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# SEMANTICS OF THE TYPED $\lambda$ -CALCULUS WITH SUBSTITUTION IN A CARTESIAN CLOSED CATEGORY.

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**Abstract:** Two versions of semantics of the typed  $\lambda$ -calculus with substitution are given. The first uses a global environments object which is the domain of all interpreted terms, while the second uses individual environments objects for each term. The algebraic properties of the environments object(s) play a central role in showing that the interpretation function is invariant under the operational semantics given by substitution.

# SEMANTIQUE DU $\lambda$ -CALCUL TYPÉ AVEC SUBSTITUTION DANS UNE CATEGORIE CARTESIENNE FERMÉE .

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**Resumé:** On donne deux versions de sémantique du  $\lambda$ -calcul typé avec substitution. La première se sert d'un objet d'environnements globale qui est le domaine de tous termes interprétés. Dans la deuxième version il y a des objets d'environnements individuels pour chaque terme. Les propriétés algébriques des objets d'environnements jouent un rôle principal dans la démonstration de l'invariance de la fonction d'interprétation sous la sémantique opérationnelle donnée par substitution.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

By the typed  $\lambda$ -calculus with substitution, we mean the ordinary typed lambda calculus with explicit substitution as in [Abadi et al 90] and [Hardin and Lévy 90] except that we treat the usual lambda calculus with explicit variables (Cf. Hindley and Seldin, 86] whereas their work is all done with de Bruijn notation. The usual rule for  $\beta$ -reduction which says that  $(\lambda x . f) g \Rightarrow [g / x] f$  treats the substitution of  $g$  for  $x$  in  $f$  as a one step process, even though this substitution is defined by recursive rules depending on the structure of  $f$ . It is assumed that these steps are carried out in some meta-realm, independent of the reduction steps involved in  $\beta$ -reducing a term to normal form. But, it is a familiar feature of computer implementations of the  $\lambda$ -calculus that this optimistic assumption leads to many difficulties. (See [Gray 91a and 91b].) For instance, [Hardin and Lévy 90] is the first place where it is shown that if substitutions are explicitly included in the rewrite rules, then they result in a confluent system. (Note that this is specifically for de Bruijn syntax.) We are not concerned with such syntactic results here, but rather with describing a semantics with values in a cartesian closed category for this situation. This aspect of semantics is totally ignored in the standard treatment of the  $\lambda$ -calculus in [Lambek and Scott 86] to which we refer the interested reader. Here we study the *environment* model of the typed lambda calculus in a cartesian closed category. It turns out that there is an *algebra of environments* whose properties are exactly what is needed to interpret substitutions. There are two kinds of environment models, those based on *global environments* and those based on *local environments*. Both kinds are treated here. The collection of rewrite rules for the typed  $\lambda$ -calculus with substitution determines an *operational semantics* for it, symbolized by  $f \Rightarrow g$ . The *denotational semantics* in a cartesian closed category  $\mathbf{C}$  is indicated by  $[[f]]_{\mathbf{C}}$ , which assigns objects in  $\mathbf{C}$  to types and morphisms in  $\mathbf{C}$  to terms. The main result is that

$$\text{if } f \Rightarrow g, \text{ then } [[f]]_{\mathbf{C}} = [[g]]_{\mathbf{C}};$$

i.e., if terms are operationally equivalent, then their denotations in any cartesian closed category are equal.

## 2 THE SYNTAX AND OPERATIONAL SEMANTICS OF THE $\lambda$ -CALCULUS WITH SUBSTITUTION.

### 2.1 Syntax.

Substitution is a basic ingredient on the lambda calculus, and its analysis in this context is one of the main contributions of the  $\lambda$ -calculus to general mathematical understanding. It is the main ingredient of the *operational semantics* of the lambda calculus.

**2.1.1 Definition.** A *typed  $\lambda$ -calculus*  $L$  consists of types and terms of each type.

i) The set Type of types is given recursively as follows:

a) There is a finite or countable set  $B$  of basic types

b) If  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  are types then  $[\sigma \rightarrow \tau]$  is a type.

A grammar for types is given by:  $\tau ::= b \mid [\tau \rightarrow \tau]$ , where  $b \in B$ .

ii) For each type  $\tau$ , there are

a) a countable set,  $\text{Var}^{\tau}$ , of variables of type  $\tau$ ,

b) a finite or countable set,  $\text{Const}^{\tau}$ , of constants of type  $\tau$ , and

- c) the set,  $\text{Atom}^\tau = \text{Var}^\tau + \text{Const}^\tau$ , of atoms of type  $\tau$ .
- iii) Write  $f : \tau$  for "f is a term of type  $\tau$ ". The set  $\text{Terms}^\tau$  of terms of type  $\tau$  is described recursively as follows:
  - a)  $\text{Terms}^\tau \supseteq \text{Atom}^\tau$
  - b) If  $f : [\sigma \rightarrow \tau]$  and  $g : \sigma$ , then  $(f g) : \tau$ ;
  - c) If  $g : \tau$  and  $x \in \text{Var}^\sigma$ , then  $(\lambda x : \sigma . g) : [\sigma \rightarrow \tau]$ ;
- iv) If  $\text{Const}^\tau = \emptyset$  for all types  $\tau$ , then L is called a *pure typed  $\lambda$  calculus*.

A grammar for terms is given by:  $f ::= x \mid c \mid (f f) \mid (\lambda x . f)$ , where  $x$  is a variable and  $c$  is a constant. Only terms satisfying the above type restrictions are admitted in this grammar. (Actually, there should be separate, interlinked grammars for each type.)

Note that if  $B = \emptyset$ , then there are no types at all, and hence no terms. This is an acceptable case, giving the empty  $\lambda$ -calculus.

An important role is played by the free variable function FV which takes terms to finite sets of variables. The following notation will be used in order to describe it succinctly.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var} &= \bigcup_{\tau \in \text{Type}} \text{Var}^\tau, \quad \text{Const} = \bigcup_{\tau \in \text{Type}} \text{Const}^\tau \\ \text{Pf}(\text{Var}) &= \text{the set of finite subsets of Var.} \\ \text{Terms} &= \bigcup_{\tau \in \text{Type}} \text{Terms}^\tau. \end{aligned}$$

$\text{type} : \text{Terms} \rightarrow \text{Type}$  is the function taking terms of type  $\tau$  to  $\tau$ .

Thus,  $f : \sigma$  if and only if  $\text{type}(f) = \sigma$ .

**2.1.2 Definition.**  $\text{FV} : \text{Terms} \rightarrow \text{Pf}(\text{Var})$  is the function defined by structural recursion as follows:

- i) If  $x \in \text{Var}$ , then  $\text{FV}(x) = \{x\}$ .
- ii) If  $c \in \text{Const}$ , then  $\text{FV}(c) = \emptyset$ .
- iii)  $\text{FV}((f g)) = \text{FV}(f) \cup \text{FV}(g)$ .
- iv)  $\text{FV}((\lambda x . g)) = \text{FV}(g) - \{x\}$ .

A term  $f$  is called *closed* or a *program* if  $\text{FV}(f) = \emptyset$ .

## 2.2 Operational semantics.

**2.2.1 Definition.** (Operational semantics) The operational semantics consists of some of the following rewrite rules. We use " $\Rightarrow$ " here to mean the left hand side rewrites to the right hand side in a single step. The transitive closure of  $\Rightarrow$  is written as  $\Rightarrow^*$ .

- i) ( $\alpha$  - conversion)  $(\lambda x . f) \Rightarrow (\lambda y . [y / x] f)$  providing  $y \notin \text{FV}(f)$ .
- ii) ( $\beta$  - conversion)  $(\lambda x . f) g \Rightarrow [g / x] f$ . (See below.)
- iii) ( $\eta$  - conversion)  $(\lambda x . f) x \Rightarrow f$  (or the reverse rule)
- iv) (rewrite schemes)

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{a) } \frac{h \Rightarrow k}{(h g) \Rightarrow (k g)} & \text{b) } \frac{h \Rightarrow k}{(f h) \Rightarrow (f k)} & \text{c) } \frac{f \Rightarrow g}{(\lambda x . f) \Rightarrow (\lambda x . g)} \end{array}$$

- v) ( $\delta$  - conversion) Special rewrite rules for constants.

**2.2.2 Definition.** Let  $x \in \text{Var}$  and  $f, g \in \text{Terms}$  with  $\text{type}(x) = \text{type}(f)$ . Then the operation  $[f/x]g$  of *substituting f for x in g* is defined recursively by the rules:

- i)  $[f/x]c \Rightarrow c$  if  $c$  is a constant
- ii)  $[f/x]x \Rightarrow f$
- iii)  $[f/x]y \Rightarrow y$  if  $y \neq x$  and  $y$  is a variable
- iv)  $[f/x](hk) \Rightarrow ([f/x]h)([f/x]k)$
- v)  $[f/x](\lambda x. g) \Rightarrow (\lambda x. g)$  (i.e., don't substitute for bound variables.)
- vi)  $[f/x](\lambda y. g) \Rightarrow (\lambda y. [f/x]g)$  if  $x \neq y$  and  $y \notin \text{FV}(f)$
- vii)  $[f/x](\lambda y. g) \Rightarrow (\lambda z. [f/x][z/y]g)$  if  $x \neq y$  and  $y \in \text{FV}(f)$ ,  
 where  $z \neq x, z \neq y, \text{type}(z) = \text{type}(y)$ , and  $z \notin \text{FV}[f] \cup \text{FV}[g]$ .  
 (This prevents the capture of free variables.)

**2.2.3 Definition.** The *pure  $\lambda$ -calculus with substitution* (based on a set  $B$  of basic types)  $L$  is the  $\lambda$ -calculus in which

- i) The set of basic types is  $B$ .
- ii) There are no constant terms.
- iii) The rewrite rules are given by  $\alpha$ -conversion,  $\beta$ -conversion, and the three rules in 2.2.1 iv).
- iv) Substitution is given the rules in 2.2.2.

### 3. DENOTATIONAL SEMANTICS FOR THE TYPED $\lambda$ -CALCULUS WITH SUBSTITUTION: THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT MODEL.

Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be a cartesian closed category with countable products. A global environment model, denotational semantics for  $L$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ , consists of an interpretation of types in  $L$  as objects in  $\mathbf{C}$  and terms as morphisms in  $\mathbf{C}$  whose domains are all equal to an *environment object* in  $\mathbf{C}$  and whose codomains depend on their types. To express things in a simple form, we need some notation describing what happens to products when their sets of indices are changed.

#### 3.1 Definition.

- i) Let  $I$  and  $J$  be index sets and let  $h : J \rightarrow I$  be a function. If  $\{X_i : i \in I\}$  is a family of objects in a category  $\mathbf{C}$  with products, then  $\text{pr}_h : \prod_{i \in I} X_i \rightarrow \prod_{j \in J} X_{h(j)}$  denotes the morphism, called a *generalized projection*, that is uniquely determined by the requirement that  $\text{pr}_j \circ \text{pr}_h = \text{pr}_{h(j)}$ ; i.e.,  $\text{pr}_h = \langle \text{pr}_{h(j)} \mid j \in J \rangle$ , where  $\text{pr}_j$  is the  $j$ -th projection morphism. Notice that if an element  $i \in I$  is replaced by its name,  $\text{name}(i) : 1 \rightarrow I$ , then  $\text{pr}_i = \text{pr}_{\text{name}(i)}$ .
- ii) In particular, if  $h$  is the inclusion of a subset  $J$  into  $I$ , then  $\text{pr}_J = \text{pr}_h : \prod_{i \in I} X_i \rightarrow \prod_{i \in J} X_i$ .
- iii) If  $h$  is the inclusion of the complement of a single element  $i_0$  of  $I$ , then  $\text{pr}_I \wedge = \text{pr}_{I - \{i_0\}} : \prod_{i \in I} X_i \rightarrow \prod_{i \in I - \{i_0\}} X_i$ .

#### 3.2 Definition.

Let  $L$  be a pure  $\lambda$ -calculus with substitution based on  $B$ .

- i) A *type interpretation* of  $L$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  consists of a function  $D : \text{Type} \rightarrow \text{obj}(\mathbf{C})$  such that
  - a) If  $b \in B$ , then  $D(b) \in \text{obj}(\mathbf{C})$  is some user chosen object in  $\mathbf{C}$ .

$$b) D([\sigma \rightarrow \tau] = [D(\sigma) \rightarrow D(\tau)]_{\mathbf{C}}.$$

We frequently write  $D_{\sigma}$  for  $D(\sigma)$ .

ii) The object of *global environments* is the product  $\text{Env} = \prod_{x \in \text{Var}} D_{\text{type}(x)}$ .

iii) If  $f \in \text{Terms}$ , then the object of *local environments for f* is the product

$$\text{Env}(f) = \prod_{x \in \text{FV}(f)} D_{\text{type}(x)}.$$

In order to describe the interpretation of terms in  $\mathbf{C}$ , we need an operation of updating an environment. The usual expression,  $\rho[ d / x ]$ , for an updated environment depends on an environment  $\rho$ , a variable  $x$ , and an element  $d$  in  $D_{\text{type}(x)}$ , and produces a new environment, so it can be regarded as a function from  $\text{Env} \times D_{\text{type}(x)}$  to  $\text{Env}$ . Since  $\text{Env}$  is defined as a product in  $\mathbf{C}$ , morphisms into it are determined by their projections onto each factor.

**3.3 Definition.** For each  $x \in \text{Var}$ ,  $\text{update}_x : \text{Env} \times D_{\text{type}(x)} \rightarrow \text{Env}$  is the unique morphism such that for every  $w \in \text{Var}$ ,  $\text{pr}_w \circ \text{update}_x = \text{pr}_w \circ \text{pr}_1$  if  $w \neq x$ , and  $\text{pr}_x \circ \text{update}_x = \text{pr}_2$ ; i.e.,  $\text{update}_x = \langle u_w \mid w \in \text{Var} \rangle$  where  $u_w = \text{pr}_w \circ \text{pr}_1$  if  $w \neq x$  and  $u_x = \text{pr}_2$ . Here,  $\text{pr}_1$  and  $\text{pr}_2$  refer to the projections from the product  $\text{Env} \times D_{\text{type}(x)}$  to its two factors.

### 3.4 Definition.

For each type  $\tau$ , the *term interpretation* function  $[[ - ]]_{\tau} : \text{Terms}^{\tau} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}(\text{Env}, D_{\tau})$  is defined recursively by the clauses:

i)  $[[ x : \tau ]]_{\tau} = \text{pr}_x : \text{Env} \rightarrow D_{\tau}$ .

ii) If  $f : [\sigma \rightarrow \tau]$  and  $g : \sigma$ , then

$$[[ (f g) ]]_{\tau} = \text{app}_{\sigma, \tau} \circ \langle [[ f ]]_{[\sigma \rightarrow \tau]}, [[ g ]]_{\sigma} \rangle : \text{Env} \rightarrow D_{\tau}$$

iii) If  $f : \tau$ , then

$$[[ \lambda x : \sigma . f ]]_{[\sigma \rightarrow \tau]} = \text{curry}([ [ f ] ]_{\tau} \circ \text{update}_x) : \text{Env} \rightarrow [D_{\sigma} \rightarrow D_{\tau}].$$

Part ii) makes sense since  $[[ f ]]_{[\sigma \rightarrow \tau]} : \text{Env} \rightarrow [D_{\sigma} \rightarrow D_{\tau}]$  and  $[[ g ]]_{\sigma} : \text{Env} \rightarrow D_{\sigma}$  so  $\langle [[ f ]]_{[\sigma \rightarrow \tau]}, [[ g ]]_{\sigma} \rangle : \text{Env} \rightarrow [D_{\sigma} \rightarrow D_{\tau}] \times D_{\sigma}$ . To make sense of part iii), we have to clarify what morphism is being curried. But if  $\sigma = \text{type}(x)$ , then  $\text{update}_x : \text{Env} \times D_{\sigma} \rightarrow \text{Env}$ , so  $[[ f ]]_{\tau} \circ \text{update}_x : \text{Env} \times D_{\sigma} \rightarrow D_{\tau}$ .

If, instead of  $\text{update}_x$ , we use the curried version,  $\text{update}_x^{\#} : \text{Env} \rightarrow [D_{\text{type}(x)} \rightarrow \text{Env}]$ , then there is an equally nice formula for the semantics of an abstraction:

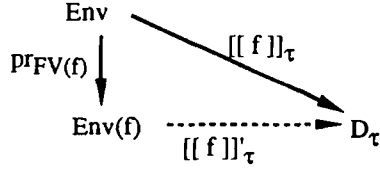
$$[[ \lambda x : \sigma . f ]]_{[\sigma \rightarrow \tau]} = [\text{id}_{D_{\sigma}} \rightarrow [[ f ]]_{\tau}] \circ \text{update}_x^{\#} : \text{Env} \rightarrow [D_{\sigma} \rightarrow D_{\tau}].$$

However, the operations described in 3.7 for the environments algebra no longer have a reasonable and easily recognizable form, so we don't use this formulation here.

Our main goal is to show that the intended meaning of the  $\lambda$ -calculus embodied in the rewrite rules that constitute the operational semantics of the language agrees with denotational semantics given by the interpretation function. Thus, we want to show that if  $f \Rightarrow^* g$  then  $[[ f ]] = [[ g ]]$ . It is, of course, sufficient to prove this for a single step  $f \Rightarrow g$ . Some preliminary results are required before this can be carried out.

**3.5 Proposition.** If  $f : \tau$ , then  $[[f]]_\tau : \text{Env} \rightarrow D_\tau$  factors through  $\text{Env}(f)$ . (I.e.,  $[[f]]_\tau$  depends only on the free variables of  $f$ .)

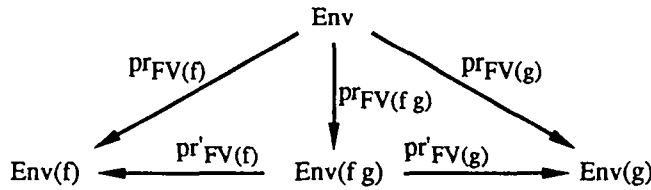
**Proof.** It must be shown that  $[[f]]_\tau = [[f]]'_\tau \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)}$  for some suitable morphism  $[[f]]'_\tau : \text{Env}(f) \rightarrow D_\tau$ ; i.e., that there is a commutative diagram



This is proven by structural induction on the form of  $f$ .

- i)  $[[x : \tau]]_\tau = \text{pr}_x = \text{id} \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(x:\tau)}$
- ii)  $[[f g]]_\tau = \text{app}_{\sigma, \tau} \circ \langle [[f]]_{[\sigma \rightarrow \tau]}, [[g]]_\sigma \rangle$

But,  $\text{FV}(fg) = \text{FV}(f) \cup \text{FV}(g)$  so there are commutative diagrams of projections:

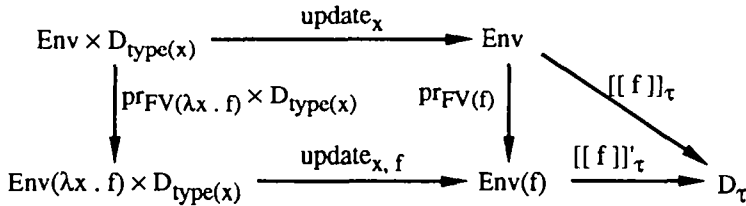


where, for instance,  $\text{pr}'_{\text{FV}(f)}$  corresponds to the inclusion  $\text{FV}(f) \rightarrow \text{FV}(f) \cup \text{FV}(g)$ . Thus, omitting types,

$$\begin{aligned}
 [[fg]] &= \text{app} \circ \langle [[f]], [[g]] \rangle \\
 &= \text{app} \circ \langle [[f]]' \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)}, [[g]]' \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(g)} \rangle \\
 &= \text{app} \circ \langle [[f]]' \circ \text{pr}'_{\text{FV}(f)} \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f) \cup \text{FV}(g)}, \\
 &\quad [[g]]' \circ \text{pr}'_{\text{FV}(g)} \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f) \cup \text{FV}(g)} \rangle \\
 &= \text{app} \circ \langle [[f]]' \circ \text{pr}'_{\text{FV}(f)}, [[g]]' \circ \text{pr}'_{\text{FV}(g)} \rangle \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f) \cup \text{FV}(g)} \\
 &= \text{app} \circ \langle [[f]]' \circ \text{pr}'_{\text{FV}(f)}, [[g]]' \circ \text{pr}'_{\text{FV}(g)} \rangle \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(fg)}
 \end{aligned}$$

- iii)  $[[\lambda x : \sigma . f]]_{[\sigma \rightarrow \tau]} = \text{curry}([f]_\tau \circ \text{update}_x)$   
 $= \text{curry}([f]'_\tau \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)} \circ \text{update}_x)$   
 $= \text{curry}([f]'_\tau \circ \text{update}_{x, f} \circ (\text{pr}_{\text{FV}(\lambda x . f)} \times D_{\text{type}(x)}))$   
 $= \text{curry}([f]'_\tau \circ \text{update}_{x, f}) \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(\lambda x . f)}$

This follows from the diagram



in which the triangle commutes by the definition of  $[[f]]'_\tau$ . As for the rectangle, it is easy to see that the compositions of both paths with  $\text{pr}_w : \text{Env}(f) \rightarrow D_{\text{type}(w)}$  is the same for all  $w \in \text{FV}(f)$ .

Next, the definition of an interpretation has to be extended to substitutions.



**3.6 Definition.** Let  $f : \tau$  and  $x : \tau$ . Then  $[[ f / x ]] : \text{Env} \rightarrow \text{Env}$  is the unique morphism such that

$$\text{pr}_w \circ [[ f / x ]] = \text{pr}_w \text{ if } w \neq x, \text{ and } \text{pr}_x \circ [[ f / x ]] = [[ f ]]_\tau;$$

i.e.,  $[[ f / x ]] = \langle u_w \mid w \in \text{Var} \rangle$  where  $u_w = \text{pr}_w$  if  $w \neq x$  and  $u_x = [[ f ]]_\tau$ .

There are many relations between the morphisms  $[[ f ]]$ ,  $[[ f / x ]]$ , and  $\text{update}_x$ . Some of them are listed in the following proposition which provides the crucial technical tools for the main result of this section.

**3.7 Proposition.** (The global environments algebra)

i)  $[[ f / x ]] = \text{update}_x \circ \langle \text{id}_{\text{Env}}, [[ f ]] \rangle$

ii) If  $V$  is a subset of  $\text{Var}$  and  $y \notin V$ , then

$$\text{pr}_V \circ \text{update}_y = \text{pr}_V \circ \text{pr}_1 : \text{Env} \times D_{\text{type}(y)} \rightarrow \prod_{x \in V} D_{\text{type}(x)}.$$

Here,  $\text{pr}_1$  is the projection from  $\text{Env} \times D_{\text{type}(x)}$  to  $\text{Env}$ .

iii) If  $y \notin \text{FV}(f)$ , then

$$[[ f ]] \circ \text{update}_y = [[ f ]] \circ \text{pr}_1 : \text{Env} \times D_{\text{type}(y)} \rightarrow D_{\text{type}(f)}.$$

iv) If  $x \neq y$ , then

$$\text{update}_x \circ (\text{update}_y \times D_{\text{type}(x)}) = \text{update}_y \circ (\text{update}_x \times D_{\text{type}(y)}) \circ \text{ac}.$$

Here  $\text{ac} : \text{Env} \times D_{\text{type}(y)} \times D_{\text{type}(x)} \rightarrow \text{Env} \times D_{\text{type}(x)} \times D_{\text{type}(y)}$  is the isomorphism rearranging the last two factors.

v)  $\text{update}_x \circ ([[ f / x ]] \times D_{\text{type}(x)}) = \text{update}_x$

vi) If  $y \notin \text{FV}(f)$ , then

$$\text{update}_y \circ ([[ f / x ]] \times D_{\text{type}(y)}) = [[ f / x ]] \circ \text{update}_y.$$

vii) If  $x \neq y$ ,  $x \notin \text{FV}(g)$  and  $y \notin \text{FV}(f)$ , then

$$[[ f / x ]] \circ [[ g / y ]] = [[ g / y ]] \circ [[ f / x ]].$$

viii) If  $z \neq y$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pr}_z \circ [[ z / y ]] \circ \text{update}_z &= \text{pr}_z \circ \text{update}_y \\ &: \text{Env} \times D_{\text{type}(y)} \rightarrow \prod_{x \in \text{Var} - \{z\}} D_{\text{type}(x)}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof.**

i) and ii). Check that the compositions of both sides of the equation with  $\text{pr}_w$  for all  $w \in \text{Var}$  (respectively,  $V$ ) are the same.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{iii) } [[ f ]] \circ \text{update}_y &= [[ f ]]' \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)} \circ \text{update}_y \\ &= [[ f ]]' \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)} \circ \text{pr}_1 = [[ f ]] \circ \text{pr}_1, \end{aligned}$$

by part ii), provided  $y \notin \text{FV}(f)$ .

iv) and v) Check these by composing with  $\text{pr}_w$  for all  $w \in \text{Var}$ .

vi) The equation  $\text{update}_y \circ ([[ f / x ]] \times \text{id}) = [[ f / x ]] \circ \text{update}_y$  says that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Env} \times D_{\text{type}(y)} & \xrightarrow{[[ f / x ]] \times D_{\text{type}(y)}} & \text{Env} \times D_{\text{type}(y)} \\ \downarrow \text{update}_y & & \downarrow \text{update}_y \\ \text{Env} & \xrightarrow{[[ f / x ]]} & \text{Env} \end{array}$$

commutes. Expanding  $[[ f / x ]]$  using part i), gives the diagram



SameType =  $\{(x, f) \mid x \in \text{Var}, f \in \text{Terms}, \text{and } \text{type}(f) = \text{type}(x)\}$

(cf. 2.2.2 and 3.6) using the rule  $[[ f / x ]](\rho) = [[ f / x ]] \circ \rho : X \rightarrow \text{Env}$  where  $\rho : X \rightarrow \text{Env}$  is a generalized element of Env and  $(x, f) \in \text{SameType}$ .

ii) Similarly, define a right action on the set  $C(X, \text{Env})$  by the set

GeneralizedElements =  $\cup\{C(X, D_{\text{type}(x)}) \mid x \in \text{Var}\}$ .

using the rule  $\rho[ d / x ] = \text{update}_x \circ \langle \rho, d \rangle : X \rightarrow \text{Env}$ .

where  $(d : X \rightarrow D_{\text{type}(x)}) \in \text{GeneralizedElements}$ .

Using the notation

$[[ f ]](\rho) = [[ f ]] \circ \rho : X \rightarrow D_{\text{type}(f)}$ ,

the Environments algebra can be expressed in terms of these constructions.

### 3.9 Proposition.

i) (The left-right exchange law.)  $[[ f / x ]](\rho) = \rho[ [[ f ]](\rho) / x ]$

ii) —

iii) If  $y \notin \text{FV}(f)$ , then  $[[ f ]](\rho[ d / y ]) = [[ f ]](\rho)$ .

iv) (The right commutative law for  $y \neq x$ .)

$$(\rho[ d / y ])[ d' / x ] = (\rho[ d' / x ])[ d / y ]$$

v)  $([[ f / x ]](\rho))[ d / x ] = \rho[ d / x ]$

vi) (The left-right commutative law.) If  $y \notin \text{FV}(f)$  and  $y \neq x$ , then

$$[[ f / x ]](\rho[ d / y ]) = ([[ f / x ]](\rho))[ d / y ]$$

vii) (The left commutative law for  $y \neq x$ ,  $x \notin \text{FV}(g)$  and  $y \notin \text{FV}(f)$ )

$$[[ f / x ]]( [[ g / y ]](\rho) ) = [[ g / y ]]( [[ f / x ]](\rho) ).$$

**Proof.** These follow directly from 3.7.

This form of the Environment algebra seems as though it ought to be useful. However, we have been unable to use it in proving the substitution lemma that follows, so it does not actually play any role in the rest of the paper. In the substitution lemma we will need the notion of the length of an expression since one step in its inductive proof requires induction on the length of the expression..

**3.10 Definition.** The length of an expression is defined recursively by the clauses:

i)  $\text{length}(x : \sigma) = 1$  if  $x \in \text{Var}$ .

ii)  $\text{length}(f g) = \text{length}(f) + \text{length}(g)$

iii)  $\text{length}(\lambda x : \sigma . f) = \text{length}(f) + 1$ .

**3.11 Proposition.** (The substitution lemma) Let  $f : \tau$ ,  $x : \tau$  and  $g : \sigma$ . Then

$[[ [f/x] g ]](\rho) = [[ g ]](\rho) \circ [[ f / x ]](\rho)$ ; i.e., the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Env} & & \\ \downarrow [[ f / x ]](\rho) & \searrow [[ [f/x] g ]](\rho) & \\ \text{Env} & \xrightarrow{[[ g ]](\rho)} & D_\sigma \end{array}$$

commutes. (Thus, substitution is interpreted by composition with a suitable morphism.)

**Proof.** The proof is by structural induction on the form of  $g$  together with induction on the length of  $g$ . (Cf. [Brooks 89].) We omit type information wherever possible.

i) The cases  $g = x$  and  $g = y$  follow directly from 3.4 and 3.6.

ii)  $[f/x](hk) = ([f/x]h)([f/x]k)$  by 2.2.2 iv), so

$$\begin{aligned} [[ [f/x](hk) ]] &= [[ ([f/x]h)([f/x]k) ]] \\ &= \text{app} \circ \langle [[ [f/x]h ]], [[ [f/x]k ]]\rangle \\ &= \text{app} \circ \langle [[ h ]], [[ k ]]\rangle \circ [[ f/x ]]\end{aligned}$$

(by structural induction (or, equally well, by induction on the length of the expression))

$$\begin{aligned} &= \text{app} \circ \langle [[ h ]], [[ k ]]\rangle \circ [[ f/x ]]\end{aligned}$$

iii) If, instead of just  $g$ , there is a lambda expression,  $\lambda y . g$ , then we have to show that

$$\begin{aligned} [[ [f/x](\lambda y . g) ]] &= [[ \lambda y . g ]]\circ [[ f/x ]]\end{aligned}$$

using the definition of  $[[ \lambda y . g ]]$  from 3.4. There are three cases to be considered:

a) If  $x = y$ , then  $[f/x](\lambda x . g) = (\lambda x . g)$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} [[ [f/x](\lambda x . g) ]] &= [[ (\lambda x . g) ]] \\ &= \text{curry}([ [g] ] \circ \text{update}_x) \\ &= \text{curry}([ [g] ] \circ \text{update}_x \circ ([ [f/x] ] \times D_{\text{type}(x)})), \text{ by 3.7 vi),} \\ &= \text{curry}([ [g] ] \circ \text{update}_x) \circ [[ f/x ]], \\ &= [[ \lambda x . g ]]\circ [[ f/x ]].\end{aligned}$$

b) If  $x \neq y$  and  $y \notin \text{FV}(f)$ , then  $[f/x](\lambda y . g) = \lambda y . [f/x]g$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} [[ [f/x](\lambda y . g) ]] &= [[ \lambda y . [f/x]g ]] \\ &= \text{curry}([ [ [f/x]g ] ] \circ \text{update}_y) \\ &= \text{curry}([ [g] ] \circ [[ f/x ]]\circ \text{update}_y), \text{ by structural induction,} \\ &= \text{curry}([ [g] ] \circ \text{update}_y \circ ([ [f/x] ] \times D_{\text{type}(y)})),\end{aligned}$$

(by 3.7 vii) since  $y \notin \text{FV}(f)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \text{curry}([ [g] ] \circ \text{update}_y) \circ [[ f/x ]], \\ &= [[ \lambda y . g ]]\circ [[ f/x ]].\end{aligned}$$

c) If  $x \neq y$  and  $y \in \text{FV}(f)$ , then

$$[f/x](\lambda y . g) = \lambda z . [f/x][z/y]g$$

where  $\text{type}(z) = \text{type}(y)$ ,  $z \neq x$ ,  $z \neq y$ , and  $z \notin \text{FV}(f) \cup \text{FV}(g)$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} [[ [f/x](\lambda y . g) ]] &= [[ \lambda z . [f/x][z/y]g ]] \\ &= \text{curry}([ [ [f/x][z/y]g ] ] \circ \text{update}_z) \\ &= \text{curry}([ [ [z/y]g ] ] \circ [[ f/x ]]\circ \text{update}_z),\end{aligned}$$

(by induction on the length of expressions, since  $[z/y]g$  is shorter than  $\lambda y . g$ ),

$$= \text{curry}([ [ [z/y]g ] ] \circ \text{update}_z \circ ([ [f/x] ] \times D_{\text{type}(z)})),$$

(by 3.7 vii) since  $z \notin \text{FV}(f)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \text{curry}([ [ [z/y]g ] ] \circ \text{update}_z) \circ [[ f/x ]], \\ &= \text{curry}([ [g] ] \circ [[ [z/y] ] ] \circ \text{update}_z) \circ [[ f/x ]]\end{aligned}$$

(by structural induction),  
 $= \text{curry}([\![g]\!] \circ \text{update}_y) \circ [\![f/x]\!]$ , by 3.7 viii),  
(since  $[\![g]\!] = [\![g]\!]' \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(g)}$  and  $z \notin \text{FV}(g)$ ),  
 $= [\![\lambda y. g]\!] \circ [\![f/x]\!]$ .

This completes the proof for all cases.

**3.12 Theorem.** For terms in the pure typed lambda calculus,

if  $f \Rightarrow g$ , then  $[\![f]\!] = [\![g]\!]$ .

**Proof.** i) We treat the case of  $\beta$ -reductions in detail, so we have to show that the reduction  $((\lambda x.g) f) \Rightarrow [f/x]g$ , implies that  $[\![ (\lambda x.g) f ]\!] = [\![ [f/x]g ]\!]$ . By Definition 3.4 ii),

$$[\![ (\lambda x.g) f ]\!]_{\tau} = \text{app}_{\sigma, \tau} \circ \langle [\![ (\lambda x.g) ]\!]_{[\sigma \rightarrow \tau]}, [\![ f ]\!]_{\sigma} \rangle$$

where  $\text{type}(x) = \text{type}(f) = \sigma$  and  $\text{type}(g) = \tau$ . But, dropping type subscripts,

$$[\![ (\lambda x.g) ]\!] = \text{curry}([\![ g ]\!] \circ \text{update}_x) \text{ (by Definition 3.4 iii)},$$

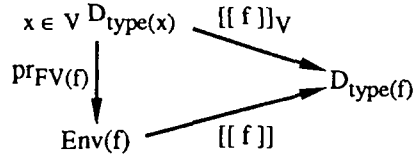
and  $\langle [\![ (\lambda x.g) ]\!], [\![ f ]\!] \rangle = (\langle [\![ (\lambda x.g) ]\!] \times \text{id} \rangle \circ \langle \text{id}, [\![ f ]\!] \rangle)$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} [\![ (\lambda x.g) f ]\!] &= \text{app} \circ \langle [\![ (\lambda x.g) ]\!], [\![ f ]\!] \rangle \\ &= \text{app} \circ (\langle [\![ (\lambda x.g) ]\!] \times D_{\sigma} \rangle \circ \langle \text{id}_{\text{Env}}, [\![ f ]\!] \rangle) \\ &= \text{app} \circ (\text{curry}([\![ g ]\!] \circ \text{update}_x) \times D_{\sigma}) \circ \langle \text{id}_{\text{Env}}, [\![ f ]\!] \rangle \\ &= [\![ g ]\!] \circ \text{update}_x \circ \langle \text{id}_{\text{Env}}, [\![ f ]\!] \rangle. \\ &= [\![ g ]\!] \circ [\![ f/x ]\!] \text{ by 3.7 i)} \\ &= [\![ [f/x]g ]\!] \text{ by the Substitution Lemma.} \end{aligned}$$

ii) The other kinds of reductions that have to be considered are  $\alpha$ -reductions and the three rewrite schemes in 2.2.1 iv). The rewrite schemes are simple exercises in structural induction and  $\alpha$ -reduction follows from 3.7 viii).

## 4 THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTS MODEL.

**4.1 Discussion.** Because of 3.5, it is tempting to try to define a tighter semantics in which the separate environment for each term,  $\text{Env}(f)$  as defined in 3.2, are used and the semantics is defined as a morphism  $[\![f]\!] : \text{Env}(f) \rightarrow D_{\text{type}(f)}$ . It is straight forward to set this up. The preceding development then can be carried out until one arrives at the cases in the substitution lemma for lambda expressions. The case  $[f/x] (\lambda x.g) = (\lambda x.g)$  corresponds to  $\beta$ -reduction of a term of the form  $(\lambda x.\lambda x.g) f$  to  $(\lambda x.g)$ . Here, it is obvious that  $\beta$ -reduction does not preserve free variables since the left hand side includes the free variables of  $f$  while the right hand side doesn't mention  $f$  at all. This means that the analogue of 3.12 no longer holds. However, it fails in a "trivial" way in that the two sides of  $[\![f]\!] = [\![g]\!]$  differ only by a projection onto a product of a smaller number of factors. One solution is to label all reductions in the operational semantics by sets of variables; e.g.,  $f \Rightarrow_X g$  where  $X$  is a set of variables containing at least  $\text{FV}(f)$  and  $\text{FV}(g)$ . The theorem then says that if  $f \Rightarrow_X g$ , then, considered as morphisms from  $\prod_{x \in X} D_{\text{type}(x)}$  to  $D_{\text{type}(f)}$ , it does follow that  $[\![f]\!] = [\![g]\!]$ . This is essentially the solution adopted in [Lambek and Scott, 85] and more or less the solution in [Reynolds 74]. Another solution is to define  $[\![f]\!]_V$  for any set  $V$  of variables containing  $\text{FV}(f)$  as the illustrated composition:



Then the theorem says that  $f \Rightarrow g$  implies  $[[f]]_V = [[g]]_V$  for any  $V$  containing  $FV(f) \cup FV(g)$ . The details are sufficiently different, particularly in the aspects involving substitution, that we treat them in detail here.

**4.2 Definition.** For each  $x \in \text{Var}$  and  $f \in \text{Terms}$ ,  $\text{update}_{x, f}$  is defined by two cases:

- i) If  $x \in FV(f)$ , then  $\text{update}_{x, f} : \text{Env}(\lambda x . f) \times D_{\text{type}(x)} \rightarrow \text{Env}(f)$  is the unique morphism such that for every  $w \in FV(f)$ ,
$$\begin{aligned} \text{pr}_w \circ \text{update}_{x, f} &= \text{pr}_w \circ \text{pr}_1, \text{ if } w \neq x \\ \text{pr}_x \circ \text{update}_{x, f} &= \text{pr}_2. \end{aligned}$$
- ii) If  $x \notin FV(f)$ , then  $FV(\lambda x . f) = FV(f)$ , so  $\text{Env}(\lambda x . f) = \text{Env}(f)$  and
$$\text{update}_{x, f} = \text{pr}_1 : \text{Env}(\lambda x . f) \times 1 \rightarrow \text{Env}(f)$$

**4.3 Definition.** For each  $x \in \text{Var}$ , and  $f, g \in \text{Terms}$  with  $\text{type}(x) = \text{type}(f)$ ,  $[[f/x]]_g$  is defined by two cases:

- i) If  $x \in FV(g)$ , then  $[[f/x]]_g : \text{Env}([f/x]g) \rightarrow \text{Env}(g)$  is the unique morphism such that for every  $w \in FV(g)$ ,
$$\begin{aligned} \text{pr}_w \circ [[f/x]]_g &= \text{pr}_w \text{ if } w \neq x, \\ \text{pr}_x \circ [[f/x]]_g &= [[f]]. \end{aligned}$$
- ii) If  $x \notin FV(g)$ , then  $FV([f/x]g) = FV(g)$  so  $\text{Env}([f/x]g) = \text{Env}(g)$ , and
$$[[f/x]]_g = \text{id}_{\text{Env}(g)} : \text{Env}([f/x]g) \rightarrow \text{Env}(g).$$

For the last definition to make sense, we need the following lemma.

**4.4 Lemma.**  $FV([f/x]g) = \text{if } x \in FV(g) \text{ then } FV(f) \cup (FV(g) - \{x\}) \text{ else } FV(g)$

**Proof.** The proof is by cases on the form of  $g$  and by induction on the length of  $g$ .

**4.5 Definition.** Let  $L$  be a pure  $\lambda$ -calculus with substitution based on  $B$ .

- i) A *type interpretation* of  $L$  in  $\mathbf{C}$ , as in 3.2, consists of a function  $D : \text{Type} \rightarrow \text{obj}(\mathbf{C})$  such that
  - a) If  $b \in B$ , then  $D(b) \in \text{obj}(\mathbf{C})$  is some user chosen object in  $\mathbf{C}$ .
  - b)  $D([\sigma \rightarrow \tau]) = [D(\sigma) \rightarrow D(\tau)]_{\mathbf{C}}$ .

As before, we write  $D_\sigma$  for  $D(\sigma)$ .

- ii) The (*local environments*) *term interpretation* function  $[[ - ]]$  :  $\text{Terms} \rightarrow \text{mor}(\mathbf{C})$  assigns to each term  $f$  in  $L$  a morphism  $[[f]] : \text{Env}(f) \rightarrow D_{\text{type}(f)}$ . These morphisms are defined recursively by the clauses:

- a) If  $x \in \text{Var}$ , then  $[[x]] = \text{id}_{D_{\text{type}(x)}} : D_{\text{type}(x)} \rightarrow D_{\text{type}(x)}$ .
- b) If  $f : [\sigma \rightarrow \tau]$  and  $g : \sigma$ , then

- $[[ (f g) ]] = \text{app}_{\sigma, \tau} \circ \langle [[ f ]] \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)}, [[ g ]] \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(g)} \rangle : \text{Env}( (f g) ) \rightarrow D_{\tau}$
- c) Let  $x \in \text{Var}$  and  $f \in \text{Terms}$ . If  $x \in \text{FV}(f)$ , then  
 $[[ \lambda x . f ]] = \text{curry}([ [ f ] ] \circ \text{update}_{x, f}) : \text{Env}( \lambda x . f ) \rightarrow [D_{\text{type}(x)} \rightarrow D_{\text{type}(f)}]$ .  
else  
 $[[ \lambda x . f ]] = \text{curry}([ [ f ] ] \circ \text{update}_{x, f}) : \text{Env}( \lambda x . f ) \rightarrow [1 \rightarrow D_{\text{type}(f)}]$ .

Part b) makes sense since  $[[ f ]] : \text{Env}(f) \rightarrow [D_{\sigma} \rightarrow D_{\tau}]$  and  $[[ g ]] : \text{Env}(g) \rightarrow D_{\sigma}$ .  
Now  $\text{Env}( (f g) ) = \prod_{w \in \text{FV}(f) \cup \text{FV}(g)} D_{\text{type}(w)}$  so there are generalized projections  
 $\text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)} : \text{Env}( (f g) ) \rightarrow \text{Env}(f)$  and  $\text{pr}_{\text{FV}(g)} : \text{Env}( (f g) ) \rightarrow \text{Env}(g)$

Thus

$$\langle [[ f ]] \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)}, [[ g ]] \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(g)} \rangle : \text{Env}( (f g) ) \rightarrow [D_{\sigma} \rightarrow D_{\tau}] \times D_{\sigma}$$

while  $\text{app}_{\sigma, \tau} : [D_{\sigma} \rightarrow D_{\tau}] \times D_{\sigma} \rightarrow D_{\tau}$ .

To make sense of part c), we have to clarify what morphism is being curried. If  $x \in \text{FV}(f)$ , then  $\text{update}_{x, f} : \text{Env}( \lambda x . f ) \times D_{\text{type}(x)} \rightarrow \text{Env}(f)$ , so

$$[[ f ]] \circ \text{update}_{x, f} : \text{Env}( \lambda x . f ) \times D_{\text{type}(x)} \rightarrow D_{\text{type}(f)}.$$

Hence,

$$\text{curry}([ [ f ] ] \circ \text{update}_{x, f}) : \text{Env}( \lambda x . f ) \rightarrow [D_{\text{type}(x)} \rightarrow D_{\text{type}(f)}],$$

as desired. If  $x \notin \text{FV}(f)$ , then  $\text{update}_{x, f} = \text{pr}_1 : \text{Env}( \lambda x . f ) \times 1 \rightarrow \text{Env}(f)$ , so as before,

$$\text{curry}([ [ f ] ] \circ \text{update}_{x, f}) : \text{Env}( \lambda x . f ) \rightarrow [1 \rightarrow D_{\text{type}(f)}],$$

#### 4.6 Proposition. (The local environments algebra).

- i) If  $x \in \text{FV}(g)$ , then  $[[ f / x ] ]_g = \text{update}_{x, g} \circ \langle \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(\lambda x . g)}, [[ f ]] \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)} \rangle$   
else  $[[ f / x ] ]_g = \text{update}_{x, g} \circ \langle \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(\lambda x . g)}, ! \rangle$ .
- ii)  $\text{pr}_{\text{FV}(h)} \circ [[ f / x ] ]_{(hk)} = [[ f / x ] ]_h \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}([ f / x ] h)}$   
 $\text{pr}_{\text{FV}(k)} \circ [[ f / x ] ]_{(hk)} = [[ f / x ] ]_k \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}([ f / x ] k)}$
- iii)  $\text{update}_{x, g} = \text{update}_{x, g} \circ ([ [ f / x ] ]_{(\lambda x . g)} \times D_{\text{type}(x)})$
- iv) If  $y \notin \text{FV}(f)$ , then  
 $[[ f / x ] ]_g \circ \text{update}_{y, [ f / x ]_g} = \text{update}_{y, g} \circ ([ [ f / x ] ]_{(\lambda y . g)} \times D_{\text{type}(y)})$
- v)  $[[ f / x ] ]_{[ z / y ]_g} \circ \text{update}_{z, [ f / x ]_{[ z / y ]_g}} =$   
 $\text{update}_{z, [ z / y ]_g} \circ ([ [ f / x ] ]_{(\lambda y . g)} \times D_{\text{type}(z)})$ ,
- vi)  $[[ [ z / y ] ] ]_g \circ \text{update}_{z, [ z / y ]_g} = \text{update}_{y, g}$

**Proof.**

- i) This says that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Env}([ [ f / x ] ]_g) & \xrightarrow{\langle \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(\lambda x . g)}, [[ f ]] \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)} \rangle} & \text{Env}(\lambda x . g) \times D_{\text{type}(x)} \\ & \searrow [[ f / x ] ]_g & \downarrow \text{update}_{x, g} \\ & & \text{Env}(g) \end{array}$$

commutes, which follows by considering the projections onto the factors of  $\text{Env}(g)$ .

- ii) The first equation here says that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Env}([f/x](hk)) & \xrightarrow{[[f/x]]_{(hk)}} & \text{Env}(hk) \\
\downarrow \text{pr}_{\text{FV}([f/x]h)} & & \downarrow \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(h)} \\
\text{Env}([f/x]h) & \xrightarrow{[[f/x]]_h} & \text{Env}(h)
\end{array}$$

commutes, which follows by considering the projections onto the factors of  $\text{Env}(h)$ . The second equation is proved similarly.

iii) Since  $x \notin \text{FV}(\lambda x . g)$ ,  $[[f/x]](\lambda x . g) = \text{id}_{\text{Env}(\lambda x . g)}$ , so this is immediate.

iv) This says that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Env}(\lambda y . [f/x]g) \times D_{\text{type}(y)} & \xrightarrow{\text{update}_{y, [f/x]g}} & \text{Env}([f/x]g) \\
\downarrow = & & \downarrow [[f/x]]_g \\
\text{Env}([f/x](\lambda x . g)) \times D_{\text{type}(y)} & & \\
\downarrow [[f/x]]_{(\lambda x . g) \times D_{\text{type}(y)}} & & \\
\text{Env}(\lambda x . g) \times D_{\text{type}(y)} & \xrightarrow{\text{update}_{y, g}} & \text{Env}(g)
\end{array}$$

commutes, which follows by considering the projections onto the factors of  $\text{Env}(g)$ . The equality in the upper left hand corner follows from  $\text{FV}(\lambda y . [f/x]g) = \text{FV}([f/x](\lambda y . g))$  which is a simple computation using 4.4.

v) This says that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Env}(\lambda y . [f/x][z/y]g) \times D_{\text{type}(y)} & \xrightarrow{\text{update}_{z, [f/x][z/y]g}} & \text{Env}([f/x][z/y]g) \\
\downarrow = & & \downarrow [[f/x]]_{[z/y]g} \\
\text{Env}([f/x](\lambda z . [z/y]g)) \times D_{\text{type}(z)} & & \\
\downarrow = & & \\
\text{Env}([f/x](\lambda y . g)) \times D_{\text{type}(y)} & \xrightarrow{[[f/x]]_{(\lambda z . [z/y]g) \times D_{\text{type}(z)}}} & \text{Env}(\lambda z . [z/y]g) \times D_{\text{type}(z)} \\
\downarrow [[f/x]]_{(\lambda y . g) \times D_{\text{type}(y)}} & & \downarrow = \\
\text{Env}(\lambda y . g) \times D_{\text{type}(y)} & \xrightarrow{\text{update}_{z, [z/y]g}} & \text{Env}([z/y]g) \\
& \searrow \text{update}_{y, g} & \downarrow = \\
& & \text{Env}(g)
\end{array}$$

commutes, which follows by considering the projections onto the factors of  $\text{Env}(g)$ . The many equalities follow from similar equalities for sets of free variables, which are exercises using 4.4.

**4.7 Proposition.** (The substitution lemma). Let  $x \in \text{Var}$  and  $f, g \in \text{Terms}$  with  $\text{type}(x) = \text{type}(f)$ . Then  $[[[f/x]g]] = [[g]] \circ [[f/x]]_g$ ; i.e., the diagram



$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Env}([f/x]g) & \xrightarrow{[[f/x]]_g} & \text{Env}(g) \\
& \searrow [[f/x]g] & \downarrow [[g]] \\
& & D_{\text{type}(g)}
\end{array}$$

commutes.

**Proof.** The proof is by structural induction on the form of  $g$  together with induction on the length of  $g$ . We omit type information wherever possible.

i) The left hand side is  $[f/x]x = f$  by 2.2.2 ii), so  $[[[f/x]x]] = [[f]]$ , while the right hand side is,  $[[x]] \circ [[f/x]]_x = \text{id}_{D_{\text{type}(x)}} \circ [[f/x]]_x = [[f]]$  by definitions 4.5 ii) and 4.3.i), since  $\text{type}(x) = \text{type}(f)$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
[[f/x]]_x &: \text{Env}([f/x]x) \rightarrow \text{Env}(x) \\
&: \text{Env}(f) \rightarrow D_{\text{type}(f)}.
\end{aligned}$$

ii)  $[f/x]y = y$ , if  $y \neq x$ , so  $[[[f/x]y]] = [[y]] = \text{id}_{D_{\text{type}(y)}}$ . On the other hand,

$$[[y]] \circ [[f/x]]_y = \text{id}_{D_{\text{type}(x)}} \circ \text{id}_{\text{Env}(y)} = \text{id}_{D_{\text{type}(y)}}$$

again by definition 4.5 ii), since  $\text{Env}(y) = D_{\text{type}(y)}$ .

iii)  $[f/x](hk) = (([f/x]h) ([f/x]k))$  by 2.2.2 iv), so

$$\begin{aligned}
[[[f/x](hk)]] &= [[([f/x]h) ([f/x]k)]] \\
&= \text{app} \circ \langle [[f/x]h] \circ \text{prFV}([f/x]h), [[f/x]k] \circ \text{prFV}([f/x]k) \rangle \\
&= \text{app} \circ \langle [[h]] \circ [[f/x]]_h \circ \text{prFV}([f/x]h), \\
&\quad [[k]] \circ [[f/x]]_k \circ \text{prFV}([f/x]k) \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

(by structural induction (or, equally well, by induction on the length of the expression))

$$= \text{app} \circ \langle [[h]] \circ \text{prFV}(h) \circ [[f/x]](hk), [[k]] \circ \text{prFV}(k) \circ [[f/x]](hk) \rangle$$

(by 4.6.ii))

$$= \text{app} \circ \langle [[h]] \circ \text{prFV}(h), [[k]] \circ \text{prFV}(k) \rangle \circ [[f/x]](hk)$$

$$= [[(hk)]] \circ [[f/x]](hk).$$

iv) If  $g$  is a lambda expression,  $\lambda y . g$ , then we have to show that

$$\begin{aligned}
[[[f/x](\lambda y . g)]] &= [[\lambda y . g]] \circ [[f/x]](\lambda y . g) \\
&= \text{curry}([g]) \circ \text{update}_y, g \circ [[f/x]](\lambda y . g),
\end{aligned}$$

using the definition of  $[[\lambda y . g]]$  from 4.5 ii). There are three cases to be considered:

a) If  $x = y$ , then  $[f/x](\lambda x . g) = (\lambda x . g)$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}
[[[f/x](\lambda x . g)]] &= [[(\lambda x . g)]] \\
&= \text{curry}([g]) \circ \text{update}_x, g \\
&= \text{curry}([g]) \circ \text{update}_x, g \circ (([f/x]](\lambda x . g) \times D_{\text{type}(x)}), \text{ by 4.6 iii}), \\
&= \text{curry}([g]) \circ \text{update}_x, g \circ [[f/x]](\lambda x . g), \\
&= [[\lambda x . g]] \circ [[f/x]](\lambda x . g).
\end{aligned}$$

b) If  $x \neq y$  and  $y \notin \text{FV}(f)$ , then  $[f/x](\lambda y . g) = \lambda y . [f/x]g$ , so

$$\begin{aligned}
[[[f/x](\lambda y . g)]] &= [[\lambda y . [f/x]g]] \\
&= \text{curry}([f/x]g) \circ \text{update}_y, [f/x]g \\
&= \text{curry}([g]) \circ [[f/x]]_g \circ \text{update}_y, [f/x]g, \text{ by structural induction,}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \text{curry}([\![ g ]\!] \circ \text{update}_{y, g} \circ ([\![ f / x ]\!](\lambda y . g) \times D_{\text{type}(y)})), \\
&\text{(by 4.6.iv) since } y \notin \text{FV}(f), \\
&= \text{curry}([\![ g ]\!] \circ \text{update}_{y, g} \circ [\![ f / x ]\!](\lambda y . g)), \\
&= [\![ \lambda y . g ]\!] \circ [\![ f / x ]\!](\lambda y . g).
\end{aligned}$$

c) If  $x \neq y$  and  $y \in \text{FV}(f)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}
&[\![ f / x ]\!](\lambda y . g) = \lambda z . [\![ f / x ]\!][z / y] g \\
&\text{where } \text{type}(z) = \text{type}(y), z \neq x, z \neq y, \text{ and } z \notin \text{FV}(f) \cup \text{FV}(g), \text{ so} \\
&[\![ [\![ f / x ]\!](\lambda y . g) ]\!] = [\![ \lambda z . [\![ f / x ]\!][z / y] g ]\!] \\
&= \text{curry}([\![ [\![ f / x ]\!][z / y] g ]\!] \circ \text{update}_{z, [\![ f / x ]\!][z / y] g}) \\
&= \text{curry}([\![ [z / y] g ]\!] \circ [\![ f / x ]\!][z / y] g \circ \text{update}_{z, [\![ f / x ]\!][z / y] g}), \\
&\text{(by induction on the length of expressions, since } [z / y] g \text{ is shorter than } \lambda y . g), \\
&= \text{curry}([\![ [z / y] g ]\!] \circ \text{update}_{z, [z / y] g} \circ ([\![ f / x ]\!](\lambda y . g) \times D_{\text{type}(z)})), \\
&\text{(by 4.6 v) since } z \notin \text{FV}(f), \\
&= \text{curry}([\![ [z / y] g ]\!] \circ \text{update}_{z, [z / y] g} \circ [\![ f / x ]\!](\lambda y . g)), \\
&= \text{curry}([\![ g ]\!] \circ [\![ [z / y] ]\!] g \circ \text{update}_{z, [z / y] g} \circ [\![ f / x ]\!](\lambda y . g)) \\
&\text{(by structural induction),} \\
&= \text{curry}([\![ g ]\!] \circ \text{update}_{y, g} \circ [\![ f / x ]\!](\lambda y . g)), \text{ by 4.6 vi),} \\
&\text{(since } z \notin \text{FV}(g)), \\
&= [\![ \lambda y . g ]\!] \circ [\![ f / x ]\!](\lambda y . g).
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof for all cases.

**4.8 Definition.** Let  $f \in \text{Terms}$  and let  $V$  be a subset of  $\text{Var}$  containing  $\text{FV}(f)$ . Then we introduce the notation  $[\![ f ]\!]_V = [\![ f ]\!] \circ \text{pr}_V$ .

**4.9 Theorem.** If  $f \Rightarrow g$ , then for any  $V \supseteq \text{FV}(f) \cup \text{FV}(g)$ ,  $[\![ f ]\!]_V = [\![ g ]\!]_V$ .

**Proof.** As before, we just treat the case of  $\beta$ -reductions, so we have to show that the reduction  $((\lambda x.g) f) \Rightarrow [f / x] g$ , implies that  $[\![ (\lambda x.g) f ]\!]_V = [\![ [f / x] g ]\!]_V$ . By Definition 4.5 ii),

$$[\![ ((\lambda x.g) f) ]\!] = \text{app}_{\sigma, \tau} \circ \langle [\![ \lambda x . g ]\!] \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(\lambda x . g)}, [\![ f ]\!] \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)} \rangle$$

where  $\text{type}(x) = \text{type}(f) = \sigma$  and  $\text{type}(g) = \tau$ . Suppose first that  $x \in \text{FV}(g)$ . Then, dropping type subscripts,

$$\begin{aligned}
[\![ ((\lambda x.g) f) ]\!] &= \text{app} \circ \langle [\![ \lambda x . g ]\!] \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(\lambda x . g)}, [\![ f ]\!] \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)} \rangle \\
&= \text{app} \circ ([\![ \lambda x . g ]\!] \times [\![ f ]\!]) \circ \langle \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(\lambda x . g)}, \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)} \rangle \\
&= \text{app} \circ ([\![ (\lambda x.g) ]\!] \times \text{id}_{D_\sigma}) \circ (\text{id}_{\text{Env}} \times [\![ f ]\!]) \circ \langle \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(\lambda x . g)}, \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)} \rangle \\
&= \text{app} \circ (\text{curry}([\![ g ]\!] \circ \text{update}_{x, g}) \times \text{id}_{D_\sigma}) \\
&\quad \circ (\text{id}_{\text{Env}} \times [\![ f ]\!]) \circ \langle \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(\lambda x . g)}, \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)} \rangle \\
&= [\![ g ]\!] \circ \text{update}_{x, g} \circ \langle \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(\lambda x . g)}, [\![ f ]\!] \circ \text{pr}_{\text{FV}(f)} \rangle \\
&= [\![ g ]\!] \circ [\![ f / x ]\!]_g, \text{ by 4.6.i),} \\
&= [\![ [f / x] g ]\!] \text{ by the Substitution Lemma.}
\end{aligned}$$

If  $x \notin \text{FV}(g)$ , then the last three lines are replaced by:

$$\begin{aligned}
&= [[g]] \circ \text{update}_{x, g} \circ \langle \text{prFV}(\lambda x . g), [[f]] \circ \text{prFV}(f) \rangle \\
&= [[g]] \circ \text{pr}_1 \circ \langle \text{prFV}(\lambda x . g), [[f]] \circ \text{prFV}(f) \rangle \\
&= [[g]] \circ \text{id}_{\text{Env}(\lambda x . g)} \\
&= [[g]] \circ [[f/x]]_g, \text{ by 4.3.ii}
\end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof in all cases.

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