

Identity

$I \Rightarrow$

const $I = a \Rightarrow a$

$I(1) \parallel 1$

$I(2) \parallel 2$

$I(I) \parallel [\text{function: } I]$

(X)

$\lambda a. a$

$\Rightarrow I I = I$

(S)

$I = a \Rightarrow a$

$I(I) = I$
 \uparrow
also $==$

Hasell: id function: $id 5 == 5$

Parameter
 λ \downarrow a \leftarrow Return expression
 \uparrow \nwarrow \nearrow
function \nwarrow \nearrow a
signifier \nwarrow \nearrow a
decorator

Lambda Abstraction

$\hat{=}$ unary anonymous function
 \hookrightarrow it takes a single input

λ calculus syntax

expression	::=	variable	(identifier)
		expression expression	(application)
		λ variable . expression	(abstraction)
		(expression)	(grouping)

Variables

Variables are immutable, there is no concept of assignment
 \hookrightarrow binding

Application:

λ	$f\ a$	$f\ a$	$f(a)$
	$f\ a\ b$		$f(a, b)$

No brackets in λ expression

All functions are unary \rightarrow currying

\hookrightarrow example: $f\ s$

$add = a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow a + b$

$add\ (1)\ (2) \quad //\ 3$

We can specify the application rules with parentheses:

$$\textcircled{\lambda} \quad (f \ a) \ b$$

$$\textcircled{fs} \quad (f \ (a)) \ (b)$$

Default: function application is left associative

$$\Rightarrow \quad (f \ a) \ b \quad \stackrel{!}{=} \quad f \ a \ b$$

This is only needed to force a different order

$$\textcircled{\lambda} \quad f \ (a \ b)$$

$$\textcircled{fs} \quad f \ (a \ (b))$$

Abstraction

$$\textcircled{\lambda} \quad \lambda a. b$$

$$\textcircled{fs} \quad a \Rightarrow b$$

$$\lambda a. b \ x$$

$$a \Rightarrow b \ (x)$$

$$\lambda a. (b \ x)$$

$$a \Rightarrow (b \ (x))$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{useless } ()$$

$$(\lambda a. b) \ x$$

$$(a \Rightarrow b) \ (x)$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{use full } ()$$

$$\lambda a. \lambda b. a$$

$$a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow a$$

β -reduction

↳ take a function and apply it to its argument

$$(\lambda a. \lambda b. \lambda c. b) (x) \lambda e. f$$

function parameter

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda b. \lambda c. b) (x) \lambda e. f$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda c. x) \lambda e. f$$

$$\Rightarrow x$$

↑
" β normal form" (fully evaluated function)

Mocking bird

$$\textcircled{M} \quad M = \lambda f. f f$$

$$\textcircled{f_s} \quad M = f \Rightarrow f(f)$$

" self-application combinator "

$$\textcircled{f_s} \Rightarrow M = f \Rightarrow f(f)$$

$$M(I) = I \quad \text{" true"}$$

$$\text{try } \{ M(M) \} \text{ catch } (e) \{ \text{console.log}(e. \text{message}) \}$$

↳ " call stack size exceeded

$$M I = I I = I$$

↳ reduces to β normal form

$$M M = M M = M M = \dots \quad \Omega \text{ (Omega Combinator)}$$

↳ "the end"

⇒ We don't know if an expression has a β normal form
(aha. Halting problem)

Abstractions II

① $\lambda a. \lambda b. \lambda c. b$

is equivalent to:

$$\lambda a b c. b$$

② $a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow c \Rightarrow b$

$$a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow c \Rightarrow b$$

$$\cancel{(a, b, c)} \Rightarrow b$$

The arguments don't come in simultaneously but one after another

⇒ β reduction:

$$((\lambda a. \lambda b. \lambda c. b) (x)) \lambda e. f$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda b c. b) (x) \lambda e. f$$

$$\Rightarrow (\lambda c. x) \lambda e. f \Rightarrow x$$

Kesrel

$$\textcircled{\lambda} \quad k := \lambda a b. a$$

$$\textcircled{fs} \quad k = a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow a$$

\Rightarrow takes 2 things and always returns the 1st one

$$k M I = M$$

$$k (M) (I) == M$$

$$k I M = I$$

$$k (I) (M) == I$$

Has-kell: $\text{const } z == z$

This can be used to create a function which is fixed on a specific value.

$$k I \times y = I y = y$$

$$\Rightarrow k I \times y = y \Rightarrow \text{"hide"}$$

Kite combinations of combinators create combinators

$$\textcircled{1} \quad k I := \lambda a b. b$$

$$\textcircled{fs} \quad k I = a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow b$$

$$k I M \quad k I = k I$$

$$k I (M) (k I) == k I$$

Combinator: function with no free variables

Variable in a function body
that's not bound to some
parameter.

$\lambda b. b \rightarrow$ Combinator

$\lambda b. a \rightarrow$ No Combinator

$\lambda a b. a \rightarrow$ Combinator

$\lambda a b c. c (\lambda e. b) \rightarrow$ Combinator

Sym	λ	Use
I	$\lambda a. a$	Identity
M	$\lambda f. ff$	Self-application
K	$\lambda a b. a$	first, const
KI	$\lambda a b. b = KI xy$	second

More combinators can be created by
combining Combinators

Cardinal

① $\lambda f a b. f b a \rightarrow$ flipping Arguments

② $C = f \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow f(b)(a)$

$$C \text{ } \underline{kI} \text{ } M = M = \underline{kI} \text{ } IM$$

Hashelli: `flip const 1 8 // 8`

Booleans

Example: ② $!x == y \text{ " (a \&\& z) }$

↓

①, How???

Take a look at the following use case for Booleans:

② `const result = bool ? expr1 : expr2;`

↓ Turn it into a function call

① $result := \text{func } \text{expr1} \text{ expr2}$

$\Rightarrow \text{True} := k$
(T)

$\text{False} := kI$
(F)

Negation:

$$\textcircled{Is} \quad ! p = \text{not } (p)$$

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{\lambda} \quad \text{not } p \Rightarrow p \text{ F T}$$

↑

This unknown boolean is a function which when its true selects the first argument (F) and when its false selects the second argument (T)

$$\Rightarrow \textcircled{\lambda} \quad \text{not} := \lambda p. p \text{ F T}$$

$$\textcircled{Is} \quad \text{const not} = p \Rightarrow p (F) (T)$$

Church encoding: Booleans

Sym	λ	use
T	$\lambda a b. a$	True
F	$\lambda a b. b$	False
	$\lambda p. p \text{ F T}$	not
C	$\lambda f a b. f b a$	not

Better Representation of Not:

$$\textcircled{1} \text{ Not } k = kI$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Not} (\lambda ab.a) = \lambda ba.a$$

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ Not } kI = k$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Not} (\lambda ba.a) = \lambda ab.a$$

$$\Rightarrow C(kI) = k$$

$$C\ k = kI$$

The Cardinal is already an representation of the boolean not.

Problem: is

$$C(T) == F \quad // \text{ false}$$

$$\text{Not}(T) == F \quad // \text{ true}$$

The Not function selects between T / F but the Cardinal (C) creates a new function which behaves identically.

- extensional equality \Rightarrow for every input they generate the same output

$$\hookrightarrow C\ k = kI : \text{Extensionally equal}$$

- intentional equality: both have the same source
Not $T = F$ is intentionally equal

Boolean And

$$\textcircled{\lambda} \text{ AND} = \lambda p q. p q F$$

$$\textcircled{\lambda s} \text{ consd and} = p \Rightarrow q \Rightarrow p(q)(F)$$

$p \text{ false} \rightarrow \text{select } F$

$p \text{ true} \rightarrow \text{select } q \text{ (T/F)}$

This behaves like a logic AND

Beautification: If p is false and it should
select false $\rightarrow p$ can select itself

$$\lambda p q. p q p$$

This creates extensionally equal functions.

Boolean OR

$$\textcircled{\lambda} \quad \text{OR} := \lambda p q. p \text{ T } q$$

$$\textcircled{\S} \quad \text{const or} = p \Rightarrow q \Rightarrow p \text{ (T) } (q)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda p q. p p q$$

$$\text{Trick: } \underbrace{(\lambda p q. p p q)}_{M^*} x y = x x y$$

$$\begin{array}{c} M^* x y \\ \uparrow \end{array} = x x y$$

identically to M , but for clarity

The Mockingbird is an already existing implementation of the OR

Equality:

$$\textcircled{\lambda} \quad \lambda p q. p (q \text{ T } F) (q \text{ F } T) =: \text{Eq}$$

$$\lambda p q. p \begin{array}{l} \nearrow q \searrow T \\ \nearrow q \searrow F \\ \searrow q \nearrow F \\ \searrow q \nearrow T \end{array}$$

When p is true \Rightarrow just select q (redundancy)

— " — false \rightarrow — " — not q

\Rightarrow Simplification:

$$\lambda p q. p q (\text{Not } q)$$

De Morgan: $\neg (P \wedge Q) = (\neg P) \vee (\neg Q)$

$$\textcircled{\neg} \quad \neg (p \wedge q) = (\neg p) \vee (\neg q)$$

$$\textcircled{\lambda} \quad \text{Eqn} (\text{Not} (\text{And} (p q)) (\text{Or} (\text{Not } p) (\text{Not } q)))$$

$$\lambda x y. x y ((\lambda f a b. f b a) y)$$

$$((\lambda f a b. f b a) ((\lambda x y. x y x) p q))$$

$$((\lambda f. f f) ((\lambda f a b. f b a) p) ((\lambda f a b. f b a) q))$$

Here we can see De Morgan's law directly in the lambda expression

Combinator Basis:

$$S := \lambda a b c. a c (b c)$$

$$K := \lambda a b. a$$

$$\text{Example: } I = S K K = S K S$$

How can we do numbers?

Not: Nouns one, two, three

Instead: Adverbs Once, twice, thrice

[1]

(λ)

$$N1 := \lambda f a. fa$$

(f)

$$n1 = f \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow f(a)$$

The function is called once (Identity)

[2]

(λ)

$$N2 := \lambda f a. f(fa)$$

(f)

$$n2 = f \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow f(f(a))$$

The function is applied twice

[3]

(λ)

$$N3 := \lambda f a. f(f(fa))$$

(f)

$$n3 = f \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow f(f(f(a)))$$

Examples:

$$N1 \text{ NOT } T = \text{NOT } T = F$$

$$N2 \text{ NOT } T = \text{NOT}(\text{NOT } T) = \text{NOT } F = T$$

\vdots

What is zero?

$$\lambda f a. a$$

\rightarrow Applies it 0 times

identical to False!

Can we dynamically generate numbers?

\Rightarrow Successor function : If we give it a number it generates the next number

$$\text{Succ } N1 = N2$$

$$\text{Succ } N2 = N3 = \text{Succ}(\text{Succ } N1)$$

...

\Rightarrow "Peano" Numbers

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \text{Succ} := \lambda n f a. f(n f a)$$

$$\textcircled{1.5} \quad \text{Succ} = n \Rightarrow f \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow f(n(f)(a))$$

take the number of function applications
and do one more on top of it.

The results are only extensionally equal, not intensionally.

Bluebird α B-combinator

$$\textcircled{1} \quad B := \lambda f g a. f(g a) \quad \text{Function Composition}$$

$$\textcircled{1.5} \quad B = f \Rightarrow g \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow f(g(a))$$

$$B \text{ not } \text{not } T = T$$

Here we combined not not to the identity I

example: Haskell odd = not . even

Beautification:

$$\text{Succ} := \lambda n f a. f (\underbrace{n f a}_{\text{two arrows}})$$

$$= \lambda n f. B f (n f)$$

The successor can also be expressed with the Bluebird combinator

How can we add other numbers than +1?

$$\text{Add} := \lambda n k. n \text{ succ } k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Add } n3 \ n5 &= \text{succ} (\text{succ} (\text{succ } n5)) \\ &= (\text{succ} \cdot \text{succ} \cdot \text{succ}) \ n5 \\ &= n3 \text{ succ } n5 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplication

$$\text{Mult} := \lambda n h f. n (h(f)) = (B n h) f$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mult } n2 \ n3 \ f \ a &= (f \circ f \circ f \circ f \circ f \circ f) \ a \\ &= ((f \circ f \circ f) (f \circ f \circ f)) \ a \\ &= ((n3 f) \circ (n3 f)) \ a \\ &= n2 (n3 f) \ a \end{aligned}$$

We can cancel out the f on both sides

$$\text{Mul} := \lambda n h. B n h \quad \text{and also } n \delta h$$

\Rightarrow Multiplication is identical to the B combinator

Multiplication and the B combinator are α -equivalent \rightarrow They are the same when changing the variable names.

Exponentiation:

$$\text{Pow} := \lambda n h. h n \quad \text{Thrush Combinator}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pow } n_2 n_3 &= n_8 = n_2 \times n_2 \times n_2 \\ &= n_2 \cdot n_2 \cdot n_2 \\ &= n_3 n_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also: } \text{Pow} = C I$$

The is zero

$$ISO \quad N_0 = T$$

$$ISO \quad N_1 = F$$

$$ISO \quad N_2 = F$$

...

$$ISO := \lambda n. n (\underbrace{\lambda F}_{\text{return false}}) \underbrace{T}_{\text{return true}}$$

The is zero is always applied when the Church numeral is unequal to 0 and therefore always returns F. When $n=0$ the function application is skipped and returns T.

Data - Structures

Pairs

$\lambda ab. f. fab$

pair things together

↳ you can move this pair around and use it for other purposes

If you want to access the things in the box:
give it a function and this function
accesses both things.

→ This is an example of using closures as
data structures.

Example: VIM

$$VIM = \lambda f. f \ I \ M$$

The VIM (pair of identity & Mockingbird) is a
function that holds on to the identity and
Mockingbird and provides an interface for
interacting with them \Rightarrow give me a function
and I give you these two things.

$$\underline{VIM} \ K = (\lambda f. f \ I \ M) \ K = I$$

$$\underline{VIM} \ \underline{KI} = M$$

Access content of Uired pairs

$$\text{First} := \lambda p. p\ h =: \text{FST}$$

$$\text{Second} := \lambda p. p(h\ I) =: \text{SND}$$

PHI ϕ

$$\text{PHI} := \lambda p. V(\text{SND } p)(\text{succ}(\text{SND } p)) =: \phi$$

$$\phi(V\ M\ N7) = V\ N7, N8$$

$$\phi(V\ N9\ N2) = V\ N2, N3$$

→ shift second thing to 1st and increment 2nd

$$\begin{aligned} N8\ \phi(V\ N0\ N0) &= N8(V\ N0\ N1) \\ &= V\ N7\ N8 \end{aligned}$$

(8 times the ϕ applied to the $(V\ N0\ N0)$ pair

→ take the 1st argument:

$$\text{FST}(N8\ \phi(V\ N0\ N0)) = N7$$

↳ subtraction of $n8$ by $n1$

This allows us to create a predecessor function:

$$\text{Pred} := \lambda n. \text{Fst} (n \phi (V \text{No } V \emptyset))$$

Subtraction in general

$$\text{Sub} := \lambda n k. k \text{ Pred } n$$

Less-than or equal:

$$\text{LEQ} := \lambda n k. \text{ISD} (\text{Sub } n k)$$

Equality:

$$\text{EQ} := \lambda n k. \text{AND} (\text{LEQ } n k) (\text{LEQ } k n)$$

Greater than:

$$\text{GT} := \lambda n k. \text{NOT} (\text{LEQ } n k)$$

can we express this otherwise? it looks like the Bluebird (B) but for 2 arguments.

Blackbird combinator:

$$B_1 := \lambda f g a b . f (g a b)$$

$$\rightarrow GT = B_1 \text{ NOT } LEQ$$

$$\text{Funfact: } B_1 = B B B$$

↳ The Blackbird is the composition of composition composed with composition and composition.

B C K I - Basis

These 4 combinators form a Basis:

$$\underline{KI} = KI = CK$$

$$B_1 = B B B$$

$$T_h = CI$$

$$V = B C T_h = B C (CI)$$