

A NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT CONDITION FOR THE UNIQUENESS  
OF  $\beta\delta$ -NORMAL FORM OF TYPED  $\lambda$ -TERMS FOR THE CANONICAL  
NOTION OF  $\delta$ -REDUCTION

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In this paper the canonical notion of  $\delta$ -reduction is considered. Typed  $\lambda$ -terms use variables of any order and constants of order  $\leq 1$ , where the constants of order 1 are strongly computable, monotonic functions with indeterminate values of arguments. The canonical notion of  $\delta$ -reduction is the notion of  $\delta$ -reduction that is used in the implementation of functional programming languages. It is shown that for canonical notion of  $\delta$ -reduction SI-property is the necessary and sufficient condition for the uniqueness of  $\beta\delta$ -normal form of typed  $\lambda$ -terms.

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**Typed  $\lambda$ -Terms,  $\beta\delta$ -Reduction.** The definitions of this section can be found in [1–4]. Let  $M$  be a partially ordered set, which has a least element  $\perp$ , which corresponds to the indeterminate value, and each element of  $M$  is comparable only with  $\perp$  and itself. Let us define the set of types (denoted by  $Types$ ): 1)  $M \in Types$ , 2) If  $\beta, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in Types$  ( $k > 0$ ), then the set of all monotonic mappings from  $\alpha_1 \times \dots \times \alpha_k$  into  $\beta$  (denoted by  $[\alpha_1 \times \dots \times \alpha_k \rightarrow \beta]$ ) belongs to  $Types$ .

Let  $\alpha \in Types$  and  $V_\alpha$  be a countable set of variables of type  $\alpha$ , then  $V = \bigcup_{\alpha \in Types} V_\alpha$  is the set of all variables. The set of all terms, denoted by  $\Lambda = \bigcup_{\alpha \in Types} \Lambda_\alpha$ , where  $\Lambda_\alpha$  is the set of terms of type  $\alpha$ , is defined in the following way:

1. if  $c \in \alpha, \alpha \in Types$ , then  $c \in \Lambda_\alpha$ ;
2. if  $x \in V_\alpha, \alpha \in Types$ , then  $x \in \Lambda_\alpha$ ;
3. if  $\tau \in \Lambda_{[\alpha_1 \times \dots \times \alpha_k \rightarrow \beta]}, t_i \in \Lambda_{\alpha_i}$ , where  $\beta, \alpha_i \in Types, i = 1, \dots, k, k \geq 1$ , then  $\tau(t_1, \dots, t_k) \in \Lambda_\beta$  (the operation of application);

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4. if  $\tau \in \Lambda_\beta$ ,  $x_i \in V_{\alpha_i}$  where  $\beta, \alpha_i \in Types$ ,  $i \neq j \implies x_i \neq x_j$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then  $\lambda x_1 \dots x_k [\tau] \in \Lambda_{[\alpha_1 \times \dots \times \alpha_k \rightarrow \beta]}$  (the operation of abstraction).

The notion of free and bound occurrences of variables as well as free and bound variable are introduced in the conventional way. The set of all free variables in the term  $t$  is denoted by  $FV(t)$ . Terms  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are said to be congruent (which is denoted by  $t_1 \equiv t_2$ ), if one the term can be obtained from the other by renaming the bound variables. A term  $t \in \Lambda_\alpha$ ,  $\alpha \in Types$ , is called a constant term with value  $a \in \alpha$  if  $t \sim a$  (see [1, 2]).

Further, we assume that  $M$  is a recursive set and considered terms use variables of any order and constants of order  $\leq 1$ , where the constants of order 1 are strongly computable, monotonic functions with indeterminate values of arguments. A function  $f : M^k \rightarrow M$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , with indeterminate values of arguments, is said to be strongly computable, if there exists an algorithm, which stops with value  $f(m_1, \dots, m_k) \in M$  for all  $m_1, \dots, m_k \in M$  [1].

A set  $\{t_1/x_1, \dots, t_k/x_k\}$  (shortly  $\{\bar{t}/\bar{x}\}$ , where  $\bar{t} = \langle t_1, \dots, t_k \rangle$ ,  $\bar{x} = \langle x_1, \dots, x_k \rangle$ ) is called substitution, where  $t_i \in \Lambda_{\alpha_i}$ ,  $x_i \in V_{\alpha_i}$ ,  $\alpha_i \in Types$ ,  $i \neq j \implies x_i \neq x_j$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $k \geq 0$ . The notation  $t\{t_1/x_1, \dots, t_k/x_k\}$  (shortly  $t\{\bar{t}/\bar{x}\}$ ) is called an application of substitution  $\{\bar{t}/\bar{x}\}$  to the term  $t$  and denotes the term obtained by the simultaneous substitution of the terms  $t_1, \dots, t_k$  of all free occurrences of the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  into the term  $t$ . An application of substitution is said to be admissible, if all free variables of the term being substituted remain free after the application of substitution. We will consider only admissible applications of substitutions.

A term of the form  $\lambda x_1 \dots x_k [\tau](t_1, \dots, t_k)$ , where  $x_i \in V_{\alpha_i}$ ,  $i \neq j \implies x_i \neq x_j$ ,  $\tau \in \Lambda$ ,  $t_i \in \Lambda_{\alpha_i}$ ,  $\alpha_i \in Types$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , is called a  $\beta$ -redex, its convolution is the term  $\tau\{\bar{t}/\bar{x}\}$ . The set of all pairs  $(\tau_0, \tau_1)$ , where  $\tau_0$  is a  $\beta$ -redex and  $\tau_1$  is its convolution, is called a notion of  $\beta$ -reduction and is denoted by  $\beta$ . A one-step  $\beta$ -reduction ( $\rightarrow_\beta$ ) and  $\beta$ -reduction ( $\rightarrow\rightarrow_\beta$ ) are defined in the conventional way. A term containing no  $\beta$ -redexes is called a  $\beta$ -normal form. The set of all  $\beta$ -normal forms is denoted by  $\beta$ -NF.

The  $\delta$ -redex has a form  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$ , where  $f \in [M^k \rightarrow M]$ ,  $t_i \in \Lambda_M$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , its convolution is either  $m \in M$ , in this case  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \sim m$  or a subterm  $t_i$ , in this case  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \sim t_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ . A fixed set of term pairs  $(\tau_0, \tau_1)$ , where  $\tau_0$  is a  $\delta$ -redex and  $\tau_1$  is its convolution, is called a notion of  $\delta$ -reduction and is denoted by  $\delta$ . A one-step  $\delta$ -reduction ( $\rightarrow_\delta$ ) and  $\delta$ -reduction ( $\rightarrow\rightarrow_\delta$ ) are defined in the conventional way.

A one-step  $\beta\delta$ -reduction ( $\rightarrow$ ) and  $\beta\delta$ -reduction ( $\rightarrow\rightarrow$ ) are defined in the conventional way. A term containing no  $\beta\delta$ -redexes is called normal form. The set of all normal forms is denoted by NF.

**Definition 1.** The term  $t \in \Lambda$  is said to be strongly normalizable, if the length of each  $\beta\delta$ -reduction chain from the term  $t$  is finite.

**Theorem 1.** [3]. Every term is strongly normalizable.

**Theorem 2.** [3]. For every term  $t \in \Lambda$ , if  $t \rightarrow\rightarrow_\beta t'$ ,  $t \rightarrow\rightarrow_\beta t''$  and  $t', t'' \in \beta$ -NF, then  $t' \equiv t''$ .

**Canonical Notion of  $\delta$ -Reduction, Church–Rosser Property.** A notion of  $\delta$ -reduction is called a single-valued notion of  $\delta$ -reduction, if  $\delta$  is a single-valued relation, i.e. if  $(\tau_0, \tau_1) \in \delta$  and  $(\tau_0, \tau_2) \in \delta$ , then  $\tau_1 \equiv \tau_2$ , where  $\tau_0, \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \Lambda_M$ . A notion of  $\delta$ -reduction is called an effective notion of  $\delta$ -reduction, if there exists an algorithm, which for any term  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$ ,  $f \in [M^k \rightarrow M]$ ,  $t_i \in \Lambda_M$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , gives its convolution, if  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$  is a  $\delta$ -redex and stops with a negative answer otherwise.

**Definition 2.** [2]. An effective, single-valued notion of  $\delta$ -reduction is called a canonical notion of  $\delta$ -reduction, if

1.  $t \in \beta\text{-NF}$ ,  $t \sim m$ ,  $m \in M \setminus \{\perp\} \Rightarrow t \rightarrow \rightarrow_{\delta} m$ ;
2.  $t \in \beta\text{-NF}$ ,  $FV(t) = \emptyset$ ,  $t \sim \perp \Rightarrow t \rightarrow \rightarrow_{\delta} \perp$ .

**Theorem 3.** [2]. Let  $\delta$  be a canonical notion of  $\delta$ -reduction, then:

1.  $t \sim m$ ,  $m \in M \setminus \{\perp\} \Rightarrow t \rightarrow \rightarrow m$ ;
2.  $t \sim \perp$ ,  $FV(t) = \emptyset \Rightarrow t \rightarrow \rightarrow \perp$ .

**Definition 3.** The notion of  $\delta$ -reduction has the substitution property (S-property), if from  $(f(t_1, \dots, t_k), \tau) \in \delta$ , where  $t_1, \dots, t_k, \tau \in \Lambda_M$ ,  $f \in [M^k \rightarrow M]$ ,  $FV(f(t_1, \dots, t_k)) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , and from the following properties

1.  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$  is not constant term and  $\tau \equiv t_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , or
2.  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \sim \perp$  and  $\tau \equiv t_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , or
3.  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \sim \perp$  and  $\tau \equiv \perp$ ,

it follows that for each admissible application of substitution  $\{\tau_1/x_1, \dots, \tau_n/x_n\}$  (shortly  $\{\bar{\tau}/\bar{x}\}$ ), where  $\tau_i \in \Lambda_{\alpha_i}$ ,  $x_i \in V_{\alpha_i}$ ,  $\alpha_i \in \text{Types}$ ,  $i \neq j \Rightarrow x_i \neq x_j$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , there exist terms  $t'_1, \dots, t'_k$  such that  $t_1 \{\bar{\tau}/\bar{x}\} \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_1, \dots, t_k \{\bar{\tau}/\bar{x}\} \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_k$  and  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_j) \in \delta$  if  $\tau \equiv t_j$  and  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), \perp) \in \delta$  if  $\tau \equiv \perp$ .

**Definition 4.** The notion of  $\delta$ -reduction has the inheritance property (I-property), if from  $(f(t_1, \dots, t_k), \tau) \in \delta$ , where  $t_1, \dots, t_k, \tau \in \Lambda_M$ ,  $f \in [M^k \rightarrow M]$ ,  $FV(f(t_1, \dots, t_k)) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $k \geq 1$  and  $t_i \equiv \mu_r$  for some  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ), where  $r$  is a redex and from the following properties

1.  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$  is not constant term and  $\tau \equiv t_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , or
2.  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \sim \perp$  and  $\tau \equiv t_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , or
3.  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \sim \perp$  and  $\tau \equiv \perp$ ,

it follows that there exist terms  $t'_1, \dots, t'_k \in \Lambda_M$  such that  $t_1 \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_1, \dots, \mu_r \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_i, \dots, t_k \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_k$  and  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_j) \in \delta$  if  $\tau \equiv t_j$  and  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), \perp) \in \delta$  if  $\tau \equiv \perp$ , where  $r'$  is the convolution of the redex  $r$ .

**Definition 5.** The canonical notion of  $\delta$ -reduction has substitution and inheritance property (SI-property), if it has S-property and I-property.

**Definition 6.** The notion of  $\beta\delta$ -reduction has the Church–Rosser property (CR-property), if for every term  $t \in \Lambda_{\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha \in \text{Types}$ , if  $t \rightarrow \rightarrow t_1$  and  $t \rightarrow \rightarrow t_2$ ,  $t_1, t_2 \in \Lambda_{\alpha}$ , then there exists a term  $t' \in \Lambda_{\alpha}$  such that  $t_1 \rightarrow \rightarrow t'$  and  $t_2 \rightarrow \rightarrow t'$ .

**Theorem 4.** For a canonical notion of  $\delta$ -reduction that has SI property the notion of  $\beta\delta$ -reduction has the CR-property.

To prove the Theorem 4 first let us prove the Lemma 1.



If either  $\tau_2 \sim \perp$  and  $FV(\tau_2) \neq \emptyset$  or  $\tau_2$  is not a constant term, where  $\tau_2 \equiv f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$ ,  $f \in \Lambda_{[M^k \rightarrow M]}$ ,  $t_i \in \Lambda_M$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , then from S-property follows that there exist terms  $t'_1, \dots, t'_k$ , such that  $t_1 \{\bar{\mu}/\bar{x}\} \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_1, \dots, t_k \{\bar{\mu}/\bar{x}\} \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_k$  and  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), r) \in \delta$ , where  $r \equiv \perp$ , if  $\tau'_2 \equiv \perp$ , and  $r \equiv t'_j$ , if  $\tau'_2 \equiv t_j$  for some  $j = 1, \dots, k$ . Therefore, if  $\tau_1 \equiv \lambda x_1 \dots x_n [\mu_{\tau_2}](\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$ , then from (3) it follows that  $\tau' \equiv \mu \{\bar{\mu}/\bar{x}\}_r$ :

$$\begin{array}{c} \tau_{1\tau_2} \equiv \lambda x_1 \dots x_n [\mu_{\tau_2}](\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n) \\ \tau'_1 \equiv \mu_{\tau_2} \{\bar{\mu}/\bar{x}\} \equiv \mu \{\bar{\mu}/\bar{x}\}_{\tau_2 \{\bar{\mu}/\bar{x}\}} \xrightarrow{\beta} \lambda x_1 \dots x_n [\mu_{\tau'_2}](\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n) \equiv \tau_{1\tau'_2} \\ \mu \{\bar{\mu}/\bar{x}\}_{f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)} \xrightarrow{\delta} \mu_{\tau'_2} \{\bar{\mu}/\bar{x}\} \equiv \mu \{\bar{\mu}/\bar{x}\}_{\tau'_2 \{\bar{\mu}/\bar{x}\}} \\ \mu \{\bar{\mu}/\bar{x}\}_r \equiv \tau' \end{array} \quad (3)$$

If  $\tau_1 \equiv \lambda x_1 \dots x_n [\mu](\mu_1, \dots, \mu_{\tau_2}, \dots, \mu_n)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , then from (2) we get  $\tau' \equiv \mu \{\mu_1/x_1, \dots, \mu_{i\tau'_2}/x_i, \dots, \mu_n/x_n\}$ .  $\square$

**Proposition 3.** Let  $\delta$  be a canonical notion of  $\delta$ -reduction that has I-property. Let  $\tau_1$  be a  $\delta$ -redex and  $\tau_2$  be a redex, where  $\tau_2$  is subterm of  $\tau_1$ . Then there exists a term  $\tau'$  such that  $\tau'_1 \rightarrow \rightarrow \tau'$  and  $\tau_1 \tau'_2 \rightarrow \rightarrow \tau'$ , where  $\tau'_1$  and  $\tau'_2$  are convolutions of the redexes  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\tau_1 \equiv f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$ , where  $f \in [M^k \rightarrow M]$ ,  $t_1, \dots, t_k \in \Lambda_M$ . The following cases are possible:

- $\tau_1 \sim m$ , where  $m \in M \setminus \{\perp\}$ ;
- $\tau_1 \sim \perp$  and  $FV(\tau_1) = \emptyset$ ;
- $\tau_1 \sim \perp$  and  $FV(\tau_1) \neq \emptyset$ ;
- $\tau_1$  is not a constant term.

If  $\tau_1 \sim m$ , where either  $m \in M \setminus \{\perp\}$ , or  $m \equiv \perp$  and  $FV(\tau_1) = \emptyset$ , then from  $\tau_1 \rightarrow_{\delta} \tau'_1$  it follows that  $\tau_1 \sim \tau'_1 \sim m$ , and from Theorem 3 we get  $\tau'_1 \rightarrow \rightarrow m$ . Since  $\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_1 \tau'_2$ , we have  $\tau_1 \sim \tau_1 \tau'_2 \sim m$ . Therefore, from Theorem 3 it follows that  $\tau_1 \tau'_2 \rightarrow \rightarrow m$ . Therefore,  $\tau' \equiv m$ .

If either  $\tau_1 \sim \perp$  and  $FV(\tau_1) \neq \emptyset$  or  $\tau_1$  is not a constant term, where  $\tau_1 \equiv f(t_1, \dots, t_{j\tau_2}, \dots, t_k)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , then from I-property it follows that there exist terms  $t'_1, \dots, t'_k \in \Lambda_M$  such that  $t_1 \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_1, \dots, t_{j\tau_2} \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_j, \dots, t_k \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_k$  and  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), \tau) \in \delta$ , where  $\tau \equiv \perp$ , if  $\tau'_1 \equiv \perp$ , and  $\tau \equiv t'_i$ , if  $\tau'_1 \equiv t_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . It is easy to see that  $\tau'_1 \rightarrow \rightarrow \tau$ , since if  $\tau'_1 \equiv \perp$ , we have  $\tau \equiv \perp$  and  $\tau'_1 \rightarrow \rightarrow \tau$ . If  $\tau'_1 \equiv t_i$ , then  $\tau \equiv t'_i$  and  $\tau'_1 \equiv t_i \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_i \equiv \tau$ . Therefore from (4) it follows that  $\tau' \equiv \tau$ :

$$\begin{array}{c} \tau_{1\tau_2} \equiv f(t_1, \dots, t_{j\tau_2}, \dots, t_k) \\ \tau'_1 \xrightarrow{\delta} f(t_1, \dots, t_{j\tau'_2}, \dots, t_k) \\ \tau'_1 \xrightarrow{\delta} f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \\ \tau \equiv \tau' \end{array} \quad (4)$$

$\square$

A term  $t$  with different fixed occurrences of subterms  $\tau_1, \tau_2$ , where  $\tau_1$  is not a subterm of  $\tau_2$  and  $\tau_2$  is not a subterm of  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_i \in \Lambda_{\alpha_i}, \alpha_i \in Types, i = 1, 2$ , is denoted by  $t_{\tau_1, \tau_2}$ . A term with the fixed occurrences of the terms  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  replaced by the terms  $\tau'_1, \tau'_2$  respectively is denoted by  $t_{\tau'_1, \tau'_2}$ , where  $\tau'_i \in \Lambda_{\alpha_i}, i = 1, 2$ .

**Proof of Lemma 1.** If  $t_1 \equiv t_2$ , then  $t' \equiv t_1 \equiv t_2$ . If  $t_1 \not\equiv t_2$ , then there exist  $\tau_1, \tau_2 \in \Lambda$  redexes of  $t$  such that  $t_1 \equiv t_{\tau'_1}$  and  $t_2 \equiv t_{\tau'_2}$ , where  $\tau'_1, \tau'_2$  are the convolutions of  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  respectively. If  $\tau_1$  is not a subterm of  $\tau_2$  and  $\tau_2$  is not a subterm of  $\tau_1$ , then (5) implies  $t' \equiv t_{\tau'_1, \tau'_2}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & t \equiv t_{\tau_1, \tau_2} & \\
 & \swarrow \quad \searrow & \\
 t_1 \equiv t_{\tau'_1, \tau_2} & & t_{\tau_1, \tau'_2} \equiv t_2 \\
 & \searrow \quad \swarrow & \\
 & t_{\tau'_1, \tau'_2} \equiv t' & 
 \end{array} \tag{5}$$

Without lose of generality let us suppose that the redex  $\tau_2$  is a subterm of the redex  $\tau_1$ . By Propositions 1, 2, 3 there exists a term  $\tau'$  such that  $\tau'_1 \rightarrow \tau'$  and  $\tau_1 \tau'_2 \rightarrow \tau'$ . Therefore,  $t_1 \equiv t_{\tau'_1} \rightarrow t_{\tau'}$ ,  $t_2 \equiv t_{\tau_1 \tau'_2} \rightarrow t_{\tau'}$  and  $t' \equiv t_{\tau'}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & t \equiv t_{\tau_1 \tau_2} & \\
 & \swarrow \quad \searrow & \\
 t_1 \equiv t_{\tau'_1} & & t_{\tau_1 \tau'_2} \equiv t_2 \\
 & \searrow \quad \swarrow & \\
 & t_{\tau'} \equiv t' & 
 \end{array} \tag{6}$$

□

Let  $t \in \Lambda_{\alpha}, \alpha \in Types$ , and  $t \equiv t_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow t_n, n \geq 1$ , where  $t_i \in \Lambda_{\alpha}, i = 1, \dots, n$ , then the sequence  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  is called the inference of the term  $t_n$  from the term  $t$  and  $n$  is called the length of that inference. The inference tree of the term  $t$  is an oriented tree with the root  $t$ , and if a term  $\tau$  is some node of the tree and  $\tau_1, \dots, \tau_k, k \geq 0$ , is all occurrences of  $\beta\delta$ -redexes in the term  $\tau$ , then  $\tau_{\tau'_1}, \dots, \tau_{\tau'_k}$  are all descendants of the node  $\tau$ , where  $\tau'_i$  is the convolution of  $\tau_i, i = 1, \dots, k$ .

The inference tree of every term  $t$  is a finite tree (that follows from König's lemma). The height of an inference tree of the term  $t$  is the length of the longest path from the root  $t$  to a leaf. The set of all terms, whose height of the inference tree are equal to  $n - 1$ , is denoted by  $\Lambda^{(n)}, n \geq 1$ .

**Proof of Theorem 4.** Let  $t \in \Lambda^{(n)}, n \geq 1$ , and  $t \rightarrow t_1, t \rightarrow t_2$ , where  $t_1, t_2 \in \Lambda$ . Let us show that there exists a term  $t'$  such that  $t_1 \rightarrow t'$  and  $t_2 \rightarrow t'$ . If  $n = 1$ , then  $t \in NF$  and  $t \equiv t_1 \equiv t_2 \equiv t'$ . Let  $n > 1$  and we suppose that CR-property holds for every term  $\tau \in \Lambda^{(k)}, 1 \leq k < n$ , and show that it holds for the term  $t$ . If  $t \equiv t_1$ , then  $t_1 \rightarrow t_2$  and  $t' \equiv t_2$ . If  $t \equiv t_2$ , then  $t_2 \rightarrow t_1$  and  $t' \equiv t_1$ . If  $t_1 \not\equiv t_2$  and  $t_2 \not\equiv t$ , then there exist terms  $t'_1, t'_2 \in \Lambda$  such that  $t \rightarrow t'_1 \rightarrow t_1$  and  $t \rightarrow t'_2 \rightarrow t_2$ .

Therefore from Lemma 1 it follows that there exists a term  $t'$  such that  $t'_1 \rightarrow t'$  and  $t'_2 \rightarrow t'$ . Since  $t'_1 \rightarrow t_1$ ,  $t'_1 \rightarrow t'$  and  $t'_1 \in \Lambda^{(k_1)}$ ,  $1 \leq k_1 \leq n-1$ , from the induction hypothesis it follows that there exists a term  $t''_1$  such that  $t_1 \rightarrow t''_1$  and  $t' \rightarrow t''_1$ . Since  $t'_2 \rightarrow t_2$ ,  $t'_2 \rightarrow t'$  and  $t'_2 \in \Lambda^{(k_2)}$ ,  $1 \leq k_2 \leq n-1$ , from the induction hypothesis it follows that there exists a term  $t''_2$  such that  $t_2 \rightarrow t''_2$  and  $t' \rightarrow t''_2$ . Since  $t' \rightarrow t''_1$ ,  $t' \rightarrow t''_2$  and  $t' \in \Lambda^{(k_3)}$ ,  $1 \leq k_3 \leq n-1$ , from the induction hypothesis it follows that there exists a term  $t''$  such that  $t''_1 \rightarrow t''$  and  $t''_2 \rightarrow t''$ . Therefore,  $t_1 \rightarrow t''$  and  $t_2 \rightarrow t''$ .  $\square$

### The Uniqueness of the $\beta\delta$ -Normal Form.

**Theorem 5.** For every canonical notion of  $\delta$ -reduction the following holds:  
 $\forall t \in \Lambda, \forall t', t'' \in NF (t \rightarrow t', t \rightarrow t'' \Rightarrow t' \equiv t'') \Leftrightarrow$  canonical notion of  $\delta$ -reduction has SI-property.

#### Proof.

*Sufficiency.* Let  $\delta$  be a canonical notion of  $\delta$ -reduction that has SI-property. Therefore from Theorem 4 it follows that the notion of  $\beta\delta$ -reduction has CR-property. Let  $t \in \Lambda$ ,  $t', t'' \in NF$  and  $t \rightarrow t'$ ,  $t \rightarrow t''$ . Therefore, there exists a term  $t'''$  such that  $t' \rightarrow t'''$  and  $t'' \rightarrow t'''$ . Since  $t', t'' \in NF$ , we have  $t' \equiv t'''$  and  $t'' \equiv t'''$ . Therefore,  $t' \equiv t''$ .

*Necessity.* Let  $\delta$  be a canonical notion of  $\delta$ -reduction. Suppose that for every term  $t$  the following takes place: if  $t \rightarrow t'$  and  $t \rightarrow t''$ , where  $t', t'' \in NF$ , then  $t' \equiv t''$ . Suppose to the contrary that S-property does not hold for  $\delta$ . Therefore, there exists  $(f(t_1, \dots, t_k), \tau) \in \delta$ , where  $t_1, \dots, t_k, \tau \in \Lambda_M$ ,  $f \in [M^k \rightarrow M]$ ,  $FV(f(t_1, \dots, t_k)) \neq \emptyset$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , and

1.  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$  is a non constant term and  $\tau \equiv t_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , or
2.  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \sim \perp$  and  $\tau \equiv t_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , or
3.  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \sim \perp$  and  $\tau \equiv \perp$ ,

and there exists a substitution  $\{\tau_1/x_1, \dots, \tau_n/x_n\}$ , where  $\tau_i \in \Lambda_{\alpha_i}$ ,  $x_i \in V_{\alpha_i}$ ,  $\alpha_i \in Types$ ,  $i \neq j \Rightarrow x_i \neq x_j$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , such that for every terms  $t'_1, \dots, t'_k$  such that  $t_1 \{\bar{\tau}/\bar{x}\} \rightarrow t'_1, \dots, t_k \{\bar{\tau}/\bar{x}\} \rightarrow t'_k$  it follows that  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_j) \notin \delta$  if  $\tau \equiv t_j$ , and  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), \perp) \notin \delta$  if  $\tau \equiv \perp$ .

Let us show that, if  $t'_1, \dots, t'_k \in NF$ , then we get a contradiction for the term  $\lambda x_1 \dots x_n [f(t_1, \dots, t_k)](\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n)$ .

- 1) If  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$  is a non constant term and  $\tau \equiv t_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , then we have:

$$\lambda x_1 \dots x_n [f(t_1, \dots, t_k)](\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rightarrow_{\delta} \lambda x_1 \dots x_n [t_j](\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rightarrow_{\beta} t_j \{\bar{\tau}/\bar{x}\} \rightarrow t'_j;$$

$$\lambda x_1 \dots x_n [f(t_1, \dots, t_k)](\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rightarrow_{\beta} f(t_1 \{\bar{\tau}/\bar{x}\}, \dots, t_k \{\bar{\tau}/\bar{x}\}) \rightarrow f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k).$$

If  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$  is not a  $\delta$ -redex, then  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \in NF$ . Since  $t'_j$  is subterm of  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$ , then  $t'_j \neq f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$ , which is a contradiction. If  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$  is a  $\delta$ -redex, then the following 2 cases are possible:

- a) there exists  $i \neq j$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ) such that  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_i) \in \delta$ . Therefore  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \rightarrow_{\delta} t'_i$ . Since  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_j) \notin \delta$ , then  $t'_i \neq t'_j$ , which is a contradiction.
- b)  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), m) \in \delta$ , where  $m \in M$ . Therefore  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \rightarrow_{\delta} m$ . Since  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_j) \notin \delta$ , then  $t'_j \neq m$ , which is a contradiction.

2) If  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \sim \perp$  and  $\tau \equiv t_j, 1 \leq j \leq k$ , then we have:

$$\lambda x_1 \dots x_n [f(t_1, \dots, t_k)](\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rightarrow_{\delta} \lambda x_1 \dots x_n [t_j](\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rightarrow_{\beta} t_j \{\bar{c}/\bar{x}\} \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_j;$$

$$\lambda x_1 \dots x_n [f(t_1, \dots, t_k)](\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rightarrow_{\beta} f(t_1 \{\bar{c}/\bar{x}\}, \dots, t_k \{\bar{c}/\bar{x}\}) \rightarrow \rightarrow f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k).$$

If  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$  is not a  $\delta$ -redex, then  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \in NF$ . Since  $t'_j$  is subterm of the term  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$ , then  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \not\equiv t'_j$ , which is a contradiction. If  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$  is a  $\delta$ -redex, then the following 2 cases are possible:

a) there exists  $i \neq j$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ) such that  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_i) \in \delta$ . Therefore  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \rightarrow_{\delta} t'_i$ . Since  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_j) \notin \delta$ , then  $t'_i \not\equiv t'_j$ , which is a contradiction.

b)  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), \perp) \in \delta$ , then  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \rightarrow_{\delta} \perp$ . Since  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_j) \notin \delta$ , then  $t'_i \not\equiv \perp$ , which is a contradiction.

3) If  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \sim \perp$  and  $\tau \equiv \perp$ , then we have:

$$\lambda x_1 \dots x_n [f(t_1, \dots, t_k)](\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rightarrow_{\delta} \lambda x_1 \dots x_n [\perp](\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rightarrow_{\beta} \perp;$$

$$\lambda x_1 \dots x_n [f(t_1, \dots, t_k)](\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rightarrow_{\beta} f(t_1 \{\bar{c}/\bar{x}\}, \dots, t_k \{\bar{c}/\bar{x}\}) \rightarrow \rightarrow f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k).$$

If  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$  is not a  $\delta$ -redex, then  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \in NF$ . Since  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \not\equiv \perp$ , then we have a contradiction. If  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$  is a  $\delta$ -redex, then there exists  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ) such that  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_i) \in \delta$ . Therefore  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \rightarrow_{\delta} t'_i$ . Since  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), \perp) \notin \delta$ , then  $t'_i \not\equiv \perp$ , which is a contradiction.

Now we suppose that I-property does not hold for  $\delta$ , which means that there exists  $(f(t_1, \dots, t_k), \tau) \in \delta$ , where  $f \in [M^k \rightarrow M], t_1, \dots, t_k, \tau \in \Lambda_M, FV(f(t_1, \dots, t_k)) \neq \emptyset$  and  $t_i \equiv \mu_r$  for some  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ), where  $r$  is a redex and

1.  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$  is a non constant term and  $\tau \equiv t_j, 1 \leq j \leq k$ , or
2.  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \sim \perp$  and  $\tau \equiv t_j, 1 \leq j \leq k$ , or
3.  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \sim \perp$  and  $\tau \equiv \perp$ ,

and for every terms  $t'_1, \dots, t'_k$  such that  $t_1 \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_1, \dots, \mu_r \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_i, \dots, t_k \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_k$  it follows that  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_j) \notin \delta$  if  $\tau \equiv t_j$ , and  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), \perp) \notin \delta$  if  $\tau \equiv \perp$ .

Let us show that, if  $t'_1, \dots, t'_k \in NF$ , then we get a contradiction for the term  $f(t_1, \dots, \mu_r, \dots, t_k)$ .

1) If  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k)$  is a non constant term and  $\tau \equiv t_j, 1 \leq j \leq k$ , then we have:

$$f(t_1, \dots, \mu_r, \dots, t_k) \rightarrow_{\delta} t_j \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_j;$$

$$f(t_1, \dots, \mu_r, \dots, t_k) \rightarrow f(t_1, \dots, \mu_{r'}, \dots, t_k) \rightarrow \rightarrow f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k).$$

If  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$  is not  $\delta$ -redex, then  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \in NF$ . Since  $t'_j$  is the subterm of the term  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$ , then  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \not\equiv t'_j$ , which is a contradiction. If  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$  is  $\delta$ -redex, then there exists  $i \neq j$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ) such that  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_i) \in \delta$ . Therefore  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \rightarrow_{\delta} t'_i$ . Since  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_j) \notin \delta$ , then  $t'_i \not\equiv t'_j$ , which is a contradiction.

2) If  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \sim \perp$  and  $\tau \equiv t_j, 1 \leq j \leq k$ , then we have:

$$f(t_1, \dots, \mu_r, \dots, t_k) \rightarrow_{\delta} t_j \rightarrow \rightarrow t'_j;$$

$$f(t_1, \dots, \mu_r, \dots, t_k) \rightarrow f(t_1, \dots, \mu_{r'}, \dots, t_k) \rightarrow \rightarrow f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k).$$

If  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$  is not  $\delta$ -redex, then  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \in NF$ . Since  $t'_j$  is subterm of the term  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$ , then  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \not\equiv t'_j$ , which is a contradiction. If  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$  is  $\delta$ -redex, then the following 2 cases are possible:

a)  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), \perp) \in \delta$ , then  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \rightarrow_{\delta} \perp$ . Since  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_j) \notin \delta$ , then  $t'_j \not\equiv \perp$ , which is a contradiction.

b) there exists  $i \neq j$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ) such that  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_i) \in \delta$ . Therefore  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \rightarrow_{\delta} t'_i$ . Since  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_j) \notin \delta$ , then  $t'_i \neq t'_j$ , which is a contradiction.

3) If  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k) \sim \perp$  and  $\tau \equiv \perp$ , then we have:

$$f(t_1, \dots, \mu_r, \dots, t_k) \rightarrow_{\delta} \perp;$$

$$f(t_1, \dots, \mu_r, \dots, t_k) \rightarrow f(t_1, \dots, \mu_{r'}, \dots, t_k) \rightarrow \rightarrow f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k).$$

If  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$  is not  $\delta$ -redex, then  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \in NF$ . Since  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \neq \perp$ , we have a contradiction. If  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k)$  is  $\delta$ -redex, then there exists  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ) such that  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), t'_i) \in \delta$ . Therefore  $f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k) \rightarrow_{\delta} t'_i$ . Since  $(f(t'_1, \dots, t'_k), \perp) \notin \delta$ , we get  $t'_i \neq \perp$ , which is a contradiction.  $\square$

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