# A Systematic Approach to Delimited Control with Multiple Prompts

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# Introduction to control operators

# Separating a redex from its evaluation context

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$$3 \times 4$$

$$1+2+3\times 4$$

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$$3 \times 4$$

$$1 + 2 +$$

$$k: 1+2+\square$$



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$$1 + 2 + \square \qquad \qquad \operatorname{call}/\operatorname{cc}(\lambda k.3 \times (k \ 5))$$

$$k : \boxed{1 + 2 + \square} \qquad \qquad 3 \times (k \ 5)$$

$$1 + 2 + 3 \times \square \qquad \qquad k \ 5$$

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$$1 + 2 + \operatorname{call/cc}(\lambda k.3 \times (k \ 5))$$

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

$$1 + 2 + 5$$

Formalized by Felleisen, Friedman, Kohlbecker: A syntactic theory of sequential control (1987)



$$[*]1 + 2 + \mu\alpha.[\alpha]3 \times (\mu_{-}.[\alpha]5)$$

$$[*]1 + 2 + \square \qquad \mu\alpha.[\alpha]3 \times (\mu_{-}.[\alpha]5)$$

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$$[*]1 + 2 + 3 \times (\mu_{-}.[*]1 + 2 + 5)$$

$$[*]1 + 2 + 3 \times \square \qquad \mu_{-}.[*]1 + 2 + 5$$

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#### Advantages:

- Well-behaved, fine-grained reduction theory
- A jump is not a function call
- Clearer "top level" of the program
- Foundations in classical logic

# Delimited control

#### **Delimited control**

$$1 + \#2 + \text{shift}(\lambda k.3 \times (k 5))$$

$$1 + \# \square$$
  $2 + \square$  shift $(\lambda k.3 \times (k 5))$ 

#### Delimited control

$$1 + \# \frac{2}{2} + \operatorname{shift}(\lambda k.3 \times (k\ 5))$$

$$1 + \# \Box$$

$$2 + \square$$

 $\mathsf{shift}(\lambda k.3 \times (k\ 5))$ 

$$1 + #2 + \operatorname{shift}(\lambda k.3 \times (k 5))$$

[\*]1 + 
$$\mu$$
t $\hat{p}$ . [t $\hat{p}$ ]2 +  $\mu\alpha$ .[t $\hat{p}$ ]3 × ( $\mu$ t $\hat{p}$ .[ $\alpha$ ]5)

$$[*]1 + \mu \operatorname{tp}. \square \qquad [\operatorname{tp}]2 + \square \qquad \mu \alpha. [\operatorname{tp}]3 \times (\mu \operatorname{tp}. [\alpha]5)$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$[*]1 + \mu \widehat{\operatorname{tp}}. \square \qquad \alpha : [\widehat{\operatorname{tp}}]2 + \square \qquad [\widehat{\operatorname{tp}}]3 \times (\mu \widehat{\operatorname{tp}}. [\alpha]5)$$

$$[*]1 + \mu \widehat{\operatorname{tp}}. [\widehat{\operatorname{tp}}]3 \times (\mu \widehat{\operatorname{tp}}. [\widehat{\operatorname{tp}}]2 + 5)$$

$$[*]1 + \mu \widehat{\mathsf{tp}}.[\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}]3 \times (\mu \widehat{\mathsf{tp}}.[\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}]7)$$

\*]1 + 
$$\mu \widehat{\mathsf{tp}}$$
.[ $\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}$ ]3 ×  $\square$   $\mu \widehat{\mathsf{tp}}$ .  $\square$  [ $\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}$ ]7

$$*11 + \mu \widehat{tp}.[\widehat{tp}]3 \times 7$$

$$[*]1 + \mu \widehat{\operatorname{tp}}. [\widehat{\operatorname{tp}}]2 + \mu \alpha. [\widehat{\operatorname{tp}}]3 \times (\mu \widehat{\operatorname{tp}}. [\alpha]5)$$

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$$\Downarrow$$

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$$[*]1 + \mu \widehat{\operatorname{tp}}. [\widehat{\operatorname{tp}}]3 \times \square \qquad \mu \widehat{\operatorname{tp}}. \square \qquad [\widehat{\operatorname{tp}}]7$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$[*]1 + \mu \widehat{\operatorname{tp}}. [\widehat{\operatorname{tp}}]3 \times 7$$

# The dynamic nature of tp

# Decomposing the CPS

► Have (Ariola, Herbelin, Sabry. HOSC 2009):

$$\lambda\mu\widehat{\operatorname{tp}} \overset{\mathit{CPS}^2}{\longrightarrow} \lambda$$

▶ Goal:

$$\lambda \mu \widehat{\operatorname{tp}} \xrightarrow{\mathit{CPS}} \lambda \widehat{\operatorname{tp}} \xrightarrow{\mathit{EPS}} \lambda$$

- So that  $CPS^2 = EPS \circ CPS$
- What is  $\lambda \widehat{\mathsf{tp}}$ ?

# First attempt: Ordinary dynamic binding

# Example

$$\widehat{[tp]} \frac{\mu t\widehat{p}. [t\widehat{p}]x}{} \to \widehat{[t\widehat{p}]} x$$

$$[[\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}]\mu\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}.[\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}]x] = \mathsf{dlet}\,\widehat{\mathsf{tp}} = (\lambda y.\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}\,\,y)\,\mathsf{in}\,\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}\,x$$

Semantics given by Moreau (HOSC 1998):

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# Example

$$\begin{array}{c} [\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}] \mu \widehat{\mathsf{tp}}. [\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}] x \\ & & \\ \end{array} \rightarrow [\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}] x$$

$$\llbracket [\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}] \mu \widehat{\mathsf{tp}}. [\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}] x \rrbracket = \mathsf{dlet} \, \widehat{\mathsf{tp}} = (\lambda y. \widehat{\mathsf{tp}} \, y) \, \mathsf{in} \, \widehat{\mathsf{tp}} \, x$$

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**dlet** 
$$\widehat{\text{tp}} = (\lambda y.\widehat{\text{tp}} \ y) \text{ in } \widehat{\text{tp}} \ x$$
  
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 $\rightarrow \dots$ 

# Second attempt: One-shot dynamic binding

#### Example

mple 
$$[\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}] \mu \widehat{\mathsf{tp}}. [\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}] x \to [\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}] x$$
 
$$[[\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}] \mu \widehat{\mathsf{tp}}. [\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}] x] = \mathbf{dlet} \widehat{\mathsf{tp}} = (\lambda y. \widehat{\mathsf{tp}} \ y) \mathbf{in} \widehat{\mathsf{tp}} \ x$$

**dlet** 
$$\widehat{\text{tp}} = (\lambda y.\widehat{\text{tp}} \ y) \text{ in } \widehat{\text{tp}} \ x$$
  
 $\rightarrow (\lambda y.\widehat{\text{tp}} \ y) \ x$   
 $\rightarrow \widehat{\text{tp}} \ x$ 

# Decomposing the CPS

- $ightharpoonup \lambda \widehat{\mathsf{tp}}$ : single one-shot dynamic variable
- ► Have (Ariola, Herbelin, Sabry. HOSC 2009):

$$\lambda \mu \widehat{\mathsf{tp}} \xrightarrow{\mathsf{CPS}^2} \lambda$$

Also have:

$$\lambda \mu \widehat{\operatorname{tp}} \xrightarrow{\mathit{CPS}} \lambda \widehat{\operatorname{tp}} \xrightarrow{\mathit{EPS}} \lambda$$

▶ So that  $CPS^2 = EPS \circ CPS$ 

# Delimited control with multiple prompts

# "Easy" vs. "hard" effects in delimited control

- Filinski (POPL '94): shift+reset simulate all monadic effects
- ► Easy:
  - exceptions (of one type)
  - state (one reference)
  - non-determinism
- Harder:
  - exceptions (of multiple type)
  - state (many references)
  - lazy evaluation (with multiple bindings)

# Extension: multiple named prompts

# Delimited control with multiple prompts

$$\#^{\widehat{\alpha}}1 + \#^{\widehat{\beta}}2 + \#^{\widehat{\delta}}3 + \operatorname{shift}^{\widehat{\beta}}(\lambda k.t)$$

$$\#^{\widehat{lpha}}1+\#^{\widehat{eta}}\square$$
  $2+\#^{\widehat{\delta}}3+\square$  shift $^{\widehat{eta}}(\lambda k.t)$ 

## Delimited control with multiple prompts

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  $2 + \#^{\widehat{\delta}}3 + \square$  shift $^{\widehat{\beta}}(\lambda k.t)$ 

# Simple extension: Multiple dynamic variables

- Extend intermediate language with multiple dynamic variables
- ▶ CPS the same, only EPS is changed
- Let's us implement (multi-type) exceptions
- ▶ But, . . .

## Simple extension: Multiple dynamic variables

 $\mu$  only captures its immediate context (up to  $\delta$ )

$$\mu\widehat{\alpha}.[\widehat{\alpha}]1 + \mu\widehat{\beta}.[\widehat{\beta}]2 + \mu\widehat{\delta}.[\widehat{\delta}]3 + \mu\alpha.[\widehat{\beta}]t$$

$$\mu\widehat{\alpha}.[\widehat{\alpha}]1 + \mu\widehat{\beta}.[\widehat{\beta}]2 + \mu\widehat{\delta}.\square$$
  $[\widehat{\delta}]3 + \square$ 

$$[\widehat{\delta}]3 + \square$$

$$\mu\alpha.[\widehat{\beta}]t$$

How can we capture dynamically-bound contexts?

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New command:  $\mu^2 \Delta \uparrow^{\widehat{\beta}} . t$ 

- ullet Search for the dynamically nearest binding of  $\widehat{eta}$
- Give the prefix of dynamic bindings leading to  $\widehat{\beta}$  the label  $\Delta$
- lacktriangle Evaluate t in the context formerly bound to  $\widehat{eta}$

$$\mu\widehat{\alpha}.[\widehat{\alpha}]1 + \mu\widehat{\beta}.[\widehat{\beta}]2 + \mu\widehat{\delta}.\mu^{2}\Delta\uparrow^{\widehat{\beta}}.t$$

$$\mu\widehat{\alpha}.[\widehat{\alpha}]1 + \square \qquad \mu\widehat{\beta}.[\widehat{\beta}]2 + \mu\widehat{\delta}.\square \qquad \mu^{2}\Delta\uparrow^{\widehat{\beta}}.t$$

$$\downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow$$

$$\mu\widehat{\alpha}.[\widehat{\alpha}]1 + \square \qquad \Delta:[\widehat{\beta}]2 + \mu\widehat{\delta}.\square \qquad t$$

$$\mu\widehat{\alpha}.[\widehat{\alpha}]1 + t$$

#### Summary I

- Fine-grained, backwards-compatible reduction theory for delimited control with multiple prompts
  - Dybvig, Peyton Jones, Sabry: A monadic framework for delimited continuations (2007)
  - Gunter, Rémy, Riecke: A generalization of exceptions and control in ML-like languages (1995)
- Matching CPS transform and operational semantics

#### Summary II

- Formalized the dynamic nature of tp
  - Kiselyov, Shan, Sabry: Delimited dynamic binding (2006)
- Clarified the behavior of "naked" delimited control
  - ▶ What is the behavior of shift outside of a reset?
  - ▶ What is the meaning of  $[\widehat{tp}]$ 5 when  $\widehat{tp}$  is unbound?

# Questions?

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Summary

# Unbound $\widehat{\mathrm{tp}}$

# Expressiveness

# Unbound tp

#### Making the metacontext explicit

- Extend  $\lambda \mu$  with  $2^{nd}$ -rder commands and  $\cos^2$ -constant(s):
  - ▶ •: Metacontext in which tp is unbound
  - ▶ ⊛: Metacontext in which tp is bound to \*
- Errors depend on initial conditions

# Unbound tp

Is shift( $\lambda$ \_.9) an error?

$$[\bullet][*]\mu_-.[\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}]9 \to [\bullet][\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}]9$$

$$[\circledast][*]\mu_{-}.[\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}]9 \to [\circledast][\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}]9$$

$$[\bullet][*]\mu\widehat{\operatorname{tp}}.[\widehat{\operatorname{tp}}]t = [\circledast][\widehat{\operatorname{tp}}]t$$

# Unbound tp

Is shift( $\lambda k.k$  9) an error?

$$[\bullet][*]\mu\alpha.[\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}]\mu\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}.[\alpha]9 \to [\bullet][\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}]\mu\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}.[*]9 \\ \to [\bullet][*]9$$

$$[\bullet][*]\mu\alpha. \uparrow^{\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}} \mu\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}.[\alpha]9 \to [\bullet]\uparrow^{\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}} \mu\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}.[*]9$$

# Expressiveness: Encoding control operators via $\mu$

# **Expressiveness 1**

$$\mathsf{call/cc} = \lambda h.\mu\alpha.[\alpha] h \ (\lambda x.\mu..[\alpha] x)$$

#### Expressiveness II

$$#t = \mu \widehat{\operatorname{tp}}.[\widehat{\operatorname{tp}}]t$$

$$\operatorname{shift} = \lambda h.\mu \alpha.[\widehat{\operatorname{tp}}]h (\lambda x.\mu \widehat{\operatorname{tp}}.[\alpha]x)$$

## **Expressiveness III**

$$\#^{\widehat{\alpha}}t = \mu\widehat{\alpha}.[\widehat{\alpha}]t$$
 
$$\mathsf{abort}^{\widehat{\alpha}}t = \mu_-.[\widehat{\alpha}]t$$

#### Expressiveness IV

$$\begin{aligned} \#t &= \mu \widehat{\mathsf{tp}}.[\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}]t\\ \mathsf{shift} &= \lambda h.\mu \alpha.[\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}]h \left(\lambda x.\mu \widehat{\mathsf{tp}}.[\alpha]x\right)\\ \mathsf{shift}_0 &= \lambda h.\mu \alpha. \uparrow^{\widehat{\mathsf{tp}}} h \left(\lambda x.\mu \widehat{\mathsf{tp}}.[\alpha]x\right) \end{aligned}$$

#### Expressiveness V

$$\begin{split} \#^{\widehat{\alpha}}t &= \mu\widehat{\alpha}.[\widehat{\alpha}]t\\ \text{shift}^{\widehat{\alpha}} &= \lambda h.\mu\beta.\mu^2\Delta \uparrow^{\widehat{\alpha}}.\mu\widehat{\alpha}.[\widehat{\alpha}]h \left(\lambda x.\mu\widehat{\alpha}.[\Delta][\beta]x\right)\\ \text{shift}_{0}^{\widehat{\alpha}} &= \lambda h.\mu\beta.\mu^2\Delta \uparrow^{\widehat{\alpha}}.h \left(\lambda x.\mu\widehat{\alpha}.[\Delta][\beta]x\right) \end{split}$$