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# Perspectives of semantic modeling in categories

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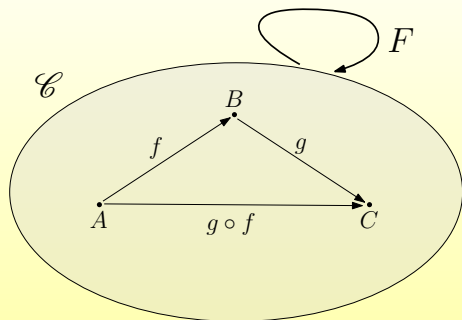
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# Categories

Category  $\mathcal{C} = (\mathcal{C}_{obj}, \mathcal{C}_{morp})$  is a structure consisting of

- class of *objects*  $\mathcal{C}_{obj}$ ,
- class of *morphisms*  $\mathcal{C}_{morp}$ ,
- composition – binary operation
  - defined on morphisms.



Functor  $F : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$  is a structure-preserving morphism between categories

$$F_0 : \mathcal{C}_{obj} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{obj}$$

$$F_1 : \mathcal{C}_{morp} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_{morp}$$

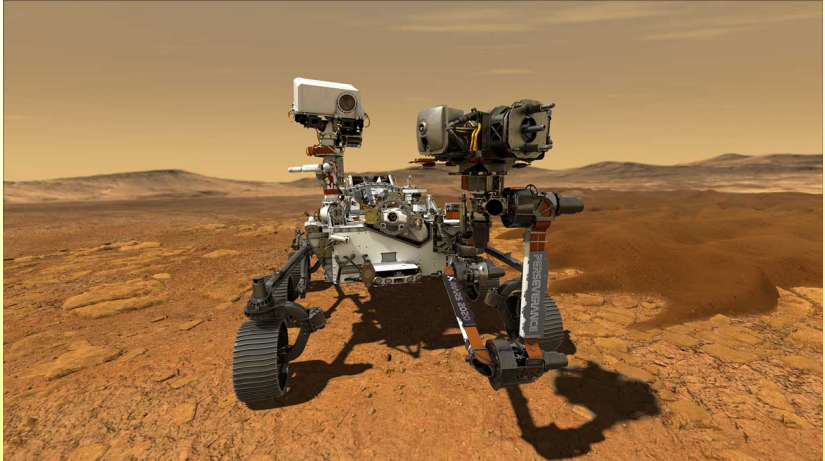
$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{F} & FA \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow Ff \\ B & \xrightarrow{F} & FB \end{array}$$

# Categories

- mathematical structures consisting of objects and morphisms between them,
- objects can be various mathematical structures, data structures, types,
- categories have become useful for modeling computations, processes, programs, program systems,
- are basic structures for coalgebraic behavioral models.

## Categories in teaching

- quite simple mathematical structures,
- graphical representations useful for illustration of examples,
- understandable for our students.



<https://www.nasa.gov/consortium/CategoryTheory>

# Formal semantics

- provides unambiguous meaning of programs written in programming language,
- helps designers to prepare good and useful programming languages,
- serves for designers to design correct compilers,
- encourages users/programmers how to use language constructions properly.

## Semantic methods

- denotational semantics,
- operational semantics,
- natural semantics,
- axiomatic semantics,
- action semantics,
- game semantics,
- ...

# Categorical semantics

- denotational semantics uses category of types where objects are types and morphisms are functions,
- algebraic semantics uses institutions as complex structures based on categories of signatures,
- game semantics uses category of arenas.

# Basic ideas of our approach

## Why categorical semantics

- provides illustrative view of dynamics of states,
- provides simply understandable mathematical model of programs,
- appropriate for designers of compilers,
- serves for creating skills to work with formal methods.

## Construction of category of states

- we consider simple imperative language,
- our language has only two implicit types,
- for now, we do not consider exception, jumps and recursion,
- we construct category of states,
- environment of procedures is constructed as category of categories,
- so simplified model is understandable without losing exactness.

# Categorical denotational semantics of imperative languages

## Categorical representation

- formulation of meaning indicates (determines) a construction of a categorical model for a given program,
- categorical model consists of:
  - ▶ objects – states during the program execution,
  - ▶ morphisms, which express the relations between objects – steps of computations.

## The language *Jane*

$$\begin{array}{ll} n \in \mathbf{Num} & x \in \mathbf{Var} \\ e \in \mathbf{Expr} & b \in \mathbf{Bexpr} \\ S \in \mathbf{Statm} & D \in \mathbf{Decl} \end{array}$$

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# Language *Jane* – Syntax

The elements  $n \in \mathbf{Num}$  and  $x \in \mathbf{Var}$  have no internal structure from semantic point of view.

The syntactic domain **Expr** consists of all well-formed arithmetic expressions created by the following production rule

$$e ::= n \mid x \mid e + e \mid e - e \mid e * e.$$

Boolean expression from **Bexpr** can be of the following structure:

$$b ::= \text{false} \mid \text{true} \mid e = e \mid e \leq e \mid \neg b \mid b \wedge b.$$

The variables used in programs have to be declared. We consider  $D \in \mathbf{Decl}$  as a sequence of declarations:

$$D ::= \text{var } x; D \mid \varepsilon.$$

As the statements  $S \in \mathbf{Statm}$  we consider five Dijkstra's statements together with a block statement and an input statement:

$$S ::= x := e \mid \text{skip} \mid S; S \mid \text{if } b \text{ then } S \text{ else } S \mid \text{while } b \text{ do } S \mid \text{begin } D; S \text{ end} \mid \text{input } x.$$

# Categorical denotational semantics of imperative languages

## Categorical model

- we construct operational model of *Jane* as the category  $\mathcal{C}_{State}$  of states,
- we assign to states their representation,
- because of block structure of *Jane*, we have to consider also a level of block nesting ( $l \in \mathbf{Level}$ ,  $\mathbf{Level} \subseteq \mathbf{N}$ ),
- representation of type *State* has to express variable, its value with respect to the actual nesting level.

# Specification of states

## State

- can be considered as some abstraction of computer memory,
- change of state means change of a value in memory,
- because of block structure of *Jane*, we have to consider also a level of block nesting,
- every variable occurring in a program has to be allocated,
- we can assign and modify a value of allocated variable inducing change of state.

The signature  $\Sigma_{State}$  for states

$$\Sigma_{State} =$$

<u>types</u> :	$State, Var, Value$
<u>opns</u> :	$init : \rightarrow State$
	$alloc : Var, State \rightarrow State$
	$get : Var, State \rightarrow Value$
	$del : State \rightarrow State$

# Categorical denotational semantics of imperative languages

## States and their representation

- the state expresses an abstraction of memory: each step of program execution is characterized by the current state,
- the nesting level in the state allows us to create an environment of variables and distinguish locally declared variables from global ones,
- each state  $s$  is an element of the semantic domain  $s \in \mathbf{State}$  and it is represented as a function

$$s : \mathbf{Var} \times \mathbf{Level} \rightarrow \mathbf{Value}$$

$$s = \langle \langle (x_1, 1), v_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle (x_n, l), v_n \rangle \rangle$$

variable	level	value
$x_1$	1	$v_1$
$\vdots$		
$x_n$	$l$	$v_n$

# Representation of operations

The operation  $\llbracket \text{init} \rrbracket$

$$\llbracket \text{init} \rrbracket = s_0 = \langle (\perp, 1), \perp \rangle$$

creates the initial state of a program with no declared variable.

variable	level	value
$\perp$	1	$\perp$

The operation  $\llbracket \text{alloc} \rrbracket$

$$\llbracket \text{alloc} \rrbracket(x, s) = s \diamond ((x, l), \perp),$$

sets actual nesting level to declared variable. Because of undefined value of declared variable, the operation  $\llbracket \text{alloc} \rrbracket$  does not change the state.

variable	level	value
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$x$	$l$	$\perp$

# Representation of operations

The operation  $\llbracket \text{get} \rrbracket$  returns a value of a variable declared on the highest nesting level,

$$\llbracket \text{get} \rrbracket(x, \langle \dots, ((x, l_i), v_i), \dots, ((x, l_k), v_k), \dots \rangle) = v_k,$$

where  $l_i < l_k, i < k$  for all  $i$ , from the definition of state.

The operation  $\llbracket \text{del} \rrbracket$  deallocates (forgets) all variables declared on the highest nesting level  $l_j$ :

$$\llbracket \text{del} \rrbracket(s \diamond \langle ((x_i, l_j), v_k), \dots, ((x_n, l_j), v_m) \rangle) = s.$$

variable	level	value
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$x$	$l_i$	$v$
$x_i$	$l_j$	$v_k$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$x_n$	$l_j$	$v_m$

# Declarations

## Declarations

A declaration

$$\text{var } x$$

is represented as an endomorphism:

$$\llbracket \text{var } x \rrbracket_D : s \rightarrow s$$

for a given state  $s$  and defined by

$$\llbracket \text{var } x \rrbracket s = \llbracket \text{alloc} \rrbracket (x, s).$$

A sequence of declarations:

$$\llbracket \text{var } x; D \rrbracket s = \llbracket D \rrbracket \circ \llbracket \text{alloc}(x, s) \rrbracket.$$

A declaration creates a new entry for declared variable with the actual level of nesting and an undefined value

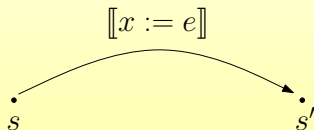
$$((x, l), \perp).$$

# Categorical denotational semantics

## Semantics of statements

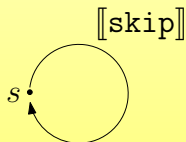
- variable assignment

$$\llbracket x := e \rrbracket s = \begin{cases} s [((x, l), v) \mapsto ((x, l), \llbracket e \rrbracket s)], & \text{for } ((x, l), v) \in s, \\ s_{\perp}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



- empty statement

$$\llbracket \text{skip} \rrbracket = \text{id}$$



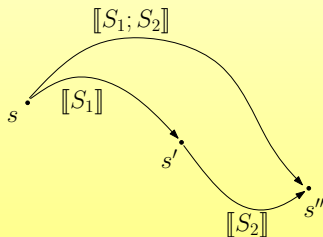


# Categorical denotational semantics

## Semantics of statements

- sequence of statements

$$\llbracket S_1; S_2 \rrbracket s = \begin{cases} s', & \text{if } \llbracket S_1 \rrbracket s = s'' \text{ and } \llbracket S_2 \rrbracket s'' = s', \\ s_{\perp}, & \text{if } \llbracket S_1 \rrbracket s = s_{\perp}, \text{ or} \\ & \text{if } \llbracket S_1 \rrbracket s = s'' \text{ and } \llbracket S_2 \rrbracket s'' = s_{\perp}. \end{cases}$$

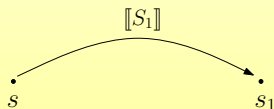


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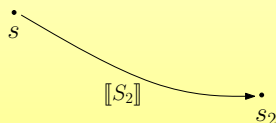
- conditional statement

$$\llbracket \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2 \rrbracket s = \begin{cases} \llbracket S_1 \rrbracket s, & \text{if } \llbracket b \rrbracket s = \mathbf{true}, \\ \llbracket S_2 \rrbracket s, & \text{if } \llbracket b \rrbracket s = \mathbf{false}, \\ s_{\perp}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



$\llbracket b \rrbracket s = \mathbf{true}$

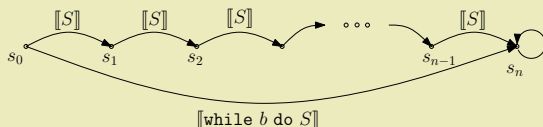
(a)



$\llbracket b \rrbracket s = \mathbf{false}$

(b)

# Statements

$$\llbracket \text{while } b \text{ do } S \rrbracket s = \llbracket \text{if } b \text{ then } (S, \text{while } b \text{ do } S) \text{ else skip} \rrbracket$$
$$\llbracket \text{input } x \rrbracket s = \begin{cases} s' = s[v/x], & \text{for } ((x, \max l), v') \in s, \\ s_{\perp}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$


# Block statement

`begin D, S end`

The following is a summary of the four steps used to execute of unnamed blocks.

- Nesting level  $l$  is incremented. We represent this step by fictive entry in state table

$((\text{begin}, l + 1), \perp)$

i.e. endomorphism  $\text{State} \rightarrow \text{State}$ .

- Local declarations are elaborated on nesting level  $l + 1$ .
- The body  $S$  of block is performed.
- Locally declared variables are forgotten at the end of block. We model this situation using operation  $\llbracket \text{del} \rrbracket$ .

The semantics:

$$\llbracket \text{begin } D, S \text{ end} \rrbracket s = \llbracket \text{del} \rrbracket \circ \llbracket S \rrbracket \circ \llbracket D \rrbracket (s \diamond \langle\langle (\text{begin}, l + 1), \perp \rangle\rangle)$$

# Constructing the category

Now we can define the category  $\mathcal{C}_{State}$  of states as follows:

- category objects are states as sequences of tuples for variables together with special state  $s_{\perp}$ ,
- category morphisms are functions  $[[S]] : s \rightarrow s'$ .

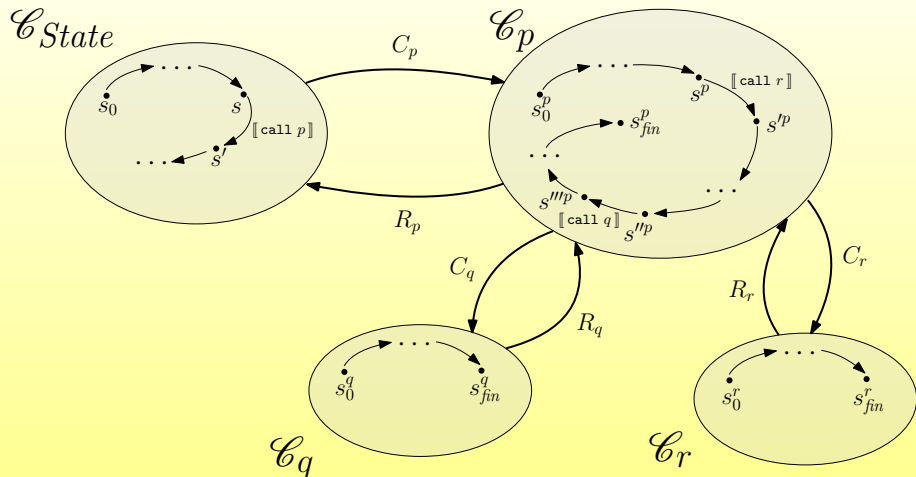
The category  $\mathcal{C}_{State}$  has the following properties:

- the special object  $s_{\perp} = \langle \langle (\perp, \perp), \perp \rangle \rangle$ , an undefined state, is a terminal object of our category, from any object there is a unique morphism to this state,
- the initial state  $s_0 = \langle \langle (\perp, 1), \perp \rangle \rangle$  is the initial object of our category,
- the category  $\mathcal{C}_{State}$  has no products, because a program written in *Jane* cannot be simultaneously in more than one state.

We can state that  $\mathcal{C}_{State}$  is a category without products and with initial and terminal objects.

# Categorical denotational semantics

## Semantics of procedures

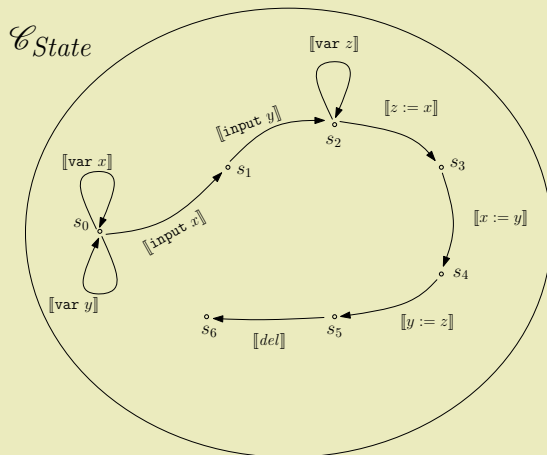


## Example

```
var  $x$ ; var  $y$ ;  
input  $x$ ;  
input  $y$ ;  
if  $x \leq y$  then  
  begin  
     $z := x$ ;  
     $x := y$ ;  
     $y := z$ ;  
  end  
else  
  skip;
```

We consider values **3** and **5** for variables  $x$  and  $y$ , resp.

# Categorical representation of program





# States during program execution

$s_0$		
$x$	1	$\perp$
$y$	1	$\perp$

$s_1$		
$x$	1	<b>3</b>
$y$	1	$\perp$

$s_2$		
$x$	1	<b>3</b>
$y$	1	<b>5</b>
$z$	2	$\perp$

$s_3$		
$x$	1	<b>3</b>
$y$	1	<b>5</b>
$z$	2	<b>3</b>

$s_4$		
$x$	1	<b>5</b>
$y$	1	<b>5</b>
$z$	2	<b>3</b>

$s_5$		
$x$	1	<b>5</b>
$y$	1	<b>3</b>
$z$	2	<b>3</b>

$s_6$		
$x$	1	<b>5</b>
$y$	1	<b>3</b>
$z$	2	$\perp$

# Categorical operational semantics

## Coalgebraic approach

- coalgebras are defined as arrows from the state space ( $X$ ) to the image of state space in the endofunctor  $F$  (determined by the signature):

$$\langle \llbracket sel_1 \rrbracket, \dots, \llbracket sel_n \rrbracket \rangle : X \rightarrow FX$$

- we define coalgebras above the base category, whose objects create a state space and whose morphisms are transitions,
- coalgebras provide observable properties and are one of the tools for modeling the behavior of dynamical systems,
- each individual step of program execution is expressed by the application of a polynomial endofunctor in the category of configurations.

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# Categorical operational semantics

## State space and its representation

- we consider the data type of configurations as the state space,
- memory expresses one moment of program execution:

$$\mathbf{Memory} = \{m : \mathbf{Var} \times \mathbf{Level} \rightarrow \mathbf{Value}\},$$

- representation of state space is a set

$$\mathbf{Config} = \mathbf{Program} \times \mathbf{Memory} \times \mathbf{Input} \times \mathbf{Output},$$

where configuration is given as follows:

$$config = ([D^*; S^*], m, i^*, o^*).$$

# Semantics of statements

We define the execution of one step by morphism  $\llbracket next \rrbracket$ :

$$\llbracket next \rrbracket : \mathbf{Config} \rightarrow \mathbf{Config}.$$

- variable assignment  $x := e$ :

$$\llbracket next \rrbracket(\llbracket x := e; S^* \rrbracket, m, i^*, o^*) = (\llbracket S^* \rrbracket, m', i^*, o^*),$$

where

$$m' = \begin{cases} m \left[ ((x, \mathit{Highest}(m, x)), v) \mapsto ((x, \mathit{Highest}(m, x)), \llbracket e \rrbracket m) \right] & \text{if } \mathit{Defined}(m, x), \\ m_{\perp}, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

- empty statement

$$\llbracket next \rrbracket(\llbracket \mathbf{skip}; S^* \rrbracket, m, i^*, o^*) = (\llbracket S^* \rrbracket, m, i^*, o^*)$$

# Semantics of statements

- sequence of statements  $S_1; S_2; S^*$ :

$$\llbracket next \rrbracket(\llbracket (S_1; S_2); S^* \rrbracket, m, i^*, o^*) = \begin{cases} (\llbracket S_2; S^* \rrbracket, m', i'^*, o'^*), & \text{if } \langle S_1, m \rangle \Rightarrow m', \\ (\llbracket S'_1; S_2; S^* \rrbracket, m', i'^*, o'^*), & \text{if } \langle S_1, m \rangle \Rightarrow \langle S'_1, m' \rangle, \end{cases}$$

- conditional statement

$$\llbracket next \rrbracket(\llbracket \text{if } b \text{ then } S_1 \text{ else } S_2; S^* \rrbracket, m, i^*, o^*) =$$

$$\begin{cases} (\llbracket S_1; S^* \rrbracket, m, i^*, o^*), & \text{if } \llbracket b \rrbracket m = \mathbf{true}, \\ (\llbracket S_2; S^* \rrbracket, m, i^*, o^*), & \text{if } \llbracket b \rrbracket m = \mathbf{false}, \\ m_{\perp}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Semantics of statements

- user input – statement read

$$\llbracket \text{read} \rrbracket : \mathbf{Config} \rightarrow \mathbf{Config}^{\mathbf{Value}}$$

$$\llbracket \text{read} \rrbracket(\llbracket \text{read } x; S^* \rrbracket, m, i^*, o^*) = \begin{cases} \lambda v'.(\llbracket S^* \rrbracket, m', \text{tail}(i^*), o^*), & \text{if } \text{Defined}(m, x), \\ (\llbracket S^* \rrbracket, m_{\perp}, \text{tail}(i^*), o^*), & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $m' = m[(x, \text{Highest}(m, x)), v] \mapsto ((x, \text{Highest}(m, x)), v')$ ,

- user output – statement print

$$\llbracket \text{print} \rrbracket : \mathbf{Config} \rightarrow \mathbf{Value} \times \mathbf{Config}$$

$$\llbracket \text{print} \rrbracket(\llbracket \text{print } e; S^* \rrbracket, m, i^*, o^*) = (\llbracket e \rrbracket m, (\llbracket S^* \rrbracket, m, i^*, (\llbracket e \rrbracket m; o^*)))$$

# Coalgebra for language *Jane*

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Category of configurations *Config* consists of:

- objects – configurations  $config = (\llbracket D^*; S^* \rrbracket, m, i^*, o^*)$ ,
- arrows – morphisms  $\llbracket next \rrbracket, \llbracket read \rrbracket, \llbracket print \rrbracket$  a  $\llbracket abort \rrbracket$ .

Polynomial endofunctor (over the category of configurations):

$$\langle \llbracket abort \rrbracket, \llbracket print \rrbracket, \llbracket next \rrbracket, \llbracket input \rrbracket \rangle : \mathbf{Config} \rightarrow Q(\mathbf{Config}),$$

$$Q(\mathbf{Config}) = 1 + \mathbf{Config} + O \times \mathbf{Config} + \mathbf{Config}^I.$$

$$Q(config) = \llbracket abort \rrbracket(config) \quad Q(config) = \llbracket next \rrbracket(config)$$

$$Q(config) = \llbracket print \rrbracket(config) \quad Q(config) = \llbracket read \rrbracket(config)$$

## Categorical operational semantics – Example

```
var  $x$ ; var  $y$ ;  
read  $x$ ;  
read  $y$ ;  
if  $x \leq y$  then  
  begin  
    var  $z$ ;  
     $z := x$ ;  
     $x := y$ ;  
     $y := z$ ;  
  end  
else  
  skip;  
print  $x$ ;
```

For simplicity we introduce the following substitutions:

$$\begin{aligned} D_1 &= \text{var } x; & D_2 &= \text{var } y; \\ S_1 &= \text{read } x; & S_2 &= \text{read } y; \\ S_3 &= \text{if } x \leq y \text{ then begin var } z; \\ & \quad z := x; x := y; y := z \text{ end else skip} \\ S_4 &= \text{print } x \end{aligned}$$

and we consider values **3** and **5** for variables  $x$  and  $y$ , resp.



# Example

The initial configuration is

$$\mathit{config}_0 = (\llbracket D_1; D_2; S_1; S_2; S_3; S_4 \rrbracket, m_0, i^*, o^*).$$

Each application of the endofunctor  $Q$  represents one step of program execution. First, the individual declarations and user inputs are processed in separate steps:

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\mathit{config}_0) &= \llbracket \mathit{next} \rrbracket(\mathit{config}_0) = \mathit{config}_1 = \\ &= (\llbracket D_2; S_1; S_2; S_3; S_4 \rrbracket, \llbracket \mathbf{var} \ x \rrbracket m_0, (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{5}), \varepsilon), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\mathit{config}_1) &= \llbracket \mathit{next} \rrbracket(\mathit{config}_1) = \mathit{config}_2 = \\ &= (\llbracket S_1; S_2; S_3; S_4 \rrbracket, \llbracket \mathbf{var} \ y \rrbracket m_1, (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{5}), \varepsilon), \end{aligned}$$

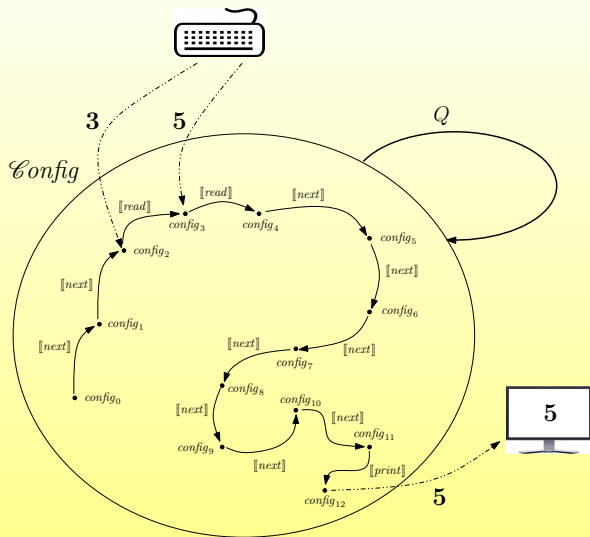
$$\begin{aligned} Q(\mathit{config}_2) &= \llbracket \mathit{read} \rrbracket(\mathit{config}_2) = \mathit{config}_3 = \\ &= (\llbracket S_2; S_3; S_4 \rrbracket, m_3, (\mathbf{5}), \varepsilon), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\mathit{config}_3) &= \llbracket \mathit{read} \rrbracket(\mathit{config}_3) = \mathit{config}_4 = \\ &= (\llbracket S_3; S_4 \rrbracket, m_4, \varepsilon, \varepsilon), \end{aligned}$$

# Example

$$\begin{aligned}Q(\mathit{config}_4) &= \llbracket \mathit{next} \rrbracket(\mathit{config}_4) = \mathit{config}_5 = \\ &= (\llbracket \mathbf{begin\ var\ } z; z := x; x := y; y := z \mathbf{end}; S_4 \rrbracket, m_4, \varepsilon, \varepsilon), \\ Q(\mathit{config}_5) &= \llbracket \mathit{next} \rrbracket(\mathit{config}_5) = \mathit{config}_6 = \\ &= (\llbracket \mathbf{var\ } z; z := x; x := y; y := z \mathbf{end}; S_4 \rrbracket, m_5, \varepsilon, \varepsilon), \\ Q(\mathit{config}_6) &= \llbracket \mathit{next} \rrbracket(\mathit{config}_6) = \mathit{config}_7 = \\ &= (\llbracket z := x; x := y; y := z \mathbf{end}; S_4 \rrbracket, m_6, \varepsilon, \varepsilon), \\ Q(\mathit{config}_7) &= \llbracket \mathit{next} \rrbracket(\mathit{config}_7) = \mathit{config}_8 = \\ &= (\llbracket x := y; y := z \mathbf{end}; S_4 \rrbracket, m_7, \varepsilon, \varepsilon), \\ Q(\mathit{config}_8) &= \llbracket \mathit{next} \rrbracket(\mathit{config}_8) = \mathit{config}_9 = \\ &= (\llbracket y := z \mathbf{end}; S_4 \rrbracket, m_8, \varepsilon, \varepsilon), \\ Q(\mathit{config}_9) &= \llbracket \mathit{next} \rrbracket(\mathit{config}_9) = \mathit{config}_{10} = \\ &= (\llbracket \mathbf{end}; S_4 \rrbracket, m_9, \varepsilon, \varepsilon), \\ Q(\mathit{config}_{10}) &= \llbracket \mathit{next} \rrbracket(\mathit{config}_{10}) = \mathit{config}_{11} = \\ &= (\llbracket S_4 \rrbracket, \llbracket \mathit{end} \rrbracket m_9, \varepsilon, \varepsilon).\end{aligned}$$

# Example



# Modeling of recursive computations

## Modeling of recursive computations

- we model recursion development and subsequent calculation using algebras and coalgebras and their properties,
- there is exactly one morphism from the initial algebra to any algebra  $(A, a)$  – *catamorphism*, in the calculation it acts as an iterator (deconstructor) – a function that provides elements of the structure,
- from any coalgebra  $(U, \varphi)$  there exists one unique morphism into the final coalgebra – *anamorphism*, in calculations it acts as a coiterator (constructor) – a function that creates a structure,
- the composition of catamorphism and anamorphism creates a new morphism – *hylomorphism*, which represents a recursive function – by creating complex data structures and then processing them.

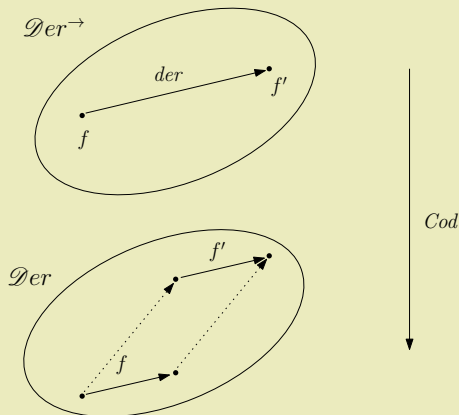
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# Categorical modeling in differential calculus

- the relationship between functions and their derivatives expresses a categorical model,
- we model functions and their derivatives as objects in the category of morphisms  $\mathcal{D}er^{\rightarrow}$  over the base category  $\mathcal{D}er$ ,
- the relationship between the two categories is expressed by a codomain functor:

$$Cod : \mathcal{D}er^{\rightarrow} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}er$$



Steingartner, W., Galinec, D., The Rôle of Categorical Structures in Infinitesimal Calculus, Journal of Applied Mathematics and Computational Mechanics, 12(1), 2013, pp. 107–119

# Modeling of component systems

- 1 interfaces and interactions between components (algebraic specifications) – **interface category** (objects are interfaces, morphisms are interactions),
- 2 contracts for component composition and interaction - (I) we extend interface specifications with assumptions and guarantees or (II) we express them as formulas in predicate linear logic,
- 3 dependencies – expressed as predicates in predicate linear logic.

3	dependencies
2	contracts
1	interfaces

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Steingartner, W., Novitzká, V., Benčková, M., Prazňák, P., Considerations and Ideas in Component Programming – Towards to Formal Specification, 25th CECIIS, 2014, pp. 332–339

# Denotational semantics of concatenative language

## Research in the field of concatenative languages

- we designed a simple concatenative / compositional language KKJ,
- the language has a compositional character – the syntactic concatenation of programs corresponds to the semantic composition of functions,
- KKJ language syntax:

$$e ::= \varepsilon \mid i \mid n \mid \{e\} \mid e e$$

- the state of memory is expressed by the stack – the program gradually changes the contents of the stack,
- in our research we constructed classical denotational semantics for the KKJ language as the first step in research.

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Mihelič, J., Steingartner, W., Novitzká, V., A denotational semantics of a concatenative / compositional programming language, Acta Politechnica Hungarica, 18(4), 2021, pp. 231–250, DOI: 10.12700/APH.18.4.2021.4.13

# Application of research into teaching

## Software to support the teaching of formal semantics

- we also apply published results focused on categorical semantics and semantic modeling in the teaching process,
- our main goal is to implement and deploy a comprehensive learning environment – an interactive software package that will allow illustrative and understandable use of semantic methods,
- the mentioned software package will provide full-fledged modules for working with individual semantic methods and principles, which are presented in the teaching.

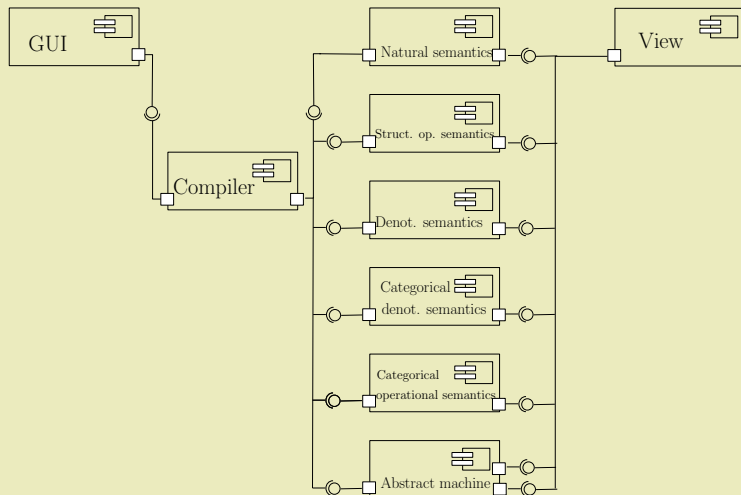
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# Conclusion

## Achieved results

- categorical models for programming languages: semantic methods for imperative languages,
- semantic modeling of recursive computations, the relationship of functions and their derivatives, the properties of categorical models of components and the relationships between them and denotational semantics for a new concatenative language,
- application of achieved results to teaching.

## Areas for future research

- modeling of component systems,
- semantic modeling for concatenative and some domain-specific languages,
- modeling of properties of mathematical objects,
- application of results in the field of construction of reliable programs.

Thank You for Your attention.