# C-system of a module over a monad on sets<sup>1</sup>

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#### Abstract

This is the second paper in a series started in [?] which aims to provide mathematical descriptions of objects and constructions related to the semantical theory of dependent type systems.

We construct for any pair  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ , where R is a monad on sets and LM is a left module over R, a C-system ("contextual category")  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  and describe, using the results of [?] a class of sub-quotients of  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  in terms of objects directly constructed from R and LM. In the special case of the monads of expressions associated with binding signatures this construction gives, for the first time, a systematic and mathematically rigorous way of constructing the term C-system of a type theory from the raw syntax of the theory and the set of judgements of the four Martin-Löf kinds.

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#### 1 Introduction

The first few steps in all approaches to the semantics of dependent type theories remain insufficiently understood. The constructions which have been worked out in detail in the case of a few particular type systems by dedicated authors are being extended to the wide variety of type systems under consideration today by analogy. This is not acceptable in mathematics. Instead we should be able to obtain the required results for new type systems by *specialization* of general theorems formulated and proved for abstract objects the instances of which combine together to produce a given type system.

An approach that follows this general philosophy was outlined in [?]. In this approach the connection between the type theories, which belong to the concrete world of logic and programming,

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and abstract mathematical concepts such as sets or homotopy types is constructed through the intermediary of C-systems.

C-systems were introduced in [?] (see also [?]) under the name "contextual categories". A modified axiomatics of C-systems and the construction of new C-systems as sub-objects and regular quotients of the existing ones in a way convenient for use in type-theoretic applications are considered in [?]. A C-system equipped with additional operations corresponding to the inference rules of a type theory is called a model or a C-system model of these rules or of this type theory. There are other classes of objects on which one can define operations corresponding to inference rules of type theories most importantly categories with families or CwFs. They lead to other classes of models.

In the approach of [?], in order to provide a mathematical representation (semantics) for a type theory one constructs two C-systems. One C-system, which we will call the proximate C-system of a type theory, is constructed from formulas of the type theory using constructions of the present paper. The second C-system is constructed from the category of abstract mathematical objects using the results of [?]. Both C-systems are then equipped with additional operations corresponding to the inference rules of the type theory making them into models of type theory. The model whose underlying C-system is the proximate C-system is called the term model.

A crucial component of this approach is the expected result that for a particular class of the inference rules the term model is an initial object in the category of models. This is known as the Initiality Conjecture. In the case of the pure Calculus of Constructions with a "decorated" application operation this conjecture was proved in 1988 by Thomas Streicher [?]. The problem of finding an appropriate formulation of the general version of the conjecture and of proving this general version will be the subject of future work.

For such inference rules, then, there are unique homomorphisms from the proximate C-systems to the abstract C-systems that are compatible with the corresponding systems of operations. Such homomorphisms are called representations of the type theory. More generally, any functor from the category underlying the proximate C-system of the type theory to another category may be called a representation of the type theory in that category. Since objects and morphisms of term models are built from formulas of the type theory and objects and morphisms of abstract C-systems are built from mathematical objects such as sets or homotopy types and the corresponding functions, such representations provide a mathematical meaning to formulas of type theory.

The existence of these homomorphisms in the particular case of the "standard univalent models" of Martin-Löf type theories and of the Calculus of Inductive Constructions (CIC) provides the only known justification for the use of the proof assistants such as Coq for the formalization of mathematics in the univalent style (see [?], [?]).

Only if we know that the initiality result holds for a given type theory can we claim that a model defines a representation. A similar problem also arises in the predicate logic but there, since one considers only one fixed system of syntax and inference rules, it can and had been solved once without the development of a general theory. The term models for a class of type theories can be obtained by considering slices of the term model of the type theory called Logical Framework (LF), but unfortunately it is unclear how to extend this approach to type theories that have more substitutional equalities than LF itself.

A construction of a model for the version of the Martin-Löf type theory that is used in the UniMath library ([?],[?]) is sketched in [?]. At the time when that paper was written it was unfortunately assumed that a proof of the initiality result can be found in the existing body of work on type theory which is reflected in [?, Theorem 1.2.9] (cf. also [?, Example 1.2.3] that claims as obvious

everything that is done in both the present paper and in [?]). Since then it became clear that this is not the case and that a mathematical theory leading to the initiality theorem and providing a proof of such a theorem is lacking and needs to be developed.

As the criteria for what constitutes an acceptable proof were becoming more clear as a result of continuing work on formalization, it also became clear that more detailed and general proofs need to be given to many of the theorems of [?] that are related to the model itself. For the two of the several main groups of inference rules of current type theories it is done in [?] and [?]. Other groups of inference rules will be considered in further papers of the series.

The details how to obtain these particular cases of the constructions of this paper are not addressed here. The reason for this is that the proper way of describing the construction of the C-system of a type theory requires a mathematical approach to the notion of a system of inference rules. This is a highly non-trivial problem that will be addressed in one of the forthcoming papers of this series after which a complete path from raw syntax, through the inference rules and then through the four kinds of derivable sentences to a C-system with a system of operations corresponding to the inference rules will be presented in a mathematically acceptable form.

Some idea of how the present constructions are used in the case of syntactic C-systems can be obtained from the considerations of [?] and [?] that describe how obtain a monad  $R_{\Sigma}$  or a clone (equivalent to our strict algebraic theory) from a binding signature  $\Sigma$ . To any such signature  $\Sigma$  one associates a class of expressions with bindings and  $R_{\Sigma}(\{x_1,\ldots,x_n\})$  is the set of such expressions with free variables from the set  $\{x_1,\ldots,x_n\}$  modulo  $\alpha$ -equivalence. The result of the present paper are then applied to the pair  $R = R_{\Sigma}$ ,  $LM = R_{\Sigma}$  where  $R_{\Sigma}$  is considered as a left module over itself.

The more general case when LM is not equal to R arises when one starts to distinguish "type expressions" from "object expressions". The rules of type theories require the possibility to substitute an object expression instead of a variable both in a type expression and in an object expression but do not require to substitute a type expression instead of a variable either in a type or in an object expression. In type theories of proof assistants such as Coq the user may be under the impression that the substitution of type expressions instead of variables occurs (as in substituting unit for T in iscontr(T) in the UniMath to obtain iscont(unit), cf. [?]) this is however due to a "silent" map from object expressions to type expressions that is used in these theories. What actually happens in these substitutions is that an object expression whose type is a universe is substituted instead of a variable in some situations and the same object expression is mapped to the set of type expressions and used as a type expression in others. In our constructions this corresponds to LM = R - an object expression that is an element of R(X) for some set of variables X is considered as an element of the set of type expressions LM(X) using the identity map defined by this equality (more generally one may observe the same illusion when  $LM \subset R$ ).

The question of whether to keep this map silent or to give it a name (usually El) is know in type theory as the difference between the type theories with "Russell universes" (silent map) and "Tarski universes" (explicit map) which is at the center of some of the current controversies about the universe management in proof assistants. It is also the subject of a discussion in the last, unfinished, chapter in [?].

For the purposes of the present paper we fortunately don't need to make a choice between the two approaches since the formalism that we develop is applicable to both. It is however clear from the constructions that the separation between R and LM is a very natural possibility that directly generalizes the case of  $LM \subset R$  and creates new examples (e.g. Example ??).

As was shown in [?] the monad that one associates to a binding signature can be characterized as

being an initial object in the category of monads equipped with "left-linear" operations corresponding to the operations of the signature. This provides an abstract mathematical characterization of the concrete objects - expressions modulo  $\alpha$ -equivalence or, equivalently, expressions with De Brujin indexes.

If  $R = (R, \eta, \mu)$  is a monad on a category  $\mathcal{C}$  (see Definition ??) then there is defined the Kleisli category  $\mathcal{C}_R$  of R whose objects are the same as objects of  $\mathcal{C}$  and morphisms from X to Y are defined as morphisms from X to R(Y) in  $\mathcal{C}$ . The identity morphisms in  $\mathcal{C}_R$  are given by the  $\eta$  operation of R and the composition by the composition in  $\mathcal{C}$  and the  $\mu$  operation of R.

A left R-module LM over R with values in a category  $\mathcal{D}$  (see Definition ??) defines a functor  $LM_R: \mathcal{C}_R \to \mathcal{D}$  and this function from left R-modules to functors from the Kleisli category is an equivalence (see ??).

An important case is the left R-module corresponding to R itself which we will also denote by R.

Monads on the category of sets and left modules over such monads have a number of special ????

Of a particular interest is the case of "syntactic" pairs  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  where for  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , R(X) and LM(X) are the sets of expressions of some kind with free variables from  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  modulo an equivalence relation such as  $\alpha$ -equivalence. The difference between R and LM is in this case expressed by the fact that one can substitute elements from R(X) for variables both in R(Y) and LM(Y) but elements of LM(X) can not be substituted for variables in either.

The simplest class of syntactic pairs, where LM = R, arises from binding signatures (see [?, p.228]).

An important remark needs to be made here. While monads provide a very convenient way of expressing syntax with bindings in terms familiar to mathematicians the approach based on monads is equivalent to an earlier one pioneered in [?]. For two sets X and Y let Fun(X,Y) be the set of functions from X to Y. In that earlier approach one considers the category F such that  $Ob(F) = \mathbb{N}$  and

$$Mor(F) = \coprod_{m,n} Fun(stn(m), stn(n))$$

where  $stn(i) = \{0, ..., i-1\}$  is the "standard" set with i elements, and functors Funct(F, Sets) from F to Sets (the authors call these functors "presheaves" considering them as presheaves on  $F^{op}$ ). This category of functors is equivalent 4 to the category of finitary (co-continuous) functors from Sets to Sets. In particular, there is a monoidal structure  $(\bullet, V)$  on Funct(F, Sets) corresponding to the composition of functors under this equivalence (cf. [?, Sec. 3]) and finitary monads can be considered as monoids in Funct(F, Sets) with respect to this monoidal structure.

Using this equivalence of concepts (detailed in []) the constructions and results of [?] and [?] can be viewed together as describing different aspects of a fundamental connection between the concrete world of syntax and the abstract world of categorical mathematics.

After this long detour let me clarify that the results and constructions of the present paper do not depend on either [?] or [?], except for the definition of a left module over a monad in [?] and examples. The connection to [?] and [?] will become important only in future papers where we will consider the abstract concept of a system of inference rules and where binding signatures and the corresponding syntactic monads will become essential.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>In the set-theoretic mathematics this equivalence can not be defined without axiom of choice. The problem lies in the fact that the obvious functor from F to the category of finite sets, while it is fully faithful and essentially surjective, does not have a constructive inverse. In the univalent foundations, while one still can not construct an inverse to the functor from F to finite sets, one can construct an inverse to the corresponding functor from Funct(FSets, Sets) to Funct(F, Sets) using the fact that Sets is a (univalent) category. Cf. [?] and [?, RezkCompletion library].

In the present paper, after some general comments about monads on Sets and their modules, we construct for any such monad R and a left module LM over R a C-system (contextual category)  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ . We start with a construction of a category  $C(\mathbf{R})$  such that  $Ob(C(\mathbf{R})) = \mathbf{N}$  is the set of natural numbers whose elements we will denote as  $\widehat{m}$ ,  $\widehat{n}$  etc. and

$$Mor(C(\mathbf{R})) = \coprod_{\widehat{m},\widehat{n}} Hom_{Sets_R}(stn(n), stn(m))$$

and the identity and composition is defined such as to make the mapping  $\widehat{n} \mapsto stn(n)$  to extend to a fully faithful functor  $\Phi$  from  $C(\mathbf{R})^{op}$  to the Kleisli category  $Sets_R$  of R. We may sometimes use this functor as a "coercion", in the terminology of proof assistant Coq, i.e., to write  $\widehat{n}$  instead of stn(n) and f instead of  $\Phi(f)$ . We will also use the function  $LM \mapsto LM_R$  from left modules to functors on the Kleisli category as a coercion. In agreement with this convention we may write LM for the presheaf of sets on  $C(\mathbf{R})$  given by  $\widehat{n} \mapsto LM(n)$ .

We describe, using the results of [?], all the C-subsystems of  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  in terms of objects directly associated with R and LM.

We then define two additional operations  $\sigma$  and  $\widetilde{\sigma}$  on  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  and describe the regular congruence relations (see [?]) on C-subsystems of  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  which are compatible in a certain sense with  $\sigma$  and  $\widetilde{\sigma}$ .

Such regular congruence relations correspond, in the particular cases of syntactic monads and C-subsystems of  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  generated by systems of inference rules, to the relations that can be described by the two kinds of equality judgements.

More precisely, suppose that we are given a type theory that is formulated in terms of the four kinds of judgements originally introduced by Per Martin-Löf in [?, p.161]<sup>5</sup>:

$$(x_0: T_0, \dots, x_{n-1}: T_{n-1}) T \ type$$
  
 $(x_0: T_0, \dots, x_{n-1}: T_{n-1}) t: T$   
 $(x_0: T_0, \dots, x_{n-1}: T_{n-1}) T = T'$   
 $(x_0: T_0, \dots, x_{n-1}: T_{n-1}) t = t': T$ 

to which one adds the judgement

$$(x_0:T_0,\ldots,x_{n-1}:T_{n-1})$$
 ok

asserting that  $(x_0: T_0, \ldots, x_{n-1}: T_{n-1})$  is a valid context of variable declarations.

Since we are only interested in the  $\alpha$ -equivalence classes of judgements we may assume that the variables declared in the context are taken from the set of natural numbers such that the first declared variable is 0, the second is 1 etc. Then, the set of judgements of the form

$$(0:T_0,\ldots,n-1:T_{n-1})T\ type$$

can be identified with the set of judgements of the form

$$(0:T_0,\ldots,n-1:T_{n-1},n:T)$$
 ok

 $<sup>^5</sup>$ We are not using the notation based on  $\triangleright$  that became widespread in the modern literature on type theory since it conflicts with other uses of the turnstile symbol in logic.

With this identification the derivable judgements of the type theory whose raw syntax for object expressions is given by a monad R and raw syntax for type expressions by a left R-module LM, can be described as four subsets  $\widetilde{B}$ , B, Beq and  $\widetilde{Beq}$  where

$$\widetilde{B} \subset \coprod_{n \in \mathbf{N}} LM(0) \times \ldots \times LM(n-1)$$

$$B \subset \coprod_{n \in \mathbf{N}} LM(0) \times \ldots \times LM(n-1) \times R(stn(n)) \times LM(n)$$

$$Beq \subset \coprod_{n \in \mathbf{N}} LM(0) \times \ldots \times LM(n-1) \times LM(n)^2$$

$$\widetilde{Beq} \subset \coprod_{n \in \mathbf{N}} LM(0) \times \ldots \times LM(n-1) \times R(stn(n))^2 \times LM(n)$$

The sets on the right hand side of the first two of these inclusions are in the bijective correspondences with the sets  $Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  and  $\widetilde{Ob}(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$ . It was shown in [?, Proposition 4.3] that for any C-system CC, pairs  $(B, \widetilde{B})$  where  $B \subset Ob(CC)$  and  $\widetilde{B} \subset \widetilde{Ob}(CC)$  that satisfy certain conditions are in a bijective correspondence with C-subsystems of CC. In Proposition 5.3 we give a direct reformulation of these conditions in the case of C-systems of the form  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  in terms of subsets  $\widetilde{B}$  and B and in Remark 5.4 we show how these conditions look like in the notation of type theory.

We then continue our analysis to provide a mathematical meaning to the subsets Beq and  $\widetilde{Beq}$  as well. In order to obtain a bijection of Proposition 7.6 between pairs of such subsets that satisfy certain properties and objects that have meaning for general C-systems we introduce operations  $\sigma$  and  $\widetilde{\sigma}$ .

Proposition 6.3 and subsequent lemmas culminating in Proposition 7.6 form what is probably the most important part of the paper. They provide, for the first time, a rigorous mathematical analysis of the conditions that the derivable definitional equality judgements of a type system have to satisfy in order to define well-behaved equivalence relation on the sets such as the sets of morphisms (context substitutions) of a type theory.

While proving conditions of Proposition 6.3 in the case when  $\widetilde{B}$ , B, Beq and  $\widetilde{Beq}$  are the sets of derivable judgements of a particular type system is something that must be done in order to apply the results of the present paper to this type system, proving these conditions is much less difficult than giving a direct construction of a C-system starting from the syntax and the inference rules.

Providing this explicit set of conditions and proving that they are necessary and sufficient in order to associate a C-system and, therefore, any of the other semantic objects such as a category with families, to a particular type system may be considered to be the main result of this paper.

The paper is written in the formalization-ready style with the intent to produce a UniMath formalization of its results in the near future.

We also consider it to be important to formalize the results of this paper in Zermelo-Fraenkel theory. Indeed, since it forms a part of the theory on which the relative consistency of the UniMath language with respect to the set theory is based, it has to be formally verified in a theory that is weaker than UniMath or, better, that is weaker than both UniMath and the Zermelo-Fraenkel

theory. However, the main choices that we had to make were made with the intent to first formalize this paper in the UniMath.

For morphisms  $f: X \to Y$  and  $g: Y \to Z$  we denote their composition as  $f \circ g$ . For functors  $F: \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C}', G: \mathcal{C}' \to \mathcal{C}''$  we use the standard notation  $G \circ F$  for their composition.

Following the notation of the proof assistant Coq we let unit denote the distinguished one point set or type and tt the only point of unit.

This is one the papers extending the material which I started to work on in [?]. I would like to thank the Institute Henri Poincare in Paris and the organizers of the "Proofs" trimester for their hospitality during the preparation of this paper. The work on this paper was facilitated by discussions with Richard Garner and Egbert Rijke.

## 2 Monads and strict algebraic theories

Let U be a Grothendieck universe. Let  $\mathbf{R} = (R, \eta, \mu)$  be a monad on the category of sets (cf. [?][p. 133]) in U. We will be interested not in  $\mathbf{R}$  itself but in what we call a strict algebraic theory defined by  $\mathbf{R}$ .

For two sets X and Y we let Fun(X,Y) denote the set of functions from X to Y. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we let stn(n) denote the "standard" set with n elements  $\{0,\ldots,n-1\}$ .

**Definition 2.1** [2015.08.17.def1] A strict algebraic theory is a collection of data of the following form

- 1. a function  $R: \mathbb{N} \to Sets$ ,
- 2. for each n a function  $\eta_n \in Fun(stn(n), R(n))$ ,
- 3. for each  $f \in Fun(stn(m), R(n))$  a function  $bind(f) \in Fun(R(m), R(n))$ ,

such that the following conditions hold:

- 1. for all n,  $bind(\eta_n) = Id_{R(n)}$ ,
- 2. for all  $f \in Fun(stn(m), stn(n)), \eta_m \circ bind(f) = f$ ,
- 3. for all  $f \in Fun(stn(k), R(m)), g \in Fun(stn(m), R(n)), bind(f \circ bind(g)) = bind(f) \circ bind(g)$ .

Remark 2.2 [2015.11.20.rem2] Strict algebraic theories are "the same as" the Lawvere theories where the category  $S_0$  (in the notations of [?]) is the category F defined at the end of the Appendix with its obvious initial object and binary coproducts structure. The "sameness" is created by a function from the set of strict algebraic theories over U to the set of Lawvere algebraic theories over U that is an injection of sets and an equivalence of the corresponding categories. Since it is an injection whose image consists of objects for which a certain bijection is the identity we call our objects "strict" algebraic theories.

**Problem 2.3** [2015.10.14] To construct a function Mtoalg from monads on sets to strict algebraic theories.

Construction 2.4 [2015.11.20.constr1.fromold] For a monad  $(R, \eta, \mu)$  we define the corresponding strict algebraic theory  $(R, \eta, bind)$  as follows:

- 1. R(n) = R(stn(n)),
- $2. \ \eta_n = \eta_{stn(n)},$
- 3. for  $f: stn(m) \to R(n)$  we set  $bind(f) = R(f) \circ \mu_{stn(n)}$ .

We leave the verification of the axioms of a strict algebraic theory to the reader.

Remark 2.5 [2015.11.20.rem1] A category-minded mathematician would say that strict algebraic theories are "the same as" finitary monads (monads that preserve filtered colimits). The precise statement is that if one equips the sets of strict algebraic theories in U and monads on sets in U with the "natural" structures of categories then the function of Construction 2.4 extends to a functor from the category of monads to the category of strict algebraic theories that is an equivalence between the full subcategory of finitary monads in the former category and the latter category<sup>6</sup>.

Remark 2.6 [2015.11.20.rem3] Strict algebraic theories are also the "same as" clones of [?, Section 3]. This time the sameness is created by a function that is most probably a bijection for any U. The equivalence of clones with Lawvere theories and finitary monads is explicitly stated in [?, Section 3].

In this paper we will consistently use the concept of a strict algebraic theory instead of the concept of a finitary monad.

Let us introduce the following notation:

$$F(m,n) = Fun(stn(m), stn(n))$$

and, for a strict algebraic theory R,

$$R(m,n) = Fun(stn(m), R(n))$$

Let  $\mathbf{R} = (R, \eta, bind)$  be a strict algebraic theory. For each pair  $m, n \in \mathbf{N}$  define a function

$$\phi_{\mathbf{R}}: F(m,n) \to R(m,n)$$

by the formula

$$\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(f) = f \circ \eta_m$$

For each l, m, n and  $f \in R(l, m), g \in R(m, n)$  define  $f \circ g \in R(l, n)$  by the formula

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.26.eq8}] \widehat{f \circ g} = f \circ bind(g) \tag{1}$$

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>One can make this statement independent from the choice of the category structures by saying that the restriction of the function of Construction 2.4 to the subset of finitary monads extends to an equivalence between the natural (now without quotes) groupoids of finitary monads and strict algebraic theories and their respective isomorphisms.

**Lemma 2.7** [2015.08.18.11] Let  $\mathbf{R} = (R, \eta, bind)$  be a strict algebraic theory. Then one has:

1. for any k, l, m, n and  $f \in R(k, l)$ ,  $g \in R(l, m)$ ,  $h \in R(m, n)$  one has

$$(f \widehat{\circ} g) \widehat{\circ} h = f \widehat{\circ} (g \widehat{\circ} h)$$

2. for any  $f \in R(m,n)$  one has

$$f \widehat{\circ} \eta_n = f$$
$$\eta_m \widehat{\circ} f = f$$

3. for any  $f \in F(l,m)$ ,  $g \in R(m,n)$  one has

$$\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(f)\widehat{\circ}g = f \circ g$$

4. for any  $f \in F(l,m)$ ,  $g \in F(m,n)$  one has

$$\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(f)\widehat{\circ}\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(g) = \phi_{\mathbf{R}}(f \circ g)$$

### **Proof**:

1. We have

$$(f \circ g) \circ h = (f \circ bind(g)) \circ bind(h) = f \circ (bind(g) \circ bind(h)) = f \circ bind(g \circ bind(h)) = f \circ (g \circ h)$$

2. We have

$$f \widehat{\circ} \eta_n = f \circ bind(\eta_n) = f \circ Id_{R(n)} = f$$
  
 $\eta_m \widehat{\circ} f = \eta_m \circ bind(f) = f$ 

3. We have

$$\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(f) \widehat{\circ} g = \phi_{\mathbf{R}}(f) \circ bind(g) = f \circ \eta_m \circ bind(g) = f \circ (\eta_m \circ bind(g)) = f \circ g$$

4. We have

$$\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(f) \widehat{\circ} \phi_{\mathbf{R}}(g) = f \circ \phi_{\mathbf{R}}(g) = f \circ g \circ \eta_n = (f \circ g) \circ \eta_n = \phi_{\mathbf{R}}(f \circ g)$$

We are going to use the functions  $\phi_{\mathbf{R}}$  as coercions in the terminology of the proof assistant Coq, i.e. when an element f of F(m,n) occurs in a position where an element of R(m,n) should be it is assumed that f has to be replaced by  $\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(f)$  before the computation can occur. We will also use bind as a coercion so that when an element g of R(m,n) occurs in a position where a function from R(m) to R(n) is expected it has to be replaced by bind(q) before the computation can occur. In practice, since many of our lemmas assert equalities between expressions where these coercions are not inserted, we will be using expressions without coercions inserted or with coercions only partially inserted in our computations but all the computations and proofs would remain valid if the coercions were fully inserted. [2015.08.22.rem2] We could also use the functions  $\eta_n$  as coercions. This however would lead to an ambiguity of the following form. For  $f \in R(m,n)$  and  $i \in stn(m)$ we could read f(i) both directly as the result of application of  $f \in Fun(stn(m), R(n))$  to i and as  $bind(f)(\eta_m(i))$ . While the corresponding elements in R(n) are equal they are equal because of the equality  $\eta_m \circ bind(f) = f$  from Definition 2.1. In the UniMath and other similar formalizations this equality is not a substitutional equality but only a transportational one and having the same expression to denote two objects that are not substitutionally equal is an ambiguity. See also Remark 2.11 below.

**Remark 2.8** [2015.11.20.rem4] As noted at the end of the Appendix the sets F(m, n) are disjoint and therefore there is a category F whose set of objects is  $\mathbb{N}$  and set of morphism  $\cap_{m,n} F(m,n)$ . For this category Mor(m,n) = F(m,n).

However, for a general R there is no category such that Mor(m,n) = R(m,n). For example, if R(m) = pt where pt is a fixed one element set then R has a (unique) structure of a strict algebraic theory but there is no category with Mor(m,n) = R(m,n). Indeed, for any category  $Mor(X,Y) \cap Mor(X,Y') = \emptyset$  if  $Y \neq Y'$  but for this R we have R(m,n) = R(m,n') for all m and n,n'.

In the next section when we need to build a category associated with **R** we will have to define its sets of morphisms as the sets of (iterated) pairs ((n, m), f) where  $f \in R(m, n)$ .

Since we will have to deal with elements of the sets of functions  $R(m,n) = R(stn(n))^{stn(m)}$  and of similar sets such as the sets  $Ob_n(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  introduced later we need to choose some way to represent them. For the purpose of the present paper we will write such elements as sequences, i.e., to denote the function, which in the notation of  $\lambda$ -calculus is written as  $\lambda i : stn(n), f_i$ , we will write  $(f_0, \ldots, f_{n-1})$ .

**Lemma 2.9** /2015.08.26.13 | Let  $f \in R(l, m)$  and  $g \in R(m, n)$  then for i = 0, ..., n-1 one has

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.26.eq7}](f \widehat{\circ} g)(i) = g(f(i)) \tag{2}$$

or, in the sequence notation

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.24.eq1}](f_0, \dots, f_{m-1}) \widehat{\circ} g = (g(f_0), \dots, g(f_{m-1}))$$
(3)

**Proof:** After we insert the coercions the equality (2) becomes

$$(f \widehat{\circ} g)(i) = bind(g)(f(i))$$

which is equivalent to the definition (1) of  $f \circ g$ .

**Lemma 2.10** /2015.08.30.11 Let  $f \in F(l,m)$ ,  $g \in R(m,n)$  and  $i \in stn(l)$ . Then one has

$$[2015.08.26.eq4](f \widehat{\circ} g)(i) = g(f(i)) \tag{4}$$

**Proof**: Inserting coercions we get the goal

$$(\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(f)\widehat{\circ}g)(i) = g(f(i))$$

which follows by application of Lemma 2.7(3).

Remark 2.11 [2015.08.30.rem3] In the UniMath, or any similar, formalization there is a difference between the equalities of Lemmas 2.9 and 2.10. The equality of the first lemma is obtained by unfolding the definitions of  $\hat{\circ}$  and of  $\hat{\circ}$ . As such it is a substitutional equality which can be used to directly substitute the left hand side of (2) for the right hand side and vice versa. The equality of the second lemma is obtained by unfolding definitions and then applying the equality of Definition 2.1. As a declared equality it is only a transportational one which makes it impossible to use it to

directly substitute one hand side of the equality for another. Instead a special "transport" function has to be used.

In this paper we will not distinguish between the two types of equality because this distinction is non-existent the Zermelo-Fraenkel theory. Nevertheless, some of our choices, such as why we have not made  $\eta_n$  coercions as well, have been based on the existence of this distinction.

For  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  and  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$  let

$$x_i^n = \eta_n(i) \in R(n)$$

then for  $f \in R(n, m)$  we have

$$[2015.08.24.eq2] f(x_i^n) = bind(f)(\eta_n(i)) = f(i)$$
(5)

In our sequence notations, for an element x of a set X, the expression (x) denotes the function  $stn(1) \to X$  that takes 0 to x. With this fact in mind observe also that for  $f \in R(n, m)$  one has

$$[2015.08.24.eq5](x_i^n) \hat{\circ} f = f(x_i^n) = f(i)$$
(6)

where the first equality is by (3) and the second one by (5).

Let

$$\partial_n^i : stn(n) \to stn(n+1)$$

for  $0 \le i \le n$  be the increasing inclusion that does not take the value i and

$$\sigma_n^i: stn(n+2) \to stn(n+1)$$

for  $0 \le i \le n$  be the increasing surjection that takes the value i twice. Taking into account that, in the notation of [?], [n] = stn(n+1) these are the standard generators of the simplicial category  $\Delta$  together with  $\partial_0^0 : stn(0) \to stn(1)$ .

In our sequence notation we have

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.24.eq7}]\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\partial_n^i) = (x_0^{n+1}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{n+1}, x_{i+1}^{n+1}, \dots, x_n^{n+1})$$
 (7)

and

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.24.eq8}]\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma_n^i) = (x_0^{n+1}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{n+1}, x_i^{n+1}, x_i^{n+1}, x_{i+1}^{n+1}, \dots, x_n^{n+1})$$
(8)

in particular

$$[\mathbf{2015.07.12.eq5}]\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\partial_n^n) = (x_0^{n+1}, \dots, x_{n-1}^{n+1})$$
(9)

Let

$$\iota_n^i: stn(n) \to stn(n+i)$$

be the function given by  $\iota_n^i(j) = j$  for  $j = 0, \ldots, n-1$ . Note that we have

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.22.eq7}]\iota_n^1 = \partial_n^n \tag{10}$$

and

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.22.eq8}] \iota_n^i(x_j^n) = bind(\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\iota_n^i))(\eta_n(j)) = (\eta_n \circ bind(\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\iota_n^i)))(j) = \phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\iota_n^i)(j) = \eta_{n+i}(\iota_n^i(j)) = \eta_{n+i}(j) = x_j^{n+i}$$
(11)

**Lemma 2.12** [2015.08.26.11] Let  $f \in R(n+1,n)$ . Then  $\iota_n^1 \widehat{\circ} f = \eta_n$  if and only if  $f(i) = x_n^i$  for  $i = 0, \ldots, n-1$ .

**Proof**: For  $i = 0, \ldots, n-1$  we have

$$x_n^i = \eta_n(i) = (\iota_n^1 \widehat{\circ} f)(i) = f(\iota_n^1(i)) = f(i)$$

For  $f \in R(n, m)$ ,  $f = (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1})$  define an element  $qq(f) \in R(n+1, m+1)$  by the formula:

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.26.eq9}]qq(f) = (\iota_m^1(f_0), \dots, \iota_m^1(f_{n-1}), x_m^{m+1})$$
(12)

**Lemma 2.13** [2015.08.26.12] For  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f = (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1})$  in R(n, m) one has

$$qq^{i}(f) = (\iota_{m}^{i}(f_{0}), \dots, \iota_{m}^{i}(f_{n-1}), x_{m}^{m+i}, \dots, x_{m+i-1}^{m+i})$$

**Proof**: Straightforward by induction on i.

**Lemma 2.14** [2015.08.26.13a] For  $n, i \in \mathbb{N}$  one has

$$qq^i(\iota_n^1) = \partial_{n+i}^n$$

**Proof**: Inserting coercions we see that we have to prove that

$$qq^{i}(\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\iota_{n}^{1})) = \phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\partial_{n}^{n+i})$$

We have  $\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\iota_n^1) = (x_0^{n+1}, \dots, x_{n-1}^{n+1})$ . By Lemma 2.13 and (11) we get

$$qq^{i}(\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\iota_{n}^{1})) = (\iota_{n+1}^{i}(x_{0}^{n+1}), \dots, \iota_{n+1}^{i}(x_{n-1}^{n+1}), x_{n+1}^{n+1+i}, \dots, x_{n+i}^{n+1+i}) =$$

$$= (x_{0}^{n+1+i}, \dots, x_{n-1}^{n+1+i}, x_{n+1}^{n+1+i}, \dots, x_{n+i}^{n+1+i}) = \phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\partial_{n}^{n+i})$$

where the last equality is (7).

**Lemma 2.15** /2015.08.28.11/ For  $i, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r \in R(m)$  one has

$$qq^{i}(x_{0}^{m},\ldots,x_{m-1}^{m},r)=(x_{0}^{m+i},\ldots,x_{m-1}^{m+i},\iota_{m}^{i}(r),x_{m}^{m+i},\ldots,x_{m+i-1}^{m+i})$$

**Proof**: One has

$$qq^{i}(x_{0}^{m},\ldots,x_{m-1}^{m},r) = (\iota_{m}^{i}(x_{0}^{m}),\ldots,\iota_{m}^{i}(x_{m-1}^{m}),\iota_{m}^{i}(r),x_{m}^{m+i},\ldots,x_{m+i-1}^{m+i}) = (x_{0}^{m+i},\ldots,x_{m-1}^{m+i},\iota_{m}^{i}(r),x_{m}^{m+i},\ldots,x_{m+i-1}^{m+i}) =$$

where the first equality is by Lemma 2.13 and the second one by (11).

Define, for any strict algebraic theory **R**, an operation  $\sigma_{\mathbf{R}}$  such that form  $m, n \in \mathbf{N}$ , n > m and  $r \in R(m)$ ,  $s \in R(n)$  one has

$$[\mathbf{2015.09.07.eq1}]\sigma_{\mathbf{R}}(m,r,n,s) = qq^{n-m-1}(x_0^m,\ldots,x_{m-1}^m,r)(s) = qq^{n-m-1}(x_0^m,\ldots,x_{m-1}^m,r)(s)$$

$$(x_0^{n-1}, \dots, x_{m-1}^{n-1}, \iota_m^{n-m-1}(r), x_m^{n-1}, \dots, x_{n-2}^{n-1})(s)$$
(13)

This operation is a dependent function of the form

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{R}}: \{m \in \mathbf{N}, r \in R(m), n \in \mathbf{N}, s \in R(n) \mid n > m\} \to R(n-1),$$

i.e., a function whose codomain depends on the argument.

In the Zermelo-Fraenkel theory this can be expressed as follows. Let us fix a universe UU. Then a dependent function  $\mathbf{f}$  with a domain dom is a pair of functions  $codom: dom \to UU$  and  $f: dom \to UU$  such that for all  $x \in dom$  one has  $f(x) \in codom(x)$ . Introducing a third parameter U instead of a fixed universe UU and taking equivalence classes with respect to the obvious relation obtained from inclusions  $U \subset U'$  one can define dependent functions in set theory without using a universe.

In the language of UniMath and other similar "dependently typed" languages there is a syntactic mechanism for working with variable codomains of functions which are called type families. In such languages  $\sigma_{\mathbf{R}}$  can be directly defined as dependent function with the codomain family given by  $codom(\sigma_{\mathbf{R}})(m, r, n, s) = R(n-1)$ .

Of the four arguments m, r, n and E of  $\sigma_{\mathbf{R}}$  we will use m and n as implicit arguments, that is, arguments that are not written explicitly because they often can be inferred from the remaining arguments by a simple algorithmic procedure. In cases when m and n can not be inferred from r and E, which we will not encounter in this paper, the syntax of the proof assistant Coq is to write  $@\sigma_{\mathbf{R}}$  instead of  $\sigma_{\mathbf{R}}$  and to supply all four arguments explicitly.

# 3 The C-system $C(\mathbf{R})$

Define a category  $C(\mathbf{R})$  as follows.  $Ob(C(\mathbf{R})) = \mathbf{N}$  is the set of natural numbers. The set of morphisms of  $C(\mathbf{R})$  is given by

$$Mor(C(\mathbf{R})) = \coprod_{m,n \in \mathbf{N}} R(n,m)$$

with the obvious domain and codomain functions. To distinguish the positions in formulas where natural numbers are used as objects of  $C(\mathbf{R})$  we will write in such places  $\widehat{m}$  instead of m,  $\widehat{n}$  instead of n etc.

The composition of morphisms is defined by the formula

$$((\widehat{k},\widehat{m}),f)\circ((\widehat{m},\widehat{n}),g)=((\widehat{k},\widehat{n}),g\widehat{\circ}f)$$

and the identity morphisms by the formula

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.22.eq4}]Id_{\widehat{n}} = ((\widehat{n}, \widehat{n}), \eta_n) = ((\widehat{n}, \widehat{n}), (x_0^n, \dots, x_{n-1}^n)))$$
(14)

The axioms of a category follow from Lemma 2.7(1,2).

We also consider the precategory F with the set of objects  $Ob(F) = \mathbf{N}$  and the set of morphisms given by

$$Mor(F) = \bigcup_{n,m} F(n,m)$$

The domain, codomain and composition functions are well defined for the reason explained in the Appendix.

The identity function on N together with the mapping

$$(\Phi_{\mathbf{R}})_{Mor}: f \mapsto ((\widehat{m}, \widehat{n}), \phi_{\mathbf{R}}(f))$$

where  $f: n \to m$ , defines, in view of the obvious equality  $\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(Id_{\widehat{n}}) = \eta_n$  and Lemma 2.7(3), a functor

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{R}}: F^{op} \to C(\mathbf{R})$$

(i.e., a contravariant functor from F to  $C(\mathbf{R})$ ).

**Remark 3.1** [2015.08.19.rem1] The pair  $(F, (\Phi_{\mathbf{R}}^{op} : F \to C(\mathbf{R})^{op}))$  is an algebraic theory in the sense of Lawvere (cf. [?, Definition on p.62]). It should be possible to prove that the function  $\mathbf{R} \mapsto (F, (\Phi_{\mathbf{R}}^{op} : F \to C(\mathbf{R})^{op}))$  is an equivalence between strict algebraic theories and Lawvere theories.

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $ft(\widehat{n+1}) = \widehat{n}$  and let  $ft(\widehat{0}) = \widehat{0}$ .

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\widehat{p_{n+1}} : \widehat{n+1} \to \widehat{n}$  be the morphism  $(\widehat{(n+1}, \widehat{n}), \iota_n^1)$ , where we have used our coercion convention to write  $\iota_n^1$  instead of  $\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\iota_n^1)$ . In the sequence notation we have

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.24.eq6}]p_{\widehat{n+1}} = ((\widehat{n}, \widehat{n+1}), (x_0^{n+1}, \dots, x_{n-1}^{n+1}))$$
(15)

Let  $p_{\widehat{0}} = Id_{\widehat{0}}$ .

Lemma 3.2 /2015.07.24.l1/ One has:

1. Let  $f = ((\widehat{m}, \widehat{n+1}), ff)$ , where  $ff = (f_0, \dots, f_n)$ , be a morphism. Then

$$f \circ p_{\widehat{n+1}} = ((\widehat{m}, \widehat{n}), (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1}))$$

2. Let  $f = ((\widehat{m}, \widehat{n}), ff)$ , where  $ff = (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1})$ , be a morphism. Then

$$p_{\widehat{m+1}} \circ f = (\iota_m^1(f_0), \dots, \iota_m^1(f_{n-1}))$$

**Remark 3.3** [2015.08.18.rem2] In the second assertion of the lemma we use our coercion convention in the right hand side of the equality. The full form of the expressions  $\iota_m^1(f_i)$  that we use there are  $bind(\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\iota_m^1))(f_i)$ .

**Proof**: The first assertion follows by unfolding definitions from (4).

The second asserting follows by unfolding definitions from (3).

**Lemma 3.4** /2015.08.20.11/ For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the square

$$\widehat{n+1} \xrightarrow{((\widehat{n+1},\widehat{1}),(x_n^{n+1}))} 1$$

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.20.eq3}]_{\widehat{n+1}} \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow p_{\widehat{1}} \qquad (16)$$

$$\widehat{n} \xrightarrow{((\widehat{n},\widehat{0}),())} \qquad 0$$

is a pull-back square in  $C(\mathbf{R})$ .

**Proof**: Since  $\widehat{0}$  is a final object, we need to check that for any m the function

$$Hom_{C(\mathbf{R})}(\widehat{m}, \widehat{n+1}) \to Hom_{C(\mathbf{R})}(\widehat{m}, \widehat{n}) \times Hom_{C(\mathbf{R})}(\widehat{m}, \widehat{1})$$

given by

$$((\widehat{m},\widehat{n+1}),f)\mapsto (((\widehat{m},\widehat{n+1}),f)\circ p_{\widehat{n+1}}),((\widehat{m},\widehat{n+1}),f)\circ (x_n^{n+1}))),$$

is a bijection. This function is isomorphic to the function

$$f \mapsto ((\iota_n^1 \widehat{\circ} f), (x_n^{n+1} \widehat{\circ} f))$$

that can be further computed using (4) and (6) to be equal to the function

$$(f_0,\ldots,f_n)\to((f_0,\ldots,f_{n-1}),(f_n))$$

that is clearly a bijection.

Given a morphism  $f = ((\widehat{m}, \widehat{n}), ff) : \widehat{m} \to \widehat{n}$  in  $C(\mathbf{R})$  set

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.26.eq1}]f^*(\widehat{n+1}) = \widehat{m+1}$$
(17)

and define a morphism  $q(f): \widehat{m+1} \to \widehat{n+1}$  as

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.22.eq1}]q(f) = (\widehat{(m+1)}, \widehat{n+1}), qq(ff))$$
(18)

where qq(ff) is defined in (12).

**Lemma 3.5** /2015.08.18.14/ For any f as above the square

$$\widehat{m+1} \xrightarrow{q(f)} \widehat{n+1}$$

$$[2015.08.20.eq2]_{\widehat{m+1}} \downarrow \qquad p_{\widehat{n+1}} \downarrow \qquad (19)$$

$$\widehat{m} \xrightarrow{f} \widehat{n}$$

is a pull-back square.

**Proof**: Let us show first that this square commutes. We need to show that for each  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$  one has

$$(\iota_n^1\widehat{\circ} qq(ff))(i)=(ff\widehat{\circ}\iota_m^1)(i)$$

We have

$$(\iota_n^1 \widehat{\circ} qq(ff))(i) = qq(ff)(i) = \iota_m^1(ff(i))$$

where the first equality is by (4) and the second equality by definition of qq(ff). On the other hand

$$(ff\widehat{\circ}\iota_m^1)(i)=\iota_m^1(ff(i))$$

by (2). To show that the square (19) is a pull-back square let us consider the diagram

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \widehat{m+1} & \widehat{q(f)} & \widehat{n+1} & \xrightarrow{((\widehat{n+1},\widehat{1}),x_n^{n+1})} & \widehat{1} \\ p_{\widehat{m+1}} \Big\downarrow & & p_{\widehat{n+1}} \Big\downarrow & & & \downarrow p_{\widehat{n+1}} \\ \widehat{m} & \xrightarrow{f} & \widehat{n} & \xrightarrow{((\widehat{n},\widehat{0}),())} & 0 \end{array}$$

We have

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.20.eq4}]q(f)\circ(\widehat{(n+1},\widehat{1}),(x_n^{n+1})) = (\widehat{(m+1},\widehat{1}),(x_n^{n+1})\widehat{\circ}qq(ff)) = (\widehat{(m+1},\widehat{1}),(x_m^{m+1})) =$$

where the second equality is by (6). Therefore the outer square of this diagram is of the form (16) and therefore is a pull-back square by Lemma 3.4. The right hand side square of this diagram is of the same form and therefore is a pull-back square as well. The left hand side square commutes. Therefore the left hand side square is a pull-back square by the general properties of pull-back squares.

**Problem 3.6** [2015.08.20.prob1] To construct a structure of a C-system on the category  $C(\mathbf{R})$ .

Construction 3.7 [2015.08.20.constr1] For the definition of the C-system that we will use see [?, Def. 2.1 and Def. 2.3].

The length function is the identity function  $Ob(C(\mathbf{R})) \to \mathbf{N}$ .

The object pt is  $\widehat{0}$ .

The ft function was defined above.

The morphisms  $p_{\hat{n}}$  were defined above.

The objects  $f^*(X)$  were defined above.

One defines q(f, X) as q(f).

The first four properties of [?, Def. 2.1] are obvious.

The fifth property is the commutativity part of Lemma 3.5.

The sixth property is obvious.

To prove the seventh property consider  $g=((\widehat{k},\widehat{m}),gg)$  and  $f=((\widehat{m},\widehat{n}),ff)$ . We need to show that

$$q(g) \circ q(f) = q(g \circ f)$$

Consider the diagram

Since the rightmost square is a pull-back square it is sufficient to prove that

$$q(g)\circ q(f)\circ p_{\widehat{n+1}}=q(g\circ f)\circ p_{\widehat{n+1}}$$

and

$$q(g)\circ q(f)\circ (\widehat{(n+1,1)},(x_n^{n+1}))=q(g\circ f)\circ (\widehat{(n+1,1)},(x_n^{n+1}))$$

The first equality follows from the commutativity of the left hand side and central squares of the diagram and the commutativity of the square (19) for  $g \circ f$ . For the second equality we have

$$q(g) \circ q(f) \circ (\widehat{(n+1,1)}, (x_n^{n+1})) = q(g) \circ (\widehat{(m+1,1)}, (x_m^{m+1})) = (\widehat{(k+1,1)}, (x_k^{k+1}))$$

and

$$q(g\circ f)\circ (\widehat{(n+1},\widehat{1}),(x_n^{n+1}))=(\widehat{(k+1},\widehat{1}),(x_k^{k+1}))$$

where all three equalities are of the form (20). This completes the construction of the structure of a C0-system on  $C(\mathbf{R})$ . To extend it to the structure of a C-system we can apply [?, Prop. 2.4] and Lemma 3.5.

Recall that for a C-system CC, and object  $\Gamma$  of CC such that  $l(\Gamma) \geq i$  we let  $p_{\Gamma,i}$  denote the morphism  $\Gamma \to ft^i(\Gamma)$  defined inductively as

$$p_{\Gamma,0} = Id_{\Gamma}$$

$$p_{\Gamma,i+1} = p_{\Gamma} \circ p_{ft(\Gamma),i}$$

For  $\Gamma$  as above and  $f: \Gamma' \to ft^i(\Gamma)$  we let  $f^*(\Gamma, i)$  and

$$q(f,\Gamma,i):f^*(\Gamma,i)\to\Gamma$$

define a pair of an object and a morphism defined inductively as

$$f^*(\Gamma, 0) = \Gamma' \quad q(f, \Gamma, 0) = f$$
 
$$f^*(\Gamma, i+1) = q(f, ft(\Gamma), i)^*(\Gamma) \quad q(f, \Gamma, i+1) = q(q(f, ft(\Gamma), i), \Gamma)$$

For  $\Gamma, \Gamma'$  in a C-system let us write  $\Gamma \leq \Gamma'$  if  $l(\Gamma) \leq l(\Gamma')$  and  $\Gamma = ft^{l(\Gamma')-l(\Gamma)}(\Gamma')$ . We will write  $\Gamma < \Gamma'$  if  $\Gamma \leq \Gamma'$  and  $l(\Gamma) < l(\Gamma')$ .

If  $\Gamma'$  is over  $\Gamma$  we will denote by  $p_{\Gamma',\Gamma}$  the morphism

$$p_{\Gamma',l(\Gamma')-l(\Gamma)}:\Gamma'\to\Gamma$$

If  $\Gamma'$  and  $\Gamma''$  are over  $\Gamma$  then we have morphisms

$$p_{\Gamma',\Gamma}:\Gamma'\to\Gamma$$

$$p_{\Gamma'',\Gamma}:\Gamma''\to\Gamma$$

and we say that a morphism  $f: \Gamma' \to \Gamma''$  is over  $\Gamma$  if

$$f \circ p_{\Gamma,\Gamma''} = p_{\Gamma,\Gamma'}$$

If  $\Gamma'$  is an object over  $\Gamma$  and  $f: \Delta \to \Gamma$  is a morphism then let us denote simply by  $f^*(\Gamma')$  the object  $f^*(\Gamma', n)$  where  $n = l(\Gamma') - l(\Gamma)$ . Note that n can always be inferred from f and  $\Gamma'$ .

Similarly we will write simply  $q(f,\Gamma)$  for  $q(f,\Gamma,n)$  since n can be inferred as  $l(\Gamma) - l(codom(f))$ .

**Lemma 3.8** [2015.08.23.l1a] Let  $\Gamma', \Gamma''$  be objects over  $\Gamma$ ,  $a: \Gamma' \to \Gamma''$  a morphism over  $\Gamma$  and  $f: \Delta \to \Gamma$  a morphism. Then there is a unique morphism  $f^*(a): f^*(\Gamma') \to f^*(\Gamma'')$  over  $\Delta$  such that the square

$$f^*(\Gamma') \xrightarrow{q(f,\Gamma')} \Gamma'$$

$$f^*(a) \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow a$$

$$f^*(\Gamma'') \xrightarrow{q(f,\Gamma'')} \Gamma''$$

commutes.

**Proof**: We have a square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
f^*(\Gamma'') & \xrightarrow{q(f,\Gamma'')} & \Gamma'' \\
[\mathbf{2015.08.23}_{PQ}, \Delta]_{),\Delta} \downarrow & & \downarrow p_{\Gamma'',\Delta} \\
\Delta & \xrightarrow{f} & \Gamma
\end{array} (21)$$

This square is a pull-back square as a vertical composition of  $l(\Gamma'') - l(\Gamma)$  pull-back squares. We define  $f^*(a)$  as the unique morphism such that

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.23.eq1}]f^*(a) \circ q(f, \Gamma'') = q(f, \Gamma') \circ a \tag{22}$$

and

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.23.eq2}]f^*(a) \circ p_{f^*(\Gamma''),\Delta} = p_{f^*(\Gamma'),\Delta}$$
(23)

The first of these two equalities is equivalent to the commutativity of the square (21) and the second to the condition that  $f^*(a)$  is a morphism over  $\Delta$ .

**Lemma 3.9** [2015.08.29.12] Let  $a: \Gamma' \to \Gamma''$  be a morphism over  $\Gamma$ ,  $\Gamma'''$  another object over  $\Gamma$  and suppose that a is a morphism over  $\Gamma'''$ . Let  $f: \Delta \to \Gamma$  be a morphism. Then one has

$$[2015.08.29.eq2]f^*(a) = q(f, \Gamma''')^*(a)$$
(24)

**Proof**: The morphisms involved in the proof can be seen on the diagram

$$\begin{array}{cccc} f^*(\Gamma') & \xrightarrow{q(f,\Gamma')} & \Gamma' \\ f^*(a) \downarrow & & \downarrow a \\ & f^*(\Gamma'') & \xrightarrow{q(f,\Gamma'')} & \Gamma'' \\ & & & \downarrow p_{\Gamma'',\Gamma'''} \\ & & & \downarrow p_{\Gamma'',\Gamma'''} \\ & & & f^*(\Gamma''') & \xrightarrow{q(f,\Gamma''')} & \Gamma''' \\ & & & \downarrow p_{\Gamma''',\Gamma} \\ & & & \Delta & \xrightarrow{f} & \Gamma \end{array}$$

The right hand side of (24) is a morphism over  $f^*(\Gamma''')$  and therefore a morphism over  $\Delta$ . It remains to verify that it satisfies equation (22). This follows immediately from its definition.

Let us describe the constructions introduced above in the case of  $C(\mathbf{R})$ . Note that our wide-hat notation that distinguishes the places in formulas where natural numbers are used as objects of  $C(\mathbf{R})$  allows us to avoid the ambiguity that might have arisen otherwise. For example  $p_{n',n}$  could be understood either as the canonical morphism  $n' \to n$  using the notation  $p_{\Gamma',\Gamma}$  introduced above or as the canonical morphism  $n' \to n' - n$  using the notation  $p_{\Gamma,i}$  that we have used in [?]. The use of the wide-hat diacritic allows to distinguish between  $p_{\widehat{n'},\widehat{n}}$  - a morphism  $\widehat{n'} \to \widehat{n}$ , and  $p_{\widehat{n'},n}$  - a morphism  $\widehat{n'} \to \widehat{n'} - n$ .

Lemma 3.10 /2015.08.22.l6/ Let  $n, i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

1. One has

(a) 
$$p_{\widehat{n+i},i} = ((\widehat{n+i},\widehat{n}), (x_0^n, \dots, x_{n-i-1}^n)) = ((\widehat{n+i},\widehat{n}), \iota_n^{n+i}),$$

(b) for 
$$g = ((\widehat{n'}, \widehat{n+i}), (g_0, \dots, g_{n+i-1}))$$
 one has  $g \circ \widehat{p_{n+i,i}} = ((\widehat{n'}, \widehat{n}), (g_0, \dots, g_{n-1})),$ 

2. for  $f = ((\widehat{m}, \widehat{n}), ff)$  one has

$$f^*(\widehat{n+i},i) = m+i$$

and

$$q(f,\widehat{n+i},i) = q^i(f) = (\widehat{(m+i},\widehat{n+i}),qq^i(ff))$$

where  $q^{i}(f)$  is the i-th iteration of q applied to f.

**Proof**: All three assertions a proved by induction on i. For the first assertion both parts are proved by induction simultaneously. One has

- 1. the case i = 0 is (14) and the identity axiom of the category  $C(\mathbf{R})$ ,
- 2. for the successor of i we have

$$\widehat{p_{n+i+1,i+1}} = \widehat{p_{n+i+1}} \circ \widehat{p_{n+i,i}} = (\widehat{(n+i+1,\widehat{n})}, (x_0^n, \dots, x_{n-1}^n))$$

where the second equality is by the second part of the inductive assumption. For the inductive step in the second part we have

$$((\widehat{n'}, \widehat{n+i+1}), (g_0, \dots, g_{n+i})) \circ p_{\widehat{n+i+1}, i+1} = ((\widehat{n'}, \widehat{n+i+1}), (g_0, \dots, g_{n+i})) \circ p_{\widehat{n+i+1}} \circ p_{\widehat{n+i}, i} = ((\widehat{n'}, \widehat{n+i}), (g_0, \dots, g_{n+i-1})) \circ p_{\widehat{n+i}, i} = ((\widehat{n'}, \widehat{n}), (g_0, \dots, g_{n-1}))$$

The proof of the first part of the second assertion is obvious. For the second part we have:

- 1. for i = 0 the assertion is obvious,
- 2. for the successor of i we have

$$q(f, \hat{n}, i+1) = q(q(f, \widehat{n-1}, i)) = q(q^{i}(f))$$

and

$$q(q^{i}(f)) = q((\widehat{(m+i,n+i)},qq^{i}(ff))) = (\widehat{(m+i+1,n+i+1)},qq^{i+1}(ff))$$

**Lemma 3.11** [2015.08.22.17] Let  $f = ((\widehat{n}, \widehat{n+1}), (f_0, \dots, f_n))$ . Then  $f \circ p_{\widehat{n+1}} = Id_{\widehat{n}}$  if and only if  $f_i = x_i^{n+1}$  for  $i = 0, \dots, n-1$ .

**Proof**: It follows immediately from Lemma 2.12.

**Lemma 3.12** [2015.09.09.11] Let  $f = ((\widehat{m}, \widehat{n}), (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1}))$  where n > 0. Then one has

$$s_f = ((\widehat{m}, \widehat{m+1}), (x_0^m, \dots, x_{m-1}^m, f_{n-1}))$$

**Proof**: By [?, Definition 2.3(2)] we have that

$$s_f \circ p_{\widehat{m+1}} = Id_{\widehat{m}}$$

Therefore, by Lemma 3.11, it is of the form  $((\widehat{m}, \widehat{m+1}), (x_0^m, \dots, x_{m-1}^m, sf))$  for some  $sf \in R(m)$ . By [?, Definition 2.3(3)] we have  $f = s_f \circ q(ft(f))$  where  $ft(f) = f \circ p_{\widehat{n}}$ . By Lemma 3.2(1) we have  $ft(f) = ((\widehat{m}, \widehat{n-1}), (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1}))$  and by (18) and (12) we have that

$$q(ft(f)) = (\widehat{(m+1)}, \widehat{n}), (\iota_m^1(f_0), \dots, \iota_m^1(f_{n-2}), x_m^{m+1}))$$

Therefore, by (3) we should have

$$(f_0, \dots, f_{n-1}) = (\iota_m^1(f_0), \dots, \iota_m^1(f_{n-2}), x_m^{m+1}) \widehat{\circ}(x_0^m, \dots, x_{m-1}^m, sf)$$

which is equivalent to

$$f_i = (x_0^m, \dots, x_{m-1}^m, sf)(\iota_m^1(f_i))$$

for  $i = 0, \ldots, n-2$  and

$$f_{n-1} = (x_0^m, \dots, x_{m-1}^m, sf)(x_m^{m+1})$$

The first series of equalities follow for any sf from (2) since

$$\iota_m^1 \widehat{\circ} (x_0^m, \dots, x_{m-1}^m, sf) = (x_0^m, \dots, x_{m-1}^m)$$

The last equality gives us, by (6) that  $f_{n-1} = sf$ .

Recall from [?] that for a C-system CC one defines  $\widetilde{Ob}(CC)$  as the subset of Mor(CC) which consists of morphisms s of the form  $ft(X) \to X$  such that l(X) > 0 and  $s \circ p_X = Id_{ft(X)}$ .

**Lemma 3.13** [2015.08.24.11] Let  $f = ((\widehat{n}, \widehat{n}), ff)$  and let  $s = ((\widehat{n}, \widehat{n+1}), ss)$  be an element of  $\widetilde{Ob}$ . Then one has

$$f^*(s) = ((\widehat{m}, \widehat{m+1}), fs)$$

where

$$fs = (x_0^m, \dots, x_{m-1}^m, ff(ss_n))$$

**Proof**: The fact that the first m terms of the sequence representation of fs have the required form follows from Lemma 3.11. It remains to prove that

$$fs_m = ff(ss_n)$$

By (18) we have

$$q(f,\widehat{n+1}) = q(f) = ((\widehat{m+1},\widehat{n+1}),qq(ff))$$

The morphism  $f^*(s)$ , as a morphism over  $\widehat{m}$  is defined by the equation

$$f^*(s) \circ q(f) = f \circ s$$

which is equivalent to

$$qq(ff)\widehat{\circ}fs = (\iota_m^1(f_0), \dots, \iota_m^1(f_{n-1}), x_m^{m+1})\widehat{\circ}fs = ss\widehat{\circ}ff$$

Considering only the last terms of the corresponding sequences we get

$$fs_m = fs(x_m^{m+1}) = ff(ss_n)$$

where the first equality is (5).

**Lemma 3.14** [2015.08.29.11] Let  $f = ((\widehat{m}, \widehat{n}), ff)$  and let  $s = ((\widehat{n+i}, \widehat{n+i+1}), ss)$  be an element of Ob. Then one has

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.29.eq1}]f^*(s) = (\widehat{(m+i, m+i+1)}, (x_0^{m+i}, \dots, x_{m+i-1}^{m+i}, (qq^i(ff))(ss_{n+i})))$$
(25)

**Proof**: The morphisms involved in the proof can be seen on the following diagram

$$\widehat{m+i} \xrightarrow{q^{i}(f)} \widehat{n+i}$$

$$f^{*}(s) \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow s$$

$$\widehat{m+i+1} \xrightarrow{q^{i+1}(f)} \widehat{n+i+1}$$

$$p_{m+i+1,i+1} \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow p_{n+i+1,i+1}$$

$$\widehat{m} \xrightarrow{f} \widehat{n}$$

The morphism s is a morphism to  $\widehat{Id_{n+i}}$  over  $\widehat{n+i}$ . Therefore, we may apply Lemma 3.9 obtaining the equality

$$f^*(s) = (q^i(f))^*(s)$$

On the other hand by Lemma 3.10(2) we have  $q^i(f) = (\widehat{(m+i,n+i)}, qq^i(ff))$  and by Lemma 3.13 we have

$$(\widehat{(m+i,n+i)},qq^{i}(ff))^{*}s = (\widehat{(m+i,m+i+1)},(x_{0}^{m+i},\ldots,x_{m+i-1}^{m+i},(qq^{i}(ff))(ss_{n}))).$$

Another operation that we would like to have an explicit form of is operation  $\delta$ . For C-system CC and an object  $\Gamma$  in CC one defines  $\delta_{\Gamma}: \Gamma \to p_{\Gamma}^*(\Gamma)$  as the unique morphism over  $\Gamma$  such that

$$[2015.08.24.eq10]\delta_{\Gamma} \circ q(p_{\Gamma}, \Gamma) = Id_{\Gamma}$$
 (26)

**Lemma 3.15** /**2015.08.24.15**/ In  $CC(\mathbf{R})$  one has:

$$\delta_{\widehat{n}} = ((\widehat{n}, \widehat{n+1}), (x_0^n, \dots, x_{n-1}^n, x_{n-1}^n))$$

**Proof**: In view of Lemma 3.11, we have  $\delta_n = ((\widehat{n}, \widehat{n+1}), (x_0^n, \dots, x_{n-1}^n, dn))$  for some  $dn \in R(n)$ . By Lemma 2.14 we have

$$q(p_{\widehat{n}}) = (\widehat{(n+1,\widehat{n})}, \partial_n^{n-1}) = (\widehat{(n+1,\widehat{n})}, (x_0^{n+1}, \dots, x_{n-2}^{n+1}, x_n^{n+1}))$$

and the defining equation (26) gives us

$$((\widehat{n},\widehat{n+1},(x_0^n,\dots,x_{n-1}^n,dn))\circ(\widehat{(n+1},\widehat{n}),(x_0^{n+1},\dots,x_{n-2}^{n+1},x_n^{n+1}))=((n,n),(x_0^n,\dots,x_{n-1}^n))$$

i.e.,

$$(x_0^{n+1},\dots,x_{n-2}^{n+1},x_n^{n+1}) \widehat{\circ} (x_0^n,\dots,x_{n-1}^n,dn) = (x_0^n,\dots,x_{n-1}^n)$$

and comparing the last terms of the sequences we get

$$dn = (x_0^n, \dots, x_{n-1}^n, dn)(x_n^{n+1}) = x_{n-1}^n$$

Problem 3.16 To construct a bijection

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.24.eq9}] mb_{\mathbf{R}} : \widetilde{Ob}(C(\mathbf{R})) \to \coprod_{n \in \mathbf{N}} R(n)$$
(27)

Construction 3.17 [2015.08.22.constr3] For  $s = ((\hat{n}, \hat{n+1}), ss)$  define

$$mb_{\mathbf{R}}(s) = (n, ss_n)$$

To show that this is a bijection let us construct the inverse bijection. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $o \in R(n)$  set

$$mb_{\mathbf{R}}^{!}(n,o) = ((\widehat{n}, \widehat{n+1}), (x_0^n, \dots, x_{n-1}^n, o))$$

The fact that these functions are mutually inverse follows easily from Lemma 3.11.

Our next goal is to describe operations T',  $\widetilde{T}'$ , S',  $\widetilde{S}'$  and  $\delta'$  obtained from operations T,  $\widetilde{T}$ , S,  $\widetilde{S}$  and  $\delta$  that were introduced at the end of Section 3 in [?] through transport by means of the bijection (27).

Let us first recall the definition of operations  $T, \tilde{T}, S, \tilde{S}$  and  $\delta$  associated with a general C-system CC.

**Definition 3.18** [2015.08.26.def1] Let CC be a C-system. We will write Ob for Ob(CC) and  $\widetilde{Ob}$  for  $\widetilde{Ob}(CC)$ .

1. Operation T is defined on the set

$$T_{dom} = \{\Gamma, \Gamma' \in Ob \,|\, l(\Gamma) > 0 \text{ and } \Gamma' > ft(\Gamma)\}$$

and takes values in Ob. For  $(\Gamma, \Gamma') \in T_{dom}$  one has

$$T(\Gamma, \Gamma') = p_{\Gamma}^*(\Gamma')$$

2. Operation  $\widetilde{T}$  is defined on the set

$$\widetilde{T}_{dom} = \{\Gamma \in Ob, s \in \widetilde{Ob} | l(\Gamma) > 0 \text{ and } \partial(s) > ft(\Gamma)\}$$

and takes values in  $\widetilde{Ob}$ . For  $(\Gamma, s) \in \widetilde{T}_{dom}$  one has

$$\widetilde{T}(\Gamma, s) = p_{\Gamma}^*(s)$$

3. Operation S is defined on the set

$$S_{dom} = \{ r \in \widetilde{Ob}, \Gamma \in Ob \,|\, \Gamma > \partial(r) \}$$

and takes values in Ob. For  $(r, \Gamma) \in S_{dom}$  one has

$$S(r,\Gamma) = r^*(\Gamma)$$

4. Operation  $\widetilde{S}$  is defined on the set

$$\widetilde{S}_{dom} = \{r, s \in \widetilde{Ob} \, | \, \partial(s) > \partial(r) \}$$

and takes values in  $\widetilde{Ob}$ . For  $(r,s) \in \widetilde{S}_{dom}$  one has

$$S(r,s) = r^*(s)$$

5. Operation  $\delta$  is defined on the set

$$\delta_{dom} = \{ \Gamma \in Ob \,|\, l(\Gamma) > 0 \}$$

and takes values in  $\widetilde{Ob}$ . For  $\Gamma \in \delta_{dom}$ ,  $\delta(\Gamma)$  is the unique morphism  $\Gamma \to p_{\Gamma}^*(\Gamma)$  over  $\Gamma$  such that

$$\delta_{\Gamma} \circ q(p_{\Gamma}, \Gamma) = Id_{\Gamma}$$

**Theorem 3.19** [2015.08.26.th1] Let  $Ob = Ob(C(\mathbf{R}))$  and let  $\widetilde{Ob}'$  be the right hand side of (27). One has:

1. Operation T' is defined on the set

$$T'_{dom} = \{\widehat{m}, \widehat{n} \in Ob \,|\, m > 0 \text{ and } n > m-1\}$$

and is given by

$$T'(\widehat{m}, \widehat{n}) = \widehat{n+1}$$

2. Operation  $\widetilde{T}'$  is defined on the set

$$\widetilde{T}'_{dom} = \{\widehat{m} \in Ob, (n, s) \in \widetilde{Ob}' \mid m > 0 \text{ and } n + 1 > m - 1\}$$

and is given by

$$\widetilde{T}'(\widehat{m},(n,s)) = (n+1,\partial_n^{m-1}(s))$$

3. Operation S' is defined on the set

$$S'_{dom} = \{(m, r) \in \widetilde{Ob}', \widehat{n} \in Ob \mid n > m + 1\}$$

and is given by

$$S'((m,r),\widehat{n}) = \widehat{n-1}$$

4. Operation  $\widetilde{S}'$  is defined on the set

$$\widetilde{S}_{dom}' = \{(m,r) \in \widetilde{Ob}', (n,s) \in \widetilde{Ob}' \, | \, n > m \}$$

and is given by

$$\widetilde{S}'((m,r),(n,s)) = (n-1,\sigma_{\mathbf{R}}(r,s))$$

5. Operation  $\delta'$  is defined on the subset

$$\delta'_{dom} = \{\widehat{n} \in Ob \,|\, n > 0\}$$

and is given by

$$\delta'(\widehat{n}) = (n, x_{n-1}^n)$$

**Proof**: We have:

1. Operation T' is the same as operation T for  $C(\mathbf{R})$  since  $\widetilde{Ob}$  is not involved in it. The form of  $T'_{dom}$  is obtained by unfolding definitions and the formula for the operation itself follows from (17).

- 2. Operation  $\widetilde{T}'$  is defined on the set of pairs  $(\widehat{m} \in Ob, (n, s) \in \widetilde{Ob}')$  such that m > 0 and  $\partial(mb_{\mathbf{R}}^!(n, s)) > m 1$ . Since  $\partial(mb_{\mathbf{R}}^!(n, s) = n + 1$  we obtain the required domain of definition. The formula by the operation itself is obtained immediately by combining Lemma 3.14 and Lemma 2.14.
- 3. Operation S' is defined on the set of pairs  $((m,r) \in \widetilde{Ob}', \widehat{n} \in Ob)$  such that  $n > \partial(mb_{\mathbf{R}}^!(m,r))$ . Since  $\partial(mb_{\mathbf{R}}^!(m,r)) = m+1$  we obtained the required domain of definition. The operation itself is given by

$$S'((m,r),n) = (mb_{\mathbf{R}}^!(m,r))^*(\widehat{n}) = ((\widehat{m}, \widehat{m+1}), (x_0^m, \dots, x_{m-1}^m, r))^*(\widehat{n})) = n + \widehat{m-(m+1)} = \widehat{n-1}$$

- 4. Operation  $\widetilde{S}'$  is defined on the set of pairs  $(m,r),(n,s) \in \widetilde{Ob}'$  such that  $\partial(mb_{\mathbf{R}}^!(n,s)) > \partial(mb_{\mathbf{R}}^!(m,r))$  which is equivalent to n > m. The formula by the operation itself is obtained immediately by combining Lemma 3.14 with i = n m 1, Lemma 2.15 and the definition of  $\sigma_{\mathbf{R}}$  in (13).
- 5. Operation  $\delta'$  is defined on the subset  $\hat{n} \in Ob$  such that n > 0 and is given by

$$\delta'(\widehat{n}) = mb_{\mathbf{R}}(\delta(\widehat{n})) = mb_{\mathbf{R}}((\widehat{n}, \widehat{n+1}), (x_0^n, \dots, x_{n-1}^n, x_{n-1}^n)) = (n, x_{n-1}^n)$$

**Remark 3.20** [2015.08.29.rem1] The description of operations T',  $\widetilde{T}'$ , S,  $\widetilde{S}'$  and  $\delta$  given in Theorem 3.19 uses only three operations on the sets R(n):

1. for all  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , n > m, a function  $\sigma_{m,n} : R(m) \times R(n) \to R(n-1)$  given by

$$\sigma_{m,n}(r,s) = @\sigma(m,r,n,s) = (x_0^{n-1},\ldots,x_{m-1}^{n-1},\iota_m^{n-m-1}(r),x_m^{n-1},\ldots,x_{n-2}^{n-1})(s)$$

- 2. for all  $i, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq i$ , a function  $\partial_n^i : R(n) \to R(n+1)$
- 3. for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  an element  $x_n \in R(n+1)$  given as  $x_n = \eta_{n+1}(n)$ .

Therefore, the conjectural equivalence between C-systems and B-systems implies that it is possible to construct  $C(\mathbf{R})$  starting with a family of sets R(n) equipped with operations:

$$\sigma_{m,n}: R(m) \times R(n) \to R(n-1)$$
$$\partial_n^i: R(n) \to R(n+1)$$
$$x_n \in R(n+1)$$

that satisfy some axioms. To avoid working with families of sets or types which might be inconvenient in simple-typed languages such as HOL we can further re-write this definition as follows. Let lR be the disjoint union of R(n) for all n. Then the operations that we need to consider are:

- 1. a function  $l: lR \to \mathbf{N}$ ,
- 2. a function  $\eta: \mathbf{N} \to lR$ ,
- 3. a function  $\partial: \{r \in lR, i \in \mathbb{N} \mid l(r) \geq i\} \rightarrow lR$ ,

4. a function  $\sigma: \{r, s \in lR, | l(r) > l(s) \} \to lR$ ,

such that

- 1. for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $l(\eta(n)) = n + 1$ ,
- 2. for all  $r \in lR$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $l(r) \geq i$ ,  $l(\partial(r, i)) = l(r) + 1$ ,
- 3. for all  $r, s \in lR$  such that l(s) > l(r) one has  $l(\sigma(r, s)) = l(s) 1$ .

Clearly more axioms need to be added to obtain a full subcategory in the category whose objects are sets lR with operations of the form  $l, \eta, \partial, \sigma$  that is equivalent to the category of Lawvere theories or equivalently strict algebraic theories or equivalently Fiore-Plotkin-Turi substitution algebras. When all the axioms are added one would obtain a definition of an l-algebraic theory that is convenient for formalization both in set theory and in HOL.

Remark 3.21 [2015.08.29.rem1b] It would appear that there should be examples of  $(\eta, \partial, \sigma)$ structures that do not arise from strict algebraic theories. Indeed, it seems unclear why it should
be possible to realize the action of the symmetric group on R(n) using these operations since in
the case of strict algebraic theories they all seem to respect the linear ordering on the sets stn(n)in some sense.

In the substitution notation of Remark 4.1, given r in R(m) and E in R(n),

$$\sigma(r, E) = E[r/x_m, x_m/x_{m+1}, \dots, x_{n-2}/x_{n-1}],$$

i.e., operation  $\sigma$  corresponds to the substitution of an expression in variables  $x_0, \ldots, x_{m-1}$  for the variable  $x_m$  in an expression in variables  $x_0, \ldots, x_n$  followed by a downshift of the indexes of the variables with the higher index.

The operation  $\partial_n^i$  and the constants  $x_n$  are similarly defined in terms of linear orderings.

To see how it is, nevertheless, possible to realize, for example, the permutation of  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  consider the following. First let, for all  $i, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\iota_n^i = \partial_{n+i-1}^{n+i-1} \circ \dots \circ \partial_n^n : R(n) \to R(n+i)$$

Then define for all  $i, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq i+1$  an element  $x_i^n \in R(n)$  by the formula

$$x_i^n = \iota_{i+1}^{n-i-1}(x_i)$$

such that, in particular,  $x_n^{n+1} = x_n$ .

Define now a function  $\psi: R(2) \to R(2)$  by the formula

$$\psi = \partial_2^0 \circ \partial_3^0 \circ \sigma_{3,4}(x_0^3, -) \circ \sigma_{2,3}(x_1^2, -)$$

One can verify that for any strict algebraic theory R one has  $\psi = \phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\sigma)$  where  $\sigma$  is the permutation of 0 and 1 in stn(2).

In the substitution notation this can be seen as follows:

$$\psi(E(x_0^2, x_1^2)) = \sigma_{2,3}(x_1^2, \sigma_{3,4}(x_0^3, \partial_3^0(\partial_2^0(E(x_0^2, x_1^2))))) = \sigma_{2,3}(x_1^2, \sigma_{3,4}(x_0^3, \partial_3^0(E(x_1^3, x_2^3)))) = \sigma_{2,3}(x_1^2, \sigma_{3,4}(x_0^3, E(x_2^4, x_3^4))) = \sigma_{2,3}(x_1^2, E(x_2^3, x_0^3)) = E(x_1^2, x_0^2)$$

**Remark 3.22** [2015.08.29.rem2] The fact that the full structure of a strict algebraic theory can be reconstructed from operations  $\sigma$ ,  $\partial$  and  $\eta$  of the form described above can also be approached via the comparison of such  $\sigma \partial \eta$ -structures with the substitution algebras of [?, Definition 3.1]. Such a comparison is more straightforward since their operation  $\zeta$  of the form  $R(n+1) \times R(n) \to R(n)$  is the same as operation  $(s,r) \mapsto \sigma_{n,n+1}(r,s)$ .

## 4 The C-system $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ .

Let **R** be a strict algebraic theory and let  $\mathbf{LM} = (LM, LM_{Mor})$  be a presheaf of sets on the category  $C(\mathbf{R})$ , i.e., a functor  $C(\mathbf{R})^{op} \to Sets$ .

If the strict algebraic theory was obtained from a monad on sets then any left module over this monad, by defining a covariant functor from the Kleisli category of the monad to sets (see [?, Prop. 5]), defines a presheaf on  $C(\mathbf{R})$ , that, as a category, is a subcategory in the opposite category to the Kleisli category of the monad. We again use the coercion mechanism to write  $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{M}$  both for the left R-module and for the presheaf of sets on  $C(\mathbf{R})$  that it defines.

The morphism component  $LM_{Mor}$  of  $\mathbf{LM}$  is a function that sends a morphism  $f = ((\widehat{m}, \widehat{n}), ff)$  from  $\widehat{m}$  to  $\widehat{n}$  in  $C(\mathbf{R})$  to a function  $LM_{Mor}(f) \in Fun(LM(\widehat{n}), LM(\widehat{m}))$ . In particular we have for each  $m, n \in \mathbf{N}$  a function

$$R(n,m) \to Fun(LM(\widehat{n}), LM(\widehat{m}))$$

given by  $ff \mapsto LM_{Mor}((\widehat{m}, \widehat{n}), ff)$ ). We will use this function as a coercion so that, for  $ff \in R(n, m)$  and  $E \in LM(\widehat{n})$  the expression ff(E) needs to be expanded into  $LM_{Mor}(((\widehat{m}, \widehat{n}), ff))(E)$  before the computation can occur (see the explanation after Lemma 2.7 for more detail).

**Remark 4.1** [2015.08.18.rem1] If we think of  $E \in LM(\widehat{n})$  as of an expression in variables  $0, \ldots, n-1$  then the action of R(n,m) on  $LM(\widehat{n})$  can be thought of as the substitution. This analogy can be used to introduce the notation when for  $ff = (f_0, \ldots, f_{n-1}) \in R(n,m)$  and  $E \in LM(\widehat{n})$  one writes ff(E) as

$$f f(E) = E[f_0/0, \dots, f_{n-1}/n - 1]$$

For example, in this notation we have

$$\partial_n^i(E) = E[0/0, \dots, i-1/i-1, i+1/i, \dots, n/n-1]$$

Similarly, for  $E \in LM(\widehat{n+2})$  one has

$$\sigma_n^i(E) = E[0/0, \dots, i/i, i/i + 1, \dots, n/n + 1]$$

and  $\iota_n^i(E)$  is "the same expression" but considered as an expression of n+i variables.

**Example 4.2** [2015.09.07.rem3] An important example of **LM** is given by the functor  $\Phi$  given on objects by  $\Phi_{Ob}(\widehat{n}) = R(n)$  and on morphisms by

$$\Phi_{Mor}((\widehat{m},\widehat{n}),r)(s) = r(s)$$

We will denote this functor by the same symbol **R** as the underlying strict algebraic theory.

This functor is isomorphic to the (contravariant) functor represented by the object  $\widehat{1}$  but it is not equal to this functor since the set of elements of the form  $((\widehat{n},\widehat{1}),r')$  where  $r' \in R(1,n)$  is isomorphic but not equal to the set R(n).

**Example 4.3** [2015.09.07.rem4] Another important example of a presheaf LM is the constant presheaf corresponding to a set S. The C-system  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  for  $\mathbf{LM} = S$  corresponds to the multi-sorted algebraic theory with a fixed set of sorts S.

Taking LM to be a sub-presheaf of  $LM_0 \times S$  one can add and extra "sorting dimension" to a theory. Cf. Remark ??? ??.

Recall that we defined, for any strict algebraic theory  $\mathbf{R}$ , an operation  $\sigma$  that we can write in the form

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{R}} : \{ m \in \mathbf{N}, r \in R(m), n \in \mathbf{N}, s \in R(n) \mid n > m \} \to R(n-1)$$

which is a dependent function, i.e., a function whose codomain depends on the argument.

For LM as above define a dependent function  $\sigma_{LM}$  with the domain of definitions

$$dom(\sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}) = \{ m \in \mathbf{N}, r \in R(m), n \in nat, E \in LM(\widehat{n}) \mid n > m \},$$

and the codomain function

$$codom(\sigma_{\mathbf{LM}})(m, r, n, E) = \widehat{LM(n-1)}$$

by the formula

$$[\mathbf{2015.09.07.eq2}]\sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(m,r,n,E) = (qq^{n-m-1}(x_0^m,\ldots,x_{m-1}^m,r))(E) = (x_0^{n-1},\ldots,x_{m-1}^{n-1},\iota_m^{n-m-1}(r),x_m^{n-1},\ldots,x_{n-2}^{n-1})(E)$$
(28)

where the second equality is the equality of Lemma 2.15. Alternatively, one can think of  $\sigma_{LM}$  as of a family of functions  $\sigma_{LM,n}$  with different codomains but we will use the dependent function viewpoint.

Of the four arguments m, r, n and E of  $\sigma_{LM}$  we will use m and n as implicit arguments, that is, arguments that are not written explicitly because they often can be inferred from the remaining arguments by a simple algorithmic procedure. In cases when m and n can not be inferred from r and E, which we will not encounter in this paper, the syntax of the proof assistant Coq is to write  $@\sigma_{LM}$  instead of  $\sigma_{LM}$  and to supply all four arguments explicitly.

Define a category  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  as follows.

$$Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})) = \coprod_{n \in \mathbf{N}} Ob_n(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$$

where

$$Ob_n(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}) = LM(\widehat{0}) \times \ldots \times LM(\widehat{n-1})$$

Define a function  $l_f$  on  $Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  setting  $l_f(n, A) = n$ .

The set of morphisms of  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  is given by

$$Mor(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})) = \coprod_{\Gamma, \Gamma' \in Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))} R(l_f(\Gamma'), l_f(\Gamma))$$

with the obvious domain and codomain maps.

The composition of morphisms in  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  is defined by the formula

$$((\Gamma,\Gamma'),f)\circ((\Gamma',\Gamma''),g)=((\Gamma,\Gamma''),g\widehat{\circ}f)$$

and the identity morphisms by

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.22.eq6}]Id_{\Gamma} = ((\Gamma, \Gamma), \eta_{l_f(\Gamma)}) = ((\Gamma, \Gamma), (x_0^n, \dots, x_{n-1}^n))$$
(29)

The axioms of a category follow from Lemma 2.7(1,2).

The proof of the following lemma is omitted because of its simplicity.

Lemma 4.4 /2015.08.22.ll/ The mappings

$$\Gamma \mapsto l_f(\Gamma)$$

$$((\Gamma, \Gamma'), f) \mapsto ((l_f(\Gamma), l_f(\Gamma')), f)$$

define a fully faithful functor

$$Fl: CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}) \to C(\mathbf{R})$$

**Remark 4.5** [2015.09.01.rem1] For any two objects  $\Gamma, \Gamma'$  of  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  such that  $l_f(\Gamma) = l_f(\Gamma') = n$ , the formula

$$can_{\Gamma,\Gamma'} = ((\Gamma, \Gamma'), (x_0^n, \dots, x_{n-1}^n))$$

defines a morphism which is clearly an isomorphism with  $can_{\Gamma',\Gamma}$  being a canonical inverse. Therefore, all objects of the same length in  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  are "canonically isomorphic".

**Remark 4.6** [2015.09.01.rem2] If  $LM(\widehat{0}) = \emptyset$  then  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}) = \emptyset$ . On the other hand, the choice of an element y in  $LM(\widehat{0})$  defines distinguished elements  $\iota_0^n(y)$  in all sets  $LM(\widehat{n})$  and therefore distinguished objects

$$y_n = (n, (\iota_0^0(y), \dots, \iota_0^{n-1}(y))) \in Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$$

of length n for all n. Mapping  $\widehat{n}$  to  $y_n$  defines, as one can immediately prove from the definitions, a functor  $lF_y: C(\mathbf{R}) \to CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ .

This functor clearly satisfies the conditions  $lF_y \circ Fl = Id_{C(\mathbf{R})}$ .

One verifies easily that the morphisms

$$can_{\Gamma, y_{l_f(\Gamma)}}: \Gamma \to lF_y(Fl(\Gamma))$$

form a natural transformation. We conclude that Fl and  $lF_y$  is a pair of mutually inverse equivalences of categories.

However this equivalence is not an isomorphism unless  $LM(\widehat{n}) \cong unit$  for all n.

For  $\Gamma \in Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  such that  $\Gamma = (n+1, (T_0, \ldots, T_n))$  denote by  $ft(\Gamma)$  the object

$$ft(\Gamma) = (n, (T_0, \dots, T_{n-1}))$$

and by  $p_{\Gamma}$  the morphism

$$p_{\Gamma} = (\Gamma, (ft(\Gamma), \iota_n^1))$$

The following immediate analog of Lemma 3.2 holds in  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ :

Lemma 4.7 /2015.08.22.l6b/ One has:

1. Let  $f = ((\Gamma', \Gamma), (f_0, \dots, f_n))$ , then

$$f \circ p_{\Gamma} = ((\Gamma', ft(\Gamma)), (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1}))$$

2. Let  $f = ((ft(\Gamma'), \Gamma), (f_0, \ldots, f_n)),$  then

$$p_{\Gamma'} \circ f = (\iota_m^1(f_0), \dots, \iota_m^1(f_{n-1}))$$

**Proof**: Since Fl is a fully faithful functor it is sufficient to verify that the asserted equalities hold after application of Fl. This follows immediately from Lemma 3.2.

Given two objects  $\Gamma' = (m, (T'_0, \dots, T'_{m-1}))$  and  $\Gamma = (n+1, (T_0, \dots, T_n))$  and a morphism  $f = ((\Gamma', ft(\Gamma)), ff)$  define an object  $f^*(\Gamma)$  by the formula:

$$[\mathbf{2015.09.09.eq3old}]f^*(\Gamma) = (m+1, (T'_0, \dots, T'_{m-1}, ff(T_n)))$$
(30)

and a morphism  $q(f,\Gamma): f^*(\Gamma) \to \Gamma$  by the formula

$$q(f,\Gamma) = ((f^*(\Gamma),\Gamma), qq(ff))$$

**Lemma 4.8** [2015.08.26.17] Let  $\Gamma = (n, (T_0, \dots, T_{n-1}))$  where  $n \geq i$ ,  $\Gamma' = (m, (T'_0, \dots, T'_{m-1}))$  and let  $((\Gamma', ft^i(\Gamma)), ff)$  be a morphism. Then one has

$$f^*(\Gamma, i) = (m + i, (T_0, ', \dots, T'_{m-1}, ff(T_{n-i}), qq(ff)(T_{n-i+1}), \dots, qq^{i-1}(ff)(T_{n-1})))$$

**Proof**: By straightforward induction on i.

**Lemma 4.9** [2015.08.26.18] Let  $\Gamma = (n, (T_0, \dots, T_{n-1}))$  and  $\Gamma' = (m, (T_0, \dots, T_{m-2}, T))$  where n > m-1. Then one has

$$p_{\Gamma'}^*(\Gamma) = (n+1, (T_0, \dots, T_{m-2}, T, \partial_{m-1}^{m-1}(T_{m-1}), \dots, \partial_{n-1}^{m-1}(T_{n-1})))$$

**Proof**: One has

$$p_{\Gamma'}^*(\Gamma) = ((\Gamma', ft(\Gamma')), \iota_{m-1}^1)^*(\Gamma) =$$

$$(n+1, (T_0, \dots, T_{m-2}, T, \iota_{m-1}^1(T_{m-1}), \dots, qq^{n-m-2}(\iota_{m-1}^1)(T_{n-1}))) =$$

$$(n+1, (T_0, \dots, T_{m-2}, T, \partial_{m-1}^{m-1}(T_{m-1}), \dots, \partial_{n-1}^{m-1}(T_{n-1})))$$

where the second equality is by Lemma 4.8 and the third equality is by Lemma 2.14.

**Lemma 4.10** [2015.08.18.14b] For any  $\Gamma'$ ,  $\Gamma$  and f as above the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
f^*(\Gamma) & \xrightarrow{q(f,\Gamma)} & \Gamma \\
[\mathbf{2015.08.22.eq2}]_{(\Gamma)} \downarrow & p_{\Gamma} \downarrow \\
\Gamma' & \xrightarrow{f} ft(\Gamma)
\end{array} (31)$$

is a pull-back square.

**Proof**: Since Fl of Lemma 4.4 a fully faithful functor it is sufficient to show that the image of the square (31) under this functor is a pull-back square. This image is the square

$$m+1 \xrightarrow{q(f)} n+1$$

$$p_{m+1} \downarrow \qquad p_{n+1} \downarrow$$

$$m \xrightarrow{f} n$$

which is a pull-back square by Lemma 3.5.

**Problem 4.11** [2015.08.17.prob1] To construct the structure of a C-system on the category  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ .

Construction 4.12 [2015.08.17.constr1] The length function  $l_f$  is already defined.

The object pt is the only object of length 0.

The function ft on objects of length > 0 is already defined. We set ft(pt) = pt.

The canonical morphisms  $p_{\Gamma}$  have already been defined for elements of length > 0 and we define  $p_{pt}$  to be the identity morphism.

The operation  $f^*$  on objects and morphisms  $q(f,\Gamma)$  is already defined.

The first four conditions of [?, Definition 2.1] are obvious.

The fifth condition is the commutativity of the squares (31) which is a part of Lemma 4.10.

The the sixth condition has two parts. One is that  $Id_{ft(\Gamma)}^*(\Gamma) = \Gamma$  which follows from the identity morphism property of the functor **LM**. The second part is that  $q(Id_{ft(\Gamma)}, \Gamma) = Id_{\Gamma}$  which follows from the first part, the fact that Fl is fully faithful and the corresponding property of the C-system  $C(\mathbf{R})$ .

The seventh conditions also has two parts. The first one is that for  $g:\Gamma''\to\Gamma'$  one has  $g^*(f^*(\Gamma))=(g\circ f)^*(\Gamma)$ . If  $\Gamma''=(T_0'',\ldots,T_{k-1}'')$  and  $g=((\Gamma'',\Gamma'),gg)$  then we have

$$g^*(f^*(\Gamma)) = g^*(T'_0, \dots, T'_{m-1}, ff(T_{m-1})) = (T''_0, \dots, T''_{k-1}, gg(ff(T_n)))$$

and

$$(g \circ f)^*(\Gamma) = (T_0'', \dots, T_{k-1}'', (ff \widehat{\circ} gg)(T_n))$$

we conclude that  $g^*(f^*(\Gamma)) = (g \circ f)^*(\Gamma)$  by the composition of morphisms property of the functor **LM**.

The second part of the seventh condition follows from the fact that Fl is fully faithful and from the second part of the seventh condition for  $C(\mathbf{R})$ .

This completes the verification of the conditions of [?, Definition 2.1] and the construction of the structure of a C0-system on  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ . To extend it to the structure of a C-system we apply [?, Proposition 2.4] and Lemma 4.10.

We provide the following lemma without a proof because the proof is immediate from the definitions and [?, Lemma 3.4].

**Lemma 4.13** [2015.08.22.14] The functor  $Fl: CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}) \to C(R)$  is a homomorphism of C-systems.

**Remark 4.14** [2015.08.22.rem1] For  $f = ((\hat{m}, \hat{n}), ff)$  we have

$$(lF_y(f))^*(y_{n+1}) = (m+1, (\iota_0^0(y), \dots, \iota_0^{m-1}(y), ff(\iota_0^n(y))))$$

By (2) we have

$$ff(\iota_0^n(y)) = (\iota_0^n \widehat{\circ} ff)(y) = \iota_0^m(y)$$

because both  $\iota_0^n \widehat{\circ} ff$  and  $\iota_0^m$  are elements of  $R(0,m) = R(m)^{stn(0)}$  which is a one element set. Therefore

$$(lF_y(f))^*(y_{n+1}) = y_{m+1}$$

The rest of the conditions that one needs to prove in order to show that lF is a homomorphism of C-systems is immediate from definitions and we obtain that

$$lF_y: C(\mathbf{R}) \to CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$$

is a homomorphism of C-systems. However it is not an isomorphism of C-systems and, as one can see for example from our study of sub-quotients of  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ , the C-systems  $C(\mathbf{R})$  and  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  can be very different. Cf. Remark ??.

Remark 4.15 [2015.08.22.rem2.from.old] There is another construction of a pre-category from  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  which takes as an additional parameter a countable set Var (with decidable equality) which is called the set of variables. Let  $F_n(Var)$  be the set of sequences of length n of pair-wise distinct elements of Var. Define the pre-category  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}, Var)$  as follows. The set of objects of  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}, Var)$  is

$$Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}, Var)) = \coprod_{n \in \mathbf{N}} \coprod_{(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in F_n(Var)} LM(\widehat{0}) \times \dots \times LM(\widehat{n})$$

For compatibility with the traditional type theory we will write the elements of  $Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}, X))$  as sequences of the form  $x_0 : E_1, \dots, x_{n-1} : E_{n-1}$ . The set of morphisms is given by

$$Mor(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}, Var)) = \coprod_{\Gamma, \Gamma' \in Ob} R(l_f(\Gamma'), l_f(\Gamma))$$

The composition is defined in such a way that the projection

$$(x_0: E_0, \dots, x_{n-1}: E_{n-1}) \mapsto (E_0, E_1, \dots, E_{n-1})$$

is a functor from  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}, Var)$  to  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ .

This functor is clearly an equivalence but not an isomorphism of categories.

There are an obvious object pt, function ft and p-morphisms.

What is unclear is how to define operation  $f^*$  on objects such as to satisfy the first parts of the sixth and seventh conditions in the definition [?, Definition 2.1] of a C0-system. For  $\Gamma' = (x'_0 : T'_0, \ldots, x'_{m-1} : T'_{m-1})$ ,  $\Gamma = (y_0 : T_0, \ldots, y_n : T_n)$  and  $f : \Gamma' \to ft(\Gamma)$  the object  $f^*(\Gamma)$  must be of the form  $(x'_0 : T'_0, \ldots, x'_{m-1} : T'_{m-1}, z : T'_m)$  in order to satisfy the equation  $ft(f^*(\Gamma)) = \Gamma'$  and we should have  $z \neq x'_0, \ldots, x'_{m-1}$ .

Consider the case when  $LM(\hat{i}) = unit$  for all i. Then the problem is to construct functions

$$z_{n,m}: F_m(Var) \times F_{n+1}(Var) \times R(n,m) \to Var$$

such that  $z_{n,m}(x',y,f)$  does not occur in x' and such that

$$[2015.08.22.eq1b]z_{n,m}((x_0,\ldots,x_{n-1}),(x_0,\ldots,x_{n-1},x_n),\eta_n) = x_n$$
(32)

and for all  $x' \in F_m$ ,  $x'' \in F_k$ ,  $y \in F_{n+1}$ ,  $f \in R(n,m)$  and  $g \in R(m,k)$  one has

$$[\mathbf{2015.08.22.eq2b}] z_{n,k}(x'', y, g \widehat{\circ} f) = z_{m,k}(x'', (x'_0, \dots, x'_{m-1}, z_{m,n}(x', y, f)), g)$$
(33)

I do not know whether it is possible to construct a function z satisfying these two equations for a general R.

**Lemma 4.16** [2015.08.22.15] A morphism  $f = ((\Gamma', \Gamma), ff)$ , where  $l_f(\Gamma) = n + 1$ , belongs to  $\widetilde{Ob}(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  if and only if  $\Gamma' = ft(\Gamma)$  and  $ff(i) = x_i^n$  for all  $i = 0, \ldots, n - 1$ .

**Proof**: It follows immediately from Lemma 2.12.

The following analog of Lemma 3.12 for the C-system  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  provides us with the explicit form of the operation  $f \mapsto s_f$ .

**Lemma 4.17** [2015.09.09.12] Let  $f = ((\Gamma, \Gamma'), (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1}))$  where n > 0. Then one has

$$[\mathbf{2015.09.09.eq1}]s_f = ((\Gamma, (ft(f))^*(\Gamma')), (x_0^m, \dots, x_{m-1}^m, f_{n-1}))$$
(34)

where  $ft(f) = f \circ p_{\Gamma'}$  and  $m = l_f(\Gamma)$ .

If  $\Gamma = (m, (X_0, \dots, X_m))$  and  $\Gamma' = (n, (Y_0, \dots, Y_m))$  then

$$[\mathbf{2015.09.09.eq2}](ft(f))^*(\Gamma') = (X_0, \dots, X_{m-1}, (f_0, \dots, f_{n-2})(Y_{n-1}))$$
(35)

**Proof:** By definition  $s_f$  is a morphism from  $\Gamma$  to  $(ft(f))^*(\Gamma)$ . Therefore it is sufficient to show that the left hand side of (34) agrees with the right hand side after application of the homomorphism Fl. Since Fl is a homomorphism of C-systems,  $Fl(s_f) = s_{Fl(s)}$  and our goal follows from Lemma 3.12.

Applying Lemma 4.7 we see that  $ft(f) = ((\Gamma, ft(\Gamma')), (f_0, \dots, f_{n-2}))$ . Therefore (35) follows immediately from (30).

For Lemma 4.19 below we first need some general results about homomorphisms of C-systems.

**Lemma 4.18** [2015.09.03.12] Let  $F: CC \to CC'$  be a homomorphism of C-systems. Then one has:

- 1. for  $\Gamma \in CC$  and  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  one has  $F(p_{\Gamma,i}) = p_{F(\Gamma),i}$ ,
- 2. for  $\Gamma, \Gamma' \in CC$ ,  $\Gamma \leq \Gamma'$  implies  $F(\Gamma) \leq F(\Gamma')$  and similarly for <,

3. for  $\Gamma' \geq \Gamma$  and  $f : \Delta \to \Gamma$  one has

$$F(f^*(\Gamma')) = (F(f))^*(F(\Gamma'))$$

4. for  $\Gamma', \Gamma'' \geq \Gamma$ ,  $a: \Gamma' \to \Gamma''$  over  $\Gamma$  and  $f: \Delta \to \Gamma$  one has

$$F(f^*(a)) = (F(f))^*(F(a))$$

5. for  $\Gamma$  such that  $l(\Gamma) > 0$  one has

$$F(\delta(\Gamma)) = \delta(F(\Gamma))$$

**Proof:** The proofs are straightforward and we leave them for the formalized version of the paper.

**Lemma 4.19** [2015.09.03.11] For i > 0,  $f : \Gamma' \to ft^i(\Gamma)$  and  $s = ((ft(\Gamma), \Gamma), ss)$  in  $\widetilde{Ob}(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  one has

$$f^*(s) = ((f^*(ft(\Gamma)), f^*(\Gamma)), (x_0^{m+i-1}, \dots, x_{m+i-2}^{m+i-1}, (qq^{i-1}(ff))(ss(n-1))))$$

where  $m = l(\Gamma')$  and  $n = l(\Gamma)$ .

**Proof**: Since Fl is fully faithful, it is sufficient, in order to verify the equality of two morphisms to verify that their domain and codomain are equal and that their images under Fl are equal. For the domain and codomain it follows from the definition of  $f^*$  on morphisms. For the images under Fl it follows from the fact that Fl is a homomorphism of C-systems, Lemma 4.18(4) and Lemma 3.14.

Problem 4.20 /2015.08.22.prob1/ To construct a bijection

$$[\mathbf{2009.10.15.eq2}] mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}} : \widetilde{Ob}(CC(\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM})) \to \coprod_{n \in \mathbf{N}} Ob_{n+1}(\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}) \times R(n)$$
 (36)

Construction 4.21 [2015.08.22.constr1] [2014.06.30.12] Let  $s \in \widetilde{Ob}(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$ . Then  $s = ((ft(\Gamma), \Gamma), ss))$  for some  $ss \in R(n, n+1)$  and  $\Gamma = (n+1, \underline{X})$ . We set:

$$mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}(s) = (n,(\underline{X},ss(n)))$$

To show that this is a bijection let us construct an inverse. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $X \in Ob_{n+1}(\mathbb{R}, LM)$  and  $o \in R(n)$  let

$$mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}^!(n,(\underline{X},o)) = ((ft((n+1,\underline{X})),(n+1,\underline{X})),(x_0^n,\dots,x_{n-1}^n,o))$$

This is a morphism from  $ft(\Gamma)$  to  $\Gamma$  where  $\Gamma = (n+1,\underline{X})$ . The equation  $mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}^!(n,(\Gamma,o)) \circ p_{\Gamma} = Id_{ft(\Gamma)}$  follows from Lemma 4.16.

Let us show now that  $mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}$  and  $mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}^!$  are mutually inverse bijections. Let  $s \in \widetilde{Ob}(CC(\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}))$  be as above, then:

$$mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}^!(mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}(s)) = mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}^!(n,(\underline{X},ss(n))) = ((ft(\Gamma),\Gamma),(x_0^n,\dots,x_{n-1}^n,ss(n))) = s$$

where the last equality follows from the assumption that  $s \in \widetilde{Ob}$  and Lemma 4.16.

On the other hand for  $X \in Ob_{n+1}(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  and  $o \in R(n)$  we have

$$mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}(mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}^!(n,(\underline{X},o))) = mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}(ft((n+1,\underline{X})),((n+1,\underline{X}),(x_0^n,\ldots,x_{n-1}^n,o))) = (n,(\underline{X},o))$$

This completes Construction 4.21.

**Lemma 4.22** [2015.09.09.13] Let  $f = ((\Gamma, \Gamma'), (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1}))$  where  $\Gamma = (m, \underline{X}), \Gamma' = (n, \underline{Y})$  and  $ff = (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1})$ . Then one has

$$mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}(s_f) = (m, ((X_0, \dots, X_{m-1}, (f_0, \dots, f_{n-2})(Y_{n-1})), f_{n-1}))$$

**Proof**: It follows immediately from Lemma 4.17 and the formula for  $mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}$ .

Consider operations T',  $\widetilde{T}'$ , S',  $\widetilde{S}'$  and  $\delta'$  obtained by transport by means of the bijection of Construction 4.21 from the operations T,  $\widetilde{T}$ , S and  $\widetilde{S}$  and  $\delta$  corresponding to the C-system  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  (cf. Definition 3.18). Let us give an explicit description of these operations.

**Theorem 4.23** [2015.08.26.th2] Let  $Ob = Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  and let  $\widetilde{Ob}' = \widetilde{Ob}'(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  be the right hand side of (36). One has:

1. Operation T' is defined on the set  $T'_{dom}$  of pairs  $(m,\underline{X}),(n,\underline{Y}) \in Ob$  such that m>0, n>m-1 and  $X_i=Y_i$  for  $i=0,\ldots,m-2$ . It takes values in Ob and is given by

$$T((m, \underline{X}), (n, \underline{Y})) =$$

$$(n+1, (Y_0, \dots, Y_{m-2}, X_{m-1}, \partial_{m-1}^{m-1}(Y_{m-1}), \dots, \partial_{n-1}^{m-1}(Y_{n-1})))$$

2. Operation  $\widetilde{T}'$  is defined on the set  $\widetilde{T}'_{dom}$  of pairs  $(m,\underline{X}) \in Ob$ ,  $(n,(\underline{Y},s)) \in \widetilde{Ob}'$  such that  $m>0,\ n+1>m-1$  and  $X_i=Y_i$  for  $i=0,\ldots,m-2$ . It takes values in  $\widetilde{Ob}'$  and is given by

$$\widetilde{T}'((m,\underline{X}),(n,(\underline{Y},s))) = (n+1,(T((m,\underline{X}),(n,\underline{Y})),\partial_n^{m-1}(s)))$$

3. Operation S' is defined on the set of pairs  $(m,(\underline{X},r)) \in \widetilde{Ob}'$ ,  $(n,\underline{Y}) \in Ob$  where n > m+1 and  $X_i = Y_i$  for  $i = 0, \ldots, m$ . It takes values in the set Ob and is given by

$$S'((m,(\underline{X},r)),(n,\underline{Y})) = (n-1,(Y_0,\ldots,Y_{m-1},\sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(r,Y_{m+1}),\sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(r,Y_{m+2}),\ldots,\sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(r,Y_{n-1})))$$

4. Operation  $\widetilde{S}'$  is defined on the set of pairs  $(m, (\underline{X}, r)) \in \widetilde{Ob}'$ ,  $(n, (\underline{Y}, s)) \in \widetilde{Ob}'$  such that n > m and  $X_i = Y_i$  for i = 0, ..., m. It takes values in  $\widetilde{Ob}'$  and is given by

$$\widetilde{S}'((m,(\underline{X},r)),(n,(\underline{Y},s)))=(n-1,(S'((m,(\underline{X},r)),(n+1,\underline{Y}))),\sigma_{\mathbf{R}}(r,s))$$

5. Operation  $\delta'$  is defined on the subset of  $(m, \underline{X})$  in Ob such that n > 0. It takes values in  $\widetilde{Ob}'$  and is given by

$$\delta'((m,\underline{X})) = (m,(T((m,\underline{X}),(m,\underline{X})),x_{m-1}^m))$$

**Proof**: In the proof we will write mb and  $mb^!$  instead of  $mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}$  and  $mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}^!$ . We have:

1. Operation T' is the same as operation T for  $C(\mathbf{R})$  since  $\widetilde{Ob}$  is not involved in it. The form of  $T'_{dom}$  is obtained by unfolding definitions and using Lemma 4.7(1).

The operation itself is given by

$$T'((m, \underline{X}), (n, \underline{Y})) = p_{(m, \underline{X})}^*((n, \underline{Y})) =$$

$$(m, (Y_0, \dots, Y_{m-1}, \partial_{m-1}^{m-1}(Y_{m-1}), \dots, \partial_{n-1}^{m-1}(Y_{n-1})))$$

where the first equality is by Definition 3.18(1) and the second by Lemma 4.9.

2. Operation  $\widetilde{T}'$  is defined on the set of pairs  $((m,\underline{X}) \in Ob, (n,(\underline{Y},s)) \in \widetilde{Ob}')$  such that m > 0 and  $\partial(mb!(n,(\underline{Y},s))) > ft(m,\underline{X})$ . Since  $\partial(mb!(n,(\underline{Y},s))) = (n+1,\underline{Y})$  we obtain the required domain of definition from Lemma 4.7(1).

To verify the formula for the operation itself consider the equalities:

$$\widetilde{T}'((m,\underline{X}),(n,(\underline{Y},s))) = mb(p_{(m,\underline{X})}^*(mb^!(n,(\underline{Y},s)))) =$$

$$mb(p_{(m,X)}^*((ft((n+1,\underline{Y})),((n+1,\underline{Y}),(x_0^n,\ldots,x_{n-1}^n,s)))))$$

where the first equality is by Definition 3.18(2). By Lemma 4.19 we can extend these equalities as follows:

$$mb(p_{(m,\underline{X})}^{*}((ft((n+1,\underline{Y})),((n+1,\underline{Y}),(x_{0}^{n},\ldots,x_{n-1}^{n},s))))) =$$

$$mb(p_{\Gamma'}^{*}(ft(\Gamma)),(p_{\Gamma'}^{*}(\Gamma),(x_{0}^{n+1},\ldots,x_{n}^{n+1},(qq^{n-m+1}(\iota_{m-1}^{1}))(s)))) =$$

$$(n+1,(p_{\Gamma'}^{*}(\Gamma),\partial_{n}^{m-1}(s))) = (n+1,(T((m,\underline{X}),(n+1,\underline{Y})),\partial_{n}^{m-1}(s)))$$

where  $\Gamma' = (m, \underline{X})$ ,  $\Gamma = (n+1, \underline{Y})$ , the first equality is by Lemma 4.19, the second by Lemma 2.14 and the third by Definition 3.18(1).

3. Operation S' is defined on the set of pairs  $((m,(\underline{X},r)) \in \widetilde{Ob}',(n,\underline{Y}) \in Ob)$  such that  $(n,\underline{Y}) > \partial(mb!(m,(\underline{X},r)))$ . Since  $\partial(mb!(m,(\underline{X},r))) = (m+1,\underline{X})$  we obtained the required domain of definition. The operation itself is given by

$$S'((m,(\underline{X},r)),(n,\underline{Y})) = (mb!((m,(\underline{X},r))))^*((n,\underline{Y})) =$$

$$(ft((m+1,\underline{X})),((m+1,\underline{X}),(x_0^m,\ldots,x_{m-1}^m,r)))^*((n,\underline{Y})) =$$

$$(ft((m+1,\underline{X})),((m+1,\underline{X}),(x_0^m,\ldots,x_{m-1}^m,r)))^*((n,\underline{Y}),i)$$

where i = n - m - 1. By Lemma 4.8 we can extend this equality as follows:

$$(n-1,(X_0,\ldots,X_{m-1},rr(Y_{m+1}),qq(rr)(Y_{m+2}),\ldots,qq^{n-m-2}(rr)(Y_{n-1}))) = (n-1,(Y_0),\ldots,Y_{m-1},rr(Y_{m+1}),qq(rr)(Y_{m+2}),\ldots,qq^{n-m-2}(rr)(Y_{n-1})))$$

where  $rr = (x_0^m, \dots, x_{m-1}^m, r)$  and the second equality holds by our assumption on X and Y. The required formula follows from the equality

$$qq^{j}(rr)(Y_{m+j+1}) = \sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(r, Y_{m+j+1})$$

4. Operation  $\widetilde{S}'$  is defined on the set of pairs  $(m,(\underline{X},r)) \in \widetilde{Ob}', (n,(\underline{Y},s)) \in \widetilde{Ob}'$  such that

$$\partial(mb^!((n,(\underline{Y},s)))) > \partial(mb^!(m,(\underline{X},r)))$$

which is equivalent to

$$(n+1,\underline{Y}) > (m+1,\underline{X})$$

which is, in turn, equivalent to the conditions in the theorem. The operation itself is given by:

$$\widetilde{S}'((m,(\underline{X},r)),(n,(\underline{Y},s))) = mb((mb!(m,(\underline{X},r)))^*(mb!((n,(\underline{Y},s))))) = mb((ft((m+1,\underline{X})),((m+1,\underline{X}),rr))^*((ft(n+1,\underline{Y}),((n+1,\underline{Y}),ss))))$$

where

$$rr = (x_0^m, \dots, x_{m-1}^n, r)$$
  
 $ss = (x_0^n, \dots, x_{m-1}^n, s)$ 

By Lemma 4.19 we can extend this equality as follows:

$$mb((ft((m+1,\underline{X})),((m+1,\underline{X}),rr))^*((ft(n+1,\underline{Y}),((n+1,\underline{Y}),ss)))) = \\ mb(((mb!(m,(\underline{X},r)))^*(ft(\Gamma)),((mb!(m,(\underline{X},r)))^*(\Gamma),(x_0^{n-1},\ldots,x_{n-2}^{n-1},(qq^{n-m-1}(rr))(s))))) = \\ (n-1,((mb!(m,(\underline{X},r)))^*(\Gamma),(qq^{n-m-1}(rr))(s))) = \\ (n-1,(S'((m,(\underline{X},r)),(n+1,\underline{Y}))),\sigma_{\mathbf{R}}(r,s))$$

where  $\Gamma' = ft(m, \underline{X})$ ,  $\Gamma = (n+1, \underline{Y})$ , the first equality is by Lemma 2015.09.03.l1 and the third equality by Definition Definition 3.18(3).

5. Operation  $\delta'$  is defined on the subset  $(m, \underline{X}) \in Ob$  such that n > 0 and is given by

$$\delta'((m,\underline{X})) = mb(\delta((m,\underline{X})))$$

Therefore it is sufficient to show that

$$\delta((m,\underline{X})) = (((n,\underline{X}),p^*_{(m,X)}((m,\underline{X}))),(x^m_0,\ldots,x^m_{m-1},x^m_{m-1}))$$

By Definition 3.18(5),  $\delta((m,\underline{X}))$  is a morphism from  $(m,\underline{X})$  to  $p_{(m,\underline{X})}^*((m,\underline{X}))$ . Therefore, since Fl is a fully faithful functor it is sufficient to show that

$$Fl(\delta((m,\underline{X}))) = ((\widehat{m},\widehat{m+1}),(x_0^m,\dots,x_{m-1}^m,x_{m-1}^m))$$

which follows from Lemma 4.18(5) and Lemma 3.15.

**Remark 4.24** [2015.09.07.rem5] As we did in Remark 3.20 for R so we can do for LM, representing the category of pairs (R, LM), which is equivalent to the full subcategory of finitary objects in the Hirschowitz-Maggesi category for Sets, as follows.????????

**Remark 4.25** [2015.09.13.rem1] Given an l-algebraic theory  $l\mathbf{R} = (lR, l, \eta, \partial, \sigma)$  we can define a left l-module  $l\mathbf{LM}$  over  $\mathbf{R}$  as a quadruple:

1. a set lLM,

- 2. a function  $l_{\mathbf{LM}}: lLM \to \mathbf{N}$ ,
- 3. a function  $\partial_{\mathbf{LM}} : \{ E \in lLM, i \in \mathbf{N} \mid l_{\mathbf{LM}}(E) \geq i \} \rightarrow lLM,$
- 4. a function

$$\sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}: \{r \in lR, E \in lLM \mid l_{\mathbf{LM}}(E) > l_{\mathbf{R}}(r)\} \rightarrow lLM$$

where operations  $l_{\mathbf{LM}}, \partial_{\mathbf{LM}}$  and  $\sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}$  satisfy some conditions.

Once these conditions are properly established the category of such pairs ( $l\mathbf{R}, l\mathbf{L}\mathbf{M}$ ) should be equivalent to the Hirschowitz-Maggesi category and in particular the systems of expressions associated with binding signatures can be described as universal objects carrying some additional operations in this category.

Let us emphasize again that the main reason to consider these l-versions of the main constructions of this paper is that they should be easier to formalize in systems without dependent types such as HOL or ZF. ??????

# 5 C-subsystems of $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ .

Let CC be a C-subsystem of  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ . Then, obviously,  $Ob(CC) \subset Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  and  $\widetilde{Ob}(CC) \subset \widetilde{Ob}(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$ . It was proved in [?, Lemma 4.1] that the function

$$CC \mapsto (Ob(CC) \subset Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})), \widetilde{Ob}(CC) \subset \widetilde{Ob}(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$$

is an injection from the set of C-subsystems of  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  to the set of pairs of subsets in  $Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  and  $\widetilde{Ob}(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  and in [?, Proposition 4.3] that its image consists of those pairs of subsets  $(B, \widetilde{B})$  that satisfy the following conditions:

- 1.  $pt \in B$
- 2. if  $X \in B$  then ft(X) is in B,
- 3. if  $r \in \widetilde{B}$  then  $\partial(r) \in \widetilde{B}$ ,
- 4. if  $X \in B$ ,  $s \in \widetilde{B}$  and  $(\underline{X}, s) \in \widetilde{T}_{dom}$  then  $\widetilde{T}(\underline{X}, s) \in \widetilde{B}$ ,
- 5. if  $r, s \in \widetilde{B}$  and  $(r, s) \in \widetilde{S}_{dom}$  then  $\widetilde{S}(r, s) \in \widetilde{B}$ ,
- 6. if  $X \in B$  and  $X \in \delta_{dom}$  then  $\delta(X) \in \widetilde{B}$ .

Clearly the same result holds for subsets  $B \subset Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  and  $\widetilde{B}' \subset \widetilde{Ob}'$  if we replace  $\partial$  by  $\partial'$  (where  $\partial'(m, (\underline{X}, r)) = X$ ),  $\widetilde{T}$  by  $\widetilde{T}'$  and  $\widetilde{S}$  by  $\widetilde{S}'$ .

Let us combine this result with the explicit description of the operations  $\widetilde{T}'$  and  $\widetilde{S}'$  obtained in Theorem 4.23 and the following notation:

- 1. for  $(m, \underline{X})$  in  $Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  we write  $(\underline{X} \triangleright^B)$  if  $(m, \underline{X}) \in B$ , when no confusion is possible we will omit the superscript  $\triangleright^B$  from  $\triangleright$ ,
- 2. for  $(m, (\underline{X}, r))$  in  $\widetilde{Ob}'(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  we write  $(\underline{X} \triangleright^{\widetilde{B}'} r : X_m)$  if  $(m, ((\underline{X}, X_m), r))$  is in  $\widetilde{B}'$ , similarly to what was said above, if no confusion is possible we will omit the superscript  $\widetilde{B}'$  from  $\triangleright$ .

Remark 5.1 [2015.09.17.rem1] Those who are used to the turnstile notations  $(X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1} \vdash r : X_m)$  for the statement that "the judgement that r is an object of type  $X_m$  in the context  $(X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1})$  is valid", should only replace  $\vdash$  with  $\triangleright$  and sometimes add B or  $\widetilde{B}'$  as a superscript. The reason for the replacement of the familiar  $\vdash$  with the unfamiliar  $\triangleright$  is that  $\vdash$  carries a meaning in logic that does not always agree with its use in type theory. For example, in logic,  $\Gamma \vdash$  reads as " $\Gamma$  implies the empty set set of conclusions" which always holds while the type theoretic meaning is that  $\Gamma$  is a well-formed context of the type theory under considerations which is a non-trivial condition on  $\Gamma$ . In a subsequent paper we will consider the case when the sets B and  $\widetilde{B}'$  are the sets of derivable judgements relative to a set of inference rules with both the concept of an inference rule and that of the derivability being precisely defined in the mathematical terms. So far, B and  $\widetilde{B}'$  may refer to any subsets on Ob and  $\widetilde{Ob}'$  respectively.

Another group of notations that we would like to introduce is as follows. Recall that our use of sequences such as  $(X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1})$  is a notational convention and that the object underlying this notation is a dependent function with the domain stn(m) and the codomain function  $i \mapsto R(i)$ . In what follows we will use more such notations explained below:

- 1. Given a dependent function on stn(m),  $\underline{X} = (X_0, \dots, X_{m-1})$  where  $X_i \in LM(\widehat{i})$  and a dependent function  $\underline{X}'$  on  $\{j \in \mathbf{N} \mid j \geq m, j < n\}$ ,  $\underline{X}' = (X'_m, \dots, X'_{m-1})$  where  $X'_j \in LM(\widehat{j})$  we will write  $(\underline{X}, \underline{X}')$  for the dependent function of the obvious form on stn(n),
- 2. Given  $\underline{X}' = (X'_m, \dots, X'_{m+j})$  where  $X'_i \in LM(\widehat{i})$  and  $k \leq m$  we define

$$\partial^k(\underline{X}') = (\partial_m^k(X_m'), \dots, \partial_{m+j}^k(X_{m+j}')).$$

3. Given  $\underline{X}' = (X'_m, \dots, X'_{m+j})$  where  $X'_i \in LM(\widehat{i})$  and  $r \in R(j)$  where j < m we define  $\sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(r, \underline{X}') = (\sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(r, X'_m), \dots, \sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(r, X'_{m+j})).$ 

In this notation the description of the operations  $T, \widetilde{T}, S, \widetilde{S}$  and  $\delta$  given in Theorem 4.23 takes the form:

- 1.  $T((\underline{X}, X_m \triangleright), (\underline{X}, \underline{X}' \triangleright)) = (\underline{X}, X_m, \partial^m(\underline{X}') \triangleright)$  where  $m = l(\underline{X}),$
- 2.  $\widetilde{T}((\underline{X}, X_m \triangleright), (\underline{X}, \underline{X}' \triangleright s : Y_n)) = (\underline{X}, X_m, \partial^m(\underline{X}') \triangleright \partial^m(s) : \partial^m(Y_n))$  where  $m = l(\underline{X}), d$
- 3.  $S((\underline{X} \rhd r : X_m), (\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{X}' \rhd)) = (\underline{X}, \sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(r, \underline{X}') \rhd),$
- 4.  $\widetilde{S}((\underline{X} \rhd r : X_m), (\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{X}' \rhd s : Y_n)) = (\underline{X}, \sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(r, \underline{X}') \rhd \sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(r, s) : \sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(r, Y_n)),$
- 5.  $\delta(\underline{X}, X_m \triangleright) = (\underline{X}, X_m \triangleright x_m^{m+1} : \partial_m^m(X_m))$  where  $m = l(\underline{X})$ .

**Remark 5.2** [2015.09.17.rem2] Note that  $\partial_m^m = \iota_m^1$  and therefore  $\partial_m^m(X_m)$  is "the same" expression  $X_m$  but considered as an expression in variables  $x_0, \ldots, x_m$ .

The following result is an immediate corollary of [?, Proposition 4.3] together with the description of the operations  $T, \widetilde{T}, S, \widetilde{S}$  and  $\delta$  for  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  which is given above.

**Proposition 5.3** [2009.10.16.prop3] Let  $(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  be as above. Let  $(B, \widetilde{B}')$  be a pair of subsets in  $Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  and  $\widetilde{Ob}'(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  respectively. Then the following two conditions are equivalent:

- 1. There exists a C-subsystem CC of  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  such that Ob(CC) = B and  $mb_{\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}}(Ob(CC)) = \widetilde{B}'$  as subsets in  $Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  and  $Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  respectively.
- 2. The following conditions hold:
  - $(a) (\triangleright)$
  - (b)  $(\underline{X}, X_m \triangleright) \Rightarrow (\underline{X} \triangleright)$
  - (c)  $(\underline{X} \rhd r : X_m) \Rightarrow (\underline{X}, X_m \rhd)$
  - (d)  $(\underline{X}, X_m \triangleright) \land (\underline{X}, \underline{X}', \triangleright s : Y_n) \Rightarrow (\underline{X}, X_m, \partial^m(\underline{X}') \triangleright \partial^m(s) : \partial^m(Y_n))$  where  $m = l_f(\underline{X})$
  - (e)  $(\underline{X} \rhd r : X_m) \land (\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{X}' \rhd s : Y_n) \Rightarrow (\underline{X}, \sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(r, \underline{X}') \rhd \sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(r, s) : \sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(r, Y_n))$ ,
  - (f)  $(\underline{X}, X_m \triangleright) \Rightarrow (\underline{X}, X_m \triangleright x_m^{m+1} : \partial_m^m(X_m))$  where  $m = l_f(\underline{X})$ .

In addition if a C-subsystem CC satisfying the conditions of the proposition exists then it is unique.

Note that condition (d) together with condition (f) and condition (c) imply the following

 $d'(\underline{X}, X_m \triangleright) \land (\underline{X}, \underline{X}' \triangleright) \Rightarrow (\underline{X}, X_m, \partial^m(\underline{X}') \triangleright)$  where  $m = l_f(\underline{X})$ , and the condition (e) together with conditions (f) and (c) imply the following

$$e'(\underline{X} \rhd r : X_m) \land (\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{X}' \rhd) \Rightarrow (\underline{X}, \sigma_{\mathbf{LM}}(r, \underline{X}') \rhd).$$

Remark 5.4 [2010.08.07.rem1] If one re-writes the conditions of Proposition 5.3 in the more familiar in type theory form where the variables introduced in the context are named rather than directly numbered and where the numbering is not from 0 but from 1 one arrives at the following rules:

$$\frac{x_1:T_1,\dots,x_n:T_n,y:T\rhd \quad x_1:T_1,\dots,x_n:T_n,\dots,x_m:T_m\rhd r:R}{x_1:T_1,\dots,x_n:T_n,y:T,x_{n+1}:T_{n+1},\dots,x_m:T_m\rhd r:R}$$

$$\frac{x_1:T_1,\ldots,x_n:T_n\rhd s:S}{x_1:T_1,\ldots,x_n:T_n,x_1:T_n,y:S,x_{n+1}:T_{n+1},\ldots,x_m:T_m\rhd r:R}{x_1:T_1,\ldots,x_n:T_n,x_{n+1}:T_{n+1}[s/y],\ldots,x_m:T_m[s/y]\rhd (r:R)[s/y]}$$

$$\frac{x_1:E_1,\ldots,x_n:E_n\rhd}{x_1:E_1,\ldots,x_n:E_n\rhd x_n:E_n}$$

which are similar (and probably equivalent) to the "basic rules of DTT" given in [?, p.585]. The advantage of the rules given here is that they are precisely the ones which are necessary and sufficient for a given collection of contexts and judgements to define a C-subsystem.

The following lemma is needed in order to show that the pre-category that we obtain from  $(B, \tilde{B}')$  using our construction of a sub-C-system from a pair of subsets in Ob and Ob satisfying certain conditions has the same morphisms as the pre-category whose construction from such subsets is outlined in more traditional texts such as [?]. The fact that one obtains the same composition is more difficult to prove since I do not know of any traditional texts where the composition would be described in sufficient detail.

**Lemma 5.5** [2009.11.05.11] Let  $(B, \widetilde{B}')$  be a pair of subsets satisfying the conditions of Proposition 5.3 and let CC be the corresponding C-subsystem of  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ . Let  $(m, \underline{X}), (n, \underline{Y}) \in B$  and

$$f = (((m, \underline{X}), (n, \underline{Y})), (f_0, \dots, f_{n-1})) \in Hom_{CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})}((m, \underline{X}), (n, \underline{Y}))$$

Then  $f \in Hom_{CC}((m, \underline{X}), (n, \underline{Y}))$  if an only if

$$f\circ p_{(n,Y)}\in Hom_{CC}((m,\underline{X}),ft((n,\underline{Y})))$$

and

$$[\mathbf{2015.09.09.eq4}](X_0, \dots, X_{m-1} \rhd^{\widetilde{B}'} f_{n-1} : (f_0, \dots, f_{n-2})(Y_{n-1}))$$
(37)

**Proof**: The expression (37) is our notation for the statement that

$$(m,((X_0,\ldots,X_{m-1},(f_0,\ldots,f_{n-2})(Y_{n-1})),f_{n-1}))\in \widetilde{B}'$$

By Lemma 4.22 this is equivalent to the condition that  $s_f \in \widetilde{B}$  where  $\widetilde{B} = mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}^!(\widetilde{B}')$ . By definition of CC we have  $\widetilde{B} = \widetilde{Ob}(CC)$ .

By [?, Definition 2.3(3)] we have

$$f = s_f \circ q(f \circ p_{(n,Y)}, (n, \underline{Y}))$$

therefore if  $s_f \in Mor(CC)$  and  $f \circ p_{(n,\underline{Y})} \in Mor(CC)$  then  $f \in Mor(CC)$  since CC is a C-subsystem of  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ . This proves the "if" part of the Lemma.

The "only if" part follows similarly from the assumption that CC is a C-subsystem and therefore both  $f \circ p_{(n,\underline{Y})}$  and  $s_f$  belong to Mor(CC).

# 6 Regular sub-quotients of $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ .

The type systems of Martin-Löf genus are usually characterized by four rather than by two sets of "sentences".

There is a set of sentences of the form  $(X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1}, X_m)$ , where  $X_i \in LM(i)$ , whose elements are usually written as  $X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1} \vdash X_m$  type and whose meaning is that  $X_m$  is a valid type expression in a valid context  $X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1}$  or, equivalently, that  $(X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1}, X_m)$  is a valid context. This is our set B.

There is a set of sentences of the form  $(X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1}, X_m, r)$  whose elements are usually written as  $X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1} \vdash r : X_m$  and whose meaning is that r is a valid expression for an element of a valid type  $X_m$  in a valid context  $X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1}$ . This is our set  $\widetilde{B}$ .

The other two sets represent "definitional equality judgements".

There is a set of sequences of the form  $(X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1}, X_m, X'_m)$  whose elements are usually written as  $X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1} \vdash X_m = X'_m$  and whose meaning is that  $X_m$  and  $X'_m$  are valid type expressions in the valid context  $(X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1})$  and that in this context they are definitionally equal.

There is also a set of sequences of the form  $(X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1}, X_m, r, r')$  whose elements are usually written  $(X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1} \vdash r = r' : X_m)$  and whose meaning is that r and r' are valid expressions for elements of a valid type  $X_m$  in a valid context  $(X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1})$  that are definitionally equal.

We have shown how to construct from any two sets the form B and  $\widetilde{B}'$ , which satisfy certain conditions, a C-subsystem  $CC(B, \widetilde{B}')$  of  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ . We are now going to show how to construct from four sets  $B, \widetilde{B}', Beq$  and  $\widetilde{Beq}$  a quotient of  $CC(B, \widetilde{B}')$ .

This completes the mathematically rigorous construction of the "term model" of a type theory in the form of C-system starting from four sets of "judgements" of the form introduced by Per Martin-Löf.

Consider two subsets

$$Beq \subset \coprod_{n \in \mathbf{N}} Ob_n(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}) \times (LM(\widehat{n}) \times LM(\widehat{n}))$$

$$\widetilde{Beq} \subset \coprod_{n \in \mathbf{N}} Ob_n(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}) \times (LM(\widehat{n}) \times (R(n) \times R(n)))$$

We are going to describe how such a pair of subsets defines a pair of relations on B and  $\widetilde{B}$  and what conditions the pair of subsets has to satisfy in order for this pair of relations to satisfy the conditions of [?, Propositions 5.4] and, therefore, to correspond to a regular congruence relation on  $CC(B, \widetilde{B}')$ .

Not all regular congruence relations on  $CC(B, \widetilde{B}')$  arise from such pairs of subsets. A partial answer to the question of what are the additional conditions on a congruence relation to be define by a pair of subsets of the form Beq,  $\widetilde{Beq}$  will be given in the next section.

For  $\underline{X} \in Ob_n(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  and  $S_1, S_2 \in LM(\widehat{n})$  we write  $(\underline{X} \rhd^{Beq} S_1 = S_2)$  to signify that  $(\underline{X}, (S_1, S_2)) \in Beq$ . Similarly for  $S \in LM(\widehat{n})$  and  $o, o' \in R(n)$  we write  $(\underline{X} \rhd^{Beq} o = o' : S)$  to signify that  $(\underline{X}, (S, (o, o'))) \in \widetilde{Beq}$ . When no confusion is possible we will omit the superscripts Beq and  $\widetilde{Beq}$  at  $\triangleright$ .

**Definition 6.1** [simandsimeq] Given subsets B,  $\widetilde{B}'$ , Beq,  $\widetilde{Beq}$  as above define relations  $\sim$  on B and  $\simeq'$  on  $\widetilde{B}'$  as follows:

1. for 
$$\Gamma = (m, \underline{X})$$
,  $\Gamma' = (m', \underline{X}')$  in  $B$  we set  $\Gamma \sim \Gamma'$  iff  $m = m'$ ,  $ft(\Gamma) \sim ft(\Gamma')$  and 
$$(X_0, \dots, X_{m-2} \rhd X_{m-1} = X'_{m-1})$$

2. for 
$$(\underline{X} \triangleright r : X_m)$$
,  $(\underline{X}' \triangleright r' : X'_m)$  in  $\widetilde{B}'$  where  $l(\underline{X}) = l(\underline{X}')$  we set  $(\underline{X} \triangleright r : X_m) \simeq' (\underline{X}' \triangleright r' : X'_m)$  iff  $(\underline{X}, X_m \triangleright) \sim (\underline{X}', X'_m \triangleright)$  and  $(\underline{X} \triangleright r = r' : X_m)$ .

Define the relation  $\simeq$  on  $\widetilde{B}=mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}^!(\widetilde{B}')$  by the formula

$$(f \simeq f') \Leftrightarrow (mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}(f) \simeq' mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}(f'))$$

The proof of the following lemma is omitted because of its simplicity.

**Lemma 6.2** [2015.09.11.11] Let  $\sim$  and  $\simeq'$  be relations on B and  $\widetilde{B}'$  respectively. Let  $\simeq$  be the relation on  $\widetilde{B}$  defined by the formula

$$(f \simeq f') \Leftrightarrow (mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}(f) \simeq' mb_{\mathbf{R},\mathbf{LM}}(f'))$$

Then  $\sim$  and  $\simeq$  satisfy the conditions of [?, Proposition 5.4] if and only if the following holds:

- 1.  $\sim$  and  $\simeq'$  are compatible with operations  $ft, \partial', T', \widetilde{T}', S', \widetilde{S}'$  and  $\delta'$ ,
- 2.  $(m, X) \sim (n, Y)$  implies m = n,
- 3. for any (m, X), (m 1, F) in B such that  $ft(m, X) \sim (m 1, F)$  there exists (m, X') in B such that  $(m, X) \sim (m, X')$  and ft(m, X') = (m 1, F),
- 4. for any  $(m,(X,r)) \in \widetilde{B}'$  and  $(m+1,X') \sim (m+1,X)$  in B there exists  $r' \in R(m)$  such that  $(m,(X',r')) \simeq' (m,(X,r))$  in  $\widetilde{B}'$ .

**Proposition 6.3** [2014.07.10.prop1] Let B,  $\widetilde{B}'$ , Beq,  $\widetilde{Beq}$  be as above and suppose in addition that one has:

- 1. B and  $\widetilde{B}'$  satisfy conditions (a)-(f) of Proposition 5.3 which are referred to below as conditions (1a)-(1f) of the present proposition,
- 2. let m = l(X) then

$$(a) \quad (\underline{X} \rhd X_m = X'_m) \qquad \Rightarrow \quad (\underline{X}, X_m \rhd)$$

$$(b) \quad (\underline{X}, X_m \rhd) \qquad \qquad \Rightarrow \quad (\underline{X} \rhd X_m = X_m)$$

(c) 
$$(\underline{X} \triangleright X_m = X'_m)$$
  $\Rightarrow (\underline{X} \triangleright X'_m = X_m)$ 

(d) 
$$(\underline{X} \triangleright X_m = X'_m) \land (\underline{X} \triangleright X'_m = X''_m) \Rightarrow (\underline{X} \triangleright X_m = X''_m)$$

3. let  $m = l(\underline{X})$  then

(a) 
$$(\underline{X} \rhd r = r' : X_m)$$
  $\Rightarrow (\underline{X} \rhd r : X_m)$ 

$$(b) \quad (\underline{X} \rhd r : X_m) \qquad \Rightarrow \quad (\underline{X} \rhd r = r : X_m)$$

(c) 
$$(\underline{X} \triangleright r = r' : X_m)$$
  $\Rightarrow (\underline{X} \triangleright r' = r : X_m)$ 

(d) 
$$(\underline{X} \rhd r = r' : X_m) \land (\underline{X} \rhd r' = r'' : X_m) \Rightarrow (\underline{X} \rhd r = r'' : X_m)$$

4. let m = l(X) then

(a) 
$$(\underline{X} \triangleright X_m = X'_m) \land (\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{Y} \triangleright S = S') \Rightarrow (\underline{X}, X'_m, \underline{Y} \triangleright S = S')$$

(b) 
$$(\underline{X} \triangleright X_m = X'_m) \land (\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{Y} \triangleright o = o' : S) \Rightarrow (\underline{X}, X'_m, \underline{Y}' \triangleright o = o' : S)$$

(c) 
$$(\underline{X} \triangleright S = S') \land (\underline{X} \triangleright o = o' : S)$$
  $\Rightarrow (\underline{X} \triangleright o = o' : S')$ 

5. let  $m = l(\underline{X})$  then

$$(a) \quad (\underline{X}, X_m \rhd) \land (\underline{X}, \underline{Y} \rhd S = S') \qquad \Rightarrow \quad (\underline{X}, X_m, \partial^m(\underline{Y}) \rhd \partial^m(S) = \partial^m(S'))$$

$$(b) \quad (\underline{X}, X_m \rhd) \land (\underline{X}, \underline{Y} \rhd o = o' : S) \quad \Rightarrow \quad (\underline{X}, X_m, \partial^m(\underline{Y}) \rhd \partial^m(o) = \partial^m(o') : \partial^m(S))$$

6. let m = l(X) then

(a) 
$$(\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{Y} \triangleright S = S') \wedge (\underline{X} \triangleright r : X_m) \Rightarrow (\underline{X}, \sigma(r, \underline{Y}) \triangleright \sigma(r, S) = \sigma(r, S'))$$

(b) 
$$(\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{Y} \rhd o = o' : S) \land (\underline{X} \rhd r : X_m) \Rightarrow (\underline{X}, \sigma(r, \underline{Y}) \rhd \sigma(r, o) = \sigma(r, o') : \sigma(r, S))$$

7. let  $m = l(\underline{X})$  then

(a) 
$$(\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{Y}, S \triangleright) \land (\underline{X} \triangleright r = r' : X_m) \Rightarrow (\underline{X}, \sigma(r, \underline{Y}) \triangleright \sigma(r, S) = \sigma(r', S))$$

(b) 
$$(\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{Y} \triangleright o : S) \wedge (\underline{X} \triangleright r = r' : X_m) \Rightarrow (\underline{X}, \sigma(r, \underline{Y}) \triangleright \sigma(r, o) = \sigma(r', o) : \sigma(r, S))$$

Then the relations  $\sim$  and  $\simeq'$  are equivalence relations on B and  $\widetilde{B}'$  which satisfy the conditions of Lemma 6.2 and therefore correspond to a regular congruence relation on  $CC(B, \widetilde{B})$ .

Remark 6.4 [2015.09.13.rem1] As was pointed out by Richard Garner in a private communication in June 2014 the conditions (4a), (4b) of Proposition 6.3 can be derived from other conditions of the same proposition as follows.

We do it on the example of conditions (4a). Suppose that we are given that  $\underline{X} \triangleright X_m = X'_m$  and  $\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{Y} \triangleright S = S'$ . We want to obtain  $\underline{X}, X'_m, \underline{Y} \triangleright S = S'$ .

We start by obtaining by (2c) and (2a) that  $(\underline{X}, X'_m \triangleright)$ .

Then by (5a) we obtain that  $\underline{X}, X'_m, \partial^m(X_m, \underline{Y}) \triangleright \partial^m(S) = \partial^m(S')$ .

On the other hand by (1f) we have  $\underline{X}, X'_m \rhd x_m^{m+1} : \partial^m(X'_m)$ .

Then by (3b) we obtain

$$[\mathbf{2015.09.18.eq1}]\underline{X}, X'_m \rhd x_m^{m+1} = x_m^{m+1} : \partial^m(X'_m)$$
(38)

By (2c) we obtain from  $(\underline{X} \rhd X_m = X'_m)$  that  $(\underline{X} \rhd X'_m = X_m)$ . Then by (5a) we obtain that

$$[\mathbf{2015.09.18.eq2}]\underline{X}, X'_m \rhd \partial^m(X'_m) = \partial^m(X_m)$$
(39)

Then by (4c) we obtain from (38) and (39) that

$$[\mathbf{2015.09.18.eq3}]\underline{X}, X'_m \rhd x_m^{m+1} = x_m^{m+1} : \partial^m(X_m)$$
(40)

Then by (3a) we obtain that

$$[2015.09.18.eq4]\underline{X}, X'_m \rhd x_m^{m+1} : \partial^m(X_m)$$
 (41)

Then applying (6a) to  $\underline{X}, X'_m, \partial^m(X_m), \partial^m(\underline{Y}) \rhd \partial^m(S) = \partial^m(S')$  and (41) we obtain

$$\underline{X}, X_m', \sigma(x_m^{m+1}, \partial^m(\underline{Y})) \rhd \sigma(x_m^{m+1}, \partial^m(S)) = \sigma(x_m^{m+1}, \partial^m(S'))$$

It remains to check that for  $j \geq m+1$  and  $Z \in LM(\widehat{j})$  one has

$$\sigma(x_m^{m+1}, \partial^m(Z)) = Z$$

By definition of  $\sigma = \sigma_{LM}$  given in (28) we have:

$$\sigma(x_m^{m+1}, \partial^m(Z)) = @\sigma(m+1, x_m^{m+1}, j+1, \partial^m(Z)) =$$

$$(x_0^j, \dots, x_m^j, \iota_{m+1}^{j-m-1}(x_m^{m+1}), x_{m+1}^j, \dots, x_{j-1}^j)(\partial^m(Z)) =$$

$$(x_0^j, \dots, x_m^j, x_m^j, x_{m+1}^j, \dots, x_{j-1}^j)(\partial^m(Z)) = \sigma_{j-1}^m(\partial_j^m(Z)) = (\phi_{\mathbf{R}}(\partial_j^m \circ \sigma_{j-1}^m))(Z) = Z$$

### Lemma 6.5 /iseqrelsiml1/ One has:

- 1. If conditions (1.2), (4a) of the proposition hold then  $(\underline{X} \triangleright S = S') \land (\underline{X} \sim \underline{Y}) \Rightarrow (\underline{Y} \triangleright S = S')$ .
- 2. If conditions (1.2), (1.3), (4a), (4b), (4c) hold then  $(\underline{X} \triangleright o = o' : S) \land ((\underline{X}, S) \sim (\underline{Y}, S')) \Rightarrow (\underline{Y} \triangleright o = o' : S')$ .

#### **Proof**: By induction on m = l(X) = l(Y).

- (1) For m=0 the assertion is obvious. Therefore by induction we may assume that  $(\underline{X} \rhd S = S') \land (\underline{X} \sim \underline{Y}) \Rightarrow (\underline{Y} \rhd S = S')$  for all i < m and all appropriate  $\underline{X},\underline{Y}$ , S and S' and that  $(X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1} \rhd S = S') \land (X_0, \ldots, X_{m-1} \sim Y_0, \ldots, Y_{m-1})$  holds and we need to show that  $(Y_0, \ldots, Y_{m-1} \rhd S = S')$  holds. Let us show by induction on j that  $(Y_0, \ldots, Y_{j-1}, X_j, \ldots, X_{m-1} \rhd S = S')$  for all  $j=0,\ldots,m-1$ . For j=0 it is a part of our assumptions. By induction we may assume that  $(Y_0,\ldots,Y_{j-1},X_j,\ldots,X_{m-1}\rhd S = S')$ . By definition of  $\sim$  we have  $(X_0,\ldots,X_{j-1}\rhd X_j = Y_j)$ . By the inductive assumption we have  $(Y_0,\ldots,Y_{j-1}\rhd X_j = Y_j)$ . Applying (4a) for  $(Y_0,\ldots,Y_{j-1}\rhd X_j = Y_j)$  and  $(Y_0,\ldots,Y_{j-1},X_j,X_{j+1},\ldots,X_{m-1}\rhd S = S')$  we conclude that  $(Y_0,\ldots,Y_j,X_{j+1},\ldots,X_{m-1}\rhd S = S')$ .
- (2) By the first part of the lemma we have  $\underline{Y} \rhd S = S'$ . Therefore by (4c) it is sufficient to show that  $(\underline{X} \rhd o = o' : S) \land (\underline{X} \sim \underline{Y}) \Rightarrow (\underline{Y} \rhd o = o' : S)$ . The proof of this fact is similar to the proof of the first part of the lemma using (4b) instead of (4a).

#### Lemma 6.6 /iseqrelsim/ One has:

- 1. Assume that conditions (1.2), (2b), (2c), (2d) and (4a) hold. Then  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.
- 2. Assume that conditions of the previous part of the lemma as well as conditions (1.3), (3b), (3c), (3d), (4b) and (4c) hold. Then  $\simeq'$  is an equivalence relation.

**Proof**: By induction on  $m = l_f(\Gamma) = l(\underline{Y})$ .

- (1) Reflexivity follows directly from (1.2) and (2b). For m=0 the symmetry is obvious. Let  $(\underline{X}, X_m) \sim (\underline{Y}, Y_m)$ . By induction we may assume that  $\underline{Y} \sim \underline{X}$ . By Lemma 6.5(a) we have  $(\underline{Y} \rhd X_m = Y_m)$  and by (2c) we have  $(\underline{Y} \rhd Y_m = X_m)$ . We conclude that  $(\underline{Y}, Y_m) \sim (\underline{X}, X_m)$ . The proof of transitivity is by a similar induction.
- (2) Reflexivity follows directly from reflexivity of  $\sim$ , (1.3) and (3b). Symmetry and transitivity are also easy using Lemma 6.5.

From this point on we assume that all conditions of Proposition 6.3 hold. Let  $BB = B/\sim$  and  $\widetilde{BB}' = \widetilde{B}'/\simeq'$ . It follows immediately from our definitions that the functions  $ft: B \to B$  and  $\partial': \widetilde{B}' \to B$  define functions  $BB \to BB$  and  $\widetilde{BB}' \to \widetilde{BB}'$  that we will also write as ft and  $\partial'$ .

**Lemma 6.7** [surjl1] The conditions (3) and (4) of Lemma 6.2 hold for  $\sim$  and  $\simeq'$ .

**Proof**: 1. We need to show that for  $(\underline{X}, X_m \triangleright)$ , and  $\underline{X} \sim \underline{Y}$  there exists  $(\underline{Y}, Y_m \triangleright)$  such that  $(\underline{X}, X_m) \sim (\underline{Y}, Y_m)$ . It is sufficient to take  $Y_m = X_m$ . Indeed by (2b) we have  $\underline{X} \triangleright X_m = X_m$ , by Lemma 6.5(1) we conclude that  $\underline{Y} \triangleright X_m = X_m$  and by (1a) that  $\underline{Y}, X_m \triangleright$ .

2. We need to show that for  $(\underline{X} \rhd r : X_m)$  and  $(\underline{X}, X_m) \sim (\underline{Y}, Y_m)$  there exists  $(\underline{Y} \rhd r' : Y_m)$  such that  $(\underline{Y} \rhd r' : Y_m) \simeq' (\underline{X} \rhd r : X_m)$ . It is sufficient to take r' = r. Indeed, by (3b) we have  $(\underline{X} \rhd r = r : X_m)$ , by Lemma 6.5(2) we conclude that  $(\underline{Y} \rhd r = r : Y_m)$  and by (2a) that  $(\underline{Y} \rhd r : Y_m)$ .

**Lemma 6.8** [TSetc] The equivalence relations  $\sim$  and  $\simeq'$  are compatible with the operations  $T', \widetilde{T}', S', \widetilde{S}'$  and  $\delta'$ .

**Proof**: (1) Given  $(\underline{X}, X_m \triangleright) \sim (\underline{X}', X_m' \triangleright)$  and  $(\underline{X}, \underline{Y} \triangleright) \sim (\underline{X}', \underline{Y}' \triangleright)$  we have to show that  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \partial^m(\underline{Y})) \sim (\underline{X}', X_m', \partial^m(\underline{Y}'))$ .

where m = l(X) = l(X').

Proceed by induction on  $n = l(\underline{Y})$ . For  $l(\underline{Y}) = 0$  the assertion is obvious. Let  $(\underline{X}, X_m \triangleright) \sim (\underline{X}', X_m' \triangleright)$  and  $(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}, S \triangleright) \sim (\underline{X}', \underline{Y}', S' \triangleright)$ . The latter condition is equivalent to  $(\underline{X}, \underline{Y} \triangleright) \sim (\underline{X}', \underline{Y}' \triangleright)$  and  $(\underline{X}, \underline{Y} \triangleright S = S')$ . By the inductive assumption we have  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \partial^m(\underline{Y})) \sim (\underline{X}', X_m', \partial^m(\underline{Y}'))$ . By (5a) we conclude that  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \partial^m(\underline{Y}) \triangleright \partial^m(S) = \partial^m(S'))$ . Therefore by definition of  $\sim$  we have  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \partial^m(\underline{Y}), \partial^m(S)) \sim (\underline{X}', X_m', \partial^m(\underline{Y}'), \partial^m(S'))$ .

- (2) Given  $(\underline{X}, X_m \rhd) \sim (\underline{X}', X_m' \rhd)$  and  $(\underline{X}, \underline{Y} \rhd o : S) \simeq' (\underline{X}', \underline{Y}' \rhd o' : S')$  we have to show that  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \partial^m(\underline{Y}) \rhd \partial^m(o) : \partial^m(S)) \simeq' (\underline{X}', X_m', \partial^m(\underline{Y}') \rhd \partial^m(o') : \partial^m(S'))$  where  $m = l(\underline{X}) = l(\underline{X}')$ . We have  $(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}, S) \sim (\underline{X}', \underline{Y}', S')$  and  $(\underline{X}, \underline{Y} \rhd o = o' : S)$ . By (5b) we get  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \partial^m(\underline{Y}) \rhd \partial^m(o) = \partial^m(o') : \partial^m(S))$ . By (1) of this lemma we get  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \partial^m(\underline{Y}), \partial^m(S)) \sim (\underline{X}', X_m', \partial^m(\underline{Y}'), \partial^m(S'))$  and therefore by definition of  $\simeq'$  we get  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \partial^m(\underline{Y}) \rhd \partial^m(o) : \partial^m(S)) \simeq' (\underline{X}', X_m', \partial^m(\underline{Y}') \rhd \partial^m(o') : \partial^m(S'))$ .
- (3) Given  $(\underline{X} \triangleright r : X_m) \simeq' (\underline{X}' \triangleright r' : X_m')$  and  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{Y} \triangleright) \sim (\underline{X}', X_m', \underline{Y}' \triangleright)$  we have to show that  $(\underline{X}, \sigma(r, \underline{Y})) \sim (\underline{X}', \sigma(r, \underline{Y}'))$ .

where  $m = l(\underline{X}) = l(\underline{X}')$ . Proceed by induction on  $l(\underline{Y})$ . For  $l(\underline{Y}) = 0$  the assertion follows directly from the definitions. Let  $(\underline{X} \triangleright r : X_m) \simeq' (\underline{X}' \triangleright r' : X_m')$  and  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{Y}, S \triangleright) \sim (\underline{X}', X_m', \underline{Y}', S' \triangleright)$ .

The later condition is equivalent to  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{Y} \triangleright) \sim (\underline{X}', X_m', \underline{Y}' \triangleright)$  and  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{Y} \triangleright S = S')$ . By the inductive assumption we have  $(\underline{X}, \sigma(r, \underline{Y}) \sim (\underline{X}', \sigma(r, \underline{Y}'))$ . It remains to show that  $(\underline{X}, \sigma(r, \underline{Y}) \triangleright \sigma(r, S) = \sigma(r, S')$ . By (2d) it is sufficient to show that  $(\underline{X}, \sigma(r, \underline{Y}) \triangleright \sigma(r, S) = \sigma(r, S')$  and  $(\underline{X}, \sigma(r, \underline{Y}) \triangleright \sigma(r, S') = \sigma(r', S')$ . The first relation follows directly from (6a). To prove the second one it is sufficient by (7a) to show that  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{Y}, S' \triangleright)$  which follows from our assumption through (2c) and (2a).

(4) Given  $(\underline{X} \triangleright r : X_m) \simeq' (\underline{X'} \triangleright r' : X'_m)$  and  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{Y} \triangleright o : S) \simeq' (\underline{X'}, X'_m, \underline{Y'} \triangleright o' : S')$  we have to show that

$$(\underline{X}, \sigma(r, \underline{Y}) \rhd \sigma(r, o) : \sigma(r, S)) \simeq'$$

$$(X', \sigma(r', Y') \rhd \sigma(r', o') : \sigma(r', S')).$$

where  $m = l(\underline{X}) = l(\underline{X}')$  or equivalently that

$$(\underline{X}, \sigma(r, \underline{Y}), \sigma(r, S)) \sim (\underline{X}', \sigma(r'\underline{Y}'), \sigma(r', S'))$$

and  $(\underline{X}, \sigma(r, \underline{Y}) \rhd \sigma(r, o) = \sigma(r', o') : \sigma(r, S))$ . The first statement follows from part (3) of the lemma. To prove the second statement it is sufficient by (3d) to show that  $(\underline{X}, \sigma(r, \underline{Y}) \rhd \sigma(r, o) = \sigma(r, o') : \sigma(r, S))$  and  $(\underline{X}, \sigma(r, \underline{Y}) \rhd \sigma(r, o') = \sigma(r', o') : \sigma(r, S))$ . The first assertion follows directly from (6b). To prove the second one it is sufficient in view of (7b) to show that  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \underline{Y} \rhd o' : S)$  which follows conditions (3c) and (3a).

(5) Given  $(\underline{X}, X_m) \sim (\underline{X}', X_m')$  we need to show that  $(\underline{X}, X_m \rhd x_m^{m+1} : \partial^m(X_m)) \simeq' (\underline{X}', X_m' \rhd x_m^{m+1} : \partial^m(X_m'))$  or equivalently that  $(\underline{X}, X_m, \partial^m(X_m)) \sim (\underline{X}, X_m', \partial^m(X_m'))$  and  $(\underline{X}, X_m \rhd x_m^{m+1} = x_m^{m+1} : \partial^m(X_m))$ . The second part follows from (3b). To prove the first part we need to show that  $(\underline{X}, X_m \rhd \partial^m(X_m)) = \partial^m(X_m')$ . This follows from our assumption by (5a).

#### 7 Operations $\sigma$ and $\widetilde{\sigma}$ .

In the previous section we described an important class of regular congruence relations on C-subsystems of the C-systems of the form  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  in terms of pairs of subsets of the form Beq,  $\widetilde{Beq}$ .

C-systems of the form  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$  have an important additional structure. This structure is given by two operations:

1. For  $(m, \underline{X})$ ,  $(n, \underline{Y})$  where  $m \geq n$  we define  $\xi((m, \underline{X}), (n, \underline{Y}))$  as the object given in the sequence notation by

$$\xi((m,\underline{X}),(n,\underline{Y}))=(Y_0,\ldots,Y_{n-1},X_n,\ldots,X_{m-1})$$

This gives us an operation with values in Ob defined on the subset of  $Ob \times Ob$  which consists of pairs  $(\Gamma, \Gamma')$  such that  $l_f(\Gamma) \geq l_f(\Gamma')$ . Note that for m = n one has

$$\xi((m,\underline{X}),(n,\underline{Y})) = (n,\underline{Y})$$

2. for  $(m,(\underline{X},r))$  in  $\widetilde{Ob}'$  and  $(n,\underline{Y}) \in Ob$  such that  $m+1 \geq n$  define  $\widetilde{\xi}((m,(\underline{X},r)),(n,\underline{Y}))$  as follows:

$$\widetilde{\xi}((m,(\underline{X},r)),(n,\underline{Y}))=(m,(\xi((m+1,\underline{X}),(n,\underline{Y})),r))$$

This gives us an operation with values in  $\widetilde{Ob}'$  defined on the subset of  $\widetilde{Ob}' \times Ob$  which consists of pairs  $(r, \Gamma')$  such that  $l_f(\partial(r)) \leq l_f(\Gamma')$ .

**Remark 7.1** [2015.09.27.rem1] Both operations can be easily re-written using  $\widetilde{Ob}$  instead of  $\widetilde{Ob}'$  but it is unclear how to define such operations on general C-systems or what is the natural class of C-systems on which such operations can be defined.

**Lemma 7.2** [2014.07.12.11] Let B be a subset of  $Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  which is closed under ft. Let  $\sim$  be a transitive relation on B such that:

- 1.  $\Gamma \sim \Gamma'$  implies  $l_f(\Gamma) = l_f(\Gamma')$ ,
- 2.  $\Gamma \in B$  and  $ft(\Gamma) \sim F$  implies  $\xi(\Gamma, F) \in B$  and  $\Gamma \sim \xi(\Gamma, F)$ .

Then  $\Gamma \in B$  and  $ft^i(\Gamma) \sim F$  for some  $i \geq 1$ , implies that  $\xi(\Gamma, F) \in B$  and  $\Gamma \sim \xi(\Gamma, F)$ .

**Proof**: Simple induction on i.

**Lemma 7.3** [2014.07.12.12] Let B and  $\sim$  be as in Lemma 7.2. Then one has:

- 1.  $(\Gamma, T) \sim (\Gamma, T')$  and  $\Gamma \sim \Gamma'$  implies that  $(\Gamma, T) \sim (\Gamma', T')$ ,
- 2. if  $\sim$  is ft-monotone (i.e.  $\Gamma \sim \Gamma'$  implies  $ft(\Gamma) \sim ft(\Gamma')$ ) and symmetric then  $(\Gamma, T) \sim (\Gamma', T')$  implies that  $(\Gamma, T) \sim (\Gamma, T')$ .

**Proof**: The first assertion follows from

$$(\Gamma, T) \sim (\Gamma, T') \sim \xi((\Gamma, T'), \Gamma') = (\Gamma', T')$$

The second assertion follows from

$$(\Gamma,T) \sim (\Gamma',T') \sim \xi((\Gamma',T'),\Gamma) = (\Gamma,T')$$

where the second  $\sim$  requires  $\Gamma' \sim \Gamma$  which follows from ft-monotonicity and symmetry.

**Lemma 7.4** [2014.07.12.13] Let  $B, \sim$  be as in Lemma 7.2, let  $\widetilde{B}$  be a subset of  $\widetilde{Ob}(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  and  $\simeq'$  a transitive relation on  $\widetilde{B}$  such that:

- 1.  $\mathcal{J} \simeq' \mathcal{J}'$  implies  $\partial(\mathcal{J}) \sim \partial(\mathcal{J}')$ ,
- 2.  $\mathcal{J} \in \widetilde{B}$  and  $\partial(\mathcal{J}) \sim F$  implies  $\widetilde{\xi}(\mathcal{J}, F) \in \widetilde{B}$  and  $\mathcal{J} \simeq' \widetilde{\xi}(\mathcal{J}, F)$ .

Then  $\mathcal{J} \in \widetilde{B}$  and  $ft^i(\partial(\mathcal{J})) \sim F$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  implies  $\mathcal{J} \sim \widetilde{\xi}(\mathcal{J}, F)$ .

**Proof**: Simple induction on i.

**Lemma 7.5** [2014.07.12.14] Let  $B, \sim$  and  $\widetilde{B}, \simeq'$  be as in Lemma 7.4. Then one has:

- 1.  $(\Gamma \rhd o:T) \simeq' (\Gamma \rhd o':T)$  and  $(\Gamma,T) \sim (\Gamma',T')$  implies that  $(\Gamma \rhd o:T) \simeq' (\Gamma' \rhd o':T')$ ,
- 2. if  $(\sim, \simeq')$  is  $\partial$ -monotone (i.e.  $\mathcal{J} \simeq' \mathcal{J}'$  implies  $\partial(\mathcal{J}) \sim \partial(\mathcal{J}')$ ) and  $\sim$  is symmetric then  $(\Gamma \rhd o: T) \simeq' (\Gamma' \rhd o': T')$  implies that  $(\Gamma \rhd o: T) \simeq' (\Gamma \rhd o': T)$ .

**Proof**: The first assertion follows from

$$(\Gamma \rhd o:T) \simeq' (\Gamma \rhd o':T) \simeq' \widetilde{\xi}((\Gamma \rhd o':T),(\Gamma',T')) = (\Gamma' \rhd o':T')$$

The second assertion follows from

$$(\Gamma \rhd o:T) \simeq' (\Gamma' \rhd o':T') \simeq' \xi((\Gamma' \rhd o':T'),(\Gamma,T)) = (\Gamma \rhd o':T)$$

where the second  $\sim$  requires  $\Gamma' \sim \Gamma$  which follows from  $\partial$ -monotonicity of  $\simeq'$  and symmetry of  $\sim$ .

**Proposition 7.6** [2014.07.10.prop2] Let  $(B, \widetilde{B})$  be subsets in  $Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  and  $Ob(CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM}))$  respectively which correspond to a C-subsystem CC of  $CC(\mathbf{R}, \mathbf{LM})$ . Then the constructions presented above establish a bijection between pairs of subsets  $(Beq, \widetilde{Beq})$  which together with  $(B, \widetilde{B})$  satisfy the conditions of Proposition 6.3 and pairs of equivalence relations  $(\sim, \simeq')$  on  $(B, \widetilde{B})$  such that:

- (~,≃') corresponds to a regular congruence relation on CC (i.e., satisfies the conditions of [?, Proposition 5.4]),
- 2.  $\Gamma \in B$  and  $ft(\Gamma) \sim F$  implies  $\Gamma \sim \xi(\Gamma, F)$ ,
- 3.  $\mathcal{J} \in \widetilde{B}$  and  $\partial(\mathcal{J}) \sim F$  implies  $\mathcal{J} \simeq' \widetilde{\xi}(\mathcal{J}, F)$ .

**Proof**: One constructs a pair  $(\sim, \simeq')$  from  $(Beq, \widetilde{Beq})$  as in Definition 6.1. This pair corresponds to a regular congruence relation by Proposition 6.3. Conditions (2),(3) follow from Lemma 6.5.

Let  $(\sim, \simeq')$  be equivalence relations satisfying the conditions of the proposition. Define Beq as the set of sequences  $(\Gamma, T, T')$  such that  $(\Gamma, T), (\Gamma, T') \in B$  and  $(\Gamma, T) \sim (\Gamma, T')$ . Define Beq as the set of sequences  $(\Gamma, T, o, o')$  such that  $(\Gamma, T, o), (\Gamma, T, o') \in \widetilde{B}$  and  $(\Gamma, T, o) \simeq' (\Gamma, T, o')$ .

Let us show that these subsets satisfy the conditions of Proposition 6.3. Conditions (2.a-2.d) and (3.a-3d) are obvious.

Condition (4a) follows from (2) by Lemma 7.2. Conditions (4b) and (4c) follow from (3) by Lemma 7.4.

Conditions (5a) and (5b) follow from the compatibility of  $(\sim, \simeq')$  with T and  $\widetilde{T}$ .

Conditions (6a),(6b),(7a),(7b) follow from the compatibility of  $(\sim, \simeq')$  with S and  $\widetilde{S}$ .

# 8 Appendix: the categories of sets

For two sets X and Y let Fun(X,Y) be the set of functions from X to Y. We use the definition of a function between two sets from [?, p.81] which is such that if for X, Y and X', Y' one has  $X \neq X'$  or  $Y \neq Y'$  then

$$Fun(X,Y) \cap Fun(X',Y') = \emptyset$$

As a corollary for any set U the union

$$Mor(Set(U)) = \bigcap_{X,Y \in U} Fun(X,Y)$$

is disjoint and there are unique functions

$$s, t: Mor(Set(U)) \to U$$

such that for  $f \in Fun(X,Y)$  one has s(f) = X and t(f) = Y. There is also a unique function

$$comp: Mor(Set(U)) \times_{t.s} Mor(Set(U)) \rightarrow Mor(Set(U))$$

such that for  $f, g \in Mor(Set(U))$  satisfying t(f) = s(g) the function comp(f, g) is the composition of f and g. For any U these three functions make the pair of sets (U, Mor(Set(U))) into a category. If U is a Grothendieck universe this category is called the category of sets in U.

Similarly, the category F whose set of objects is the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of natural numbers and the set of morphisms is the set  $\bigcup_{n,m} Fun(stn(n),stn(m))$  is well defined.