# On the Meaning of Algebraic Weights given by the Gol 

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## Equivalent Problem

Can we give a meaning to each weight such that the global meaning is preserved by reduction?

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## Paths and reduction

- Representation of a proof/program via a graph-like syntax: e.g. proofnets, interaction nets.
- We consider straights and maximal paths: $\mathfrak{P}(R)$.
- Cut-elimination is translated into a path reduction: $\delta_{\mathcal{R}}: \mathfrak{P}(R) \mapsto \mathfrak{P}\left(R^{\prime}\right)$ for $R \xrightarrow{\mathcal{R}} R^{\prime}$.


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- Persistent paths: survive all possible reductions (needs a confluent and normalizing system to make sense).


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## Some examples

$n$th Church integer: $\bar{n}=\lambda f . \lambda x .(f)^{n} x$


## Reduction

- We can mimic $\beta$-reduction with a big-step reduction coming from MELL proofnets.
- To do so we need to rebuild boxes: connected components of a minimum level.
- We can define in an obvious way paths and their reductions.


## The weighting imz

Let M be the imz generated

- by constants: $\{p, q\} \cup\left\{x_{n, c}, x \in V, n, c \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$
- a morphism !
- and relations:

$$
\begin{gathered}
p^{\star} p=q^{\star} q=1 \\
q^{\star} p=p^{\star} q=0 \\
x_{i, c}^{\star} x_{j, d}=\delta_{i j} \delta_{c d} \\
!(u) x_{i, c}=x_{i, c}!^{c}(u), \forall u \in \mathrm{M}
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We define a weighting of paths with

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- The number of regular paths is always even. We will only present half of them.


## Example: $(\lambda x \cdot x) \lambda x \cdot x$

- $[(\lambda x . x) \lambda x \cdot x]=@ 1$
- $1 \circ b \xrightarrow{\mathbf{q}} 1 \circ 1 \circ b \xrightarrow{\mathbf{i}} 0 \circ x_{1}[] \circ 1 \circ b$
$\xrightarrow{\mathbf{p}^{\star}} x_{1}[] \circ 1 \circ b \xrightarrow{!(i)} x_{1}[] \circ 0 \circ x_{1}[] \circ b \xrightarrow{\mathbf{p}} 0 \circ x_{1}[] \circ 0 \circ x_{1}[] \circ b$ $\xrightarrow{\mathrm{i}^{\star}} 1 \circ 0 \circ x_{1}[] \circ b \xrightarrow{\mathbf{q}^{\star}} 0 \circ x_{1}[] \circ b$
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- The two methods are equivalent thanks to


## Lemma (Danos-Regnier)

If $w$ and $w^{\prime}$ are weights of paths in a $\lambda$-term then $w=w^{\prime} \Longleftrightarrow \mathbf{w}=\mathbf{w}^{\prime}$

## Example: $(\lambda x . x) t$

- Direct generalization of the previous case.

- For any path of weight $w$ in $t$, we have:
- $b \xrightarrow{\mathbf{p}^{\star} \mathbf{i} \mathbf{q}} x_{1}[] \circ b \xrightarrow{!(\mathbf{w})} x_{1}[] \circ \mathbf{w}(b)=\xrightarrow{\mathbf{q}^{*} \mathbf{i}^{*} \mathbf{p}} \mathbf{w}(b)$
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- Finding the meaning of $i=p x_{1,0} q^{\star}$.
- Interactive procedure:

- $\lambda x . x$ acts as a perfect intermediary, it prepends and postpends any path, in a reversible way.
- During computation each part of the token has a meaning:


Query for argument value Internal state

## Example: $\overline{2}$



- Regular weights: $w_{s}=p f_{1,0} q q^{\star} q^{\star}, w_{i}=p f_{2,1}!(q) p^{\star} f_{1,0}^{\star} p^{\star}$, $w_{e}=q p x_{0,2}!\left(p^{\star}\right) f_{2,1}^{\star} p^{\star}$
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- Paths in $t$ are expected to be of the shape $1 \circ b \rightarrow 0 \circ \sigma \circ b^{\prime}$.
- This is the case when $t$ is a function answering to a query by querying the value of its argument.
- $\lambda x . x$ and $\overline{2}$ are of this kind.

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- $p x_{1,2} z_{1,0} z_{1,0} q^{\star}$ is different from $i=p x_{1,0} q^{\star}$.
- But they have the same meaning!


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- Computation: $q^{\star} w_{e} p!\left(w_{s}\right) p^{\star} w_{i} p!\left(w_{s}\right) p^{\star} w_{s} q$
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- Operation: $1 \circ 1 \circ b \rightarrow 0 \circ x_{1}\left[f_{1}[], f_{1}[]\right] \circ 1 \circ b$
- The other paths are a lot more complicated. Let's use a program!
- Computation: $q^{\star} w_{e} p!\left(w_{i}\right) p^{\star} w_{e}^{\star} q$
- Weight: $w_{. i}=p x_{1,2}!\left(f_{2,1}!(q) p^{\star} f_{1,0}^{\star}\right) x_{1,2}^{\star} p^{\star}$
- Operation: $0 \circ x_{1}\left[\alpha, f_{1}[]\right] \circ 0 \circ \beta \circ b \rightarrow 0 \circ x_{1}\left[\alpha, f_{2}[\beta]\right] \circ 1 \circ b$
- Computation: $q^{\star} w_{e} p!\left(w_{s}\right) p^{\star} w_{i} p!\left(w_{i}\right) p^{\star} w_{i}^{\star} p!\left(w_{e}\right) p^{\star} w_{e}^{\star} q$
- Weight: $w_{i .}=p x_{1,2} f_{2,1} x_{1,2}!\left(!\left(f_{1,0} q\right) p^{\star}\right) f_{2,1}^{\star} f_{1,0}^{\star} x_{1,2}^{\star} p^{\star}$.
- Operation: $0 \circ x_{1}\left[f_{1}[], f_{2}[\alpha]\right] \circ 0 \circ \beta \circ b \rightarrow 0 \circ x_{1}\left[f_{2}\left[x_{1}[\alpha, \beta]\right], f_{1}[]\right] \circ 1 \circ b$
- Computation: $q^{\star} w_{s}^{\star} p!\left(w_{e}\right) p^{\star} w_{i}^{\star} p!\left(w_{e}\right) p^{\star} w_{e}^{\star} q$
- Weight: $w_{e e}=q p x_{1,2}!\left(x_{1,2}!\left(p^{\star}\right) f_{2,1}^{\star}\right) f_{2,1}^{\star} x_{1,2}^{\star} p^{\star}$
- Operation: $0 \circ x_{1}\left[f_{2}[\alpha], f_{2}[\beta]\right] \circ 0 \circ \gamma \circ b \rightarrow 1 \circ 0 \circ x_{1}\left[\alpha, x_{1}[\beta, \gamma]\right] \circ b$


## Example: $\overline{4}$

- $v_{s}=p f_{1,0 q q^{\star}} q^{\star}, 1 \circ 1 \circ b \rightarrow 0 \circ f_{1}[] \circ 1 \circ b$
- $v_{i 1}=p f_{2,1}!(q) p^{\star} f_{1,0}^{\star} p^{\star}, 0 \circ f_{1}[] \circ 0 \circ \alpha \circ b \rightarrow 0 \circ f_{2}[\alpha] \circ 1 \circ b$
- $v_{i 2}=p f_{3,2}!\left(!(q) p^{\star}\right) f_{2,1}^{\star} p^{\star}, 0 \circ f_{2}[\alpha] \circ 0 \circ \beta \circ b \rightarrow 0 \circ f_{3}[\alpha, \beta] \circ 1 \circ b$
- $v_{i 3}=p f_{4,3}!^{2}\left(!(q) p^{\star}\right) f_{3,2}^{\star} p^{\star}, 0 \circ f_{3}[\alpha, \beta] \circ 0 \circ \gamma \circ b \rightarrow 0 \circ f_{4}[\alpha, \beta, \gamma] \circ 1 \circ b$
- $v_{e}=q p x_{1,4}!^{3}\left(p^{\star}\right) f_{4,3}^{\star} p^{\star}, 0 \circ f_{4}[\alpha, \beta, \gamma] \circ 0 \circ \delta \circ b \rightarrow 1 \circ 0 \circ x_{1}[\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta] \circ b$
- It has the same meaning as ( $\overline{2}) \overline{2}$ while using an extra path: $w_{. i}$ is a compression of $v_{i 1}$ and $v_{i 3}$.


## General situation

## Theorem

There are $4+2 n(n-1)$ regular paths in $(\bar{n}) \bar{n}$ of weight:

$$
\sigma_{n}=p x_{1, n} f_{1,0}^{n} q q^{\star} q^{\star}
$$

for $k<n-1$ and $I \leq n-1$ :

$$
\begin{gathered}
\iota_{n}(k, l)=p x_{1, n}!^{n-l-1}\left(f_{k+2, k+1}!^{k}\left(\beta^{\prime}\left(!\left(f_{1,0}^{\prime} q\right) p^{\star}\right)\right) f_{k+1, k}^{\star}\right) x_{1, n}^{\star} p^{\star} \\
\epsilon_{n}=q p \beta^{n}\left(p^{\star}\right) x_{1, n}^{\star} p^{\star}
\end{gathered}
$$

with $\beta(w)=x_{1, n}!^{n-1}(w) f_{n, n-1}^{\star}$.
Sketch of proof:

- Show that there exists regular paths of these weights by computation.
- Show that they are the only ones by showing that there is no room for others in a semantics.


## Outline

## (1) The Danos-Regnier theory

(2) An involved example with $\lambda$-terms
(3) Towards a theory of meaning

## What is the meaning of weights

From the previous example we have a candidate notion for the meaning.

## Sketch of definition

$E, F \subseteq \mathrm{M}$, we have $E \sim F$ if they lead to the same kind of computations.

## First try at a definition

What we would like to define as having the same meaning:

## Definition

Let $E, F \subseteq \mathrm{M}$ be self-dual, we say that $E \sim F$ when for all $g \in \mathrm{M}$ there exists a bijective function from $\{e \in E, e g \neq 0\}$ to $\{f \in F, f g \neq 0\}$

Unfortunately it is too restrictive because $g$ can be anything:

- $i=p x_{1,0} q^{\star}$
- $j=p x_{1,2} z_{1,0} z_{1,0} q^{\star}$
- Take $g=p x_{1,0}$, we have $i^{\star} g, i g \neq 0$ but $j^{\star} g=0$.
- So $\left\{i, i^{\star}\right\} \nsim\left\{j, j^{\star}\right\}$.

The problem comes from the fact that $g$ can never appear in the context of $\lambda$-terms.

## A proper definition for $\lambda$-caclulus

## Lemma

Let $t$ be a $\lambda$-term and $C\rangle$ a context with one hole. For all path $\varphi$ in $C\langle t\rangle$, long enough with respect to $t$, there is a function of maximal arity $f_{\varphi}: \mathrm{M}^{n} \rightarrow \mathrm{M}$ such that there exists $e_{1}, \cdots, e_{n} \in \operatorname{Ex}([t])$ with $\mathrm{w}(\varphi)=f_{\varphi}\left(e_{1}, \cdots, e_{n}\right)$.

## Definition

Let $t$ and $t$ be $\lambda$-term and $C\left\rangle\right.$ a context with one hole. We say that $t \leq t^{\prime}$ when for all $\varphi$ in $C\langle t\rangle$, long enough with respect to $t$, there exists $e_{1}^{\prime}, \cdots, e_{n}^{\prime} \in \operatorname{Ex}\left(\left[t^{\prime}\right]\right)$ such that

$$
f_{\varphi}\left(e_{1}, \cdots, e_{n}\right)=0 \Longleftrightarrow f_{\varphi}\left(e_{1}^{\prime}, \cdots, e_{n}^{\prime}\right)=0
$$

$t \sim t^{\prime}$ when $t \leq t^{\prime}$ and $t^{\prime} \leq t$
Can we decide this relation?
Is $t \sim t^{\prime}$ implying that there exists $t_{0}$ such that $t \rightarrow^{*} t_{0}$ and $t^{\prime} \rightarrow^{*} t_{0}$ ?

