Beyond Polarity: Towards A Multi-Discipline Intermediate Language with Sharing

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Abstract
The study of polarity in computation has revealed that an “ideal” programming language combines both call-by-value and call-by-name evaluation; the two calling conventions are each ideal for half the types in a programming language. But this binary choice leaves out call-by-need which is used in practice to implement lazy-by-default languages like Haskell. We show how the notion of polarity can be extended beyond the value/name dichotomy to include call-by-need by only adding a mechanism for sharing and the extra polarity shifts to connect them, which is enough to compile a Haskell-like functional language with user-defined types.

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1 Introduction
Finding a universal intermediate language suitable for compiling and optimizing both strict and lazy functional programs has been a long-sought holy grail for compiler writers. First there was continuation-passing style (CPS) [19, 2], which hard-codes the evaluation strategy into the program itself. In CPS, all the specifics of evaluation strategy can be understood just by looking at the syntax of the program. Second there were monadic languages [13, 17], that abstract away from the concrete continuation-passing into a general monadic sequencing operation. Besides moving away from continuations, making them an optional rather than mandatory part of sequencing, they make it easier to incorporate other computational effects by picking the appropriate monad for those effects. Third there were adjunctive languages [10, 23, 14], as seen in polarized logic and call-by-push-value λ-calculus, that mix both call-by-name and -value evaluation inside a single program. Like the monadic approach, adjunctive languages make evaluation order explicit within the terms and types of a program, and can easily accommodate effects. However, adjunctive languages also enable more reasoning principles, by keeping the advantages of inductive call-by-value data types, as seen in their denotational semantics. For example, the denotation of a list is just a list of values, not a list of values interspersed with computations that might diverge or cause side effects.

Each of these developments have focused only on call-by-value and -name evaluation, but there are other evaluation strategies out there. For example, to efficiently implement laziness, the Glasgow Haskell Compiler (GHC) uses a core intermediate language which is
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call-by-need [4] instead of call-by-name: the computation of named expressions is shared throughout the lifetime of their result, so that they need not be re-evaluated again. This may be seen as merely an optimization of call-by-name, but it is one that has a profound impact on the other optimizations the compiler can do. For example, full extensionality of functions (i.e., the $\eta$ law) does not apply in general, due to issues involving divergence and evaluation order. Furthermore, call-by-need is not just a mere optimization but a full-fledged language choice when effects are introduced [3]: call-by-need and -name are observationally different. This difference may not matter for pure functional programs, but even there, effects become important during compilation. For example, it is beneficial to use join points [12], which is a limited form of jump or $\text{goto}$ statement, to optimize pure functional programs.

So it seems like the quest for a universal intermediate language is still ongoing. To handle all the issues involving evaluation order in modern functional compilers, the following questions, which have been unanswered so far, should also be addressed:

- (Section 3) How do you extend polarity with sharing (i.e., call-by-need)? For example, how do you model the Glasgow Haskell Compiler (GHC) which mixes both call-by-need for ordinary Haskell programs and call-by-value for unboxed [18] machine primitives?

- (Section 4) What does a core language need to serve as a compile target for a general functional programming language with user-defined types? What are the shifts you need to convert between all three calling conventions? While encoding data types is routine, what do you need to fully encode co-data types [9]?

- (Section 5) How do you compile that general functional language to the core intermediate sub-language? And how do you know that it is robust when effects are added?

This paper answers each of these questions. The formal relationship between our intermediate language and both polarity and call-by-push-value (Appendix A). To test the robustness of this idea, we extend it in several directions in the appendix. We generalize to a dual sequent calculus framework that incorporates more calling conventions (specifically, the dual to call-by-need) and connectives not found in functional languages (Appendices B and C).

2 Polarity, data, and co-data

To begin, let’s start with a basic language which is the $\lambda$-calculus extended with sums, as expressed by the following types and terms:

\[
A, B, C ::= X | A \rightarrow B | A \oplus B
\]

\[
M, N, P ::= x | \lambda x. M | M \ N | \iota_1 M | \iota_2 M | \text{case } M \text{ of } \{ \iota_1 x. N | \iota_2 y. P \}
\]

As usual, an abstraction $\lambda x. M$ is a term of a function type $A \rightarrow B$ and an injection $\iota_i M$ is a term of a sum type $A \oplus B$. Terms of function and sum types are used via application ($M N$) and case analysis, respectively. Variables $x$ can be of any type, even an atomic type $X$.

To make this a programming language, we would need to explain how to run programs (say, closed terms of a sum type) to get results. But what should the calling convention be? We could choose to use call-by-value evaluation, wherein a function application ($\lambda x. M$) $N$ is reduced by first evaluating $N$ and then plugging its value in for $x$, or call-by-name evaluation, wherein the same application is reduced by immediately substituting $N$ for $x$ without further evaluation. We might think that this choice just impacts efficiency, trading off the cost of evaluating an unneeded argument in call-by-value for the potential cost of re-evaluating the same argument many times in call-by-name. However, the choice of calling convention also impacts the properties of the language, and can affect our ability to reason about programs.
Functions are a co-data type [7], so the extensionality law for functions, known as $\eta$, expands function terms into trivial $\lambda$-abstractions as follows:

$$(\eta_\_)
M : A \to B = \lambda x. M \ x \quad (x \notin FV(M))$$

But once we allow for any computational effects in the language, this law only makes sense with respect to call-by-name evaluation. For example, suppose that we have a non-terminating type and the output a negative type, and the identity function because a function is negative but a sum can only contain positive parts. Even more extreme, the ways we can compose types and terms. We can no longer inject a function into a sum, has two parts: the argument is evaluated before the tagged value is returned. More interestingly, the function call might induce arbitrary computation. If we substitute the term $\eta_\_$ breaks in call-by-value.

In contrast, sums are a data type, so one sensible extensionality law for sums, which corresponds to reasoning by induction on the possible cases of a free variable, is expressed by the following law stating that if $x$ has type $A \oplus B$ then it does no harm to case on $x$ first:

$$(\eta_\oplus)
M = \text{case } x \text{ of } \{ i_1 y. M[i_1 y/x] \mid i_2 z. M[i_2 z/x] \} \quad (x : A \oplus B)$$

Unfortunately, this law only makes sense with respect to call-by-value evaluation once we have effects. For example, consider the instance where $M$ is $i_1 x$. In call-by-value, variables stand for values which are already evaluated because that is all that they might be substituted for. So in either case, when we plug in something like $i_1 5$ for $x$, we get the result $i_1 (i_1 5)$ after evaluating the right-hand side. But in call-by-name, variables range over all terms which might induce arbitrary computation. If we substitute $\Omega$ for $x$, then the left-hand side results in $i_1 \Omega$ but the right-hand side forces evaluation of $\Omega$ with a case, and loops forever.

How can we resolve this conflict, where one language feature “wants” call-by-name evaluation and the other “wants” call-by-value? We just could pick one or the other as the default of the language, to the detriment of either functions or sums. Or instead we could integrate the two to get the best of both worlds, and

$$\text{case } M \text{ of } \{ i_1 x. N \mid i_2 y. P \} : C$$

Note that, with this polarization, injections are treated as call-by-value, in $i_1 M$ the term $M$ is evaluated before the tagged value is returned. More interestingly, the function call $MN$ has two parts: the argument $N$ is evaluated before the function is called as in call-by-value, but this only happens once the result is demanded as in call-by-name.

But there’s a problem, just dividing up the language into two has severely restricted the ways we can compose types and terms. We can no longer inject a function into a sum, because a function is negative but a sum can only contain positive parts. Even more extreme, the identity function $\lambda x. x : A \to A$ no longer makes sense: the input must be a positive type and the output a negative type, and $A$ cannot be both positive and negative at once.

To get around this restriction, we need the ability to shift polarity between positive and
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negative. That way, we can still compose types and terms any way we want, just like before, and have the freedom of making the choice between call-by-name or -value instead of having the language impose one everywhere.

If we continue the data and co-data distinction that we had between sums and functions above, there are different ways of arranging the two shifts in the literature, depending on the viewpoint. In Levy’s call-by-push-value [10] the shift from positive to negative \( \uparrow \) (therein called \( F \)) can be interpreted as a data type, where the sequencing operation is subsumed by the usual notion of a case on values of that data type, and the reverse shift \( \downarrow \) (therein called \( U \)) can be interpreted as co-data type:\(^\text{1}\)

\[
\begin{align*}
A_-, B_- & : = \ldots | \uparrow A_+ \\
A_+, B_+ & : = \ldots | \downarrow A_-
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\Gamma \vdash M : A_+ \\
\Gamma \vdash \text{val} M : \uplus A_+ \\
\Gamma \vdash \text{case } M \text{ of } \{ \text{val } x.N \} : C \\
\Gamma \vdash A_+ \\
\Gamma \vdash \text{enter}.M : \downarrow A_- \\
\Gamma \vdash M.\text{enter} : A_- \\
\end{array}
\]

\[M.\text{enter} \text{ can be seen as sending the request } \uparrow \text{ to } M_1 \text{ and } \downarrow \text{ as waiting for that request. In contrast, } \text{Zeilberger’s calculus of unity} [22] \text{ takes the opposite view, where the shift } \uparrow \text{ from positive to negative is co-data and the opposite shift } \downarrow \text{ is data:}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
A_-, B_- & : = \ldots | \uparrow A_+ \\
A_+, B_+ & : = \ldots | \downarrow A_-
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\Gamma \vdash M : A_+ \\
\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.M : \uplus A_+ \\
\Gamma \vdash \text{box } M : \downarrow A_- \\
\Gamma \vdash \text{case } M \text{ of } \{ \text{box } x.N \} : C \\
\end{array}
\]

Here, we do not favor one form over the other and allow both forms to coexist. In turns out that with only call-by-value and -name evaluation, the two pairs of shifts amount to the same thing (more formally, we will see in Section 5 that they are isomorphic). But we will see next in Section 3 how extending this basic language calls both styles of shifts into play.

With the polarity shifts between positive and negative types, we can express every program that we could have in the original unpolarized language. The difference is that now both call-by-value and -name evaluation is denoted by different types, the types themselves signify the calling convention. For by-name, this encoding is:

\[
\begin{align*}
[X]^- = X^- & \quad [A \rightarrow B]^+ = (\downarrow [A]^+ \rightarrow [B]^+) \\
[A \oplus B]^+ = (\uplus [A]^+ \oplus [B]^+) \\
[x]^+ = x & \quad [\lambda x.M]^+ = \lambda y.\text{case } y \text{ of } \{ \text{box } x,M \} \\
[M \uplus N]^+ = [M]^+ \uplus [N]^+ & \quad [\text{case } M \uplus \{ i,x,N_i \} ]^+ = \text{case } [M]^+ \uplus \text{case } \{ i,x,N_i \}
\end{align*}
\]

where the nested pattern val \( \{ i,x,N_i \} \) is expanded in the obvious way. It converts every type into a negative one, and amounts to boxing up the arguments of injections and function calls. The call-by-value encoding is:

\[
\begin{align*}
[X]^+ = X^+ & \quad [A \rightarrow B]^+ = (\uplus [A]^+ \rightarrow (\uplus [B]^+)) \\
[A \oplus B]^+ = [A]^+ \oplus [B]^+ \\
[x]^+ = x & \quad [\lambda x.M]^+ = \lambda x.\lambda \text{enter}.\lambda x.\lambda \text{eval}.[M]^+ \\
[M \uplus N]^+ = ([M]^+.\text{enter}) \downarrow [N]^+ \cdot \text{eval} & \quad [\text{case } M \text{ of } \{ i,x,N_i \} ]^+ = \text{case } [M]^+ \text{ of } \{ i,x,N_i \}
\end{align*}
\]

Note that this \( \uparrow E \) rule is an extension of the elimination rule for \( F \) in call-by-push-value [10], which restricts \( C \) to be only a negative type. The impact is that, unlike call-by-push-value, this language allows for non-value terms of positive types, similar to SML. The extension is conservative, because the interpretation of \( A_+ \) values is identical to call-by-push-value, whereas the interpretation of a non-value term of type \( A_+ \) would be shifted in call-by-push-value as the computation type \( \uparrow A_+ \). This interpretation also illustrates how to compile the extended calculus to the lower-level call-by-push-value by \( \uparrow \)-shifting following the standard encoding of call-by-value, where positive non-value terms have an explicit \text{val} wherever they may return a value. More details can be found in Appendix A.
It converts every type into a positive one. As such, sum types do not have to change (because, like SML, we have not restricted positive types to only classifying values as in \cite{14}). Instead, the shifts appear in function types: to call a function, we must first enter the abstraction, perform the call, then evaluate the result.

At a basic level, these two encodings make sense from the perspective of typability (corresponding to provability in logic)—by inspection, all of the types line up with their newly-assigned polarities. But programs are meant to be run, so we care about more than just typability. At a deeper level, the encodings are sound with respect to equality of terms: if two terms are equal, then their encodings are also equal. We have not yet formally defined equality, so we will return to this question later in Section 5.1.

### 3 Polarity and sharing

So far we have considered only call-by-value and -name calculi. What about call-by-need, which models sharing and memoization for lazy computation; what would it take to add that, too? The shifts we have are no longer enough: to complete the picture we also require shifts between call-by-need and the other polarities. We need to be able to shift into and out of the positive polarity in order for call-by-need to access data like the sum type. And we also need to be able to shift into and out of the negative polarity for call-by-need to be able to access co-data like the function type. That is a total of four more shifts to connect the ordinary polarized language to the call-by-need world. The question is, how do we align the four different shifts that we saw previously? Since call-by-need only needs access to the positive world for representing data types, we use the data forms of shifts between those two. Dually, since call-by-need only needs access to the negative world for representing co-data types, we use the co-data forms of shifts between those two. We will also need a mechanism for representing sharing. The traditional representation \cite{4} is with let-bindings, and so we will do the same. In all, we have:

\begin{align*}
A, B, C & := A_+ \mid A_- \mid A_* \\
A_*, B_* & := X^* \mid \uparrow A_+ \mid \downarrow A_-
\end{align*}

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\Gamma \vdash M : A_+ & \quad \Gamma \vdash M : A_-
\\
\Gamma \vdash \text{val}, M : \uparrow A_+ & \quad \Gamma \vdash \text{val}, M : \downarrow A_-
\\
\Gamma \vdash \text{let}_x M : \downarrow A_- & \quad \Gamma \vdash \text{case} \ M \text{ of} \{x \text{ box, } N\} : C
\end{array}
\]

\[
\begin{array}{c}
\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. M : A \quad \Gamma, x : A_+ \vdash N : C \\
\Gamma \vdash \text{eval}, M : A_+ \quad \Gamma \vdash \text{case} \ M \text{ of} \{\text{box, } x\text{ eval, } [M]\} : C
\end{array}
\]

Now, how can a call-by-need \(\lambda\)-calculus with functions and sums be encoded into this polarized setting? We effectively combine both the call-by-name and -value encodings, where a shift is used if the call-by-need one is used for either of the other two.

\[
\begin{align*}
[X]^\star & = X^* \\
[A \to B]^\star & = \downarrow (([A]^\star) \to ([B]^\star)) \\
[A \ominus B]^\star & = \uparrow (([A]^\star) \ominus ([B]^\star))
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
[Xxy]^\star & = x \\
[\lambda x. M]^\star & = \lambda x. [M]^\star \\
[\text{case} \ M \text{ of} \{x, N\}]^\star & = \text{case} [M]^\star \text{ of} \{\text{val}, (\text{let}_x [M]\}) \mid [N]\}
\end{align*}
\]
The key thing to notice here is what is shared and what is not, to ensure that the encoding correctly aligns with call-by-need evaluation. Both the shifts into \( \star \), the data type \( \uparrow A \uparrow \) and co-data type \( \downarrow A \downarrow \), result in terms that can be shared by a \texttt{let}. But the shifts out of \( \star \) are different: the content \( M \) of \texttt{box} \( : \downarrow A \downarrow \) is still shared, like a data structure, but the content \( M \) of \texttt{eval} \( : \uparrow A \uparrow \) is not, like a \( \lambda \)-abstraction. Therefore, the encoding of an injection \([i_i M]^\star\) shares the computation of \([M]^\star\) throughout the lifetime of the returned value, as for the argument of a function call:

\[
[\text{case } i_i M \text{ of } \{i_i x_i . N_i\}]^\star = \text{let } x_i = [M]^\star \text{ in } [N_i]^\star \quad \left(\begin{array}{l}
(\lambda x . M)N \Rightarrow \text{let } x = [N]^\star \text{ in } [M]^\star
\end{array}\right)
\]

Whereas, the encoding of a function \([\lambda x . M]^\star\), being a value, re-computes \([M]^\star\) every time the function is used, which is formalized by the equational theory in Section 4.4.

4 A multi-discipline intermediate language

So far, we have only considered how sharing interacts with polarity in a small language with functions and sums, but programming languages generally have more than just those two types. For example, both SML and Haskell have pairs so we should include those, too, but when do we have enough of a “representative” basis of types that serves as the core kernel language for the general source language? To define our core intermediate language, we will follow the standard practice (as in CPS) of first defining a more general source language, and then identifying the core sub-language that the entire source can be translated into.

The biggest issue is that faithfully encoding types of various disciplines into a core set of primitives is more subtle than it may at first seem. For example, using Haskell’s algebraic data type declaration mechanism, we can define both a binary and ternary sum:

\[
\begin{align*}
data \text{Either} & : \text{a} \to \text{Either} \text{b}_1 \text{b}_2
\begin{array}{ll}
\text{Left} : \text{a} & \to \text{Either} \text{b}_1
\text{Right} : \text{b}_2 & \to \text{Either} \text{b}_1
\end{array}
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
data \text{Either}^3 & : \text{a} \to \text{Either}^3 \text{b}_1 \text{b}_2 \text{b}_3
\begin{array}{ll}
\text{Choice1} : \text{a} & \to \text{Either}^3 \text{b}_1 \text{b}_2
\text{Choice2} : \text{b}_2 & \to \text{Either}^3 \text{b}_1 \text{b}_2
\text{Choice3} : \text{c} & \to \text{Either}^3 \text{b}_1 \text{b}_2
\end{array}
\end{align*}
\]

But \text{Either} \text{a} (Either \text{b} \text{c}) does not faithfully represent \text{Either}^3 \text{a} \text{b} \text{c} in Haskell, even though it does in SML. The two types are convertible:

\[
\begin{align*}
nest(\text{Choice1} x) & = \text{Left} x \\
nest(\text{Choice2} y) & = \text{Right}(\text{Left} y) \\
nest(\text{Choice3} z) & = \text{Right}(\text{Right} z)
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{unnest}(\text{Choice1} x) & = \text{Left} x \\
\text{unnest}(\text{Choice2} y) & = \text{Right}(\text{Left} y) \\
\text{unnest}(\text{Choice3} z) & = \text{Right}(\text{Right} z)
\end{align*}
\]

but they do not describe the same values. \text{Either} \text{a} (Either \text{b} \text{c}) types both the observably distinct terms \( \Omega \) and \text{Right} \( \Omega \)—which can be distinguished by pattern matching—but conversion to \text{Either}^3 \text{a} \text{b} \text{c} collapses them both to \( \Omega \). This is not just an issue of needing nary tuples and sums, the same issue arises when pairs and sums are nested with each other.

To ensure that we model a general enough source language, we will consider one that is extensible (i.e., allows for user-defined types encompassing many types found in functional languages) and multi-discipline (i.e., allows for programs that mix call-by-value, -name, and -need evaluation). These two features interact with one another: user-defined types can combine parts with different calling conventions. But even though users can define many different types, there is still a fixed core set of types, \( F \), capable of representing them all. For example, an extensible and multi-discipline calculus encompasses both the source and target of the three encodings showed previously in Sections 2 and 3. We now look at the full core intermediate language \( F \), and how to translate general source programs into the core \( F \).
nullary version of sums (\(\lambda\)) have the form products (\(M\) case binary and nullary tuples (\(\pi\) argument and result, limiting our freedom of choice. Besides changing notation, the meaning is the same [7].

Our language allows for user-defined data and co-data types. A data type introduces a set of types, codata observers of \(F\) for observing or interacting with values of the type. Figure 1 presents some important examples that define a core set of types, \(F\). The calculus instantiated with just the \(F\) types serves as our core intermediate language, as it contains all the needed functionality. The data and codata declarations for \(\oplus\) and \(\rightarrow\) correspond to the polarized sum and function types from Section 2, with a slight change of notation: we write \(X : +\) instead of \(X^+\). The data declaration of \(\oplus\) defines its two constructors \(\tau_1\) and \(\tau_2\), and dually the co-data declaration for \(\rightarrow\) defines its one observer call. The terms of the resulting sum type are exactly as they were presented in Section 2. The function type uses a slightly more verbose notation than the \(\lambda\)-calculus for the sake of regularity: instead of \(\lambda x.M\) we have \(\lambda x.\{\text{call}\,x.M\}\) and instead of \(M\,N\) we have \(M.\text{call}\,N\). That is, dual to a \(\text{case}\) matching on the pattern of a data structure, a \(\lambda\)-abstraction matches on the co-pattern of a co-data observation like \(\text{call}\,x\). Besides changing notation, the meaning is the same [7].

There are some points to notice about these two declarations. First, disciplines can be mixed within a single declaration, which is used to define the polarized \(\rightarrow\) function space that accepts a call-by-value (\(+)\) input and returns a call-by-name (\(−\)) result, but other combinations are also possible. Second, instead of the function type arrow notation to assign a type to the constructors and observers, we use the turnstyle (\(\uparrow\)) of a typing judgement. This avoids the issue that a function type arrow already dictates the disciplines for the argument and result, limiting our freedom of choice.

The rest of the core \(F\) types exercise all the functionality of our declaration mechanism. The nullary version of sums (\(0\)) has no constructors and an empty \(\text{case}\,M\,of\{\}\). We have binary and nullary tuples (\(\otimes\), \(1\)), which have terms of the form \((M, N)\) and \(()\) and are used by \(\text{case}\,M\,of\{x, y\}.M\) and \(\text{case}\,M\,of\{\\}.M\), respectively. We also have binary and nullary products (\(\&\), \(\top\)), with two and zero observers, respectively. The terms of binary products have the form \(\lambda\{\pi_1.M|\pi_2.N\}\) and can be observed as \(M.\pi_1\), and the nullary product has the term \(\lambda\{\}\) which cannot be observed in any way. The shifts are also generalized to operate generically over the choice of call-by-name (\(−\)), call-by-value (\(+)\), and call-by-need (\(\star\)), which
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\[ A, B, C ::= X \mid F \mid \lambda X. A \mid A B \quad X ::= X:k \quad k, l ::= S \mid k \rightarrow l \quad R, S, T ::= + \mid - \mid * \]

\[ \text{decl} ::= \text{data } F(X:k) : S \text{ where } K_1 : (A:T.. \downarrow X \rightarrow F X..) \]

\[ \mid \text{codata } G(X:k) : S \text{ where } O : (A:T.. \downarrow G X.. \rightarrow X. B:R) \]

\[
p ::= K X.. y.. \quad q ::= O X.. y.. \quad x, y, z ::= x:A
\]

\[ M, N ::= x \mid \text{let } x = M \text{ in } N \mid M.OB..N.. \mid K B.. M.. \mid \lambda \{q_1, M_i..\} \mid \text{case } M \text{ of } \{p_i, M_i..\} \]

Figure 2 Syntax of a total, pure functional calculus with (co-)data.

We denote by \( S \). The pair of shifts between \( + (\downarrow S, \uparrow S) \) and \( - (\uparrow S, \downarrow S) \) for each \( S \) has the same form as in Section 3, where we omit the annotation \( S \) when it is clear from the context.

The last piece of functionality is the ability to introduce \textit{locally quantified} types in a constructor or observer. These quantified type variables are listed as a superscript to the turnstyle, and allow user-defined types to perform type abstraction and polymorphism. Two important examples of type abstraction shown in Figure 1 are the universal (\( \forall k \)) and existential (\( \exists k \)) quantifiers, which apply to a type function \( \lambda X:k.A \). We will use the shorthand \( \forall X:k.A \) for \( \forall k(\lambda X:k.A) \) and \( \exists X:k.A \) for \( \exists k(\lambda X:k.A) \). The treatment of quantified types is analogous to System \( F_w \), where types appear in terms as parameters. For example, the term \( \lambda \{\text{spec } Y:k.M\} : \forall Y:k.A \) abstracts over the type variable \( Y \) in \( M \), and a polymorphic \( M : \forall Y:k.A \) can be observed via specialization as \( M.\text{spec } B : A[B/Y] \). Dually, the term \( \text{pack } B \ M : \exists Y:k.A \) hides the type \( B \) in the term \( M : A[B/Y] \), and an existential \( M : \exists Y:k.A \) can be unpacked by pattern matching as \( \text{case } M \text{ of } \{\text{pack } (Y:k) (x:A) N\} \).

### 4.2 Syntax

The syntax of our extensible and multi-discipline \( \lambda \)-calculus is given in Figure 2. We refer to each of the three kinds of types (+, − and *) as a \textit{discipline} which is denoted by the meta-variables \( R, S, \) and \( T \). A data declaration has the general form

\[
\text{data } F(X_1:k_1)..(X_n:k_n) : S \text{ where } K_1 : (A_{11} : T_{11}.. A_{1n} : T_{1n} \vdash F X_1..X_n) \\
\quad \vdots \\
\quad K_m : (A_{m1} : T_{m1}.. A_{mn} : T_{mn} \vdash F X_1..X_n)
\]

which declares a new type constructor \( F \) and value constructors \( K_1 \ldots K_m \). The dual co-data declaration combines the concepts of functions and products, having the general form

\[
\text{codata } G(X_1:k_1)..(X_n:k_n) : S \text{ where } O_1 : (A_{11} : T_{11}.. A_{1n} : T_{1n} \mid G X_1..X_n \vdash B_1 : R_1) \\
\quad \vdots \\
\quad O_m : (A_{m1} : T_{m1}.. A_{mn} : T_{mn} \mid G X_1..X_n \vdash B_m : R_m)
\]

Since an observer is dual to a constructor, the signature is flipped around: the signature for \( O_1 \) above can be read as “given parameters of types \( A_{11} \) to \( A_{1n} \), \( O_1 \) can observe a value of type \( G X_1..X_n \) to obtain a result of type \( B_1 \)”.\(^2\)

Notice that we can also declare types corresponding to purely call-by-value, -name, and

\(^2\) Both of these notions of data and co-data correspond to \textit{finitary} types, since declarations allow for a finite number of constructors or observers for all data and co-data types, respectively. We could just as well generalize declarations with an infinite number of constructors or observers to also capture \textit{infinite} types at the usual cost of having infinite branching in cases and as. Since this generalization is entirely mechanical and does not enhance the main argument, we leave it out of the presentation.
need versions of sums and functions by instantiating $S$ with $+, -, \ast$, respectively:

data $(X:S) \oplus^S (Y:S) : S$

codata $(X:S) \rightarrow^S (Y:S) : S$

call$^S$: $(X:S) \rightarrow^S Y : Y : S$

So the extensible language subsumes all the languages shown in Sections 2 and 3.

### 4.3 Type System

The kind and type system is given in the style of system F$_\omega$, and the kind system is just the simply-typed $\lambda$-calculus at the level of types—so type variables, functions, and applications—where each connective is a constant of the kind declared in the global environment $\mathcal{G}$. It also includes the judgement $(\Gamma \vdash^\Theta \varphi)$ for checking that a typing context is well-formed, meaning that each variable in $\Gamma$ is assigned a well-kindled type with respect to the type variables in $\Theta$ and global environment $\mathcal{G}$.

The typing judgement for terms is $\Gamma \vdash^\Theta M : A : S$, where $\mathcal{G}$ is a list of declarations, $\Theta = X : k..$, assigns kinds to type variables, and $\Gamma = x : A : S..$ assigns explicitly-kindled types to value variables. The interesting feature of the type system is the use of the two-level judgement $M : A : S$, which has the intended interpretation that “$M$ is of type $A$ and $A$ is of kind $S$.” The purpose of this compound statement is to ensure that the introduction rules do not create ill-kindled types by mistake. This maintains the invariant that if $\Gamma \vdash^\Theta M : A : S$ is derivable then so is $(\Gamma \vdash^\Theta \varphi)$ for checking that a typing context is well-formed, meaning that each variable in $\Gamma$ is assigned a well-kindled type with respect to the type variables in $\Theta$ and global environment $\mathcal{G}$.

For example, in the $\mathcal{F}$ environment from Figure 1, a type like $A \oplus B$ requires that both
And we say that the equational theory, given in Figure 4, equates two terms of the same type that behave the same in any well-typed context. The axioms of equality are given by the relation $\sim$, which amounts to checking that each declaration is in turn like so:

$\lambda$ must be some call-by-value type. If the premise of $\rightarrow I$ holds, then $A : +$ and $B : -$ in the premises to $\otimes I$ ensures that $A \otimes B$ is indeed a type of $+$. This idea is also extended to variables introduced by pattern matching at a specific type by placing a two-level constraint on the variables. For example, the $\rightarrow$ introduction rule for closed function abstractions is:

Notice how when the variable $x$ is added to the environment, it has the type assignment $x : A : +$ because the declared argument type of $\rightarrow$ must be some call-by-value type. If the premise of $\rightarrow I$ holds, then $A : +$ and $B : -$ in the premises to $\otimes I$ ensures that $A \otimes B$ is indeed a type of $+$. This idea is also extended to variables introduced by pattern matching at a specific type by placing a two-level constraint on the variables. For example, the $\rightarrow$ introduction rule for closed function abstractions is:

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And we say that $G'$ extends $G$ if it contains all declarations in $G$.

### 4.4 Equational Theory

The equational theory, given in Figure 4, equates two terms of the same type that behave the same in any well-typed context. The axioms of equality are given by the relation $\sim$, and the
The typed equality judgement is $\Gamma \vdash^\Theta M = N : A : S$. Because of the multi-discipline nature of terms, the main challenge is deciding when terms are substitutable, which controls when the $\beta_{let}$ axiom can fire. For example, $\text{let } x = M \text{ in } N$ should immediately substitute $M$ without further evaluation if it is a call-by-name binding, but should evaluate $M$ to a value first before substitution if it is call-by-value. And we need the ability to reason about program fragments (i.e., open terms of any type) wherein a variable $x$ acts like a value in call-by-value only if it stands for a value, i.e., we can only substitute values and not arbitrary terms for a call-by-value variable. Thus, we link up the static and dynamic semantics of disciplines: each base kind $S$ is associated with a different set of substitutable terms $V_S$ called values. The set of values for $+$ is the most strict (including only variables, $\lambda$-abstractions, and constructions $p[\rho]$ built by plugging in values for the holes in a pattern), $-$ is the most relaxed (admitting every term as substitutable), and $*$ shares the same notion of value as $+$. A true value, then, is a term $V_*$ belonging to a type of kind $S$, i.e., $V_* : A : S$. This way, the calling convention is aligned in both the static realm of types and dynamic realm of evaluation.

The generic $\beta_{let}$ axiom relies on the fact that the left-hand side of the axiom is well-typed and every type belongs to (at most) one kind; given $\text{let } x : A = V \text{ in } M$, then it must be that $A : S$ and $V$ is of the form $V_S : A : S$ (both in the current environment). So if $x : A & B : -$ , then every well-typed binding is subject to substitution via $\beta_{let}$, but if $x : A \otimes B : +$ then only a value $V_+$ in the sense of call-by-value can be substituted. The corresponding extensionality axiom $\eta_{let}$ eliminates a trivial $\text{let}$ binding.

The $\beta_K$ and $\beta_O$ axioms match against a constructor $K$ or observer $O$, respectively, by selecting the matching response within a $\text{case}$ or $\lambda$-abstraction and binding the parameters via a $\text{let}$. Special cases of these axioms for a sum injection and function call are:

- **case**: $\text{case } v_i \text{ of } \{ v_1 \text{ } x_1 . N_1 \mid v_2 x_2 . N_2 \} \sim_{\beta} \text{let } x_i = M \text{ in } N_i \quad \lambda \text{call } x . N \cdot \text{call } M \sim_{\beta_{let}} \text{let } x = M \text{ in } N$

  The corresponding extensionality axioms $\eta_{let}$ and $\eta_{let}$ apply to each co-data type $G$ and data type $F$ to eliminate a trivial $\lambda$ and $\text{case}$, respectively, and again rely on the fact that the left-hand side of the axiom is well-typed to be sensible. The special cases of these axioms for the sum ($\otimes$) and function ($\rightarrow$) connectives of $F$ are:

- **case**: $\text{case } M \text{ of } \{ v_1 x : A . x_1 x \mid v_2 y : B . x_2 y \} \sim_{\eta_{\otimes}} M \quad \lambda \text{call } y : A . (x . \text{call } y) \sim_{\eta_{\rightarrow}} x$

The $\kappa_g$ axiom implements commutative conversions which permute a frame $F$ of an evaluation context ($E$) with a tail context $T$, which brings together the frame with the result return of a block-style expression like a $\text{let}$ or $\text{case}$. Frames represent the building blocks of contexts that demand a result from their hole $\square$. The cases for frames are an observation parameterized by values $\langle \square . O B . . . \rangle$, case analysis $\text{case } \square \text{ of } \{ . . \}$, a call-by-value binding $\langle \text{let } x : A . x_1 x = \square \text{ in } M \rangle$, or a call-by-need binding which is needed in its body $\langle \text{let } x : A . x_1 x \rightarrow \square \text{ in } H [E [x]] \rangle$. As per call-by-need evaluation, variable $x$ is needed when it appears in the eye of an evaluation context $E$, in the context of a heap $H$ of other call-by-need bindings for different variables. Tail contexts point out where results are returned from block-style expressions, so the body of any $\text{let } (\text{let } x : M \text{ in } \square)$ or the branches of any $\text{case}$ ($\text{case } M \text{ of } \{ p . . \}$). Since a $\text{case}$ can have zero or more branches, a tail context can have zero or more holes.

Finally, the $\chi^S$ axiom re-associates nested $\text{let}$ bindings, so long as the discipline of their bindings match. The restriction to matching disciplines is because not all combinations are actually associative [14]; namely the following two ways of nesting call-by-value and -name $\text{lets}$ are not necessarily the same when $M_1$ causes an effect:

- $(\text{let } y : B . = \left( \text{let } x : A . : + = M_1 \text{ in } M_2 \right) \text{ in } N) \neq (\text{let } x : A . : + = M_1 \text{ in } \text{let } y : B . = = M_2 \text{ in } N)$
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In the above, the right-hand side evaluates $M_1$ first, but the left-hand side first substitutes $\text{let } z : A + = M_1 \text{ in } M_2$ for $y$, potentially erasing or duplicating the effect of $M_1$. For example, when $M_1$ is the infinite loop $\Omega$ and $N$ is a constant result $z$ which does not depend on $y$, then the right-hand side loops forever, but the left-hand side just returns $z$. But when the disciplines match, re-association is sound. In particular, notice that the $\chi^-$ instance of the axiom is derivable from $\beta_{let}$, and the $\chi^+$ instance of the axiom is derivable from $\kappa_F$. The only truly novel instance of re-association is for call-by-need, which generalizes the special case of $\kappa_F$ when the outer variable $y$ happens to be needed.

Some of the axioms of this theory may appear to be weak, but nonetheless they let us derive some useful equalities. For example, the $\lambda$-calculus’ full $\eta$ law for functions

$$\Gamma \vdash^\eta \frac{M : A \to B : - \quad x \notin \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash^\eta \lambda x : A.(M \text{ call } x) = M : A \to B : -}$$

is derivable from $\eta_\sigma$, and $\beta_{let}$. Furthermore, the sum extensionality law from Section 2, and nullary version for the void type 0

$$\Gamma, x : A + B : + \vdash^\eta \frac{M = \text{ case } x \text{ of } \{ \text{ } y : A_1 \text{ } | \text{ } z : A_2 \} : C : \mathcal{R}}{\Gamma, x : 0 : + \vdash^\eta \frac{M = \text{ case } x \text{ of } \{ \} : C : \mathcal{R}}$$

are derived from the $\eta_0$, $\eta_0$, $\kappa_F$, and $\beta_{let}$ axioms. So typed equality of this strongly-normalizing calculus captures “strong sums” (à la [15]). Additionally, the laws of monadic binding [13] (bind-and-return and bind reassociation) and the $F$ functor of call-by-push-value [10] are instances of the generic $\beta \eta \kappa$ laws for the shift data type $\mathcal{S} \vdash A$:

$$\Gamma \vdash^\eta \frac{\text{ case } \mathcal{S} \text{ V of } \{ \mathcal{S} \text{ x.M} \} = \beta_{let} \eta \beta_{let} \ M[V/x] : C : \mathcal{R}}{\Gamma \vdash^\eta \frac{\text{ case }\mathcal{S} \text{ M of } \{ \mathcal{S} \text{ x.A} \}.\mathcal{S} \text{ x} \} = \eta_{\mathcal{S}} \ M : \mathcal{S} \vdash A : \mathcal{S}}$$

Note that in the third equality, commuting conversions can reassociate $\mathcal{S} \vdash A$ and $\tau \vdash B$ bindings for any combination of $\mathcal{S}$ and $\mathcal{T}$, including $-$ and $\times$, because a case is always strict.

Note that, as usual, the equational theory collapses under certain environments and types due to the nullary versions of some connectives: we saw above that with a free variable $x : 0 : +$ all terms are equal, and so too are any two terms of type $\top$ via $\eta_\top$ (the nullary form of product in $\mathcal{F}$). Even still, there are many important cases where the equational theory is coherent. One particular sanity check is that, in the absence of free variables, the two sum injections $\iota_1()$ and $\iota_2()$ are not equal, as inherited from contextual equivalence.

Theorem 1 (Closed coherence). For any global environment $\vdash \mathcal{G}$ extending $\mathcal{F}$, the equality $\vdash^\mathcal{G} \iota_1() = \iota_2() : 1 \oplus 1 : +$ is not derivable.

4.5 Adding effects

So far, we have considered only a pure functional calculus. However, one of the features of polarity is its robustness in the face of computational effects, so let’s add some. Two particular effects we can add are general recursion, in the form of fixed points, and control in the form of $\mu$-abstractions from Parigot’s $\lambda \mu$-calculus [16]. To do so, we extend the calculus with the following syntax:

$$M, N ::= \ldots | \nu x : A.M | \mu \alpha.J \quad J ::= \langle M | \alpha \rangle \quad \alpha, \beta, \gamma ::= \alpha : A$$
Fixed-point terms $\nu x : A.M$ bind $x$ to the result of $M$ inside $M$ itself. Because fixed points must be unrolled before evaluating their underlying term, their type is restricted to $A : \top$. Control extends the calculus with co-variables $\alpha, \beta, \ldots$ that bind to evaluation contexts instead of values, letting programs abstract over and manipulate their control flow. The evaluation context bound to a co-variable $\alpha$ of any type $A$ can be invoked (any number of times) with a term $M : A$ via a jump $\langle M | \alpha \rangle$ that never returns a result, and the co-variable $\alpha$ of type $A$ can be bound with a $\mu$-abstraction $\mu \alpha : A.J$.

To go along with the new syntax, we have some additional type checking rules:

$$
\Gamma; x : A: - \vdash^\Theta \nu x : A.M : A: - | \Delta \\
\Gamma \vdash^\Theta J : (\Gamma \vdash^\Theta \alpha : A:S, \Delta) \\
\Gamma \vdash^\Theta \mu \alpha : A.J : A:S | \Delta \\
(\langle \alpha \rangle) : (\Gamma \vdash^\Theta \alpha : A:S, \Delta)
$$

The judgements in other typing rules from Figure 3 are all generalized to $\Gamma \vdash^\Theta M : A : S | \Delta$. There is also a typing judgement for jumps of the form $J : (\Gamma \vdash^\Theta \Delta)$, where $\Theta, \Gamma,$ and $\Delta$ play the same roles; the only difference is that $J$ is not given a type for its result. Unlike terms, jumps never return. As in the $\lambda \mu$-calculus, the environment $\Delta$ is placed on the right because co-variables represent alternative return paths. For example, a term $x : X : -\ldots$, $y : Y : +\vdash^\Theta X \downarrow + Y : + -\vdash^\Theta \beta : Y : +$ could return an $X$ via the main path, as in $M = x$, or a $Y$ via $\beta$ by aborting the main path, as in $M = \mu \alpha : X \langle y | \beta \rangle$.

And finally, the equational theory is also extended with the following equality axioms:

$$
\nu \alpha.M \equiv M[\nu x : M/x] \\
(\beta^\alpha_\mu) \quad \langle \mu \alpha.J \beta \rangle \equiv J[\beta/\alpha] \\
(\beta^\alpha_F) \quad F[\mu \alpha.J] : B \sim \mu \beta : B.J[(F[\beta])/(\square[\alpha])] \\
(\eta_\mu) \quad \mu \alpha : A \langle M | \alpha \rangle \equiv M \\
(\kappa_\mu) \quad T[\mu \alpha.(M[|])][\beta] \sim \mu \alpha.(T[M[|])][\beta]
$$

The $\nu$ axiom unrolls a fixed point by one step. The two $\beta^\alpha_\mu$ axioms are standard generalizations of the $\lambda \mu$-calculus: $\beta^\alpha_\mu$ substitutes one co-variable for another, and $\beta^\alpha_F$ captures a single frame of a $\mu$-abstraction’s evaluation context via a structural substitution that replaces one context with another. The $\kappa_\mu$ is the commuting conversion that permutes a $\mu$-abstraction with a tail context $T$.

## 5 Encoding user-defined (co-)data types into $F$

Equipped with both the extensible source language and the fixed $F$ target language, we are now able to give an encoding of user-defined (co-)data types in terms of just the core $F$ connectives from Figure 1. Intuitively, each data type is converted to an existential $\exists$-sum-of-$\otimes$-products and each co-data type is converted to a universal $\forall$-product, both annotated by the necessary shifts in and out of $+$ and $-$, respectively. The encoding is parameterized by a global environment $\mathcal{G}$ so that we know the overall shape of each declared connective. Given that $\mathcal{G}$ contains the following data declaration of $F$, the encoding of $F$ is:

Given data $F(X;k) : S$ where $K_i : (A_{ij} : T_{ij} \vdash Y_{ij} \vdash \beta, F(X..)) : \in \mathcal{G}$

$$\mathcal{G}^F \triangleq \lambda X;k : S:\mathcal{G} ((\exists Y_{ij} \vdash \beta, ((\downarrow_{T_{ij}} A_{ij}) \otimes \top)) \otimes \otimes 0)$$

Dually, given that $\mathcal{G}$ contains the following co-data declaration of $G$, the encoding of $G$ is:

Given codata $G(X;k) : S$ where $O_i : (A_{ij} : T_{ij} \vdash G(X..) \vdash Y_{ij} \vdash \beta, B_i : \mathcal{R}_i) : \in \mathcal{G}$

$$\mathcal{G}^G \triangleq \lambda X;k : S:\mathcal{G} ((\forall Y_{ij} \vdash \beta, ((\downarrow_{T_{ij}} A_{ij}) \rightarrow \vdash (\uparrow_{\mathcal{R}_i} B_i)) \otimes \vdash T)$$

However, the previous encodings for call-by-name, -value, and -need functions and sums from Sections 2 and 3 are not exactly the same when we take the corresponding declarations
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of functions and sums from Section 4; the call-by-name and -value encodings are missing some of the shifts used by the generic encoding, and they all elide the terminators (0, 1, and ⊤). Does the difference matter? No, because the encoded types are still isomorphic.

> **Definition 2 (Type Isomorphism).** An isomorphism between two open types of kind \( k \), written \( \Theta \vdash_\varphi A \approx B : k \), is defined by induction on \( k \):

\[
\begin{align*}
\Theta \vdash_\varphi A \approx B : k \rightarrow l & \quad \text{when } \Theta, X : k \vdash_\varphi A X \approx B X : l, \text{ and} \\
\Theta \vdash_\varphi A \approx B : S & \quad \text{when, for any } x \text{ and } y, \text{ there are terms } x : A : S \vdash_\varphi^\Theta N : B : S \\
& \quad \text{and } y : B : S \vdash_\varphi^\Theta M : A : S \text{ such that } x;A:S \vdash_\varphi^\Theta (\text{let } y:B = N \text{ in } M = x) : A : S \text{ and} \\
& \quad y:B:S \vdash_\varphi^\Theta (\text{let } x:A = M \text{ in } N = y) : B : S.
\end{align*}
\]

Notice that this is an open form of isomorphism: in the base case, an isomorphism between types with free variables is witnessed uniformly by a single pair of terms. This uniformity in the face of polymorphism is used to make type isomorphism compatible with the \( \forall \) and \( \exists \) quantifiers. With this notion of type isomorphism, we can formally state how some of the specific shifts used by the generic encoding, and they all elide the terminators (0, 1, and \( \top \)). Does the difference matter? No, because the encoded types are still isomorphic.

> **Theorem 3.** The following isomorphisms hold (under \( \vdash_\varphi \)) for all \( \vdash_\varphi A : + \) and \( \vdash_\varphi B : - \):

\[
\begin{align*}
\vdash_\varphi A \approx -\vdash_\varphi A & \quad \vdash_\varphi B \approx +\vdash_\varphi B \\
\downarrow_+ A \approx +\downarrow- A & \quad \downarrow+ A \approx +\downarrow+ A \\
\downarrow- B \approx -\downarrow+ B & \quad \downarrow+ B \approx -\downarrow- B
\end{align*}
\]

But clearly the shifts involving \( \star \) are not isomorphic, since none of them even share the same kind. Recognizing that sometimes the generic encoding uses unnecessary identity shifts, and given the algebraic properties of polarized types [6], the hand-crafted encodings \( [A]^\top \), \( [A]^\downarrow \), and \( [A]^{\star} \) are isomorphic to \( [A]^F \).

### 5.1 Correctness of encoding

Type isomorphisms give us a helpful assurance that the encoding of user-defined (co-)data types into \( F \) is actually a faithful one. In every extension of \( F \) with user-defined (co-)data types, all types are isomorphic to their encoding.

> **Theorem 4.** For all \( \vdash_\varphi G \) extending \( F \) and \( \Theta \vdash_\varphi A : k, \Theta \vdash_\varphi A \approx [A]_G^F : k \).

Note that this isomorphism is witnessed by terms in the totally pure calculus (without fixed points or \( \mu \)-abstractions); the encoding works in spite of recursion and control, not because of it. Because of the type isomorphism, we can extract a two-way embedding between terms of type \( A \) and terms of the encoded type \( [A]_G^F \) from the witnesses of the type isomorphism. By the properties of isomorphisms, this embedding respects equalities between terms; specifically it is a certain kind of adjunction called an equalational correspondence [20].

> **Theorem 5.** For all isomorphic types \( \Theta \vdash_\varphi A \approx B : S \), the terms of type \( A \) (i.e., \( \Gamma \vdash_\varphi^G M : A : S \mid \Delta \)) are in equalational correspondence with terms of type \( B \) (i.e., \( \Gamma \vdash_\varphi^G N : B : S \mid \Delta \)).

This means is that, in the context of a larger program, a single sub-term can be encoded into the core \( F \) connectives without the rest of the program being able to tell the difference. This is useful in optimizing compilers for functional languages which change the interface of particular functions to improve performance, without hampering further optimizations.

The possible application of this encoding in a compiler is as an intermediate language: rather than encoding just one sub-term, exhaustively encoding the whole term translates
from a source language with user-defined (co-)data types into the core \( F \) connectives. The essence of this translation is seen in the way patterns and co-patterns are transformed; given the same generic (co-)data declarations listed in Figure 3, the encodings of (co-)patterns are:

\[
[[K, Y \cdot x.]]_G^F \triangleq \text{val}_G \left( \lambda \iota \iota_1 \left( \text{pack} Y \cdot \left( \text{box}_F x, \ldots (\ldots) \right) \right) \right)
\]

\[
[[O, Y \cdot x.]]_G^F \triangleq \text{enterS} \cdot \pi_2 \cdot \pi_1 \cdot \text{spec} Y \cdot \text{call} x \cdot \text{eval}_G,
\]

where \( \iota \) denotes \( i \) applications of the \( \iota_2 \) constructor, and \( \pi_2 \) denotes \( i \) projections of the \( \pi_2 \) observer. Using this encoding of (co-)patterns, we can encode (co-)pattern-matching as:

\[
[[\text{case } M \cdot \{ p_i, N_i : \} ]_G^F \triangleq \text{case } [[M]]_G^F \text{ of } \{ [[p_i]]_G^F : [[N_i]]_G^F : \} \quad \lambda \{ q_i, M_i : \} \triangleq \lambda \{ q_i : [[M_i]]_G^F : \}
\]

as well as data structures and co-data observations:

\[
[[p \cdot B / Y \cdot M / x.]]_G^F \triangleq [[p]]_G^F [[B]]_G^F / [[Y]]_G^F / [[M]]_G^F / [[x.]]
\]

\[
[[M \cdot (q \cdot B / Y \cdot N / x. )]]_G^F \triangleq [[M]]_G^F ( [[q_i]]_G^F [[B]]_G^F / [[Y]]_G^F / [[N]]_G^F / [[x.]] )
\]

Note that in the above translation, arbitrary terms are substituted instead of just values as usual. This encoding of terms with user-defined (co-)data types \( G \) into the core \( F \) types is sound with respect to the equational theory (where \( \Gamma \) and \( \Delta \) are encoded pointwise).

\begin{itemize}
  \item \textbf{Theorem 6.} If the global environment \( \Gamma \) extends \( F \) and \( \Gamma \vdash G \ M = N : A | \Delta \) then \( \Gamma \vdash F ^F \vdash \exists G ^F [[M]]_G^F = [[N]]_G^F : [[A]]_G^F : [[\Delta]]_G^F \).
\end{itemize}

Since the extensible, multi-discipline language is general enough to capture call-by-value, -name, and -need functional languages—or any combination thereof—this encoding establishes a uniform translation from both ML-like and Haskell-like languages into a common core intermediate language: the polarized \( F \).

\section{Conclusion}

We have showed here how the idea of polarity can be extended with other calling conventions like call-by-need, which opens up its applicability to the implementation of practical functional languages. In particular, we would like to extend GHC’s already multi-discipline intermediate language with the core types in \( F \). Since it already has unboxed types [18] corresponding to positive types, what remains are the fully extensional negative types. Crucially, we believe that negative function types would lift the idea of call arity—the number of arguments a function takes before “work” is done—from the level of terms to the level of types. Call arity is used to optimize curried function calls, since passing multiple arguments at once is more efficient that computing intermediate closures as each argument is passed one at a time. No work is done in a negative type until receiving an \textit{eval} request or unpacking a \textit{val}, so polarized types compositionally specify multi-argument calling conventions.

For example, a binary function on integers would have the type \( \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow \uparrow \text{Int} \), which only computes when both arguments are given, versus the type \( \text{Int} \rightarrow \uparrow + \downarrow (\text{Int} \rightarrow \uparrow \text{Int}) \) which specifies work is done after the first argument, breaking the call into two steps since a closure must be evaluated and followed. This generalizes the existing treatment of function closures in call-by-push-value to call-by-need closures. The advantage of lifting this information into types is so that call arity can be taken advantage of in higher order functions. For example, the \textit{zipWith} function takes a binary function to combine two lists, pointwise, and has the type \( \forall X : \ast \forall Y : \ast \forall Z : \ast . (X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z) \rightarrow [X] \rightarrow [Y] \rightarrow [Z] \) The body of \textit{zipWith} does not know the call arity of the function it’s given, but in the polarized type built with negative functions: \( \forall X : \ast \forall Y : \ast \forall Z : \ast . (\downarrow X \rightarrow \downarrow Y \rightarrow \uparrow Z) \rightarrow \downarrow [X] \rightarrow \downarrow [Y] \rightarrow \uparrow [Z] \) the interface in the type spells out that the higher-order function uses the faster two-argument calling convention.
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Related Work

There have been several polarized languages \[10, 23, 14\], each with subtly different and incompatible restrictions on which programs are allowed to be written. The most common such restriction corresponds to focusing in logic \[1\]; focusing means that the parameters to constructors and observers must be values. Rather than impose a static focusing restriction on the syntax of programs, we instead imply a dynamic focusing behavior—evaluate the parameters of constructors and observers before (co-)pattern matching—during execution. Both static and dynamic notions of focusing are two sides of the same coin \[8\].

Other restrictions vary between different frameworks. First, where computation can happen? In Levy’s call-by-push-value (CBPV) \[10\], value types (corresponding to positive types) only describe values and computation can only occur at computation types (corresponding to negative types), but in Munch-Maccagnoni’s system L \[14\] computation can occur at any type. Zeilberger’s calculus of unity (CU) \[22\], which is based on the classical sequent calculus, isolates computation in a separate syntactic category of statements which do not have a return type. But both CU and CBPV only deal with substitutable entities, to the exclusion of named computations which may not be duplicated or deleted. Second, what types can variables have? In CBPV variables always have positive types, but in CU variables have negative types or positive atomic types (and dually co-variables have positive types or negative atomic types). These restrictions explain why the two frameworks chose their favored shifts: \(\uparrow\) introduces a positive variable and \(\downarrow\) introduces a negative one, and in the setting of the sequent calculus \(\ll\) introduces a negative co-variable and \(\uparrow\) introduces a positive one. They also explain CU’s pattern matching: if there cannot be positive variables, then pattern matching must continue until it reaches something non-decomposable like a \(\lambda\)-abstraction. In contrast, system L has no restrictions on the types of (co-)variables.

In both of these ways, the language presented here is spiritually closest to system L. One reason is that call-by-need forces more generality into the system: if there is neither computation nor variables of call-by-need types, then there is no point of sharing work. However, the call-by-value and -name sub-language can still be reduced down to the more restrictive style of CBPV and CU. We showed here that the two styles of positive and negative shifts are isomorphic, so the only difference is reduction to the appropriate normal form. Normalizing the dynamic focusing reductions—originally named \(\varsigma\) \[21\]—along with commuting conversions (\(\kappa\)) and let substitution (\(\beta\) let) is a transformation into a focused term of negative type (where a shift can be applied for positive terms). Negative variables \(x:A:−\) are eliminated by substituting \(y.\text{enter}\) for \(x\) where \(y:\ll A:+\), and the (co-)variables forbidden in CU can be eliminated by type-directed \(\eta\)-expansion into nested (co-)patterns.

The data and co-data mechanism used here extends the “jumbo” connectives of Levy’s jumbo \(\lambda\)-calculus \[11\] to include a treatment of call-by-need as well the move from monodiscipline to multi-discipline. Our notion of (co-)data is also similar to Zeilberger’s \[23\] definition of types via (co-)patterns, which is fully dual, extended with sharing.

A dual multi-discipline sequent calculus

So far, we have seen how the extensible functional calculus enables multi-discipline programming and can represent many user-defined types with mixed disciplines via encodings. The advantage of this calculus is that it’s close to an ordinary core calculus for functional programs, but the disadvantage is its incomplete symmetries. Most \(\mathcal{F}\) types have a dual counterpart (\& and \(\ominus\), \(\forall\) and \(\exists\), etc., ) but types like \(\ominus\) and \(\rightarrow\) do not. The disciplines + and − represent opposite calling conventions, but the opposite of call-by-need (⋆) is missing. To
Simple (co-)data types

\[ \text{data} \ (X:+) \oplus (Y:+) : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ 0 : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ (X:+) \otimes (Y:+) : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ 1 : + \]
\[ \text{codata} \ (X:–) \& (Y:–) : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ ⊤ : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ (X:–) \ V (Y:–) : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ ⊥ : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ (X:–) : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ 0 : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ (X:+) \ominus (Y:+) : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ 1 : + \]

Data

\[ \text{data} \ 0 : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ (X:+) \oplus (Y:+) : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ 1 : + \]
\[ \text{codata} \ (X:–) \& (Y:–) : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ ⊤ : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ (X:–) \ V (Y:–) : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ ⊥ : – \]
\[ \text{data} \ 0 : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ (X:+) \ominus (Y:+) : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ 1 : + \]

\[ \text{data} \ 0 : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ (X:+) \oplus (Y:+) : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ 1 : + \]
\[ \text{codata} \ (X:–) \& (Y:–) : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ ⊤ : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ (X:–) \ V (Y:–) : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ ⊥ : – \]
\[ \text{data} \ 0 : + \]

Polarity shift (co-)data types

\[ \text{data} \ 0 : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ (X:+) \oplus (Y:+) : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ 1 : + \]
\[ \text{codata} \ (X:–) \& (Y:–) : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ ⊤ : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ (X:–) \ V (Y:–) : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ ⊥ : – \]
\[ \text{data} \ 0 : + \]

B.1 The dual core intermediate language: \( \mathcal{D} \)

In contrast with functional (co-)data declarations, dual calculus allows for symmetric data and co-data type declarations that are properly dual to one another: they can have multiple inputs to the left (of \( \vdash \)) and multiple outputs to the right (of \( \vdash \)). This dual notion of (co-)data is strictly more expressive, and lets us declare the new connectives like so:

\[ \text{codata} \ (X:–) \ V (Y:–) : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ ⊥ : – \]
\[ \text{data} \ 0 : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ (X:+) \ominus (Y:+) : + \]
\[ \text{data} \ 1 : + \]
\[ \text{codata} \ (X:–) \& (Y:–) : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ ⊤ : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ (X:–) \ V (Y:–) : – \]
\[ \text{codata} \ ⊥ : – \]
\[ \text{data} \ 0 : + \]

Note how these types rely on the newfound flexibility of having zero outputs (for \( \bot \) and \( \neg \)) and more than one output (for \( \forall \) and \( \exists \)). These four types generalize \( \mathcal{F} \), and decompose function types into the more primitive negative disjunction and negation types, analogous to the encoding of functions in classical logic: \( A \to B \approx (\neg A) \forall B \). The full set of dual core \( \mathcal{D} \) connectives is given in Figure 5.
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This is possible because of the sequent calculus’ sub-formula property—Cut is the only inference rule that introduces arbitrary new types in the premises. By just checking that the type of a Cut makes sense in the current environment, well-formedness can be separated from typing: if the conclusion of a derivation is well-formed (i.e., \( \Gamma \vdash^\text{\text{cont}} \Delta \text{ctx} \)), then every judgement in the derivation is too. There is also a typing judgement for co-terms: \( \Gamma \vdash^\text{\text{co}ctx} \).

\[
A, B, C ::= X | F | \lambda X.A | A B \quad X, Y, Z ::= X:k \quad k, l ::= S \quad k \to l \quad \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T} ::= + | - | \star | *
\]

**Figure 6** Syntax of the dual calculus.

### B.2 Syntax

The syntax of the dual calculus is given in Figure 6 which is split in two: dual to terms \((v)\) which give an answer and co-terms \((e)\) which ask a question. Each of the features from the functional language are divided into one of two camps. Variables \(x\), \(\mu\)-abstractions \(\mu x.c\), fixed points \(\nu x.v\), objects of co-data types \(\lambda\{\ldots\}\), and data structures like \(v,v\) are all terms. Dually, co-variables \(\nu\), \(\tilde{\nu}\)-abstractions \(\nu x.c\) (analogous to \text{let} and dual to \(\mu\)), co-fixed points \(\tilde{\nu} x.c\), case analysis of data structures \(\tilde{\lambda}\{\ldots\}\) (dual to co-data objects) and co-data observations like \(\pi x.c\) (dual to data structures) are all co-terms. A command \(e\) is analogous to a jump, and puts together an answer \((v)\) with a question \((\epsilon)\). The dual calculus can be seen as inverting elimination forms to the other side of a jump \((M\alpha)\), expanding the role of \(\alpha\). By giving a body to observations themselves, co-patterns \(q\) introduce names for all sub-components of observations dual to patterns \(p\): for example, the co-pattern of a projection \(\pi x[y:A]\) : \(A_1 \& A_2\) is perfectly symmetric to the pattern of an injection \(\iota x[x:A]\) : \(A_1 \rightarrow A_2\).

In types, there is a dual set of disciplines and connectives. The base kind \(+\) signifies the dual to call-by-need \((\star)\); it shares delayed questions the same way call-by-need shares delayed answers. The negative co-data type constructors \(\tilde{\gamma}\) and \(\bot\) of \(\mathcal{D}\) are dual to the positive connectives \(\otimes\) and \(1\), respectively: they introduce a co-pair \([e, e'] : A \otimes B\), which is a pair of co-terms \(e : A\) and \(e' : B\) accepting inputs of type \(A\) and \(B\), and the co-unit \([\ ] : \bot\). Objects of co-data types respond to observations by inverting their \textit{entire} structure and then running a command. For & this looks like \(\lambda x[y:A].c_1 \{ \pi_1[x:A], c_2 \} : A \& B\) and for \(\gamma\) like \(\lambda x[y:A].\beta[B].c : A \gamma B\). In lieu of a non-symmetric function type, we instead have two dual negations: the data type constructor \(\ominus : - \rightarrow +\) and the co-data type constructor \(\neg : + \rightarrow -\) which introduce the (co-)patterns \(\text{cont}(\alpha:A) : \ominus A\) and \(\text{throw}(x:A) : \neg A\). These particular forms of negation are chosen because they are involutive up to isomorphism (as defined next in Appendix C); their two compositions are identities on types: \(\ominus(\neg A) \approx A\) and \(\neg(\ominus B) \approx B\) for any \(A : +\) and \(B : -\). Function types can be faithfully represented as \(A \rightarrow B \approx (\neg A)\gamma B\).

### B.3 Type system

The type system of \(\mathcal{D}\) is given in Figure 7. One change from the functional calculus’ type system is the use of the single-level typing judgement \(v : A\) instead of the two-level \(M : A : \mathcal{T}\). This is possible because of the sequent calculus’ sub-formula property—Cut is the only inference rule that introduces arbitrary new types in the premises. By just checking that the type of a Cut makes sense in the current environment, well-formedness can be separated from typing: if the conclusion of a derivation is well-formed (i.e., \(\Gamma \vdash^\text{\text{cont}} \Delta \text{ctx} \)), then every judgement in the derivation is too. There is also a typing judgement for co-terms: \(\Gamma \vdash^\text{\text{co}ctx} \Delta\).
Given data \( F(X:k) : S \) where \( K_i : (A_{ij} : T_{ij}) \Downarrow \Sigma_i F(X..) \mid B_{ij} : R_{ij} \) \( i \in G \), we have the rules:

\[
\Theta \vdash_g F : k \rightarrow S
\]

\( \Theta \vdash_g C_j : l_{ij} \Downarrow i \). (\( \Gamma \mid e_j : B_j[C'/X.., C_j/Y_{ij,j}] \Downarrow \sigma \)). (\( \Gamma \vdash_{g} v_j : A_j[C'/X.., C_j/Y_{ij,j}] \Downarrow \sigma \)).

\( \Theta \vdash_g \mu C_j : C \). (\( \Gamma \mid e_j : B_j[C'/X.., C_j/Y_{ij,j}] \Downarrow \sigma \)).

\( \Theta \vdash_g \lambda \chi X : C_{ij} \Downarrow X \). (\( \Gamma \mid e_j : B_j[C'/X.., C_j/Y_{ij,j}] \Downarrow \sigma \)).

Given codata \( G(X:k) : S \) where \( O_i : (A_{ij} : T_{ij}) \Downarrow \Sigma_i G(X..) \mid B_{ij} : R_{ij} \) \( i \in G \), we have the rules:

\( \Theta \vdash_g G : k \rightarrow S \)

\( \Theta \vdash_g C_j : l_{ij} \Downarrow i \). (\( \Gamma \vdash_{g} v_j : A_j[C'/X.., C_j/Y_{ij,j}] \Downarrow \sigma \)).

\( \Gamma \mid e_j : B_j[C'/X.., C_j/Y_{ij,j}] \Downarrow \sigma \).

\( \Theta \vdash_g \chi X : \gamma C \). (\( \Gamma \mid e_j : B_j[C'/X.., C_j/Y_{ij,j}] \Downarrow \sigma \)).

\( \Theta \vdash_g \lambda \chi X : C_{ij} \Downarrow X \). (\( \Gamma \mid e_j : B_j[C'/X.., C_j/Y_{ij,j}] \Downarrow \sigma \)).

\( \Theta \vdash_g \lambda \chi X : \gamma C \). (\( \Gamma \mid e_j : B_j[C'/X.., C_j/Y_{ij,j}] \Downarrow \sigma \)).

\section*{B.4 Equational theory}

Lastly, we have the equational theory in Figure 8. The dualities of evaluation—between variable and co-variable bindings, data and co-data, values (answers) and evaluation contexts (questions)—are more readily apparent than \( F \). In particular, the notion of substitution discipline for \( S \) is now fully dual as in \cite{7}: a subset of terms (values \( V \)) and a subset of co-terms (co-values \( E_S \)) which are substitutable, giving the known dualities between call-by-value (+) and -name (−) \cite{5} and ∗ and ∗ \cite{3}. The \( \chi \) axioms reassociate variable and co-variable bindings, and the important cases are for ∗ (corresponding to \( \chi^* \) of \texttt{let}s and ∗. Also note the lack of commuting conversions \( \kappa \); these follow from the \( \mu \) axiom.

\section{C Encoding fully dual (co-)data types into \( D \)}

Now let’s looks at the fully dual version of the functional encoding from Section 5. Thanks to the generic notion of shifts, the encoding of dual (co-)data into the core \( D \) connectives is similar to the functional encoding, except that in place of the function type \( A \rightarrow B \) we use the classical representation \((\ominus A) \uplus B \). For the generic (co-)data declarations in Figure 7, we
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The encoding of multi-output data types places a same, and base isomorphism encoding. The encodings of (co-)patterns, (co-)pattern-matching objects, and (co-)data constructor, and the encoding of multi-output data is now exactly dual to the data have the following definition:

\[ \text{Figure 8} \]

\[ \text{Equational theory for the dual calculus.} \]

have the following definition:

\[ [F]_D \triangleq \lambda x \ldots . \exists \| ((\exists y_{ij}. \lambda ((\exists y_{ij}. B_{ij})) \odot \vdash ((\downarrow \tau_{ij} A_{ij}) \odot \vdash 1)) \odot \vdash 0) \]

\[ [G]_D \triangleq \lambda x \ldots . \exists \| ((\neg \exists y_{ij}. \lambda ((\neg \exists y_{ij}. B_{ij})) \exists \| ((\neg \exists y_{ij}. B_{ij}) \exists \| 1)) \& \exists \| \top) \]

The encoding of multi-output data types places a \( \odot \)-negates every additional output of a constructor, and the encoding of multi-output co-data is now exactly dual to the data encoding. The encodings of (co-)patterns, (co-)pattern-matching objects, and (co-)data structures follow the above type encoding like so:

\[ [K, Y, \ldots . \alpha, x, \ldots ]_D \triangleq \text{val} s (\lambda x_1 (\text{pack } Y \ldots . (\text{cont}[\text{eval} x, \ldots . (\text{throw } x, \ldots ()))))) \]

\[ [\lambda \{q, e, c\}_D]_D \triangleq \text{enter} \_D [\nu \_D [\text{spec } X \ldots . (\text{write } x, \ldots [\text{eval} x, \ldots . [])]]] \]

\[ [\lambda \{p, c, e\}_D]_D \triangleq \lambda \{y \_D [c \_D \_D ] \} \]

\[ [p[C/Y, \ldots . e/\alpha, v/x, \ldots ]_D = [p \_D [C \_D /Y, \ldots . e \_D /\alpha, \ldots . e \_D /x, \ldots . x, \ldots . x, \ldots . \ldots . \ldots . ]_D /x, \ldots . x, \ldots . ]_D ]_D ]_D \]

\[ [q[C/Y, \ldots . e/\alpha, v/x, \ldots ]_D = [q \_D [C \_D /Y, \ldots . e \_D /\alpha, \ldots . e \_D /x, \ldots . x, \ldots . x, \ldots . \ldots . \ldots . ]_D /x, \ldots . x, \ldots . ]_D ]_D \]

We also have an analogous notion of type isomorphism. The case for higher kinds is the same, and base isomorphism \( \Theta \vdash_D A \cong B : S \) is witnessed by a pair of inverse commands \( c : (x : A \vdash_D \beta : B) \) and \( c' : (y : B \vdash_D \alpha : A) \) such that both compositions are identities:

\[ \langle \mu \beta.B.c[\mu y.B.c'] \rangle = (\langle x \rangle . \alpha) : (x : A \vdash_D \alpha : A) \quad \langle \mu \alpha.A.c'[\mu x.A.c] \rangle = (\langle y \rangle . \beta) : (y : B \vdash_D \beta : B) \]

Using type isomorphisms in \( D \), the analogous local and global encodings are sound for fully dual data and co-data types utilizing any combination of +, −, ∗, and + evaluation.

\[ \text{Theorem 7. For all } \vdash D \text{ extending } D \text{ and } \Theta \vdash_D A : k, \Theta \vdash_D A \cong [A]_D : k. \]

\[ \text{Theorem 8. For all } \vdash D \text{ extending } D, \text{(co-)terms of type } A \text{ are in equational correspondence with (co-)terms of type } [A]_D, \text{ respectively.} \]

\[ \text{Theorem 9. If } \vdash D \text{ extends } D \text{ and } c = c' : (\Gamma \vdash_D \Delta) \text{ then } [c]_D = [c']_D : ([\Gamma]_D \vdash_D [\Delta]_D). \]