

Questions

5.2.1 Define logical `or` and `not` functions

$$\begin{aligned}\text{or} &= \lambda b. \lambda c. b \text{ tru } c; \\ \text{not} &= \lambda b. \lambda t. \lambda f. b \ f \ t;\end{aligned}$$

Tests:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{or tru tru} &= \text{tru} \quad \text{tru tru} = \text{tru} \\ \text{or fls tru} &= \text{fls} \quad \text{tru tru} = \text{tru} \\ \text{or tru fls} &= \text{tru} \quad \text{tru fls} = \text{tru} \\ \text{or fls fls} &= \text{fls} \quad \text{tru fls} = \text{fls} \\ \text{not tru} &= \lambda t. \lambda f. \text{tru } f \ t \\ &= \lambda t. \lambda f. f \\ &= \text{fls} \\ \text{not fls} &= \lambda t. \lambda f. \text{fls } f \ t \\ &= \lambda t. \lambda f. t \\ &= \text{tru}\end{aligned}$$

5.2.4 Define a term for raising one number to the power of another.

$$\text{power} = \lambda m. \lambda n. m \text{ (times } n) \ c_0;$$

5.2.7 Write a function **equal** that tests two numbers for equality and returns a Church boolean. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{equal } c_3 \ c_3; \\ & > (\lambda t. \lambda f. t) \\ & \text{equal } c_3 \ c_2; \\ & > (\lambda t. \lambda f. f) \end{aligned}$$

Answer:

$$\text{equal} = \lambda c_1. \lambda c_2. \text{and } (\text{iszro}(m \text{ prd } n)) (\text{iszro}(n \text{ prd } m));$$

5.2.8 A list can be represented in the lambda calculus by its **fold** function. (OCaml's name for this function is **fold_left**; it is also sometimes called **reduce**.) For example, the list **[x,y,z]** becomes a function that takes two arguments **c** and **n** and returns **c x (c y (c z n))**. What would the representation of **nil** be? Write a function **cons** that takes an element **h** and a list (that is, a **fold** function) **t** and returns a similar representation of the list formed by prepending **h** to **t**. Write **isnil** and **head** functions, each taking a list parameter. Finally, write a **tail** function for this representation of lists (this is quite a bit harder and requires a trick analogous to the one used to define **prd** for numbers).

5.2.11 Use **fix** and the encoding of lists from Exercise 5.2.8 to write a function that sums lists of Church numerals

TODO

5.3.8 Exercise 4.2.2 introduced a “big-step” style of evaluation for arithmetic expressions, where the basic evaluation relation is “term **t** evaluates to final result **v**.” Show how to formulate the evaluation rules for lambda-terms in the big-step style.

$$\frac{t_1 \Downarrow (\lambda x. t_{12}) \quad t_2 \Downarrow v_2}{t_1 \ t_2 \Downarrow t_{12}[v_2/x]}$$