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## 1 Introduction

There are some different ways for formalizing classical logic. One of those uses Peirce's rule, which states that if  $A \supset B$  implies  $A$ , then we have  $A$  without the assumption  $A \supset B$ . This rule contains only implication as the logical connectives, therefore it is suitable for the implicational fragment of classical logic. Komori [3] introduced a system of calculus named  $\lambda\rho$ -calculus, whose type assignment system corresponds with the implicational fragment of classical natural deduction formalized with Peirce's rule. He also defined a set of contractions on  $\lambda\rho$ -calculus, and stated the normalization theorem in his paper mentioned above. But according to his recent research [4], any direct proof of the weak normalization theorem has not yet known, although he already proved the strong one. In this note, we prove the weak normalization theorem for Komori's  $\lambda\rho$ -calculus with the definition of an appropriate degree of deductions. The proof is similar to that of our former paper [1] for full classical natural deduction formalized with classical absurdity rule. To define the degree of deductions for  $\lambda\rho$ -calculus, which measures redexes, we have to find segment of formula-occurrences as in the case of intuitionistic logic by Prawitz [5, 6]. We use Hindley's notations [2] for  $\lambda$ -calculus basically, and those of Komori for  $\lambda\rho$ -calculus.

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## 2 Komori's $\lambda\rho$ -calculus

In this section, we state some basic definitions of Komori's  $\lambda\rho$ -calculus according to his paper [3]. See it for more details.

**Definition ( $\lambda\rho$ -terms)** Two infinite sequences of variables are assumed to be given, named  $\lambda$ -variables and  $\rho$ -variables, and  $\lambda\rho$ -terms are defined inductively as follows.

- Each  $\lambda$ -variable is a  $\lambda\rho$ -term.
- If  $M$  and  $N$  are  $\lambda\rho$ -terms, then  $(MN)$  is a  $\lambda\rho$ -term.
- If  $a$  is a  $\rho$ -variable and  $M$  is a  $\lambda\rho$ -term, then  $(aM)$  is a  $\lambda\rho$ -term.
- If  $x$  is a  $\lambda$ -variable and  $M$  is a  $\lambda\rho$ -term, then  $(\lambda x.M)$  is a  $\lambda\rho$ -term.
- If  $a$  is a  $\rho$ -variable and  $M$  is a  $\lambda\rho$ -term, then  $(\rho a.M)$  is a  $\lambda\rho$ -term.

**Definition ( $\rho\beta$ -contractions)**  $\rho\beta$ -contractions, or re-write rules from  $\rho\beta$ -redexes to their contractums are defined as follows.

- $aMN \triangleright_{1\rho\beta} aM$
- $(\lambda x.M)N \triangleright_{1\rho\beta} [N/x]M$
- $(\rho a.M)N \triangleright_{1\rho\beta} \lambda a.([\lambda x.a(xN)/a]M)N$

**Definition (Types)** An infinite sequence of type-variables is assumed to be given, and types are defined inductively as follows.

- Each type-variable is a type.
- If  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  are types, then  $(\sigma \rightarrow \tau)$  is a type.

**Definition (The system  $TA_{\lambda\rho}$ )** The type-assignment system  $TA_{\lambda\rho}$  is defined as follows.

*Axiom of  $TA_{\lambda\rho}$ :*

$$x : \tau \mapsto x : \tau$$

*Deduction-rules of  $TA_{\lambda\rho}$ :*

$$\frac{\langle \Gamma_1; P : (\sigma \rightarrow \tau) \rangle \langle \Gamma_2; Q : \sigma \rangle}{\langle \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2; (PQ) : \tau \rangle} (\rightarrow E) \quad [\text{if } \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2 \text{ is consistent}],$$

$$\frac{\langle \Gamma; P : \tau \rangle}{\langle \Gamma - x; (\lambda x.P) : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \rangle} (\rightarrow I) \quad [\text{if } \Gamma \text{ is consistent with } x : \sigma],$$

$$\frac{\langle \Gamma; P : \tau \rangle}{\langle \Gamma, a : \tau; (a.P) : \sigma \rangle} (\textit{Absurd}) \quad [\text{if } \Gamma \text{ is consistent with } a : \tau],$$

$$\frac{\langle \Gamma; P : \tau \rangle}{\langle \Gamma - a; (\rho a.P) : \tau \rangle} (\textit{Rati}) \quad [\text{if } \Gamma \text{ is consistent with } a : \tau].$$

### 3 normalization

In order to define the degree of  $TA_{\lambda\rho}$ -deduction used in the proof of the normalization theorem, we first introduce a measure for terms, which represents the maximal length of the corresponding segment in natural deduction.

**Definition (rank of terms)** For each  $\lambda\rho$ -term  $P$ , we define the *rank*  $r(P)$  inductively as follows.

- If  $P$  is of the form  $x$ ,  $MN$ ,  $aM$ , or  $\lambda x.M$ , then  $r(P)$  is 1.
- If  $P$  is of the form  $\rho a.M$ , then  $r(P)$  is

$$\max\{r(M), \max_Q\{r(Q)\}\} + 1,$$

where  $Q$  varies all terms such that  $aQ$  is a subterm of  $M$ .

**Definition (degree of  $TA_{\lambda\rho}$ -deductions)** Let  $\Delta$  be a  $TA_{\lambda\rho}$ -deduction of the  $TA_{\lambda\rho}$ -formula  $\langle \Gamma, T, \tau \rangle$ . First, we define an ordered pair of natural numbers denoted by  $d_0(\Delta)$  as follows. If  $M$  is  $\rho\beta$ -normal then  $d_0(\Delta)$  is  $\langle 0, 0 \rangle$ , otherwise,

$$d_0(\Delta) = \max\{\langle |\delta|, r(P) \rangle \mid \underline{PN} \text{ is a } \rho\beta\text{-redex-occurrence in } T \text{ and } \underline{P} \text{ has type } \delta \text{ in } \Delta.\},$$

where  $|\delta|$  is the length of  $\delta$ , defined in [2], that is the total number of occurrences of type-variables in  $\delta$ . Two ordered pairs as the values of  $d_0$  are compared by lexicographical order. Next we define a natural number denoted  $d_1(\Delta)$  as the number of  $\rho\beta$ -redex-occurrences, say  $\underline{PN}$ , in  $T$ , which satisfies  $\langle |\delta|, r(P) \rangle = d_0(\Delta)$  where  $\underline{P}$  has type  $\delta$  in  $\Delta$ . Finally, we define the degree of  $\Delta$  denoted by  $D(\Delta)$  as below.

$$D(\Delta) = \langle d_0(\Delta), d_1(\Delta) \rangle$$

We also compare two values of  $D$  by lexicographical order.

**Theorem (Normalizability of typable terms)** *If a  $\lambda\rho$ -term has a type in  $TA_{\lambda\rho}$ , then it is  $\rho\beta$ -normalizable.*

**Proof** Let  $\Delta$  be a given  $TA_{\lambda\rho}$ -deduction of  $\langle \Gamma, T, \tau \rangle$  which is not  $\rho\beta$ -normal. We call  $E$  the set of all  $\rho\beta$ -redex-occurrences  $\underline{PN}$  in  $M$  which satisfies that  $\langle |\delta|, r(P) \rangle$  is equal to  $d_0(\Delta)$  where  $\underline{P}$  has type  $\delta$  in  $\Delta$ . Take one element of  $E$ , say  $\underline{P_0N_0}$ , such that there is no element of  $E$  in  $\underline{N_0}$ . Suppose  $T$   $\rho\beta$ -contracts to  $T_1$  by replacing  $\underline{P_0N_0}$  by its contractum, that is,  $\langle T, \underline{P_0N_0}, T_1 \rangle$ . If  $P$  is of the form  $aM$  or  $\lambda x.M$ , then define  $T' \equiv T_1$ . Otherwise, that is  $P_0$  is a  $\rho$ -abstract, say  $\rho a.M$ , execute a  $\rho\beta$ -contraction of  $T_1$  with one of the redexes created by the substitution for  $a$  in  $M$  if there is an occurrence of  $a$  in  $M$ , and by repeating such  $\rho\beta$ -contraction, take one  $\rho\beta$ -reduction

$$\langle T_1, \underline{R_1}, T_2 \rangle, \langle T_2, \underline{R_2}, T_3 \rangle, \dots, \langle T_n, \underline{R_n}, T_{n+1} \rangle$$

if there are exactly  $n$  occurrences of  $a$  in  $M$ . In this case, define  $T' \equiv T_{n+1}$ . Let  $\Delta'$  be the  $TA_{\lambda\rho}$ -deduction of  $\langle \Gamma', T', \tau \rangle$  corresponding with  $\Delta$ . Then we have  $d(\Delta) > d(\Delta')$  by definition. Therefore, by transfinite induction on  $\omega^3$ , it holds that every typable  $\lambda\rho$ -term is  $\rho\beta$ -normalizable.

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