Programming and Reasoning with Guarded Recursion for Coinductive Types

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Abstract. We present the guarded lambda-calculus, an extension of the simply typed lambda-calculus with guarded recursive and coinductive types. The use of guarded recursive types ensures the productivity of well-typed programs. Guarded recursive types may be transformed into coinductive types by a type-former inspired by modal logic and Atkey-McBride clock quantification, allowing the typing of acausal functions. We give a call-by-name operational semantics for the calculus, and define adequate denotational semantics in the topos of trees. The adequacy proof entails that the evaluation of a program always terminates. We demonstrate the expressiveness of the calculus by showing the definability of solutions to Rutten’s behavioural differential equations. We introduce a program logic with Löb induction for reasoning about the contextual equivalence of programs.

1 Introduction

The problem of ensuring that functions on coinductive types are well-defined has prompted a wide variety of work into productivity checking, and rule formats for coalgebra. Guarded recursion [10] guarantees productivity and unique solutions by requiring that recursive calls be nested under a constructor, such as cons (written ::) for streams. This can sometimes be established by a simple syntactic check, as for the stream toggle and binary stream function interleave below:

\[
\text{toggle} = 1 :: 0 :: \text{toggle} \\
\text{interleave} (x :: xs) ys = x :: \text{interleave} ys xs
\]

Such syntactic checks, however, are often too blunt and exclude many valid definitions. For example the regular paperfolding sequence, the sequence of left and right turns (encoded as 1 and 0) generated by repeatedly folding a piece of paper in half, can be defined via the function interleave as follows [11]:

\[
\text{paperfolds} = \text{interleave} \text{toggle} \text{paperfolds}
\]

This definition is productive, but the putative definition below, which also applies interleave to two streams and so apparently is just as well-typed, is not:

\[
\text{paperfolds'} = \text{interleave} \text{paperfolds'} \text{toggle}
\]
This equation is satisfied by any stream whose tail is the regular paperfolding sequence, so lacks a unique solution. Unfortunately the syntactic productivity checker of the proof assistant Coq [12] will reject both definitions.

A more flexible approach, first suggested by Nakano [18], is to guarantee productivity via types. A new modality, for which we follow Appel et al. [3] by writing \(\triangleright\) and using the name ‘later’, allows us to distinguish between data we have access to now, and data which we have only later. This \(\triangleright\) must be used to guard self-reference in type definitions, so for example guarded streams of natural numbers are defined by the guarded recursive equation

\[
\text{Str}^\triangleright \triangleq N \times \triangleright\text{Str}^\triangleright
\]

asserting that stream heads are available now, but tails only later. The type of \texttt{interleave} will be \(\text{Str}^\triangleright \rightarrow \triangleright\text{Str}^\triangleright \rightarrow \text{Str}^\triangleright\), capturing the fact the (head of the) first argument is needed immediately, but the second argument is needed only later. In term definitions the types of self-references will then be guarded by \(\triangleright\) also.

For example \texttt{interleave paperfolds’ toggle} becomes ill-formed, as the \texttt{paperfolds’} self-reference has type \(\triangleright\text{Str}^\triangleright\), rather than \(\text{Str}^\triangleright\), but \texttt{interleave toggle paperfolds} will be well-formed.

Adding \(\triangleright\) alone to the simply typed \(\lambda\)-calculus enforces a discipline more rigid than productivity. For example the obviously productive stream function

\[
\text{every2nd} (x :: x' :: xs) = x :: \text{every2nd} xs
\]

cannot be typed because it violates causality [14]; elements of the result stream depend on deeper elements of the argument stream. In some settings, such as reactive programming, this is a desirable property, but for productivity guarantees alone it is too restrictive. We need the ability to remove \(\triangleright\) in a controlled way. This is provided by the clock quantifiers of Atkey and McBride [4], which assert that all data is available now. This does not trivialise the guardedness requirements because there are side-conditions controlling when clock quantifiers may be introduced. Moreover clock quantifiers transform guarded recursive types into first-class coinductive types, with guarded recursion defining the rule format for their manipulation.

Our presentation departs from Atkey and McBride’s [4] by regarding the ‘everything now’ operator as a unary type-former, written \(\Box\) and called ‘constant’, rather than a quantifier. Observing that the types \(\Box A \rightarrow A\) and \(\Box A \rightarrow \Box A\) are always inhabited allows us to see the type-former, via the Curry-Howard isomorphism, as an \(S4\) modality, and hence base our operational semantics on the established typed calculi for intuitionistic \(S4\) (IS4) of Bierman and de Paiva [5]. This is sufficient to capture all examples in the literature, which use only one clock; for examples that require multiple clocks we suggest extending our calculus to a \textit{multimodal} logic.

\textit{In this paper} we present the guarded \(\lambda\)-calculus, \(g\lambda\), extending the simply typed \(\lambda\)-calculus with coinductive and guarded recursive types. We define call-by-name operational semantics, which blocks non-termination via recursive definitions
unfolding indefinitely. We define adequate denotational semantics in the topos of trees [6] and as a consequence prove normalisation. We introduce a program logic $Lg\lambda$ for reasoning about the denotations of $g\lambda$-programs; given adequacy this permits proofs about the operational behaviour of terms. The logic is based on the internal logic of the topos of trees, with modalities $\triangleright, \Box$ on predicates, and Löb induction for reasoning about functions on both guarded recursive and coinductive types. We demonstrate the expressiveness of the calculus by showing the definability of solutions to Rutten’s behavioural differential equations [20], and show that $Lg\lambda$ can be used to reason about them, as an alternative to standard bisimulation-based arguments.

We have implemented the $g\lambda$-calculus in Agda, a process we found helpful when fine-tuning the design of our calculus. The implementation, with many examples, is available at http://cs.au.dk/~hbugge/gl-agda.zip.

2 Guarded $\lambda$-calculus

This section presents the guarded $\lambda$-calculus, written $g\lambda$, its call-by-name operational semantics, and its types, then gives some examples.

**Definition 2.1.** $g\lambda$-terms are given by the grammar

\[
t ::= x \mid \langle \rangle \mid \text{zero} \mid \text{succ} \mid t \mid \pi_d t \mid \lambda x.t \mid tt \mid \text{fold } t \mid \text{unfold } t \mid \text{next } t \mid \text{prev } \sigma.t \mid \text{box } \sigma.t \mid \text{unbox } t \mid t \odot t
\]

where $d \in \{1, 2\}$, $x$ is a variable and $\sigma = [x_1 \leftarrow t_1, \ldots, x_n \leftarrow t_n]$, usually abbreviated $[\vec{x} \leftarrow \vec{t}]$, is a list of variables paired with terms.

$\text{prev} [\vec{x} \leftarrow \vec{t}].t$ and $\text{box} [\vec{x} \leftarrow \vec{t}].t$ bind all variables of $\vec{x}$ in $t$, but not in $\vec{t}$.

We write $\text{prev} t$ for $\text{prev} [\vec{x} \leftarrow \vec{x}].t$ where $\vec{x}$ is a list of all free variables of $t$. If furthermore $t$ is closed we simply write $\text{prev } t$.

We will similarly write $\text{box } t$ and $\text{box } t$. We adopt the convention that $\text{prev}$ and $\text{box } t$ have highest precedence.

We may extend $g\lambda$ with sums; for space reasons we leave these to App. [C].

**Definition 2.2.** The reduction rules on closed $g\lambda$-terms are

\[
\begin{align*}
\pi_d (t_1, t_2) & \rightarrow t_d & (d \in \{1, 2\}) \\
(\lambda x.t_1) t_2 & \rightarrow t_1[t_2/x] \\
\text{unfold } t & \rightarrow t \\
\text{prev } [\vec{x} \leftarrow \vec{t}].t & \rightarrow \text{prev } t[\vec{t}/\vec{x}] & (\vec{x} \text{ non-empty}) \\
\text{prev } \text{next } t & \rightarrow t \\
\text{unbox } (\text{box } [\vec{x} \leftarrow \vec{t}].t) & \rightarrow t[\vec{t}/\vec{x}] \\
\text{next } t_1 \odot \text{next } t_2 & \rightarrow \text{next } (t_1 t_2)
\end{align*}
\]

The rules above look like standard $\beta$-reduction, removing ‘roundabouts’ of introduction then elimination, with the exception of those regarding $\text{prev }$ and $\text{next }$. An apparently more conventional $\beta$-rule for these term-formers would be

\[
\text{prev } [\vec{x} \leftarrow \vec{t}].(\text{next } t) \rightarrow t[\vec{t}/\vec{x}]
\]
but where $\vec{x}$ is non-empty this would require us to reduce an open term to derive $\text{next } t$. We take the view that reduction of open terms is undesirable within a call-by-name discipline, so first apply the substitution without eliminating $\text{prev}$.

The final rule is not a true $\beta$-rule, as $\circ$ is neither introduction nor elimination, but is necessary to enable function application under a $\text{next}$ and hence allow, for example, manipulation of the tail of a stream. It corresponds to the ‘homomorphism’ equality for applicative functors [15].

We next impose our call-by-name strategy on these reductions.

**Definition 2.3.** Values are terms of the form

$\langle \rangle | \text{succ}^n \text{zero} | \langle t, t \rangle | \lambda x.t | \text{fold } t | \text{box } \sigma.t | \text{next } t$

where $\text{succ}^n$ is a list of zero or more $\text{succ}$ operators, and $t$ is any term.

**Definition 2.4.** Evaluation contexts are defined by the grammar

$$E ::= \cdot | \text{succ } E | \pi_d E | \text{Et} | \text{unfold } E | \text{prev } E | \text{unbox } E | E \circ t | v \circ E$$

If we regard $\circ$ as a variant of function application, it is surprising in a call-by-name setting to reduce on both its sides. However both sides must be reduced until they have main connective $\text{next}$ before the reduction rule for $\circ$ may be applied. Thus the order of reductions of $\text{g}\lambda$-terms cannot be identified with the call-by-name reductions of the corresponding $\lambda$-calculus term with the novel connectives erased.

**Definition 2.5.** Call-by-name reduction has format $E[t] \mapsto \rightarrow E[u]$, where $t \mapsto u$ is a reduction rule. From now the symbol $\Rightarrow$ will be reserved to refer to call-by-name reduction. We use $\Rightarrow^+$ for the reflexive transitive closure of $\Rightarrow$.

**Lemma 2.6.** The call-by-name reduction relation $\Rightarrow$ is deterministic.

**Definition 2.7.** $\text{g}\lambda$-types are defined inductively by the rules of Fig. 1. $\Box$ is a finite set of type variables. A variable $\alpha$ is guarded in a type $A$ if all occurrences of $\alpha$ are beneath an occurrence of $\Box$ in the syntax tree. We adopt the convention that unary type-formers bind closer than binary type-formers.

$$\begin{align*}
\Box, \alpha \vdash \alpha & \quad \Box \vdash 1 & \Box \vdash \mathtt{N} & \Box \vdash A_1 \quad \Box \vdash A_2 & \Box \vdash A_1 \times A_2 & \Box \vdash A_1 \rightarrow A_2 \\
\Box, \alpha \vdash A & \quad \Box \vdash \mu \alpha.A & \alpha \text{ guarded in } A & \Box \vdash \lambda A & \Box \vdash \Box A & \cdot \vdash A
\end{align*}$$

**Fig. 1.** Type formation for the $\text{g}\lambda$-calculus
Note the side condition on the μ type-former, and the prohibition on □A for open A, which can also be understood as a prohibition on applying μα to any α with □ above it. The intuition for these restrictions is that unique fixed points exist only where the variable is displaced in time by a ▷, but □ cancels out this displacement by giving ‘everything now’.

**Definition 2.8.** The typing judgments are given in Fig. 2. There \( d \in \{1, 2\} \), and the typing contexts \( \Gamma \) are finite sets of pairs \( x : A \) where \( x \) is a variable and \( A \) a closed type. Closed types are constant if all occurrences of ▷ are beneath an occurrence of □ in their syntax tree.

\[
\begin{align*}
\Gamma, x : A &\vdash x : A & \Gamma \vdash () : 1 & \Gamma \vdash \text{zero} : \mathbb{N} & \Gamma \vdash t : \mathbb{N} \\
\Gamma \vdash t_1 : A & & \Gamma \vdash t_2 : B & & \Gamma \vdash (t_1, t_2) : A \times B & & \Gamma, x : A \vdash t : B & & \Gamma \vdash \lambda x. t : A \rightarrow B \\
\Gamma \vdash t_1 : A \rightarrow B & & \Gamma \vdash t_2 : A & & \Gamma \vdash t : A[\mu \alpha.A/\alpha] & & \Gamma \vdash t : \mu \alpha.A & & \Gamma \vdash t : \mu \alpha.A \\
\Gamma \vdash t_1 : A & & \Gamma \vdash t_2 : A & & \Gamma \vdash t : t_1 t_2 : B & & \Gamma \vdash t : \mu \alpha.A & & \Gamma \vdash t : \lambda x. t : A \rightarrow B \\
\Gamma \vdash t_1 : A & & \Gamma \vdash t_2 : A & & \Gamma \vdash t : A[\mu \alpha.A/\alpha] & & \Gamma \vdash t : \mu \alpha.A & & \Gamma \vdash t : \mu \alpha.A \\
\Gamma \vdash t : A & & \Gamma \vdash \text{next } t : \mu \alpha.A & & \Gamma \vdash t : \mu \alpha.A & & \Gamma \vdash t : \mu \alpha.A \\
\Gamma \vdash \text{next } t : \mu \alpha.A & & \Gamma \vdash t : \mu \alpha.A & & \Gamma \vdash t : \mu \alpha.A & & \Gamma \vdash t : \mu \alpha.A \\
\end{align*}
\]

**Fig. 2.** Typing rules for the gλ-calculus

The constant types exist ‘all at once’, due to the absence of ▷ or presence of □; this condition corresponds to the freeness of the clock variable in Atkey and McBride [4] (recalling that we use only one clock in this work). Its use as a side-condition to □-introduction in Fig. 3 recalls (but is more general than) the ‘essentially modal’ condition for natural deduction for IS4 of Prawitz [19]. The term calculus for IS4 of Bierman and de Paiva [5], on which this calculus is most closely based, uses the still more restrictive requirement that □ be the main connective. This would preclude some functions that seem desirable, such as the isomorphism \( \lambda n. \text{box } t. n : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow □ \mathbb{N} \).
In examples \texttt{prev} usually appears in its syntactic sugar forms

\[
\begin{array}{c}
x_1 : A_1, \ldots, x_n : A_n \vdash t : \triangleleft A \\
T, x_1 : A_1, \ldots, x_n : A_n \vdash \texttt{prev }ι.t : A \quad A_1, \ldots, A_n \text{ constant} \\
T \vdash \texttt{prev} t : A
\end{array}
\]

and similarly for \texttt{box}; the more general form is nonetheless necessary because \((\texttt{prev}ι.t)[\vec{u}/\vec{x}] = \texttt{prev}[\vec{x} \leftarrow \vec{u}].t\). Getting substitution right in this setting is somewhat delicate. For example our reduction rule \(\texttt{prev}[\vec{x} \leftarrow \vec{t}].t \mapsto \texttt{prev} t[\vec{t}/\vec{x}]\) breaches subject reduction on open terms (but not for closed terms). See Bierman and de Paiva \cite{bierman2001} for more discussion of substitution with respect to IS4.

**Lemma 2.9 (Subject Reduction).** \(\vdash t : A \text{ and } t \rightsquigarrow u \implies \vdash u : A\).

**Example 2.10.** (i) The type of guarded recursive streams of natural numbers, \(\text{Str}^\triangledown\), is defined as \(\mu \alpha. \mathbb{N} \times \triangleleft \alpha\). These provide the setting for all examples below, but other definable types include infinite binary trees, as \(\mu \alpha. \mathbb{N} \times \triangleleft \alpha \times \triangleleft \alpha\), and potentially infinite lists, as \(\mu \alpha. \mathbb{1} + (\mathbb{N} \times \triangleleft \alpha)\).

(ii) We define guarded versions of the standard stream functions \texttt{cons} (written infix as \(::\)), head, and tail as obvious:

\[
\begin{align*}
:: & \equiv \lambda n. \lambda s. \text{fold}\langle n, s \rangle : \mathbb{N} \to \triangleleft (\text{Str}^\triangledown \to \text{Str}^\triangledown) \\
\text{hd} & \equiv \lambda s. \text{unfold}\langle s \rangle : \text{Str}^\triangledown \to \mathbb{N} \\
\text{tl} & \equiv \lambda s. \text{unfold}\langle s \rangle :: \text{Str}^\triangledown \\
\end{align*}
\]

then use the \(\oplus\) term-former for observations deeper into the stream:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{2nd} & \equiv \lambda s. (\text{next} \text{hd}^\triangledown) @ (\text{tl}^\triangledown s) : \text{Str}^\triangledown \to \mathbb{N} \\
\text{3rd} & \equiv \lambda s. (\text{next} \text{2nd}^\triangledown) @ (\text{tl}^\triangledown s) : \text{Str}^\triangledown \to \triangleleft \mathbb{N} \quad \cdots
\end{align*}
\]

(iii) Following Abel and Vezzosi \cite[Sec. 3.4]{abel2004} we may define a fixed point combinator \texttt{fix} with type \((\triangleleft A \to A) \to A\) for any \(A\). We use this to define a stream by iteration of a function: \texttt{iterate} takes as arguments a natural number and a function, but the function is not used until the ‘next’ step of computation, so we may reflect this with our typing:

\[
\texttt{iterate} \equiv \lambda f. \text{fix} \lambda g. \lambda n. n :: (g @ (f @ \text{next} n)) : \triangleleft (\mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}) \to \mathbb{N} \to \text{Str}^\triangledown
\]

We may hence define the guarded stream of natural numbers

\[
\text{nats} \equiv \text{iterate} (\text{next} \lambda n. \text{succ} n) \text{ zero}.
\]

(iv) With \texttt{interleave}, following our discussion in the introduction, we again may reflect in our type that one of our arguments is not required until the next step, defining the term \texttt{interleave} as:

\[
\text{fix} \lambda g. \lambda s. (\text{hd}^\triangledown s) :: (g @ t @ \text{next} (\text{tl}^\triangledown s)) : \text{Str}^\triangledown \to \triangleleft \text{Str}^\triangledown \to \text{Str}^\triangledown
\]

This typing decision is essential to define the paper folding stream:

\[
\text{toggle} \equiv \text{fix} \lambda s. (\text{succ} \text{ zero}) :: (\text{next} (\text{zero} :: s)) \\
\text{paperfolds} \equiv \text{fix} \lambda s. \text{interleave} \text{ toggle} s
\]
Note that the unproductive definition with \texttt{interleave} \texttt{s} \texttt{toggle} cannot be made to type check: informally, \( s : \text{\texttt{Str}} \) cannot be converted into a \( \text{\texttt{Str}} \) by \texttt{prev}, as it is in the scope of a variable \( s \) whose type \( \text{\texttt{Str}} \) is not constant. To see a less artificial non-example, try to define a \texttt{filter} function on streams which eliminates elements that fail some boolean test.

(v) \( \mu \text{-types are in fact unique} \) fixed points, so carry both final coalgebra and initial algebra structure. To see the latter, observe that we can define

\[
\text{\texttt{foldr}} \triangleq \text{\texttt{fix}} \lambda g. \lambda s. f (\text{\texttt{hd}} s, g \otimes \text{\texttt{next}} f \otimes \text{\texttt{tl}} s) : ((\text{\texttt{N}} \times \text{\texttt{Str}}) \to \text{\texttt{A}}) \to \text{\texttt{Str}} \to \text{\texttt{A}}
\]

and hence for example \( \text{\texttt{map}} : \text{\texttt{Str}} \to \text{\texttt{Str}} \) is \( \text{\texttt{foldr}} \lambda x. (h \pi x) :: (\pi x) \).

(vi) The \( \Box \)-type-former lifts guarded recursive streams to coinductive streams, as we will make precise in Ex. 3.4. Let \( \text{\texttt{Str}} = \Box \text{\texttt{Str}} \). We define \( \text{\texttt{hd}} : \text{\texttt{Str}} \to \text{\texttt{N}} \) and \( \text{\texttt{tl}} : \text{\texttt{Str}} \to \text{\texttt{Str}} \) by \( \text{\texttt{hd}} = \lambda s. \text{\texttt{hd}}(\text{\texttt{unbox}} s) \) and \( \text{\texttt{tl}} = \lambda s. \text{\texttt{box}}(\text{\texttt{prev}} s) \). \( \text{\texttt{tl}}(\text{\texttt{unbox}} s) \), and hence define observations deep into streams whose results bear no trace of \( \Box \), for example \( \text{\texttt{2nd}} \triangleq \lambda s. \text{\texttt{hd}}(\text{\texttt{tl}} s) : \text{\texttt{Str}} \to \text{\texttt{N}} \).

In general boxed functions lift to functions on boxed types by

\[
\text{\texttt{lim}} \triangleq \lambda f. \lambda x. \text{\texttt{box}}(\text{\texttt{tl}} s)(\text{\texttt{unbox}} f)(\text{\texttt{unbox}} s) : \Box(A \to B) \to \Box A \to \Box B
\]

(vii) The more sophisticated acausal function \( \text{\texttt{every2nd}} : \text{\texttt{Str}} \to \text{\texttt{Str}} \) is

\[
\text{\texttt{fix}} \lambda g. \lambda s. (h s) :: (g \otimes (\text{\texttt{next}}(\text{\texttt{tl}} s))).
\]

Note that it must take a \textit{coinductive} stream \( \text{\texttt{Str}} \) as argument. The function with coinductive result type is then \( \lambda s. \text{\texttt{box}}(\text{\texttt{tl}} s). \text{\texttt{every2nd}} s : \text{\texttt{Str}} \to \text{\texttt{Str}} \).

3 Denotational Semantics and Normalisation

This section gives denotational semantics for \( g\lambda \text{-types and terms, as objects and arrows in the topos of trees} \), the presheaf category over the first infinite ordinal \( \omega \) (we give a concrete definition below). These semantics are shown to be sound and, by a logical relations argument, adequate with respect to the operational semantics. Normalisation follows as a corollary of this argument. Note that for space reasons many proofs, and some lemmas, appear in App. A.

\textbf{Definition 3.1.} \textit{The topos of trees} \( \mathcal{S} \) \textit{has, as objects} \( X \), \textit{families of sets} \( X_1, X_2, \ldots \) \textit{indexed by the positive integers, equipped with families of restriction functions} \( r_i^X : X_{i+1} \to X_i \) \textit{indexed similarly. Arrows} \( f : X \to Y \) \textit{are families of functions} \( f_i : X_i \to Y_i \) \textit{indexed similarly obeying the naturality condition} \( f_i \circ r_i^X = r_i^Y \circ f_{i+1} \).

\( \mathcal{S} \) is a cartesian closed category with products defined pointwise. Its exponential \( A^B \) has, as its component sets \( (A^B)_i \), the set of \( i \)-tuples \( (f_1 : A_1 \to B_1, \ldots, f_i : A_i \to B_i) \) obeying the naturality condition, and projections as restriction functions.

\textbf{Definition 3.2.} \textit{The category of sets} \( \text{\texttt{Set}} \) \textit{is a full subcategory of} \( \mathcal{S} \) \textit{via the functor} \( \Delta : \text{\texttt{Set}} \to \mathcal{S} \) \textit{with} \( (\Delta Z)_i = Z, r_i^{\Delta Z} = \text{id}_Z \), \textit{and} \( (\Delta f)_i = f \). \textit{Objects in this subcategory are called} \textit{constant objects}. In particular the terminal object 1 of \( \mathcal{S} \) is \( \Delta \{\ast\} \) \textit{and the natural numbers object is} \( \Delta \mathbb{N} \);
\[\Delta \text{ is left adjoint to } \hom_{\mathcal{S}}(1, -); \text{ write } \square \text{ for } \Delta \circ \hom_{\mathcal{S}}(1, -) : \mathcal{S} \to \mathcal{S}. \text{ unbox: }\]
\[\square \mapsto \text{id}_S \text{ is the counit of the resulting comonad. Concretely } \text{unbox}_i(x) = x_i, \text{ i.e. the } i\text{'th component of } x : 1 \to X \text{ applied to } *;\]
\[- \triangleright : \mathcal{S} \to \mathcal{S} \text{ is defined by } (\triangleright X)_1 = \{ * \} \text{ and } (\triangleright X)_{i+1} = X_i, \text{ with } r^{X}_{i+1} \text{ defined uniquely and } r^X_{i+1} = r^X_i. \text{ Its action on arrows } f : X \to Y \text{ is } (\triangleright f)_1 = \text{id}_{i+1} \text{ and } (\triangleright f)_{i+1} = f_i. \text{ The natural transformation } \text{next : id}_S \to \triangleright \text{ has next}_1 \text{ unique and } \text{next}_{i+1} = r^X_i \text{ for any } X.\]

**Definition 3.3.** We interpret types in context \( \nabla \vdash A \), where \( \nabla \) contains \( n \) free variables, as functors \( [\nabla \vdash A] : (\mathcal{S}^{op} \times \mathcal{S})^n \to \mathcal{S} \), usually written \([A]\). This mixed variance definition is necessary as variables may appear negatively or positively.

\[ [\nabla, \alpha \vdash \alpha] \text{ is the projection of the objects or arrows corresponding to positive occurrences of } \alpha, \text{ e.g. } [\alpha][W, X, Y] = Y;\]
\[- [1] \text{ and } [N] \text{ are the constant functors } \Delta\{ * \} \text{ and } \Delta N \text{ respectively; }\]
\[- [A_1 \times A_2][W] = \Delta A_1)[W] \times \Delta A_2)(W) \text{ and likewise for } \mathcal{S}\text{-arrows; }\]
\[- [A_1 \to A_2][W] = \Delta A_2)(W) \Delta A_1)(W) \text{ where } W' \text{ is } W \text{ with odd and even elements switched to reflect change in polarity, i.e. } (X_1, Y_1, \ldots)' = (Y_1, X_1, \ldots); \]
\[- [\triangleright A], [A] \text{ are defined by composition with the functors } \triangleright, \square \text{ (Def. 3.2). }\]
\[- [\mu \alpha. A](W) = \text{Fix}(F), \text{ where } F : (\mathcal{S}^{op} \times \mathcal{S}) \to \mathcal{S} \text{ is the functor given by } F(X, Y) = [A](W, X, Y) \text{ and Fix}(F) \text{ is the unique (up to isomorphism) } X \text{ such that } F(X, X) \cong X. \text{ The existence of such } X \text{ relies on } F \text{ being a suitably locally contractive functor, which follows by Birkedal et al. \cite[Sec. 4.5]{birkedal} and the fact that } \square \text{ is only ever applied to closed types. This restriction on } \square \text{ is necessary because the functor } \square \text{ is not strong.}\]

**Example 3.4.** \([\text{Str}^\delta]_i = \mathbb{N}^i\), with projections as restriction functions, so is an object of approximations of streams – first the head, then the first two elements, and so forth. \([\text{Str}]_i = \mathbb{N}^\omega\) at all levels, so is the constant object of streams. More generally, any polynomial functor \( F \) on \textbf{Set} can be assigned a \( g\lambda\)-type \( A_F \) with a free type variable \( \alpha \) that occurs guarded. The denotation of \( \square \mu \alpha. A_F \) is the constant object of the carrier of the final coalgebra for \( F \) \cite[Thm. 2]{birkedal}.

**Lemma 3.5.** The interpretation of a recursive type is isomorphic to the interpretation of its unfolding: \( [\mu \alpha. A](W) \cong [A[\mu \alpha. A/\alpha]](W)\).

**Lemma 3.6.** Closed constant types denote constant objects in \( \mathcal{S} \).

Note that the converse does not apply; for example \([\triangleright 1]\) is a constant object.

**Definition 3.7.** We interpret typing contexts \( \Gamma = t_1 : A_1, \ldots, t_n : A_n \) as \( \mathcal{S}\)-objects \( [\Gamma] \triangleq [A_1] \times \cdots \times [A_n] \) and hence interpret typed terms-in-context \( \Gamma \vdash t : A \) as \( \mathcal{S}\)-arrows \( [\Gamma] \to [A] \) (usually written \([t]\)) as follows.

\([\text{[x]}\) is the projection \([\Gamma] \times [A] \to [A]\). \([\text{[zero]}\) and \([\text{[succ]}\) are as obvious. Term-formers for products and function spaces are interpreted via the cartesian closed structure of \( \mathcal{S} \). Exponentials are not pointwise, so we give explicitly:
- $[\lambda x.t]_i(\gamma)_j$ maps $a \mapsto [\Gamma, x : A \vdash t : B]_j(\gamma|_j, a)$, where $\gamma|_j$ is the result of applying restriction functions to $\gamma \in [\Gamma]_i$ to get an element of $[\Gamma]_j$;
- $[t_1 t_2]_i(\gamma) = ([t_1]_i(\gamma)_i) \circ [t_2]_i(\gamma)$;

$[\text{fold } t]$ and $[\text{unfold } t]$ are defined via composition with the isomorphisms of Lem. 3.6. $[\text{next } t]$ and $[\text{unbox } t]$ are defined by composition with the natural transformations introduced in Def. 3.2. The final three cases are

- $[\text{prev}[x_1 \leftarrow t_1, \ldots, t_i]_i(\gamma)_j \triangleq [t]_{i+1}([t_1]_i(\gamma), \ldots)$, where $[t_1]_i(\gamma) \in [A_1]_i$ is also in $[A_1]_{i+1}$ by Lem. 3.6;
- $[\text{box}[x_1 \leftarrow t_1, \ldots, t_i]_i(\gamma)_j \triangleq [t]_{i}([t_1]_i(\gamma), \ldots)$, again using Lem. 3.6;
- $[t_1 \oplus t_2]_i(\gamma) = ([t_1]_{i+1}(\gamma)_i) \circ [t_2]_{i+1}(\gamma)$.

Lemma 3.8. Given typed terms in context $x_1 : A_1, \ldots, x_m : A_m, \Gamma \vdash t_k : A_k$ for $1 \leq k \leq m$, $[t[t/x]/x]_i(\gamma) = [t]_i([t_1]_i(\gamma), \ldots, [t_m]_i(\gamma))$.

Theorem 3.9 (Soundness). If $t \leadsto u$ then $[t] = [u]$.

We now define a logical relation between our denotational semantics and terms, from which both normalisation and adequacy will follow. Doing this inductively proves rather delicate, because induction on size will not support reasoning about our values, as fold refers to a larger type in its premise. This motivates a notion of unguarded size under which $A[\mu \alpha.A/\alpha]$ is ‘smaller’ than $\mu \alpha.A$. But under this metric $\biggtriangledown A$ is smaller than $A$, so next now poses a problem. But the meaning of $\biggtriangledown A$ at index $i+1$ is determined by $A$ at index $i$, and so, as in Birkedal et al [7], our relation will also induct on index. This in turn creates problems with box, whose meaning refers to all indexes simultaneously, motivating a notion of box depth, allowing us finally to attain well-defined induction.

Definition 3.10. The unguarded size $\text{us}$ of an open type follows the obvious definition for type size, except that $\text{us}(\biggtriangledown A) = 0$.

The box depth $\text{bd}$ of an open type is

- $\text{bd}(A) = 0$ for $A \in \{\alpha, 0, 1, \mathbf{N}\}$;
- $\text{bd}(A \times B) = \min(\text{bd}(A), \text{bd}(B))$, and similarly for $\text{bd}(A \rightarrow B)$;
- $\text{bd}(\mu \alpha.A) = \text{bd}(A)$, and similarly for $\text{bd}(\biggtriangledown A)$;
- $\text{bd}(\mathbf{N}) = \text{bd}(A) + 1$.

Lemma 3.11. (i) guarded in $A$ implies $\text{us}(A[\beta/\alpha]) \leq \text{us}(A)$.
(ii) $\text{bd}(B) \leq \text{bd}(A)$ implies $\text{bd}(A[\beta/\alpha]) \leq \text{bd}(A)$

Definition 3.12. The family of relations $R^A_i$, indexed by closed types $A$ and positive integers $i$, relates elements of the semantics $a \in [A]_i$, and closed typed terms $t : A$ and is defined as

- $s R^1_i t$ iff $t \leadsto \langle \rangle$;
- $n R^N_i t$ iff $t \leadsto \text{suc}^{n}$ zero;
- $(a_1, a_2) R^A_i t$ iff $t \leadsto (t_1, t_2)$ and $a_d R^A_i t_d$ for $d \in \{1, 2\};$
- \( fR_i^{A\to B} t \) iff \( t \mapsto \lambda x.s \) and for all \( j \leq i \), \( aR_j^A u \) implies \( f_j(a)R_j^B s[u/x] \);
- \( aR_i^{\mu\alpha.A} t \) iff \( t \mapsto \text{fold} \, u \) and \( h_i(a)R_i^{A[\mu\alpha.A/\alpha]} u \), where \( h \) is the “unfold” isomorphism for the recursive type (ref. Lem. 3.12);
- \( aR_i^{\Box A} t \) iff \( t \mapsto \text{next}\, u \) and, where \( i > 1 \), \( aR_i^{A-1} u \);
- \( aR_i^{\Box A} t \) iff \( t \mapsto \boxed{u} \) and for all \( j \), \( a_j R_j^A u \);

This is well-defined by induction on the lexicographic ordering on box depth, then index, then unguarded size. First the \( \Box \) case strictly decreases box depth, and no other case increases it (ref. Lem. 3.11(ii) for \( \mu \)-types). Second the \( \rightarrow \) case strictly decreases index, and no other case increases it (disregarding \( \Box \)). Finally all other cases strictly decrease unguarded size, as seen via Lem. 3.11(iii) for \( \mu \)-types.

Lemma 3.13 (Fundamental Lemma). Take \( \Gamma = (x_1 : A_1, \ldots, x_m : A_m) \), \( \Gamma \vdash t : A \), and \( \vdash t_k : A_k \) for \( 1 \leq k \leq m \). Then for all \( i \), if \( a_k R_i^A t_k \) for all \( k \), then
\[
\llbracket \Gamma \vdash t : A \rrbracket_i (\vec{a}) R_i^A t[\vec{x}/\vec{x}] .
\]

Theorem 3.14 (Adequacy and Normalisation).

(i) For all closed terms \( \vdash t : A \) it holds that \( \llbracket t \rrbracket_i R_i^A t \);
(ii) \( \llbracket t : N \rrbracket_i = n \) implies \( t \mapsto \text{succ}^n \text{zero} \);
(iii) All closed typed terms evaluate to a value.

Proof. (i) specialises Lem. 3.13 to closed types. (ii), (iii) hold by (i) and inspection of Def. 3.12.

Definition 3.15. Typed contexts with typed holes are defined as obvious. Two terms \( \Gamma \vdash t : A, \Gamma \vdash u : A \) are contextually equivalent, written \( t \simeq_{\text{ctx}} u \), if for all closing contexts \( C \) of type \( N \), the terms \( C[t] \) and \( C[u] \) reduce to the same value.

Corollary 3.16. \( \llbracket t \rrbracket = \llbracket u \rrbracket \) implies \( t \simeq_{\text{ctx}} u \).

Proof. \( \llbracket C[t] \rrbracket = \llbracket C[u] \rrbracket \) by compositionality of the denotational semantics. Then by Thm. 3.14(iii) they reduce to the same value.

4 Logic for Guarded Lambda Calculus

This section presents our program logic \( Lg\lambda \) for the guarded \( \lambda \)-calculus. The logic is an extension of the internal language of \( S \) [60]. Thus it extends multisorted intuitionistic higher-order logic with two propositional modalities \( \triangleright \) and \( \square \), pronounced later and always respectively. The term language of \( Lg\lambda \) includes the terms of \( g\lambda \), and the types of \( Lg\lambda \) include types definable in \( g\lambda \). We write \( \Omega \) for the type of propositions, and also for the subobject classifier of \( S \).

The rules for \( \text{definitional equality} \) extend the usual \( \beta\eta \)-laws for functions and products with new equations for the new \( g\lambda \) constructs, listed in Fig. 3.

Definition 4.1. A type \( X \) is total and inhabited if the formula \( \text{Total}(X) \equiv \forall x : \triangleright X, \exists x' : X, \text{next}(x') = \triangleright x \) is valid.
\[
\begin{align*}
\Gamma \vdash t : A &\quad \implies \quad \Gamma \vdash \text{fold}(\text{fold } t) = t \\
\Gamma \vdash \text{unfold}(\text{fold } t) = t \\
\Gamma \vdash t_1 : A \rightarrow B &\quad \implies \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : A \\
\Gamma \vdash \text{next } t_1 \oplus \text{next } t_2 = \text{next } (t_1 t_2)
\end{align*}
\]

Fig. 3. Additional equations. The context \( \Gamma \) is assumed constant.

All of the \( g\lambda \)-types defined in Sec.2 are total and inhabited (see App. 2 for a proof using the semantics of the logic), but that is not the case when we include sum types as the empty type is not inhabited.

Corresponding to the modalities \( \triangleright \) and \( \square \) on types, we have modalities \( \triangleright \) and \( \square \) on formulas. The modality \( \triangleright \) is used to express that a formula holds only “later”, that is, after a time step. It is given by a function symbol \( \triangleright : \Omega \rightarrow \Omega \). The \( \square \) modality is used to express that a formula holds for all time steps. Unlike the \( \triangleright \) modality, \( \square \) on formulas does not arise from a function on \( \Omega \). As with \( \text{box} \), it is only well-behaved in constant contexts, so we will only allow \( \square \) in such contexts. The rules for \( \triangleright \) and \( \square \) are listed in Fig. 4.

\[
\begin{align*}
\Gamma, \exists \bar{x}, (\triangleright \phi \Rightarrow \phi) &\vdash \phi & \text{Löb} \\
\Gamma, x : X | \exists y : Y, \triangleright \phi(x, y) &\vdash (\exists y : Y, \phi(x, y)) & \exists \triangleright \\
\forall \triangleright &\quad \Gamma, x : X | \triangleright (\forall y : Y, \phi(x, y)) &\vdash \forall y : Y, \triangleright \phi(x, y) \\
* \in \{\wedge, \lor, \Rightarrow\} &\quad \Gamma | \phi \triangleright \psi &\vdash \exists \triangleright \\
\Gamma | \phi &\vdash \square \psi &\quad \Gamma, \phi &\vdash \square \psi &\quad \Gamma | \phi &\vdash \psi &\quad \Gamma | \square \phi &\vdash \square \psi &\quad \text{EQ}_{\text{next}} \\
\forall x, y : X, \triangleright (x = x) &\iff \text{next } x = \triangleright \text{next } y
\end{align*}
\]

Fig. 4. Rules for \( \triangleright \) and \( \square \). The judgement \( \Gamma | \Xi \vdash \phi \) expresses that in typing context \( \Gamma \), hypotheses in \( \Xi \) prove \( \phi \). The converse entailment in \( \forall \triangleright \) and \( \exists \triangleright \) rules holds if \( Y \) is total and inhabited. In all rules involving the \( \square \) the context \( \Gamma \) is assumed constant.

The \( \triangleright \) modality can in fact be defined in terms of \( \text{lift} : \triangleright \Omega \rightarrow \Omega \) (called \text{succ} by Birkedal et al [4]) as \( \triangleright = \text{lift} \circ \text{next} \). The lift function will be useful since it allows us to define predicates over guarded types, such as predicates on \( \text{Str}^5 \).

The semantics of the logic is given in \( \text{S} \); terms are interpreted as morphisms of \( \text{S} \) and formulas are interpreted via the subobject classifier. We do not present
the semantics here; except for the new terms of \(g\lambda\), whose semantics are defined in Sec. 3 the semantics are as in [13].

Later we will come to the problem of proving \(x =_A y\) from \(\text{unbox } x =_A \text{unbox } y\), where \(x, y\) have type \(\square A\). This in general does not hold, but using the semantics of \(Lg\lambda\) we can prove the proposition below.

**Proposition 4.2.** The formula \(\square (\text{unbox } x =_A \text{unbox } y) \Rightarrow x =_A y\) is valid.

There exists a fixed-point combinator of type \((\square A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A\) for all types \(A\) in the logic (not only those of in \(g\lambda\)) [6, Thm. 2.4]; we also write \(\text{fix } f\) for it.

**Proposition 4.3.** For any term \(f : \square A \rightarrow A\) we have \(\text{fix } f =_A f (\text{next } (\text{fix } f))\) and, if \(u\) is any other term such that \(f (\text{next } u) =_A u\), then \(u =_A \text{fix } f\).

In particular this can be used for recursive definitions of predicates. For instance if \(P : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \Omega\) is a predicate on natural numbers we can define a predicate \(P_{\text{Str}}\) on \(\text{Str}^K\) expressing that \(P\) holds for all elements of the stream:

\[P_{\text{Str}} \triangleq \text{fix } \lambda r. \lambda x s. P (\text{hd}^K x s) \land \text{lift } (r \odot (t l^K x s)) : \text{Str}^K \rightarrow \Omega.\]

The logic may be used to prove contextual equivalence of programs:

**Theorem 4.4.** Let \(t_1\) and \(t_2\) be two \(g\lambda\) terms of type \(A\) in context \(\Gamma\). If the sequent \(\Gamma \mid \emptyset \vdash t_1 =_A t_2\) is provable then \(t_1\) and \(t_2\) are contextually equivalent.

**Proof.** Recall that equality in the internal logic of a topos is just equality of morphisms. Hence \(t_1\) and \(t_2\) denote same morphism from \(\Gamma\) to \(A\). Adequacy (Cor. 3.10) then implies that \(t_1\) and \(t_2\) are contextually equivalent.

**Example 4.5.** We list some properties provable using the logic. Except for the first property all proof details are in App. 13:

(i) For any \(f : A \rightarrow B\) and \(g : B \rightarrow C\) we have

\[\text{map}^K f \circ \text{map}^K g =_{\text{Str}} \text{map}^K (f \circ g).\]

Unfolding the definition of \(\text{map}^K\) from Ex. 2.10(vi) and using \(\beta\)-rules and Prop. 4.3 we have \(\text{map}^K f x s = f (\text{hd}^K x s) :: (\text{next}(\text{map}^K f) \odot (t l^K x s)).\) Equality of functions is extensional so we have to prove

\[\Phi \triangleq \forall x s : \text{Str}^K, \text{map}^K f (\text{map}^K g x s) =_{\text{Str}} \text{map}^K (f \circ g) x s.\]

The proof is by Löb induction, so we assume \(\triangleright \Phi\) and take \(x s : \text{Str}^K\). Using the above property of \(\text{map}^K\) we unfold \(\text{map}^K f (\text{map}^K g x s)\) to

\[f (g (\text{hd}^K x s)) :: (\text{next}(\text{map}^K f) \odot ((\text{next}(\text{map}^K g)) \odot t l^K x s))\]

and we unfold \(\text{map}^K (f \circ g) x s\) to \(f (g (\text{hd}^K x s)) :: (\text{next}(\text{map}^K (f \circ g)) \odot t l^K x s)\).

Since \(\text{Str}^K\) is a total type there is a \(x s' : \text{Str}^K\) such that \(\text{next } x s' = t l^K x s\). Using this and the rule for \(\odot\) we have

\[\text{next}(\text{map}^K f) \odot ((\text{next}(\text{map}^K g)) \odot t l^K x s) =_{\text{Str}} \text{next}(\text{map}^K f (\text{map}^K g x s'))\]

and \(\text{next}(\text{map}^K (f \circ g)) \odot t l^K x s =_{\text{Str}} \text{next}(\text{map}^K (f \circ g) x s').\) From the induction hypothesis \(\triangleright \Phi\) we have \(\triangleright (\text{map}^K (f \circ g) x s') =_{\text{Str}} \text{map}^K f (\text{map}^K g x s')\) and so rule \(E\text{Q}_{\text{next}}\) concludes the proof.
(ii) We can also reason about acausal functions. For any \( n : \mathbb{N}, f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \),
\[
every 2nd(box\ iterate\ (next\ f)\ n) =_{\text{Str}} iterate\ (next\ f^2)\ n,
\]
where \( f^2 \) is \( \lambda m. f (f m) \). The proof again uses Löb induction.

(iii) Since our logic is higher-order we can state and prove very general properties, for instance the following general property of \( \text{map} \)
\[
\forall P, Q : (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \Omega), \forall f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, (\forall x : \mathbb{N}, P(x) \Rightarrow Q(f(x))) \Rightarrow \forall x : \text{Str}\_\mathbb{N}, P_{\text{Str}}(x) \Rightarrow Q_{\text{Str}}(\text{map}^g f x).
\]
The proof illustrates the use of the property \( \text{lift} \circ \text{next} = \bot \).

(iv) Given a closed term (we can generalise to terms in constant contexts) \( f \) of type \( A \rightarrow B \) we have \( \text{box} f \) of type \( \mathbb{N}_A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_B \). Define \( \mathcal{L}(f) = \lim(\text{box} f) \) of type \( \mathbb{N}_A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_B \). For any closed term \( f : A \rightarrow B \) and \( x : \mathbb{N}_A \) we can then prove \( \text{unbox}(\mathcal{L}(f) x) = B f (\text{unbox} x) \). Then using Prop. 4.2 we can, for instance, prove \( \mathcal{L}(f \circ g) = \mathcal{L}(f) \circ \mathcal{L}(g) \).

For functions of arity \( k \) we define \( \mathcal{L}_k \) using \( \mathcal{L} \), and analogous properties hold, e.g. we have \( \text{unbox}(\mathcal{L}_2(f) x y) = f (\text{unbox} x) (\text{unbox} y) \), which allows us to transfer equalities proved for functions on guarded types to functions on \( \mathbb{N}_d \) types; see Sec. 4 for an example.

5 Behavioural Differential Equations in \( g\lambda \)

In this section we demonstrate the expressivity of our approach by showing how to construct solutions to behavioural differential equations [20] in \( g\lambda \), and how to reason about such functions in \( Lg\lambda \), rather than with bisimulation as is more traditional. These ideas are best explained via a simple example.

Supposing addition \( + : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \) is given, then pointwise addition of streams, \( \text{plus} \), can be defined by the following behavioural differential equation
\[
\text{hd}(\text{plus} \sigma_1 \sigma_2) = \text{hd} \sigma_1 + \text{hd} \sigma_2 \quad \text{tl}(\text{plus} \sigma_1 \sigma_2) = \text{plus}(\text{tl} \sigma_1) (\text{tl} \sigma_2).
\]

To define the solution to this behavioural differential equation in \( g\lambda \), we first translate it to a function on guarded streams \( \text{plus}^g : \text{Str}^g \rightarrow \text{Str}^g \rightarrow \text{Str}^g \), as
\[
\text{plus}^g = \text{fix} \lambda f. \lambda s_1. \lambda s_2. (\text{hd}^g s_1 + \text{hd}^g s_2) :: (f \oplus (\text{tl}^g s_1) \oplus (\text{tl}^g s_2))
\]
then define \( \text{plus} : \text{Str} \rightarrow \text{Str} \rightarrow \text{Str} \) by \( \text{plus} = \mathcal{L}_2(\text{plus}^g) \). By Prop. 4.3 we have
\[
\text{plus}^g = \lambda s_1. \lambda s_2. (\text{hd}^g s_1 + \text{hd}^g s_2) :: ((\text{next}^g \text{plus}^g) \oplus (\text{tl}^g s_1) \oplus (\text{tl}^g s_2)) \quad (1)
\]
This definition of \( \text{plus} \) satisfies the specification given by the behavioural differential equation above. Let \( \sigma_1, \sigma_2 : \text{Str} \) and recall that \( \text{hd} = \text{hd}^g \circ \text{ls} \circ \text{unbox} \).
Then use Ex. 4.3(iv) and equality (1) to get
\[
\text{hd}(\text{plus} \sigma_1 \sigma_2) = \text{hd} \sigma_1 + \text{hd} \sigma_2.
\]
For \( \text{tl} \) we proceed similarly, also using that \( \text{tl}^g(\text{unbox} \sigma) = \text{next}(\text{unbox}(\text{tl} \sigma)) \) which can be proved using the \( \beta \)-rule for \( \text{box} \) and the \( \eta \)-rule for \( \text{next} \).
Since \texttt{plus} is defined via guarded recursion we can reason about it with L"ob induction, for example to prove that it is commutative. Ex. 4.5(iv) and Prop. 4.2 then immediately give that \texttt{plus} on \textit{coinductive} streams \texttt{Str} is commutative.

Once we have defined \texttt{plus} we can use it when defining other functions on streams, for instance stream multiplication \(\otimes\) which is specified by equations

\[
\text{hd}(\sigma_1 \otimes \sigma_2) = (\text{hd} \sigma_1) \cdot (\text{hd} \sigma_2) \quad \text{tl}(\sigma_1 \otimes \sigma_2) = (\rho(\text{hd} \sigma_1) \otimes (\text{tl} \sigma_2)) \oplus ((\text{tl} \sigma_1) \otimes \sigma_2)
\]

where \(\rho(n)\) is a stream with head \(n\) and tail a stream of zeros, and \(\cdot\) is multiplication of natural numbers, and using \(\oplus\) as infix notation for \texttt{plus}. We can define \(\otimes\) by

\[
\text{fix } \lambda f. \lambda s_1. \lambda s_2. ( (\text{hd}^\mathfrak{g} s_1) \cdot (\text{hd}^\mathfrak{g} s_2) ) ::
 (\text{next } \text{plus}^\mathfrak{g} \otimes (f \otimes \text{next}^\mathfrak{g} \text{hd}^\mathfrak{g} s_1) \otimes \text{tl}^\mathfrak{g} s_2) \oplus (f \otimes \text{tl}^\mathfrak{g} s_1 \otimes \text{next}^\mathfrak{g} s_2)
\]

then define \(\otimes = L_2(\otimes^\mathfrak{g})\). It can be shown that the function \(\otimes\) so defined satisfies the two defining equations above. Note that the guarded \texttt{plus} is used to define \(\otimes^\mathfrak{g}\), so our approach is \textit{modular} in the sense of \cite{16}.

The example above generalises, as we can show that any solution to a behavioural differential equation in \texttt{Set} can be obtained via guarded recursion together with \(L_k\). The formal statement is somewhat technical and can be found in App. \(\mathcal{D}\).

\section{Discussion}

Following Nakano\cite{18}, the \(\triangleright\triangleright\) modality has been used as type-former for a number of \(\lambda\)-calculi for guarded recursion. Nakano’s calculus and some successors\cite{14,21,2} permit only \textit{causal} functions. The closest such work to ours is that of Abel and Vezzosi\cite{2}, but due to a lack of destructor for \(\triangleright\) their (strong) normalisation result relies on a somewhat artificial operational semantics where the number of \texttt{next}s that can be reduced under is bounded by some fixed natural number.

Atkey and McBride’s extension of such calculi to acausal functions\cite{4} forms the basis of this paper. We build on their work by (aside from various minor changes such as eliminating the need to work modulo first-class type isomorphisms) introducing normalising operational semantics, an adequacy proof with respect to the topos of trees, and a program logic.

An alternative approach to type-based productivity guarantees are \textit{sized types}, introduced by Hughes et al\cite{13} and now extensively developed, for example integrated into a variant of System \(F\omega\)\cite{1}. Our approach offers some advantages, such as adequate denotational semantics, and a notion of program proof without appeal to dependent types, but extensions with realistic language features (e.g. following Møgelberg\cite{17}) clearly need to be investigated.
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A Proofs for Section 3

Proof (of Lem. 3.6). By induction on type formation, with ▶ A case omitted, A a base case, and μω.A considered only where α is not free in A.

Proof (of Lem. 3.8). By induction on the typing of t. We present the cases particular to our calculus.

next: case i = 1 is trivial. \[ \text{next } t[i/x][i+1] \gamma = r^A_i \circ t[i/x][i+1] \gamma = r^A_i \circ t[i/x][i+1] \gamma \]

prev: by induction, which is \[ \text{prev } t[i+1] \gamma \]

box/\unbox: by induction equals \[ \text{box } t[i+1] \gamma = t[i+1] \gamma \]

next: a base case, and

\[ \text{next } t[i+1] \gamma = t[i+1] \gamma \]

Proof (of Lem. 3.11). Proof (of Soundness Thm. 3.9). unfold fold t t unbox t next t (j prev next t ⊛ 1)

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\[ \text{next } t[i/x][i+1] \gamma = (t[i/x][i+1] \gamma) \circ (t[i/x][i+1] \gamma) \circ (t[i/x][i+1] \gamma) = (t[i/x][i+1] \gamma) \circ (t[i/x][i+1] \gamma) \circ (t[i/x][i+1] \gamma) \]

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Proof (of Lem. 3.17). By induction on the construction of the type A.

(i) follows with only interesting case the variable case – A cannot be α because of the requirement that α be guarded in A.

(ii) follows with interesting cases: variable case enforces bd(B) = 0; binary type-formers ×, → have for example bd(A_d) ≥ bd(A_1 × A_2), so bd(A_d) ≥ bd(B) and the induction follows; A by construction has no free variables.

Lemma A.1. If t ⊸ u and aR^A_i u then aR^A_i t.

Proof. All cases follow similarly; consider A_1 × A_2. (a_1, a_2)R^A_1 × A_2 u implies u ⊸ (t_1, t_2), where this value obeys some property. But then t ⊸ (t_1, t_2) similarly.

Lemma A.2. aR^A_i t implies r^A_i(a)R^A_i t.
Proof. Cases 1, N are trivial. Case × follows by induction because restrictions are defined pointwise. Case μ follows by induction and the naturality of the isomorphism h. Case ▶ A follows because \( r_j^{[A]}(a) = a \).

For \( A \to B \) take \( j \leq i \) and \( a'R^A_ju \). By the downwards closure in the definition of \( R^{A+B}_{i+1} \) we have \( f_j(a')R^B_js[u/x] \). But \( f_j = (r_i^{A+B}(f))_j \).

With ▶ A, case \( i = 1 \) is trivial, so take \( i = j + 1 \). \( aR^A_jt \) means \( t \to u \) and \( aR^A_ju \), so by induction \( r_j^{[A]}(a)R^A_ju \), so \( r_j^{[A]}(a)R^A_ju \) as required.

Lemma A.3. If \( aR^A_jt \) and \( A \) is constant, then \( aR^A_jt \) for all \( j \).

Proof. Easy induction on types, ignoring ▶ A and treating ▶ A as a base case.

We finally turn to the proof of the Fundamental Lemma.
\[
\begin{align*}
&u_2 \langle t \rangle_{j+1}(\bar{a}) \text{. Now } u_1 \otimes u_2 \rightsquigarrow \text{next } s_1 \otimes u_2 \rightsquigarrow \text{next } s_1 \otimes \text{next } s_2 \rightsquigarrow \text{next}(s_1s_2), \text{ and } \\
&s_1s_2 \rightsquigarrow (\lambda x. s)s_2 \rightsquigarrow s[s_2/x], \text{ completing the proof.}
\end{align*}
\]

\section*{B Example Proofs in \(Lg\lambda\)}

We first record a substitution property of \(\text{box}\) and \(\text{prev}\) for later use.

**Lemma B.1.** Let \(A_1, \ldots, A_k\) and \(B\) be constant types and \(C\) any type. If we have \(x : B \vdash t : C\) and \(y_1 : A_k, \ldots, y_k : A_k \vdash t' : B\) then

\[
\text{box}[x \leftarrow t'].t =_{C} \text{box.} t'[t'/x].
\]

If \(C = \triangledown D\) then we also have

\[
\text{prev}[x \leftarrow t'].t =_{D} \text{prev.} t[t'/x]
\]

We can prove the first part of the lemma in the logic, using Prop. 4.2 and the \(\beta\)-rule for \(\text{box}\). We can also prove the second part of the lemma for total and inhabited types \(D\) with the rules we have stated so far using the \(\beta\)-rule for \(\text{next}\). For arbitrary \(D\) we can prove the lemma using the semantics.

\subsection*{B.1 Acausal Example}

To see that L"ob induction can be used to prove properties of recursively defined acausal functions we show that for any \(n : N\) and any \(f : N \rightarrow N\) we have

\[
\text{every2nd } (\text{box } \iota. \text{iterate } (\text{next } f) n) =_{\text{Str}} \text{iterate } (\text{next } f^2) n,
\]

where we write \(f^2\) for \(\lambda n. f(n)\). We first derive the intermediate result

\[
\forall m : N, \text{tl } (\text{box } \iota. \text{iterate } (\text{next } f) m) =_{\text{Str}} \text{box } \iota. \text{iterate } (\text{next } f) (f m), \quad (2)
\]

by unfolding and applying Prop. 4.3

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{tl } (\text{box } \iota. \text{iterate } (\text{next } f) m) &= \text{box } [s \leftarrow \text{box } \iota. \text{iterate } (\text{next } f) m]. \text{prev } \iota. \text{tl}(\text{unbox } s) \\
&= \text{box } \iota. \text{prev } \iota. \text{tl}(\text{iterate } (\text{next } f) m) \quad \text{(by Lem. B.1)} \\
&= \text{box } \iota. \text{prev } \iota. \text{next } (\text{iterate } (\text{next } f) (f m)) \\
&= \text{box } \iota. \text{iterate } (\text{next } f) (f m).
\end{align*}
\]

Now assume

\[
\triangledown (\forall n : N, \text{every2nd}(\text{box } \iota. \text{iterate } (\text{next } f) n) =_{\text{Str}} \text{iterate } (\text{next } f^2) n), \quad (3)
\]

then by L"ob induction we can derive

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{every2nd } (\text{box } \iota. \text{iterate } (\text{next } f) n) \\
&= n :: \text{next } (\text{every2nd } (\text{tl } (\text{box } \iota. \text{iterate } (\text{next } f) n)))) \\
&= n :: \text{next } (\text{every2nd } (\text{box } \iota. \text{iterate } (\text{next } f) (f (f n)))) \quad \text{(by \(2\))} \\
&= n :: \text{next } (\text{iterate } (\text{next } f^2) (f (f n))) \quad \text{(by \(2\) and \(\text{eq}_{\text{next}}^\iota\))} \\
&= \text{iterate } (\text{next } f^2) n.
\end{align*}
\]
B.2 Higher-Order Logic Example

We now prove
\[ \forall P, Q : (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \Omega), \forall f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}, (\forall x : \mathbb{N}, P(x) \Rightarrow Q(f(x))) \] \[ \Rightarrow \forall x : \text{Str}, P_{\text{Str}}(x) \Rightarrow Q_{\text{Str}}(\text{map}^\delta f(x)). \]

This is a simple property of \( \text{map}^\delta \), but the proof shows how the pieces fit together. Recall that \( \text{map}^\delta \) satisfies \( \text{map}^\delta f x s = f(\text{hd}^\delta x s) : (\text{next}(\text{map}^\delta f) \oplus (\text{tl}^\delta x s)). \) We prove the property by Löb induction. So let \( P \) and \( Q \) be predicates on \( \mathbb{N} \) and \( f \) a function on \( \mathbb{N} \) that satisfies \( \forall x : \mathbb{N}, P(x) \Rightarrow Q(f(x)). \) To use Löb induction assume
\[ \triangledown(\forall x : \text{Str}, P_{\text{Str}}(x) \Rightarrow Q_{\text{Str}}(\text{map}^\delta f(x))) \] (4)

and let \( x s \) be a stream satisfying \( P_{\text{Str}}. \) Unfolding \( P_{\text{Str}}(x s) \) we get \( P(\text{hd}^\delta x s) \) and \( \text{lift}(\text{next} P_{\text{Str}} \oplus (\text{tl}^\delta x s)) \) and we need to prove \( Q(\text{hd}^\delta (\text{map}^\delta f x s)) \) and also \( \text{lift}(\text{next} Q_{\text{Str}} \oplus (\text{tl}^\delta (\text{map}^\delta f x s))). \) The first is easy since \( Q(\text{hd}^\delta (\text{map}^\delta f x s)) = Q(f(\text{hd}^\delta x s)). \) For the second we have \( \text{tl}^\delta (\text{map}^\delta f x s) = \text{next}(\text{map}^\delta f) \oplus (\text{tl}^\delta x s). \) Since \( \text{Str} \) is a total and inhabited type there is a stream \( x s' \) such that \( \text{next} x s' = \text{tl}^\delta x s. \) This gives \( \text{tl}^\delta (\text{map}^\delta f x s) = \text{next}(\text{map}^\delta f x s') \) and so our desired result reduces to \( \text{lift}(\text{next}(Q_{\text{Str}}(\text{map}^\delta f x s'))) \) and \( \text{lift}(\text{next} P_{\text{Str}} \oplus (\text{tl}^\delta x s)) \) is equivalent to \( \text{lift}(\text{next}(P_{\text{Str}}(x s'))). \) Now \( \text{lift} \circ \text{next} = \triangledown \) and so what we have to prove is \( \triangledown(Q_{\text{Str}}(\text{map}^\delta f x s')) \) from \( \triangledown(P_{\text{Str}}(x s'))), \) which follows directly from the induction hypothesis (4).

C Sums

This appendix extends Secs. 2, 3 and 4 to add sum types to the \( \text{g} \lambda \)-calculus. and to logic \( L\text{g} \lambda \).

Binary sums in Atkey and McBride [4] come with the type isomorphism \( \boxplus A + \boxplus B \cong \boxplus (A + B) \), but there are not in general terms witnessing this isomorphism. Likewise if binary sums are added to our calculus as obvious we may define the term
\[ \lambda x. \text{box}^+ t. \text{case} x \text{ of } x_1. \text{in}_1 \text{ unbox} x_1; x_2. \text{in}_2 \text{ unbox} x_2 : \boxplus A + \boxplus B \rightarrow \boxplus (A + B) \]

but no inverse is definable in general. We believe such a map may be useful when working with guarded recursive types involving sum, such as the type of potentially infinite lists, and in any case the isomorphism is valid in the topos of trees and so it is harmless for us to reflect this in our calculus. We do this via a new term-former \( \text{box}^+ \) allowing us to define
\[ \lambda x. \text{box}^+ t. \text{unbox} x : \boxplus (A + B) \rightarrow \boxplus A + \boxplus B \]

This construct may be omitted without effecting the results of this section.
Definition C.1 (ref. Defs. 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.7, 2.8). $g\lambda$-terms are given by the grammar

$$t ::= \cdots \mid \text{abort} \mid \text{in}_d t \mid \text{case } t \text{ of } x_1: t_1; x_2: t_2 \mid \text{box}^+ \sigma.t$$

where $d \in \{1, 2\}$, and $x_1, x_2$ are variables. We abbreviate terms with $\text{box}^+$ as for $\text{prev}$ and $\text{box}$.

The reduction rules on closed $g\lambda$-terms with sums are

- $\text{case in}_d t \text{ of } x_1: t_1; x_2: t_2 \mapsto t_2[t/x_d]$ $(d \in \{1, 2\})$
- $\text{box}^+[\vec{x} \leftarrow \vec{t}], t \mapsto \text{box}^+[t[\vec{x}]]$ $(\vec{x} \text{ non-empty})$
- $\text{box}^+\text{in}_i t \mapsto \text{in}_i \text{box} t$

Values are terms of the form

$$\cdots \mid \text{in}_1 t \mid \text{in}_2 t$$

Evaluation contexts are defined by the grammar

$$E ::= \cdots \mid \text{abort} E \mid \text{case } E \text{ of } x_1: t_1; x_2: t_2 \mid \text{box}^+ E$$

$g\lambda$-types for sums are defined inductively by the rules of Fig. 5 and the new typing judgments are given in Fig. 6 where $d \in \{1, 2\}$.

![Fig. 5. Type formation for sums in the $g\lambda$-calculus](image)

![Fig. 6. Typing rules for sums in the $g\lambda$-calculus](image)
We now consider denotational semantics. Note that the initial object of \( S \) is \( \Delta 0 \) (ref. Def. 3.2), while binary coproducts in \( S \) are defined pointwise. By naturality it holds that for any arrow \( f : X \to Y + Z \) and \( x \in X \), \( f_i(x) \) must be an element of the same side of the sum for all \( i \).

**Definition C.2 (ref.Defs. 3.3, 3.7).**

- \( [0] \) is the constant functor \( \Delta 0 \);
- \( [A_1 + A_2]([W]) = [A_1]([W]) + [A_2]([W]) \) and likewise for \( S \)-arrows.

Term-formers for sums are interpreted via \( S \)-coproducts, with **abort**, \( \text{in}_d \) and case defined as usual, and \( \text{box}^+ \) defined as follows.

- Let \( \llbracket \text{box}^+[\vec{x} \leftarrow \vec{t}] \rrbracket_i(\gamma) \) (which is well-defined by Lem. 3.8) be \( [a_j, d] \) as \( j \) ranges, recalling that \( d \in \{1, 2\} \) is the same for all \( i \). Define \( a : 1 \to [A_d] \) to have \( j \)th element \( a_j \). Then \( \llbracket \text{box}^+[\vec{x} \leftarrow \vec{t}] \rrbracket_i(\gamma) \triangleq [a_i, d] \).

We now proceed to the sum cases of our proofs.

Proof (box \( ^+ \) cases of Soundness Thm. 3.4). Because each \( [A_k] \) is a constant object (Lem. 3.0), \( [t_k]_i = [t_k]_j \) for all \( i, j \). Hence \( \llbracket \text{box}^+[\vec{x} \leftarrow \vec{t}] \rrbracket_i \) is defined via components \( \llbracket t_j(i(t_i]) \) and \( \llbracket \text{box}^+ t[\vec{t}/\vec{x}] \rrbracket_i \) is defined via components \( \llbracket t_j(i(t_i]) \). These are equal by Lem 3.8.

\( \llbracket \text{box}^+ \text{in}_d t[l]_i \) is the \( d \)th injection into the function with \( j \)th component \( \llbracket t[j] \) and likewise for \( \llbracket \text{in}_d \text{box} t[l] \).

**Definition C.3 (ref. Def. 3.12).**

- \([a, d]R_1^{A_1 + A_2} t \) iff \( t \sim \text{in}_d u \) for \( d = 1 \) or 2, and \( aR_1^{A_4} u \).

Note that \( R_i^0 \) is (necessarily) everywhere empty.

Proof (for Lems. A.1, A.2). For \( 0 \) cases the premise fails so the the lemmas are vacuous. \( + \) cases follow as for \( \times \).

Proof (ref. Fundamental Lemma 3.13). **abort**: The induction hypothesis states that \( \llbracket t[i](\vec{a})R_1^0 t[\vec{t}/\vec{x}] \) but this is not possible, so the theorem holds vacuously.

\( \text{in}_d t \) case follows by easy induction.

**case of \( y_1, u_1, y_2, u_2 \):** If \( \llbracket t[i](\vec{a})R_1^{A_1 + A_2} t[\vec{t}/\vec{x}] \) then \( t[\vec{t}/\vec{x}] \sim \text{in}_d u \) for some \( d \in \{1, 2\} \), with \( \llbracket t[i](\vec{a}) = [a, d] \) and \( aR_1^{A_4} u \). Then \( \llbracket u_d]_i(\vec{a}, a)R_1^{A_4} u_d[\vec{t}/\vec{x}, u/y_d] \).

Now (case of \( y_1, u_1, y_2, u_2 \)) \( \llbracket t[i]/\vec{x} \sim \text{case in}_d u \) of \( y_1, (u_1[\vec{t}/\vec{x}]); y_2, (u_2[\vec{t}/\vec{x}]) \), which reduces to \( u_d[\vec{t}/\vec{x}, u/y_d] \), and Lem. A.3 completes.

\( \text{box}^+[\vec{y} \leftarrow \vec{u}] t \) (ref. Lem. 3.4) via induction, so \( \llbracket u_d]_i(\vec{a})R_1^{A_4} u_k[\vec{t}/\vec{x}] \) for any \( j \) by Lem. A.3. By induction \( \llbracket t[j](\vec{a}) \rrbracket_j(\vec{a})R_1^{A_4} u_k[\vec{t}/\vec{x}] \) for any \( j \) by Lem. A.3. By induction \( \llbracket t[j](\vec{a}) \rrbracket_j(\vec{a}) \rrbracket_j(\vec{a})R_1^{A_4} u_k[\vec{t}/\vec{x}] \). If \( \llbracket t[j](\vec{a}) \rrbracket_j(\vec{a}) \rrbracket_j(\vec{a}) \) is some \([b, d]\) we have \( t_1[\vec{t}/\vec{x}] / y_1, \ldots \) \( \sim \text{in}_d s \) with \( bR_1^{A_4} s \).

Now (box \( ^+ \) \( \vec{y} \leftarrow \vec{u} \)) \( t[i]/\vec{x} \) \( \rightarrow \text{box}^+ t[u_1[\vec{t}/\vec{x}]/y_1, \ldots \) \( \sim \text{box}^+ \text{in}_d s \), which finally reduces to \( \text{in}_d \text{box}s \), which yields the result.
The logic $Lg\lambda$ may be extended to sums via the usual $\beta\eta$-laws and commuting conversions for binary sums and the equational version of the $\Box^+$ rule (ref. Fig. 3):

$$\Gamma\vdash t : B_d \quad \Gamma\vdash \vec{t} : \Gamma$$

$$\Gamma\vdash \Box^+[\vec{t} \leftarrow \vec{t}], (\text{in}_d t) = \text{in}_d (\Box [\vec{t} \leftarrow \vec{t}], t)$$

### D Proof of Definability of Solutions of Behavioural Differential Equations in $g\lambda$

An equivalent presentation of the topos of trees is as sheaves over $\omega$ (with Alexandroff topology) $\text{Sh}(\omega)$. In this section it is more convenient to work with sheaves than with presheaves because the global sections functor $\Gamma$ in the sequence of adjoints

$$\Pi_1 \dashv \Delta \dashv \Gamma$$

where

$$\Pi_1 : S \to \text{Set}$$

$$\Pi_1(X) = X(1)$$

$$\Delta : \text{Set} \to S$$

$$\Delta(a)(\alpha) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \alpha = 0 \\ a & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Gamma : S \to \text{Set}$$

$$\Gamma(X) = X(\omega)$$

is just evaluation at $\omega$, i.e. the limit is already present. This simplifies notation. Another advantage is that $\Box : S \to S$ is given as

$$(\Box X)(\nu + 1) = X(\nu)$$

$$(\Box X)(\alpha) = X(\alpha)$$

where $\alpha$ is a limit ordinal (either 0 or $\omega$) which means that $\Box X(\omega) = X(\omega)$ and as a consequence, $\text{next}_\omega = \text{id}_X(\omega)$ and $\Gamma(\Box X) = \Gamma(X)$ for any $X \in S$ and so $\Box(\Box X) = \Box X$ for any $X$ so we don’t have to deal with mediating isomorphisms.

First we have a simple statement, but useful later, since it gives us a precise goal to prove later when considering the interpretation.

**Lemma D.1.** Let $X, Y$ be objects of $S$. Let $F : \Box (Y^X) \to Y^X$ be a morphism in $S$ and $E$ a function in $\text{Set}$ from $Y(\omega)^X(\omega)$ to $Y(\omega)^X(\omega)$. Suppose that the diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\Gamma(\Box (Y^X)) & \longrightarrow & \Gamma(Y^X) \\
\text{lim} & \downarrow & \text{lim} \\
Y(\omega)^X(\omega) & \longrightarrow & Y(\omega)^X(\omega)
\end{array}$$

1 This standard notation for this functor should not to be confused with our notation for typing contexts.
where \( \lim ((g_\nu)_{\nu=0}^\infty) = g_\omega \) commutes. By Banach’s fixed point theorem \( F \) has a unique fixed point, say \( u : 1 \to Y^X \).

Then \( \lim (\Gamma(u)(*)) = \lim (\Gamma(\text{next} \circ u)(*)) = \Gamma(\text{next} \circ u)(*), \omega = u_\omega(*)_\omega \) is a fixed point of \( F \).

\[ \text{Proof.} \] The proof is trivial.

\[ F(\lim (\Gamma(u)(*))) = \lim (\Gamma(F)(\text{next} \circ u)(*)) \]
\[ = \lim (\Gamma(F \circ \text{next} \circ u)(*)) = \lim (\Gamma(u)(*)) . \]

Note that \( \lim \) is not an isomorphism. There are (in general) many more functions from \( X(\omega) \) to \( Y(\omega) \) than those that arise from natural transformations. The ones that arise from natural transformations are the non-expansive ones.

### D.1 Behavioural Differential Equations

Let \( \Sigma_A \) be a signature of function symbols with two types, \( A \) and \( \text{Str} \). Suppose we wish to define a new \( k \)-ary operation given the signature \( \Sigma_A \). We need to provide two terms \( h_f \) and \( t_f \) (standing for head and tail). \( h_f \) has to be a term using function symbols in signature \( \Sigma_A \) and have type

\[ x_1 : A, x_2 : A, \cdots, x_k : A \vdash h_f : A \]

and \( t_f \) has to be a term in the signature extended with a new function symbol \( f \) of type \((\text{Str})^k \to \text{Str}\) and have type

\[ x_1 : A, \cdots, x_k : A, y_1 : \text{Str}, \cdots, y_k : \text{Str}, z_1 : \text{Str}, \cdots, z_k : \text{Str} \vdash t_f : \text{Str} \]

In the second term the variables \( x \) (intuitively) denote the head elements of the streams, the variables \( y \) denote the streams, and the variables \( z \) denote the tails of the streams.

We now define two interpretations of \( h_f \) and \( t_f \). First in the topos of trees and then in \( \text{Set} \).

We choose a set \( a \in \text{Set} \) and define \([A]_S = \Delta(a)\) and \([\text{Str}]_S = \mu X. \Delta(a) \times \triangleright (X)\). To each function symbol \( g \in \Sigma \) of type \( \tau_1, \ldots, \tau_n \to \tau_{n+1} \) we assign a morphism

\[ [g]_S : [\tau_1]_S \times [\tau_2]_S \times \cdots \times [\tau_n]_S \to [\tau_{n+1}]_S . \]

Then we define the interpretation of \( h_f \) by induction as a morphism of type \([A]^k_S \to [A]_S\) by

\[ [x_1]_S = \pi_i \]
\[ [g(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_n)]_S = [g]_S \circ ([t_1]_S, [t_2]_S, \ldots, [t_n]_S) . \]

For \( t_f \) we interpret the types and function symbols in \( \Sigma_A \) in the same way. But recall that \( t_f \) also contains a function symbol \( f \). So the denotation of \( t_f \) will be a morphism with the following type

\[ [t_f]_S : \triangleright ([[\text{Str}]_S^{[\text{Str}]_S^k}]_S) \times [A]^k_S \times [\text{Str}]_S^k \times ([\triangleright ([\text{Str}]_S)])^k \to [\triangleright ([\text{Str}]_S)] . \]
and is defined as follows

\[
[x_i]_S = \text{next} \circ \iota \circ \pi_{x_i}, \\
[y_i]_S = \text{next} \circ \pi_{y_i}, \\
[z_i]_S = \pi_{z_i}, \\
g(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_n)_S = \text{eval} \circ (\text{can} \circ (\text{eval} \circ \langle [t_1]_S, [t_2]_S, \ldots, [t_n]_S \rangle))
\]

if \( g \neq f \)

\[
[f(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_k)]_S = \text{eval} \circ (\text{can} \circ (\text{eval} \circ \langle [t_1]_S, [t_2]_S, \ldots, [t_k]_S \rangle))
\]

where \( \text{can} \) is the canonical isomorphism witnessing that \( \triangleright \) preserves products, \( \text{eval} \) is the evaluation map and \( \iota \) is the suitably encoded morphism that when given \( a \) constructs the stream with head \( a \) and tail all zeros. This exists and is easy to construct.

Next we define the denotation of \( h_f \) and \( t_f \) in \( \text{Set} \). We set \([A]_{\text{Set}} = a\) and \([\text{Str}]_{\text{Set}} = [\text{Str}]_S(\omega)\). For each function symbol in \( \Sigma_A \) we define \([g]_{\text{Set}} = \Gamma[g]_S = \langle [g]_S \rangle_\omega\).

We then define \([h_f]_{\text{Set}}\) as a function

\[\[A]\]_k^{\text{Set}} \to [A]_{\text{Set}}\]

exactly the same as we defined \([h_f]_S\).

\[
[x_i]_{\text{Set}} = \pi_i, \\
g(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_n)_{\text{Set}} = [g]_{\text{Set}} \circ (\langle [t_1]_{\text{Set}}, [t_2]_{\text{Set}}, \ldots, [t_n]_{\text{Set}} \rangle).
\]

The denotation of \( t_f \) is somewhat different in the way that we do not guard the tail and the function being defined with a \( \triangleright \). We define

\[
[t_f]_{\text{Set}} : [\text{Str}]_{\text{Set}}^{\text{Str}}_k \times [A]_k^{\text{Set}} \times [\text{Str}]_k^{\text{Str}} \times ([\text{Str}]_{\text{Set}})_k \to [\text{Str}]_{\text{Set}}
\]

as follows

\[
[x_i]_{\text{Set}} = \iota \circ \pi_{x_i}, \\
[y_i]_{\text{Set}} = \pi_{y_i}, \\
[z_i]_{\text{Set}} = \pi_{z_i}, \\
g(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_n)_{\text{Set}} = [g]_{\text{Set}} \circ (\langle [t_1]_{\text{Set}}, [t_2]_{\text{Set}}, \ldots, [t_n]_{\text{Set}} \rangle)
\]

if \( g \neq f \)

\[
[f(t_1, t_2, \ldots, t_k)]_{\text{Set}} = \text{eval} \circ (\pi_f, \langle [t_1]_{\text{Set}}, [t_2]_{\text{Set}}, \ldots, [t_k]_{\text{Set}} \rangle)
\]

where \( \iota \) is again the same operation, this time on actual streams in \( \text{Set} \).

We then define \( \mathcal{F} : [\text{Str}]_{\text{Set}}^{[\text{Str}]_k^{\text{Str}}_{\text{Set}}} \to [\text{Str}]_{\text{Set}}^{[\text{Str}]_k^{\text{Str}}_{\text{Set}}} \)

as

\[\mathcal{F}(\phi)(\bar{\sigma}) = \Gamma(\text{fold}) (\langle [h_f]_{\text{Set}}(\text{hd}(\bar{\sigma})) \rangle, [t_f]_{\text{Set}}(\phi, \text{hd}(\bar{\sigma}), \bar{\sigma}, \text{tl}(\bar{\sigma})))\]
where \(hd\) and \(tl\) are head and tail functions (extended in the obvious way to tuples). Here \(fold\) is the isomorphism witnessing that guarded streams are indeed the fixed point of the defining functor.

Similarly we define \(F : \bigtriangledown \left( \llbracket Str \rrbracket^k_S \right) \to \llbracket Str \rrbracket^k_S\) as the exponential transpose \(\Lambda\) of \(F' = fold \circ \left( [h_f] \circ hd \circ \pi_2, [t_f] \circ \left( \text{id}_{\llbracket Str \rrbracket^k_S} \times \langle hd, \text{id}_{\llbracket Str \rrbracket^k_S}, tail \rangle \right) \right)\).

**Proposition D.2.** For the above defined \(F\) and \(\bigtriangledown\) we have

\[
\lim \circ \Gamma(F) = F \circ \lim
\]

**Proof.** Let \(\phi \in \Gamma\left( \bigtriangledown \left( \llbracket Str \rrbracket^k_S \right) \right) = \Gamma\left( \llbracket Str \rrbracket^k_S \right).

We have

\[
\lim(\Gamma(F)(\phi)) = \lim(F_\omega(\phi)) = F_\omega(\phi_\omega)
\]

and

\[
F_\omega(\lim(\phi)) = F_\omega(\phi_\omega)
\]

Now both of these are elements of \(\llbracket Str \rrbracket^k_{\text{Set}}\), meaning genuine functions in \(\text{Set}\), so to show they are equal we use elements. Let \(\bar{\sigma} \in \llbracket Str \rrbracket^k_{\text{Set}}\).

We are then required to show

\[
F_\omega(\phi_\omega)(\bar{\sigma}) = F_\omega(\phi_\omega)(\bar{\sigma})
\]

Recall that \(F = \Lambda(F')\) (exponential transpose) so \(F_\omega(\phi_\omega)(\bar{\sigma}) = F'_\omega(\phi_\omega)(\bar{\sigma})\). Now recall that composition in \(S\) is just composition of functions at each stage and products in \(S\) are defined pointwise and that \(\text{next}_\omega\) is the identity function.

Moreover, the morphism \(hd\) gets mapped by \(\Gamma\) to \(hd\) in \(\text{Set}\) and the same holds for \(tl\). For the latter it is important that \(\Gamma(\bigtriangledown(\cdot)) = \Gamma(\cdot)\) for any \(\cdot\).

We thus get

\[
F'_\omega(\phi, \bar{\sigma}) = \text{fold}_\omega \left( ([h_f]_S)_{\omega}(hd(\bar{\sigma})), ([t_f]_S)_{\omega}(\phi, hd(\bar{\sigma}), \bar{\sigma}, tl(\bar{\sigma})) \right)
\]

And for \(F(\phi_\omega)(\bar{\sigma})\) we have

\[
F(\phi_\omega)(\bar{\sigma}) = \text{fold}_\omega \left( ([h_f]_{\text{Set}})(hd(\bar{\sigma})), ([t_f]_{\text{Set}})(\phi_\omega, hd(\bar{\sigma}), \bar{\sigma}, tl(\bar{\sigma})) \right)
\]

It is now easy to see that these two are equal. The proof is by induction on the structure of \(h_f\) and \(t_f\). The variable cases are trivial, but crucially use the fact that \(\text{next}_\omega\) is the identity function. The cases for function symbols in \(\Sigma_A\) are trivial since their denotations in \(\text{Set}\) are defined to be the correct ones. The case for \(f\) goes through similarly since application at \(\omega\) only uses \(\phi\) at \(\omega\).
Theorem D.3. Let \((\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2)\) be a signature and \(\mathcal{I}\) its interpretation. Let \((h, t_f)\) be a behavioural differential equation defining a \(k\)-ary function \(f\) using function symbols in \(\Sigma\). The right-hand sides of \(h\) and \(t_f\) define a term \(\Phi_f^g\) of type

\[
\Phi_f^g : \big(\text{Str}^k \rightarrow \text{Str}^k \rightarrow \cdots \text{Str}^k\big) \rightarrow \big(\text{Str}^k \rightarrow \text{Str}^k \rightarrow \cdots \text{Str}^k\big).
\]

and a term \(\Phi_f\) of type

\[
\Phi_f : \big(\text{Str} \rightarrow \text{Str} \rightarrow \cdots \text{Str}\big) \rightarrow \big(\text{Str} \rightarrow \text{Str} \rightarrow \cdots \text{Str}\big).
\]

by using \(\mathcal{L}_{a_f^g}(\mathcal{I}(g_j))\) for interpretations of function symbols \(g_j\).

Let \(f^g = \text{fix} \Phi_f^g\) be the fixed point of \(\Phi_f^g\). Then \(f = \mathcal{L}_k(\text{box } f^g)\) is a fixed point of \(\Phi_f\) which in turn implies that it satisfies equations \(h\) and \(t_f\).

Proof. Use Prop. D.2 together with Lemma D.1 together with the observation that \(\text{Set}\) is a full subcategory of \(\mathcal{S}\) with \(\Delta\) being the inclusion.

We also use the fact that for a closed term \(u : A \rightarrow B\) (which is interpreted as a morphism from 1 to \(B^A\)) the denotation of \(\mathcal{L}(u)\) at stage \(\nu\) and argument \(\ast\) is \(\lim(\Gamma(u)(\ast))\).

D.2 Discussion

What we have shown is that for each behavioural differential equation that defines a function on streams and can be specified as a standalone function depending only on previously defined functions, i.e. it is not defined mutually with some other function, there is a fixed point. It is straightforward to extend to mutually recursive definitions by defining a product of functions in the same way as we did for a single function, but notationally this gets quite heavy.

More importantly, suppose we start by defining an operation \(f\) on streams first, and the only function symbols in \(\Sigma_A\) operate on \(A\), i.e. all have type \(A^k \rightarrow A\) for some \(k\). Assume that these function symbols are given denotations in \(\mathcal{S}\) as \(\Delta(g)\) for some function \(g\) in \(\text{Set}\). Then the denotation in \(\text{Set}\) is just \(g\).

The fixed point \(f\) in \(\mathcal{S}\) is then a morphism from 1 to the suitable exponential. Let \(\overline{f}\) be the uncurrying of \(f\). Then \(\lim(\Gamma(f)(\ast)) = \Gamma(\overline{f})\).

Thus if we continue defining new functions which use \(f\), we then choose \(\overline{f}\) as the denotation of the function symbol \(f\). The property \(\lim(\Gamma(u)(\ast)) = \Gamma(\overline{f})\) then says that the \(f\) that is used in the definition is the \(f\) that was defined previously.

E About Total and Inhabited Types

An object in \(\mathcal{S}\) is total and inhabited if all components are non-empty and all restriction functions are surjective. We have the following easy proposition.
Proposition E.1. Let $P : S \to S$ be a functor such that if $X$ is a total and inhabited object, so is $P(X)$, i.e. $P$ restricts to the full subcategory of total and inhabited objects.

If $P$ is locally contractive then its fixed point is total and inhabited.

Proof. We use the equivalence between the full subcategory $tiS$ of $S$ of total and inhabited objects and the category of complete bisected non-empty ultrametric spaces $M$. We know that the category $M$ is an $M$-category\(^\text{2}\) and thus so is $tiS$. It is easy to see that locally contractive functors in $S$ are locally contractive in the $M$-category sense. Hence if $P$ is locally contractive and restricts to $tiS$ its fixed point is in $tiS$.

Corollary E.2. Let $P$ be a non-zero polynomial functor whose coefficients and exponents are total and inhabited. The functor $P \circ \triangleright$ is locally contractive and its unique fixed point is total and inhabited.

Proof. Products and non-empty coproducts of total and inhabited objects are total and inhabited. Similarly, if $X$ and $Y$ are total and inhabited, so is $XY$. So any non-zero polynomial functor $P$ whose coefficients are all total and inhabited restricts to $tiS$. The functor $\triangleright$ restricts to $tiS$ as well (but note that it does not restrict to the subcategory of total objects $tS$). Polynomial functors on $S$ are also strong and so the functor $P \circ \triangleright$ is locally contractive. Hence by Prop. E.1 its unique fixed point is a total and inhabited object.

In particular guarded streams of any total inhabited type themselves form a total and inhabited type.

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