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Type Checking and Inference for Polymorphic and Existential Types in Multiple-Quantifier and Type-Free Systems

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Abstract: A multiple quantifier is a quantifier having inference rules that introduce or eliminate arbitrary number of quantifiers by one inference. This paper introduces the lambda calculus with negation, conjunction, and multiple existential quantifiers, and the lambda calculus with implication and multiple universal quantifiers. Their type checking and type inference are proved to be undecidable. This paper also shows that the undecidability of type checking and type inference in the type-free-style lambda calculus with negation, conjunction, and existence is reduced to the undecidability of type checking and type inference in the type-free-style polymorphic lambda calculus.

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1 Introduction

The second-order universal quantifiers and the second-order existential quantifiers are important from the point of view of both computer science and logic. [5] and [11] have independently established the typed lambda calculus with polymorphic types, which correspond to the second-order universal quantifiers in logical systems. Since their seminal papers, many papers have been devoted to investigation on the polymorphic types. The computational meaning of the second-order existential quantifiers has also been actively studied since the work of [8] on the abstract data types. More recently, [2] and [6] pointed out that calculi with negation, conjunction, and existence are suitable for target calculi of the *continuation-passing-style* (CPS) translations of polymorphic typed calculi.

Type checking and type inference are important for type assignment systems. *Type checking*, which we will write TC for, is the problem that asks whether a given typing judgment is derivable. *Type inference*, which we will write TI for, asks whether a given term has some type under some context. *Strong type inference*, which we will write STI for, asks whether, for a given term and a given context, the term has some type under some extension of the context. STI is a generalization of TI. We will write them as follows: TC asks $\Gamma \vdash M : A?$ for given Γ , M and A . TI asks $? \vdash M : ?$ for given M . STI asks $\Gamma, ? \vdash M : ?$ for given Γ and M . Since TI is an instance of STI, the undecidability of TI implies the undecidability of STI.

TC and TI in lambda calculi with polymorphic types have been actively studied. [15] proved that all these problems are undecidable in the Curry-style polymorphic lambda calculus. It was surprising that [12] showed that TI is undecidable even in the Church style, where we consider typability of untyped pseudo terms. [1] and [3] independently proved that TC and STI are undecidable in the domain-free polymorphic lambda calculus. In the *domain-free style*, a term contains information of applications of quantifier rules, for example, $\Lambda X.M$ for the \forall -introduction rule and MA for the \forall -elimination rule, but the domain type of a lambda abstraction is not indicated, for example, $\lambda x.M$.

On the other hand, properties of lambda calculi with existential types have not been enough studied yet. The inhabitation problem in the negation, conjunction, and existence fragment was recently proved to be decidable in [14]. The *inhabitation*, which we will write INH for, is the problem that asks $\vdash ? : A$ for a given type A . It was also recently that TC and STI in its domain-free-style variant was proved to be undecidable in [10].

A multiple-quantifier introduction rule introduces several quantifiers at one step. For example, the system $M-F$ has the rule that derives $\forall X_1 \forall X_2 \forall X_3 A$ from A at one step. The meaning of quantifiers is the same as that of usual quantifiers, and only inference rules and corresponding terms are different. In a similar way, a multiple-quantifier elimination rule eliminates several quantifiers at one step. We will call a quantifier a multiple quantifier when the system has its multiple-quantifier rules.

We will define the multiple-quantifier lambda calculus $M-\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}$ with negation, conjunction, and existence. The system has the following inference rules for the multiple existential quantifier:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash N : A[\overline{X} := \overline{B}]}{\Gamma \vdash \langle \exists^*, N \rangle : \exists \overline{X}.A} (\exists I) \quad \frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash M : \exists \overline{X}.A \quad \Gamma_2, x : A \vdash N : C}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \vdash M[x.N] : C} (\exists E)$$

where \overline{X} denotes a finite sequence of type variables. We will also define the multiple-quantifier lambda calculus $M-F$ with polymorphic types. The system has the following inference rules for the multiple universal quantifier:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A}{\Gamma \vdash \Lambda^*.M : \forall \overline{X}.A} (\forall I) \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \forall \overline{X}.A}{\Gamma \vdash M \bullet^* : A[\overline{X} := \overline{B}]} (\forall E)$$

We will discuss the type-free-style lambda calculus $TF-\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}$ with negation, conjunction, and existence. The system has the following inference rules for the existential types:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash N : A[X := B]}{\Gamma \vdash \langle \exists, N \rangle : \exists \overline{X}.A} (\exists I) \quad \frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash M : \exists X.A \quad \Gamma_2, x : A \vdash N : C}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \vdash M[x.N] : C} (\exists E)$$

The type-free-style lambda calculus $TF-F$ will be defined to have similar inference rules for polymorphic types. They are discussed in [13], [14], and [4]. The name “type-free” was used in [4]. It means that terms contain no explicit type annotations. For the notation of terms for $(\exists E)$, we will follow [13].

We will prove the following two claims: (1) TC and TI are undecidable in both $M-F$ and $M-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$. (2) The undecidability of TC and TI in $TF-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ is reduced to the undecidability of TC and TI in $TF-F$.

The systems $M-F$ and $M-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ are in an intermediate style between the Curry style and the Church style. The terms in $M-F$ or $M-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ have information of multiple quantifiers according to its multiple-quantifier rules. The sequence may be empty, and the annotations in terms just express possibility of use of quantifier rules.

The system $M-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ is one of the most implicitly typed systems for existential types since terms of $M-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ have less type information than other sound type systems for existential types. We may consider a type assignment system for the pure lambda terms by the following rules for existential types:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash N : A[X := B]}{\Gamma \vdash N : \exists X.A} (\exists I) \quad \frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash M : \exists X.A \quad \Gamma_2, x : A \vdash N : C}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \vdash N[x := M] : C} (\exists E)$$

where $N[x := M]$ is the ordinary substitution. This system has a more implicitly typed style than $M-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$, but it is not sound. [4] presented a counterexample for the subject reduction property in this system. [13] also gave a counterexample for the subject reduction property in the second-order natural deduction with the above rules. On the other hand, we can define a sound reduction system for $M-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$. Another significance of $M-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ is that the multiple existential rules can handle mutual abstract data types even without parameters.

In the polymorphic type system $M-F$, a term has more type information than a pure lambda term. We can define an embedding $[M]$ from the Curry-style F into $M-F$ such that M has the type A in the Curry-style F if and only if $[M]$ has the type A in $M-F$. By this embedding, $M-F$ can explicitly capture the behavior of the polymorphic lambda calculus discussed by [15].

This paper will discuss $M-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ in two ways. Our first proof shows that TC is undecidable in $M-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ by a direct reduction of the semi-unification problem to TC of $M-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$. The semi-unification problem has been proved to be undecidable in [7]. Our second proof shows the undecidability of TC and TI in $M-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$, by first proving that TC and TI are undecidable in $M-F$ by the embedding from the Curry-style F to $M-F$, and then proving that TC and TI in $M-F$ is reduced to TC and TI in $M-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ by the method in [10] with some modification.

This paper will also show that the undecidability of TC and TI in $TF-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ is reduced to the undecidability of TC and TI in $TF-F$. In order for this, we will adapt the method of [10] to $TF-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$. [10] showed that TC and TI in the domain-free F , denoted by $DF-F$, is reduced to TC and TI in the domain-free $\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$, denoted by $DF-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$, by means of a CPS translation from $DF-F$ to $DF-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$. By adapting this method to $TF-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$, we will give a CPS translation from $TF-F$ to $TF-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$, which reduces TC and TI in $TF-F$ to TC and TI in $TF-\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$.

Figure 1 summarizes related results about the decidability of TC, STI, TI, and INH. In the figure, the problem marked by “no” means that the problem is undecidable, and the problems marked by “NO” denote the main results of this paper. The result (1) is proved by [15]. The result (2) is proved by [1] and [3] independently. The result (3) is proved by [9]. The result (4) is proved by [10]. The result (5) is proved by [14].

write $\Gamma, x : A$ for $\Gamma \cup \{(x : A)\}$. We also write Γ_1, Γ_2 for $\Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$. $\neg\Gamma$ is defined as $\{(x : \neg A) \mid (x : A) \in \Gamma\}$. $\text{dom}(\Gamma)$ is defined as $\{x \mid (x : A) \in \Gamma\}$. The typing rules of $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ are the following:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \overline{\Gamma, x : A \vdash x : A} \quad (\text{Ax}) \\
 \\
 \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash M : \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.M : \neg A} \quad (\neg I) \quad \frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash M : \neg A \quad \Gamma_2 \vdash N : A}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \vdash MN : \perp} \quad (\neg E) \\
 \\
 \frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash M : A \quad \Gamma_2 \vdash N : B}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \vdash \langle M, N \rangle : A \wedge B} \quad (\wedge I) \\
 \\
 \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A_1 \wedge A_2}{\Gamma \vdash M\pi_1 : A_1} \quad (\wedge E1) \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A_1 \wedge A_2}{\Gamma \vdash M\pi_2 : A_2} \quad (\wedge E2) \\
 \\
 \frac{\Gamma \vdash N : A[\overline{X} := \overline{B}]}{\Gamma \vdash \langle \exists^*, N \rangle : \exists \overline{X}.A} \quad (\exists I) \quad \frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash M : \exists \overline{X}.A \quad \Gamma_2, x : A \vdash N : C}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \vdash M[x.N] : C} \quad (\exists E)
 \end{array}$$

In the rule $(\exists E)$, Γ_2 and C do not contain any free occurrence of any type variable from \overline{X} . We write $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} M : A$ when $\Gamma \vdash M : A$ is derivable by the typing rules above.

The terms of $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ have enough type annotations to enjoy the generation lemma in the following proposition. We will implicitly use this proposition in the rest of this paper.

Proposition 2.2 (Generation Lemma). *Suppose $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} M : A$.*

- (1) *If M is x , then Γ contains $(x : A)$.*
- (2) *If M is $\lambda x.N$, then A is of the form $\neg B$ and we have $\Gamma, x : B \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} N : \perp$.*
- (3) *If M is $M_1 M_2$, then A is \perp and there exists B such that both $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} M_1 : \neg B$ and $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} M_2 : B$ hold.*
- (4) *If M is $\langle M_1, M_2 \rangle$, then A is of the form $A_1 \wedge A_2$ and we have $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} M_1 : A_1$ and $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} M_2 : A_2$.*
- (5) *If M is $N\pi_1$, then there exists B such that $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} N : A \wedge B$ holds.*
- (6) *If M is $N\pi_2$, then there exists B such that $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} N : B \wedge A$ holds.*
- (7) *If M is $\langle \exists^*, N \rangle$, then A is of the form of $\exists \overline{X}.B$ and we have $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} N : B[\overline{X} := \overline{C}]$ for some sequence \overline{C} of types.*
- (8) *If M is $M_1[x.M_2]$, then there exists $\exists \overline{X}.B$ such that no type variable from \overline{X} occurs freely in Γ nor A , and we have both $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} M_1 : \exists \overline{X}.B$ and $\Gamma, x : B \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} M_2 : A$.*

2.2 Undecidability of TC in $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$

In this subsection, we will show the undecidability of type checking by reducing the semi-unification problem to TC in $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$.

Definition 2.3 (Semi-Unification Problem). (1) A \wedge -type is defined as a $\neg\wedge\exists$ -type which contains neither \neg nor \exists . A \wedge -substitution is defined as a simultaneous type substitution $\Theta = [\overline{X} := \overline{A}]$ where each element in \overline{A} is a \wedge -type.

(2) A pair $(A_1 \leq B_1, A_2 \leq B_2)$ of inequalities between two \wedge -types is called an instance of the semi-unification problem. An instance $I = (A_1 \leq B_1, A_2 \leq B_2)$ has a solution if there exist \wedge -substitutions Θ, Θ_1 , and Θ_2 such that $A_1 \Theta \Theta_1 \equiv B_1 \Theta$ and $A_2 \Theta \Theta_2 \equiv B_2 \Theta$.

[7] considered the semi-unification problem for first-order expressions with the binary function symbol \rightarrow . Since their discussion did not depend on the semantics of the implication, the choice of the binary function symbol is arbitrary. By replacing \rightarrow by \wedge in their proof, the undecidability of the semi-unification problem on \wedge -types is proved.

Theorem 2.4 ([7]). *It is not possible to effectively decide whether a given instance of the semi-unification problem has a solution.*

The next lemma shows that the semi-unification problem is reduced to TC in $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$. The proof is done by adapting the technique by [15] to $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$.

Lemma 2.5. *For any instance I of the semi-unification problem, there exist Γ , M , and A such that I has a solution if and only if $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} M : A$ holds.*

Proof: In this proof, we use the abbreviation $A \wedge B \wedge C$ for $A \wedge (B \wedge C)$ and $\langle M, N, L \rangle$ for $\langle M, \langle N, L \rangle \rangle$ respectively.

Let $I = (A_1 \leq B_1, A_2 \leq B_2)$ be an instance of the semi-unification problem, and \bar{X} be the free type variables in I . Suppose that c is a fresh term variable, and Z_1 and Z_2 are fresh type variables. Take C to be $\neg\exists\bar{X}Z_1Z_2.C'$ and M to be $\langle \exists^*, \lambda k.(k\pi_2)[k'.c\langle \exists^*, \langle P, P, k' \rangle \rangle] \rangle$, where C' and P are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} C' &\equiv \neg(\neg B_1 \wedge Z_2) \wedge \neg(\neg Z_1 \wedge B_2) \wedge (\neg A_1 \wedge A_2), \\ P &\equiv \lambda k''.(k\pi_1)\langle \exists^*, k'' \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

We can show that I has a solution if and only if $c : C \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} M : \exists Y.\neg(\neg Y \wedge Y)$ holds.

We suppose that I has a solution $(\Theta, \Theta_1, \Theta_2)$. Let \bar{W} include the union of domains of Θ_1 and Θ_2 , D' be $\neg A_1\Theta \wedge A_2\Theta$, D be $\exists\bar{W}.D'$, and Γ denote the context $\{c : C, k : \neg D \wedge D\}$. For any substitution Ξ whose domain is included in \bar{W} , we have the following:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Gamma \vdash k\pi_1 : \neg D \quad \frac{k'' : D'\Xi \vdash k'' : D'\Xi}{k'' : D'\Xi \vdash \langle \exists^*, k'' \rangle : D} \end{array}}{\frac{\Gamma, k'' : D'\Xi \vdash (k\pi_1)\langle \exists^*, k'' \rangle : \perp}{\Gamma \vdash P : \neg D'\Xi}} .$$

Since $A_i\Theta\Theta_i \equiv B_i\Theta$ holds for $i = 1$ and 2 , we have $D'\Theta_1 \equiv \neg B_1\Theta \wedge A_2\Theta\Theta_1$ and $D'\Theta_2 \equiv \neg A_1\Theta\Theta_2 \wedge B_2\Theta$. So we have $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} P : \neg(\neg B_1\Theta \wedge A_2\Theta\Theta_1)$ and $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} P : \neg(\neg A_1\Theta\Theta_2 \wedge B_2\Theta)$. Therefore, under the context $\Gamma \cup \{k' : D'\}$, the term $\langle P, P, k' \rangle$ has the type $\neg(\neg B_1\Theta \wedge A_2\Theta\Theta_1) \wedge \neg(\neg A_1\Theta\Theta_2 \wedge B_2\Theta) \wedge (\neg A_1\Theta \wedge A_2\Theta)$, which is identical to $C'\Theta[Z_1 := A_1\Theta\Theta_2][Z_2 := A_2\Theta\Theta_1]$. Therefore the term $\langle \exists^*, \langle P, P, k' \rangle \rangle$ has the type $\exists\bar{X}Z_1Z_2.C'$, and $c\langle \exists^*, \langle P, P, k' \rangle \rangle$ has the type \perp . Hence we have the following:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Gamma \vdash k\pi_2 : D \quad \Gamma, k' : D' \vdash c\langle \exists^*, \langle P, P, k' \rangle \rangle : \perp \end{array}}{\frac{\Gamma \vdash (k\pi_2)[k'.c\langle \exists^*, \langle P, P, k' \rangle \rangle] : \perp}{c : C \vdash \lambda k.(k\pi_2)[k'.c\langle \exists^*, \langle P, P, k' \rangle \rangle] : \neg(\neg D \wedge D)}} .$$

Conversely, we suppose that $c : C \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} M : \exists Y.\neg(\neg Y \wedge Y)$ holds. Then $c : C, k : \neg E \wedge E \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} (k\pi_2)[k'.c\langle \exists^*, \langle P, P, k' \rangle \rangle] : \perp$ holds for some E . Since this judgment is a conclusion of $(\exists E)$, the type E

of the term $k\pi_2$ must be of the form $\exists\bar{W}.E'$ for some \bar{W} and E' such that E' is the type of k' . Moreover, $\langle\exists^*, \langle P, P, k' \rangle\rangle$ has the type $\exists\bar{X}Z_1Z_2.C'$, so we have

- (1) $k : \neg E \wedge E \vdash_{M-\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}} P : \neg(\neg B_1\Theta \wedge Z_2\Theta)$,
- (2) $k : \neg E \wedge E \vdash_{M-\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}} P : \neg(\neg Z_1\Theta \wedge B_2\Theta)$,
- (3) $k' : E' \vdash_{M-\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}} k' : \neg A_1\Theta \wedge A_2\Theta$,

for some substitution Θ whose domain is included in $\bar{X}Z_1Z_2$. From (3), E' is identical to $\neg A_1\Theta \wedge A_2\Theta$. From (1), we have

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ k : \neg E \wedge E \vdash k\pi_1 : \neg E \end{array} \quad \frac{k'' : \neg B_1\Theta \wedge Z_2\Theta \vdash k'' : \neg B_1\Theta \wedge Z_2\Theta}{k'' : \neg B_1\Theta \wedge Z_2\Theta \vdash \langle\exists^*, k''\rangle : E} (*)}{\frac{k : \neg E \wedge E, k'' : \neg B_1\Theta \wedge Z_2\Theta \vdash (k\pi_1)\langle\exists^*, k''\rangle : \perp}{k : \neg E \wedge E \vdash P : \neg(\neg B_1\Theta \wedge Z_2\Theta)}} .$$

Since the rule (*) is $(\exists I)$ and E is identical to $\exists\bar{W}.E' \equiv \exists\bar{W}.\neg A_1\Theta \wedge A_2\Theta$, we have $\neg B_1\Theta \wedge Z_2\Theta \equiv E'\Theta_1 \equiv \neg A_1\Theta\Theta_1 \wedge A_2\Theta\Theta_1$ for some substitution Θ_1 whose domain is included in \bar{W} . Hence we have $B_1\Theta \equiv A_1\Theta\Theta_1$. Similarly, we have $B_2\Theta \equiv A_2\Theta\Theta_2$ from (2).

Since Θ , Θ_1 and Θ_2 may contain \neg and \exists , we have to construct \wedge -substitutions from them. Following the idea of [15], we define the erase function with a fresh type variable Z as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} e(X) &= X, \\ e(A \wedge B) &= e(A) \wedge e(B), \\ e(\neg A) &= e(A), \\ e(\exists X.A) &= e(A[X := Z]). \end{aligned}$$

We prove $e(A\Theta) \equiv e(e(A)\Theta)$ for any $\neg \wedge \exists$ -type A and any substitution Θ by induction on the size of A as follows.

(Case X) Both the sides are equal to $e(X\Theta)$.

(Case $B \wedge C$) The left-hand side is $e(B\Theta) \wedge e(C\Theta)$, which is identical to $e(e(B)\Theta) \wedge e(e(C)\Theta)$ by the induction hypothesis. The right-hand side is $e((e(B) \wedge e(C))\Theta) \equiv e(e(B)\Theta) \wedge e(e(C)\Theta)$.

(Case $\neg B$) The left-hand side is $e(B\Theta)$, which is identical to $e(e(B)\Theta)$ by the induction hypothesis. The right-hand side is $e(e(\neg B)\Theta) \equiv e(e(B)\Theta)$.

(Case $\exists X.B$) By renaming bound variables, we suppose that X does not occur in Θ . The left-hand side is $e(B\Theta[X := Z])$, which is identical to $e(B[X := Z]\Theta)$ since Z is fresh. By the induction hypothesis, this type is identical to $e(e(B[X := Z])\Theta)$, which is equal to the right-hand side.

Define the \wedge -substitutions (Ξ, Ξ_1, Ξ_2) by $X\Xi = e(X\Theta)$ and $X\Xi_i = e(X\Theta_i)$. Since $A_i\Theta\Theta_i \equiv B_i\Theta$ holds, we have $e(A_i\Theta\Theta_i) \equiv e(B_i\Theta) \equiv \Xi(B_i)$. By the claim proved above, we have $e(A_i\Theta\Theta_i) \equiv e(e(A_i\Theta)\Theta_i) \equiv A_i\Xi\Xi_i$, so the triple (Ξ, Ξ_1, Ξ_2) is a solution of I . ■

Theorem 2.6. *Type checking is undecidable in $M-\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}$.*

Proof: By Theorem 2.4 and Lemma 2.5. ■

2.3 Polymorphic Lambda Calculus with Multiple-Quantifier Rules

In this subsection, we prove that TC and TI are undecidable in $M-F$ by showing that it is reduced to the undecidability of TC and TI in the Curry-style polymorphic lambda calculus.

Definition 2.7 (M- F). (1) The types are denoted by A, B, \dots , and called $\rightarrow\forall$ -types. The terms are denoted by M, N, \dots . They are defined by

$$\begin{aligned} A &::= X \mid A \rightarrow A \mid \forall X.A, \\ M &::= x \mid \lambda x.M \mid \Lambda^*.M \mid MM \mid M\bullet^*. \end{aligned}$$

In the type $\forall X.A$, the variable X is bound in A . In the term $\lambda x.M$, the variable x is bound in M . In M- F , we use \perp to denote the type $\forall X.X$.

(2) The typing rules of M- F are the following:

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash x : A} \text{ (Ax)} \\ &\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash M : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.M : A \rightarrow B} \text{ } (\rightarrow I) \quad \frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash M : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma_2 \vdash N : A}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \vdash MN : B} \text{ } (\rightarrow E) \\ &\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A}{\Gamma \vdash \Lambda^*.M : \forall \bar{X}.A} \text{ } (\forall I) \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \forall \bar{X}.A}{\Gamma \vdash M\bullet^* : A[\bar{X} := \bar{B}]} \text{ } (\forall E) \end{aligned}$$

In the rule $(\forall I)$, Γ does not contain any free occurrence of any type variable from \bar{X} .

The Curry-style F is defined as follows.

Definition 2.8 (Curry- F). The types of Curry- F are $\rightarrow\forall$ -types. The terms of Curry- F are defined by

$$M ::= x \mid \lambda x.M \mid MM.$$

The typing rules of Curry- F are the same as those of M- F except for the rules of the universal quantifiers given as follows.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A}{\Gamma \vdash M : \forall X.A} \text{ } (\forall I) \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \forall X.A}{\Gamma \vdash M : A[X := B]} \text{ } (\forall E)$$

[15] showed the following INST-before-GEN generation lemma for Curry- F . INST and GEN mean $(\forall E)$ and $(\forall I)$, respectively.

Definition 2.9 (INST-before-GEN Property). A derivation in Curry- F is defined to satisfy the INST-before-GEN property if any premise of $(\forall E)$ is not the conclusion of $(\forall I)$ in the derivation.

Proposition 2.10 ([15]). (1) If $\Gamma \vdash M : A$ is derivable in Curry- F , then there is a derivation of $\Gamma \vdash M : A$ which satisfies the INST-before-GEN property.

(2) (INST-before-GEN Generation Lemma) Assume a derivation of $\Gamma \vdash M : A$ satisfies the INST-before-GEN property. We have the following.

(i) If M is a variable x , then Γ contains $x : B$ for some B such that the derivation has the following form.

$$\begin{array}{c} \overline{\Gamma \vdash x : B} \\ \vdots \text{ } (\forall E) \text{ (zero or more times)} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \text{ } (\forall I) \text{ (zero or more times)} \\ \Gamma \vdash x : A \end{array}$$

(ii) If M is a λ -abstraction $\lambda x.N$, then the derivation has the following form for some B and C .

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : B \vdash N : C}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.N : B \rightarrow C}$$

$$\vdots (\forall I) \text{ (zero or more times)}$$

$$\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.N : A$$

(iii) If M is an application $N_1 N_2$, then the derivation has the following form for some B and C .

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash N_1 : C \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash N_2 : C}{\Gamma \vdash N_1 N_2 : B}$$

$$\vdots (\forall E) \text{ (zero or more times)}$$

$$\vdots (\forall I) \text{ (zero or more times)}$$

$$\Gamma \vdash N_1 N_2 : A$$

A term of $M-F$ contains more type annotations than that of $\text{Curry-}F$, so $M-F$ seems more restricted when we type terms of $M-F$. However, we can define an embedding from $\text{Curry-}F$ into $M-F$. The embedding shows that the system $M-F$ explicitly captures the behavior of the INST-before-GEN generation lemma.

Definition 2.11. The embedding map $[\cdot]$ from the $\text{Curry-}F$ -terms to the $M-F$ -terms is defined by

$$[x] \equiv \Lambda^*.x\bullet^*,$$

$$[\lambda x.M] \equiv \Lambda^*.\lambda x.[M],$$

$$[MN] \equiv \Lambda^*.[M][N]\bullet^*.$$

Proposition 2.12. $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{Curry-}F} M : A$ holds if and only if $\Gamma \vdash_{M-F} [M] : A$.

Proof: By noting that \bar{X} in $(\forall I)$ and $(\forall E)$ of $M-F$ may be an empty sequence, it is easily proved that $\Gamma \vdash_{M-F} [M] : A$ implies $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{Curry-}F} M : A$. We will prove the converse direction by induction on M . Suppose that we have a derivation of $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{Curry-}F} M : A$. By Proposition 2.10 (1), we can assume that the derivation enjoys the INST-before-GEN property.

(Case $M \equiv x$) By Proposition 2.10 (2) (i), the derivation of $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{Curry-}F} x : A$ is of the following form, where $\Gamma', x : B$ is identical to Γ .

$$\frac{}{\Gamma', x : B \vdash x : B}$$

$$\vdots (\forall E) \text{ (zero or more times)}$$

$$\Gamma', x : B \vdash x : B'$$

$$\vdots (\forall I) \text{ (zero or more times)}$$

$$\Gamma', x : B \vdash x : A$$

Hence we have $\Gamma', x : B \vdash_{M-F} x\bullet^* : B'$, so $\Gamma', x : B \vdash_{M-F} \Lambda^*.x\bullet^* : A$.

(Case $M \equiv \lambda x.N$) By Proposition 2.10 (2) (ii), the derivation of $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{Curry-}F} \lambda x.N : A$ is of the following form.

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : B \vdash N : C}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.N : B \rightarrow C}$$

$$\vdots (\forall I) \text{ (zero or more times)}$$

$$\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.N : A$$

By the induction hypothesis, we have $\Gamma, x : B \vdash_{M-F} [N] : C$, so we have $\Gamma \vdash_{M-F} \lambda x. [N] : B \rightarrow C$. Hence we have $\Gamma \vdash_{M-F} \Lambda^*. \lambda x. [N] : A$.

(Case $M \equiv N_1 N_2$) By Proposition 2.10 (2) (iii), the derivation of $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{Curry-}F} N_1 N_2 : A$ is of the following form.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash N_1 : C \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash N_2 : C}{\Gamma \vdash N_1 N_2 : B}$$

$$\vdots (\forall E) \text{ (zero or more times)}$$

$$\Gamma \vdash N_1 N_2 : B'$$

$$\vdots (\forall I) \text{ (zero or more times)}$$

$$\Gamma \vdash N_1 N_2 : A$$

By the induction hypotheses, we have $\Gamma \vdash_{M-F} [N_1] : C \rightarrow B$ and $\Gamma \vdash_{M-F} [N_2] : C$, so we have $\Gamma \vdash_{M-F} [N_1] [N_2] : B$. We have $\Gamma \vdash_{M-F} [N_1] [N_2] \bullet^* : B'$, so $\Gamma \vdash_{M-F} \Lambda^*. [N_1] [N_2] \bullet^* : A$. ■

Proposition 2.13. *Type checking and type inference are undecidable in M-F.*

Proof: By Proposition 2.12, the undecidability of TC and TI in M-F is reduced to the undecidability of TC and TI in Curry-F, which has been proved in [15]. ■

2.4 Undecidability of TI in $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$

We will prove that TC and TI in $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ is reduced to those in M-F.

In order for the reduction, we will borrow the idea of the contraction translation on types from [10]. However, we cannot directly apply the original definition of the translation, and some modification is needed. Along the lines of the proof in [10], we will define a negative translation $(\cdot)^\bullet$ from the $\rightarrow\forall$ -types to the $\neg\wedge\exists$ -types, a CPS translation $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket$ from M-F to $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$, and a subsystem $M\text{-}\lambda_{\text{CPS}}^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ of $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$, which is the image of the CPS translation. Then we will prove that M has a type A in M-F if and only if $\llbracket M \rrbracket$ has the type $\neg A^\bullet$ in $M\text{-}\lambda_{\text{CPS}}^{\neg\wedge\exists}$. Furthermore, we will show that $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ is a conservative extension of $M\text{-}\lambda_{\text{CPS}}^{\neg\wedge\exists}$, that is, for any term of the form $\llbracket M \rrbracket$, if $\llbracket M \rrbracket$ has a type $\neg A^\bullet$ in $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$, then $\llbracket M \rrbracket$ has the type $\neg A^\bullet$ in $M\text{-}\lambda_{\text{CPS}}^{\neg\wedge\exists}$. By these facts, we will conclude that M has a type A in M-F if and only if $\llbracket M \rrbracket$ has the type $\neg A^\bullet$ in $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$. Hence TC and TI in M-F will be reduced to those in $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$.

Definition 2.14 (CPS Translation). (1) The *negative translation* from the $\rightarrow\forall$ -types to the $\neg\wedge\exists$ -types is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} X^\bullet &\equiv X, \\ (A \rightarrow B)^\bullet &\equiv \neg A^\bullet \wedge B^\bullet, \\ (\forall X. A)^\bullet &\equiv \exists X. A^\bullet. \end{aligned}$$

Γ^\bullet is defined as $\{(x : A^\bullet) \mid (x : A) \in \Gamma\}$.

(2) The *CPS translation* from the terms in M-F to the terms in $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket x \rrbracket &\equiv \lambda k. x k, \\ \llbracket \lambda x. M \rrbracket &\equiv \lambda k. (\lambda x. \llbracket M \rrbracket (k \pi_2)) (k \pi_1), \\ \llbracket MN \rrbracket &\equiv \lambda k. \llbracket M \rrbracket \langle \llbracket N \rrbracket, k \rangle, \\ \llbracket \Lambda^*. M \rrbracket &\equiv \lambda k. k [k'. \llbracket M \rrbracket k'], \\ \llbracket M \bullet^* \rrbracket &\equiv \lambda k. \llbracket M \rrbracket \langle \exists^*, k \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where k and k' are supposed to be fresh variables.

Proposition 2.15. $\Gamma \vdash_{M-F} M : A$ implies $\neg\Gamma^\bullet \vdash_{M-\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}} \llbracket M \rrbracket : \neg A^\bullet$.

Proof: The proposition is proved by induction on the derivation of $\Gamma \vdash_{M-F} M : A$.

Case (Ax). When the derivation is

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash x : A}$$

we have the following in $M-\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}$.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\neg\Gamma^\bullet, x : \neg A^\bullet, k : A^\bullet \vdash x : \neg A^\bullet} \quad \frac{}{\neg\Gamma^\bullet, x : \neg A^\bullet, k : A^\bullet \vdash k : A^\bullet}}{\neg\Gamma^\bullet, x : \neg A^\bullet, k : A^\bullet \vdash xk : \perp}}{\neg\Gamma^\bullet, x : \neg A^\bullet \vdash \lambda k.xk : \neg A^\bullet}}$$

Case (\rightarrow I). Suppose that the last rule of the derivation is the following.

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash M : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.M : A \rightarrow B}$$

By the induction hypothesis, we have $\neg\Gamma^\bullet, x : \neg A^\bullet \vdash_{M-\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}} \llbracket M \rrbracket : \neg B^\bullet$, so we have $\neg\Gamma^\bullet, k : \neg A^\bullet \wedge B^\bullet, x : \neg A^\bullet \vdash_{M-\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}} \llbracket M \rrbracket (k\pi_2) : \perp$. We have the following in $M-\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}$.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdots}{\neg\Gamma^\bullet, k : \neg A^\bullet \wedge B^\bullet, x : \neg A^\bullet \vdash \llbracket M \rrbracket (k\pi_2) : \perp} \quad \vdots}{\neg\Gamma^\bullet, k : \neg A^\bullet \wedge B^\bullet \vdash \lambda x.\llbracket M \rrbracket (k\pi_2) : \neg\neg A^\bullet} \quad k : \neg A^\bullet \wedge B^\bullet \vdash k\pi_1 : \neg A^\bullet}}{\frac{\neg\Gamma^\bullet, k : \neg A^\bullet \wedge B^\bullet \vdash (\lambda x.\llbracket M \rrbracket (k\pi_2))(k\pi_1) : \perp}{\neg\Gamma^\bullet \vdash \lambda k.(\lambda x.\llbracket M \rrbracket (k\pi_2))(k\pi_1) : \neg(\neg A^\bullet \wedge B^\bullet)}}$$

Case (\rightarrow E). Suppose that the last rule of the derivation is the following.

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash M : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma_2 \vdash N : A}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \vdash MN : B}$$

By the induction hypotheses, we have $\neg\Gamma_1^\bullet \vdash_{M-\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}} \llbracket M \rrbracket : \neg(\neg A^\bullet \wedge B^\bullet)$ and $\neg\Gamma_2^\bullet \vdash_{M-\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}} \llbracket N \rrbracket : \neg A^\bullet$. We have the following.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdots}{\neg\Gamma_1^\bullet, k : B^\bullet \vdash \llbracket M \rrbracket : \neg(\neg A^\bullet \wedge B^\bullet)} \quad \frac{\frac{\vdots}{\neg\Gamma_2^\bullet \vdash \llbracket N \rrbracket : \neg A^\bullet} \quad \frac{}{k : B^\bullet \vdash k : B^\bullet}}{\neg\Gamma_2^\bullet, k : B^\bullet \vdash \langle \llbracket N \rrbracket, k \rangle : \neg A^\bullet \wedge B^\bullet}}{\neg\Gamma_1^\bullet, \neg\Gamma_2^\bullet, k : B^\bullet \vdash \llbracket M \rrbracket \langle \llbracket N \rrbracket, k \rangle : \perp}}{\neg\Gamma_1^\bullet, \neg\Gamma_2^\bullet \vdash \lambda k.\llbracket M \rrbracket \langle \llbracket N \rrbracket, k \rangle : \neg B^\bullet}}$$

Case (\forall I). Suppose that the last rule of the derivation is the following.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A}{\Gamma \vdash \Lambda^*.M : \forall \bar{X}.A}$$

By the induction hypothesis, we have $\neg\Gamma^\bullet \vdash_{M-\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}} \llbracket M \rrbracket : \neg A^\bullet$, so we have $\neg\Gamma^\bullet, k : A^\bullet \vdash_{M-\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}} \llbracket M \rrbracket k : \perp$. Since Γ does not contain any free type variable from \bar{X} by the variable condition of (\forall), $\neg\Gamma^\bullet$ does not contain any free type variable from \bar{X} either. We have the following.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdots}{k : \exists \bar{X}. A^\bullet \vdash k : \exists \bar{X}. A^\bullet}{} \quad \neg\Gamma^\bullet, k' : A^\bullet \vdash \llbracket M \rrbracket k' : \perp}{\neg\Gamma^\bullet, k : \exists \bar{X}. A^\bullet \vdash k[k'. \llbracket M \rrbracket k'] : \perp}}{\neg\Gamma^\bullet \vdash \lambda k. k[k'. \llbracket M \rrbracket k'] : \neg \exists \bar{X}. A^\bullet}$$

Case (\forall E). Suppose that the last rule of the derivation is the following.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \forall \bar{X}. A}{\Gamma \vdash M \bullet : A[\bar{X} := \bar{B}]}$$

By the induction hypothesis, we have $\neg\Gamma^\bullet \vdash_{M-\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}} \llbracket M \rrbracket : \neg \exists \bar{X}. A^\bullet$. We have the following.

$$\frac{\frac{\vdots}{\frac{\frac{k : A^\bullet[\bar{X} := \bar{B}^\bullet] \vdash k : A^\bullet[\bar{X} := \bar{B}^\bullet]}{} \quad k : A^\bullet[\bar{X} := \bar{B}^\bullet] \vdash \langle \exists^*, k \rangle : \exists \bar{X}. A^\bullet}{\neg\Gamma^\bullet, k : A^\bullet[\bar{X} := \bar{B}^\bullet] \vdash \llbracket M \rrbracket \langle \exists^*, k \rangle : \perp}}{\neg\Gamma^\bullet \vdash \lambda k. \llbracket M \rrbracket \langle \exists^*, k \rangle : \neg A^\bullet[\bar{X} := \bar{B}^\bullet]}}$$

where \bar{B}^\bullet denotes the sequence $(B_1^\bullet, \dots, B_n^\bullet)$ for $\bar{B} = (B_1, \dots, B_n)$. Note that $(A[\bar{X} := \bar{B}])^\bullet \equiv A^\bullet[\bar{X} := \bar{B}^\bullet]$ is easily proved by induction on A . \blacksquare

Definition 2.16 ($M-\lambda_{\text{cps}}^{-\wedge\exists}$). (1) The *continuation types*, denoted by $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}, \dots$, are defined by

$$\mathcal{A} ::= X \mid \neg\mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{A} \mid \exists X. \mathcal{A}.$$

A *CPS type* is define as a type of the form $\neg\mathcal{A}$ for some continuation type \mathcal{A} . The *CPS terms*, denoted by P, Q, \dots , are defined by

$$P ::= \lambda k. xk \mid \lambda k. (\lambda x. P(k\pi_2))(k\pi_1) \mid \lambda k. P\langle Q, k \rangle \mid \lambda k. P\langle \exists^*, k \rangle \mid \lambda k. k[k'. Pk'],$$

where occurrences of k and k' denote those of the same variable, for example, $\lambda k. xk$ denotes $\lambda k_1. xk_1$ but does not denote $\lambda k_1. xk_2$ for $k_1 \neq k_2$. We define the subsystem $M-\lambda_{\text{cps}}^{-\wedge\exists}$ of $M-\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}$ by restricting their terms and their types to the CPS terms and the CPS types, respectively. The judgments of $M-\lambda_{\text{cps}}^{-\wedge\exists}$ are restricted to those of the form $\neg\Gamma \vdash P : \neg\mathcal{A}$, where each type assignment in $\neg\Gamma$ is of the form $(x : \neg\mathcal{B})$ for some continuation type \mathcal{B} . The typing rules of $M-\lambda_{\text{cps}}^{-\wedge\exists}$ are the following.

$$\frac{\neg\Gamma, x : \neg\mathcal{A} \vdash \lambda k. xk : \neg\mathcal{A}}{\neg\Gamma, x : \neg\mathcal{A} \vdash P : \neg\mathcal{B}} \quad \frac{\neg\Gamma \vdash \lambda k. (\lambda x. P(k\pi_2))(k\pi_1) : \neg(\neg\mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{B})}{\neg\Gamma_1 \vdash P : \neg(\neg\mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{B}) \quad \neg\Gamma_2 \vdash Q : \neg\mathcal{A}} \quad \frac{\neg\Gamma_1, \neg\Gamma_2 \vdash \lambda k. P\langle Q, k \rangle : \neg\mathcal{B}}{\neg\Gamma \vdash P : \neg(\exists \bar{X}. \mathcal{B})} \quad \frac{\neg\Gamma \vdash P : \neg\mathcal{B}}{\neg\Gamma \vdash \lambda k. k[k'. Pk'] : \neg \exists \bar{X}. \mathcal{B}}$$

In the last rule, Γ does not contain any type variable in \bar{X} freely. We write $\neg\Gamma \vdash_{\text{cps}} P : \neg\mathcal{A}$ when the judgment is derivable by the rules above.

(2) The inverse translation $(\cdot)^\circ$ from the continuation types to the $\rightarrow\forall$ -types is defined by

$$X^\circ \equiv X,$$

$$(\neg\mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{B})^\circ \equiv \mathcal{A}^\circ \rightarrow \mathcal{B}^\circ,$$

$$(\exists X.\mathcal{A})^\circ \equiv \forall X.\mathcal{A}^\circ.$$

(3) The inverse translation $(\cdot)^\#$ from the CPS terms to the terms of M-F is defined by

$$(\lambda k.xk)^\# \equiv x,$$

$$(\lambda k.(\lambda x.P(k\pi_2))(k\pi_1))^\# \equiv \lambda x.P^\#,$$

$$(\lambda k.k[k'.Pk'])^\# \equiv \Lambda^*.P^\#,$$

$$(\lambda k.P\langle Q, k \rangle)^\# \equiv P^\#Q^\#,$$

$$(\lambda k.P\langle \exists^*, k \rangle)^\# \equiv P^\#\bullet^*.$$

Lemma 2.17. (1) For any $\rightarrow\forall$ -type A , A^\bullet is a continuation type, and $A^{\bullet^\circ} \equiv A$ holds.

(2) For any M-F-term M , $\llbracket M \rrbracket$ is a CPS term, and $\llbracket M \rrbracket^\# \equiv M$ holds.

Proof: (1) By induction on A .

(2) By induction on M . ■

Proposition 2.18. (1) If $\neg\Gamma \vdash_{\text{cps}} P : \neg\mathcal{A}$ holds, then $\Gamma^\circ \vdash_{\text{M-F}} P^\# : \mathcal{A}^\circ$ holds.

(2) If $\neg\Gamma^\bullet \vdash_{\text{cps}} \llbracket M \rrbracket : \neg\mathcal{A}^\bullet$, then $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{M-F}} M : \mathcal{A}$ holds.

Proof: (1) By induction on the derivation of $\neg\Gamma \vdash_{\text{cps}} P : \neg\mathcal{A}$.

(2) By (1), we have $\Gamma^{\bullet^\circ} \vdash_{\text{M-F}} \llbracket M \rrbracket^\# : \mathcal{A}^{\bullet^\circ}$. By Lemma 2.17, we have the claim. ■

In order to prove the conservativeness of $\text{M-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ over $\text{M-}\lambda_{\text{cps}}^{\neg\wedge\exists}$, that is, $\neg\Gamma^\bullet \vdash_{\text{M-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} \llbracket M \rrbracket : \neg\mathcal{A}^\bullet$ implies $\neg\Gamma^\bullet \vdash_{\text{cps}} \llbracket M \rrbracket : \neg\mathcal{A}^\bullet$, we define the contraction translation on types, which has been introduced in [10]. A type derivation of a CPS term in $\text{M-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ may contain a $\neg\wedge\exists$ -type that is not a CPS type. For example, a CPS term $Q \equiv \lambda k'.xk'$ may have an arbitrary negation type $\neg\mathcal{A}$ under the context $\{x : \neg\mathcal{A}\}$, and then $P \equiv \lambda k.(\lambda x.Q(k\pi_2))(k\pi_1)$ may have the type $\neg(\neg\mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{A})$ under the empty context. If \mathcal{A} is not a continuation type, the type derivation of $P : \neg(\neg\mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{A})$ is not in $\text{M-}\lambda_{\text{cps}}^{\neg\wedge\exists}$. However, such a type \mathcal{A} cannot be consumed in type derivations of CPS terms, so we can replace \mathcal{A} by some continuation type without changing the form of the derivation. The contraction translation formally realizes this replacement, and derivations in $\text{M-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ are translated to those in $\text{M-}\lambda_{\text{cps}}^{\neg\wedge\exists}$. The contraction translation $(\cdot)^c$ is defined as follows so that $\Gamma^c \vdash_{\text{cps}} P : \mathcal{A}^c$ holds for any type derivation of $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{M-}\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}} P : \mathcal{A}$ for a CPS term P .

Definition 2.19 (Contraction Translation). Let \mathcal{S} be a fixed closed continuation type, for example, $\exists X.X$. The contraction translation $(\cdot)^c$ from the $\neg\wedge\exists$ -types to the CPS types, and the auxiliary translation $(\cdot)^d$ from the $\neg\wedge\exists$ -types to the continuation types are defined by

$$(\neg\mathcal{A})^c \equiv \neg\mathcal{A}^d,$$

$$\mathcal{A}^c \equiv \neg\mathcal{A}^d \quad (\mathcal{A} \text{ is not a negation}),$$

$$X^d \equiv X,$$

$$\perp^d \equiv \mathcal{S},$$

$$(\neg\mathcal{A})^d \equiv \mathcal{A}^d,$$

$$\begin{aligned} (A \wedge B)^d &\equiv A^c \wedge B^d, \\ (\exists X.A)^d &\equiv \exists X.A^d. \end{aligned}$$

Γ^c is defined as $\{(x : A^c) \mid (x : A) \in \Gamma\}$.

In [10], A^c for a non-negation type A was defined as \mathcal{S} , and it worked well for the domain-free calculi. For the calculi with multiple-quantifier rules, we have to change the definition for the following reason. The contraction translation is expected to have the following property: $\Gamma \vdash_{M-\lambda-\neg\exists} P : A$ implies $\Gamma^c \vdash_{\text{cps}} P : A^c$ for any CPS term P . In the case of $P \equiv \lambda k.Q(\exists^*, k)$, Q must have a type of the form $\neg\exists\bar{X}.C$, and P has a type $A \equiv \neg C[\bar{X} := \bar{B}]$ for some \bar{B} , so we must show that P has the type $(\neg C[\bar{X} := \bar{B}])^c \equiv \neg(C[\bar{X} := \bar{B}])^d$ from the fact that Q has the type $(\neg\exists\bar{X}.C)^c \equiv \neg\exists\bar{X}.C^d$. In order to prove it, it is sufficient to show the commutativity of the contraction and the substitution, that is, $(C[\bar{X} := \bar{B}])^d \equiv C^d[\bar{X} := \bar{B}^d]$. However, the original contraction does not have this property.

We note that, in the case of the domain-free $\lambda^{-\wedge\exists}$, we needed only the restricted form of commutativity, that is, $(C[X := B])^d \equiv C^d[X := B]$, because the CPS term corresponding to P above is $\lambda k.Q(\langle B, k \rangle)$, where the type abstracted by the \exists -introduction is restricted to the continuation type B . The restricted commutativity is proved more easily, since any continuation type is not a negation.

Lemma 2.20. (1) For any continuation type A , $(\neg A)^c \equiv \neg A$ and $A^d \equiv A$ hold.

(2) For $\neg \wedge \exists$ -types A and B , we have (i) $(B[X := A])^c \equiv B^c[X := A^d]$ and (ii) $(B[X := A])^d \equiv B^d[X := A^d]$.

Proof: (1) It is easily proved by induction on A .

(2) By induction on B . In the following, we write $B[A]$ for $B[X := A]$. We will prove (i) $(B[A])^c \equiv B^c[A^d]$ and (ii) $(B[A])^d \equiv B^d[A^d]$ simultaneously by induction on B .

(i) Case $B \equiv X$. We have $(X[A])^c \equiv A^c$ and $X^c[A^d] \equiv \neg A^d$. If A is not a negation, these are the same type by the definition. Otherwise, by letting $A \equiv \neg C$, we have $(\neg C)^c \equiv \neg C^d$ and $\neg(\neg C)^d \equiv \neg C^d$.

The other cases are proved by (ii).

(ii) Case $B \equiv \perp$. In this case, both the sides are \mathcal{S} .

Case $B \equiv X$. In this case, both the sides are A^d .

Case $B \equiv Y$ ($Y \neq X$). Both the sides are Y .

Case $B \equiv \neg C$. We have $(\neg C[A])^d \equiv (C[A])^d$, which is identical to $C^d[A^d]$ by the induction hypothesis. On the other hand, we have $(\neg C)^d[A^d] \equiv C^d[A^d]$ by the definition.

Case $B \equiv C \wedge D$. If C is a negation, $C[A]$ is a negation, so this case is easily proved by the induction hypothesis. If $C[A]$ is not a negation, C is not a negation either, so this case is also easily proved by the induction hypothesis. The remaining case is the case where C is not a negation and $C[A]$ is a negation, that is, $C \equiv X$ and $A \equiv \neg E$. Then we have $(X[\neg E] \wedge B[\neg E])^d \equiv \neg E^d \wedge (B[\neg E])^d$, which is identical to $\neg E^d \wedge B^d[E^d]$ by the induction hypothesis. On the other hand, we have $(X \wedge B)^d[(\neg E)^d] \equiv (\neg X \wedge B^d)[E^d]$, so both the sides are the same type.

Case $B \equiv \exists Y.C$. This case is proved by the induction hypothesis. ■

Lemma 2.21. For any CPS term P , $\Gamma \vdash_{M-\lambda-\neg\exists} P : A$ implies $\Gamma^c \vdash_{\text{cps}} P : A^c$.

Proof: By induction on P . In this proof, we implicitly use the generation lemma (Proposition 2.2). Any type of P is a negation, since any CPS term is a λ -abstraction. We will show that $\Gamma \vdash_{M-\lambda-\neg\exists} P : \neg A$ implies $\Gamma^c \vdash_{\text{cps}} P : \neg A^d$.

Case $P \equiv \lambda k.xk$. Any derivation of $\Gamma \vdash_{M-\lambda-\neg\exists} P : \neg A$ has the following form.

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{\Gamma \vdash x : \neg A} \quad \overline{k : A \vdash k : A}}{\Gamma, k : A \vdash xk : \perp}}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda k.xk : \neg A}$$

We have $(x : \neg A) \in \Gamma$, so $(x : \neg A^d) \in \Gamma^c$ holds.

Case $P \equiv \lambda k.(\lambda x.Q(k\pi_2))(k\pi_1)$. Any derivation of $\Gamma \vdash_{M-\lambda-\neg\exists} P : \neg A$ has the following form:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\overline{\Gamma' \vdash k : A}}{\Gamma, x : B \vdash Q : \neg C} \quad \overline{\Gamma' \vdash k\pi_2 : C}}{\Gamma', x : B \vdash Q(k\pi_2) : \perp} \quad \frac{\overline{\Gamma' \vdash k : A}}{\Gamma' \vdash k\pi_1 : B}}{\Gamma' \vdash \lambda x.Q(k\pi_2) : \neg B} \quad \frac{\overline{\Gamma' \vdash k : A}}{\Gamma' \vdash k\pi_1 : B}}{\Gamma' \vdash (\lambda x.Q(k\pi_2))(k\pi_1) : \perp}}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda k.(\lambda x.Q(k\pi_2))(k\pi_1) : \neg A},$$

where A is $B \wedge C$ and $\Gamma' = \Gamma, k : A$. By the induction hypothesis, we have $\Gamma^c, x : B^c \vdash_{\text{cps}} Q : \neg C^d$, so we have $\Gamma^c \vdash_{\text{cps}} P : \neg(B^c \wedge C^d)$, where $A^d \equiv (B \wedge C)^d \equiv B^c \wedge C^d$.

Case $P \equiv \lambda k.Q\langle R, k \rangle$. Any derivation of $\Gamma \vdash_{M-\lambda-\neg\exists} P : \neg A$ has the following form:

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{\Gamma \vdash R : B} \quad \overline{k : A \vdash k : A}}{\Gamma, k : A \vdash \langle R, k \rangle : B \wedge A}}{\Gamma, k : A \vdash Q\langle R, k \rangle : \perp}}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda k.Q\langle R, k \rangle : \neg A}.$$

By the induction hypotheses, we have $\Gamma^c \vdash_{\text{cps}} Q : \neg(B^c \wedge A^d)$ and $\Gamma^c \vdash_{\text{cps}} R : B^c$, so we have $\Gamma^c \vdash_{\text{cps}} P : \neg A^d$.

Case $P \equiv \lambda k.k[k'.Qk']$. Any derivation of $\Gamma \vdash_{M-\lambda-\neg\exists} P : \neg A$ has the following form:

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{k : A \vdash k : A} \quad \frac{\overline{\Gamma \vdash Q : \neg B} \quad \overline{k' : B \vdash k' : B}}{\Gamma, k' : B \vdash Qk' : \perp}}{\Gamma, k : A \vdash k[k'.Qk'] : \perp}}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda k.k[k'.Qk'] : \neg A}$$

where A is $\exists \bar{X}.B$, and Γ does not contain any type variable in \bar{X} freely. By the induction hypothesis, we have $\Gamma^c \vdash_{\text{cps}} Q : \neg B^d$. Since Γ^c does not contain any variable of \bar{X} freely, we have $\Gamma^c \vdash_{\text{cps}} P : \neg \exists \bar{X}.B^d$ where $\exists \bar{X}.B^d \equiv (\exists \bar{X}.B)^d$.

Case $P \equiv \lambda k.Q\langle \exists^*, k \rangle$. Any derivation of $\Gamma \vdash_{M-\lambda-\neg\exists} P : \neg A$ has the following form:

$$\frac{\frac{\overline{k : A \vdash k : A}}{\Gamma, k : A \vdash \langle \exists^*, k \rangle : \exists \bar{X}.C}}{\Gamma, k : A \vdash Q\langle \exists^*, k \rangle : \perp}}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda k.Q\langle \exists^*, k \rangle : \neg A}$$

for some list of $\neg \wedge \exists$ -types \bar{B} , where A is $C[\bar{X} := \bar{B}]$. By the induction hypothesis, $\Gamma^c \vdash_{\text{cps}} Q : \neg \exists \bar{X}. C^d$ holds, so we have $\Gamma^c \vdash_{\text{cps}} P : \neg C^d[\bar{X} := \bar{B}^d]$ by letting $k : C^d[X := \bar{B}^d]$, which is identical to $(C[\bar{X} := \bar{B}])^d$ by Lemma 2.20 (2). ■

By Lemma 2.21, we reduce TC and TI of $M\text{-}F$ to those of $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}$, and conclude the undecidability of TC and TI in $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}$.

Proposition 2.22. (1) $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}F} M : A$ holds if and only if $\neg \Gamma^\bullet \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}} \llbracket M \rrbracket : \neg A^\bullet$ holds.

(2) $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}F} M : A$ holds for some Γ and A if and only if $\Gamma' \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}} \llbracket M \rrbracket : A'$ holds for some Γ' and A' .

Proof: (1) The only-if part is Proposition 2.15. We will show the if part. If $\neg \Gamma^\bullet \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}} \llbracket M \rrbracket : \neg A^\bullet$ holds, by Lemma 2.21, we have $(\neg \Gamma^\bullet)^c \vdash_{\text{cps}} \llbracket M \rrbracket : (\neg A^\bullet)^c$, from which $\neg \Gamma^\bullet \vdash_{\text{cps}} \llbracket M \rrbracket : \neg A^\bullet$ follows by Lemma 2.20 (1). By Proposition 2.18 (2), $\Gamma \vdash_{M\text{-}F} M : A$ holds.

(2) The only-if part follows from the only-if part of (1). We will show the if part. Suppose $\Gamma' \vdash_{M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}} \llbracket M \rrbracket : A'$ holds for some Γ' and A' . By Lemma 2.21, we have $\Gamma'^c \vdash_{\text{cps}} \llbracket M \rrbracket : A'^c$, so $\llbracket M \rrbracket^\#$ is typable by Proposition 2.18 (2). $\llbracket M \rrbracket^\#$ is identical to M by Lemma 2.17 (2). ■

Theorem 2.23. Type checking and type inference are undecidable in $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}$.

Proof: By Propositions 2.13 and 2.22. ■

3 TC and TI in Type-Free-Style $\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}$

This section defines the negation, conjunction, and existence fragment $\text{TF-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}$ in the type-free style, and proves that the undecidability of TC and TI in $\text{TF-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}$ is reduced to the undecidability of TC and TI in $\text{TF-}F$.

The type-free-style calculi are discussed in [13], [14], and [4]. This system was called the Curry style in [13], since the system has the least type annotations among systems that have the subject reduction property.

Definition 3.1 ($\text{TF-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}$). (1) The types of $\text{TF-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}$ are $\neg \wedge \exists$ -types. The terms are denoted by M, N, \dots and defined by

$$M ::= x \mid \lambda x.M \mid \langle M, M \rangle \mid \langle \exists, M \rangle \mid MM \mid M\pi_1 \mid M\pi_2 \mid M[x.M].$$

In the term $\lambda x.M$, the variable x is bound in M . In the term $N[x.M]$, the variable x is bound in M .

(2) The typing rules of $\text{TF-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}$ are the same as those of $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}$ except for $(\exists \text{ I})$ and $(\exists \text{ E})$. The rules $(\exists \text{ I})$ and $(\exists \text{ E})$ in this system are the following.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash N : A[X := B]}{\Gamma \vdash \langle \exists, N \rangle : \exists X.A} \quad (\exists \text{ I}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash M : \exists X.A \quad \Gamma_2, x : A \vdash N : C}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \vdash M[x.N] : C} \quad (\exists \text{ E})$$

In the rule $(\exists \text{ E})$, Γ_2 and C do not contain X freely.

The method for $M\text{-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}$ by the CPS translation in the previous section can be adapted to $\text{TF-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}$. By the method we can prove that the undecidability of TC and TI in $\text{TF-}\lambda^{\neg \wedge \exists}$ is reduced to the undecidability in the type-free F . The proof is almost the same as that in the previous section, so here we give the definition of $\text{TF-}F$ and the CPS translation only.

Definition 3.2 (TF- F). (1) The types of TF- F are the $\rightarrow\forall$ -types. The terms of TF- F are defined by

$$M ::= x \mid \lambda x.M \mid \Lambda.M \mid MM \mid M\bullet.$$

(2) The typing rules of TF- F are the same as those of M- F except for the following rules of universal quantifiers.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A}{\Gamma \vdash \Lambda.M : \forall X.A} (\forall I) \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \forall X.A}{\Gamma \vdash M\bullet : A[X := B]} (\forall E)$$

Definition 3.3 (CPS Translation). The CPS translation from the TF- F -terms to the TF- $\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ -terms is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket x \rrbracket &\equiv \lambda k.xk, \\ \llbracket \lambda x.M \rrbracket &\equiv \lambda k.(\lambda x.\llbracket M \rrbracket)(k\pi_2))(k\pi_1), \\ \llbracket MN \rrbracket &\equiv \lambda k.\llbracket M \rrbracket\langle \llbracket N \rrbracket, k \rangle, \\ \llbracket \Lambda.M \rrbracket &\equiv \lambda k.k[k'.\llbracket M \rrbracket]k', \\ \llbracket M\bullet \rrbracket &\equiv \lambda k.\llbracket M \rrbracket\langle \exists, k \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3.4. (1) Type checking in TF- F is reduced to type checking in TF- $\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$. If type checking is undecidable in TF- F , then type checking is undecidable in TF- $\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$.

(2) Type inference in TF- F is reduced to type inference in TF- $\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$. If type inference is undecidable in TF- F , then type inference is undecidable in TF- $\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$.

4 Concluding Remarks

In this paper, we proved the undecidability of type checking and type inference in both M- F and M- $\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$. Moreover, we proved that the undecidability of the type checking and type inference in TF- $\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ is reduced to the undecidability of those in TF- F .

The decidability of type checking and type inference in TF- $\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ is an interesting question. As proved in this paper, their undecidability directly follows from the undecidability in TF- F . We cannot adapt the existing proofs to TF- F , although TF- F is similar to M- F and DF- F . For example, the proofs in [15] and this paper used the undecidability of the semi-unification problem. It is essential for this approach that the terms in the systems do not contain any information of the number of the quantifier rules. [4] showed the undecidability of TC and TI in the type-free lambda calculus with implication and existence by reducing the second-order unification problem to it. We expect the same idea can be adapted to show the undecidability of TC and TI for TF- F , which will show the undecidability of TC and TI for TF- $\lambda^{\neg\wedge\exists}$ with the result of our paper.

We have shown that the method in [10] can be used for the domain-free style calculi, the type-free style calculi, and the calculi with multiple-quantifier rules. It would be future work to generalize this method.

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