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A Confluence proof for the λ_x -calculus in Coq

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1 The substitution lemma for the metasubstitution

In the pure λ -calculus, the substitution lemma is probably the first non trivial property. In our framework, we have defined two different substitution operation, namely, the metasubstitution denoted by $[x:=u]t$ and the explicit substitution that has n_sub as a constructor. In what follows, we present the main steps of our proof of the substitution lemma for the metasubstitution operation:

Lemma `m_subst_lemma`: $\forall e1\ e2\ x\ e3\ y, x \neq y \rightarrow x \text{ 'notin' } (fv_nom\ e3) \rightarrow ([y := e3]([x := e2]e1)) =_a ([x := ([y := e3]e2)]([y := e3]e1))$.

Proof.

We proceed by functional induction on the structure of `subst_rec_fun`, the definition of the substitution. The induction splits the proof in seven cases: two cases concern variables, the next two concern abstractions, the next case concerns the application and the last two concern the explicit substitution. `intros e1 e2 x. functional induction (subst_rec_fun e1 e2 x).`

- `intros e3 y XY IH. rewrite m_subst_var_eq. rewrite m_subst_var_neq.`

If we only have these two variables, we can use the equality lemma to find that both sides of the proof are equal and finish it using reflexivity and in the second case assumptions are used to finish the proof. `+ rewrite m_subst_var_eq. apply aeq_refl.`

`+ assumption.`

- `intros e3 z XY IH. rewrite m_subst_var_neq.`

`+ destruct (y == z) eqn:Hyx.`

`× subst. rewrite m_subst_var_eq. pose proof m_subst_notin. specialize (H e3 ([z := e3] u) x). apply aeq_sym. apply H; assumption.`

`× rewrite m_subst_var_neq.`

`** rewrite m_subst_var_neq.`

`*** apply aeq_refl.`

`*** auto.`

`** auto.`

`+ auto.`

- `intros e3 z XY IH. destruct (x == z) eqn:Hxz. contradiction. rewrite m_subst_abs_eq.`

`pose proof m_subst_notin. specialize (H ([z := e3] n_abs x t1) ([z := e3] u) x).`

`apply aeq_sym. apply H. pose proof m_subst_abs_diff. specialize (H0 t1 e3 z x). rewrite H0.`

`admit. auto. admit.`

- admit.
 - intros e3 z XY IH. rewrite m_subst_app. rewrite m_subst_app. rewrite m_subst_app.
 rewrite m_subst_app. auto.
 - intros e3 z XY IH. admit.
 - admit.

Admitted.

Lemma m_subst_lemma: $\forall e1\ e2\ e3\ x\ y, x \neq y \rightarrow x \text{ 'notin' } (fv_nom\ e3) \rightarrow$
 $\text{aeq } (m_subst\ e3\ y\ (m_subst\ e2\ x\ e1))\ (m_subst\ (m_subst\ e3\ y\ e2)\ x\ (m_subst\ e3\ y\ e1)).$

Proof.

Admitted.

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Inductive betax : $n_sexp \rightarrow n_sexp \rightarrow \text{Prop} :=$
 | step_betax : $\forall (e1\ e2 : n_sexp)\ (x : atom),$
 $\text{betax } (n_app\ (n_abs\ x\ e1)\ e2)\ (n_sub\ e1\ x\ e2).$

Fixpoint f_pix (t : n_sexp): $n_sexp :=$
 match t with
 | (n_sub (n_var x) y e) \Rightarrow if $x == y$ then e else (n_var x)
 | (n_sub (n_abs x e1) y e2) \Rightarrow
 $\text{let } (z, -) :=$
 $\text{atom_fresh } (fv_nom\ (n_abs\ x\ e1)\ \text{'union' } fv_nom\ e2\ \text{'union' } \{\{y\}\})\ \text{in}$
 $(n_abs\ z\ (n_sub\ (swap\ x\ z\ e1)\ y\ e2))$
 | (n_sub (n_app e1 e2) y e3) \Rightarrow (n_app (n_sub e1 y e3) (n_sub e2 y e3))
 | _ \Rightarrow t
 end.

Inductive pix : $n_sexp \rightarrow n_sexp \rightarrow \text{Prop} :=$
 | one_step : $\forall t, \text{pix } t\ (f_pix\ t).$

Inductive betapi : $n_sexp \rightarrow n_sexp \rightarrow \text{Prop} :=$
 | b_rule : $\forall t\ u, \text{betax } t\ u \rightarrow \text{betapi } t\ u$
 | x_rule : $\forall t\ u, \text{pix } t\ u \rightarrow \text{betapi } t\ u.$

Inductive ctx (R : $n_sexp \rightarrow n_sexp \rightarrow \text{Prop}$): $n_sexp \rightarrow n_sexp \rightarrow \text{Prop} :=$
 | step_aeq : $\forall e1\ e2, \text{aeq } e1\ e2 \rightarrow \text{ctx } R\ e1\ e2$
 | step_redex : $\forall (e1\ e2\ e3\ e4 : n_sexp), \text{aeq } e1\ e2 \rightarrow R\ e2\ e3 \rightarrow \text{aeq } e3\ e4 \rightarrow \text{ctx } R\ e1\ e4$
 | step_abs_in : $\forall (e\ e' : n_sexp)\ (x : atom), \text{ctx } R\ e\ e' \rightarrow \text{ctx } R\ (n_abs\ x\ e)\ (n_abs\ x\ e')$
 | step_app_left : $\forall (e1\ e1'\ e2 : n_sexp), \text{ctx } R\ e1\ e1' \rightarrow \text{ctx } R\ (n_app\ e1\ e2)\ (n_app\ e1'\ e2)$
 | step_app_right : $\forall (e1\ e2\ e2' : n_sexp), \text{ctx } R\ e2\ e2' \rightarrow \text{ctx } R\ (n_app\ e1\ e2)\ (n_app\ e1\ e2')$
 | step_sub_left : $\forall (e1\ e1'\ e2 : n_sexp)\ (x : atom), \text{ctx } R\ e1\ e1' \rightarrow \text{ctx } R\ (n_sub\ e1\ x\ e2)$
 $(n_sub\ e1'\ x\ e2)$
 | step_sub_right : $\forall (e1\ e2\ e2' : n_sexp)\ (x : atom), \text{ctx } R\ e2\ e2' \rightarrow \text{ctx } R\ (n_sub\ e1\ x\ e2)\ (n_sub\ e1\ x\ e2').$

Definition lx t u := ctx betapi t u.

Lemma step_abs_eq : $\forall (e1\ e2 : n_sexp)\ (y : atom), \exists (z : atom)\ (e : n_sexp), \text{refltrans_aeq } (\text{ctx } \text{pix})$
 $(n_sub\ (n_abs\ y\ e1)\ y\ e2)\ (n_abs\ z\ e) \wedge (n_abs\ z\ e =a\ n_abs\ y\ e1).$

Proof.

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induction e1 using n_sexp_size_induction. generalize dependent H. case e1.
- intros x IH e2 y. pose proof eq_dec. specialize (H x y). destruct H.
+ subst.
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Admitted.

Lemma *step_redex_R* : $\forall (R : n_sexp \rightarrow n_sexp \rightarrow \text{Prop})\ e1\ e2,$
 $R\ e1\ e2 \rightarrow \text{ctx}\ R\ e1\ e2.$

Proof.

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intros. pose proof step_redex. specialize (H0 R e1 e1 e2 e2).
apply H0.
- apply aeq_refl.
- assumption.
- apply aeq_refl.
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Qed.

1.1 Capture-avoiding substitution

We need to use size to define capture avoiding substitution. Because we sometimes swap the name of the bound variable, this function is *not* structurally recursive. So, we add an extra argument to the function that decreases with each recursive call.

Fixpoint *subst_rec* (n:nat) (t:n_sexp) (u :n_sexp) (x:atom) : n_sexp := match n with — 0 => t — S m => match t with — n_var y => if (x == y) then u else t — n_abs y t1 => if (x == y) then t else let (z,-) := atom_fresh (fv_nom u ‘union’ fv_nom t ‘union’¹) in n_abs z (subst_rec m (swap y z t1) u x) — n_app t1 t2 => n_app (subst_rec m t1 u x) (subst_rec m t2 u x) — n_sub t1 y t2 => if (x == y) then n_sub t1 y (subst_rec m t2 u x) else let (z,-) := atom_fresh (fv_nom u ‘union’ fv_nom t ‘union’²) in n_sub (subst_rec m (swap y z t1) u x) z (subst_rec m t2 u x) end end.

Our real substitution function uses the size of the size of the term as that extra argument.

Definition *m_subst* (u : n_sexp) (x:atom) (t:n_sexp) := *subst_rec* (size t) t u x. Notation “*x* := *u* *t*” := (*m_subst* u x t) (at level 60).

Lemma *m_subst_var_eq* : forall u x, *x* := *u*(n_var x) = u. Proof. intros. unfold *m_subst*. simpl. rewrite *eq_dec_refl*. reflexivity. Qed.

Lemma *m_subst_var_neq* : forall u x y, *x* != *y* => *y* := *u*(n_var x) = n_var x. Proof. intros. unfold *m_subst*. simpl. destruct (y == x) eqn:Hxy.

- subst. contradiction.
- reflexivity.

Qed.

Lemma *m_subst_abs* : forall u x y t , *m_subst* u x (n_abs y t) = if (x == y) then (n_abs y t) else let (z,-) := atom_fresh (fv_nom u ‘union’ fv_nom (n_abs y t) ‘union’³) in n_abs z (*m_subst* u x (swap y z t)). Proof. intros. case (x == y).

¹*x*

²*x*

³*x*

- intros. unfold m_subst. rewrite e. simpl. case (y == y).
 - - trivial.
 - - unfold not. intros. assert (y = y). { reflexivity. } contradiction.
- intros. unfold m_subst. simpl. case (x == y).
 - - intros. contradiction.
 - - intros. pose proof AtomSetImpl.union_1. assert (forall z, size t = size (swap y z t)). { intros. case (y == z).
 - * intros. rewrite e. rewrite swap_id. reflexivity.
 - * intros. rewrite swap_size_eq. reflexivity.
 - } destruct (atom_fresh (Metatheory.union (fv_nom u) (Metatheory.union (remove y (fv_nom t)) (singleton x))))). specialize (H0 x0). rewrite H0. reflexivity.

Qed.

Corollary m_subst_abs_eq : forall u x t, $x := u(n_abs\ x\ t) = n_abs\ x\ t$. Proof. intros u x t. pose proof m_subst_abs. specialize (H u x x t). rewrite eq_dec_refl in H. assumption. Qed.

Corollary m_subst_abs_neq : forall u x y t, $x \not\equiv y \rightarrow$ let (z,-) := atom_fresh (fv_nom u 'union' fv_nom (n_abs y t) 'union' ⁴) in $x := u(n_abs\ y\ t) = n_abs\ z\ (x := u(swap\ y\ z\ t))$. Proof. intros u x y t H. pose proof m_subst_abs. specialize (H0 u x y t). destruct (x == y) eqn:Hx.

- subst. contradiction.
- destruct (atom_fresh (Metatheory.union (fv_nom u) (Metatheory.union (fv_nom (n_abs y t)) (singleton x))))). assumption.

Qed.

Lemma m_subst_notin : forall t u x, $x \not\equiv fv_nom\ t \rightarrow x := ut = t$. Proof. induction t.

- intros u x' H. unfold m_subst. simpl in *. apply notin_singleton_1' in H. destruct (x' == x) eqn:Hx. + subst. contradiction. + reflexivity.
- intros u x' H. simpl in *.
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intros. unfold m_subst. simpl. destruct (y == x) eqn:Hxy.

- subst. contradiction.
- reflexivity.

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Qed.

Lemma m_subst_lemma: forall e1 e2 e3 x y, x i⌊ y -⌊ x 'notin' (fv_nom e3) -⌊ (y := e3(x := e2e1)) =a (x := ([y := e3]e2)(y := e3e1)). Proof.

induction e1 using n_sexp_size_induction.

generalize dependent e1. intro e1; case e1 as z | z e11 | e11 e12 | e11 z e12.

- intros IH e2 e3 x y Hneq Hfv. destruct (x == z) eqn:Hxz. + subst. rewrite (m_subst_var_neq e3 z y). * repeat rewrite m_subst_var_eq. apply aeq_refl. * assumption. + rewrite m_subst_var_neq. * subst. apply aeq_sym. pose proof subst_fresh_eq. change (subst_rec (size e3) e3 (subst_rec (size e2) e2 e3 z) x) with (m_subst (m_subst e3 z e2) x e3). apply H. assumption. * apply aeq_sym. change (subst_rec (size (n_var z)) (n_var z) (subst_rec (size e2) e2 e3 y) x) with (m_subst (m_subst e3 y e2) x (n_var z)). apply subst_fresh_eq. simpl. apply notin_singleton_2. intro H. subst. contradiction.
- intros IH e2 e3 x y Hneq Hfv. unfold m_subst at 2 3. simpl. destruct (x == z) eqn:Hxz. + subst. change (subst_rec (size (m_subst e3 y (n_abs z e11))) (m_subst e3 y (n_abs z e11)) (m_subst e3 y e2) z) with (m_subst (m_subst e3 y e2) z (m_subst e3 y (n_abs z e11))). rewrite subst_abs_eq. +

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