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What's in a game? A theory of game models

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Game Semantics

Between operational and denotational:

- types \rightarrow games
- programs \rightarrow strategies
- dynamic
- related to syntax (equivalence of programs is intensional, rather than extensional)

Game semantics:

- significant part of denotational semantics
- "solved" full abstraction for PCF
- many variants characterise different programming features
- applications: model checking, hardware synthesis...

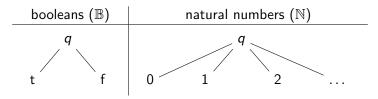
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HON Game Semantics: Games

Structures possible moves.



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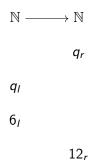
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- sequence of moves
- interaction between program and environment

Example: $f = fun n \rightarrow 2 * n$



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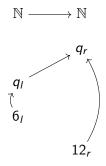
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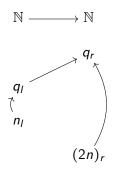
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Strategy = prefix-closed set of accepted plays.

Example: for f = fun n \rightarrow 2 * n, (roughly) all plays of the form



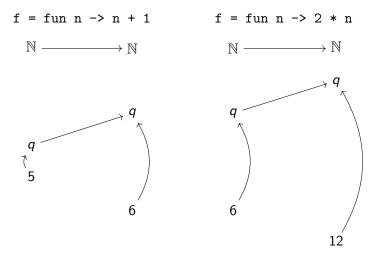
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Parallel composition + hiding.



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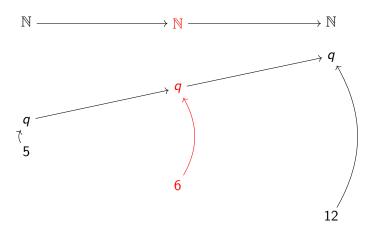
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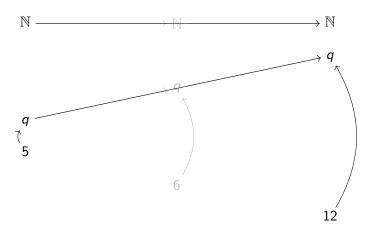
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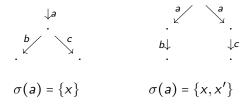
Strategies as Presheaves

Presheaf over \mathbb{C} : functor $\mathbb{C}^{op} \to \mathsf{Set}$.

Boolean presheaf over \mathbb{C} : functor $\mathbb{C}^{op} \to 2$ (2 = 0 \to 1).

Two notions of strategies:

- prefix-closed sets of plays: boolean presheaves $\widetilde{\mathbb{P}_{A,B}}$
- concurrent strategies: presheaves $\widetilde{\mathbb{P}_{A,B}}$



With traditional strategies:

$$\sigma = \{\varepsilon, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{ab}, \mathbf{ac}\}$$

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Motivation

Game models:

- HON (justified sequences)
- AJM (sequences)
- simple games, Blass (trees)
- concurrent (event structures)
- string diagrams
- variants
- . . .

Definitions and proofs are similar... but tricky!

Goal: define a framework that

- encompasses many models
- factors out similar proofs

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Recurring Pattern

- define games A, B, C, ...
- define categories of plays $\mathbb{P}_{A,B}$
- define strategies $A \rightarrow B$ as prefix-closed sets of plays in $\mathbb{P}_{A,B}$
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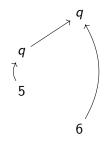
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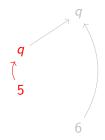
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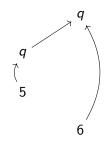
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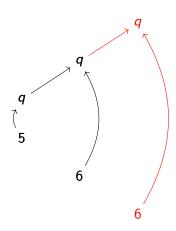
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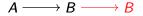


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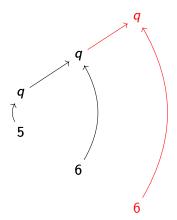
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- insertions $\mathbb{P}_{A,B} \to \mathbb{P}_{A,B,B}$
- compatibility between projections and insertions



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Describing Categories of Plays Simplicially

Game setting:

- $\bullet \mbox{ set } \mathbb{A} \mbox{ of games }$
- functor $\mathbb{P}: (\Delta/\mathbb{A})^{op} \to \mathsf{Cat}$

 Δ/\mathbb{A} :

- objects: lists $L = A_1, \ldots, A_n$ of games
- morphisms: insertions (A, C → A, B, C) and fusions (A, A, B → A, B)

Strategies $A \to B$: $\widehat{\mathbb{P}_{A,B}}$.

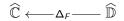
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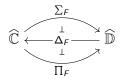
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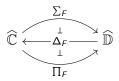
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Polynomial functor: composite of Δ 's, \prod 's, and \sum 's.

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Idea: parallel composition + hiding.

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- iff σ accepts $\delta_2(u)$ and τ accepts $\delta_0(u)$.

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Copycat strategies

$$1 \cong \widehat{\varnothing} \xrightarrow{\prod_{!}} \widehat{\mathbb{P}_{A}} \xrightarrow{\Sigma_{\iota_{0}}} \widehat{\mathbb{P}_{A,A}}$$

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- $\bullet \mbox{ set } \mathbb{A} \mbox{ of games}$
- functor $\mathbb{P}: (\Delta/\mathbb{A})^{op} \to \mathsf{Cat}$
- $\delta_1: \mathbb{P}_{A,B,C} \to \mathbb{P}_{A,C}$ and $\iota_0: \mathbb{P}_A \to \mathbb{P}_{A,A}$ discrete fibrations
- . . .

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Associativity of composition

Theorem (Composition is associative):

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}_{A,B} + \mathbb{P}_{B,C} + \mathbb{P}_{C,D}}{\mathbb{P}_{A,B} + \mathbb{m}_{B,C,D}} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{m}_{A,B,C} + \mathbb{P}_{C,D}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}_{A,C} + \mathbb{P}_{C,D}} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{m}_{A,C,D}} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{m}_{A,C,D}}$$

commutes if

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are pullbacks (zipping lemma).

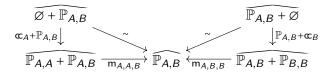
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Unitality

Theorem (Copycat strategies are units):



commutes if



are pullbacks.

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Applications

Applications:

- HON
- variants
- AJM
- TO

May all be expressed as game settings, abstract composition agrees with traditional composition.

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Results:

- conceptual definitions of composition of strategies
- abstract proof this forms a category
- applications to different game models

Not discussed here:

- conceptual definition of innocence
- proof that innocent strategies form a subcategory

Perspectives:

- more models
- more structure

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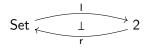
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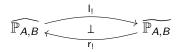
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Result Transfer

Adjunction:

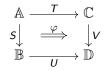


Result transfer:



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Exact Squares



Mates:



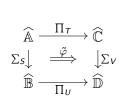
Exact square: the mates are isomorphisms. Guitart: conditions for square to be exact.

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Distributive Squares

Conditions for

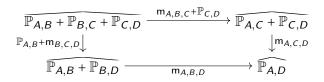


to commute.

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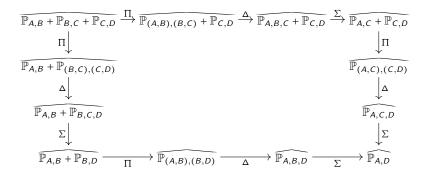
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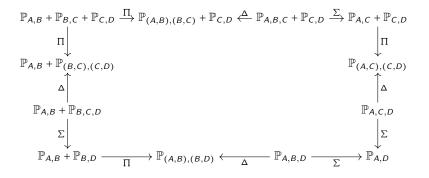
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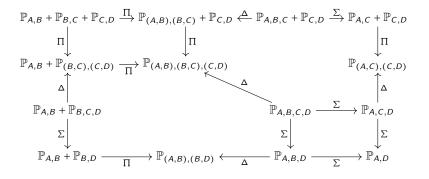
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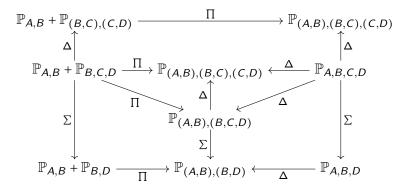
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Proof: Associativity of Composition



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Proof: Associativity of Composition (cont.)



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May all be expressed as game settings, abstract composition agrees with traditional composition.

Subtleties:

- HON: liberal definition of \mathbb{P}_A (for projections $\mathbb{P}_{A,B} \to \mathbb{P}_A$ to exist)
- AJM: slightly different definition of $\mathbb{P}_{A,B,C}$ (projection $\mathbb{P}_{A,B,C} \to \mathbb{P}_{A,C}$ should be a discrete fibration)

Blass games: composition known to be non-associative. Cannot be expressed as a game setting (zipping fails).

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Idea: characterise purely functional programs.

Innocent strategy: can only change its behaviour based on its view. View: certain type of play.

• strategy of counter:

$$q \stackrel{\checkmark}{0} 0 q \stackrel{\checkmark}{1} 1$$

• strategy of successor function:



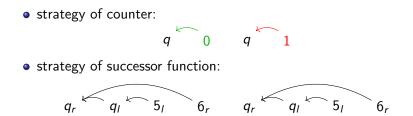
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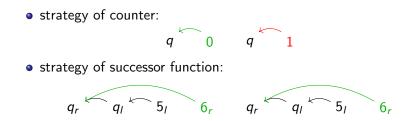
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Innocent Game Settings

Add
$$\mathbb{V}_{A,B} \xrightarrow{i_{A,B}} \mathbb{P}_{A,B}$$
 to the setting.
Innocent strategy: $\widehat{\mathbb{V}_{A,B}} \xrightarrow{\Pi_{i_{A,B}}} \widehat{\mathbb{P}_{A,B}}$.
Composition of innocent strategies:

$$\overline{\mathbb{V}_{A,B} + \mathbb{V}_{B,C}} \xrightarrow{\Pi_{i_{A,B} + i_{B,C}}} \overline{\mathbb{P}_{A,B} + \mathbb{P}_{B,C}} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{m}_{A,B,C}} \widehat{\mathbb{P}_{A,C}}$$

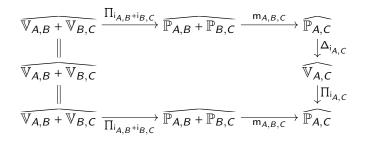
Preservation of innocence: composition of innocent strategies is again innocent (in the image of $\prod_{i_{A,C}}$).

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Preservation of Innocence

Preservation of innocence:



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Proof: Preservation of Innocence

Alternative definition of composition:

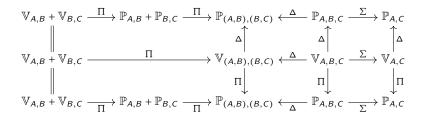
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Proof: Preservation of Innocence

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{V}_{A,B} + \mathbb{V}_{B,C} & \xrightarrow{\Pi} \mathbb{P}_{A,B} + \mathbb{P}_{B,C} & \xrightarrow{\Pi} \mathbb{P}_{(A,B),(B,C)} \xleftarrow{\Delta} \mathbb{P}_{A,B,C} & \xrightarrow{\Sigma} \mathbb{P}_{A,C} \\ & & & & \uparrow^{\Delta} \\ \mathbb{V}_{A,B} + \mathbb{V}_{B,C} & & & \mathbb{V}_{A,C} \\ & & & & & \downarrow^{\Pi} \\ \mathbb{V}_{A,B} + \mathbb{V}_{B,C} & \xrightarrow{\Pi} \mathbb{P}_{A,B} + \mathbb{P}_{B,C} & \xrightarrow{\Pi} \mathbb{P}_{(A,B),(B,C)} \xleftarrow{\Delta} \mathbb{P}_{A,B,C} & \xrightarrow{\Sigma} \mathbb{P}_{A,C} \end{array}$$

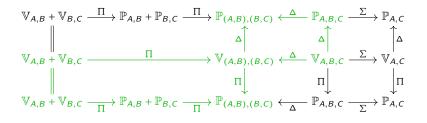
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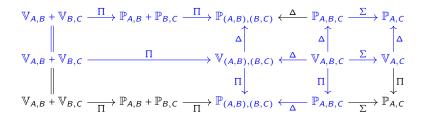
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• simple commutation

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Proof: Preservation of Innocence



- simple commutation
- exact squares (Guitart)

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Proof: Preservation of Innocence

- simple commutation
- exact squares (Guitart)
- distributive squares

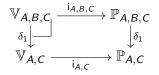
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Conditions to Preserve Innocence Locality: $\delta_1: \mathbb{P}_{A,B,C} \to \mathbb{P}_{A,C}$ and $\iota_0: \mathbb{P}_A \to \mathbb{P}_{A,A}$ are sheaves.

$$\mathbb{V}_{A,C} \xrightarrow[i_{A,C}]{} \mathbb{P}_{A,C}$$

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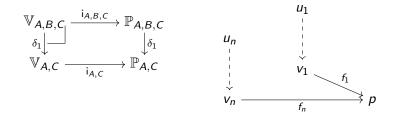
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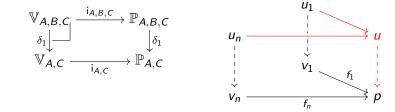
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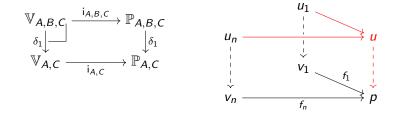
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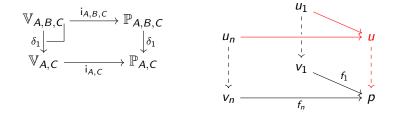
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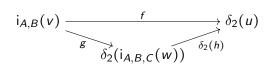


$$i_{A,B}(v) \xrightarrow{f} \delta_2(u)$$

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Boolean Innocent Strategies

But (non-deterministic) innocent strategies should not compose! Answer:

$$\begin{array}{c} \overline{\mathbb{V}_{A,B} + \mathbb{V}_{B,C}} \longrightarrow \widehat{\mathbb{P}_{A,C}} \\ \stackrel{\mathsf{r}_{l} \uparrow}{\underset{\mathbb{V}_{A,B} + \mathbb{V}_{B,C}}{\overset{\mathsf{r}}{\underset{\mathbb{P}_{A,C}}{\longrightarrow}}} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{P}_{A,C}} \\ \end{array}$$

does not commute.

- concurrent innocent strategies compose
- traditional innocent strategies do not