



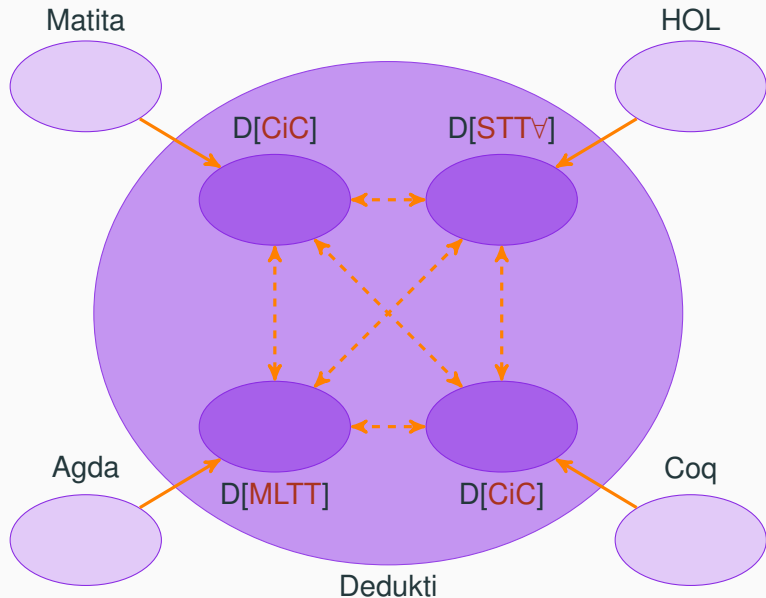
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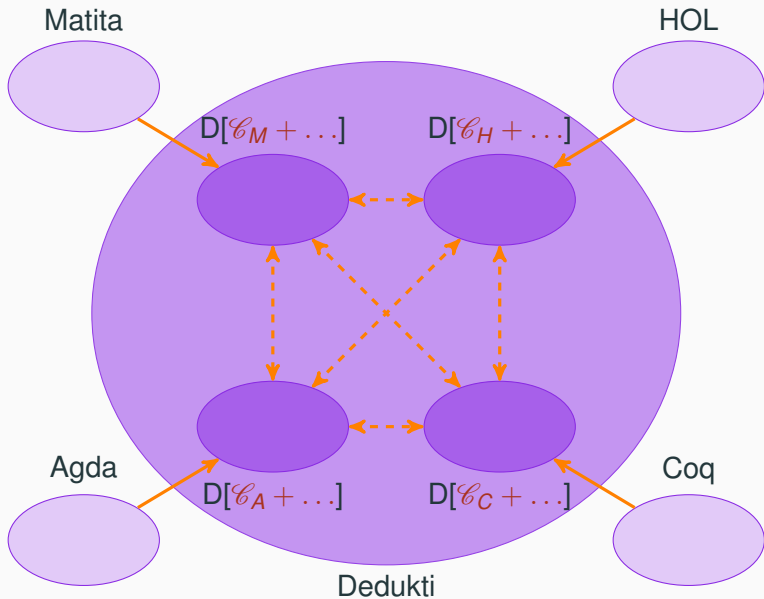
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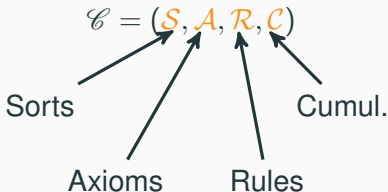
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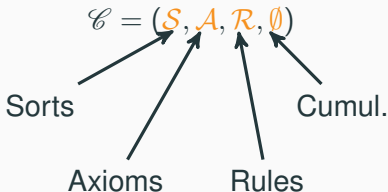
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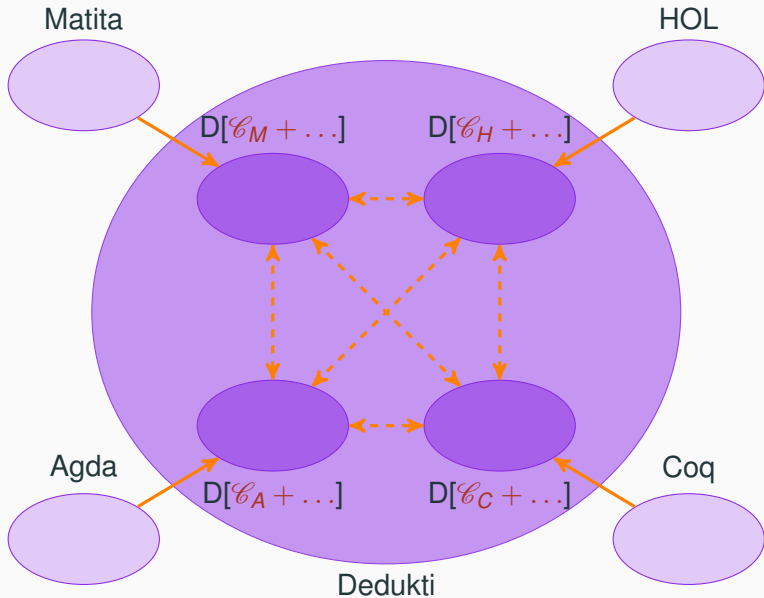
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# Translations



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1. Subject Reduction needs the substitution lemma
2. The substitution lemma needs subject reduction (for the same reason as above) on the type

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**Equivalence from implicit to explicit conversion**

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} t : A \Leftrightarrow \Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}}^e t : A$$

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We **cannot** use subject reduction on  $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} B : s$



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Instead, it would be easy if we had already proved the equivalence for the types ( $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}}^e A : s$  and  $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}}^e B : s$ ) thanks to subject reduction.

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We are looking for a measure which is:

1. strictly decreasing from a term  $t$  to its type  $A$
2. stable by  $\beta$
3. stable by subtree

Lets denote  $>_{\mathcal{D}}: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}$ , a relation on derivation trees such that

$$1. \frac{\Pi}{\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} t : A} >_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{\Pi'}{\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} A : s} \quad (A \notin \mathcal{S})$$

$$2. \frac{\Pi}{\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} t : A} \geq_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{\Pi'}{\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} t' : A} \quad (\text{if } t \hookrightarrow_{\beta} t')$$

$$3. \frac{\Pi}{\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} t : A} \geq_{\mathcal{D}} \frac{\Pi'}{\Gamma' \vdash_{\mathcal{C}} u : B} \quad (\text{if } \Pi' \text{ is a subtree of } \Pi)$$

## Theorem

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# Proof of expansion postponement with levels

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## Proof.

By induction given by the measure function  $\mathcal{L}$ .

- Base case is trivial (though an induction on the derivation tree is needed).
- Inductive case is proved by induction on the derivation tree.

□

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- $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{E}}^r (x : A) \rightarrow B' : s$  by EP

# The big question

Is it possible to find an order  $>_{\mathcal{D}}$ ?

## Give it a try!

Instead of giving an order  $>_{\mathcal{D}}$ , we annotate a judgment with a level.

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash_{\mathcal{C}}^{n+1} t : B \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}}^n (x : A) \rightarrow B : s}{\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}}^{n+1} \lambda x : A. t : (x : A) \rightarrow B} \lambda$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}}^n f : (x : A) \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}}^n a : A}{\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}}^n f a : B \{x \leftarrow a\}} \text{app}$$

## A counterexample

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- $Nat : \star$  (at level 1)
- $Vec : Nat \rightarrow \star$  (at level 2)
- $I : (x : Nat) \rightarrow Vec\ x$  (at level 3)

Assume we have derivation of (3 is the minimum level)

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{C}}^3 10 : Nat$$

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## Other questions

- Is it possible to find an order  $>_{\mathcal{D}}$ ? **Hard!**
- Is it possible to find an order  $>_{\mathcal{D}}$  for some specification  $\mathcal{C}$ ? **easier!** (ex: System  $F\omega$ )
- Is it possible to find an order  $>_{\mathcal{D}}$  for a concrete derivation tree in some specification  $\mathcal{C}$ ? **even easier!**

# Conclusion

- We have introduced levels
- It gives a natural solution to solve hard problems such as:
  - Expansion postponement
  - The equivalence between the explicit and implicit conversion
- The existence of levels is not guaranteed for all specifications  $\mathcal{C}$



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- It is better (checked in practice)
- Not enough since cuts are not taken into account: the substitution is not applied on intermediate types