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1. Introduction

In the present paper we present the theory of a system of typed  $\lambda$ -calculus  $\Lambda_{\infty}$ , which is essentially the system introduced by Nederpelt in [6]. Its characteristic feature is that any term of the system can serve as a type. The main difference between the two systems is that our system only allows for  $\beta$ -reduction, while Nederpelt's system has  $\eta$ -reduction as well.

The importance of  $\Lambda_{\infty}$  lies in the fact that it may be considered as basic to the AUTOMATH languages. Therefore its theory can also be seen as basic to the theory of AUTOMATH [2,3].

In our notation we will follow the habits of AUTOMATH, that is:

for terms  $u$  and  $v$ , types  $\alpha$  and variables  $x$  we will denote

$\lambda x^{\alpha} u$  by  $[x:\alpha]u$   
and  
 $(uv)$  by  $\langle v \rangle u$  .

The system consisting of such terms will be called  $\Delta$ . The system  $\Lambda_{\infty}$  is the subset of  $\Delta$  to which a term  $\langle u \rangle v$  belongs only if  $v$  is a function, and if the domain of  $v$  and the type of  $u$  have a common ( $\beta$ -)reduct.

Our main theorems will be:

1. Church-Rosser for  $\Delta$ . This will be proved along the lines of well-known proofs by Tait and Martin-Löf [5].
2. Strong normalization for a subsystem of "normable terms" in  $\Delta$ .

Our proof will be along the lines of proofs by Gandy [4] and de Vrijer [7] for strong normalization in simple typed  $\lambda$ -calculus.

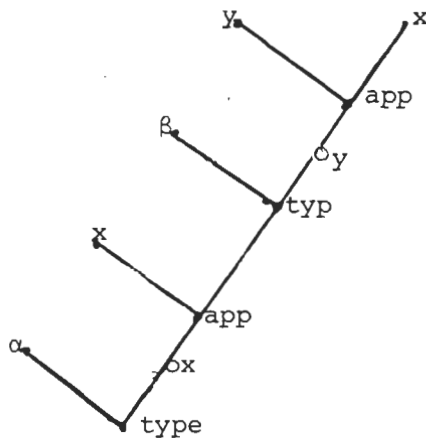
3. Closure of  $\Lambda_\infty$  under ( $\beta$ -)reduction. For this we have a new direct proof, though the theorem has been proved previously by van Daalen [3].

Moreover, we prove that the terms of  $\Lambda_\infty$  are "normable" in the sense intended above; therefore those terms strongly normalize. This, together with correctness of types, implies that  $\Lambda_\infty$  is decidable.

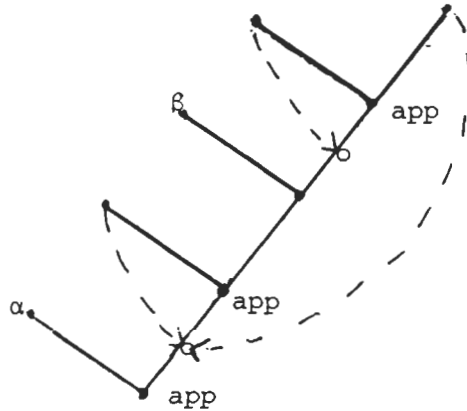
In our presentation we will use "nameless variables" as suggested by de Bruijn [1]. That is, our variables will not be "letters from an alphabet" but "references to a binding  $\lambda$ ", or rather, because of our notational habits, "references to a binding square brackets pair". In order to grasp the use of nameless variables one should note that terms can be interpreted as trees. Consider e.g. the term:

$$[x:\alpha] \langle x \rangle [y:\beta] \langle y \rangle x .$$

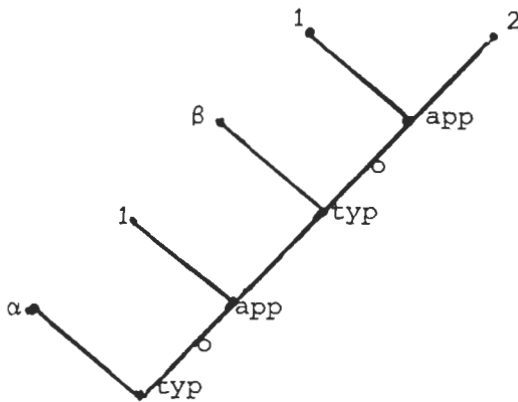
The corresponding tree is



In this tree the bindings may be indicated by arrows, omitting the names of the variables :



and here, again the arrows may be replaced by numbers, indicating the depth of the binding node to which the arrow points as seen from the node where the arrow starts (only binding nodes, indicated by "o", are counted!):



This last tree can again be represented in a linear form:

$$[\alpha] < 1 > [\beta] < 1 > 2 .$$

Note that the same variable  $x$  in the first term (or tree) is represented in the "nameless" term (or tree) once by 1 and once by 2, whereas the same reference 1 in the "nameless" representation once denotes  $x$  and once  $y$ . Both the name carrying and the nameless linear representation can be considered as formalizations of the underlying intuitive notion of "tree with arrows".

The presentation with nameless variables makes the notion of  $\alpha$ -conversion superfluous (and even meaningless). Thereby the definition of operations where "clash of variables" might arise (e.g. substitution) becomes more definite, and the proofs more formal. The drawbacks of this presentation might be a loss of "readability" of the formulas, and the need of a number of technical lemmas for updating references involved in certain formula manipulations.

In our presentation frequent use will be made of inductive definitions (e.g. the definition of term, of substitution, of reduction and of  $\Lambda_\infty$ ). Subsequently proofs are given with induction with respect to these definitions. This should always be understood in the sense of "induction with respect to the number of applications of a clause in the definition", or, in other words, "induction with respect to the derivation tree". This concept is not formalized here.

## 2. Preliminaries and notations

In our theory we will use some notions of intuitive set theory.  $\mathbf{N}$  will denote the set of natural numbers  $\{0,1,2,3,\dots\}$ ,  $\mathbf{N}^+$  the set of positive natural numbers  $\{1,2,3,\dots\}$ , and  $\mathbf{N}^\infty = \mathbf{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  the set  $\mathbf{N}$  extended with infinity. The predecessor function is extended to  $\mathbf{N}^\infty$  by defining  $\infty - 1 := \infty$ .

For  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  we define  $\mathbf{N}_n := \{k \in \mathbf{N}^+ \mid k \leq n\}$ , so  $\mathbf{N}_0 = \emptyset$ , the empty set.

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets, Then  $A \times B$  denotes the cartesian product of  $A$  and  $B$ , that is the set of pairs  $[a,b]$  where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ ; and  $A \rightarrow B$  denotes the set of functions with domain  $A$  and values in  $B$ . If  $f \in A \rightarrow B$  and  $a \in A$  then  $\langle a \rangle f$  will denote the value of  $f$  at  $a$ ; and if for  $a \in A$  we have  $b(a) \in B$  then  $[a \in A]b(a)$  will denote the corresponding function, that is the set  $\{[a,b(a)] \in A \times B \mid a \in A\}$ .

As a consequence of our notation for the values of a function our notation for the composition of functions will be a little unusual: if  $f$  and  $g$  are functions with domains  $A$  and  $B$  respectively, then

$$f \circ g = [x \in C] \langle \langle x \rangle f \rangle g, \text{ where } C = \{x \in A \mid \langle x \rangle f \in B\}.$$

So  $\langle x \rangle (f \circ g) = \langle \langle x \rangle f \rangle g$  for  $x \in C$ .

If  $A$  is a collection of sets then  $\cup A$  denotes the union of  $A$ .

If  $A$  is any set and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $A^{(n)}$  denotes  $\mathbb{N}_n \rightarrow A$ , i.e. the set of finite sequences of elements of  $A$  with length  $n$ . In particular  $A^{(0)} = \{\emptyset\}$  and  $\emptyset$  is the empty sequence.  $A^*$  will denote  $\cup \{A^{(n)} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ , that is the set of all finite sequences of elements of  $A$ . If  $s \in A^*$  then  $L(s)$  is the length of  $s$ ; and if  $s_1 \in A^*$  and  $s_2 \in A^*$  then  $s_1 \& s_2$  denotes the concatenation of  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ . In particular,  $\emptyset \& s = s$  for  $s \in A^*$ .

If  $a \in A$  we will often confuse  $a$  with  $\{[1, a]\}$ , that is the element of  $A^{(1)}$  with value  $a$ . In particular, if  $a \in A$  and  $s \in A^*$ , then  $a \& s \in A^*$ ,

$$\langle 1 \rangle (a \& s) = a, \text{ and } \langle n+1 \rangle (a \& s) = \langle n \rangle s \text{ for } n \leq L(s).$$

Where no confusion is expected we will often omit the symbol "&".

For the updating of references we will use the following functions and operations on functions:

$$\text{For } m \in \mathbb{N} \quad \phi_m = [n \in \mathbb{N}^+] (n + m) .$$

$$\text{For } m \in \mathbb{N} \quad \theta_m = [n \in \mathbb{N}^+] T(m, n) , \quad \text{where}$$

$$T(m, n) = \begin{cases} n + 1 & \text{if } n \leq m \\ 1 & \text{if } n = m+1 \\ n & \text{if } n > m+1. \end{cases}$$

For  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\psi \in \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$

$$\psi^{<m>} = [\eta \in \mathbb{N}^+] \Psi(\psi, m, \eta) ,$$

where

$$\Psi(\psi, m, \eta) = \begin{cases} \eta & \text{if } \eta \leq m \\ m + \langle \eta - m \rangle \psi & \text{if } \eta > m . \end{cases}$$

It follows that  $\varphi_0 = \theta_0 = [\eta \in \mathbb{N}^+] \eta$ , the identity on  $\mathbb{N}^+$ , and that for  $\psi \in \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$  we have  $\psi^{<0>} = \psi$ . Note that  $\varphi_m$  and  $\theta_m$  are injective, and that if  $\psi$  is injective then so is  $\psi^{<m>}$ .

Simple computation shows that the following lemmas hold:

LEMMA 2.1. If  $k, m \in \mathbb{N}$  then

- i.  $\varphi_k \circ \varphi_m = \varphi_{k+m} .$
- ii.  $\theta_k^{<m>} \circ \theta_m = \theta_{k+m} .$
- iii.  $\theta_k \circ \varphi_m^{<1>} = \varphi_m \circ \theta_{k+m} .$

LEMMA 2.2. If  $k, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\psi \in \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$  then

- i.  $(\psi^{<k>})^{<m>} = \psi^{<k+m>} .$
- ii.  $\varphi_k \circ \psi^{<k>} = \psi \circ \varphi_k .$
- iii.  $\theta_{k-1} \circ \psi^{<k>} = \psi^{<k>} \circ \theta_{k-1} .$

LEMMA 2.3. If  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\psi_1, \psi_2 \in \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$  then

$$\psi_1^{<k>} \circ \psi_2^{<k>} = (\psi_1 \circ \psi_2)^{<k>} .$$

LEMMA 2.4. If  $k, m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$  then

$$\langle n \rangle \varphi_m^{\langle k \rangle} = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } n \leq k \\ n + m & \text{if } n > k . \end{cases}$$

LEMMA 2.5. If  $k, \ell, m \in \mathbb{N}$  then

$$\varphi_{\ell} \circ \varphi_m^{\langle k \rangle} = \begin{cases} \varphi_{\ell+m} & \text{if } k \leq \ell \\ \varphi_m^{\langle k-\ell \rangle} \circ \varphi_{\ell} & \text{if } k > \ell . \end{cases}$$

### 3. Terms, transformation and substitution

We define the set of terms  $\Delta$  inductively as follows:

DEFINITION 3.1.

1.  $\tau \in \Delta$
2. if  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then  $\underline{n} \in \Delta$
3. if  $u, v \in \Delta$  then  $\langle u \rangle v \in \Delta$
4. if  $u, v \in \Delta$  then  $[u]v \in \Delta$  .

Transformation, i.e. adaptation of the references in terms by means of a function  $\psi$  is defined as follows:

DEFINITION 3.2. Let  $\psi \in \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$ . Then  $\psi$  is defined by

1.  $\psi\tau = \tau$
2.  $\psi\underline{n} = \underline{\langle n \rangle \psi}$
3.  $\psi\langle u \rangle v = \langle \psi u \rangle \psi v$
4.  $\psi[u]v = [\psi u] \psi \underline{\langle 1 \rangle} v$  .



Clearly if  $u \in \Delta$  then  $\underline{\psi}u \in \Delta$ . Moreover

$$\underline{\psi}u = \tau \quad \text{iff} \quad u = \tau,$$

$$\underline{\psi}u = \underline{m} \quad \text{iff} \quad u = \underline{n} \text{ and } \langle n \rangle = m,$$

$$\underline{\psi}u = \langle v1 \rangle v2 \text{ iff } u = \langle u1 \rangle u2, \underline{\psi}u1 = v1 \text{ and } \underline{\psi}u2 = v2,$$

$$\underline{\psi}u = [v1]v2 \text{ iff } u = [u1]u2, \underline{\psi}u1 = v1 \text{ and } \underline{\psi}^{\langle 1 \rangle} u2 = v2.$$

It follows that for injective  $\psi$ ,  $\underline{\psi}u = \underline{\psi}v$  implies  $u = v$ .

LEMMA 3.1. If  $\psi1, \psi2 \in \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$ ,  $u \in \Delta$  then

$$\underline{\psi1} \underline{\psi2}u = \underline{\psi2 \circ \psi1}u.$$

Proof: By induction on  $u$ .

For  $u, v \in \Delta$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$  we define substitution of  $u$  in  $v$  at  $k$ , denoted by  $\sum_k^u v$  as follows:

DEFINITION 3.3. 1.  $\sum_k^u \tau = \tau$

$$2. \quad \sum_k^u \underline{n} = \begin{cases} \underline{n} & \text{if } n < k \\ \underline{\phi_{k-1}}u & \text{if } n = k \\ \underline{n-1} & \text{if } n > k \end{cases}$$

$$3. \quad \sum_k^u \langle v1 \rangle v2 = \langle \sum_k^u v1 \rangle \sum_k^u v2$$

$$4. \quad \sum_k^u [v1]v2 = [\sum_k^u v1] \sum_{k+1}^u v2.$$

Clearly, again, if  $u, v \in \Delta$  then  $\sum_k^u v \in \Delta$ .

Now we have the following technical lemmas:

LEMMA 3.2.  $\sum_k^u v = \sum_1^{\phi_{k-1}u} \underline{\phi_{k-1}}v.$

Proof: By induction on  $v$ .

LEMMA 3.3.  $\psi \sum_1^u v = \sum_1^{\psi u} \underline{\psi}^{<1>} v$

Proof: By induction on  $v$ .

LEMMA 3.4. If  $m < k$  then  $\sum_k^u \underline{\varphi}_m v = \underline{\varphi}_m \sum_{k-m}^u v$

Proof: By Lemma 3.2 and Lemma 2.1.

LEMMA 3.5. If  $m+l \geq k > l$  then  $\sum_k^u \underline{\varphi}_m^{<l>} v = \underline{\varphi}_{m-1}^{<l>} v$

Proof: By induction on  $v$ .

COROLLARY 3.5. If  $m \geq k$  then  $\sum_k^u \underline{\varphi}_m v = \underline{\varphi}_{m-1} v$ .

These lemmas are used to prove the following theorem:

THEOREM 3.1 Substitution theorem.

If  $m \geq k$  then  $\sum_m^u \sum_k^v w = \sum_k^{\sum_{m-k+1}^u} \sum_{m+1}^v w$ .

Proof: By induction on  $w$ .

The relevant case is when  $w = \underline{n}$ .

If  $n = k$  then

$$\sum_m^u \sum_k^v w = \sum_m^u \underline{\varphi}_{k-1} v = \underline{\varphi}_{k-1} \sum_{m-k+1}^u v \text{ by Lemma 3.4}$$

and on the other hand

$$\sum_k^u \sum_{m-k+1}^v \sum_{m+1}^u w = \sum_k^u \sum_{m-k+1}^v \sum_k^u w = \underline{\varphi_{k-1}} \sum_{m-k+1}^u v \quad .$$

If  $n = m+1$  then

$$\sum_m^u \sum_k^v w = \sum_m^u \underline{m} = \underline{\varphi_{m-1}} u$$

and

$$\sum_k^u \sum_{m-k+1}^v \sum_{m+1}^u w = \sum_k^u \sum_{m-k+1}^v \underline{\varphi_m} u = \underline{\varphi_{m-1}} u \text{ by Lemma 3.5.}$$

For other values of  $n$  the proof is straightforward.

#### 4. Reduction

We define on  $\Delta$  the relation  $\succ$ , called one step reduction.

DEFINITION 4.1. 1.  $\langle u \rangle [w] v \succ \sum_1^u v$

If  $u \succ v$  then

2.  $\langle u \rangle w \succ \langle v \rangle w$
3.  $\langle w \rangle u \succ \langle w \rangle v$
4.  $[u] w \succ [v] w$
5.  $[w] u \succ [w] v$  .

The relation  $\succ$  on  $\Delta$  is the reflexive and transitive closure of  $\succ$ , defined by

- DEFINITION 4.2.
1.  $u \succ u$
  2. If  $u \succ v$  and  $v \succ w$  then  $u \succ w$ .

It is easily seen that the relation  $\succ$  is transitive and monotonic. By induction on  $u \succ v$ , respectively  $\underline{\psi}u \succ \underline{\psi}v$  the following technical lemma is proved:

LEMMA 4.1. If  $u \succ v$  then for any  $\psi$   $\underline{\psi}u \succ \underline{\psi}v$ ;

if  $\psi$  is injective then  $\underline{\psi}u \succ \underline{\psi}v$  implies  $u \succ v$ .

Another technical lemma:

LEMMA 4.2. If  $\underline{\psi}u \succ v$  then for some  $w$   $v = \underline{\psi}w$  and  $u \succ w$ .

Proof: By induction on  $\underline{\psi}u \succ v$ .

Finally it is easily shown that if  $[u_1]u_2 \succ v$  then  $v = [v_1]v_2$ ,  $u_1 \succ v_1$  and  $u_2 \succ v_2$ .

## 5. The Church-Rosser theorem

We define on  $\Delta$  the relation  $\supset$  called nested one step reduction.

DEFINITION 5.1. 1.  $u \supset u$

If  $u \supset u_1$  and  $v \supset v_1$  then

$$2. \langle u \rangle [w] v \supset \sum_1^{u_1} v_1$$

$$3. \langle u \rangle v \supset \langle u_1 \rangle v_1$$

$$4. [u] v \supset [u_1] v_1 .$$

$\supseteq$  denotes the transitive (and - of course - reflexive) closure of  $\supset$ . By an easy inductive argument it is seen that  $u \supseteq v$  iff  $u \succ v$ .

The following technical lemma is proved by induction on  $u \supset v$ .

LEMMA 5.1. If  $u \supset v$  then for any  $\psi$   $\psi u \supset \psi v$ .

Now we are able to prove two lemmas on substitution.

LEMMA 5.2. If  $u \supset u_1$  then  $\sum_k^u v \supset \sum_k^{u_1} v$ .

Proof: By induction on  $v$  it is proved that for any  $k$   $\sum_k^u v \supset \sum_k^{u_1} v$ .

LEMMA 5.3. Substitution lemma for  $\supset$ .

If  $u \supset u_1$  and  $v \supset v_1$  then  $\sum_k^u v \supset \sum_k^{u_1} v_1$ .

Proof: By induction on  $v \supset v_1$  it is proved that for any  $k$   $\sum_k^u v \supset \sum_k^{u_1} v_1$ .

Lemma 5.2 and Theorem 3.1 are used.

Using these lemmas we can prove the diamond property for  $\supset$ .

LEMMA 5.4. Diamond lemma for  $\supset$ .

If  $u \supset u_1$  and  $u \supset u_2$  then there exists a term  $v$  such that  $u_1 \supset v$  and  $u_2 \supset v$ .

Proof: By induction on  $u \supset u_1$  and  $u \supset u_2$ , using Lemma 5.3.

As a corollary we have:

THEOREM 5.1. Church-Rosser theorem for  $\supset$ .

If  $u \supset u_1$  and  $u \supset u_2$  then there exists a term  $v$  such that  $u_1 \supset v$  and  $u_2 \supset v$ .

## 6. Norms, norming functionals and monotonic functionals

A term  $u \in \Delta$  is called normal if  $u \supset v$  implies  $u = v$ . A reduction sequence of  $u$  is a finite or infinite sequence  $u_0, u_1, u_2, \dots$  such that  $u_0 = u$  and  $u_{n-1} \supset u_n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$ . We say that  $u$  strongly normalizes if all reduction sequences of  $u$  are finite. This is the case, by König's lemma, iff there is a uniform upperbound to the lengths of the reduction sequences of  $u$ .

We will prove strong normalization for a subset of  $\Delta$ , the set of normable terms. Our proof extends proofs of Gandy [4] and the Vrijer [7] for strong normalization in simple type theory. It is based mainly on de Vrijer's "quick proof" ; we refer also to that proof for comments.

We define the set  $F$  of norms recursively as follows:

- DEFINITION 6.1.
1.  $\mathbf{N} \in F$
  2. if  $\alpha, \beta \in F$  then  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta := (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \times \mathbf{N} \in F$ .

It is clear that, for  $\alpha, \beta \in F$ ,  $\alpha = \beta$  or  $\alpha \cap \beta = \emptyset$ .

The elements of  $UF$  will be called norming functionals. For any norming functional  $f$  the norm to which  $f$  belongs is denoted by  $f^\uparrow$ . Moreover, we define the projection operators:

- if  $f = n$ ,  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  then  $f^* = n$ ,
- if  $f = [g, n]$ ,  $[g, n] \in \alpha \rightarrow \beta$  then  $f' = g$  and  $f^* = n$ .

Let  $f$  be a norming functional,  $m$  a natural number. We define the norming functional  $f + m$  as follows:

- DEFINITION 6.2.
1. If  $f \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $f = n$  then  $f + m = n + m$ .
  2. If  $f \in \alpha \rightarrow \beta$ ,  $f = [g, n]$   
then  $f + m = [[h \in \alpha] \langle h \rangle g + m, n + m]$ .

Thus for  $f \in \alpha$  we have  $f + m \in \alpha$  and

- $(f + m)^* = f^* + m$ ,
- $\langle h \rangle (f + m)' = \langle h \rangle f' + m$  if  $\alpha = \beta \rightarrow \gamma$  and  $h \in \beta$ .

Note that  $+$  extends addition on the natural numbers.

For  $\alpha \in F$  and  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  we define the norming functional  $c_n^\alpha \in \alpha$ .

- DEFINITION 6.3. 1.  $c_n^{\mathbf{N}} = n$
2.  $c_n^{\beta \rightarrow \gamma} = \{ [h \in \beta] c_{h^*+n}^{\gamma} \}$

Thus

$$c_n^{\alpha^*} = n,$$

$$\langle h \rangle (c_n^{\beta \rightarrow \gamma})' = c_{h^*+n}^{\gamma} \quad \text{if } h \in \beta.$$

Note that  $c_n^{\alpha} + m = c_{n+m}^{\alpha}$ .

Now let  $\alpha$  be a norm. We define a subset  $\alpha^0$  of  $\alpha$  and a relation  $<$  on  $\alpha^0$  by a simultaneous inductive definition.

- DEFINITION 6.4. 1.  $\mathbf{N}^0 = \mathbf{N}$ ; for  $f, g \in \mathbf{N}^0$ ,  $f < g$  iff  $f^* < g^*$
2.  $(\beta \rightarrow \gamma)^0 = \{ f \in \beta \rightarrow \gamma \mid \forall_{g \in \beta^0} (\langle g \rangle f' \in \gamma^0) \wedge \forall_{g, h \in \beta^0} (g < h \Rightarrow \langle g \rangle f' < \langle h \rangle f') \}$ ;

for  $f, g \in (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)^0$ ,  $f < g$  iff  $\forall_{h \in \beta^0} (\langle h \rangle f' < \langle h \rangle g') \wedge f^* < g^*$ .

We define  $G := \{ \alpha^0 \mid \alpha \in F \}$ ; the elements of  $G$  will be called monotonic functionals.

Note that  $<$  on  $\mathbf{N}^0$  is the order on the naturals.

The following facts are easily proved:

If  $f, g, h \in \alpha^0$ ,  $f < g$  and  $g < h$  then  $f < h$ .

If  $f, g \in \alpha^0$ ,  $m \in \mathbf{N}$  then  $f + m \in \alpha^0$  and if  $f < g$  then  $f + m < g + m$ .

If  $f \in \alpha^0$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbf{N}$  and  $m < n$  then  $f + m < f + n$ .

Moreover

$c_n^{\alpha} \in \alpha^0$  and if  $m < n$  then  $c_m^{\alpha} < c_n^{\alpha}$ .

## 7. Strong normalization

We will assign to certain terms  $u \in \Delta$  a functional in  $UF$ , which will be called the norming functional of  $u$ . In order to define it we need a sequence  $\phi \in (UF)^*$ ;

$\phi$  may be thought of as an administration of the functionals assigned to the free variables of  $u$ .  $fn(u, \phi)$  will denote the norming functional of  $u$ . It may be the case that  $fn(u, \phi)$  is undefined. This will be denoted by  $fn(u, \phi) = \square$ . Terms  $u$  for which  $fn(u, \phi) \neq \square$  for some  $\phi \in (UG)^*$  will be called normable.

DEFINITION 7.1.

1.  $fn(\tau, \phi) = 0$

$$2. \quad fn(n, \phi) = \begin{cases} \langle n \rangle \phi & \text{if } n \leq L(\phi) \\ \square & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$3. \quad fn(\langle v \rangle w, \phi) = \begin{cases} \langle fn(v, \phi) \rangle fn(w, \phi)' & \text{if } fn(v, \phi) \neq \square, \\ & fn(w, \phi) \neq \square \quad \text{and} \\ & \text{dom}(fn(w, \phi)') = fn(v, \phi) \uparrow \\ \square & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$4. \quad fn([v]w, \phi) = \begin{cases} [ [h \in \alpha] fn(w, h \& \phi) + h^* + fn(v, \phi)^* + 1, fn(v, \phi)^* + fn(w, c_0^\alpha \& \phi)^* ] \\ & \text{if } fn(v, \phi) \neq \square, fn(v, \phi) \uparrow = \alpha \\ & \text{and } fn(w, h \& \phi) \neq \square \text{ for } h \in \alpha \\ \square & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

It will be clear from Lemma 7.5, which will be proved presently, that for normable terms  $u$   $fn(u, \phi)^*$  is an upperbound for the lengths of the reduction sequences of  $u$ .

Note that if  $fn(\langle u \rangle [w]v, \phi) \neq \square$  then  $fn(u, \phi) \uparrow = fn(w, \phi) \uparrow$ .

Our first lemma expresses that it only depends on the norms of the functionals in  $\phi$  whether  $fn(u, \phi)$  is defined and, if so, what is the value of  $fn(u, \phi) \uparrow$ .



LEMMA 7.1. If  $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in (UF)^*$ ,  $L(\phi_1) = L(\phi_2) = n$  and  $\langle k \rangle \phi_1 \uparrow = \langle k \rangle \phi_2 \uparrow$  for  $k \leq n$  then either  $fn(u, \phi_1) = fn(u, \phi_2) = \square$ ,  
or  $fn(u, \phi_1) \uparrow = fn(u, \phi_2) \uparrow$ .

Proof: By induction on  $u$ .

The following technical lemma is also proved by induction on  $u$ .

LEMMA 7.2. If  $\phi \in (UF)^*$ ,  $\psi \in \mathbb{N}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$  and  $\psi \circ \phi \in (UF)^*$  then

$$fn(\psi u, \phi) = fn(u, \psi \circ \phi).$$

(Note that  $\phi$  as well as  $\psi$  is a function, hence  $\psi \circ \phi$  is a function.)

The following important lemma expresses that an upperbound for the lengths of the reduction sequences of  $\sum_1^u v$  can be calculated from  $fn(u, \phi)$  and  $fn(v, fn(u, \phi) \& \phi)$ .

LEMMA 7.3. Substitution lemma.

If  $fn(u, \phi) \neq \square$  then  $fn(\sum_1^u v, \phi) = fn(v, fn(u, \phi) \& \phi)$ .

Proof: By induction on  $v$ .

The main case is:  $v = [v_1]v_2$ .

$$fn(\sum_1^u v, \phi) = [ [h \in \alpha] fn(\sum_2^u v_2, h \& \phi) + h^* + fn(\sum_1^u v_1, \phi)^* + 1, fn(\sum_1^u v_1, \phi)^* + fn(\sum_2^u v_2, c_0^\alpha \& \phi)^* ]$$

where  $\alpha = fn(\sum_1^u v_1, \phi) \uparrow$ , while by the induction hypothesis

$$fn(\sum_1^u v_1, \phi) \uparrow = fn(v_1, fn(u, \phi) \& \phi) \uparrow.$$

Moreover, we have by the induction hypothesis for  $h \in \alpha$ :

$$fn(\sum_2^u v_2, h \& \alpha) = fn(\sum_1^{\phi_1 u} \underline{\theta}_1 v_2, h \& \phi) = fn(\underline{\theta}_1 v_2, fn(\underline{\theta}_1 u, h \& \phi) \& h \& \phi).$$

Therefore

$$\text{fn}(\sum_2^u v_2, h \& \alpha) = \text{fn}(v_2, \theta_2 \circ (\text{fn}(u, \phi) \& h \& \phi)) = \text{fn}(v_2, h \& \text{fn}(u, \phi) \& \phi).$$

It follows that

$$\text{fn}(\sum_1^u v, \phi) = \text{fn}(v, \text{fn}(u, \phi) \& \phi).$$

In order to formulate the next lemma we need the concept of a free variable.

Therefore we define for  $u \in \Delta$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$  the proposition  $\text{free}(u, k)$ , expressing (in the language of section 1) that the term  $u$  contains a reference (or an arrow) to the  $k$ -th binding node below  $u$ .

DEFINITION 7.2.

1. not  $\text{free}(\tau, k)$
2.  $\text{free}(\underline{n}, k)$  iff  $n = k$
3.  $\text{free}(\langle v \rangle w, k)$  iff  $\text{free}(v, k)$  or  $\text{free}(w, k)$
4.  $\text{free}([v]w, k)$  iff  $\text{free}(v, k)$  or  $\text{free}(w, k+1)$ .

LEMMA 7.4. Monotonicity lemma.

If  $\phi \in (\text{UG})^*$  then  $\text{fn}(u, \phi) \in (\text{UG}) \cup \{\square\}$ .

If  $\phi_1, \phi_2 \in (\text{UG})^*$ ,  $L(\phi_1) = L(\phi_2) = n$ ,  $\langle k \rangle \phi_1 < \langle k \rangle \phi_2$

and for  $l \leq n$ ,  $l \neq k$   $\langle l \rangle \phi_1 = \langle l \rangle \phi_2$

then  $\text{fn}(u, \phi_1) < \text{fn}(u, \phi_2)$  or  $\text{fn}(u, \phi_1) = \text{fn}(u, \phi_2) = \square$  if  $\text{free}(u, k)$

and  $\text{fn}(u, \phi_1) = \text{fn}(u, \phi_2)$  if not  $\text{free}(u, k)$ .

Proof: By induction on  $u$ .

The main case is, again,  $u = [u_1]u_2$ .

Suppose  $\text{fn}(u, \phi) \neq \square$ . Then by the induction hypothesis  $\text{fn}(u_1, \phi) \in \text{UG}$ .

Let  $\alpha$  denote  $\text{fn}(u_1, \phi)^\dagger$ . Then also by the induction hypothesis for every  $g \in \alpha$  we have  $\text{fn}(u_2, g\&\phi) \in \text{UG}$ .

Now let  $g, h$  be elements of  $\alpha$  such that  $g < h$ .

Then either  $\text{fn}(u_2, g\&\phi) < \text{fn}(u_2, h\&\phi)$  or  $\text{fn}(u_2, g\&\phi) = \text{fn}(u_2, h\&\phi)$ , hence  $\text{fn}(u_2, g\&\phi) + g^* + \text{fn}(u_1, \phi)^* + 1 < \text{fn}(u_2, h\&\phi) + h^* + \text{fn}(u_1, \phi)^* + 1$ .

It follows that  $\text{fn}(u, \phi) \in \text{UG}$ .

Now assume that  $\text{free}(u, k)$ . Then for  $g \in \alpha$  we have:

$$\langle g \rangle \text{fn}(u, \phi_1)^* = \text{fn}(u_2, g\&\phi_1) + g^* + \text{fn}(u_1, \phi_1)^* + 1$$

and

$$\langle g \rangle \text{fn}(u, \phi_2)^* = \text{fn}(u_2, g\&\phi_2) + g^* + \text{fn}(u_1, \phi_2)^* + 1$$

and therefore

$$\langle g \rangle \text{fn}(u, \phi_1)^* < \langle g \rangle \text{fn}(u, \phi_2)^* .$$

Moreover

$$\text{fn}(u, \phi_1)^* = \text{fn}(u_1, \phi_1)^* + \text{fn}(u_2, c_0^\alpha \&\phi_1)^*$$

and

$$\text{fn}(u, \phi_2)^* = \text{fn}(u_1, \phi_2)^* + \text{fn}(u_2, c_0^\alpha \&\phi_2)^*$$

and therefore

$$\text{fn}(u, \phi_1)^* < \text{fn}(u, \phi_2)^* .$$

Hence if  $\text{free}(u, k)$  then  $\text{fn}(u, \phi_1) < \text{fn}(u, \phi_2)$ .

It is easily seen that if not  $\text{free}(u, k)$  then  $\text{fn}(u, \phi_1) = \text{fn}(u, \phi_2)$ .

LEMMA 7.5. Reduction lemma.

If  $\phi \in (\text{UG})^*$ ,  $\text{fn}(u, \phi) \neq \square$  then  $u > v$  implies  $\text{fn}(v, \phi) < \text{fn}(u, \phi)$ .

Proof: By induction on  $u > v$ . The case  $u = \langle u_1 \rangle [u_3] u_2$ ,  $v = \sum_1^u u_2$  is covered by Lemma 7.3.

As a corollary we have

THEOREM 7.1. Strong normalization.

If  $u$  is normable then  $u$  strongly normalizes.

If  $\phi \in (UG)^*$ ,  $fn(u, \phi) \neq \square$  then  $fn(u, \phi)^*$  is an upperbound for the lengths of reduction sequences of  $u$ .

8. Contexts and types

In Sections 8 and 9 we will define the system  $\Lambda_\infty$ . In order to do so we must be able to calculate the type of an expression  $u \in \Delta$ . For assigning a type to  $u$  we need a sequence  $U \in \Delta^*$ . Such a sequence is called a context. It can be considered as administrating the types of the free variables in  $u$ . The type of  $u$  may be undefined which, again, will be denoted by the symbol " $\square$ ".

DEFINITION 8.1,

1.  $typ(\tau, U) = \square$
2.  $typ(\underline{n}, U) = \begin{cases} \phi_{\underline{n}} \langle n \rangle U & \text{if } n \leq L(U) \\ \square & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
3.  $typ(\langle v \rangle w, U) = \begin{cases} \langle v \rangle typ(w, U) & \text{if } typ(w, U) \neq \square \\ \square & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
4.  $typ([v]w, U) = \begin{cases} [v]typ(w, v \& U) & \text{if } typ(w, v \& U) \neq \square \\ \square & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

In order to express the properties of the typing operator  $\text{typ}$ , we must extend the transformation operation, the substitution operation and the reduction relation to contexts. As far as transformation is concerned we restrict ourselves to the functions  $\varphi_m^{<k>}$ .

DEFINITION 8.2. Let  $U$  be a context,  $L(U) = n$ .

Then

$$\varphi_m^{<k>} U \in \Delta^* \text{ with } L(\varphi_m^{<k>} U) = n \text{ is defined by}$$

$$\varphi_m^{<\ell>} \varphi_m^{<k>} U = \begin{cases} \varphi_m^{<k-\ell>} \varphi_m^{<k>} U & \text{if } \ell \leq k, \ell \leq n \\ \varphi_m^{<k>} U & \text{if } k < \ell \leq n. \end{cases}$$

The following lemmas are easily seen to hold:

LEMMA 8.1.  $\varphi_m^{<0>} U = U$ ;  $\varphi_m^{<k+1>} (u \& U) = \varphi_m^{<k>} u \& \varphi_m^{<k>} U$

LEMMA 8.2. If  $L(U1) = k$  then  $\varphi_m^{<k>} (U1 \& U2) = (\varphi_m^{<k>} U1) \& U2$ .

We prove a technical lemma by induction on  $u$ :

LEMMA 8.3. If  $L(U0) = k$ ,  $L(U1) = m$  and  $U = U0 \& U1 \& U2$

then either  $\text{typ}(\varphi_m^{<k>} u, \varphi_m^{<k>} U) = \text{typ}(u, U0 \& U2) = \square$

or  $\text{typ}(\varphi_m^{<k>} u, \varphi_m^{<k>} U) = \varphi_m^{<k>} \text{typ}(u, U0 \& U2)$ .

This gives as a consequence:

COROLLARY 8.3. If  $L(U1) = m$ , then either

$$\text{typ}(\varphi_m u, U1 \& U2) = \text{typ}(u, U2) = \square$$

or

$$\text{typ}(\varphi_m u, U1 \& U2) = \varphi_m \text{typ}(u, U2) .$$

Now in order to investigate the relation between substitution and typing we define substitution in contexts:

DEFINITION 8.3. Let  $U$  be a context,  $L(U) = n$ , and  $1 \leq k \leq n$ .

Then  $\sum_k^u U \in \Delta^*$  with  $L(\sum_k^u U) = n-1$  is defined by

$$\langle \ell \rangle \sum_k^u U = \begin{cases} \sum_{k-\ell}^u \langle \ell \rangle U & \text{if } \ell < k \\ \langle \ell+1 \rangle U & \text{if } k \leq \ell < n. \end{cases}$$

We have the following easy lemmas on substitution in contexts:

LEMMA 8.4.  $\sum_1^u (v \& U) = U$ ;  $\sum_{k+1}^u (v \& U) = \sum_k^u v \& \sum_k^u U$ .

LEMMA 8.5. If  $L(U1) = k$  then  $\sum_k^u (U1 \& U2) = (\sum_k^u U1) \& U2$ .

The next lemma describes the relation between substitution and typing:

LEMMA 8.6. Substitution lemma for  $\text{typ}$ .

If  $\text{typ}(\underline{\phi}_k^u, U) \succ w$  and  $\underline{\phi}_k \langle k \rangle U \succ w$

then either  $\text{typ}(\sum_k^u v, \sum_k^u U) = \text{typ}(v, U) = \square$

or

$\text{typ}(\sum_k^u v, \sum_k^u U) \succ w_0$  and  $\sum_k^u \text{typ}(v, U) \succ w_0$  for some  $w_0 \in \Delta$ .

Proof: By induction on  $v$ . The main case is  $v = \underline{k}$ .

Because  $k \leq L(U)$  we have  $U = U1 \& U2$ , where  $L(U1) = k$ .

Therefore  $\text{typ}(\sum_k^u v, \sum_k^u U) = \text{typ}(\varphi_{\underline{k-1}} u, (\sum_k^u U1) \& U2)$  where  $L(\sum_k^u U1) = k-1$ .

Hence, by Corollary 8.3 :  $\text{typ}(\sum_k^u v, \sum_k^u U) = \varphi_{\underline{k-1}} \text{typ}(u, U2)$ ,

so, again by Corollary 8.3:

$$\varphi_{\underline{1}} \text{typ}(\sum_k^u v, \sum_k^u U) = \varphi_{\underline{k}} \text{typ}(u, U2) = \text{typ}(\varphi_{\underline{k}} u, U) \succ w.$$

On the other hand

$$\sum_k^u \text{typ}(v, U) = \sum_k^u \varphi_{\underline{k}} \langle k \rangle U = \varphi_{\underline{k-1}} \langle k \rangle U \text{ by Corollary 3.5.}$$

This gives us

$$\varphi_{\underline{1}} \sum_k^u \text{typ}(v, U) = \varphi_{\underline{k}} \langle k \rangle U \succ w$$

By Lemma 4.2 it follows that  $w = \varphi_{\underline{1}} w_0$  and that

$$\text{typ}(\sum_k^u v, \sum_k^u U) \succ w_0 \text{ and } \sum_k^u \text{typ}(v, U) \succ w_0.$$

COROLLARY 8.6. If  $\text{typ}(u, V) \succ w$  and  $v1 \succ w$

then either

$$\text{typ}(\sum_1^u v, V) = \text{typ}(v, v1 \& V) = \blacksquare$$

or

$$\text{typ}(\sum_1^u v, V) \succ w_0 \text{ and } \sum_1^u \text{typ}(v, v1 \& V) \succ w_0 \text{ for some } w_0 \in \Delta.$$

Proof: Take  $k = 1$  and  $U = v1 \& V$  in Lemma 8.6.

Finally, in order to describe a relation between typing and reduction we define the concept of reduction on contexts.

DEFINITION 8.4. Let  $u$  and  $v$  be terms,  $U$  and  $V$  contexts.

1. if  $u > v$  then  $u&U > v&U$
2. if  $U > V$  then  $u&U > u&V$  .

We have the following lemma:

LEMMA 8.7. If  $U > V$  then  $L(U) = L(V) = n > 0$  and there is just one  $k \leq n$  such that

$$\langle k \rangle U > \langle k \rangle V \quad \text{and} \quad \langle l \rangle U = \langle l \rangle V \quad \text{for } l \leq n, l \neq k.$$

Proof: By induction on  $U > V$ .

Moreover we have

LEMMA 8.8. If  $U > V$  then either  $\text{typ}(u,U) > \text{typ}(u,V)$   
or  $\text{typ}(u,U) = \text{typ}(u,V)$

Proof: By induction on  $u$ .

COROLLARY 8.8. If  $v > w$  then either  $\text{typ}(u,v&U) > \text{typ}(u,w&U)$   
or  $\text{typ}(u,v&U) = \text{typ}(u,w&U)$ .

The relation  $\succ$  between contexts is the reflexive and transitive closure of  $>$ . If  $u > v$  and  $U > V$  then clearly  $u&U \succ v&V$ .

## 9. The system $\Lambda_\infty$

We will define by simultaneous induction the set  $\Gamma_\infty \subset \Delta^*$  which is the set of correct contexts, and the set  $\Lambda_\infty \subset \Delta \times \Delta^*$ . (it will turn out even  $\Lambda_\infty \subset \Delta \times \Gamma_\infty$ ). If  $[u,U] \in \Lambda_\infty$   $u$  will be called a correct term on context  $U$ . Here correctness should be understood as follows:



If  $\langle u \rangle v$  is correct on context  $U$  then  $v$  "is a function" and moreover  $\text{typ}(u, U)$  and "the domain of  $v$ " have a common reduct. In fact, we have not formalized what it means for  $v$  to "be a function" and, if it is, what "the domain of  $v$ " is. The requirements described above appear however in clause 4 of our definition and - implicitly - also in clause 6.

Together with  $\Gamma_\infty$  and  $\Lambda_\infty$  we will define the sets  $\Gamma_i$  and  $\Lambda_i$  for  $i \in \mathbf{N}$ . They are introduced only for the purpose of induction in the proof of Lemma 10.3.

If  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_i$  then  $u$  will be called  $i$ -correct. The systems are connected with the notion of degree in [2] and [3] in the sense that any  $i$ -correct term will have degree at most  $i$ . (The converse however does not hold.)

In the following discussion it is always assumed that  $i \in \mathbf{N}^\infty$ . For  $i = \infty$  the definitions and lemmas contain the theory of  $\Lambda_\infty$ .

DEFINITION 9.1. 0.  $\Gamma_0 = \Lambda_0 = \emptyset$

If  $i > 0$  then

1.  $\emptyset \in \Gamma_i$
2. if  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_i$  then  $u \& U \in \Gamma_i$
3. if  $U \in \Gamma_i$  then  $[\tau, U] \in \Lambda_i$
4. if  $\text{typ}(\langle u \rangle v, U) = \square$ ,  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_i$ ,  $[v, U] \in \Lambda_i$ ,  
 $\text{typ}(u, U) \succ v_1$  and  $v \succ [v_1]v_2$   
then  $[\langle u \rangle v, U] \in \Lambda_i$
5. if  $\text{typ}([u]v, U) = \blacksquare$  and  $[v, u \& U] \in \Lambda_i$   
then  $[[u]v, U] \in \Lambda_i$
6. if  $[\text{typ}(u, U), U] \in \Lambda_{i-1}$  then  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_i$ .

Clearly if  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_i$  then  $U \in \Gamma_i$  and if  $U_1 \& U_2 \in \Gamma_i$  then  $U_2 \in \Gamma_i$ . It is also clear (by induction on  $i$ ) that  $\Lambda_i \subset \Lambda_{i+1}$  for  $i \in \mathbf{N}$  and it is easy

to check that  $\Lambda_\infty = \bigcup \{ \Lambda_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N} \}$ .

We have the following technical lemma:

LEMMA 9.1. If  $L(U_0) = k$ ,  $L(U_1) = m$ ,  $U = U_0 \& U_1 \& U_2$  and  $U_1 \& U_2 \in \Gamma_i$  then

$$\left[ \underbrace{\varphi_m^{<k>} u, \varphi_m^{<k>} U} \right] \in \Lambda_i \text{ iff } [u, U_0 \& U_2] \in \Lambda_i.$$

Proof: By induction, respectively on  $[u, U_0 \& U_2] \in \Lambda_i$  and on  $\left[ \underbrace{\varphi_m^{<k>} u, \varphi_m^{<k>} U} \right] \in \Lambda_i$ , where frequent use is made of Lemma 8.3.

The lemma has some nice corollaries:

COROLLARY 9.1.1. Weakening and strengthening lemma .

If  $L(U_1) = m$ ,  $U_1 \& U_2 \in \Gamma_i$ , then  $\left[ \underbrace{\varphi_m u, U_1 \& U_2} \right] \in \Lambda_i$  iff  $[u, U_2] \in \Lambda_i$ .

COROLLARY 9.1.2. If  $U \in \Gamma_i$ ,  $k < L(U)$  then  $\left[ \underbrace{\varphi_k^{<k>} U, U} \right] \in \Lambda_i$ .

COROLLARY 9.1.3.  $[\underline{n}, U] \in \Lambda_\infty$  iff  $U \in \Gamma_\infty$  and  $n \leq L(U)$ .

The next lemma partially expresses our assertions about correctness of terms.

LEMMA 9.2. Soundness of application .

If  $[\langle u \rangle [w] v, U] \in \Lambda_i$  then  $\text{typ}(u, U) \succ w_0$  and  $w \succ w_0$  for some  $w_0 \in \Delta$ .

Proof: By induction on  $[\langle u \rangle [w] v, U] \in \Lambda_i$ .

Types of correct terms are, in a sense, preserved under reduction.

LEMMA 9.3. Preservation of types.

If  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_i$ ,  $u \succ v$  then either  $\text{typ}(u, U) = \text{typ}(v, U) = \square$

or  $\text{typ}(u, U) \succ w$  and  $\text{typ}(v, U) \succ w$  for some  $w \in \Delta$ .

Proof: By induction on  $u > v$ .

We will consider the case  $u = \langle u_1 \rangle [u_3] u_2$ ,  $v = \sum_1^{u_1} u_2$ .

By the previous lemma  $\text{typ}(u_1, U) \succ w_0$  and  $u_3 \succ w_0$ .

Now  $\text{typ}(u, U) = \langle u_1 \rangle [u_3] \text{typ}(u_2, u_3 \& U) \succ \sum_1^{u_1} \text{typ}(u_2, u_3 \& U)$

and  $\text{typ}(v, U) = \text{typ}(\sum_1^{u_1} u_2, U)$ . Apply Corollary 8.6.

The following lemmas are easy to prove. The first contains the converse of clause 6 in Definition 9.1.

LEMMA 9.4. Correctness of types.

It  $\text{typ}(u, U) \neq \square$  then  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_i$  iff  $[\text{typ}(u, U), U] \in \Lambda_{i-1}$ .

The second tells us that if an application of a function to an argument is correct, then both the function and the argument are correct.

LEMMA 9.5. Correctness of functions and arguments.

If  $[\langle u \rangle v, U] \in \Lambda_i$  then  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_i$  and  $[v, U] \in \Lambda_i$ .

We prove two lemmas which are, in a sense, converses of Lemma 9.5.

LEMMA 9.6. If  $[\langle u \rangle v_1, U] \in \Lambda_i$ ,  $[v_2, U] \in \Lambda_i$ ,  $v_1 \succ w$  and  $v_2 \succ w$  then  $[\langle u \rangle v_2, U] \in \Lambda_i$ .

Proof: By induction on  $[\langle u \rangle v_1, U] \in \Lambda_i$ .

We consider the case of clause 4:

$\text{typ}(\langle u \rangle v_1, U) = \square$ ,  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_i$ ,  $[v_1, U] \in \Lambda_i$ ,  $\text{typ}(u, U) \succ w_0$  and  $v_1 \succ [w_0]w_1$ .

We know that  $\text{typ}(v_1, U) = \square$ , hence, by Lemma 9.3  $\text{typ}(w, U) = \square$  and also  $\text{typ}(v_2, U) = \square$ . Therefore  $\text{typ}(\langle u \rangle v_2, U) = \square$ .

Moreover, by the Church-Rosser theorem we have, for some  $w_2 \in \Delta$ :

$$w \succ w_2 \text{ and } [w_0]w_1 \succ w_2, \text{ hence } w_2 = [w_0^*]w_1^* \text{ for some } w_0^* \text{ and } w_1^*.$$

Therefore  $\text{typ}(u, U) \succ w_0 \succ w_0^*$  and  $v_2 \succ w \succ [w_0^*]w_1^*$ , so, by clause 4,

$$[\langle u \rangle v_2, U] \in \Lambda_i.$$

LEMMA 9.7. If  $[\langle u_1 \rangle v, U] \in \Lambda_i$ ,  $[u_2, U] \in \Lambda_i$  and  $u_1 \succ u_2$  then  $[\langle u_2 \rangle v, U] \in \Lambda_i$ .

Proof: By induction  $[\langle u_1 \rangle v, U] \in \Lambda_i$ .

We consider again the case of clause 4:

$$\text{typ}(\langle u_1 \rangle v, U) = \square, [u_1, U] \in \Lambda_i, [v, U] \in \Lambda_i, \text{typ}(u_1, U) \succ w_1 \text{ and } v \succ [w_1]w_2.$$

First we have  $\text{typ}(v, U) = \square$ , hence  $\text{typ}(\langle u_2 \rangle v, U) = \square$ .

By Lemma 9.3 we have for some  $w_0$   $\text{typ}(u_1, U) \succ w_0$  and  $\text{typ}(u_2, U) \succ w_0$ .

Hence, by the Church-Rosser theorem:  $w_0 \succ v_1$  and  $w_1 \succ v_1$  for some  $v_1$ .

Therefore  $\text{typ}(u_2, U) \succ w_0 \succ v_1$  and  $v \succ [w_1]w_2 \succ [v_1]w_2$ , so, by clause 4,

$$[\langle u_2 \rangle v, U] \in \Lambda_i.$$

Finally we state a lemma on correct abstraction:

LEMMA 9.8.  $[[u]v, U] \in \Lambda_i$  iff  $[v, u \& U] \in \Lambda_i$ .

Proof: By induction, respectively on  $[[u]v, U] \in \Lambda_i$  and on  $[v, u \& U] \in \Lambda_i$ .

## 10. Closure for $\Lambda_\infty$

For the proof that  $\Lambda_\infty$  is closed under reduction we need Lemma 10.2 which tells us that correctness is preserved under correct substitution. In order to prove this lemma we give a slightly different definition of  $\Lambda_i$ ,

which we will prove to be equivalent to the first definition. Induction on this alternative definition will be used in the proof of Lemma 10.2.

We define for  $i \in \mathbf{N}^{\infty}$  the sets  $C_i$  and  $L_i$  by a simultaneous inductive definition as follows:

DEFINITION 10.1.

$$0. \quad C_0 = L_0 = \emptyset$$

If  $i > 0$  then

1.  $\emptyset \in C_i$
2. If  $[u, U] \in L_i$  then  $u \& U \in C_i$
3. if  $U \in C_i$  then  $[\tau, U] \in L_i$
4. if  $\text{typ}(\langle u \rangle v, U) = \square$ ,  $[u, U] \in L_i$ ,  $[v, U] \in L_i$ ,  
 $\text{typ}(u, U) > v_1$  and  $v > [v_1]v_2$  then  $[\langle u \rangle v, U] \in L_i$
5. if  $\text{typ}([u]v, U) = \blacksquare$  and  $[v, u \& U] \in L_i$  then  $[[u]v, U] \in L_i$
- 6.1. if  $[\text{typ}(\underline{n}, U), U] \in L_{i-1}$  then  $[\underline{n}, U] \in L_i$
- 6.2 if  $[\text{typ}(\langle u \rangle v, U), U] \in L_{i-1}$  and  $[v, U] \in L_i$  then  $[\langle u \rangle v, U] \in L_i$
- 6.3. if  $[\text{typ}([u]v, U), U] \in L_{i-1}$  and  $[v, u \& U] \in L_i$  then  $[[u]v, U] \in L_i$ .

The clauses 0 to 5 are the same as the corresponding clauses of Definition 9.1, but clause 6 of that definition has been split up into three clauses.

We easily verify that  $L_{i-1} \subset L_i$  and that  $L_{\infty} = \cup \{L_i \mid i \in \mathbf{N}\}$ . In order to show that  $C_i = \Gamma_i$  and  $L_i = \Lambda_i$  we first prove the following lemma:

LEMMA 10.1. If  $[\text{typ}(u, U), U] \in L_{i-1}$  then  $[u, U] \in L_i$ .

Proof: By induction on  $\lceil \text{typ}(u,U) \rceil \in L_{i-1}$ .

We consider the case of clause 4:  $\text{typ}(u,U) = \langle u_1 \rangle v$ ,  $\text{typ}(\langle u_1 \rangle v, U) = \square$ ,  
 $\lceil u_1, U \rceil \in L_{i-1}$ ,  $\lceil v, U \rceil \in L_{i-1}$ ,  $\text{typ}(u_1, U) \succ w_1$ ,  $v \succ [w_1]w_2$ .

Now either  $u = \underline{n}$  or  $u = \langle u_1 \rangle u_2$  and  $\text{typ}(u_2, U) = v$ .

If  $u = \underline{n}$  then  $\lceil u, U \rceil \in L_i$  by clause 6.1.

If  $u = \langle u_1 \rangle u_2$ ,  $\text{typ}(u_2, U) = v$  then we have by the induction hypothesis  
 $\lceil u_2, U \rceil \in L_i$  and therefore  $\lceil u, U \rceil \in L_i$  by clause 6.2.

As another case we consider clause 6.3:  $\text{typ}(u,U) = [u_1]v$ ,

$\lceil \text{typ}([u_1]v, U), U \rceil \in L_{i-2}$  and  $\lceil v, u_1 \& U \rceil \in L_{i-1}$ .

Again we either have  $u = \underline{n}$  or  $u = [u_1]u_2$  and  $\text{typ}(u_2, u_1 \& U) = v$ .

If  $u = \underline{n}$  then again clause 6.1 applies.

And if  $u = [u_1]u_2$ ,  $\text{typ}(u_2, u_1 \& U) = v$  then by the induction hypothesis  
 $\lceil u_2, u_1 \& U \rceil \in L_i$  and therefore  $\lceil u, U \rceil \in L_i$  by clause 6.3.

COROLLARY 10.1.  $C_i = \Gamma_i$  and  $L_i = \Lambda_i$ .

Proof:  $L_i \subset \Lambda_i$  is trivial,  $\Lambda_i \subset L_i$  is proved by using Lemma 10.1.

Now we are able to prove the following important substitution lemma.

LEMMA 10.2. Substitution lemma for  $L_i$ .

If  $\lceil \underline{\varphi}_k u, U \rceil \in L_i$ ,  $\lceil v, U \rceil \in L_i$ ,  $\text{typ}(\underline{\varphi}_k u, U) \succ w$  and  $\underline{\varphi}_k \langle k \rangle U \succ w$  then

$\lceil \sum_k^u v, \sum_k^u U \rceil \in L_i$ .

Proof: By induction on  $\lceil v, U \rceil \in L_i$ , freely using Corollary 10.1.

We consider some of the clauses:

Clause 3.  $v = \tau$ . We have to prove the  $\sum_k^u U \in C_i$ .

If  $k = 1$  this is clear by Lemma 8.4.

If  $k > 1$  then  $U = w \& V$  and  $\sum_k^u U = \sum_k^u w \& \sum_k^u V$ , also by Lemma 8.4.

Now we have  $[w, V] \in L_i$ , hence by the induction hypothesis  $[\sum_k^u w, \sum_k^u V] \in L_i$  and therefore  $\sum_k^u U \in C_i$  by clause 2.

Clause 4:  $v = \langle v_1 \rangle v_2$ .

We know that  $\text{typ}(v, U) = \square$ ,  $[v_1, U] \in L_i$ ,  $[v_2, U] \in L_i$ ,

$$\text{typ}(v_1, U) \succ w_1 \text{ and } v_2 \succ [w_1]w_2.$$

By Lemma 8.6 we have:  $\text{typ}(\sum_k^u v, \sum_k^u U) = \square$  (i).

The induction hypothesis gives us:

$$[\sum_k^u v_1, \sum_k^u U] \in L_i \text{ and } [\sum_k^u v_2, \sum_k^u U] \in L_i \quad \text{(ii).}$$

Also by Lemma 8.6 we see that

$$\text{typ}(\sum_k^u v_1, \sum_k^u U) \succ w_0 \text{ and } \sum_k^u \text{typ}(v_1, U) \succ w_0 \text{ for some } w_0.$$

Now by Lemma 5.3 it follows that

$$\sum_k^u \text{typ}(v_1, U) \succ \sum_k^u w_1$$

and also

$$\sum_k^u v_2 \succ \sum_k^u [w_1]w_2 = [\sum_k^u w_1] \sum_{k+1}^u w_2,$$

hence by the Church-Rosser theorem

$$w_0 \succ w \text{ and } \sum_k^u w_1 \succ w \text{ for some } w.$$

Therefore we have:

$$\text{typ}(\sum_k^u v, \sum_k^u U) \succ w_0 \succ w \text{ and } \sum_k^u v_2 \succ [\sum_k^u w_1] \sum_{k+1}^u w_2 \succ [w] \sum_{k+1}^u w_2 \quad \text{(iii).}$$

From (i), (ii) and (iii) we conclude by clause 4 that

$$[\sum_k^u v, \sum_k^u U] \in L_i.$$

Clause 6.1:  $v = \underline{n}$ . We know that  $[\text{typ}(v, U), U] = [\underline{\phi}_n \langle n \rangle U, U] \in L_{i-1}$ .

We discern two cases:  $n = k$  and  $n \neq k$ .

Suppose  $n = k$ . As  $L(U) \geq k$  we may put  $U = U_1 \& U_2$  with  $L(U_1) = k$ .

Then  $\sum_k^u U = (\sum_k^u U_1) \& U_2$  by Lemma 8.5 and  $L(\sum_k^u U_1) = k-1$ .

Moreover it can be shown, just as under clause 3, that  $\sum_k^u U \in C_i$ .

Hence by Corollary 9.1.1 we have  $[u, U_2] \in L_i$  and by the same corollary

$$\text{also } [\sum_k^u v, \sum_k^u U] = [\underline{\phi}_{k-1} u, \sum_k^u U] \in L_i.$$

Now suppose  $n \neq k$ .  $\sum_k^u v$  either equals  $\underline{n}$  (if  $n < k$ ) or  $\underline{n-1}$  (if  $n > k$ ).

Using Lemma 3.4 (for  $n < k$ ) or Corollary 3.5 (for  $n > k$ ) we see that

$$\text{typ}(\sum_k^u v, \sum_k^u U) = \sum_k^u \underline{\phi}_n \langle n \rangle U.$$

By the induction hypothesis we have  $[\sum_k^u \underline{\phi}_n \langle n \rangle U, \sum_k^u U] \in L_{i-1}$  and therefore

$$\text{by clause 6.1 } [\sum_k^u v, \sum_k^u U] \in L_i.$$

Clause 6.2:  $v = \langle v_1 \rangle v_2$ .

We know that  $[\langle v_1 \rangle \text{typ}(v_2, U), U] \in L_{i-1}$  and that  $[v_2, U] \in L_i$ .

By the induction hypothesis it follows that

$$[\langle \sum_k^u v_1 \rangle \sum_k^u \text{typ}(v_2, U), \sum_k^u U] \in L_{i-1} \tag{i}$$

and

$$[\sum_k^u v_2, \sum_k^u U] \in L_i. \tag{*}$$

By Lemma 8.6 it is known that for some  $w_0 \in \Delta$

$$\sum_k^u \text{typ}(v_2, U) \succ w_0 \text{ and } \text{typ}(\sum_k^u v_2, \sum_k^u U) \succ w_0. \tag{ii}$$



And from (\*) we conclude by Lemma 9.4 that

$$[\text{typ}(\sum_k^u v_2, \sum_k^u U), \sum_k^u U] \in L_{i-1}. \quad (\text{iii})$$

From (i), (ii) and (iii) it follows by Lemma 9.6 that

$$[\text{typ}(\sum_k^u v, \sum_k^u U), \sum_k^u U] \in L_{i-1},$$

and this, together with (\*) gives us by clause 6.1:

$$[\sum_k^u v, \sum_k^u U] \in L_i.$$

We leave the other clauses to the reader.

COROLLARY 10.2. If  $[u, V] \in L_i$ ,  $[v, v_1 \& V] \in L_i$ ,  $\text{typ}(u, V) \succ w$  and  $v_1 \succ w$  then  $[\sum_1^u v, V] \in L_i$ .

Proof: Take  $k = 1$  and  $U = v_1 \& V$  in Lemma 10.2.

Our next lemma implies that for  $i \in \mathbf{N}$   $\Lambda_i$  is closed under reduction. In order to word it we use the relation  $\succ$  between contexts, which has been defined in section 8.

In order to prove the lemma we assign to every context  $U$  the number  $M(U)$  which is the sum of the lengths of the terms in  $U$ :

if  $L(U) = n$  then  $M(U) = L(\langle 1 \rangle U) + L(\langle 2 \rangle U) + \dots + L(\langle n \rangle U)$ .

LEMMA 10.3. If  $i \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $u \& U \succ v \& V$  and  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_i$  then  $[v, V] \in \Lambda_i$ .

Proof: By induction on  $i$ .

If  $i = 0$  then  $\Lambda_i = \emptyset$ , so the lemma holds.

Suppose  $i > 0$ . We prove the following:

PROPOSITION: If  $u \& U > v \& V$  and  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_i$  then  $[v, V] \in \Lambda_i$ .

Proof: By induction on  $M(u \& U)$ .

If  $M(u \& U) = 1$  then  $u \& U > v \& V$  is impossible, so the proposition holds.

Now suppose  $M(u \& U) > 1$ .

As  $u \& U > v \& V$  we have either  $u > v$  and  $U = V$  or  $u = v$  and  $U > V$ .

Suppose  $u > v$  and  $U = V$ . We inspect the clauses for  $u > v$ .

$$1. \quad u = \langle u_1 \rangle [u_3] u_2, \quad v = \sum_{i=1}^{u_1} u_2.$$

By Lemma 9.2 we have  $\text{typ}(u_1, U) \geq w$  and  $u_3 \geq w$  for some  $w$ , and by Lemma 9.5

$[ [u_3] u_2, U ] \in \Lambda_i$  so  $[ u_2, u_3 \& U ] \in \Lambda_i$  by Lemma 9.8.

Apply Corollary 10.2.

$$2. \quad u = \langle u_1 \rangle u_2, \quad u_1 > v_1, \quad v = \langle v_1 \rangle u_2.$$

By Lemma 9.5 we have  $[u_1, U] \in \Lambda_i$ .

Moreover  $u_1 \& U > v_1 \& U$  and  $M(u_1 \& U) < M(u \& U)$ .

Therefore by our induction hypothesis we have  $[v_1, U] \in \Lambda_i$  and hence  $[v, U] \in \Lambda_i$

by Lemma 9.7.

$$3. \quad u = \langle u_1 \rangle u_2, \quad u_2 > v_2, \quad v = \langle u_1 \rangle v_2.$$

$[v, U] \in \Lambda_i$  by a similar argument, where Lemma 9.6 is used instead of

Lemma 9.7.

$$4. \quad u = [u_1] u_2, \quad u_1 > v_1, \quad v = [v_1] u_2.$$

By Lemma 9.8 we have  $[u_2, u_1 \& U] \in \Lambda_i$ .

Moreover  $u_2 \& u_1 \& U > u_2 \& v_1 \& U$  and  $M(u_2 \& u_1 \& U) < M(u \& U)$ ;

in fact  $M(u \& U) = M(u_2 \& u_1 \& U) + 2$ .

Therefore our induction hypothesis gives us  $[u_2, v_1 \& U] \in \Lambda_i$  and it follows

that  $[v, U] \in \Lambda_i$  by Lemma 9.8.

$$5. \quad u = [u_1] u_2, \quad u_2 > v_2, \quad v = [u_1] v_2.$$

$[v, U] \in \Lambda_i$  by a similar argument as under 4.

Now suppose  $u = v$  and  $U > V$ . We inspect the clauses for  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_i$ .

3.  $u = \tau$ . We have to prove that  $v \in \Gamma_i$ .

As  $U > V$  it is impossible that  $U = \emptyset$ , so we may put  $U = u_1 \& U_1$  and  $V = v_1 \& V_1$ .

As  $U \in \Gamma_i$  we have  $[u_1, U_1] \in \Lambda_i$  and also  $M(U) < M(u \& U)$ .

Therefore we have by our induction hypothesis  $[v_1, V_1] \in \Lambda_i$ , hence  $v \in \Gamma_i$ .

4.  $u = \langle u_1 \rangle u_2$ ,  $\text{typ}(u, U) = \square$ ,  $[u_1, U] \in \Lambda_i$ ,  $[u_2, U] \in \Lambda_i$ ,  
 $\text{typ}(u_1, U) \succ v_1$  and  $u_2 \succ [v_1]v_2$ .

By Lemma 8.7 we know  $\text{typ}(u, V) = \square$ . Moreover, we have  $u_1 \& U > u_1 \& V$  and

$M(u_1 \& U) < M(u \& U)$  so by our induction hypothesis  $[u_1, V] \in \Lambda_i$ , and by a similar argument we see that  $[u_2, V] \in \Lambda_i$ .

Also by Lemma 8.7 it is seen that  $\text{typ}(u_1, U) \succ \text{typ}(u_1, V)$  so by the Church-Rosser theorem we have:

$$v_1 \succ w \text{ and } \text{typ}(u_1, V) \succ w \text{ for some } w.$$

It follows that  $u_2 \succ [v_1]v_2 \succ [w]v_2$ , hence  $[u, V] \in \Lambda_i$  by clause 4.

5.  $u = [u_1]u_2$ ,  $\text{typ}(u, U) = \square$ ,  $[u_2, u_1 \& U] \in \Lambda_i$ .

We know that  $u_2 \& u_1 \& U > u_2 \& u_1 \& V$  and that  $M(u_2 \& u_1 \& U) < M(u \& U)$ . It follows that  $[u_2, u_1 \& V] \in \Lambda_i$ , hence  $[u, V] \in \Lambda_i$  by Lemma 9.8.

6.  $[\text{typ}(u, U), U] \in \Lambda_{i-1}$ .

By Lemma 8.7 we have  $\text{typ}(u, U) \succ \text{typ}(u, V)$ , hence  $\text{typ}(u \& U) \& U \succ \text{typ}(u \& V) \& V$ .

Now by our induction hypothesis on  $i$  it follows that  $[\text{typ}(u, V), V] \in \Lambda_{i-1}$  and therefore  $[u, V] \in \Lambda_i$  by clause 6.

So our proposition is proved, and it follows immediately that

$u \& U \succ v \& V$ ,  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_i$  imply  $[v, V] \in \Lambda_i$ . This proves our lemma.

COROLLARY 10.3. Closure for  $\Lambda_i$ .

If  $i \in \mathbf{N}$ ,  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_i$  and  $u > v$  then  $[v, U] \in \Lambda_i$ .

As a consequence we have:

THEOREM 10.1. Closure for  $\Lambda_\infty$ .

If  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_\infty$  and  $u > v$  then  $[v, U] \in \Lambda_\infty$ .

11. Normability for  $\Lambda_\infty$ .

In this section we will prove that  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_\infty$  implies that  $u$  is normable.

It then follows from Theorem 7.1 that  $u$  strongly normalizes. In order to

prove that  $u$  is normable we will assign to certain sequences  $U \in \Delta^*$  a

sequence  $s(U) \in (UG)^*$ . If the assignment is not possible then we will write

as before,  $s(U) = \square$ .

DEFINITION 11.1. 1.  $s(\emptyset) = \emptyset$ .

$$2. s(u \& U) = \begin{cases} c_0^\alpha \& s(U) \text{ if } s(U) \neq \square, \text{fn}(u, s(U)) \neq \square \\ \quad \text{and } \text{fn}(u, s(U))^\dagger = \alpha. \\ \square \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

LEMMA 11.1. If  $s(U) \neq \square$  then  $L(s(U)) = L(U) = n$

and  $\text{fn}(\underbrace{\emptyset}_k \< k > U, s(U))^\dagger = \< k > s(U)^\dagger$  for  $k \leq n$ .

Proof: By induction on  $U$ .

Our second lemma gives a relation between norms and typing.

LEMMA 11.2. If  $U \in \Delta^*$ ,  $s(U) \neq \square$  and  $\text{typ}(u, U) \neq \square$  then either

$\text{fn}(\text{typ}(u, U), s(U)) = \text{fn}(u, s(U)) = \square$  or  $\text{fn}(\text{typ}(u, U), s(U))^\dagger = \text{fn}(u, s(U))^\dagger$ .

Proof: By induction on  $u$ .

We consider the case that  $u = [u_1]u_2$ .

Then  $\text{typ}(u,U) = [u_1]\text{typ}(u_2,u_1\&U)$  and  $\text{typ}(u_2,u_1\&U) \neq \square$ .

If  $\text{fn}(u_1,s(U)) = \square$  then  $\text{fn}(\text{typ}(u,U),s(U)) = \text{fn}(u,s(U)) = \square$ .

Now assume that  $\text{fn}(u_1,s(U)) \neq \square$  and put  $\text{fn}(u_1,s(U))\uparrow = \alpha$ . Then it follows that  $s(u_1\&U) = c_0^\alpha \&s(U) \neq \square$ .

If  $\text{fn}(\text{typ}(u_2,u_1\&U),s(u_1\&U)) = \square$  then also  $\text{fn}(u_2,s(u_1\&U)) = \square$  by the induction hypothesis, and therefore  $\text{fn}(\text{typ}(u,U),U) = \text{fn}(u,U) = \square$ .

So let us assume  $\text{fn}(\text{typ}(u_2,u_1\&U),s(u_1\&U)) \neq \square$ .

Putting  $\text{fn}(\text{typ}(u_2,u_1\&U),s(u_1\&U))\uparrow = \beta$  we have by the induction hypothesis  $\text{fn}(u_2,s(u_1\&U))\uparrow = \beta$  and also  $\text{fn}(u_2,g\&s(U))\uparrow = \beta$  for  $g \in \alpha$ . Hence  $\text{fn}(\text{typ}(u,U),s(U))\uparrow = \text{fn}(u,s(U))\uparrow = \alpha \rightarrow \beta$ .

LEMMA 11.3. If  $[u,U] \in \Lambda_i$  then  $s(U) \neq \square$  and  $\text{fn}(u,s(U)) \neq \square$ .

Proof: By induction on  $[u,U] \in \Lambda_i$ .

We consider clause 3:  $u = \tau$ . We only have to show that  $s(U) \neq \square$ . If  $U = \emptyset$  then  $s(U) = \emptyset$ , and if  $U = v\&V$  then we have  $[v,V] \in \Lambda_i$ , so by the induction hypothesis  $s(V) \neq \square$  and  $\text{fn}(v,s(V)) \neq \square$  and therefore  $s(U) \neq \square$ .

We will also consider clause 4:  $u = \langle u_1 \rangle u_2$ .

We have  $\text{typ}(u,U) = \square$ ,  $[u_1,U] \in \Lambda_i$ ,  $[u_2,U] \in \Lambda_i$ ,

$$\text{typ}(u_1,U) \succ v_1 \text{ and } u_2 \succ [v_1]v_2.$$

By the induction hypothesis  $\text{fn}(u_1,s(U)) \neq \square$  and  $\text{fn}(u_2,s(U)) \neq \square$ .

Putting  $\text{fn}(u_1,s(U))\uparrow = \alpha$  we have  $\text{fn}(\text{typ}(u_1,U),s(U))\uparrow = \alpha$  by Lemma 11.2 and  $\text{fn}(v_1,s(U))\uparrow = \alpha$  by Lemma 7.5.

Also by Lemma 7.5  $\text{fn}(u_2,s(U))\uparrow = \text{fn}([v_1]v_2,s(U))\uparrow = \alpha \rightarrow \beta$  for some  $\beta$ , hence  $\text{fn}(u,s(U)) \neq \square$ .

We leave the other cases to the reader.

As a consequence we have

THEOREM 11.1. Strong normalization for  $\Lambda_\infty$

If  $[u, U] \in \Lambda_\infty$  then  $u$  strongly normalizes.

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