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UNIVERSAL ALGEBRAIC SEMANTICS

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The purpose of the present work is two-fold: to offer a new algebraic approach for the development of a universal syntax and semantics of formal languages (both machine and logic oriented) and to define a new general notion of logic, called *universal logic*. The main motivation for introducing such logics is clearly expressed in Barwise's paper [Barw 85]: "...there are many topics [...] which are not usually considered part of extended model theory since they do not fit so well under the general framework that has been developed in abstract model theory. [...] the most glaring omission of this sort is work on the semantics and logic of computer languages. [...] in the long run, it seems that a unified view of logic and semantics will require us to come up with a framework that encompasses both fields, but we are far from such a conception at present."

Let U be a set of *sorts*. We say that A is a U -set if A is just a set with a *sort assignment*, which is a function $s_A: A \rightarrow U$. The set $A_u = \{a \in A : s_A(a) = u\}$ is called set of elements of sort u . If A and B are U -sets, then a U -map is a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ such that $s_B \circ f = s_A$. If A and B are U -sets, it is convenient to denote by A^B or $(A \rightarrow B)$ the set of all the U -maps from A into B .

1. Definition. An α -dimensional domain F of formulas is a quintuple $\langle U, \alpha, L, \tau, \sigma \rangle$ such that

- (i) U is a set of sorts;
- (ii) α is a U -ordinal, called set of variables;
- (iii) L is a set, called set of formulas. Given a formula F , the U -ordinal ρF is called rank of F ;
- (iv) Given a formula F , $\tau(F) = \tau_F: \rho F \rightarrow \alpha$ is a U -map called assignment;
- (v) Given a U -map $\delta \in {}^\alpha \alpha$, $\sigma(\delta) = \sigma_\delta: L \rightarrow L$ is a partial map called substitution.

The following axioms are satisfied for every $F, G \in L$ and $\varepsilon, \gamma, \delta \in {}^\alpha \alpha$:

- (a) If σ_δ is defined on F (hereto denoted by $\sigma_\delta \downarrow F$), then $\tau_{\sigma_\delta F} = \delta \circ \tau_F$;
- (b) If $\gamma \circ \tau_F = \delta \circ \tau_F$, then $\sigma_\gamma F = \delta \downarrow \sigma_\delta F$; (Refer to the list of notation for the definition of $\delta \downarrow$);
- (c) $\sigma_{id} F = F$ ($id: \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ is the identity function);
- (d) $\sigma_{\gamma \circ \delta} = \sigma_\gamma \circ \sigma_\delta$;
- (e) If $\sigma_\gamma \downarrow F$, $\sigma_\varepsilon \downarrow F$ and $\tau_{\sigma_\gamma F} = \delta \circ \tau_{\sigma_\varepsilon F}$, then $\sigma_{\delta \circ \varepsilon} F = \sigma_\gamma F$;
- (f) If $\sigma_{\delta_1} F = \sigma_{\delta_2} G$ for two substitutions σ_{δ_1} and σ_{δ_2} , then there exist $H \in L$ and $\sigma_{\gamma_1}, \sigma_{\gamma_2}$ such that $\sigma_{\gamma_1} H = F$ and $\sigma_{\gamma_2} H = G$. ♦

Each element $F \in L$ is called *formula* of rank ρF . If $\tau_F(\lambda) = \kappa$, the variable v_κ is said to *occur free* in the λ^{th} place of F . The interpretation of the axioms is straightforward: $\sigma_\delta F$ is the formula

obtained from F by substituting, for every $\kappa \in \alpha$, the variable v_κ with the variable $v_{\delta(\kappa)}$.

The following definition introduces a binary relation δ on L , which expresses the property: "to have the same predicate symbol".

2. Definition. Let $F, G \in L$. We say that F and G have the same predicate symbol and we write $F\delta G$ iff there exist a formula H and two substitutions $\sigma_\delta, \sigma_\gamma$ such that $\sigma_\delta H = F$ and $\sigma_\gamma H = G$. ♦

Each equivalence class $[F]_\delta$ is said to be a *predicate symbol*. If $G \in [F]_\delta$, G is said to be a formula of predicate symbol $[F]_\delta$ and, if $\lambda = \tau_F$, we write $F = [F]_\delta(v \cdot \lambda)$.

3. Definition. A *logic signature* Δ of dimension α is a quintuple $\langle U, \alpha, \Sigma, \eta, \Xi \rangle$ where

- (a) U is a set of sorts;
- (b) α is a U -ordinal, called set of *variables*;
- (c) Σ is an ω -set, called set of *non-logical operators*;
- (d) Ξ is an ω -set, called set of *logical operators*;
- (e) For every operator f , $\eta(f)$ is the set of variables quantified by f . If $\langle i, \lambda \rangle \in \eta(f)$ ($\lambda \in \alpha$), we say that the logical operator f *quantifies* the variable v_λ in its i^{th} argument;
- (f) $\eta(f) = \emptyset$ for every non-logical operator $f \in \Sigma$.

The index $n \in \omega$ of an operator $f \in \Sigma \cup \Xi$ is its *arity* and, if $\eta(f) = \langle i_1, \lambda_1, \dots \rangle$, we call f a *quantifier on* $\langle i_1, \lambda_1, \dots \rangle$. ♦

Some variables are possibly quantified by an operator f because of Property (e). For example, the binary operation $h_{\kappa\lambda}$ defined by $h_{\kappa\lambda}(F_1, F_2) = \exists v_\kappa(F_1) \wedge \forall v_\lambda(F_2)$ where F_1 and F_2 are first-order formulas, is a simple example of quantifier on the variable v_κ in the first argument and on the variable v_λ in the second one.

4. Example

1. (*first-order signature*) Let $U = \{0\}$. The first-order signature $\Delta_{\omega\omega} = \langle U, \alpha, \eta, \Xi_{\omega\omega} \rangle$ of dimension α consists of the following logical operators: three sentential connectives: the *disjunction symbol* \vee , the *conjunction symbol* \wedge and the *negation symbol* \neg ; the *existential quantifiers* c_κ ($\kappa \in \alpha$), the *truth symbol* T_0 , the *falsehood symbol* F_0 and the *equality symbols* $d_{\kappa\mu}$ ($\mu, \kappa \in \alpha$). The logical operators have the following arity: $\Xi_0 = \{T_0, F_0, d_{\kappa\mu}, \dots\}$; $\Xi_1 = \{\neg, c_\kappa, \dots\}$; $\Xi_2 = \{\vee, \wedge\}$; $\eta(\neg) = \eta(\vee) = \eta(\wedge) = \eta(F_0) = \eta(T_0) = \eta(d_{\kappa\mu}) = \emptyset$; $\eta(c_\kappa) = \langle 1, \kappa \rangle$ for every κ .
2. (*λ -calculus signature*) Let $U = \{0\}$. The λ -calculus signature $\Delta_\lambda = \langle U, \alpha, \eta, \Xi_\lambda \rangle$ of dimension α consists of the following logical operators: the *projection symbols* π_κ ($\kappa \in \alpha$), the *λ -abstraction quantifiers* λ_κ ($\kappa \in \alpha$), and the *application symbol* App . The operators have the following arity: $\Xi_0 = \{\pi_\kappa, \dots\}$; $\Xi_1 = \{\lambda_\kappa, \dots\}$; $\Xi_2 = \{\text{App}\}$; $\eta(\text{App}) = \eta(\pi_\kappa) = \emptyset$; $\eta(\lambda_\kappa) = \langle 1, \kappa \rangle$ for every $\kappa \in \alpha$.
3. (*computer signature*) Let $U = \{0\}$. The computer signature $\Delta_c = \langle U, \alpha, \eta, \Xi_c \rangle$ of dimension α consists of the following logical operators: the *assignment symbols* $\text{assign}_{\kappa\mu}$ ($\mu, \kappa \in \alpha$), the *sequencing symbol* $;$, the *union symbol* \cup , the *star symbol* $*$, and the *test symbols* $?_{\kappa\mu}$ ($\mu, \kappa \in \alpha$). The operators have the following arity $\Xi_0 = \{\text{assign}_{\kappa\mu}, \dots, ?_{\kappa\mu}, \dots\}$; $\Xi_1 = \{*\}$;

$\Xi_2 = \{;, \cup\}$; $\eta(\text{assign}_{\kappa\mu}) = \eta(*) = \eta(;) = \eta(\cup) = \eta(?_{\kappa\mu}) = \emptyset$ for every $\mu, \kappa \in \alpha$. ♦

Let β be a subset of U -ordinal α . We call a U -function $\delta \in {}^\alpha\alpha$ *suitable for* β if $\delta(\lambda) = \lambda$ for every $\lambda \in \beta$, and $\delta(\lambda) \notin \beta$ if $\lambda \notin \beta$. In the sequel, we let " δ is suitable for the operator f " stand for " δ is suitable for $\{\lambda : \langle i, \lambda \rangle \in \eta(f) \text{ for some } i\}$ ".

5. Definition. Let Δ be a logic signature. By a Δ -*language* L of dimension α we understand a pair $\langle F, \mathcal{L} \rangle$ where F is an α -dimensional domain of formulas and \mathcal{L} is a $(\Sigma \cup \Xi)$ -algebra of carrier L (set of formulas). The following axioms are satisfied for every $f \in \Sigma \cup \Xi$, formulas $F_1, \dots, F_n \in L$ and function $\delta \in {}^\alpha\alpha$ suitable for f :

(a) *quantification property*: If $F = f(F_1, \dots, F_n)$, then

$\lambda \in \text{Rg } \tau_F$ iff there exists an i such that $\lambda \in \text{Rg } \tau_{F_i}$ and $\langle i, \lambda \rangle \in \eta(f)$;

(b) *endomorphism property*: Whenever $\sigma_\delta(f(F_1, \dots, F_n))$ is defined, then $f(\sigma_\delta F_1, \dots, \sigma_\delta F_n)$ is also defined and $\sigma_\delta(f(F_1, \dots, F_n)) = f(\sigma_\delta F_1, \dots, \sigma_\delta F_n)$. ♦

We generalize the standard notion of semantic domain or possible world so as to include those logics which deal with computer languages.

6. Definition. The set Tp of *derived types* is defined as follows:

1. $0 \in \text{Tp}$;
2. If $p \in \text{Tp}$, then $\text{Pow}(p) \in \text{Tp}$;
3. If $\{p_i \in \text{Tp} : i \in I\}$ is an I -indexed family of types, then $(\prod_{i \in I} p_i) \in \text{Tp}$. ♦

7. Definition. Let N be a U -set. Then the α -*ary generalized Cartesian space* p with base N associated with (or induced by) the type p is defined as follows:

- (i) 0 induces the Cartesian power ${}^\alpha N = \{x : x : \alpha \rightarrow N \text{ is a } U\text{-map, i.e. } x_\lambda \in N_\mu \text{ iff } s_\alpha(\lambda) = \mu\}$;
- (ii) if $p = \text{Pow}(p_0)$ and p_0 induces p_0 , then p induces $\text{Pow}_\emptyset(p_0)$ (i.e. $\text{Pow}(p_0) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$);
- (iii) if $p = (\prod_{i \in I} p_i)$ and p_i induces p_i ($i \in I$), then p induces $\prod_{i \in I} p_i$ (Cartesian product). ♦

If p is a type, p_N^α will denote the α -ary generalized Cartesian space with base N induced by p . When there is no ambiguity we write p^α for p_N^α . It is possible to give now the definition of possible world or semantic domain.

8. Definition. An α -*ary possible world* W with base N is the set $(p^\alpha \rightarrow A)$ of the functions, the domain of which is an α -ary generalized Cartesian space p^α with base N , and the range is a set A . ♦

For example, if $U = \omega$ and A is a set, then the ω -set N defined by $N_0 = A$; $N_n = \text{Pow}({}^n A)$ for every $n > 0$, is the base related to second-order logic. The possible world $(0^\omega \rightarrow \text{Bool}) = \text{Pow}({}^\omega N)$ is the semantic domain of second-order logic.

Let p^α be an α -ary generalized Cartesian space and $\beta \subseteq \alpha$ be a U -ordinal. The composition function $\cdot : p^\alpha \times \beta \rightarrow p^\beta$ and the restriction function \upharpoonright are defined as follows, for every element $x \in p^\alpha$, subset $\Gamma \subseteq \alpha$ and map $\lambda \in \beta^\alpha$:

- (1) $p = 0$ $x \cdot \lambda = x \cdot \lambda$; $\Gamma \upharpoonright x = \Gamma \upharpoonright x$;
- (2) $p = \text{Pow}(p_1)$ $x \cdot \lambda = \{y \cdot \lambda : y \in x\}$; $\Gamma \upharpoonright x = \{\Gamma \upharpoonright y : y \in x\}$;

$$(3) p = \prod_{i \in I} P_i \quad (x \cdot \lambda)_i = x_i \cdot \lambda \quad (i \in I); \quad (\Gamma \backslash x)_i = \Gamma \backslash x_i \quad (i \in I).$$

In what follows it is necessary to extend the *substitutions* also to possible worlds: $(\sigma_\delta Z)x = Z(x \cdot \delta)$ for every $Z \in (p^\alpha \rightarrow A)$, $x \in p^\alpha$ and $\delta \in \alpha_\alpha$.

The generalized cylindric operations Q_Γ ($\Gamma \subseteq \alpha$) on possible worlds can be defined (see [Sal 86]). These operations generalize the usual cylindric operations of polyadic set algebras to each possible world $(p^\alpha \rightarrow A)$: $Q_\Gamma(Z)$ is the generalized "cylinder" generated by translating Z parallel to the Γ^{th} axis of the space p^α . Furthermore, by using the following logical interpretation of generalized cylindrifications,

$Q_\Gamma(Z) = Z$ (i.e. Z is a Γ -cylinder) iff Z does not depend from the variables v_λ with $\lambda \in \Gamma$, the notions of semantic quantifier and interpretation morphism can be stated.

9. Definition. Let Δ be a logic signature and $W = (p^\alpha \rightarrow A)$ be a possible world with base N . Then we say that

(i) \underline{D} is a *weak semantic set Δ -algebra of dimension α with base N* (in symbols $\underline{D} \in WSS_{N,\Delta}$) provided that \underline{D} is a $(\Sigma \cup \Xi)$ -algebra, the universe of which is a possible world W with base N . \underline{D} has to verify the following conditions for every operator $f \in \Sigma \cup \Xi$, $Z_1, \dots, Z_n \in W$, and function $\delta \in \alpha_\alpha$ suitable for f :

(a) *endomorphism set property:*

$$\sigma_\delta[f(Z_1, \dots, Z_n)] = f(\sigma_\delta Z_1, \dots, \sigma_\delta Z_n);$$

(b) *quantification set property:* let Γ be a subset of α , let $\Gamma_i = \{\lambda \in \Gamma : \langle i, \lambda \rangle \notin \eta(f)\}$, and let

$$Q_{\Gamma_i} Z_i = Z_i \text{ for every } i=1, \dots, n. \text{ Then } Q_\Gamma f(Z_1, \dots, Z_n) = f(Z_1, \dots, Z_n)$$

(ii) \underline{D} is a *semantic set Δ -algebra of dimension α with base N* (in symbols $\underline{D} \in SS_{N,\Delta}$) provided that $\underline{D} = \langle D, f, \dots, Q_\Gamma, \dots, \sigma_\delta, \dots \rangle_{\Gamma \subseteq \alpha, \delta \in \alpha_\alpha}$ and the reduct $\langle D, f, \dots \rangle$ is a weak semantic set Δ -algebra with base N . ♦

Remark. Quantification set property clarifies the notion of semantic quantifier. If

- the sets $Z_1, \dots, Z_{i-1}, Z_{i+1}, \dots, Z_n$ does not depend from the variable v_λ (that is, $Q_{\{\lambda\}} Z_k = Z_k$ for every $k \neq i$),
- the set Z_i depends from the variable v_λ (that is, $Q_{\{\lambda\}} Z_i \neq Z_i$), and
- the operator f quantifies the variable v_λ in the i^{th} argument, then $f(Z_1, \dots, Z_n)$ does not depend from v_λ (that is, $Q_{\{\lambda\}} f(Z_1, \dots, Z_n) = f(Z_1, \dots, Z_n)$). ♦

10. Example.

(a) (*Existential quantifier*) The cylindric operation $C_\lambda : \text{Pow}(\alpha A) \rightarrow \text{Pow}(\alpha A)$, defined by $C_\lambda(Z) = \{x \in \alpha A : x[\lambda/d] \in Z \text{ for some } d \in A\}$ is a semantic quantifier which quantifies the variable v_λ (see E.4.(1)).

(b) (*λ -abstraction*) A triple $\langle A, \times, \psi \rangle$ is called a *λ -calculus algebra* if

- $\langle A, \times \rangle$ is an applicative structure (that is, A is a set and \times is a binary operation on A).

• $\psi : (A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A$ is a function verifying the condition $\psi(f) \times a = f(a)$ for every $a \in A$ and every function $f \in (A \rightarrow A)$ representable in $\langle A, \times \rangle$. A function $f : A \rightarrow A$ is representable in $\langle A, \times \rangle$ if there exists $m \in A$ such that $f(a) = m \times a$ for every $a \in A$. Then, the λ -abstraction $\Lambda_\kappa : (\alpha A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow (\alpha A \rightarrow A)$ associated with the λ -calculus algebra $\langle A, \times, \psi \rangle$, is defined as follows:

$$\Lambda_\kappa(Z)y = \psi(f) \text{ for every } Z \in (\alpha A \rightarrow A) \text{ and every } y \in \alpha A,$$

where the function $f : A \rightarrow A$ is defined by $f(a) = Z(y[\kappa/a])$ for every $a \in A$. Function Λ_κ is a semantic quantifier which quantifies the variable v_κ (see E.4.(2)). ♦

The general notion of a semantic algebra is obtained by abstraction from the notion of semantic set algebra.

11. Definition. Let Δ be a logic signature. By a *semantic Δ -algebra of dimension α* we mean an algebraic structure $\underline{D} = \langle D, f, \dots, q_\Gamma, \dots, \sigma_\gamma, \dots \rangle_{\Gamma \subseteq \alpha, \gamma \in \alpha_\alpha, f \in \Sigma \cup \Xi}$ (in symbols $\underline{D} \in SA_{\alpha, \Delta}$) such that $\langle D, f, \dots \rangle$ is a $(\Sigma \cup \Xi)$ -algebra, and q_Γ and σ_γ are unary operations on D . The following axioms are satisfied for every $f \in (\Sigma \cup \Xi)_n$, $x, x_1, \dots, x_n \in D$, $\Gamma, \Omega \subseteq \alpha$, and $\gamma, \delta \in \alpha_\alpha$:

- (P1) The reduct $\langle D, f, \dots \rangle$ is a $(\Sigma \cup \Xi)$ -algebra;
- (P2) $q_\Omega x = x$;
- (P3) $\sigma_{\delta} x = x$;
- (P4) $\sigma_{\gamma \circ \delta} = \sigma_\gamma \circ \sigma_\delta$;
- (P5) If $(\alpha \Gamma) \setminus \gamma = (\alpha \Omega) \setminus \delta$, then $\sigma_\gamma q_\Gamma = \sigma_\delta q_\Omega$;
- (P6) If $\Gamma \subseteq \Omega$ and $q_\Omega x = x$, then $q_\Gamma x = x$;
- (P7) If $q_\Gamma x = x$ and $q_\Omega x = x$, then $q_{(\Gamma \cup \Omega)} x = x$;
- (P8) If $\delta \in \alpha_\alpha$ is suitable for f , then $\sigma_\delta[f(x_1, \dots, x_n)] = f(\sigma_\delta x_1, \dots, \sigma_\delta x_n)$;
- (P9) Let Γ be a subset of α , let $\Gamma_i = \{\lambda \in \Gamma : \langle i, \lambda \rangle \notin \eta(f)\}$, and let $q_{\Gamma_i} x_i = x_i$ for every $i=1, \dots, n$. Then $q_\Gamma f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$. ♦

12. Example. (λ -calculus logic)

Let Δ_λ be the λ -calculus signature defined in E.4.(2) and $\langle A, \times, \psi \rangle$ be a λ -calculus algebra (see E.10.(b)). By the *λ -calculus set Δ_λ -algebra* associated with $\langle A, \times, \psi \rangle$ we mean a weak semantic set Δ_λ -algebra:

$$M_\lambda = \langle (\alpha A \rightarrow A), \text{APP}, \prod_\kappa, \Lambda_\kappa, \dots \rangle_{\kappa \in \alpha} \text{ such that}$$

$$(Z \text{ APP } T)y = (Zy) \times (Ty) \quad (\times \text{ is the binary operation on } A); \quad \prod_\kappa y = y_\kappa$$

$$\Lambda_\kappa \text{ is the unary quantifier defined in E.10.(b)}$$

for every $Z, T \in (\alpha A \rightarrow A)$ and every $y \in \alpha A$.

By a *λ -calculus semantic Δ_λ -algebra of dimension α* we mean an algebraic structure

$$\underline{B} = \langle B, \text{App}, \pi_\kappa, \lambda_\kappa, \dots, q_\Gamma, \sigma_\gamma \rangle_{\kappa \in \alpha, \Gamma \subseteq \alpha, \gamma \in \alpha_\alpha}$$

such that the following axioms are satisfied:

- 1. \underline{B} is a semantic Δ_λ -algebra of dimension α ;
- 2. $q_\Gamma \pi_\kappa = \pi_\kappa$ for every $\Gamma \cap \{\kappa\} = \emptyset$;
- 3. $\sigma_\gamma \pi_\kappa = \pi_{\gamma \kappa}$;
- 4. $\text{kuy} = u$ with $k = \lambda_\kappa \lambda_\mu \pi_\kappa$;
- 5. $\text{suyz} = (\text{uz})(yz)$ with $s = \lambda_\kappa \lambda_\mu \lambda_\nu [\pi_\kappa \pi_\nu (\pi_\mu \pi_\nu)]$;
- 6. $\text{exy} = xy$ with $e = (\lambda_\kappa \lambda_\mu (\pi_\kappa \pi_\mu))$;

7. if $\forall z (xz = yz)$, then $ex = ey$;

where xy stands for $x \text{ App } y$, and $(x_1 x_2 \dots x_n)$ stands for $(\dots(x_1 x_2) x_3) \dots x_n$. \diamond

13. Example. (first-order logic)

Let $\Delta_{\omega\omega}$ be the first-order signature defined in E.4.(1). By a *first-order set $\Delta_{\omega\omega}$ -algebra of dimension α* we mean a cylindric set algebra of dimension α . By a *first-order semantic $\Delta_{\omega\omega}$ -algebra of dimension α* we mean an algebraic structure

$$\mathbb{B} = \langle B, \vee, \wedge, \neg, T_0, F_0, c_\kappa, d_{\kappa\lambda}, \dots, q_\Gamma, \sigma_\gamma \mid \kappa, \lambda \in \alpha, \Gamma \subseteq \alpha, \gamma \in \alpha \rangle$$

such that the following axioms are satisfied: 1. \mathbb{B} is a semantic $\Delta_{\omega\omega}$ -algebra of dimension α ;

2. the reduct $\langle B, \vee, \wedge, \neg, T_0, F_0, c_\kappa, d_{\kappa\lambda} \mid \kappa, \lambda \in \alpha \rangle$ is a cylindric algebra of dimension α ;

3. $x \wedge d_{\kappa\lambda} \leq \sigma_{[\kappa/\lambda]} x$ where $x \leq y$ iff $x = x \wedge y$, and $[\kappa/\lambda] \in \alpha$ is so defined: $[\kappa/\lambda]\mu = \mu$ if $\mu \neq \kappa$,

λ if $\mu = \kappa$;

4. $\sigma_\gamma d_{\kappa\lambda} = d_{\gamma\kappa, \gamma\lambda}$;

5. $c_\kappa q_\Gamma = q_\Gamma$ if $\{\kappa\} \subseteq \Gamma$. \diamond

14. Example. (computer logic)

Let Δ_c be the computer signature defined in E.4.(3). By the *computer semantic set Δ_c -algebra* we mean a weak semantic set Δ_c -algebra: $\mathbb{B}_c = \langle \text{Pow}(\alpha A \times \alpha A), \text{assign}_{\kappa\mu}, ?_{\kappa\mu}, ;, \cup, *, \dots \mid \kappa, \mu \in \alpha \rangle$ such that

$\langle x, y \rangle \in \text{assign}_{\kappa\mu}$ iff $y_\lambda = x_\lambda$ for every $\lambda \neq \kappa$, and $y_\kappa = x_\mu$ (assignment);

$\langle x, y \rangle \in ?_{\kappa\mu}$ iff $x = y$ and $x_\kappa = x_\mu$ (testing for =);

$\langle x, y \rangle \in Z_1 ; Z_2$ iff there exists z such that $\langle x, z \rangle \in Z_1$ and $\langle z, y \rangle \in Z_2$ (sequencing);

$\langle x, y \rangle \in Z_1 \cup Z_2$ iff $\langle x, y \rangle \in Z_1$ or $\langle x, y \rangle \in Z_2$ (non-deterministic union);

Z^* = the reflexive and transitive closure of the binary relation Z (iteration).

By a *computer semantic Δ_c -algebra of dimension α* we mean an algebraic structure

$$\mathbb{B} = \langle B, \text{assign}_{\kappa\mu}, ?_{\kappa\mu}, ;, \cup, *, \dots, q_\Gamma, \sigma_\gamma \mid \kappa, \mu \in \alpha, \Gamma \subseteq \alpha, \gamma \in \alpha \rangle$$

such that the following axioms are satisfied:

1. \mathbb{B} is a semantic Δ_c -algebra of dimension α ;

2. $(x ; y) ; z = x ; (y ; z)$

3. $(?_{\kappa\mu} ; \text{assign}_{\kappa\mu}) = ?_{\kappa\mu}$

4. $(x \cup y) \cup z = x \cup (y \cup z)$

5. $(x \cup y) = (y \cup x)$

6. $(x^* ; x) = x^*$ and $(x ; x^*) = x^*$

7. $\sigma_\gamma(\text{assign}_{\kappa\mu}) = \text{assign}_{\gamma(\kappa)\gamma(\mu)}$

8. $\sigma_\gamma(?_{\kappa\mu}) = ?_{\gamma(\kappa)\gamma(\mu)}$. \diamond

15. Definition. . An *interpretation morphism* from L to \mathbb{D} is a morphism $I: L \rightarrow \mathbb{D}$ verifying, for every $F \in L$ and $\sigma_\delta \downarrow F$, the following conditions: (i) $Q_{(\alpha \setminus Rg \tau_F)} I(F) = I(F)$;

(ii) $\sigma_\delta(I(F)) = I(\sigma_\delta F)$. \diamond

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