

Foundations of Functional Programming 2004

Paper 6 Question 10 (ACN)

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val k = ref 0;
fun c(n, r) = (
  k := !k + r;
  if r=0 orelse r=n then 1
  else c(n-1,r-1) + c(n-1,r));
```

I will give every adjusted function 2 extra args. One will be the continuation it needs, which I will usually call *x*. The other will be *k* and gives the way that the "state" can be passed around. Note that this means that continuations will need to be passed *k* as well as a "return value".

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fun c(x,k,n r) = if r = 0 orlse r=n then x(k+r,1)
  else c(XXX, k+1, n-1,r-1)
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where XXX(k, v1) =
  c(YYY, k, n-1, r)    (* I need to write this within the
  def of c so I can access n and r... *)
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where YYY(k, v2) = x(k, v1+v2) (* must be nested where it
  can access x and v1... *)
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If I make XXX and YYY just lambda-expressions written where they are used the scope issue sort themselves out neatly.

Something like "A handle $x \Rightarrow B$ " might have "raise *x*" within A. With continuations what you do is to represent the exception *x* as a continuation that just does B and follows on with the outer continuation. Raise is just done by calling that unusual continuation instead of the regular one within A.