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**0-Introduction and summary:** This paper mainly deals with the models for type free  $\lambda$ -calculus defined by Plotkin (Plo [1972]) and Engeler (Eng [1979]).

For every non empty set  $A$ , the model  $D_A$  is built up in a very natural set theoretic way and provides a code free generalization of early ideas of Scott, Scott [1976]. Namely, the notion of application (interpreting formal application of  $\lambda$ -terms) generalizes the classical Myhill-Shepherdson-Rogers definition of application in  $P_\omega$ , introduced to define Enumeration Operators (see Ro [1967], p.143). Abstraction is defined accordingly.

An interesting fact is that these definitions do not depend on codings of pairs or of finite sets, while the classical ones do. This doesn't affect the Recursion Theory one should be able to work out on it, but does affect the model theory of  $\lambda$ -calculus (see BB [1979]). Moreover, for various reasons which should become clear in the next sections, Plotkin-Engeler's structures are very "handy", particularly in Engeler's version: it is easy to grasp the intuition on which the definitions and abstraction rely and to modify them for the purpose of the model theory of  $\lambda$ -calculus we aim at.

Section 1 (part I) introduces  $\lambda$ -terms and CL-terms (terms of  $\lambda$ -calculus,  $\lambda\beta$ , and of Combinatory Logic, CL) of various orders, corresponding to levels of functionality or number of  $\lambda$ -abstractions. Part II discusses the consequences in Combinatory Algebras of an early remark of Wadsworth (and Scott) on how to interpret the "loss of information" which is implicit in performing combinatory reductions, as in any effective process.

Section 2, following Barendregt's terminology (Bar [1981]), deals with the local analysis of Engeler's models, i.e. syntactically characterizes the true equalities in these models. Actually the partial order on these structures (i.e. set theoretic inclusion) matches perfectly well the very natural syntactical partial order over  $\lambda$ -terms, given by inclusion of Boehm-trees (the proofs are in Appendix B). This provides an algebraic characterization of  $\lambda$ -terms possessing normal form.



Section 3 gives a semantical characterization of  $\lambda$ -terms of any finite (and infinite) order, i.e., for  $n \in \omega$ , characterizes the class of terms such as  $\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. N$  according to  $n$ . In particular (closed) terms of order 0 are interpreted by the bottom element of the lattice-theoretic model considered and terms of order infinity by the top element. This is done in a model à la Engeler, with a different interpretation of  $\lambda$ -abstraction.

Section 4 contains the model-theoretic applications of this paper. Theor. 4.1 summarizes what proved in the previous sections (different interpretation of  $\lambda$ -abstraction yield different sets of true equations). Theor. 4.5 deals with a purely algebraic consequence of the previous results. As already mentioned, Engeler's applicative structures generalize application as defined for enumeration reducibility in  $\langle P\omega, \cdot \rangle$ . In fact,  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\langle P\omega, \cdot \rangle$  can be isomorphically embedded one into the other; but, using the previous local analysis, it is shown that for no  $A$  they are isomorphic (w.r. to " $\cdot$ ").

An Intermezzo and Appendix A discuss extensionality and "non well founded" models.

The notation is mainly from Bar [1981] and Mey [1981] unless explicitly defined (or elsewhere referred).



## 1. Approximation and Application.

**Part I (Syntax):** Let  $CL\beta$  be CL extended with the axioms for strong reduction (Bar [1981], 7.3.6)

1.1 **Def.** (i) A CL-term  $M$  is of *order 0* ( $M \in O_0$ ) iff  $\neg \exists N \in \{K, S, KU, SU, SVU/U, V \text{ CL-terms}\} \quad CL\beta \vdash M = N$

(ii) A CL-term is of *proper order 0* ( $M \in PO_0$ ) iff  $M \in O_0$  and  $(\neg \exists \vec{N} \text{ CL-terms} \quad CL\beta \vdash M = x\vec{N})$ .

(cf. C.F.[1958], p.145;  $\vec{N}, \vec{Q}$ ...are finite vectors (sets) of terms, possibly empty)

$CL\beta$  and  $\lambda\beta$  are nicely related at a syntactical level. In particular one can go from  $\lambda$ -terms to CL-terms (and vice versa) preserving provable equalities (see Bar[1981], 7.1.4. - 7.3.1). Barendregt's translations  $(\ )_{\lambda}: CL \rightarrow \lambda\beta$  and  $(\ )_{CL}: \lambda\beta \rightarrow CL$ , invertible up to provable equalities, are a tidy way for doing this.

Working in  $\lambda\beta$ , it is easy to define terms of order  $n$ , for any  $n \in \omega$ , as well as terms of order infinity.

1.2 **Def.** Let  $M$  be a  $\lambda$ -term. Then

(i)  $M \in O_n$  iff  $n$  is the largest such that

$$\exists N \lambda\beta \vdash M = \lambda x_1 \dots x_n. N.$$

(ii)  $M \in O_{\infty}$  iff  $\forall n \ M \in O_n$

**Example.**  $YK \in O_{\infty}$ , where  $Y$  is a "fixed point operator".

1.3 **Proposition** (i) Let  $M$  be a CL-term. Then

$$(i.0) \quad M \in O_0 \Leftrightarrow M_{\lambda} \in O_0$$

$$(i.1) \quad M \in PO_0 \Leftrightarrow M_{\lambda} \in O_0 \text{ and } \neg \exists \vec{N} \lambda\beta \vdash M_{\lambda} = x\vec{N}.$$



(ii) Let  $M$  be a  $\lambda$ -term. Then

$$M \in 0_\infty \Leftrightarrow \forall n \exists m > n \exists N \lambda\beta \vdash M = \lambda x_1 \dots x_m . N.$$

**Proof.** Easy. □

Clearly terms of order 0 are exactly the terms with no functionality.

(Un)solvable terms are defined in Bar[1981], p.41.

1.4 **Lemma.**  $M$  is unsolvable iff

(1)  $M \in 0_\infty$ , or

(2)  $\exists n \geq 0 \exists N \in PO_0 \lambda\beta \vdash M = \lambda x_1 \dots x_n . N.$

**Proof.**  $\Leftarrow$ . By def. of head normal form (Bar[1981], P.41).  $\Rightarrow$ . We prove  $(M \notin 0_\infty \Rightarrow (2))$ , when  $M$  is unsolvable. By 1.3.(ii),  $M \notin 0_\infty \Leftrightarrow \exists n \forall m > n \forall N \lambda\beta \not\vdash M = \lambda x_1 \dots x_m . N.$

If  $n=0$ , then  $M \in PO_0$ , since  $M$  is unsolvable.

If  $n>0$ , let  $n$  be the least such: then  $\exists N \in 0_0 \lambda\beta \vdash M = \lambda x_1 \dots x_n . N.$  Actually  $N \in PO_0$ , for  $M$  is unsolvable. □

**Part II** (Semantics):

1.5 **Def.** Let " $\cdot$ " be a binary operation (application) on a set  $D$ . Then  $\langle D, \cdot \rangle$  is a *Combinatory Algebra* iff  $D$  contains elements  $K$  and  $S$  satisfying  $K \neq S$

$$K \cdot d_0 \cdot d_1 = d_0$$

$$S \cdot d_0 \cdot d_1 \cdot d_2 = d_0 \cdot d_2 (d_1 \cdot d_2) \text{ for all } d_0, d_1, d_2 \in D.$$

Thus in a Comb. Alg.  $\langle D, \cdot \rangle$  one can interpret  $s$  and  $k$  of CL, by some  $S$  and  $K$ . For each choice of  $S$  and  $K$  in  $D$ , one obtains an *expansion*  $\langle D, \cdot, S, K \rangle \models CL$ , where CL contains  $s$  and  $k$  in the signature.

1.6 **Def.**  $\langle D, \cdot, \Psi_\lambda \rangle$  is a *Combinatory Model* iff



- (1)  $\langle D, \cdot \rangle$  is a Comb. Alg.;
- (2) Let  $(D \rightarrow D) := \{f: D \rightarrow D / \exists d \in D \forall e \in D f(e) = d \cdot e\}$   
then  $\Psi_\lambda: (D \rightarrow D) \rightarrow D$ ;
- (3) For  $f \in (D \rightarrow D)$  and  $e \in D$ ,  $\Psi_\lambda(f) \cdot e = f(e)$ .

By combinatory completeness, i.e. by 1.6(1), Comb. Models correspond to Environmental Models, as defined in HL[1980] or in Meyer[1981]. Meyer's Combinatory Model Theorem proves the equivalence of this notion with his purely algebraic definition of Comb. Model.

Let  $\tau$  be an algebraic expression over  $D$  (see Bar[1981], p. 89; i.e.  $\tau$  is built up with variables, constants from  $D$  and " $\cdot$ "). Let  $\lambda x \in D. \tau$  be the function  $d \mapsto \tau[d/x]$ . By combinatory completeness, i.e. by 1.6(1),  $\lambda x \in D. \tau \in (D \rightarrow D)$ , possibly with parameters. We write  $\underline{\lambda}x. \tau$  for  $\Psi_\lambda(\lambda x \in D. \tau)$ . So, for  $f \in (D \rightarrow D)$ ,  $\underline{\lambda}x. f(x)$  is the element of  $D$  which canonically represents the function  $f$ . Thus 1.6(3) reads  $(\underline{\lambda}x. f(x)) \cdot e = f(e)$ , which better recalls the schema ( $\beta$ ) of  $\lambda$ -calculus (cf. Bar[1981], ch.5). By a small abuse of language, we will also write  $\underline{\lambda}d. f(d)$  for  $\underline{\lambda}x. f(x)$  and consider  $\underline{\lambda}$  as a map from  $(D \rightarrow D)$  into  $D$ , writing  $\langle D, \cdot, \underline{\lambda} \rangle$  for  $\langle D, \cdot, \Psi_\lambda \rangle$ .

Given  $\langle D, \cdot \rangle$ , there may be several choices of  $\underline{\lambda}$ ; each one provides a specific  $\lambda$ -*expansion* of  $\langle D, \cdot \rangle$ . Each Combinatory Model  $\langle D, \cdot, \underline{\lambda} \rangle$  naturally yields an expanded Comb. Alg.: set  $\underline{K} = \underline{\lambda}xy.x = \underline{\lambda}x.(\underline{\lambda}y(x))$   $\underline{S} = \underline{\lambda}xyz.xz(yz)$  (we omit " $\cdot$ " in  $d \cdot e$ ). Following Mey[1981], we call these expanded Comb. Models  $\lambda$ -*Models*.

In view of Meyer's Lambda Model Theorem, we shall ignore the distinction between these interchangeable notions of model of  $\lambda\beta$  and use the phrase  $\lambda$ -model throughout the rest of this paper (cf. also Bar[1981] or HL[1980]).

We write  $D \models \dots$  for  $\langle D, \cdot, \underline{\lambda} \rangle \langle \underline{S}, \underline{K} \rangle \models \dots$ , if there is no ambiguity.



1.7 **Def.** Two (expanded) Comb. Alg.  $\langle D_1, \cdot, (S_1, K_1) \rangle$  and  $\langle D_2, \cdot, (S_2, K_2) \rangle$  are *Equationally equivalent* iff  $D_1 \models M = N \Leftrightarrow D_2 \models M = N$ , for all CL-terms  $M, N$ .

As well known ( $\beta$ ) or CL reductions entail a "loss of information". In  $(\lambda x.M)N \rightarrow [N/x]M$ , one knows "where one goes, but not where one comes from".

How can this be reflected in the semantics? Given a poset  $\langle D, \leq \rangle$ , let first say that  $f: D \rightarrow D$  is  $\omega$ -continuous iff, for any  $\omega$ -chain  $\{d_n\}_{n \in \omega}$ , if  $\sqcup d_n$  exists, then  $f(\sqcup d_n) = \sqcup f(d_n)$ .

Using ideas from Wadsworth's analysis of Scott's model  $D_\infty$ , Wad[1976] (see also BL[1980], Bar[1981]) define:

1.8 **Def.** A Comb. Alg.  $\langle D, \cdot \rangle$  has *approximable application*

- iff (i)  $\langle D, \cdot, \leq \rangle$  is a poset, with least element  $\perp$ , such that " $\cdot$ ";  $D^2 \rightarrow D$  is  $\omega$ -continuous
- (ii) There exists a map  $\text{Seg}: D \times \omega \rightarrow D$  such that, for  $d_n = \text{Seg}(d, n)$ ,  $\forall d, e \in D$  one has
- 1-  $d = \sqcup d_n$
  - 2-  $d_0 = \perp$
  - 3-  $\perp e = \perp$
  - 4-  $d_{n+1}e \leq (d e)_n$
  - 5-  $(d_n)_m = d_{\min\{n, m\}}$

A way of understanding 1.8 may be the following:

- $d_n$  is  $d$  up to "level  $n$  of information";
- applying no information,  $\perp$ , to something, one gets no information;



- if the operator has level  $n+1$  of information, then it uses at most level  $n$  of information from the input and provides at most an output with level  $n$  of information.

This has an immediate consequence for the semantics of the class of terms in CL where one can always perform reductions at the leftmost outermost level, i.e. for CL-terms in  $PO_0$ .

1.9 **Theorem** Let  $\langle D, \cdot \rangle$  be a Comb. Alg. with approx. appl. . Then

$$M \in PO_0 \Rightarrow D \models M = \perp.$$

**Proof.** For the purpose of this proof, let's introduce a labeled CL,  $CL_0$ . The formation rules of CL-terms are extended by

$$M \in CL_0 \Rightarrow M^n \in CL_0, \text{ for all } n \in \omega;$$

the reduction rules are extended by

$$(Klab) \quad 1. \quad K^{n+1} M \rightarrow (KM)^n$$

$$2. \quad (KM)^{n+1} N \rightarrow M^n$$

$$(Slab) \quad 1. \quad S^{n+1} P \rightarrow (SP)^n$$

$$2. \quad (SP)^{n+1} Q \rightarrow (SPQ)^n$$

$$3. \quad (SPQ)^{n+1} R \rightarrow (PR^n(QR^n))^n$$

$$(Min) \quad (M^n)^m \rightarrow M^{\min(n,m)}$$

$M \in CL_0$  is *completely labeled* iff each occurrence of S and K in M is labeled. Interpret  $CL_0$ -terms in D, by adding  $\llbracket M^n \rrbracket_\sigma = (\llbracket M \rrbracket_\sigma)_n$ , for all environment  $\sigma$ .

**Claim 1.** Let  $M \in PO_0$  and  $M^I$  a complete labeling of M. Then  $CL_0 \vdash M^I \rightarrow N^0 \vec{Q}$  for some  $N, \vec{Q}$  in  $CL_0$ .



In fact by definition of  $PO_0$ -terms,  $K$  and  $S$  (labeled) rules are always applicable at the "head" of  $M(M^I)$  and its contracts (in particular (Klab).2 and (Slab).3, up to label 0)

**Claim 2.** If  $CL_0 \vdash M \rightarrow N$ , then  $D \models M \leq N$

Use 1.8(ii) and monotonicity of " $\cdot$ ".

Let  $M \in PO_0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} D \models M &= \sqcup \{M^I / I \text{ complete labeling}\} \quad \text{by 1.8(i)-(ii).1} \\ &\leq \sqcup \{N^0 \vec{Q} / \exists I \quad M^I \rightarrow N^0 \vec{Q}\} \quad \text{by claim 1-2} \\ &= \perp \quad \text{by 1.8(ii).2-3, Q.E.D..} \end{aligned}$$

So much for Combinatory Algebras; Theor. 1.9 in full generality will be applied in 3.6 and 4.5.

In the next sections we will use two notions of "tree of a  $\lambda$ -term". For the notion of Böhm-tree of a  $\lambda$ -term  $M$ ,  $BT(M)$ , we refer to Bar[1977] (or Bar[1981]). The partial order " $\sqsubseteq$ " on Böhm trees is the usual syntactic one: informally, put the always undefined element " $\perp$ " at the bottom and then proceed inductively on the structure of the tree. Recall that  $BT(M) = \perp$  iff  $M$  is unsolvable.

1.10 **Def.** (Informal) Let  $\Sigma = \{\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. \perp / n \geq 0\} \cup \{T\} \cup \{\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. y / n \geq 0\}$ .

Then the *Tree* of  $M$ ,  $T(M)$ , is a  $\Sigma$ -labelled tree defined as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} T(M) &= T && \text{if } M \in 0_\infty, \\ T(M) &= \lambda x_1 \dots x_n. \perp && \text{if } M \text{ is unsolvable of order } n, \\ T(M) &= \lambda x_1 \dots x_n. y \end{aligned}$$

$$T(M_1) \dots T(M_p)$$



if  $M$  is solvable and has principal head normal form  $\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. y M_1 \dots M_n$ .

A Tree may be infinite: just mimic Bar[1981; p.212] to give a formal definition.  $T(M)$  is obtained from  $BT(M)$  "displaying" the order of the unsolvable leaves. This can be done with the help of a  $\Sigma_2^0$  oracle, writing his answers on leaves.

1.11 **Def.** The set of Trees is partially ordered by  
 $T(M) \subseteq T(N)$  iff some  $\perp$ 's in the leaves of  $T(M)$  are replaced by Trees of  $\lambda$ -terms or  
 some  $\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. \perp$  are replaced by  $T$ .

Example

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \lambda x.y & & \lambda x.y \\ & \subseteq & \\ \lambda z.\perp \quad \lambda xy.\perp & & \lambda zv.x \quad T \\ & & z \end{array}$$

Given a  $\lambda$ -model  $\langle D, \cdot, \underline{\lambda} \rangle$ , embed  $(D \rightarrow D)$  with the pointwise partial order.

1.12 **Theorem** Let  $\langle D, \cdot, \underline{\lambda} \rangle$  be a  $\lambda$ -model with approximable application. Assume also that  $\underline{\lambda}:(D \rightarrow D) \rightarrow D$  is monotone. Then

$$T(M) \subseteq T(N) \Rightarrow D \models M \subseteq N.$$

**Proof.** See Appendix C. □

An easy consequence of 1.12 is that, in a  $\lambda$ -model  $D$  as in 1.12, all fixed point operators  $Y$  of  $\lambda\beta$  coincide in  $D$  and they represent Tarski's fixed point map  $Y_T(f) = \sqcup f^{\uparrow}(\perp)$ . See §3 for an application to a specific model.

1.13 **Def.** A  $\lambda$ -model  $\langle D, \cdot, \lambda \rangle$  has  $\lambda$ -*approximable application* iff  $\langle D, \cdot \rangle$  has approximable application and  $\underline{\lambda}x.\perp = \perp$ .

1.14 **Proposition.** Let  $\langle D, \cdot, \underline{\lambda} \rangle$  be a  $\lambda$ -model with  $\lambda$ -approximable application. Then



$$\text{BT}(M) \subseteq \text{BT}(N) \Rightarrow D \models M \leq N.$$

**Proof.** Forcing  $\lambda x. \perp = \perp$ ,  $T(M)$  collapses to  $\text{BT}(M)$ : see appendix C for details.  $\square$



## 2. Engeler's Models and Their Local Structure

2.1 **Def.** Let  $A \neq \emptyset$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad & B_0 = A \\ & B_{n+1} = B_n \cup \{(\beta; b) / \beta \text{ finite} \wedge \beta \subseteq B_n \wedge b \in B_n\} \\ & B = \cup B_{(n)} \\ & D_A = 2^B \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{(ii)} \quad " \cdot ": D_A^2 \rightarrow D_A \text{ by } d \cdot e = \{b / \exists \beta \subseteq e (\beta; b) \in d\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iii)} \quad & \Psi_\lambda: (D_A \rightarrow D_A) \rightarrow D_A \text{ by} \\ & \Psi_\lambda(f) = \lambda x. f(x) = \{(\beta; b) / b \in f(\beta)\} \end{aligned}$$

(Notation:  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \dots$  range over finite sets; we omit "  $\cdot$  " in  $d \cdot e$ ;  
no element of  $A$  is denoted by  $(\dots; \dots)$ )

This definition is due to Engeler (Eng[1979]; see also Plotkin[1972] and Scott[1980]).

2.2 **Lemma** For any  $A \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\langle D_A, \subseteq \rangle$  is a complete lattice. Scott's topology on  $D_A$  is given by the basis

$$\{\emptyset\} \cup \{ \{d \in D_A / \beta \subseteq d\} / \beta \in D_A \}$$

**Proof.** Obvious □

2.3 **Lemma** Let  $A \neq \emptyset$ . Then the following are equivalent, over  $D_A$ :

- 1-  $f: D_A \rightarrow D_A$  is continuous
- 2-  $f(d) = \bigcup_{\beta \subseteq d} f(\beta)$
- 3-  $(\lambda x. f(x))d = f(d)$ .

**Proof.** Routine □

Thus  $\langle D_A, \cdot, \lambda \rangle$  is a  $\lambda$ -model and  $(D_A \rightarrow D_A) = C(D_A, D_A)$ , the continuous functions (see also Eng[1979]). As usual  $\lambda x. dx := \lambda x. f(x)$ , for  $f$  represented by  $d$ .



The intuition on which the construction of  $D_A$  is based is clear :  $(\beta;b)$  is an "elementary instruction" giving output  $b$  any time the input contains  $\beta$ . Thus  $\forall d \in D_A$   $Ad = \emptyset$ , since we assume  $A$  not to contain pairs such as  $(\beta;b)$ .

Note also that, by definition,

$$2.4 \quad \forall b \in B \exists \beta_n, \dots, \beta_1 \exists a \in A \ b = (\beta_n; \dots (\beta_1; a) \dots).$$

This makes  $D_A$  "well founded" in the following sense: there is no infinite descending chain w.r.t. to (the transitive closure of) the binary relation  $<$  on  $B$ , where  $b < (\beta;c) \Leftrightarrow b \in \beta \vee b = c \vee (c \in B \setminus A \wedge b < c)$ .

The point is now to turn  $\langle D_A, \cdot, \underline{\lambda} \rangle$  into a  $\lambda$ -model with  $\lambda$ -approximable application.

2.5 **Def.** (i) (Simultaneous definition of  $|\cdot|$  on  $B$  and on the finite parts of  $B$ , with range in  $\omega$ ).

$$|b| = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } b \in A \\ |\beta| + |c| & \text{if } b = (\beta;c) \end{cases}$$

$$|\beta| = \max\{|c|/c \in \beta\} + 1$$

(ii) Let  $d \in D_A$ . Define  $d_n = \{b \in d / |b| \leq n\}$ .

Clearly  $|\beta|, |b| < |(\beta;b)|$ .

2.6 **Lemma**  $\langle D_A, \cdot, \underline{\lambda} \rangle$  has  $\lambda$ -approximable application.

**Proof** (Part 1: Approximable application) We only check 1.8(ii).4, the rest is trivial.

$$\begin{aligned} d_{n+1}e &= \{b / \exists \beta \subseteq e \ (\beta;b) \in d \wedge |\beta| + |b| \leq n+1\} \\ &\subseteq \{b / \exists \beta \subseteq e_n \ (\beta;b) \in d \wedge |b| \leq n\} = (de_n)_n, \end{aligned}$$

since  $\forall \beta \forall b \ |\beta|, |b| \geq 1$  and  $\max\{|c|/c \in \beta\} = |\beta| - 1$ .

(Part 2:  $\lambda$ -Approximable application)  $\underline{\lambda}x.\emptyset = \{(\beta;b) / b \in \emptyset\} = \emptyset$ . □



Thus 1.14 applies and  $BT(M) \subseteq BT(N) \Rightarrow D_A \models M \subseteq N$ .

To prove the reverse implication one can use the classical Böhm-out technique à la Hyland. A revised version of it is in BL[1980].<sup>1</sup> The point is to substitute Böhm's operator  $c_p = \lambda x_0 \dots x_{p+1}. x_{p+1} x_0 \dots x_p$  by a  $C_p^-$  whose properties depend on the structure of  $D_A$  and such that Lemma 3.3 of BL[1980] applies. The construction of such a  $C_p^-$  required 26 technical lemmas, in the case of Plotkin's  $T\omega$ . For  $D_A$  it turns out to be much simpler and it is shown in Appendix B.

2.7 **Proposition** Let  $A \neq \emptyset$ . Then

$$BT(M) \subseteq BT(N) \Leftrightarrow \langle D_A, \cdot, \underline{\lambda} \rangle \models M \subseteq N.$$

**Proof.** By the proceeding remarks and Appendix B. □

Putting together 1.9 and 2.7 one has that  $M$  is unsolvable iff  $\langle D_A, \cdot, \underline{\lambda} \rangle \models M = \emptyset$ , thus  $\langle D_A, \cdot, \underline{\lambda} \rangle$  is sensible in Barendregt's sense (Bar.[1981], p.100).

We conclude with a simple characterization of  $\lambda$ -terms possessing normal form.

Let  $(D_A)^0 = \{\llbracket M \rrbracket / M \in \Lambda^0\}$  be the interior of  $D_A : (D_A)^0$ , as the set of objects interpreting closed  $\lambda$ -terms, can be algebraically characterized by taking

$$\underline{S} = \underline{\lambda}xyz.xz(yz) \in D_A \text{ and } \underline{K} = \underline{\lambda}xy.x \in D_A \text{ and closing w.r. to " \cdot " .}$$

2.8 **Corollary** Let  $M \in \Lambda^0$ . Then  $M$  has a normal form  $\Leftrightarrow \{d \in (D_A)^0 / D_A \models d \subseteq M\}$  is finite and  $\llbracket M \rrbracket$  is maximal in  $(D_A)^0$ .

**Proof.**  $M$  has a normal forms iff  $BT(M)$  is finite and contains no  $\Omega$ 's. □

This fact is also true in the model  $T\omega$ ; but the authors of BL[1980] were too distracted by the crazy hardware of  $T\omega$ , to point this out.

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<sup>1</sup>Correction for BL[1980], p.316, def. 3.4(ii), line 2: set  $y_i = C_p^- \sigma_i$  instead of  $\sigma_i = C_p^- y_i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n$ .



### 3. A Semantical Characterization of $\lambda$ -terms of Order $n$ , for any $n \in \omega \cup \{\infty\}$

In this section we define a different  $\lambda$ -expansion of the applicative structure  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$  defined in 2.1(i)-(ii). Namely, for each  $f \in (D_A \rightarrow D_A)$ ,  $\lambda^+ : (D_A \rightarrow D_A) \rightarrow D_A$  will choose a representative in the extensionality class of  $f$ , say  $EC_f = \{d / \forall e f(e) = de\}$ , different from  $\underline{\lambda}(f)$ .

3.1 **Def.** Let  $A \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$  as in 2.1(i)-(ii) and  $\underline{\lambda}$  as in 2.1(iii). Define  $\lambda^+ : (D_A \rightarrow D_A) \rightarrow D_A$  by

$$\lambda^+(f) = \lambda^+ x.f(x) := \underline{\lambda}x.f(x) \cup A.$$

Note that for all  $A \neq \emptyset$ , the  $D_A$ 's are objects of a Cartesian Closed Category (CPO's), with continuous maps as morphism. As already pointed out  $(D_A \rightarrow D_A) = C(D_A, D_A)$ : it is then easy to show that also  $\underline{\lambda}$  and  $\lambda^+$  are continuous maps. Moreover  $C(D_A^n, D_A) \cong C(D_A, C(D_A^{n-1}, D_A))$ . Thus

$$\lambda^+ x_1 \dots x_n.f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \lambda^+ x_1(\lambda^+ x_2 \dots x_n.f(x_1, \dots, x_n))$$

is well defined for all  $f \in C(D_A^n, D_A)$ . 3.3-5 show that  $D_A^+ = \langle D_A, \cdot, \lambda^+ \rangle$  is a  $\lambda$ -model, for  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $D_A, \cdot, \underline{\lambda}$  and  $\lambda^+$  defined as in 3.1.

3.2 **Def.** Define  $A_{(n)} = \lambda^+ x_1 \dots x_n. \emptyset$ .

3.3 **Lemma** (i)  $A_{(0)} = \emptyset$

(ii)  $A_{(n+1)} = \lambda^+ x.A_{(n)} = \underline{\lambda}x_1 \dots x_n.A \cup \underline{\lambda}x_1 \dots x_{n-1}.A \cup \dots \cup A$

(iii)  $A_{(n)} \subset A_{(n+1)}$

(iv)  $\forall d \in D_A (A_{(n+1)}d = A_{(n)})$

(v)  $\lambda^+ x_1 \dots x_n.f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \underline{\lambda}x_1 \dots x_n.f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \cup A_n$ ,  
for all  $f \in C(D_A^n, D_A)$ .



$$(vi) \quad \lambda^+_{x_1 \dots x_n}. f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \vec{d} = \lambda^+_{x_{p+1} \dots x_n}. f(d_1, \dots, d_p, \dots, x_n),$$

for all  $f \in C(D_A^n, D_A)$  and  $\vec{d} = \{d_1, \dots, d_p\}$ , with  $p \leq n$ .

**Proof.** (i) Obvious; (ii) easy induction; (iii) by (ii).

(iv) by  $Ad = \emptyset$ , for all  $d \in D_A$ , and continuity of "  $\cdot$  " (recall that  $\lambda x. A = \{(\beta; b) / b \in A\}$ ).

(v) induction, again; (vi) by (iv) and (v). □

3.4 **Lemma.**  $\forall f \in (D_A \rightarrow D_A)$ ,  $\lambda^+ x. f(x)$  is the largest element in  $EC_f$ .

**Proof.** Let  $d \in EC_f$ . Clearly  $d \cap A \subseteq \lambda^+ x. f(x)$ . Let  $(\beta; b) \in d$ . Then  $b \in d\beta$ , i.e.  $b \in f(\beta)$  and we are done. □

3.5 **Corollary**  $D_A^+ = \langle D_A, \cdot, \lambda^+ \rangle$  is a  $\lambda$ -model. Moreover it is the unique  $\lambda$ -expansion of  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$  satisfying  $\forall d \in D_A \quad d \subseteq \lambda^+ x. dx$ .

**Proof** The first part is by 3.3; note that if  $\lambda\beta \vdash M = \lambda x_1 \dots x_n. N$ , then

$$(1) \quad \forall \sigma \llbracket M \rrbracket_\sigma^+ = \lambda d_1 \dots d_n. \llbracket N \rrbracket_\sigma^+ \sigma[\vec{d} / \vec{x}] \cup A_{(n)}, \text{ by 3.3(v).}$$

Assume now that  $\langle D_1, \cdot, \lambda' \rangle$  is a  $\lambda$ -expansion such that  $\forall d \subseteq \lambda' x. dx$ . Recall that

$$(2) \quad \forall d, e (d \cup A)e = de. \text{ Then, for all } f \in (D_A \rightarrow D_A),$$

$$\lambda y. f(y) \cup A \subseteq \lambda' x. (\lambda y. f(y) \cup A)x \quad \text{by assumption}$$

$$= \lambda' x. (\lambda y. f(y))x \quad \text{by (2)}$$

$$= \lambda' x. f(x) \quad \text{by 2.3}$$

By 3.4, we are done. □

Clearly  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$  possess  $\text{Card}(2^A)$   $\lambda$ -expansions. This  $\lambda$ -model provides a semantical characterization of the  $\lambda$ -terms in  $PO_0$ ,  $0_\infty$  and  $0_n$ , for all  $n$ .

3.6 **Theorem** Let  $M$  be a  $\lambda$ -term. Then

$$M \in PO_0 \Leftrightarrow D_A^+ \models M = \emptyset$$



**Proof.**  $\Rightarrow$ . This follows from 1.9. Notice that 1.9 depends only on the applicative structure of  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$ , i.e. on  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$  as a Comb. Alg., not on the  $\lambda$ -expansions which may turn it into a  $\lambda$ -model.

$\Leftarrow$ . Assume  $M \notin PO_0$ .

Case  $\lambda\beta \vdash M = x\vec{Q}$ , for some  $Q_1, \dots, Q_p$ . Then, since  $D_A^+ \Vdash M = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow \forall \sigma \llbracket M \rrbracket_\sigma^0 = \emptyset$ ,  $D_A^+ \not\Vdash M = \emptyset$ , by taking  $\sigma(x) = \lambda x_1 \dots x_p . A$ .

Case  $\lambda\beta \vdash M = \lambda x . N$ , for some  $N$ . Then

$$\forall \sigma \quad \llbracket M \rrbracket_\sigma^+ = \lambda^+ d . \llbracket N \rrbracket^+ \sigma_x^d = \lambda d . \llbracket N \rrbracket^+ \sigma_x^d \cup A \neq \emptyset. \quad \square$$

Of course, 3.6.  $\Leftarrow$ . depends on the  $\lambda$ -expansion (cf. 2.7)

3.7 **Theorem** Let  $M$  be a  $\lambda$ -term. Then

$$(i) \quad M \in 0_n \Leftrightarrow (D_A^+ \Vdash M \supseteq A_m \stackrel{(1)}{\Leftrightarrow} m \leq n)$$

$$(ii) \quad M \in 0_\infty \Leftrightarrow D_A^+ \Vdash M = B$$

**Proof.** (i).  $\Rightarrow$ . Assume  $\lambda\beta \vdash M = \lambda x_1 \dots x_n . N$ , with  $N \in 0_0$ . Then (1), in 3.5, immediately gives  $\stackrel{(1)}{\Leftrightarrow}$ .

As for  $\stackrel{(1)}{\Rightarrow}$ , assume  $m > n$ .

Case  $N \in PO_0$ . By 3.6 and (1),  $\forall \sigma \llbracket M \rrbracket_\sigma^+ = A_n$  (recall that  $\lambda x . \emptyset = \emptyset$ ), while  $A_n \subset A_m$ , for  $m > n$ .

Case  $N \equiv x_i \vec{Q}$ , for some  $\vec{Q}$  and  $i \leq n$ . Take  $b = (\beta_1; \dots; (\emptyset; \dots; (\beta_m; a) \dots))$  for some  $\vec{\beta}$  in  $D_A$  and  $a \in A$ . Clearly  $b \in A_m \setminus A_n$ ; thus  $b \in \lambda d_1 \dots d_n . d_i (\llbracket \vec{Q} \rrbracket^+ \sigma [d^+ / x^+])$ . Then by the definition of  $\lambda$ , one has  $a \in \emptyset (\llbracket \vec{Q} \rrbracket_\sigma [\vec{\beta} / \vec{x}^+]) = \emptyset$ .

Case  $N \equiv y \vec{Q}$ , for some  $\vec{Q}$  and  $y \neq x_i$ ,  $i \leq n$ . Take  $\sigma(y) = \emptyset$ , then by (1)  $\llbracket M \rrbracket_\sigma^+ = A_n \subset A_m$ , for  $m > n$ .



So far for (i).  $\Rightarrow$ .

$\Leftarrow$ . Assume  $M \notin 0_n$

Case  $M \in 0_p$ , with  $p \neq n$ . Then by part  $\Rightarrow$ , we are done.

Case  $M \in 0_\infty$ . Then, since  $A_0 \subseteq A_1 \subseteq \dots \subseteq A_n \subseteq \dots$ ,

(3)  $\forall_p \forall_\sigma \llbracket M \rrbracket_\sigma^+ \supseteq A_p$ , by 1.3(ii) and (1). This contradicts  $\overline{(1)}$ , again.

(ii) Clearly  $\cup A_{(n)} \subseteq B$ . Conversely, if  $b \in B = \cup B_n$  (see def. 2.1),  $b = (\beta_1; \dots; (\beta_p; a))$  for some  $\vec{\beta}$  in  $D_A$ ,  $a \in A$  (by 2.4). By 3.3(ii) and 2.1(iii),  $A_{(p+1)} \supseteq \lambda x_1 \dots x_p. A = \{(\beta_1; \dots; (\beta_p; a)) / a \in A, \vec{\beta} \text{ in } D_A\}$ .

Thus,

(4)  $B = \cup A_{(n)}$ .

Now, assume  $M \in 0_\infty$ , then

$\forall_\sigma \llbracket M \rrbracket_\sigma^+ = B$ , by (3) and (4).

Conversely,  $D_A^+ \models M = B$  implies

$\forall_n M \notin 0_n$ , by (i) and (4). □

In view of (4), let's write  $A_\infty = B$ .

3.8 **Corollary** Let  $M$  be a  $\lambda$ -term. Then

$M$  is unsolvable  $\Leftrightarrow \exists n \in \omega \cup \{\infty\} \quad D_A^+ \models M = A_{(n)}$ .

**Proof.**  $\Rightarrow$ . By 1.4 we have two cases.

Case  $M \in 0_\infty$ . Then  $D_A^+ \models M = A_{(\infty)}$ , by 3.7(ii).

Case  $\lambda \beta \vdash M = \lambda x_1 \dots x_n. N$ , for some  $n \in \omega$  and  $N \in P0_0$ .

Then  $\forall_\sigma \llbracket M \rrbracket_\sigma^+ = \lambda \vec{x}. \emptyset \cup A_{(n)} = A_{(n)}$  by (1) and 3.6.



$\Leftarrow$ . Assume  $\lambda\beta \vdash M = \lambda x_1 \dots x_m. y Q_1 \dots Q_p$ , for some  $n \in \omega$ ,  $y$  and  $\vec{Q}$  (i.e. assume that  $M$  is solvable).

Then, by 3.7(i),

$$D_A^+ \models M = A_{(n)} \Rightarrow n \leq m.$$

Thus, let  $n \leq m$ .

Case  $y \neq x_i$ ,  $\forall i \leq m$ . Take  $\sigma(y) = \lambda x_1 \dots x_p. A$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \llbracket M \rrbracket_\sigma^+ &= \lambda^+ x_1 \dots x_m. A \\ &\neq A_{(n)}, \quad \text{by 3.2-3.3.} \end{aligned}$$

Case  $y = x_i$ , for some  $i \leq m$ . Take  $\beta_i^a = \{(\emptyset; \dots (\emptyset; a) \dots)\}$  of length  $p$ , for some  $a \in A$ , and  $b^a = (\beta_1; \dots (\beta_i^a; \dots (\beta_m; a) \dots))$ , for some  $\vec{\beta}$ .

Then  $b^a \notin A_{(n)}$ , by 3.3(ii) and  $n \leq m$ . Nonetheless

$$\forall \sigma \quad b^a \in \{(\beta_1; \dots (\beta_m; b) \dots) / b \in \beta_i; \llbracket \vec{Q} \rrbracket_\sigma^+ \sigma[\vec{\beta} / \vec{x}]\} \subseteq \llbracket M \rrbracket_\sigma^+$$

since  $\beta_i^a d_1 \dots d_p = \{a\}$  and we are done. □

By 3.7, the witness  $n$  of the RHS of 3.8 is unique and it is the order of the unsolvable term  $M$ .

Note that  $D_A^+$  provides a semantical characterization of unsolvable terms, with their functionality. Moreover the functionality of solvable terms is also characterized, by 3.7(i), though it never occurs that a solvable and an unsolvable term are equated. Finally, by the monotonicity of  $\lambda^+$ , 1.12 applies; thus  $T(M) \subseteq T(N) \Rightarrow D_A^+ \models M \subseteq N$ . The author believes that this model is "very sensible" although Henk Barendregt wouldn't call it so (cf. Bar[1981], p.100).

With some patience, one should also be able to work out the following fact:

$$T(M) = T(N) \Rightarrow D_A^+ \models M = N$$



Intermezzo (on extensionality). Part 1 None of the models studied so far is extensional; namely, in general,  $EC_f$  contains more than one element. Throwing away some elements, can we turn  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$  into an extensional  $\lambda$ -model? There doesn't seem to be an elementary direct way for such a construction, starting from a  $\lambda$ -expansion of  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$ . (see 4.4 for an indirect argument).

Scott[1976] (see also Scott[1980]) presents an elegant technique to construct an extensional substructure of the  $\lambda$ -model  $P\omega$ . This technique applies to "almost" (see later) any  $\lambda$ -model satisfying  $(\eta^-) \lambda x.x \leq \lambda xy.xy$ , which is a c.p.o..

Scott's argument is the following:

$$\text{Let } I_0 := I \equiv \lambda x.x \quad I_{n+1} \equiv \lambda xy.I_n(x(I_n y))$$

Set  $d_{(n)} = \llbracket I_n \rrbracket \in P\omega$  and  $d_\infty = \bigcup d_{(n)}$ . Then  $E\omega = \{d_\infty e / e \in P\omega\} \subseteq P\omega$  is an extensional  $\lambda$ -model (see Scott[1980]).

Remark (i) Scott ([1980], p.251) points out that  $d_\infty$  is the least solution of

$$d = d_{(0)} \cup (\lambda xy \cdot d(x(dy))),$$

and remarks that  $d_\infty$  doesn't seem to be the interpretation of any closed  $\lambda$ -term. And in fact it is not. By induction, one has

$$(1) \quad \forall n \lambda \beta \vdash I_n = \lambda x_0 \dots x_n. x_0 (I_{n-1} x_1) (I_{n-2} x_2) \dots x_n.$$

now  $d_\infty \neq \emptyset$ ; thus, if  $\llbracket M \rrbracket = d_\infty$ ,  $M$  is solvable, say  $\lambda \beta \vdash M = \lambda x_1 \dots x_p. x_j \vec{Q}$ . Then one can derive a contradiction from  $\forall n d_n \subseteq \llbracket M \rrbracket$  and (1), by applying them to the right  $\vec{C}$  in  $P\omega$ , depending on  $j$ .

(ii) Let  $(B, \leq_n)$  be the set of Böhm-like trees partially ordered by (possibly infinite)  $\eta$ -expansions, see Bar[1981], p.230. It is then easy to show (use cofinality of chains) that  $\sqcup BT(I_n)$  is the "Nakajima-tree" of  $\lambda x.x$  (see Bar[1981], p.511). *Conjecture*:  $E\omega$  is equationally equivalent to Scott's inverse limit  $D_\infty$ .



Part 2. Scott's  $(\eta^-)$  property seems to be a fairly natural property for a  $\lambda$ -model  $\langle D, \cdot, \lambda' \rangle$  which is a poset. It says that  $\lambda'$  chooses the largest element in  $EC_f$ , for each  $f \in (D \rightarrow D)$ . That is exactly what  $\lambda^+$  does in the case of  $D_A^+$ . Nonetheless the technique of Part 1 doesn't apply to  $D_A^+$  (thus to no other  $\lambda$ -expansion of  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$ ). In fact, by 3.7(i) and (4) in 3.7, one has  $d_\infty = B$ . Therefore

$$\{d_\infty e / e \in D_A\} = \{B\},$$

since  $\forall e \in D_A \ B e = B$ , i.e. the extensional substructure collapses to a singleton.

How to force  $(\eta^-)$  into Engeler's construction and still obtain an interesting  $d_\infty$ ?

Given  $\lambda' \neq \lambda^+$ ,  $\forall d \subseteq \lambda' x.d x$  is false because of those  $d$ 's containing elements of  $A$ , which do not act as "instructions" (see 3.5). Thus, what one can do, with  $a \in A$ , is to force  $a = (\{a\}; a)$  (or, also,  $a = (\emptyset; a)$ , see A.6), i.e. force  $a$  to act. That is, set

$$a \simeq (\{a\}; a) \text{ and consider } \tilde{B} = B / \simeq, \tilde{D}_A = \langle 2^{\tilde{B}}, \cdot \rangle^1.$$

$\tilde{D}_A$  is no longer well founded and there is no way of turning  $\langle \tilde{D}_A, \cdot \rangle$  into a Comb. Algebra with approx. appl. : this is an immediate consequence of 1.9 and Cor. A.5 (appendix A), which gives a semantical characterization of closed  $\lambda$ -terms of order 0, different from 3.6; namely,

$$M \in 0_0 \Leftrightarrow \tilde{D}_A \models M = A, \text{ for } M \text{ closed.}$$

Notice that, in  $\tilde{D}_A$ ,  $\forall b \in \tilde{B} \ (\emptyset; b) \notin d_\infty = \cup d_{(n)}$ , by (1) in the remark. Thus  $d_\infty \emptyset = \emptyset$ ; since one also has  $d_\infty B = B$ , then Scott's technique applies and the extensional substructure is not trivial.

In this model, Tarski's fixed point operator is not  $\lambda$ -definable (see A.5).

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<sup>1</sup>By a different argument, Scott derives the same observation (see remark on p.251, Scott[1980])



#### 4. $D_A$ and $P_\omega$

The local analysis of  $\langle D_A, \cdot, \lambda \rangle$  and of  $\langle D_A, \cdot, \lambda^+ \rangle$  has the following immediate consequence.

4.1 **Theorem** Let  $A \neq \emptyset$ . Then the Comb. alg.  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$  has  $\lambda$ -expansions which yield non equationally equivalent  $\lambda$ -models.

Another application of the previous results (namely 1.9 and 2.7) relates  $D_A$  and  $P_\omega$ . In particular the isomorphisms between  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\langle P_\omega, \cdot \rangle$  as applicative structures.

" $\cdot$ " over  $P_\omega$  is defined as for Enumeration Reducibility (see Ro[1967], p.146; Bar[1981], p.469). That is, for codings of the finite sets  $\{E_n\}_{n \in \omega}$  and of pairs  $(\cdot)$ ,  $CG = \{m / \exists E_n \subseteq G (n, m) \in C\}$ . By  $\langle D, x \rangle \Rightarrow \langle D', \cdot \rangle$  we mean that  $D$  can be isomorphically embedded into  $D'$ , w.r. to " $x$ " and " $\cdot$ ".

4.2 **Proposition** Let  $A \neq \emptyset$ . Then one has

- (i)  $\langle P_\omega, \cdot \rangle \Rightarrow \langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$
- (ii) If  $A$  is countable, then  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle \Rightarrow \langle P_\omega, \cdot \rangle$ .

**Proof.** (Notation:  $(\cdot)$  and  $\{E_n\}_{n \in \omega}$ , finite sets, are as in Ro[1967]; in particular  $E_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $E_1 = \{0\}$ . Set also  $\#E_n = n$ ).

Notice first that



- (0)  $\forall n \in \omega \setminus \{0\} \exists ! k \exists ! n_1 \dots \exists ! r_k \ n = (n_1, \dots, (n_k, 0) \dots) \wedge n_k \neq 0$ .
- (i) Define (simultaneously), for some  $a \in A$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} [\cdot]: \omega &\rightarrow D_A \\ h: \{E_n\}_{n \in \omega} &\rightarrow \{\beta / \beta \subseteq B \text{ finite}\} \\ \text{first}: [\omega] &\rightarrow B \end{aligned}$$

by

$$\begin{aligned} [0] &= \{a, (\emptyset; a), (\emptyset; (\emptyset; a)), \dots\}, \\ \text{first}([0]) &= a \quad ; \end{aligned}$$

Let  $n = (n_1, (n_2, \dots, (n_k, 0) \dots), n_k \neq 0$ : then set

$$[n] = \{(\beta'_{n_1}; (\beta'_{n_2}; \dots (\beta'_{n_k}; b) \dots)) / b \in [0]\}$$

where, for  $E_n = \{m_1, \dots, m_q\}$ ,

$$\beta'_n := h(E_n) = \{\text{first}([m_1]), \dots, \text{first}([m_q])\} \text{ (with } h(\emptyset) = \emptyset)$$

and, for  $p = (p_1, (p_2, \dots, (p_\tau, 0) \neq 0$ ,  
 $\text{first}([p]) = (\beta'_{p_1}; (\beta'_{p_2}; \dots (\beta'_{p_\tau}; a) \dots)$ .

Finally define  $f: P\omega \rightarrow D_A$  by

$$f(C) = \cup \{[n] / n \in C\}.$$

**Claim** (1)  $(\beta'_m; b) \in [(n, p)] \Leftrightarrow m = n \wedge b \in [p]$ .

(2)  $E_n \subseteq C \in P\omega \leftrightarrow \beta'_n \subseteq f(C)$ .

Part (1) easily follows by the definitions (note that it holds also for  $(n, p) = 0$ , i.e.  $n = 0 \wedge p = 0$ )



As for (2), notice that  $\beta'_n \subseteq f(E_n)$ . Clearly  $f$  is injective.

Compute now

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(C)f(G) &= \{b/\exists\beta \subseteq f(G) (\beta; b) \in f(C)\} \\
 &= \{b/\exists n(\beta'_n \subseteq f(G) \wedge \exists p (\beta'_n; b) \in [(n,p)] \wedge (n,p) \in C)\} \quad , \text{ by (1)} \\
 &= \{b/\exists E_n \subseteq G \exists p b \in [p] \wedge (n,p) \in C\} \quad , \text{ by (2), (1)} \\
 &= \cup \{[p]/\exists E_n \subseteq G (n,p) \in C\} \\
 &= f(CG).
 \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Define, for  $A = \{a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 b &\rightarrow \underline{b}: B \rightarrow \omega \\
 g: \{\beta/\beta \subseteq B(\text{finite})\} &\rightarrow \omega
 \end{aligned}$$

by

$$\begin{aligned}
 a_n &= (1, n) \\
 \underline{\beta} \rightarrow \underline{b} &= (g(\beta), \underline{b})
 \end{aligned}$$

where, for  $\beta = \{b_1, \dots, b_q\}$ ,

$$g(\beta) = \#\{\underline{b}_1, \dots, \underline{b}_q\}$$

Define

$$f: D_A \rightarrow P\omega \text{ by } f(d) = \{\underline{b}/bcd\}$$

**Claim** (1)  $b \rightarrow \underline{b}$  is injective;  $g$  is injective

(2)  $\forall d \in D_A \ 0 \notin f(d)$

(3)  $f$  is injective



As for (1)+(2), define  $| \cdot | : B \rightarrow \omega$  as in 2.5.

The proof easily follows by (combined) induction on  $|b|$  (and  $|\beta|$ ).

As for (3), it is an obvious consequence of (1).

Then compute

$$\begin{aligned} f(d)f(e) &= \{q/\exists E_n \subseteq f(e) \quad (n,q) \in f(d)\} \\ &= \{\underline{b}/\exists \beta \quad E_{g(\beta)} \subseteq f(e) \quad (g(\beta), \underline{b}) \in f(d)\} \end{aligned}$$

by (2), since  $E_1 = \{0\}$  (so it is not the case that  $(n,q) = \underline{a}$  for  $a \in A$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} &= \{\underline{b}/\exists \beta \subseteq e \quad (\beta; b) \in d\}, \quad \text{by (1)} \\ &= f(de) \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

In Eng,[1979] it is shown that for any applicative structure  $\langle A, x \rangle$ , one has

$$\langle A, x \rangle = \langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$$

4.3 **Corollary.** Let  $A \neq \emptyset$ . Then for any countable  $\langle E, x \rangle$ , one has

$$\langle E, x \rangle = \langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$$

**Proof.** Just use  $\langle E, x \rangle = \langle D_E, \cdot \rangle = \langle P\omega, \cdot \rangle = \langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$ . □

In particular  $\langle E, x \rangle$  may be a countable extensional Combinatory Algebra.

4.4 **Discussion.**  $P\omega$  is not (as) well founded (as  $D_A$ ; see 2.5). Namely, there is no way to mimic the definition of  $| \cdot |$  given for  $D_A$  (see 2.4-5) on  $P\omega$ . If, in view of (0) in 4.2, one sets  $|n| = k$  for  $n \neq 0$ , then  $| \cdot |$  cannot be extended to 0 in a way to have always  $|n|, |m| < |(n,m)|$ . In fact  $0 = (0,0) = (0,(0,0)) \dots$  (and this is the only "bad guy", but any coding must have at least one...). Thus under the standard coding (but this can be generalized).



$$\forall C \in P\omega \quad \{0\}C = \{0\}$$

This is what we have been taking care of in 4.2(i). Clearly non well founded codings in even a stronger sense would make the result false (see BB[1979] for strongly non well founded codings). Note that the proof of 4.2 does not depend on properties of the "standard" codings, other than their almost well foundedness (this discussion continues in A.6, where a change in the definition of the set  $D_A$ , say  $D_A^0$  gives  $\langle P\omega, \cdot \rangle \simeq \langle D_A^0, \cdot \rangle$ ).

Theor. 2.7 and Hyland's result (Bar[1981], 19.1.19) show that  $\langle P\omega, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$  can be turned into equationally equivalent  $\lambda$ -models. 4.2 tells us about isomorphic embeddings. Nonetheless in no case  $\langle P\omega, \cdot \rangle$  and  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$  can be made isomorphic.

4.5 **Theorem**  $\forall A \quad \langle P\omega, \cdot \rangle \not\cong \langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$ .

**Proof.** We first need a few remarks.

$P\omega$  Claims (1)  $\forall C \in P\omega \quad \emptyset C = \emptyset$  and  $\{0\}C = \{0\}$

(2)  $\forall E_n \neq \emptyset \quad \exists \vec{C} \quad E_n \vec{C} = \{0\}$

(3)  $\forall C \in P\omega \quad (C \text{ infinite} \Rightarrow \forall h \exists k \rangle h \exists G_1, \dots, G_k \quad C \vec{G} \neq \emptyset)$

(1) is obvious. As for (2), take the largest  $k$  such that  $m_k \neq 0 \wedge (m_1, (m_2, \dots, (m_k, 0) \dots)) \in E_n$ . Then  $E_n E_{m_1} \dots E_{m_k} = \{0\}$ . (3) is trivial.

$D_A$  Claims.

(4)  $\forall d \in D_A \quad (\exists e \quad de = d \Rightarrow d = \emptyset \vee d \text{ infinite})$

(5)  $\forall d \in D_A \quad (\exists e \quad de \text{ infinite} \Rightarrow d \text{ infinite})$

(6)  $\forall \beta \in D_A, \text{ finite}, \exists h \forall k \rangle h \forall d_1, \dots, d_k \quad \beta \vec{d} = \emptyset$

To prove (4), assume that  $d \neq \emptyset$  is finite and take the largest  $n$  such that  $(\beta_1; \dots; (\beta_n; a) \dots) = b \in d$  for some  $\vec{\beta}, a$ . Then  $\forall e \quad b \notin de$ . (5) and (6) are proved similarly.



Assume now that  $f: P\omega \rightarrow D_A$  is an isomorphism, for some  $A \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $\underline{K}, \underline{S}, \underline{I}$  interpret  $K, S, I$  in  $P\omega$ . Clearly  $\langle D_A, \cdot, f(\underline{K}), f(\underline{S}) \rangle$  is a Comb. Alg., namely it is a particular expansion of  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$ , with interpretation, say,  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket_\sigma^f: CL \rightarrow D_A$ .  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$  has approximable application (see 2.6, part 1), and this depends only on the properties of  $\langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$  as applicative structure. Thus 1.9 applies and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \emptyset &= \llbracket \text{SII}(\text{SII}) \rrbracket^f && \text{,by 1.9} \\
 &= f(\text{SII}(\text{SII})) && \text{,by def. of } \llbracket \cdot \rrbracket^f \text{ and } f \\
 &= f(\llbracket \text{SII}(\text{SII}) \rrbracket) \\
 &= f(\emptyset) && \text{,by } P\omega \models \text{SII}(\text{SII}) = \emptyset \text{ (Bar[1981] ch.19.1)}
 \end{aligned}$$

By assumption  $f$  is injective, thus, by (1) and (4),  $f(\{0\})$  is infinite.

Finally, observe that

$$\forall C \neq \emptyset \quad f(C) \text{ is infinite}$$

In fact: if  $C$  is finite, then use (2), the fact that  $f(\{0\})$  is infinite and (5). If  $C$  is infinite, then use (3) and (6). This concludes the proof.  $\square$



## I. Appendix A. Non Well Foundedness, Terms of Order 0, Isomorphisms with $\langle P\omega, \cdot \rangle$

The notation is as at the end of the Intermezzo, where  $\tilde{D}_A = \langle \tilde{D}_A, \cdot \rangle$  was defined. In particular recall that, in  $\tilde{D}_A$ ,  $a = (\{a\}; a)$ .  $\lambda$  is as in 2.1(iii), i.e.  $\lambda x.f(x) = \{(\beta; b)/b \in f(\beta)\}$ .

A.1 Lemma In  $\tilde{D}_A$  one has:

- (i)  $Ad = A \cap d$ .
- (ii)  $a \in d \wedge a \in e \Rightarrow a \in de$ .
- (iii)  $d \subseteq \lambda x.dx$
- (iv)  $\langle \tilde{D}_A, \cdot, \lambda \rangle$  is a  $\lambda$ -model.

Proof. By the definitions. □

Given  $a \in A$ , let  $c_a$  be the constant symbol for  $\{a\}$  and  $\Lambda(c_a)$  the set of  $\lambda$ -terms built up using also  $c_a$ , where  $\llbracket c_a \rrbracket = \{a\}$ .

A.2 Lemma Let  $\sigma: \text{var} \rightarrow \tilde{D}_A$  be constantly equal to  $A \in \tilde{D}_A$ . Then  $\forall a \in A \forall M \in \Lambda(c_a) a \in \llbracket M \rrbracket \sigma$ .

Proof (By induction). If  $M \equiv c_a$  or  $M \equiv x$ , we are done. If  $M \equiv PQ$ , use A.1(ii) and the induction. If  $M \equiv \lambda x.N$ , then  $\llbracket M \rrbracket \sigma = \{(\beta; b)/b \in \llbracket N \rrbracket \sigma_x^\beta\}$ .

Notice now that  $N[c_a/x] \in \Lambda(c_a)$ ; then

$a \in \llbracket N \rrbracket \sigma_x^{\{a\}} = \llbracket N[c_a/x] \rrbracket \sigma$ , by induction, i.e.,

$a = (\{a\}, a) \in \llbracket M \rrbracket \sigma$ . □

A.3 Lemma Let  $\sigma$  be as in A.2. Then one has for any  $M \in \Lambda$ .

- (i)  $A \subseteq \llbracket M \rrbracket \sigma$



(i)  $A = \llbracket M \rrbracket \sigma \Rightarrow M \in 0_0$ .

**Proof.**

(i) If  $M \in \Lambda$ , then  $\forall a M \in \Lambda(c_a)$ .

(ii) If  $\lambda\beta \vdash M = \lambda x.N$ , for some  $N$ , then  $(\gamma;b) \in \llbracket M \rrbracket \sigma \wedge (\gamma;b) \subseteq (\beta;b) \Rightarrow (\beta;b) \in \llbracket M \rrbracket \sigma$ .  $\square$

A.4 **Theorem.** Let  $\sigma$  be as in A.2. Then

$$\forall M \in 0_0 \quad \llbracket M \rrbracket \sigma = A$$

**Proof.** Define first a labelled  $\lambda$ -calculus  $\Lambda I$  leaving out label 0:  $M \in \Lambda I \Rightarrow M^n \in \Lambda I$ , for  $n \geq 1$ .

Add the following rules:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{I.1} \quad (M^p)^q \rightarrow M^{\min[p,q]} \\ \text{I.2} \quad (\lambda x.M)^{n+2} \rightarrow (M[N^{n+1}/x])^{n+1} \end{array}$$

If  $b \in \tilde{B} = B/\simeq$ , then  $b$ , as equivalence class in  $B$ , contains a shortest element (in  $B$ ), say  $\text{sh}(b)$ : this element is obtained by collapsing all  $(\{a\}, a)$  to  $a$ . Let  $|\cdot|: B \rightarrow \omega$  be as in 2.5. Define, for  $b \in \tilde{B}$  and  $d \in \tilde{D}_A$ ,  $|b|^\uparrow = |\text{sh}(b)|$  and  $d_n = \{b \in d / |b|^\uparrow \leq n\}$ .

Then 1,2,3,,5 of def. 1.3 hold. 4 holds for  $n \geq 1$  (notice that  $d_1 e \subseteq (de_1)_1 \subseteq (de)_1$  and that  $d_1 \subseteq A$ ).

Interpret  $M^n \in \Lambda I$ , by  $\llbracket M^n \rrbracket \sigma = (\llbracket M \rrbracket \sigma)_n$ . Let  $I$  be a complete labeling of  $M$  iff  $M^I$  is  $M$  with a label on any subterm. Then, by usual arguments, one has:



- (1)  $M \xrightarrow{(I)} N \Rightarrow \forall \sigma \llbracket M \rrbracket_\sigma \subseteq \llbracket N \rrbracket_\sigma$
- (2)  $\llbracket M \rrbracket_\sigma = \cup \{ \llbracket M^I \rrbracket_\sigma / I \text{ compl. lab. of } M \}$

Assume now that  $M \in 0_0$ .

Case  $M \in P0_0$ . Then  $\lambda \beta \vdash M = x \vec{N}$  and  $A \subseteq \llbracket M \rrbracket_\sigma$ , by A.3  
 $\subseteq A$ , by A.1(i).

Case  $M \in P0_0$ . Let  $M^I$  be as above.

Then one has: (3)  $M^I \rightarrow N^1 \vec{Q}$ , for some  $N, \vec{Q}$ .

Thus  $A \subseteq \llbracket M \rrbracket_\sigma$  , by A.3(1)  
 $\subseteq A$  , by (2),(3) and (1)

□

A.5 Corollary Let  $M \in \Lambda^0$ . Then

- (i)  $\tilde{D}_A \models A \subseteq M$   
(ii)  $\tilde{D}_A \models A = M \Leftrightarrow M \in 0_0$ .

Note that  $Y_T(\lambda x.x) = \emptyset$ , thus Tarski's fixed point operator  $Y_T$  is not  $\lambda$ -definable.

A.6 Discussion  $P\omega$  partially satisfies 1-5 of 1.3, in the same way as  $\tilde{D}_A$  does (see Bar.[1981], p.473 setting 1 for 0 and  $n+1$  for  $n$ ). Moreover  $0 = (0,0) \dots$ . Why is it that, for  $M \in 0_0^0$ ,  $P\omega \models M = \{0\}$ , but  $P\omega \models M = \emptyset$ ? The point is that  $(0,0)$  corresponds to " $(\emptyset; 0)$ ", not to " $(\{0\}, 0)$ ".

As a matter of fact, take  $A = \{a\}$  and set  $a \simeq (\emptyset; a)$ . Then, for  $B' = B / \simeq$  and  $D_A^0 = 2^{B'}$ ,  $\langle P\omega, \cdot \rangle \simeq \langle D_A^0, \cdot \rangle$ . The isomorphism follows by the proof of  $\langle P\omega, \cdot \rangle \simeq \langle D_A, \cdot \rangle$  given in 4.3. Moreover set  $\varepsilon = \llbracket \lambda xy.xy \rrbracket \in P\omega$  and  $\varepsilon_A = \lambda xy.xy = \{(\beta; (\gamma; b)) / b \in \beta \gamma\} \in D_A^0$  then that isomorphism takes  $\varepsilon$  to  $\varepsilon_A$ . Using Meyer's algebraic approach, Mey[1981], this shows that  $P\omega$  and  $D_A^0$  with the ordinary application and abstraction, are also isomorphic as  $\lambda$ -models.



## II. Appendix B. $D_A \models M \subseteq N \Rightarrow BT(M) \subseteq BT(N)$

This appendix completes the proof of 2.7, thus the notation is as in Chapter. 2.

B.1 **Lemma** (i) Let  $f \in (D_A \rightarrow D_A)$ . Then

$(\beta; b) \in \underline{\lambda}x.f(x) \wedge (\beta; b) \subseteq (\gamma; b) \Rightarrow (\gamma; b) \in \underline{\lambda}x.f(x)$  (let's say that  $\underline{\lambda}x.f(x)$  is saturated).

(ii) Let  $\underline{A} = B \setminus A$ . Then  $(d \cap \underline{A})e = de$

(iii)  $d \subseteq \underline{A} \Rightarrow d \subseteq \underline{\lambda}x.dx$ .

**Proof** (i) By monotonicity of  $f$ . (ii) By definition. (iii)  $\Rightarrow (\beta; b) \in d \Rightarrow b \in d\beta$

$\Leftarrow \underline{\lambda}x.dx$  does not contain elements of  $A$ . □

Note that (ii) and (iii) hold just because one can distinguish between elements of  $A$  and elements of  $\underline{A}$ . Fix now  $a_0 \in A \neq \emptyset$ .

B.2 **Def.** Let  $f \in (D_A \rightarrow D_A)$ . Define

$$\lambda^0 x.f(x) = \underline{\lambda}x.f(x) \cup \{a_0\}.$$

(Notation. For  $f \in C(D_A^n, D_A)$ , set

$$\lambda^0_{x_1 \dots x_n}.f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \lambda^0_{x_1}(\lambda^0_{x_2 \dots x_n}.f(x_1, \dots, x_n));$$

by the continuity of  $\cup$  and  $\underline{\lambda}$ , this is a good definition).

B.3 **Remark** By definition

$$\underline{\lambda}x_1 \dots x_n.f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \{(\beta_1; \dots (\beta_n; b) \dots) / b \in f(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)\},$$

while  $\lambda^0_{x_1 \dots x_n}.f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  contains also  $a_0$  and all elements of the type  $(\beta_1; a_0), \dots, (\beta_1; \dots (\beta_{n-1}; a_0)$  for arbitrary  $\beta$ 's.

B.4 **Lemma** Let  $f \in C(D_A^n, D_A)$ . Then

$$1) \quad 0 \leq i \leq n \Rightarrow (\lambda^0_{x_1 \dots x_n}.f(x_1, \dots, x_n))d_1 \dots d_i = \lambda^0_{x_{i+1} \dots x_n}.f(d_1, \dots, d_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$$



$$2) \quad 0 \leq p < n \Rightarrow a_0 \in (\lambda^0_{x_1 \dots x_n} \cdot f(x_1, \dots, x_n)) d_1 \dots d_p.$$

**Proof.** Easy. □

**Notation** Given  $P \subseteq D_A^n$ ,  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n$  are minimal such (mims)  $P(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$  iff

i)  $P(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n)$  holds, and

ii) if  $\gamma_1 \subseteq \beta_1, \dots, \gamma_n \subseteq \beta_n$  and  $\vec{\gamma} \neq \vec{\beta}$ ,  
then  $\neg P(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n)$ .

B.5 **Def.** Let  $f \in C(D_A^n, D_A)$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda^-_{x_1 \dots x_n} \cdot f(x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \{b \in \lambda^0_{x_1 \dots x_n} \cdot f(x_1, \dots, x_n) / \\ &/ \exists c \exists \vec{\beta} \ b = (\beta_1; \dots; (\beta_n; c) \dots) \Rightarrow \vec{\beta} \text{ mims } c \in f(\vec{\beta})\} \end{aligned}$$

B.6 **Lemma** Let  $f \in C(D_A^n, D_A)$ . Then

$$1) \quad (\lambda^-_{x_1 \dots x_n} \cdot f(x_1, \dots, x_n)) d_1 \dots d_n = f(d_1, \dots, d_n)$$

2) If  $\forall d_1, \dots, d_{n-1} \exists d_n \ f(d_1, \dots, d_{n-1}, d_n) \neq \emptyset$ , then

$(0 \leq p < n \Rightarrow (\lambda^-_{x_1 \dots x_n} \cdot f(x_1, \dots, x_n)) d_1 \dots d_p$  contains  $a_0$  and it is not saturated (cf. B.1)).

**Proof.** 1) By definition and B.4(1).

2) Let's write  $F_n^- := \lambda^-_{x_1 \dots x_n} \cdot f(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Then

$$a_0 \in F_n^- d_1 \dots d_p = \{c / \exists \vec{\beta} \subseteq \vec{d} \ (\beta_1; \dots; (\beta_p; c) \dots) \in F_n^-\},$$

since  $p < n$  and by B.4(2) and the definition of  $F_n^-$ .

As for "non saturation", notice first that

$$f(e_1, \dots, e_n) = F_n^- e_1 \dots e_n, \quad \text{by (1)}$$

$$= \{b / \exists \vec{\beta} \subseteq \vec{e} \ (\beta_1; \dots; (\beta_n; b) \dots) \in F_n^-\}; \text{ and}$$

hence, by the assumption on  $f$ ,



$$\forall p < n \forall e_1, \dots, e_p \exists \beta_1 \subseteq e_1, \dots, \exists \beta_t \subseteq e_p \exists \beta_{p+1} \dots \exists \beta_n \exists b (\beta_1; \dots (\beta_n; b) \dots) \in F_n^-$$

Recall now that by definition of  $F_n^-$ , these  $\beta, \dots, \beta_n$  are "minimal such"; thus, in particular,  $\forall \gamma \supset \beta_{p+1} (\gamma; (\beta_{p+2}; \dots (\beta_n; b) \dots)) \notin F_n^- d_1 \dots d_p$ .  $\square$

B.7 **Def.** Let  $C_p^- \equiv \lambda^- x_0 \dots x_{p+1} \cdot x_{p+1} x_0 \dots x_p$ .

Let  $\Lambda(D_A)$  the set of  $\lambda$ -terms built up using also constants (symbols) from  $D_A$ .

B.8 **Proposition** (i)  $D_A \models C_p^- x_0 \dots x_{p+1} = x_{p+1} x_0 \dots x_p$

(ii) Let  $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m$  and  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_q$  be terms in  $\Lambda(D_A)$ . If  $n \neq t$  and  $m, q < p$ , then

$$D_A \not\models \lambda x_1 \dots x_n \cdot C_p^- \sigma_1 \dots \sigma_m \subseteq \lambda x_1 \dots x_t \cdot C_p^- \tau_1 \dots \tau_q.$$

**Proof.** (i) by B.6(1).

(ii) Clearly  $f(d_0, \dots, d_{p+1}) = d_{p+1} d_0 \dots d_p$  satisfies the conditions on  $f$  in B.6(2)

Let  $n < t$ .

**Case 1** Assume  $\supseteq$ . and apply both LHS and RHS to  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Then

$$D_A \models C_p^- \sigma_1 \dots \sigma_m \supseteq \lambda x_{n+1} \dots x_t \cdot C_p^- \tau_1 \dots \tau_q.$$

This is impossible since the LHS is not saturated by B.6(2), while the RHS is saturated by B.1(i).

**Case 2** Assume  $\subseteq$ . As above one obtains

$$D_A \models C_p^- \sigma_1 \dots \sigma_m \subseteq \lambda x_{n+1} \dots x_t \cdot C_p^- \tau_1 \dots \tau_q,$$

which is impossible since the LHS contains  $a_0$  by B.6(2), while the RHS doesn't.  $\square$



B.8 is the C-lemma, 3.3, of BL[1980].



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