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Principles of Programming Languages: CS40032  
*Elective*

Assignment – 1:  $\lambda$ -Calculus

Marks: 25

Assign Date: 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

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**Instructions:** Please solve the questions using pen and paper and scan the images. Every image should contain your roll number and name.

1. Fully parenthesize the following  $\lambda$ -expressions: [1.5 \* 3 = 4.5]

- (a)  $\lambda x. x z \lambda y. x y$
- (b)  $(\lambda x. x z) \lambda y. w \lambda w. w y z x$
- (c)  $\lambda x. x y \lambda x. y x$

**BEGIN SOLUTION**

$\lambda x. x z \lambda y. x y$ $(\lambda x. x z) \lambda y. w \lambda w. w y z x$ $\lambda x. x y \lambda x. y x$	$\rightarrow (\lambda x. ((x z) (\lambda y. (x y))))$ $\rightarrow ((\lambda x. (x z)) (\lambda y. (w (\lambda w. (((w y) z) x)))))$ $\rightarrow (\lambda x. ((x y) (\lambda x. (y x))))$
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**END SOLUTION**

2. Mark the free variables in the following  $\lambda$ -expressions: [1.5 \* 3 = 4.5]

- (a)  $\lambda x. x z \lambda y. x y$
- (b)  $(\lambda x. x z) \lambda y. w \lambda w. w y z x$
- (c)  $\lambda x. x y \lambda x. y x$

**BEGIN SOLUTION**

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**END SOLUTION**

3. Prove the following using encoding in  $\lambda$ -calculus: [2 \* 8 = 16]

- (a)  $NOT(NOT TRUE) = TRUE$

Given:

$$NOT = \lambda x. ((x FALSE) TRUE)$$

$$TRUE = \lambda x. \lambda y. x$$

$$FALSE = \lambda x. \lambda y. y$$

**BEGIN SOLUTION**

<pre> not (not true) = <math>\lambda x. ((x \text{ false}) \text{ true}) (\text{not true})</math> = <math>((\text{not true}) \text{ false}) \text{ true}</math> = <math>((\lambda x. ((x \text{ false}) \text{ true}) \text{ true}) \text{ false}) \text{ true}</math> = <math>((((\text{true}) \text{ false}) \text{ true}) \text{ false}) \text{ true}</math> = <math>((((\lambda x. \lambda y. x) \text{ false}) \text{ true}) \text{ false}) \text{ true}</math> = <math>((((\lambda y. \text{false}) \text{ true}) \text{ false}) \text{ true})</math> = <math>((\text{false}) \text{ false}) \text{ true}</math> = <math>((\lambda x. \lambda y. y) \text{ false}) \text{ true}</math> = <math>(\lambda y. y) \text{ true}</math> = true </pre>	<pre> // replacing 1<sup>st</sup> not w/ encoding // <math>\beta</math>-reduction: <math>x \rightarrow \text{not true}</math> // replacing not w/ encoding // <math>\beta</math>-reduction: <math>x \rightarrow \text{true}</math> // replace true w/ encoding // <math>\beta</math>-reduction: 1<sup>st</sup> <math>x \rightarrow \text{false}</math> // <math>\beta</math>-reduction: <math>y \rightarrow \text{true}</math> // replace false w/ encoding // <math>\beta</math>-reduction: <math>x \rightarrow \text{false}</math> // <math>\beta</math>-reduction: <math>y \rightarrow \text{true}</math> // not (not true) = true </pre>
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**END SOLUTION**

(b)  $OR\ FALSE\ TRUE = TRUE$

Given:

$$OR = \lambda x. \lambda y. ((x\ TRUE)\ y)$$

$$TRUE = \lambda x. \lambda y. x$$

$$FALSE = \lambda x. \lambda y. y$$

#### BEGIN SOLUTION

<code>or false true</code>	<code>// replacing or w/ encoding</code>
<code>= λx. λy. ((x true) y) false true</code>	<code>// β-reduction: x → false</code>
<code>= λy. ((false true) y) true</code>	<code>// β-reduction: y → true</code>
<code>= (false true) true</code>	<code>// replace 1<sup>st</sup> false w/ encoding</code>
<code>= ((λx.λy.y) true) true</code>	<code>// β-reduction: x → false</code>
<code>= (λy.y) true</code>	<code>// β-reduction: y → true</code>
<code>= true</code>	<code>// or false true = true</code>

#### END SOLUTION

(c)  $SUCC\ 2 = 3$

Given:

$$2 = \lambda f. \lambda y. f\ (f\ y)$$

$$3 = \lambda f. \lambda y. f\ (f\ (f\ y))$$

$$SUCC = \lambda z. \lambda f. \lambda y. f\ (z\ f\ y)$$

#### BEGIN SOLUTION

<code>succ 2</code>	<code>// replacing succ w/ encoding</code>
<code>= (λz.λf.λy.f (z f y)) 2</code>	<code>// β-reduction: z → 2</code>
<code>= λf.λy.f (2 f y)</code>	<code>// expanding 2 w/ encoding</code>
<code>= λf.λy.f ((λf.λy.f (f y)) f y)</code>	<code>// β-reduction: 1<sup>st</sup> f → f</code>
<code>= λf.λy.f ((λy.f (f y)) y)</code>	<code>// β-reduction: 1<sup>st</sup> y → y</code>
<code>= λf.λy.f (f (f y))</code>	<code>// apply encoding for 3</code>
<code>= 3</code>	<code>// succ 2 = 3</code>

#### END SOLUTION

(d)  $(Y\ FACT)\ 2 = 2$

Given:

$$Y = \lambda f. (\lambda x. f\ (x\ x))\ (\lambda x. f\ (x\ x))$$

$$FACT = \lambda f. \lambda n. IF\ n = 0\ THEN\ 1\ ELSE\ n * (f\ (n - 1))$$

#### BEGIN SOLUTION

Given:

`Y = λf.(λx.f (x x)) (λx.f (x x))`  
`fact = λf. λn. if n = 0 then 1 else n * (f (n-1))`

Proof:

<code>(Y fact) 2</code>	<code>// replacing Y w/ encoding</code>
<code>= (λf.(λx.f (x x)) (λx.f (x x)) fact) 2</code>	<code>// β-reduction: 1<sup>st</sup> f → fact</code>
<code>= (λx.fact (x x)) (λx.fact (x x)) 2</code>	<code>// β-reduction: 1<sup>st</sup> x → λx.fact (x x)</code>
<code>= (fact ((λx.fact (x x)) (λx.fact (x x)))) 2</code>	
<code>// apply encoding for (Y fact)</code>	
<code>// ((λx.fact (x x)) (λx.fact (x x))) → (Y fact)</code>	
<code>// we know this is the encoding for (Y fact) from 3<sup>rd</sup> line of proof</code>	
<code>= (fact (Y fact)) 2</code>	<code>// apply encoding for fact</code>
<code>= (λf. λn. if n = 0 then 1 else n * (f (n-1)) (Y fact)) 2</code>	
<code>// β-reduction: 1<sup>st</sup> f → (Y fact)</code>	
<code>= (λn. if n = 0 then 1 else n * ((Y fact) (n-1))) 2</code>	<code>// β-reduction: n → 2</code>
<code>= if 2=0 then 1 else 2 * ((Y fact) (2-1))</code>	<code>// apply if</code>
<code>= 2 * ((Y fact) 1)</code>	<code>// showed in class (Y fact) 1 = 1</code>
<code>= 2 * 1</code>	<code>// apply *</code>
<code>= 2</code>	

#### END SOLUTION

(e) Show:  $exp\ \bar{0}\ \bar{n} = \bar{1}$

Given:

$$exp = \lambda m. \lambda n. (m\ n)$$

(f) Solve:  $add\ \bar{6}\ \bar{2}$

Given:  $add = \lambda n.\lambda m.\lambda f.\lambda x.\ n\ f\ (m\ f\ x)$

(g)  $IF\ FALSE\ THEN\ x\ ELSE\ y = y$

Given:

$IF\ a\ THEN\ b\ ELSE\ c = a\ b\ c$

$TRUE = \lambda x.\ \lambda y.\ x$

$FALSE = \lambda x.\ \lambda y.\ y$

(h) Prove:  $add$  and  $mul$  are associative

Given:

$mul = \lambda n.\lambda m.\lambda x.\ (n\ (m\ x))$

$mul = \lambda n.\lambda m.\lambda f.\ n\ (m\ f)$

$add = \lambda n.\lambda m.\lambda f.\lambda x.\ n\ f\ (m\ f\ x)$