

# Formalization of Categorical Grammar<sup>1</sup>

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### Definition (Category)

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be arbitrary any categories. The category is inductively defined as;

- Atomic categories are  $\text{NP}, \text{S}, \dots$
- Functional categories are  $A/B, B \setminus A$ .

We use capital Greek letters  $\Gamma, \Delta, \Sigma, \Theta, \dots$  for sequences of categories.

### Example (Functional Category)

Let a lexicon  $\ell$  be a map from a word to a category.

$$\ell(\text{I}) = \text{NP}$$

$$\ell(\text{love}) = (\text{NP} \setminus \text{S}) / \text{NP}$$

$$\ell(\text{you}) = \text{NP}$$

Then, the sequence of words “I love you” is a sentence.

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datatype 'a category =  
  Atomic 'a ("^")  
  | LeftFunctional "'a category" "'a category" (infix "←" 65)  
  | RightFunctional "'a category" "'a category" (infix "→" 65)
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# Categorical Grammar

## Definition

### Definition (Categorical Grammar (Steedman, 2000))

We use the sequent-style system. This system is *intuitionistic* and it has *no structural rules*.

$$\frac{}{A, A \setminus B \Rightarrow B} < \frac{}{B / A, A \Rightarrow B} > \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \quad \Delta, A, \Sigma \Rightarrow B}{\Delta, \Gamma, \Sigma \Rightarrow B} \text{Cut}$$

For any given lexicon  $\ell$ , a sequence of words  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  is a sentence if and only if  $\ell(w_1), \dots, \ell(w_n) \Rightarrow S$ .

## Slogan

The sequence is **acceptable** if it is **derivable**.

- Coq: Martín-Gómez *et.al.*, ccg2lambda: A compositional System
- Agda: Wen Kokke, Type-logical Grammar in Agda

# Categorical Grammar

Isabelle/HOL

inductive CategoricalGrammar

$::$  "'a category list  $\Rightarrow$  'a category  $\Rightarrow$  bool" (infix " $\vdash$ CG" 60) where

L : "[B $\leftarrow$ A,A]  $\vdash$ CG B"

| R : "[A,A $\rightarrow$ B]  $\vdash$ CG B"

| Cut : "[ $\Gamma \vdash$ CG A;  $\Delta @ [A] @ \Sigma \vdash$ CG B]  $\Rightarrow$   $\Delta @ \Gamma @ \Sigma \vdash$ CG B"

lemma "[NP,(NP $\rightarrow$ S) $\leftarrow$ NP, NP] $\vdash$ CG S"

proof-

have "[ (NP $\rightarrow$ S) $\leftarrow$ NP, NP ]  $\vdash$ CG NP $\rightarrow$ S"

by (simp add: L)

moreover have "[NP, NP $\rightarrow$ S]  $\vdash$ CG S"

by (simp add: R)

ultimately show ?thesis

by (smt (verit, ccfv\_threshold) Cut append\_Cons append\_Nil append\_assoc)

qed

# Categorial Grammar

## Example

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For the following  $\ell$ , the sequence of words “I love you” is a sentence because;

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$$\ell(\text{you}) = \text{NP}$$

$$\frac{\frac{}{(\text{NP} \backslash \text{S}) / \text{NP}, \text{NP} \Rightarrow \text{NP} \backslash \text{S}} > \quad \frac{}{\text{NP}, \text{NP} \backslash \text{S} \Rightarrow \text{S}} <}{\text{NP}, \text{NP} \backslash (\text{S} / \text{NP}), \text{NP} \Rightarrow \text{S}} \text{Cut}$$

### Definition (Language of Categorial Grammar)

For any given  $\ell$ , the language  $L$  is defined as  $L := \{w_1 \dots w_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}, \ell(w_1), \dots, \ell(w_n) \Rightarrow \text{S}\}$

### Chomsky Hierarchy

- Turing Machine
- Context-Sensitive Grammar
  - ▶ **Mildly Context-Sensitive Grammar** (e.g., Combinatory Categorical Grammar)
- **Context-Free Grammar** (e.g., Categorical Grammar)
- Regular Grammar



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$$\frac{}{A/B, B/C \Rightarrow A/C} >^B \quad \frac{}{A \backslash B, B \backslash C \Rightarrow A \backslash C} <^B$$

$$\frac{}{A \Rightarrow X/(A \backslash X)} <^T \quad \frac{}{A \Rightarrow (X/A) \backslash X} >^T$$

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Isabelle/HOL

inductive CombinatoryCategoricalGrammar

:: "'a category list  $\Rightarrow$  'a category  $\Rightarrow$  bool" (infix " $\vdash$ CCG" 60) where

L : "[B $\leftarrow$ A,A]  $\vdash$ CCG B"

| LT : "[A]  $\vdash$ CCG (B $\leftarrow$ A) $\rightarrow$ B"

| LB : "[A $\leftarrow$ B,B $\leftarrow$ C]  $\vdash$ CCG A $\leftarrow$ C"

| R : "[A,A $\rightarrow$ B]  $\vdash$ CCG B"

| RT : "[A]  $\vdash$ CCG B $\leftarrow$ (A $\rightarrow$ B)"

| RB : "[A $\rightarrow$ B,B $\rightarrow$ C]  $\vdash$ CCG A $\rightarrow$ C"

| Cut : "[ $\Gamma \vdash$ CCG A;  $\Delta@[A]@\Sigma \vdash$ CCG B]  $\Rightarrow$   $\Delta@\Gamma@\Sigma \vdash$ CCG B"

theorem

fixes f :: "'a  $\Rightarrow$  'b category" and S :: "'b category"

assumes "LCG = {W . map f W  $\vdash$ CG S}" and "LCCG = {W . map f W  $\vdash$ CCG S}"

shows "LCG  $\subseteq$  LCCG" apply (simp add: assms) using CG\_is\_CCG by blast

# Lambek Calculus

## Definition

### Definition (Lambek Calculus (van Benthem, 1988))

We use the sequent-style system. This system is *intuitionistic* and it has *no structural rules*.

$$\frac{}{A \Rightarrow A} \text{Ax} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, A, \Delta \Rightarrow B \quad \Sigma \Rightarrow A}{\Gamma, \Sigma, \Delta \Rightarrow B} \text{Cut}$$
$$\frac{\Gamma, A, \Delta \Rightarrow B \quad \Sigma \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma, \Sigma, C \setminus A, \Delta \Rightarrow B} \text{L} < \qquad \frac{\Gamma, A, \Delta \Rightarrow B \quad \Sigma \Rightarrow C}{\Gamma, A / C, \Sigma, \Delta \Rightarrow B} \text{L} >$$
$$\frac{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma \Rightarrow B / A} \text{R} > \qquad \frac{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \setminus B} \text{R} <$$

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inductive LambekGrammar

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identity : "[A]  $\vdash$ -L A"

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| LR : "[ $\Gamma$ @[A]@ $\Delta$   $\vdash$ -L B;  $\Sigma$   $\vdash$ -L C]  $\Rightarrow$   $\Gamma$ @ $\Sigma$ @[C $\rightarrow$ A]@ $\Delta$   $\vdash$ -L B"

| LL : "[ $\Gamma$ @[A]@ $\Delta$   $\vdash$ -L B;  $\Sigma$   $\vdash$ -L C]  $\Rightarrow$   $\Gamma$ @[A $\leftarrow$ C]@ $\Sigma$ @ $\Delta$   $\vdash$ -L B"

| RR : " $\Gamma$ @[A]  $\vdash$ -L B  $\Rightarrow$   $\Gamma$   $\vdash$ -L B  $\leftarrow$  A"

| RL : "[A]@ $\Gamma$   $\vdash$ -L B  $\Rightarrow$   $\Gamma$   $\vdash$ -L A  $\rightarrow$  B"

theorem

fixes f :: "'a  $\Rightarrow$  'b category" and S :: "'b category"

assumes "LCCG = {W . map f W  $\vdash$ -CCG S}" and "LL = {W . map f W  $\vdash$ -L S}"

shows "LCCG  $\subseteq$  LL" apply (simp add: assms) using CCG\_is\_Lambek by blast

# Restricted Continuation Passing Style Transformation

## Definition

### Definition (Continuation Passing Style Transformation (Plotkin, 1975))

In lambda calculus, we transform lambda term as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}[x] &\equiv \lambda k.kx \\ [\lambda x.M] &\equiv \lambda k.k(\lambda x.[M]) \\ [MN] &\equiv \lambda k.[M](\lambda m.[N](\lambda n.mnk))\end{aligned}$$

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### Definition (Type of CPS)

For any given type  $A$ , We also need to transform the type of lambda-term as follows.

$$[X] \equiv (\langle X \rangle \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \qquad \langle X \rangle \equiv X \qquad \langle X \rightarrow Y \rangle \equiv \langle X \rangle \rightarrow [Y]$$

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For any given category  $A$ , We transform the type of lambda-term as follows.

$$[X] \rightsquigarrow A/(\langle X \rangle \backslash A)$$

$$[X] \rightsquigarrow (A/\langle X \rangle) \backslash A$$

$$\langle X \rangle \rightsquigarrow X$$

$$\langle Y/X \rangle \rightsquigarrow [Y]/X$$

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### Theorem (Restricted CPS is derivable in Lambek Calculus)

We show  $X \Rightarrow [X]$  and  $X \Rightarrow \langle X \rangle$  in Isabelle/HOL.



inductive rCPS :: "'a category  $\Rightarrow$  'a category  $\Rightarrow$  'a category  $\Rightarrow$  bool"  
and rCPS' :: "'a category  $\Rightarrow$  'a category  $\Rightarrow$  'a category  $\Rightarrow$  bool"

where

"rCPS' A X Y  $\Longrightarrow$  rCPS A X ((A $\leftarrow$ Y) $\rightarrow$ A)"

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| "rCPS A X2 Y2  $\Longrightarrow$  rCPS' A (( $\wedge$ X1) $\rightarrow$ X2) (( $\wedge$ X1) $\rightarrow$ Y2)"

| "rCPS A X2 Y2  $\Longrightarrow$  rCPS' A (X2 $\leftarrow$ ( $\wedge$ X1)) (Y2 $\leftarrow$ ( $\wedge$ X1))"

| "rCPS' A ( $\wedge$ X) ( $\wedge$ X)"

theorem rCPS\_transformation:

fixes A X :: "'a category"

shows " $\wedge$ Y. rCPS' A X Y  $\Longrightarrow$  [X] $\vdash$ -L Y"

and " $\wedge$ Y. rCPS A X Y  $\Longrightarrow$  [X] $\vdash$ -L Y"

proof ... qed

# Q Combinator and D Combinator

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# Q Combinator and D Combinator

## Incremental Parsing

The *incremental parsing* is a strategy for parsing a sentence from a head.

- We obtain a parsing tree even if the utterance/ reading is in progress.
- We predict what category comes next.

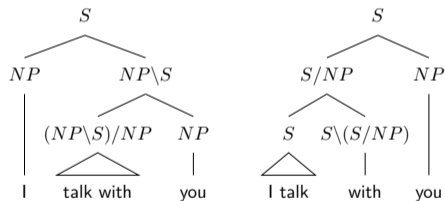


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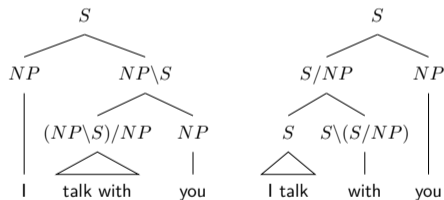


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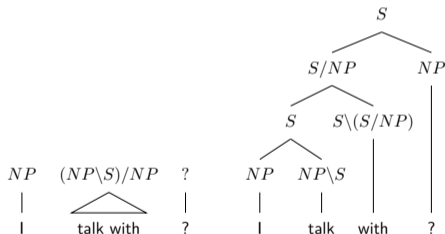


Figure: Incomplete sentence

# Q Combinator

## Observation

### Conjecture (Taniguchi and Tojo, LENLS2021)

For any given derivation of Categorical Grammar, there exists an incremental parsing of Q Combinatory Categorical Grammar.

Table: Number of Accepted Sentences

Grammar \ Number of Words	2	3	4	5	6
Non-incremental CG	2	8	40	224	1344
Incremental CG	2	4	8	16	32
Incremental CCG	2	8	32	128	512
Incremental QCCG	2	8	40	224	1344

The number of derivations of the non-incremental CG is  $2^{n-1}C_{n-1} = \frac{2^{n-1}}{n} \binom{2n-2}{n-1}$ , where  $n$  is the number of words and  $C_{n-1}$  is the Catalan number of  $n$  leaves.

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### Future Work

We would like to proof this conjecture in Isabelle.

- We have given the formal proof in Isabelle/HOL as follows.
  - ▶ The restricted CPS transformation of Lambek Calculus.
  - ▶ The inclusions of languages generated by CG, CCG, and Lambek.
- We expect implementing a new parser by Sledgehammer in Isabelle/HOL.
- Proof of the existence of the incremental parsing is our immediate future task.

Isabelle/PIDE is Language Server Protocol.

- jEdit<sup>†</sup>: Isabelle/jEdit
- Visual Studio Code<sup>†</sup>: Isabelle/VSCoDe
- Vim: coc-isabelle (<https://github.com/ThreeFx/coc-isabelle>)
- Emacs: isabelle-emacs (<https://github.com/m-fleury/isabelle-emacs>)
- jEdit with Vim: vimulator (<https://github.com/thoughtbot/vimulator>)

<sup>†</sup> jEdit and Visual Studio Code are official projects of Isabelle developers.