# Linear Reduction

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In this paper we will define the concept of linear reduction in the context of syntax parsing. We will progress through more and more complicated examples, beginning from the programming of a simple calculator until we ultimately have created an extensible programming language.

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# 0 Notation

 $\mathbb N$  denotes the set of natural numbers, including 0.

 $\overline{\mathbb{N}}$  is defined to be  $\mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

 $f:A \longrightarrow B$  means that f is a partial function from A to B.

If X is a set and x is some symbol, then  $X_x = X^x = X \cup \{x\}.$ 

# 1 Theoretical Background

#### 1.1 Stateless Reduction

The idea of linear reduction is simple: given a string  $\xi$  the first character looks if it can bind with the second character to produce a new character, and the process repeats itself. There is of course, nuance. This nuance hides in the statement "if it can bind": we must define the rules for binding.

Let us define an reducer to be a tuple  $(\Sigma, \beta, \pi)$  where  $\Sigma$  is an alphabet;  $\beta: \overline{\Sigma} \times \overline{\Sigma} \longrightarrow \overline{\Sigma}$  is a partial function called the reduction function where  $\overline{\Sigma} = \Sigma \times \overline{\mathbb{N}}$ ; and  $\pi$  is the initial priority function. A program over an reducer is a string over  $\overline{\Sigma}$ . We write a program like  $\sigma_{i_1}^1 \cdots \sigma_{i_n}^n$  instead of as pairs  $(\sigma^1, i_1) \dots (\sigma^n, i_n)$ . In the character  $\sigma_i$ , we call i the priority of  $\sigma$ .

Then the rules of reduction are as follows, meaning we define  $\beta(\xi)$  for a program: We do so in cases:

- (1) If  $\xi = \sigma_i$  then  $\beta(\xi) = \sigma_0$ .
- (2) If  $\xi = \sigma_i^1 \sigma_i^2 \xi'$  where  $i \ge j$  and  $\beta(\sigma_i^1, \sigma_i^2) = \sigma_k^3$  is defined then  $\beta(\xi) = \sigma_k^3 \xi'$ .
- (3) Otherwise, for  $\xi = \sigma_i^1 \sigma_i^2 \xi'$ ,  $\beta(\xi) = \sigma_i^1 \beta(\sigma_i^2 \xi')$ .

A string  $\xi$  such that  $\beta(\xi) = \xi$  is called *irreducible*. Notice that it is possible for a string of length more than 1 to be irreducible: for example if  $\beta(\sigma^1, \sigma^2)$  is not defined then  $\sigma_i^1 \sigma_i^2$  is irreducible.

$$\beta(\sigma_1\tau_2) \xrightarrow{(3)} \sigma_1\beta(\tau_2) \xrightarrow{(1)} \sigma_1\tau_2$$

But such strings are not desired, since in the end we'd like a string to give us a value. So an irreducible string which is not a single character is called *ill-written*, and a string which is not ill-written is *well-written*.

Now the initial priority function is  $\pi: \Sigma \longrightarrow \overline{\mathbb{N}}$  which gives characters their initial priority. We can then canonically extend this to a function  $\pi: \Sigma^* \longrightarrow (\Sigma \times \overline{\mathbb{N}})^*$  defined by  $\pi(\sigma^1 \cdots \sigma^n) = \sigma^1_{\pi(\sigma^1)} \cdots \sigma^n_{\pi(\sigma^n)}$ . Then a  $\beta$ -reduction of a string  $\xi \in \Sigma^*$  is taken to mean a  $\beta$ -reduction of  $\pi(\xi)$ .

Notice that once again we require that  $\pi$  only be a partial function. This is since that we don't always need every character in  $\Sigma$  to have an initial priority; some symbols are only given their priority through the  $\beta$ -reduction of another pair of symbols. So we now provide a new definition of a *program*, which is a string  $\xi = \sigma^1 \cdots \sigma^n \in \Sigma^*$  such that  $\pi(\sigma^i)$  exists for all  $1 \le i \le n$ . We can only of course discuss the reductions of programs, as  $\pi(\xi)$  is only defined if  $\xi$  is a program.

**Example:** let  $\Sigma = \mathbb{N} \cup \{+,\cdot\} \cup \{(n+),(n\cdot) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ .  $\beta$  as follows:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \frac{\sigma_i^1,\sigma_j^2}{n,+} & \beta(\sigma_i^1,\sigma_j^2) \\ \hline n,+ & (n+) \\ n,\cdot & (n\cdot) \\ (n+),m & n+m \\ (n\cdot),m & n\cdot m \\ (n\cdot),(m+) & (n\cdot m,+) \\ (n+),(m+) & (n+m,+) \\ (n\cdot),(m\cdot) & (n\cdot m,\cdot) \\ \end{array}$$

Where n, m range over all values in  $\mathbb{N}$ . Here  $\beta(\sigma_i, \sigma_j)$ 's priority is j. We define the initial priorities

$$\pi(n) = \infty$$
,  $\pi(+) = 1$ ,  $\pi(\cdot) = 2$ 

Now let us look at the string  $1 + 2 \cdot 3 + 4$ ;. Here,

$$\begin{array}{c} 1_{\infty} +_{1} 2_{\infty} \cdot_{2} 3_{\infty} +_{1} 4_{\infty} & \longrightarrow (1+)_{1} 2_{\infty} \cdot_{2} 3_{\infty} +_{1} 4_{\infty} \\ & \longrightarrow (1+)_{1} (2 \cdot)_{2} 3_{\infty} +_{1} 4_{\infty} \\ & \longrightarrow (1+)_{1} (2 \cdot)_{2} (3+)_{1} 4_{\infty} \\ & \longrightarrow (1+)_{1} (6+)_{1} 4_{\infty} \\ & \longrightarrow (7+)_{1} 4_{\infty} \\ & \longrightarrow (7+)_{1} 4_{0} \\ & \longrightarrow (11)_{0} \end{array}$$

So the rules for  $\beta$  we supplied seem to be sufficient for computing arithmetic expressions following the order of operations.  $\Diamond$ 

**Example:** We can also expand our language to include parentheses. So our alphabet becomes  $\Sigma = \mathbb{N} \cup \{+,\cdot,(,)\} \cup \{\underline{n+,\underline{n\cdot},\underline{n}} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . We distinguish between parentheses and bold parentheses for readability. We extend  $\beta$  as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \sigma_i^1,\sigma_j^2 & \beta(\sigma_i^1,\sigma_j^2) \\ \hline n,+ & \underline{n+_j} \\ n,\cdot & \underline{n\cdot_j} \\ \underline{n+,m} & (n+m)_j \\ \underline{n\cdot,m} & (n\cdot m)_j \\ \underline{n\cdot,m+} & \underline{n\cdot m,+_j} \\ \underline{n+,m+} & \underline{n+m,+_j} \\ \underline{n+,m+} & \underline{n+m,+_j} \\ \underline{n\cdot,m\cdot} & \underline{n\cdot m,\cdot_j} \\ \underline{n+,m} & \underline{n+m} \\ \underline{n\cdot m,j} \\ \underline{n\cdot m,j} \\ \underline{n\cdot m} \\$$

 $(n+m)_j$  means n+m with a priority of j, not  $n+m_j$ . And we define the initial priorities

$$\pi(n) = \infty, \quad \pi(+) = 1, \quad \pi(\cdot) = 2, \quad \pi(() = \infty, \quad \pi()) = 0$$

So for example reducing  $2 \cdot ((1+2) \cdot 2) + 1$ ,

$$\begin{array}{c} 2_{\infty} *_{2} \left(_{\infty}(\infty 1_{\infty} +_{1} 2_{\infty})_{0} *_{2} 2_{\infty}\right)_{0} +_{1} 1_{\infty} \longrightarrow \underbrace{2 *_{2} \left(_{\infty}(\infty 1_{\infty} +_{1} 2_{\infty})_{0} *_{2} 2_{\infty}\right)_{0} +_{1} 1_{\infty}}_{2 *_{2} \left(_{\infty}(\infty 1 +_{1} 2_{\infty})_{0} *_{2} 2_{\infty}\right)_{0} +_{1} 1_{\infty}} \\ \longrightarrow \underbrace{2 *_{2} \left(_{\infty}(\infty 1 +_{1} 2_{0})_{0} *_{2} 2_{\infty}\right)_{0} +_{1} 1_{\infty}}_{2 *_{2} \left(_{\infty}(\infty 3 -_{0})_{0} *_{2} 2_{\infty}\right)_{0} +_{1} 1_{\infty}} \\ \longrightarrow \underbrace{2 *_{2} \left(_{\infty} 3_{\infty} *_{2} 2_{\infty}\right)_{0} +_{1} 1_{\infty}}_{2 *_{2} \left(_{\infty} 3 *_{2} 2_{\infty}\right)_{0} +_{1} 1_{\infty}} \\ \longrightarrow \underbrace{2 *_{2} \left(_{\infty} 3 *_{2} 2_{\infty}\right)_{0} +_{1} 1_{\infty}}_{2 *_{2} \left(_{\infty} 6 -_{0}\right)_{0} +_{1} 1_{\infty}} \\ \longrightarrow \underbrace{2 *_{2} \left(_{\infty} 6 -_{0}\right)_{0} +_{1} 1_{\infty}}_{2 *_{2} 6 -_{0} +_{1} 1_{\infty}} \\ \longrightarrow \underbrace{2 *_{2} 6 +_{1} 1_{\infty}}_{2 *_{2} 1 +_{1} 1_{\infty}} \\ \longrightarrow \underbrace{12 +_{1} 1_{0}}_{1 3_{0}} \\ \longrightarrow \underbrace{13 -_{0}}_{1 3_{0}} \end{array}$$

## 1.2 Stateful Reduction

Suppose we'd like to reduce a program with variables in it. Then we cannot just use the previous definitions, as the actions of  $\sigma$  (which is to be understood as the function  $\beta(\sigma, \bullet)$ ) are determined before any reduction occurs. We need a way to store the value of variables, a state.

This leads us to the following definition: let  $\Sigma_P$  and  $\Sigma_A$  be two disjoint sets of symbols:  $\Sigma_P$  the set of *printable symbols* and  $\Sigma_A$  the set of *abstract symbols*.  $\Sigma_P$  will generally be a set consisting of the string representations of abstract symbols, be it operators like + and  $\cdot$  or variable names.  $\Sigma_A$  are the actual objects which can "execute something". Let us further define  $\Sigma = \Sigma_P \cup \Sigma_A$ .

Now a state is a mapping from printable symbols to strings. So for example, if x is a printable symbol a line like let x = 1 should change the state so that x maps to the abstract symbol representing 1.

A point state is a partial function  $s: \Sigma_P \longrightarrow \Sigma_A$ . If  $s_1, s_2$  are point states, define their composition to be a point state  $s_1 s_2$  such that

$$s_1 s_2(\sigma) = \begin{cases} s_2(\sigma) & \sigma \in \text{dom}(s_2) \\ s_1(\sigma) & \sigma \in \text{dom}(s_1) \end{cases}$$

A state is a sequence of point states:  $\bar{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$ . Let us define

$$\mathsf{State} = \left\{ \Sigma_P \longrightarrow \Sigma_A \right\}^+$$

 $\Diamond$ 

the set of all states.

Let  $\overline{s} = (s_1 \cdots s_n) \in \mathsf{State}$  be a state, then define

- for  $\sigma \in \Sigma_P$  we define  $s(\sigma) = s_1 \cdots s_n(\sigma)$  (the composition of states),
- define  $pop \ \bar{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}),$
- define push  $\overline{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_n, \emptyset)$  ( $\emptyset$  is the empty state),
- if s is a point state,  $\overline{s}s = (s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}, s_n s)$ ,
- if s is a point state,  $\overline{s} + s = (s_1, \dots, s_n, s)$  (so push  $\overline{s} = \overline{s} + \emptyset$ ).

So if we'd like to revert to a previous state, we simply pop from the current state. And substituting the current state only alters the current (topmost) point state.

Now we begin with an initial  $\beta$  function which is a partial function

$$\beta: \overline{\Sigma}_A \times (\overline{\Sigma} \cup \{\varepsilon\}) \times \mathsf{State} \longrightarrow \overline{\Sigma}^* \times \mathsf{State}$$

Recall that  $\overline{\Sigma}$  is  $\Sigma \times \mathbb{N}$ . We will denote tuples in  $X \times \mathsf{State}$  by  $\langle x, | s \rangle$  for  $x \in X$  and  $s \in \mathsf{State}$  for the sake of readability. So we now wish to extend to a  $\beta$  function

$$\beta: \overline{\Sigma}^* \times \mathsf{State} \longrightarrow \overline{\Sigma}^* \times \mathsf{State}$$

We do this as follows: given  $\xi \in (\Sigma \times \overline{\mathbb{N}})^*$  and  $s \in \mathsf{State}$  we define  $\beta \langle \xi \mid s \rangle$  as follows:

- (1) if  $\xi = \sigma_i \xi'$  for  $\sigma \in \Sigma_P$  then  $\beta \langle \xi \mid s \rangle = \langle s(\sigma)_i \xi' \mid s \rangle$ ,
- (2) if  $\xi = \sigma_i \xi'$  such that  $\beta \langle \sigma_i \varepsilon \mid s \rangle = \langle \xi'' \mid s' \rangle$  is defined then  $\beta \langle \xi \mid s \rangle = \langle \xi'' \xi' \mid s' \rangle$ ,
- (3) if  $\xi = \sigma_i^1 \sigma_i^2 \xi'$  for  $\sigma^1 \in \Sigma_A$ ,  $i \ge j$ , such that  $\beta \langle \sigma_i^1 \sigma_i^2 \mid s \rangle = \langle \xi'' \mid s' \rangle$  is defined, then  $\beta \langle \xi \mid s \rangle = \langle \xi'' \xi' \mid s' \rangle$ ,
- (4) otherwise for  $\xi = \sigma_i^1 \sigma_i^2 \xi'$ , if  $\beta \langle \sigma_i^2 \xi' \mid s \rangle = \langle \xi'' \mid s' \rangle$  then  $\beta \langle \xi \mid s \rangle = \langle \sigma_i^1 \xi'' \mid s' \rangle$ .

Notice that (2) cares not about the priority of  $\sigma$ , and neither if  $\beta(\sigma_i, \tau_i)$  is defined for some  $\tau \neq \varepsilon$ .

We also define the *initial priority function* to be a map  $\pi: \Sigma_P \longrightarrow \overline{\mathbb{N}}$  (this is not a partial function: every printable symbol must be given a priority). This is once again canonically extended to a function  $\pi: \Sigma_P^* \longrightarrow (\Sigma_P \times \overline{\mathbb{N}})^*$ . And an *initial state*  $s_0$  which is a point state. The quintuple  $(\Sigma_P, \Sigma_A, \beta, \pi, s_0)$  is called an *reducer*. The reduction of a string  $\xi \in S$  is the process of iteratively applying  $\beta$  to  $\langle \pi(\xi) \mid s_0 \rangle$ .

#### Example: let

$$\begin{split} &\Sigma_P = \mathbb{N} \cup \{+,\cdot,=,;\} \cup \{\texttt{let}\} \cup \left\{x^i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\right\}, \\ &\Sigma_A = \mathbb{N} \cup \{(n+),(n\cdot) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\} \cup \{\texttt{let}\} \cup \left\{(\texttt{let}x^i),(\texttt{let}x^i =) \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\right\} \end{split}$$

where the natural numbers in  $\Sigma_A$  are not the same as the natural numbers in  $\Sigma_P$  since they must be disjoint, same for let. But they both essentially represent the same thing:  $s_0$  maps  $n \mapsto n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  (the left-hand n is in  $\Sigma_p$ , the right-hand n is in  $\Sigma_A$ ) and let  $\mapsto$  let. All other printable symbols are mapped to  $\varepsilon$ .

And similar to the previous example we define  $\pi(n) = \infty$ ,  $\pi(+) = 1$ , and  $\pi(\cdot) = 2$ . We extend this to  $\pi(\cdot) = 0$ ,  $\pi(=) = 0$ ,  $\pi(=) = \infty$ , and  $\pi(x^i) = \infty$ .

Let us take the same transitions as the example in the previous section for  $n, (n+), (n\cdot)$  (we have to add the condition that the state doesnt change). We further add the transitions

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \left\langle \sigma_i^1 \sigma_j^2 \mid s \right\rangle & \beta \left\langle \sigma^1 \sigma^2 \mid s \right\rangle \\ \hline \left\langle \sigma; \mid s \right\rangle & \left\langle \sigma_j \mid s \right\rangle \\ \left\langle \mathsf{let} x^i \mid s \right\rangle & \left\langle (\mathsf{let} x^i)_j \mid s \right\rangle \\ \left\langle (\mathsf{let} x^i) = \mid s \right\rangle & \left\langle (\mathsf{let} x^i = )_j \mid s \right\rangle \\ \left\langle (\mathsf{let} x^i = )\sigma \mid s \right\rangle & \left\langle \varepsilon \mid s[x^i \mapsto \sigma] \right\rangle \end{array}$$

In the final transition,  $n \in \Sigma_A$ . Then for example (we will be skipping trivial reductions):

$$\begin{split} \det x^1 &= 1 + 2; \ \det x^2 = 2; \ x^1 \cdot x^2; \longrightarrow \det_{\infty} x_{\infty}^1 =_0 \ 1_{\infty} +_1 \ 2_{\infty};_0 \ \det_{\infty} x_{\infty}^2 =_0 \ 2_{\infty};_0 \ x_{\infty}^1 \cdot_2 \ x_{\infty}^2;_0 \\ & s_0 \longrightarrow (\det x^1 =)_0 1_{\infty} +_1 \ 2_{\infty};_0 \ \det_{\infty} x_{\infty}^2 =_0 \ 2_{\infty};_0 \ x_{\infty}^1 \cdot_2 \ x_{\infty}^2;_0 \\ & s_0 \longrightarrow (\det x^1 =)_0 3_0 \ \det_{\infty} x_{\infty}^2 =_0 \ 2_{\infty};_0 \ x_{\infty}^1 \cdot_2 \ x_{\infty}^2;_0 \\ & s_0[x^1 \mapsto 3] \longrightarrow \det_{\infty} x_{\infty}^2 =_0 \ 2_{\infty};_0 \ x_{\infty}^1 \cdot_2 \ x_{\infty}^2;_0 \\ & s_0[x^1 \mapsto 3, \ x^2 \mapsto 2] \longrightarrow x_{\infty}^1 \cdot_2 \ x_{\infty}^2;_0 \\ & s_0[x^1 \mapsto 3, \ x^2 \mapsto 2] \longrightarrow (3 \cdot)_2 x_{\infty}^2;_0 \\ & s_0[x^1 \mapsto 3, \ x^2 \mapsto 2] \longrightarrow (3 \cdot)_2 2_{\infty};_0 \\ & s_0[x^1 \mapsto 3, \ x^2 \mapsto 2] \longrightarrow (3 \cdot)_2 2_{\infty};_0 \\ & s_0[x^1 \mapsto 3, \ x^2 \mapsto 2] \longrightarrow 6_0 \end{split}$$

#### 1.3 Valued Reduction

We define the following four base sets:

- (1)  $\mathcal{U}$  the universe of *values*, these are all the internal values an object may have.
- (2)  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{P}}$  the set of *printable terms*, these are the tokens which a programmer may pass to the reducer.
- (3)  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{T}}$  the set of type terms.
- (4)  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{A}}$  the set of abstract terms.

The sets  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{P}}$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{T}}$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{A}}$  are all disjoint, we place no such restriction on  $\mathcal{U}$  as the purpose it serves is different.

- (1)  $\mathcal{T} := \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{P}} \cup \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{T}} \cup \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{A}}$  the set of basic terms.
- (2)  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{I}} := \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{T}} \cup \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{A}}$  the set of internal terms.
- (3)  $\Pi_{\mathcal{I}} := \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{I}} \times \mathcal{U}$  the set of typed values.
- (4)  $\Pi := \Pi_{\mathcal{I}} \cup \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{P}}$  the set of termed values.

Elements of  $\overline{\Pi}$  will be written like  $\sigma_n(v)$  where  $\sigma$  is the term, n the priority, and v the value (nothing for printable terms).

In valued reduction, we abstract away some inputs to the initial beta-reducer in order to allow for easier implementation. An initial beta-reducer is a partial function

$$\widehat{\beta}: \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{I}} \times \mathcal{T}^{\varepsilon} \longrightarrow \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{I}}^{\varepsilon} \times (\overline{\mathbb{Z}} \times \overline{\mathbb{Z}} \to \overline{\mathbb{Z}}) \times (\mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{U} \times \operatorname{State} \longrightarrow \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{P}}^{*} \times \operatorname{State})$$

We extend this to a derived  $\beta$ -reducer,

$$\beta: \overline{\Pi}^* \times \text{State} \longrightarrow \overline{\Pi}^* \times \text{State}$$

with the following rules: given an input  $\langle \xi \mid s \rangle$  its image is

(1) If  $\xi = \sigma_n \xi'$  for  $\sigma \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{P}}$  then

$$\beta \langle \xi \mid s \rangle = \langle s(\sigma)_n \xi' \mid s \rangle.$$

(2) If  $\xi = \sigma_i(v)\xi'$  and  $\widehat{\beta}(\sigma, \varepsilon) = (\alpha, \rho, f)$  is defined, then if  $f(v, -, s) = (w, \zeta, s')$  and  $\rho(i) = k$  then

$$\beta \langle \xi \mid s \rangle = \langle \alpha_k(w) \pi(\zeta) \xi' \mid s' \rangle.$$

(3) If  $\xi = \sigma_i(v)\tau_j(u)\xi'$  and  $i \ge j$  and  $\widehat{\beta}(\sigma,\tau) = (\alpha,\rho,f)$  is defined, then if  $f(v,u,s) = (w,\zeta,s')$  and  $\rho(i,j) = k$ 

$$\beta \langle \xi \mid s \rangle = \langle \alpha_k(w) \pi(\zeta) \xi' \mid s \rangle.$$

(4) Otherwise, if  $\xi = \sigma_i(v)\xi'$  and  $\beta\langle\xi' \mid s\rangle = \langle\xi'' \mid s'\rangle$ ,

$$\beta \langle \xi \mid s \rangle = \langle \sigma_i(v) \xi'' \mid s' \rangle.$$

## **1.3.1 States**

Similar to before, we define point-states as partial maps  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{P}} \longrightarrow \Pi_{\mathcal{I}}$ . And if  $s_1, s_2$  are two point-states and  $\sigma \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{P}}$  then

$$s_1 s_2(\sigma) = \begin{cases} s_2(\sigma) & \sigma \in \text{dom} s_2 \\ s_1(\sigma) & \sigma \in \text{dom} s_1 \end{cases}$$

We will denote finite point states as  $[\sigma_1 \mapsto \varkappa_1, \dots, \sigma_n \mapsto \varkappa_n]$ , and this denotes the point-state which maps  $\sigma_i$  to  $\varkappa_i$ .

A state will now have two fields: a sequence of point-states, as well as a sequence of indexes. For a state  $\bar{s} = [(s_1, \dots, s_n), I = (i_1, \dots, i_k)]$ , let us define

(1) 
$$\bar{s} + s = [(s_1, \dots, s_n, s), I]$$

(2) 
$$\bar{s} +_c s = [(s_1, \dots, s_n, s), (i_1, \dots, i_k, n+1)]$$

- (3)  $pop \ \bar{s} = [(s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}), I] \ \text{if} \ i_k < n \ \text{otherwise}, \ [(s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}, (i_1, \dots, i_{k-1})]]$
- $(4) \quad \bar{s}s = [(s_1, \dots, s_n s), I]$
- (5)  $\bar{s}(\sigma) = s_1 \cdots s_n(\sigma)$  for  $\sigma \in \Sigma_P$

Furthermore, if  $\sigma \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{P}}$  and  $\varkappa \in \Pi_{\mathcal{I}}$  let us define  $\bar{s}\{\sigma \mapsto \varkappa\}$  as  $(s_1, \ldots, s_i[\sigma \mapsto \varkappa], \ldots, s_n)$  where i is the maximum index such that  $\sigma \in \text{dom} s_i$ .

### 1.3.2 The Initial Beta Reducer

We will now construct the initial  $\beta$ -reducer for our programming language. By convention, abstract types will be colored red.

**Matching:** We add abstract types gobble, end and the "compound" abstract type  $\sigma$ match with the initial reduction rule

- (1)  $\sigma \operatorname{match} \sigma s \longrightarrow \varepsilon \operatorname{fst} (\to \varepsilon, \varepsilon, s)$
- (2) gobble  $\sigma s \longrightarrow \varepsilon$  fst  $(\to \varepsilon, \varepsilon, s)$
- (3)  $\sigma \text{ end } s \longrightarrow \sigma \text{ minfty } (u \rightarrow u)$

Where fst, snd are the first and second projection maps respectively, and minfty is the constant map equal to  $-\infty$ .

**Arithmetic:** For each abstract type  $\sigma$  we define the "compound" abstract type  $\sigma$  with rules:

- $\sigma$  op  $s \longrightarrow \sigma$  op snd  $(v, f \rightarrow (v, f), \varepsilon, s)$
- $\sigma op \ \sigma op \ s \longrightarrow \sigma op \ snd \ \left( (v,f), (u,g) \rightarrow (f(v,u),g), \varepsilon, s \right)$

Where zero is the constant zero map. Notice that here things of the form (n, f) etc. are values (which are just arbitrary). We further define the abstract types num and str. These abstract types we have just defined allow for basic arithmetic:

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\begin{array}{ll} \mathsf{num}_\infty(1)\mathsf{op}_1(+)\mathsf{num}_\infty(2)\mathsf{op}_2(\cdot)\mathsf{num}_\infty(3)\mathsf{end}_{-infty} &\longrightarrow \mathsf{numop}_1(1,+)\mathsf{num}_\infty(2)\mathsf{op}_2(\cdot)\mathsf{num}_\infty(3)\mathsf{end}_{-infty} \\ &\longrightarrow \mathsf{numop}_1(1,+)\mathsf{numop}_2(2,\cdot)\mathsf{num}_\infty(3)\mathsf{end}_{-infty} \\ &\longrightarrow \mathsf{numop}_1(1,+)\mathsf{numop}_2(2,\cdot)\mathsf{num}_{-\infty}(3) \\ &\longrightarrow \mathsf{numop}_1(1,+)\mathsf{num}_{-\infty}(6) \\ &\longrightarrow \mathsf{num}_{-\infty}(7) \end{array}
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We further define Iparen and rparen, as well as the compound type  $\sigma$ rparen as follows:

- $\sigma$  rparen  $s \longrightarrow \sigma$ rparen snd  $(n \rightarrow n, \varepsilon, s)$
- $\sigma$ op  $\sigma$ rparen  $s \longrightarrow \sigma$ rparen snd  $((f, n), m \rightarrow f(n, m), \varepsilon, s)$
- Iparen  $\sigma$ rparen  $s \longrightarrow \sigma$  fst  $(n \rightarrow n, \varepsilon, s)$

**Lists:** We add lbrack, rbrack, the compound type  $\sigma$ lbrack, the compound type  $\sigma$ list, period, and index:

- Ibrack  $\sigma s \longrightarrow \sigma$ Ibrack fst  $(u \rightarrow (u), \varepsilon, s)$  for  $\sigma \neq$  Ibrack, rbrack
- $\sigma$ lbrack  $\sigma$   $s \longrightarrow \sigma$ lbrack fst  $(\ell, u \rightarrow (\ell, \sigma(u)), \varepsilon, s)$  for  $\sigma \neq$  lbrack, rbrack
- $\bullet \quad \sigma \mathsf{Ibrack} \ \mathsf{rbrack} \ s \longrightarrow \sigma \mathsf{list} \ \mathsf{infty} \ \big(\ell \to \ell, \varepsilon, s\big)$
- period num  $s \longrightarrow \text{index zero } (n \rightarrow n, \varepsilon, s)$
- $\sigma$  list index  $s \longrightarrow \sigma$  fst  $((v_0, \ldots, v_n), i \rightarrow v_i, \varepsilon, s)$

So for example [1+2;2;] will be converted to (really this is misleading, since the printable tokens aren't converted into abstract tokens before parsing, but rather during it. The following example is just to give some intuition)

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\begin{split} \mathsf{Ibrack}_0\mathsf{num}_\infty(1)\mathsf{op}_1(+)\mathsf{num}_\infty(2)\mathsf{end}_{-infty}\mathsf{num}_\infty(2)\mathsf{end}_{-infty}\mathsf{rbrack}_0 \\ &\longrightarrow \mathsf{Ibrack}_0\mathsf{numop}_1(1,+)\mathsf{num}_\infty(2)\mathsf{end}_{-infty}\mathsf{num}_\infty(2)\mathsf{end}_{-infty}\mathsf{rbrack}_0 \\ &\longrightarrow \mathsf{Ibrack}_0\mathsf{numop}_1(1,+)\mathsf{num}_{-\infty}(2)\mathsf{num}_\infty(2)\mathsf{end}_{-infty}\mathsf{rbrack}_0 \\ &\longrightarrow \mathsf{Ibrack}_0\mathsf{num}_{-\infty}(3)\mathsf{num}_\infty(2)\mathsf{end}_{-infty}\mathsf{rbrack}_0 \\ &\longrightarrow \mathsf{numIbrack}_0(3)\mathsf{num}_\infty(2)\mathsf{end}_{-infty}\mathsf{rbrack}_0 \end{split}
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$$\begin{array}{ll} \longrightarrow \mathsf{numlbrack}_0(3)\mathsf{num}_{-\infty}(2)\mathsf{rbrack}_0 \\ \longrightarrow \mathsf{numlbrack}_0(3,2)\mathsf{rbrack}_0 \\ \longrightarrow \mathsf{numlist}_{\infty}(3,2) \end{array}$$

And

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{numlist}_{\infty}(0,1,2,3,4)\mathsf{period}_{\infty}\mathsf{num}_{\infty}(2) \longrightarrow \mathsf{numlist}_{\infty}(0,1,2,3,4)\mathsf{index}_{0}(2) \\ \longrightarrow \mathsf{num}_{\infty}(2) \end{array}$$

Variables: We add let, leteq, set, seteq, and equal,

- let  $x \ s \longrightarrow$  letvar snd  $(\rightarrow (x, \emptyset), \varepsilon, s)$
- letvar index  $s \longrightarrow \text{letvar} \text{ fst } ((x, \ell), n \rightarrow (x, (\ell, n)), \varepsilon, s)$
- letvar equal  $s \longrightarrow \text{leteq} \text{ minfty } ((x, \ell) \to (x, \ell), \varepsilon, s)$
- leteq  $\sigma$   $s \longrightarrow \varepsilon$  fst  $((x,\ell), v \to \varepsilon, \varepsilon, s')$  where s' is  $s[x \mapsto \sigma(v)]$  if  $\ell = \emptyset$  otherwise if  $\ell = (i_1, \ldots, i_n)$  then let  $\varkappa$  be s(x) where  $s(x).i_1...i_n$  is set to be v, then  $s' = s[x \mapsto \varkappa]$ .
  - set  $x \ s \longrightarrow$  setvar snd  $(\rightarrow (x, \emptyset), \varepsilon, s)$
  - setvar index  $s \longrightarrow$  setvar fst  $((x, \ell), n \rightarrow (x, (\ell, n)), \varepsilon, s)$
- setvar equal  $s \longrightarrow \text{seteq} \text{ minfty } ((x, \ell) \to (x, \ell), \varepsilon, s)$
- seteq  $\sigma$   $s \longrightarrow \varepsilon$  fst  $((x, \ell), v \to \varepsilon, \varepsilon, s')$  where s' is  $s[x \mapsto v]$  if  $\ell$  is empty and otherwise if  $\ell = (i_1, \ldots, i_n)$  then let  $\varkappa$  be s(x) where  $s(x).i_1.i_2...i_n$  is swapped with v, and s' is  $s\{x \mapsto \varkappa\}$ .

For example

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{let}_{\infty} x_{\infty} \mathsf{equal}_{-\infty} \mathsf{num}_{\infty}(2) \mathsf{end}_{-infty} &\longrightarrow \mathsf{letvar}_{\infty}(x) \mathsf{equal}_{-\infty} \mathsf{num}_{\infty}(2) \mathsf{end}_{-infty} \\ &\longrightarrow \mathsf{leteq}_{-\infty}(x) \mathsf{num}_{\infty}(2) \mathsf{end}_{-infty} \\ &\longrightarrow \mathsf{leteq}_{-\infty}(x) \mathsf{num}_{-\infty}(2) \\ &\longrightarrow \varepsilon \end{split}$$

and the state will have changed to  $s[x \mapsto \mathsf{num}(2)]$ . And if s is a state where  $x \mapsto \mathsf{numlist}(0,1)$  then

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\begin{split} \mathsf{let}_{\infty} x_{\infty} \mathsf{period}_{\infty} \mathsf{num}_{\infty}(1) & \mathsf{equal}_{-\infty} \mathsf{num}_{\infty}(2) \longrightarrow \mathsf{letvar}_{\infty}(x) \mathsf{period}_{\infty} \mathsf{num}_{\infty}(1) \mathsf{equal}_{-\infty} \mathsf{num}_{\infty}(2) \mathsf{end}_{-infty} \\ & \longrightarrow \mathsf{letvar}_{\infty}(x) \mathsf{index}_{0}(1) \mathsf{equal}_{-\infty} \mathsf{num}_{\infty}(2) \mathsf{end}_{-infty} \\ & \longrightarrow \mathsf{letvar}_{\infty}(x, (1)) \mathsf{equal}_{-\infty} \mathsf{num}_{\infty}(2) \mathsf{end}_{-infty} \\ & \longrightarrow \mathsf{leteq}_{-\infty}(x, (1)) \mathsf{num}_{\infty}(2) \mathsf{end}_{-infty} \\ & \longrightarrow \mathsf{leteq}_{-\infty}(x, (1)) \mathsf{num}_{-\infty}(2) \\ & \longrightarrow \varepsilon \end{split}
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and the state will have changed to  $s[x \mapsto \mathsf{numlist}(0,2)]$ . **Scoping:** We add **lbrace** and **rbrace**:

- Ibrace  $\varepsilon$   $s \longrightarrow \varepsilon \varnothing (\to \varepsilon, \varepsilon, s + \varnothing)$
- rbrace  $\varepsilon$   $s \longrightarrow \varepsilon \varnothing (\longrightarrow \varepsilon, \varepsilon, pop s)$

This highlights another difference between let and set: let creates a new variable in the current scope, and set alters an existing variable in the scope for which it is defined. This is like doing int x = 0 vs x = 0 in C. **Products** We add the compound type  $\Omega$ product,  $\Omega$ comma,  $\Omega$ rparen where  $\Omega$  is a list of abstract types.

- $\sigma \text{ comma } s \longrightarrow [\sigma] \text{comma snd } (u \rightarrow [u], \varepsilon, s)$
- $\sigma op [\sigma] comma \ s \longrightarrow [\sigma] comma \ snd ((f, u), [v] \rightarrow f(u, v), \varepsilon, s)$
- $\Omega$ comma  $[\sigma]$ comma  $s \longrightarrow \Omega@[\sigma]$ comma  $\operatorname{snd}(\ell, \ell' \to \ell@\ell', \varepsilon, s)$
- $\Omega$ comma  $\sigma$ rparen  $s \longrightarrow \Omega@[\sigma]$ rparen  $\operatorname{snd}(\ell, v \to \ell@[v], \varepsilon, s)$
- Iparen  $\Omega$ rparen  $s \longrightarrow \Omega$ product infty  $(\ell \to \ell, \varepsilon, s)$

• fun  $x s \longrightarrow \text{fun}^a$  fst  $(\to x, \varepsilon, s + [\{ \mapsto \text{Ibrace}^a, \} \mapsto \text{rbrace}^a, (\mapsto \text{Iparen}^a, ) \mapsto \text{rparen}^a])$ 

- $\bullet \quad \mathsf{Iparen^a} \ x \ s \longrightarrow \mathsf{Iparen^a} \ \mathsf{fst} \ \big(\ell \to (\ell, x), \varepsilon, s\big) \ \mathsf{for} \ x \neq)$
- Iparen<sup>a</sup> )  $s \longrightarrow \mathsf{plist}$  fst  $(\ell \to \ell, \varepsilon, s)$
- fun<sup>a</sup> plist  $s \longrightarrow \text{fun}^a$  fst  $(x, \ell \to (x, \ell), \varepsilon, s)$

Next we need to capture the code for the function. Again we add an alternative type lbrace<sup>a</sup> and code.

- $\bullet \quad \mathsf{Ibrace^a} \ x \ s \longrightarrow \mathsf{Ibrace^a} \ \mathsf{fst} \ \big( ``\xi" \rightarrow ``\xi x", \varepsilon, s \big) \ \mathsf{for} \ x \neq \{,\}$
- $\bullet \quad \mathsf{Ibrace^a} \ \} \ s \longrightarrow \mathsf{code} \ \mathsf{fst} \ \big( ``\xi" \rightarrow ``\{\xi\}", \varepsilon, s \big)$
- Ibrace<sup>a</sup> code  $s \longrightarrow \mathsf{Ibrace}^{\mathsf{a}}$  fst  $("\xi", "\xi'" \to "\xi\xi'", \varepsilon, s)$

Now we convert  $fun^a$  and code to a closure

 $\bullet \quad \mathsf{fun^a} \ \mathsf{code} \ s \longrightarrow \mathsf{closure} \ \mathsf{fst} \ \big( (x,\ell), ``\xi" \to C = \langle \ell, ``\xi", pop \ s[x \mapsto \mathsf{closure}(C)] \rangle, pop \ s[x \mapsto \mathsf{closure}(C)] \big)$ 

And now we add rules for calling a function

 $\bullet \quad \text{closure list } s \longrightarrow \varepsilon \ \varnothing \ \left( \langle \ell, ``\{\xi\}", s \rangle, \ell' \rightarrow \varepsilon, \xi \}, s + [\ell \mapsto \ell'] \right)$