# Some Properties of Parametrized Fixed Points on O-Categories

And Applications to Session Types

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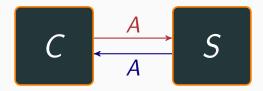
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The embedding becomes a natural transformation:

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Should respect unfolding, e.g.,

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**Example:** if  $F = \llbracket \Xi, \alpha \vdash A \rrbracket$  and  $\llbracket \Xi \vdash \operatorname{rec}(\alpha.A) \rrbracket = F^{\dagger}$ , then

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**Problem:** What are  $\llbracket \Xi \vdash \operatorname{rec}(\alpha.A) \rrbracket$  and  $\llbracket \Xi \vdash \operatorname{rec}(\alpha.A) \rrbracket$ ? In general,  $(F \times G)^{\dagger} \ncong F^{\dagger} \times G^{\dagger}$ . We give a parametrized fixed-point operator  $(\cdot)^{\dagger}$  on *O*-categories suitable for interpreting recursive session types. It is locally continuous and satisfies the Conway identities.

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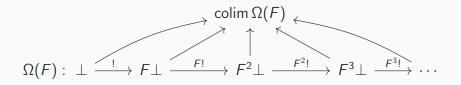
An **embedding-projection pair** (**e-p-pair**) is a pair of morphisms  $e : A \to B$  and  $p : B \to A$  such that  $p \circ e = id_A$ and  $e \circ p \sqsubseteq id_B$ . **Input:** Locally continuous  $F : K \to K$ **Output:** Object FIX(F) such that  $F(FIX(F)) \cong FIX(F)$ 

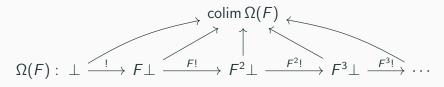
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**Define:**  $FIX(F) = \operatorname{colim} \Omega(F)$ .

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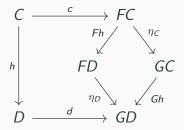
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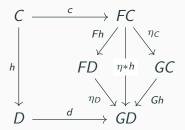
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Write  $\eta * h$  for  $\eta_D \circ Fh = Gh \circ \eta_C$ .

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where  $\eta^{(n)} = \eta * \cdots * \eta : F^n \Rightarrow G^n$  for  $\eta : F \Rightarrow G$ .

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**Theorem.** Let  $F : D \times K \xrightarrow{\text{l.c.}} K$ . There exists a natural isomorphism

$$\mathsf{Fold}^F:F^\dagger\Rightarrow F\circ\langle\mathsf{id}_D,F^\dagger
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given by  $\operatorname{Fold}_D^F = \operatorname{fold}_{(\perp,!,F(D,-))} : F^{\dagger}D \to F(D,F^{\dagger}D).$ The definition of Fold is also natural in F. **Theorem.** Let  $F, H : \mathbf{D} \times \mathbf{K} \xrightarrow{\text{I.c.}} \mathbf{K}$  and  $G, I : \mathbf{C} \xrightarrow{\text{I.c.}} \mathbf{D}$ . Set  $F_G = F \circ (G \times \text{id})$  and analogously for  $H_I$ . Then

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If  $\phi: F \Rightarrow H$  and  $\gamma: G \Rightarrow I$ , then

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**Theorem.** Let  $F : \mathbf{D} \times \mathbf{K} \xrightarrow{\text{I.c.}} \mathbf{K}$ .

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#### **Revisiting Recursive Session Types**

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- locally continuous;
- satisfies the Conway identities;
- useful for interpreting recursive session types.

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