

Lambda Calculus

Abstract Syntax

$X = \{x, y, z, \dots\}$ – variables

$C = \{X, Y, Z, \dots\}$ – constructors

$\Lambda =$	X	– variable
	$ \quad C$	– constructor
	$ \quad \lambda X. \Lambda$	– abstraction
	$ \quad \Lambda \Lambda$	– application

Head Reductions (Small-Step)

Substitution:

$$x[z \leftarrow B] = \begin{cases} B & , \quad z = x \\ x & , \quad z \neq x \end{cases}$$

$$X[x \leftarrow B] = X$$

$$(M \ N)[x \leftarrow A] = (M[x \leftarrow A])(N[x \leftarrow A])$$

$$(\lambda z. B)[x \leftarrow A] = \begin{cases} \lambda z. B & , \quad z = x \\ \lambda z. (B[x \leftarrow A]) & , \quad z \neq x \end{cases}$$

Reduction rules:

$$\frac{A \rightarrow A'}{\lambda x. A \rightarrow \lambda x. A'} \quad [\text{ABS}]$$

$$(\lambda x. A) B \rightarrow A[x \leftarrow B] \quad [\text{RED}]$$

$$\frac{M \rightarrow M'}{M \ N \rightarrow M' \ N}, \quad M \neq \lambda x. A \quad [\text{APP}]$$