

Lecture 4 Exercises

1. Prove that the interpretation of every System F type is an equality preserving fibred functor.
2. Show that the identity fibration $\text{Id} : \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ is an instance of our framework, i.e., that $\text{Rel}(\text{Id})$ is an equality preserving arrow fibration that is also a \forall -fibration.
3. Show that the identity fibration $\text{Id} : \mathbf{Set} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ models *ad hoc* polymorphism by demonstrating that, for example, $\llbracket \vdash \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rrbracket_o$ contains the non-natural transformation η for which $\eta_{\mathbf{Bool}}(x) = \neg x$ and $\eta_X(x) = x$ for $X \neq \mathbf{Bool}$.

Note that this does not contradict the fact that (ignoring size issues — see Problem 5 below) Reynolds’ construction gives an instance of our framework via the relations fibration on \mathbf{Set} because $\text{Rel}(\text{Id})$ does not give the relations fibration on \mathbf{Set} defined in the previous lecture.

4. [AMBITIOUS] Show that the model of System F constructed in this lecture is actually a $\lambda 2$ -fibration. (See Theorem 4.6 of the original MFPS’15 paper — version with the appendix included — for some hints.)
5. [AMBITIOUS] Flesh out the examples given in this lecture. In particular, (ignoring size issues) show that Reynolds’ \mathbf{Set} construction gives an instance of our framework via the relations fibration on \mathbf{Set} .
7. [AMBITIOUS] Phil Wadler popularized Reynolds’ parametricity in his 1989 paper, *Theorems for free!*. With respect to the concrete domain-theoretic model of System F that Wadler gives there:

- Unwind the parametricity theorems for the specific types in Figure 1 of that paper.
- Show that the domain-theoretic model given there is an instance of our bifibrational framework.
- Conclude that our model thus validates the usual “free theorems” for System F terms.