

# A Syntactic Characterization of Morita Equivalence

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Related work:

- Makkai (1987), Awodey-Forsell (2013), Pitts (1989)
- Moerdijk (1988a, 1988b, 1990) on representation theory of Grothendieck toposes
- Caramello (2010), Barrett and Halvorson (2016)
- Logic-enriched type theories (e.g. Maietti (2005,2006) and Aczel-Gambino (2006))

# Notation and Terminology

- $\Sigma, \Sigma', \dots$  will denote signatures
- $x, y, \dots$  variables of given sorts and  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \dots$  tuples of variables
- $\phi, \psi, \dots$  formulas over a given signature
- $\phi \vdash_{\mathbf{x}} \psi$  sequent with free variables among the  $\mathbf{x}$
- $\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{T}', \dots$  will denote **coherent** theories, i.e. sets of coherent sequents  $(\exists, \vee, \wedge)$
- $\mathbb{T} \models \sigma$  means the sequent  $\sigma$  is derivable from  $\mathbb{T}$
- $\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{T}}, \mathcal{P}_{\mathbb{T}}, \mathcal{E}_{\mathbb{T}}$
- $\{\mathbf{x}.\phi\} \xrightarrow{[\theta]} \{\mathbf{y}.\psi\}$
- We assume a standard (intuitionistic) sequent calculus, e.g. Johnstone (2003)

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$$\mathbb{T} \vdash_{x_i: S_i} \exists x: \prod_{i=1}^n S_i(\pi_1(x) = x_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \pi_n(x) = x_n)$$

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- ① **Coproduct Sorts:**  $S_1 \amalg S_2 \cdots \amalg S_n$ ,  $\rho_i: S_i \rightarrow S_1 \amalg \cdots \amalg S_n$  and  $\mathbb{T}_2$  contains

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- ② **Subsorts:**  $S \subset T$ ,  $\phi, i: S \rightarrow T$  and  $\mathbb{T}_2$  contains

$$\phi(x) \dashv\vdash_x: T \exists y: S(i(y) = x) \quad i(x) = i(y) \vdash_{x, y: S} x = y$$

- ③ **Quotient Sorts:**  $S = T / \sim$ ,  $\mathbb{T}_1$ -provable equivalence relation  $\phi$ ,  $\epsilon: T \rightarrow S$  if  $\mathbb{T}_2$  contains:

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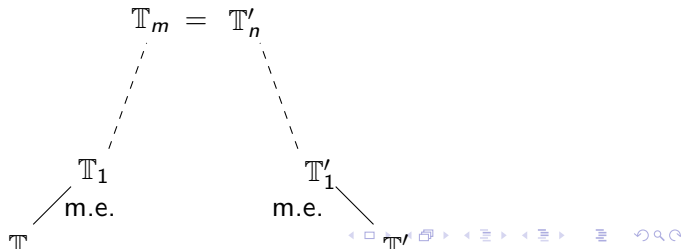
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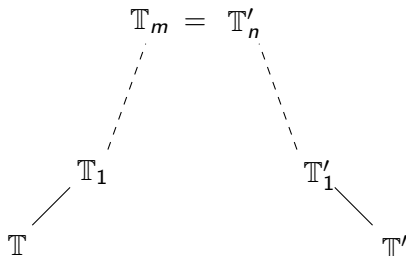
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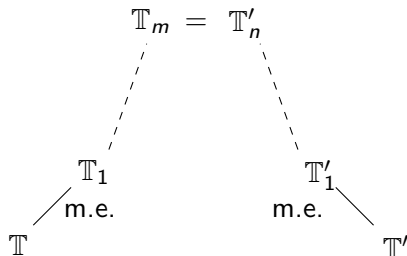
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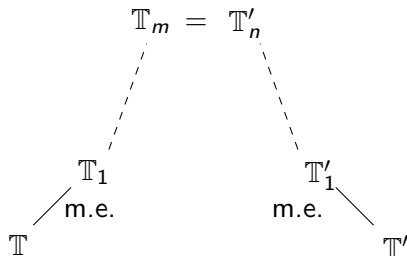
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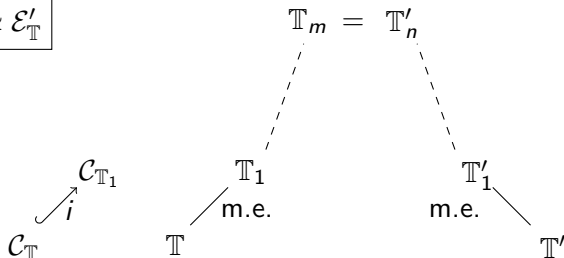
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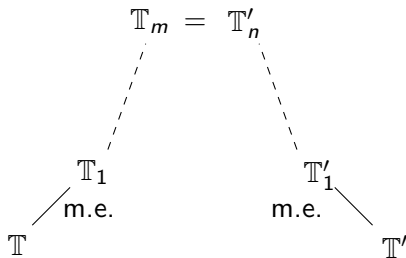
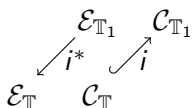
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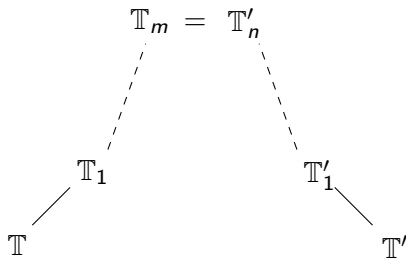
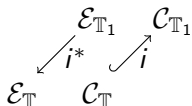


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(0)  $J_1 = J_2|_{\mathcal{C}_{\mathbb{T}_1}}$

(1)  $i$  is full and faithful

(2) Covering condition



**IDEA:** Formulas coding “new” variables in terms of old ones.

## Definition

A **code** for  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{Var}(\Sigma_2 \setminus \Sigma_1)^n$  is a  $\Sigma_2$ -formula

$$\xi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n) \equiv \bigwedge_{i=1}^n \xi_i(x_i, y_i, \mathbf{y}_i)$$

where

$$\xi_i \equiv \begin{cases} \bigwedge \pi_k(x_i) = y_{ik} & \text{if } x_i \text{ is of product sort} \\ \rho_k(y_{ik}) = x_i & \text{if } x_i \text{ is of coproduct sort} \\ \iota(x_i) = y_i & \text{if } x_i \text{ is of a subsort} \\ \epsilon(y_i) = x_i & \text{if } x_i \text{ is of a quotient sort} \end{cases}$$

# Key Lemma

## Lemma (“Recoding of formulas”)

Let  $\psi(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x})$  be a  $\Sigma_2$ -formula with  $\mathbf{x}$  “new” and  $\mathbf{y}$  “old” variables. Then

$$\mathbb{T}_2 \models \psi(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) \dashv\vdash \bigvee_j \exists \mathbf{z}_j (\xi_j(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}_j) \wedge \psi_j^*(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}_j))$$

where each  $\xi_j$  is a code and each  $\psi_j^*$  is a  $\Sigma_1$ -formula. In addition, each

$$\theta_j \equiv \xi_j(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}_j) \wedge \psi_j^*(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}_j)$$

is a  $\mathbb{T}_2$ -provably functional relation from  $\psi_j^*$  to  $\psi$ , i.e. defines a morphism

$$[\theta_j]: \{\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}_j, \psi_j^*\} \rightarrow \{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \psi\}$$

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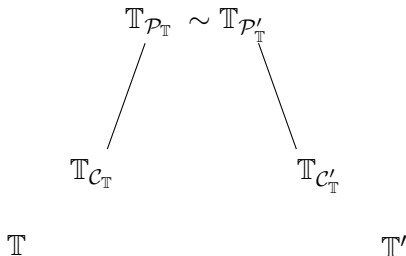
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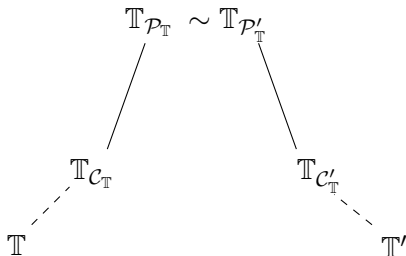
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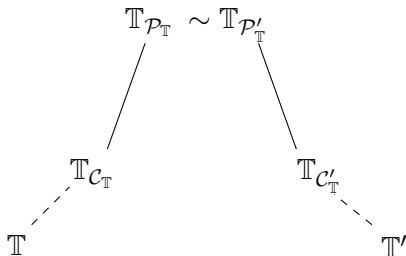
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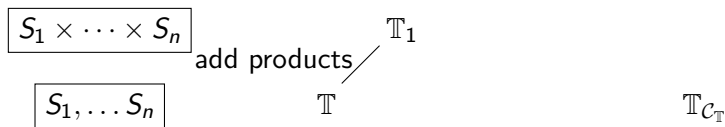


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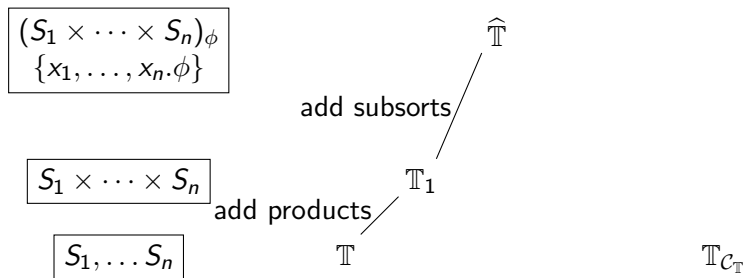


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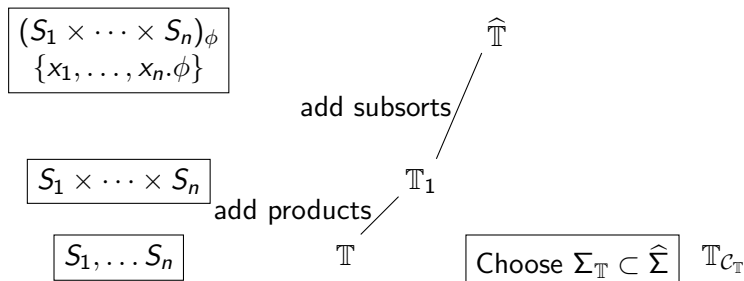


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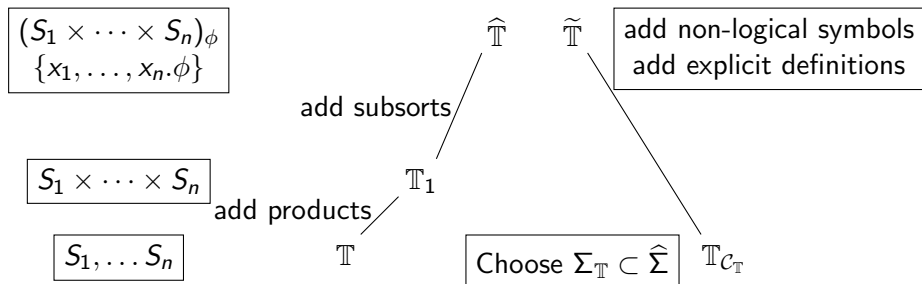


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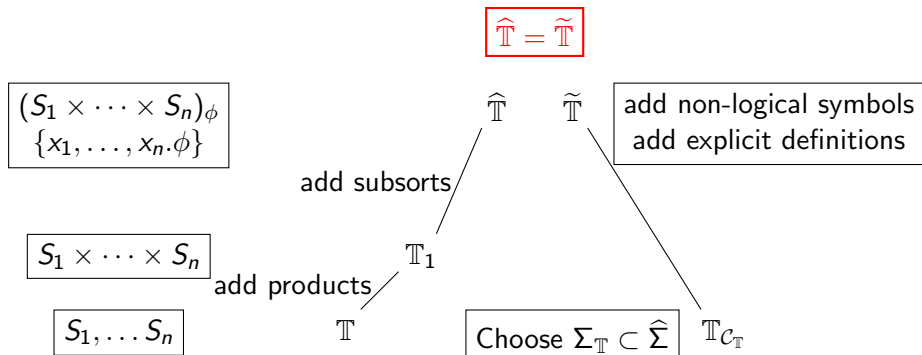


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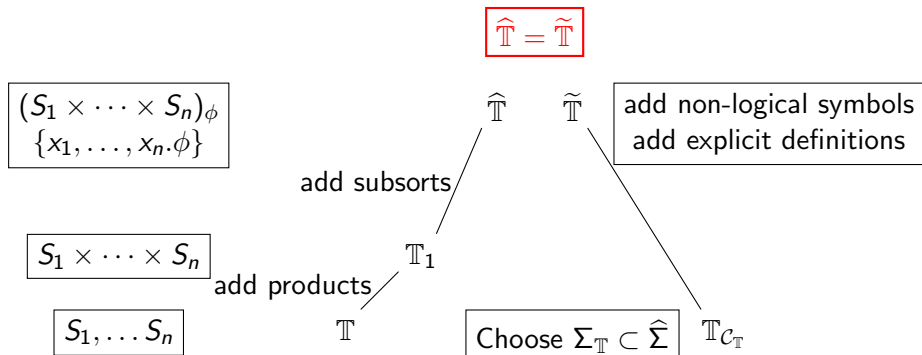


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