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# Conservativity of embeddings in the lambda-Pi calculus modulo rewriting

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## Abstract

The lambda-Pi calculus can be extended with rewrite rules to embed any other functional pure type system. The normalization and conservativity properties of the embedding is an open problem. In this paper, we show that the embedding is conservative. We define an inverse translation into a pure type system completion and show that the completion is conservative using the reducibility method. This result further justifies the use of the lambda-Pi calculus modulo rewriting as a logical framework.

## 1 Introduction

The  $\lambda\Pi$ -calculus modulo rewriting is an extension of the  $\lambda\Pi$ -calculus with rewrite rules. Through the Curry-de Bruijn-Howard correspondence, it can express the proofs of various logics. Cousineau and Dowek [5] introduced a general embedding of *functional pure type systems* (FPTS) in the  $\lambda\Pi$ -calculus modulo rewriting: for any FPTS  $\lambda S$ , they constructed the system  $\lambda\Pi/S$  using appropriate rewrite rules, and defined two translation functions  $|M|$  and  $\|A\|$  that translate the terms and types of  $\lambda S$  to  $\lambda\Pi/S$ . This embedding is complete<sup>1</sup>, in the sense that it preserves typing: if  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M : A$  then  $\|\Gamma\| \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/S} |M| : \|A\|$ . The converse property, called *conservativity*, was shown to hold in some cases: assuming  $\lambda\Pi/S$  is strongly normalizing, if there is a term  $N$  such that  $\|\Gamma\| \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/S} N : \|A\|$  then there is a term  $M$  such that  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M : A$ .

Not much is known about normalization in  $\lambda\Pi/S$ . Cousineau and Dowek showed that if  $\lambda\Pi/S$  is strongly normalizing, then so is  $\lambda S$ , but this was not enough to show the conservativity of the embedding, even if  $\lambda S$  is itself strongly normalizing. As a result, the proof of conservativity relied on the assumption that  $\lambda\Pi/S$  terminates. This result is insufficient if one wants to consider the  $\lambda\Pi$ -calculus modulo rewriting as a general logical framework for defining logics and expressing proofs in those logics, as proposed in [3, 4].

Consider the PTS  $\lambda HOL$  that corresponds to higher order logic:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S} &= Prop, Type, Kind \\ \mathcal{A} &= (Prop : Type), (Type : Kind) \\ \mathcal{R} &= (Prop, Type), (Type, Prop), \\ &\quad (Type, Type), (Kind, Kind) \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>1</sup>This property is called *soundness* instead of *completeness* in the original paper [5].

This PTS is strongly normalizing, and therefore consistent. A polymorphic variant of  $\lambda HOL$  is specified by  $U^- = HOL + (Kind, Type)$ . It turns out that  $\lambda U^-$  is inconsistent: there is a term  $\omega$  such that  $\vdash_{\lambda U^-} \omega : \Pi\alpha : Prop. \alpha$  and which is not normalizing [1]. We motivate the need for conservativity with the following example.

**Example 1.1.** The polymorphic identity function  $I = \lambda\alpha : Type. \lambda x : \alpha. x$  is not well-typed in  $\lambda HOL$ , but it is well-typed in  $\lambda U^-$ :

$$\vdash_{\lambda U^-} I : \Pi\alpha : Type. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$

$$\vdash_{\lambda U^-} (\Pi\alpha : Type. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha) : Type$$

However, the translation  $|I| = \lambda\alpha : u_{Type}. \lambda x : \varepsilon_{Type} \alpha. x$  is well-typed in  $\lambda\Pi/HOL$ :

$$\vdash_{\lambda\Pi/HOL} |I| : \Pi\alpha : u_{Type}. \varepsilon_{Type} \alpha \rightarrow \varepsilon_{Type} \alpha$$

$$\vdash_{\lambda\Pi/HOL} (\Pi\alpha : u_{Type}. \varepsilon_{Type} \alpha \rightarrow \varepsilon_{Type} \alpha) : Type$$

It seems that  $\lambda\Pi/HOL$ , just like  $\lambda U^-$ , allows more functions than  $\lambda HOL$ , even though the type of  $|I|$  is not the translation of a  $\lambda HOL$  type. Is that enough to make  $\lambda\Pi/HOL$  inconsistent?

In this paper we show that  $\lambda\Pi/S$  is conservative in all cases, even when  $\lambda S$  is *not* normalizing. After identifying the main difficulties, we characterize a *completion* [11, 10]  $S^*$  containing  $S$ , and define an inverse translation from  $\lambda\Pi/S$  to  $\lambda S^*$ . We then prove that  $\lambda S^*$  is a conservative extension of  $\lambda S$  using the reducibility method [12, 7].

## 2 Pure type systems

Pure type systems [1] are a general class of typed  $\lambda$ -calculi parametrized by a specification.

**Definition 2.1.** A PTS *specification* is a triple  $S = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R})$  where

- $\mathcal{S}$  is a set of symbols called *sorts*
- $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$  is a set of *axioms* of the form  $(s_1 : s_2)$
- $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S}$  is a set of *rules* of the form  $(s_1, s_2, s_3)$

**Definition 2.2.** We write  $(s_1, s_2)$  as a short-hand for the rule  $(s_1, s_2, s_2)$ . The specification  $S$  is *functional* if the relations  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\mathcal{R}$  are functional, that is  $(s_1, s_2) \in \mathcal{A}$  and  $(s_1, s'_2) \in \mathcal{A}$  imply  $s_2 = s'_2$ , and  $(s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $(s_1, s_2, s'_3) \in \mathcal{R}$  imply  $s_3 = s'_3$ .

**Definition 2.3.** Given a PTS specification  $S = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R})$  and an infinite set of variables  $\mathcal{V}$ , the abstract syntax of  $\lambda S$  is defined by the following grammar:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(terms)} & \mathcal{T} ::= \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{V} \mid \mathcal{T}\mathcal{T} \mid \lambda\mathcal{V}:\mathcal{T}. \mathcal{T} \mid \Pi\mathcal{V}:\mathcal{T}. \mathcal{T} \\ \text{(contexts)} & \mathcal{C} ::= \cdot \mid \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{V} : \mathcal{T} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{EMPTY} \\
\hline
WF_{\lambda S}(\cdot)
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{c}
\text{DECLARATION} \\
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} A : s \quad x \notin \Gamma \\
\hline
WF_{\lambda S}(\Gamma, x : A)
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{c}
\text{SORT} \\
WF_{\lambda S}(\Gamma) \quad (s_1 : s_2) \in \mathcal{A} \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} s_1 : s_2
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{VARIABLE} \\
WF_{\lambda S}(\Gamma) \quad (x : A) \in \Gamma \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} x : A
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{c}
\text{APPLICATION} \\
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M : \Pi x : A. B \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} N : A \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M N : [N/x]B
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{ABSTRACTION} \\
\Gamma, x : A \vdash_{\lambda S} M : B \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} \Pi x : A. B : s \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} \lambda x : A. M : \Pi x : A. B
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{PRODUCT} \\
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} A : s_1 \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash_{\lambda S} B : s_2 \quad (s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \mathcal{R} \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} \Pi x : A. B : s_3
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{CONVERSION} \\
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M : A \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} B : s \quad A \equiv_{\beta} B \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M : B
\end{array}$$

Figure 1: Typing rules of  $\lambda S$

We use lower case letters  $x, y, \alpha, \beta, \dots$  to denote variables, uppercase letters such as  $M, N, A, B, \dots$  to denote terms, and uppercase letters such as  $\Gamma, \Delta, \Sigma, \dots$  to denote contexts. We write  $A \rightarrow B$  for  $\Pi x : A. B$  when  $x \notin B$ .

The typing rules of  $\lambda S$  are presented in Figure 1. We write  $\Gamma \vdash M : A$  instead of  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M : A$  when the context is unambiguous. We say that  $M$  is a  $\Gamma$ -term when  $WF(\Gamma)$  and  $\Gamma \vdash M : A$  for some  $A$ . We say that  $A$  is a  $\Gamma$ -type when  $WF(\Gamma)$  and either  $\Gamma \vdash A : s$  or  $A = s$  for some  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ . We write  $\Gamma \vdash M : A : s$  as a shorthand for  $\Gamma \vdash M : A$  and  $\Gamma \vdash A : s$ .

**Example 2.4.** The following well-known systems can be described as functional pure type systems using the same set of sorts  $\mathcal{S} = \text{Type}, \text{Kind}$  and the same set of axioms  $\mathcal{A} = (\text{Type} : \text{Kind})$ .

- Simply-typed  $\lambda$ -calculus ( $\lambda \rightarrow$ ):  
 $\mathcal{R} = (\text{Type}, \text{Type})$
- System F ( $\lambda 2$ ):  
 $\mathcal{R} = (\text{Type}, \text{Type}), (\text{Kind}, \text{Type})$
- $\lambda\Pi$ -calculus ( $\lambda P$ ):  
 $\mathcal{R} = (\text{Type}, \text{Type}), (\text{Type}, \text{Kind})$
- Calculus of constructions ( $\lambda C$ ):  
 $\mathcal{R} = (\text{Type}, \text{Type}), (\text{Kind}, \text{Type}),$   
 $(\text{Type}, \text{Kind}), (\text{Kind}, \text{Kind})$

**Example 2.5.** Let  $I = \lambda \alpha : \text{Type}. \lambda x : \alpha. x$  be the polymorphic identity function. The term  $I$  is not well-typed in the simply typed  $\lambda$ -calculus but it is well-typed

in the Calculus of constructions  $\lambda C$ :

$$\vdash_{\lambda C} I : \Pi \alpha : \text{Type}. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$

The following properties hold for all pure type systems. The proofs can be found in [1].

**Proposition 2.6** (Confluence). *If  $M_1 \rightarrow_{\beta}^* M_2$  and  $M_1 \rightarrow_{\beta}^* M_3$  then there is a term  $M_4$  such that  $M_2 \rightarrow_{\beta}^* M_4$  and  $M_3 \rightarrow_{\beta}^* M_4$ .*

**Proposition 2.7** (Subject reduction). *If  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M : A$  and  $M \rightarrow_{\beta}^* M'$  then  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M' : A$ .*

**Proposition 2.8** (Correctness of types). *If  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M : A$  then either  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} A : s$  or  $A = s$  for some  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ .*

The reason why we don't always have  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} A : s$  is because some sorts do not have an associated axiom, such as *Kind* in Example 2.4.

**Definition 2.9.** A sort  $s \in \mathcal{S}$  is called a *top-sort* when there is no sort  $s' \in \mathcal{S}$  such that  $(s : s') \in \mathcal{A}$ .

The following proposition is very useful when proving properties about pure type systems with top-sorts.

**Proposition 2.10.** *If  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} A : s$  and  $s$  is a top-sort then either  $A = s'$  for some sort  $s' \in \mathcal{S}$  or  $A = \Pi x : B. C$  for some terms  $B, C$ .*

Finally, we state the following property for functional pure type systems.

**Proposition 2.11** (Uniqueness of types). *Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a functional specification. If  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M : A$  and  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M : B$  then  $A \equiv_{\beta} B$ .*

### 3 The $\lambda\Pi$ -calculus modulo rewriting

The  $\lambda\Pi$ -calculus, also known as *LF* and as  $\lambda P$ , is one of the simplest forms of  $\lambda$ -calculus with dependent types, and corresponds to first-order logic through the Curry-de Bruijn-Howard correspondence. As mentioned in Example 2.4, it can be defined as the functional pure type system  $\lambda P$  with the following specification:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S} &= \text{Type}, \text{Kind} \\ \mathcal{A} &= \text{Type} : \text{Kind} \\ \mathcal{R} &= (\text{Type}, \text{Type}), (\text{Type}, \text{Kind}) \end{aligned}$$

The  $\lambda\Pi$ -calculus modulo rewriting extends the  $\lambda\Pi$ -calculus with rewrite rules. We recall that a rewrite rule is a triple  $[\Delta] M \rightsquigarrow N$  where  $\Delta$  is a context and  $M, N$  are terms. A set of rewrite rules  $R$  induces a reduction relation on terms, written  $\rightarrow_R$ , defined as the smallest contextual closure such that if  $[\Delta] M \rightsquigarrow N \in R$  then  $\sigma(M) \rightarrow_R \sigma(N)$  for any substitution  $\sigma$  of the variables in  $\Delta$ . The relation  $\equiv_R$  is the smallest congruence containing  $\rightarrow_R$ , and  $\equiv_{\beta R}$  is the smallest congruence containing both  $\rightarrow_{\beta}$  and  $\rightarrow_R$ .

**Definition 3.1.** A rewrite rule  $[\Delta] M \rightsquigarrow N$  is well-typed in a context  $\Sigma$  when there is a term  $A$  such that  $\Sigma, \Delta \vdash_{\lambda\Pi} M : A$  and  $\Sigma, \Delta \vdash_{\lambda\Pi} N : A$ .

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{EMPTY} \\
\hline
WF_{\lambda\Pi/(\cdot)}
\end{array}
\qquad
\begin{array}{c}
\text{DECLARATION} \\
WF_{\lambda\Pi/(\Gamma)} \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/} A : s \quad x \notin \Sigma, \Gamma \\
\hline
WF_{\lambda\Pi/(\Gamma, x : A)}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{SORT} \\
WF_{\lambda\Pi/(\Gamma)} \quad (s_1 : s_2) \in \mathcal{A} \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/} s_1 : s_2
\end{array}
\qquad
\begin{array}{c}
\text{VARIABLE} \\
WF_{\lambda\Pi/(\Gamma)} \quad (x : A) \in \Sigma, \Gamma \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/} x : A
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{ABSTRACTION} \\
\Gamma, x : A \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/} M : B \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/} \Pi x : A. B : s \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/} \lambda x : A. M : \Pi x : A. B
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{APPLICATION} \\
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/} M : \Pi x : A. B \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/} N : A \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/} M N : [N/x]B
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{PRODUCT} \\
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/} A : s_1 \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/} B : s_2 \quad (s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \mathcal{R} \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/} \Pi x : A. B : s_3
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{CONVERSION} \\
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/} M : A \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/} B : s \quad A \equiv_{\beta R} B \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/} M : B
\end{array}$$

Figure 2: Typing rules of  $\lambda\Pi/(\Sigma, R)$

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $\Sigma$  be a well-formed  $\lambda\Pi$  context and  $R$  a set of rewrite rules that are well-typed in  $\Sigma$ . The  $\lambda\Pi$ -calculus modulo  $(\Sigma, R)$ , written  $\lambda\Pi/(\Sigma, R)$ , is defined with the same syntax as the  $\lambda\Pi$ -calculus, but with the typing rules of Figure 2. We write  $\lambda\Pi/$  instead of  $\lambda\Pi/(\Sigma, R)$  when the context is unambiguous.

**Example 3.3.** Let  $\Sigma$  be the context

$$(\alpha : Type, c : \alpha, f : \alpha \rightarrow Type)$$

and  $R$  be the following rewrite rule

$$[\cdot] fc \rightsquigarrow (\Pi y : \alpha. f y \rightarrow f y)$$

Then the term

$$\delta = \lambda x : fc. x c x$$

is well-typed in  $\lambda\Pi/(\Sigma, R)$ :

$$\vdash_{\lambda\Pi/(\Sigma, R)} \delta : fc \rightarrow fc$$

Note that the term  $\delta$  would not be well-typed without the rewrite rule, even if we replace  $fc$  by  $(\Pi y : \alpha. f y \rightarrow f y)$ .

## 4 Embedding FPTs's in the $\lambda\Pi$ -calculus modulo

In this section, we present the embedding of functional pure type systems in the  $\lambda\Pi$ -calculus modulo rewriting as introduced by Cousineau and Dowek [5]. This is done in two steps. First, given a pure type system  $\lambda S$ , we construct  $\lambda\Pi/S$  by giving an appropriate signature and rewrite system. Second, we define a translation from the terms and types of  $\lambda S$  to the terms and types of  $\lambda\Pi/S$ .

**Definition 4.1** (The system  $\lambda\Pi/S$ ). Consider a functional pure type system specified by  $S = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A}, \mathcal{R})$ . Define  $\Sigma_S$  to be the context containing the declarations:

$$\begin{array}{ll} u_s : Type & \forall s \in \mathcal{S} \\ \varepsilon_s : u_s \rightarrow Type & \forall s \in \mathcal{S} \\ \dot{s}_1 : u_{s_2} & \forall s_1 : s_2 \in \mathcal{A} \\ \dot{\pi}_{s_1 s_2 s_3} : \Pi \alpha : u_{s_1}. (\varepsilon_{s_1} \alpha \rightarrow u_{s_2}) \rightarrow u_{s_3} & \forall (s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \mathcal{R} \end{array}$$

Let  $R_S$  be the rewrite system containing the rules

$$[\cdot]_{\varepsilon_{s_2}} \dot{s}_1 \rightsquigarrow u_{s_1}$$

for all  $s_1 : s_2 \in \mathcal{A}$ , and

$$[\Delta_{s_1 s_2 s_3}]_{\varepsilon_{s_3}} (\dot{\pi}_{s_1 s_2 s_3} A B) \rightsquigarrow \Pi x : (\varepsilon_{s_1} A). \varepsilon_{s_2} (B x)$$

for all  $(s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \mathcal{R}$ , where  $\Delta_{s_1 s_2 s_3} = (A : u_{s_1}, B : (\varepsilon_{s_1} \alpha \rightarrow u_{s_2}))$ . The system  $\lambda\Pi/S$  is defined as the  $\lambda\Pi$ -calculus modulo  $(\Sigma_S, R_S)$ , that is,  $\lambda\Pi/(\Sigma_S, R_S)$ .

There are two translations, one from the terms of  $\lambda S$  to the terms of  $\lambda\Pi/S$ , the other from the types of  $\lambda S$  to the types of  $\lambda\Pi/S$ .

**Definition 4.2.** The translation  $|M|_\Gamma$  of  $\Gamma$ -terms and the translation  $\|A\|_\Gamma$  of  $\Gamma$ -types are mutually defined as follows.

$$\begin{array}{ll} |s|_\Gamma & = \dot{s} \\ |x|_\Gamma & = x \\ |MN|_\Gamma & = |M|_\Gamma |N|_\Gamma \\ |\lambda x : A. M|_\Gamma & = \lambda x : \|A\|_\Gamma. |M|_{\Gamma, x:A} \\ |\Pi x : A. B|_\Gamma & = \dot{\pi}_{s_1 s_2 s_3} |A|_\Gamma (\lambda x : \|A\|_\Gamma. |B|_{\Gamma, x:A}) \\ & \text{where } \Gamma \vdash A : s_1 \\ & \text{and } \Gamma, x : A \vdash B : s_2 \\ & \text{and } (s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \mathcal{R} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \|s\|_\Gamma & = u_s \\ \|\Pi x : A. B\|_\Gamma & = \Pi x : \|A\|_\Gamma. \|B\|_{\Gamma, x:A} \\ \|A\|_\Gamma & = \varepsilon_s |A|_\Gamma \text{ where } \Gamma \vdash A : s \end{array}$$

Note that this definition is redundant but it is well-defined up to  $\equiv_{\beta R}$ . In particular, because some  $\Gamma$ -types are also  $\Gamma$ -terms, there are two ways to translate them, but they are equivalent:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \varepsilon_{s_2} \dot{s}_1 & \equiv_{\beta R} u_{s_1} \\ \varepsilon_{s_3} |\Pi x : A. B|_\Gamma & \equiv_{\beta R} \Pi x : \|A\|_\Gamma. \|B\|_{\Gamma, x:A} \end{array}$$

This definition is naturally extended to well-formed contexts as follows.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \|\cdot\| & = \cdot \\ \|\Gamma, x : A\| & = \|\Gamma\|, x : \|A\|_\Gamma \end{array}$$

**Example 4.3.** The polymorphic identity function of the Calculus of constructions  $\lambda C$  is translated as

$$|I| = \lambda\alpha : u_{Type}. \lambda x : \varepsilon_{Type} \alpha. x$$

and its type  $A = \Pi\alpha : Type. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$  is translated as:

$$|A| = \dot{\pi}_{Kind, Type, Type} Type (\lambda\alpha : u_{Type}. |A_\alpha|)$$

where  $A_\alpha = \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$  and

$$|A_\alpha| = \dot{\pi}_{Type, Type, Type} \alpha (\lambda x : \varepsilon_{Type} \alpha. \varepsilon_{Type} \alpha)$$

The identity function applied to itself is translated as:

$$|I A I| = |I| |A| |I|$$

The embedding is complete, in the sense that all the typing relations of  $\lambda S$  are preserved by the translation [5].

**Theorem 4.4** (Completeness). *For any context  $\Gamma$  and terms  $M$  and  $A$ , if  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M : A$  then  $\|\Gamma\| \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/S} |M|_\Gamma : \|A\|_\Gamma$ .*

## 5 Conservativity

In this section, we prove the converse of the completeness property. One could attempt to prove that if  $\|\Gamma\| \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/S} |M|_\Gamma : \|A\|_\Gamma$  then  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M : A$ . However, that would be meaningless because the translation  $|M|_\Gamma$  is only defined for well-typed terms. A second attempt would be to define inverse translations  $\varphi(M)$  and  $\psi(A)$  and prove that if  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/S} M : A$  then  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash_{\lambda S} \varphi(M) : \psi(A)$ , but that would not work either because not all terms and types of  $\lambda\Pi/S$  correspond to valid terms and types of  $\lambda S$ , as was shown in Example 1.1. Therefore the property that we want to prove is: if there is a term  $N$  such that  $\|\Gamma\| \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/S} N : \|A\|_\Gamma$  then there is a term  $M$  such that  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M : A$ .

The main difficulty is that some of these *external* terms can be involved in witnessing valid  $\lambda S$  types, as illustrated by the following example.

**Example 5.1.** Consider the context  $nat : Type$ . Even though the polymorphic identity function  $I$  and its type are not well-typed in  $\lambda HOL$ , they can be used in  $\lambda\Pi/HOL$  to construct a witness for  $nat \rightarrow nat$ .

$$nat : u_{Type} \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/HOL} (|I| nat) : (\varepsilon_{Type} nat \rightarrow \varepsilon_{Type} nat)$$

We can normalize the term  $|I| nat$  to  $\lambda x : \varepsilon_{Type} nat. x$  which is a term that corresponds to a valid  $\lambda HOL$  term: it is the translation of the term  $\lambda x : nat. x$ . However, as discussed previously, we cannot restrict ourselves to normal terms because we do not know if  $\lambda\Pi/S$  is normalizing.

To prove conservativity, we will therefore need to address the following issues:

1. The system  $\lambda\Pi/S$  can type more terms than  $\lambda S$ .
2. The  $\lambda\Pi/S$  terms that inhabit the translation of  $\lambda S$  types can be reduced to the translation of  $\lambda S$  terms.



First, we will eliminate  $\beta$ -redexes at the level of *Kind* by reducing  $\lambda\Pi/S$  to a subset  $\lambda\Pi^-/S$ . Then, we will extend  $\lambda S$  to a *minimal completion*  $\lambda S^*$  that can type more terms than  $\lambda S$ , and show that  $\lambda\Pi^-/S$  corresponds to  $\lambda S^*$  using inverse translations  $\varphi(M)$  and  $\psi(A)$ . Finally, we will show that  $\lambda S^*$  terms inhabiting  $\lambda S$  types can be reduced to  $\lambda S$  terms. The procedure is summarized in the following diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \lambda\Pi/S & \xrightarrow{\beta^*} & \lambda\Pi^-/S \\
 \uparrow \text{\scriptsize } |M| \parallel A \parallel & & \downarrow \text{\scriptsize } \varphi(M) \ \psi(A) \\
 \lambda S & \xleftarrow{\beta^*} & \lambda S^*
 \end{array}$$

## 5.1 Eliminating $\beta$ -redexes at the level of *Kind*

In  $\lambda\Pi/S$ , we can have  $\beta$ -redexes at the level of *Kind* such as  $(\lambda x : A. u_s) M$ . These redexes are artificial and are never generated by the forward translation of any PTS. We show here that they can always safely be eliminated.

**Definition 5.2.** A  $\Gamma$ -term  $M$  of type  $C$  is at the level of *Kind* if  $\Gamma \vdash C : \textit{Kind}$ . We define  $\lambda\Pi^-/S$  terms as the subset of well-typed  $\lambda\Pi/S$  terms that do not contain any *Kind*-level  $\beta$ -redexes.

**Lemma 5.3.** For any  $\lambda\Pi/S$  context  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma$ -term  $M$ , there is a  $\lambda\Pi^-/S$  term  $M^-$  such that  $M \xrightarrow{\beta^*} M^-$ .

*Proof.* Reducing a *Kind*-level  $\beta$ -redex  $(\lambda x : A. B) N$  does not create other *Kind*-level  $\beta$ -redexes because  $N$  is at the level of *Type*. Therefore, the number of *Kind*-level  $\beta$ -redexes strictly decreases, so any *Kind*-level  $\beta$ -reduction strategy will terminate.  $\square$

**Example 5.4.** The term

$$I_1 = \lambda\alpha : u_{\textit{Type}}. \lambda x : \varepsilon_{\textit{Type}} ((\lambda\beta : u_{\textit{Type}}. \beta) \alpha). x$$

is in  $\lambda\Pi^-/HOL$ . The term

$$I_2 = \lambda\alpha : u_{\textit{Type}}. \lambda x : ((\lambda\beta : u_{\textit{Type}}. \varepsilon_{\textit{Type}} \beta) \alpha). x$$

is not in  $\lambda\Pi^-/HOL$  but

$$I_2 \xrightarrow{\beta} \lambda\alpha : u_{\textit{Type}}. \lambda x : \varepsilon_{\textit{Type}} \alpha. x$$

which is in  $\lambda\Pi^-/HOL$ .

## 5.2 Minimal completion

In pure type systems, we can sometimes have types that do not have a type, such as top-sorts because there is no associated axiom. Similarly, we can sometimes prove  $\Gamma, x : A \vdash_{\lambda S} M : B$  but cannot abstract over  $x$  because there is no associated product rule. Completions of pure type systems were originally introduced by Severi [11, 10] to address these issues by injecting  $\lambda S$  into a larger pure type system.

**Definition 5.5** (Completion). A specification  $S' = (\mathcal{S}', \mathcal{A}', \mathcal{R}')$  is a *completion* of  $S$  if

1.  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{S}', \mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{A}', \mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{R}'$ , and
2. for all sorts  $s_1 \in \mathcal{S}$ , there is a sort  $s_2 \in \mathcal{S}'$  such that  $(s_1 : s_2) \in \mathcal{A}'$ , and
3. for all sorts  $s_1, s_2 \in \mathcal{S}'$ , there is a sort  $s_3 \in \mathcal{S}'$  such that  $(s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \mathcal{R}'$ .

Notice that all the top-sorts of  $\lambda S$  are typable in  $\lambda S'$  and that  $\lambda S'$  is full, meaning that all products are typable. Not all completions are conservative though, so we define the following completion.

**Definition 5.6** (Minimal completion). We define the *minimal completion* of  $S$ , written  $S^*$ , to be the following specification:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}^* &= \mathcal{S} \cup \{\tau\} \\ \mathcal{A}^* &= \mathcal{A} \cup \{(s_1 : \tau) \mid s_1 \in \mathcal{S}, (s_1 : s_2) \notin \mathcal{A}\} \\ \mathcal{R}^* &= \mathcal{R} \cup \{(s_1, s_2, \tau) \mid s_1, s_2 \in \mathcal{S}^*, (s_1, s_2, s_3) \notin \mathcal{R}\} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tau \notin \mathcal{S}$ .

Any well-typed term of  $\lambda S$  is also well-typed in  $\lambda S^*$ , but just like  $\lambda \Pi^- / S$ , this system allows more functions than  $\lambda S$ .

**Example 5.7.** The polymorphic identity function is well-typed in  $\lambda HOL^*$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \vdash_{\lambda HOL^*} I : \Pi \alpha : Type. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \\ \vdash_{\lambda HOL^*} \Pi \alpha : Type. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha : \tau \end{aligned}$$

Next, we define inverse translations that translate the terms and types of  $\lambda \Pi^- / S$  to the terms and types of  $\lambda S^*$ .

**Definition 5.8** (Inverse translations). The inverse translation of terms  $\varphi(M)$  and the inverse translation of types  $\psi(A)$  are mutually defined as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\dot{s}) &= s \\ \varphi(\dot{\pi}_{s_1 s_2 s_3}) &= \lambda \alpha : s_1. \lambda \beta : (\alpha \rightarrow s_2). \Pi x : \alpha. \beta x \\ \varphi(x) &= x \\ \varphi(MN) &= \varphi(M) \varphi(N) \\ \varphi(\lambda x : A. M) &= \lambda x : \psi(A). \varphi(M) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \psi(u_s) &= s \\ \psi(\varepsilon_s M) &= \varphi(M) \\ \psi(\Pi x : A. B) &= \Pi x : \psi(A). \psi(B) \end{aligned}$$

Note that this is only a partial definition, but it is total for  $\lambda \Pi^- / S$  terms. In particular, it is an inverse of the forward translation in the following sense.

**Lemma 5.9.**

1.  $\varphi(|M|_\Gamma) \equiv_\beta M$ .
2.  $\psi(\|A\|_\Gamma) \equiv_\beta A$ .

*Proof.* By induction on  $M$  or  $A$ . We show the product case  $M = \Pi x : A. B$ . Then

$$\varphi(|M|) = \varphi(\dot{\pi}_{s_1 s_2 s_3}) \varphi(|A|) (\lambda x : \psi(|A|)). \varphi(|B|)$$

By induction hypothesis,  $\varphi(|A|) \equiv_{\beta} A$  and  $\varphi(|B|) \equiv_{\beta} B$ . Since  $\varphi(\dot{\pi}_{s_1 s_2 s_3}) = \lambda \alpha : s_1. \lambda \beta : (\alpha \rightarrow s_2). \Pi x : \alpha. \beta x$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(|M|) &\equiv_{\beta} \Pi x : A. (\lambda x : \psi(|A|)). B x \\ &\equiv_{\beta} \Pi x : A. B \end{aligned}$$

□

Next we show that the inverse translations preserve typing.

**Lemma 5.10.**

1.  $\varphi([N/x]M) = [\varphi(N)/x]\varphi(M)$
2.  $\psi([N/x]A) = [\varphi(N)/x]\psi(A)$

*Proof.* By induction on  $M$  or  $A$ . We show the product case  $A = \Pi y : B. C$ . Without loss of generality,  $y \neq x$  and  $y \notin N$  and  $y \notin \varphi(N)$ . Then  $[N/x]\Pi y : B. C = \Pi y : [N/x]B. [N/x]C$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\psi([N/x]B) = [\varphi(N)/x]\psi(B)$  and  $\psi([N/x]C) = [\varphi(N)/x]\psi(C)$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \psi([N/x]A) &= \psi(\Pi y : [N/x]B. [N/x]C) \\ &= \Pi y : \psi([N/x]B). \psi([N/x]C) \\ &= \Pi y : [\varphi(N)/x]\psi(B). [\varphi(N)/x]\psi(C) \\ &= [\varphi(N)/x]\Pi x : \psi(B). \psi(C) \\ &= [\varphi(N)/x]\psi(\Pi x : B. C) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Lemma 5.11.**

1. If  $M \rightarrow_{\beta R} N$  then  $\varphi(M) \rightarrow_{\beta}^* \varphi(N)$
2. If  $A \rightarrow_{\beta R} B$  then  $\psi(A) \rightarrow_{\beta}^* \psi(B)$

*Proof.* By induction on  $M$  or  $A$ . We show the case for  $\beta$ -redexes with  $M = (\lambda x : A_1. M_1) N_1$  and  $N = [N_1/x]M_1$ . Then

$$\varphi(M) = (\lambda x : \psi(A_1). \varphi(M_1)) \varphi(N_1)$$

Therefore  $\varphi(M) \rightarrow_{\beta} [\varphi(N_1)/x]\varphi(M_1)$  which is equal to  $\varphi([N_1/x]M_1)$  by Lemma 5.10. □

**Lemma 5.12.**

1. If  $M \equiv_{\beta R} N$  then  $\varphi(M) \equiv_{\beta} \varphi(N)$
2. If  $A \equiv_{\beta R} B$  then  $\psi(A) \equiv_{\beta} \psi(B)$

*Proof.* Follows from Lemma 5.11. □

**Definition 5.13** (Abstraction context). We say that  $\Gamma$  is an *abstraction context* if  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/S} A : \text{Type}$  for all  $x : A \in \Gamma$ . If  $\Gamma = (x_1 : A_1, \dots, x_n : A_n)$  is an abstraction context, we define  $\psi(\Gamma)$  as  $(x_1 : \psi(A_1), \dots, x_n : \psi(A_n))$ .

**Lemma 5.14.** *For any  $\lambda\Pi^-/S$  abstraction context  $\Gamma$  and terms  $M, A$ :*

1. If  $WF_{\lambda\Pi/S}(\Gamma)$  then  $WF_{\lambda S^*}(\psi(\Gamma))$ .
2. If  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/S} M : A : \text{Type}$  then  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash_{\lambda S^*} \varphi(M) : \psi(A)$ .
3. If  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda\Pi/S} A : \text{Type}$  then  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash_{\lambda S^*} \psi(A) : s$  for some sort  $s \in \mathcal{S}^*$ .

*Proof.* By induction on the derivation. The details of the proof can be found in the Appendix.  $\square$

### 5.3 Reduction to $\lambda S$

In order to show that  $\lambda S^*$  is a conservative extension of  $\lambda S$ , we need to prove that  $\beta$ -reduction at the level of  $\tau$  terminates. A straightforward proof by induction would fail because contracting a  $\tau$ -level  $\beta$ -redex can create other such redexes. To solve this, we use Girard and Tait's *reducibility method* [7, 12]. The idea is to strengthen the induction hypothesis of the proof by defining a predicate by induction on the type of the term.

**Definition 5.15.** If  $WF_{\lambda S}(\Gamma)$  and  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S^*} A : s$  then the predicate  $\Gamma \models_S M : A$  is defined as:

- if  $s \neq \tau$  or  $A = s'$  for some  $s' \in \mathcal{S}$  then  $\Gamma \models_S M : A$  iff  $M \longrightarrow_{\beta}^* M'$ , and  $A \longrightarrow_{\beta}^* A'$  for some  $M', A'$  such that  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M' : A'$ ,
- if  $s = \tau$  and  $A = \Pi x : B. C$  for some  $B, C$  then  $\Gamma \models_S M : A$  iff for all  $N$  such that  $\Gamma \models_S N : B$ ,  $\Gamma \models_S M N : [N/x]C$ .

To show that this inductive definition is well-founded, we define the following measure of the height of  $A$ .

**Definition 5.16.** If  $WF_{\lambda S}(\Gamma)$  and  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S^*} A : s$  then the height of  $A$  at the level of  $\tau$  is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{\tau}(A) &= 0 && \text{if } s \neq \tau \\ \mathcal{H}_{\tau}(s') &= 0 && \text{if } s = \tau \\ \mathcal{H}_{\tau}(\Pi x : B. C) &= 1 + \max(\mathcal{H}_{\tau}(B) + \mathcal{H}_{\tau}(C)) && \text{if } s = \tau \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 5.17.** *If  $\Gamma, x : B \vdash_{\lambda S^*} C : \tau$  then  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau}([N/x]C) = \mathcal{H}_{\tau}(C)$ .*

*Proof.* By induction on  $C$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 5.18.** *Definition 5.15 is well-founded.*

*Proof.* The measure  $\mathcal{H}_{\tau}(A)$  strictly decreases in the definition.  $\square$

**Lemma 5.19.** *If  $\Gamma \models_S M : A$  and  $M \equiv_{\beta} M'$  then  $\Gamma \models_S M' : A$ .*

*Proof.* By induction on the height of  $A$ .  $\square$

- If  $s \neq \tau$  or  $A = s'$  for some  $s' \in \mathcal{S}$  then  $M \rightarrow_{\beta}^* M''$  and  $A \rightarrow_{\beta}^* A'$  for some  $M'', A'$  such that  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M'' : A'$ . By confluence and subject reduction,  $M' \rightarrow_{\beta}^* M'''$  such that  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M''' : A'$ .
- If  $s = \tau$  and  $A = \Pi x : B.C$  for some  $B, C$  then for all  $N$  such that  $\Gamma \models_S N : B$ ,  $\Gamma \models_S M N : [N/x]C$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\Gamma \models_S M' N : [N/x]C$ . Therefore  $\Gamma \models_S M' : \Pi x : B.C$ .

**Lemma 5.20.** *If  $\Gamma \models_S M : A$  and  $A \equiv_{\beta} A'$  then  $\Gamma \models_S M : A'$ .*

*Proof.* By induction on the height of  $A$ . □

- If  $s \neq \tau$  or  $A = s'$  for some  $s' \in \mathcal{S}$  then  $M \rightarrow_{\beta}^* M'$  and  $A \rightarrow_{\beta}^* A''$  for some  $M', A''$  such that  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M' : A''$ . By confluence and conversion,  $A' \rightarrow_{\beta}^* A'''$  such that  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M' : A'''$ .
- If  $s = \tau$  and  $A = \Pi x : B.C$  for some  $B, C$  then for all  $N$  such that  $\Gamma \models_S N : B$ ,  $\Gamma \models_S M N : [N/x]C$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\Gamma \models_S M N : [N/x]C'$ . Therefore  $\Gamma \models_S M : \Pi x : B.C'$ .

**Definition 5.21.** If  $WF_{\lambda S}(\Gamma')$  and  $\sigma$  is a substitution, then  $\Gamma' \models_S \sigma : \Gamma$  if  $\Gamma' \models_S \sigma(x) : \sigma(A)$  for all  $(x : A) \in \Gamma$ .

**Lemma 5.22.** *If  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S^*} M : A : s$  then for any context  $\Gamma'$  and substitution  $\sigma$  such that  $WF_{\lambda S}(\Gamma')$  and  $\Gamma' \models_S \sigma : \Gamma$ ,  $\Gamma' \models_S \sigma(M) : \sigma(A)$ .*

*Proof.* By induction on the derivation of  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S^*} M : A$ . The details of the proof can be found in the Appendix. □

**Corollary 5.23.** *Suppose  $WF_{\lambda S}(\Gamma)$  and either  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} A : s$  or  $A = s$  for some  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ . If  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S^*} M : A$  then  $M \rightarrow_{\beta}^* M'$  such that  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M' : A$ .*

*Proof.* Taking  $\sigma$  as the identity substitution, there are terms  $M'$  and  $A'$  such that  $M \rightarrow_{\beta}^* M'$  and  $A \rightarrow_{\beta}^* A'$  and  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M' : A'$ . If  $A = s \in \mathcal{S}$  then  $A' = s$  and we are done. Otherwise by conversion we get  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M' : A$ . □

We now have all the tools to prove the main theorem.

**Theorem 5.24** (Conservativity). *For any  $\lambda S$   $\Gamma$ -type  $A$ , if there is a term  $N$  such that  $\|\Gamma\| \vdash_{\lambda \Pi/S} N : \|A\|_{\Gamma}$  then there is a term  $M$  such that  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M : A$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 5.3, there is a  $\lambda \Pi^-/S$  term  $N^-$  such that  $N \rightarrow_{\beta}^* N^-$ . By subject reduction,  $\|\Gamma\| \vdash_{\lambda \Pi/S} N^- : \|A\|_{\Gamma}$ . By Lemmas 5.14 and 5.9,  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S^*} \varphi(N^-) : A$ . By Corollary 5.23, there is a term  $M$  such that  $\varphi(N^-) \rightarrow_{\beta}^* M$  and  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} M : A$ . □

## 6 Conclusion

We have shown that  $\lambda \Pi/S$  is conservative even when  $\lambda S$  is not normalizing. Even though  $\lambda \Pi/S$  can construct more functions than  $\lambda S$ , it preserves provability. This effect is similar to various conservative extensions of pure type systems such as pure type systems with definitions [11], pure type systems without the  $\Pi$ -condition [10], or predicative polymorphism [9]. Inconsistency in pure type

systems usually does not come from the ability to type more functions, but from the impredicativity caused by assigning a sort to the type of these functions. It is clear that no such impredicativity arises in  $\lambda\Pi/S$  because there is no constant  $\dot{\pi}_{s_1 s_2 s_3}$  associated to the type of illegal abstractions.

The results of this paper also indirectly imply that  $\lambda\Pi/S$  is weakly normalizing when  $\lambda S$  is weakly normalizing. The strong normalization of  $\lambda\Pi/S$  is still an open problem. The Barendregt-Geuvers-Klop conjecture states that any weakly normalizing PTS is also strongly normalizing [6]. There is evidence that this conjecture is true [2], in which case its proof could be adapted to prove the strong normalization of  $\lambda\Pi/S$ . Weak normalisation could also be used as an intermediary *quasi-normalisation* result to construct a proof of strong normalisation, as done by Luo [8] for the *extended calculus of constructions* (ECC).

Our proof can be simplified in some cases. A PTS is *complete* when it is a completion of itself. In that case, the construction of  $S^*$  is unnecessary. The translations  $\varphi(M)$  and  $\psi(A)$  translate directly into  $\lambda S$ , and Section 5.3 can be omitted. This is the case for example for the calculus of constructions with *infinite type hierarchy* ( $\lambda C^\infty$ ) [11], which is the basis for proof assistants such as Coq and Matita.

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## A Proof details

### Lemma 5.14

*Proof.* By induction on the derivation.

1. There are 2 cases.

EMPTY

- $\frac{}{WF(\cdot)}$   
Then  $WF(\cdot)$  trivially.

DECLARATION

- $\frac{WF(\Gamma) \quad \Gamma \vdash A : Type \quad x \notin \Sigma, \Gamma}{WF(\Gamma, x : A)}$   
Then  $x \notin \psi(\Gamma)$ . By induction hypothesis,  $WF(\psi(\Gamma))$  and  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash \psi(A) : s$  for some sort  $s \in \mathcal{S}^*$ . Therefore  $WF(\psi(\Gamma), x : \psi(A))$ .

2. There are 4 cases.

VARIABLE

- $\frac{WF(\Gamma) \quad (x : A) \in \Sigma, \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : A}$   
By induction hypothesis,  $WF(\psi(\Gamma))$ .

- (a) If  $x = s_1$  then  $A = u_{s_2}$  and  $(s_1 : s_2) \in \mathcal{A}$ . Therefore  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash s_1 : s_2$ .
- (b) If  $x = \pi_{s_1 s_2 s_3}$  then  $A = \Pi \alpha : u_{s_1}. (\varepsilon_{s_1} \alpha \rightarrow u_{s_2}) \rightarrow u_{s_3}$  and  $(s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \mathcal{R}$ . Therefore  $\psi(\Gamma), \alpha : s_1, \beta : \alpha \rightarrow s_2 \vdash \Pi x : \alpha. \beta x : s_3$ , which implies  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash (\lambda \alpha : s_1. \lambda \beta : (\alpha \rightarrow s_2). \Pi x : \alpha. \beta x) : \Pi \alpha : s_1. (\alpha \rightarrow s_2) \rightarrow s_3$ .
- (c) Otherwise  $(x : A) \in \Gamma$ , so  $(x : \psi(A)) \in \psi(\Gamma)$ . By induction hypothesis,  $WF(\psi(\Gamma))$ . Therefore  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash x : \psi(A)$ .

APPLICATION

- $\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \Pi x : A. B \quad \Gamma \vdash N : A}{\Gamma \vdash M N : [N/x]B}$

By induction hypothesis,  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash \varphi(M) : \Pi x : \psi(A). \psi(B)$  and  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash \varphi(N) : \psi(A)$ . Therefore  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash \varphi(M) \varphi(N) : [\varphi(N)/x] \psi(B)$ . By Lemma 5.10,  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash \varphi(M) \varphi(N) : \psi([N/x]B)$

ABSTRACTION

- $\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Pi x : A. B : Type \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash M : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x : A. M : \Pi x : A. B}$

By induction hypothesis,  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash \Pi x : \psi(A). \psi(B) : s$  and  $\psi(\Gamma), x : \psi(A) \vdash \varphi(M) : \psi(B)$  for some sort  $s \in \mathcal{S}^*$ . Therefore  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash (\lambda x : \psi(A). \varphi(M)) : \Pi x : \psi(A). \psi(B)$ .



$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CONVERSION} \\ \Gamma \vdash M : A \quad \Gamma \vdash B : \text{Type} \quad A \equiv_{\beta R} B \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash M : B \end{array}$$

By induction hypothesis,  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash \varphi(M) : \psi(A)$  and  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash \psi(B) : s$  for some sort  $s \in \mathcal{S}^*$ . By Lemma 5.10,  $\psi(A) \equiv_{\beta} \psi(B)$ . Therefore  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash \varphi(M) : \psi(B)$ .

3. There are 4 cases.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{VARIABLE} \\ WF(\Gamma) \quad (x : \text{Type}) \in \Sigma, \Gamma \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash x : \text{Type} \end{array}$$

Since  $\Gamma$  is an abstraction context we must have  $x \in \Sigma$ , so  $x = u_{s_1}$  for some  $s_1 \in \mathcal{S}$ . By induction hypothesis,  $WF(\psi(\Gamma))$ . By definition, there is a sort  $s_2 \in \mathcal{S}^*$  such that  $(s_1 : s_2) \in \mathcal{A}^*$ . Therefore  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash s_1 : s_2$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{APPLICATION} \\ \Gamma \vdash M : \Pi x : A. B \quad \Gamma \vdash N : A \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash M N : [N/x]B \end{array}$$

Since  $\Gamma$  is an abstraction context and  $M N$  is not a  $\beta$ -redex, we must have  $M = \varepsilon_{s_1}$  and  $\Pi x : A. B = u_{s_1} \rightarrow \text{Type}$  and  $N : u_{s_1}$  for some  $s_1 \in \mathcal{S}$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash \varphi(N) : s_1$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{PRODUCT} \\ \Gamma \vdash A : \text{Type} \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash B : \text{Type} \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash \Pi x : A. B : \text{Type} \end{array}$$

By induction hypothesis,  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash \psi(A) : s_1$  and  $\psi(\Gamma), x : \psi(A) \vdash \psi(B) : s_2$  for some sorts  $s_1, s_2 \in \mathcal{S}^*$ . By definition, there is a sort  $s_3 \in \mathcal{S}^*$  such that  $(s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \mathcal{R}^*$ . Therefore  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash (\Pi x : \psi(A). \psi(B)) : s_3$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CONVERSION} \\ \Gamma \vdash A : B \quad \Gamma \vdash B : \text{Kind} \quad B \equiv_{\beta R} \text{Type} \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash A : \text{Type} \end{array}$$

We must have  $B = \text{Type}$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\psi(\Gamma) \vdash \psi(A) : s$  for some sort  $s \in \mathcal{S}^*$ .

□

## Lemma 5.22

*Proof.* By induction on the derivation of  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S^*} M : A$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{SORT} \\ WF(\Gamma) \quad (s_1 : s_2) \in \mathcal{A}^* \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash s_1 : s_2 \end{array}$$

Since  $s_2 : s$ , we must have  $s_2 \neq \tau$ , so  $(s_1 : s_2) \in \mathcal{A}$ . Therefore  $\Gamma' \vdash_{\lambda S} s_1 : s_2$ , which implies  $\Gamma' \models_S s_1 : s_2$ .

VARIABLE

$$\bullet \frac{WF(\Gamma) \quad (x : A) \in \Sigma, \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : A}$$

Then  $\Gamma' \models_S \sigma(M) : \sigma(A)$  by definition of  $\Gamma' \models_S \sigma : \Gamma$ .

APPLICATION

$$\bullet \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \Pi x : A. B \quad \Gamma \vdash N : A}{\Gamma \vdash MN : [N/x]B}$$

Without loss of generality,  $x \notin \Gamma'$ , so  $\sigma([N/x]B) = [\sigma(N)/x]\sigma(B)$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\Gamma' \models_S \sigma(M) : \Pi x : \sigma(A). \sigma(B)$  and  $\Gamma' \models_S \sigma(N) : \sigma(A)$ .

1. If  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S^*} \Pi x : A. B : s_3 \neq \tau$  then  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S^*} A : s_1$  and  $\Gamma, x : A \vdash_{\lambda S^*} B : s_2$  for some  $s_1, s_2$  such that  $(s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \mathcal{S}$ , which also means that  $\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S^*} [N/x]B : s_2 \neq \tau$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\sigma(M) \rightarrow_{\beta}^* M'$ ,  $\sigma(A) \rightarrow A'$  and  $\sigma(B) \rightarrow B'$  such that  $\Gamma' \vdash_{\lambda S^*} M' : \Pi x : A'. B'$  and  $\sigma(N) \rightarrow_{\beta}^* N'$ ,  $\sigma(A) \rightarrow_{\beta}^* A''$  such that  $\Gamma' \vdash_{\lambda S^*} N' : A''$ . By confluence and subject reduction, we can assume  $A' = A''$ . Therefore  $\Gamma' \vdash_{\lambda S^*} M' N' : [N'/x]B'$ . Since  $[N/x]B \rightarrow_{\beta}^* [N'/x]B'$ , this implies  $\Gamma' \models_S MN : [N/x]B$ .
2. Otherwise  $\Gamma \vdash \Pi x : A. B : \tau$ . By definition,  $\Gamma' \models_S \sigma(M) \sigma(N) : [\sigma(N)/x]\sigma(B)$ .

ABSTRACTION

$$\bullet \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash M : B \quad \Gamma \vdash \Pi x : A. B : s}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x : A. M : \Pi x : A. B}$$

Without loss of generality,  $x \notin \Gamma'$ .

1. If  $s \neq \tau$  then by induction hypothesis,  $\sigma(A) \rightarrow_{\beta}^* A'$  and  $\sigma(B) \rightarrow_{\beta}^* B'$  such that  $\Gamma' \vdash_{\lambda S} \Pi x : A'. B' : s$ . By inversion,  $\Gamma' \vdash_{\lambda S} A' : s_1$  for some  $s_1 \neq \tau$ , so  $\Gamma \models_S A : s_1$ , which implies  $\Gamma', x : A' \models_S \sigma : (\Gamma, x : A)$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\sigma(M) \rightarrow_{\beta}^* M'$  and  $\sigma(B) \rightarrow_{\beta}^* B''$  such that  $\Gamma', x : A' \vdash_{\lambda S} M' : B''$ . By confluence and subject reduction, we can assume  $B' = B''$ . Therefore  $\Gamma' \vdash_{\lambda S} (\lambda x : A'. M') : \Pi x : A'. B'$ , which implies  $\Gamma' \models_S (\lambda x : A. M) : \Pi x : A. B$ .
2. If  $s = \tau$  then for all  $N$  such that  $\Gamma' \models_S N : \sigma(A)$ , we have  $\Gamma' \models_S (\sigma, N/x) : (\Gamma, x : A)$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\Gamma' \models_S (\sigma, N/x)(M) : (\sigma, N/x)(B)$ . Since  $x \notin \Gamma'$ , we have  $(\sigma, N/x)(M) = [N/x]\sigma(M)$  and  $(\sigma, N/x)(B) = [N/x]\sigma(B)$ . Therefore  $\Gamma' \models_S [N/x]\sigma(M) : [N/x]\sigma(B)$ . By Lemma 5.19,  $\Gamma' \models_S ((\lambda x : \sigma(B). \sigma(M)) N) : [N/x]\sigma(B)$ . Therefore  $\Gamma' \models_S (\lambda x : \sigma(B). \sigma(M)) : \Pi x : A. B$ .

PRODUCT

$$\bullet \frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} A : s_1 \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash_{\lambda S} B : s_2 \quad (s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \mathcal{R}^*}{\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda S} \Pi x : A. B : s_3}$$

Without loss of generality,  $x \notin \Gamma'$ . Since  $s_3 : s$ , we must have  $s_3 \neq \tau$ , so  $(s_1, s_2, s_3) \in \mathcal{R}$ , which also means  $s_1 \neq \tau$  and  $s_2 \neq \tau$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\sigma(A) \rightarrow_{\beta}^* A'$  such that  $\Gamma' \vdash_{\lambda S} A' : s_1$ . This means that

$WF_{\lambda S}(\Gamma', x : A')$  and  $\Gamma', x : A' \models_S (\sigma, x/x) : (\Gamma, x : A)$ . By induction hypothesis,  $\sigma(B) \rightarrow_{\beta}^* B'$  such that  $\Gamma' \vdash_{\lambda S} B' : s_2$ . Therefore  $\Gamma' \vdash_{\lambda S} (\Pi x : A'. B') : s_3$ , which implies  $\Gamma' \models_S (\Pi x : A'. B') : s_3$ .

CONVERSION

$$\bullet \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A \quad \Gamma \vdash B : s \quad A \equiv_{\beta} B}{\Gamma \vdash M : B}$$

By induction hypothesis,  $\Gamma' \models_S \sigma(M) : \sigma(A)$ . Since  $A \equiv_{\beta} B$ , we have  $\sigma(A) \equiv_{\beta} \sigma(B)$ . By Lemma 5.20,  $\Gamma' \models_S \sigma(M) : \sigma(A)$ .

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