

# Fully abstract semantics of $\lambda\mu$ in the $\pi$ -calculus

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- We will define a number of (weak) equivalences for  $\lambda\mu$  that all correspond, and are respected by our interpretation with respect to contextual equivalence on processes, in a fully abstract way.

# Parigot's $\lambda\mu$

Terms:  $M, N ::= x \mid \lambda x.M \mid MN \mid \mu\alpha.[\beta]M$

Type assignment:  $A, B ::= \varphi \mid A \rightarrow B$

$$(Ax) : \frac{}{\Gamma, x:A \vdash x:A \mid \Delta} \quad (\mu) : \frac{\Gamma \vdash M:B \mid \alpha:A, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \mu\alpha.[\beta]M:A \mid \beta:B+\Delta} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M:B \mid \alpha:A, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \mu\alpha.[\alpha]M:A \mid \Delta}$$

$$(\rightarrow I) : \frac{\Gamma, x:A \vdash M:B \mid \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.M : A \rightarrow B \mid \Delta} \quad (\rightarrow E) : \frac{\Gamma \vdash M:A \rightarrow B \mid \Delta \quad \Gamma \vdash N:A \mid \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash MN:B \mid \Delta}$$

Reduction: *logical* :  $(\lambda x.M)N \rightarrow M[N/x]$

*structural* :  $(\mu\alpha.[\beta]M)N \rightarrow \mu\gamma.([\beta]M[N \cdot \gamma/\alpha])$

where  $M[N \cdot \gamma/\alpha]$  is the structural substitution, defined by

$$([\alpha]M)[N \cdot \gamma/\alpha] \triangleq [\gamma](M[N \cdot \gamma/\alpha])N$$

etc.

# $\lambda\mu\mathbf{x}$ : $\lambda\mu$ with explicit substitution

We make both substitutions explicit:

$$M, N ::= x \mid \lambda x.M \mid MN \mid M\langle x := N \rangle \mid \mu\alpha.[\beta]M \mid M\langle \alpha := N.\gamma \rangle$$

Reduction  $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{x}}$  rules change accordingly, as in, for example,

$$\begin{aligned} x\langle x := L \rangle &\rightarrow L & M\langle x := L \rangle &\rightarrow M & x &\notin \text{fv}(M) \\ (MN)\langle x := L \rangle &\rightarrow M\langle x := L \rangle N\langle x := L \rangle \\ ([\alpha]M)\langle \alpha := N.\gamma \rangle &\rightarrow [\gamma](M\langle \alpha := N.\gamma \rangle) N \\ (PQ)\langle \alpha := N.\gamma \rangle &\rightarrow P\langle \alpha := N.\gamma \rangle Q\langle \alpha := N.\gamma \rangle \end{aligned}$$

For type assignment, we add the rules

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{T-cut}) &: \frac{\Gamma, x:A \vdash M:B \mid \Delta \quad \Gamma \vdash N:A \mid \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash M\langle x := N \rangle : B \mid \Delta} \\ (\mathbf{C-cut}) &: \frac{\Gamma \vdash M:C \mid \alpha:A \rightarrow B, \Delta \quad \Gamma \vdash N:A \mid \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash M\langle \alpha := N.\gamma \rangle : C \mid \gamma:B + \Delta} \end{aligned}$$



# Explicit head reduction for $\lambda\mu\mathbf{x}$

We define *explicit head reduction*  $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{xH}}$  on  $\lambda\mu\mathbf{x}$  as  $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{x}}$ , but for:

1.  $(PQ) \langle x := N \rangle \rightarrow (P \langle x := N \rangle Q) \langle x := N \rangle$   
 $(PQ) \langle \alpha := N \cdot \gamma \rangle \rightarrow (P \langle \alpha := N \cdot \gamma \rangle Q) \langle \alpha := N \cdot \gamma \rangle$

2. We add two substitution rules:

$$M \langle x := N \rangle \langle y := L \rangle \rightarrow M \langle y := L \rangle \langle x := N \rangle \langle y := L \rangle \quad x = hv(M)$$
$$M \langle \alpha := N \cdot \gamma \rangle \langle \beta := L \cdot \delta \rangle \rightarrow M \langle \beta := L \cdot \delta \rangle \langle \alpha := N \cdot \gamma \rangle \langle \beta := L \cdot \delta \rangle \quad \alpha = hn(M)$$

3. We remove the contextual rules:

$$M \rightarrow N \Rightarrow \begin{cases} LM & \rightarrow LN \\ L \langle x := M \rangle & \rightarrow L \langle x := N \rangle \\ L \langle \alpha := M \cdot \gamma \rangle & \rightarrow L \langle \alpha := N \cdot \gamma \rangle \end{cases}$$

The last change makes  $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{xH}}$  a *head* reduction; it is not lazy, since we allow reduction under  $\lambda$ . Only the head variable of a term ever gets replaced; the substitution for the other occurrences is ‘pending’.

# The $\pi$ -calculus with pairing

**Definition** *Channel names* and *data* are defined by:

$a, b, c, d, x, y, z$       *names*       $p ::= a \mid \langle a, b \rangle$       *data*

$P, Q ::= 0$	<i>Nil</i>	$a(x).P$	<i>Input</i>
$P \mid Q$	<i>Composition</i>	$\bar{a}\langle p \rangle.P$	<i>Output</i>
$!P$	<i>Replication</i>	$\text{let } \langle x, y \rangle = z \text{ in } P$	<i>Let construct</i>
$(\nu a)P$	<i>Restriction</i>		

We write  $a(y, z).P$  for  $a(x). \text{let } \langle y, z \rangle = x \text{ in } P$ ,  $\bar{a}\langle b, c \rangle.P$  for  $\bar{a}\langle\langle b, c \rangle\rangle.P$ , and  $(\nu mn)P$  for  $(\nu m)(\nu n)P$ .

We extend congruence by:  $\text{let } \langle x, y \rangle = \langle a, b \rangle \text{ in } R \equiv R[a/x, b/y]$ .

We write  $P \sim_c Q$  (and call  $P$  and  $Q$  *contextually equivalent*): for all contexts  $C[\cdot]$ , and for all  $n$ ,  $C[P] \Downarrow n \iff C[Q] \Downarrow n$ , where  $C[P] \Downarrow n$  stands for  $C[P]$  will eventually *output* on  $n$ .

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This is the encoding of [vBV-CONCUR'09]; we name the implicit output of terms with  $a$  (where  $x \rightarrow a$  stands for  $x(\tau w). \bar{a}\langle \tau w \rangle$ .)

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$\mu$ -abstraction and naming need no extra construction! : the  $\pi$ -calculus is 'classical' enough on its own.

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Here  $\llbracket \beta := N \cdot \gamma \rrbracket$  needs to ‘feed’ the parts ‘called’  $\beta$  in  $\llbracket M \rrbracket a$  with  $\llbracket N \cdot \gamma \rrbracket$ , in the same way that  $c(\nu, d). (\llbracket x := N \rrbracket \mid d \rightarrow a)$  ‘feeds’  $\llbracket M \rrbracket c$  with  $\llbracket N \cdot a \rrbracket$ , so ...

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Notice that  $\beta$  might be used as name for more than one subterm of  $M$ , so we need to replicate the ‘explicit structural substitution’.

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Since for  $M \in \lambda\mu$ ,  $c$  might be used inside  $\llbracket M \rrbracket c$  as well, i.e. is not just the name of the term itself, we need to replicate also the  $c(v, d). (\llbracket v := N \rrbracket \mid !d \rightarrow a)$ , as well as the forwarder  $d \rightarrow a$ .



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As is the case for Milner's translation and in contrast to the interpretation for the  $\lambda$ -calculus, a guard is placed on the replicated terms. This is to make sure that  $(\nu x) (\llbracket x := N \rrbracket) \sim_{\mathbf{c}} 0$ .

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Notice the similarity between

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Structural substitution is a distributed application! Therefore ...

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This is the encoding of  $\lambda\mu\mathbf{x}$ .

# (Classical) Type Assignment for $\pi$

$$\begin{array}{l}
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 (v) : \frac{P : \Gamma, a:A \vdash a:A, \Delta}{(va) P : \Gamma \vdash \Delta} \quad (pair-out) : \frac{}{\bar{a}\langle b, c \rangle : b:A \vdash a:A \rightarrow B, c:B} \\
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 (W) : \frac{P : \Gamma \vdash \Delta}{P : \Gamma' \vdash \Delta'} \quad (2) \quad (in) : \frac{P : \Gamma, x:A \vdash x:A, \Delta}{a(x). P : \Gamma + a:A \vdash \Delta}
 \end{array}$$

$$(1) \ y, z \notin \Delta; x \notin \Gamma; \quad (2) \ \Gamma' \supseteq \Gamma, \Delta' \supseteq \Delta.$$

This system is not trivial:

$$(vc) \ (x(u). !u \rightarrow c \mid !c(v, d). (! (v\tau) \bar{v}\langle w \rangle. x(u). !u \rightarrow w \mid !d \rightarrow a))$$

is not typeable.

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(*Termination*) : 1. If  $M \rightarrow_{\mathbf{xH}}^{nf} N$ , then  $\llbracket M \rrbracket a \downarrow_{\pi}$ .

2. If  $M \rightarrow_{\beta\mu}^{nf} N$ , then  $\llbracket M \rrbracket a \downarrow_{\pi}$ .

3. Let  $M \in \Lambda\mu$ . If  $\llbracket M \rrbracket a \downarrow_{\pi}$  then there exists  $N \in \lambda\mu\mathbf{x}$  and  $L$  in  $\rightarrow_{\beta\mu}^*$ -head normal form such that  $\llbracket M \rrbracket a \sim_C \llbracket N \rrbracket a$ , and  $M \rightarrow_{\mathbf{xH}}^{nf} N$  and  $N \rightarrow_{\mathbf{xH}}^{nf} L$ .

# How about full abstraction?

The results of [vBV-IFIPTCS'12] essentially show:  $M \rightarrow_{XH}^{nf} N$  if and only if  $\llbracket M \rrbracket a \rightarrow_{RG}^{nf} \llbracket N \rrbracket a$ .

Can we improve on this? Can we relate our encoding also to more traditional notions of equality, like  $=_{\beta\mu}$ ?

First of all, take  $\Delta = \lambda x.xx$  and  $\Omega = \lambda y.yyy$ , then we can show that  $\llbracket \Delta\Delta \rrbracket a \sim_c \llbracket \Omega\Omega \rrbracket a$  so both can never *input* nor *output*. But then:

$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket \lambda z.\Delta\Delta \rrbracket a && \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \\ & (\nu z b) (\llbracket \Delta\Delta \rrbracket b \mid \bar{a}\langle z, b \rangle) && \sim_c \\ & (\nu z b) (\llbracket \Omega\Omega \rrbracket b \mid \bar{a}\langle z, b \rangle) && \stackrel{\Delta}{=} \\ & \llbracket \lambda z.\Omega\Omega \rrbracket a \end{aligned}$$

So we would need  $\lambda z.\Delta\Delta$  and  $\lambda z.\Omega\Omega$  to be equivalent in  $\lambda\mu$ : we need a notion of *weak* equivalence between terms, based on a notion of *weak* (lazy) head-normal forms: we need  $\lambda\mu$ -Lévy-Longo trees.

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We define  $\sim_{\beta\mu}^w$  as the smallest congruence that contains:

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda x.M)N &\sim_{\beta\mu}^w M[N/x] \\ (\mu\alpha.M)N &\sim_{\beta\mu}^w \mu\gamma.M[N\cdot\gamma/\alpha] \ (\gamma \text{ fresh}) \\ \mu\alpha.[\beta]\mu\gamma.[\delta]M &\sim_{\beta\mu}^w \mu\alpha.[\delta]M[\beta/\gamma] \\ \mu\alpha.[\alpha]M &\sim_{\beta\mu}^w M \quad \text{if } \alpha \notin M \\ M, N \text{ have no weak hnf} &\Rightarrow M \sim_{\beta\mu}^w N \end{aligned}$$

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The other cases are similar.

# Weak Approximation Semantics for $\lambda\mu$

1. The set of  $\lambda\mu$ 's *weak approximants*  $\mathcal{A}_w$  wrt  $\rightarrow_{\beta\mu}$  is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} A ::= & \perp \mid \lambda x.A \mid xA_1 \cdots A_n \quad (n \geq 0) \\ & \mid \mu\alpha.[\beta]A \quad (\alpha \neq \beta \text{ or } \alpha \notin A, A \neq \mu\gamma.[\delta]A', A \neq \perp) \end{aligned}$$

Notice that, in  $\lambda x.A$ , the body  $A$  can be  $\perp$ : this characterises *weak* hnf.

2. The relation  $\sqsubseteq \subseteq \mathcal{A}_w \times \lambda\mu$  is defined as the smallest preorder that is the compatible extension of  $\perp \sqsubseteq M$ .
3. The set of *weak approximants* of  $M$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_w(M)$ , is defined as:

$$\{A \in \mathcal{A}_w \mid \exists N \in \lambda\mu [M \rightarrow_{\beta\mu}^* N \ \& \ A \sqsubseteq N]\}$$

4.  $M \sim_A^w N \triangleq \mathcal{A}_w(M) = \mathcal{A}_w(N)$ .

Notice that  $\mathcal{A}_w(\lambda z.\Delta\Delta) = \{\perp, \lambda z.\perp\} = \mathcal{A}_w(\lambda z.\Omega\Omega)$ . We can define the  *$\lambda\mu$ -Lévy-Longo tree* for  $M$  by  $\sqcup \mathcal{A}_w(M)$ .



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So, although the  $\pi$  *implements only* the explicit head reduction for  $\lambda\mu$ , our interpretation  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket \cdot$  gives a fully-abstract semantics.

# Questions

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