

The Calculus of Linear Constructions — Technical Report

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1 Introduction

This extended report is meant to accompany our paper of the same title. Here, we describe the meta-theory of CILC and their proofs in detail. All the results presented here have been formalized and proven correct in the Coq Proof Assistant.

2 Syntax of CLC (`clc_ast.v`)

i	$::= 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \dots$	universe levels
s, t	$::= U \mid L$	sorts
m, n, A, B, M	$::= U_i \mid L_i \mid x$ $(x :_s A) \rightarrow B$ $(x :_s A) \multimap B$ $\lambda x :_s A. n$ $m \ n$	expressions

3 Reduction and Equality of CLC (clc_ast.v)

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{m_1 \rightsquigarrow^* n \quad m_2 \rightsquigarrow^* n}{m_1 \equiv m_2 : A} \text{JOIN} \quad \frac{}{(\lambda x :_s A.m) \ n \rightsquigarrow m[n/x]} \text{STEP-}\beta \quad \frac{A \rightsquigarrow A'}{\lambda x :_s A.m \rightsquigarrow \lambda x :_s A'.m} \text{STEP-}\lambda L \\
\\
\frac{m \rightsquigarrow m'}{\lambda x :_s A.m \rightsquigarrow \lambda x :_s A.m'} \text{STEP-}\lambda R \quad \frac{A \rightsquigarrow_p A'}{(x :_s A) \rightarrow B \rightsquigarrow (x :_s A') \rightarrow B} \text{STEP-L}\rightarrow \\
\\
\frac{B \rightsquigarrow_p B'}{(x :_s A) \rightarrow B \rightsquigarrow (x :_s A) \rightarrow B'} \text{STEP-R}\rightarrow \quad \frac{A \rightsquigarrow_p A'}{(x :_s A) \multimap B \rightsquigarrow (x :_s A') \multimap B} \text{STEP-L}\multimap \\
\\
\frac{B \rightsquigarrow_p B'}{(x :_s A) \multimap B \rightsquigarrow (x :_s A) \multimap B'} \text{STEP-R}\multimap \quad \frac{m \rightsquigarrow m'}{m \ n \rightsquigarrow m' \ n} \text{STEP-APPL} \quad \frac{n \rightsquigarrow n'}{m \ n \rightsquigarrow m \ n'} \text{STEP-APPR}
\end{array}$$

4 Confluence of CLC (clc_confluence.v)

4.1 Parallel Reduction

To prove the confluence property of CLC, we employ the standard technique utilizing parallel reductions.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{}{x \rightsquigarrow_p x} \text{PSTEP-VAR} \quad \frac{}{s_i \rightsquigarrow_p s_i} \text{PSTEP-SORT} \quad \frac{A \rightsquigarrow_p A' \quad m \rightsquigarrow_p m'}{\lambda x :_s A.m \rightsquigarrow_p \lambda x :_s A'.m'} \text{PSTEP-}\lambda \\
\\
\frac{m \rightsquigarrow_p m' \quad n \rightsquigarrow_p n'}{m \ n \rightsquigarrow_p m' \ n'} \text{PSTEP-APP} \quad \frac{m \rightsquigarrow_p m' \quad n \rightsquigarrow_p n'}{(\lambda x :_s A.m) \ n \rightsquigarrow_p m'[n'/x]} \text{PSTEP-}\beta \\
\\
\frac{A \rightsquigarrow_p A' \quad B \rightsquigarrow_p B'}{(x :_s A) \rightarrow B \rightsquigarrow_p (x :_s A') \rightarrow B'} \text{PSTEP-}\rightarrow \quad \frac{A \rightsquigarrow_p A' \quad B \rightsquigarrow_p B'}{(x :_s A) \multimap B \rightsquigarrow_p (x :_s A') \multimap B'} \text{PSTEP-}\multimap
\end{array}$$

4.2 Reduction Lemmas

Here, we prove some simple lemmas concerning \rightsquigarrow , \rightsquigarrow^* and substitution.

Definition 4.1. For a term m and a map σ from variables to terms, let $m[\sigma]$ be the term obtained by applying σ uniformly to all free variables in m .

Definition 4.2. For maps σ, τ from variables to terms, we say that σ reduces to τ if for any variable x there exists a reduction $(\sigma \ x) \rightsquigarrow^* (\tau \ x)$. We write $\sigma \rightsquigarrow^* \tau$ when it is clear from context that σ, τ are maps and not terms.

Lemma 4.1. For terms m, n and a map σ from variables to terms, if there exist a step $m \rightsquigarrow n$, then there exists a step $m[\sigma] \rightsquigarrow n[\sigma]$.

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $m \rightsquigarrow n$. □

Lemma 4.2. For terms m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2 , if there exists reductions $m_1 \rightsquigarrow^* m_2$ and $n_1 \rightsquigarrow^* n_2$, then there exists reduction $(m_1 \ n_1) \rightsquigarrow^* (m_2 \ n_2)$.

Proof. By transitivity of \rightsquigarrow^* and applying rules STEP-APPL, STEP-APPR. □

Lemma 4.3. For terms A_1, A_2, m_1, m_2 and sort s , if there exists reductions $A_1 \rightsquigarrow^* A_2$ and $m_1 \rightsquigarrow^* m_2$, then there exists reduction $\lambda x :_s A_1.m_1 \rightsquigarrow^* \lambda x :_s A_2.m_2$.

Proof. By transitivity of \rightsquigarrow^* and applying rules STEP- λL , STEP- λR . \square

Lemma 4.4. For terms A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2 and sort s , if there exists reductions $A_1 \rightsquigarrow^* A_2$ and $B_1 \rightsquigarrow^* B_2$, then there exists reduction $(x :_s A_1) \rightarrow B_1 \rightsquigarrow^* (x :_s A_2) \rightarrow B_2$.

Proof. By transitivity of \rightsquigarrow^* and applying rules STEP- $L \rightarrow$, STEP- $R \rightarrow$. \square

Lemma 4.5. For terms A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2 and sort s , if there exists reductions $A_1 \rightsquigarrow^* A_2$ and $B_1 \rightsquigarrow^* B_2$, then there exists reduction $(x :_s A_1) \multimap B_1 \rightsquigarrow^* (x :_s A_2) \multimap B_2$.

Proof. By transitivity of \rightsquigarrow^* and applying rules STEP- $L \multimap$, STEP- $R \multimap$. \square

Lemma 4.6. For terms m, n and a map σ from variables to terms, if there exist a reduction $m \rightsquigarrow^* n$, then there exists a reduction $m[\sigma] \rightsquigarrow^* n[\sigma]$.

Proof. By induction on the derivation of \rightsquigarrow^* , the transitivity of \rightsquigarrow^* and Lemma 4.1. \square

Lemma 4.7. For maps σ, τ from variables to terms, if there is a map reduction $\sigma \rightsquigarrow^* \tau$, then for any term m these is a reduction $m[\sigma] \rightsquigarrow^* m[\tau]$.

Proof. By induction on the structure of m , applying Lemmas 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5. \square

4.3 Equality Lemmas

Here, we prove some simple lemmas concerning \rightsquigarrow^* , \equiv and substitution.

Definition 4.3. For maps σ, τ from variables to terms, we say that σ is equal to τ if for any variable x there exists an equality $(\sigma x) \equiv (\tau x)$. We write $\sigma \equiv \tau$ when it is clear from context that σ, τ are maps and not terms.

Lemma 4.8. For any map f from terms to terms, if for any terms m, n such that $m \rightsquigarrow n$ implies $f m \equiv f n$, then for any terms m, n equality $m \equiv n$ implies $f m \equiv f n$.

Proof. By the properties of the transitive reflexive closure \rightsquigarrow^* and that \equiv is an equivalence relation. \square

Lemma 4.9. For terms m_1, m_2, n_1, n_2 , if there exists equalities $m_1 \equiv m_2$ and $n_1 \equiv n_2$, then there exists equality $(m_1 n_1) \equiv (m_2 n_2)$.

Proof. By transitivity of \equiv and applying rules JOIN, STEP-APPL, STEP-APPR. \square

Lemma 4.10. For terms A_1, A_2, m_1, m_2 and sort s , if there exists equalities $A_1 \equiv A_2$ and $m_1 \equiv m_2$, then there exists equality $\lambda x :_s A_1.m_1 \equiv \lambda x :_s A_2.m_2$.

Proof. By transitivity of \equiv and applying rules JOIN, STEP- λL , STEP- λR . \square

Lemma 4.11. For terms A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2 and sort s , if there exists equalities $A_1 \equiv A_2$ and $B_1 \equiv B_2$, then there exists equality $(x :_s A_1) \rightarrow B_1 \equiv (x :_s A_2) \rightarrow B_2$.

Proof. By transitivity of \equiv and applying rules JOIN, STEP- $L \rightarrow$, STEP- $R \rightarrow$. \square

Lemma 4.12. For terms A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2 and sort s , if there exists equalities $A_1 \equiv A_2$ and $B_1 \equiv B_2$, then there exists equality $(x :_s A_1) \multimap B_1 \equiv (x :_s A_2) \multimap B_2$.

Proof. By transitivity of \equiv and applying rules JOIN, STEP- $L \multimap$, STEP- $R \multimap$. \square

Lemma 4.13. For terms m, n and map σ from variables to terms, if there is equality $m \equiv n$, then there is equality $m[\sigma] \equiv n[\sigma]$.

Proof. By Lemmas 4.8 and 4.1. \square

Lemma 4.14. *For maps σ, τ from variables to terms and term m , if these is map equality $\sigma \equiv \tau$, then there is equality $m[\sigma] \equiv m[\tau]$.*

Proof. By induction on the structure of m , applying Lemmas 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, 4.12. \square

Lemma 4.15. *For terms m_1, m_2, n , if there is equality $m_1 \equiv m_2$, then there is equality $n[m_1/x] \equiv n[m_2/x]$ for any variable $x \in FV(n)$.*

Proof. This is a special case of Lemma 4.14 where σ maps x to m_1 and τ maps x to m_2 . \square

4.4 Parallel Reduction Lemmas

Definition 4.4. For maps σ, τ from variables to terms, we say σ parallel reduces to τ if for any variable x there exists a parallel reduction $(\sigma x) \rightsquigarrow_p (\tau x)$. We write $\sigma \rightsquigarrow_p \tau$ when it is clear from context that σ, τ are maps and not terms.

Lemma 4.16. *For any term m , there exists a reflexive parallel reduction $m \rightsquigarrow_p m$.*

Proof. By induction on the structure of m . \square

Lemma 4.17. *For any map σ from variables to terms, there exists a reflexive parallel map reduction $\sigma \rightsquigarrow_p \sigma$.*

Proof. By Definition 4.4 and Lemma 4.16. \square

Lemma 4.18. *For any terms m, n , if there exists step $m \rightsquigarrow n$, then there exists a parallel reduction $m \rightsquigarrow_p n$.*

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $m \rightsquigarrow n$ and Lemma 4.16. \square

Lemma 4.19. *For terms m, n , if there exists parallel reduction $m \rightsquigarrow_p n$, then there exists a reduction $m \rightsquigarrow^* n$.*

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $m \rightsquigarrow_p n$, utilizing the transitive property of \rightsquigarrow^* and Lemmas 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7. \square

Lemma 4.20. *For terms m, n and map σ from variables to terms, if there exists parallel reduction $m \rightsquigarrow_p n$, there exists parallel reduction $m[\sigma] \rightsquigarrow_p n[\sigma]$.*

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $m \rightsquigarrow_p n$ and Lemma 4.16. \square

Lemma 4.21. *For terms m, n and maps σ, τ from variables to terms, if there exists parallel reduction $m \rightsquigarrow_p n$ and parallel map reduction $\sigma \rightsquigarrow_p \tau$, there exists parallel reduction $m[\sigma] \rightsquigarrow_p n[\tau]$.*

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $m \rightsquigarrow_p n$. \square

Lemma 4.22. *For terms m_1, m_2, n , if there is parallel reduction $m_1 \rightsquigarrow_p m_2$, then there is parallel reduction $n[m_1/x] \rightsquigarrow_p n[m_2/x]$ for any variable $x \in FV(n)$.*

Proof. By Lemma 4.16, this is a special case of Lemma 4.21 where σ maps x to m_1 and τ maps x to m_2 . \square

4.5 Confluence Theorem

We first show that \rightsquigarrow_p satisfies the diamond property. Using the diamond property, we ultimately prove the confluence theorem.

Lemma 4.23. *CLC term reduction has the diamond property. For terms m, m_1, m_2 , if there are parallel reductions $m \rightsquigarrow_p m_1$ and $m \rightsquigarrow_p m_2$, then there exists term m' such that $m_1 \rightsquigarrow_p m'$ and $m_2 \rightsquigarrow_p m'$.*

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $m \rightsquigarrow_p m_1$. Each case in the induction specializes m appearing in $m \rightsquigarrow_p m_2$, allowing one to invert its derivation in a syntax directed way and apply the induction hypothesis. The difficult cases are due to $\text{PSTEP-}\beta$ as it concerns substitution, so Lemma 4.21 is used to push these cases through. \square

Lemma 4.24. *Strip lemma.* For terms m, m_1, m_2 , if there is parallel reduction $m \rightsquigarrow_p m_1$ and reduction $m \rightsquigarrow^* m_2$, then there exists term m' such that $m_1 \rightsquigarrow^* m'$ and $m_2 \rightsquigarrow_p m'$.

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $m \rightsquigarrow_p m_1$, utilizing transitivity of \rightsquigarrow^* and Lemmas 4.18, 4.19, 4.23. \square

Theorem 4.25. *CLC term reduction is confluent.* For terms m, m_1, m_2 , if there are reductions $m \rightsquigarrow^* m_1$ and $m \rightsquigarrow^* m_2$, then there exists term m' such that $m_1 \rightsquigarrow^* m'$ and $m_2 \rightsquigarrow^* m'$.

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $m \rightsquigarrow^* m_1$, utilizing transitivity of \rightsquigarrow^* and Lemmas 4.18, 4.19, 4.24. \square

4.6 Corollaries of Confluence

The following results are all corollaries of confluence, proven using a combination of induction, transitivity and confluence. These corollaries allow us to refute false reductions and equalities in future proofs.

Corollary 4.25.1. For a universe s_i and term m , if there is reduction $s_i \rightsquigarrow^* m$, then $m = s_i$.

Corollary 4.25.2. For variable x and term m , if there is reduction $x \rightsquigarrow^* m$, then $m = x$.

Corollary 4.25.3. For terms A, B, m and sort s , if there is reduction $(x :_s A) \rightarrow B \rightsquigarrow^* m$, then there exists A', B' such that there are reductions $A \rightsquigarrow^* A'$, $B \rightsquigarrow^* B'$ and $m = (x :_s A') \rightarrow B'$.

Corollary 4.25.4. For terms A, B, m and sort s , if there is reduction $(x :_s A) \multimap B \rightsquigarrow^* m$, then there exists A', B' such that there are reductions $A \rightsquigarrow^* A'$, $B \rightsquigarrow^* B'$ and $m = (x :_s A') \multimap B'$.

Corollary 4.25.5. For terms A, m, n and sort s , if there is reduction $\lambda x :_s A. m \rightsquigarrow^* n$, then there exists A', m' such that there are reductions $A \rightsquigarrow^* A'$, $m \rightsquigarrow^* m'$ and $n = \lambda x :_s A'. m'$.

Corollary 4.25.6. For sorts s, t and levels i, j , if there is equality $s_i \equiv t_j$, then there is $s = t$ and $i = j$.

Corollary 4.25.7. For terms A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2 and sorts s, t , if there is equality $(x :_s A_1) \rightarrow B_1 \equiv (x :_t A_2) \rightarrow B_2$, then there are equalities $A_1 \equiv A_2$, $B_1 \equiv B_2$ and $s = t$.

Corollary 4.25.8. For terms A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2 and sorts s, t , if there is equality $(x :_s A_1) \multimap B_1 \equiv (x :_t A_2) \multimap B_2$, then there are equalities $A_1 \equiv A_2$, $B_1 \equiv B_2$ and $s = t$.

5 Context of CLC (clc_context.v)

Contexts of CLC are of the form $x_1 :_{s_1} A_1, x_2 :_{s_2} A_2, \dots, x_k :_{s_k} A_k$ where each free variable x_i is assigned a type A_i and sort s_i . Contexts will be referred to by meta variables Γ and Δ .

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{}{\epsilon \vdash} \text{WF-}\epsilon \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \quad \bar{\Gamma} \vdash A : U_i}{\Gamma, x :_U A \vdash} \text{WF-U} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \quad \bar{\Gamma} \vdash A : L_i}{\Gamma, x :_L A \vdash} \text{WF-L} \\
\\
\frac{}{|\epsilon|} \text{PURE-}\epsilon \qquad \frac{|\Gamma| \quad \Gamma \vdash A : U_i}{|\Gamma, x :_U A|} \text{PURE-U} \\
\\
\frac{}{\epsilon \dagger \epsilon \dagger \epsilon} \text{MERGE-}\epsilon \qquad \frac{\Gamma_1 \dagger \Gamma_2 \dagger \Gamma}{\Gamma_1, x :_U A \dagger \Gamma_2, x :_U A \dagger \Gamma, x :_U A} \text{MERGE-U} \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma_1 \dagger \Gamma_2 \dagger \Gamma \quad x \notin \Gamma_2}{\Gamma_1, x :_L A \dagger \Gamma_2 \dagger \Gamma, x :_L A} \text{MERGE-L1} \qquad \frac{\Gamma_1 \dagger \Gamma_2 \dagger \Gamma \quad x \notin \Gamma_1}{\Gamma_1 \dagger \Gamma_2, x :_L A \dagger \Gamma, x :_L A} \text{MERGE-L2}
\end{array}$$

5.1 Merge Lemmas

Since weakening and contraction rules will not be allowed on restricted variables, it is necessary to have lemmas that enable the manipulation of contexts.

Lemma 5.1. *For contexts $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma$, if there is $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$, then there is $\Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma$.*

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$. □

Lemma 5.2. *For any context Γ , if there is $|\Gamma|$, then there is $\Gamma \ddagger \Gamma \ddagger \Gamma$.*

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $|\Gamma|$. □

Lemma 5.3. *For any context Γ , there is $\overline{\Gamma} \ddagger \Gamma \ddagger \Gamma$.*

Proof. By induction on the structure of Γ . □

Lemma 5.4. *For any context Γ , there is $\Gamma \ddagger \overline{\Gamma} \ddagger \Gamma$.*

Proof. By induction on the structure of Γ . □

Lemma 5.5. *For contexts $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma$, if there is $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$ and $|\Gamma|$, then there is $|\Gamma_1|$ and $|\Gamma_2|$.*

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$. □

Lemma 5.6. *For contexts $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma$, if there is $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$ and $|\Gamma_1|$, then there is $\Gamma = \Gamma_2$.*

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$. □

Lemma 5.7. *For contexts $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma$, if there is $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$ and $|\Gamma_2|$, then there is $\Gamma = \Gamma_1$.*

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$. □

Lemma 5.8. *For contexts $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma$, if there is $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$, and also $|\Gamma_1|$, $|\Gamma_2|$, then there is $|\Gamma|$.*

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$. □

Lemma 5.9. *For contexts $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma$, if there is $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$, and also $|\Gamma_1|$, $|\Gamma_2|$, then there is $\Gamma_1 = \Gamma_2$.*

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$. □

Lemma 5.10. *For contexts $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma$, if there is $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$, then there is $\overline{\Gamma_1} = \overline{\Gamma}$ and $\overline{\Gamma_2} = \overline{\Gamma}$.*

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$. □

Lemma 5.11. *For any context Γ , there is $\overline{\Gamma} \ddagger \overline{\Gamma} \ddagger \overline{\Gamma}$.*

Proof. By induction on the structure of Γ . □

Lemma 5.12. *For contexts $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \Gamma, \Delta_1, \Delta_2$, if there is $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$ and $\Delta_1 \ddagger \Delta_2 \ddagger \Gamma_1$, then there exists Δ such that $\Delta_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Delta$ and $\Delta \ddagger \Delta_2 \ddagger \Gamma$.*

Proof. By induction on the derivation of $\Gamma_1 \ddagger \Gamma_2 \ddagger \Gamma$. □

5.2 Restriction and Purity Lemmas

Lemma 5.13. *For any context Γ , there is $\overline{\Gamma} = \overline{\overline{\Gamma}}$.*

Proof. By induction on the structure of Γ . □

Lemma 5.14. *For any context Γ , if there is $|\Gamma|$, then there is $\Gamma = \overline{\Gamma}$.*

Proof. By induction on the structure of Γ . □

Lemma 5.15. *For any context Γ , there is $|\overline{\Gamma}|$.*

Proof. By induction on the structure of Γ . □