

# On the Stability by Union of Reducibility Candidates

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Our starting point:

- Strong normalization of  $\lambda$ -calculus plus rewriting in presence of union types [Blanqui & Riba 06].

More generally,

- Simple characterization of reducibility candidates and saturated sets.
- Better understanding of reducibility.

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# Terms

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$$t, u \in \Lambda ::= x \mid tu \mid \lambda x.t \mid \pi_i t \mid \langle t, u \rangle .$$

- Reductions:

$$(\lambda x.t)u \mapsto_{\beta} t[u/x] \quad \pi_i \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle \mapsto_{\beta} t_i .$$

- Two kinds of values:

$$\lambda x.t \quad \text{and} \quad \langle t, u \rangle$$

# Types

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$$T, U \in \mathcal{T} ::= \mathbf{B} \mid T \Rightarrow U \mid T \times U$$

- Typing rules:

$$(\text{AX}) \frac{}{\Gamma, x : T \vdash x : T}$$

$$(\Rightarrow \text{I}) \frac{\Gamma, x : U \vdash t : T}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. t : U \Rightarrow T}$$

$$(\Rightarrow \text{E}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : U \Rightarrow T \quad \Gamma \vdash u : U}{\Gamma \vdash tu : T}$$

$$(\times \text{I}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : T_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T_2}{\Gamma \vdash \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle : T_1 \times T_2}$$

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- Arrow:

$$\mathcal{A} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B} \quad =_{\text{def}} \quad \{t \mid \forall u (u \in \mathcal{A} \Rightarrow tu \in \mathcal{B})\}$$

- Product:

$$\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B} \quad =_{\text{def}} \quad \{t \mid \pi_1 t \in \mathcal{A} \wedge \pi_2 t \in \mathcal{B}\}$$

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# Definitions

- $C \in \mathcal{CR}$  iff  $C \subseteq \mathcal{SN}$  and
  - (CR0) if  $t \in C$  and  $t \rightarrow u$  then  $u \in C$ ,
  - (CR1) if  $t \in \mathcal{N}$  and  $(\forall u (t \rightarrow u \Rightarrow u \in C))$  then  $t \in C$ .
- If  $X \subseteq \mathcal{SN}$ ,  $\bar{X}$  is the smallest set such that  $X \subseteq \bar{X} \in \mathcal{CR}$ .



## Application

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- Let  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{CR}$ . We want

$$\bigcup \mathcal{C} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigcup_{C \in \mathcal{C}} C \in \mathcal{CR}$$

- $\mathcal{SN}$  and  $(CR0)$  are OK.
- $(CR1)$ 
  - Let  $t \in \mathcal{N}$  with  $(t)_{\rightarrow} \subseteq \bigcup \mathcal{C}$ .
  - We need some  $C \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $(t)_{\rightarrow} \in C$ .



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# Results

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- **Corollary 1.**  $C \in CRU$  iff

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- **Corollary 2.**  $CR$  is stable by union iff  $CR$  is the set of all  $C \subseteq \mathcal{SN}$  such that

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In a recent paper [Riba 07]:

- We have given a characterization of the stability by union of  $CR$ .
- We have shown that it holds for  $\lambda \Rightarrow \times$ , and for more elaborated calculi.
- In those cases, we have shown that Girard's Reducibility candidates are exactly the Tait's saturated sets that are stable by reduction.

Future Work:

- Application to orthogonal rewriting.
- What happens when mixing union types and non-determinism?