Mathematical Semantics of Computer Systems, MSCS (4810-1168) Handout for Lecture 11 (2016/12/19)

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1 Cartesian Closed Categories as Models of Typed λ -Calculus

We continue and follow slides by Samson Abramsky (Oxford) found at www.math.helsinki.fi/logic/sellc-2010/course/LectureIII.pdf. See [2] for further details. There is a big body of literature on the λ -calculus, including [1, 3, 4].

- On conversion in λ -calculus
- Categorical Semantics, as a typed λ -calculus and Cartesian closed categories as examples

Definition. Type judgment. Type derivation tree.

NB: we use the term calculus a la Church (where bound variables have explicit types).

Lemma 1. Each derivable type judgment has a unique derivation tree.

Definition. Cartesian closed category: a category with finite products and exponentials.

Definition. Interpretation [-] of typed λ -calculus. Interpreting types, type derivation trees, type judgments, and terms.

Definition. Substitution lemma: interpretation of s[t/x] is given by composition of arrows.

Definition. Conversion rules, including congruence rules.

Theorem. Soundness of categorical semantics: if $s =_{\beta\eta} t$, then $[\![s]\!] = [\![t]\!]$.

If we have time:

• The Curry-Howard correspondence; terms as proofs; conversion as proof normalization

2 Lectures Remaining

Coalgebras and State-Based Transition Systems. We will follow [Jacobs 2012, Chapters 1-3]

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