# Approximating functional programs: Taylor subsumes Scott, Berry, Kahn and Plotkin 

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| $F(2)=1,5$ | $\begin{aligned} F(2) & \rightarrow 1,41 \\ & \rightarrow 1,414 \\ & \rightarrow 1,4142 \\ & \cdots \rightarrow \infty \sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$ | $F(2)$ produces no information! |

## Böhm Trees

$\lambda$-calculus (Church)
The set $\Lambda$ of programs is given by $M::=x|\lambda x \cdot M| M M$. Computation step: $(\lambda x . M) N \rightarrow M\{N / x\}$.

## Böhm trees (Barendregt)

The map BT : $\Lambda \rightarrow \mathcal{B}$ associates each $\lambda$-term $F$ with its Böhm tree:

$$
\mathrm{BT}(F):=\mathrm{BT}(\operatorname{hnf}(F)), \quad \mathrm{BT}(F):=\perp \text { if } F \text { is unsolvable, }
$$

$$
\operatorname{BT}\left(\lambda \vec{x} \cdot y Q_{1} \ldots Q_{k}\right):=>_{\operatorname{BT}\left(Q_{1}\right)}^{\cdots \vec{x} \cdot y} \quad \cdots \quad \operatorname{BT}\left(Q_{k}\right)
$$

The equivalence $=_{\mathrm{BT}}$ is a $\lambda$-theory. So $\mathcal{B}_{\Lambda} \simeq \Lambda /=_{\mathrm{BT}}$ is a semantics for $\Lambda$. The set of all normal forms is dense in $\mathcal{B}_{\Lambda}$ (in analogy with $\mathbb{Q}$ dense in $\mathbb{R}$ ).

## Finite approximants

- The set $\mathcal{A}$ of finite approximants is defined as:

$$
P::=\perp \mid \lambda \vec{x} \cdot y P \ldots P
$$

with the intuition that $\perp$ means no information.

- Fix $\leq$ the prorder on $\mathcal{A}$ generated by taking $\perp \leq P$ for all $P$.
- The set $\mathcal{A}(F)$ of the finite approximants of $F \in \Lambda$ is:

$$
\mathcal{A}(F):=\left\{P \in \mathcal{A} \text { s.t } \exists N \in \Lambda \text { s.t } F \rightarrow_{\beta} N \geq P\right\}
$$

Approximation Theorem

$$
\mathrm{BT}(F)=\sup _{P \in \mathcal{A}(F)} P
$$

in analogy to the fact that $\sqrt{2}$ is the limit of BabylonianProgram(2).

## Derivatives!



|  | Analysis | $\lambda$-calculus |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Application | $F(x)$ | $F x$ |
| Taylor expansion $\Theta(\cdot)$ | $\sum_{n} \frac{1}{n!} F^{(n)}(0) x^{n}$ | $\sum_{n} \frac{1}{n!}\left(\mathrm{D}^{n} \Theta(F) \bullet x^{n}\right) 0$ |

## Differential $\lambda$-calculus

Programs live in the module $\mathbb{Q}^{+}\left\langle\Lambda^{r}\right\rangle_{\infty}$ and are subject to the equation:

$$
\mathrm{D}(\lambda x \cdot M) \bullet N=\lambda x \cdot\left(\frac{d}{d x} M \cdot N\right)
$$

where $\frac{d}{d x}(P Q) \cdot N:=\left(\frac{d}{d x} P \cdot N\right) Q+\left(D P \bullet\left(\frac{d}{d x} Q \cdot N\right)\right) Q$
is the linear substitution of $N$ in $M$ for $x$.
Ehrhard and Régnier:
$\Theta$ defines a function $\Lambda \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}^{+}\left\langle\Lambda^{r}\right\rangle_{\infty}$ (called the full Taylor expansion):

$$
\Theta(\cdot)=\sum_{t \in \mathcal{T}(\cdot)} \frac{1}{\mathrm{~m}(t)} t
$$

where $\mathrm{m}(t) \in \mathbb{N}$ is difficult and $\mathcal{T}(\cdot): \Lambda \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\left(\Lambda^{r}\right)$ is easy (i.e. inductive).
Furthermore,

$$
\operatorname{NF}(\Theta(\cdot))=\Theta(\mathrm{BT}(\cdot))
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## Resource terms live a tough life

They may experience non-determinism:

$$
\Delta[x, y]:=(\lambda x \cdot x[x])\left[y, y^{\prime}\right] \rightarrow y\left[y^{\prime}\right]+y^{\prime}[y]
$$

But also starvation:

$$
\Delta[\Delta, \Delta] \rightarrow(\lambda x \cdot x[x])[\Delta] \rightarrow 0
$$

As well as surfeit:

$$
(\lambda x \lambda y . x)[I][/] \rightarrow(\lambda y . I)[I] \rightarrow 0
$$

Summing up: $\quad(\lambda x . t)\left[s_{1}, \ldots, s_{n}\right] \nRightarrow 0 \Rightarrow t$ uses each $s_{i}$ exactly once!
Main Properties:

- Linearity: Cannot erase non-empty bags (unless annihilating). $\square$
- Strong Normalization: Trivial, as there is no duplication. $\square$
- Confluence: Locally confluent + strongly normalizing. $\square$


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\mathcal{T}(\Omega) & =\left\{\left(\lambda x \cdot x\left[x^{n_{0}}\right]\right)\left[\lambda x \cdot x\left[x^{n_{1}}\right], \ldots, \lambda x \cdot x\left[x^{n_{k}}\right]\right] \mid k, n_{0}, \ldots, n_{k} \in \mathbb{N}\right\} \\
\mathcal{T}\left(\Delta_{f}\right) & =\left\{\lambda x . f\left[x^{n}\right]\left[x^{k}\right] \mid n, k \in \mathbb{N}\right\} \\
\mathcal{T}(Y) & =\left\{\lambda f . t\left[s_{1}, \ldots, s_{k}\right] \mid k \in \mathbb{N}, t, s_{1}, \ldots, s_{k} \in \mathcal{T}\left(\Delta_{f}\right)\right\}
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where $Y=\lambda f . \Delta_{f} \Delta_{f}$ and $\Delta_{f}=\lambda x . f(x x)$.

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## Classic results via labelled reduction



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Contextuality of Böhm trees
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Easily conclude that $t \in \operatorname{NF}(\mathcal{T}(C(N D))$.

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No hole can occur in c!
Therefore : $t^{\prime}=c\left(s_{1}, \ldots, s_{k}\right)=c \in \mathcal{T}(C(M))$ and hence $t \in \operatorname{NF}(\mathcal{T}(C(M D))$.
Since and bags of $t$ are singletons, " $t=\operatorname{nf}_{\beta}(C(M D)$ ".

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True in $\Lambda /=_{\text {BT }}$, Barendregt's Book 1982 Proof: via Sequentiality.
?? in $\Lambda^{\circ} /_{=_{\text {вт }}}$
False in $\Lambda^{\circ} /=_{\beta}$, Barendregt \& Statman 1999 Counterexample: via Plotkin's terms.

True in $\Lambda /={ }_{\beta}$, De Vrijer \& Endrullis 2008 Proof: via Reduction under Substitution.


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\ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\
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\end{array} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \forall \vec{Z}, C(\vec{Z})={ }_{\mathrm{NFT}} N_{1} .\right.
$$

How can a $c \in \mathcal{T}(C(\cdot \cdot))$ s.t. $\operatorname{nf}(c) \neq 0$ be constant in $\Lambda^{r}$ ?
(1) $c$ does not contain the hole at all (the trivial case!);
(2) the hole is erased during its reduction (linearity);
(3) the hole is "hidden" behind an unsolvable (strong normalization);
(9) the hole is never erased but "pushed into infinity" (finiteness).

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Perpendicular Lines Property

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$$

Claim.
If $c \in \mathcal{T}(C(\cdot))$ then:

$$
\operatorname{nf}(c) \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c \text { contains no hole. }
$$

| PLP | $\beta$ | BT |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| open | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| closed | X | $?$ |

By induction on the size of $c$.

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Our proof does not need open terms!
PLP holds in $\Lambda^{\circ} /=_{\text {вт }}$


## The End!

