

Lecture 3: Algebraic Effects II

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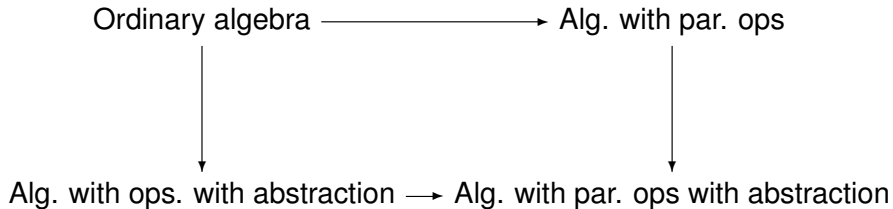
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- 2 Algebra with parameters and parametric arguments
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Parametric finitary equational theories: syntax

- **First-order multi-sorted signature**

$$\Sigma_p = (\mathcal{S}, \text{Fun}, \text{Pred}, \text{ar}_{\text{fun}} : \text{Fun} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}^* \times \mathcal{S}, \text{ar}_{\text{pred}} : \text{Pred} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}^*)$$

- **Parametric signature**

$$\Sigma_e = (\text{Op}, \text{ar}_{\text{op}} : \text{Op} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}^* \times \mathbb{N})$$

- **Terms**

$$t ::= x \quad | \quad \text{op}_{u_1, \dots, u_m}(t_1, \dots, t_n) \quad (\text{op} : s_1, \dots, s_m; n \text{ and } u_i : s_i).$$

- **Equations** $t = u$ (φ) where φ is a first-order formula over Σ_p .

- **Axiomatisations** Sets A_x of equations

- **Deduction** (an interesting question, not treated here)

Examples

- **Exceptions** Σ_p has a single sort exc , and constants $e : 0$ for each $e \in E$.
 Σ_e has a single operation symbol $raise : exc; 0$. There are no equations.
- **Probability** Σ_p has a single sort $interval$, constants $0, 1$, binary function symbols \times , a unary function symbol $1 -$, and a relation symbol $<$.
 Σ_e has a single binary operation symbol $+ : interval; 2$. Here is an example equation:

$$(x +_p y) +_r z = x +_{pr} (y +_{\frac{r-pr}{1-pr}} z) \quad (r < 1, p < 1)$$

Addition to λ -calculus syntax

- Types

$$\sigma ::= s \ (s \in S) \mid \text{bool}$$

- Terms

$$M ::= f(M_1, \dots, M_n) \ (f \in \text{Fun}) \mid P(M_1, \dots, M_n) \ (P \in \text{Pred}) \mid \\ \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid \text{if } L \text{ then } M \text{ else } N \mid \\ \text{op}_{M_1, \dots, M_m}(N_1, \dots, N_n)$$

- Example type-checking rule

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M_1 : s_1, \dots, \Gamma \vdash M_m : s_m, \quad \Gamma \vdash N_1 : \sigma, \dots, \Gamma \vdash N_n : \sigma}{\Gamma \vdash \text{op}_{M_1, \dots, M_m}(N_1, \dots, N_n) : \sigma}$$

where $\text{op} : s_1, \dots, s_m; n$

Parametric finitary equational theories: semantics

- **Parameter interpretation** We fix an interpretation \mathcal{M} of Σ_ρ .
- **Algebras** With that, a Σ_e -algebra is a structure

$$(A, \text{op}_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}] \times A^n \rightarrow A \quad (\text{op} : \mathbf{s}; n))$$

where $\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_m] =_{\text{def}} \mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1] \times \dots \times \mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_m]$.

Homomorphisms are then defined in the evident way.

- **Denotation** $\mathcal{A}[\mathbf{t}](\rho_\rho, \rho_e)$, where $\rho_e : \text{Var} \rightarrow A$. For example

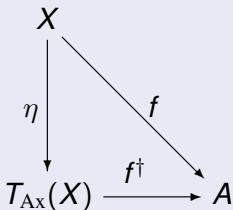
$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{A}[\text{op}_{u_1, \dots, u_m}(t_1, \dots, t_n)](\rho_\rho, \rho_e) = \\ & \text{op}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{M}[u_1, \dots, u_m](\rho_\rho), \mathcal{A}[t_1](\rho_\rho, \rho_e), \dots, \mathcal{A}[t_n](\rho_\rho, \rho_e)) \end{aligned}$$

Validity and **Models** are then defined in the evident way.

Free algebra theorem

Theorem

Let A_X be a set of parametric Σ_e -axioms. Then there is a free model $F_{A_X}(X)$ of A_X over any X . That is, there is an $\eta : X \rightarrow T_{A_X}(X)$, where $T_{A_X}(X)$ is the carrier of $F_{A_X}(X)$, such that for any model \mathcal{A} of A_X , and any function $f : X \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ there is a unique homomorphism $f^\dagger : F_{A_X}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ such that the following diagram commutes:



Idea of proof

The idea is to reduce to ordinary equational theories.

- For every $\text{op} : \mathbf{s}; n$ and $(a_1, \dots, a_m) \in \mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}]$ we introduce an operation symbol $f_{a_1, \dots, a_m} : n$.
- Then from any parametric term t and ρ_p we can obtain an ordinary term t^{ρ_p} . For example:

$$\text{op}_{u_1, \dots, u_m}(t_1, \dots, t_n)^{\rho_p} = \text{op}_{\mathcal{M}[u_1, \dots, u_m]}(\rho_p)(t_1^{\rho_p}, \dots, t_n^{\rho_p})$$

- Then one obtains a set of ordinary equations from any parametric equation in Ax , taking all ρ_p 's.
- We know all these ordinary equations have a free model. That immediately gives a parametric model of Ax with the same carrier, “gluing” the interpretations of all the f_{a_1, \dots, a_m} together. Keeping the same unit, we immediately deduce parametric freeness from ordinary freeness.

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State treated algebraically

Suppose we have locations which can store natural numbers.
We have natural programming notation for reading and writing:

$$\frac{M : \text{loc}}{!M : \text{nat}} \qquad \frac{M : \text{loc}, N : \text{nat}}{M := N : \text{unit}}$$

But

$$\text{loc} \xrightarrow{!} \text{nat} \qquad \text{loc} \times \text{nat} \xrightarrow{:=} \text{unit}$$

do not seem to have much to do with algebra.

Hint: Read “ $M + N$ ” as “choose 0 or 1 and then do whichever [continuation](#) M or N is appropriate.”

One can read $M +_p N$ similarly, but in terms of tossing a biased coin with head having probability p .

State treated algebraically (cntnd.)

So for writing we would have an operation, `update` say, which writes and then carries on (i.e. has a single continuation). This suggests:

$$\text{update} : \text{loc}, \text{nat}; 1$$

which fits within parametric algebra.

For reading we would have an operation, `lookup` say, which reads a location and then carries on with a continuation depending on the value read. This suggests:

$$\text{lookup} : \text{loc} ; \text{nat}$$

a parameterised **infinitary** operation!

So we now look at infinitary algebra and a finitary notation for it. We will return later to the status of things like `!` and `:=` and see that they form part of the general pattern of **generic effects**.

Infinitary equational logic: syntax

- **Signature** $\Sigma_e = (\text{Op}, \text{ar} : \text{Op} \rightarrow \omega + 1)$. We write $\text{op} : n$ for arities, including ω .
- **Terms** as in finitary case plus: $\text{op}(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n, \dots)$ ($\text{op} : \omega$). We leave open what the set Var of variables is.
- **Equations** $t = u$ as before
- **Axiomatisations** Sets A_x of equations
- **Deduction** $A_x \vdash t = u$ an easy variant of the finitary case
- **Theories** Sets of equations Th closed under deduction

Infinitary equational theories: semantics

Algebras are structures $\mathcal{A} = (A, \text{op}_{\mathcal{A}} : A^n \longrightarrow A \text{ (op : } n))$, and recall that here n can be ω .

Homomorphisms $h : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ are, much as before, functions $h : A \rightarrow B$ such that, for all $\text{op} : n$, and $\mathbf{a} \in A^n$:

$$h(\text{op}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{a})) = \text{op}_{\mathcal{B}}(h(\mathbf{a}))$$

Denotation $\mathcal{A}[[t]](\rho)$ is also defined much as before.

Validity $\mathcal{A} \models t = u$ is defined as before.

Models \mathcal{A} is also defined as before.

The free algebra monad T_{A_X} of an infinitary axiomatic theory A_X

All is as before. The **free model** $F_{A_X}(X)$ over a set X has carrier:

$$T_{A_X}(X) =_{\text{def}} \{[t]_{A_X} \mid t \text{ is a term with variables in } X\}$$

where $[t]_{A_X} =_{\text{def}} \{u \mid A_X \vdash u = t\}$; its **operations** are given by:

$$\text{op}_{F_{A_X}(X)}([t]) = [\text{op}(t)] \quad (\text{op} : n)$$

the **unit** $\eta : X \rightarrow T_{A_X}(X)$ is again $x \mapsto [x]$; for any model \mathcal{A} of A_X , and any function $f : X \rightarrow A$ the **unique mediating homomorphism** $f^\dagger : F_{A_X}(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$ is given by:

$$f^\dagger([t]) = \mathcal{A}[[t]](f)$$

and the **multiplication** is $(\text{id}_{T_{A_X}(X)})^\dagger$.

Notation and equations for state

$$t ::= \text{update}_{u_1, u_2}(t) \mid \text{lookup}_u(n : \text{nat. } t) \mid x(u_1, \dots, u_n)$$

Equations for writing and reading a single location:

$$\text{update}_{l,m}(\text{update}_{l,n}(x)) = \text{update}_{l,n}(x) \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lookup}_l(m : \text{nat. } \text{lookup}_l(n : \text{nat. } x(m, n))) &= \\ & \text{lookup}_l(m : \text{nat. } x(m, m)) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{lookup}_l(n : \text{nat. } x) = x \quad (3)$$

$$\text{update}_{l,m}(\text{lookup}_l(n : \text{nat. } x(n))) = \text{update}_{l,m}(x(m)) \quad (4)$$

$$\text{lookup}_l(n : \text{nat. } \text{update}_{l,n}(x)) = x \quad (5)$$

Notation and equations for state (cntnd)

Commutation Equations for different locations

$$\text{update}_{l,m}(\text{update}_{l',n}(x)) = \text{update}_{l',n}(\text{update}_{l,m}(x)) \quad (l \neq l') \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lookup}_l(m : \text{nat. lookup}_{l'}(n : \text{nat. } x(m, n))) &= \\ \text{lookup}_{l'}(n : \text{nat. lookup}_l(m : \text{nat. } x(m, n))) & \quad (l \neq l') \quad (8) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{update}_{l,m}(\text{lookup}_{l'}(n : \text{nat. } x(n))) &= \\ \text{lookup}_{l'}(n : \text{nat. update}_{l,m}(x(n))) & \quad (9) \end{aligned}$$

Redundancies

Equations (3), and (2) and (8) (Mellies) are redundant.
For example, for (3) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lookup}_I(n : \text{nat. } x) &= \text{lookup}_I(n : \text{nat. update}_{I,n}(\text{lookup}_I(n : \text{nat. } x))) && \text{(by (5))} \\ &= \text{lookup}_I(n : \text{nat. update}_{I,n}(x)) && \text{(by (4))} \\ &= x && \text{(by (5))} \end{aligned}$$

Parametric axiom. ths. with abstraction: syntax

- First-order multi-sorted signature

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with a subcollection $\text{Ar} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$ of *arity* sorts

- Parametric signature

$$\Sigma_e = (\text{Op}, \text{ar}_{\text{op}} : \text{Op} \rightarrow \mathcal{S}^* \times \text{Ar}^{**})$$

- Terms

$$\frac{\Gamma, \mathbf{u} : \mathbf{s}, \Gamma, \mathbf{x}_1 : \mathbf{s}_1 \vdash t_1, \dots, \Gamma, \mathbf{x}_n : \mathbf{s}_n \vdash t_n}{\Gamma \vdash \text{op}_{\mathbf{u}}(\mathbf{x}_1 : \mathbf{s}_1. t_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n : \mathbf{s}_n. t_n)} \quad (\mathbf{s}_i \in \text{Ar}^*, \text{op} : \mathbf{s}; \mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_n)$$

- Equations $t = u$ (φ) and axiomatisations Ax are as before, and deduction remains an interesting question.

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- Example type-checking rule

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where $\text{op} : \mathbf{s}; \mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_m$

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- **Parameter interpretation** We fix an interpretation \mathcal{M} of Σ_p , such that $\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}]$ is countable for all $\mathbf{s} \in \text{Ar}$.
- **Algebras** With that, a Σ_e -algebra is a structure

$$(A, \text{op}_A : \mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}] \times A^{\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1]} \times \dots \times A^{\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_n]} \rightarrow A \quad (\text{op} : \mathbf{s}; \mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_n))$$

- **Denotation** $\mathcal{A}[\mathbf{t}](\rho_p, \rho_e)$, where $\rho_e : \text{Var} \rightarrow A$. For example

$$\mathcal{A}[\text{op}_u(\mathbf{x}_1 : \mathbf{s}_1. t_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n : \mathbf{s}_n. t_n)](\rho_p, \rho_e) = \text{op}_A(\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{u}](\rho_p), \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n)$$

where:

$$\varphi_i(\mathbf{a}_i) =_{\text{def}} \mathcal{A}[t_i](\rho_p[\mathbf{a}/\mathbf{x}_i], \rho_e) \quad (i = 1, n, \mathbf{a}_i \in \mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_i])$$

Homomorphisms, **Validity** and **Models** are defined in the evident way.

Free algebras, etc.

- As usual, there is a free algebra $F_{Ax}(X)$ over any set X , which induces the corresponding monad $T_{Ax}(X)$.
- The proof is by a (now) evident reduction to (countably) infinitary equational logic.
- Restricting the denotations of arity types to be finite still covers many situations, e.g., locations storing bits or words. Thus abstraction can be useful even in the finitary case.

An Example: State

- **First order part** The sorts are loc, nat , and there is a predicate symbol $=: \text{loc}, \text{loc}$. We assume $\mathcal{M}[\![=]\!]$ is equality, $\mathcal{M}[\![\text{loc}]\!]$ is finite, and $\mathcal{M}[\![\text{nat}]\!] = \mathbb{N}$. Set $\text{Loc} =_{\text{def}} \mathcal{M}[\![\text{loc}]\!]$.
- **Axioms** Ax_S is as above.
- **Monad** $T_S(X) = (S \times X)^S$, where $S =_{\text{def}} \mathbb{N}^{\text{Loc}}$
- **Operations**

Lookup $\text{Loc} \times T_S(X)^{\mathbb{N}} \xrightarrow{\text{lookup}_{F_S(X)}} T_S(X)$ is defined by:

$$\text{lookup}_{F_S(X)}(l, \varphi) = \sigma \mapsto \varphi(\sigma(l))$$

Update $\text{Loc} \times \mathbb{N} \times T_S(X) \xrightarrow{\text{update}_{F_S(X)}} T_S(X)$ is defined by:

$$\text{update}_{F_S(X)}(l, n, \gamma) = \sigma \mapsto \gamma(\sigma[n/l])$$

Another example: interactive I/O

- **First-order part** The sorts are `in`, `out`. The rest, including \mathcal{M} , is as suits the purpose at hand.
- **Operation symbols** `input` : ε ; `in` and `output` : `out`; `!`
- **Algebraic Axioms** None!
- **Monad** $T_{I/O}(X)$ is the least set Y such that:

$$Y = Y^{\mathcal{M}[\text{in}]} + (\mathcal{M}[\text{out}] \times Y) + X$$

and we just write:

$$T_{I/O}(X) = \mu Y. Y^{\mathcal{M}[\text{in}]} + (\mathcal{M}[\text{out}] \times Y) + X$$

- $T_{I/O}(X)$ is a collection of trees. Its internal nodes are either **input** ones, when they have an $\mathcal{M}[\text{in}]$ -indexed collection of children, or **output** nodes, when they have an $\mathcal{M}[\text{out}]$ label and one child. Its leaves have an X label.

I/O cntnd.

- Operations

Input $T_{I/O}(X) \mathcal{M}[\text{in}] \xrightarrow{\text{input}_{F_{I/O}(X)}} T_{I/O}(X)$ is defined by:

$$\text{input}_{F_{I/O}(X)}(\varphi) = \text{in}_1(\varphi)$$

Output $\mathcal{M}[\text{out}] \times T_{I/O}(X) \xrightarrow{\text{output}_{F_{I/O}(X)}} T_{I/O}(X)$ is defined by:

$$\text{output}_{F_{I/O}(X)}(\mathbf{d}, \gamma) = \text{in}_2(\mathbf{d}, \gamma)$$

The general case, when there are no axioms

We have:

$$T_{I/O}(X) = \mu Y. \sum_{\text{op}: \mathbf{s}; \mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_n} (\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}] \times Y^{\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1] \times \dots \times \mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_n]}) + X$$

We again have a collection of trees. The internal nodes are $\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}]$ -labelled and have an $\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1] \times \dots \times \mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_n]$ -indexed collection of children. As before, the terminal nodes are X -labelled.

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Algebraic operations, somewhat more generally

Fix a parametric equational axiomatic theory with abstraction A_X , and model \mathcal{M} . Then for any set X and operation symbol $\text{op} : \mathbf{s}; \mathbf{s}_1$ we have the function:

$$\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}] \times T_{A_X}(X)^{\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1]} \xrightarrow{\text{op}_{F_{A_X}(X)}} T_{A_X}(X)$$

Further for any function $f : X \rightarrow T_{A_X}(Y)$, f^\dagger is a homomorphism:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}] \times T_{A_X}(X)^{\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1]} & \xrightarrow{\text{op}_{F_{A_X}(X)}} & T_{A_X}(X) \\ \text{id}_{\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}]} \times (f^\dagger)^{\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1]} \downarrow & = & \downarrow f^\dagger \\ \mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}] \times T_{A_X}(Y)^{\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1]} & \xrightarrow{\text{op}_{F_{A_X}(Y)}} & T_{A_X}(Y) \end{array}$$

We again call such a family of functions φ_X **algebraic**.

Generic effects, somewhat more generally

- Given an algebraic family

$$\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}] \times T_{\text{Ax}}(X)^{\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1]} \xrightarrow{\varphi_X} T_{\text{Ax}}(X)$$

we obtain the **generic effect**:

$$\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}] \xrightarrow{e} T_{\text{Ax}}(\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1]) = \varphi_{\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1]}(\cdot, \eta_{\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1]})$$

- Given such an e we obtain such an algebraic family:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}] \times T_{\text{Ax}}(X)^{\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1]} & \xrightarrow{\text{id}_{\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}]} \times (\cdot)^\dagger} & \mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}] \times T_{\text{Ax}}(X)^{T_{\text{Ax}}(\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1])} \\ & \xrightarrow{e \times \text{id}} & T_{\text{Ax}}(\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1]) \times T_{\text{Ax}}(X)^{T_{\text{Ax}}(\mathcal{M}[\mathbf{s}_1])} \\ & \xrightarrow{\text{ev}} & T_{\text{Ax}}(X) \end{array}$$

- This correspondence is a bijection between algebraic families and generic effects.

An example: side-effects

- **Lookup** The generic effect corresponding to

$$\text{Loc} \times T_S(X)^{\mathbb{N}} \xrightarrow{\text{lookup}_{F_S(X)}} T_S(X)$$

is

$$\text{Loc} \xrightarrow{!} T_S(\mathbb{N}) = (S \times \mathbb{N})^S$$

where

$$!(l) = \sigma \mapsto (\sigma, \sigma(l))$$

- **Update** The generic effect corresponding to

$$\text{Loc} \times \mathbb{N} \times T_S(X)^{\mathbb{1}} \xrightarrow{\text{update}_{F_S(X)}} T_S(X)$$

is

$$\text{Loc} \times \mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{:=} T_S(\mathbb{1})$$

where

$$:=(l, v) = \sigma \mapsto (\sigma[l/n], *)$$

Another example: interactive I/O

- **Input** The generic effect corresponding to

$$T_{I/O}(X)^{\mathcal{M}[\text{in}]} \xrightarrow{\text{input}_{F_{I/O}(X)}} T_{I/O}(X)$$

is

$$\text{myread} \in T_{I/O}(\mathcal{M}[\text{in}])$$

where

$$\text{myread} = \text{in}_1(d \in \mathcal{M}[\text{in}] \mapsto \text{in}_3(d))$$

- **Output** The generic effect corresponding to

$$\mathcal{M}[\text{out}] \times T_{I/O}(X) \xrightarrow{\text{output}_{F_{I/O}(X)}} T_{I/O}(X)$$

is

$$\mathcal{M}[\text{out}] \xrightarrow{\text{write}} T_{I/O}((1))$$

where

$$\text{write}(d) = \text{in}_2(d, \text{in}_3(*))$$

Programming counterpart of being algebraic

- Evaluation contexts are given by:

$$\mathcal{E} ::= [\cdot] \mid \mathcal{E}N \mid (\lambda x : \sigma. M)\mathcal{E}$$

- For any operation symbol $op : \mathbf{s}; \mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_m$ we have:

$$\models \mathcal{E}[op_{\mathbf{M}}(\mathbf{x}_1 : \mathbf{s}_1. N_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n : \mathbf{s}_n. N_n)] = op_{\mathbf{M}}(\mathbf{x}_1 : \mathbf{s}_1. \mathcal{E}[N_1], \dots, \mathbf{x}_n : \mathbf{s}_n. \mathcal{E}[N_n])$$

assuming variable clashes are avoided.