

Full abstraction for nominal general references

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Abstract

Game semantics has been used with considerable success in formulating fully abstract semantics for languages with higher-order procedures and a wide range of computational effects. Recently, nominal games have been proposed for modeling functional languages with names. These are ordinary games cast in the theory of nominal sets developed by Pitts and Gabbay. Here we take nominal games one step further, by developing a fully abstract semantics for a language with nominal general references.

1 Introduction

One of the most challenging problems in denotational semantics of programming languages is that of modeling languages with general references. General references are references which can store not only values of ground types (integers, booleans, etc.) but also of higher types (procedures, higher-order functions, or references themselves). The general reference is a very useful and powerful programming construct, and it can be used to encode a wide range of computational effects and programming paradigms (e.g. object-oriented programming). The added expressiveness of general references makes their denotational models complicated, mainly because of the phenomena of dynamic update and interference present in the language.

Fully abstract models for general references have been achieved via game semantics in [3], and via abstract categorical semantics in [9]. The presentation in [9] does not distinguish between λ -abstraction and local fresh-reference creation (ν -abstraction), and hence is distanced from the common use of references in programming languages. On the other hand, the calculus examined in [3] distinguishes between λ - and ν -abstractions, yet encodes references as variables of a read/write product type. This leads to the presence of *bad variables*¹, as read/write-product semantical objects may not necessarily denote references. Bad

¹By “bad variables” we mean read/write constructs of reference type which do not yield references, like `mkvar` of [3].

variables lead to unwanted behaviors and prohibit the use of *equality tests* for references.

In this paper we obtain the *first full-abstraction result for a statically-scoped language with general references, good variables and reference-equality tests*, which faithfully reflects the practice of real programming languages such as ML. We follow the alternative (nominal) approach of treating references separately from variables, as *names*, extending the ν -calculus of Pitts and Stark [14]. The ν -calculus is a paradigmatic λ -calculus with names, in which names are constant terms of ground type that “...are created with local scope, can be tested for equality and can be passed around via function application, but that is all”. Here we use names for references, so names are of reference types and may also be dereferenced and updated, introducing thus a λ -calculus with *nominal general references*, the $\nu\rho$ -calculus.

Nominal games were introduced in [2] as the basis for the first fully abstract model of the ν -calculus.² They constitute a version of Honda-Yoshida CBV-games [6] built in the universe of nominal sets of Pitts and Gabbay [5, 13]. Nominal sets are sets whose elements entail a finite number of *names*, and which are acted upon by finite name-permutations. Thus, the nominal games of [2] are CBV-games played using moves-with-names, that is moves attached with a finite set of names representing the names introduced so far. Our intention was to build a model for the $\nu\rho$ -calculus using nominal games, yet we discovered discrepancies arising from the use of name-sets in moves: the unordered nature of name-creation is incompatible with the deterministic behavior of strategies and, in fact, nominal games do not form a category.

Hence, we recast nominal games using moves attached with name-lists instead of name-sets, and rectifying other discrepancies. Moreover, since names model references of several types, our construction is based on nominal sets over countably infinitely many sets of names—one for each type.³ From the basic category of nominal games we obtain an adequate model for $\nu\rho$ by using a store arena, which is obtained as the canonical solution to the domain equation (SE)

²A different version of nominal games was introduced in [8], yet it did not yield a fully abstract model for the ν -calculus.

³Also, the use of name-lists allows us to construct nominal games in nominal sets with strongly supported elements (v. definition 1).

of page 5. For full abstraction we need to apply some further constraints on the way the store is accessed in nominal games, obtaining thus *tidy strategies*.

Summarising, the contributions of this paper are: a) the introduction of a λ -calculus with nominal general references, name-equality test and good variables; b) the rectification of nominal games; c) the construction of a fully abstract model using nominal games with tidy strategies. An appealing further direction is that of abstracting the basic nominal games model to a categorical level, in the spirit of [1, 9]; a first step in this direction has already been taken in the abstract description of a $\lambda_{\nu\rho}$ -model (section 3.1).

2 Theory of nominal sets

We give a short overview of nominal sets, which will be used as the basis for all constructions presented in this paper. Intuitively, nominal sets are sets whose elements entail a finite number of *names*, and which are acted upon by finite name-permutations.⁴ We present these following [13].

Assume a countably infinite set TY of types A, B, \dots , and for each type A assume a countably infinite set of names \mathbf{N}_A . The elements of \mathbf{N}_A are *names to type A* and are denoted by $\mathbf{a}^A, \mathbf{b}^A, \dots$. We write $\text{PERM}(\mathbf{N}_A)$ for the group of finite permutations of \mathbf{N}_A . We let $\mathbf{N} \triangleq \bigcup_{A \in \text{TY}} \mathbf{N}_A$ be the set of (general) names and $\text{PERM}(\mathbf{N}) \triangleq \bigoplus_{A \in \text{TY}} \text{PERM}(\mathbf{N}_A)$ be the group of (finite) permutations. Names are denoted by $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots$, and permutations by π, π', \dots ; in particular, $(\alpha \beta)$ denotes the permutation that only swaps names α and β (of same type) and id denotes the identity permutation.

A *nominal set* X is a set equipped with an action from $\text{PERM}(\mathbf{N})$, that is a function $_ \circ _ : \text{PERM}(\mathbf{N}) \times X \rightarrow X$ such that, for any $\pi, \pi' \in \text{PERM}(\mathbf{N})$ and $x \in X$,

$$\pi \circ (\pi' \circ x) = (\pi \circ \pi') \circ x \quad \text{id} \circ x = x \quad (\text{P})$$

Moreover, all $x \in X$ have finite support $\mathcal{S}(x)$, where

$$\mathcal{S}(x) \triangleq \{\alpha \in \mathbf{N} \mid \text{for infinitely many } \beta. (\alpha \beta) \circ x \neq x\} \quad (\text{S})$$

We can see that \mathbf{N} in particular is a nominal set. For $x \in X$ and $\alpha \in \mathbf{N}$, α is *fresh for* x , written $\alpha \# x$, iff $\alpha \notin \mathcal{S}(x)$. x is *equivariant* iff it has empty support. $\mathbf{N}^\#$ stands for the nominal set of finite lists of distinct (i.e. pairwise fresh) names.

If Y is a nominal set and $X \subseteq Y$ then X is a *nominal subset* of Y iff X is closed under permutations, these acting as on Y . If X, Y are nominal sets then their product $X \times Y$ is also a nominal set, with permutations defined componentwise. Moreover, a relation $R \subseteq X \times Y$ is a nominal subset of $X \times Y$ iff, for any permutation π and $(x, y) \in X \times Y$, $xRy \iff (\pi \circ x)R(\pi \circ y)$. We call such an R a *nominal relation*. Accordingly, $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is a *nominal function*

⁴In fact, nominal sets are sets in a Fraenkel-Mostowski permutation model of ZFA set theory with a countably infinite set of names and a group of finite permutations of names.

iff $f(\pi \circ x) = \pi \circ f(x)$, for any $x \in X$ and π . For example, $\mathcal{S}(_): X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin}}(\mathbf{N})$ is a nominal function.

We let \mathbf{Nom}_{TY} be the category of nominal sets (on \mathbf{N}) and nominal functions. In nominal sets we can succinctly define *name-abstraction*: for each $\alpha \in \mathbf{N}$ and $x \in X$ let

$$\langle \alpha \rangle x \triangleq \{(\beta, y) \in \mathbf{N} \times X \mid (\beta = \alpha \vee \beta \# x) \wedge y = (\alpha \beta) \circ x\}$$

We can show $\mathcal{S}(\langle \alpha \rangle x) = \mathcal{S}(x) \setminus \{\alpha\}$. Another form of abstraction involves restricting the support of an element to that of a given name-list: for any $x \in X$ and $\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbf{N}^\#$ let

$$[x]_{\vec{\alpha}} \triangleq \{y \in X \mid \exists \pi. \pi \circ \vec{\alpha} = \vec{\alpha} \wedge y = \pi \circ x\}$$

If $\mathcal{S}(x) \supseteq \mathcal{S}(\vec{\alpha})$ then $\mathcal{S}([x]_{\vec{\alpha}}) = \mathcal{S}(\vec{\alpha})$. The notion of support can be strengthened to model *ordered* entailment of names.

Definition 1 (Strong support) For any nominal set X , any $x \in X$ and any $S \subseteq \mathbf{N}$, S strongly supports x if, for any permutation π , π fixes x iff π fixes each element in S . \blacktriangle

The notion of strong support is indeed stronger than that of support, which employs only the “if”-part of the above assertion. For example, if $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{N}$ then the set $\{\alpha, \beta\}$ only has weak support $\{\alpha, \beta\}$, whereas the list α, β has strong support $\{\alpha, \beta\}$. Strong support coincides with weak support when the former exists.

3 The $\nu\rho$ -calculus

The $\nu\rho$ -calculus is a λ -calculus with nominal general references. Leaving aside the use of name-lists instead of name-sets in the operational semantics, it is an extension of the ν -calculus of Pitts and Stark [14] (and of the ν -calculus with `int_ref` of [15, chapter 5]) using names for general references. We present its syntax in nominal sets, and thus obtain nominal notions such as name-freshness and name-permutation for free.

Definition 2 The $\nu\rho$ -calculus is a functional calculus of nominal references. Its types are given as follows.

$$\text{TY} \ni A, B ::= \mathbf{1} \mid \mathbf{N} \mid [A] \mid A \rightarrow B \mid A \otimes B$$

So references to type A are of type $[A]$. Terms compose TE:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{TE} \ni M, N ::= & x \mid \lambda x. M \mid M N & \lambda\text{-term} \\ & \mid \text{skip} \mid \tilde{n} \mid \text{pred } M \mid \text{succ } N & \text{return / arithmetic} \\ & \mid \text{if0 } M \text{ then } N_1 \text{ else } N_2 & \text{if_then_else} \\ & \mid \langle M, N \rangle \mid \text{fst } M \mid \text{snd } N & \text{pair / projections} \\ & \mid \alpha \mid \nu \alpha. M & \text{name / } \nu\text{-abstraction} \\ & \mid [M = N] & \text{name-equality test} \\ & \mid M := N \mid !M & \text{update / dereferencing} \end{array}$$

TE is a nominal set in \mathbf{Nom}_{TY} : each name $\alpha = \mathbf{a}^A$ is taken from \mathbf{N}_A and $\nu \alpha. M$ stands for $\nu(\langle \alpha \rangle M)$. Of the terms

above, the values are:

$$\mathbf{VA} \ni V, W ::= \tilde{n} \mid \text{skip} \mid \alpha \mid x \mid \lambda x.M \mid \langle V, W \rangle$$

The typing system involves terms in environments $\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma$, where $\vec{\alpha}$ a list of (distinct) names and Γ a finite set of variable-type pairs. Some of its rules are the following.

$$\frac{}{\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma, x:A \vdash x:A} \quad \frac{}{\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash \alpha:[A]}^{\alpha = \mathbf{a}^A \# \vec{\alpha}}$$

$$\frac{}{\vec{\alpha}, \alpha \mid \Gamma \vdash M:B} \quad \frac{}{\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash M:[A]}$$

$$\frac{}{\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash \nu\alpha.M:B} \quad \frac{}{\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash !M:[A]}$$

$$\frac{}{\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash M:[A]} \quad \frac{}{\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash N:[A]}$$

$$\frac{}{\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash [M = N]:\mathbb{N}}$$

$$\frac{}{\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash M:[A]} \quad \frac{}{\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash N:A}$$

$$\frac{}{\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash M := N:\mathbf{1}}$$

The reduction calculus is defined in store environment S :

$$S ::= \epsilon \mid \alpha, S \mid \alpha :: V, S$$

For each store environment S we define its domain, $\text{dom}(S)$, to be the list of names stored in S . We only consider environments with domains in $\mathbb{N}^\#$ (i.e. lists of distinct names). Reduction rules are as below,

$$\text{DRF} \frac{}{S, \alpha :: V, S' \vdash !\alpha \rightarrow S, \alpha :: V, S' \vdash V}$$

$$\text{NEW} \frac{}{S \vdash \nu\alpha.M \rightarrow S, \beta \vdash (\alpha \beta) \circ M}^{\text{(any } \beta \# S)}$$

$$\text{UPD} \frac{}{S, \alpha :: W, S' \vdash \alpha := V \rightarrow S, \alpha :: V, S' \vdash \text{skip}}$$

$$\text{EQ} \frac{}{S \vdash [\alpha = \beta] \rightarrow S \vdash \tilde{n}}^{\substack{n=1 \text{ if } \alpha \# \beta \\ n=0 \text{ if } \alpha = \beta}}$$

$$\text{PRD} \frac{}{S \vdash \text{pred } \tilde{0} \rightarrow S \vdash \tilde{0}}$$

$$\text{LAM} \frac{}{S \vdash (\lambda x.M) V \rightarrow S \vdash M\{V/x\}}$$

$$\text{CTX} \frac{}{S \vdash M \rightarrow S' \vdash M'}$$

$$\frac{}{S \vdash E[M] \rightarrow S' \vdash E[M']}$$

plus standard CBV rules for `fst`, `snd`, `if0`, `pred` and `succ`. Evaluation contexts $E[-]$ are of the forms:

$$\begin{aligned} &[- = N], [\alpha = -], [!_], [- := N], [\alpha := -] \\ &(\lambda x.N)_-, [- N], \text{fst}_-, \text{if0}_- \text{ then } N \text{ else } N' \\ &\text{snd}_-, \text{pred}_-, \text{succ}_-, \langle -, N \rangle, \langle V, - \rangle \end{aligned} \blacktriangle$$

We take *observable terms* to be the constants of type \mathbb{N} , and around them we build the notion of observational equivalence.

Definition 3 (\lesssim) For typed terms $\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash M, N : A$ define $\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash M \lesssim N$ to be the assertion:

for any variable- and name-closing context $C[-]:\mathbb{N}$,
 $\exists S'.(\vdash C[M] \rightarrow S' \vdash \tilde{0}) \implies \exists S''.(\vdash C[N] \rightarrow S'' \vdash \tilde{0})$

We usually omit $\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma$ and write simply $M \lesssim N$. \blacktriangle

3.1 Semantics

We examine sufficient conditions for a fully abstract categorical semantics of $\nu\rho$, following a development similar to that of [15, chapter 3]. Note that, translating each term M into a morphism $\llbracket M \rrbracket$ and assuming a preorder “ \lesssim ” in the semantics, full-abstraction will amount to the assertion:

$$M \lesssim N \iff \llbracket M \rrbracket \lesssim \llbracket N \rrbracket \quad (\text{FA})$$

Soundness. We examine semantics in a family of categories $\langle \mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}} \rangle_{\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{N}^\#}$ so that each typed term $\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash M : A$ is translated into a map $\llbracket M \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow T\llbracket A \rrbracket$ in $\mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}$. T is a computational monad, so our semantics is a *monadic* one (v. [11]). Computation in $\nu\rho$ is store-update and fresh-name creation. These requirements define $\lambda_{\nu\rho}$ -models.

Definition 4 A $\lambda_{\nu\rho}$ -model \mathcal{M} is a family of categories and monads $\langle \mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}, (T, \eta, \mu, \tau)^{\vec{\alpha}} \rangle_{\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{N}^\#}$ such that, for each $\vec{\alpha}$:

- I. $\mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ has finite products, with $\mathbf{1}$ being the terminal object and $A \otimes B$ the product of A and B .
- II. $\mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ and $(T, \eta, \mu, \tau)^{\vec{\alpha}}$ form a λ_c -model (v. [11]). The T-exponential TB^A is denoted by $A \Rrightarrow TB$.
- III. $\mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ contains a natural numbers object \mathbb{N} equipped with successor/predecessor arrows and $\tilde{n} : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, each $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
- IV. $\mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ contains, for each $A \in \text{TY}$, an A -names object N_A , a $\tilde{0}/\tilde{1}$ -valued name-equality arrow $\text{eq}_A : N_A \otimes N_A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, and, for each $\alpha \in (N_A \cap S(\vec{\alpha}))$, an arrow $\alpha : \mathbf{1} \rightarrow N_A$.

These make $\begin{array}{ccc} N_A & \xrightarrow{\Delta} & N_A \otimes N_A \\ \downarrow \alpha & & \downarrow \text{eq}_A \\ \mathbf{1} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{0}} & \mathbb{N} \end{array}$ a pullback.

- V. Taking $\llbracket \mathbf{1} \rrbracket \triangleq \mathbf{1}$, $\llbracket \mathbb{N} \rrbracket \triangleq \mathbb{N}$, $\llbracket [A] \rrbracket \triangleq N_A$, $\llbracket A \rightarrow B \rrbracket \triangleq \llbracket A \rrbracket \Rrightarrow T\llbracket B \rrbracket$ and $\llbracket A \otimes B \rrbracket \triangleq \llbracket A \rrbracket \otimes \llbracket B \rrbracket$, $\mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ contains, for each $A \in \text{TY}$, arrows

$$\text{drf}_A : N_A \rightarrow T\llbracket A \rrbracket \quad \text{upd}_A : N_A \otimes \llbracket A \rrbracket \rightarrow T\mathbf{1}$$

such that, for $\alpha \# \beta$ and $\text{upd}_A^\alpha \triangleq \langle !; \alpha, \text{id} \rangle; \text{upd}_A$, the following diagrams (which describe the specifications for *dereferencing* and *update*) commute.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \llbracket A \rrbracket & \xrightarrow{\langle \text{id}, \text{upd}_A^\alpha \rangle} & \llbracket A \rrbracket \otimes T\mathbf{1} & \xrightarrow{\pi_2; T\alpha} & TN_A \\ & & \downarrow \tau; \cong & & \downarrow T\text{drf}_A \\ & & T\llbracket A \rrbracket & \xleftarrow{\mu} & T\llbracket A \rrbracket \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \llbracket A \rrbracket \otimes \llbracket B \rrbracket & \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \text{upd}_B^\beta} & \llbracket A \rrbracket \otimes T\mathbf{1} & \xrightarrow{\tau; \cong} & T\llbracket A \rrbracket & \quad (\text{NR}) \\ \downarrow \text{upd}_A^\alpha \otimes \text{id} & & \downarrow \tau'; \cong & & \downarrow T\text{upd}_A^\alpha & \\ T\mathbf{1} \otimes \llbracket B \rrbracket & \xrightarrow{\tau'; \cong} & T\llbracket B \rrbracket & \xrightarrow{T\text{upd}_B^\beta} & T\mathbf{1} & \xrightarrow{\mu} & T\mathbf{1} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \llbracket A \rrbracket \otimes \llbracket A \rrbracket & \xrightarrow{\text{id} \otimes \text{upd}_A^\alpha} & \llbracket A \rrbracket \otimes T\mathbf{1} & \xrightarrow{\tau; \cong} & T\llbracket A \rrbracket \\ \downarrow \pi_1 & & \downarrow \text{upd}_A^\alpha & & \downarrow T\text{upd}_A^\alpha \\ \llbracket A \rrbracket & \xrightarrow{\text{upd}_A^\alpha} & T\mathbf{1} & \xleftarrow{\mu} & T\mathbf{1} \end{array}$$

Moreover, $Ob(\mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}})$ is a nominal set with equivariant elements and all $\mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}$'s contain the same objects, so we let $Ob(\mathcal{M}) \triangleq Ob(\mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}})$, any $\vec{\alpha}$. For each $A, B \in Ob(\mathcal{M})$ there exists a nominal set $\mathcal{M}(A, B)$, such that

$$\mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}(A, B) = \{(x, \vec{\alpha}) \mid x \in \mathcal{M}(A, B) \wedge S(x) \subseteq S(\vec{\alpha})\}$$

We write $f = ((f)^\circ, \vec{\alpha})$, each $f \in \mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}(A, B)$. Moreover, the structure defined in I-V above is equivariant in the following sense:

$$\begin{aligned} S((\text{id}_A^{\vec{\alpha}})^\circ) = \emptyset & \quad \wedge \quad ((\text{id}_A^{\vec{\alpha}})^\circ, \vec{\beta}) = \text{id}_A^{\vec{\beta}} \\ S((\eta_A^{\vec{\alpha}})^\circ) = \emptyset & \quad \wedge \quad ((\eta_A^{\vec{\alpha}})^\circ, \vec{\beta}) = \eta_A^{\vec{\beta}} \\ & \quad \text{etc.} \\ S((\alpha^{\vec{\alpha}})^\circ) = \{\alpha\} & \quad \wedge \quad ((\alpha^{\vec{\alpha}})^\circ, \vec{\beta}) = \alpha^{\vec{\beta}} \quad (\text{if } \alpha \# \vec{\beta}) \end{aligned}$$

Also, for each $\alpha \# \vec{\alpha}$ and each A, B , the nominal mapping

$$(-)^{+\alpha} : \mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}(A, B) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}, \alpha}(A, B) \triangleq (f, \vec{\alpha}) \mapsto (f, \vec{\alpha}, \alpha)$$

is functorial and commutes with pairing, currying and T . Finally, there exists a nominal mapping

$$\langle \alpha \rangle (-) : \mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}, \alpha}(A, TB) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}(A, TB)$$

such that, for all relevant f, g, β , the SN-diagrams commute:

$$\begin{aligned} f ; \langle \alpha \rangle g &= \langle \alpha \rangle (f^{+\alpha} ; g) & \langle \alpha \rangle f ; Tg &= \langle \alpha \rangle (f ; T(g^{+\alpha})) \\ \langle \alpha \rangle f ; \mu &= \langle \alpha \rangle (f ; \mu) & (\text{id} \otimes \langle \alpha \rangle f) ; \tau &= \langle \alpha \rangle ((\text{id} \otimes f) ; \tau) \\ (\text{upd}_B^\beta \otimes \langle \alpha \rangle f) ; \psi &= \langle \alpha \rangle ((\text{upd}_B^\beta \otimes f) ; \psi) \end{aligned}$$

(where $\psi = \tau'$; $T\tau$; μ , see [11]). $-^{+\alpha}$ is *name-addition* and $\langle \alpha \rangle_-$ is *name-abstraction*, not to be confused with nominal name-abstraction $\langle \alpha \rangle_-$. \blacktriangle

Our semantics is cast inside \mathbf{Nom}_{TY} . The reason for describing morphisms as pairs $(x, \vec{\alpha})$ comes from the fact that we give semantic translations of sequents, not terms, and sequents may contain superfluous names in their name-environments. Thus, if f models $\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash M : A$ then $(f)^\circ$ models $\vec{\alpha}' \mid \Gamma \vdash M : A$, where $\vec{\alpha}'$ is $\vec{\alpha}$ with all names that are fresh for M removed. Moreover, this description allows us to form a family of categories that *have essentially the same structure*, and gives us a means to relate the semantics of sequents like $\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash M : A$ and $\vec{\alpha}, \alpha \mid \Gamma \vdash M : A$.

Recall that in a λ_c -model $\mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ there exists, for each A, B, C , a bijection natural in A :

$$\Lambda_{A,C}^{T,B} : \mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}(A \otimes B, TC) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}(A, B \cong TC)$$

Let $\text{ev}_{A,B}^T : (A \cong TB) \otimes A \rightarrow TB \triangleq (\Lambda^T)^{-1}(\text{id}_{A \cong TB})$. We give the semantics of $\nu\rho$ in a $\lambda_{\nu\rho}$ -model \mathcal{M} .

Definition 5 Let $\langle \mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}, T^{\vec{\alpha}} \rangle_{\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{N}^\#}$ be a $\lambda_{\nu\rho}$ -model. A typing judgement $\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash M : A$ is translated into an arrow $\llbracket M \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \rightarrow T\llbracket A \rrbracket$ in $\mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ as follows.

$$\llbracket \tilde{n} \rrbracket : \Gamma \xrightarrow{1} 1 \xrightarrow{\tilde{n}; \eta} T\mathbb{N} \quad \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket : \Gamma \xrightarrow{1} 1 \xrightarrow{\alpha; \eta} TN_A$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{\llbracket M \rrbracket : \Gamma \otimes A \rightarrow TB}{\frac{\llbracket \lambda x.M \rrbracket : \Gamma \xrightarrow{\Lambda^T(\llbracket M \rrbracket)} A \cong TB \xrightarrow{\eta} T(A \cong TB)}{\llbracket M \rrbracket : \Gamma \rightarrow T(A \cong TB)} \quad \llbracket N \rrbracket : \Gamma \rightarrow TA} \\ \llbracket M N \rrbracket : \Gamma \xrightarrow{\langle \llbracket M \rrbracket, \llbracket N \rrbracket \rangle ; \psi} T((A \cong TB) \otimes A) \xrightarrow{T\text{ev}^T; \mu} TB \\ \frac{\llbracket M \rrbracket : \Gamma \rightarrow TA}{\llbracket \nu\alpha.M \rrbracket = \langle \alpha \rangle \llbracket M \rrbracket : \Gamma \rightarrow TA} \\ \frac{\llbracket M \rrbracket : \Gamma \rightarrow TN_A \quad \llbracket N \rrbracket : \Gamma \rightarrow TN_A}{\llbracket [M = N] \rrbracket : \Gamma \xrightarrow{\langle \llbracket M \rrbracket, \llbracket N \rrbracket \rangle ; \psi} T(N_A \otimes N_A) \xrightarrow{T\text{eq}} T\mathbb{N}} \\ \frac{\llbracket M \rrbracket : \Gamma \rightarrow TN_A \quad \llbracket N \rrbracket : \Gamma \rightarrow TA}{\llbracket M := N \rrbracket : \Gamma \xrightarrow{\langle \llbracket M \rrbracket, \llbracket N \rrbracket \rangle ; \psi} T(N_A \otimes A) \xrightarrow{T\text{upd}_A; \mu} T1} \\ \frac{\llbracket M \rrbracket : \Gamma \rightarrow TN_A}{\llbracket !M \rrbracket : \Gamma \xrightarrow{\llbracket M \rrbracket} TN_A \xrightarrow{T\text{arf}_A} TTA \xrightarrow{\mu} TA} \end{array}$$

plus standard translations for other term constructors. \blacktriangle

We proceed to show correctness. Note that we write $S \vDash M \xrightarrow{r} S' \vDash M'$, with r being a reduction rule different from CTX, if the non-CTX rule in the related derivation is r . We write $M ; N$ for the term $(\lambda d.N)M$, some d not in N , and relate to any store S a term \bar{S} of type $\mathbf{1}$, by: $\bar{\varepsilon} \triangleq \text{skip}$, $\bar{\alpha}, \bar{S} \triangleq \bar{S}$, $\bar{\alpha} :: \bar{V}, \bar{S} \triangleq (\bar{\alpha} := \bar{V}; \bar{S})$.

Proposition 6 (Correctness) For any $\vec{\alpha} \mid \Gamma \vdash M : A$, any S with $\text{dom}(S) = \vec{\alpha}$ and any $r \neq \text{NEW}$,

- $S \vDash M \xrightarrow{r} S' \vDash M' \implies \llbracket \bar{S}; M \rrbracket = \llbracket \bar{S}'; M' \rrbracket$,
 - $S \vDash M \xrightarrow{\text{NEW}} S, \alpha \vDash M' \implies \llbracket \bar{S}; M \rrbracket = \langle \alpha \rangle \llbracket \bar{S}; M' \rrbracket$.
- Hence, $S \vDash M \rightarrow S' \vDash M' \implies \llbracket \nu\vec{\alpha}.(\bar{S}; M) \rrbracket = \llbracket \nu\vec{\alpha}'.(\bar{S}'; M') \rrbracket$, with $\text{dom}(S') = \vec{\alpha}'$. \blacksquare

Soundness does not follow from correctness; we need to add an adequacy specification.

Definition 7 (Adequacy) Let $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{M}^{\vec{\alpha}}, T^{\vec{\alpha}} \rangle_{\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{N}^\#}$ be a $\lambda_{\nu\rho}$ -model and $\llbracket _ \rrbracket$ the respective translation of $\nu\rho$. \mathcal{M} is adequate if, for any typed term $\vec{\alpha} \mid \emptyset \vdash M : \mathbb{N}$, if $\llbracket M \rrbracket = \langle \vec{\beta} \rangle \llbracket \bar{S}; \tilde{0} \rrbracket$, some S , then there exists S' such that $\vec{\alpha} \vDash M \rightarrow S' \vDash \tilde{0}$. \blacktriangle

Assume now our running \mathcal{M} is an adequate $\lambda_{\nu\rho}$ -model.

Proposition 8 (Equational Soundness)

$$\llbracket M \rrbracket = \llbracket N \rrbracket \implies M \lesssim N \quad \blacksquare$$

Completeness. To achieve completeness we need to introduce a preorder in the semantics to match the observational preorder of the syntax, as in (FA). This step, which is essentially a *quotienting* procedure, is found in many (but by no means all) fully abstract models based on game semantics.

These satisfy the conditions:

- (f) For each $m \in M_A$, there exists unique $k \geq 0$ such that $\dagger \vdash_A m_1 \vdash_A \cdots \vdash_A m_k \vdash_A m$, for some m_i 's in M_A . k is called the level of m . Level-0 moves, denoted by i, i', \dots , are called *initial*.
- (11) Initial moves are P-Answers.
- (12) If $m_1, m_2 \in M_A$ are at consecutive levels then λ_A assigns them complementary OP-labels.
- (13) Answers may only justify Questions.

A *prearena* is an arena with its initial moves labeled OQ. Given arenas A and B , construct the prearena $A \rightarrow B$ as:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{A \rightarrow B} &\triangleq M_A + M_B \\ \lambda_{A \rightarrow B} &\triangleq [(i_A \mapsto OQ, \overline{i_A} \mapsto \overline{\lambda_A}(m_A)), \lambda_B] \\ \vdash_{A \rightarrow B} &\triangleq \{(\dagger, i_A), (i_A, i_B)\} \cup \{(m, n) \mid m \vdash_{A,B} n\} \quad \blacktriangle \end{aligned}$$

I_A is the set of *initial* (level-0) moves of A , and J_A the set of *jnitial* (level-1) moves. Then, $\overline{I_A} = M_A \setminus I_A$, and $\overline{J_A} = M_A \setminus J_A$. In general, we use m_A to denote moves in M_A , i_A for moves in I_A , $\overline{i_A}$ for moves in $\overline{I_A}$, j_A for moves in J_A , etc. Finally, $\overline{\lambda_A}$ denotes the OP-complement of λ_A .

Condition (f) states that arenas can be represented by directed connected graphs with no directed cycles. Note that the nominal arenas of [2] do satisfy the above conditions, although a different set of conditions is used there.

Example 14 (Basic arenas) *The simplest arena is $0 = (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset)$. Now let A be an arbitrary type. Define the (flat) arenas N_A, \mathbb{N} and 1 as follows.*

$$\begin{aligned} M_{N_A} &\triangleq N_A & M_{\mathbb{N}} &\triangleq \mathbb{N} & M_1 &\triangleq \{*\} \\ \lambda_{N_A}(m) &\triangleq PA & \lambda_{\mathbb{N}}(m) &\triangleq PA & \lambda_1(*) &\triangleq PA \\ \vdash_{N_A} &\triangleq \{(\dagger, m)\} & \vdash_{\mathbb{N}} &\triangleq \{(\dagger, m)\} & \vdash_1 &\triangleq \{(\dagger, *)\} \end{aligned}$$

Nominal games are played using sequences of *moves-with-names*, that is moves attached with name-lists. Name-lists capture name-environments; this idea of attaching state-information explicitly to moves first appeared in [12] and was later followed in [2].

Definition 15 A move-with-names of a (pre)arena A is a pair, $m^{\vec{\alpha}}$, where $m \in M_A$ and $\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbf{N}^\#$ (i.e. $\vec{\alpha}$ a name-list). Writing $m^{\vec{\alpha}}$ as x , we have $\underline{x} \triangleq m$ and $\text{nlist}(x) \triangleq \vec{\alpha}$. \blacktriangle

At this point, let us introduce some handy notation for sequences. Let s, t be sequences, then:

- $s \leq t$ denotes that s is a prefix of t , and then $t = s(t-s)$,
- s^- denotes s with its last element removed,
- if $s = s_1 \cdots s_n$ then
 - n is the *length* of s , and is denoted by $|s|$,
 - $s.i$ denotes s_i and $s.-i$ denotes s_{n+1-i} , e.g. $s.-1$ is s_n ,
 - $s_{\leq s_i}$ denotes $s_1 \cdots s_i$, and so does $s_{< s_{i+1}}$.

A *justified sequence* over a prearena A is a finite sequence s of OP-alternating moves such that, except for $s.1$ which is

initial, every move $s.i$ has a *justification pointer* to some $s.j$ such that $j < i$ and $s.j \vdash_A s.i$; we say that $s.j$ (*explicitly*) *justifies* $s.i$. We can now proceed to plays.

Definition 16 (Plays) Let A be a prearena. A *legal sequence* on A is a justified sequence of moves-with-names that satisfies Visibility and Well-Bracketing (v. [10, 7]). A legal sequence s is a *play* if it also satisfies the following Name Change conditions:

- (NC1) The name-list of a P-move x in s contains as a prefix the name-list of its preceding O-move. It possibly contains other names, all of which are fresh for $s_{< x}$.
- (NC2) Any name in the support of a P-move x in s that is fresh for $s_{< x}$ is contained in the name-list of x .
- (NC3) The name-list of a non-initial O-move in s is that of the P-move explicitly justifying it.

An $\vec{\alpha}$ -play is a play that opens with a move with name-list $\vec{\alpha}$. The set of $\vec{\alpha}$ -plays on a prearena A is denoted by $P_A^{\vec{\alpha}}$. \blacktriangle

With s and x as above, P *introduces a name* α at x iff $\alpha \# x$ and $\alpha \# s_{< x}$. $\mathcal{L}(s)$ contains all names introduced by P in s . Note also that, for any move x in an $\vec{\alpha}$ -play, $\vec{\alpha} \leq \text{nlist}(x)$. We proceed to strategies.

Definition 17 (Strategies) An $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategy σ is a set of equivalence classes $[s]_{\vec{\alpha}}$ of $\vec{\alpha}$ -plays, written $[s]$, satisfying *prefix closure*, *contingency completeness* and *determinacy*:

- If $[su] \in \sigma$ then $[s] \in \sigma$.
- If even-length $[s] \in \sigma$ and sx is an $\vec{\alpha}$ -play then $[sx] \in \sigma$.
- If even-length $[s_1x_1], [s_2x_2] \in \sigma$ and $[s_1] = [s_2]$ then $[s_1x_1] = [s_2x_2]$.

An $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategy σ on $A \rightarrow B$ is written $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$. \blacktriangle

For example, for $\alpha \# \vec{\alpha}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, define the $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategies:

$$\alpha : 1 \rightarrow N_A \triangleq \{[*^{\vec{\alpha}}\alpha^{\vec{\alpha}}]\} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{n} : 1 \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \triangleq \{[*^{\vec{\alpha}}n^{\vec{\alpha}}]\}$$

Note that $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategies have (strong) support $S(\vec{\alpha})$. We define play- and strategy-composition building on [6, 10]. We let \underline{s} be s without its name-lists, and $\underline{s}^{\text{nlist}(s)}$ be s .

Definition 18 (Composable plays) Let $s \in P_{A \rightarrow B}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ and $t \in P_{B \rightarrow C}^{\vec{\alpha}}$. These are *almost composable*, $s \smile t$, if $\underline{s} \upharpoonright B = \underline{t} \upharpoonright B$. They are *composable*, $s \asymp t$, if $s \smile t$ and, for any $s' \leq s$ and $t' \leq t$ with $s' \smile t'$,

- (C1) If s' ends in a P-move in A introducing some name α then $\alpha \# t'$; dually, if t' ends in a P-move in C introducing some name α then $\alpha \# s'$.
- (C2) If both s', t' end in B and s' ends in a P-move introducing some name α then $\alpha \# t'^-$; dually, if t' ends in a P-move introducing some name α then $\alpha \# s'^-$. \blacktriangle

If $s \in P_{A \rightarrow B}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ and $t \in P_{B \rightarrow C}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ are composable then either $s \upharpoonright B = t = \epsilon$, or s ends in A and t in B , or s ends in B and t in C , or both s and t end in B (cf. *zipper lemma* of [6]). In the following we state that m is an O-move by writing $m_{(O)}$, and similarly for P-moves.

Definition 19 (Composition) Let $s \in P_{A \rightarrow B}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ and $t \in P_{B \rightarrow C}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ with $s \succ t$. Their parallel interaction $s \parallel t$ and their mix $s \bullet t$, which returns the name-list of the final move in $s \parallel t$, are defined by mutual induction as below.

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon \parallel \epsilon &\triangleq \epsilon & sm_B^{\vec{\beta}} \parallel tm_B^{\vec{\gamma}} &\triangleq (s \parallel t)m_B^{sm_B^{\vec{\beta}} \bullet tm_B^{\vec{\gamma}}} \\ s \parallel tm_C^{\vec{\gamma}} &\triangleq (s \parallel t)m_C^{s \bullet tm_C^{\vec{\gamma}}} & sm_A^{\vec{\beta}} \parallel t &\triangleq (s \parallel t)m_A^{sm_A^{\vec{\beta}} \bullet t} \\ s \bullet tm_{C(O)}^{\vec{\gamma}} &\triangleq \vec{\gamma}'' & sm_{A(O)}^{\vec{\beta}} \bullet t &\triangleq \vec{\beta}'' \\ sm_{A(P)}^{\vec{\beta}} \bullet t &\triangleq s \bullet t, \vec{\beta}' & sm_{B(P)}^{\vec{\beta}} \bullet tm_{B(O)}^{\vec{\gamma}} &\triangleq s \bullet t, \vec{\beta}' \\ s \bullet tm_{C(P)}^{\vec{\gamma}} &\triangleq s \bullet t, \vec{\gamma}' & sm_{B(O)}^{\vec{\beta}} \bullet tm_{B(P)}^{\vec{\gamma}} &\triangleq s \bullet t, \vec{\gamma}' \end{aligned}$$

where $\vec{\beta}'$ is $\vec{\beta} - \text{nlist}(s.-1)$, and $\vec{\beta}''$ is the name-list of $m_{A(O)}$'s justifier in $s \parallel t$; similarly for $\vec{\gamma}', \vec{\gamma}''$.

The composition of s and t is: $s; t \triangleq (s \parallel t) \upharpoonright AC$.

For $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategies $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$ and $\tau : B \rightarrow C$, their composition is: $\sigma; \tau \triangleq \{[s; t] \mid [s] \in \sigma \wedge [t] \in \tau \wedge s \succ t\}$. \blacktriangle

Proposition 20 If $s \in P_{A \rightarrow B}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ and $t \in P_{B \rightarrow C}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ with $s \succ t$, then $s; t \in P_{A \rightarrow C}^{\vec{\alpha}}$.

If $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$ and $\tau : B \rightarrow C$ are $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategies then so is $\sigma; \tau$. Moreover, if $\sigma_1 : A_1 \rightarrow A_2$, $\sigma_2 : A_2 \rightarrow A_3$ and $\sigma_3 : A_3 \rightarrow A_4$ are $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategies then $(\sigma_1; \sigma_2); \sigma_3 = \sigma_1; (\sigma_2; \sigma_3)$. \blacksquare

We are interested in *innocent strategies*, that is strategies in which P-moves depend solely on current P-views. Recall that the P-view, $\lceil s \rceil$, of a justified sequence s is:

$$\begin{aligned} \lceil sx \rceil &\triangleq \lceil s \rceil x && \text{if } x \text{ a P-move} \\ \lceil x \rceil &\triangleq x && \text{if } x \text{ is initial} \\ \lceil xsx'y \rceil &\triangleq \lceil s \rceil xy && \text{if } y \text{ an O-move justified by } x \end{aligned}$$

Note that the P-view of a play is *not* necessarily itself a play; hence, we further restrict plays.

Definition 21 A play s is *innocent* if, for any $t \leq s$, $\lceil t \rceil$ is a play. \blacktriangle

It is not difficult to see that innocent plays are legal sequences satisfying (NC1), (NC3) and (NC2'), where (NC2') Any name in the support of a P-move x in s that is fresh for $\lceil s_{<x} \rceil$ is contained the name-list of x . From innocent plays we move on to innocent strategies.

Definition 22 An $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategy σ is *innocent* if $[s] \in \sigma$ implies that s is innocent, and if even-length $[s_1 n_1^{\vec{\gamma}_1}] \in \sigma$ and odd-length $[s_2] \in \sigma$ have $\lceil s_1 \rceil = \lceil s_2 \rceil$ then there exists $n_2^{\vec{\gamma}_2}$ such that $[s_2 n_2^{\vec{\gamma}_2}] \in \sigma$ and $\lceil s_1 n_1^{\vec{\gamma}_1} \rceil = \lceil s_2 n_2^{\vec{\gamma}_2} \rceil$. \blacktriangle

Proposition 23 If $s \in P_{A \rightarrow B}^{\vec{\alpha}}$, $t \in P_{B \rightarrow C}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ are innocent and $s \succ t$ then $s; t$ is innocent. If $\sigma : A \rightarrow B, \tau : B \rightarrow C$ are innocent $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategies then so is $\sigma; \tau$. \blacksquare

We can now define our basic category of nominal games.

Definition 24 ($\mathcal{V}_t^{\vec{\alpha}}, \mathcal{V}_{tt}^{\vec{\alpha}}$) An innocent $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategy $f : A \rightarrow B$ is *total* if for any $[i_A^{\vec{\alpha}}] \in f$ there exists $[i_A^{\vec{\alpha}} i_B^{\vec{\alpha}}] \in f$.

It is also *total* if for any $[i_A^{\vec{\alpha}} i_B^{\vec{\alpha}} j_B^{\vec{\alpha}}] \in f$ there exists $[i_A^{\vec{\alpha}} i_B^{\vec{\alpha}} j_B^{\vec{\alpha}} j_A^{\vec{\alpha}}] \in f$, and whenever $[s j_A^{\vec{\alpha}}] \in f$ then $s.-1 \in J_B$. $\mathcal{V}_t^{\vec{\alpha}}$ is the category of nominal arenas and total $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategies, and $\mathcal{V}_{tt}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ is its lluf subcategory of total strategies. \blacktriangle

Thus, a strategy is total iff it immediately answers any initial question without introducing new names. It is tttotal iff it follows a similar pattern for initial moves. Now, innocent strategies are conveniently represented using *viewfunctions*.

Definition 25 An $\vec{\alpha}$ -viewfunction f is a set of equivalence classes of innocent $\vec{\alpha}$ -plays that are even-length P-views, which satisfies *even-prefix closure* and *single-valuedness*:

- If $[s] \in f$ and t is an even-length prefix of s then $[t] \in f$.
- If $[s_1 x_1], [s_2 x_2] \in f$ and $[s_1] = [s_2]$ then $[s_1 x_1] = [s_2 x_2]$. \blacktriangle

There are maps *viewf* and *strat* from innocent $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategies to $\vec{\alpha}$ -viewfunctions and viceversa, such that $f = \text{viewf}(\text{strat}(f))$, and $\sigma = \text{strat}(\text{viewf}(\sigma))$. From now on, will be defining strategies via their viewfunctions.

Constructions in $\mathcal{V}_t^{\vec{\alpha}}$. In $\mathcal{V}_t^{\vec{\alpha}}$ we construct tensor product, lifting and function space arenas as follows. For nominal arenas A, B , define $A \otimes B, A_{\perp}, A \dot{\cong} B$:

$$M_{A \otimes B} \triangleq I_A \times I_B + \overline{I_A} + \overline{I_B} \quad (A \otimes B)$$

$$\lambda_{A \otimes B} \triangleq [(i_A, i_B) \mapsto PA], \lambda_A, \lambda_B]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vdash_{A \otimes B} &\triangleq \{(\dagger, (i_A, i_B))\} \cup (\vdash_A \upharpoonright \overline{I_A}^2) \cup (\vdash_B \upharpoonright \overline{I_B}^2) \\ &\cup \{((i_A, i_B), m) \mid i_A \vdash_A m \vee i_B \vdash_B m\} \end{aligned}$$

$$M_{A_{\perp}} \triangleq \{*_1\} + \{*_2\} + M_A \quad (A_{\perp})$$

$$\lambda_{A_{\perp}} \triangleq [(*_1 \mapsto PA), (*_2 \mapsto OQ), \lambda_A]$$

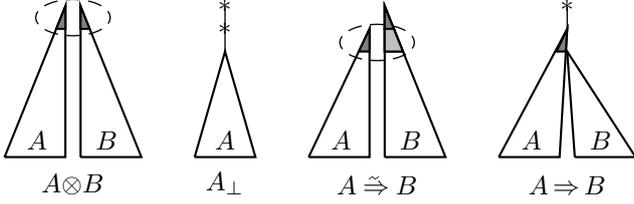
$$\vdash_{A_{\perp}} \triangleq \{(\dagger, *_1), (*_1, *_2), (*_2, i_A)\} \cup (\vdash_A \upharpoonright M_A^2)$$

$$M_{A \dot{\cong} B} \triangleq I_B + I_A \times J_B + \overline{I_A} + \overline{I_B} \cap \overline{J_B} \quad (A \dot{\cong} B)$$

$$\lambda_{A \dot{\cong} B} \triangleq [(i_B \mapsto PA), ((i_A, j_B) \mapsto OQ), \overline{\lambda_A}, \lambda_B]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vdash_{A \dot{\cong} B} &\triangleq \{(\dagger, i_B)\} \cup \{(i_B, (i_A, j_B)) \mid i_B \vdash_B j_B\} \\ &\cup \{((i_A, j_B), m) \mid (i_A \vdash_A m \vee j_B \vdash_B m)\} \\ &\cup (\vdash_A \upharpoonright \overline{I_A}^2) \cup (\vdash_B \upharpoonright (\overline{I_B} \cap \overline{J_B})^2) \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, let $A \Rightarrow B \triangleq A \overset{\circlearrowleft}{\cong} B_{\perp}$ be the lifted function space. Note that we will usually *identify graph-isomorphic arenas* related by isomorphisms which simply manipulate $*$'s. With this convention, the last construction corresponds precisely to $A \Rightarrow B$ of [2]; also, for any A , $1 \overset{\circlearrowleft}{\cong} A = A$. The previous constructions are sketched below.



We also have arrow-counterparts. Let $f : A \rightarrow A'$, $g : B \rightarrow B'$ in $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha}$ and $h : B \rightarrow B'$ in $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{tt}}^{\alpha}$, then

- $f_{\perp} : A_{\perp} \rightarrow A'_{\perp}$ initially plays a sequence of asterisks $[*_{1}^{\alpha} *_{1}^{\alpha} *_{2}^{\alpha} *_{2}^{\alpha}]$ and then continues playing like f .
- $f \otimes g : A \otimes B \rightarrow A' \otimes B'$ answers initial moves $[(i_A, i_B)^{\alpha}]$ with f 's answer to $[i_A^{\alpha}]$ and g 's answer to $[i_B^{\alpha}]$. Then, according to whether Opponent plays in $J_{A'}$ or in $J_{B'}$, Player plays like f or like g respectively.
- $f \overset{\circlearrowleft}{\cong} h : A' \overset{\circlearrowleft}{\cong} B \rightarrow A \overset{\circlearrowleft}{\cong} B'$ answers initial moves $[i_B^{\alpha}]$ like h and then responds to $[i_B^{\alpha} i_{B'}^{\alpha} (i_A, j_{B'})^{\alpha}]$ with f 's answer to $[i_A^{\alpha}]$ and h 's response to $[i_B^{\alpha} i_{B'}^{\alpha} j_{B'}^{\alpha}]$ (hence the need for totality of h). It then plays like f or like h , according to Opponent's next move.

We can also define infinite tensor products of pointed arenas, where an arena A is *pointed* iff I_A is singleton (in which case the unique initial move is necessarily equivariant). For pointed arenas $\{A_i\}_{i \in \omega}$ construct their product $\bigotimes_i A_i$ by 'gluing them together' at their initial moves. Since these are equivariant, the resulting initial move is also equivariant, and we denote it by $*$. For any pointed A_i 's and B_i 's and any $\{f_i : A_i \rightarrow B_i\}_{i \in \omega}$ define:

$$\bigotimes_i f_i \triangleq \text{strat}\{[*^{\alpha} *^{\alpha} s] \mid \exists k. [i_{A_k}^{\alpha} i_{B_k}^{\alpha} s] \in \text{viewf}(f_k)\}$$

Take $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}*}^{\alpha}$ to be the full subcategory of $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha}$ of pointed arenas.

Our constructions enjoy the following properties.

Proposition 26 *All of the following are functors.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 - \otimes - : \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha} \times \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha} &\rightarrow \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha}, \quad - \overset{\circlearrowleft}{\cong} - : (\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha})^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{tt}}^{\alpha} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{tt}}^{\alpha} \\
 (-)_{\perp} : \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha} &\rightarrow \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{tt}}^{\alpha}, \quad \bigotimes - : \prod_{i \in \omega} \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}*}^{\alpha} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}*}^{\alpha}
 \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha}$ is a symmetric monoidal category under \otimes , and is partially closed in the following sense. For any object B , the functor $- \otimes B : \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha}$ has a partial right adjoint $B \overset{\circlearrowleft}{\cong} - : \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{tt}*}^{\alpha} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha}$, that is for any object A and any pointed object C there exists a bijection

$$\Lambda_{A,C}^B : \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha}(A \otimes B, C) \xrightarrow{\cong} \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha}(A, B \overset{\circlearrowleft}{\cong} C)$$

natural in A, C . Moreover, 1 is a terminal object and \otimes is a product constructor in $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha}$, so $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha}$ has finite products. \blacksquare

Solving (SE). The full form of (SE) is the following.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \llbracket \mathbf{1} \rrbracket &= 1, \quad \llbracket \mathbb{N} \rrbracket = \mathbb{N}, \quad \llbracket [A] \rrbracket = N_A, \quad \llbracket [A \otimes B] \rrbracket = \llbracket [A] \rrbracket \otimes \llbracket [B] \rrbracket \\
 \llbracket [A \rightarrow B] \rrbracket &= \llbracket [A] \rrbracket \overset{\circlearrowleft}{\cong} (\xi \Rightarrow \llbracket [B] \rrbracket \otimes \xi), \quad \xi = \bigotimes_A (N_A \Rightarrow \llbracket [A] \rrbracket)
 \end{aligned}$$

To solve it, we will upgrade it to a recursive functor equation and then recur to minimal-invariants theory for games (v. [10]). Let us first define the following preorders on games.

Definition 27 For any $A, B \in \text{Ob}(\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha})$ and any $\sigma, \tau \in \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha}(A, B)$, define

$$\begin{aligned}
 A \preceq B &\iff M_A \subseteq M_B \wedge \lambda_A \subseteq \lambda_B \wedge \vdash_A \subseteq \vdash_B \\
 \sigma \sqsubseteq \tau &\iff \sigma \subseteq \tau
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha}$ is PreCpo-enriched, with $\bigsqcup_i \sigma_i = \bigcup_i \sigma_i$ for any ω -chain $\{\sigma_i\}_{i \in \omega}$, and that $\text{Ob}(\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha})$ is a cpo,⁷ with least $0 \triangleq (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset)$, and $\bigsqcup_i A_i = (\bigcup_i M_{A_i}, \bigcup_i \lambda_{A_i}, \bigcup_i \vdash_{A_i})$ for any ω -chain $\{A_i\}_{i \in \omega}$. Moreover, if $A \preceq B$ then we can define an embedding-projection pair of copycat maps $\text{incl}_{A,B} : A \rightarrow B$ and $\text{proj}_{B,A} : B \rightarrow A$.

Let $\mathcal{C}^{\alpha} \triangleq \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha} \times \prod_{A \in \text{TY}} \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha}$, with objects D of the form $(D_{\xi}, D_A^{A \in \text{TY}})$ and arrows f of the form $(f_{\xi}, f_A^{A \in \text{TY}})$. Define $F : (\mathcal{C}^{\alpha})^{\text{op}} \times \mathcal{C}^{\alpha} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^{\alpha}$ on objects by taking $F(D, E) \triangleq (\xi_{D,E}, \llbracket [A] \rrbracket_{D,E}^{A \in \text{TY}})$, where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \xi_{D,E} &= \bigotimes_{A \in \text{TY}} (N_A \Rightarrow E_A) & \llbracket [A] \rrbracket_{D,E} &= N_A \\
 \llbracket [A \otimes B] \rrbracket_{D,E} &= \llbracket [A] \rrbracket_{D,E} \otimes \llbracket [B] \rrbracket_{D,E} & \llbracket \mathbb{N} \rrbracket_{D,E} &= \mathbb{N} \\
 \llbracket [A \rightarrow B] \rrbracket_{D,E} &= D_A \overset{\circlearrowleft}{\cong} (\xi_{D,E} \Rightarrow E_B \otimes \xi_{D,E}) & \llbracket \mathbf{1} \rrbracket_{D,E} &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

and similarly for $F(f, g) \triangleq (\xi_{f,g}, \llbracket [A] \rrbracket_{f,g}^{A \in \text{TY}})$. Now (SE) has been reduced to $D \cong F(D, D)$. We can show that F is a locally continuous functor, and continuous wrt \preceq . Hence the following.

Theorem 28 *In \mathcal{C}^{α} we can form a \preceq -increasing sequence $\{e_i : D_i \rightarrow D_{i+1}\}_{i \in \omega}$ of objects and embeddings as follows.*

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{0,1} &= D_{0,A \rightarrow B} \triangleq 1 & D_{0,\mathbb{N}} &\triangleq \mathbb{N}, \quad D_{0,[A]} \triangleq N_A \\
 D_{0,\xi} &\triangleq \bigotimes_A (N_A \Rightarrow 0) & D_{0,A \otimes B} &\triangleq D_{0,A} \otimes D_{0,B} \\
 D_{i+1} &\triangleq F(D_i, D_i) & e_0 &\triangleq \text{incl}_{D_0, D_1}, \quad e_{i+1} \triangleq F(e_i^R, e_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

Taking $D^* \triangleq \bigsqcup_i D_i$ and, for each i , $\eta_i \triangleq \text{incl}_{D_i, D^*}$ we obtain a local bilimit $(D^*, \eta_i^{i \in \omega})$. \blacksquare

Hence, D^* is the canonical solution to $D \cong F(D, D)$, and it solves (SE) with the following notation.

Definition 29 (ξ , \otimes and $\llbracket [A] \rrbracket$) Let D^* be as in the previous theorem. Define the store arena ξ to be D_{ξ}^* and, for each type A , the translation $\llbracket [A] \rrbracket$ to be D_A^* . ξ is pointed; we denote its unique initial move by \otimes . \blacktriangle

⁷At this point note that there is a simpler, yet less elegant, solution to (SE), simply by taking the least (in fact, the unique) fixpoint of the map $G : \prod_{A \in \text{TY}} \text{Ob}(\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha}) \rightarrow \prod_{A \in \text{TY}} \text{Ob}(\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha})$ induced by (SE) in the cpo $\prod_{A \in \text{TY}} (\text{Ob}(\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\alpha}), \preceq)$.

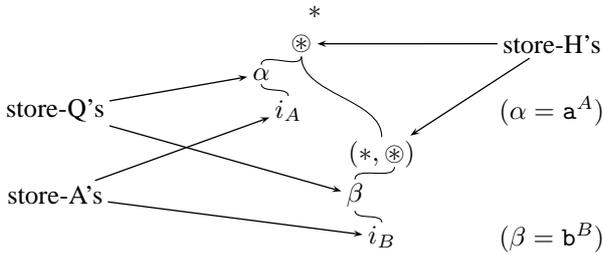
Tidy strategies. Using the solution D^* to (SE) we can model $\nu\rho$ in the family $\langle \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\vec{\alpha}}, T^{\vec{\alpha}} \rangle_{\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{N}^\#}$, with T being the store monad on ξ (i.e. $T = \xi \Rightarrow _ \otimes \xi$). However, thus we do not obtain a fully abstract model. In the reduction calculus the treatment of the store follows a specific *store-discipline*; for example, if a store S is updated to S' then the original store S is not accessible any more. In strategies we do not have such a condition: in a play there may be several ξ 's opened, yet there is no discipline on which of these are accessible to Player whenever he makes a move. Another condition is that, when the store is asked a name, it either returns its value or it deadlocks; there is no third option. In a play, however, when Opponent asks the value of some name, Player is free to evade answering and play elsewhere. We will therefore constrain total strategies with further conditions, defining *tidy strategies*.

Let $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}, \text{TY}}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ be the full subcategory of $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ with objects $\llbracket A \rrbracket$, $A \in \text{TY}$. For each $\llbracket A \rrbracket$ let its set of *store-Handles*, H_A , be:⁸

$$H_{A \otimes B} \triangleq H_A \cup H_B \quad H_{\mathbb{N}} = H_{\mathbf{1}} = H_{\llbracket A \rrbracket} \triangleq \emptyset$$

$$H_{A \rightarrow B} \triangleq \{(i_A, \otimes_A), (i_B, \otimes_B)\} \cup H_A \cup H_B \cup H_{\xi_A} \cup H_{\xi_B}$$

where we let $\llbracket A \rightarrow B \rrbracket$ be $\llbracket A \rrbracket \xrightarrow{\cong} (\xi_A \Rightarrow \llbracket B \rrbracket \otimes \xi_B)$, and $H_\xi = \bigcup_C H_C$ if $\xi = \bigotimes_C (\mathcal{N}_C \Rightarrow \llbracket C \rrbracket)$. In any arena $\llbracket A \rrbracket$, a store-H justifies name-questions α , which we call *store-Questions*. Answers to store-Q's are called *store-Answers*. For example:



We can show that a move $m \in M_{\llbracket A \rrbracket}$ is exactly one of the following: initial, store-H, store-Q or store-A.

As store-H's occur in several places in a play, we may use parenthesised indices to distinguish moves from different store-H's. For example, a store-Q w may be denoted $w_{(O)}$ or $w_{(P)}$, the notation denoting also the OP-polarity. Note also that from now on we work in $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}, \text{TY}}^{\vec{\alpha}}$, unless stated otherwise.

Definition 30 (Tidy strategies) A total $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategy σ is *tidy* if whenever odd-length $[s] \in \sigma$ then:

(TD1) If s ends in a store-Q w then $[sx] \in \sigma$, with x being either a store-A to w introducing no new names, or a copy of w . In particular, if $w = \alpha^{\vec{\alpha}'}$ with $\alpha \# \ulcorner s \urcorner$ then the latter case holds.

(TD2) If $[sw_{(P)}] \in \sigma$ with w a store-Q then $w_{(P)}$ is justified by last O-store-H in $\ulcorner s \urcorner$.

⁸The definition of H_A is informal, note circularity in $H_{A \rightarrow B}$; a formal definition is given by induction on the level of moves in $\llbracket A \rrbracket$ and on A .

(TD3) If $\ulcorner s \urcorner = s'w_{(O)}w_{(P)}t y_{(O)}$ with w a store-Q then $[sy_{(P)}] \in \sigma$ with $y_{(P)}$ justified by $\ulcorner s \urcorner$.-3. \blacktriangle

TD1 states that, whenever O(pponent) asks the value of a name, P either immediately answers with its value or copycats the question to the previous store-H. The former case corresponds to P having updated the given name lastly (i.e. between the previous O-store-H and the last one), while the latter to P not having done so, and hence asking its value to the previous store configuration. Hence, the current store is, in fact, composed by layers of stores –one on top of the other– and only when a name has not been updated at the top layer is P allowed to search for it in layers underneath. TD3 further guarantees the above-described behavior. It states that when P starts a store-Q copycat then he must copycat the store-A he receives and all proceeding moves. TD2 guarantees the multi-layer discipline of the store: P can only see the store-H played last by O in the P-view.

Proposition 31 If $\sigma : A \rightarrow B$ and $\tau : B \rightarrow C$ are tidy strategies then so is $\sigma ; \tau$. \blacksquare

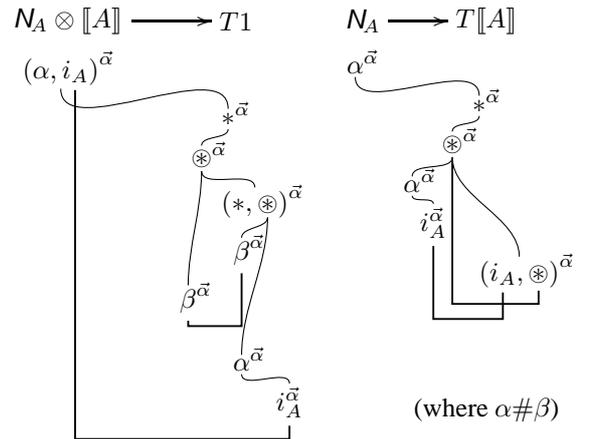
Full-abstraction with tidy strategies. Let $\mathcal{T}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ be the full subcategory of $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}, \text{TY}}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ of tidy strategies. $\mathcal{T}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ inherits finite products from $\mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\vec{\alpha}}$. Moreover, the endofunctor

$$T : \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\vec{\alpha}} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}_{\mathfrak{t}}^{\vec{\alpha}} \triangleq \xi \Rightarrow _ \otimes \xi$$

restricts to $\mathcal{T}^{\vec{\alpha}}$, and induces a strong monad $(T, \eta, \mu, \tau)^{\vec{\alpha}}$ on it (by a more-or-less standard monad construction). Furthermore, setting $(TB)^A \triangleq A \xrightarrow{\cong} TB$ we obtain a λ_c -model.

We take $\mathcal{T} \triangleq \langle \mathcal{T}^{\vec{\alpha}}, (T, \eta, \mu, \tau)^{\vec{\alpha}} \rangle_{\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{N}^\#}$ and proceed to update and dereferencing arrows.

Definition 32 In $\mathcal{T}^{\vec{\alpha}}$, define $\text{upd}_A : N_A \otimes \llbracket A \rrbracket \rightarrow T\mathbf{1}$ and $\text{drf}_A : N_A \rightarrow T\llbracket A \rrbracket$, for any type A , as follows.⁹



Proposition 33 In each $\mathcal{T}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ the NR-diagrams of definition 4 commute. \blacksquare

⁹In the diagrams we use curved lines for justification pointers; polygonic lines denote that the strategy copycats between the connected moves.

We introduce *name-abstraction* and *name-addition* transformations for nominal strategies.

Definition 34 Let $f: A \rightarrow B$ in $\mathcal{T}^{\vec{\alpha}, \alpha}$ and $g: A \rightarrow B$ in $\mathcal{T}^{\vec{\alpha}}$. Define $\langle \alpha \rangle f: A \rightarrow B$ in $\mathcal{T}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ and $g^{+\alpha}: A \rightarrow B$ in $\mathcal{T}^{\vec{\alpha}, \alpha}$ as:

$$\langle \alpha \rangle f \triangleq \text{strat}\{[i_A^{\vec{\alpha}} i_B^{\vec{\alpha}} j_B^{\vec{\alpha}} s] \mid [i_A^{\vec{\alpha}, \alpha} i_B^{\vec{\alpha}, \alpha} j_B^{\vec{\alpha}, \alpha} s] \in \text{viewf}(f) \wedge \alpha \# i_A\}$$

$$g^{+\alpha} \triangleq \{[s^{+\alpha}] \mid [s] \in g \wedge \alpha \# \mathcal{L}(s)\}$$

where $s^{+\alpha}$ is s with $\vec{\alpha}$ replaced by $\vec{\alpha}, \alpha$ in its name-lists. \blacktriangle

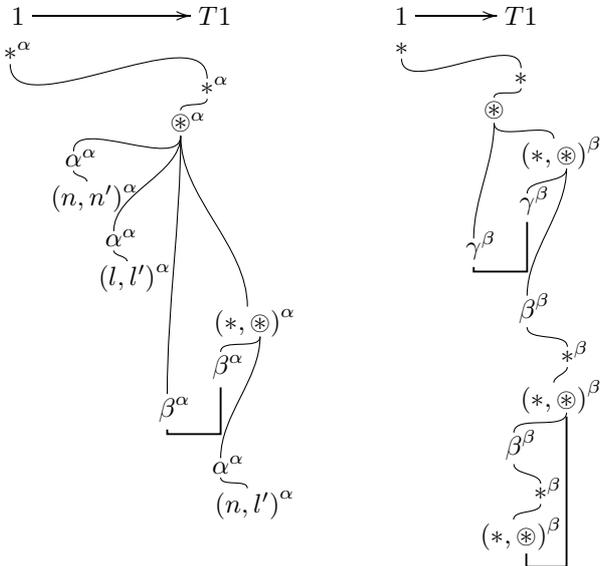
Proposition 35 For any $\vec{\alpha}, \alpha$ -strategy f and any $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategy g , $\langle \alpha \rangle f$ is an $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategy and $g^{+\alpha}$ is an $\vec{\alpha}, \alpha$ -strategy. Moreover, \mathcal{T} satisfies the SN-equations of definition 4. \blacksquare

Using name-deletion, a transformation dual to name-addition, we represent an $\vec{\alpha}$ -strategy f as a pair $((f)^\circ, \vec{\alpha})$ by deleting from f all names that are *essentially-fresh* for it¹⁰ and orbiting the result under all permutations with domain $S(\vec{\alpha})$. We then have a $\lambda_{\nu\rho}$ -model, which is also adequate.

Theorem 36 \mathcal{T} is an adequate $\lambda_{\nu\rho}$ -model. \blacksquare

The (omitted) proof of adequacy proceeds by showing that if $\llbracket M \rrbracket = \langle \vec{\beta} \rrbracket \llbracket \vec{S}; \vec{0} \rrbracket$ then $\vec{\alpha} \models M$ cannot have a reduction sequence with infinitely many DRF-reduction steps; omitting DRF's we are left with a strongly normalising calculus.

Let us proceed to an example. Consider the typed terms $\alpha \mid \emptyset \vdash \alpha := (\text{fst} !\alpha, \text{snd} !\alpha)$ and $\mid \emptyset \vdash \nu\beta. \beta := \lambda x. (!\beta)\text{skip}$ with $\alpha = \mathbf{a}^{\mathbb{N} \otimes \mathbb{N}}$ and $\beta = \mathbf{b}^{1 \rightarrow A}$. Their translations in \mathcal{T}^α and \mathcal{T} respectively are as follows.



The reader may want to check now that the bottom arrow, $\{[* * \otimes]\}$, equals $\llbracket \nu\beta. (\beta := \lambda x. (!\beta)\text{skip}); (!\beta)\text{skip} \rrbracket$.

Finally, we add observability to $\mathcal{T}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ as follows.

¹⁰We say that α is *essentially fresh* for $f \in \mathcal{T}^{\vec{\alpha}}(A, B)$, and write $\alpha \# \# f$, if $\alpha \# \vec{\alpha}$ or, for any $[s] \in f$ and any $\beta \# \text{nlist}(s)$, $\llbracket ((\alpha \beta) \circ \underline{s})^{\text{nlist}(s)} \rrbracket \in f$.

Definition 37 Expand \mathcal{T} to $\langle \mathcal{T}^{\vec{\alpha}}, T^{\vec{\alpha}}, O^{\vec{\alpha}}, \lesssim^{\vec{\alpha}} \rangle_{\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{N}^\#}$ by $O^{\vec{\alpha}} \triangleq \{f \in \mathcal{T}^{\vec{\alpha}}(1, T\mathbb{N}) \mid \exists \vec{\beta}. [*^{\vec{\alpha}} *^{\vec{\alpha}} \otimes^{\vec{\alpha}}(0, \otimes)^{\vec{\alpha}, \vec{\beta}}] \in f\}$ and $\lesssim^{\vec{\alpha}}$ as in definition 9. \blacktriangle

Following a technique which involves appropriate *Separation of Head Occurrence* and *Function Space Decomposition* lemmata (v. [4, 10]), we can show p-observability of \mathcal{T} . For p-definability, the subset of definable morphisms $D_{A,B}^{\vec{\alpha}} \subseteq \mathcal{T}^{\vec{\alpha}}(\llbracket A \rrbracket, T\llbracket B \rrbracket)$ we use is that of **finitary strategies**: a strategy σ is finitary iff its viewfunction becomes finite when we remove from it store-copycats and initial $T\llbracket B \rrbracket$ -answers. At last, full abstraction:

Theorem 38 For any A, B and finitary $\sigma : \llbracket A \rrbracket \rightarrow T\llbracket B \rrbracket$, σ is definable. Taking $D_{A,B}^{\vec{\alpha}}$ to contain all finitary arrows, \mathcal{T} satisfies p-definability, and is therefore fully abstract for $\nu\rho$. \blacksquare

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