

# An algebraic perspective on behavioral specifications in effectful languages

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often specific to pure values or base types

# Our long-term goals



- To develop a general theory of program specifications
  - accommodate various specification areas  
state side-effects, network behavior, permissions, ...
  - accommodate various notions of computation  
state, input/output, exceptions, probabilistic computation, handlers, ...
  - accommodate general logical specifications
- The tools we propose to use
  - Algebraic effects and their logics
  - Very fine-grained computational language (e.g., CBPV)
  - Refinement types (both on values and computations)

# Computational effects and algebraic theories

# Computational effects as monads



- Assume that we work in a cartesian-closed category  $\mathbb{C}$
- Usual interpretation of  $\lambda$ -calculus
  - types as objects, terms as morphisms
- We model pure terms as morphisms  $A \longrightarrow B$
- But how to model terms that can produce effects?
- Moggi's '91 answer to this question: [use monads!](#)
  - $T : [\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{C}]$
  - $\eta_X : X \longrightarrow TX$
  - $\mu_X : TTX \longrightarrow TX$
- or alternatively
  - $T : ob(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow ob(\mathbb{C})$
  - $\eta_X : X \longrightarrow TX$
  - $f^* : TX \longrightarrow TY$  for every  $f : X \longrightarrow TY$  in  $\mathbb{C}$

- Some of Moggi's example monads:
  - **Global state:**  $TX = S \Rightarrow (S \times X)$
  - **Exceptions:**  $TX = X + E$
  - **Input/output:**  $TX = \mu Y.(V \Rightarrow Y) + (V \times Y) + X$
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- Use **algebraic operations**  $\text{op} : \vec{\beta}; \vec{\alpha}_1, \dots, \vec{\alpha}_n$  to present effects
- Use **(conditional) equations** to specify effectful behavior
- A **model** of effect theory  $\mathbb{T}$  in a suitable category  $\mathbb{C}$ :
  - a carrier object  $X$  of  $\mathbb{C}$
  - a morphism  $[[\text{op}]]_X : [[\beta]] \times ([[ \alpha ] \Rightarrow X) \longrightarrow X$   
for every operation  $\text{op} : \beta; \alpha$  (note: special case)
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# Algebraic effects examples: State



- Base types: val, loc
- Operations
  - lookup : loc; val
  - update : loc, val; 1
- Equations
  - $M \equiv \text{lookup}_l((x : \text{val}).\text{update}_{l,x}(M))$
  - $\text{update}_{l,v}(\text{lookup}_l((x : \text{val}).M)) \equiv \text{update}_{l,v}(M[v/x])$
  - $\text{update}_{l,v}(\text{update}_{l,v'}(M)) \equiv \text{update}_{l,v'}(M)$
  - $\text{lookup}_l((x : \text{val}).(\text{lookup}_{l'}((y : \text{val}).M))) \equiv \text{lookup}_{l'}((y : \text{val}).(\text{lookup}_l((x : \text{val}).M)))$   $(l \neq l')$
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# Algebraic effects examples: Input/output



- Base types: val, chan
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  - receive : chan; val
  - send : chan, val; 1
- Equations
  - none!

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  - $\oplus : 1, 1; 1$
- Equations
  - $M \oplus M \equiv M$
  - $M \oplus N \equiv N \oplus M$
  - $(M \oplus N) \oplus P \equiv M \oplus (N \oplus P)$

# Logic of algebraic effects (and CBPV)



- Algebraic effects give us straightforward means for equational reasoning about effects
- Plotkin and Pretnar developed a **suitable multi-sorted predicate logic**
- $A ::= \alpha \mid 1 \mid A_1 \times A_2 \mid 0 \mid A_1 + A_2 \mid \underline{UC}$
- $\underline{C} ::= FA \mid \underline{C}_1 \times \underline{C}_2 \mid A \rightarrow \underline{C}$
- $V ::= x \mid f(\vec{V}) \mid \star \mid \langle V_1, V_2 \rangle \mid \text{proj}_i V \mid \text{thunk } M \mid \dots$
- $M ::= \zeta \mid \text{return } V \mid M_1 \text{ to } x. M_2 \mid \text{op}_V(x.M) \mid \dots$
- $\varphi ::= V_1 \equiv V_2 \mid M_1 \equiv M_2 \mid R(\vec{V}) \mid \pi(\vec{V}, \vec{M}) \mid \perp$   
 $\mid \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \mid \exists x : A. \varphi \mid \exists \zeta : \underline{C}. \varphi$
- $\pi ::= X \mid (\vec{x} : \vec{A}, \vec{\zeta} : \vec{\underline{C}}). \varphi \mid \mu X : (\vec{A}, \vec{C}). \pi \mid \nu X : (\vec{A}, \vec{C}). \pi$



- Can define various **useful ("temporal") modalities** in this logic
- **Pureness modalities:**
  - $[\downarrow](\pi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\zeta : FA). \forall x : A. \zeta \equiv \text{return } x \implies \pi(x)$
  - $\langle \downarrow \rangle(\pi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\zeta : FA). \exists x : A. \zeta \equiv \text{return } x \wedge \pi(x)$
- **Operation modalities:**
  - $[\text{op}](\pi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\zeta : \underline{C}).$   
 $\forall y : \beta, \zeta' : \alpha \rightarrow \underline{C}. \zeta \equiv \text{op}_y((x : \alpha). \zeta'(x)) \implies \pi(y, \zeta')$
  - $\langle \text{op} \rangle(\pi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\zeta : \underline{C}).$   
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- Can extend  $[\text{op}]$  and  $\langle \text{op} \rangle$  to  $[-]$  and  $\langle - \rangle$  by taking conjunctions and disjunctions over all operations  $\text{op}$
- Can use  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  to **extend the local modalities**  $[-]$  and  $\langle - \rangle$  to **global modalities**

# Value and computation refinement types

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CBPV

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Algebraic effects

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The logic of algebraic effects

# Refinement types in general



- We use **standard notation for refinement types**:  $\{x : \sigma \mid \varphi\}$ 
  - $\sigma$  is the type we are refining
  - $\varphi$  is the refinement proposition (i.e., logical specification)
  - $x$  might appear free in  $\varphi$
  
- As we use the CBPV paradigm, we can define two notions of refinement types:
  - **Value refinement types**:  $\vdash \{x : \sigma \mid \varphi\} : \text{Ref}(A)$   
*(these describe properties on values)*
  
  - **Computation refinement types**:  $\vdash \{\zeta : \tau \mid \varphi\} : \underline{\text{Ref}}(\underline{C})$   
*(these describe properties of effectful behavior)*

# Value and computation refinement types



$$\frac{}{\vdash \alpha : \text{Ref}(\alpha)}$$

$$\frac{}{\vdash 1 : \text{Ref}(1)}$$

$$\frac{}{\vdash 0 : \text{Ref}(0)}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \underline{\tau} : \underline{\text{Ref}}(\underline{C})}{\vdash U\underline{\tau} : \text{Ref}(U\underline{C})}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \sigma : \text{Ref}(A)}{\vdash F\sigma : \underline{\text{Ref}}(FA)}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \sigma_i : \text{Ref}(A_i) \quad (i \in \{1, 2\})}{\vdash \sigma_1 + \sigma_2 : \text{Ref}(A_1 + A_2)}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \underline{\tau}_i : \underline{\text{Ref}}(\underline{C}_i) \quad (i \in \{1, 2\})}{\vdash \underline{\tau}_1 \times \underline{\tau}_2 : \underline{\text{Ref}}(\underline{C}_1 \times \underline{C}_2)}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \sigma_1 : \text{Ref}(A_1) \quad \vdash \sigma_2 : \text{Ref}(A_2)}{\vdash \sigma_1 \times \sigma_2 : \text{Ref}(A_1 \times A_2)}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \sigma : \text{Ref}(A) \quad \vdash \underline{\tau} : \underline{\text{Ref}}(\underline{C})}{\vdash \sigma \rightarrow \underline{\tau} : \underline{\text{Ref}}(A \rightarrow \underline{C})}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \sigma : \text{Ref}(A) \quad x : A \vdash \varphi : \text{prop}}{\vdash \{x : \sigma \mid \varphi\} : \text{Ref}(A)}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \underline{\tau} : \underline{\text{Ref}}(\underline{C}) \quad \zeta : \underline{C} \vdash \varphi : \text{prop}}{\vdash \{\zeta : \underline{\tau} \mid \varphi\} : \underline{\text{Ref}}(\underline{C})}$$

# Translations to underlying CBPV and the logic



- We can easily define a "forgetful" operation  $\lceil - \rceil$ 
  - On value refinement types:  $\lceil \vdash \sigma : \text{Ref}(A) \rceil \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A$
  - On computation refinement types:  $\lceil \vdash \tau : \underline{\text{Ref}}(\underline{C}) \rceil \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \underline{C}$
  - On terms, for example:  $\lceil \text{proj}_i V \rceil \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{proj}_i \lceil V \rceil$
- There is also a translation  $(-)^{\bullet}$  of refinement types to the logic of algebraic effects. For example:
  - $x : \lceil \{x' : \sigma \mid \varphi\} \rceil \vdash (\{x' : \sigma \mid \varphi\})^{\bullet} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \varphi[x/x'] \wedge \sigma^{\bullet}$
  - $\zeta : \lceil F\sigma \rceil \vdash (F\sigma)^{\bullet} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left( \mu X. ((\zeta : \lceil F\sigma \rceil). (\exists x : \lceil \sigma \rceil. \zeta \equiv \text{return } x \wedge \sigma^{\bullet}(x)) \vee (\llbracket - \rrbracket (X)(\zeta))) \right) (\zeta)$

# Introduction and elimination of refinements



$$\frac{\Gamma \vDash V : \sigma \quad [\Gamma] \mid \Gamma^\bullet \vdash \varphi[[V]/x]}{\Gamma \vDash V : \{x : \sigma \mid \varphi\}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vDash V : \{x : \sigma \mid \varphi\}}{\Gamma \vDash V : \sigma} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vDash V : \{x : \sigma \mid \varphi\}}{[\Gamma] \mid \Gamma^\bullet \vdash \varphi[[V]/x]}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vDash M : \underline{\tau} \quad [\Gamma] \mid \Gamma^\bullet \vdash \varphi[[M]/\zeta]}{\Gamma \vDash M : \{\zeta : \underline{\tau} \mid \varphi\}}$$

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# Some typing rules for value terms



- These typing rules resemble the standard CBPV rules

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma, x : \sigma, \Gamma' \text{ wf}}{\Gamma, x : \sigma, \Gamma' \Vdash x : \sigma}$$

$$\frac{\vdash \Gamma \text{ wf}}{\Gamma \Vdash \star : 1}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash V_1 : \beta_1 \quad \dots \quad \Gamma \Vdash V_n : \beta_n}{\Gamma \Vdash f(V_1, \dots, V_n) : \beta}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash V : \sigma_1 \quad \Gamma \Vdash W : \sigma_2}{\Gamma \Vdash \langle V, W \rangle : \sigma_1 \times \sigma_2}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash V : \sigma_1 \times \sigma_2}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{proj}_i V : \sigma_i}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash M : \underline{\tau}}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{thunk } M : U\underline{\tau}}$$



# Some typing rules for computation terms



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$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash V : \sigma}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{return } V : F\sigma}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash V : U\underline{\tau}}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{force } V : \underline{\tau}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \sigma \Vdash M : \underline{\tau}}{\Gamma \Vdash \lambda x : \sigma. M : \sigma \rightarrow \underline{\tau}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash M : \sigma \rightarrow \underline{\tau} \quad \Gamma \Vdash V : \sigma}{\Gamma \Vdash MV : \underline{\tau}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash M_1 : \underline{\tau}_1 \quad \Gamma \Vdash M_2 : \underline{\tau}_2}{\Gamma \Vdash \langle M_1, M_2 \rangle : \underline{\tau}_1 \times \underline{\tau}_2}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash M : \underline{\tau}_1 \times \underline{\tau}_2}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{proj}_i M : \underline{\tau}_i}$$

# Some typing rules for effect operations



- These typing rules differ from the standard CBPV rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash V : \beta \quad \Gamma, x : \alpha \Vdash M : F\sigma}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{op}_V((x : \alpha).M) : F\sigma} \quad \frac{\Gamma, y : \sigma \Vdash \text{op}_V((x : \alpha).(My)) : \underline{\tau}}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{op}_V((x : \alpha).M) : \sigma \rightarrow \underline{\tau}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash \text{op}_V((x : \alpha).(\text{fst } M)) : \underline{\tau}_1 \quad \Gamma \Vdash \text{op}_V((x : \alpha).(\text{snd } M)) : \underline{\tau}_2}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{op}_V((x : \alpha).M) : \underline{\tau}_1 \times \underline{\tau}_2}$$

- Compare these rules to [the standard CBPV typing rule](#)

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash V : \beta \quad \Gamma, x : \alpha \Vdash M : \underline{C}}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{op}_V((x : \alpha).M) : \underline{C}}$$

# Some typing rules for sequencing



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$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash M : F\sigma_1 \quad \Gamma, x : \sigma_1 \Vdash N : F\sigma_2}{\Gamma \Vdash M \text{ to } x. N : F\sigma_2} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, y : \sigma \Vdash M \text{ to } x. (Ny) : \underline{\tau}}{\Gamma \Vdash M \text{ to } x. N : \sigma \rightarrow \underline{\tau}}$$

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$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash M : FA \quad \Gamma, x : A \Vdash N : \underline{C}}{\Gamma \Vdash M \text{ to } x. N : \underline{C}}$$

# Refinement relation and weakening



- We can give a straightforward structural definition for **refinement relations**

$$\Gamma \Vdash \sigma_2 \sqsubseteq \sigma_1$$

$$\Gamma \Vdash \tau_2 \sqsubseteq \tau_1$$

- And then show **underlying type equality**

- $\Gamma \Vdash \sigma_2 \sqsubseteq \sigma_1 \implies [\sigma_1] = [\sigma_2]$

- $\Gamma \Vdash \tau_2 \sqsubseteq \tau_1 \implies [\tau_1] = [\tau_2]$

- Using refinement relations, we also define **weakening principles**

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash V : \sigma_2 \quad \Gamma \Vdash \sigma_2 \sqsubseteq \sigma_1}{\Gamma \Vdash V : \sigma_1}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash M : \tau_2 \quad \Gamma \Vdash \tau_2 \sqsubseteq \tau_1}{\Gamma \Vdash M : \tau_1}$$

# Some elements of our denotational semantics

- Semantics of CBPV:
  - Based on adjunction  $F \dashv U$
  - We use a specific adjunction suitable for alg. effects:  
 $F : \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{Mod}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbf{Set}), U : \mathbf{Mod}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbf{Set}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$
  - Value types  $A$  are interpreted as objects  $\llbracket A \rrbracket$  in  $\mathbf{Set}$
  - Computation types  $\underline{C}$  are interpreted as  $\llbracket \underline{C} \rrbracket$  in  $\mathbf{Mod}(\mathbb{T}, \mathbf{Set})$
  - Terms are interpreted as morphisms in  $\mathbf{Set}$ 
    - $\llbracket \Gamma \Vdash V : A \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow \llbracket A \rrbracket$
    - $\llbracket \Gamma \Vdash M : \underline{C} \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow U\llbracket \underline{C} \rrbracket$
- Semantics of the logic of algebraic effects:
  - Propositions as:  $\llbracket \Gamma \mid \Delta \mid \Theta \vdash \varphi \rrbracket \subseteq \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \times \llbracket \Delta \rrbracket \times \llbracket \Theta \rrbracket$
  - Predicates as:  
 $\llbracket \Gamma \mid \Delta \mid \Theta \vdash \pi \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \times \llbracket \Delta \rrbracket \times \llbracket \Theta \rrbracket \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\llbracket \vec{A} \rrbracket \times U\llbracket \vec{C} \rrbracket)$
  - Sequents as:  $\Gamma \mid \Delta \mid \Theta \mid \vec{\varphi} \vdash \varphi$  as  $\llbracket \vec{\varphi} \rrbracket \subseteq \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket$

# Categorical semantics of our type system



- Our current concrete categorical semantics is based on the Set-based semantics of CBPV and the logic
- We abstract a little bit and work explicitly with the **subject fibration**

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Sub}(\mathbf{Set}) & & \Gamma \mid \Delta \mid \Theta \vdash \varphi \\ \downarrow p & & \downarrow p \\ \mathbf{Set} & & \Gamma \mid \Delta \mid \Theta \end{array}$$

- Base category  $\mathbf{Set}$  models contexts (and the language)
- Fibres  $\text{Sub}(\mathbf{Set})_{(\Gamma \mid \Delta \mid \Theta)}$  model the logic
- We give our semantics in the total category  $\text{Sub}(\mathbf{Set})$

# Categorical semantics of our type system ctd.



- So we start with  $p : \text{Sub}(\mathbf{Set}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$
- **Value refinement types**  $\vdash \sigma : \text{Ref}(A)$  are interpreted as objects  $\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket \mapsto \llbracket A \rrbracket$  in  $\text{Sub}(\mathbf{Set})$
- **Computation refinement types**  $\vdash \underline{\tau} : \underline{\text{Ref}}(\underline{C})$  are interpreted as objects  $\llbracket \underline{\tau} \rrbracket \mapsto U\llbracket \underline{C} \rrbracket$  in  $\text{Sub}(\mathbf{Set})$ 
  - The interpretation of  $\vdash F\sigma : \underline{\text{Ref}}(FA)$  relies on the fact that all monads on  $\mathbf{Set}$  preserve subobjects.
- Value and computation terms will be interpreted as morphisms in  $\text{Sub}(\mathbf{Set})$ 
  - **Value terms**  $\Gamma \Vdash V : \sigma$  as morphisms from  $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \mapsto \llbracket [\Gamma] \rrbracket$  to  $\llbracket \sigma \rrbracket \mapsto \llbracket [\sigma] \rrbracket$
  - **Computation terms**  $\Gamma \Vdash M : \underline{\tau}$  as morphisms from  $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \mapsto \llbracket [\Gamma] \rrbracket$  to  $\llbracket \underline{\tau} \rrbracket \mapsto U\llbracket [\underline{\tau}] \rrbracket$





# Some examples of specifications

# Pre- and post-condition specifications on state



- Based on the theory of state and follows ideas from:
  - Hoare triples  $\{P\} C \{Q\}$
  - Hoare types  $\{P\}x : A\{Q\}$
- Pre- and post-conditions as computation refinement types:
  - $\vdash \{\zeta : FA \mid P \blacktriangleright_{x:A} Q\} : \underline{\text{Ref}}(FA)$
- The **Hoare refinement** has the following definition

$$\zeta : FA \vdash P \blacktriangleright_{x:A} Q \stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$$

$$\forall x_{l_1} : \text{int}, \dots, x_{l_n} : \text{int}, y_{l_1} : \text{int}, \dots, y_{l_n} : \text{int}, z : A.$$

$$P \blacktriangleright [x_{l_1}/x_1, \dots, x_{l_n}/x_n] \wedge$$

$$\exists \zeta' : F1 . \text{update}_{l_1, x_{l_1}} ( \dots (\text{update}_{l_n, x_{l_n}} (\zeta)) ) \equiv$$

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