

Call-by-Value Typing Revisited, for Free ?

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Abstract. In this paper, we introduce an alternative quantitative typing system \mathcal{V}' for dCBV.

1 Introduction

Bang Calculus. P.B. Levy introduced Call-by-Push-Value (CBPV) [19] as a *subsuming* language to encompass various evaluation strategies of the λ -calculus through two simple primitives: *think* (to pause a computation) and *force* (to resume a computation). This mechanism is powerful enough to encode, in particular, Call-by-Name (CBN) and Call-by-Value [20] (CBV). The original CBPV has been introduced in a simply typed framework, but the underlying (untyped) syntax and operational semantics –the ones we are interested in here– already provide a robust subsuming mechanism. Drawing inspiration from it and Girard’s Linear Logic (LL) [15], Ehrhard and Guerrieri [12] introduced an (untyped) restriction of CBPV, named BANG-calculus, already capable of subsuming both CBN and CBV. It is obtained by enriching the λ -calculus with two modalities ! and its dual **der**. The modality ! actually plays a twofold role: it freezes the evaluation of subterms (called *think* in CBPV), and it marks what can be duplicated or erased during evaluation (*i.e.* copied an arbitrary number of times, including zero). The modality **der** annihilates the effect of !, effectively restoring computation and eliminating duplicability. Embedding CBN or CBV into the BANG-calculus simply consists in decorating λ -terms with ! and **der**, thereby forcing one model of computation or the other one. Thanks to these elementary modalities and embeddings, the Bang Calculus eases the identification of shared behaviors and properties, encompassing both syntactic and semantic aspects.

Static and dynamic. The literature has shown that some *static* properties (*i.e.* centered on terms) of CBN and CBV, including normal forms [18], quantitative typing [9], tight typing [18, 10], inhabitation [5], and denotational semantics [16], can be inferred from their corresponding counterparts in the Bang Calculus by exploiting suitable CBN and CBV encodings. However, retrieving *dynamic* properties (*i.e.* centered on reduction) from the Bang Calculus into CBN or CBV turned out to be a more intricate task, especially in their *adequate* (distant) variant [16, 9, 13, 10]. Indeed, it is easy to obtain *simulation* (a CBN or CBV reduction sequence is always embedded into a BANG reduction sequence), *but* the converse, known as *reverse simulation*, fails [6, 10]: a BANG reduction sequence from a term in the image of the CBN or CBV embedding may not correspond to a valid reduction

sequence in CBN or CBV. To recover this property, an alternative CBV encoding was introduced in [6] and allows to project *for free* of the diamond property, confluence and factorization directly from BANG to CBN and CBV. Yet, all use cases of this new embedding have been limited to syntactical properties.

Contributions. This paper concentrates on the preservation of typed properties through the newly introduced CBV embedding [6]. We propose an alternative quantitative typing system for the distant CBV λ -calculus and prove that it is preserved by the embedding. Additionally, we prove *for free* the subject reduction and expansion property, along with soundness and completeness of this new typing system by a simple projection from the distant BANG-calculus and its quantitative typing system.

2 The (Distant) Bang Calculus

Syntax. We introduce the term syntax of dBang [9]. Given a countably infinite set \mathcal{X} of variables x, y, z, \dots , the set Λ_1 of terms is defined inductively as follows:

$$\text{(Terms)} \quad t, u, s ::= x \in \mathcal{X} \mid tu \mid \lambda x.t \mid !t \mid \mathbf{der}(t) \mid t[x \setminus u]$$

Abstractions $\lambda x.t$ and closures $t[x \setminus u]$ bind the variable x in their body t . **Free** and **bound variables** are defined as expected. The usual notion of α -conversion [8] is extended to the whole set Λ_1 , and terms are identified up to α -conversion. Finally, we denote by $t\{x \setminus u\}$ the usual (capture avoiding) meta-level substitution of u for all free occurrences of x in t .

Full contexts (F), **surface contexts (S)** and **list contexts (L)**, which can be seen as terms with exactly one **hole** \diamond , are inductively defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(dBang Full Ctxt)} \quad \mathbf{F} &::= \diamond \mid \lambda x.\mathbf{F} \mid \mathbf{F}t \mid t\mathbf{F} \mid \mathbf{F}[x \setminus t] \mid t[x \setminus \mathbf{F}] \mid \mathbf{der}(\mathbf{F}) \mid !\mathbf{F} \\ \text{(dBang Surface Ctxt)} \quad \mathbf{S} &::= \diamond \mid \lambda x.\mathbf{S} \mid \mathbf{S}t \mid t\mathbf{S} \mid \mathbf{S}[x \setminus t] \mid t[x \setminus \mathbf{S}] \mid \mathbf{der}(\mathbf{S}) \\ \text{(dBang List Ctxt)} \quad \mathbf{L} &::= \diamond \mid \mathbf{L}[x \setminus t] \end{aligned}$$

We write $\mathbf{F}\langle t \rangle$ for the term obtained by replacing the hole in \mathbf{F} with the term t (possibly capturing the free variables of t).

Operational Semantics. The following **rewrite rules** are the base components of our reductions.

$$\mathbf{L}\langle \lambda x.t \rangle u \mapsto_{\mathbf{dB}} \mathbf{L}\langle t[x \setminus u] \rangle \quad t[x \setminus \mathbf{L}\langle !u \rangle] \mapsto_{\mathbf{s}!} \mathbf{L}\langle t\{x \setminus u\} \rangle \quad \mathbf{der}(\mathbf{L}\langle !t \rangle) \mapsto_{\mathbf{d}!} \mathbf{L}\langle t \rangle$$

Rule **dB** (resp. **s!**) is assumed to be capture-free, so no free variable of u (resp. t) is captured by the context \mathbf{L} . In all of these rewrite rules, the reduction acts *at a distance* [1, 2]: the main constructors involved in the rule can be separated by a finite —possibly empty— list \mathbf{L} of ES.

The **surface** (resp. **full**) **reduction** $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{S}}$ (resp. $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{F}}$) is defined as the union of the closure of the relations $\{\mathbf{dB}, \mathbf{s}!, \mathbf{d}!\}$ by surface (resp. full) contexts. For example, $(\lambda x.!\mathbf{der}(!x))!y \rightarrow_{\mathbf{S}} (!\mathbf{der}(!x))[x \setminus !y] \rightarrow_{\mathbf{S}} !(\mathbf{der}(!y)) \rightarrow_{\mathbf{F}} !y$. Finally, we denote by $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{F}}^*$ (resp. $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{S}}^*$) the reflexive transitive closure of $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{F}}$ (resp. $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{S}}$).

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{}{x : [\sigma] \vdash x : \sigma} \text{ (var)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow \sigma \quad \Delta \vdash u : \mathcal{M}}{\Gamma + \Delta \vdash tu : \sigma} \text{ (app)} \quad \frac{(\Gamma_i \vdash t : \sigma_i)_{i \in I}}{+_{i \in I} \Gamma_i \vdash !t : [\sigma_i]_{i \in I}} \text{ (bg)} \\
\frac{\Gamma, x : \mathcal{M} \vdash t : \sigma}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.t : \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow \sigma} \text{ (abs)} \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : \mathcal{M} \vdash t : \sigma \quad \Delta \vdash u : \mathcal{M}}{\Gamma + \Delta \vdash t[x \setminus u] : \sigma} \text{ (es)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : [\sigma]}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{der}(t) : \sigma} \text{ (der)}
\end{array}$$

Fig. 1: Type System \mathcal{B} for the dBang-calculus.

Clashes. As a matter of fact, some ill-formed terms are not redexes but neither represent a desired computation result. They are called **clashes** and have one of the following forms:

$$\mathbf{L}\langle !t \rangle u \quad t[x \setminus \mathbf{L}\langle \lambda x.u \rangle] \quad \mathbf{der}(\mathbf{L}\langle \lambda x.t \rangle) \quad t(\mathbf{L}\langle \lambda x.u \rangle) \text{ if } t \neq \mathbf{L}'\langle \lambda y.s \rangle$$

This *static* notion of clash is lifted to a *dynamic* level. A term t is a **surface clash-free** if it does not surface reduce to a term with a clash in surface position. This notion is stable under reduction.

Quantitative Type System. We present the quantitative typing system \mathcal{B} [9], based on [14, 11]. It contains functional and intersection types. Here, intersections are associative, commutative but *not idempotent*, thus an intersection type is represented by a (possibly empty) *finite multiset* $[\sigma_i]_{i \in I}$. Formally, given a countably infinite set \mathcal{TV} of type variables $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots$, we define by mutual induction:

$$\begin{array}{l}
\text{(Types)} \quad \sigma, \tau, \rho ::= \alpha \in \mathcal{TV} \mid \mathcal{M} \mid \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow \sigma \\
\text{(Multitypes)} \quad \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{N} ::= [\sigma_i]_{i \in I} \text{ where } I \text{ is a finite set}
\end{array}$$

Type environments are denoted by Γ or Δ and we use the usual notations from [5]. The rules of system \mathcal{B} are presented in Fig. 1. Finally, we write $\Pi \triangleright_{\mathcal{B}} \Gamma \vdash t : \sigma$ when Π is a derivation in system \mathcal{B} with conclusion $\Gamma \vdash t : \sigma$, and $\triangleright_{\mathcal{B}} \Gamma \vdash t : \sigma$ if there exists some derivation $\Pi \triangleright_{\mathcal{B}} \Gamma \vdash t : \sigma$.

As expected, the typing is preserved along both reduction and expansion.

Lemma 1 (Subject Reduction and Expansion for system \mathcal{B} [9, 10]).

Let $t, u \in \Lambda_!$ such that $t \rightarrow_{\mathbf{F}} u$, then $\triangleright_{\mathcal{B}} \Gamma \vdash t : \sigma$ if and only if $\triangleright_{\mathcal{B}} \Gamma \vdash u : \sigma$.

Moreover, the type system is sound (all typable terms surface-normalize) and complete (all the surface-normalizing terms are typable).

Lemma 2 (Soundness and Completeness for system \mathcal{B} [9, 10]).

Let $t \in \Lambda_!$, then t has a clash free S-normal form if and only if $\triangleright_{\mathcal{B}} \Gamma \vdash t : \sigma$.

3 The (Distant) Call-by-Value Calculus

Syntax. The *call-by-value λ -calculus* (called dCBV here) is specified using ES and action at a distance [4]. The sets Λ of **terms** and \mathcal{T} of **values** are inductively defined below:

$$\begin{array}{l}
\text{(Terms)} \quad t, u, s ::= v \mid \lambda x.t \mid t[x \setminus u] \\
\text{(Values)} \quad v ::= x \in \mathcal{X} \mid \lambda x.t
\end{array}$$

Reductions are driven by the notions of **dCBV list contexts** (L_V)—which allow actions at a *distance*—**dCBV surface contexts** (S_V) and **dCBV full contexts** (F_V):

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(dCBV List Ctxts)} & L_V ::= \diamond \mid L_V[x \setminus t] \\ \text{(dCBV Surface Ctxts)} & S_V ::= \diamond \mid S_V u \mid t S_V \mid S_V[x \setminus u] \mid t[x \setminus S_V] \\ \text{(dCBV Full Ctxts)} & F_V ::= \diamond \mid F_V u \mid t F_V \mid \lambda x.F_V \mid F_V[x \setminus u] \mid t[x \setminus F_V] \end{array}$$

Operational Semantics. The following **rewrite rules** are the base components of our reductions.

$$L_V \langle \lambda x.t \rangle u \mapsto_{\text{dB}} L_V \langle t[x \setminus u] \rangle \qquad t[x \setminus L_V \langle v \rangle] \mapsto_{\text{sV}} L_V \langle t\{x \setminus v\} \rangle$$

The **surface** (resp. **full**) **reduction** \rightarrow_{S_V} (resp. \rightarrow_{F_V}) is defined as the union of the closure of the relations $\{\text{dB}, \text{sV}\}$ by surface (resp. full) contexts. Finally, we denote by $\rightarrow_{F_V}^*$ (resp. $\rightarrow_{S_V}^*$) the reflexive transitive closure of \rightarrow_{F_V} (resp. \rightarrow_{S_V}).

Embedding. A first dCBV-embedding was introduced in [9, 10]. It allows to simulate dCBV with dBang (i.e. if $t \rightarrow_{S_V}^* u$ (resp. $t \rightarrow_{F_V}^* u$) then $t^v \rightarrow_S^* u^v$ (resp. $t^v \rightarrow_F^* u^v$)). However, the converse known as reverse simulation is false (see Fig.1 in [6]). A novel dCBV embedding was introduced in [6] to resolve this issue. It is defined as follows:

Definition 3. *The dCBV-embedding $\cdot^{v'} : \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda_!$ is defined as follows:*

$$\begin{aligned} x^{v'} &:= !x \\ (\lambda x.t)^{v'} &:= !\lambda x. !t^{v'} \\ (tu)^{v'} &:= \begin{cases} \text{der}(L \langle s \rangle u^{v'}) & \text{if } t^{v'} = L \langle !s \rangle \\ \text{der}(\text{der}(t^{v'}) u^{v'}) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ (t[x \setminus u])^{v'} &:= t^{v'}[x \setminus u^{v'}] \end{aligned}$$

The main difference can be found in the abstraction case where two ! are used instead of one as in [9, 10, 16]. As intended, surface and full reductions sequences are preserved both ways.

Lemma 4 (dCBV Simulation and Reverse Simulation [6]).

Let $t, u \in \Lambda$, then $t \rightarrow_{S_V}^ u$ (resp. $t \rightarrow_{F_V}^* u$) if and only if $t^{v'} \rightarrow_S^* u^{v'}$ (resp. $t^{v'} \rightarrow_F^* u^{v'}$).*

Quantitative Type System. A quantitative type system called system \mathcal{V} have been introduced in [9, 10] to characterize S_V -normalization. As such, typing is preserved throughout reduction sequences and by the embedding \cdot^v [9, 10]. However, this preservation fails with the new embedding $\cdot^{v'}$. For example, the term $\lambda x.\Omega$ is only typable by $(\emptyset; [[]])$ in system \mathcal{V} while its image $(\lambda x.\Omega)^{v'} = !\lambda x.!\Omega^{v'}$ is also typable by $(\emptyset; [[]] \Rightarrow [[]])$ in system \mathcal{B} .

To address this issue, we now introduce a new quantitative typing system called system \mathcal{V}' . The rules of typing system \mathcal{V}' are presented in Fig. 2. The main differences between system \mathcal{V} and \mathcal{V}' is the addition of a new rule called

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{x : \mathcal{M} \vdash x : \mathcal{M}} \text{ (var)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : [\mathcal{M} \Rightarrow [\sigma]] \quad \Delta \vdash u : \mathcal{M}}{\Gamma + \Delta \vdash t u : \sigma} \text{ (app)} \quad \frac{(\Gamma_i \vdash t : \sigma_i)_{i \in I}}{+_{i \in I} \Gamma_i \Vdash t : [\sigma_i]_{i \in I}} \text{ (frz)} \\
 \\
 \frac{\Gamma, x : \mathcal{M} \vdash t : \sigma \quad \Delta \vdash u : \mathcal{M}}{\Gamma + \Delta \vdash t[x \backslash u] : \sigma} \text{ (es)} \quad \frac{(\Gamma_i, x : \mathcal{M}_i \Vdash t : \sigma_i)_{i \in I}}{+_{i \in I} \Gamma_i \vdash \lambda x. t : [\mathcal{M}_i \Rightarrow \sigma_i]_{i \in I}} \text{ (abs)}
 \end{array}$$

 Fig. 2: Type System \mathcal{V}' for the dCBV-calculus.

(frz) which resembles the rule (bg) from system \mathcal{B} . This rule allows to introduce untyped subterms. However, it can only be used in the body of abstractions (thanks to the auxiliary symbol \Vdash) and acts as a counterpart to the additional ! in the abstraction case of the novel embedding.

As expected, the typing is preserved by the embedding.

Theorem 5 (Typing Preservation).

Let $t, u \in \Lambda$, then $\triangleright_{\mathcal{V}'} \Gamma \vdash t : \sigma$ if and only if $\triangleright_{\mathcal{B}} \Gamma \vdash t' : \sigma$.

Proof. By induction on t .

Using simulation, we can then deduce, *for free*, that the typing is preserved along full reduction and expansion sequences.

Theorem 6 (Subject Reduction and Expansion of system \mathcal{V}').

Let $t, u \in \Lambda$ such that $t \rightarrow_{F_v} u$, then $\triangleright_{\mathcal{V}'} \Gamma \vdash t : \sigma$ if and only if $\triangleright_{\mathcal{V}'} \Gamma \vdash u : \sigma$.

Proof. Let $t, u \in \Lambda$ such that $t \rightarrow_{F_v} u$. Then $t^{v'} \rightarrow_F^* u^{v'}$. Using Thm. 6, one deduces that $\triangleright_{\mathcal{B}} \Gamma \vdash t^{v'} : \sigma$ iff $\triangleright_{\mathcal{B}} \Gamma \vdash u^{v'} : \sigma$ and therefore $\triangleright_{\mathcal{V}'} \Gamma \vdash t : \sigma$ iff $\triangleright_{\mathcal{V}'} \Gamma \vdash u : \sigma$ using Thm. 5.

Moreover, using surface simulation and reverse simulation, we get *for free* that system \mathcal{V}' is sound and complete.

Theorem 7 (Soundness and Completeness of system \mathcal{V}').

Let $t \in \Lambda$, then t has a S_V -normal form if and only if $\triangleright_{\mathcal{V}'} \Gamma \vdash t : \sigma$.

Proof. Let $t \in \Lambda$, then:

$$t \text{ has a } S_V\text{-nf} \stackrel{Lm.4}{\Leftrightarrow} t^{v'} \text{ has a clash free S-nf} \stackrel{Th.2}{\Leftrightarrow} \triangleright_{\mathcal{B}} \Gamma \vdash t^{v'} : \sigma \stackrel{Th.5}{\Leftrightarrow} \triangleright_{\mathcal{V}'} \Gamma \vdash t : \sigma. \quad \square$$

4 Conclusion and Future Work

In this paper, we introduced an alternative intersection type system for dCBV and we have proved that it is preserved by the dCBV-embedding into dBang. Moreover, we proved that it is sound and complete, and that subject reduction and expansion holds. Still, we would like to further study the preservation of more advanced problems such as *inhabitation* [5] or the *typing equivalence* generated by this typing system [3] and relate them to the usual typing system used for dCBV. Finally, we would like to better understand how this changes affect the different notions of *Böhm approximants* and *trees* from the literature [5, 17, 7].

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