

THE (Π, λ) -STRUCTURES ON THE C-SYSTEMS DEFINED BY UNIVERSE CATEGORIES

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ABSTRACT. We define the notion of a (P, \tilde{P}) -structure on a universe p in a locally cartesian closed category with a binary product structure and construct a (Π, λ) -structure on the C-systems $CC(\mathcal{C}, p)$ from a (P, \tilde{P}) -structure on p .

We then define homomorphisms of C-systems with (Π, λ) -structures and functors of universe categories with (P, \tilde{P}) -structures and show that our construction is functorial relative to these definitions.

1. Introduction

The concept of a C-system in its present form was introduced in [10]. The type of the C-systems is constructively equivalent to the type of contextual categories defined by Cartmell in [1] and [2] but the definition of a C-system is slightly different from Cartmell’s foundational definition.

In this paper, which extends the series started with [8], [9] and [11], we continue to consider what might be the most important structure on C-systems - the structure that corresponds, for the syntactic C-systems, to the operations of dependent product, λ -abstraction and application. The first C-system formulation of this structure was introduced by John Cartmell in [1, pp. 3.37 and 3.41] as a part of what he called a strong M.L. structure. It was later studied by Thomas Streicher in [5, p.71] who called a C-system (contextual category) together with such a structure a “contextual category with products of families of types”.

In [9] we introduced an alternative formulation of this structure that we called a (Π, λ) -structure and constructed a bijection between the sets of Cartmell-Streicher structures and (Π, λ) -structures on any C-system CC .

In this paper we consider the case of C-systems of the form $CC(\mathcal{C}, p)$ introduced in [8]. They are defined, in a functorial way, by a category \mathcal{C} with a final object and a morphism $p : \tilde{U} \rightarrow U$ together with the choice of pullbacks of p along all morphisms in \mathcal{C} . A morphism with such choices is called a universe in \mathcal{C} . As a corollary of general functoriality we obtain a construction of isomorphisms that connect the C-systems $CC(\mathcal{C}, p)$ corresponding to different choices of pullbacks and different choices of final objects. It allows us to use the

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notation $CC(\mathcal{C}, p)$ that only mentions \mathcal{C} and p .

In [11] a number of results about presheaves on universe categories and on the C-systems $CC(\mathcal{C}, p)$ has been established. These results are of general nature and do not refer to the (Π, λ) -structures. However, they are highly useful for the constructions such as the one presented in this paper.

The main result of the paper - Construction 2.4, produces a (Π, λ) -structure on $CC(\mathcal{C}, p)$ from what we call a (P, \tilde{P}) -structure on p and what is, in essence, two morphisms in \mathcal{C} completing two other morphisms to a pullback. Its combination with the construction of [9], without the part that concerns the bijection, was originally stated in [7, Proposition 2] with a sketch of a proof given in the 2009 version of [6]. It and the ideas that it is based on are among the most important ingredients of the construction of the univalent model of the Martin-Lof type theory in Kan simplicial sets.

In view of Lemma 2.6, Construction 2.4 can be used not only to construct the (Π, λ) -structures on C-systems, but also to prove that such structures do not exist. It is possible, that a similar technique may be used with other systems of inference rules of type theory, for example, to show that for a given universe p no model of a given kind of higher inductive types exists on $CC(\mathcal{C}, p)$.

In the following section we define homomorphisms of C-systems with (Π, λ) -structures and functors of universe categories with (P, \tilde{P}) -structures and show, in Theorem 3.3, that our construction is functorial relative to these definitions.

Theorem 3.3 is interesting also in that its proof indirectly uses almost all results of [11]. On the other hand, modulo these results, the proof is very short and straightforward.

The (Π, λ) -structures correspond to the $(\Pi, \lambda, app, \beta, \eta)$ -system of inference rules. In [9, Remark 4.4] we outline the definitions of classes of structures that correspond to the similar systems but without the β - or η -rules. Such structures appear as natural variations of the (Π, λ) -structures. The results of the present paper admit straightforward modifications needed to construct and sometimes classify such partial (Π, λ) -structures on C-systems of the form $CC(\mathcal{C}, p)$.

One may wonder how the construction of this paper relates to the earlier ideas of Seely [4] and their refinement by Clairambault and Dybjer [3]. This question requires further study.

The methods of this paper are fully constructive and, in fact, almost entirely essentially algebraic.

The paper is written in the same formalization-ready style as the previous ones. The main intended base for its formalization is Zermelo-Fraenkel theory. However, it can also be formalized in the existing formal systems for the univalent foundations such as the UniMath.

Because of the importance of constructions for this paper we continue to use a special pair of names Problem-Construction for the specification of the goal of a construction and the description of the particular solution.

We also continue to use the diagrammatic order of writing compositions of morphisms, i.e., for $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ the composition of f and g is denoted by $f \circ g$. This

rule applies to functions between sets, morphisms in categories, functors etc.

For a functor $\Phi : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}'$, we let Φ° denote the functor $PreShv(\mathcal{C}') \rightarrow PreShv(\mathcal{C})$ given by the pre-composition with a functor $\Phi^{op} : \mathcal{C}^{op} \rightarrow (\mathcal{C}')^{op}$, that is,

$$\Phi^\circ(F)(X) = F(\Phi(X))$$

In the literature this functor is denoted both by Φ^* and Φ_* and we decided to use a new unambiguous notation instead.

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2. From (P, \tilde{P}) - to (Π, λ) -structures – the construction

In this section we describe a method of constructing (Π, λ) -structures on C-systems of the form $CC(\mathcal{C}, p)$ where \mathcal{C} is a locally cartesian closed universe category (\mathcal{C}, p) with a binary product structure.

Let us recall the following definition from [9]:

2.1. DEFINITION. *Let CC be a C-system. A pre- (Π, λ) -structure on CC is a pair of morphisms of presheaves*

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi &: \mathcal{O}b_2 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}b_1 \\ \lambda &: \tilde{\mathcal{O}}b_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{O}}b_1 \end{aligned}$$

such that the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \tilde{\mathcal{O}}b_2 & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & \tilde{\mathcal{O}}b_1 \\ \partial \downarrow & & \downarrow \partial \\ \mathcal{O}b_2 & \xrightarrow{\Pi} & \mathcal{O}b_1 \end{array} \quad (1)$$

commutes.

A pre- (Π, λ) -structure is called a (Π, λ) -structure if the square (1) is a pullback.

The functors I_p used in the following definition are defined in [11, Sec. 2.6].

2.2. DEFINITION. *Let \mathcal{C} be a locally cartesian closed category with a binary product structure and $p : \tilde{U} \rightarrow U$ a universe in \mathcal{C} . A pre- (P, \tilde{P}) -structure on p is a pair of morphisms*

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P} &: I_p(\tilde{U}) \rightarrow \tilde{U} \\ P &: I_p(U) \rightarrow U \end{aligned}$$

such that the square

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I_p(\tilde{U}) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{P}} & \tilde{U} \\ I_p(p) \downarrow & & \downarrow p \\ I_p(U) & \xrightarrow{P} & U \end{array} \quad (2)$$

commutes.

A pre- (P, \tilde{P}) -structure is called a (P, \tilde{P}) -structure if the square (2) is a pullback.

We will often say pre- P -structure (resp. P -structure) instead of pre- (P, \tilde{P}) -structure (resp. (P, \tilde{P}) -structure).

2.3. PROBLEM. Let (\mathcal{C}, p) be a locally cartesian closed universe category with a binary product structure. Let (P, \tilde{P}) be a pre- (P, \tilde{P}) -structure on p . To construct a pre- (Π, λ) -structure on $CC(\mathcal{C}, p)$.

2.4. CONSTRUCTION. Consider the diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 \tilde{\mathcal{O}}b_2 & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mu}_2} & \text{int}^\circ(Yo(I_p(\tilde{U}))) & \xrightarrow{\text{int}^\circ(Yo(\tilde{P}))} & \text{int}^\circ(Yo(\tilde{U})) & \xrightarrow{\mu_1^{-1}} & \tilde{\mathcal{O}}b_1 \\
 \partial \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{int}^\circ(Yo(I_p(p))) & & \downarrow \text{int}^\circ(Yo(p)) & & \downarrow \partial \\
 \mathcal{O}b_2 & \xrightarrow{\mu_2} & \text{int}^\circ(Yo(I_p(U))) & \xrightarrow{\text{int}^\circ(Yo(P))} & \text{int}^\circ(Yo(U)) & \xrightarrow{\mu_1^{-1}} & \mathcal{O}b_1
 \end{array} \quad (3)$$

where μ_n and $\tilde{\mu}_n$ are isomorphisms defined in [11, Sec. 2.6]. The left hand side and the right hand side squares of this diagram commute because the squares in [11, Problem 2.6.8] commute. The middle square commutes because the square (2) commutes and both Yo and int° are functors. Therefore, the outside rectangle commutes and we conclude that the pair of morphisms

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda &= \tilde{\mu}_2 \circ \text{int}^\circ(Yo(\tilde{P})) \circ \tilde{\mu}_1^{-1} \\
 \Pi &= \mu_2 \circ \text{int}^\circ(Yo(P)) \circ \mu_1^{-1}
 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

is a pre- (Π, λ) -structure on $CC(\mathcal{C}, p)$.

2.5. LEMMA. In the context of Construction 2.4, if (P, \tilde{P}) is a (P, \tilde{P}) -structure then the pre- (Π, λ) -structure constructed there is a (Π, λ) -structure.

PROOF. We need to show that the external square of the diagram (3) is a pullback.

Horizontal composition of pullbacks is a pullback. The left hand side square is a pullback because it is a commutative square with two parallel sides being isomorphisms. The right hand side square is a pullback for the same reason.

It remains to show that the middle square is pullback. This square is obtained by applying first the functor Yo and then the functor int° to the pullback square (2).

Our claim follows now from two facts:

1. the Yoneda functor $Yo : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{PreShv}(\mathcal{C})$ takes pullbacks to pullbacks,
2. for any functor $F : \mathcal{C}' \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$, the functor

$$F^\circ : \text{PreShv}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{PreShv}(\mathcal{C}')$$

of pre-composition with F^{op} , takes pullbacks to pullbacks.

We assume that these two facts are known. ■

There is an important class of cases when the function from (P, \tilde{P}) -structures on p to (Π, λ) -structures on $CC(\mathcal{C}, p)$ defined by Construction 2.4 is a bijection.

2.6. LEMMA. *Let (\mathcal{C}, p) be a universe category such that the functor*

$$Yo \circ \text{int}^\circ : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \text{PreShv}(CC(\mathcal{C}, p))$$

is fully faithful. Then the function from the pre- (P, \tilde{P}) -structures on p to the pre- (Π, λ) -structures on $CC(\mathcal{C}, p)$ defined by Construction 2.4 is a bijection.

Moreover, the restriction of this function to the function from (P, \tilde{P}) -structures to (Π, λ) -structures, which is defined in view of Lemma 2.5, is a bijection as well.

PROOF. Let

$$\tilde{\alpha} : \text{Mor}_{\text{PreShv}(CC(\mathcal{C}, p))}(\text{int}^\circ(Yo(I_p(\tilde{U}))), \text{int}^\circ(Yo(\tilde{U}))) \rightarrow \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}}(I_p(\tilde{U}), \tilde{U})$$

$$\alpha : \text{Mor}_{\text{PreShv}(CC(\mathcal{C}, p))}(\text{int}^\circ(Yo(I_p(U))), \text{int}^\circ(Yo(U))) \rightarrow \text{Mor}_{\mathcal{C}}(I_p(U), U)$$

be the inverses to $(Yo \circ \text{int}^\circ)_{I_p(\tilde{U}), \tilde{U}}$ and $(Yo \circ \text{int}^\circ)_{I_p(U), U}$ respectively.

Given a pre- (Π, λ) -structure (Π, λ) let

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{P} &= \tilde{\alpha}(\tilde{\mu}_2^{-1} \circ \lambda \circ \tilde{\mu}_1) \\ P &= \alpha(\mu_2^{-1} \circ \Pi \circ \mu_1) \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Then $\tilde{P} : I_p(\tilde{U}) \rightarrow \tilde{U}$ and $P : I_p(U) \rightarrow U$. Let S be the square that \tilde{P} and P form with $I_p(p)$ and p . Then the square $(Yo \circ \text{int}^\circ)(S)$ is of the form

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{int}^\circ(Yo(I_p(\tilde{U}))) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\mu}_2^{-1} \circ \lambda \circ \tilde{\mu}_1} & \text{int}^\circ(Yo(\tilde{U})) \\ \text{int}^\circ(Yo(I_p(p))) \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{int}^\circ(Yo(p)) \\ \text{int}^\circ(Yo(I_p(U))) & \xrightarrow{\mu_2^{-1} \circ \Pi \circ \mu_1} & \text{int}^\circ(Yo(U)) \end{array} \tag{6}$$

Since the left and right squares of (3) commute and their horizontal arrows are isomorphisms, the square $(Yo \circ \text{int}^\circ)(S)$ is isomorphic to the original square formed by Π and λ and as a square isomorphic to a commutative square is commutative. Since $Yo \circ \text{int}^\circ$ is faithful, that is, injective on morphisms between a given pair of objects we conclude that S is commutative, that is, (P, \tilde{P}) defined in (5) is a pre- (P, \tilde{P}) -structure.

One verifies immediately that the function from pre- (Π, λ) -structures to pre- (P, \tilde{P}) -structures that this construction defines is both left and right inverse to the function defined by Construction 2.4.

Assume now that we started with a (Π, λ) -structure. Then the square $(Yo \circ \text{int}^\circ)(S)$ is isomorphic to a pullback and therefore is a pullback. By our assumption, the functor $Yo \circ \text{int}^\circ$ is fully-faithful. Fully-faithful functors reflect pullbacks, that is, if the image of a square under a fully-faithful functor is a pullback then the original square is a pullback.

We conclude that both the direct and the inverse bijections map the subsets of (P, \tilde{P}) -structures and (Π, λ) -structures to each other. Therefore, e.g. by [9, Lemma 5.1], the restrictions of the total bijections to these subsets are bijections as well.

The lemma is proved. ■

2.7. **PROBLEM.** *Let (\mathcal{C}, p) be a universe category.*

To construct a function from the set of (P, \tilde{P}) -structures on p to the set of structures of products of families of types on $CC(\mathcal{C}, p)$.

To show that if the functor $Y \circ \text{int}^\circ$ is fully faithful then this function is a bijection.

2.8. **CONSTRUCTION.** The required function is the composition of the function of Construction 2.4 with the construction for [9, Problem 4.5] described in that paper.

2.9. **REMARK.** One can define a mixed (P, \tilde{P}) -structure (or pre- (P, \tilde{P}) -structure) as follows:

2.10. **DEFINITION.** *Let \mathcal{C} be an lcc category and let $p_i : \tilde{U}_i \rightarrow U_i$, $i = 1, 2, 3$ be three morphisms in \mathcal{C} . A (P, \tilde{P}) -structure on (p_1, p_2, p_3) is a pullback of the form*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I_{p_1}(\tilde{U}_2) & \xrightarrow{\tilde{P}} & \tilde{U}_3 \\ I_{p_1(p_2)} \downarrow & & \downarrow p_3 \\ I_{p_1}(U_2) & \xrightarrow{P} & U_3 \end{array} \quad (7)$$

Then a (P, \tilde{P}) -structure on p is a (P, \tilde{P}) -structure on (p, p, p) . This concept can be used to construct universes in C-systems that participate in impredicative (Π, λ) -structures.

3. From (P, \tilde{P}) - to (Π, λ) -structures – the functoriality

Recall that in [9, pp. 1067-68] we have constructed, for any homomorphism $H : CC \rightarrow CC'$ of C-systems, and any $n \geq 0$, natural transformations

$$H\mathcal{O}b_n : \mathcal{O}b_i \rightarrow H^\circ(\mathcal{O}b_i)$$

where for $\Gamma \in CC$ and $T \in \mathcal{O}b_i(\Gamma)$ one has

$$H\mathcal{O}b_n(T) = H_{Ob}(T)$$

and

$$H\tilde{\mathcal{O}}b_n : \tilde{\mathcal{O}}b_i \rightarrow H^\circ(\tilde{\mathcal{O}}b_i)$$

where for $\Gamma \in CC$ and $o \in \tilde{\mathcal{O}}b_n(\Gamma)$ one has

$$H\tilde{\mathcal{O}}b_n(o) = H_{Mor}(o)$$

3.1. DEFINITION. Let $H : CC \rightarrow CC'$ be a homomorphism of C-systems. Let (Π, λ) and (Π', λ') be pre- (Π, λ) -structures on CC and CC' respectively.

Then H is called a (Π, λ) -homomorphism if the following two squares commute

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{O}b_2 & \xrightarrow{\Pi} & \mathcal{O}b_1 \\ H\mathcal{O}b_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow H\mathcal{O}b_1 \\ H^\circ(\mathcal{O}b_2) & \xrightarrow{H^\circ(\Pi')} & H^\circ(\mathcal{O}b_1) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \widetilde{\mathcal{O}}b_2 & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & \widetilde{\mathcal{O}}b_1 \\ H\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}b_2 \downarrow & & \downarrow H\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}b_1 \\ H^\circ(\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}b_2) & \xrightarrow{H^\circ(\lambda')} & H^\circ(\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}b_1) \end{array}$$

If (Π, λ) and (Π', λ') are (Π, λ) -structures then H is called a (Π, λ) -homomorphism if it is a (Π, λ) -homomorphism with respect to the corresponding pre- (Π, λ) -structures.

Unfolding the definition of $H\mathcal{O}b_i$ and $H\widetilde{\mathcal{O}}b_i$ we see that H is a (Π, λ) -homomorphism if and only if for all $\Gamma \in CC$ one has

1. for all $T \in \mathcal{O}b_2(\Gamma)$ one has

$$H(\Pi_\Gamma(T)) = \Pi'_{H(\Gamma)}(H(T)) \quad (8)$$

2. for all $o \in \widetilde{\mathcal{O}}b_2(\Gamma)$ one has

$$H(\lambda_\Gamma(o)) = \lambda'_{H(\Gamma)}(H(o)) \quad (9)$$

The morphisms ξ and $\tilde{\xi}$ used in the following definition are defined in [11, Sec. 3.4].

3.2. DEFINITION. Let (\mathcal{C}, p) and (\mathcal{C}', p') be universe categories with locally cartesian closed and binary product structures and let $(P, \tilde{P}), (P', \tilde{P}')$ be pre- (P, \tilde{P}) -structures on p and p' respectively.

A universe category functor $\Phi = (\Phi, \phi, \tilde{\phi})$ is said to be a pre- (P, \tilde{P}) -functor relative to the structures (P, \tilde{P}) and (P', \tilde{P}') if the squares

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Phi(I_p(U)) & \xrightarrow{\Phi(P)} & \Phi(U) \\ \xi_{\Phi,1} \downarrow & & \downarrow \phi \\ I_{p'}(U') & \xrightarrow{P'} & U' \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \Phi(I_p(\tilde{U})) & \xrightarrow{\Phi(\tilde{P})} & \Phi(\tilde{U}) \\ \tilde{\xi}_{\Phi,1} \downarrow & & \downarrow \tilde{\phi} \\ I_{p'}(\tilde{U}') & \xrightarrow{\tilde{P}'} & \tilde{U}' \end{array} \quad (10)$$

commute.

If (P, \tilde{P}) and (P', \tilde{P}') are (P, \tilde{P}) -structures then Φ satisfying the above condition is called a (P, \tilde{P}) -functor.

3.3. THEOREM. *Let (\mathcal{C}, p) and (\mathcal{C}', p') be universe categories with locally cartesian closed and binary product structures. Let (P, \tilde{P}) and (P', \tilde{P}') be pre- (P, \tilde{P}) -structures on p and p' respectively.*

If $\Phi = (\Phi, \phi, \tilde{\phi})$ is a pre- (P, \tilde{P}) -universe category functor relative to (P, \tilde{P}) and (P', \tilde{P}') , then the homomorphism

$$H(\Phi, \phi, \tilde{\phi}) : CC(\mathcal{C}, p) \rightarrow CC(\mathcal{C}', p')$$

is a homomorphism of C -systems with pre- (Π, λ) -structures relative to the structures obtained from (P, \tilde{P}) and (P', \tilde{P}') by Construction 2.4.

PROOF. We have to show that for all $\Gamma \in Ob(CC(\mathcal{C}, p))$, $T \in Ob_2(\Gamma)$ and $o \in \widetilde{Ob}_2(\Gamma)$ the equalities (8) and (9) hold. We will prove the first equality. The proof of the second one is strictly parallel to the proof of the first. We have

$$\begin{aligned} H(\Pi(T)) &= \\ H(\mu_1^{-1}(\mu_2(T) \circ P)) &= \mu_1^{-1}(\psi(\Gamma) \circ \Phi(\mu_2(T) \circ P) \circ \xi_0) = \\ \mu_1^{-1}(\psi(\Gamma) \circ \Phi(\mu_2(T)) \circ \Phi(P) \circ \phi) &= \mu_1^{-1}(\psi(\Gamma) \circ \Phi(\mu_2(T)) \circ \xi_1 \circ P') = \mu_1^{-1}(\mu_2(H(T)) \circ P') = \\ &= \Pi'(H(T)) \end{aligned}$$

where the first equality holds by the definition of Π , the second by [11, Eq. 3.45], the third by the composition axiom of functor Φ and [11, Eq. 3.41], the fourth by the commutativity of (10), the fifth by [11, Eq. 3.43], and the sixth one by the definition of Π' . ■

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