Guarded Computational Type Theory

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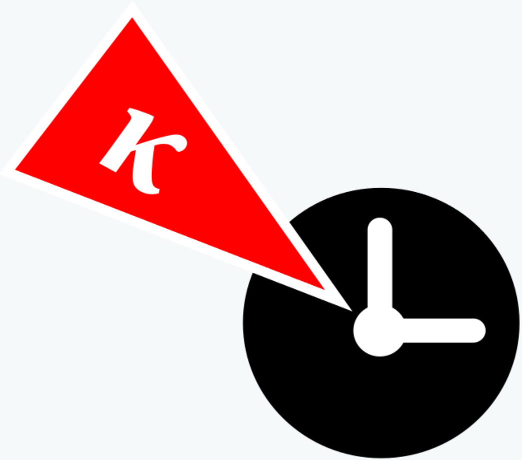

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Variety of techniques employed today, but the problem of mixed variance fixed points remained the fundamental struggle of PL semantics.

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not just for predicates! can also form guarded-recursive "sets":

$$\text{gstream} \cong \mathbb{N} \times \triangleright\text{gstream}$$

Programming Example: Guarded Streams

```
type gstr[X] = cons of X * |> gstr[X]

let head (xs : gstr[X]) : X =
  let cons (x, _) = xs in x

let tail (xs : gstr[X]) : |> gstr[X] =
  let cons (_, ys) = xs in ys

let zipWith (f : X -> Y -> Z) : gstr[X] -> gstr[Y] -> gstr[Z] =
  gfix F in
    fun (cons (x, xs)) (cons (y, ys)) ->
      cons (f x y, F <*> xs <*> ys)
```

Can't write unguarded `tail` function! Guarded-recursive types ensure that all observations are *causal*.

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Dependent type theory = semantic framework to unify the study of *programs* with the study of *programming languages.*

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2. universes $\mathcal{U}_i$ are essential, but not directly supported in GDTT semantics

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Idea: get rid of ordinary universes, replace with weaker clock-context-indexed universes $\mathcal{U}_i^{\vec{\kappa}}$.

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We call it Guarded Computational Type Theory / CTT🕒.

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Programs have more than one behavior: in particular, the specification $M \in \{\kappa \div \texttt{clk}\} \to A_\kappa$ means that M exhibits *all* the behaviors A_κ simultaneously.

"Who among us...?"

Initial version of **CTT**⌚ had subtle+critical bug, wasn't clear if it could be salvaged. Need for formalization.

Formalizing CTT$^{\circleddash}$

To gain confidence, formalized corrected version in **Coq** using internal topos-theoretic technique.

Basic idea: design a suitable presheaf topos $\mathcal{S}_{\circleddash}$ whose internal logic has clocks, $\triangleright_\kappa$ and $\forall\kappa$. See our paper, but think of presheaves on finitely many copies of ω.

The logic of clocks

There is a *presheaf of clocks* $\mathbb{K} : \mathcal{S}_{🕒}$.

The topos $\mathcal{S}_{🕒}$ contains a rich higher-order logic with a $\mathbb{K}$-indexed family of modalities $\triangleright_\kappa$, enjoying crucial principles including the following:

IRRELEVANCE

$\exists \kappa : \mathbb{K}.\, \top$

"IMPATIENCE"

$\forall \phi : \Omega^{\mathbb{K}}.\, (\forall \kappa : \mathbb{K}.\, \triangleright_\kappa \phi(\kappa)) \Rightarrow \forall \kappa : \mathbb{K}.\, \phi(\kappa)$

MONOTONICITY

$\forall \kappa : \mathbb{K}.\, \forall \phi : \Omega.\, \phi \Rightarrow \triangleright_\kappa \phi$

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STRONG LÖB INDUCTION

$\forall \kappa : \mathbb{K}.\, \forall \phi : \Omega.\, (\triangleright_\kappa \phi \Rightarrow \phi) \Rightarrow \phi$

Internal Syntax and Operational Semantics

Key idea: higher-order internal encoding of syntax for later modality and clock quantification[1], De Bruijn encoding for ordinary binders:

$$\frac{\kappa : \mathbb{K} \qquad A : \mathcal{P}rog}{\blacktriangleright_{\kappa} A : \mathcal{P}rog}$$

$$\frac{A : \mathcal{P}rog^{\mathbb{K}}}{(\kappa : \texttt{clk}) \to A(\kappa) : \mathcal{P}rog} \qquad \frac{A : \mathcal{P}rog^{\mathbb{K}}}{\{\kappa \div \texttt{clk}\} \to A(\kappa) : \mathcal{P}rog}$$

[1]See Fiore et al. [1999], Hofmann [1999].

Next, we construct the PER-model of type theory inside the *internal logic* of $\mathcal{S}_{\circlearrowleft}$.

Idea: internal inductive-recursive definition of a universe hierarchy, assigning relations to type-codes.

All clauses are standard, except the relations which define the clock-related connectives; approximately:

$$
\begin{aligned}
[\![\blacktriangleright_\kappa A]\!] &= \{(M, N) \mid \triangleright_\kappa((M, N) \in [\![A]\!])\} \\
[\![(\kappa : \mathtt{clk}) \to A(\kappa)]\!] &= \{(M, N) \mid \forall \kappa : \mathbb{K}.\, (\mathtt{app}(M, \kappa), \mathtt{app}(N, \kappa)) \in [\![A(\kappa)]\!]\} \\
[\![\{\kappa \div \mathtt{clk}\} \to A(\kappa)]\!] &= \{(M, N) \mid \forall \kappa : \mathbb{K}.\, (M, N) \in [\![A(\kappa)]\!]\} \\
&\vdots
\end{aligned}
$$

Programming in CTT$^{\circlearrowleft}$

Using a combination of both clock quantifiers and the later modality, we can program the type of guarded-recursive streams "qua fixed points on universes".[2]

$$\mathsf{gstr} \in (\_ : \mathtt{clk}) \to \mathbb{U}_0 \to \mathbb{U}_0$$
$$\mathsf{gstr} = \lambda\kappa.\, \mathtt{fix}\, F\, \mathtt{in}\, \lambda A.\, A \times \blacktriangleright_\kappa F(A)$$

$$\mathsf{seq} \in \mathbb{U}_0 \to \mathbb{U}_0$$
$$\mathsf{seq} = \lambda A.\, \{\kappa \div \mathtt{clk}\} \to \mathsf{gstr}\, \kappa\, A$$

$$\mathsf{gzipwith} \in (f : X \to Y \to Z) \to \{\kappa \div \mathtt{clk}\} \to \mathsf{gstr}\, \kappa\, X \to \mathsf{gstr}\, \kappa\, Y \to \mathsf{gstr}\, \kappa\, Z$$
$$\mathsf{gzipwith} = \lambda f.\, \mathtt{fix}\, F\, \mathtt{in}\, \lambda\alpha, \beta.\, \langle f\, \alpha.1\, \beta.1, F\, \alpha.2\, \beta.2\rangle$$

$$\mathsf{zipwith} \in (f : X \to Y \to Z) \to \mathsf{seq}\, X \to \mathsf{seq}\, Y \to \mathsf{seq}\, Z$$
$$\mathsf{zipwith} = \mathsf{gzipwith}$$

[2] Birkedal and Møgelberg [2013]

Summary of contribution

In **Guarded Computational Type Theory** / **CTT**$^{\circlearrowleft}$, we propose a guarded dependent type theory which supports a predicative hierarchy of standard/*non-indexed* type-theoretic universes $\mathtt{U}_i$.

1. standard dependent type connectives (Π,Σ, $\mathtt{Eq}$)
2. clock-indexed later modality ($\blacktriangleright_\kappa A$)
3. parametric clock quantifier ($\{\kappa \div \mathtt{clk}\} \to A$)
4. non-parametric clock quantifier ($(\kappa : \mathtt{clk}) \to A$)
5. type-theoretic universes $\mathtt{U}_i$ which contain $\blacktriangleright_\kappa A$
6. operational semantics, canonicity result
7. **formalized in Coq using internal-topos-theoretic technique**

(questions?)

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