Wellfounded Recursion with Copatterns

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Short CV

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2004-05	Postdoc at Chalmers, Gothenburg (Coquand, Dybjer, Hughes, Sheeran)
2005-13	Assistent to Martin Hofmann at LMU
2006	PhD (Dr. rer. nat.) from LMU (supervisor: Martin Hofmann)
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Research Interests

- Programming Languages and Type Systems
- Semantics
- Verification
- (Type-Based) Termination
- Dependent Types
- Implementing Agda

Productivity Checking

- Coinductive structures: streams, processes, servers, continuous computation...
- Productivity: each request returns an answer after some time.
- Request on stream: *give me the next element*.
- Dependently typed languages have a productivity checker:

$$\mathsf{nats} = 0 :: \mathsf{map}\ (1 + \_)\ \mathsf{nats}$$

- Rejected by Coq and Agda's syntactic guardedness check.

Fibonacci Stream

- Recurrence for Fibonacci numbers:

$$
\begin{array}{rrr|rrrrrrrr}
 & & & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 8 & \dots \\
 & & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 8 & 13 & \dots \\
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\text{adds} & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 8 & 13 & 21 & \dots
\end{array}
$$

- Elegant implementation:

$$\mathsf{fib} = 0 :: 1 :: \mathsf{adds}\ \mathsf{fib}\ (\mathsf{fib}.\mathsf{tail})$$

- Rejected by guardedness check.

Coinduction and Dependent Types

- Consider the corecursively defined stream $a :: a :: a :: \ldots$

$$\text{repeat } a = a :: \text{repeat } a$$

- A dilemma:
  - Checking dependent types needs strong reduction.
  - Corecursion needs lazy evaluation.
- The current compromise (Coq, Agda):

  Corecursive definitions are unfolded only under elimination.

$$\begin{array}{llllll} \text{repeat } a & \not\longrightarrow & & & & \\ (\text{repeat } a).\text{tail} & \longrightarrow & (a :: \text{repeat } a).\text{tail} & \longrightarrow & \text{repeat } a \end{array}$$

- Reduction is context-sensitive.

Issues with Context-Sensitive Reduction

- Subject reduction is lost (Giménez 1996, Oury 2008).
- The Fibonacci stream is still diverging:

$$\mathsf{fib} = 0 :: 1 :: \mathsf{adds}\ \mathsf{fib}\ (\mathsf{fib}.\mathsf{tail})$$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \mathsf{fib}.\mathsf{tail} & \longrightarrow & 1 :: \mathsf{adds}\ \mathsf{fib}\ (\mathsf{fib}.\mathsf{tail}) \\ & \longrightarrow & 1 :: \mathsf{adds}\ \mathsf{fib}\ (1 :: \mathsf{adds}\ \mathsf{fib}\ (\mathsf{fib}.\mathsf{tail})) \\ & \longrightarrow & \dots \end{array}$$

- At POPL 2013, we presented a solution:

A. Abel, B. Pientka, D. Thibodeau, and A. Setzer.
Copatterns: Programming infinite structures by observations.
In *POPL'13*, pages 27–38. ACM, 2013.

Copatterns — The Principle

- Define infinite objects (streams, functions) by observations.
- A function is defined by its applications.
- A stream by its head and tail.

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \mathsf{repeat}\ a\ .\mathsf{head} & = & a \\ \mathsf{repeat}\ a\ .\mathsf{tail} & = & \mathsf{repeat}\ a \end{array}$$

- These equations are taken as reduction rules.
- repeat a does not reduce by itself.
- No extra laziness required.

Deep Observations

- Any covering set of observations allowed for definition:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{fib.head} & = & 0 \\ \text{fib.tail.head} & = & 1 \\ \text{fib.tail.tail} & = & \text{adds fib (fib.tail)} \end{array}$$

- Now fib.tail is stuck. Good!

Depth	0	1	2	...
Observations	id	.head	.tail.head	...
		.tail	.tail.tail	...

Stream Productivity

Definition (Productive Stream)

A stream is productive if all observations on it converge.

- Example of non-productiveness:

$$\mathsf{bla} = 0 :: \mathsf{bla}.\mathsf{tail}$$

- Observation $\mathsf{bla}.\mathsf{tail}$ diverges.
- This is apparent in copattern style...

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \mathsf{bla}\ .\mathsf{head} & = & 0 \\ \mathsf{bla}\ .\mathsf{tail} & = & \mathsf{bla}\ .\mathsf{tail} \end{array}$$

Proving Productivity

Theorem (repeat is productive)

repeat a .tail^n converges for all $n \geq 0$.

Proof.

By induction on n.

Base (repeat a).tail^0 = repeat a does not reduce.

Step (repeat a).tail^{n+1} = (repeat a).tail.tail^n $\longrightarrow$ (repeat a).tail^n which converges by induction hypothesis.

$\square$

Productive Functions

Definition (Productive Function)

A function on streams is productive if it maps productive streams to productive streams.

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathsf{adds}\ s\ t).\mathsf{head} &= s.\mathsf{head} + t.\mathsf{head}\\ (\mathsf{adds}\ s\ t).\mathsf{tail} &= \mathsf{adds}\ (s.\mathsf{tail})\ (t.\mathsf{tail})\end{aligned}$$

- *Productivity* of adds not sufficient for fib!
- Malicious adds:

$$\begin{array}{lcl}\mathsf{adds}'\ s\ t & = & t.\mathsf{tail}\\ \mathsf{fib}.\mathsf{tail}.\mathsf{tail} & \longrightarrow & \mathsf{adds}'\ \mathsf{fib}\ (\mathsf{fib}.\mathsf{tail})\\ & \longrightarrow & \mathsf{fib}.\mathsf{tail}.\mathsf{tail} \longrightarrow \dots\end{array}$$

i-Productivity

Definition (Productive Stream)

A stream s is i-productive if all observations of depth $< i$ converge.
Notation: $s : \mathsf{Stream}^i$.

Lemma

$\mathsf{adds} : \mathsf{Stream}^i \to \mathsf{Stream}^i \to \mathsf{Stream}^i$ *for all* i*.*

Theorem

fib *is* i*-productive for all* i*.*

Proof, case $i + 2$: Show fib is $(i + 2)$-productive.

Show fib.tail.tail is i-productive.
IH: fib is $(i + 1)$-productive, so fib is i-productive. (Subtyping!)
IH: fib is $(i + 1)$-productive, so fib.tail is i-productive.
By Lemma, adds fib (fib.tail) is i-productive. $\square$

Type System for Productivity

- "Church F^ω with inflationary and deflationary fixed-point types".
- Coinductive types = deflationary iteration:

$$\mathsf{Stream}^i A = \bigcap_{j<i} (A \times \mathsf{Stream}^j A)$$

- Bidirectional type-checking:
- Type inference $\boxed{\Gamma \vdash r \rightrightarrows A}$ and checking $\boxed{\Gamma \vdash t \leftleftarrows A}$.

$$\frac{\dfrac{\Gamma \vdash r \rightrightarrows \mathsf{Stream}^i A}{\Gamma \vdash r\,.\mathsf{tail} \rightrightarrows \forall j{<}i.\,\mathsf{Stream}^j A} \qquad \Gamma \vdash a < i}{\Gamma \vdash r\,.\mathsf{tail}\ a : \mathsf{Stream}^a A}$$

Copattern typing

- Fibonacci again (official syntax with explicit sizes).

$$
\begin{array}{lcl}
\mathsf{fib} & : & \forall i.\ |i| \Rightarrow \mathsf{Stream}^i\mathbb{N} \\
\mathsf{fib}\ i\ .\mathsf{head}\ j & = & 0 \\
\mathsf{fib}\ i\ .\mathsf{tail}\ \ j\ .\mathsf{head}\ k & = & 1 \\
\mathsf{fib}\ i\ .\mathsf{tail}\ \ j\ .\mathsf{tail}\ \ k & = & \mathsf{adds}\ k\ (\mathsf{fib}\ k)\ (\mathsf{fib}\ j\ .\mathsf{tail}\ k)
\end{array}
$$

- Copattern inference $\boxed{\Delta \mid A \vdash \vec{q} \rightrightarrows C}$ (linear).

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\dfrac{\dfrac{\dfrac{\dfrac{\cdot \mid \mathsf{Stream}^k\mathbb{N} \vdash \cdot \rightrightarrows \mathsf{Stream}^k\mathbb{N}}{k{<}j \mid \forall k{<}j.\,\mathsf{Stream}^k\mathbb{N} \vdash k \rightrightarrows \mathsf{Stream}^k\mathbb{N}}}{k{<}j \mid \mathsf{Stream}^j\mathbb{N} \vdash .\mathsf{tail}\ k \rightrightarrows \mathsf{Stream}^k\mathbb{N}}}{j{<}i, k{<}j \mid \forall j{<}i.\,\mathsf{Stream}^j\mathbb{N} \vdash j\ .\mathsf{tail}\ k \rightrightarrows \mathsf{Stream}^k\mathbb{N}}}{j{<}i, k{<}j \mid \mathsf{Stream}^i\mathbb{N} \vdash .\mathsf{tail}\ j\ .\mathsf{tail}\ k \rightrightarrows \mathsf{Stream}^k\mathbb{N}}
$$

- Type of recursive call $\mathsf{fib} : \forall i'{<}i.\ \mathit{Stream}^{i'}\mathbb{N}$

Conclusions

- A unified approach to termination and productivity: Induction.
  - Recursion as induction on data size.
  - Corecursion as induction on observation depth.
- Adaption of sized types to deep (co)patterns:
  - Shift to in-/deflationary fixed-point types.
  - Bounded size quantification.
- Implementations:
  - MiniAgda: ready to play with!
  - Agda (with James Chapman): in development version, planned for next release (2.3.4).

Andreas Abel and Brigitte Pientka.
Wellfounded recursion with copatterns:
A unified approach to termination and productivity.
International Conference on Functional Programming (ICFP 2013).

Some Related Work

- Sized types: many authors (1996–)
- Inflationary fixed-points: Dam & Sprenger (2003)
- Observation-centric coinduction and coalgebras: Hagino (1987), Cockett & Fukushima (Charity, 1992)
- Focusing sequent calculus: Zeilberger & Licata & Harper (2008)
- Form of termination measures taken from Xi (2002)

Pattern typing rules

$\boxed{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\Delta_0} p \Leftarrow A}$ Pattern typing (linear).
In: Δ_0, p, A with $\Delta_0 \vdash A$. Out: Δ, Γ with $\Delta_0, \Delta; \Gamma \vdash p \Leftarrow A$.

$$\frac{}{\cdot; x{:}A \vdash_{\Delta_0} x \Leftarrow A} \qquad \frac{}{\cdot; \cdot \vdash_{\Delta_0} () \Leftarrow 1}$$

$$\frac{\Delta_1; \Gamma_1 \vdash_{\Delta_0} p_1 \Leftarrow A_1 \qquad \Delta_2; \Gamma_2 \vdash_{\Delta_0} p_2 \Leftarrow A_2}{\Delta_1, \Delta_2; \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \vdash_{\Delta_0} (p_1, p_2) \Leftarrow A_1 \times A_2}$$

$$\frac{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\Delta_0} p \Leftarrow \exists j{<}a^{\uparrow}.\, S_c\,(\mu^j S)}{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\Delta_0} c\, p \Leftarrow \mu^a S} \qquad \frac{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\Delta_0, X:\kappa} p \Leftarrow F \mathbin{@^\kappa} X}{X{:}\kappa, \Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\Delta_0} {}^X p \Leftarrow \exists_\kappa F}$$

Copattern typing rules

$\boxed{\Delta; \Gamma \mid A \vdash_{\Delta_0} \vec{q} \rightrightarrows C}$ Pattern spine typing. In: $\Delta_0, A, \vec{q}$ with $\Delta_0 \vdash A$.
Out: Δ, Γ, C with $\Delta_0, \Delta; \Gamma \vdash C$ and $\Delta_0, \Delta; \Gamma, z{:}A \vdash z\,\vec{q} \rightrightarrows C$.

$$\frac{}{\cdot; \cdot \mid A \vdash_{\Delta_0} \cdot \rightrightarrows A} \qquad \frac{\Delta_1; \Gamma_1 \vdash_{\Delta_0} p \Leftarrow A \qquad \Delta_2; \Gamma_2 \mid B \vdash_{\Delta_0} \vec{q} \rightrightarrows C}{\Delta_1, \Delta_2; \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \mid A \to B \vdash_{\Delta_0} p\,\vec{q} \rightrightarrows C}$$

$$\frac{\Delta; \Gamma \mid \forall j{<}a^{\uparrow}.\, R_d\,(\nu^j R) \vdash_{\Delta_0} \vec{q} \rightrightarrows C}{\Delta; \Gamma \mid \nu^a R \vdash_{\Delta_0} .d\,\vec{q} \rightrightarrows C} \qquad \frac{\Delta; \Gamma \mid F \mathbin{@^{\kappa}} X \vdash_{\Delta_0, X:\kappa} \vec{q} \rightrightarrows C}{X{:}\kappa, \Delta; \Gamma \mid \forall_\kappa F \vdash_{\Delta_0} X\,\vec{q} \rightrightarrows C}$$

Semantics

- Reduction:

$$\frac{\vec{e} \;/\; \vec{q} \searrow \sigma}{\lambda\{\vec{q} \to t\}\,\vec{e}\,\vec{e}\,' \mapsto t\sigma\,\vec{e}\,'} \qquad \frac{\lambda D_k\,\vec{e} \mapsto t}{f\,\vec{e} \mapsto t}\;(f{:}A = \vec{D}) \in \Sigma$$

- Types are reducibility candidates $\mathcal{A}$:
  - $\mathcal{A}$ is a set of strongly normalizing terms.
  - $\mathcal{A}$ is closed under reduction.
  - $\mathcal{A}$ is closed under addition of well-behaved neutrals (redexes and terminally stuck terms).
  - $\mathcal{A}$ is closed under simulation:
    r is simulated by $r_{1..n}$ if $r\,\vec{e} \mapsto t$ implies $r_k\,\vec{e} \mapsto t$ for some k.