

Monad Translating Inductive and Coinductive Types

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Abstract. We show that the call-by-name monad translation of simply typed lambda calculus extended with sum and product types extends to special and general inductive and coinductive types so that its crucial property of preserving typings and β - and commuting reductions is maintained. Specific similar-purpose translations such as CPS translations follow from the general monad translations by specialization for appropriate concrete monads.

1 Introduction

Thanks to the work of Moggi [14], monads have become a popular structuring device in programming language semantics, as many notions of computation have the structure of a monad together with additional operations. Monad translations are a generic tool used for assigning semantics to impure languages from which specific similar-purpose translations such as continuation passing style (CPS) translations can be derived by specialization.

Inductive and coinductive types are a mechanism for introducing initial algebras and final coalgebras into programming languages and type theory to deal with wellfounded resp. non-wellfounded data structures. They are central in type-theoretic proof assistants, but also appear in experimental programming languages inspired from type theory and categorical logic such as Charity [6].

In this paper, our project is to investigate monad translatability of languages with inductive and coinductive types. The question has not been studied, but makes sense, as one may well conceive a language that has both inductive and coinductive types and impure features and then the question arises what its semantics should be. We show that Moggi's call-by-name monad translation of simply typed lambda calculus with sum and product types extends to natural number and stream types and further to general positive (co)inductive types, but also to (co)inductive types à la Mendler [13, 12]. The property of preserving typings and β - and commuting reductions is maintained in each case except for that of positive (co)inductive types in which case a special reformulation of the system is needed to achieve it. This is, however, not to be pitied as the translation of the alternative system of Mendler-style (co)inductive types turns out to be smoother anyway.

The project grew out of earlier work of Gilles Barthe and the author [4] on CPS translatability of inductive and coinductive types. The call-by-name CPS translations proposed in that paper follow from the translations developed here as specializations.

The organization of the paper is the following. In Sec. 2, we recall the call-by-name monad translation of simply typed lambda calculus with sum and product types, which we then generalize to natural number and stream types in Sec. 3 and further to positive inductive and coinductive types in Sec. 4. Sec. 5 contains the smoother translation of (co)inductive types à la Mendler. In Sec. 6, we show how the monad translations can be specialized into CPS translations. Sec. 7 contains some concluding remarks.

2 Monad Translation of Simply Typed Lambda Calculus with Sums and Products

We begin with a recapitulation of the call-by-name monad translation of the system $\lambda_{+, \times}$, the standard extension of simply typed lambda calculus with sums and products that also is the term calculus of full intuitionistic propositional logic. The language of types and terms of $\lambda_{+, \times}$ is given by the grammar

$$\begin{aligned} A, B, C &::= X \mid A \rightarrow B \mid A_1 + A_2 \mid 0 \mid A_1 \times A_2 \mid 1 \\ M, N, P &::= x \mid \lambda x. M \mid N P \\ &\quad \mid \text{inl}(M) \mid \text{inr}(M) \mid \text{case}(N, u. P_1, u. P_2) \mid \nabla(N) \\ &\quad \mid \langle M_1, M_2 \rangle \mid \langle \rangle \mid \text{fst}(N) \mid \text{snd}(N) \end{aligned}$$

and the typing and reduction rules are as given in Fig. 1. $\text{elim}(N)$ is our general notation for any destructor-term; in the case of, e.g., $\lambda_{+, \times}$, this covers the term forms $N P$, $\text{case}(N, u. P_1, u. P_2)$, $\nabla(N)$, $\text{fst}(N)$, $\text{snd}(N)$.

The target system of the translation, $\lambda_{\diamond, +, \times}$, is Moggi's computational lambda calculus [14] extended with sum and product types. This calculus adds to $\lambda_{+, \times}$ a type constructor \diamond producing what are called computation types. The types and terms are determined by the grammar

$$\begin{aligned} A, B, C &::= \dots \mid \diamond A \\ M, N, P &::= \dots \mid \text{val}(M) \mid \text{bind}(N, u. P) \end{aligned}$$

and the rules of typing and reduction specific to \diamond are those presented in Fig. 2. The notation $\text{elim}(N)$ covers also the term form $\text{bind}(N, u. P)$.

The semantic intention is that \diamond should denote an unspecified strong monad; the unit would be $\lambda x. \text{val}(x)$, the (internalized) extension operation would be $\lambda f. \lambda x. \text{bind}(x, u. f u)$. The typing and reduction rules for \diamond force those properties of a strong monad that fit into an intensional system (the reasonable η -reduction rule, not included here, is $\text{bind}(N, u. \text{val}(u)) \triangleright N$). The Curry-Howard counterpart of λ_{\diamond} is a meaningful system of intuitionistic modal logic known variously as computational logic or lax logic [5, 8] and first conceived already by Curry [7]. In

Typing environment formation rules:

$$\frac{}{\diamond \text{ env}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \text{ env}}{\Gamma, x : C \text{ env}}$$

Typing rules:

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash x : C} \quad \text{if } (x : C) \text{ in } \Gamma \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash M : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. M : A \rightarrow B} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash N : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash P : A}{\Gamma \vdash N P : B}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A_1}{\Gamma \vdash \text{inl}(M) : A_1 + A_2} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A_2}{\Gamma \vdash \text{inr}(M) : A_1 + A_2}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash N : A_1 + A_2 \quad \Gamma, u : A_1 \vdash P_1 : C \quad \Gamma, u : A_2 \vdash P_2 : C}{\Gamma \vdash \text{case}(N, u. P_1, u. P_2) : C} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash N : 0}{\Gamma \vdash \nabla(N) : C}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M_1 : A_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash M_2 : A_2}{\Gamma \vdash \langle M_1, M_2 \rangle : A_1 \times A_2} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \langle \rangle : 1} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash N : A_1 \times A_2}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fst}(N) : A_1} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash N : A_1 \times A_2}{\Gamma \vdash \text{snd}(N) : A_2}$$

β -reduction rules:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda x. M) P \triangleright M[P/x] \\ & \text{case}(\text{inl}(M), u. P_1, u. P_2) \triangleright P_1[M/u] \\ & \text{case}(\text{inr}(M), u. P_1, u. P_2) \triangleright P_2[M/u] \\ & \text{fst}(\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle) \triangleright M_1 \\ & \text{snd}(\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle) \triangleright M_2 \end{aligned}$$

c -reduction rules (commuting conversion rules):

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{elim}(\text{case}(N, u. P_1, u. P_2)) \triangleright \text{case}(N, u. \text{elim}(P_1), u. \text{elim}(P_2)) \\ & \text{elim}(\nabla(N)) \triangleright \nabla(N) \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 1. Typing and reduction rules of $\lambda_{+, \times}$

this logic, \diamond is a modality reminding of the S4 possibility modality (the difference being that, while the S4 possibility only is a monad, the computational logic modality is a strong monad). (The most common notation for the modality of computational logic these days is \bigcirc . We follow [7] in using \diamond .) The natural deduction formulations of the introduction and elimination rules of \diamond are

$$\frac{A}{\diamond A} \quad \diamond \mathcal{I} \qquad \frac{\begin{array}{c} A \\ \vdots \\ \diamond A \quad \diamond C \end{array}}{\diamond C} \quad \diamond \mathcal{E}$$

The reduction rules for the type constructor \diamond reappear as proof normalization rules for removing detours where a \diamond -elimination immediately follows a \diamond -introduction and pushing an elimination up past a \diamond -elimination (observe that,

Typing rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{val}(M) : \diamond A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash N : \diamond A \quad \Gamma, u : A \vdash P : \diamond C}{\Gamma \vdash \text{bind}(N, u. P) : \diamond C}$$

β -reduction rules:

$$\text{bind}(\text{val}(M), u. P) \triangleright P[M/u]$$

c -reduction rules (commuting conversion rules):

$$\text{bind}(\text{bind}(N, u. P), u'. P') \triangleright \text{bind}(N, u. \text{bind}(P, u'. P')) \quad (u \notin \text{FV}(P'))$$

Fig. 2. Typing and reduction rules of $\lambda_{\diamond,+,\times}$

in fact, only another \diamond -elimination can immediately follow a \diamond -elimination):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \frac{A}{\diamond A} \diamond \mathcal{I} \\ \frac{\diamond A}{\diamond C} \diamond \mathcal{E} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} A \\ \vdots \\ \diamond C \end{array} \quad \diamond \mathcal{E} & \triangleright & \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ A \\ \vdots \\ \diamond C \end{array} \\ \\ \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \frac{A}{\diamond A} \diamond \mathcal{E} \\ \frac{\diamond A}{\diamond C} \diamond \mathcal{E} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} A \\ \vdots \\ \diamond C \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} C \\ \vdots \\ \diamond D \end{array} \quad \diamond \mathcal{E} & \triangleright & \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \frac{A}{\diamond A} \diamond \mathcal{E} \\ \frac{\diamond A}{\diamond D} \diamond \mathcal{E} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} A \\ \vdots \\ \diamond C \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} C \\ \vdots \\ \diamond D \end{array} \quad \diamond \mathcal{E} \end{array}$$

The translation, cf. [14, 18], is given in figure Fig. 3. The main translation function for types prefixes every type in a type by \diamond . In the term translation, a term's constructor subterms are prefixed by `val` while each destructor subterm is replaced by `bind` applied to its decomposition into a term and an evaluation context for it. The crucial metatheoretic property the translation enjoys is correctness in the sense of preservation of typings and non-identity (at least one step) reductions; the proof depends in part on a substitution lemma that essentially just says that the translation is compositional.

Lemma 1 (Substitution lemma).

1. $\text{MST}[[A]][\text{MS}[[C]]/Z] = \text{MST}[[A[C/Z]]]$.
2. $\text{MS}[[M]][\text{MS}[[P]]/u] = \text{MS}[[M[P/u]]]$.

Proof. Induction on A resp. M .

Theorem 1 (Correctness of the translation of $\lambda_{+,\times}$).

1. If $\Gamma \vdash M : A$ in $\lambda_{+,\times}$, then $\text{MST}[[\Gamma]] \vdash \text{MS}[[M]] : \text{MST}[[A]]$ in $\lambda_{\diamond,+,\times}$.

Translation of typing environments:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MST}[\diamond] &= \diamond \\ \text{MST}[\Gamma, x : C] &= \text{MST}[\Gamma], x : \text{MST}[C] \end{aligned}$$

Translation of types:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MST}[A] &= \diamond \text{MS}[A] \\ \text{MS}[X] &= X \\ \text{MS}[A \rightarrow B] &= \text{MST}[A] \rightarrow \text{MST}[B] \\ \text{MS}[A_1 + A_2] &= \text{MST}[A_1] + \text{MST}[A_2] \\ \text{MS}[0] &= 0 \\ \text{MS}[A_1 \times A_2] &= \text{MST}[A_1] \times \text{MST}[A_2] \\ \text{MS}[1] &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Translation of terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MS}[x] &= x \\ \text{MS}[\lambda x. M] &= \text{val}(\lambda x. \text{MS}[M]) \\ \text{MS}[N P] &= \text{bind}(\text{MS}[N], n. n \text{MS}[P]) \\ \text{MS}[\text{inl}(M)] &= \text{val}(\text{inl}(\text{MS}[M])) \\ \text{MS}[\text{inr}(M)] &= \text{val}(\text{inr}(\text{MS}[M])) \\ \text{MS}[\text{case}(N, u. P_1, u. P_2)] &= \text{bind}(\text{MS}[N], n. \text{case}(n, u. \text{MS}[P_1], u. \text{MS}[P_2])) \\ \text{MS}[\nabla(N)] &= \text{bind}(\text{MS}[N], n. \nabla(n)) \\ \text{MS}[\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle] &= \text{val}(\langle \text{MS}[M_1], \text{MS}[M_2] \rangle) \\ \text{MS}[\text{fst}(N)] &= \text{bind}(\text{MS}[N], n. \text{fst}(n)) \\ \text{MS}[\text{snd}(N)] &= \text{bind}(\text{MS}[N], n. \text{snd}(n)) \\ \text{MS}[\langle \rangle] &= \text{val}(\langle \rangle) \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 3. Monad translation of $\lambda_{+, \times}$

2. If $M \triangleright_{\beta c} M'$ in $\lambda_{+, \times}$, then $\text{MS}[M] \triangleright_{\beta c}^+ \text{MS}[M']$ in $\lambda_{\diamond, +, \times}$.

Proof. 1. Induction on the derivation of $\Gamma \vdash M : A$. 2. Induction on the derivation of $M \triangleright_{\beta c} M'$.

3 Natural Numbers and Streams

Natural numbers and streams are the simplest non-trivial examples of inductive and coinductive types, but at the same time also quite representative examples. Hence it makes sense to first find out how these special inductive and coinductive types should be monad translated and only then proceed to the general case.

We consider a system with Burroni natural numbers (natural numbers over multiple zeros) and streams, coming equipped with iteration and coiteration. (We could have made some more advanced disciplined recursion and corecursion schemes available as primitive, but that would only have added complexity). The language of the system $\lambda_{\text{Nat,Str}}$ is given by the grammar

$$\begin{aligned} A, B, C ::= & \dots \mid \text{Nat}(A) \mid \text{Str}(A) \\ M, N, P ::= & \dots \mid \text{o}(M) \mid \text{s}(M) \mid \text{niter}(N, u. P_o, u. P_s) \\ & \mid \text{scoit}(M, y. Q_h, y. Q_t) \mid \text{hd}(N) \mid \text{tl}(N) \end{aligned}$$

while the typing and reduction calculus is given by the rules in Fig. 4. o , s stand, of course, for the constructors zero and successor, hd , tl are for head and tail. niter and scoit are operators for defining functions by iteration resp. coiteration.

Typing rules:

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{o}(M) : \text{Nat}(A)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \text{Nat}(A)}{\Gamma \vdash \text{s}(M) : \text{Nat}(A)} \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash N : \text{Nat}(A) \quad \Gamma, u : A \vdash P_o : C \quad \Gamma, u : C \vdash P_s : C}{\Gamma \vdash \text{niter}(N, u. P_o, u. P_s) : C} \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : D \quad \Gamma, y : D \vdash Q_h : A \quad \Gamma, y : D \vdash Q_t : D}{\Gamma \vdash \text{scoit}(M, y. Q_h, y. Q_t) : \text{Str}(A)} \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash N : \text{Str}(A)}{\Gamma \vdash \text{hd}(N) : A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash N : \text{Str}(A)}{\Gamma \vdash \text{tl}(N) : \text{Str}(A)} \end{array}$$

β -reduction rules:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{niter}(\text{o}(M), u. P_o, u. P_s) &\triangleright P_o[M/u] \\ \text{niter}(\text{s}(M), u. P_o, u. P_s) &\triangleright P_s[\text{niter}(M, u. P_o, u. P_s)/u] \\ \text{hd}(\text{scoit}(M, y. Q_h, y. Q_t)) &\triangleright Q_h[M/y] \\ \text{tl}(\text{scoit}(M, y. Q_h, y. Q_t)) &\triangleright \text{scoit}(Q_t[M/y], y. Q_h, y. Q_t) \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 4. Typing and reduction rules of $\lambda_{\text{Nat,Str}}$

How should $\lambda_{\text{Nat,Str}}$ be translated? The type $\text{Nat}(A) = \mu X. A + X$ is, in extensional settings, for any A , the least solution to the type equation $X \cong A + X$ and the type $\text{Str}(A) = \nu X. A \times X$ the greatest solution to the type equation $X \cong A \times X$. We may conjecture there is a viable translation preserving these properties. Hence we want $\text{MS}[\text{Nat}(A)]$ to be the least solution to $X \cong \text{MST}[A] + \diamond X$ and $\text{MS}[\text{Str}(A)]$ to be the greatest solution to $X \cong \text{MST}[A] \times \diamond X$. This will be the case if $\text{MS}[\text{Nat}(A)] = \mu X. \text{MST}[A] + \diamond X$ and $\text{MS}[\text{Str}(A)] = \nu X. \text{MST}[A] \times \diamond X$. In the target system instead of the types $\text{Nat}(A)$, $\text{Str}(A)$ we

Typing rules:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A}{\Gamma \vdash \mathfrak{o}^\circ(M) : \mathbf{Nat}^\circ(A)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \diamond \mathbf{Nat}^\circ(A)}{\Gamma \vdash \mathfrak{s}^\circ(M) : \mathbf{Nat}^\circ(A)} \\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash N : \mathbf{Nat}^\circ(A) \quad \Gamma, u : A \vdash P_o : C \quad \Gamma, u : \diamond C \vdash P_s : C}{\Gamma \vdash \mathfrak{niter}^\circ(N, u. P_o, u. P_s) : C} \\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : D \quad \Gamma, y : D \vdash Q_h : A \quad \Gamma, y : D \vdash Q_t : \diamond D}{\Gamma \vdash \mathfrak{scoit}^\circ(M, y. Q_h, y. Q_t) : \mathbf{Str}^\circ(A)} \\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash N : \mathbf{Str}^\circ(A)}{\Gamma \vdash \mathfrak{hd}^\circ(N) : A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash N : \mathbf{Str}^\circ(A)}{\Gamma \vdash \mathfrak{tl}^\circ(N) : \diamond \mathbf{Str}^\circ(A)}
\end{array}$$

β -reduction rules:

$$\begin{array}{l}
\mathfrak{niter}^\circ(\mathfrak{o}^\circ(M), u. P_o, u. P_s) \triangleright P_o[M/u] \\
\mathfrak{niter}^\circ(\mathfrak{s}^\circ(M), u. P_o, u. P_s) \triangleright P_s[\mathfrak{bind}(M, n. \mathfrak{val}(\mathfrak{niter}^\circ(n, u. P_o, u. P_s)))/u] \\
\mathfrak{hd}^\circ(\mathfrak{scoit}^\circ(M, y. Q_h, y. Q_t)) \triangleright Q_h[M/y] \\
\mathfrak{tl}^\circ(\mathfrak{scoit}^\circ(M, y. Q_h, y. Q_t)) \triangleright \mathfrak{bind}(Q_t[M/y], m. \mathfrak{val}(\mathfrak{scoit}^\circ(m, y. Q_h, y. Q_t)))
\end{array}$$

Fig. 5. Typing and reduction rules of $\lambda_{\diamond, \mathbf{Nat}^\circ, \mathbf{Str}^\circ}$

therefore need types $\mathbf{Nat}^\circ(A) = \mu X. A + \diamond X$, $\mathbf{Str}^\circ(A) = \nu X. A \times \diamond X$. Hence we choose that the target system will be $\lambda_{\diamond, \mathbf{Nat}^\circ, \mathbf{Str}^\circ}$, a system with computation types and modified natural number and stream types whose language we give by the grammar

$$\begin{array}{l}
A, B, C = \dots \mid \mathbf{Nat}^\circ(A) \mid \mathbf{Str}^\circ(A) \\
M, N, P = \dots \mid \mathfrak{o}^\circ(M) \mid \mathfrak{s}^\circ(M) \mid \mathfrak{niter}^\circ(N, u. P_o, u. P_s) \\
\quad \mid \mathfrak{scoit}^\circ(M, y. Q_h, y. Q_t) \mid \mathfrak{hd}^\circ(N) \mid \mathfrak{tl}^\circ(N)
\end{array}$$

and whose typing and reduction calculus we determine by the rules appearing in Fig. 5. A sensible translation of $\lambda_{\mathbf{Nat}, \mathbf{Str}}$ to $\lambda_{\diamond, \mathbf{Nat}^\circ, \mathbf{Str}^\circ}$ is presented in Fig. 6. The translations of \mathfrak{o} , \mathfrak{s} , \mathfrak{niter} , \mathfrak{scoit} , \mathfrak{hd} , \mathfrak{tl} nearly copy those of \mathfrak{inl} , \mathfrak{inr} , \mathfrak{case} , $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$, \mathfrak{fst} , \mathfrak{snd} except that the translation of \mathfrak{niter} has an extra \mathfrak{bind} in the second side argument to \mathfrak{niter}° and the translation of \mathfrak{scoit} has an extra \mathfrak{val} in the second side argument to \mathfrak{scoit}° . This translation has the correctness property.

Theorem 2 (Correctness of the translation of $\lambda_{\mathbf{Nat}, \mathbf{Str}}$).

1. If $\Gamma \vdash M : A$ in $\lambda_{\mathbf{Nat}, \mathbf{Str}}$, then $\mathbf{MST}[\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket] \vdash \mathbf{MS}[\llbracket M \rrbracket] : \mathbf{MST}[A]$ in $\lambda_{\diamond, \mathbf{Nat}^\circ, \mathbf{Str}^\circ}$.
2. If $M \triangleright_\beta M'$ in $\lambda_{\mathbf{Nat}, \mathbf{Str}}$, then $\mathbf{MS}[\llbracket M \rrbracket] \triangleright_{\beta c}^+ \mathbf{MS}[\llbracket M' \rrbracket]$ in $\lambda_{\diamond, \mathbf{Nat}^\circ, \mathbf{Str}^\circ}$.

It is worth noting that simulating of the second β -reduction rule of \mathbf{Nat} (the \mathfrak{niter} -after- \mathfrak{s} rule) takes an application of the commuting reduction rule of \diamond .

Translation of types:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MS}[\![\text{Nat}(A)]\!] &= \text{Nat}^\diamond(\text{MST}[\![A]\!]) \\ \text{MS}[\![\text{Str}(A)]\!] &= \text{Str}^\diamond(\text{MST}[\![A]\!]) \end{aligned}$$

Translation of terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MS}[\![\text{o}(M)]\!] &= \text{val}(\text{o}^\diamond(\text{MS}[\![M]\!])) \\ \text{MS}[\![\text{s}(M)]\!] &= \text{val}(\text{s}^\diamond(\text{MS}[\![M]\!])) \\ \text{MS}[\![\text{niter}(N, u. P_o, u. P_s)]\!] &= \text{bind}(\text{MS}[\![N]\!], \\ &\quad n. \text{niter}^\diamond(n, u. \text{MS}[\![P_o]\!], u. \text{MS}[\![P_s]\!])[\text{bind}(u, v. v)/u]) \\ \text{MS}[\![\text{scoit}(M, y. Q_h, y. Q_t)]\!] &= \text{val}(\text{scoit}^\diamond(\text{MS}[\![M]\!], y. \text{MS}[\![Q_h]\!], y. \text{val}(\text{MS}[\![Q_t]\!]))) \\ \text{MS}[\![\text{hd}(N)]\!] &= \text{bind}(\text{MS}[\![N]\!], n. \text{hd}^\diamond(n)) \\ \text{MS}[\![\text{tl}(N)]\!] &= \text{bind}(\text{MS}[\![N]\!], n. \text{tl}^\diamond(n)) \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 6. Monad translation of $\lambda_{\text{Nat}, \text{Str}}$

4 Positive Inductive and Coinductive Types

Once we have a good monad translation for natural numbers and streams, finding a similar translation for general inductive and coinductive types is not hard. The standard approach to general (co)inductive types is based on the syntactic notion of positivity of a type transformer. For the sake of simplicity, we forbid interleaved (co)inductive types. The language of the extension of $\lambda_{+, \times}$ with positive non-interleaving inductive and coinductive types (with iteration and coiteration as the primitively available (co)recursion schemes), $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}$ (cf., e.g., [11, 9]) is given by the grammar

$$\begin{aligned} A, B, C &::= \dots \mid \mu Z. A \mid \nu Z. A \\ M, N, P &::= \dots \mid \text{in}_{Z. A}(M) \mid \text{iter}(N, u. P) \mid \text{coit}(M, y. Q) \mid \text{out}_{Z. A}(N) \\ &\quad (\lambda Z. A \text{ positive and with no free occurrence of } Z \text{ under a } \mu \text{ or a } \nu) \end{aligned}$$

The typing and reduction rules of $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}$ are those in Fig. 7. The operator $\text{Map}_{Z. A}(\lambda Z. A \text{ positive and with no free occurrence of } Z \text{ under a } \mu \text{ or a } \nu)$, that appears in the reduction rules, is a defined operator such that

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash N : A[D/Z] \quad \Gamma, u : D \vdash P : C}{\Gamma \vdash \text{Map}_{Z. A}(N, u. P) : A[C/Z]}$$

and

$$\text{Map}_{Z. A}(\text{Map}_{Z. A}(N, u. P), u'. P') \triangleright_{\beta_c}^+ \text{Map}_{Z. A}(N, u. P'[P/u']) \quad (u \notin \text{FV}(P'))$$

These lemmata say that Map delivers composition-preserving monotonicity witnesses for positive type transformers. The definition of Map is given in Fig. 8. It is

simultaneous with the definition of another operator \overline{Map} delivering composition-preserving antimonicity witnesses for negative type transformers. In a system supporting interleaved (co)inductive types, Map and \overline{Map} would have to be defined differently and then some commuting reduction rules would have to be postulated for μ, ν to validate the reduction for Map —we do not want to discuss the controversial issue of commuting reductions for μ and ν here.

Typing rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A[\mu Z. A/Z]}{\Gamma \vdash \text{in}_{Z.A}(M) : \mu Z. A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash N : \mu Z. A \quad \Gamma, u : A[C/Z] \vdash P : C}{\Gamma \vdash \text{iter}(N, u. P) : C}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : D \quad \Gamma, y : D \vdash Q : A[D/Z]}{\Gamma \vdash \text{coit}(M, y. Q) : \nu Z. A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash N : \nu Z. A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{out}_{Z.A}(N) : A[\nu Z. A/Z]}$$

β -reduction rules:

$$\text{iter}(\text{in}_{Z.A}(M), u. P) \triangleright P[\text{Map}_{Z.A}(M, n. \text{iter}(n, u. P))/u]$$

$$\text{out}_{Z.A}(\text{coit}(M, y. Q)) \triangleright \text{Map}_{Z.A}(Q[M/y], m. \text{coit}(m, y. Q))$$

Fig. 7. Typing and reduction rules of $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Map}_{Z.Z}(N, z. P) &= P[N/u] \\ \text{Map}_{Z.Y}(N, z. P) &= N \quad (Z \neq Y) \\ \text{Map}_{Z.A \rightarrow B}(N, z. P) &= \lambda x. \text{Map}_{Z.B}(N \overline{\text{Map}}_{Z.A}(x, z. P), z. P) \\ \text{Map}_{Z.A_1 + A_2}(N, z. P) &= \text{case}(N, u. \text{inl}(\text{Map}_{Z.A_1}(u, z. P)), u. \text{inr}(\text{Map}_{Z.A_2}(u, z. P))) \\ \text{Map}_{Z.0}(N, z. P) &= \nabla(N) \\ \text{Map}_{Z.A_1 \times A_2}(N, z. P) &= \langle \text{Map}_{Z.A_1}(\text{fst}(M), z. P), \text{Map}_{Z.A_2}(\text{snd}(M), z. P) \rangle \\ \text{Map}_{Z.1}(N, z. P) &= \langle \rangle \\ \text{Map}_{Z.\mu Z'. A}(N, z. P) &= N \quad (Z \notin \text{FV}(\lambda Z'. A)) \\ \text{Map}_{Z.\nu Z'. A}(N, z. P) &= N \quad (Z \notin \text{FV}(\lambda Z'. A)) \\ \overline{\text{Map}}_{Z.Y}(N, z. P) &= N \quad (Z \neq Y) \\ \overline{\text{Map}}_{Z.A \rightarrow B}(N, z. P) &= \lambda x. \overline{\text{Map}}_{Z.B}(N \text{Map}_{Z.A}(x, z. P), z. P) \\ \overline{\text{Map}}_{Z.A_1 + A_2}(N, z. P) &= \text{case}(N, u. \text{inl}(\overline{\text{Map}}_{Z.A_1}(u, z. P)), u. \text{inr}(\overline{\text{Map}}_{Z.A_2}(u, z. P))) \\ \overline{\text{Map}}_{Z.0}(N, z. P) &= \nabla(N) \\ \overline{\text{Map}}_{Z.A_1 \times A_2}(N, z. P) &= \langle \overline{\text{Map}}_{Z.A_1}(\text{fst}(M), z. P), \overline{\text{Map}}_{Z.A_2}(\text{snd}(M), z. P) \rangle \\ \overline{\text{Map}}_{Z.1}(N, z. P) &= \langle \rangle \\ \overline{\text{Map}}_{Z.\mu Z'. A}(N, z. P) &= N \quad (Z \notin \text{FV}(\lambda Z'. A)) \\ \overline{\text{Map}}_{Z.\nu Z'. A}(N, z. P) &= N \quad (Z \notin \text{FV}(\lambda Z'. A)) \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 8. Definition of Map and \overline{Map} for $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}$

A monad translation of $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}$, with $\lambda_{\diamond, +, \times, \mu, \nu}$ as the target system, is presented in Fig. 9. It mimicks the translation of the previous section, but with one important difference: in the translation of the natural numbers, $\text{Nat}(A) = \mu Z. A + Z$ is rendered by $\text{MS}[\![\cdot]\!]$ not as $\mu Z. \diamond A + \diamond Z$, but instead as $\mu Z. \diamond(\diamond A + \diamond Z)$. The reason for the change is that while we previously essentially considered only the connection μ -after- $+$, now μ is an independent type-forming operator. Note that in the clauses for `iter` and `coit` there are references to $\text{MST}[\![A]\!]$ subjected to a “backwards substitution” $[Z/\diamond Z]$. In $\text{MST}[\![A]\!]$, all occurrences of Z are diamonded; $[Z/\diamond Z]$ is meant as a notation for the operation of undiamonding them. These backwards substitutions are, of course, avoidable: one may, alternatively, introduce two auxiliary translations $\text{MST}_Z[\![\cdot]\!]$, $\text{MS}_Z[\![\cdot]\!]$, defined exactly as $\text{MST}[\![\cdot]\!]$, $\text{MS}[\![\cdot]\!]$ except that $\text{MST}_Z[\![Z]\!] = Z$ and $\text{MST}_Z[\![A]\!] = \diamond \text{MS}_Z[\![A]\!]$ only if $A \neq Z$. Then $\text{MST}[\![A]\!][Z/\diamond Z] = \text{MST}_Z[\![A]\!]$.

Translation of types:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MS}[\![\mu Z. A]\!] &= \mu Z. \text{MST}[\![A]\!] \\ \text{MS}[\![\nu Z. A]\!] &= \nu Z. \text{MST}[\![A]\!] \end{aligned}$$

Translation of terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MS}[\![\text{in}_{Z.A}(M)]\!] &= \text{val}(\text{in}_{Z.\text{MST}[\![A]\!]}(\text{MS}[\![M]\!])) \\ \text{MS}[\![\text{iter}(N, u. P)]\!] &= \text{bind}(\text{MS}[\![N]\!], \\ &\quad n. \text{iter}(n, u. \text{MS}[\![P]\!][\text{Map}_{Z.\text{MST}[\![A]\!][Z/\diamond Z]}(u, z. \text{bind}(z, v. v))/u])) \\ \text{MS}[\![\text{coit}(M, y. Q)]\!] &= \text{val}(\text{coit}(\text{MS}[\![M]\!], y. \text{Map}_{Z.\text{MST}[\![A]\!][Z/\diamond Z]}(\text{MS}[\![Q]\!], z. \text{val}(z)))) \\ \text{MS}[\![\text{out}_{Z.A}(N)]\!] &= \text{bind}(\text{MS}[\![N]\!], n. \text{out}_{Z.\text{MST}[\![A]\!]}(n)) \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 9. Monad translation of $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}$

This translation, unfortunately, is defective compared to the translations previously considered. It has the substitution property and preserves typings, but to prove preservation of reductions, one would need a lemma that

$$\text{Map}_{Z.\text{MST}[\![A]\!][Z/\diamond Z]}(\text{MS}[\![N]\!], z. \text{MS}[\![P]\!]) \triangleright_{\beta c}^+ \text{MS}[\![\text{Map}_{Z.A}(N, z. P)]\!]$$

which is to say that Map and $\text{MS}[\![\cdot]\!]$ commute in a certain technical sense. This lemma, however, fails for $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}$ as presented. The technical cause of the failure is the non-destructor format of some Map -terms, e.g., $\text{Map}_{Z.A_1 \times A_2}(M, z. P) = \langle \text{Map}_{Z.A_1}(\text{fst}(M), z. P), \text{Map}_{Z.A_2}(\text{snd}(M), z. P) \rangle$, which are constructor terms. For such Map -terms, the reduction rules for \diamond are too weak to validate the commutation of Map and $\text{MS}[\![\cdot]\!]$. The problem would disappear for product types,

if they came with splitting

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash N : A_1 \times A_2 \quad \Gamma, x_1 : A_1, x_2 : A_2 \vdash P : C}{\Gamma \vdash \text{split}(N, x_1. x_2. P) : C}$$

$$\text{split}(\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle, x_1. x_2. P) \triangleright P[M_1/x_1, M_2/x_2]$$

$$\text{elim}(\text{split}(N, x_1. x_2. P)) \triangleright \text{split}(N, x_1. x_2. \text{elim}(P))$$

instead of projections, with $\text{elim}(N)$ covering also $\text{split}(N, x_1. x_2. P)$, in which case one would define

$$\text{Map}_{Z. A_1 \times A_2}(N, z. P) = \text{split}(N, x_1. x_2. \langle \text{Map}_{Z. A_1}(x_1, z. P), \text{Map}_{Z. A_2}(x_2, z. P) \rangle)$$

But is this not really a direction to go as the clumsiness of the system and the translation remains. We take an alternative direction.

5 Inductive and Coinductive Types à la Mendler

The problems with the monad translation are symptomatic to $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}$. The source of difficulties with $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}$ lies in the deployment of the concept of positivity and the operator Map : these are defined outside the system by induction over the language of types, so that if, e.g., a new connective or modality is added, these definitions would have to be revised adequately. An alternative approach, due to Nax Mendler [12, 13] (see also [11, 9, 17]), which is free of this shortcoming and therefore sometimes gives smoother solutions, is essentially based on the type isomorphisms $A[C/Z] \cong \exists Z. (Z \rightarrow C) \times A$, $A[C/Z] \cong \forall Z. (C \rightarrow Z) \rightarrow A$, which hold in extensional settings with parametricity whenever $\lambda Z. A$ is a functor (in particular, when it is positive). In this approach, $\mu Z. A$ and $\nu Z. A$ are always legal types, which is achieved by letting them denote not the least and greatest fixed-point of $\lambda Z. A$, but those of $\lambda Z'. \exists Z. (Z \rightarrow Z') \times A$ resp. $\lambda Z'. \forall Z. (Z' \rightarrow Z) \rightarrow A$ ($Z' \notin \text{FV}(A)$). These type transformers are positive independent of whether the original type transformer $\lambda Z. A$ is or is not. We now proceed to providing a monad translation for Mendler-style (co)inductive types.

We choose one possible setup of a system with Mendler-style (co)inductive types, which we here denote $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}^{\text{m}}$. Its language is given by the grammar

$$\begin{aligned} A, B, C ::= & \dots \mid \mu Z. A \mid \nu Z. A \\ M, N, P ::= & \dots \mid f[M] \\ & \mid \dots \mid \text{in}(M) \mid \text{iter}^{\text{m}}(N, u. f. P) \mid \text{coit}^{\text{m}}(M, y. f. Q) \mid \text{out}(N) \end{aligned}$$

and the typing and reduction calculus is specified by the rules in Fig. 10; interleaving of μ 's and ν 's is allowed. Here, f is a metavariable for a context variable; $f[M]$ is the result of instantiating the context f with term M . The notation $M[P/f[z]]$ stands for the result of replacing in M every subterm $f[N]$ with $P[N/z]$ (cf. the structural substitutions of Parigot's $\lambda\mu$ -calculus [15]).

Although this system involves elements of higher-order abstract syntax (as used in logical frameworks), this higher-orderness is quite shallow. It features

Typing environment formation rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma \text{ env}}{\Gamma, (z : D \vdash f[z] : C) \text{ env}}$$

Typing rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash N : D}{\Gamma \vdash f[N] : C} \quad (z : D \vdash f[z] : C) \text{ in } \Gamma$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A[\mu Z. A/Z]}{\Gamma \vdash \text{in}(M) : \mu Z. A} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash N : \mu Z. A \quad \Gamma, u : A, (z : Z \vdash f[z] : C) \vdash P : C}{\Gamma \vdash \text{iter}^m(N, u. f. P) : C} \quad Z \text{ fresh}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : D \quad \Gamma, y : D, (z : D \vdash f[z] : Z) \vdash Q : A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{coit}^m(M, y. f. Q) : \nu Z. A} \quad Z \text{ fresh} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash N : \nu Z. A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{out}(N) : A[\nu Z. A/Z]}$$

β -reduction rules:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{iter}^m(\text{in}(M), u. f. P) &\triangleright P[M/u, \text{iter}^m(z, u. f. P)/f[z]] \\ \text{out}(\text{coit}^m(M, y. f. Q)) &\triangleright Q[M/y, \text{coit}^m(z, y. f. Q)/f[z]] \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 10. Typing and reduction rules of $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}^m$

context variables and instantiation of a context variable, but no context-producing operators, in particular, no schematization of a term. The operators iter^m and coit^m are third-order. (Cf. the formulation of Parigot's $\lambda\mu$ in [1] where μ -variables are treated as context variables and the μ -operator is third-order.) Alternatively, context variables could have been replaced by ordinary function-type variables and context instantiation by application. The chosen formulation is, nevertheless, in some ways neater, e.g., several essentially bureaucratic β -reductions in simulations become instantiations, i.e., happen silently.

The monad translation of $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}^m$ is given in Fig. 11. It is clearly smoother than that of $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}$ in Fig. 9. Also, it is worth noting that while an application is translated into bind of its decomposition into a term and an evaluation context, a context instantiation translates back into a context instantiation. This is because although function types are translated into function types prefixed by \diamond , subordinate entailments should reasonably be translated into subordinate entailments (similarly to top-level entailments). As a consequence, we avoid the production in the translation of a number of val 's and bind 's that would only be bureaucratic. The translation preserves typings and reductions.

Theorem 3 (Correctness of the translation of $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}^m$).

1. If $\Gamma \vdash M : A$, then $\text{MST}[\Gamma] \vdash \text{MS}[M] : \text{MST}[A]$.
2. If $M \triangleright_{\beta_C} M'$, then $\text{MS}[M] \triangleright_{\beta_C}^+ \text{MS}[M']$.

Translation of typing environments:

$$\text{MST}[\Gamma, (z : D \vdash f[z] : C)] = \text{MST}[\Gamma], (z : \text{MST}[D] \vdash f[z] : \text{MST}[C])$$

Translation of types:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MS}[\mu Z. A] &= \mu Z. \text{MST}[A] \\ \text{MS}[\nu Z. A] &= \nu Z. \text{MST}[A] \end{aligned}$$

Translation of terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MS}[f[N]] &= f[\text{MS}[N]] \\ \text{MS}[\text{in}(M)] &= \text{val}(\text{in}(\text{MS}[M])) \\ \text{MS}[\text{iter}^m(N, u. f. P)] &= \text{bind}(\text{MS}[N], n. \text{iter}^m(n, u. f. \text{MS}[P][\text{bind}(z, v. f[v])/f[z]])) \\ \text{MS}[\text{coit}^m(M, y. f. Q)] &= \text{val}(\text{coit}^m(\text{MS}[M], y. f. \text{MS}[Q][\text{val}(f[z])/f[z]])) \\ \text{MS}[\text{out}(N)] &= \text{bind}(\text{MS}[N], n. \text{out}(n)) \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 11. Monad translation of $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}^m$

6 Example Specialization: CPS Translations

Specific translations are obtainable from monad translations by specializing for an appropriate specific monad, cf. [10]. Some standard examples of monads relevant for programming language semantics are the following:

- The continuations monad:

$$\begin{aligned} \diamond A &= \neg\neg A \\ \text{val}(M) &= \lambda k. k M \\ \text{bind}(N, u. P) &= \lambda k. N (\lambda u. (P k)) \end{aligned}$$

($\neg A = A \rightarrow \perp$ where \perp is some chosen type for answers)

- The state transformer monad:

$$\begin{aligned} \diamond A &= S \rightarrow A \times S \\ \text{val}(M) &= \lambda s. \langle M, s \rangle \\ \text{bind}(N, u. P) &= \lambda s. P[\text{fst}(N s)/u] \text{snd}(N s) \end{aligned}$$

(S is some chosen type for states)

- The exceptions monad:

$$\begin{aligned} \diamond A &= A + E \\ \text{val}(M) &= \text{inl}(M) \\ \text{bind}(N, u. P) &= \text{case}(N, u. P, u. \text{inr}(u)) \end{aligned}$$

(E is some chosen type for exceptions)

For the specialization to validate the β - and commuting reductions of \diamond in the case of the exceptions monad, it is essential to have the commuting reductions of $+$ in the target system. In the cases of the continuation and state monad, even the η -equality rules of \rightarrow and \times are needed. The specialized monad translations, however, are easily fine-tuned so that β - and commuting reductions of the source system are preserved also without the presence of these rules in the target system.

The commuting reductions of $+$, 0 for $\text{elim}(N) = \text{bind}(N, u. P)$ are valid for the continuation and state monad if the target system is completed with the commuting reduction rule $\lambda x. \text{case}(N, u. P_1, u. P_2) \triangleright \text{case}(N, u. \lambda x. P_1, u. \lambda x. P_2)$ ($x \notin \text{FV}(N)$) and the definition of bind for the state monad is changed to $\text{bind}(N, u. P) = \lambda s. \text{split}(Ns, u. s'. P s')$. But again additional reduction rules are not necessary for the specialized monad translations to behave well.

We consider the example of continuations. Inlining of the concrete definitions of \diamond , val , bind followed by a minor optimization move take the monad translations of $\lambda_{+, \times}$, $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}$ and $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}^m$ from Figs. 3, 9, 11 to translations presented in Figs. 12, 13, 14, which are call-by-name CPS translations à la Plotkin [16] in

Translation of types:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{CPST}[A] &= \neg\neg\text{CPS}[A] \\
\text{CPS}[X] &= X \\
\text{CPS}[A \rightarrow B] &= \text{CPST}[A] \rightarrow \text{CPST}[B] \\
\text{CPS}[A_1 + A_2] &= \text{CPST}[A_1] + \text{CPST}[A_2] \\
\text{CPS}[0] &= 0 \\
\text{CPS}[A_1 \times A_2] &= \text{CPST}[A_1] \times \text{CPST}[A_2] \\
\text{CPS}[1] &= 1
\end{aligned}$$

Translation of terms:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{CPS}[M] &= \lambda k. [M]:k \\
[x]:K &= x K \\
[\lambda x. M]:K &= K (\lambda x. \text{CPS}[M]) \\
[N P]:K &= [N]:(\lambda n. n \text{CPS}[P] K) \\
[\text{inl}(M)]:K &= K \text{inl}(\text{CPS}[M]) \\
[\text{inr}(M)]:K &= K \text{inr}(\text{CPS}[M]) \\
[\text{case}(N, u. P_1, u. P_2)]:K &= [N]:(\lambda n. \text{case}(n, u. \text{CPS}[P_1], u. \text{CPS}[P_2]) K) \\
[\nabla(N)]:K &= [N]:(\lambda n. \nabla(n) K) \\
[\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle]:K &= K \langle \text{CPS}[M_1], \text{CPS}[M_2] \rangle \\
[\text{fst}(N)]:K &= [N]:(\lambda n. \text{fst}(n) K) \\
[\text{snd}(N)]:K &= [N]:(\lambda n. \text{snd}(n) K) \\
[\langle \rangle]:K &= K \langle \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Fig. 12. CPS translation of $\lambda_{+, \times}$

a “near-colon” version. A discussion of these translations (except for the translation for $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}^m$) and of the application of combining (co)inductive types and control can be found in [4].

Translation of types:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CPS}[\mu Z. A] &= \mu Z. \text{CPST}[A] \\ \text{CPS}[\nu Z. A] &= \nu Z. \text{CPST}[A] \end{aligned}$$

Translation of terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{in}_{Z.A}(M) \rrbracket : K &= K \text{ in}_{Z.\text{CPST}[A]}(\text{CPS}\llbracket M \rrbracket) \\ \llbracket \text{iter}(N, u. P) \rrbracket : K &= \llbracket N \rrbracket : (\lambda n. \text{iter}(n, \\ &\quad u. \text{CPS}\llbracket P \rrbracket[\text{Map}_{Z.\text{CPST}[A][Z/\neg Z]}(u, z. \lambda k'. z (\lambda z'. z' k'))/u]) K) \\ \llbracket \text{coit}(M, y. Q) \rrbracket : K &= K \text{ coit}(\text{CPS}\llbracket M \rrbracket, y. \text{Map}_{Z.\text{CPST}[A][Z/\neg Z]}(\text{CPS}\llbracket Q \rrbracket, z. \lambda k'. k' z)) \\ \llbracket \text{out}_{Z.A}(N) \rrbracket : K &= \llbracket N \rrbracket : (\lambda n. \text{out}_{Z.\text{CPST}[A]}(n) K) \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 13. CPS translation of $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}$

Translation of types:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CPS}[\mu Z. A] &= \mu Z. \text{CPST}[A] \\ \text{CPS}[\nu Z. A] &= \nu Z. \text{CPST}[A] \end{aligned}$$

Translation of terms:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{in}(M) \rrbracket : K &= K \text{ in}(\text{CPS}\llbracket M \rrbracket) \\ \llbracket \text{iter}^m(N, u. f. P) \rrbracket : K &= \llbracket N \rrbracket : (\lambda n. \text{iter}^m(n, u. f. \text{CPS}\llbracket P \rrbracket[\lambda k'. f[z] (\lambda z'. z' k')/f[z]]) K) \\ \llbracket \text{coit}^m(M, y. f. Q) \rrbracket : K &= K \text{ coit}^m(\text{CPS}\llbracket M \rrbracket, y. f. \text{CPS}\llbracket Q \rrbracket[\lambda k'. k' f[z]/f[z]]) \\ \llbracket \text{out}(N) \rrbracket : K &= \llbracket N \rrbracket : (\lambda n. \text{out}(n) K) \end{aligned}$$

Fig. 14. CPS translation of $\lambda_{+, \times, \mu, \nu}^m$

7 Conclusion

We have shown that the monad translation of simply typed lambda calculus to computational lambda calculus extends to inductive and coinductive types so that β - and commuting reductions are preserved. In the general case this works best for (co)inductive types à la Mendler, as the notions of positivity and monotonicity witness are then avoided. From the general monad translations,

specific translations such as translations to continuation and state passing styles can be derived by specialization. This provides a way to assign semantics to languages combining inductive and coinductive types with impure features.

One possible continuation would be to consider extensions to dependently typed and higher-order settings along the lines of [2, 3]. But a more important and interesting exercise will be to give a semantic (category-theoretic) foundation to the translations. This worked out, we intend to consider also tighter monad translations (such as call-by-value) and their behavior wrt. stronger notions of reduction or equality of terms (such as $\beta c\eta$ -equality). In the present paper, we deliberately chose to confine ourselves to a purely syntactic (“type-theoretic”) study of the problem of finding call-by-name monad translations behaving well wrt. βc -reduction.

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