

# Logical Relations for a Logical Framework

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1. Worked with logrels last 4 months
2. in master's project, thesis, seminar
3. Complicated topic; talk can only scratch surface
4. Still: let us learn something together

# Overview of this Talk

## Logical Relations

class of proof methods applicable on many type theories

## Logical Framework

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a uniform notion of “proof by logical relations” in the setting of LF

1. In many type theories, meta theorems can be proved by a “proof by logical relation”
2. e.g. prove SN in STLC, i.e., for well-typed terms beta reduction terminates
3. **informal class**; different type theories, different flavors, tweaks
4. Do **not confuse “logical”** adjectives.
5. Question: can we have a uniform notion of logrels just in the setting of LF that is type theory-agnostic?
6. Answer is yes, this talk gives a very rough sketch.

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## Required background knowledge:

- simply typed lambda calculus
- how to formalize things in a LF

e.g. as in  $\text{MMT}$

## Goals:

- ➊ Introduce logical relations
- ➋ Recap logical frameworks, esp.  $\text{MMT/LF}$
- ➌ Represent toy logical relations in  $\text{MMT/LF}$

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# What are Logical Relations?

An (informal) **class of proof methods** used to prove

- strong normalization
- type safety
- program equivalence
  - correctness
  - theorems-for-free
  - security-typed languages

no infinite evaluation path  $t_1 \rightsquigarrow t_2 \rightsquigarrow \dots$

$$t : T \text{ and } t \rightsquigarrow^* t' \Rightarrow t' : T$$

e.g. of optimizations

terms of  $\forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$  are the identity  
variables of “sensitive” type don’t leak

1. Next, to get a rough idea of what logrels are, let us sketch SN of STLC
2. This will be technical, but necessary, in my opinion, to understand why we care for logrels anyway.
3. Later, when representing in a LF, we will use much simpler examples.

# Simply-Typed Lambda Calculus (STLC)

## Definition

### Syntax:

$t$	$::=$	$x \mid \lambda x. t \mid s t$	terms
$T$	$::=$	$B \mid T_1 \rightarrow T_2$	types
$\Gamma$	$::=$	$\emptyset \mid \Gamma, x : T$	contexts

### Operational Semantics:

$$\frac{t \rightsquigarrow t'}{\lambda x. t \rightsquigarrow \lambda x. t'} \quad \frac{}{(\lambda x. s) t \rightsquigarrow s[x \mapsto t]} \quad \frac{s \rightsquigarrow s'}{s t \rightsquigarrow s' t} \quad \frac{t \rightsquigarrow t'}{s t \rightsquigarrow s t'}$$

$\mathcal{SN} = \{t \mid \nexists \text{ infinite eval. path } t = t_1 \rightsquigarrow t_2 \rightsquigarrow \dots\}$  set of strongly normalizing terms

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#### Ideas:

- strengthen IH-condition on  $s$ :

$s \in \mathcal{SN}$  and  $s t \in \mathcal{SN}$  for arbitrary terms  $t$  with  $t \in \mathcal{SN}$

- but only on those  $s$  of function type

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## Strengthening the Induction by a Logical Relation

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- If that worked, strong normalization would be a corollary.

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- $(\lambda x. s) \in \mathcal{SN}$ : trivial
- $\forall t : T_1. P_{T_1}(t) \Rightarrow P_{T_2}((\lambda x. s) \ t)$ : get stuck at  $P_{T_2}((\lambda x. s) \ t) \stackrel{?}{=} P_{T_2}(s[x \mapsto t])$

**We deviate from the IH on  $s$  *just* by a substitution!**

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## Strengthening the Induction by a Logical Relation II

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This goes through:

Theorem (SN, with logrel)

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# Logical Relations: Summary

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### Theorem (Strong Normalization)

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- Induction on  $t$  failed: IH too weak
- Needed to **strengthen IH based on type of  $t$**

## Solution: a “proof by logical relation”

applicable in many type theories

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a typed-indexed family of relations

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1. Leave the technical details behind
2. Central slide. This we want to later implement in a LF
3. Basic Lemma: aka abstraction theorem, parametricity, fundamental lemma
4. Note the difference between “proof by logical relation” and the logical relation itself. Do not confuse them.

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5. III) Some logics have a notion of logrels, in fact many type theories admit one
6. Uniform notion of logrel in LF = natural extension of LF idea



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2. This is one of the central slides of this talk. If there are any questions, please ask them now.

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Any “realistic” proof by logical relations would be far too complicated  
Instead, we stay in PL and prove

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Do you see how both are instances of the Basic Lemma?



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## Conclusion

**Logical Relations:** a class of proof methods

- used to prove meta theorems about type theories strong normalization, type safety, ...
- called for when induction over terms fails and IHs based on their type are required
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1. In general, for theory  $T$  can generate interface theory  $T_r$
2. Follows the same ideas we discussed, but a bit cumbersome to define formally; not suited for talk

## Appetizer for more Pursuit

- Logical relations that relate “modulo view application”

So far: given an MMT/LF theory  $T$ ,

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Now: given MMT/LF view  $v: S \rightarrow T$ :

MMT/LF logical relations **over**  $v: S \rightarrow T$  prove statements about  $v(s)$   
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e.g.  $v = \text{TypeEras}: \text{Church} \rightarrow \text{Curry}$ , then prove “TypeEras(Church term) typable”.

- How can we make the Basic Lemma accessible *within* the formalization?

open question!

1. Only scratched surface
2. There are many more points; here two of them for my M.Sc. thesis
3. E.g. given a typed pair in Church we can type-erase that pair to get an untyped pair in Curry. That’s what this TypeEras view does.
4. But we’d like to say more: the untyped pair can actually be typed against the original type. It’s just that the type is no longer part of the term.
5. This we can express using logical relations along views



- Logical Relations:

- Concise and to-the-point proof of SN of STLC: [Zil12]

Note the relation for function types there is missing the condition of strong normalization, which I corrected for in my slides; if in doubt, compare with [Sko19].

- Another proof of SN of STLC: [Ahm13] (videos), third-party transcript at [Sko19, ch. 2]

Here, the lambda calculus is equipped with if-then-else constructs, too, making the proof a bit more complicated (on a first read). After SN of STLC, Ahmed considers several extensions of STLC, among others, with recursive types and reference types, and uses logical relations to prove meta theorems about them.

- Unrelated, but interesting: connection of logical relations with automata simulations: [tcs.SE]

- Logical Frameworks:

- MMT System: [Rab17; RM18]
- Edinburgh LF: [HHP93]

- Logical Relations for a Logical Framework:

## Further Pointers II

- The article on which this talk is based: [RS13]
- Proof of SN in Twelf: [SS08]

Concerning several ideas, the Twelf system is an ancestor of the MMT system. Hence, it is plausible that any method given in Twelf to prove SN of STLC can be carried over to MMT.

- Details of the mentioned Church to Curry idea: [Rou20, ch. 7]

This concrete exposition of mine gives a logical relation-free account of the Church to Curry idea for the MMT system. A version with logical relations in mind has been implemented as of January 2021, but not yet reported on.

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