

Some Recent Logical Frameworks

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Reminder by Example: Syntax of FOL

```
i      : type.                % Individuals
zero   : i.
suc    : i -> i.
plus   : i -> i -> i.
```

```
o      : type.                % Propositions
imp    : o -> o -> o.
and    : o -> o -> o.
or     : o -> o -> o.
forall : (i -> o) -> o.
eq     : i -> i -> o.
```

Framework handles binding

Reminder by Example: Some Natural Deduction Rules

$$\frac{[A] \quad B}{A \Rightarrow B} \quad \frac{A \Rightarrow B \quad A}{B} \quad \frac{A}{A \vee B} \quad \frac{A \vee B \quad [A] \quad [B] \quad C \quad C}{C}$$

`prf : o -> type.`

`impi : {A, B : o} (prf A -> prf B) -> prf (A imp B).`

`impe : prf (A imp B) -> prf A -> prf B.`

`oril : prf A -> prf (A or B).`

`ore : prf (A or B) ->`
`(prf A -> prf C) -> (prf B -> prf C) ->`
`prf C.`

Framework handles hypothetical and schematic judgements.

Reminder by Example: Some more rules

$$\frac{A(x)}{\forall x.A} \quad (x \text{ fresh}) \qquad \frac{\forall x.A}{A(t)} \qquad \frac{A \Rightarrow B \quad \left[\begin{array}{c} [A] \\ B \\ C \end{array} \right]}{C}$$

```
foralli : ({x:i} prf (A x)) -> prf (forall A).
```

```
foralle : prf (forall A) -> {T:i} prf (A T).
```

```
-- A Schroeder-Heister version of imp elim
```

```
SH_impe : prf (A imp B) ->
           ((prf A -> prf B) -> prf C) ->
           -----
           prf C
```

Framework handles freshness and substitution.

The SH rule is clear in the framework (it is third order).

Remark on Canonical Forms

- ▶ We want to have a compositional isomorphism between object language expressions and *canonical* forms of the LF.
- ▶ In order for the framework to handle substitution, we identify meta-terms up to β .
- ▶ But β is not enough, we need η -equivalence in the notion of *canonical*.
- ▶ Example: the two well-typed LF terms

`suc` `[x:i] (suc x)`

represent the same object expression (a function symbol of the language of FOL).

Some Problems with ELF: η equivalence

- ▶ **Problem** η reduction of raw ELF terms is not Church–Rosser:
for $x \notin B$

$$[x : A]C \xrightarrow{\beta} [x : A]([x : B]C)x \xrightarrow{\eta} [x : B]C$$

where A and B may be anything.

- ▶ Well typed terms are $\beta\eta$ -Church–Rosser.
- ▶ But equality becomes mutually recursive with the typing relation.
- ▶ Thus, the meta theory of $\beta\eta$ -equivalence for the ELF language (with type tags) is complicated.
 - ▶ See [Geu93], [Sal], [HP05], [Gog05].
- ▶ Further, many extensions (singleton types, dependent pairs, linear types, ...) interact badly with η .

We want equality of raw terms to be decidable.

Some Problems with ELF: Too many terms are typed

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We consider some LFs that address these problems.

Two related ideas:

- ▶ **Canonical Syntax**: only canonical terms are syntactically well-formed.
- ▶ **Hereditary Substitution**: substitution propagates
 - ▶ since redexes cannot be formed for syntactic reasons.

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Plotkin's DMBEL: Syntax

identifiers	S (type constants), F (term constants), x (term variables), ϕ (abstraction variables)
types	$\sigma, \tau ::= S(\vec{A})$
abstraction types	$\alpha, \beta ::= (\Gamma)\sigma$
terms	$t, u ::= x \mid F(\vec{A}) \mid \phi(\vec{t})$
abstraction terms	$A, B ::= (\Gamma)t$
contexts	$\Gamma, \Delta ::= \bullet \mid \Gamma, x:\sigma$
abstraction contexts	$\Phi, \Psi ::= \bullet \mid \Phi, \phi:\alpha$
signatures	$\Sigma ::= \bullet \mid \Sigma, S(\Phi) \mid \Sigma, F(\Phi):\sigma$

- ▶ Typechecking: abstraction and application arities match.
- ▶ No β or η redexes.
 - ▶ Only constants and variables are applied ...
 - ▶ ... and they are fully applied.
- ▶ **Equality is identity of raw expressions.**

Example in Plotkin's DMBEL: First order logic

Concrete syntax: type constants start with $*$

term constants start with $@$

abstraction variables start with a capital, X

term variables start with lower case, x

```

*i,           -- type of individuals
@zero      : *i,      -- order 0
@suc(*i)  : *i,      -- order 1
*o,           -- type of propositions
@imp(*o, *o) : *o,  -- order 1
@all((*i)*o) : *o,  -- order 2
@eq(*i, *i)  : *o   -- order 1

```

► Partially applied terms, $@eq(@zero)$, are not well-typed

Example in Plotkin's DMBEL: First order rules

```

*prf(*o),
@impI(X Y:*o, (*prf(X))*prf(Y)) : *prf(@imp(X, Y)),
@impE(X Y:*o, *prf(@imp(X, Y)), *prf(X)) : *prf(Y),
@allI(P:(*i)*o, (x:*i)*prf(P(x))) :
                                *prf(@all((x:*i)P(x))),
                                -- note eta expansion ^^^^^^^^^^^
@allE(P:(*i)*o, X:*i, *prf(@all((x:*i)P(x)))) :
                                *prf(P(X))

```

- ▶ **The Schroeder–Heister rule is not representable in this system**
 - ▶ requires third order types.
- ▶ This system is not easily represented in itself or any other current LF
 - ▶ because of the abstraction/application vectors.

Plotkin's DMBEL: Judgement Forms

Validity of Signatures, Abstraction Contexts and Contexts:

$$\vdash \Sigma \qquad \vdash_{\Sigma} \Phi \qquad \Phi \vdash_{\Sigma} \Gamma$$

Checking correctness of Types and Abstraction Types:

$$\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \sigma \qquad \Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \alpha$$

Inferring (Abstraction) Types of (Abstraction) Terms:

$$\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} t \Rightarrow \sigma \qquad \Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} A \Rightarrow \alpha$$

Checking the types of (Abstraction) Records:

$$\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \vec{t} \Leftarrow \vec{\Delta} \qquad \Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \vec{A} \Leftarrow \vec{\Psi}$$

- ▶ *Bi-directional* typechecking, completely syntax directed.
- ▶ Cannot infer dependent types of records, as they are not unique.
 - ▶ As usual for dependent tuples, e.g. in FOL have
 $(\text{True}, \text{id}) : (x:o, y:\text{prf}(x))$ and $(\text{True}, \text{id}) : (x:o, y:\text{prf}(\text{True}))$.

Plotkin's DMBEL: Typing Rules

Types and Abstraction Types

$$\frac{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \vec{A} \Leftarrow \Psi}{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} S(\vec{A})} \quad S(\Psi) \in \Sigma \quad \frac{\Phi ; \Gamma, \Delta \vdash_{\Sigma} \sigma}{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} (\Delta)\sigma}$$

Terms

$$\frac{\Phi \vdash_{\Sigma} \Gamma}{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} x \Rightarrow \sigma} \quad x:\sigma \in \Gamma \quad \frac{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \vec{A} \Leftarrow \Psi}{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} F(\vec{A}) \Rightarrow \sigma[\vec{A}/\vec{\phi}]} \quad \begin{array}{l} F(\Psi):\sigma \in \Sigma \\ \Psi = \vec{\phi}:\vec{\alpha} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \vec{t} \Leftarrow \Delta}{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \phi(\vec{t}) \Rightarrow \sigma[\vec{t}/\vec{x}]} \quad \begin{array}{l} \phi:(\Delta)\sigma \in \Phi \\ \Delta = \vec{x}:\vec{\sigma} \end{array}$$

Abstraction Terms

$$\frac{\Phi ; \Gamma, \Delta \vdash_{\Sigma} t \Rightarrow \sigma}{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} (\Delta)t \Rightarrow (\Delta)\sigma}$$

Plotkin's DMBEL: Typing Rules

Records

$$\frac{\Phi \vdash_{\Sigma} \Gamma}{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \diamond \Leftarrow \bullet} \quad \frac{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} t \Rightarrow \tau \quad \Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \vec{u} \Leftarrow \Delta[t/x]}{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} t, \vec{u} \Leftarrow x:\sigma, \Delta} \tau = \sigma$$

Abstraction Records

$$\frac{\Phi \vdash_{\Sigma} \Gamma}{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \diamond \Leftarrow \bullet} \quad \frac{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} A \Rightarrow \beta \quad \Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \vec{B} \Leftarrow \Psi[A/\phi]}{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} A, \vec{B} \Leftarrow \phi:\alpha, \Psi} \beta = \alpha$$

Context and Abstraction Context Validity

$$\frac{\vdash_{\Sigma} \Phi}{\Phi \vdash_{\Sigma} \bullet} \quad \frac{\Phi ; \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \sigma}{\Phi \vdash_{\Sigma} \Gamma, x:\sigma} \quad \frac{\vdash_{\Sigma}}{\vdash_{\Sigma} \bullet} \quad \frac{\Phi ; \bullet \vdash_{\Sigma} \alpha}{\vdash_{\Sigma} \Phi, \phi:\alpha}$$

Signature Validity

$$\frac{}{\vdash \bullet} \quad \frac{\vdash_{\Sigma} \Phi}{\vdash \Sigma, S(\Phi)} \quad \frac{\Phi ; \bullet \vdash_{\Sigma} \sigma}{\vdash \Sigma, F(\Phi):\sigma}$$

Plotkin's DMBEL: Hereditary Substitution ...

What is the notion of substitution that appears in these rules?

- ▶ First-order substitution as usual:
 - ▶ $u[\vec{t}/\vec{x}]$, $A[\vec{t}/\vec{x}]$, $\sigma[\vec{t}/\vec{x}]$, $\alpha[\vec{t}/\vec{x}]$, $\Gamma[\vec{t}/\vec{x}]$,
 - ▶ congruence, generated by the occurrences of x in terms,
 - ▶ termination as usual: structurally decreasing.

Plotkin's DMBEL: Hereditary Substitution (cont'd)

- ▶ Second-order substitution, $_ [A/\phi]$.
 - ▶ congruence, generated by the occurrences of ϕ in terms:

$$x[A/\phi] = x$$

$$F(\vec{B})[A/\phi] = F(\vec{B}[A/\phi])$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\vec{t})[A/\phi] &= \phi(t_1, \dots, t_n)[(x_1:\sigma_1, \dots, x_n:\sigma_n)u/\phi] \\ &= u[t_1[A/\phi], \dots, t_n[A/\phi]/x_1, \dots, x_n] \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi(\vec{t})[A/\phi'] = \phi(\vec{t}[A/\phi']) \quad (\phi \neq \phi')$$

- ▶ **Termination**: second order substitutions are structurally decreasing.
 - ▶ May give rise to (terminating) first order substitution.
 - ▶ Really need a syntactic notion of *arity* to be precise.

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Luo's PAL⁺

- ▶ Developed in late 1990's; journal version [Luo03].
- ▶ Named after Automath language PAL
- ▶ A *lambda-free* version of Luo's LF [Luo94].
 - ▶ Basic principles: parameterisation (with instantiation) and definition.
 - ▶ Also allows inductive definition.
- ▶ Parameterisation and instantiation have arities; arities must match.
 - ▶ Allowing precise specification of object language, as in DMBEL.
- ▶ Arbitrary orders of types, but no nested parameterisation.
- ▶ Parametric definitions, both local and global.
 - ▶ Thus abstraction can be expressed.
 - ▶ Has real computation: eta and delta rules.
- ▶ Meta-theory by *Typed Operational Semantics*: complex.
- ▶ Some work towards support of *coercive subtyping*.

Robin Adams' Hierarchy of Frameworks, TF

- ▶ Robin Adams' thesis [Ada05] precedes Plotkins DMBEL.
- ▶ In his thesis, Adams gives a hierarchy of systems that extend DMBEL to orders 3, 4,
- ▶ Adams' thesis contains many interesting and explanatory examples.

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Canonical LF

- ▶ Accepts exactly the **canonical** judgements accepted by ELF.
- ▶ Developed by Watkins, Pfenning, and co-workers [WCPW02, HL06].
- ▶ This work precedes both Adams' TF and Plotkin's DMBEL.
- ▶ Only β -normal terms are syntactically formed.
- ▶ Only canonical terms (η -expanded, β -normal) are well-typed.
 - ▶ Equality is syntactic identity of expressions.
 - ▶ A notion of hereditary substitution is needed.
- ▶ Bi-directional typechecking: syntax directed and decidable.

Canonical LF: Syntax

identifiers a (type constants), c (term constants),
 x (term variables)

kinds $K ::= \text{type} \mid \Pi x:A.K$

types $A, B ::= P \mid \Pi x:A.B$

atomic types $P ::= a \mid P M$

terms $M ::= R \mid \lambda x.M$

atomic terms $R ::= c \mid x \mid R M$

contexts $\Gamma, \Delta ::= \bullet \mid \Gamma, x:A$

signatures $\Sigma ::= \bullet \mid \Sigma, a:K \mid \Sigma, c:A$

Canonical LF: Judgement Forms

Validity of signatures and contexts:

$$\vdash \Sigma \text{ sig} \qquad \vdash_{\Sigma} \Gamma \text{ cxt}$$

Checking correctness of kinds and types:

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} K \text{ kind} \qquad \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} A \text{ type}$$

Inferring kinds of atomic types, and the types of atomic terms:

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} P \Rightarrow K \qquad \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} R \Rightarrow A$$

Checking the types of terms:

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} M \Leftarrow A$$

- ▶ *Bi-directional* typechecking, completely syntax directed.
- ▶ Cannot infer the type of $\lambda x.M$: no type annotation on x .

Canonical LF: Rules

Signatures

$$\frac{}{\vdash \bullet \text{ sig}} \quad \frac{\vdash \Sigma \text{ sig} \quad \vdash_{\Sigma} K \text{ kind}}{\vdash \Sigma, a:K \text{ sig}} \quad \frac{\vdash \Sigma \text{ sig} \quad \vdash_{\Sigma} A \text{ type}}{\vdash \Sigma, c:A \text{ sig}}$$

Contexts

$$\frac{\vdash \Sigma \text{ sig}}{\vdash_{\Sigma} \bullet \text{ cxt}} \quad \frac{\vdash_{\Sigma} \Gamma \text{ cxt} \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} A \text{ type}}{\vdash_{\Sigma} \Gamma, x:A \text{ cxt}}$$

Canonical LF: Rules

Kinds

$$\frac{\vdash_{\Sigma} \Gamma \text{ cxt}}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \text{ type kind}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x:A \vdash_{\Sigma} K \text{ kind}}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \Pi x:A. K \text{ kind}}$$

Types

$$\frac{\Gamma, x:A \vdash_{\Sigma} B \text{ type}}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \Pi x:A. B \text{ type}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} P \Rightarrow \text{type}}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} P \text{ type}}$$

Atomic Types

$$\frac{\vdash_{\Sigma} \Gamma \text{ cxt}}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} a \Rightarrow K} \quad (a:K \in \Sigma)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} P \Rightarrow \Pi x:A. K \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} M \Leftarrow A}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} P M \Rightarrow [M^{(A)^{-}}/x]K}$$

Canonical LF: Rules

Terms

$$\frac{\Gamma, x:A \vdash_{\Sigma} M \Leftarrow B}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} \lambda x.M \Leftarrow \Pi x:A.B} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} R \Rightarrow P}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} R \Leftarrow P} (*)$$

Atomic Terms

$$\frac{\vdash_{\Sigma} \Gamma \text{ cxt}}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} x \Rightarrow A} (x:A \in \Gamma) \qquad \frac{\vdash_{\Sigma} \Gamma \text{ cxt}}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} c \Rightarrow A} (c:A \in \Sigma)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} R \Rightarrow \Pi x:A.B \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} M \Leftarrow A}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} R M \Rightarrow [M^{(A)^{-}} / x] B}$$

(*) This restriction to atomic types, P , makes judgements canonical.

Hereditary Substitution: Pure λ -terms

Let L, M, N be lambda terms.

$$\begin{aligned}
 [M /x]x &= M \\
 [M /x]y &= y && \text{if } x \neq y \\
 [M /x](\lambda y.N) &= \lambda y.[M /x]N && y \text{ fresh} \\
 [M /x](L N) &= ([\hat{N} /y]M') && \text{if } \hat{L} = (\lambda y.M') \\
 &= \hat{L} \hat{N} && \text{otherwise}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\hat{L} = [M /x]L$ and $\hat{N} = [M /x]N$

- ▶ If M and N have no β -redexes, then $[M/x]N$
 - ▶ is β -equal to the usual substitution $M[x/N]$
 - ▶ contains no β -redexes
- ▶ **However $[M/x]N$ may not terminate.**
- ▶ We use types to control how deep the substitution goes.

Hereditary Substitution: Simply typed terms [Abe06]

Let L, M, N be lambda terms.

Let A, B, C be simple types

$$\begin{aligned}
 [M^A/x]x &= M^A \\
 [M^A/x]y &= y && \text{if } x \neq y \\
 [M^A/x](\lambda y.N) &= \lambda y.[M^A/x]N && y \text{ fresh} \\
 [M^A/x](L N) &= ([\hat{N}^B/y]M')^C && \text{if } \hat{L} = (\lambda y.M')^{B \rightarrow C} \\
 &= \hat{L} \hat{N} && \text{otherwise}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\hat{L} = [M^A/x]L$ and $\hat{N} = [M^A/x]N$

- ▶ If M and N have no β -redexes, then $[M/x]N$
 - ▶ is β -equal to the usual substitution $M[x/N]$
 - ▶ contains no β -redexes **if the type annotation is correct**
- ▶ **Always terminates**: newly created substitutions operate on subterms, or have syntactically smaller types.

Hereditary Substitution: Canonical LF

- ▶ LF types exactly the same lambda-terms as simple types ...
- ▶ ... just throw away the dependency.

$$\begin{aligned} (a)^- &= a \\ (P M)^- &= (P)^- \\ (\Pi x:A.B)^- &= (A)^- \rightarrow (B)^- \end{aligned}$$

Only the shape of the simple type matters: can take $(a)^- = \bullet$.

- ▶ One more problem: canonical terms cannot contain redexes.
 - ▶ Instead of returning a term with a redex (when the given type is incorrect), the canonical hereditary substitution algorithm must return failure.
- ▶ Finally, $[M^{(A)^-} / x]_-$ is a congruence, generated by the replacement of term variables in terms, as explained above.

Judgements are Canonical by Stratified Syntax

We want to know that no two derivable judgements differ only by $\beta\eta$.

- ▶ Let $\Sigma = a:\text{type}$.
 - ▶ $(a \rightarrow a)$ is a non-atomic type, syntactic class A , not class P .

Direction \Rightarrow :

- ▶ $f:(a \rightarrow a) \vdash_{\Sigma} f \Rightarrow (a \rightarrow a)$ is derivable,
- ▶ $f:(a \rightarrow a) \vdash_{\Sigma} \lambda x.f x \Rightarrow (a \rightarrow a)$ is not derivable:
 - ▶ $\lambda x.f x$ is of class M , not of class R ,
 - ▶ there are no rules of shape $\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} M \Rightarrow A$.

Judgements are Canonical by Stratified Syntax

Direction \Leftarrow :

- ▶ $f:(a \rightarrow a) \vdash_{\Sigma} f \Leftarrow (a \rightarrow a)$ is not derivable.
 - ▶ f is not of shape $\lambda x.M$ and $a \rightarrow a$ is not of shape P , so no rule applies.
- ▶ $f:(a \rightarrow a) \vdash_{\Sigma} \lambda x.f x \Leftarrow (a \rightarrow a)$ is derivable:
Let $\Gamma = f:(a \rightarrow a), x:a$.

$$\frac{\frac{f:(a \rightarrow a) \vdash_{\Sigma} a \Rightarrow \text{type}}{f:(a \rightarrow a) \vdash_{\Sigma} a \Leftarrow \text{type}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} f \Rightarrow (a \rightarrow a) \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} x \Rightarrow a}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} x \Leftarrow a} (*) \quad [x/_]a = a}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} f x \Rightarrow a} (*)}{\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} f x \Leftarrow a} (*)}{f:(a \rightarrow a) \vdash_{\Sigma} \lambda x.f x \Leftarrow (a \rightarrow a)}$$

(*) At atomic type.

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