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Ohana trees and Taylor expansion for the λ -calculus

No variable gets left behind, or forgotten!

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The **λI -calculus** is the fragment of the λ -calculus **without erasure**. Formally,
 $\Lambda_I := \bigcup_{X \subseteq_f \mathcal{V}} \Lambda_I(X)$, where $\Lambda_I(X)$ is the set of λI -terms with free variables in X :

$$\frac{}{x \in \Lambda_I(\{x\})} \quad \frac{M \in \Lambda_I(X) \quad x \in X}{\lambda x.M \in \Lambda_I(X \setminus \{x\})} \quad \frac{M \in \Lambda_I(X) \quad N \in \Lambda_I(Y)}{MN \in \Lambda_I(X \cup Y)}$$

For example: $\lambda x.x \in \Lambda_I(\emptyset)$ $\lambda x.xy \in \Lambda_I(\{y\})$ $\lambda x.y \notin \Lambda_I$

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it is stable under λI -contexts

- Every λ -theory restricted to Λ_I is a λI -theory.
- The converse is false, e.g. the λI -theory generated by equating all λI -terms without β -nf.

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Böhm trees still generate a λI -theory $\mathcal{B}$... but behave poorly wrt. Λ_I :

M is a λI -term $\nRightarrow$ $\text{BT}(M)$ is an “infinitary λI -term”

Indeed, abstracted variables may be:

- **left behind** an unsolvable subterm: $\text{BT}(\lambda xy.x(\Omega y)) = \lambda xy.x\perp$.
- **forgotten** along infinite computations:
if $Mxf \rightarrow_\beta f(Mxf)$, then $\text{BT}(M) = \lambda xf.f(f(f(\dots)))$.

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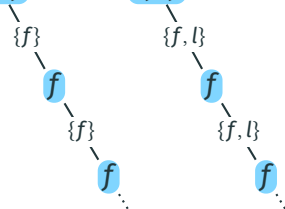
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Klop's **Bible fixed-point combinator** is $\boxplus_l := \lambda e. \text{BYBel } l =_\beta \lambda e. e(\text{BYBel})$.

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APPROXIMATION THEORIES FOR OHANA EVALUATION

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to a formal sum of n -linear approximations:

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n!} \times \frac{\partial f(t)}{\partial t^n} \cdot x^n$$

via an operation of **Taylor expansion**.

What you will now call (multi)linear approximation:

Take a λ -term:

$$x \mid \lambda x.M \mid MN$$

to a formal sum of “multilinear λ -terms” (aka **resource λ -terms**):

$$x \mid \lambda x.s \mid s[t_1, \dots, t_n]$$

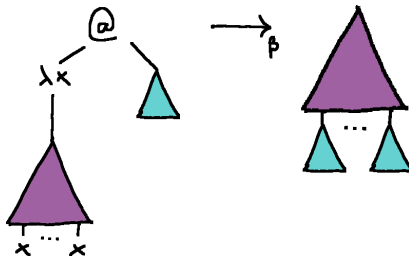
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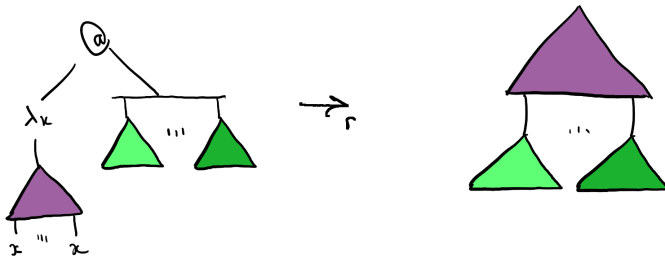
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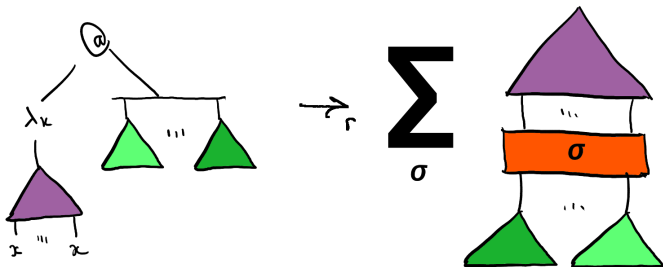
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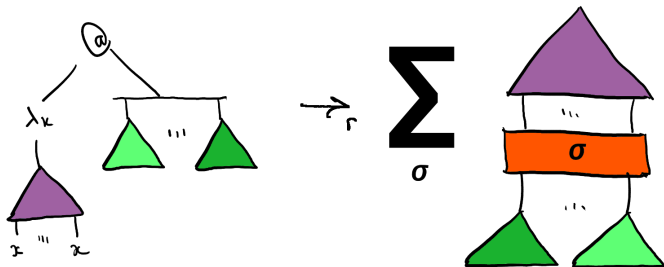
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And in the usual setting we obtain the celebrated

Commutation theorem: $\text{nf}(\mathcal{J}(M)) = \mathcal{J}(\text{BT}(M)).$

[Ehrhard & Regnier '06]

In our setting, the resource λ -calculus is “fibered” over finite sets of variables:

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and (for Taylor expansion nerds only!) here’s what changes in the substitution:

$$x \langle \bar{u} / x \rangle := \begin{cases} u & \text{if } \bar{u} = [u] \\ \mathbf{0}_{\text{fv}(\bar{u})} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad y \langle \bar{u} / x \rangle := \begin{cases} y & \text{if } \bar{u} = [\]_{\text{fv}(\bar{u})} \\ \mathbf{0}_{\{y\}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$[\]_X \langle \bar{u} / x \rangle := \begin{cases} [\]_{X \setminus \{\text{fv}(\bar{u})/x\}} & \text{if } \bar{u} = [\]_{\text{fv}(\bar{u})} \\ \mathbf{0}_{X \setminus \{\text{fv}(\bar{u})/x\}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We denote by $\mathcal{T}_m(M)$ the **Taylor expansion with memory** of a λ I-term M .
We extend the construction to Ohana trees.

Commutation theorem

$$\text{nf}(\mathcal{T}_m(M)) = \mathcal{T}_m(\text{OT}(M)).$$

The corollary we wanted

The set of equations $\mathcal{O} := \{M = N \mid \text{OT}(M) = \text{OT}(N)\}$ is a λ I-theory!

CONCLUSION AND FURTHER WORK

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- Is there a λI -model whose theory is $\mathcal{O}$?
 - No straightforward way to turn our Taylor expansion into a relational model 😞
- Actually, what is a λI -model?
 - Should be something more general than a λ -model
 - Our candidate: a cartesian closed multicategory with contractions

OHANA TREES FOR THE FULL λ -CALCULUS?

By the way, the Ohana tree of a λ -term M can be defined coinductively by

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where

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But Ohana tree equality does **not** induce a λ -theory. ☹

May Ohana trees induce an interesting observational equivalence?

LONG-TERM GOAL: TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

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- Our formalism accounts for free variables pushed to infinity.
It is a first step: what about pushing whole subterms to infinity?
 - This suggests working with **transfinite terms** and investigate the associated rewriting.
 - It is not clear what evaluation trees and semantics may look like in such a jungle. (But we have some preliminary ideas.)

Thanks for your attention!

