Approximating functional programs: Taylor subsumes Scott, Berry, Kahn and Plotkin

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Böhm Trees

λ -calculus (Church)

The set Λ of programs is given by $M := x \mid \lambda x.M \mid MM$.

Computation step: $(\lambda x.M)N \to M\{N/x\}$.

Böhm trees (Barendregt)

The map BT : $\Lambda \to \mathcal{B}$ associates each λ -term F with its $B\ddot{o}hm$ tree:

$$\mathrm{BT}(F) := \mathrm{BT}(\mathrm{hnf}(F)), \qquad \mathrm{BT}(F) := \bot \text{ if } F \text{ is unsolvable,}$$

$$\mathrm{BT}(\lambda \vec{x}.y\ Q_1\dots Q_k) := \lambda \vec{x}.y$$
 $\mathrm{BT}(Q_1) \cdots \mathrm{BT}(Q_k)$

The equivalence $=_{\mathrm{BT}}$ is a λ -theory. So $\mathcal{B}_{\Lambda} \simeq \Lambda/_{=_{\mathrm{BT}}}$ is a semantics for Λ . The set of all normal forms is dense in \mathcal{B}_{Λ} (in analogy with $\mathbb Q$ dense in $\mathbb R$).

Finite approximants

- The set ${\cal A}$ of finite approximants is defined as:

$$P ::= \perp | \lambda \vec{x}.y P...P$$

with the intuition that \perp means no information.

- Fix \leq the prorder on \mathcal{A} generated by taking $\perp \leq P$ for all P.
- The set A(F) of the finite approximants of $F \in \Lambda$ is:

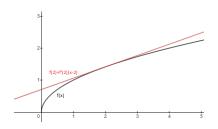
$$\mathcal{A}(F) := \{ P \in \mathcal{A} \text{ s.t } \exists N \in \Lambda \text{ s.t } F \twoheadrightarrow_{\beta} N \ge P \}$$

Approximation Theorem

$$\mathrm{BT}(F) = \sup_{P \in \mathcal{A}(F)} P$$

in analogy to the fact that $\sqrt{2}$ is the limit of BabylonianProgram(2).

Derivatives!



	Analysis	λ -calculus
Application	F(x)	Fx
Taylor expansion $\Theta(\cdot)$	$\sum_{n} \frac{1}{n!} F^{(n)}(0) x^{n}$	$\sum_{n} \frac{1}{n!} (\mathbb{D}^{n} \Theta(F) \bullet x^{n}) 0$

Differential λ -calculus

Programs live in the module $\mathbb{Q}^+\langle \Lambda^r \rangle_{\infty}$ and are subject to the equation:

$$D(\lambda x.M) \bullet N = \lambda x. \left(\frac{d}{dx} M \cdot N\right)$$

where $\frac{d}{dx}(PQ) \cdot N := \left(\frac{d}{dx}P \cdot N\right)Q + \left(DP \bullet \left(\frac{d}{dx}Q \cdot N\right)\right)Q$ is the linear substitution of N in M for x.

Ehrhard and Régnier:

 Θ defines a function $\Lambda \to \mathbb{Q}^+ \langle \Lambda^r \rangle_{\infty}$ (called the *full Taylor expansion*):

$$\Theta(\cdot) = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}(\cdot)} \frac{1}{\mathrm{m}(t)} t$$

where $m(t) \in \mathbb{N}$ is difficult and $\mathcal{T}(\cdot) : \Lambda \to \mathcal{P}(\Lambda^r)$ is easy (i.e. inductive). Furthermore,

$$NF(\Theta(\cdot)) = \Theta(BT(\cdot)).$$

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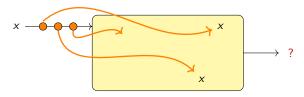
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$$(\lambda x.t)[s_1, s_2, s_3] \to 0$$

$$x \longrightarrow 0$$

Resource terms live a tough life

They may experience non-determinism:

$$\Delta[x,y] := (\lambda x.x[x])[y,y'] \to y[y'] + y'[y]$$

But also starvation:

$$\Delta[\Delta,\Delta] \to (\lambda x.x[x])[\Delta] \to 0$$

As well as surfeit:

$$(\lambda x \lambda y.x)[I][I] \rightarrow (\lambda y.I)[I] \rightarrow 0$$

Summing up: $(\lambda x.t)[s_1,\ldots,s_n] \not\rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow t$ uses each s_i exactly once!

Main Properties:

- Linearity: Cannot erase non-empty bags (unless annihilating). □
- ullet Strong Normalization: Trivial, as there is no duplication. \Box
- ullet Confluence: Locally confluent + strongly normalizing. \square

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Examples:

$$\mathcal{T}(\lambda x.x) = \{\lambda x.x\}$$

$$\mathcal{T}(\lambda x.xx) = \{\lambda x.x[x^n] \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$\mathcal{T}(\Omega) = \{(\lambda x.x[x^{n_0}])[\lambda x.x[x^{n_1}], \dots, \lambda x.x[x^{n_k}]] \mid k, n_0, \dots, n_k \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$\mathcal{T}(\Delta_f) = \{\lambda x.f[x^n][x^k] \mid n, k \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$\mathcal{T}(Y) = \{\lambda f.t[s_1, \dots, s_k] \mid k \in \mathbb{N}, t, s_1, \dots, s_k \in \mathcal{T}(\Delta_f)\}$$

where $Y = \lambda f.\Delta_f\Delta_f$ and $\Delta_f = \lambda x.f(xx)$.

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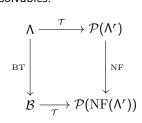
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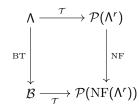
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The diagramm commutes!



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"Understanding the relation between the term and its full Taylor expansion might be the starting point of a

and renewing of the theory of approximations".

Commut Ehrhard and Régnier

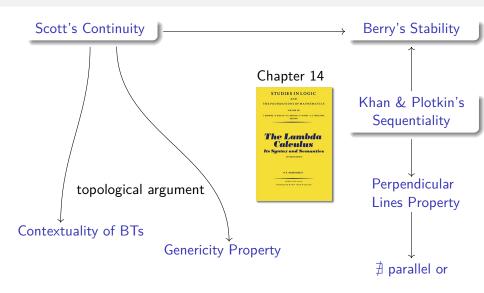
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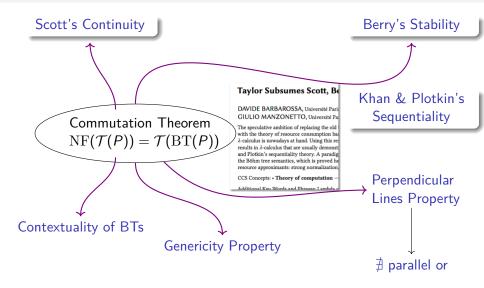
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Classic results via labelled reduction



Classic results via Resource Approximation



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Contextuality of Böhm trees

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Easily conclude that $t \in \operatorname{NF}(\mathcal{T}(C(M)))$.

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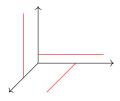
No hole can occur in c!

Therefore: $t' = c(s_1, \ldots, s_k) = c \in \mathcal{T}(C(M))$ and hence $t \in NF(\mathcal{T}(C(M)))$.

Since and bags of t are singletons, " $t = \inf_{\beta} (C(M))$ ".

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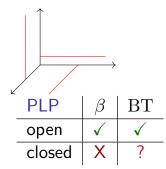
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True in $\Lambda/_{=_{\mathrm{BT}}}$, Barendregt's Book 1982 Proof: via Sequentiality.

?? in
$$\Lambda^o/_{=_{\mathrm{BT}}}$$

False in $\Lambda^o/_{=\beta}$, Barendregt & Statman 1999 Counterexample: via Plotkin's terms.

True in $\Lambda/_{=\beta}$, De Vrijer & Endrullis 2008 Proof: via Reduction under Substitution.



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Claim.

If
$$c \in \mathcal{T}(C(\cdot))$$
 then:

$$nf(c) \neq 0 \implies c \text{ contains no hole.}$$

PLP	β	BT
open	√	√
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By induction on the size of c.

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Our proof does not need open terms!

PLP holds in $\Lambda^o/_{=_{\rm RT}}$ \checkmark

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The End!