# 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

State = 
$$\{\Sigma_P \longrightarrow \Sigma_A\}^+$$

 $\Diamond$ 

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  $pop \ \overline{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}),$
- define push  $\overline{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_n, \emptyset)$  (\Ø 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) 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)  $\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}$  the set of type terms.
- (4)  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{A}}$  the set of abstract terms.

The sets  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{P}}$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}$ ,  $\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{A}}$  are all disjoint, we place no such restriction on  $\mathcal{U}$  as the purpose it serves is different. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a set of *atomic abstract terms*, then the construction of abstract terms is

$$\mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{A}} ::= \mathcal{A} \mid \mathcal{A} \mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}$$

And let  $\Sigma$  be a set of *atomic types*, each with an associated arity, which may be  $\infty$ . Let  $\Sigma^n$  be the set of atomic types of arity n, then the construction of type terms is

$$\mathcal{T}_{\Sigma} ::= \Sigma^0 \mid \Sigma^n \mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}^1 \cdots \mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}^n \mid \Sigma^{\infty} \mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}^1 \cdots \mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}^n$$

as n ranges over all  $\mathbb{N}_{>0}$ .

Define

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

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

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

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  $\rho(i,j) = k$  then

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

(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  $\bar{s} = [(s_1, \ldots, s_n), I = (i_1, \ldots, i_k)]$ , 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  $\sigma \in \Sigma_P$
- $(6) \quad \bar{s}_c = s_{i_k} \cdots s_n$

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 now describe the initial beta reducer. By convention, atomic abstract terms will be red, type terms will be green, internal terms will be blue.

### End:

•  $\sigma \text{ end} \longrightarrow \sigma \text{ minfty } (u, \_, s \rightarrow u, \varepsilon, s)$ 

#### Arithmetic:

- $\sigma \text{ op} \longrightarrow \text{op} \sigma \text{ snd } (u, f, s \rightarrow (u, f), \varepsilon, s)$
- $\bullet \quad \mathsf{op}\sigma \ \mathsf{op}\sigma \longrightarrow \mathsf{op}\sigma \ \mathsf{snd} \ \big((u,f),(v,g),s \to (f(u,v),g),\varepsilon,s\big)$
- op $\sigma \sigma \longrightarrow \sigma$  snd  $((u, f), v, s \to f(u, v), \varepsilon, s)$
- $\sigma$  rparen  $\longrightarrow$  rparen  $\sigma$  snd  $(u, \_, s \to u, \varepsilon, s)$
- op $\sigma$  rparen $\sigma \longrightarrow$  rparen $\sigma$  snd  $((f,u),v,s \rightarrow f(u,v),\varepsilon,s)$
- Iparen rparen $\sigma \longrightarrow \sigma$  fst  $(-, u, s \rightarrow u, \varepsilon, s)$

## Lists:

- Ibrack  $\sigma \longrightarrow \mathsf{Ibrack}\sigma$  fst  $(\_, u, s \rightarrow (u), \varepsilon, s)$
- Ibrack $\sigma \rightarrow$  Ibrack $\sigma$  fst  $(\ell, u, s \rightarrow (\ell, u), \varepsilon, s)$
- Ibrack $\sigma$  rbrack  $\longrightarrow$  list $\sigma$  infty  $(\ell, -, s \rightarrow \ell, \varepsilon, s)$
- period num  $\longrightarrow$  index zero  $(-, n, s \rightarrow n, \varepsilon, s)$
- list $\sigma$  index  $\longrightarrow \sigma$  fst  $(\ell, i, s \to \ell_i, \varepsilon, s)$

### Variables:

- let  $x \longrightarrow$  letvar snd  $(-, -, s \rightarrow (x, \emptyset), \varepsilon, s)$
- letvar index  $\longrightarrow$  letvar fst  $((x, \ell), n, s \rightarrow (x, (\ell, n)), \varepsilon, s)$
- letvar equal  $\longrightarrow$  leteq minfty  $((x, \ell), -, s \rightarrow (x, \ell), \varepsilon, s)$
- leteq  $\sigma \longrightarrow \varepsilon \varnothing ((x,\ell), v, s \to \varepsilon, \varepsilon, s')$  where s' is  $s[x \mapsto \sigma(v)]$  if  $\ell = \varnothing$  and otherwise let t be the result of setting  $s(x).\ell_1....\ell_n$  to v, then  $s' = s[x \mapsto t]$ .

### Scoping:

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

## **Products**:

- $\sigma \operatorname{comma} \longrightarrow \operatorname{comma}(\sigma) \operatorname{snd}(u, \_, s \to (u), \varepsilon, s)$
- op $\sigma$  comma $(\sigma)$   $\longrightarrow$  comma $(\sigma)$  snd  $((f,u),(v) \to (f(u,v)), \varepsilon, s)$
- $\operatorname{comma}\Omega \operatorname{comma}(\sigma) \longrightarrow \operatorname{comma}(\Omega, \sigma) \operatorname{snd}(\ell, \ell', s \to (\ell, \ell'), \varepsilon, s)$

- comma $\Omega$  rparen $\sigma \longrightarrow \mathsf{listrparen}(\Omega, \sigma)$  snd  $(\ell, v \rightarrow (\ell, v), \varepsilon, s)$
- Iparen listrparen $\Omega \longrightarrow \operatorname{product}\Omega$  infty  $(-, \ell, s \rightarrow \ell, \varepsilon, s)$

## Primitives:

• primitive  $\sigma \longrightarrow \varepsilon \varnothing (f, v, s \to \varepsilon, w, s)$  where  $f(\sigma, v) = (w, s')$  (the purpose is for f to have a side effect)

## Code Capture

- Ibrace  $x \longrightarrow \text{Ibrace}$  infty  $(\xi, \_, s \rightarrow \xi x, \varepsilon, s)$  if  $x \neq \{,\}$
- Ibrace  $x \longrightarrow \text{code}$  infty  $(\xi, \neg, s \rightarrow \xi, \varepsilon, s)$
- Ibrace code  $\longrightarrow$  Ibrace infty  $(\xi, \xi', s \rightarrow \xi \{\xi'\}, \varepsilon, s)$

## Parameter Capture

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

## **Function Definitions**

- fun  $x \longrightarrow \text{funname infty } (\_,\_,s \longrightarrow (x,\varepsilon),\varepsilon,s+[\{\mapsto \mathsf{Ibrace^a},\} \mapsto \mathsf{rbrace^a},(\mapsto \mathsf{Iparen^a},) \mapsto \mathsf{rparen^a}])$
- funname plist  $\longrightarrow$  funvars infty  $((x,\varepsilon), u, s \to (x,u), \varepsilon, s)$
- funvars code  $\longrightarrow$  closure fst  $((x,\ell),\xi,s\to C=\langle \ell,\xi,s'[x\mapsto {\rm closure}(C)]\rangle,\varepsilon,pop\ s[x\mapsto {\rm closure}(C)])$  where  $s'=(pop\ s)_c$ .

## **Function Calls**

• closure  $\sigma \longrightarrow \varepsilon \varnothing (\langle \ell, \xi, ps \rangle, u, s \mapsto \varepsilon, \xi \}, s +_c ps[\ell \mapsto \sigma(u)])$  where  $\ell \mapsto \sigma(u)$  means that if  $\ell = (x)$  then  $x \mapsto \sigma(u)$ . Otherwise  $\ell = (x_1, \dots, x_n), \ \sigma = \operatorname{product} \sigma_1 \cdots \sigma_n$ , and  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n)$  and  $x_i \mapsto \sigma_i(u_i)$  (recursively).