

# Strong Normalizability as a Finiteness Structure via the Taylor Expansion of $\lambda$ -terms

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Differentiation of  $\lambda$ -terms (Ehrhard-Regnier 2003-2004)

So we can *differentiate*  $\lambda$ -terms, and compute their Taylor expansion!

And one can mimick that in the syntax:

- ▶ differential  $\lambda$ -calculus
- ▶ a finitary fragment: resource  $\lambda$ -calculus  
= the target of Taylor expansion

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- ▶ Resource reduction preserves free variables, is size-decreasing, strongly confluent and normalizing.

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*If  $M \in \Lambda$ , then  $\vec{\mathcal{T}}(M)$  normalizes to  $\vec{\mathcal{T}}(\text{BT}(M))$ .*

**Moral**

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**This fails in general**

$$\text{NF}\left(\sum_{n \in \mathbf{N}} \langle \lambda x.x \rangle^n [y]\right) = ? \quad \langle \lambda x.x \rangle^n [y] = \langle \lambda x.x \rangle [\langle \lambda x.x \rangle [\cdots [y] \cdots]]$$

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# Finiteness structures to the rescue

The main artifact of Ehrhard's finiteness spaces:

## Definition

- ▶ If  $a, a' \subseteq A$ , write  $a \perp a'$  iff  $a \cap a'$  is finite.
- ▶ If  $\mathfrak{S} \subseteq \mathfrak{P}(A)$ , let  $\mathfrak{S}^\perp := \{a' \subseteq A; \forall a \in \mathfrak{S}, a \perp a'\}$ .
- ▶ A finiteness structure is any  $\mathfrak{F} = \mathfrak{S}^\perp$ .

When is  $\vec{\mathcal{T}}(M)$  normalizable?

- ▶ Write  $s \geq t$  if  $s \rightarrow_\rho^* t + \dots$ .
- ▶ Let  $\uparrow t = \{s \in \Delta; s \geq t\}$ .
- ▶  $\vec{\mathcal{T}}(M)$  is normalizable iff for all normal  $t \in \Delta$ ,  $\mathcal{T}(M) \perp \uparrow t$ .
- ▶  $\{\uparrow t; t \text{ normal} \in \Delta\}^\perp$  is the finiteness structure of (supports of) normalizable vectors.

# Typed terms have a finitary Taylor expansion

Let system  $F_+$  be system  $F$  plus 
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A \quad \Gamma \vdash N : A}{\Gamma \vdash M + N : A} .$$

**Theorem (Ehrhard, LICS 2010)**

*If  $M \in \Lambda_+$  is typable in system  $F_+$ , then  $\mathcal{T}(M) \in \{\uparrow t ; t \in \Delta\}^\perp$ .*

**Proof.**

Manage sets of resource terms as if they were  $\lambda$ -terms, and follow the usual reducibility technique, associating a finiteness structure  $\mathfrak{Fin}(A) \subseteq \{\uparrow t ; t \in \Delta\}^\perp$  with each type  $A$ .

□

## Our results

- ▶ Typability in  $F$  can be relaxed to strong normalizability.
- ▶ Then the implication

$$M \in \text{SN} \Rightarrow \mathcal{T}(M) \in \{\uparrow t ; t \in \Delta\}^\perp$$

can be reversed. . .

- ▶ provided the finiteness  $\{\uparrow t ; t \in \Delta\}^\perp$  is refined to a tighter one.

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In the ordinary  $\lambda$ -calculus:

- ▶  $\text{SN} =$  typability in system  $D$  (simple types +  $\cap$ )
- ▶ “any” proof by reducibility for simple types is valid for  $D$

So we:

- ▶ introduce a system  $D_+$  of intersection types for non uniform terms (this needs some care)
- ▶ prove that  $M \in \text{SN}$  implies  $\Gamma \vdash M : A$  in  $D_+$
- ▶ adapt Ehrhard’s proof to  $D_+$



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Fix: add more tests

- ▶ Consider a structure  $\mathfrak{S} \subseteq \mathfrak{P}(\Delta)$  and let  $\mathfrak{F}_\mathfrak{S} = \{\uparrow a; a \in \mathfrak{S}\}^\perp$   
 with  $\uparrow a = \bigcup_{s \in a} \uparrow s$ .
- ▶ Idea:  $\mathfrak{S}$  is a set of *tests*:  $M$  passes the test  $a \in \mathfrak{S}$  if  $\mathcal{T}(M) \perp \uparrow a$ .
- ▶ Ehrhard's finiteness is  $\mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{P}_f(\Delta)}$ : we need to consider infinite tests.
- ▶ Of course, not all  $\mathfrak{S}$  are acceptable, otherwise we reject too many terms (consider  $\mathfrak{S} = \mathfrak{P}(\Delta)$ ).

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$\mathfrak{B} = \{a \subseteq \Delta; \#(a) \text{ is bounded}\}$  where  $\#(a) = \{\#(s); s \in a\}$  and  $\#(s)$  is the maximum size of a bag of arguments in  $s$ .

### Theorem (Pagani-Tasson-V.)

*The following are equivalent:*

- ▶  $M \in \text{SN}$ ;
- ▶  $\mathcal{T}(M) \in \mathfrak{F}_{\mathfrak{B}}$ .

*Moreover, in this case,  $\vec{\mathcal{T}}(M)$  is normalizable.*



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- ▶ Our machinery is modular enough that it can be adapted to weak- and head-normalizability (*WIP with Pagani and Tasson*).
- ▶ That  $\vec{\mathcal{T}}(\text{NF}(M)) = \text{NF}(\vec{\mathcal{T}}(M))$  follows from the fact that we can track  $\beta$ -reduction through Taylor expansion (*WIP*).
- ▶ Towards a semantically founded notion of Böhm trees for various non uniform settings (quantitative non-determinism, probabilistic stuff, *etc.*).

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