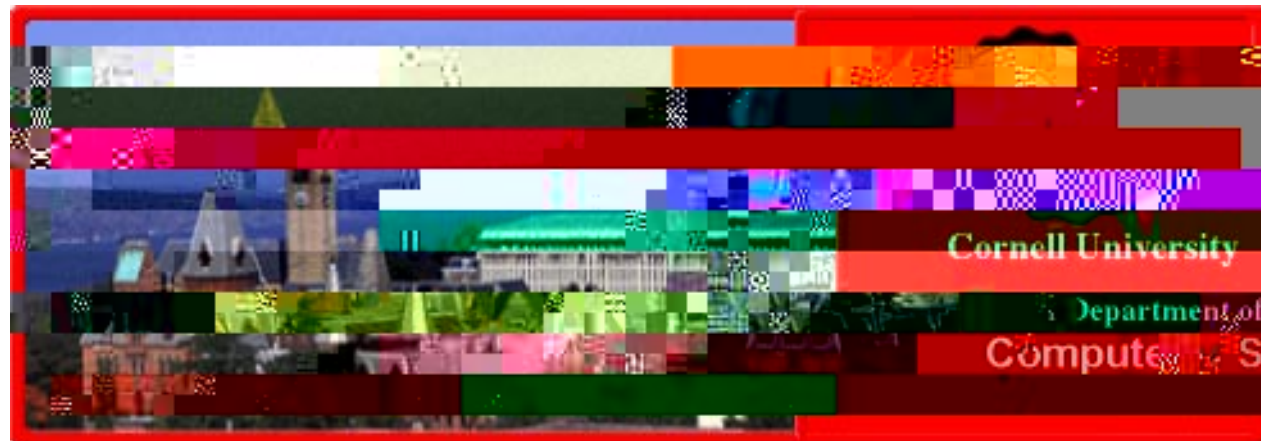


Formal Objects in Type Theory

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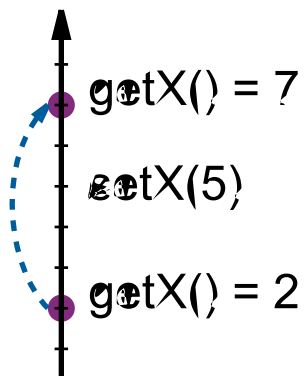


Outline

- **Object Oriented Programming**
- **Object Calculi**
- **Examples**
- **Interpretation in Nuprl**

Object Oriented Programming

Example class



```
class Point {  
private:  
    int x;  
public:  
    Point(int x): x(x) {}  
    int getX() const { return x; }  
    Point &operator=(const Point &p) {  
        return new Point(p);  
    }  
};
```

Inheritance

What type is setX()?

```
class ColorPoint : inherits Point {  
private:  
    Color color;  
public:  
    ColorPoint(  
        in getColor  
        ColorPoint setColor(Color c) {  
            re urn new
```

Object calculus (Cardelli, Abadi)

- Three primitives: objects, method selection, method override

For an object $c = [u_i \mid \lambda \omega_i. v_i]$

$c.l_j \rightarrow v_j[c/\omega_j]$

$c.l_j \leftarrow \lambda \omega. \tilde{v}_j \quad [u_i \mid \lambda \omega_i. \tilde{v}_i \mid \lambda \omega_j. \tilde{v}_j]$

- Progamec4e untyped

$Obj(X.[u_i \mid \lambda \omega_i. v_i])$

Example

$$p_5 \models \begin{bmatrix} \text{getK} \models \lambda c.5, \\ \text{setK} \models \lambda c.\lambda i. c.\text{getK} \leftarrow \lambda c.i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$p_5 \models \begin{bmatrix} x \models 5 \\ \text{getK} \models \end{bmatrix}$$

$\Leftarrow$

Point $\models$ Obj

λ -calculus

$$\llbracket \lambda x. b \rrbracket \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda x. x, \text{ body} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda x. \llbracket b \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket (\lambda x. \text{body}) 1 \rrbracket =$$

$$([arg = \&body, \quad \lambda x. x.arg + x:arg \quad 1) \text{ body}$$

$$[arg = 1; \text{body} = \& \quad arg + x:arg]: \text{body}$$

$$[arg = 1; \text{body} = \& \quad arg \quad \text{body} = \dots]: arg$$

$$c \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \text{new} \vdash \varsigma z. [\text{getK} \vdash \varsigma s. z.\text{getK}(s); \text{setK} \vdash \varsigma s. z.\text{setK}(s)]; \\ \text{getK}_S: \end{bmatrix}$$

Interpretations

- **Primitive, axiomatic (Cardelli, Abadi)**
 - Fully functional
 - Syntactic
 - $\vdash \omega, < \mu$
- **Existential (Hoffman, Pierce, Turner)**
 - Updates on fields only
 - Type-specific interpretation
 - $\vdash \omega, <:$

Type Theory

- **Advantages**
 - Many models:
 - Set theoretic [Howe]
 - PER [Allen, Mendler]
 - Denotational [Rezus]
 - Recursive Realizability [Aczel]
 - Categorical [Palmgren]
 - ...
 - Predicativity
 - Large, expressive, formal foundation
 - Predicativity

Formal Objects in Type Theory

- **Scale in formal systems**
 - Jackson, large formalization of abstract algebra

Results

- **One new type constructor for defining object types**
 - Formal interpretation of objects
- **New theory structure for verification systems**
 - Correspondences (propositions-as-types)

Object Types

- **Existential interpretation [Hoffman, Pierce, Turner]**
“state-application” semantics

- complex interpretation

Canonical

Weak existential

may

_____ have different

Objects

- Object types specified with method descriptions

$\text{Point } M \triangleq \lambda \text{Rep}. \{ \text{get} \uparrow : \text{Rep} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \text{ set } \uparrow : \text{Rep} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \text{Rep} \}$

- Generic type constructor

$\text{type } T \text{ is } \text{int} \text{ set } \uparrow : \text{Rep} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \text{Rep} \text{ methods: } M(\text{Rep}) \}$

- Point example:

$\text{type } \text{Point} \text{ is } \text{int} \text{ set } \uparrow : \text{Rep} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \text{Rep} \text{ methods: } M(\text{Rep}) \}$

$\text{set } \uparrow : \text{Rep} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \text{Rep} \}$

Record Encoding

$\{l_1 : a_1, \dots, l_n : a_n\} = \lambda l. \text{case } l \text{ of } l_1 : a_1 \mid \dots \mid l_n : a_n$

- Type: dependent function type

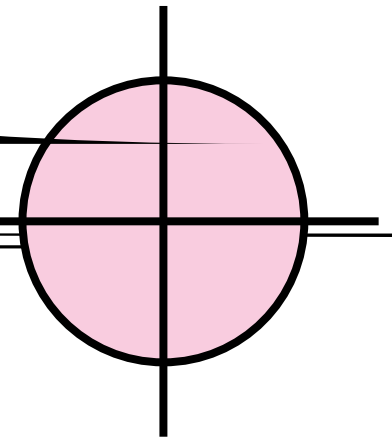
Dependent Records

expressive specifications

methods

on the unit circle:

$$P \equiv [x, y: \mathbb{R}; spec: x^2 + y^2 \approx 1; tot: \mathbb{R}]$$



Very-dependent function encoding

- **Dependent function** $a: A \rightarrow B_a \quad (\Pi a: A. B_a)$
- **Very-dependent function allows calls in the range:**

$$\{f \mid a: A \rightarrow B_{f,a}\}$$

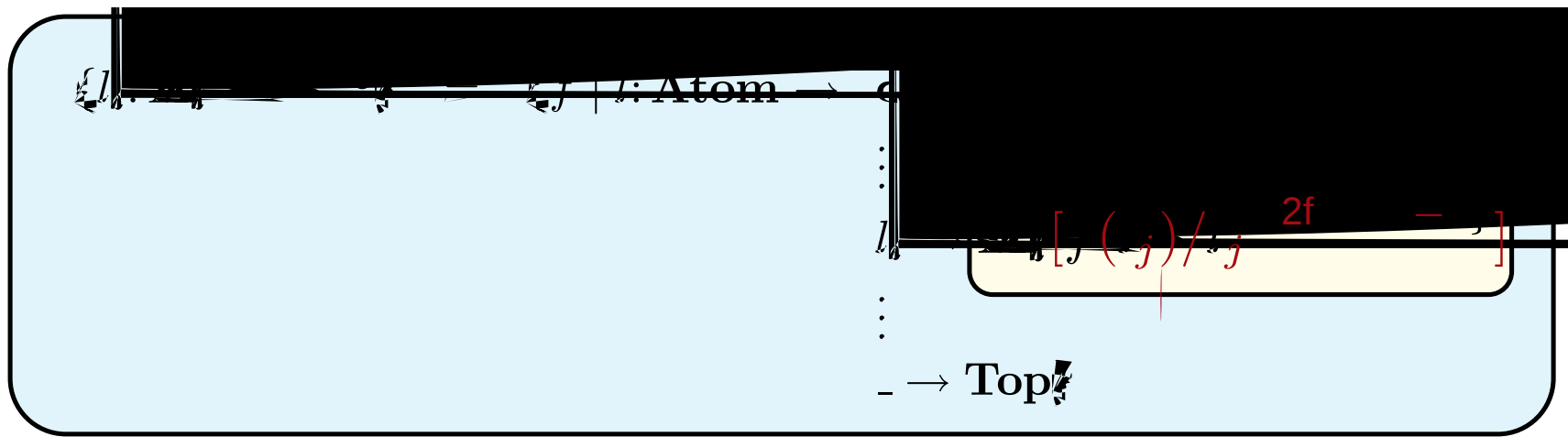
- **Circle points:**

$$\{f \mid l: \mathbf{Atom} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{“get } l \text{”} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ \text{“get } Y \text{”} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ \text{“rot”} \rightarrow \dots \\ _ \rightarrow \mathbf{Top} \end{array} \text{ of } l\}$$

$$2 + f(\text{“get } Y \text{”})^2 \approx 1$$

Dependent Record Encoding

- Map function f over occurrences of labels



Point object

- Point is untyped

$0 \equiv \text{pack} \{ \text{state} = 0; \}$

Interfaces

- unpack object, call method, repack object

Point.setX Y 0 1 j i " 0 24 5 101 356.508 302 T m i " 0.369 0 0

$r \text{ state} := \langle r \cdot \text{methods} \cdot$

Subsumption

- Untyped interfaces are polymorphic
- Interface typing

Propositions-as-types

- **Proof of an object type is an object**
- **Theory construction:**
 - state axioms
 - derive theorems
- **Relationships of theories are formalizable**
- **Add rules to object types**

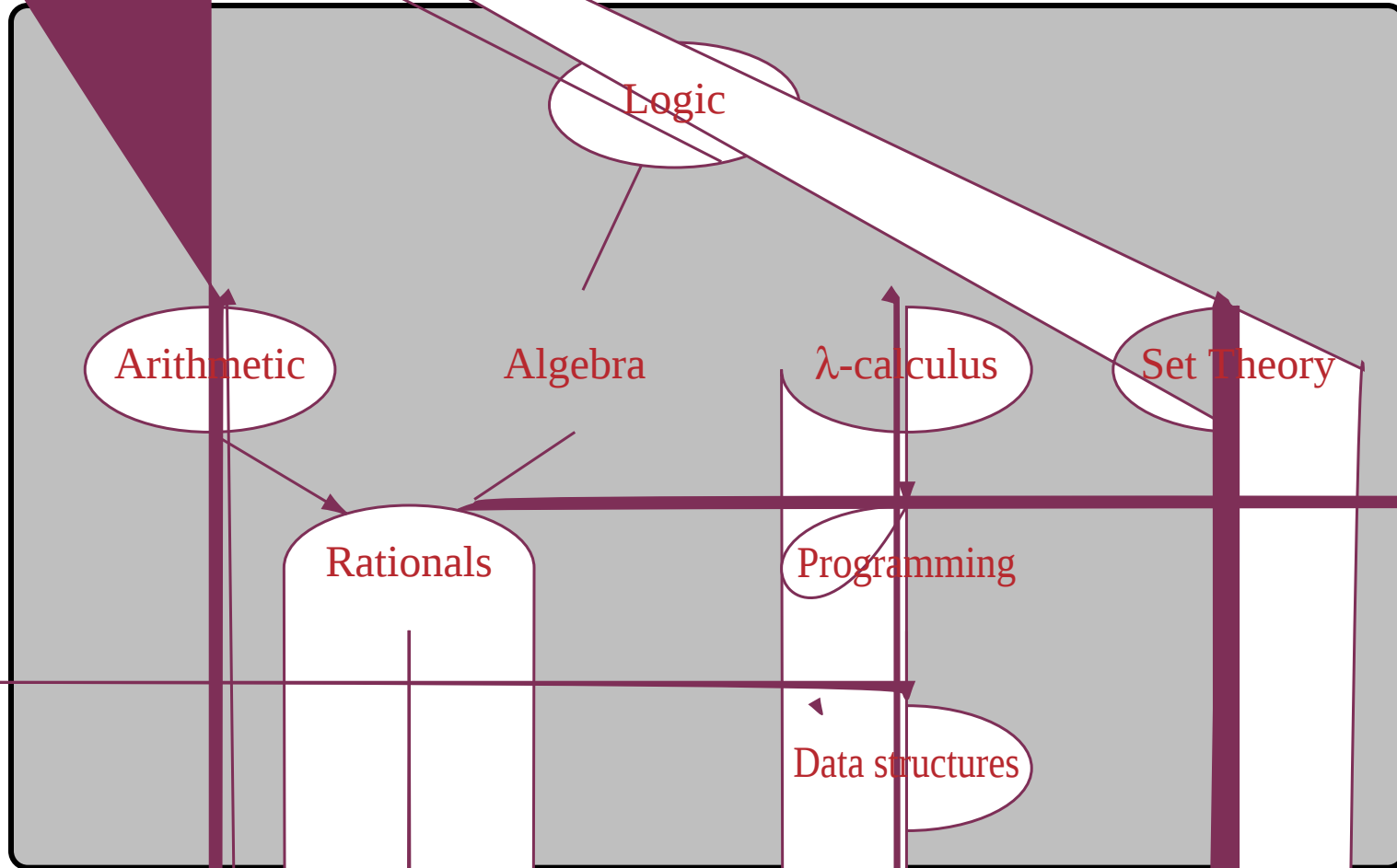
II. Theories as Objects

- Expressive, dependent, object signatures
- Binary operators

Expected subtyping properties GroupM 9

$$\text{MonoidM} \equiv \{ \text{var:Type} \rightarrow \text{vars:Prop}; \\ e: \text{var,assn}(\oplus) \}$$

Modular Type Theory



Conclusion

- **Type theoretic interpretation provides mathematical understanding**
- **New contributions:**
 - Dependent object types
 - New form of “binary” methods
- **Feed principles of object-oriented programming back into formal systems**
 - Modularity (multiple, possibly inconsistent)
 - Formal re-use
 - Enables collaboration