Cubical Abstract Machine

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1 Machine structure

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M,A ::= a \mid \mathbf{x}[\vec{r}; \vec{M}] \mid \mathsf{bool} \mid \mathsf{wbool} \mid \mathbb{S}^1 \mid \langle M, N \rangle \mid \mathsf{fst}(M) \mid \mathsf{snd}(M) \mid \lambda x.M \mid M(N) \mid \langle x \rangle M \mid M @ r
                        |\operatorname{fr}(M;N;N')| \text{ if }_{x.A}(M;N;N') \\ = \operatorname{coe}_{x.A}^{r \to r'}(M) \mid \operatorname{hcom}_{x.A}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \mid \operatorname{fcom}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \\ = \operatorname{coe}_{x.A}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \mid \dots \\ K ::= \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M) \mid \square(N) \mid \operatorname{fst}(\square) \mid \operatorname{snd}(\square) \mid \square @ r \mid \operatorname{hcom}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \\ = \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M) \mid \square(N) \mid \operatorname{fst}(\square) \mid \operatorname{snd}(\square) \mid \square @ r \mid \operatorname{hcom}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \\ = \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M) \mid \square(N) \mid \operatorname{fst}(\square) \mid \operatorname{snd}(\square) \mid \square @ r \mid \operatorname{hcom}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \\ = \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \mid \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \\ = \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \mid \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \\ = \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \mid \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \\ = \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \mid \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \\ = \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \mid \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \\ = \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \mid \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \\ = \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \mid \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \\ = \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \mid \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \\ = \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \mid \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \\ = \operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \quad \text{coe}_{\square}^{r \to r'}(M;\overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N})
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\overline{\mathbf{x} \hookrightarrow \vec{x}; \vec{a}.M \triangleleft \mathcal{E}}

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This machine is similar to both Krivine's environment machine and the CEK machine. To be honest, Jon Sterling is not really sure of what delineates these from each other, except that they usually seem to be call-by-name and call-by-value respectively. Ours is call-by-name.

Stack frames and machine states A stack frame (K, \mathcal{E}, Ψ) represents a continuation whose hole ranges over a binder of Ψ dimensions. For a stack π , let $\vec{\Psi}$ be the aggregation of all the dimension bindings Ψ mentioned in π ; then the extension of a stack $(K, \mathcal{E}, \Phi) :: \pi$ is wellformed when \mathcal{E} is an environment for $\mathbf{FD}(K) \setminus \vec{\Psi}$; moreover, K is allowed to mention the dimensions in $\vec{\Psi}$.

A machine state $\langle M \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel \pi \rangle$, where $\vec{\Psi}$ is the aggregation of dimension bindings in π , is wellformed when \mathcal{E} is an environment for $\mathbf{FD}(M) \setminus \vec{\Psi}$; moreover, M is allowed to mention the dimensions in $\vec{\Psi}$.

2 Selected transition rules

We define a transition judgment $C \succ_{\mu} C'$ with μ ranging over the following possible modes:

- 1.

 , denoting a cubically stable transition
- 2. •, denoting a non-cubically stable transition

Moreover, if $\mathcal{C} \succ_{\square} \mathcal{C}'$ then $\mathcal{C} \succ_{\bullet} \mathcal{C}'$.

2.1 Variables

$$\frac{\mathcal{E}(a) \equiv M \triangleleft \mathcal{E}'}{\langle a \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle M \triangleleft \mathcal{E}' \parallel \pi \rangle} \qquad \frac{\mathcal{E}(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \vec{x}; \vec{a}.N \triangleleft \mathcal{E}' \qquad \mathcal{E}'' \triangleq [\mathcal{E}', \overline{a \hookrightarrow M \triangleleft \mathcal{E}}, \overline{x \hookrightarrow \mathcal{E}(r)}]}{\langle \mathbf{x} | \vec{r}; \vec{M} | \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle N \triangleleft \mathcal{E}'' \parallel \pi \rangle}$$

2.2 Kan operations

$$\overline{\langle \operatorname{hcom}_{A}^{r \leadsto r'}(M; \overline{\xi \hookrightarrow y.N}) \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle A \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel (\operatorname{hcom}_{\square}^{r \leadsto r'}(M; \overline{\xi \hookrightarrow y.N}), \mathcal{E}, []) :: \pi \rangle} }$$

$$\overline{\langle \operatorname{coe}_{x.A}^{r \leadsto r'}(M) \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle A \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel (\operatorname{coe}_{\square}^{r \leadsto r'}(M), \mathcal{E}', [x]) :: \pi \rangle} }$$

$$\overline{\langle \operatorname{com}_{x.A}^{r \leadsto r'}(M; \overline{\xi_i \hookrightarrow y.N_i}) \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle \operatorname{hcom}_{A}^{r \leadsto r'}(\operatorname{coe}_{y.A}^{r \leadsto r'}(M); \overline{\xi_i \hookrightarrow y.\operatorname{coe}_{y.A}^{y \leadsto r'}(N_i)}) \triangleleft [\mathcal{E}, x \hookrightarrow r'] \parallel \pi \rangle}$$

$$\underline{\mathcal{E}} \vDash r \equiv r'$$

$$\overline{\langle \operatorname{fcom}^{r \leadsto r'}(M; \overline{\xi \hookrightarrow y.N}) \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle M \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel \pi \rangle}$$

$$\underline{\mathcal{E}} \vDash r \# r' \qquad \mathcal{E} \vDash r_i \# r'_i (\forall i < j) \qquad \mathcal{E}} \vDash r_j = r'_j$$

$$\overline{\langle \operatorname{fcom}^{r \leadsto r'}(M; \overline{r_i = r'_i \hookrightarrow y.N_i}) \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel \pi \rangle \succ_{\bullet} \langle N_j \triangleleft [\mathcal{E}, y \hookrightarrow \mathcal{E}(r')] \parallel \pi \rangle}$$

2.3 Dependent function types

$$\overline{\left\langle M(N) \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel \pi \right\rangle} \succ_{\mu} \left\langle M \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel (\square(N), \mathcal{E}, []) :: \pi \right\rangle}$$

$$\overline{\left\langle \lambda a.M \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel (\square(N), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \right\rangle} \succ_{\mu} \left\langle M \triangleleft [\mathcal{E}, a \hookrightarrow N \triangleleft \mathcal{E}'] \parallel \pi \right\rangle}$$

$$\mathcal{E}'' \triangleq [\mathcal{E}', \mathbf{z} \hookrightarrow a.B \triangleleft \mathcal{E}]$$

$$\overline{\left\langle (x:A) \rightarrow B \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel (\mathsf{hcom}_{\square}^{r_{\leadsto r'}}(M; \overline{\xi_i} \hookrightarrow y.N_i), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \right\rangle} \succ_{\mu} \left\langle \lambda a.\mathsf{hcom}_{\mathbf{z}[a]}^{r_{\leadsto r'}}(M(a); \overline{\xi_i} \hookrightarrow y.N_i(a)) \triangleleft \mathcal{E}'' \parallel \pi \right\rangle}$$

$$\mathcal{E}'' \triangleq [\mathcal{E}', \mathbf{z} \hookrightarrow x; b.B \triangleleft [\mathcal{E}, a \hookrightarrow \mathsf{coe}_{x.\mathbf{z}[x]}^{r'_{\leadsto x}}(b) \triangleleft [\mathcal{E}', \mathbf{z} \hookrightarrow x.A \triangleleft \mathcal{E}]], \mathbf{y} \hookrightarrow x.A \triangleleft \mathcal{E}]$$

$$\overline{\left\langle (a:A) \rightarrow B \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel (\mathsf{coe}_{\square}^{r_{\leadsto r'}}(M), \mathcal{E}', [x]) :: \pi \right\rangle} \succ_{\mu} \left\langle \lambda a.\mathsf{coe}_{x.\mathbf{z}[x]}^{r_{\leadsto r'}}(M(\mathsf{coe}_{x.\mathbf{y}[x]}^{r'_{\leadsto r}}(a))) \triangleleft \mathcal{E}'' \parallel \pi \right\rangle}$$

2.4 Dependent pair types

2.5 Path types

2.6 Natural numbers

TODO

2.7 Booleans

2.8 Weak booleans

$$\overline{\langle \operatorname{if}_{x.A}(M;T;F) \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel \pi \rangle} \succ_{\mu} \overline{\langle M \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel (\operatorname{if}_{x.A}(\square;T;F),\mathcal{E}, []) :: \pi \rangle}$$

$$\overline{\langle \operatorname{true} \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel (\operatorname{if}_{x.A}(\square;T;F),\mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle} \succ_{\mu} \overline{\langle T \triangleleft \mathcal{E}' \parallel \pi \rangle} \qquad \overline{\langle \operatorname{false} \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel (\operatorname{if}_{x.A}(\square;T;F),\mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle} \succ_{\mu} \overline{\langle F \triangleleft \mathcal{E}' \parallel \pi \rangle}$$

$$\underline{H \triangleq \operatorname{fcom}^{r \leadsto z}(M; \overline{r_i = r_i' \hookrightarrow y.N_i}) \qquad \mathcal{E}'' \triangleq [\mathcal{E}', \rtimes \hookrightarrow z.A \triangleleft [\mathcal{E}', a \hookrightarrow H \triangleleft \mathcal{E}], \Im \hookrightarrow .M \triangleleft \mathcal{E}, \overline{z_i \hookrightarrow y.N_i} \triangleleft \overline{\mathcal{E}}]}$$

$$\overline{\langle \operatorname{fcom}^{r \leadsto r'}(M; \overline{r_i = r_i' \hookrightarrow y.N_i}) \triangleleft \mathcal{E}' \parallel (\operatorname{if}_{x.A}(\square;T;F), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle}$$

$$} \overline{\langle \operatorname{com}_{z.\pi[z]}^{\mathcal{E}(r')}(\operatorname{if}_{a.A}(y;T;F); \overline{\mathcal{E}(r_i)} = \mathcal{E}(r_i') \hookrightarrow y.\operatorname{if}_{a.A}(z_i[y];T;F)) \triangleleft \mathcal{E}'' \parallel \pi \rangle}$$

$$\overline{\langle \operatorname{wbool} \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel (\operatorname{hcom}_{\square}^{r \leadsto r'}(M; \overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle} \succ_{\mu} \overline{\langle \operatorname{fcom}^{r \leadsto r'}(M; \overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \triangleleft \mathcal{E}' \parallel \pi \rangle}$$

2.9 Circle

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{E} &\models r = \epsilon \\ \hline \langle \mathsf{loop}_r \lhd \mathcal{E} \parallel \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle \mathsf{base} \lhd \mathcal{E} \parallel \pi \rangle & \overline{\langle \mathbb{S}^1 \mathsf{rec}_{a.A}(M; P; x.L) \lhd \mathcal{E} \parallel \pi \rangle} \succ_{\mu} \langle M \lhd \mathcal{E} \parallel (\mathbb{S}^1 \mathsf{rec}_{a.A}(\square; P; x.L), \mathcal{E}, []) :: \pi \rangle \\ \hline \langle \mathsf{base} \lhd \mathcal{E} \parallel (\mathbb{S}^1 \mathsf{rec}_{a.A}(\square; P; x.L), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle P \lhd \mathcal{E}' \parallel \pi \rangle \\ \hline \mathcal{E} &\models r = w \\ \hline \langle \mathsf{loop}_r \lhd \mathcal{E} \parallel (\mathbb{S}^1 \mathsf{rec}_{a.A}(\square; P; x.L), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle \succ_{\bullet} \langle L \lhd [\mathcal{E}', x \hookrightarrow w] \parallel \pi \rangle \\ \hline \mathcal{E} &\models r \# r' \qquad \mathcal{E} \models r_i \# r_i' (\forall i) \\ \hline \mathcal{E}' &\triangleq [\mathcal{E}', x \hookrightarrow z.A \lhd [\mathcal{E}', a \hookrightarrow H \lhd \mathcal{E}], y \hookrightarrow .M \lhd \mathcal{E}, \overline{z_i \hookrightarrow y.N_i \lhd \mathcal{E}} \\ \hline \langle \mathsf{fcom}^{r \leadsto z}(M; \overline{r_i = r_i' \hookrightarrow y.N_i}) \qquad \mathcal{E}'' &\triangleq [\mathcal{E}', x \hookrightarrow z.A \lhd [\mathcal{E}', a \hookrightarrow H \lhd \mathcal{E}], y \hookrightarrow .M \lhd \mathcal{E}, \overline{z_i \hookrightarrow y.N_i \lhd \mathcal{E}} \\ \hline \langle \mathsf{fcom}^{r \leadsto z'}(M; \overline{r_i = r_i' \hookrightarrow y.N_i}) \lhd \mathcal{E}' \parallel (\mathbb{S}^1 \mathsf{rec}_{x.A}(\square; P; x.L), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle \\ \succ_{\mu} \\ \langle \mathsf{com}^{\mathcal{E}(r) \hookrightarrow \mathcal{E}(r')}_{z.x[z]} (\mathbb{S}^1 \mathsf{rec}_{a.A}(y; P; x.L); \overline{\mathcal{E}(r_i) = \mathcal{E}(r_i') \hookrightarrow y.\mathbb{S}^1 \mathsf{rec}_{a.A}(z_i[y]; P; x.L)}) \lhd \mathcal{E}'' \parallel \pi \rangle \\ \hline \langle \mathbb{S}^1 \lhd \mathcal{E} \parallel (\mathsf{hcom}^{r \leadsto r'}_\square(M; \overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle \mathsf{fcom}^{r \leadsto r'}(M; \overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \lhd \mathcal{E}' \parallel \pi \rangle \\ \hline \langle \mathbb{S}^1 \lhd \mathcal{E} \parallel (\mathsf{hcom}^{r \leadsto r'}_\square(M; \overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle \mathsf{fcom}^{r \leadsto r'}(M; \overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \lhd \mathcal{E}' \parallel \pi \rangle \\ \hline \langle \mathbb{S}^1 \lhd \mathcal{E} \parallel (\mathsf{hcom}^{r \leadsto r'}_\square(M; \mathcal{E}', x), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle \mathsf{fcom}^{r \leadsto r'}(M; \overline{\xi} \hookrightarrow y.\overline{N}) \lhd \mathcal{E}' \parallel \pi \rangle \\ \hline \langle \mathbb{S}^1 \lhd \mathcal{E} \parallel (\mathsf{hcom}^{r \leadsto r'}_\square(M; \mathcal{E}', x), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle \mathsf{fcom}^{r \leadsto r'}_\square(M; \mathcal{E}', x), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle \mathsf{fcom}^{r \leadsto r'}_\square(M; \mathcal{E}', x), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle \mathsf{fcom}^{r \leadsto r'}_\square(M; \mathcal{E}, x), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle \mathsf{fcom}^{r \leadsto r'}_\square(M; \mathcal{E}, x), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle \mathsf{fcom}^{r \leadsto r'}_\square(M; \mathcal{E}, x), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle \succ_{\mu} \langle \mathsf{fcom}^{r \leadsto r'}_\square(M; \mathcal{E}, x), \mathcal{E}', []) :: \pi \rangle$$

Unloading the machine We can unload the machine at any time; this is useful if we are computing an open term and hit a variable.

$$\frac{\langle K[\Psi.M[\mathcal{E}]] \triangleleft \mathcal{E}' \parallel \pi \rangle \Longrightarrow N}{\langle M \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel \cdot \rangle \Longrightarrow M[\mathcal{E}]} \qquad \frac{\langle K[\Psi.M[\mathcal{E}]] \triangleleft \mathcal{E}' \parallel \pi \rangle \Longrightarrow N}{\langle M \triangleleft \mathcal{E} \parallel (K[\square], \mathcal{E}', \Psi) :: \pi \rangle \Longrightarrow N}$$

But using Favonia's Thought, we can come up with something more efficient. This naïve version is rather appalling.