

Reasoning about effectful programs and evaluation order

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Goal

General framework for proving statements of the form

*If <restriction on side-effects> then <evaluation order 1>
is equivalent to <evaluation order 2>*

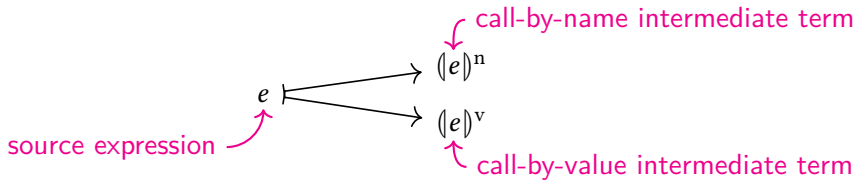
Examples:

- ▶ If there are **no effects**, then **call-by-value** is equivalent to **call-by-name**
- ▶ If the only effect is **nontermination**, then **call-by-name** is equivalent to **call-by-need**
- ▶ If the only effect is **nondeterminism**, then **call-by-value** is equivalent to **call-by-need**

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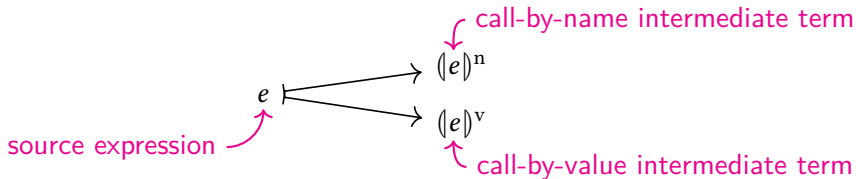
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Subtlety: two translations have different types

$$(e)^n \longmapsto \phi((e)^n)$$

another intermediate term

Outline

How do we prove evaluation order equivalences (assuming **global** restriction on side-effects)?

- ▶ When are call-by-value and call-by-name equivalent?

How do we do call-by-need?

- ▶ New intermediate language: extension of Levy's call-by-push-value to capture **call-by-need**
- ▶ Example: name and need are equivalent if only effect is nontermination

How do we do **local** (per expression) restrictions?

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Not:

- ▶ Values don't reduce, computations might (complex values)
- ▶ Values correspond to call-by-value, computations correspond to call-by-name

Call-by-push-value [Levy '99]

- ▶ Can put two computations together: if M_1, M_2 are computations then

$$M_1 \text{ to } x. M_2$$

is a computation

- ▶ Can thunk computations: if M is a computation then

$$\mathbf{thunk} M$$

is a value

⇒ can do call-by-value and call-by-name (but not call-by-need)

Call-by-push-value syntax

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| \underline{UC}

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Call-by-push-value typing

$$\Gamma ::= \diamond \mid x : A$$

Thunks:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \underline{C}}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{thunk} M : \underline{UC}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash V : \underline{UC}}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{force} V : \underline{C}}$$

Returner types:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash V : A}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{return} V : \underline{FA}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M_1 : \underline{FA} \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash M_2 : \underline{C}}{\Gamma \vdash M_1 \mathbf{to} x. M_2 : \underline{C}}$$

Call-by-push-value equational theory

We also have an equational theory

$$V \equiv V' \quad M \equiv M'$$

Use this to define contextual equivalence

$$M \cong_{\text{ctx}} M'$$

iff

$$C[M] \equiv C[M']$$

for all closed C of type FG , where G doesn't contain thunks

Call-by-value and call-by-name

$$\llbracket e \rrbracket^v \cong_{\text{ctx}} \llbracket e \rrbracket^n$$

Call-by-value and call-by-name

Source language types:

$$\tau ::= \mathbf{unit} \mid \mathbf{bool} \mid \tau \rightarrow \tau'$$

Translations from **v**alue and **n**ame into CBPV:

$\tau \mapsto$ value type $(\tau)^{\mathbf{v}}$	$\tau \mapsto$ computation type $(\tau)^{\mathbf{n}}$
$\mathbf{unit} \mapsto \mathbf{unit}$	$\mathbf{unit} \mapsto \mathbf{F unit}$
$\mathbf{bool} \mapsto \mathbf{bool}$	$\mathbf{bool} \mapsto \mathbf{F bool}$
$(\tau \rightarrow \tau') \mapsto \mathbf{U}((\tau)^{\mathbf{v}} \rightarrow \mathbf{F}(\tau')^{\mathbf{v}})$	$(\tau \rightarrow \tau') \mapsto ((\mathbf{U}(\tau)^{\mathbf{n}}) \rightarrow (\tau')^{\mathbf{n}})$
$\Gamma, x : \tau \mapsto (\Gamma)^{\mathbf{v}}, x : (\tau)^{\mathbf{v}}$	$\Gamma, x : \tau \mapsto (\Gamma)^{\mathbf{n}}, x : \mathbf{U}(\tau)^{\mathbf{n}}$
$\Gamma \vdash e : \tau \mapsto (\Gamma)^{\mathbf{v}} \vdash (e)^{\mathbf{v}} : \mathbf{F}(\tau)^{\mathbf{v}}$	$\Gamma \vdash e : \tau \mapsto (\Gamma)^{\mathbf{n}} \vdash (e)^{\mathbf{n}} : (\tau)^{\mathbf{n}}$

Call-by-value and call-by-name

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle \Gamma \rangle^v & \xrightarrow{\langle e \rangle^v} & \mathbf{F} \langle \tau \rangle^v \\ \downarrow & \cong_{\text{ctx}} & \uparrow \\ \langle \Gamma \rangle^n & \xrightarrow{\langle e \rangle^n} & \langle \tau \rangle^n \end{array}$$

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$$\Gamma \vdash M : \mathbf{F}(\tau)^v \quad \mapsto \quad \Gamma \vdash \Phi_\tau M : (\tau)^n$$

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Value to Name to Value:

$$\Psi_\tau(\Phi_\tau(\mathbf{return} V)) \equiv \mathbf{return} V$$

The other way depends on the effects

Logical relations for CBPV

value types A \mapsto relations $\mathcal{R}[[A]]$ on closed terms $V : A$
computation types \underline{C} \mapsto relations $\mathcal{R}[[\underline{C}]]$ on closed terms $M : \underline{C}$

We'll want

$$(M, M') \in \mathcal{R}[[FG]] \Rightarrow M \equiv M'$$

for **ground types** G (to prove contextual equivalence)

Logical relations for CBPV

Assume:

- ▶ Defined in usual way on type formers **excluding F**

$$\mathcal{R}[\![\underline{C}]\!] = \{(\mathbf{thunk} M, \mathbf{thunk} M') \mid (M, M') \in \mathcal{R}[\![\underline{C}]\!]\}$$

$$\mathcal{R}[\![A \rightarrow \underline{C}]\!] = \{(M, M') \mid \forall (V, V') \in \mathcal{R}[\![A]\!]. (V' M, V'' M') \in \mathcal{R}[\![\underline{C}]\!]\}$$

- ▶ Closed under **return**:

$$(V, V') \in \mathcal{R}[\![A]\!] \quad \Rightarrow \quad (\mathbf{return} V, \mathbf{return} V') \in \mathcal{R}[\![\mathbf{F}A]\!]$$

- ▶ Closed under **to**: if $x : A \vdash N, N' : \underline{C}$ and

$$(M, M') \in \mathcal{R}[\![\mathbf{E}A]\!] \quad \forall (V, V') \in \mathcal{R}[\![A]\!]. (N[x \mapsto V], N'[x \mapsto V'])$$

then

$$(M \mathbf{to} x. N, M' \mathbf{to} x. N') \in \mathcal{R}[\![\underline{C}]\!]$$

- ▶ Constants related to themselves: if $c : A$ then $(c, c) \in \mathcal{R}[\![A]\!]$
- ▶ Transitivity

Logical relations for CBPV

Lemma (Fundamental)

If $x_1 : A_1, \dots, x_n : A_n \vdash M : \underline{C}$ and $(V_i, V'_i) \in \mathcal{R}[[A_i]]$ for each i then

$$(M[x_1 \mapsto V_1, \dots, x_n \mapsto V_n], M[x_1 \mapsto V'_1, \dots, x_n \mapsto V'_n]) \in \mathcal{R}[[\underline{C}]]$$

From Name to Value and back

Definition (Thunkable [Führmann '99])

A computation $\Gamma \vdash M : FA$ is *thunkable* if

$M \text{ to } x. \text{return}(\text{think}(\text{return } x))$ and $\text{return}(\text{think } M)$

are related by $\mathcal{R}[\![F(U(FA))]\!]$.

This implies:

$M \text{ to } x. \text{think}(\text{return } x) \text{ ' } N$ related to $\text{think } M \text{ ' } N$

Lemma

If everything is thunkable and $M : (\tau)^n$ then

$$(\Phi_\tau(\Psi_\tau M)) \quad \mathcal{R}[\![\tau^n]\!] \quad M$$

The equivalence

Want to show that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle \Gamma \rangle^v & \xrightarrow{\langle e \rangle^v} & \mathbf{F} \langle \tau \rangle^v \\ \downarrow & \cong_{\text{ctx}} & \uparrow \\ \langle \Gamma \rangle^n & \xrightarrow{\langle e \rangle^n} & \langle \tau \rangle^n \end{array}$$

Meaning:

$$\langle e \rangle^v \cong_{\text{ctx}} \Psi_B \left(\langle e \rangle^n \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \mapsto \mathbf{thunk}(\Phi_{A_1}(\mathbf{return} x_1)) \\ \dots \\ x_n \mapsto \mathbf{thunk}(\Phi_{A_n}(\mathbf{return} x_n)) \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

In particular, for closed e of ground type (**unit** or **bool**):

$$\langle e \rangle^v \equiv \langle e \rangle^n$$

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Lemma

Suppose everything is thunkable. If $x_1 : A_1, \dots, x_n : A_n \vdash e : A$ and V_i related to V'_i for each i then

$$\llbracket e \rrbracket^V [x_1 \mapsto V_1, \dots, x_n \mapsto V_n]$$

is related to

$$\Psi_B \left(\llbracket e \rrbracket^n \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \mapsto \mathbf{thunk}(\Phi_{A_1}(\mathbf{return} V'_1)) \\ \dots \\ x_n \mapsto \mathbf{thunk}(\Phi_{A_n}(\mathbf{return} V'_n)) \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

A trivial example

For no side-effects:

$$\mathcal{R}[\mathbf{FA}] = \{(\mathbf{return } V, \mathbf{return } V') \mid (V, V') \in \mathcal{R}[A]\}$$

A non-example

Read-only state

get : F bool

$$\mathcal{R}[[FA]] = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\text{get to } x. \text{ if } x \text{ then return } V_1 \text{ else return } V_2 \\ , \text{get to } x. \text{ if } x \text{ then return } V'_1 \text{ else return } V'_2) \end{array} \middle| (V_1, V_2), (V'_1, V'_2) \in \mathcal{R}[[A]] \right\}$$

Not all computations are thunkable!

- ▶ All thunkable computations have the form

return V

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Extended call-by-push-value (ECBPV)

New computation forms:

$$M, N ::= \dots$$

| \underline{x} computation variables

| $M_1 \mathbf{need} \underline{x}. M_2$ call-by-need sequencing

Typing:

$$\Gamma ::= \dots \mid \underline{x} : \mathbf{FA}$$

$$\frac{(\underline{x} : \mathbf{FA}) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash \underline{x} : \mathbf{FA}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M_1 : \mathbf{FA} \quad \Gamma, \underline{x} : \mathbf{FA} \vdash M_2 : \underline{C}}{\Gamma \vdash M_1 \mathbf{need} \underline{x}. M_2 : \underline{C}}$$

Extended call-by-push-value

Important equation:

$$M_1 \text{ need } \underline{x}. \underline{x} \text{ to } y. M_2 \equiv M_1 \text{ to } y. M_2[x \mapsto \text{return } y]$$

Associativity:

$$(M_1 \text{ to } x. M_2) \text{ to } y. M_3 \equiv M_1 \text{ to } x. (M_2 \text{ to } y. M_3)$$

$$(M_1 \text{ need } x. M_2) \text{ need } y. M_3 \equiv M_1 \text{ need } x. (M_2 \text{ need } y. M_3)$$

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$$(M_1 \text{ to } x. M_2) \text{ need } y. M_3 \not\equiv M_1 \text{ to } x. (M_2 \text{ need } y. M_3)$$

Extended call-by-push-value

Given

$$\Gamma \vdash M_1 : \mathbf{FA} \qquad \Gamma, \underline{x} : \mathbf{FA} \vdash M_2 : \underline{\mathbf{C}}$$

have various evaluation orders:

- ▶ Call-by-value: $M_1 \mathbf{value} \underline{x}. M_2 \equiv M_1 \mathbf{to} y. M_2[\underline{x} \mapsto \mathbf{return} y]$
- ▶ Call-by-name: $M_1 \mathbf{name} \underline{x}. M_2 \equiv M_2[\underline{x} \mapsto M_1]$
- ▶ Call-by-need: $M_1 \mathbf{need} \underline{x}. M_2$ (builtin)

Call-by-need translation

$\tau \mapsto \text{value type } \langle \tau \rangle^{\text{need}}$

unit \mapsto **unit**

bool \mapsto **bool**

$(\tau \rightarrow \tau') \mapsto \mathbf{U}\left(\mathbf{U}(\mathbf{F}\langle \tau \rangle^{\text{need}}) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}\langle \tau' \rangle^{\text{need}}\right)$

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This could also be call-by-name!

Call-by-need translation

$$\Gamma \vdash e : \tau \longmapsto (\Gamma)^{\text{need}} \vdash (e)^{\text{need}} : \mathbf{F}(\tau)^{\text{need}}$$

$$e e' \qquad (e)^{\text{need}} \text{ to } f. (\mathbf{think} (e')^{\text{need}}) \text{ ' } (\mathbf{force} f)$$

$$\lambda x. e \qquad \mathbf{return} (\mathbf{think} (\lambda x'. \\ \mathbf{(force} x') \text{ need } \underline{x}. (e)^{\text{need}}))$$

Two nice properties:

- ▶ Applying lambdas

$$((\lambda x. e) e')^{\text{need}} \equiv (e')^{\text{need}} \mathbf{need} \underline{x}. (e)^{\text{need}}$$

- ▶ Translation is sound (wrt small-step operational semantics)

$$e \overset{\text{need}}{\rightsquigarrow} e' \quad \Rightarrow \quad (e)^{\text{need}} \equiv (e')^{\text{need}}$$

[Ariola & Felleisen '97] ↗

Proving an equivalence

If the only effect is nontermination, call-by-name is equivalent to call-by-need

Method:

1. Instantiate ECBPV: add constants that induce diverging **computations** $\Omega_{\underline{c}}$
2. Prove internal equivalence:

$$M_1 \mathbf{name} \underline{x}. M_2 \cong_{\text{ctx}} M_1 \mathbf{need} \underline{x}. M_2$$

3. Corollary:

$$\langle e \rangle^{\text{moggi}} \cong_{\text{ctx}} \langle e \rangle^{\text{need}}$$

Internal equivalence: proof idea

$$M_1 \mathbf{name} \underline{x}. M_2 \cong_{\text{ctx}} M_1 \mathbf{need} \underline{x}. M_2$$

Proof: use logical relations

- ▶ Reasoning about **to**:

diverging computation \nearrow $\Omega_{\text{FA}} \mathbf{to} x. M_2 \equiv \Omega_{\underline{C}}$ \nwarrow pure computation $\mathbf{return} V \mathbf{to} x. M_2 \equiv M_2[x \mapsto V]$

- ▶ Don't have similar equations for **need**:

$$\Omega_{\text{FA}} \mathbf{need} \underline{x}. M_2 \not\equiv \Omega_{\underline{C}}$$

- ▶ Relate **open** terms: Kripke logical relations of varying arity [Jung and Tiuryn '93]

$$\mathcal{R}[[A]] \Gamma \subseteq \text{Term}_A^\Gamma \times \text{Term}_A^\Gamma$$

Global restriction on side-effects

If whole language restricted to nontermination, then

$$M_1 \mathbf{name} \underline{x}. M_2 \cong_{\text{ctx}} M_1 \mathbf{need} \underline{x}. M_2$$

Local restriction on side-effects

If ~~whole language~~ M_1 restricted to nontermination, then

$$M_1 \mathbf{name} \underline{x}. M_2 \cong_{\text{ctx}} M_1 \mathbf{need} \underline{x}. M_2$$

Effect system for (E)CBPV

Goal: place **upper** bound on side-effects of computations

- ▶ Replace returner types FA with $\langle \varepsilon \rangle A$
- ▶ Track **effects** $\varepsilon \subseteq \Sigma$

$$\Sigma := \{\text{diverge}, \text{get}, \text{put}, \text{raise}, \dots\}$$

$$\Omega : \langle \{\text{diverge}\} \rangle A \quad \text{get} : \langle \{\text{get}\} \rangle \text{bool} \quad \dots$$

- ▶ Internal equivalence (with effect system):

If $M_1 : \langle \varepsilon \rangle A$ for $\varepsilon \subseteq \{\text{diverge}\}$, then

$$M_1 \mathbf{name} \underline{x}. M_2 \cong_{\text{ctx}} M_1 \mathbf{need} \underline{x}. M_2$$

Effect system for (E)CBPV

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \underline{C} \quad \underline{C} <: \underline{D}}{\Gamma \vdash M : \underline{D}}$$

Subtyping $\underline{C} <: \underline{D}$

$\langle \varepsilon \rangle A <: \langle \varepsilon' \rangle B$ if $\varepsilon \subseteq \varepsilon'$ and $A <: B$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M_1 : \langle \varepsilon \rangle A \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash M_2 : \underline{C}}{\Gamma \vdash M_1 \text{ to } x. M_2 : \langle \varepsilon \rangle \underline{C}}$$

Preordered monoid action: $\langle \varepsilon \rangle \underline{C}$

$\langle \varepsilon \rangle (\langle \varepsilon' \rangle A) := \langle \varepsilon \cup \varepsilon' \rangle A$

$\langle \varepsilon \rangle (A \rightarrow \underline{C}) := A \rightarrow \langle \varepsilon \rangle \underline{C}$

Overview

How to prove an equivalence between evaluation orders:

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- ▶ Works for call-by-value, call-by-name
 - ▶ **Call-by-need** using extended call-by-push-value
- ▶ Also works for **local** restrictions on side-effects using an effect system

A slightly less trivial example

C-style undefined behaviour

$$\mathbf{undef}_{\underline{C}} \preceq M \quad \mathbf{undef}_{\text{FA}} \text{ to } x.M \equiv \mathbf{undef}_{\underline{C}}$$

Logical relation:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{R}[\text{FA}] := & \{(\mathbf{return } V, \mathbf{return } V') \mid (V, V') \in \mathcal{R}[A]\} \\ & \cup \{(\mathbf{undef}_{\text{FA}}, M)\} \end{aligned}$$

Can replace value with name (but not name with value)