

Mémoire proposal: Semantics of Dependent Linear Type Systems

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Prerequisite. A strong taste for denotational semantics is required. Additional notion of Linear Logic, advanced type systems, functional programming, category and/or static analysis are also welcomed.

Principle

The so called Dependent Linear type systems¹ are various type systems [5, 2, 6, 3] of similar structures which can be seen as specific but more expressive extensions of what we now call systems with graded comonads [4, 1]² and can statically specify strong extensional properties at type level.

Your objective will be to dissect those different systems and extract similitudes and differences, with a particular attention given to the denotational semantics.

The ultimate objective is not required for the internship, but may be part of a PhD thesis (already funded, see below). We are aiming at a unification of those article toward two directions : a parameterised semantics that can be plugged on each of these systems and that contains both flavours of linear logic and dependent type semantics; and a parameterised type system in the style of [4, 1], but with the expressiveness of dependency.

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¹The name, from Ugo Dal Lago, may be misleading as the dependency is not the exact dependency of CoC's (i.e. Agda/Coq's) dependent types, but a weaker resource dependency.

²In those article they are called BLL-like systems and quantitative coeffect.

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This *mémoire* can be followed by a PhD fully funded by the ANR CoGITARe on the thematic.

Type systems are used to automatically check security properties of large programs. CoGITARe's goal is to extend typing methodology to a large panel of properties currently unreachable by state-of-the-art techniques, enabling in particular the analysis of quantitative properties of programs.

We will develop a way to keep track of the extensional information inside types in order to perform the whole static analysis at the level of types. For this purpose, we will combine two (re)emerging type systems, namely graded types and intersection type systems, with the well established techniques from the field of abstract interpretation such as widening.

Graded type systems formally embed a first order structure within types, while intersection types will help to circumvent the unconditional non-compositionality of fine grained resource analyses. This is how we plan to tackle the long running problem of applying abstract interpretation result in functional programming.