

# Indexed Containers

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- Example:  $\lambda$  terms ala de Bruijn:  $\text{Lam} \in \mathbf{Set}$ :

$$\text{var} \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{Lam}$$

$$\text{app} \in \text{Lam} \rightarrow \text{Lam} \rightarrow \text{Lam}$$

$$\text{lam} \in \text{Lam} \rightarrow \text{Lam}$$

- In Epigram syntax:

$$\frac{i \in \mathbb{N}}{\text{var } i \in \text{Lam}}$$

$$\frac{t, u \in \text{Lam}}{\text{app } t \ u \in \text{Lam}}$$

$$\frac{t \in \text{Lam}}{\text{lam } t \in \text{Lam}}$$

- Natural numbers (ala Peano):

$$\frac{}{0 \in \mathbb{N}}$$

$$\frac{n \in \mathbb{N}}{\text{succ } n \in \mathbb{N}}$$

- Initial algebra semantics:

$$F_{\mathbb{N}} X = 1 + X$$

$$F_{\text{Lam}} X = \mathbb{N} + X \times X + X$$

# Indexed inductive types

- $\lambda$ -terms indexed by the number of free variables:

$\text{Lam} \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$

$$\frac{i \in \text{Fin } n}{\text{var } i \in \text{Lam } n} \quad \frac{t, u \in \text{Lam } n}{\text{app } t u \in \text{Lam } n} \quad \frac{t \in \text{Lam } (n+1)}{\text{lam } t \in \text{Lam } n}$$

- Finite sets with  $n$  elements:  $\text{Fin} \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ :

$$\frac{n \in \mathbb{N}}{\text{fzero} \in \text{Fin } (n+1)} \quad \frac{i \in \text{Fin } n}{\text{fsucc } i \in \text{Fin } (n+1)}$$

- Initial algebra semantics:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\text{Lam}}, F_{\text{Fin}} &\in (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}) \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set} \\ F_{\text{Lam}} X n &= \text{Fin } n + X n \times X n + X (n+1) \\ F_{\text{Fin}} X n &= \Sigma m \in \mathbb{N}. m + 1 = n \times (1 + X m) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Ty} \in \mathbf{Set}$$

$$\text{Var, Lam} \in [\text{Ty}] \rightarrow \text{Ty} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$$

$$\frac{}{\text{ty} \in \text{Ty}} \quad \frac{\sigma, \tau \in \text{Ty}}{\text{arr } \sigma \tau \in \text{Ty}}$$

$$\frac{}{\text{vzero} \in \text{Var}(\sigma : \Gamma) \sigma} \quad \frac{x \in \text{Var } \Gamma \sigma}{\text{vsucc } x \in \text{Var}(\tau : \Gamma) \sigma}$$

$$\frac{x \in \text{Var } \Gamma \sigma}{\text{var } x \in \text{Lam } \Gamma \sigma} \quad \frac{t \in \text{Lam } \Gamma (\text{arr } \sigma \tau) \quad u \in \text{Lam } \Gamma \sigma}{\text{app } t u \in \text{Lam } \Gamma \tau}$$

$$\frac{t \in \text{Lam}(\sigma : \Gamma) \tau}{\text{lam } t \in \text{Lam } \Gamma (\text{arr } \sigma \tau)}$$

# Why container?

- Functorial semantics is too general:  
not every functors has an initial algebra, e.g.

$$F X = (X \rightarrow \text{Bool}) \rightarrow \text{Bool}$$

- Strictly positive functors?  
Too syntactic.
- Theory of Containers:  
semantic counterpart of strictly positive
- Useful for generic programming (e.g. derivatives of datatypes)
- **Now:** extend containers to indexed datatypes.

# Unary container

- A unary container  $S \triangleleft P \in \text{Cont}$  is given by:

$S \in \mathbf{Set}$  a set of shapes

$P \in S \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$  a family of positions

- Extension of a container as a functor:

$$\frac{S \triangleleft P \in \text{Cont}}{\llbracket S \triangleleft P \rrbracket \in \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}} \quad \llbracket S \triangleleft P \rrbracket X = \Sigma s \in S. P s \rightarrow X$$

- Example Lists:  $\llbracket \mathbb{N} \triangleleft \text{Fin} \rrbracket X = [X]$ .

- Obs:

$$\llbracket S \triangleleft P \rrbracket \{*\} = S$$

# Container morphisms

- $f \triangleleft u \in \text{Cont}(S \triangleleft P)(T \triangleleft Q)$  is given by:

$$f \in S \rightarrow T$$

$$u \in \prod_{s \in S} Qs \rightarrow Ps$$

- Every morphism gives rise to a natural transformation:

$$f \triangleleft u \in \text{Cont}(S \triangleleft P)(T \triangleleft Q)$$

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$$\llbracket f \triangleleft u \rrbracket \in \prod_{X \in \mathbf{Set}} \llbracket S \triangleleft P \rrbracket X \rightarrow \llbracket T \triangleleft Q \rrbracket X$$

$$\llbracket f \triangleleft u \rrbracket X(s, p) = (f s, p \circ u s)$$

- Example:

$$\text{rev} \in \prod_{X \in \mathbf{Set}} \text{List } X \rightarrow \text{List } X$$

$$\text{rev} = \llbracket \lambda n. n \triangleleft \lambda n, i. n - i \rrbracket$$

- Theorem (Abbott, A., Ghani): The extension functor  $\llbracket - \rrbracket$  is full and faithful.

# Constructions on containers

Given container  $S \triangleleft P, T \triangleleft Q$ :

Coproduct

$$(S \triangleleft P) + (T \triangleleft Q) = S + T \triangleleft \lambda \begin{array}{l} \text{Left } s \quad . \quad P s \\ \text{Right } t \quad . \quad Q t \end{array}$$

Product

$$(S \triangleleft P) \times (T \triangleleft Q) = S \times T \triangleleft \lambda(s, t). P s + Q t$$

Constant exponentiation

$$K \rightarrow (S \triangleleft P) = K \rightarrow S \triangleleft \lambda f. \Sigma k \in K. P(f k)$$



- An  $n$ -ary container  $S \triangleleft P \in \text{Cont } n$  is given by:  
     $S \in \mathbf{Set}$     a set of shapes  
     $P \in S \rightarrow \text{Fin } n \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$      $n$  families of positions

- Extension of a container as a functor:

$$S \triangleleft P \in \text{Cont } n$$

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$$\llbracket S \triangleleft P \rrbracket \in (\text{Fin } n \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$$

$$\llbracket S \triangleleft P \rrbracket X = \sum s \in S. \prod i \in \text{Fin } n. P s i \rightarrow X i$$

- Example: leaf/node labelled trees

# Closure under $\mu$

- $$\frac{S \triangleleft P, Q \in \mathbf{Cont} 2}{\mu(S \triangleleft P, Q) \in \mathbf{Cont} 1}$$
$$\mu(S \triangleleft P, Q) = W S P \triangleleft \text{Path } S P Q$$
- **W-types:** Given  $S \in \mathbf{Set}, P \in S \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}: W S P \in \mathbf{Set}$ .  
$$\frac{s \in S \quad f \in P s \rightarrow W S P}{\text{sup } s f \in W S P}$$
- **Paths,** additionally given  $Q \in S \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ ,  
$$\text{Path } S P Q \in W S P \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$$
$$\frac{q \in Q s}{\text{top } q \in \text{Path } S P Q(\text{sup } s f)} \quad \frac{p \in P s \quad r \in \text{Path } S P Q(f p)}{\text{down } p r \in \text{Path } S P Q(\text{sup } s f)}$$
- **Lemma (Abbott, A., Ghani):**  
Path  $S P Q$  is definable using  $W$ -types.

# Strictly Positive Types

$$\frac{n \in \mathbb{N}}{\text{SPT } n \in \mathbf{Type}} \quad \frac{i \in \text{Fin } n}{\eta^T i \in \text{SPT } n} \quad \frac{}{0^T, 1^T \in \text{SPT } n}$$

$$\frac{S, T \in \text{SPT } n}{S + T, S \times T \in \text{SPT } n} \quad \frac{S \in \text{SPT } n \quad K \in \mathbf{Set}}{K \rightarrow S \in \text{SPT } n}$$

$$\frac{S \in \text{SPT } (n + 1)}{\mu S \in \text{SPT } n}$$

- Given  $I \in \mathbf{Set}$ , an  $I$ -indexed container  $S \triangleleft P \in \mathbf{Cont} I$  is given by:  
 $S \in \mathbf{Set}$  a set of shapes  
 $P \in S \rightarrow I \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$   $n$  families of positions
- Extension of a container as a functor:

$$S \triangleleft P \in \mathbf{Cont} n$$

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$$\llbracket S \triangleleft P \rrbracket \in (I \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}) \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$$

$$\llbracket S \triangleleft P \rrbracket X = \Sigma s \in S. \Pi i \in I. P s i \rightarrow X i$$

- Examples  $\mathbf{Fin}$ ,  $\mathbf{Lam}$ ,  $\dots$

# Strictly positive indexed types

$$\frac{I \in \mathbf{Set}}{\mathbf{SPT} \, I \in \mathbf{Type}} \quad \frac{i \in I}{\eta^T i \in \mathbf{SPT} \, I} \quad \frac{}{0^T, 1^T \in \mathbf{SPT} \, I}$$

$$\frac{f \in I \rightarrow J \quad F \in I \rightarrow \mathbf{SPT} \, O}{\begin{array}{l} \Pi^T f F \in J \rightarrow \mathbf{SPT} \, O \\ \Sigma^T f F \in J \rightarrow \mathbf{SPT} \, O \end{array}} \quad \frac{F \in J \rightarrow \mathbf{SPT} \, (I + J)}{\mu F \in J \rightarrow \mathbf{SPT} \, I}$$

$$F_{\mathbf{Fin}}, F_{\mathbf{Lam}} \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{SPT} \, \mathbb{N}$$

$$F_{\mathbf{Fin}} = \Sigma^T (\lambda n. 1 + n) (\lambda n. 1 + \eta^T n)$$

$$\mathbf{Fin}, \mathbf{Lam} \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{SPT} \, \emptyset$$

$$\mathbf{Fin} = \mu F_{\mathbf{Fin}}$$

$$F_{\mathbf{Lam}} \, n = (\mathbf{Fin})^{+\mathbb{N}} + (\eta^T n)^2 + \eta^T (n + 1)$$

$$\mathbf{Lam} = \mu F_{\mathbf{Lam}}$$

- We can extend the results for ordinary containers to indexed containers.
- The type of indexed strictly positive types is itself an indexed strictly positive type.
- We still only need W-types!
- Interpret inductive schemes in a very small core theory.  
Application: Small trusted code base for proof assistants.
- Generic programming for dependent types.