

The Clocks Are Ticking: No More Delays!

Reduction Semantics for Type Theory
with Guarded Recursion

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What is guarded recursion?

- ▶ abstract form of **step-indexing**
- ▶ allows to add general **recursive types** without breaking consistency

What is it good for?

- ▶ For reasoning: construct models of programming languages and type systems.
- ▶ For programming: ensures productivity of coinductive definitions – in a **modular** way.

Goals

Reduction semantics

for dependent type theory with

- ▶ a universe
- ▶ guarded recursion
- ▶ multiple clocks & clock quantification

Motivation

- ▶ **decide equality** (confluence + normalisation)
 \rightsquigarrow type checking
- ▶ **establish productivity** operationally (canonicity)

Overview

1. Guarded Recursion
2. Guarded Dependent Type Theory
3. Clocked Type Theory (CloTT)
+ Reduction Semantics

Guarded Recursive Types

Guarded Recursion

- ▶ type modality \triangleright (pronounced “later”)
- ▶ \triangleright is an applicative functor¹

$$\text{next} : A \rightarrow \triangleright A$$

$$\textcircled{*} : \triangleright(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow \triangleright A \rightarrow \triangleright B$$

- ▶ guarded fixed-point operator

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¹Atkey & McBride. Productive Coprogramming with Guarded Recursion, ICFP 2013

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We can write a function that increments each element:

$$\text{incr} : \text{Str}_G \rightarrow \text{Str}_G$$

$$\text{incr} := \text{fix } \lambda g. \lambda x : \text{Str}_G. \langle \text{suc}(\pi_1 x), g \circledast (\pi_2 x) \rangle$$

but not a function that skips every other element

$$\text{skipEven} : \text{Str}_G \rightarrow \text{Str}_G$$

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In general

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Not clear how to devise a confluent & normalising reduction semantics that verify these equalities.

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Reduction Semantics of Ticks

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Delayed fixed point

- ▶ $\text{dfix}^{\kappa} : (\triangleright^{\kappa} A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow \triangleright^{\kappa} A$
- ▶ only unfolds if applied to **tick constant** \diamond

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{dfix}^{\kappa} f) [\alpha] &\not\rightarrow f(\text{dfix}^{\kappa} f) \quad \text{if } \alpha \text{ is tick variable} \\ (\text{dfix}^{\kappa} f) [\diamond] &\rightarrow f(\text{dfix}^{\kappa} f) \end{aligned}$$

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Corollary (Productivity)

Given $\vdash_{\Delta} t : \text{Str}$, any element of the stream t can be computed with a finite number of reduction steps.

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Future work

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- ▶ add propositional equalities (fixed point unfolding, clock/tick irrelevance)

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Bonus Slides

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Reduction Semantics

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$$(\Lambda \kappa. t[\kappa]) \rightarrow t$$

$$\text{fold}_\diamond t \rightarrow t$$

$$\text{if true } t_1 \ t_2 \rightarrow t_1$$

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$$\pi_i \langle t_1, t_2 \rangle \rightarrow t_i$$

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