

# Closable and uniquely closable skeletons of untyped lambda terms, formally

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## Previously in CLA

Formal methods about  $\lambda$ -terms and maps: formalizations, formal proofs, random generators

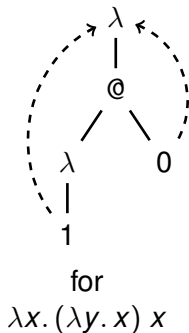
- **Lambda terms and maps, formally**,  
at CLA'15 (A. Giorgetti, C. Dubois and N. Zeilberger)
  - Bijection between labelled CLT and labelled  $ATM_1$
  - Formalized in Coq and Prolog
  - No formal proof there, but validation by enumeration
- **Lambda terms and maps, formally (II)**,  
at CLA'18 ( A. Giorgetti and C. Dubois)
  - Introduction of blooms in the middle
  - semantics of blooms and maps, visually
  - Prolog specification of blooms
  - First application of blooms: Random and bounded-exhaustive testing

## Pure $\lambda$ terms in de Bruijn form

$$T ::= \mathbb{N} \mid \lambda T \mid T T$$

Implemented in Coq as an inductive definition:  
unary-binary trees, aka labeled Motzkin trees

```
Inductive lmt : Set :=  
| var : nat → lmt  
| lam : lmt → lmt  
| app : lmt → lmt → lmt.
```



```
Definition ex1 := lam (app (lam (var 1)) (var 0)).
```

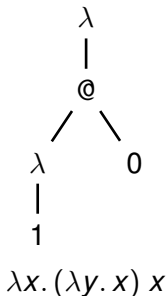
## Closed $\lambda$ terms

A  $\lambda$ -term in de Bruijn form is *closed* if the label at each leaf (*de Bruijn index*) is (strictly) smaller than the number of  $\lambda$ s above it (*de Bruijn level*).

Closure property is not a *catamorphism* for  $\text{LMT}$

i.e., “to be closed” cannot be defined recursively on the structure of labeled Motzkin trees.

$(\lambda t)$  can be closed for terms  $t$  that are not closed themselves.



**A possible solution:** ignore labels,  
use “skeletons” and a “closable” property instead [BT17].

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# Our contribution: formalizing [BT17]

- Contents of [BT17]
  - Definitions and propositions
  - Implementation in Prolog (and a bit of Haskell)
  - Enumerators
- Our contribution: formalizing it in Coq
  - Coq definitions inspired by Prolog ones
  - Propositions proved in Coq
  - Random Generators
  - **Testing before Proving** (through Quickchick)



## Motzkin trees (without labels)

*A Motzkin tree is a rooted ordered tree built from binary nodes, unary nodes and leaf nodes. [BT17]*

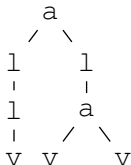
```
Inductive motzkin : Set :=  
| v : motzkin  
| l : motzkin → motzkin  
| a : motzkin → motzkin → motzkin.
```

## Closable Motzkin trees

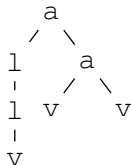
A Motzkin tree is a skeleton of a closed lambda term *if and only if it exists at least one  $\lambda$  binder on each path from the leaf to the root.* [BT17, Prop. 2]

$\leadsto$  proposition proved later -  
red part taken as a characterization of closable Motzkin trees

```
Fixpoint is_closable (mt: motzkin) :=  
  match mt with  
  | v  $\Rightarrow$  False  
  | l m  $\Rightarrow$  True  
  | a m1 m2  $\Rightarrow$  is_closable m1  $\wedge$  is_closable m2  
end.
```



a closable Motzkin tree



a non closable Motzkin tree

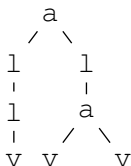
## From a representation to another

```
Record rec_closable : Type := Build_rec_closable {  
  closable_struct :=> motzkin;  
  closable_prop : is_closable closable_struct  
}.
```

$\text{rec\_closable2closable} \downarrow \uparrow \text{closable2rec\_closable}$   
(two roundtrip lemmas proved in Coq)

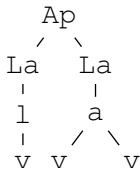
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Inductive closable :=  
| La : motzkin → closable  
| Ap : closable → closable → closable.
```

## From a representation to another, an example



+ a proof that it's a closable Motzkin tree

rec\_closable2closable  $\downarrow$   $\uparrow$  closable2rec\_closable



## Random generators

We use `QuickChick` (Coq port of Haskell QuickCheck) to test a Coq conjecture before proving it

- Executable properties and random generators needed!
- With the help of QuickChick combinators, quite easy to write (verified) random generators (sometimes derived)

We provide `random generators` for

- Motzkin trees (derived from `motzkin def.`)
- closable Motzkin trees (obtained by filtering, not efficient)
- closable Motzkin trees of type `rec_closable`
- objects of type `closable` (derived from `closable def.`)

```
(** ** Tests for [closable2rec_closableK] *)
QuickCheck (sized (fun n =>
  forAll (gen_closable n) (fun c =>
    (rec_closable2closable (closable2rec_closable c)) =? c)))
(* +++ Passed 10000 tests *)
```

# Uniquely Closable Motzkin trees

A skeleton is uniquely closable *if and only if* exactly one lambda binder is available above each of its leaf nodes. [BT17, Prop. 4]

**Definition** `is_ucs: motzkin → Prop := ....`

```
Record rec_ucs : Type := Build_rec_ucs {  
  ucs_struct : motzkin;  
  ucs_prop : is_ucs ucs_struct  
}.
```

$$\text{rec\_ucs2ucs} \downarrow \uparrow \text{ucs2rec\_ucs}$$

(two roundtrip lemmas proved in Coq)

```
Inductive ca :=  
| V : ca  
| B : ca → ca → ca.  
Inductive ucs :=  
| L : ca → ucs  
| A : ucs → ucs → ucs.
```

And random generators for `rec_ucs`, `ca` and `ucs`

# Characterization of closable Motzkin trees

A Motzkin tree is *the skeleton of a closed  $\lambda$ -term*  
*if and only if*

*it exists at least one  $\lambda$ -binder on each path from the leaf to the root [BT17, Proposition 2]*

## How to formalize closed $\lambda$ -terms?

“to be closed” cannot be defined recursively on the structure of labeled Motzkin trees:  $(\lambda t)$  can be closed for terms  $t$  that are not closed themselves

$\rightsquigarrow$  extension to open terms ( $m$ -open terms)

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## $m$ -open $\lambda$ -terms

The  $\lambda$ -term  $t$  is  $m$ -open if the term  $(\lambda \dots \lambda t)$  with  $m$  abstractions before  $t$  is closed [BBD19]

Aka. “ $\lambda$ -terms containing at most  $m$  distinct free variables” [Les13, GL13]

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## $m$ -open $\lambda$ -terms, formally

```
Fixpoint is_open (m: nat) (t: lmt) : Prop :=  
  match t with  
  | var i  $\Rightarrow$  i < m  
  | lam t1  $\Rightarrow$  is_open (S m) t1  
  | app t1 t2  $\Rightarrow$  is_open m t1  $\wedge$  is_open m t2  
  end.
```

```
Record rec_open (m:nat) : Set := Build_rec_open {  
  open_struct :> lmt;  
  open_prop : is_open m open_struct  
}.
```

$\text{rec\_open2open} \downarrow \quad \uparrow \text{open2rec\_open}$   
(two roundtrip lemmas proved in Coq)

```
Inductive open : nat  $\rightarrow$  Set :=  
| open_var :  $\forall$  (m i:nat), i < m  $\rightarrow$  open m  
| open_lam :  $\forall$  (m:nat), open (S m)  $\rightarrow$  open m  
| open_app :  $\forall$  (m:nat), open m  $\rightarrow$  open m  $\rightarrow$  open m.
```

# *m*-open terms and skeletons

## Label erasure

```
Fixpoint skeleton (t: lmt) : motzkin :=  
  match t with  
  | var _ ⇒ v  
  | lam t1 ⇒ l (skeleton t1)  
  | app t1 t2 ⇒ a (skeleton t1) (skeleton t2)  
  end.
```

# Characterization of closable Motzkin trees, in Coq

*A Motzkin tree is the skeleton of a closed  $\lambda$ -term  
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*it exists at least one  $\lambda$ -binder on each path from the leaf to the  
root [BT17, Proposition 2]*

**Definition** `is_closed t := is_open 0 t.`

**Proposition** `proposition2 :  $\forall$  mt : motzkin,  
( $\exists$  t : lmt, skeleton t = mt  $\wedge$  is_closed t)  
 $\leftrightarrow$  is_closable mt.`

## Propositions 2 and 4 of [BT17], formalized in Coq

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**Definition** `is_ucs m := is_ucs_aux m false.`

Proposition `proposition4:  $\forall$  mt : motzkin,  
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is\_P

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P

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| Ap : closable → closable → closable.
```

T2P :  $\forall x:T, is\_P x \rightarrow P$

P2T :  $P \rightarrow T$

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# An abstract representation of two datatypes

- Generic interface

```
Module Type family.  
  Parameter T : Set.  
  Parameter is_P : T → Prop.  
  Parameter P : Set.  
  Parameter T2P : ∀ (x:T), is_P x → P.  
  Parameter P2T : P → T.  
  Parameter is_P_lemma : ∀ v, is_P (P2T v).  
  Parameter P2T_is_P :  
    ∀ (t : T) (H : is_P t), P2T (T2P t H) = t.  
  Parameter proof_irr :  
    ∀ x (p1 p2:is_P x), p1 = p2.  
End family.
```

## Two instances: closable and uniquely closable Motzkin trees

Abstraction	Closable Skeletons	Uniquely Closable Skeletons
T	motzkin	motzkin
is_P	is_closable	is_ucs
P	closable	ucs
T2P	motzkin2closable	motzkin2ucs
P2T	closable2motzkin	ucs2motzkin
is_P_lemma	automatically proved using Ltac	
P2T_is_P	automatically proved using Ltac	
proof_irr	PI_is_closable	PI_is_ucs
rec_P	automatically derived in the functor	
rec_P2P	automatically derived in the functor	
P2rec_P	automatically derived in the functor	
P2rec_PK	automatically derived in the functor	
rec_P2PK	automatically proved using Ltac	

## Random generators

3 interfaces for random generators, parametrized by a family module and 3 functors

- one pair (interface, functor) to derive `gen_P_filter` from `gen_T` and an executable version of `is_P`
- one pair to derive `gen_P_rec` from `gen_P` using the transformation `P_rec2P`
- one pair to derive `gen_P` from `gen_P_rec` using the transformation `T_rec2P`

```
Module Type family_gen3 (Import f : family).  
  Parameter gen_P : nat → G P.  
End family_gen3.
```

```
Module genfamily3 (Import f : family) (Import g : family_gen3 f)  
  (Import facts : equiv_sig f).  
  Definition gen_rec_P n : G rec_P :=  
  do! p ← gen_P n;  
  returnGen (P2rec_P p).  
End genfamily3.
```

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# Conclusions and Perspectives

- Achievements
  - Closable and uniquely closable Motzkin trees, formally!
  - Partial automation of proofs of roundtrip lemmas
  - Some verified random generators
- Perspectives
  - Typable Motzkin trees [BT17]
  - Linear  $\lambda$ -terms by Tarau et al. [TP20]
  - Catalan (Rémy bij.), Motzkin and Schröder trees [Les23]
  - Revisit [DG18] (permutations and rooted maps)

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# Thanks! Questions?

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