

A model of Stochastic Memoization & Name Generation

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Summary

1. Deterministic vs stochastic memoization
2. Memoization equations
3. Dataflow property & Higher-order functions
4. Representation theorems, random graphs
5. Rado topos and toposic Galois theory
6. Our categorical model
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 2. Probabilistic local state monad

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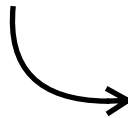
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- Dynamic programming (variation on laziness)
- Over pure functions: “just” a speed-up (no semantic change)

  Beware of recursion!

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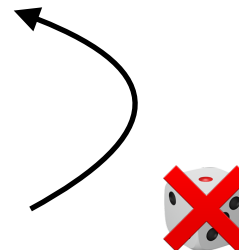
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<https://lazypp1.bitbucket.io>

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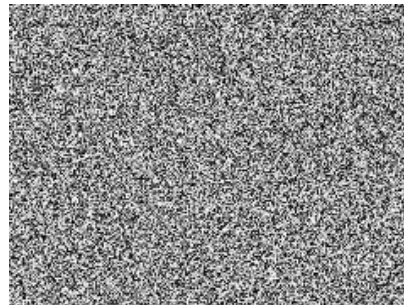
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- in practical **probabilistic programming**
(Church, WebPPL, Hansei, etc)

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1  memoize :: (a → Prob b) → Prob (a → b)
```

Stochastic Memoization

Finite Domain a

No problem!



```
1 memoize :: (Bool → Prob b) → Prob (Bool → b)
2 memoize (f :: Bool → Prob b) = do
3   fTrue ← f True
4   fFalse ← f False
5   return (\case
6     True → fTrue
7     False → fFalse)
```

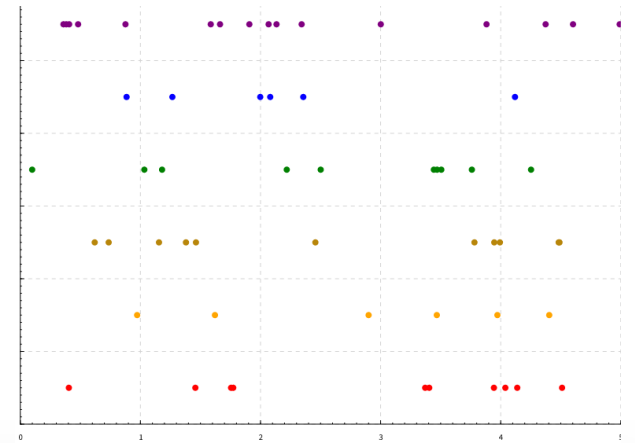
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Countable Domain a

Laziness trick

Example: Poisson Point Process

Sample all the (exp distributed)
interoccurrence times at once



```
1 poissonPPMemo :: Double → Double → Prob [Double]
2 poissonPPMemo lower rate = do
3   intervals ← memoize $ \( _ :: Int) → exponential rate
4   return $ scanl (+) lower $ map intervals [1..]
```

Stochastic Memoization

Uncountable Domain?

Open problem!

Memoization equations

Notation: if f is of the form $\lambda x. u$, memoize (f) is written $\lambda_n x. u$.

$$\begin{array}{l} f \leftarrow \lambda_n x. u \\ f \ n \end{array} \quad \text{one sample} \quad \underline{=} \quad u[n/x]$$

$$\begin{array}{l} f \leftarrow \lambda_n x. u \\ v_1 \leftarrow f \ n \\ w \leftarrow f \ m \\ v_2 \leftarrow f \ n \\ \text{return } (v_1, w, v_2) \end{array} \quad \text{several samples} \quad \underline{=} \quad \begin{array}{l} v \leftarrow u[n/x] \\ w \leftarrow u[m/x] \\ \text{return } (v, w, v) \end{array}$$

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```
1 do { x ← t; y ← u; return (x,y) }  
2      =  
3 do { y ← u; x ← t; return (x,y) }
```



```
1 do { x ← t; return () }  
2      =  
3      return ()
```

Program lines can be **reordered** and **discarded** if dataflow is preserved.

Kock, Synthetic Measure Theory, 2011



The monad is **commutative** and **affine**.



The Kleisli category is a **semi-cartesian monoidal** category.

e.g. Cho, Jacobs MSCS 2019
Fritz, Adv Math 2021 (Markov categories)



In probability: **Fubini theorem** and **marginalisation/normalisation** of probability measures

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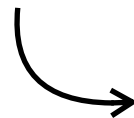
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BUT

Memoization **validates** dataflow

- Not *intrinsically* stateful
- *rather*: linked to pure probability theory



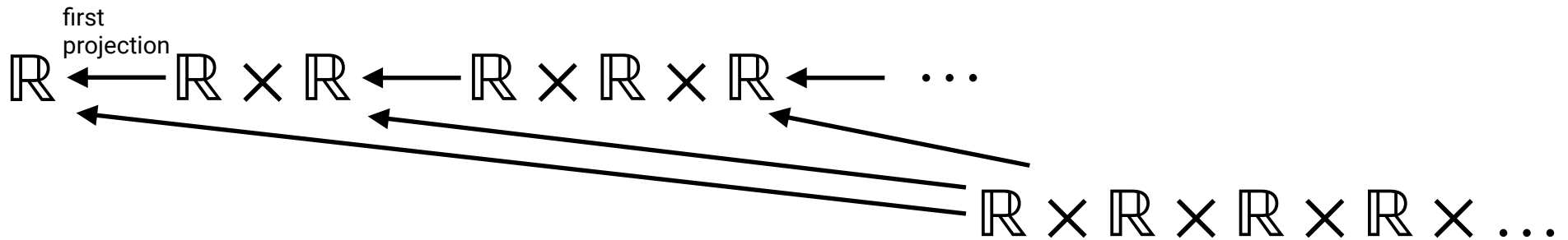
*cf. Kolmogorov's extension theorem
Pólya's Urn*

Kolmogorov extension

In traditional probability theory:

Kolmogorov extension: TFAE:

a consistent family of finite dimensional probability distributions;
an infinite dimensional probability distribution.



 **Problem:** only give a measure on the product space,
we want *function spaces*

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Heunen, Kammar, Staton, Yang. LICS 2017

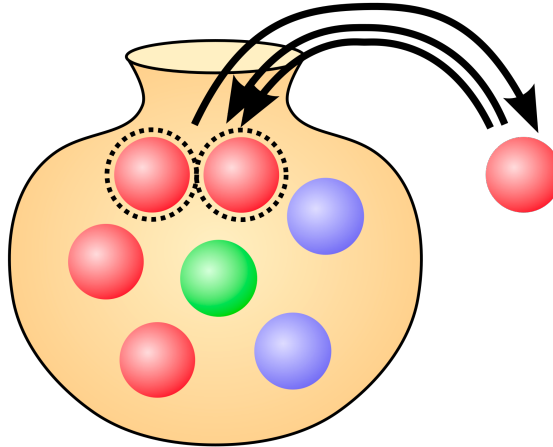
Open problem

Find a model of probability with

- stochastic memoization
- dataflow property, and
- function spaces.

Pólya's Urn and de Finetti

Staton, Stein, Yang, Ackermann,
Freer, Roy, ICALP 2018



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1 newtype Polya = Polya (IORef (Int, Int))
2
3 instance BinProcess (Int, Int) Polya where
4   new (i, j) = return
5     $ Polya $ unsafePerformIO
6     $ newIORef (i, j)
7   get (Polya ref) = do
8     let (i, j) = unsafePerformIO
9       $ readIORef ref
10    b ← bernoulli
11    (fromIntegral i / fromIntegral (i + j))
12    if b then return
13      $ unsafePerformIO
14      $ writeIORef ref (i + 1, j)
15      >> return True
16    else return
17      $ unsafePerformIO
18      $ writeIORef ref (i, j + 1)
19      >> return False
```

=



```
1 newtype BetaBern = BetaBern Double
2
3 instance BinProcess (Int, Int) BetaBern where
4   new (i, j) = do
5     θ ← beta (fromIntegral i)
6           (fromIntegral j)
7     return $ BetaBern θ
8   get (BetaBern θ) = bernoulli θ
```

Random graphs: memoization for representation theorems

Aldous-Hoover (2-dimensional de Finetti)
for exchangeable simple random graphs

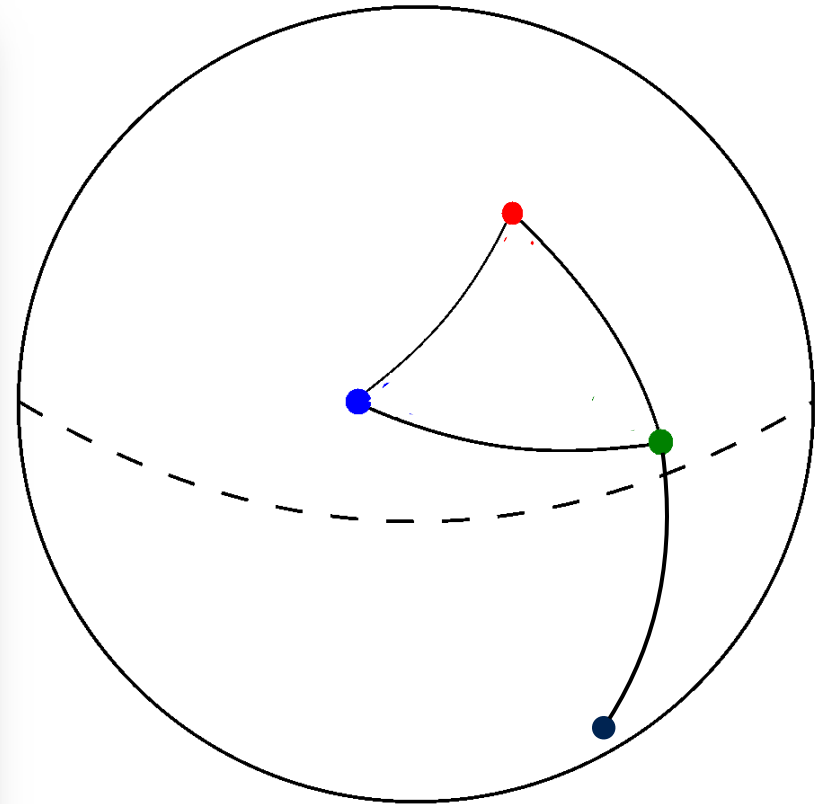


```
1 class RandomGraph g where
2   type Graph g
3   data Vertex g
4   newGraph :: g → Prob (Graph g)
5   newVertex :: Graph g → Prob (Vertex g)
6   isEdge :: Graph g → Vertex g → Vertex g → Bool
```

Random graphs: geometric graphs



```
1 data GeomGraph = GeomGraph Int Double
2
3 instance RandomGraph GeomGraph where
4   type Graph GeomGraph = GeomGraph
5   data Vertex GeomGraph = GGV [Double]
6   newGraph g = return g
7   newVertex (GeomGraph dim _) =
8     GGV <$> replicateM
9       dim uniform
10  isEdge (GeomGraph _ neighRadius) x y =
11    distance x y < neighRadius
```



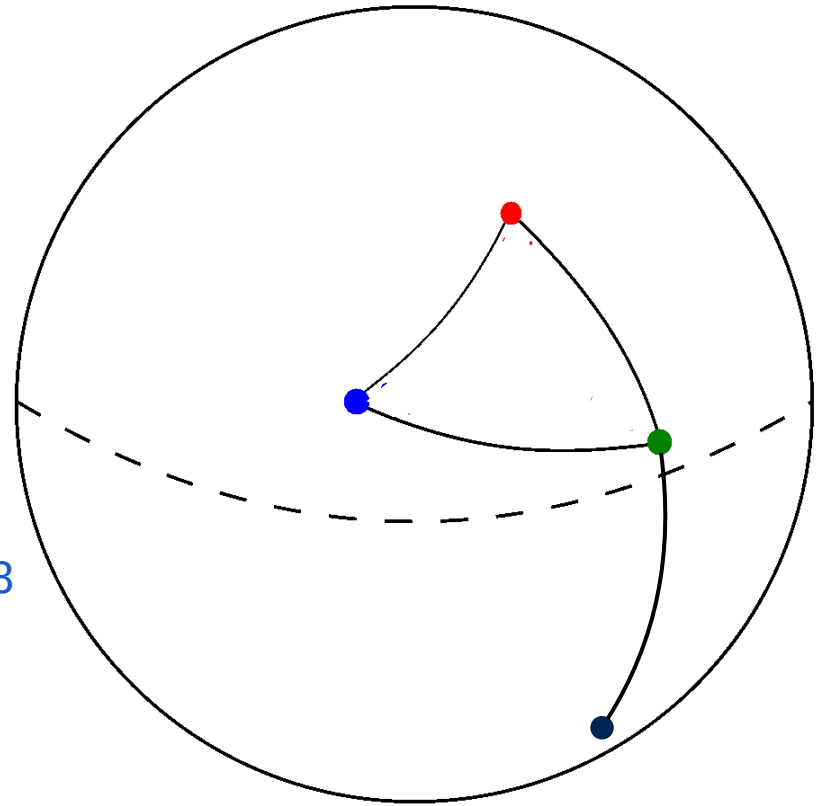
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`newVertex` = uniform S_n

`isEdge(p,q)` = if $d(p,q) < \pi/2$ then True else False

```
p <- newVertex
q <- newVertex      = bernoulli 1/2
isEdge(p,q)
```

```
p <- newVertex
q <- newVertex
r <- newVertex       $\xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty}$  bernoulli 1/8
is-edge(p,q)
&& is-edge(q,r)
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```



Random graphs: Rado/Erdős-Rényi graph

Limiting case, when $n \rightarrow \infty$

Can be implemented with `memoize`

```
1  newtype Graphon = G ((Double, Double) → Double)
2
3  instance RandomGraph Graphon where
4      type Graph Graphon = (Double, Double) → Bool
5      data Vertex Graphon = V Double
6      newGraph (G graphon) = memoize $ bernoulli . graphon
7      newVertex _ = V <$> uniform
8      isEdge g (V x) (V y) = g (x, y)
```

Staton: if exchangeable, up to contextual equivalence,
it is the *only* implementation

Rado topos

Staton: Graphons $[0,1]^2 \rightarrow [0,1]$ are in one-to-one correspondence with *internal* probability measures $2^V \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ for which the Fubini theorem holds.

$$\mathrm{Sh}(\mathrm{FinGrph}_{emb}^{\mathrm{op}}, J_{at}) \simeq \mathrm{Cont}(\mathrm{Aut}(R))$$

Toposic Galois approach

Rado graph = Fraïssé limit of the amalgamation class of finite graphs and embeddings $\rightarrow$ Ultrahomogeneous structure

Fraïssé, 1950s.

For more general module interfaces:

1. Start with the signature of a countable first-order language L
2. Consider the category $\mathbb{C}$ of finitely generated L -structures and embeddings.
3. If $\mathcal{C} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{ob}(\mathbb{C})$ is a suitable amalgamation class with Fraïssé limit M , when do we have

$$\text{Sh}(\mathbb{C}^{\text{op}}, J_{at}) \simeq \text{Cont}(\text{Aut}(M)) \quad ?$$

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⇒ We work in the category of covariant **(pre)sheaves on** the category of **finite bigraphs and embeddings**

$$\llbracket F \rrbracket = \mathbf{BiGrph}_{emb}(\circ, -) \quad \llbracket A \rrbracket = \mathbf{BiGrph}_{emb}(\bullet, -)$$

Memo-nominal sets

Similarly to *nominal sets* (toposic Galois for empty theory):

Gabbay, Pitts. e.g. FACS 2002
Pitts' book, CUP 2013.
Stark 1994

```
mem-bernoulli p :: Prob (Atoms -> Bool)
fresh :: Prob Atoms
```

Two sorts of atoms: $\mathbb{F}$, $\mathbb{A}$.

Infinite memo table that embeds every finite memo table and allows extension (ultrahomogeneous)

Now reformulate nominal sets using automorphisms of this memo table.

e.g. Bojanczyk, Klin, Lasota,
LMCS 2014

$\mathbb{F}$ labelling functions

$\mathbb{A}$ labelling arguments

x	f0 x	f1 x	f2 x	f3 x
0	0	1	0	0
1	1	1	0	1
2	0	0	0	1
3	0	1	1	1
4	0	1	1	1
5	0	1	0	1

$\mathbb{F} \times \mathbb{A} \rightarrow 2$ memo table

$\mathbb{F} \subseteq [\mathbb{A} \rightarrow 2]$, currying

Theorem. MemoNom is a sheaf subcategory of **[FinBiGrph, Set]**.

cf Caramello 2008,
Caramello & Lafforgue, JGL 2019

Simplified language

Values:

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, x : A \Vdash x : A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \Vdash v : A \quad \Gamma \Vdash w : B}{\Gamma \Vdash (v, w) : A \times B} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{true} : \text{bool}} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{false} : \text{bool}}$$

Computations:

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash v : A}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{return}(v) : A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \Vdash u : A \quad \Gamma, x : A \Vdash t : B}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{let val } x \leftarrow u \text{ in } t : B}$$

Matching:

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash v : \text{bool} \quad \Gamma \Vdash u : A \quad \Gamma \Vdash t : A}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{if } v \text{ then } u \text{ else } t : A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \Vdash v : A \times B \quad \Gamma, x : A, y : B \Vdash t : C}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{match } v \text{ as } (x, y) \text{ in } t : C}$$

Language-specific commands:

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{flip}() : \text{bool}} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \Vdash \text{fresh}() : \mathbb{A}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \Vdash v : \mathbb{A} \quad \Gamma \Vdash w : \mathbb{A}}{\Gamma \Vdash (v = w) : \text{bool}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Vdash v : \mathbb{F} \quad \Gamma \Vdash w : \mathbb{A}}{\Gamma \Vdash (v @ w) : \text{bool}} \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : \mathbb{A} \Vdash u : \text{bool}}{\Gamma \Vdash \lambda_{\mathfrak{n}} x. u : \mathbb{F}}$$

Name generation, probabilistic effects, memoization

Probabilistic local state monad

Theorem.

c.f. Plotkin Power FOSSACS 2002.
Kaddar, Staton, ongoing.

$$\text{Prob}(X)(g) := \left(\text{FinProb} \int^{g \hookrightarrow h} \left(X(h) \times [0, 1]^{(h-g)\mathbb{F}} \right) \right)^{[0,1]^{g\mathbb{F}}}$$

defines a commutative affine monad.

$$T(X)(g \xrightarrow{\iota} g') = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(P_{\mathbb{f}} \int^{g \hookrightarrow h} X(h) \times [0, 1]^{(h-g)_L} \right)^{[0,1]^{g_L}} \longrightarrow \left(P_{\mathbb{f}} \int^{g' \hookrightarrow h'} X(h') \times [0, 1]^{(h'-g')_L} \right)^{[0,1]^{g'_L}} \\ \vartheta \longmapsto \lambda' \mapsto \text{let } \vartheta(\lambda' \iota_L) = \langle \vec{p} \mid [x_h, \lambda^h]_g \rangle_h \text{ in } \langle \vec{p} \mid [X(h \hookrightarrow h \amalg_g g')(x_h), \lambda^h]_{g'} \rangle_h \end{array} \right.$$

Gives a denotational semantics to our language

Denotational semantics

Denotation of $\Gamma \models \text{fresh}() : \mathbb{A}$

The map $\llbracket \text{fresh} \rrbracket_g : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket(g) \rightarrow T(\llbracket \mathbb{A} \rrbracket)(g)$ randomly chooses connections to each left node according to the state of biases, and makes a fresh right node with those connections.

$$\llbracket \text{fresh} \rrbracket_g : \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2^k \times \mathbf{BiGrph}_{emb}(\circ, g)^\ell \times \mathbf{BiGrph}_{emb}(\bullet, g)^m \longrightarrow P_{\mathbf{f}}(g_R + 2^{g_L})^{[0,1]^{g_L}} \\ -, -, - \mapsto \lambda \mapsto \left\langle \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{f \in g_L} \lambda(f)^{E^h(f, a_h(\bullet))} (1 - \lambda(f))^{1 - E^h(f, a_h(\bullet))} \left| \left[\underbrace{\bullet}_{\cong (h-g)_R} \xrightarrow{a_h} h, ! \right]_g \right\rangle_{h \in R_g} \right\} \end{array} \right.$$

where Z is a normalization constant.

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Denotation of $\Gamma \models \lambda_{\mathfrak{D}} x. u : \mathbb{F}$

As $\lambda_{\mathfrak{D}}$ -abstractions are formed based on computation judgements of the form $\Gamma, x : \mathbb{A} \models u : \text{bool}$, we first note that

$$T(\llbracket \text{bool} \rrbracket)_g \cong P_{\mathfrak{f}}(2)^{[0,1]^{g_L}} \cong [0,1]^{[0,1]^{g_L}}$$

$$\llbracket \lambda_{\mathfrak{D}} x. u \rrbracket_g : \begin{cases} 2^k \times \mathbf{BiGrph}_{emb}(\circ, g)^\ell \times \mathbf{BiGrph}_{emb}(\bullet, g)^m \longrightarrow P_{\mathfrak{f}}(g_L + 2^{g_R} \times [0,1])^{[0,1]^{g_L}} \\ b^k, \begin{matrix} (\circ \xrightarrow{\kappa_i} g)_i, \\ (\bullet \xrightarrow{\tau_j} g)_j \end{matrix} \mapsto \lambda \mapsto \left\langle \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{a \in g_R} p_a^{E^h(\mathfrak{f}_h(\circ), a)} (1 - p_a)^{1 - E^h(\mathfrak{f}_h(\circ), a)} \left| \left[\underbrace{\circ}_{\cong (h-g)_L} \xrightarrow{\mathfrak{f}_h} h, - \mapsto \tilde{p} \right]_g \right\rangle_{h \in L_g} \end{cases}$$

where Z is a normalization constant, and

- for every $a \in g_R$, $p_a := \llbracket u \rrbracket_g(b^k, (\circ \xrightarrow{\kappa_i} g)_i, (\bullet \xrightarrow{\tau_j} g)_j, \bullet \xrightarrow{a} g, \lambda)$
- $\tilde{p} := \llbracket u \rrbracket_g(b^k, (\circ \xrightarrow{\kappa_i} g \xrightarrow{\iota_1} g + \bullet)_i, (\bullet \xrightarrow{\tau_j} g \xrightarrow{\iota_1} g + \bullet)_j, \bullet \xrightarrow{\iota_2} g + \bullet, \lambda)$ where ι_1, ι_2 are the coprojections.

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4. Representation theorems, random graphs
5. Rado topos and toposic Galois theory
6. Our categorical model
 1. Bigraph topos
 2. Probabilistic local state monad

Other approaches

Operational semantics

Configurations:

$\langle e, \quad \rangle$

expression

x	f0	f1	f2	f3	f4
0	0	1	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	1	0
2	0	0	0	1	1
3	0	1	1	1	1
4	0	1	1	1	0
5	0	1	0	1	1
6	0	0	0	1	1

memo table +
closure for each column

Sound for our denotational semantics, but works more generally.

Operational techniques to show dataflow property?