What's in a game?

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Teasing question: what's your shortest proof that 1 is a topos?

Motivation

- Lots of game models.
- Lots of flavours.
- Common pattern.
- Subtle definitions and proofs.

Contribution

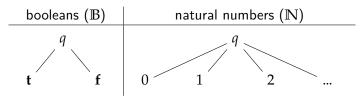
Abstract framework the construction of

- category of strategies
- subcategory of innocent strategies

in variants of HON, Tsukada-Ong, AJM.

HON Game Semantics: Games

A game Structures possible moves.

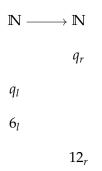


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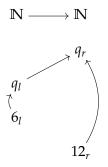


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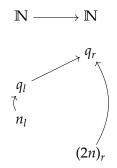
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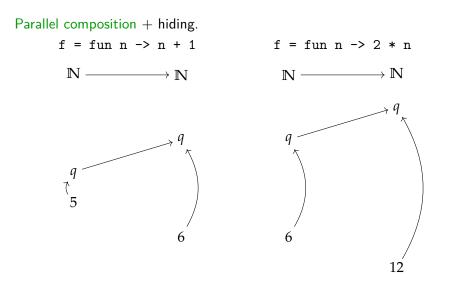


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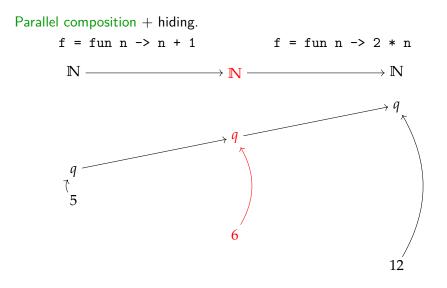
 $\label{eq:strategy} \begin{array}{l} {\sf Strategy} = {\sf prefix-closed set of accepted plays}. \\ {\sf Example: for f = fun n -> 2 * n, (roughly) all plays of the form} \end{array}$



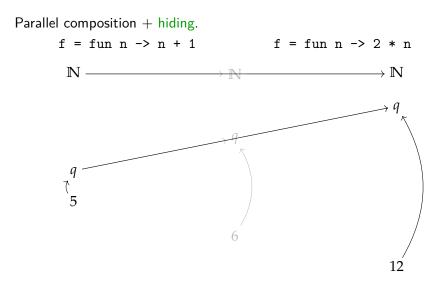
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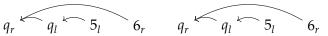
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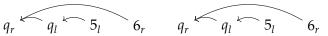
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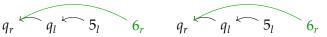
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All views

Innocence

Play p accepted iff all its views are.

- Let v be any view of play p.
- Only rarely witnessed by a morphism v → p.

Idea (Melliès, then reworked by P. Levy) Add new morphisms!

- Permutation equivalence ~.
- Morphisms: v ≤ p' ~ p (proof relevant!).

The cone from views

First reformulation of innocence

Play p accepted iff v is for all morphisms $v \rightarrow p$.

New definition of strategies

Equivariance

New natural constraint: if $p \sim q$ then $(p \in \sigma) \Leftrightarrow q \in \sigma$.

Definition

Strategy = equivariant, prefix-closed set of plays.

New definition of strategies

Proposition

(Equivariant, prefix-closed sets of plays) \simeq (Functors σ : *Plays*^{op} \rightarrow 2).

- $2 = (0 \rightarrow 1)$.
- $\sigma(p) = 1$ means accepted.
- Prefix-closedness: if q accepted, then

$$\sigma(p \leq q) = (\sigma(q) \leq \sigma(p)) = (1 \leq \sigma(p))$$

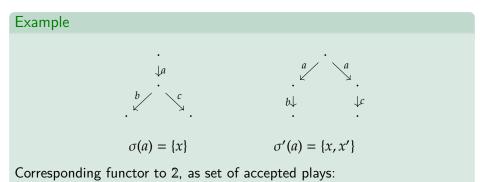
hence p accepted.

Equivariance: if p accepted, then

$$\sigma(p\sim q)=(\sigma(q)=\sigma(p)).$$

Nondeterminism for free!

- From functors $\mathbb{C}^{op} \rightarrow 2$, boolean presheaves,
- to functors $\mathbb{C}^{op} \to \text{Set}$, i.e., presheaves $\widehat{\mathbb{C}}$.



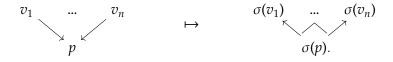
$$|\sigma| = |\sigma'| = \{\varepsilon, a, ab, ac\}.$$

Innocence as a sheaf condition

Definition

$$\sigma \in \widehat{\mathbb{P}_{A,B}}$$
 innocent iff sheaf for the topology induced by $\mathbb{V}_{A,B} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{i}_{A,B}} \mathbb{P}_{A,B}$.

Concretely:



- Boolean: $\sigma(p) = \sigma(v_1) \land \dots \land \sigma(v_n)$, 'all views accepted'.
- Proof-relevant: compatible family of proofs of acceptance.

Proposition

 σ innocent iff in essential image of $\prod_{\mathbf{i}_{AB}}$.



- Associativity of proof-relevant composition (+ units).
- Stability of innocence under composition (+ units).

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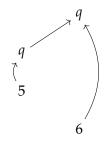
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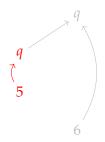


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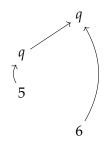


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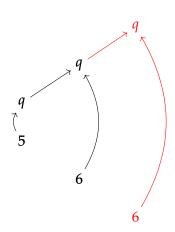


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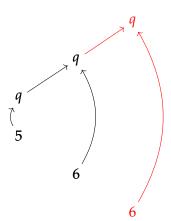
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- Compatibility between projections and insertions.



Simplicial description of categories of plays

Definition

Game setting:

- set A of games,
- functor $\mathbb{P}: (\Delta/\mathbb{A})^{op} \to \mathsf{Cat}.$

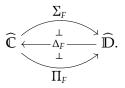
where Δ / \mathbb{A} has as

- objects: lists $L = A_1, ..., A_n$ of games,
- morphisms:
 - coprojections $A, C \rightarrow A, B, C$,
 - coinsertions $A, A, B \rightarrow A, B$.

Strategies $A \to B$: $\widehat{\mathbb{P}_{A,B}}$.

Polynomial functors

If $F : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{D}$, let Δ_F denote restriction along F^{op} . Well-known adjunction chain:



Polynomial functor: composite of Δ 's, \prod 's, and Σ 's.

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Actually: proof-relevant version.

Copycat strategies

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Game settings

Additional condition for \sum_{δ_1} and \sum_{ι_0} to behave well Projection $\delta_1 \colon \mathbb{P}_{A,B,C} \to \mathbb{P}_{A,C}$ and insertion $\iota_0 \colon \mathbb{P}_A \to \mathbb{P}_{A,A}$ should be discrete fibrations.

Associativity of composition

Theorem (Composition is associative):

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commutes if

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are pullbacks (*zipping lemma*). Similar story for unitality of copycats.

Applications

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- HON,
- variants,
- AJM,
- TO.

May all be expressed as game settings, abstract composition agrees with traditional composition.

Innocent game settings

Add full subcategory views
$$\mathbb{V}_{A,B} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{i}_{A,B}} \mathbb{P}_{A,B}$$
 to the framework.

Definition

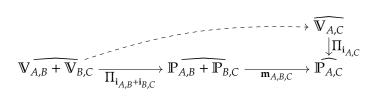
Innocent strategy: sheaf for the topology induced by $i_{A,B}$.

Equivalently: in essential image of
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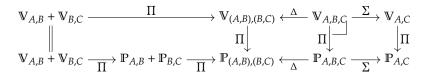
Stating preservation of innocence

The composite of any two innocent strategies is innocent.

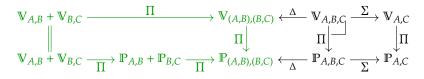
(I.e., in the image of $\prod_{i_{A,C}}$.)



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- Distributive square, modulo hypothesis (locality).
- Cf. distributive law in Harmer-Hyland-Melliès (LICS '07).

Local pushforward squares

Local pushforward square = pullback square



with

- 1. U fully faithful,
- 2. T a discrete fibration,
- 3. and $T \cong \prod_U (S)$.

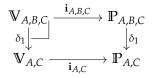
Or (3'): T corresponds to a sheaf for the topology induced by U.

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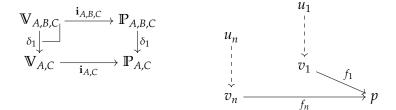
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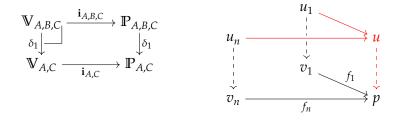
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- Locality hypothesis: δ_1 is a sheaf.
- Already noticed by Tsukada and Ong.

Summary

Contributions:

- Game settings: games, plays, interaction sequences, projections,...
- Abstract construction of categories of games and strategies.
- Subcategory of innocent strategies.
- Applications.

Not discussed here:

• Transfer between boolean and general presheaves.

Perspectives

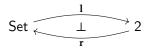
- Structure on the category of strategies (monoidal, closed, etc).
- Generalisation (e.g., AJM saturated strategies).
- More exotic models (e.g., based on event structures).
- Categorification: bicategory of games and strategies.
- Game models → game semantics.
- Better understand distributive squares.

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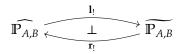
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Result Transfer

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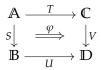


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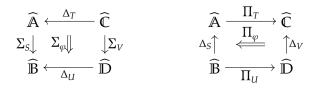


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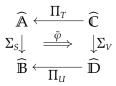
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Exact square: \sum_{φ} (equivalently \prod_{φ}) is an isomorphism. Guitart: conditions for square to be exact.

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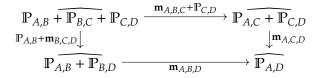
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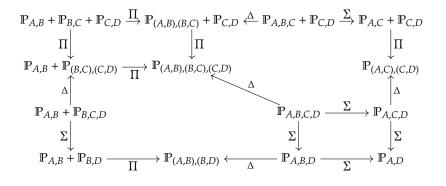
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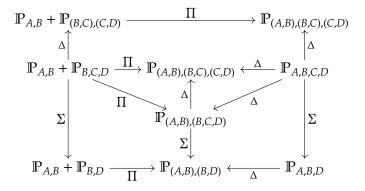
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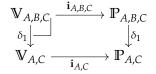
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- HON: liberal definition of \mathbb{P}_A (for projections $\mathbb{P}_{A,B} \to \mathbb{P}_A$ to exist)
- AJM: slightly different definition of $\mathbb{P}_{A,B,C}$ (projection $\mathbb{P}_{A,B,C} \to \mathbb{P}_{A,C}$ should be a discrete fibration)

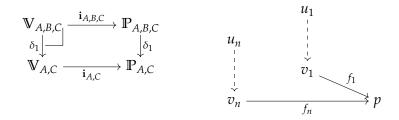
Blass games: composition known to be non-associative. Cannot be expressed as a game setting (zipping fails).

Locality: $\delta_1 \colon \mathbb{P}_{A,B,C} \to \mathbb{P}_{A,C}$ and $\iota_0 \colon \mathbb{P}_A \to \mathbb{P}_{A,A}$ are sheaves.

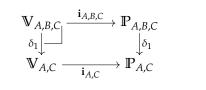
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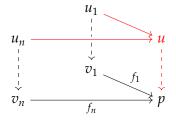


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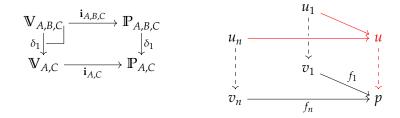


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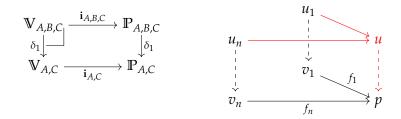


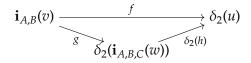
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$$\mathbf{i}_{A,B}(v) \xrightarrow{f} \delta_2(u)$$

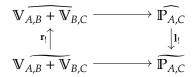
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Boolean Innocent Strategies

But (non-deterministic) innocent strategies should not compose! Answer:



does not commute.

- concurrent innocent strategies compose
- traditional innocent strategies do not