

CS314 Homework 7

Sample solution

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1. (a) `((lambda (x)((lambda (y) ((lambda (z) e) v3)) v2)) v1)`

(b) `(define maxSquareVal
 (lambda (l)
 (let ((sqr1 (map (lambda (x) (* x x)) l)))
 (reduce
 (lambda (x y) (if (> x y) x y))
 sqr1
 0))))`

2. A redex for a β -reduction step has the general form `((lambda(x).M) N)`. In this problem, each redex is marked by a box, i.e., by `(((lambda(x).M) N))`.

(a) `(((lambda(x).x) (lambda(x).1)) (lambda(y).y))
 ((lambda(x).1) (lambda(y).y)))`
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(b) `(((lambda(x).((lambda(z).((lambda(x).(z x)) 3)) (lambda(y).(+ x y)))) 1)
 ((lambda(z).((lambda(x).(z x)) 3)) (lambda(y).(+ 1 y))))
 ((lambda(x).((lambda(y).(+ 1 y)) x)) 3)
 ((lambda(y).(+ 1 y)) 3)
 (+ 1 3))`
4 (using a magic β -reduction)

(c) `(((lambda(z).((lambda(y.z) ((lambda(x).(x x))(lambda(x).(x x))))) 5)
 ((lambda(y.5) ((lambda(x).(x x))(lambda(x).(x x)))))`
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Yes, the order makes a difference. If we applied `(lambda(x).(x x))` to `(lambda(x).(x x))` the result would again be `((lambda(x).(x x))(lambda(x).(x x)))`. So, if you choose to always pick the `((lambda(x).(x x))(lambda(x).(x x)))` redex, you will never reach a normal form.

3. (a) TRUE: `lambda. lambda.b.a`
FALSE: `lambda.a. lambda.b.b`
OR: `lambda.x. lambda.y. ((x true) y)`

`((or true) false)
(((lambda(x). lambda(y. ((x true) y)) true) false) \Rightarrow_β (lambda(y. ((true true) y) false)
(lambda(y. ((true true) y) false) \Rightarrow_β ((true true) false)
(((lambda(a). lambda(b.a) true) false) \Rightarrow_β ((lambda(b.true) false)
((lambda(b.true) false) \Rightarrow_β true`

(b) AND: $\lambda x.\lambda y.((x\ y)\ \text{false})$

Proof that the above definition implements logical “AND”; to do this, we need to show that $((\text{and}\ x)\ y)$ has the following property:

$((\text{and}\ \text{true})\ \text{false}) \Rightarrow_{\beta} \text{false}$
 $((\text{and}\ \text{true})\ \text{true}) \Rightarrow_{\beta} \text{true}$
 $((\text{and}\ \text{false})\ \text{true}) \Rightarrow_{\beta} \text{false}$
 $((\text{and}\ \text{false})\ \text{false}) \Rightarrow_{\beta} \text{false}$

case: assume x is true: This means $((\text{true}\ y)\ \text{false})$, which evaluates to y . So if x is true, then the expression reduces to **true** if y is **true**, or to **false**, if y is **false**.

case: assume x is false: This means $((\text{false}\ y)\ \text{false})$, which always returns **false** no matter what the value of y is.

Therefore, the given implementation of “AND” is correct.

(c) NOT: $\lambda x.((x\ \text{false})\ \text{true})$
XOR: $\lambda x.\lambda y.((x\ (\text{NOT}\ y))\ y)$

Proof that the above definition implements logical “XOR”; to do this, we need to show that $((\text{xor}\ x)\ y)$ has the following property:

$((\text{xor}\ \text{true})\ \text{false}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 $((\text{true}\ (\text{NOT}\ \text{false}))\ \text{false}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 $((\text{true}\ \text{true})\ \text{false}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 $((\lambda b.\text{true})\ \text{false}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 true

$((\text{xor}\ \text{true})\ \text{true}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 $((\text{true}\ (\text{NOT}\ \text{true}))\ \text{true}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 $((\text{true}\ \text{false})\ \text{true}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 $((\lambda b.\text{false})\ \text{true}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 false

$((\text{xor}\ \text{false})\ \text{true}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 $((\text{false}\ (\text{NOT}\ \text{false}))\ \text{true}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 $((\text{false}\ \text{false})\ \text{true}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 $((\lambda b.b)\ \text{true}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 true

$((\text{xor}\ \text{false})\ \text{false}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 $((\text{false}\ (\text{NOT}\ \text{false}))\ \text{false}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 $((\text{false}\ \text{true})\ \text{false}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 $((\lambda b.b)\ \text{false}) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$
 false

Therefore, the given implementation of “XOR” is correct.

4. $K \equiv \lambda xy.x$

$S \equiv \lambda xyz.((xz)(yz))$

$I \equiv \lambda x.x$

$((S\ K)\ K) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$

$((\lambda xyz.((xz)(yz)))\ K)\ K) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$

$((\lambda yz.((K\ z)(yz)))\ K) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$

$(\lambda z.((K\ z)(K\ z))) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$

$(\lambda z.((\lambda xy.x)\ z)(K\ z)) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$

$(\lambda z.((\lambda y.z)(K\ z)) \Rightarrow_{\beta}$

$(\lambda z.z) \Rightarrow_{\alpha}$

$(\lambda x.x)$ Note that $(\lambda z.z) = (\lambda x.x)$ after renaming