

Lecture #3

The Standardization Theorem

1958 Curry/Kays for CL

1975 Plotkin for $\mathcal{P}_v, \mathcal{P}$ via 'standard sequences'

1979 Mitschke for $\mathcal{P}(q)$ via semistandardization

1975-77 Lévy via labelled λ -calculus
Bremner
Hyland

What does it say?

if $M \xrightarrow{\beta} N$ then there exists a standard reduction $\sigma: M \rightarrow_s N$

where $\sigma: M_0 \xrightarrow{\Delta_0} M_1 \dots M_i \xrightarrow{\Delta_i} M_{i+1} \rightarrow \dots M_n$

is standard (reducing the redex occurrence Δ_i at the i^{th} step)

if

$\forall i \forall j < i \ [\Delta_i \text{ is not a residual of a redex}$

to the left of Δ_j

(+)
(relative to the given reduction from M_j to M'_i)]

(Barndorff, 1984, Ch. 11 p 296; Nested parentheses in original)

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... Can we do

better ???

$$\cdot \longrightarrow_w$$

weak-head reduction

let \longrightarrow_w be the least reflexive, transitive relation

- containing \longrightarrow_β $e \longrightarrow_\beta e' \Rightarrow e \longrightarrow_w e'$
- closed under application on the right

$$e \longrightarrow_w e'$$

(*)

$$e \circ a \longrightarrow_w e' \circ a$$

NB if $\lambda e \longrightarrow_w e'$ then $e' \equiv \lambda e$ and there is no reduction

ditto. $x \longrightarrow_w e' \Rightarrow e' \equiv x$

what about $e \circ a$?

'weak head normal forms'

Plotkin 1975
Mitschke 1979

(Takeuchi 1989/95)

McKinnen/
Pollack 1993/99

Say that $M \longrightarrow_S N$ is

prep. $M \longrightarrow_i N$ is

standard } mutual
internal } inductive defn

$$\frac{M \longrightarrow_w P \longrightarrow_i N}{M \longrightarrow_S N}$$

if

$$\frac{\frac{x \longrightarrow_i x}{x \longrightarrow_i x} \quad \frac{M \longrightarrow_S N}{\lambda M \longrightarrow_i \lambda N}}{x \longrightarrow_i x} \quad (A)$$

where

$$\frac{M \longrightarrow_i M' \quad N \longrightarrow_S N'}{MN \longrightarrow_i M'N'} \quad (C)$$

"Semi-standardisation" :-
standard reduction
factors into a
weak head reduction
followed by
internal reduction

NB
in rule (A), we revert to
standard reduction under
the outermost symbol λ
in rule (C), we forbid
outermost \longrightarrow_w reduction
on the left of an application

in this last
rule: —

• Suppose we wanted $MN \longrightarrow_S M'N'$ from $M \longrightarrow_S M'$
then, inductively, we may suppose $N \longrightarrow_S N'$

$$M \longrightarrow_S P \longrightarrow_S M'$$

• but then $MN \longrightarrow_S PN$

• so provided we take $PN \longrightarrow_S M'N'$

then

$$MN \longrightarrow_S PN \longrightarrow_S M'N'$$

is a possible factorisation of $MN \longrightarrow_S M'N'$

NB

- $M \longrightarrow_S N$ satisfies property $(+)$, immediately
- if $P \longrightarrow_S N$ satisfies $(+)$, then so too does $M \longrightarrow_S P \longrightarrow_S N$
- $M \longrightarrow_S N$ satisfies $(+)$, by mutual induction

actually in $MN \rightarrow_i M'N'$ from $M \rightarrow_i M', N \rightarrow_s N'$
 we could contract all the redexes in the sequence $N \rightarrow_s N'$
before contracting the redexes in the sequence $M \rightarrow_i M'$
 (and they would therefore violate the 'spatial' invariant (+))

so to be yet more precise define \rightarrow_{li} 'left internal'
 \rightarrow_{ri} 'right internal'
 \rightarrow_i 'internal'
 (mutually with one another,
 and hence also with \rightarrow_s)

by $M \rightarrow_i N$ $P \rightarrow_s Q$ $M \rightarrow_{li} P \rightarrow_{ri} N$
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 $MP \rightarrow_{li} NP$ $NP \rightarrow_{ri} NQ$ $M \rightarrow_i N$

(and $x \rightarrow_i x$ then each of $\rightarrow_{li}, \rightarrow_{ri}, \rightarrow_i$ and \rightarrow_s
 as before)
 satisfy property (+)

we've almost
shown that

if $M \rightarrow_p N$ then $M \rightarrow_s N$

(single step)

immediate, $M \rightarrow_p N \Rightarrow M \rightarrow_s N$ \square

(var)

immediate, $x \rightarrow_s x \rightarrow_s! x$, $hy(var)$ \square

(λ)

immediate, $\rightarrow_s! \subseteq \rightarrow_s S$, $hy(var)$

(app) we've seen this by way of motivating (app) for $\rightarrow_s!$

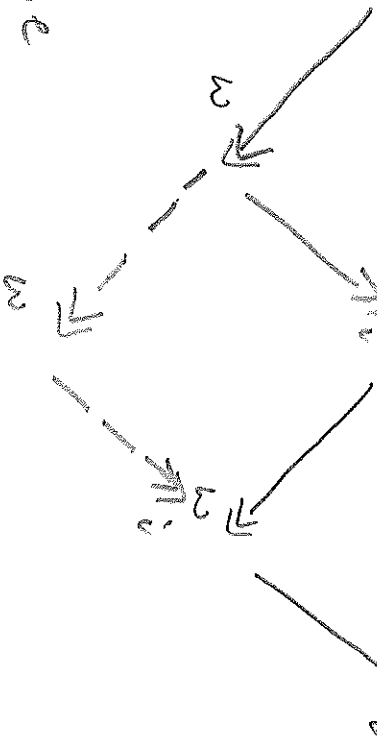
so the only thing left to show is TRANSITIVITY

(and then we are done, with \rightarrow_p as the least precongruence
containing \rightarrow_p)

(actually we also need REFLEXIVITY for \rightarrow_p - exercise!)

$$M \xrightarrow{\quad} P \xrightarrow{\quad} N$$

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from 37: 37

$$(\ast) \quad U \xrightarrow{\sim} S$$

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s to conclude (*)

idea • internal reduction \longrightarrow_i

preserves, and reflects, the shape of terms

• indeed, the property of being a preorder (∇_0)

if $M \longrightarrow_i (\lambda R) \circ S$ then $M \equiv (\lambda P) \circ Q$

where $\lambda P \longrightarrow_i \lambda R$

ie $P \longrightarrow_s R$

and $Q \longrightarrow_s S$

• so to show $(**) \quad P \longrightarrow_s R \quad Q \longrightarrow_s S$

we need

$$(\lambda P) \circ Q \longrightarrow_p P[Q] \longrightarrow_s R[S]$$



finally

$$P \xrightarrow{w} W \xrightarrow{i} R \quad \text{from } P \xrightarrow{s} R$$

$$\text{so } P[Q] \xrightarrow{w} W[Q] \quad (\text{exercise})$$

So we may conclude the proof of (**), and hence of (*),
and hence of transitivity of \xrightarrow{s}

provided

$$\boxed{P \xrightarrow{i/s} R}$$

$$Q \xrightarrow{s} S$$

are last mutual

$$P[Q] \xrightarrow{s} R[S]$$

induction on

$$\boxed{P \xrightarrow{i} R}$$

$$\text{rep. } \boxed{P \xrightarrow{s} R}$$

now \xrightarrow{s} is a reflexive, transitive relation closed under $(\lambda), (c)$

$$\text{hence } M \xrightarrow{p} N \Rightarrow M \xrightarrow{s} N$$



more on normal forms

normal forms
may be inductively
characterised

$$\equiv \text{nf}_P x$$

$$\equiv \frac{\text{nf}_P e}{\text{nf}_P (\lambda e)}$$

$$\equiv \frac{\text{nf}_P e \quad \text{nf}_P a}{\text{nf}_P (e \cdot a)} \quad (e \neq \lambda e')$$

alternatively
(neutral/normal)

$$\equiv \text{ne}_P x$$

$$\equiv \frac{\text{ne}_P e \quad \text{nf}_P a}{\text{ne}_P (e \cdot a)}$$

$$\equiv \frac{\text{ne}_P e \quad \text{nf}_P e}{\text{nf}_P e} \quad \frac{\text{nf}_P e}{\text{nf}_P (\lambda e)}$$

normal forms

$$\equiv \text{wnf}_P x$$

$$\equiv \text{wnf}_P (\lambda e)$$

$$\equiv \frac{\text{wnf}_P e \quad (e \neq \lambda e')}{\text{wnf}_P (e \cdot a)}$$

alternatively

define 'weakly normal' and wnf_P (exercise)

Further remarks

- \longrightarrow_i preserves (and reflects) weak head normal forms
- normal forms are weak head normal forms

so we have as Corollaries

- leftmost reduction
if $M \longrightarrow_p N$ and $\text{nf}_p N$
then $\exists W. M \longrightarrow_w W, \text{whnf}_p W, W \longrightarrow_i N$

- quasi-normalisation
if $\nexists N. \text{nf}_p N, M \longrightarrow_p N$ "M has no β -nf"
then $\forall W. M \longrightarrow_w W \Rightarrow \neg \text{whnf}_p W$

a characterisation of reduction to normal form as usual

$$\begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{nf} \\ \xrightarrow{s} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{nf} \\ \xrightarrow{i} \end{array} \quad \text{mutually}$$

by $M \xrightarrow{s}^{nf} N = \exists w. whnf\ w, M \xrightarrow{w} \xrightarrow{i}^{nf} N$

and for applications

$$\frac{M \xrightarrow{i}^{nf} M' \neq \lambda P \quad N \xrightarrow{i}^{nf} N'}{MN \xrightarrow{i}^{nf} M'N'} \quad (\text{otherwise no})$$

then $M \xrightarrow{s}^{nf} N$ iff $M \xrightarrow{s} N$ and $whfp\ N$

the premise $M \xrightarrow{i}^{nf} M' \neq \lambda P$ is equivalent to

$$M \xrightarrow{i} M' \text{ and } whp\ M'$$

Also

• we have exactly analogous results for \rightarrow_h head reduction

satisfies

$$\frac{M \rightarrow_p N}{M \rightarrow_h N} \quad \frac{M \rightarrow_h N}{M \rightarrow_h N} \quad \frac{M \rightarrow_h N}{\lambda M \rightarrow_h \lambda N}$$

with appropriate adjustments to \rightarrow_i : $M \rightarrow_i N$

$$\lambda M \rightarrow_i \lambda N$$

• also for CL, taking $KMN \rightarrow_w M$, $SPQR \rightarrow_w (PR)(QR)$
as primitive \rightarrow_w steps, together with 'Dennis' \rightarrow_i above

• also for CL + γ , taking $\gamma \rightarrow_i \gamma$ and $\gamma M \rightarrow_w M(\gamma M)$
as primitive

etc.

• also for $\lambda_p + \Omega$ with $\Omega \rightarrow_i \Omega$, $\lambda \Omega \rightarrow_h \Omega$, $\Omega P \rightarrow_h \Omega$

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