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Constraint-based Computational Semantics

Syntax and Semantics of Higher Order Intensional Logic

Types As in our previous higher-order language, all expressions of our higher-order intensional language, $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Type}}$, will be typed.

Definition 1 Types

Type is the smallest set such that

- i.) $e \in \text{Type}$,
- ii.) $t \in \text{Type}$,
- iii.) for each $\tau_1 \in \text{Type}$, for each $\tau_2 \in \text{Type}$, $\langle \tau_1, \tau_2 \rangle \in \text{Type}$,
- iv.) for each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, $\langle s, \tau \rangle \in \text{Type}$.

Syntax The basic expressions of $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Type}}$ consist only of variables and constants. Again there is no distinction between terms and formulae.

Definition 2 Basic Expressions

- i.) For each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, Var_τ is the smallest set such that for each $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, $v_{n,\tau} \in \text{Var}_\tau$.
- ii.) For each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, Const_τ is the smallest set such that for each $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, $c_{n,\tau} \in \text{Const}_\tau$.

We write Var for the set of all variables, $\bigcup_{\tau \in \text{Type}} \text{Var}_\tau$, and Const for the set of all constants, $\bigcup_{\tau \in \text{Type}} \text{Const}_\tau$.

The set of *basic expressions* of our language is the union of the set of variables and the set of constants.

Definition 3 Meaningful Expressions

The meaningful expressions of $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Type}}$ are the smallest family $(\text{ME}_\tau)_{\tau \in \text{Type}}$ such that

- i.) for each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, for each variable $v_{n,\tau} \in \text{Var}_\tau$, $v_{n,\tau} \in \text{ME}_\tau$;
- ii.) for each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, for each constant $c_{n,\tau} \in \text{Const}_\tau$, $c_{n,\tau} \in \text{ME}_\tau$;

- iii.) for each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, for each $\phi_\tau \in \text{ME}_\tau$, for each $\psi_\tau \in \text{ME}_\tau$,
 $(\phi_\tau \equiv \psi_\tau)_t \in \text{ME}_t$;
- iv.) for each $\phi_{\langle \tau_2, \tau_1 \rangle} \in \text{ME}_{\langle \tau_2, \tau_1 \rangle}$, for each $\psi_{\tau_2} \in \text{ME}_{\tau_2}$,
 $(\phi_{\langle \tau_2, \tau_1 \rangle} (\psi_{\tau_2}))_{\tau_1} \in \text{ME}_{\tau_1}$;
- v.) for each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$,
 $(\neg \phi_t)_t \in \text{ME}_t$;
- vi.) for each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $\psi_t \in \text{ME}_t$,
 $(\phi_t \wedge \psi_t)_t \in \text{ME}_t$;
- vii.) for each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $\psi_t \in \text{ME}_t$,
 $(\phi_t \vee \psi_t)_t \in \text{ME}_t$;
- viii.) for each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $\psi_t \in \text{ME}_t$,
 $(\phi_t \rightarrow \psi_t)_t \in \text{ME}_t$;
- ix.) for each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $\psi_t \in \text{ME}_t$,
 $(\phi_t \leftrightarrow \psi_t)_t \in \text{ME}_t$;
- x.) for each $\tau_1 \in \text{Type}$, for each $\tau_2 \in \text{Type}$, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, for each $v_{n, \tau_2} \in \text{Var}$, for each $\phi_{\tau_1} \in \text{ME}_{\tau_1}$,
 $(\lambda v_{n, \tau_2} . \phi_{\tau_1})_{\langle \tau_2, \tau_1 \rangle} \in \text{ME}_{\langle \tau_2, \tau_1 \rangle}$;
- xi.) for each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$,
 $\Box \phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$;
- xii.) for each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$,
 $\Diamond \phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$;
- xiii.) for each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, for each $\phi_\tau \in \text{ME}_\tau$,
 $\hat{\phi}_\tau \in \text{ME}_{\langle s, \tau \rangle}$;
- xiv.) for each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, for each $\phi_{\langle s, \tau \rangle} \in \text{ME}_{\langle s, \tau \rangle}$,
 $\check{\phi}_{\langle s, \tau \rangle} \in \text{ME}_\tau$;
- xv.) for each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, for each $v_{n, \tau} \in \text{Var}$, for each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$,
 $(\forall v_{n, \tau} \phi_t)_t \in \text{ME}_t$;
- xvi.) for each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, for each $v_{n, \tau} \in \text{Var}$, for each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$,
 $(\exists v_{n, \tau} \phi_t)_t \in \text{ME}_t$.

Semantics D is a set of individuals, and W is a set of possible worlds. The interpretation domain with respect to the set of individuals D and the set of possible worlds W is then defined as $D_{e,D,W} = D$, $D_{t,D,W} = \{0, 1\}$, for each $\tau_1 \in \text{Type}$, for each $\tau_2 \in \text{Type}$, $D_{\langle \tau_1, \tau_2 \rangle} = D_{\tau_2, D, W}^{D_{\tau_1, D, W}}$ (the set of all functions from $D_{\tau_1, D, W}$ to $D_{\tau_2, D, W}$), and for each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, $D_{\langle s, \tau \rangle} = D_{\tau, D, W}^W$ (the set of functions from worlds to objects in the domain $D_{\tau, D, W}$).

Let l be a function which assigns to each non-logical constant of type τ , $c_{n,\tau}$ in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Type}}$, a function which gives, for each world, the meaning of that constant in that world. This means that $l(c_{n,\tau}) \in D_{\tau, D, W}^W$.

Let $M = \langle D, W, l \rangle$. We will call each M a *model*.

Let g be a function in $\bigcup_{\tau \in \text{Type}} \left(D_{\tau}^{\text{Var}_{\tau}} \right)$ which assigns an object (of the appropriate type) in the domain $\bigcup_{\tau \in \text{Type}} D_{\tau}$ to each variable in Var . We call each g an *assignment function*.

Assume that v is a variable of type τ and d is an element of D_{τ} . We will use the notation g^d for the assignment function g' which differs from the assignment function g in the following way:

For each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, for each $v \in \text{Var}_{\tau}$, for each $x \in \text{Var}_{\tau}$, for each $d \in D_{\tau}$,

$$g^d(x) = \begin{cases} d & \text{if } x = v, \text{ and} \\ g(x) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Definition 4 Extension (Reference) of Meaningful Expressions in Worlds given M and g

Let $M = \langle D, W, l \rangle$ be a model and g an assignment function.

- i.) For each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, for each variable $v_{n,\tau} \in \text{Var}_{\tau}$, for each $w \in W$,

$$\llbracket v_{n,\tau} \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = g(v_{n,\tau}).$$
- ii.) For each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, for each constant $c_{n,\tau} \in \text{Const}_{\tau}$, for each $w \in W$,

$$\llbracket c_{n,\tau} \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = l(c_{n,\tau})(w).$$
- iii.) For each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, for each $\phi_{\tau} \in \text{ME}_{\tau}$, for each $\psi_{\tau} \in \text{ME}_{\tau}$, for each $w \in W$,

$$\llbracket (\phi_{\tau} \equiv \psi_{\tau})_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 1 \text{ iff } \llbracket \phi_{\tau} \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = \llbracket \psi_{\tau} \rrbracket^{M,w,g}.$$
- iv.) For each $\phi_{\langle \tau_2, \tau_1 \rangle} \in \text{ME}_{\langle \tau_2, \tau_1 \rangle}$, for each $\psi_{\tau_2} \in \text{ME}_{\tau_2}$, for each $w \in W$,

$$\llbracket (\phi_{\langle \tau_2, \tau_1 \rangle}(\psi_{\tau_2}))_{\tau_1} \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = \llbracket \phi_{\langle \tau_2, \tau_1 \rangle} \rrbracket^{M,w,g} \left(\llbracket \psi_{\tau_2} \rrbracket^{M,w,g} \right).$$
- v.) For each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $w \in W$,

$$\llbracket (\neg \phi_t)_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 1 \text{ iff } \llbracket (\phi_t)_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 0$$
- vi.) For each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $\psi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $w \in W$,

$$\llbracket (\phi_t \wedge \psi_t)_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 1 \text{ iff } \llbracket \phi_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 1 \text{ and } \llbracket \psi_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 1.$$
- vii.) For each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $\psi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $w \in W$,

$$\llbracket (\phi_t \vee \psi_t)_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 1 \text{ iff } \llbracket \phi_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 1 \text{ or } \llbracket \psi_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 1.$$

- viii.) For each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $\psi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $w \in \mathcal{W}$,

$$\llbracket (\phi_t \rightarrow \psi_t)_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 1 \text{ iff } \llbracket \phi_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 0 \text{ or } \llbracket \psi_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 1.$$
- ix.) For each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $\psi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $w \in \mathcal{W}$,

$$\llbracket (\phi_t \leftrightarrow \psi_t)_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 1 \text{ iff } \llbracket \phi_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = \llbracket \psi_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g}.$$
- x.) For each $\tau_1 \in \text{Type}$, for each $\tau_2 \in \text{Type}$, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, for each $v_{n,\tau_2} \in \text{Var}$, for each $\phi_{\tau_1} \in \text{ME}_{\tau_1}$, for each $w \in \mathcal{W}$,

$$\llbracket (\lambda v_{n,\tau_2}. \phi_{\tau_1})_{\langle \tau_2, \tau_1 \rangle} \rrbracket^{M,w,g}$$
 is that function h from \mathcal{D}_{τ_2} to \mathcal{D}_{τ_1} such that for each $o \in \mathcal{D}_{\tau_2}$, $h(o) = \llbracket \phi_{\tau_1} \rrbracket^{M,w,g \overset{o}{v}_{n,\tau_2}}$.
- xi.) For each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $w \in \mathcal{W}$,

$$\llbracket \Box \phi_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 1 \text{ iff for all } w' \in \mathcal{W}, \llbracket \phi_t \rrbracket^{M,w',g} = 1.$$
- xii.) For each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $w \in \mathcal{W}$,

$$\llbracket \Diamond \phi_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 1 \text{ iff for at least one } w' \in \mathcal{W}, \llbracket \phi_t \rrbracket^{M,w',g} = 1.$$
- xiii.) For each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, for each $\phi_\tau \in \text{ME}_\tau$, for each $w \in \mathcal{W}$,

$$\llbracket \hat{\phi}_\tau \rrbracket^{M,w,g}$$
 is that function $h \in \mathcal{D}_{\tau, \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{W}}^{\mathcal{W}}$ such that for all $w' \in \mathcal{W}$, $h(w') = \llbracket \phi_\tau \rrbracket^{M,w',g}$.
- xiv.) For each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, for each $\phi_{\langle s, \tau \rangle} \in \text{ME}_\tau$, for each $w \in \mathcal{W}$,

$$\llbracket \check{\phi}_{\langle s, \tau \rangle} \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = \llbracket \phi_{\langle s, \tau \rangle} \rrbracket^{M,w,g}(w).$$
- xv.) For each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, for each $v_{n,\tau} \in \text{Var}$, for each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $w \in \mathcal{W}$,

$$\llbracket (\forall v_{n,\tau} \phi_t)_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 1 \text{ iff for each } o \in \mathcal{D}_\tau, \llbracket \phi_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g \overset{o}{v}_{n,\tau}} = 1.$$
- xvi.) For each $\tau \in \text{Type}$, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, for each $v_{n,\tau} \in \text{Var}$, for each $\phi_t \in \text{ME}_t$, for each $w \in \mathcal{W}$,

$$\llbracket (\exists v_{n,\tau} \phi_t)_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g} = 1 \text{ iff for at least one } o \in \mathcal{D}_\tau, \llbracket \phi_t \rrbracket^{M,w,g \overset{o}{v}_{n,\tau}} = 1.$$