Calculus of Constructions with Recursive Types

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1. Calculus of Constructions

Our language is based on the *Calculus of Constructions*, a special case of the *Pure Type System*. We give the definition as follows:

- (i) A *Calculus of Constructions* (λC) is a triple tuple ($\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R}$) where
 - (a) $S = \{\star, \Box\}$ is a set of *sorts*;
 - (b) $A = \{(\star, \Box)\} \subseteq S \times S$ is a set of *axioms*;
 - (c) $\mathcal{R} = \{(\star, \star), (\star, \square), (\square, \star), (\square, \square)\} \subseteq \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$ is a set of *rules*.
- (ii) Raw expressions A and raw environments Γ are defined in Figure 1.

Figure 1. Syntax of λC

We use s, t to range over *sorts*, x, y, z to range over *variables*, and A, B, C, a, b, c to range over *expressions*.

- (iii) Π and λ are used to bind variables. Let FV(A) denote free variable set of A. Let A[x := B] denote the substitution of x in A with B. We use $A \to B$ as a syntactic sugar for $(\Pi_- : A, B)$.
- (iv) The β -reduction (\rightarrow_{β}) is the smallest binary relation on raw expressions satisfying

$$(\lambda x:A.M)N\to_\beta M[x:=N]$$

which can be used to define the notation $\twoheadrightarrow_{\beta}$ and $=_{\beta}$ by convention. Reduction rules are given in Figure 2. Highlighted premises and rules are only for call-by-value evaluation.

(v) Type assignment rules for (S, A, R) are given in Figure 3.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Values: } v ::= & \lambda x : A.B \mid \Pi x : A.B \\ \hline (\text{R-Beta}) & N \in \textit{Value} \\ \hline (\lambda x : A.M) N \longrightarrow M[x := N] \\ \hline (\text{R-AppL}) & \frac{M \longrightarrow M'}{MN \longrightarrow M'N} \\ \hline (\text{R-AppR}) & \frac{v \in \textit{Value} \quad M \longrightarrow M'}{vM \longrightarrow vM'} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Figure 2. Reduction rules for λC

$$(Ax) \qquad \overline{\varnothing \vdash \star : \Box}$$

$$(Var) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A : s}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash x : A} \qquad x \not\in \text{dom}(\Gamma)$$

$$(Weak) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash b : B}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash b : B} \qquad x \not\in \text{dom}(\Gamma)$$

$$(App) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash f : (\Pi x : A.B) \qquad \Gamma \vdash a : A}{\Gamma \vdash f a : B[x := a]}$$

$$(Lam) \qquad \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash b : B \qquad \Gamma \vdash (\Pi x : A.B) : t}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x : A.b) : (\Pi x : A.B)} \qquad t \in \{\star, \Box\}$$

$$(Pi) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A : s \qquad \Gamma, x : A \vdash B : t}{\Gamma \vdash (\Pi x : A.B) : t} \qquad (s,t) \in \mathcal{R}$$

$$(Conv) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash a : A \qquad \Gamma \vdash B : s \qquad A =_{\beta} B}{\Gamma \vdash (\Omega x : A.B)}$$

Figure 3. Typing rules for λC

2. Extend with recursive types

2.1 Core language

We extend Calculus of Constructions (λC) with recursive types, namely λC_{μ} . Differences with λC are highlighted. Figure 4 shows the extended syntax.

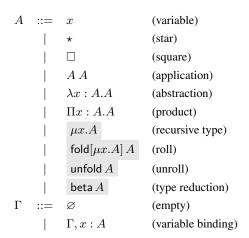


Figure 4. Syntax of λC_{μ}

Since recursive types are introduced and due to the practical concern, we use the *call-by-name* reduction strategy, i.e. iteratively reducing the *left-most outer-most* redex. Figure 5 shows the dynamic semantics with no call-by-value specific premises or rules.

values:
$$v$$
 ::= $\lambda x : A.B$ (abstraction) $| \Pi x : A.B$ (product) $| \text{fold}[\mu x.A]B$ (roll)(R-AppLam) $(\lambda x : A.M)N \longrightarrow M[x := N]$ (R-AppL) $\frac{M \longrightarrow M'}{MN \longrightarrow M'N}$ (R-Unfold) $\frac{M \longrightarrow M'}{\text{unfold } M \longrightarrow \text{unfold } M'}$ (R-Unfold-Fold) $\text{unfold } (\text{fold}[\mu x.A]M) \longrightarrow M$ (R-Mu) $\mu x.M \longrightarrow M[x := \mu x.M]$ (R-Beta) $\text{beta } M \longrightarrow M$

Figure 5. Reduction rules for λC

The extended typing rules are shown in Figure 6. Compared with λC , the original *Conv* rule is replaced by the new *Beta* rule where the latter only performs one step of reduction defined in Fig.5.

2.2 Soundness of core language

Lemma 2.2.1 (Substitutions)

Assume we have

$$\Gamma, x : A \vdash B : C \tag{1}$$

$$\Gamma \vdash D : A, \tag{2}$$

then

$$\Gamma[x := D] \vdash B[x := D] : C[x := D].$$

Proof. This is trivial by induction on the typing derivation of (1) by typing rules in Fig.6. We only discuss two cases for example. Let E^* denote E[x:=D]. Consider following cases

- The last applied rule to obtain (1) is *Var*. There are 2 sub-cases:
 - 1. It is derived by

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : s}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash x : A} \,,$$

then we have $(B:C) \equiv (x:A)$. And $\Gamma \vdash (x:A)^* \equiv (D:A)$ which holds by (2).

$$(Ax) \qquad \qquad \overline{\varnothing \vdash \star : \Box}$$

$$\Gamma \vdash A : s$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : s}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash x : A} \qquad \qquad x \not\in \mathrm{dom}(\Gamma)$$

$$(\text{Weak}) \qquad \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash b : B \qquad \Gamma \vdash A : s}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash b : B} \qquad \qquad x \not\in \text{dom}(\Gamma)$$

$$(\mathrm{App}) \qquad \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash f : (\Pi x : A.B) \qquad \Gamma \vdash a : A}{\Gamma \vdash fa : B[x := a]}$$

$$(\text{Lam}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash b : B \qquad \Gamma \vdash (\Pi x : A.B) : t}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x : A.b) : (\Pi x : A.B)} \qquad t \in \{\star, \Box\}$$

(Pi)
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A : s \qquad \Gamma, x : A \vdash B : t}{\Gamma \vdash (\Pi x : A . B) : t} \qquad (s, t) \in \mathcal{R}$$

(Mu)
$$\frac{\Gamma, x: s \vdash A: s}{\Gamma \vdash (\mu x. A): s}$$

$$(\text{Fold}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash a : (A[x := \mu x.A]) \qquad \Gamma \vdash \mu x.A : s}{\Gamma \vdash (\text{fold}[\mu x.A] \: a) : \mu x.A}$$

$$(\text{Unfold}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash a : \mu x.A \qquad \Gamma \vdash A[x := \mu x.A] : s}{\Gamma \vdash (\text{unfold } a) : A[x := \mu x.A]}$$

$$(\text{Beta}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash a : A \qquad \Gamma \vdash B : s \qquad A \longrightarrow B}{\Gamma \vdash (\text{beta } a) : B}$$

Figure 6. Typing rules for λC_{μ}

2. It is derived by

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash E : s}{\Gamma, x : A, y : E \vdash y : E},$$

then we need to show $\Gamma^*, y: E^* \vdash y: E^*$. And it directly follows the induction hypothesis, i.e. $\Gamma^* \vdash E^*: s$.

• The last applied rule to obtain (1) is App, i.e.

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash B_1 : (\Pi y : C_1. C_2) \qquad \Gamma, x : A \vdash B_2 : C_1}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash (B_1 B_2) : C_2[y := B_2]}$$

By the induction hypothesis, we can obtain $\Gamma^* \vdash B_1^* : (\Pi y : C_1^*.C_2^*)$ and $\Gamma^* \vdash B_2^* : C_1^*$. Thus, $\Gamma^* \vdash (B_1^*B_2^*) : (C_2^*[y := B_2^*])$, i.e. $\Gamma^* \vdash (B_1B_2)^* : (C_2[y := B_2])^*$.

Theorem 2.2.2 (Subject Reduction)

If $\Gamma \vdash A : B$ and $A \longrightarrow A'$ then $\Gamma \vdash A' : B'$ for some B' such that either $B' \equiv B$ or $B' \longrightarrow B$.

Proof. Let \mathcal{D} be the derivation of $\Gamma \vdash A : B$. The proof is by induction on dynamic semantics shown in Fig.5.

case R-AppLam:
$$(\lambda x : A.M)N \longrightarrow M[x := N]$$
.

Derivation \mathcal{D} has the following form

$$\frac{\Gamma, x: A \vdash M: A'}{\frac{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x: A.M): (\Pi x: A.A')}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x: A.M)N: A'}} Lam \qquad \Gamma \vdash N: A}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x: A.M)N: A'} App$$

Thus, by Lemma 2.2.1 we can obtain $\Gamma \vdash M[x := N] : A'$.

case R-AppL:
$$\frac{M \longrightarrow M'}{MN \longrightarrow M'N}$$
.

Derivation \mathcal{D} has the following form

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : (\Pi x : A.A') \qquad \Gamma \vdash N : A}{\Gamma \vdash MN : A'} App$$

By the induction hypothesis we have $\Gamma \vdash M' : (\Pi x : A.A')$. Hence,

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M' : (\Pi x : A.A') \qquad \Gamma \vdash N : A}{\Gamma \vdash M'N : A'} \mathit{App}$$

$$\mathbf{case} \ \textit{R-Unfold:} \ \frac{M \longrightarrow M'}{\mathsf{unfold} \ M \longrightarrow \mathsf{unfold} \ M'} \ .$$

Derivation \mathcal{D} has the following form

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \mu x.A}{\Gamma \vdash (\mathsf{unfold}\ M) : A[x := \mu x.A]} \ \mathit{Unfold}$$

By the induction hypothesis we have $\Gamma \vdash M' : \mu x.A$. Hence,

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M' : \mu x.A}{\Gamma \vdash (\mathsf{unfold}\ M') : A[x := \mu x.A]} \ \mathit{Unfold}$$

case *R-Unfold-Fold*: $unfold (fold[\mu x.A] M) \longrightarrow M$

Derivation \mathcal{D} has the following form

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : (A[x := \mu x.A])}{\Gamma \vdash (\mathsf{fold}[\mu x.A]\,M) : \mu x.A} \,\mathit{Fold}}{\Gamma \vdash \mathsf{unfold}\,(\mathsf{fold}[\mu x.A]\,M) : (A[x := \mu x.A])} \,\mathit{Unfold}$$

case R-Mu: $\mu x.M \longrightarrow M[x := \mu x.M]$.

Derivation \mathcal{D} has the following form

$$\frac{\Gamma, x: s \vdash M: s}{\Gamma \vdash (\mu x.M): s} \mathit{Mu}$$

Hence, by Lemma 2.2.1 we have $\frac{\Gamma,x:s\vdash M:s}{\Gamma\vdash (M[x:=\mu x.M]):s}\,.$

case *R-Beta*: $beta M \longrightarrow M$.

Derivation \mathcal{D} has the following form

$$\frac{ \Gamma \vdash M : A \qquad \Gamma \vdash B : s \qquad A \longrightarrow B}{\Gamma \vdash (\mathsf{beta}\,M) : B} \; \mathit{Beta}$$

By the induction hypothesis we have $\Gamma \vdash M' : A$ and $A \longrightarrow B$. Hence,

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M' : A \qquad \Gamma \vdash B : s \qquad A \longrightarrow B}{\Gamma \vdash (\mathsf{beta}\,M') : B} \, \mathit{Beta}$$

Theorem 2.2.3 (Progress)

If $\cdot \vdash A : B$ then either A is a value v or there exists A' such that $A \longrightarrow A'$.

Proof. We can give the proof by induction on the derivation of $\cdot \vdash A : B$ by typing rules in Fig.6:

$$\textbf{case Var:} \ \frac{\cdot \vdash A : s}{\cdot, x : A \vdash x : A} \ .$$

This case cannot be reached. Proof is by contradiction. If we have $\cdot \vdash x : A$ then x is assigned with type A from a context " \cdot " without A, which is not possible.

$$\textbf{case Weak:} \ \frac{\cdot \vdash b : B \qquad \cdot \vdash A : s}{\cdot, x : A \vdash b : B} \, .$$

The result is trivial by induction hypothesis.

$$\mathbf{case}\, \mathbf{\mathit{App}} \colon \; \frac{\cdot \vdash M : (\Pi x : A.B)}{\cdot \vdash MN : B} \; \cdot \vdash N : A}{\cdot \vdash MN : B} \; .$$

By induction hypothesis on $\cdot \vdash M : (\Pi x : A.B)$, there are two possible cases.

- 1. M=v is a value. Hence $v=\lambda x:A.M'$ where $\cdot \vdash M':B$. Then $MN=vN=(\lambda x:A.M')N=M'[x:=N]$. By the substitution lemma, $\cdot \vdash (M'[x:=N]):B$ which is just $\cdot \vdash MN:B$.
- 2. $M \longrightarrow M'$. The result is obvious by the operational semantic $\xrightarrow{M \longrightarrow M'} R$ -AppL.

case Lam:
$$\frac{\dots}{ \cdot \vdash (\lambda x : A.M) : (\Pi x : A.B)}$$
.

The result is trivial if let $v = \lambda x : A.M.$

$$\mathbf{case} \ \textit{Pi:} \ \frac{ \ \cdot \vdash A:s \quad \ \cdot, x:A \vdash B:t}{ \ \cdot \vdash (\Pi x:A.B):t} \ .$$

The result is trivial if let $v = \Pi x : A.B$.

case
$$Mu: \frac{\dots}{\cdot \vdash (\mu x.A) : s}$$
.

The result is trivial since we always have such reduction $\mu x.A \longrightarrow A[x := \mu x.A]$.

case *Fold*:
$$\frac{\dots}{\dots \vdash (\mathsf{fold}[\mu x.A] M) : \mu x.A}$$
.

The result is trivial if let $v = \text{fold}[\mu x.A] M$.

$$\textbf{case Unfold:} \ \frac{\cdot \vdash a: \mu x.A \qquad \cdot \vdash A[x:=\mu x.A]: s}{\cdot \vdash (\mathsf{unfold}\ a): A[x:=\mu x.A]} \, .$$

By induction hypothesis on $\cdot \vdash a : \mu x.A$, there are two possible cases.

- 1. a=v is a value. Hence $a=\operatorname{fold}[\mu x.A]\,b$ where $\cdot\vdash b:(A[x:=\mu x.A])$. Then by the R-Unfold-Fold rule, unfold $a=\operatorname{unfold}(\operatorname{fold}[\mu x.A]\,b)=b$. Thus $\cdot\vdash(\operatorname{unfold}a):A[x:=\mu x.A]$.
- 2. $a \longrightarrow a'$. The result is obvious by the reduction rule $\dfrac{M \longrightarrow M'}{\text{unfold } M \longrightarrow \text{unfold } M'}$ R-Unfold .

case Beta:
$$\frac{\dots}{\cdot \vdash (\mathsf{beta}\, a) : B}$$
.

The result is trivial since we always have such reduction beta $a \longrightarrow a$.

2.3 Examples of typable terms

• A polymorphic fixed-point constructor fix : $(\Pi\alpha:\star.(\alpha\to\alpha)\to\alpha)$ can be defined as follows:

$$\begin{split} \operatorname{fix} = & \lambda \alpha : \star.\lambda f : \alpha \to \alpha. \\ & (\lambda x : (\mu \sigma.\sigma \to \alpha).f((\operatorname{unfold} x)x)) \\ & (\operatorname{fold}[\mu \sigma.\sigma \to \alpha] \left(\lambda x : (\mu \sigma.\sigma \to \alpha).f((\operatorname{unfold} x)x))\right) \end{split}$$

Note that this is the so called call-by-name fixed point combinator. It is useless in a call-by-value setting, since the expression fix α g diverges for any g.

• Using fix, we can build recursive functions. For example, given a "hungry" type $H = \mu \sigma.\alpha \to \sigma$, the "hungry" function h where

$$h = \lambda \alpha : \star . \mathsf{fix} (\alpha \to H) (\lambda f : \alpha \to H.\lambda x : \alpha . \mathsf{fold}[H] f)$$

can take arbitrary number of arguments.

3. Formal Elaboration of Datatypes and Case Analysis

3.1 Extended Language

We extend λC_{μ} with simple datatypes and case analysis, namely $\lambda C_{\mu c}$. Differences with λC_{μ} are highlighted in Figure 7.

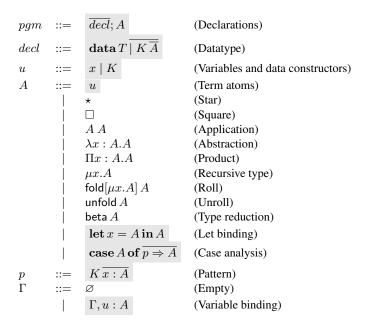


Figure 7. Syntax of $\lambda C_{\mu c}$

The extended typing rules are shown in Figure 8. To save space, we only show the new typing rules.

3.2 Translation Overview

We use a type-directed translation. The typing relations have the form:

$$\Gamma \vdash e : A \leadsto \hat{e}$$

It states that λC_{μ} expression \hat{e} is the translation of $\lambda C_{\mu c}$ expression e. Figure 9 shows the translation rules, which are the typing rules of the previous section extended with the resulting \hat{e} expression.

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A. Appendix

Figure 9. Type-directed translation from $\lambda C_{\mu}c$ to λC_{μ}