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# Properties of $\lambda\Pi/\mathcal{R}$

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## Some important properties

TC	decidability of the typing relation
SN	termination of $\rightarrow_{\beta\mathcal{R}}$ from typable terms
$SR_{\beta}$	preservation of typing by $\rightarrow_{\beta}$
$SR_{\mathcal{R}}$	preservation of typing by $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}$
LCR	local confluence of $\rightarrow_{\beta\mathcal{R}}$ from arbitrary terms
CR	confluence of $\rightarrow_{\beta\mathcal{R}}$ from arbitrary terms
TCR	confluence of $\rightarrow_{\beta\mathcal{R}}$ from typable terms

Remarks:

- $CR + SR \Rightarrow TCR$
- $LCR + SN \Rightarrow CR$  (Newman's Lemma)
- $LCR + SN + SR \Rightarrow TCR$

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# Type safety, aka subject-reduction (SR) in typed programming languages

assume a typed prog. language with operational semantics  $\hookrightarrow$

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- fundamental property of *statically-typed* prog. languages
- ensure memory safety

## SR in type-based logical systems

assume a type system with cut-elimination relation  $\hookrightarrow$

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- correctness of cut-elimination
- correctness of type inference in dependent type theories

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Goal:  $\forall \Gamma, \sigma, C, \quad \Gamma \vdash l\sigma : C \quad \Rightarrow \quad \Gamma \vdash r\sigma : C \quad ?$

undecidable in  $\lambda\Pi/\mathcal{R}$  [Saillard, 2015]

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the LHS is not typable:

cons x p v	has type	$V(s\ p)$
but tail n	expects an argument of type	$V(s\ n)$

replacing p by n makes it typable but non-linear

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and thus  $A \hookrightarrow_{\beta} CA \hookrightarrow_{\beta}^* CE$  too but

$CE$  can never reduce to  $E$  ( $CE \hookrightarrow_{\beta} FCE \hookrightarrow_{\beta}^2 DE(CE) \hookrightarrow_{\beta} \dots$ )

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yet the rule preserves typing:

- let `tail n (cons x p v)` be a typable instance of the LHS
- by inversion of typing rules, we get:

$$\underbrace{\text{tail} \underbrace{n}_{:N} \left( \text{cons} \underbrace{x}_{:A} \underbrace{p}_{:N} \underbrace{v}_{:V p} \right)}_{:V n} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{:V(s p) \downarrow_{\beta \mathcal{R}}^* V(s n)} \quad \hookrightarrow \quad \underbrace{v}_{:V p}$$

- since  $V$  and  $s$  are undefined,  $V(s p) \downarrow_{\beta \mathcal{R}}^* V(s n)$  implies  $p \downarrow_{\beta \mathcal{R}}^* n$

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## Knuth-Bendix completion (1969)

Knuth-Bendix completion consists in turning a set of equations  $\mathcal{E}$  into a terminating and eventually confluent set of rewrite rules  $\mathcal{R}$  having the same equational theory by:

- turning an equation  $l = r$  into a rewrite rule  $l \hookrightarrow r$  if  $l > r$  in some fixed reduction ordering  $>$
- turning a non-confluent critical pair between two overlapping rule left hand-hides into a new equation



this may not terminate!



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Are they confluent? Not 1, 2 and 3. This creates new equations:

4.  $x + z = x + (0 + z)$     5.  $s(x + y) + z = x + (s y + z)$     ...

## Step 1: compute typability constraints $\mathcal{E}$ of the LHS

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{input} & & \text{output} \\
 \underbrace{t}_{\text{term}} & \uparrow & \underbrace{A \quad [\mathcal{E}]}_{\substack{\text{type} \\ \text{equations}}}
 \end{array}$$

$$(\text{var}) \frac{}{y \uparrow \hat{y}[\emptyset]} \quad (\hat{y} \text{ new constant for the unknown type of } y)$$

$$(\text{fun}) \frac{f : \prod x_1:T_1, \dots, \prod x_n:T_n, U \quad t_1 \uparrow A_1[\mathcal{E}_1] \quad t_n \uparrow A_n[\mathcal{E}_n]}{ft_1 \dots t_n \uparrow U\sigma[\mathcal{E}_1 \cup \dots \cup \mathcal{E}_n \cup \{A_1 = T_1\sigma, \dots, A_n = T_n\sigma\}]} \\
 \text{where } \sigma = \{x_1 \mapsto t_1, \dots, x_n \mapsto t_n\}$$

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## Step 2: turn $\mathcal{E}$ into a convergent rewrite system $\mathcal{S}$

using Knuth-Bendix completion procedure (KB)

with any well-founded order total on ground terms (e.g. LPO)

remark: KB always terminates on ground equations in this case

example:  $\hat{x} > \hat{v} > \hat{p} > \hat{n} > V > T > N > s > p > n$

$$\mathcal{E} : \quad \hat{x} = A \quad \hat{p} = N \quad \hat{v} = Vp \quad \hat{n} = N \quad V(sp) = V(sn)$$

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no it doesn't work since  $v : \hat{v}$  and  $\hat{v} \not\ll_{\beta \mathcal{RS}}^* V n$



# Step 1': simplify equations using confluence of $\hookrightarrow_{\beta\mathcal{R}}$

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because  $V$  and  $s$  are undefined, hence injective,  $\mathcal{E}$  is equivalent to:

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$$\boxed{CR + TC^- \Rightarrow SR_{\mathcal{R}}}$$

problem: confluence and termination of  $\hookrightarrow_{\beta\mathcal{R}} \cup \hookrightarrow_{\mathcal{S}}$  ?

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$\mathcal{R} = \{f(cx) \hookrightarrow x\}$

$t = \lambda x:A, fxx$

$u = ct$

Then  $tu \hookrightarrow_{\beta} f(ct)(ct) \hookrightarrow_{\mathcal{R}} tu$

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Conclusion: to prove the termination of an application, the termination of the function and of the argument is not enough

We need to prove a stronger property, **super-termination**: a term  $t : \prod x:A, B$  is super-terminating if, for all super-terminating argument  $u : A$ ,  $tu : B_x^u$  is super-terminating

As a consequence, we need to:

- interpret each type  $A$  by a set  $\llbracket A \rrbracket$  of super-terminating terms
- prove that  $t : A \Rightarrow t \in \llbracket A \rrbracket$

remark: super-termination is more usually called convertibility (Tait), reducibility (Girard) or computability (Stenlund)

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- The function  $F : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{I}$  such that

$$F(I)(T) = \begin{cases} \{t \in \mathcal{T} \mid \forall u \in I(A), tu \in I(B_x^u)\} & \text{if } T = \Pi x:A, B \\ \text{SN} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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A term is **neutral** if it is neither an abstraction nor a partially applied function symbol. Examples:  $(\lambda x:A, t)u$  and  $t + u$ .

**Lemma:** a neutral term is super-terminating if all its reducts are super-terminating.

**Proof.** Since  $t$  is neutral,  $tu$  is not reducible at the top and  $\hookrightarrow(tu) = \hookrightarrow(t)u \cup t \hookrightarrow(u)$ .

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We need to generalize the theorem again:

A substitution  $\sigma$  is super-terminating wrt  $\Gamma$ , written  $\sigma \models \Gamma$ ,  
if, for all  $(x, A) \in \Gamma$ ,  $x\sigma \in \llbracket A\sigma \rrbracket$ .

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## Dependency pairs on first-order terms

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**chain relation** on terms  $ft_1 \dots t_i$  with  $t_1, \dots, t_i$  terminating:

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**Theorem** (Arts & Giesl 2000, reformulated):

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## Dependency pairs in $\lambda\Pi/\mathcal{R}$

**dependency pairs:** idem

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**Theorem:** function symbols are super-terminating if  $\gtrsim$  terminates  
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$$\Delta \vdash_{fl_1 \dots l_n} r : B_{x_1}^{l_1} \dots B_{x_n}^{l_n}$$

where  $\vdash_{fl_1 \dots l_n}$  is similar to  $\vdash$  except that types can only be typed using symbols  $\prec f$

## Accessible theory

a well-structured theory  $(\Sigma, \mathcal{R})$  is **accessible** if, for every rule  $fl_1 \dots l_n \hookrightarrow r \in \mathcal{R}$ , with  $f : \prod x_1 : A_1, \dots, \prod x_n : A_n, B$ ,

$$\sigma \models \Delta \text{ whenever } \frac{l_1}{x_1} \dots \frac{l_n}{x_n} \sigma \models x_1 : A_1, \dots, x_n : A_n$$

(matching preserves super-termination)

example of non-accessible pattern:

$$c \ y \quad \text{with} \quad c : (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A$$

$$c(\lambda x, xx) \in \llbracket A \rrbracket = SN \text{ but } \lambda x, xx \notin \llbracket A \rightarrow B \rrbracket$$

## Termination of the chain relation $\succsim$

there exist various techniques for proving the termination of a chain relation for first or simply-typed higher-order rewriting

a simple one is size-change termination (SCT)

**Theorem:**  $\succsim$  terminates if  $\Sigma$  is finite and, in the transitive closure of the graph on  $\Sigma$  having, for each  $dp\ fl_1 \dots l_p > gm_1 \dots m_q$ , an edge from  $f$  to  $g$  labeled by the matrix  $(a_{ij})_{i \leq p, j \leq q}$  with

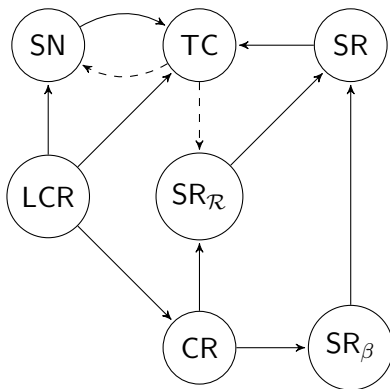
$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } l_i \triangleright m_j \\ 0 & \text{if } l_i = m_j \\ +\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

all idempotent matrices labeling a loop has some -1 on the diagonal

## Conclusion for termination



## Dependencies between properties



- - ➔ for dependency on a sub-system