#### **General Aims**

- To teach basics of *category theory*.
- **To study** *programming language syntax with binding*.
- We only cover the category theory we need.
- Some categorical machinery is simplified you read the abstract stuff *after* these lectures.
- We study syntax by examples we omit the general theory of binding syntax.
- Syntax with binding is a hot research topic ...



Binding syntax subsumes algebraic syntax.

Binding syntax is specified by giving some constructor symbols  $C_i$  where each symbol has an arity  $a \in \mathbb{N}$  and a binding depth  $(b_0, \ldots, b_{a-1}) \in \mathbb{N}^a$ .

These generate (*finite*) expressions such as

$$C_3 \underbrace{\dots (v^0, \dots, v^{b_j - 1}, e_j) \dots}_{length a}$$

I ... from datatypes of the form



## Learning Outcomes: You Should

- know how examples of programming language syntax with binding can be specified inductively;
- be able to define basic categorical structures;
- know, by example, how to compute simple initial algebras;
- understand simple *abstract* models of syntax and know how to *manufacture* categorical models *from* syntax;
- be able to prove these models are essentially the same;
- understand current issues concerning variable binding and read the literature.



f and g composable if tar(f) = src(g).

If  $f: A \to B$  and  $g: B \to C$  then there is  $g \circ f: A \to C$ , called the composition.

For any object *A* there is an identity morphism  $id_A: A \rightarrow A$ . For any *f* 

$$id_{tar(f)} \circ f = f$$
  
 $f \circ id_{src(f)} = f$ 

• is associative: given  $f: A \to B$ ,  $g: B \to C$  and  $h: C \to D$ ,  $(h \circ g) \circ f = h \circ (g \circ f)$ 



$$1 \xrightarrow{[\mathsf{S} v^0, \mathsf{A} v^0 v^0]} 2 \xrightarrow{[\mathsf{A} (\mathsf{A} v^0 v^1) v^1, \mathsf{A} v^1 v^0, \mathsf{A} v^0 (\mathsf{S} v^1)]} 3$$

the composition is

If

$$\begin{bmatrix} A (A (S v^{0}) (A v^{0} v^{0})) (A v^{0} v^{0}), \\ A (A v^{0} v^{0}) (S v^{0}), \\ A (S v^{0}) (S (A v^{0} v^{0}))] \\ 1 \longrightarrow 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Set

#### The objects are sets.

Morphisms are triples (A, f, B) where  $f \subseteq A \times B$  is a *graph* of a function:

$$(\forall a \in A) (\exists !b \in B) ((a,b) \in f)$$

Composition is given by

$$(B,g,C) \circ (A,f,B) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (A,g \circ f,C)$$

• 
$$id_A$$
 is  $(A, id, A)$ .







## **Isomorphisms and Equivalences**

A morphism  $f: A \to B$  is an isomorphism if there is some  $g: B \to A$  for which

$$f \circ g = id_B \qquad \land \qquad g \circ f = id_A$$

• We say g is an inverse for f and vise versa.

We say *A* is isomorphic to *B*,

$$f : A \cong B : g$$

if such a mutually inverse pair of morphisms exists.

• f and g witness the isomorphism.

# **Examples of Isomorphisms**

- Bijections in *Set* are isomorphisms.
- In  $(X, \leq)$
- if ≤ is a partial order, the only isomorphisms are the identities, *or*
- if  $\leq$  is a preorder and  $x, y \in X$  we have  $x \cong y$  iff  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq x$ , with only one witness:

$$(x,y)$$
 :  $x \cong y$  :  $(y,x)$ 

# **Definition of a Functor**

A functor  $F: \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$  is specified by

- **assigning an object** FA in  $\mathcal{D}$  to any object A in  $\mathcal{C}$ , and
- **assigning a morphism**  $Ff:FA \to FB$  in  $\mathcal{D}$ , to any morphism  $f:A \to B$  in  $\mathcal{C}$ ,

for which

$$F(id_A) = id_{FA}$$

$$F(g \circ f) = Fg \circ Ff$$

## An Example of a Functor

Define  $F: Set \rightarrow Set$  by

• 
$$FA \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [A]$$
, the *finite lists* over A

• 
$$Ff \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} map(f)$$
 where

 $map(f): [A] \rightarrow [B]$  is defined by

$$map(f)(as) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} case \ as \ of$$
$$\varepsilon \to \varepsilon$$
$$[a_0, \dots, a_{l-1}] \to [f(a_0), \dots, f(a_{l-1})]$$

To see that 
$$F(g \circ f) = Fg \circ Ff$$
 note that

$$F(g \circ f)([a_0, \dots, a_{l-1}]) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} map(g \circ f)([a_0, \dots, a_{l-1}])$$

$$= [g(f(a_0)), \dots, g(f(a_{l-1}))]$$

$$= map(g)([f(a_0), \dots, f(a_{l-1})])$$

$$= map(g)(map(f)([a_0,\ldots,a_{l-1}]))$$

$$= Fg \circ Ff([a_0,\ldots,a_{l-1}]).$$



- The functors between two preorders *A* and *B* are precisely the *monotone functions* from *A* to *B*.
  - We can define a functor  $\mathcal{P}: Set \to Set$  by setting

$$f: B \to A \quad \mapsto \quad \mathscr{P} f: \mathscr{P}(A) \to \mathscr{P}(B),$$

where the function  $\mathcal{P}f$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{P}f(A') \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{f(a) \in B \mid a \in A'\}$$

where  $A' \in \mathcal{P}(A)$ .



#### **An Example of a Natural Transformation**

- Recall  $F: Set \to Set$  where  $FA \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [A]$  and  $Ff \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} map(f)$ .
- There is a natural transformation *rev*: *F* → *F* with components *rev<sub>A</sub>*: [*A*] → [*A*] defined by

$$rev_A(as) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \operatorname{case} as \text{ of } \begin{cases} \varepsilon \to \varepsilon \\ [a_0, \dots, a_{l-1}] \to [a_{l-1}, \dots, a_0] \end{cases}$$

• Naturality is

$$Ff \circ rev_A([a_0, \dots, a_{l-1}]) = [f(a_{l-1}), \dots, f(a_0)]$$
  
=  $rev_B \circ Ff([a_0, \dots, a_{l-1}])$ 

#### **Another Example**

• Define  $F_X$ : Set  $\rightarrow$  Set by

$$- F_X(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (X \to A) \times X$$

- $F_X(f): (X \to A) \times X \longrightarrow (X \to B) \times X$  where  $(g, x) \mapsto (f \circ g, x)$
- Then  $ev: F_X \to id_{Set}$  defined by  $ev_A(g, x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g(x)$  is natural

$$(id_{Set}(f) \circ ev_A)(g, x) = f(g(x))$$
  
=  $ev_B(f \circ g, x)$   
=  $ev_B(F_X(f)(g, x))$   
=  $(ev_B \circ F_X(f))(g, x).$ 



Let *F*, *G*, *H* be functors  $C \to D$  and  $\alpha: F \to G$  and  $\beta: G \to H$  be natural transformations.

**Define**  $\beta \circ \alpha$ :  $F \rightarrow H$  by

$$(\beta \circ \alpha)_A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \beta_A \circ \alpha_A$$

- Then  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{C}}$  is the functor category of  $\mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{D}$ , where
- objects are *functors*  $\mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$ ,
- morphisms are *natural trans*  $\alpha: F \to G: \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{D}$

An isomorphism in a functor category is referred to as a natural isomorphism.

■ If there is a natural isomorphism between the functors *F* and *G*, then we say that *F* and *G* are naturally isomorphic, written

$$\phi: F \cong G: \psi$$

with witnesses the natural transformations  $\phi$  and  $\psi$ .

#### **Motivating Binary Products**

(Property  $\Phi(P)$ )

- *Given* any two sets A and B,
- *there are* functions  $\pi: P \to A$ ,  $\pi': P \to B$  such that:

given any  $f: C \rightarrow A$ ,  $g: C \rightarrow B$  there is a unique  $h: C \rightarrow P$  s.t.



Suppose that 
$$A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{a, b\}$$
 and  $B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{c, d, e\}$ .

• Let P be 
$$A \times B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{(x, y) \mid x \in A, y \in B\}$$
 and

•  $\pi$  and  $\pi'$  be coordinate projections.

Let 
$$f: C \to A$$
 and  $g: C \to B$  be any two functions. Define

$$h: C \to P \qquad z \mapsto (f(z), g(z))$$

• We can check (*Property*  $\Phi(P)$ ) ...

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forces h(x) = 2

Note  $P' \cong \{(a,c), (a,d), (a,e), (b,c), (b,d), (b,e)\} = P$ 

# **Definition of Binary Products**

A binary product of objects A and B in a category C is specified by

an object  $A \times B$  of C, together with

two projection morphisms  $\pi_A: A \times B \to A$  and  $\pi_B: A \times B \to B$ ,

for which given any object *C* and morphisms  $f: C \to A$ ,  $g: C \to B$ , there is a unique morphism  $\langle f, g \rangle : C \to A \times B$  for which  $\pi_A \circ \langle f, g \rangle = f$  and  $\pi_B \circ \langle f, g \rangle = g$ .





The unique morphism  $\langle f,g \rangle : C \to A \times B$  is called the mediating morphism

A property involving existence of a unique morphism leading to a structure determined up to isomorphism is a universal property.

• Call  $\langle f, g \rangle$  the pair of f and g.

C has binary products if there is  $A \times B$  for any A and B

- *C* has specified binary products if there is a *canonical choice*.
- In *Set* take  $A \times B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ (a,b) \mid a \in A, b \in B \}$  with standard projections.

## **Examples of Binary Products**

Preset Given 
$$A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (X, \leq_X)$$
 and  $B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (Y, \leq_Y)$ ,  
 $A \times B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (X \times Y, \leq_{X \times Y})$ 

where  $X \times Y$  is cartesian product, and

$$(x,y) \leq_{X \times Y} (x',y') \iff x \leq_X x' \land y \leq_Y y'$$

The projection

$$\pi_A: (X \times Y, \leq_{X \times Y}) \longrightarrow (X, \leq_X)$$

is given by  $(x, y) \mapsto x$ , and is monotone

Part Given A and B,

$$P \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (A \times B) \cup (A \times \{*_A\}) \cup (B \times \{*_B\})$$

•  $\pi_A: (A \times B) \cup (A \times \{*_A\}) \cup (B \times \{*_B\}) \longrightarrow A$ 

is undefined on  $B \times \{*_B\}$ ,  $\pi_B$  on  $A \times \{*_A\}$ 

• 
$$\pi_A(a, *_A) = a \text{ for all } a \in A, \ldots$$

■ F The product of *n* and *m* is written  $n \times m$  and is given by n \* m, that is, the set  $\{0, ..., (n * m) - 1\}$ .

#### **Additional Notation**

- Can define  $A \times B \times C$  and  $\langle f, g, h \rangle$
- Take  $f: A \to B$  and  $f': A' \to B'$ . We write

$$f \times f' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle f \circ \pi, f' \circ \pi' \rangle : A \times A' \to B \times B'$$

#### Universal property means

 $id_A \times id_{A'} = id_{A \times A'}$  and  $(g \times g') \circ (f \times f') = g \circ f \times g' \circ f'$ 

where  $g: B \to C$  and  $g': B' \to C'$ .

• Write  $A^2$  or  $f^2$  for  $A \times A$  and  $f \times f$ 

#### Another Example – Presheaves on ${\mathbb F}$

 $\mathcal{F} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Set^{\mathbb{F}}$  If *F* and *F'* are presheaves,  $F \times F' \colon \mathbb{F} \to Set$  defined by

$$(F \times F')(n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (Fn) \times (F'n)$$

for *n* in  $\mathbb{F}$  and if  $\rho: n \to n'$ 

$$F \times F')(\rho) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (F\rho) \times (F'\rho)$$

#### Also

$$\pi_F: F \times F' \to F \qquad (\pi_F)_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \pi_{Fn}$$



A binary coproduct of A and B is specified by

- an object A + B, together with
- two insertion morphisms  $\iota_A: A \to A + B$  and  $\iota_B: B \to A + B$ ,

such that there is a unique [f,g] for which



## **Example of Binary Coproducts**

Set For sets A and B define

$$A + B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (A \times \{1\}) \cup (B \times \{2\})$$

and

$$\iota_A: A \to A + B \qquad a \mapsto (a, 1)$$

Given  $f: A \to C$  and  $g: B \to C$ , then  $[f,g]: A + B \to C$  is defined by

$$[f,g](\xi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \operatorname{case} \xi \text{ of}$$
  
 $\iota_A(\xi_A) = (\xi_A, 1) \mapsto f(\xi_A)$   
 $\iota_B(\xi_B) = (\xi_B, 2) \mapsto f(\xi_B)$ 



- Can define A + B + C with the cotupling [f, g, h]
- Take morphisms  $f: A \to B$  and  $f': A' \to B'$ . We write

$$f + f' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\iota_B \circ f, \iota_{B'} \circ f'] : A + A' \to B + B'$$

#### Universality means

 $id_A + id_{A'} = id_{A+A'}$  and  $(g+g') \circ (f+f') = g \circ f + g' \circ f'$ 

where  $g: B \to C$  and  $g': B' \to C'$ .

If  $l: C \to D$  then  $l \circ [f,g] = [l \circ f, l \circ g]$
## **More Examples**

■ **F** The coproduct of *n* and *m* is n + m where we interpret + as addition on  $\mathbb{N}$ .

■  $\mathcal{F}$  If *F* and *F*' are presheaves then *F* + *F*' is defined by

$$(F+F')\xi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (F\xi) + (F'\xi)$$

for any object or morphism  $\xi$  in  $\mathbb F,$  and

$$\iota_F: F + F' \to F \quad (\iota_F)_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \iota_{Fn}: (Fn) + (F'n) \to Fn$$

Sometimes say + is defined pointwize.

## **Definition of Algebras**

Let  $F: \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C}$ . An algebra for the functor F is a pair  $(A, \sigma_A)$  where  $\sigma_A: FA \to A$ .

An initial *F*-algebra  $(I, \sigma_I)$  is an algebra for which given any other  $(A, \sigma_A)$ ,



## **Motivation for Initial Algebras**

- **(Some)** *Datatypes* are *initial algebras*
- The datatype

 $Exp ::= V \mathbb{V} | S Exp | A Exp Exp$ 

is modeled by an object E such that

 $E \cong \mathbb{V} + E + (E \times E) \qquad \dagger$ 

• We show how to solve † in *Set*.

If  $\Sigma$ : *Set*  $\rightarrow$  *Set* is  $\Sigma \xi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{V} + \xi + (\xi \times \xi)$ , then the solution we construct is an initial algebra ( $\sigma_E$ , E).



- We set  $S_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset$  and  $S_{r+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1 + S_r$ .
  - Note there is an insertion  $\iota_{S_r}: S_r \to S_{r+1}$ .
- Note also that  $i_r: S_r \hookrightarrow S_{r+1}$  where  $i_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset: S_0 \to S_1$ , and  $i_{r+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} id_1 + i_r$ .
  - We also write  $i'_r: S_r \hookrightarrow T$  where  $T \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \cup_r S_r$
  - T is the object part of an initial algebra for 1 + (-).



### Note that

$$S_r \xrightarrow{\iota_{S_r}} 1 + S_r = S_{r+1} \xrightarrow{i'_{r+1}} T$$

and we set  $k'_r \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} i'_{r+1} \circ \iota_{S_r}$ .

- In fact  $k'_{r+1} \circ i_r = k'_r$  by induction on r.
- Hence can legitimately define  $k': T \to T$  by setting  $k'(\xi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} k'_r(\xi)$  for any r such that  $\xi \in S_r$ .



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■ To check that the diagram commutes, we have to prove that

$$\overline{f} \circ [k, k'] = f \circ (id_1 + \overline{f})$$

By the universal property of coproducts, this is equivalent to showing

$$[\overline{f} \circ k, \overline{f} \circ k'] = [f \circ \iota_1, f \circ \iota_A \circ \overline{f}]$$

which we can do by checking that the respective components are equal.

• We give details for 
$$\overline{f} \circ k' = f \circ \iota_A \circ \overline{f}$$
.

■  $\overline{f} \circ k' = f \circ \iota_A \circ \overline{f}$ . Take any element  $\xi \in T$ . Then we have

$$\overline{f}(k'(\xi)) = \overline{f}(\iota_{S_r}(\xi))$$

$$= \overline{f}_{r+1}(\iota_{S_r}(\xi))$$

$$= [f \circ \iota_1, f \circ \iota_A \circ \overline{f}_r](\iota_{S_r}(\xi))$$

$$= f(\iota_A(\overline{f}_r(\xi)))$$

$$= f(\iota_A(\overline{f}(\xi)))$$

The first equality is by definition of k' and  $k'_r$ ; the second by definition of  $\overline{f}$ ; the third by definition of  $\overline{f}_{r+1}$ .

You check that  $T \cong N$ .

## Some Results for Use in Modelling Syntax

■ Let *F* and *F*' be two presheaves in  $\mathcal{F}$ . Suppose for any n in  $\mathbb{F}$ ,  $F'n \subset Fn$ , and

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F'n & \subset & Fn \\ F'\rho & & & \\ F'\rho & & & \\ F'n' & \subset & Fn' \end{array}$$

commutes for any  $\rho: n \to n'$ .

There is a natural transformation

$$i: F' \hookrightarrow F$$

#### We define

$$\delta: \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{F}$$

Suppose that *F* is an object in  $\mathcal{F}$ . Then  $\delta F$  is defined by

$$\rho: n \to n' \quad \mapsto \quad F(\rho + id_1): F(n+1) \longrightarrow F(n'+1)$$

If  $\alpha: F \to F'$  in  $\mathcal{F}$ , then the components of  $\delta \alpha$  are given by

$$(\delta \alpha)_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \alpha_{n+1}$$

■  $(S_r | r \ge 0)$  is a family of presheaves in  $\mathcal{F}$ , with  $i_r: S_r \hookrightarrow S_{r+1}$ . Then there is a union presheaf *T* in  $\mathcal{F}$ , such that  $i'_r: S_r \hookrightarrow T$ . We sometimes write  $\bigcup_r S_r$  for *T*.

• Let  $\rho: n \to n'$ . Then

$$Tn \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigcup_r S_r n$$

and  $T\rho: Tn \to Tn'$  is defined by

 $(T\rho)(\xi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (S_r\rho)(\xi)$ 

where  $\xi \in Tn$ , and  $\xi \in S_r(n)$  for some r.

Let  $(\phi_r: S_r \to A \mid r \ge 0)$  be natural transformations in  $\mathcal{F}$ , the  $S_r$  as before, and such that  $\phi_{r+1} \circ i_r = \phi_r$ . Then there is a *unique natural transformation* 

 $\phi: T \to A$ 

such that  $\phi \circ i'_r = \phi_r$ .



$$\phi_n(\xi) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\phi_r)_n(\xi) \qquad \xi \in S_r n$$

yield the required natural transformation.



First we define inductively a set of judgements  $\Gamma^n \vdash^{d\overline{b}} e$ where  $n \ge 1$ ,  $\Gamma^n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} v^0, \dots, v^{n-1}$  is a list, and of course e is an expression.

We refer to  $\Gamma^n$  as an environment of variables.

$$\frac{0 \le i < n}{\Gamma^n \vdash^{\mathsf{d}\overline{\mathsf{b}}} v^i} \qquad \frac{\Gamma^n \vdash^{\mathsf{d}\overline{\mathsf{b}}} e}{\Gamma^n \vdash^{\mathsf{d}\overline{\mathsf{b}}} \mathsf{S} e} \qquad \frac{\Gamma^n \vdash^{\mathsf{d}\overline{\mathsf{b}}} e \quad \Gamma^n \vdash^{\mathsf{d}\overline{\mathsf{b}}} e'}{\Gamma^n \vdash^{\mathsf{d}\overline{\mathsf{b}}} \mathsf{A} e e'}$$

One can then prove by rule induction that if  $\Gamma^n \vdash^{d\overline{b}} e$ then  $fv(e) \subset \Gamma^n$ . We prove by Rule Induction

$$(\forall (\Gamma^n, e) \in \vdash^{\mathsf{d}\overline{\mathsf{b}}}) \quad (fv(e) \subset \Gamma^n)$$



- Notice that the rule for introducing abstractions  $L v^n e$  forces a *distinguished* choice of binding variable.
- The advantage of *distinguished binding* is that the expressions correspond exactly to the terms of the  $\lambda$ -calculus, without the need to define  $\alpha$ -equivalence.
- In essence, we are forced to pick a representative of each  $\alpha$ -equivalence class.



• We define simultaneous substitution – used to define  $\alpha$ -equivalence, and to construct mathematical models.

- el<sub>p</sub>( $\Delta$ ) is the *p*th element of  $\Delta$ , with position 0 the "first" element.
- We will define by recursion over expressions *e*, new expressions  $e\{\epsilon/\epsilon\}$  and  $e\{\Delta'/\Delta\}$ , where  $len(\Delta) = len(\Delta')$ .

### ■ For example,

$$(\mathsf{L} v^{8} (\mathsf{A} v^{10} v^{2}))\{v^{3}, v^{8}/v^{8}, v^{2}\} = \mathsf{L} v^{11} (\mathsf{A} v^{10} v^{8})$$

$$(\forall x)\{\Delta'/\Delta\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} x \quad \text{if} \quad (\forall p)(\mathsf{el}_p(\Delta) \neq x) \\ \mathsf{el}_p(\Delta') \quad \text{if} \quad (\exists p)(\mathsf{el}_p(\Delta) = x) \end{cases}$$
$$(\sqcup x e)\{\Delta'/\Delta\} \quad \text{if} \quad (\forall p)(\mathsf{el}_p(\Delta') \neq x \lor \mathsf{el}_p(\Delta) \notin fv(e)) \\ \sqcup x' e\{\overline{\Delta'}, x'/\overline{\Delta}, x\} \\ \text{if} \quad (\exists p)(\mathsf{el}_p(\Delta') = x \land \mathsf{el}_p(\Delta) \in fv(e)) \end{cases}$$

 $(\mathsf{E} \ e \ e')\{\Delta'/\Delta\} \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} \mathsf{E} \ e\{\Delta'/\Delta\} \ e'\{\Delta'/\Delta\}$ 

#### where

- Δ is Δ with *x* deleted (from position *p*, if it occurs) and, *if x does occur*, Δ' is Δ' with the element in position *p* deleted, and is otherwise Δ'; and
- x' is the variable v<sup>w</sup> where w is 1 plus the maximum of the indices appearing in Δ' and fv(e).

- We inductively define the relation  $\sim_{\alpha}$  of  $\alpha$ -equivalence
- Single axiom (schema)  $L x e \sim_{\alpha} L x' e\{x'/x\}$  with  $x' \notin fv(e)$
- Rules such as

$$\frac{e \sim_{\alpha} e' \qquad e' \sim_{\alpha} e''}{e \sim_{\alpha} e''} \qquad \qquad \frac{e \sim_{\alpha} e'}{\Box x e \sim_{\alpha} \Box x e'}$$

Note that the terms of the  $\lambda$ -calculus are given by the

$$[e]_{\alpha} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ e' \mid e' \sim_{\alpha} e \}$$

## **A Programme for Modelling Syntax**

**Step 1** define an *abstract endofunctor*  $\Sigma_{\mathbb{V}}$  on  $\mathcal{F} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Set^{\mathbb{F}}$  (similar to the datatype in question);

**Step 2** construct an *initial algebra T* for  $\Sigma_{\mathbb{V}}$ ;

**Step 3** show that the syntax yields a functor  $Exp: \mathbb{F} \to Set$ ;

**Step 4** show that  $T \cong Exp$ 





$$T \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigcup (S_r \mid r \ge 0).$$

•  $S_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset$ , the empty presheaf, and

$$\mathbf{S}_{r+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Sigma_{\mathbb{V}} S_r = \mathbb{V} + S_r + S_r^2$$

■ Need to check  $i_r: S_r \hookrightarrow S_{r+1}$  for all  $r \ge 0$ . We use induction over r.

It is immediate that  $i_0: S_0 \hookrightarrow S_1$ .

Now suppose that  $i_r: S_r \hookrightarrow S_{r+1}$ . We are required to show that  $i_{r+1}: S_{r+1} \hookrightarrow S_{r+2}$ , that is,

$$\mathbb{V}n + S_r n + (S_r n)^2 \subset \mathbb{V}n + S_{r+1} n + (S_{r+1} n)^2$$

$$\mathbb{V}\rho + S_r \rho + (S_r \rho)^2 \qquad \qquad \mathbb{V}\rho + S_{r+1} \rho + (S_{r+1} \rho)^2$$

$$\mathbb{V}n' + S_r n' + (S_r n')^2 \subset \mathbb{V}n' + S_{r+1} n' + (S_{r+1} n')^2$$

•  $\Sigma_{\mathbb{V}}i_r = id_{\mathbb{V}} + i_r + i_r^2$ . Thus we have  $i_{r+1} = \Sigma_{\mathbb{V}}i_r$ .





$$\kappa_r'': S_r' = S_r^2 \xrightarrow{\iota_{S_r^2}} \mathbb{V} + S_r + S_r^2 = S_{r+1} \hookrightarrow T$$



Hence they define  $\kappa'': U \to T$  where  $U \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \cup_r S'_r$ . But note that

$$Un = \bigcup_{r} S'_{r} n = \bigcup_{r} (S_{r} n)^{2} = (\bigcup_{r} S_{r} n)^{2} = (Tn)^{2} = T^{2} n$$

and also  $U\rho = T^2\rho$ . Hence  $U = T^2$ .

We check initiality

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{V} + T + T^2 & \xrightarrow{\sigma_T} & T \\ \mathbb{V} + \overline{\alpha} + \overline{\alpha}^2 & & & & \downarrow \\ \mathbb{V} + A + A^2 & \xrightarrow{\alpha} & A \end{array}$$

- To define  $\overline{\alpha}$ :  $T \to A$  we specify a family  $\overline{\alpha}_r$ :  $S_r \to A$ .
- Note that  $\overline{\alpha}_0 : \emptyset \to A$  and thus we define

$$(\overline{\alpha}_0)_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \varnothing : \varnothing \to An$$

Note that  $\overline{\alpha}_{r+1}: S_{r+1} = \mathbb{V} + S_r + S_r^2 \to A$  and hence  $\overline{\alpha}_{r+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\alpha \circ \iota_{\mathbb{V}}, \alpha \circ \iota_A \circ \overline{\alpha}_r, \alpha \circ \iota_{A^2} \circ \overline{\alpha}_r^2]$ 

Need to verify 
$$\overline{\alpha}_{r+1} \circ i_r = \overline{\alpha}_r$$
 for all  $r \ge 0$ .

Proving that the diagram (\*) commutes is equivalent to proving

$$[\overline{\alpha} \circ \kappa, \overline{\alpha} \circ \kappa', \overline{\alpha} \circ \kappa'] = [\alpha \circ \iota_{\mathbb{V}}, \alpha \circ \iota_{A} \circ \overline{\alpha}, \alpha \circ \iota_{A^{2}} \circ \overline{\alpha}^{2}]$$

- We prove that  $\overline{\alpha}_n \circ \kappa'_n = \alpha_n \circ \iota_{An} \circ \overline{\alpha}_n$ :  $Tn \to An$ .
- Suppose that  $\xi$  is an arbitrary element of Tn, where  $\xi \in S_r n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\alpha}_{n}(\kappa_{n}'(\xi)) &= \overline{\alpha}_{n}(\iota_{S_{r}n}(\xi)) \\ &= (\overline{\alpha}_{r+1})_{n}(\iota_{S_{r}n}(\xi)) \\ &= [\alpha_{n} \circ \iota_{\mathbb{V}n}, \alpha_{n} \circ \iota_{An} \circ (\overline{\alpha}_{r})_{n}, \alpha_{n} \circ \iota_{(An)^{2}} \circ (\overline{\alpha}_{r})_{n}^{2}](\iota_{S_{r}n}(\xi)) \\ &= \alpha_{n}(\iota_{An}((\overline{\alpha}_{r})_{n}(\xi))) \\ &= \alpha_{n}(\iota_{An}(\overline{\alpha}_{n}(\xi))) \end{aligned}$$

# Step 3

Suppose that  $\rho: n \to n'$  is any function. We define

$$\underline{Exp_{d\overline{b}}} n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ e \mid \Gamma^n \vdash^{d\overline{b}} e \}$$

We can define  $(Exp_{d\overline{b}} \rho)e$  by recursion over *e*, by setting

• 
$$(Exp_{d\overline{b}} \rho)(\nabla v^i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \nabla \rho i$$

- $(Exp_{d\overline{b}} \rho)(S e) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S (Exp_{d\overline{b}} \rho)e$
- $(Exp_{d\overline{b}} \rho)(A e e') \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} A (Exp_{d\overline{b}} \rho)e (Exp_{d\overline{b}} \rho)e'$

• ... and then showing that if  $e \in Exp_{d\overline{b}} n$ , then  $(Exp_{d\overline{b}} \rho)e \in Exp_{d\overline{b}} n'$ .

Thus we have a function

$$Exp_{d\overline{b}} \rho: Exp_{d\overline{b}} n \to Exp_{d\overline{b}} n'$$

for any  $\rho: n \to n'$ .

Note that there are natural transformations

 $\mathsf{S}: Exp_{\mathsf{d}\overline{\mathsf{b}}} \to Exp_{\mathsf{d}\overline{\mathsf{b}}} \qquad \land \qquad \mathsf{A}: Exp_{\mathsf{d}\overline{\mathsf{b}}}^2 \to Exp_{\mathsf{d}\overline{\mathsf{b}}}$ 

### Step 4

- We now show that  $T \cong Exp_{d\overline{b}}$  in  $\mathcal{F}$
- We define  $\phi: T \to Exp_{d\overline{b}}$  and  $\psi: Exp_{d\overline{b}} \to T$ , such that

$$\phi_n \quad : \quad Tn \cong Exp_{d\overline{b}} n \quad : \quad \psi_n$$

- To specify  $\phi: T \to Exp_{d\overline{b}}$  define a family  $\phi_r: S_r \to Exp_{d\overline{b}}$ .
- $\phi_0: S_0 = \emptyset \to Exp_{d\overline{b}}$  has components  $(\phi_0)_n: \emptyset \to Exp_{d\overline{b}} n$
- Recursively we define

$$\phi_{r+1} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [V, \mathsf{S} \circ \phi_r, \mathsf{A} \circ \phi_r^2] : S_{r+1} = \mathbb{V} + S_r + S_r^2 \to Exp_{\mathsf{d}\overline{\mathsf{b}}}$$

To specify  $\psi$ :  $Exp_{d\overline{b}} \to T$ , for any *n* in  $\mathbb{F}$  we define functions

$$\psi_n: Exp_{d\overline{b}} n \to Tn$$

#### as follows.

• 
$$\Psi_n(\nabla v^i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (v^i, 1) \in S_1 n$$

- $\psi_n(S e) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \iota_{S_r n}(\psi_n(e))$  where  $r \ge 1$  is the height of the deduction of S e
- $\psi_n(A e e') \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \iota_{(S_r n)^2}((\psi_n(e), \psi_n(e')))$  where  $r \ge 1$  is the height of the deduction of A e e'.


Let 
$$\xi \in S_{r+1}n = \mathbb{V}n + S_rn + S_rn^2$$
. Then we have  
 $\psi_n((\phi_{r+1})_n(\xi)) = \psi_n([\mathbb{V}_n, \mathbb{S}_n \circ (\phi_r)_n, \mathbb{A}_n \circ (\phi_r)_n^2](\xi)$ 

Consider the case when  $\xi = \iota_{S_r n}(\xi')$  for some  $\xi' \in S_r n$ . We have

$$\begin{split} \psi_n((\phi_{r+1})_n(\xi)) &= \psi_n((\mathsf{S}_n \circ (\phi_r)_n)(\xi')) \\ &= \psi_n(\mathsf{S} (\phi_r)_n(\xi')) \\ &= \iota_{S_r n}(\psi_n((\phi_r)_n(\xi'))) \end{split}$$

$$= \iota_{S_r n}(\xi')$$

Modelling  $Exp ::= V \mathbb{V} | L \mathbb{V} Exp | E Exp Exp$ **Case**  $\Gamma^n \vdash^{db} e$  with *Distinguished Binding* Step 1 The abstract endofunctor  $\Sigma_{\mathbb{V}}: \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{F}$  is  $\Sigma_{\mathbb{W}} \xi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{V} + \delta \xi + \xi^2$ Motto: Any constructor with 1 argument and which binds b variables is modelled by  $\delta^b \xi$ . Thus Split *P* as  $\langle x, y \rangle$  in *E* would be modelled by  $\xi \mapsto \xi \times \delta \delta \xi$ 

*Step 2* We can show that the functor  $\Sigma_{\mathbb{W}}$  has an initial algebra  $\sigma_T: \Sigma_{\mathbb{V}}T \to T$ , by adapting the previous methods. Have to define  $\boldsymbol{\sigma_{T}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [\boldsymbol{\kappa}, \boldsymbol{\kappa}', \boldsymbol{\kappa}''] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbb{V} + \delta T + T \times T \to T$ via  $\kappa'_r: \delta S_r \xrightarrow{\iota_{S_r}} \mathbb{V} + \delta S_r + S_r^2 = S_{r+1} \hookrightarrow T$ as  $(\delta T)n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T(n+1) = \bigcup_{r} S_r(n+1) = \bigcup_{r} (\delta S_r)n = (\bigcup_{r} \delta S_r)n$  Summer School on Generic Programming 2002, Oxford, UK

Step 3 Suppose 
$$\rho: n \to n'$$
. Define  
 $Exp_{db} n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ e \mid \Gamma^n \vdash^{db} e \}$   
Let  $\rho\{n'/n\}: n+1 \to n'+1$  be  
 $\rho\{n'/n\}(j) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} j & \text{if} \quad 0 \le j \le n-1 \\ n' & \text{if} \quad j=n \end{cases}$ 

#### Consider

- $(Exp_{db} \rho)(Lv^n e) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Lv^{n'} (Exp_{db} \rho\{n'/n\})(e)$  and
- $(Exp_{db} \rho)(E e e') \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E ((Exp_{db} \rho)e) ((Exp_{db} \rho)e')$

If  $\Gamma^n \vdash^{db} e$  and  $\rho: n \to n'$ , then  $\Gamma^{n'} \vdash^{db} (Exp_{db} \rho)e$  yielding a functor  $Exp_{db}$  in  $\mathcal{F}$ .

There are natural transformations  $\mathsf{L}: \delta \operatorname{Exp}_{db} \to \operatorname{Exp} \quad \land \quad \mathsf{E}: \operatorname{Exp}^2 \to \operatorname{Exp}$ The components are functions  $\mathsf{L}_{n}: Exp_{db} (n+1) \to Exp_{db} n \quad \mapsto \quad e \mapsto \mathsf{L} v^{n} e$ Naturality is  $(\delta Exp_{db})n = Exp_{db}(n+1) \xrightarrow{L_n} Exp_{db}n$  $(\delta Exp_{db})\rho = Exp_{db}(\rho + id_1)$  $Exp_{db} \rho$  $(\delta Exp_{db})n' = Exp_{db}(n'+1) \xrightarrow{} Exp_{db}n'$ 





Step 3 We define  $Exp_{ab}$ . For n in  $\mathbb{F}$  we set

$$Exp_{ab} n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ [e]_{\alpha} \mid \Gamma^n \vdash^{ab} e \}$$

**Now let**  $\rho$ :  $n \rightarrow n'$ . We define

$$(Exp_{\mathsf{ab}} \mathsf{\rho})([e]_{\alpha}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [e\{v^{\mathsf{\rho}0}, \dots, v^{\mathsf{\rho}(n-1)}/v^0, \dots, v^{n-1}\}]_{\alpha}$$

One has to check that this is well defined ... see the notes.

Step 4 Note that current Step 2 was same as before. Rather than prove  $Exp_{ab} \cong T$  as a final step, we could in fact make use of the previous work, which proved that  $Exp_{db} \cong T$ . Thus we omit Step 2, and instead show

$$\phi: Exp_{ab} \cong Exp_{db}: \psi$$

The components of  $\psi$  are functions  $\psi_n : Exp_{db} n \to Exp_{ab} n$ given by  $\psi_n(e) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [e]_{\alpha}$ .

We consider the naturality of  $\psi$  at a morphism  $\rho: n \to n'$ , computed at an element  $\xi$  of  $Exp_{db} n$ . We show naturality for the case  $\xi = L v^n e$ .

$$(Exp_{ab} \rho) \circ \psi_n(\xi) = (Exp_{ab} \rho) [L v^n e]_{\alpha}$$
  
=  $[(L v^n e) \{v^{\rho 0}, \dots, v^{\rho(n-1)}/v^0, \dots, v^{n-1}\}]_{\alpha}$   
$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \Box$$

Let us consider the case when renaming takes place.

Suppose that there is a *j* for which  $\rho(j) = n$  and  $v^j \in fv(e)$ .

#### Then

$$(\mathsf{L} v^{n} e) \{ v^{\rho(0)}, \dots, v^{\rho(n-1)} / v^{0}, \dots, v^{n-1} \} =$$
$$\mathsf{L} v^{w} e \{ v^{\rho(0)}, \dots, v^{\rho(n-1)}, v^{w} / v^{0}, \dots, v^{n-1}, v^{n} \}$$

- $w = 1 + MaxIndex(e; \rho(0), ..., \rho(n-1))$  thus  $\rho(i) < w$  for all  $0 \le i \le n-1$ .
- But  $fv(e) \subset v^0, ..., v^n$  and  $n = \rho(j) \in \rho(0), ..., \rho(n-1)$ .
- Also  $\rho(i) < n'$ , and so we must have  $w \le n'$ .
- If w < n', then  $v^{n'}$  is not free in  $e\{v^{\rho(0)}, \dots, v^{\rho(n-1)}, v^w/v^0, \dots, v^{n-1}, v^n\}$  and otherwise w = n'.

# Either way (why!?),

$$L v^{w} e\{v^{\rho(0)}, \dots v^{\rho(n-1)}, v^{w}/v^{0}, \dots, v^{n-1}, v^{n}\}$$
  
  $\sim_{\alpha} L v^{n'} e\{v^{\rho(0)}, \dots v^{\rho(n-1)}, v^{n'}/v^{0}, \dots, v^{n-1}, v^{n}\}$ 

### and so

$$\Box = [L v^{n'} e\{v^{\rho 0}, \dots, v^{\rho(n-1)}, v^{n'}/v^{0}, \dots, v^{n-1}, v^{n}\}]_{\alpha}$$
  
=  $[L v^{n'} (Exp_{db} \rho\{n'/n\})e]_{\alpha}$   
=  $\psi_{n'} \circ (Exp_{db} \rho)(\xi)$ 

Next we define  $\phi_n : Exp_{ab} \ n \to Exp_{db} \ n$  by setting  $\phi_n([e]_{\alpha}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} R^n(e)$  where

• 
$$R^m(\nabla x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \nabla x$$

• 
$$R^m(\operatorname{L} x e) \stackrel{\mathrm{def}}{=} \operatorname{L} v^m R^{m+1}(e\{v^m/x\})$$

• 
$$R^m(\mathsf{E} \ e \ e') \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathsf{E} \ R^m(e) \ R^m(e')$$

This is best understood by a simple example ...

## The verification that

$$\phi: Exp_{ab} \cong Exp_{db}: \psi$$

is omitted from the lectures. See the notes.

 $R^{3}(Lv^{7}(Lv^{3}(Ev^{7}(Ev^{0}(Lv^{6}(Ev^{2}v^{3}))))))$  $= L v^{3} R^{4} (L v^{3} (E v^{7} (E v^{0} (L v^{6} (E v^{2} v^{3}))))) \{v^{3} / v^{7}\}$ =  $L v^3 R^4 (L v^4 (E v^3 (E v^0 (L v^6 (E v^2 v^4)))))$  $= L v^3 (L v^4 R^5 (E v^3 (E v^0 (L v^6 (E v^2 v^4)))) \{v^4 / v^4\})$  $= L v^{3} (L v^{4} (E v^{3} (E v^{0} (R^{5} (L v^{6} (E v^{2} v^{4}))))))$  $= L v^3 (L v^4 (E v^3 (E v^0 (L v^5 R^5 (E v^2 v^4) \{v^5 / v^6\}))))$  $= L v^{3} (L v^{4} (E v^{3} (E v^{0} (L v^{5} (R^{5} (E v^{2} v^{4}))))))$  $= L v^{3} (L v^{4} (E v^{3} (E v^{0} (L v^{5} (E v^{2} v^{4})))))$ 

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- learn more *Category Theory*;
- learn more *Type Theory*;
- learn more Categorical Type Theory;
- spend some time trying to understand the key problems and issues concerning modelling and reasoning about binding syntax; and
- read the *current research literature* on modelling and implementing *binding syntax*.