdash B$ is interpreted as a **relation** between $[\![A]\!]$ and $[\![B]\!]$:

$$[\![\pi]\!] \subseteq [\![A]\!] \times [\![B]\!]$$

(intuitively, $(a, b) \in [\![\pi]\!]$ means that b is a possible result for a)

The relational model: axiom

The axiom

$$\frac{}{A \vdash A}\ (\mathsf{ax})$$

is interpreted as the identity relation:

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of ρ and σ, we define the interpretation of the proof as

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$$[\![A \otimes B]\!] = [\![A]\!] \times [\![B]\!] \qquad\qquad [\![A \,\&\, B]\!] = [\![A]\!] \sqcup [\![B]\!]$$

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For instance, we can check that we have the required isomorphism

$$[\![!(A \,\&\, B)]\!] \quad \simeq \quad [\![!A \otimes !B]\!]$$

Enriching over sets

This model is not the most informative (every connective is interpreted as its dual, it is not fully abstract, etc.).

A refined variant of this it can be obtained as follows.

The interpretation of a proof π of $A \vdash B$ is

$$[\![\pi]\!] \subseteq [\![A]\!] \times [\![B]\!]$$

and $(a, b) \in [\![\pi]\!]$ means that b is a possible result for a, but we do not track why!

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We thus get a (bi)category of sets and "generalized relations", which corresponds to Girard's model of normal functors or Kock's polynomial functors.

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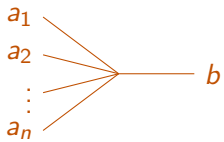
An element of

$$R(a_1 a_2 \ldots a_n, b)$$

can be interpreted as an operation



and composition corresponds to the expected composition of trees.

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We would like to avoid quotienting and keep this action explicit.

Generalized species

This suggests another generalization of the model [Fiore, Gambino, Hyland]:

- we model objects as groupoids,
- morphisms are functors (= profunctors)

$$(X \times Y) \to \mathrm{Set}$$

- the exponential $!X$ is the free symmetric monoidal category on X.

Generalized species

In particular, morphisms $!1 \to 1$

- where functions $\mathbb{N} \to \mathrm{Set}$ in previous model,
- are now functors $\mathrm{Bij} \to \mathrm{Set}$.

In this sense morphisms $!A \to B$ are generalized species.

This suggests studying categorical structures present in this category, as well as further generalizations of it.

Questions?

Part IX

Rules for linear logic

Sequent calculus

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$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \,\&\, B \vdash C}\ (\&^{\mathrm{l}}_{\mathrm{L}}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \,\&\, B \vdash C}\ (\&^{\mathrm{r}}_{\mathrm{L}}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A \qquad \Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \,\&\, B}\ (\&_{\mathrm{R}})$$

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- we shift to classical logic by allowing multiple sequents on the right: sequents are of the form

$$\Gamma \vdash \Delta$$

Linear logic: categorical rules

Categorical rules:

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \Gamma}\ (\mathsf{ax}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \qquad \Gamma', A \vdash B, \Delta'}{\Gamma, \Gamma' \vdash B, \Delta, \Delta'}\ (\mathsf{cut})$$

Structural rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma, B, A, \Gamma' \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A, B, \Gamma' \vdash \Delta} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, B, A, \Delta'}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta, A, B, \Delta'}$$

Linear logic: multiplicative rules

Multiplicative conjunction:

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \otimes B \vdash \Delta}\,(\otimes_{\mathrm{L}}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \qquad \Gamma' \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma, \Gamma' \vdash A \otimes B, \Delta, \Delta'}\,(\otimes_{\mathrm{R}})$$

Multiplicative truth:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma, 1 \vdash A}\,(1_{\mathrm{L}}) \qquad \frac{}{\vdash 1}\,(1_{\mathrm{R}})$$

Multiplicative disjunction:

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta \qquad \Gamma', B \vdash \Delta'}{\Gamma, \Gamma', A \parr B \vdash \Delta, \Delta'}\,(\parr_{\mathrm{L}}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \parr B, \Delta}\,(\parr_{\mathrm{R}})$$

Multiplicative falsity:

$$\frac{}{\bot \vdash}\,(\bot_{\mathrm{L}}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \bot, \Delta}\,(\bot_{\mathrm{R}})$$

Linear logic: additives

Additive conjunction:

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \,\&\, B \vdash \Delta}\,(\&_{\mathsf{L}}^{\mathsf{l}}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \,\&\, B \vdash \Delta}\,(\&_{\mathsf{L}}^{\mathsf{r}}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \qquad \Gamma \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \,\&\, B, \Delta}\,(\&_{\mathsf{R}})$$

Additive truth:

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \top, \Delta}\,(\top_{\mathsf{R}})$$

Additive disjunction:

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta \qquad \Gamma, B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \oplus B \vdash \Delta}\,(\oplus_{\mathsf{L}}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \oplus B, \Delta}\,(\oplus_{\mathsf{R}}^{\mathsf{l}}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \oplus B, \Delta}\,(\oplus_{\mathsf{R}}^{\mathsf{r}})$$

Additive falsity:

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, 0 \vdash \Delta}\,(0_{\mathsf{L}})$$

Linear logic: exponentials

Bang:

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, !A \vdash \Delta} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, !A \vdash \Delta} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, !A, !A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, !A \vdash \Delta} \qquad \frac{!\Gamma \vdash A, ?\Delta}{!\Gamma \vdash !A, ?\Delta}$$

Maybe:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash ?A, \Delta} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash ?A, \Delta} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash ?A, ?A, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash ?A, \Delta} \qquad \frac{!\Gamma, A \vdash ?\Delta}{!\Gamma, ?A \vdash ?\Delta}$$

(dereliction / weakening / contraction / promotion)