

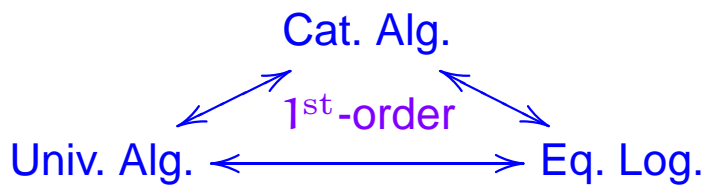
# Algebraic Foundations for Type Theories

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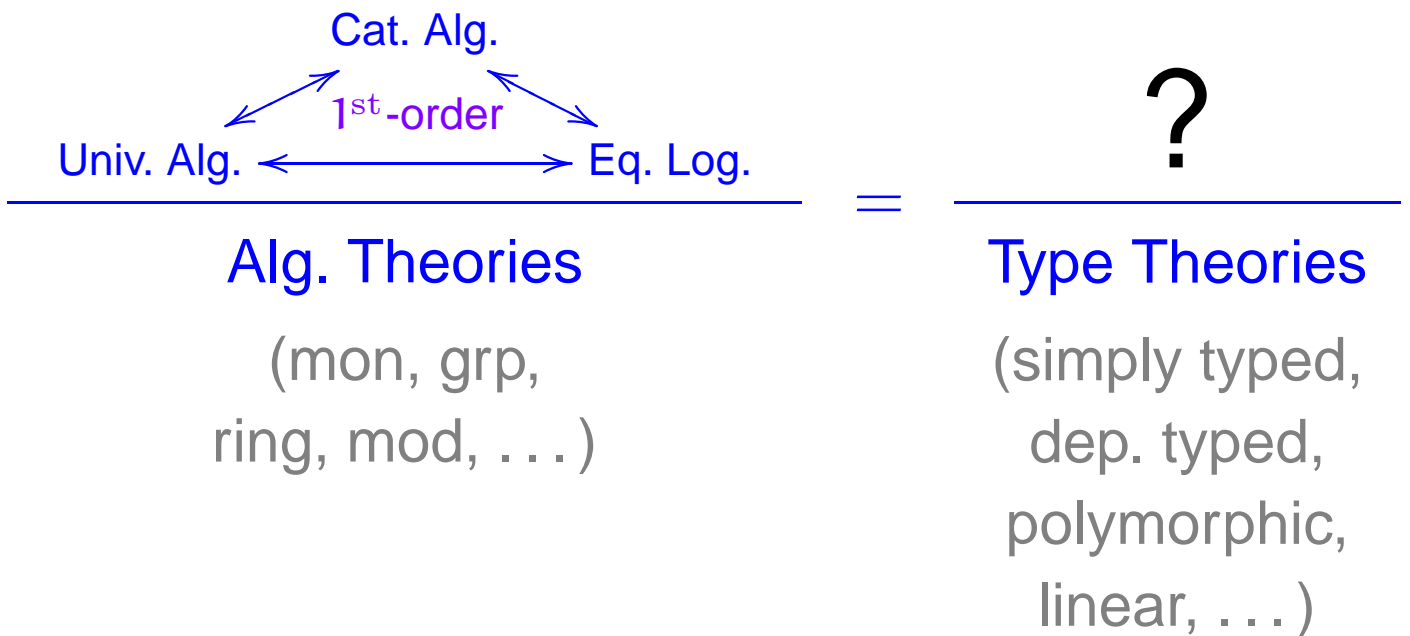


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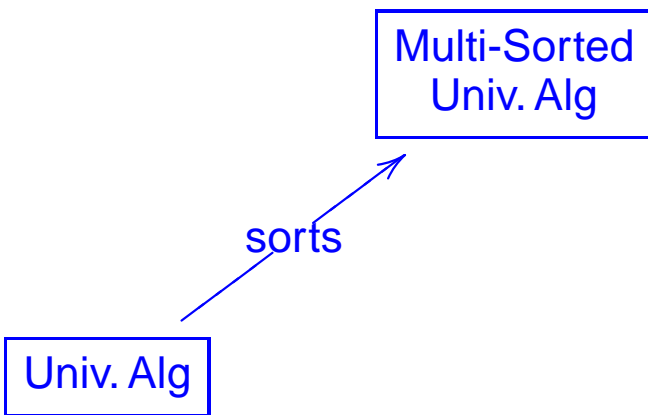


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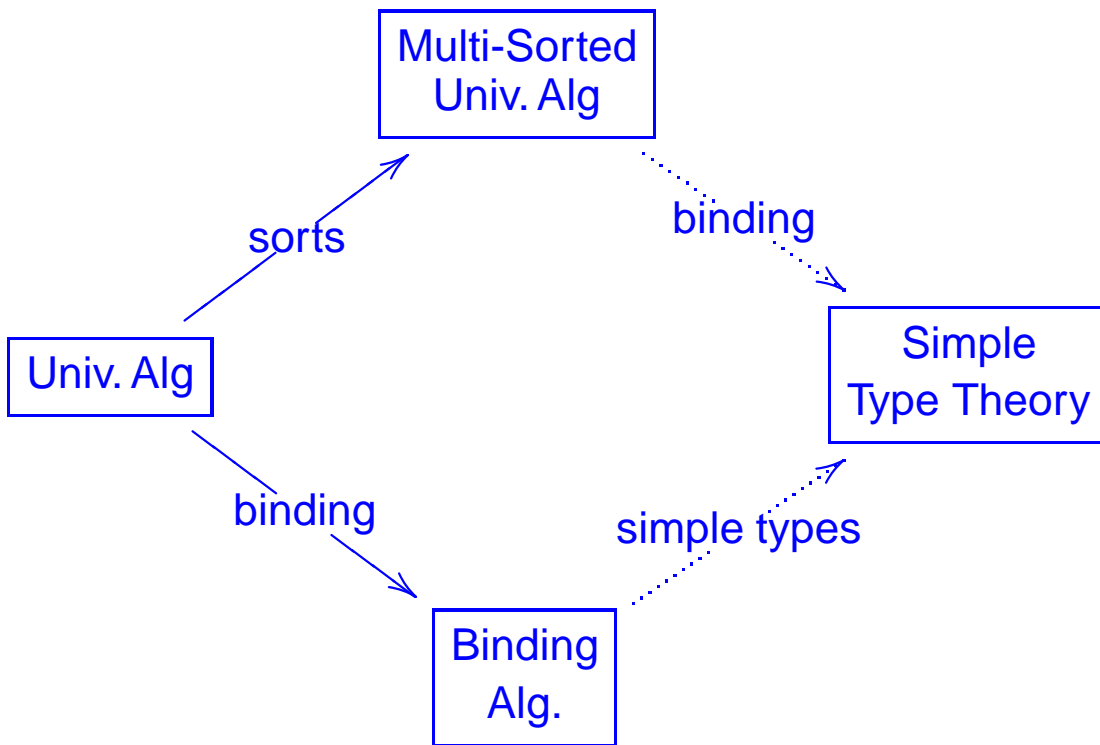
mathematical models  $\rightsquigarrow$  meta-theories

- ▶ Development of *algebraic meta-theories* for formal languages.
  - ♦ *Semantics*
    - Model theory.
  - ♦ *Syntax*
    - Initial-algebra semantics.
    - Structural induction and recursion.
    - Substitution.
- ▶ Synthesis of *deduction systems* for equational reasoning and computation by rewriting.

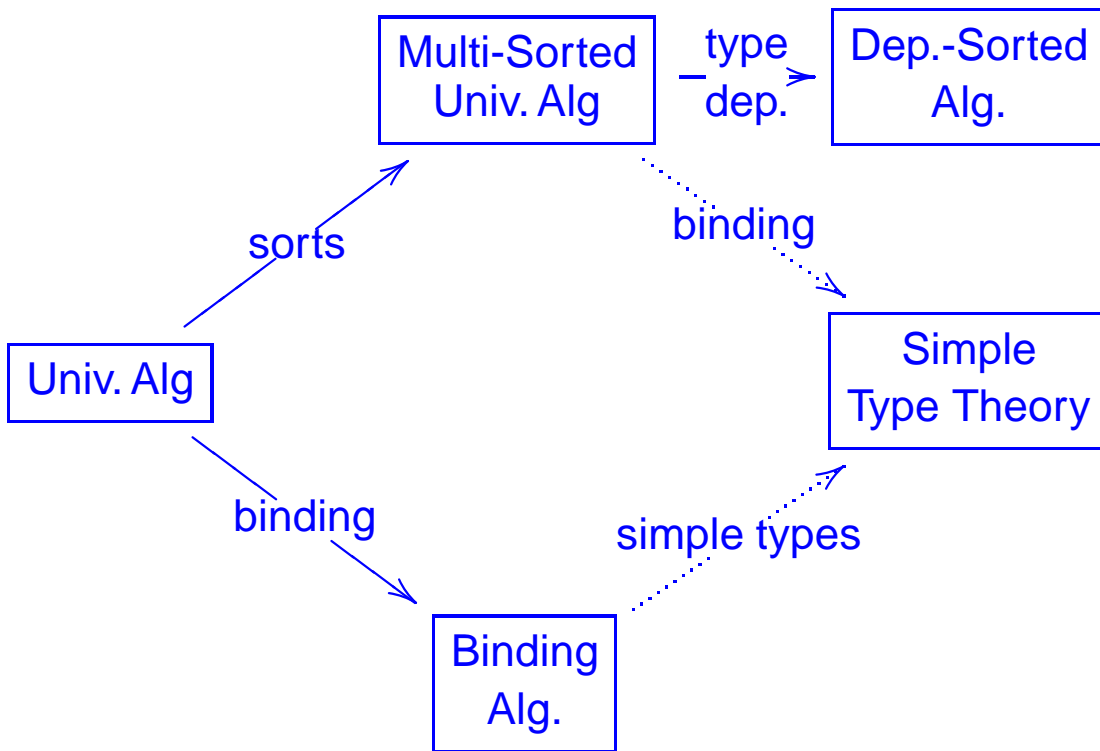
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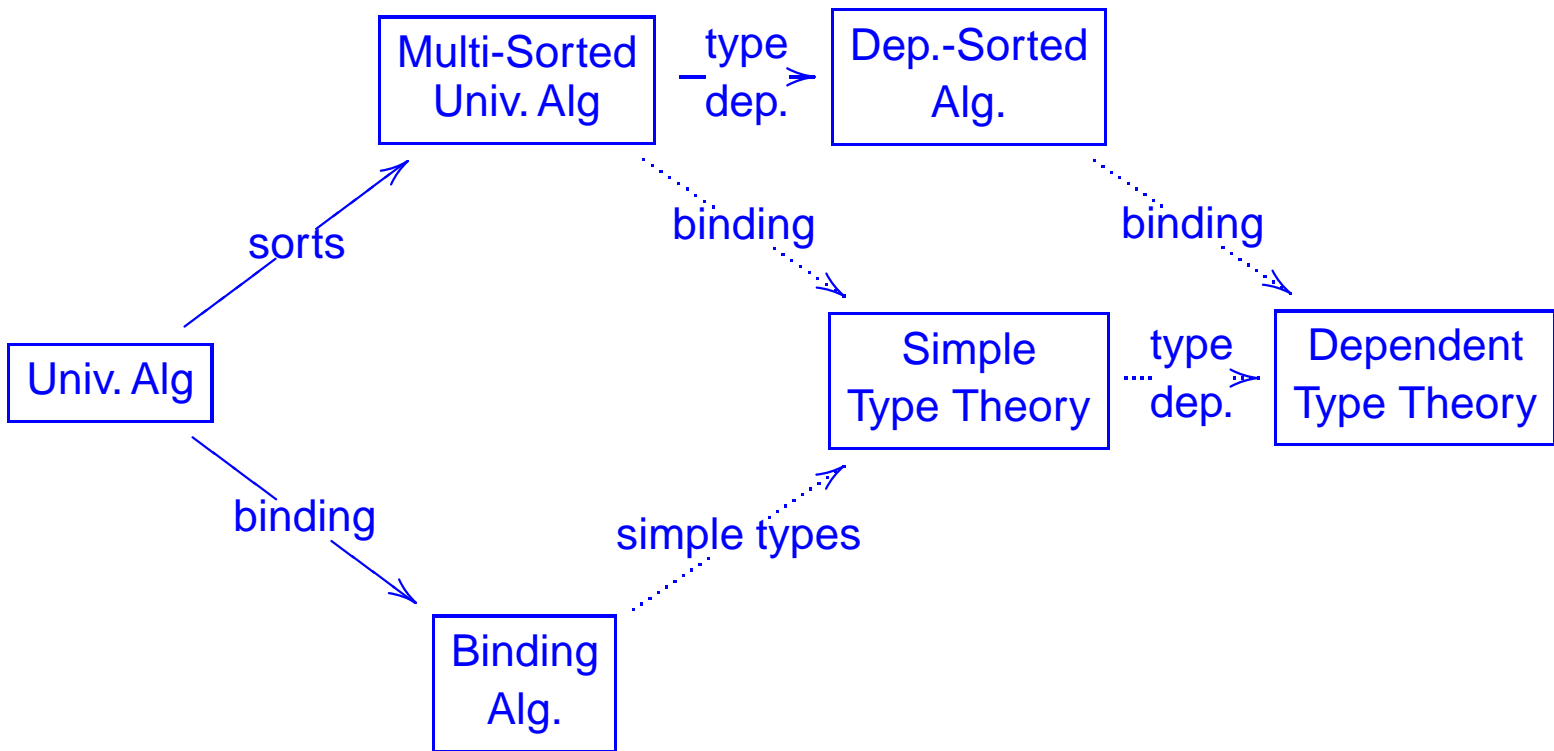
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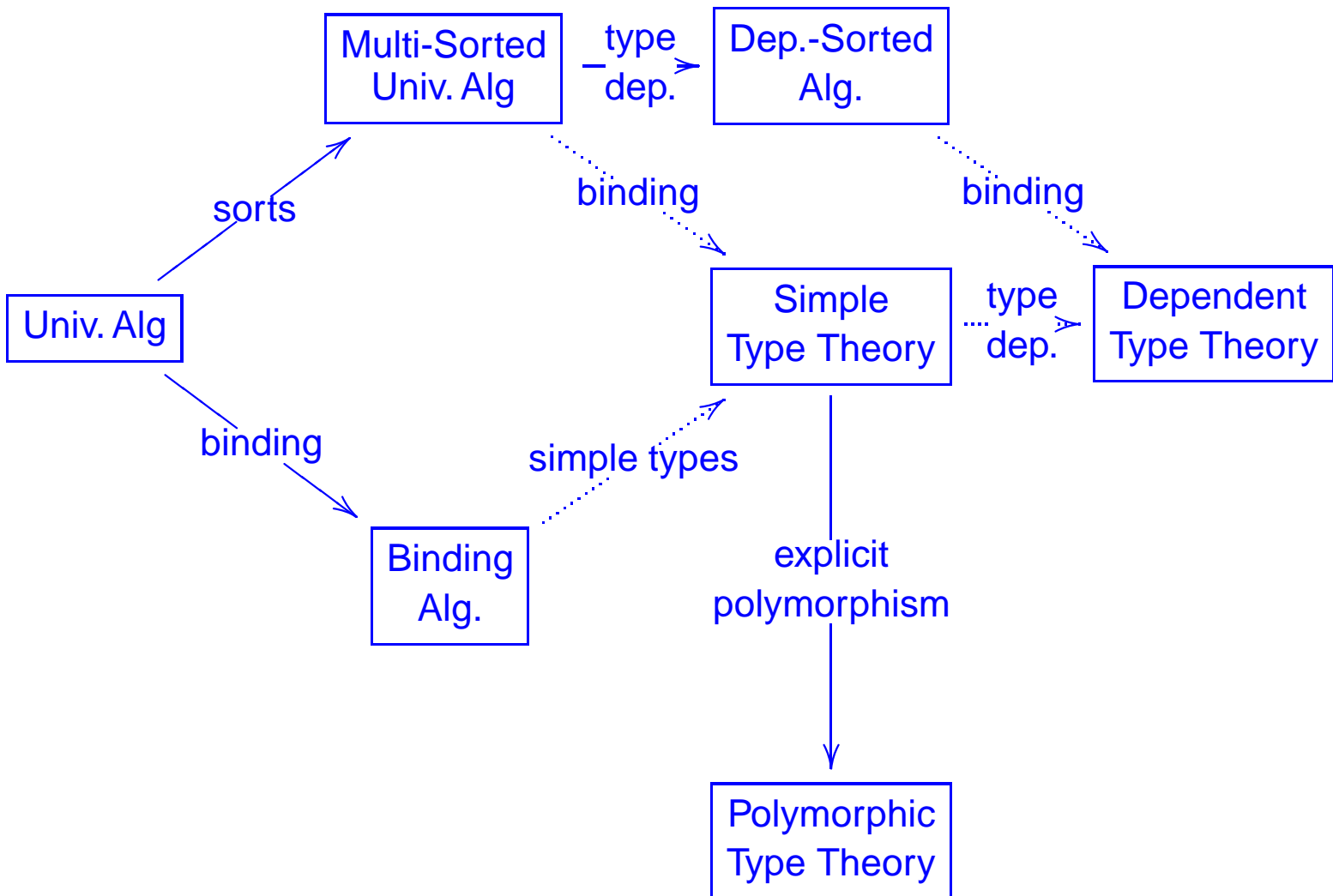


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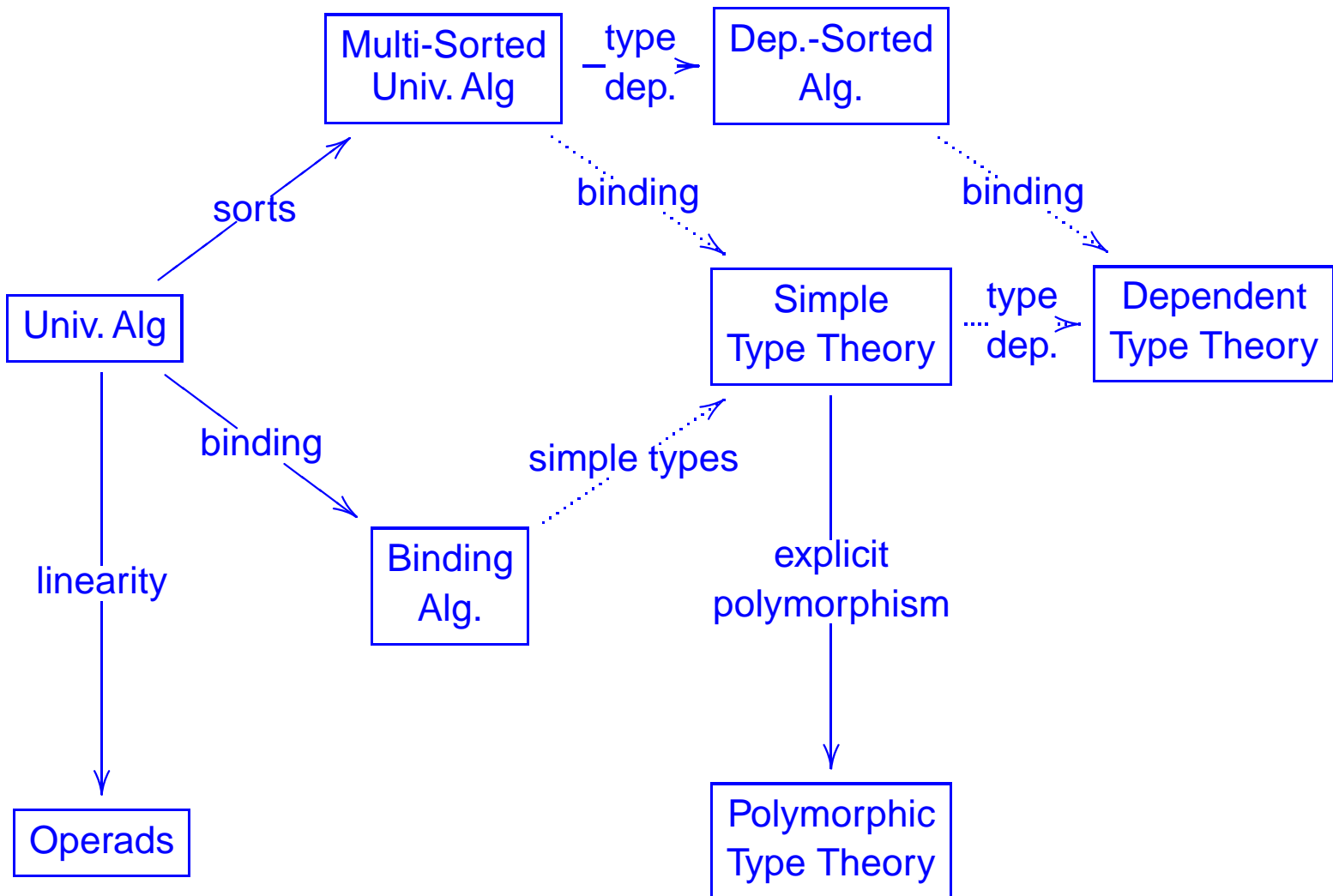




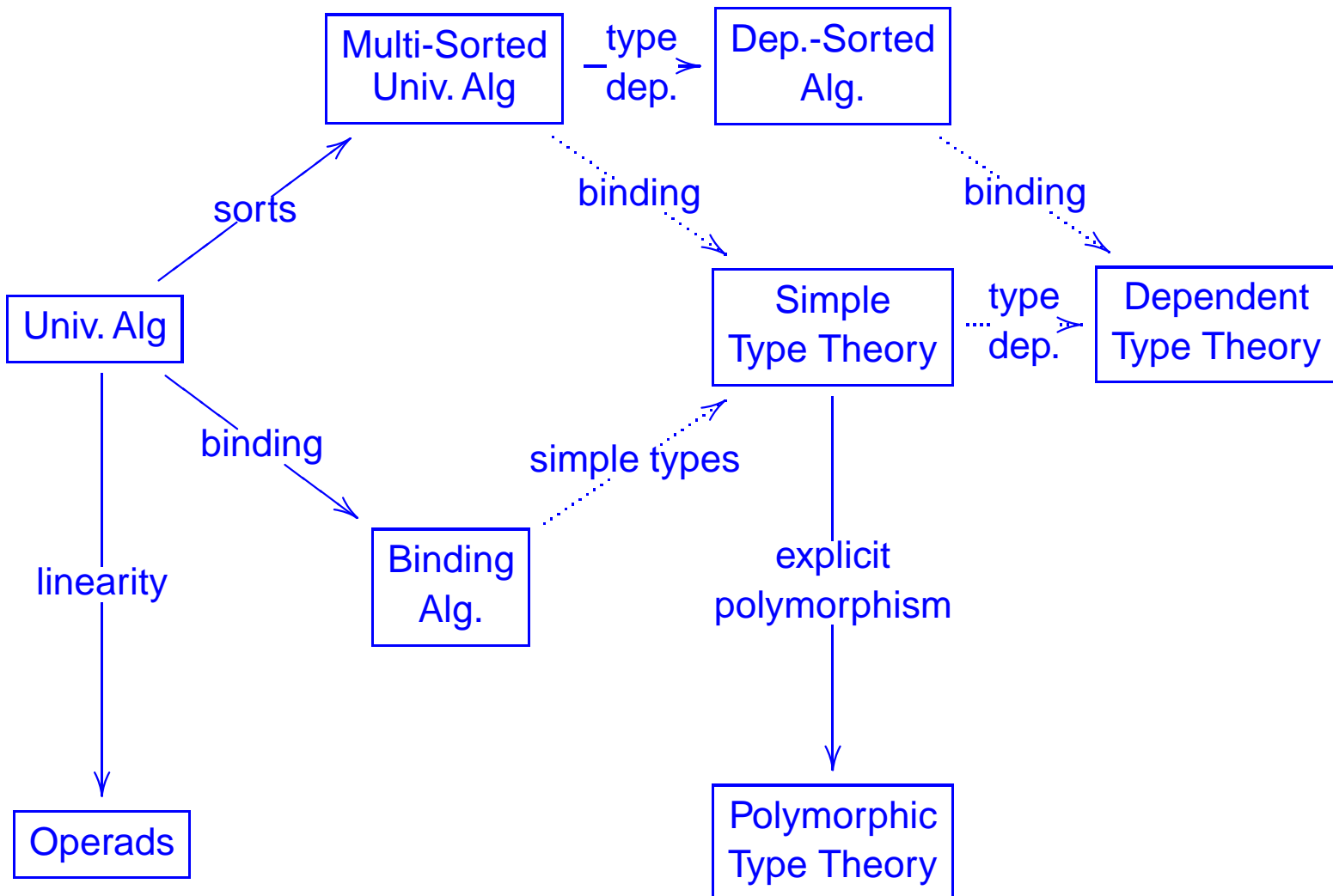
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## The Talk

- I Modelling of simple type theories.
- II Modelling of dependent type theories.
- III Foundations.

# I

## *Algebraic Modelling of Simple Type Theories*

# Simple Type Theory

	algebraic theories	simply-typed theories
types	unstructured	algebraic
terms	algebraic	algebraic with binding

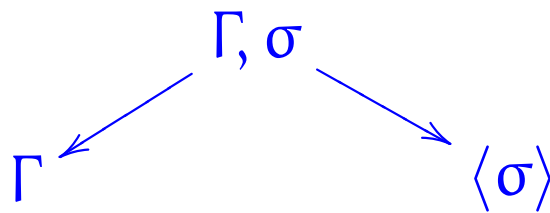
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- ▶ variables and meta-variables
- ▶ variable binding and  $\alpha$ -equivalence
- ▶ capture-avoiding and meta substitution
- ▶ mono and multi sorting

# Categories of Contexts

**Def:** An  $S$ -sorted *context structure* is given by

- ▶ a small category  $\mathbb{C}$  with terminal object,
- ▶ objects  $\langle \sigma \rangle \in \mathbb{C}$  for all  $\sigma \in S$ ,
- ▶ product diagrams



for all  $\Gamma \in \mathbb{C}$  and  $\sigma \in S$ .

**Example:**  $\text{FinSet}^{\text{op}}$  is the initial *mono-sorted* context structure.

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**NB:**

$$P^{y\langle s \rangle}(\Gamma) = P(\Gamma, s)$$

as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{C} & \hookrightarrow & \hat{\mathbb{C}} \\ \downarrow - , s & & \downarrow (-) \times y\langle s \rangle \\ \mathbb{C} & \hookrightarrow & \hat{\mathbb{C}} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow (-) \times y\langle s \rangle \\ \downarrow (-) \times y\langle s \rangle \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow (-) \times y\langle s \rangle \\ \downarrow (-) \times y\langle s \rangle \end{array}$$

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► Initial model:

$$\Lambda \in \mathcal{Set}^{\text{FinSet}}$$

with  $\Lambda(n)$  the set of  $\alpha$ -equivalence classes  
of  $\lambda$ -terms with free variables amongst

$$x_1, \dots, x_n.$$

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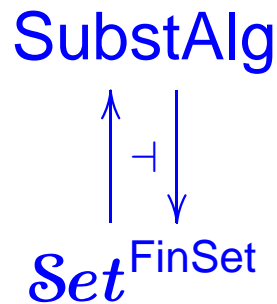
$$3. \quad t : A^{y\langle s \rangle \times y\langle s \rangle}, x : y\langle s \rangle \\ \vdash t(x, y) [\text{var}(x)/y] = t(x, x)$$

$$4. \quad t : A^{y\langle s \rangle \times y\langle s \rangle}, u : A^{y\langle s \rangle}, v : A \\ \vdash (t(y, x) [u(x)/y]) [v/x] \\ = (t(y, x) [v/x]) [u(x) [v/x]/y]$$

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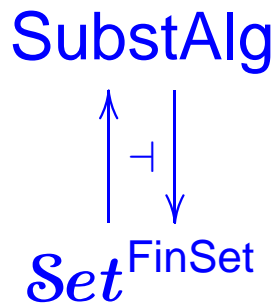
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 $\vdash \text{app}(t(x), t'(x))[u/x]$   
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6.  $t : A^{y\langle s \rangle \times y\langle s \rangle}, u : A$   
 $\vdash \text{abs}(\lambda y. t(y, x))[u/x]$   
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# Free Constructions



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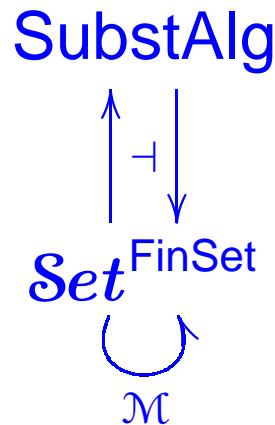
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- Mathematical foundations for *metavariables*.



# Metavariables



- Kleisli maps

$$y(n) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(\coprod_i y(m_i))$$

are in bijective correspondence with terms

$$\begin{aligned}
 t \quad ::= \quad & x \mid t'(t'') \mid \lambda x. t' \\
 & \mid M_i[t_1, \dots, t_{m_i}]
 \end{aligned}$$

with free variables amongst  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

- Definition of *meta-substitution* by structural recursion:

$$\mathcal{M}(X) \times Y^X \rightarrow \mathcal{M}(Y)$$

# Second-Order Equational Presentations

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## Second-Order Equational Logic

**(Extended Metasubstitution Rule)**

$$M_1 : m_1, \dots, M_k : m_k \triangleright \Gamma \vdash s \equiv t$$

$$\Theta \triangleright \Delta, x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,m_i} \vdash s_i \equiv t_i \quad (1 \leq i \leq k)$$

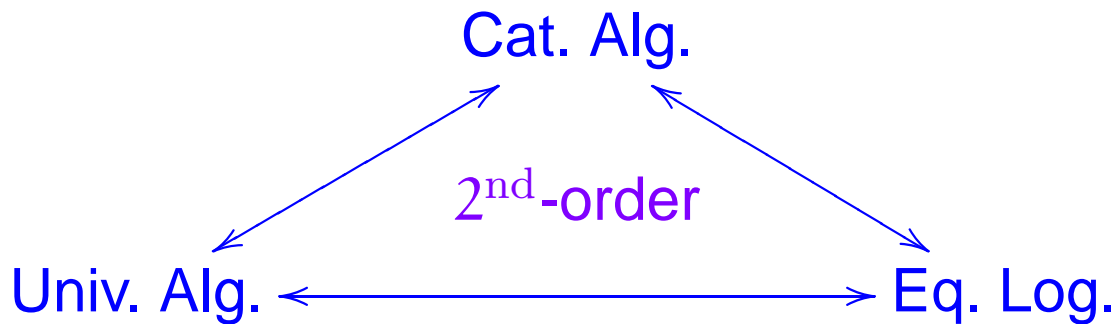
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$$\Theta \triangleright \Gamma, \Delta$$

$$\vdash s\{M_i := (\vec{x}_i)s_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq k} \equiv t\{M_i := (\vec{x}_i)t_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq k}$$

# Results

Extension of the mathematical theory of (first-order) algebraic structure to simple type theory:



- ▶ Conservativity of Second-Order Equational Logic over Birkhoff's (first-order) Equational Logic.
- ▶ Soundness and completeness of Second-Order Equational Logic.
- ▶ Soundness and completeness of (bidirectional) Second-Order Term Rewriting.
- ▶ Presentation/theory correspondence via classifying categories and internal languages.
- ▶ Universal-algebra/categorical-algebra correspondence.
- ▶ Theory of syntactic algebraic translations.

# II

## Algebraic Modelling of Dependent Type Theories

# Dependent Type Theory

	simply-typed theories	dependently-typed theories
types	algebraic	algebraic with binding
terms	algebraic with binding	algebraic with binding

The syntactic theory should account for:

- ▶ type dependency
- ▶ variable binding and  $\alpha$ -equivalence
- ▶ term and type substitution

► Dependency.

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdash C_0 \\ x, y : C_0 \vdash C_1(x, y) \end{array}$$

► Binding.

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \Pi x : \sigma. \tau}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash t : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x : \sigma. t : \Pi x : \sigma. \tau}$$

► Substitution.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \Pi x : \sigma. \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash u : \sigma}{\Gamma \vdash t(u) : \tau[u/x]}$$

$$(\lambda x : \sigma. t)(u) = t[u/x]$$

# Categories of Dependent Contexts

**Def:** A *dependently-typed context structure* is given by

- ▶ a small category  $\mathbb{C}$  with terminal object,
- ▶ a presheaf  $S \in \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ ,
- ▶ a functorial assignment of pullbacks

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \Delta, \sigma[f] & \\ \pi_{\Delta \vdash \sigma[f]} \swarrow & & \searrow f^* \\ \Delta & & \Gamma, \sigma \\ f \searrow & & \swarrow \pi_{\Gamma \vdash \sigma} \\ & \Gamma & \end{array}$$

for all  $\Gamma \vdash \sigma$  and  $f : \Delta \rightarrow \Gamma$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ .



# Type-Dependent Binding

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- It induces the adjoint situation:

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- **Binding-arity decomposition lemma.**

For  $\Gamma \vdash \sigma$ , the monad  $(-)^{\mathbf{y}(\pi_{\Gamma \vdash \sigma})}$  on  $\widehat{\mathbb{C}_{/\Gamma}}$  is induced by the adjunction  $\epsilon_\sigma \dashv \delta_\sigma$ .

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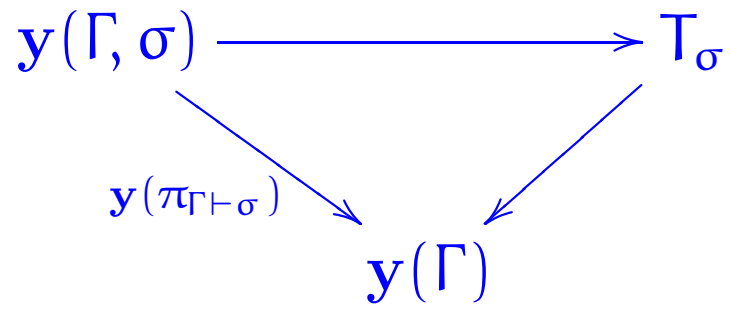
## Term Binding

- Term binding operators.

For  $\Gamma \vdash \sigma$  and  $\Gamma, \sigma \vdash \tau$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \prod_\sigma (\mathbb{T}_\tau) & \xrightarrow{\lambda} & \mathbb{T} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \mathbf{y}(\Gamma) & \xrightarrow{\mathbf{y}(\Pi_\sigma(\tau))} & S
 \end{array}
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# Variables



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$$\begin{array}{ccc} y(\Gamma, \sigma) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & T_\sigma \\ & \searrow y(\pi_{\Gamma \vdash \sigma}) & \swarrow \\ & y(\Gamma) & \end{array}$$

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## NB: Categories with attributes/families

The condition

$$\begin{array}{ccc} y(\Gamma, \sigma) & \xrightarrow{\quad \cong \quad} & T_\sigma \\ & \searrow y(\pi_{\Gamma \vdash \sigma}) & \swarrow \\ & y(\Gamma) & \end{array}$$

is equivalent to *Dybjer's context comprehension* property: For all maps  $f : \Delta \rightarrow \Gamma$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  and terms  $\Delta \vdash t : \sigma[f]$  there exists a unique map  $\langle f, t \rangle : \Delta \rightarrow (\Gamma, \sigma)$  in  $\mathbb{C}$  such that  $p[\langle f, t \rangle] = t$  and  $\pi_{\Gamma \vdash \sigma} \circ \langle f, t \rangle = f$ .

- The initial model is the *classifying category*.

# Substitution Structure

For  $\Gamma \vdash \sigma$ ,

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 T_{\Gamma}^{\mathbf{y}(\pi_{\Gamma \vdash \sigma})} \times T_{\Gamma \vdash \sigma} & \longrightarrow & T_{\Gamma} \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 S_{\Gamma}^{\mathbf{y}(\pi_{\Gamma \vdash \sigma})} \times T_{\Gamma \vdash \sigma} & \longrightarrow & S_{\Gamma}
 \end{array}
 \quad \text{in } \hat{\mathbb{C}}_{/\mathbf{y}(\Gamma)}$$

subject to axioms.

# II

## Algebraic Foundations

# Kan Extensions

Every

$$f : \mathbb{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Y}$$

induces

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{f_*} & \\ \mathcal{P}\mathbb{X} & \xleftarrow{f^*} & \mathcal{P}\mathbb{Y} \\ & \xrightarrow{f_!} & \end{array}$$

where

$$\mathcal{P}\mathbb{C} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{Set}^{\mathbb{C}}$$

and

$$f_* P y = \text{Ran}_f P y = \int_{x \in \mathbb{X}} [\mathbb{Y}(y, fx) \Rightarrow P x]$$

$$f^* Q x = Q(fx)$$

$$f_! P y = \text{Lan}_f P y = \int^{x \in \mathbb{X}} \mathbb{Y}(fx, y) \times P x$$

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► [4].

# Generalised Dependent Polynomial Functors

The class of

*generalised dependent polynomial functors*

is the closure under natural isomorphism of the functors

$$\mathcal{P}A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}B$$

arising as composites

$$\mathcal{P}A \xrightarrow{s^*} \mathcal{P}I \xrightarrow{f_*} \mathcal{P}J \xrightarrow{t!} \mathcal{P}B$$

from diagrams

$$A \xleftarrow{s} I \xrightarrow{f} J \xrightarrow{t} B$$

in *Cat*.

$$t!f_*s^*A\ b = \int^{j \in J} \mathbb{B}(tj, b) \times \int_{i \in I} [J(j, fi) \Rightarrow A(si)]$$

## Examples:

- ▶ *Dependent polynomial functors* (aka *indexed containers*) between slices of *Set* are [isomorphic to] generalised dependent polynomial functors.

## ► Untyped abstract syntax

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**NB:** The association of generalised dependent polynomial functors to rules extends to *polymorphic languages*. In this context, the last component of the representation plays a crucial role as a *pattern-matching* constructor.

## ► Convolution monoidal closed structure

1. *Day's convolution tensor product* is [isomorphic to] a generalised dependent polynomial functor.
2. *Exponentiation to a representable* with respect to the closed structure associated to the convolution monoidal structure is a generalised polynomial functor.

# Generalised Inductive Dependent Polynomial Functors

The class of generalised dependent polynomial functors represented by diagrams of the form

$$\mathbb{A} \longleftarrow \coprod_{k \in K} L_k \cdot \mathbb{J}_k \xrightarrow{\coprod_{k \in K} \nabla_{L_k}} \coprod_{k \in K} \mathbb{J}_k \longrightarrow \mathbb{B}$$

where  $L_k$  is finite for all  $k \in K$ ,

- ▶ is closed under constants, identities, coproducts, finite products, and composition; and
- ▶ admits a (cartesian) differential calculus.

These functors

- ▶ are inductive (*viz.* finitary and preserve epis); and
- ▶ admit inductively-defined free algebras for equational systems.

# Application Areas

- ▶ Data types.  
(e.g. reasoning)
- ▶ Type theory.  
(e.g. formalisation)
- ▶ Logical frameworks.  
(e.g. synthesis)
- ▶ Dependently-typed programming.  
(e.g. zippers)
- ▶ Concurrency theory.  
(e.g. models)

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