Delimited Continuations in CS and Linguistics¹

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Summary

Contexts and (delimited) control

Applications in Computer Science (backtracking, OS, Web,...) Hints of linguistic applications

Dynamic Binding and Anaphora

Generating by jumping back-and-forth

Generating code, sentences, denotations in out-of-lexical-order

Type systems, CPS

CPS, double negation translation, type systems for ((delimited) control) effects formalize as a substructural logic Types are abstract expressions (Cousot)

The colon is a turnstile (Lambek)

Code online

http://okmij.org/ftp/Computation/Continuations.html

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int $\rightarrow \infty$

Partial context delimited continuation function

 $int \rightarrow int$, i.e., take absolute value and add 42

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```
print(42 + abs(6))
```

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```
print(42 + if 6>0 then 6 else neg(6))
```

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```
print(42 + if true then 6 else neg(6))
```

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print( 42 + 6)
```

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print(48)
```

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Operating system, User process, System call

```
schedule( main () {... read(file) ...} ) ...
```

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Capture, Invoke

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...

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schedule( main () {... "read string" ...} ) ...
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User-level control operations \Rightarrow user-level scheduling, thread library

```
debug_run(42 + abs(2 * breakpt 1))
```

```
debug_run(42 + abs(2 * breakpt 1))
BP1
```

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debug_run(42 + abs(2 * breakpt 1))
BP1
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debug_run(42 + abs(2 * 3))
```

first-class delimited continuations ⇒ a programmable debugger

- ▶ Back-tracking search (what if?), non-determinism
- ► Enumerator inversion: tracing a loop

Reset

```
"#" is the identity continuation (reset []). "$" plugs in a term.

# $ "Goldilocks said: " ^ (# $ "This porridge is " ^ "too hot.")

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Shift

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" $\pm k$." removes and binds k to a continuation. #\$ "Goldilocks said: " ^ (# \$ "This porridge is" $^{\sim}$ $(\boxplus k.(k \$ \text{ "too hot"}) \cap (k \$ \text{ "too cold"}) \cap (k \$ \text{ "just right"}))$ → # \$ "Goldilocks said: " ^ (#\$(#\$ "This porridge is " ∩ "too hot" ∩ ". ") ∩ (# \$ "This porridge is " \cap "too cold" \cap ". ") \cap \tag{\text{}} (# \$ "This porridge is " \cap "just right" \cap ". ")) $\sim \cdots$ → "Goldilocks said: This porridge is too hot. This porridge is too cold. This porridge is just right."

Terms $E,F ::= V \mid FE \mid C \ E \mid \coprod k.E$ Values $V ::= x \mid \lambda x.E$ Coterms $C ::= k \mid \# \mid E,C \mid C;V$ Types $T ::= U \mid S \downarrow T$ Pure types $U ::= U \rightarrow T \mid \text{string} \mid \text{int} \mid \cdots$ Cotypes $S ::= U \uparrow T$ Transitions

Structural rules express evaluation order

$$C \$ FE = E, C \$ F$$
 $C \$ VE = C; V \$ E$ $V = \# \$ V$

#\$
$$(V_1(V_2V_3))V_4 = (V_4, \#) $V_1(V_2V_3)$$

= $(V_2V_3, (V_4, \#)) V_1
= $((V_4, \#); V_1) V_2V_3

Our coterm type $T \uparrow T'$ is $T'/_{\$}T$. Our impure term type $T \downarrow T'$ is $T\backslash_{\$}T'$.

Reset: dynamic semantics

Alternate between refocusing and reducing.

```
# $ "Goldilocks said: " ^
      (# $ "This porridge is " ^{\circ} "too hot" ^{\circ} ". ")
= #; ("Goldilocks said: "^)$
      (#; ("This porridge is "^) $ "too hot" ^ ". ")
\rightarrow #; ("Goldilocks said: "^{\land})$
      (#; ("This porridge is "^) $ "too hot.")
= \#; ("Goldilocks said: "^) $ (\# $ "This porridge is " ^ "too hot.")
\rightarrow #; ("Goldilocks said: "^) $ (#$ "This porridge is too hot.")
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          ( \boxplus k.(k \$ \text{ "too hot"}) \cap (k \$ \text{ "too cold"}) \cap (k \$ \text{ "just right"}))
 = \#; ("Goldilocks said: "^)$
       ((". ", (#; ("This porridge is "\))); \) $
          ( \boxplus k.(k \$ \text{ "too hot"}) \cap (k \$ \text{ "too cold"}) \cap (k \$ \text{ "just right"}))
→ #; ("Goldilocks said: "^) $ # $
       ((((". ", (#; ("This porridge is "\(^))); \(^)\) $ "too hot") \(^)
        (((". ", (#; ("This porridge is "\))); \) $ "too cold") \\
        (((".",(#;("This porridge is "^))); ^) $ "just right"))
 = \#; ("Goldilocks said: "^) $ # $
       ((\# \$ \text{ "This porridge is "} \cap \text{"too hot"} \cap \text{". "}) \cap
        (#$ "This porridge is "^{\circ}" "too cold"^{\circ}".")^{\circ}
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context as an implicit, ever-present argument

Anaphora and context marks

Goldilocks said the porridge is too hot for her.

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"Goldilocks" $^{\smallfrown}$ " said the porridge is too hot."

```
("Goldilocks" ^)(#$" said the porridge is too hot.")

→ "Goldilocks said the porridge is too hot."
```

```
(interp "Goldilocks")
  (#$" said the porridge is too hot " ^ "for " ^ her ^ ".")
interp str = function
  | String x -> str ^ x
```

```
(interp "Goldilocks")
  (#$" said the porridge is too hot " ^ "for " ^
        (出k. Req(Female, k)) ^ ".")

interp str = function
        | String x -> str ^ x
        | Req(Female, k) -> interp str (k $ str)
```

```
(interp "Goldilocks")
  (#$" said the porridge is too hot " \cap "for " \cap "
     (\exists k. Req(Female, k)) ^{\circ} ".")
\sim
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→ "Goldilocks said the porridge is too hot for Goldilocks."

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    String x -> str ^ x
    Req(Female,k) -> interp str (k $ str)
```

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(interp Female "Goldilocks")

(#$ "tasted" ^ ((interp Thing "the porridge")

(#$ "and said that " ^ (出k. Req(Thing, k)) ^ "is too hot for " ^ (出k. Req(Female, k)) ^ ".")))

interp mytag str = function

| String x -> str ^ x

| Req(tag,k) when tag = mytag -> interp mytag str (k $ str)
```

```
(interp Female "Goldilocks")
  (# $ " tasted " \(^\) ((interp Thing "the porridge")
    (#$ " and said that " ^ (\boxplus k. Req(Thing, k))^
       " is too hot for " \cap (\coprod k. Reg(Female, k)) \cap ".")))
(interp Female "Goldilocks")
  (#$ " tasted " ^ ((interp Thing "the porridge")
    (\# \$ \text{Req}(\text{Thing}, k_1))))
interp mytag str = function
    String x -> str ^ x
    Req(tag,k) when tag = mytag ->
     interp mytag str (k $ str)
```

```
``
(interp Female "Goldilocks")
  (#$ " tasted " ^ ((interp Thing "the porridge")
        (#$ " and said that the porridge is too hot for " ^ (世k. Req(Female, k)) ^ ".")))

interp mytag str = function
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        | Req(tag,k) when tag = mytag → interp mytag str (k$ str)
```

```
(interp Female "Goldilocks")
  (#$ " tasted " ^ ((interp Thing "the porridge")
     (# \$ " and said that the porridge is too hot for " ^{\circ}
        ( \boxplus k. \operatorname{Reg}(\operatorname{Female}, k)) \cap ".")))
\sim
(interp Female "Goldilocks")
  (#$ "tasted" \(^\) ((interp Thing "the porridge")
     (\# \$ \text{Reg}(\text{Female}, k_2))))
interp mytag str = function
     String x -> str ^ x
    Req(tag,k) when tag = mytag ->
     interp mytag str (k $ str)
   | Reg(tag,k) ->
     let v = \coprod k. \operatorname{Req}(tag, k) in interp mytag str (k $ v)
```

```
(interp Female "Goldilocks")
 (# $ " tasted " ^
    (let v = \coprod k. Reg(Female, k) in
    interp Thing "the porridge" (k_2 \ v)
interp mytag str = function
    String x -> str ^ x
    Req(tag,k) when tag = mytag ->
    interp mytag str (k $ str)
  | Reg(tag,k) ->
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    interp Thing "the porridge" (k_2 \ v)
\sim
(interp Female "Goldilocks")
  (\# \$ \text{Req}(\text{Female}, k_3))
interp mytag str = function
    String x -> str ^ x
    Req(tag,k) when tag = mytag ->
     interp mytag str (k $ str)
    Req(tag,k) ->
     let v = \coprod k. \operatorname{Req}(tag, k) in interp mytag str (k $ v)
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(interp Female "Goldilocks")
 (# $ " tasted " \cap \)
    (let v = "Goldilocks" in
    interp Thing "the porridge" (k_2 \ v)
interp mytag str = function
    String x -> str ^ x
    Req(tag,k) when tag = mytag ->
    interp mytag str (k $ str)
  | Reg(tag,k) ->
    let v = \coprod k. \operatorname{Reg}(tag, k) in interp mytag str (k \ v)
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    String x -> str ^ x
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   interp mytag str (k $ str)
| Req(tag,k) ->
   let v = \(\pm k\). Req(tag,k) in interp mytag str (k $ v)
```

Far-reaching pronouns

need to look past the immediate occurrence

"he gave this to him"

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"Now just one thing more remained, the box that held the daylight, and he cried for that. His eyes turned around and showed different colors, and the people began thinking that he must be something other than an ordinary baby. But it always happens that a grandfather loves his grandchild just as he does his own daughter, so the grandfather felt very sad when he gave this to him. When the child had this in his hands, he uttered the raven cry, "Ga," and flew out with it through the smoke hole."

"Raven", Tlingit Indians of Southeastern Alaska

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```
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| String x -> str ^ x
| Req(tag,k) when tag = mytag ->
    interp mytag str (k $ str)
| Req(tag,k) ->
    let v = \(\pm k\). Req(tag,k) in interp mytag str (k $ v)
| ReqDefer(fn,k) ->
    let v = fn str in interp mytag str (k $ v)
```

Leaving bread-crumbs on the stack, walking the stack and examining them

Anaphora and dynamic binding

Aspects of dynamism:

- 1. Examining any number of previous bindings
- 2. Referring to a binding occurrence that is not in scope (e.g., referring to a noun in a clause)
 Solution: "binding that moves itself up", see next

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```
これは・(本・です)
\sim this \cdot (is(\lambda e. e \cdot a\text{-book}))

let (·) \times f = f \times

let make_app \times f = \times f | f |

let これは = \times f |

let 本 e = make_app e f |

let です f = fun e -> make_app e f |

let だ f = fun e -> make_app e f |

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let f |

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```

```
this : e
a-book : et
is : (et)(et)
```

```
にれは・(何・です))・か

let (・) x f = f x

let make_app x f = x^{\neg \neg \neg f}

let これは = \neg f

let 本 e = make_app e \neg f

let です f = fun e -> make_app e \neg f

let だ f = fun e -> make_app e \neg f
```

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is : (et)(et)
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```
(これは·(何·です))·か
\sim (\lambda x. this \cdot (is(\lambda e. e \cdot x)))
let (\cdot) x f = f x
let make_app x f = x \cap \neg \cap f
let これは = 「this¬
let 本 e = make_app e 「a-book¬
let c = fun e \rightarrow make\_app e (is(\lambda e. \neg (f \neg e) \neg ))
let \mathcal{E} f = fun e -> make_app e \lceil (is(\lambda e. \neg \land (f \neg e \neg) \land \neg )) \rceil
let \beta f = \# f
```

```
this : e
a-book : et
is : (et)(et)
```

```
(これは・(本・だ))・と言いました
\sim (this · (is(\lambda e.e.a.book))) · so-he-said
let (\cdot) x f = f x
let make_app x f = x \cap f
let =  this
let 本 e = make_app e 「a-book¬
let \[ \] f = fun e -> make_app e \[ \[ \] (is(\lambda e. \] \land (f \ \lceil e \rceil) \land \lceil )) \]
let \not \subset f = fun e -> make_app e \lceil (is(\lambda e. \neg \land (f \neg e \neg) \land \neg)) \rceil
let \beta f = \# f
let と言いました f = make_app (「(¬ ^{\circ}f() ^{\circ}「)¬) 「so-he-said¬
```

```
this : e
a-book : et
is : (et)(et)
```

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((Canは \cdot (何 \cdot だ)) \cdot と言いました) \cdot か
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let \beta f = \# f
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let make_app x f = x \cap \neg \cap f
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((これは·(何·だ))·と言いました)·か
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Introduction to CPS

$$42 < (2 \times breakpt)$$

The type of 42:

- ▶ int
- ▶ (int \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow bool
- ▶ (int $\rightarrow \alpha$) $\rightarrow \alpha$: context independence
- $(int \rightarrow F) \rightarrow F$

CPS and Double Negation

Glivenko's Theorem [1929]: An arbitrary propositional formula A is classically provable, if and only if $\neg \neg A$ is intuitionistically provable.

1 < 2

$$\lambda k$$
. $(\lambda k. k1)$ $(\lambda x.$ $(\lambda k. k2)$ $(\lambda y.$ $k(x < y)$))

$$(bool \rightarrow T) \rightarrow T$$

$$(int \rightarrow T) \rightarrow T$$

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$$(\lambda k. \ k1) \quad (\lambda x. \quad (\lambda k. k2) \quad (\lambda y. \quad k(x < y))$$

$$T$$

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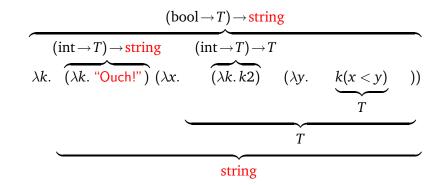
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$$T$$

$$T$$

$$1 < 2$$
 (出 k . "Ouch!") < 2



$$1 < 2$$
 (出 k . "Ouch!") < 2 $1 <$ (出 k . 'c')

$$(\operatorname{bool} \to T) \to \operatorname{char}$$

$$(\operatorname{int} \to \operatorname{char}) \to \operatorname{char}$$

$$(\operatorname{int} \to \operatorname{char}) \to \operatorname{char}$$

$$(\lambda k. \quad (\lambda k. k1) \quad (\lambda x. \quad (\lambda k. 'c') \quad (\lambda y. \quad k(x < y)))$$

$$\operatorname{char}$$

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Evaluation order chains together initial and final answer types.

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