

A Reinvestigation of Filinski's Symmetric Lambda Calculus

– Continuations, Duality, Classical Logic, but no Categories –

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If you have difficulty remembering the name of the university,

ocha = green tea
no = of i.e., water of green tea
mizu = water

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History

- Griffin [POPL'90]: Shortly before the deadline, the work of Filinski was brought to my attention. His work may provide a “deep reason” for the correspondence described in this paper.
- Curien and Herbelin [ICFP'00]: an earlier attempt in this direction [=CBV/CBN duality] can be found in Filinski.
- Wadler [ICFP '03]: Filinski was the first to suggest that CBV might be dual to CBN in the presence of continuations. Filinski's formulation lacks any connection with logic.
- Wadler [RTA '05]: A line of work, including Filinski, Griffin, ..., has led to a startling conclusion: CBV is de Morgan dual of CBN.

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A configuration is either $\langle e \mid c \rangle$ or $\langle e \mid f \mid c \rangle$, where:

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continuation	c	$::=$	$\bullet_T \mid y \mid (c, c) \mid [f] \mid f \downarrow c$

Example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle 1 \uparrow x_1 \Rightarrow x_1 + 2 \uparrow x_2 \Rightarrow x_2 * 4 \mid \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle \\
 \rightsquigarrow & \langle 1 \uparrow x_1 \Rightarrow x_1 + 2 \mid x_2 \Rightarrow x_2 * 4 \mid \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle \\
 \rightsquigarrow & \langle 1 \uparrow x_1 \Rightarrow x_1 + 2 \mid x_2 \Rightarrow x_2 * 4 \downarrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle \\
 \rightsquigarrow & \langle 1 \mid x_1 \Rightarrow x_1 + 2 \mid x_2 \Rightarrow x_2 * 4 \downarrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle \\
 \rightsquigarrow & \langle 1 + 2 \mid x_2 \Rightarrow x_2 * 4 \downarrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle \\
 \rightsquigarrow & \langle 3 \mid x_2 \Rightarrow x_2 * 4 \downarrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle \\
 \rightsquigarrow & \langle 3 \mid x_2 \Rightarrow x_2 * 4 \mid \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle \\
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Example: Felleisen's \mathcal{C} operator:

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Felleisen's \mathcal{C} operator

value	$V ::= x \mid \lambda x. M \mid \mathcal{C}$
term	$M ::= V \mid M M'$
evaluation context	$E ::= [] \mid E M \mid V M$
reduction rules	$E [(\lambda x. M) V] \rightsquigarrow E [M[V/x]]$ $E [\mathcal{C} V] \rightsquigarrow V (\lambda x. \mathcal{A}(E [x]))$
where	$\mathcal{A} M \equiv \mathcal{C} (\lambda_. M)$

Example execution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbf{2} + \mathcal{C} (\lambda k. 4 * (k \ 1)) \\
 \rightsquigarrow & (\lambda k. 4 * (k \ 1)) (\lambda x. \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{2} + x)) \\
 \rightsquigarrow & 4 * ((\lambda x. \mathcal{A}(\mathbf{2} + x)) \ 1) \\
 \rightsquigarrow & 4 * (\mathcal{A}(\mathbf{2} + 1)) \\
 \rightsquigarrow & \mathbf{2} + 1 \\
 \rightsquigarrow & \mathbf{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Felleisen's \mathcal{C} operator in SLC

$$\mathcal{C} \equiv ([g] \Rightarrow [y \leftarrow _] \uparrow g) \downarrow \bullet_{\perp} \leftarrow y$$

$$2 + \mathcal{C} (\lambda k. 4 * (k 1))$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle [[k] \Rightarrow 1 \uparrow k \uparrow x_2 \Rightarrow 4 * x_2] \uparrow \mathcal{C} \uparrow x \Rightarrow 2 + x \mid \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle \\ \rightsquigarrow^* & \langle [[k] \Rightarrow \dots] \mid \mathcal{C} \mid (x \Rightarrow 2 + x) \downarrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle \\ \rightsquigarrow & \langle [[k] \Rightarrow \dots] \mid ([g] \Rightarrow [(x \Rightarrow 2 + x) \downarrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \leftarrow _] \uparrow g) \downarrow \bullet_{\perp} \rangle \\ \rightsquigarrow & \langle [[k] \Rightarrow \dots] \mid [g] \Rightarrow [(x \Rightarrow 2 + x) \downarrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \leftarrow _] \uparrow g \mid \bullet_{\perp} \rangle \\ \rightsquigarrow & \langle [(x \Rightarrow 2 + x) \downarrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \leftarrow _] \uparrow ([k] \Rightarrow \dots) \mid \bullet_{\perp} \rangle \\ \rightsquigarrow & \langle [(x \Rightarrow 2 + x) \downarrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \leftarrow _] \mid [k] \Rightarrow \dots \mid \bullet_{\perp} \rangle \\ \rightsquigarrow & \langle 1 \uparrow ((x \Rightarrow 2 + x) \downarrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \leftarrow _) \uparrow x_2 \Rightarrow 4 * x_2 \mid \bullet_{\perp} \rangle \\ \rightsquigarrow^* & \langle 1 \mid ((x \Rightarrow 2 + x) \downarrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \leftarrow _) \mid x_2 \Rightarrow 4 * x_2 \downarrow \bullet_{\perp} \rangle \\ \rightsquigarrow & \langle 1 \mid (x \Rightarrow 2 + x) \downarrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle \\ \rightsquigarrow^* & \langle 3 \mid \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Reduction rules (non-deterministic)

(pop)	$\langle e \uparrow f \mid c \rangle$	\rightsquigarrow	$\langle e \mid f \mid c \rangle$
$(push)$	$\langle e \mid f \mid c \rangle$	\rightsquigarrow	$\langle e \mid f \downarrow c \rangle$
$(left)$	$\langle (e_1, e_2) \mid c \rangle$	\rightsquigarrow	$\langle e_1 \mid x_1 \Rightarrow (x_1, e_2) \mid c \rangle$
$(right)$	$\langle (e_1, e_2) \mid c \rangle$	\rightsquigarrow	$\langle e_2 \mid x_2 \Rightarrow (e_1, x_2) \mid c \rangle$
(exc)	$\langle e \mid \bar{e}' \mid c \rangle$	\rightsquigarrow	$\langle e' \mid [g] \Rightarrow e \uparrow g \mid c \rangle$
(β)	$\langle e \mid x \Rightarrow e' \mid c \rangle$	\rightsquigarrow	$\langle e' \mid [e/x] \mid c \rangle$
(β_p)	$\langle (e_1, e_2) \mid (x_1, x_2) \Rightarrow e' \mid c \rangle$	\rightsquigarrow	$\langle e' \mid [e_1/x_1, e_2/x_2] \mid c \rangle$
(β_f)	$\langle [f] \mid [g] \Rightarrow e' \mid c \rangle$	\rightsquigarrow	$\langle e' \mid [f/g] \mid c \rangle$
$(\beta_{\bar{f}})$	$\langle e \mid c' \Leftarrow [h] \mid [f] \rangle$	\rightsquigarrow	$\langle e \mid c' \mid [f/h] \rangle$
(β_p)	$\langle e \mid c' \Leftarrow (y_1, y_2) \mid (c_1, c_2) \rangle$	\rightsquigarrow	$\langle e \mid c' \mid [c_1/y_1, c_2/y_2] \rangle$
$(\bar{\beta})$	$\langle e \mid c' \Leftarrow y \mid c \rangle$	\rightsquigarrow	$\langle e \mid c' \mid [c/y] \rangle$
(exc)	$\langle e \mid \bar{c}' \mid c \rangle$	\rightsquigarrow	$\langle e \mid h \downarrow c \Leftarrow [h] \mid c' \rangle$
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(pop)	$\langle e \mid f \downarrow c \rangle$	\rightsquigarrow	$\langle e \mid f \mid c \rangle$

Types

$$\begin{array}{l}
 S ::= +T \quad \text{type of expressions} \\
 \quad | \quad \{ +A \rightarrow +B \quad \text{type of functions} \\
 \quad \quad \neg A \leftarrow \neg B \\
 \quad | \quad \neg T \quad \text{type of continuations}
 \end{array}$$

$$T, A, B ::= \perp \mid \top \mid X \mid A \wedge B \mid A \vee B \mid A \rightarrow B \mid A - B$$

Negation is represented as $A \rightarrow \perp$ or $\top - A$.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 +A & & +A \rightarrow +B & & \\
 \vdots & & \vdots & & \\
 0 \longrightarrow A & & \longrightarrow B & \longrightarrow & 1 \\
 & & \vdots & & \vdots \\
 & & \neg A \leftarrow \neg B & & \neg B
 \end{array}$$

Type system

$$\begin{array}{c}
\overline{\Gamma \vdash \circ_T : +T} \quad \text{TInit} \qquad \overline{\Gamma, \text{var} : S \vdash \text{var} : S} \quad \text{TVar} \qquad \overline{\Gamma \vdash \bullet_T : -T} \quad \overline{\text{TInit}} \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : +A \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : +B}{\Gamma \vdash (e_1, e_2) : +(A \wedge B)} \quad \text{TAnd} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash c_1 : \neg A \quad \Gamma \vdash c_2 : \neg B}{\Gamma \vdash (c_1, c_2) : \neg(A \vee B)} \quad \overline{\text{TOr}} \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma, x : +A \vdash e : +B}{\Gamma \vdash x \Rightarrow e : \{ \begin{smallmatrix} +A \rightarrow +B \\ -A \leftarrow -B \end{smallmatrix} \}} \quad \text{TFun} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, y : \neg B \vdash c : \neg A}{\Gamma \vdash c \Leftarrow y : \{ \begin{smallmatrix} +A \rightarrow +B \\ -A \leftarrow -B \end{smallmatrix} \}} \quad \overline{\text{TFun}} \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash f : \{ \begin{smallmatrix} +A \rightarrow +B \\ -A \leftarrow -B \end{smallmatrix} \} \quad \Gamma \vdash e : +A}{\Gamma \vdash (e \uparrow f) : +B} \quad \text{TApp} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash f : \{ \begin{smallmatrix} +A \rightarrow +B \\ -A \leftarrow -B \end{smallmatrix} \} \quad \Gamma \vdash c : \neg B}{\Gamma \vdash (f \downarrow c) : \neg A} \quad \overline{\text{TApp}} \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash f : \{ \begin{smallmatrix} +A \rightarrow +B \\ -A \leftarrow -B \end{smallmatrix} \}}{\Gamma \vdash [f] : +(A \rightarrow B)} \quad \text{TFClo} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash f : \{ \begin{smallmatrix} +A \rightarrow +B \\ -A \leftarrow -B \end{smallmatrix} \}}{\Gamma \vdash [f] : \neg(A - B)} \quad \overline{\text{TFClo}} \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : +(A \rightarrow B)}{\Gamma \vdash \bar{e} : \{ \begin{smallmatrix} +A \rightarrow +B \\ -A \leftarrow -B \end{smallmatrix} \}} \quad \text{TCFun} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash c : \neg(A - B)}{\Gamma \vdash \underline{c} : \{ \begin{smallmatrix} +A \rightarrow +B \\ -A \leftarrow -B \end{smallmatrix} \}} \quad \overline{\text{TCFun}} \\
\\
\frac{\vdash e : +T \quad \vdash c : \neg T}{\vdash (e | c)} \quad \text{TProg1} \qquad \frac{\vdash e : +A \quad \vdash f : \{ \begin{smallmatrix} +A \rightarrow +B \\ -A \leftarrow -B \end{smallmatrix} \} \quad \vdash c : \neg B}{\vdash (e | f | c)} \quad \text{TProg2}
\end{array}$$

Theorems

■ Progress

If a configuration is well-typed, it can take one more step, or the configuration is of the form $\langle v \mid \bullet_T \rangle$ or $\langle \circ_T \mid k \rangle$.

■ Preservation

If a configuration is well-typed and can take a step, the next configuration is also well-typed.

■ Termination for CBV and CBN

The execution terminates under CBV or CBN evaluation strategy. (The proof uses logical predicate arguments.)

■ Translations to and from the Dual Calculus preserve equations.

We can define equation-preserving translations.

Classical Programming

\mathcal{C} has type $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} +((A \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow +A \\ \neg((A \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow \perp) \leftarrow \neg A \end{array} \right.$

- It eliminates double negation.
- It corresponds to proof by contradiction.
- Give me a term of type $((A \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow \perp)$.
- In other words, assume that f is a proof that A is false; from this assumption, give me a way to show contradiction. For example, if $A = B \rightarrow B$, then $[f] \Rightarrow [x \Rightarrow x] \uparrow f$.
- Then, I will give you a term of type A :

$$[[f] \Rightarrow [x \Rightarrow x] \uparrow f] \uparrow \mathcal{C}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
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 [y \leftarrow _] &: A \rightarrow \perp \\
 g &: (A \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow \perp
 \end{aligned}$$

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 \rightsquigarrow &\langle [[f] \Rightarrow [x \Rightarrow x] \uparrow f] \mid ([g] \Rightarrow [\bullet_{B \rightarrow B} \leftarrow _] \uparrow g) \downarrow \bullet_{\perp} \rangle \\
 \rightsquigarrow &\langle [[f] \Rightarrow [x \Rightarrow x] \uparrow f] \mid [g] \Rightarrow [\bullet_{B \rightarrow B} \leftarrow _] \uparrow g \mid \bullet_{\perp} \rangle \\
 \rightsquigarrow &\langle [\bullet_{B \rightarrow B} \leftarrow _] \uparrow ([f] \Rightarrow [x \Rightarrow x] \uparrow f) \mid \bullet_{\perp} \rangle \\
 \rightsquigarrow &\langle [\bullet_{B \rightarrow B} \leftarrow _] \mid [f] \Rightarrow [x \Rightarrow x] \uparrow f \mid \bullet_{\perp} \rangle \\
 \rightsquigarrow &\langle [x \Rightarrow x] \uparrow (\bullet_{B \rightarrow B} \leftarrow _) \mid \bullet_{\perp} \rangle \\
 \rightsquigarrow &\langle [x \Rightarrow x] \mid \bullet_{B \rightarrow B} \leftarrow _ \mid \bullet_{\perp} \rangle \\
 \rightsquigarrow &\langle [x \Rightarrow x] \mid \bullet_{B \rightarrow B} \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

Challenge

Find a (classical) type A with the following properties:

- It is hard to prove A directly.
- It is easy to show contradiction assuming $A \rightarrow \perp$.

Classical Programming

$$\circ_{\top} \uparrow ((x \Rightarrow [y_1 \Leftarrow -]) \downarrow y_2 \Leftarrow (y_1, y_2)) : +(A \vee (A \rightarrow \perp)).$$

- For any type A , you can assume either A or $A \rightarrow \perp$ without knowing if A actually holds or not.
- You can use this fact by providing two futures.
- One for when A is true (y_1).
- The other for when A is false (y_2).
- The computation first assumes A is false.
- If A turns out to be true, the other future is invoked.

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Excluded Middle

An irrational number raised by another irrational number can be a rational number.

- $\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}}$ is either rational or irrational.
- If it is rational, the proposition holds.
- If it is irrational, we have: $(\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}})^{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}^2 = 2$.

A program either halts or diverges.

- If it halts, do something.
- If it diverges, do another thing.

What are their computational contents?

Summary

- Filinski's SLC naturally contains familiar notions: λ -calculus, control operators, and evaluation contexts.
- Expression/continuation duality explains behavior of continuations nicely.
- It is formalized as a programming language.
- It has connection with logic.

- Could lead to classical programming?
- Delimited continuations?

Non-deterministic reduction

CBV:

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 \langle \mathbf{1} \uparrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \Leftarrow y \mid x \Rightarrow \mathbf{2} \downarrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle & & (\lambda x. \mathbf{2}) (\mathcal{C} (\lambda k. \mathbf{1})) \\
 \rightsquigarrow \langle \mathbf{1} \mid \bullet_{\text{int}} \Leftarrow y \mid x \Rightarrow \mathbf{2} \downarrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle & \rightsquigarrow & (\lambda k. \mathbf{1}) (\lambda x. \mathcal{A} ((\lambda x. \mathbf{2}) x)) \\
 \rightsquigarrow \langle \mathbf{1} \mid \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle & \rightsquigarrow & \mathbf{1}
 \end{array}$$

CBN:

$$\begin{array}{lcl}
 \langle \mathbf{1} \uparrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \Leftarrow y \mid x \Rightarrow \mathbf{2} \downarrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle & & (\lambda x. \mathbf{2}) (\mathcal{C} (\lambda k. \mathbf{1})) \\
 \rightsquigarrow \langle \mathbf{1} \uparrow \bullet_{\text{int}} \Leftarrow y \mid x \Rightarrow \mathbf{2} \mid \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle & & \\
 \rightsquigarrow \langle \mathbf{2} \mid \bullet_{\text{int}} \rangle & \rightsquigarrow & \mathbf{2}
 \end{array}$$