
Quantum Effects

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Quantum mechanics

Real Black Magic Calculus — Albert Einstein

If quantum mechanics hasn't profoundly shocked you, you haven't understood it yet — Niels Bohr

I think I can safely say that nobody today understands quantum mechanics — Richard Feynman

I can't possibly know what I am talking about — Amr Sabry

Models of (quantum) computation

Abstract (Compositional) — Values and functions

Circuits — Vectors and matrices

Physics — Particle spins and electromagnetic fields

Abstract models of (quantum) computation

Semantic foundation for functional quantum programming language:

- Category theory — categorical models of quantum computation [Abramsky, Selinger, van Tonder]
- λ -calculus — quantum λ -calculus [Van Tonder]
- Domain theory, logic, etc — [Birkhoff, von Neumann]
- Haskell (not perfect but rich executable language)

Plan

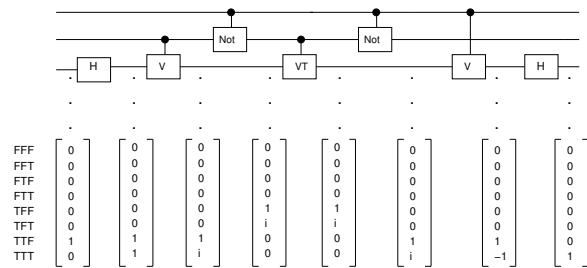
- Quantum computation (I): unitary operations on state vectors
 - Embedding in Haskell using monads
 - What to do with measurement?
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- Quantum computation (II): superoperators on density matrices
 - Arrows
 - Embedding in Haskell using arrows
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- QML [Altenkirch and Grattage]
 - Open problems; related work; conclusions
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Quantum Computing (I)

Example: Toffoli circuit



- In this example, input is $|TTF\rangle$
- After first step, state vector is a **superposition** $|TTF\rangle + |TTT\rangle$
- Result: **Negate the last bit**

Entanglement

- The state vector of multiple qubits can sometimes be teased into the **product** of simpler state vectors:

$$|FF\rangle + |FT\rangle = |F\rangle * (|F\rangle + |T\rangle)$$

- If the qubits are **entangled**, this is impossible:

$$|FF\rangle + |TT\rangle \neq (|F\rangle + |T\rangle) * (|F\rangle + |T\rangle)$$

(or any other product we might try)

- Must basically manipulate the **global state** at all times
even if we want to apply an operation to only one qubit

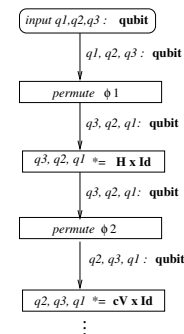
QCL [Knill]

- A global state with n qubits
- Registers are realized using pointers to the global state
- Apply operation U to register r using $\Pi^\dagger.(U \times I_{(n-m)}).\Pi$ where Π^\dagger is the inverse of Π and I is the identity



Flowchart notation [Selinger]

- A global state with n variables that can be assigned **once**
- To apply operation U to part of the state, use the same idea that is used in QCL:
 - re-order the variables to bring relevant variables to the front
 - compose U with the identity and apply it to the entire state



Lambda-calculus extension [Valiron and Selinger]

Idea: the lambda term gives **classical control** over the quantum data which is accessed via pointers to a global data structure.

- The state is a triple $[Q, Q_f, M]$
- Q is the state vector
- M is a lambda term **with free variables**
- Q_f is a **linking function** which maps every free variable of M to a qubit in Q

Virtual values and adaptors [Sabry]

- Also uses a global state and pointers mediated using **adaptors**
- Hides the management of pointers using **virtual values**
- Adaptors can **almost** be derived from the types but their actual generation is tedious and ugly

```
toffoli state =  
  let b    = virt state adaptor0  
      mb   = virt state adaptor1  
      tm   = virt state adaptor2  
      tb   = virt state adaptor3  
  in do app hadamard b  
      app cv mb  
      app cnot tm  
      app cvt mb  
      app cnot tm  
      app cv tb  
      app hadamard b
```

Can we do better than pointers to a global state?

Common theme so far:

- A global state vector accessed via pointers
- Each operation transforms the global state to a new state
- **Monads** are often used to structure and reason about computational effects.

```
class Monad m where
  return :: ∀ a. a → m a
  (≫)    :: ∀ a b. m a → (a → m b) → m b
```

- Is there a nice **monad** here?

Embedding in Haskell using monads

Finite sets

- We only consider computations over finite bases. For a type a to be a type of observables, it needs to represent a finite set:

```
class Eq a => Basis a where basis :: [a]
instance Basis Bool where basis = [False, True]
```

- Can automatically construct more complicated sets (on demand):

```
instance (Basis a, Basis b) => Basis (a, b) where
  basis = [(a, b) | a <- basis, b <- basis]
```

- Programs at the end produce classical observable values:
 $False$, $(True, False)$, etc

State vectors

- A **state vector** associates a complex probability amplitude with each basis element:

```
type PA    = Complex Double
type Vec a = a → PA
```

- Can add, subtract, and multiply vectors: (definitions omitted)

```
vzero :: Vec a
(<+>) :: Vec a → Vec a → Vec a
(<->) :: Vec a → Vec a → Vec a
($*)  :: PA → Vec a → Vec a
(<*>) :: Vec a → Vec b → Vec (a, b)
(<·>) :: Basis a ⇒ Vec a → Vec a → PA
```

Examples of vectors over *Bool*

- The simplest vector is a unit representing a basis element:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathit{unit} &:: \mathit{Basis} \ a \Rightarrow a \rightarrow \mathit{Vec} \ a \\ \mathit{unit} \ a &= (\backslash b \rightarrow \mathbf{if} \ a == b \ \mathbf{then} \ 1 \ \mathbf{else} \ 0) \end{aligned}$$

- The two basic unit vectors:

$$\begin{aligned} qFalse &= \mathit{unit} \ False && \text{— in Dirac notation } |0\rangle \\ qTrue &= \mathit{unit} \ True && \text{— in Dirac notation } |1\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- Vector representing superpositions:

$$\begin{aligned} qFT &= (1 / \mathit{sqrt} \ 2) \ \$* \ (qFalse \ \langle + \rangle \ qTrue) && \text{— } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \\ qFmT &= (1 / \mathit{sqrt} \ 2) \ \$* \ (qFalse \ \langle - \rangle \ qTrue) && \text{— } \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle) \end{aligned}$$

Examples of vectors over $(Bool, Bool)$

- Using the tensor product:

$$p1 = qFalse \langle * \rangle qFT \quad \text{— in Dirac notation } |0\rangle * \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)\right)$$

- Using the classical product over the basis:

$$\begin{aligned} qFF &= unit (False, False) & \text{— in Dirac notation } |00\rangle \\ qTT &= unit (True, True) & \text{— in Dirac notation } |11\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- A vector representing the EPR pair $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$:

$$epr = (1 / sqrt 2) \$* (qFF \langle + \rangle qTT)$$

Linear operators

- Given a function $f :: a \rightarrow Vec\ b$, we can produce the **linear operator** of type $Vec\ a \rightarrow Vec\ b$

- Apply f to each basis element and accumulate the results:

$$\begin{aligned} linop & :: Basis\ a \Rightarrow (a \rightarrow Vec\ b) \rightarrow (Vec\ a \rightarrow Vec\ b) \\ linop\ f\ va & = (\backslash b \rightarrow sum\ [(va\ a) * (f\ a\ b) \mid a \leftarrow basis]) \end{aligned}$$

- So we can define:

$$\mathbf{type}\ Lin\ a\ b = a \rightarrow Vec\ b$$

Examples of linear operators

- Construct a linear operator from any pure function:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{fun2lin} &:: (\text{Basis } a, \text{Basis } b) \Rightarrow (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \text{Lin } a \ b \\ \text{fun2lin } f \ a &= \text{unit } (f \ a) \end{aligned}$$

- Common linear operators on booleans:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{qnot} &= \text{fun2lin not} \\ \text{hadamard False} &= \text{qFT} \\ \text{hadamard True} &= \text{qFmT} \end{aligned}$$

More linear operations

- Outer product:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \rangle * \langle \rangle &:: \text{Basis } a \Rightarrow \text{Vec } a \rightarrow \text{Vec } a \rightarrow \text{Lin } a \ a \\ (v_1 \rangle * \langle v_2) \ a_1 \ a_2 &= v_1 \ a_1 * \text{conjugate } (v_2 \ a_2) \end{aligned}$$

- Composition:

$$\begin{aligned} o &:: (\text{Basis } a, \text{Basis } b, \text{Basis } c) \Rightarrow \\ &\quad \text{Lin } a \ b \rightarrow \text{Lin } b \ c \rightarrow \text{Lin } a \ c \\ o \ f \ g \ a &= \text{linop } g \ (f \ a) \end{aligned}$$

- Controlled-operations:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{controlled} &:: \text{Basis } a \Rightarrow \\ &\quad \text{Lin } a \ a \rightarrow \text{Lin } (\text{Bool}, a) \ (\text{Bool}, a) \\ \text{controlled } f \ (b_1, b_2) &= (\text{unit } b_1) \langle * \rangle (\text{if } b_1 \ \text{then } f \ b_2 \ \text{else } \text{unit } b_2) \end{aligned}$$

Almost a monad!

- We can define:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{return} & \quad :: \text{Basis } a \Rightarrow a \rightarrow \text{Vec } a \\ \text{return} & \quad = \text{unit} \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} (\gg=) & \quad :: \text{Basis } a \Rightarrow \text{Vec } a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow \text{Vec } b) \rightarrow \text{Vec } b \\ (va \gg= f) & \quad = \text{linop } f \text{ va} \end{aligned}$$

- The right equations are satisfied
- The types are wrong: the extra constraints mean that the construction is not universal. In Haskell terms, we cannot use the **do**-notation
- Already observed [Mu and Bird, 2001] but in a system restricted to manipulating lists of qubits

Toffoli circuit

```
toffoli :: Lin (Bool, Bool, Bool) (Bool, Bool, Bool)
toffoli (top, middle, bottom) =
  let cnot    = controlled qnot
      cphase = controlled phase
  in hadamard bottom           >>= \ b1      →
      cphase (middle, b1)     >>= \ (m1, b2) →
      cnot (top, m1)          >>= \ (t1, m2) →
      controlled (adjoint phase) (m2, b2) >>= \ (m3, b3) →
      cnot (t1, m3)          >>= \ (t2, m4) →
      cphase (t2, b3)        >>= \ (t3, b4) →
      hadamard b4                >>= \ b5      →
      return (t3, m4, b5)
```

So far

- (Almost) monads can be used to structure quantum parallelism:
no explicit global state and pointers
- Connections to category theory, etc
- **That's the easy part** ... How do we deal with measurement?

Measurement

Measurement & collapse

Measuring qFT ($= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$):

- returns 0 with probability 1/2
and *as a side-effect* collapses qFT to $|0\rangle$, or
- returns 1 with probability 1/2
and *as a side-effect* collapses qFT to $|1\rangle$

Measurement & spooky action at a distance

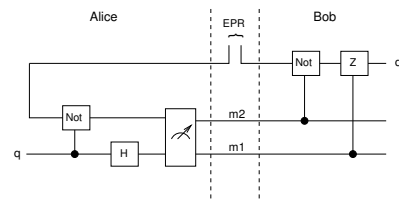
Measuring the left qubit of *epr*: ($= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle + |11\rangle)$):

- returns 0 with probability 1/2
and *as a side-effect* collapses *epr* to $|00\rangle$, or
- returns 1 with probability 1/2
and *as a side-effect* collapses *epr* to $|11\rangle$
- The right qubit is affected even if physically distant!

Ignore measurement?

- Measurements can always be delayed to the end;
many formalisms ignore them
- Mu and Bird use the IO monad to explain measurement;
cannot mix measurement with linear operations
- Can we deal with measurements in the formalism?

Teleportation



Communication uses a **classical** channel, sending classical bits.

Quantum Computing (II)

State vectors have too much information

- Perhaps vectors are not expressive enough ?
- Vector is **exact** state of the system but much of the information in the state is **not observable**
- Take qFT and measure it. The result is either:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle$$

- Apply Hadamard to the result:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle) \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle - |1\rangle)$$

- The two configurations are **indistinguishable**
(**observationally equivalent**)

Density matrices

- Statistical perspective of the state vector
- Technically, we use the **outer product**:

type $Dens\ a =\ Vec\ (a,\ a)$

$pureD ::\ Basis\ a \Rightarrow\ Vec\ a \rightarrow\ Dens\ a$
 $pureD\ v =\ lin2vec\ (v\ \rangle * \langle\ v)$

- Examples:

$qFalse$

$|0\rangle$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$qTrue$

$|1\rangle$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

qFT

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Density matrices and measurement

- When we measure qFT ($\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$) we get:
False with probability 1/2, or *True* with probability 1/2:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The density matrix can represent a **mixed state**
- Operations are linear:

$$H \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} = H \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + H \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The two states are indeed **observationally equivalent**.

Superoperators

- Every linear operator can be lifted to an operator on density matrices
- Such operators are called **superoperators**:

type $Super\ a\ b = (a, a) \rightarrow Dens\ b$

$lin2super :: (Basis\ a, Basis\ b) \Rightarrow Lin\ a\ b \rightarrow Super\ a\ b$

$lin2super\ f\ (a_1, a_2) = (f\ a_1) \langle * \rangle (dual\ (adjoint\ f)\ a_2)$

where $dual\ f\ a\ b = f\ b\ a$

Tracing and measurement

- trL measures and “forgets” the result of measurement
 $meas$ measures and returns the result of measurement

$$trL :: (Basis\ a, Basis\ b) \Rightarrow Super\ (a, b)\ b$$
$$trL\ ((a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2)) = \mathbf{if}\ a_1 = a_2\ \mathbf{then}\ return\ (b_1, b_2)\ \mathbf{else}\ vzero$$

$$meas :: Basis\ a \Rightarrow Super\ a\ (a, a)$$
$$meas\ (a_1, a_2) = \mathbf{if}\ a_1 = a_2\ \mathbf{then}\ return\ ((a_1, a_1), (a_1, a_1))\ \mathbf{else}\ vzero$$

- Measuring qFT and forgetting the collapsed quantum state:

$pureD\ qFT \gg= meas \gg= trL$

evaluates to:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

No longer a monad

- At least we can't prove it is a monad
- Superoperators do not form a basis
- We seem to have lost all our structure

Arrows

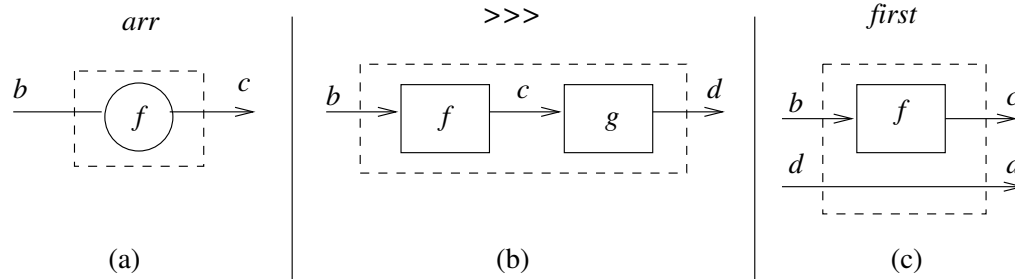
A generalization of monads

```
class Arrow a where
```

```
arr  :: (b -> c) -> a b c
```

```
(>>>) :: a b c -> a c d -> a b d
```

```
first :: a b c -> a (b, d) (c, d)
```



More about arrows

Look up excellent work at Yale

Embedding in Haskell using arrows

Superoperators are arrows

Well ...almost: the types have additional constraints

$$\begin{aligned} \text{arr} &:: (\text{Basis } b, \text{Basis } c) \Rightarrow (b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow \text{Super } b \ c \\ \text{arr } f &= \text{fun2lin } (\backslash (b_1, b_2) \rightarrow (f \ b_1, f \ b_2)) \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} (\ggg) &:: (\text{Basis } b, \text{Basis } c, \text{Basis } d) \Rightarrow \\ &\quad \text{Super } b \ c \rightarrow \text{Super } c \ d \rightarrow \text{Super } b \ d \\ (\ggg) &= o \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} \text{first} &:: (\text{Basis } b, \text{Basis } c, \text{Basis } d) \Rightarrow \text{Super } b \ c \rightarrow \text{Super } (b, d) \ (c, d) \\ \text{first } f &((b_1, d_1), (b_2, d_2)) = \text{permute } ((f \ (b_1, b_2)) \langle * \rangle (\text{return } (d_1, d_2))) \\ &\quad \text{where permute } v \ ((b_1, b_2), (d_2, d_2)) = v \ ((b_1, d_1), (b_2, d_2)) \end{aligned}$$

Superoperators as a model of quantum computing

- The category of superoperators is known to be an adequate model of quantum computation [Selinger]
- This work suggests that this category corresponds to a functional language with arrows
- Can we accurately express quantum computation in a functional language with arrows?

Toffoli

```
toffoli :: Super (Bool, Bool, Bool) (Bool, Bool, Bool)
toffoli = let hadS      = lin2super hadamard
             cnotS    = lin2super (controlled qnot)
             cphaseS  = lin2super (controlled phase)
             caphaseS = lin2super (controlled (adjoint phase))
in proc (a0, b0, c0) → do
         c1 ← hadS < c0
         (b1, c2) ← cphaseS < (b0, c1)
         (a1, b2) ← cnotS < (a0, b1)
         (b3, c3) ← caphaseS < (b2, c2)
         (a2, b4) ← cnotS < (a1, b3)
         (a3, c4) ← cphaseS < (a2, c3)
         c5 ← hadS < c4
         returnA < (a3, b4, c5)
```

Teleportation (I)

- Can write, type, reason about each component separately.
- Can incorporate measurement in the computation
- Main:

```
teleport :: Super (Bool, Bool, Bool) Bool
teleport = proc (eprL, eprR, q) → do
    (m1, m2) ← alice < (eprL, q)
    q' ← bob < (eprR, m1, m2)
    returnA < q'
```

Teleportation (II)

```
alice :: Super (Bool, Bool) (Bool, Bool)
alice = proc (eprL, q) → do
  (q1, e1) ← lin2super (controlled qnot) < (q, eprL)
  q2 ← lin2super hadamard < q1
  ((q3, e2), (m1, m2)) ← meas < (q2, e1)
  (m'1, m'2) ← trL ((q3, e2), (m1, m2))
  returnA < (m'1, m'2)

bob :: Super (Bool, Bool, Bool) Bool
bob = proc (eprR, m1, m2) → do
  (m'2, e1) ← lin2super (controlled qnot) < (m2, eprR)
  (m'1, e2) ← lin2super (controlled z) < (m1, e1)
  q' ← trL < ((m'1, m'2), e2)
  returnA < q'
```

QML

Why Haskell is not adequate

- There is more to quantum computation than a functional language with arrows
- Cloning?

$$\begin{aligned} \delta &:: \text{Super Bool (Bool, Bool)} \\ \delta &= \text{arr } (\backslash x \rightarrow (x, x)) \end{aligned}$$

- Weakening

$$\begin{aligned} \text{weaken} &:: \text{Super (Bool, Bool) Bool} \\ \text{weaken} &= \text{arr } (\backslash (x, y) \rightarrow y) \end{aligned}$$

Cloning

- Well-known “non-cloning” property of quantum states!

$$\begin{aligned} \delta &:: \text{Super Bool } (\text{Bool}, \text{Bool}) \\ \delta &= \text{arr } (\backslash x \rightarrow (x, x)) \end{aligned}$$

- δ only clones **classical information** encoded in quantum data
- Applying δ to $qFalse$ will give $qFalse \langle * \rangle qFalse$
- But applying δ to qFT **does not produce** $qFT \langle * \rangle qFT$;
rather it produces epr
- One can think of it as cloning a pointer;
and sharing the quantum data.

Weakening

- The definition *weaken* allows us to drop some values

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{weaken} &:: \textit{Super} (\textit{Bool}, \textit{Bool}) \textit{Bool} \\ \textit{weaken} &= \textit{arr} (\backslash (x, y) \rightarrow y) \end{aligned}$$

- Applying *weaken* to *epr* gives *qFT*
- But dropping a value amounts to measuring it, and if we measure the left qubit of *epr*, we should be getting either *qFalse* or *qTrue* or the mixed state of both measurements, but never *qFT*.
- **Must prevent weakening**

QML [Altenkirch and Grattage]

- A functional language to model quantum computation
- Prevent weakening using strict linear logic
- Two semantics: translation to quantum circuits and translation to superoperators
- Source language models **irreversible** computations; semantics (compiler) takes care of making everything reversible (by adding a heap input and a garbage output)

QML type system

- Must keep track of uses of variables
- Variables in the context that are not used **must be measured**:

$$\frac{}{x: \sigma, y: \tau \vdash x\{y\}: \sigma}$$

- Variables in the context can be used more than once
(by essentially applying δ)

Using variables

- Does f use x ?

$$f\ x = \mathbf{if}\ x\ \mathbf{then}\ qTrue\ \mathbf{else}\ qTrue$$

- Depends on the semantics of **if**
- **Classical control**: **measure** the qubit x to get a classical boolean value and then select appropriate branch
- **Quantum control** (**if^o**): return the superposition of the branches
- Quantum control returns $qTrue$ without using x
- The version with **if^o** must not be allowed to typecheck

Quantum control & orthogonality

- In an **if**[◦] expression, the superposition of e_1 and e_2 is calculated using the probability amplitudes of the superposition of x :

$\text{if}^\circ x \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2$

- Basically if e_1 and e_2 are **orthogonal** then it is safe to replace the superposition in x with the superposition of e_1 and e_2 .
- This is ok:

$f'^\circ x = \text{if}^\circ x \text{ then } qTrue \text{ else } qFalse$

Conclusions

- Fairly elegant semantic analysis
- Quantum computing =
functional language +
arrows (for parallelism and measurement) +
some kind of linear type system (to control weakening)
- Formalize the connections between QML and a functional language with superoperators as arrows
- Still need to explain a few open issues
- Higher-order programs, infinite datatypes, etc