

Lambda Calculus

For the following forms apply β -reduction and α -substitution to reduce to lowest form. Indicate at each step the rule you are applying.

1. $(\lambda x.x)(\lambda x.x)$

$\rightarrow (\lambda x.x)(\lambda y.y)$ // α -substitution: rename x to y

$\rightarrow (\lambda y.y)$ // β -reduction $[(\lambda y.y)/x]x$: replace x with $\lambda y.y$

2. $(\lambda x.x x)(\lambda x.\lambda y.x x)$

$\rightarrow (\lambda x.\lambda y.x x)(\lambda x.\lambda y.x x)$ // β -reduction $[(\lambda x.\lambda y.x x)/x]x$: replace x with $\lambda x.\lambda y.x x$

$\rightarrow (\lambda x.\lambda y.x x)(\lambda u.\lambda y.u u)$ // α -substitution: rename x to u

$\rightarrow (\lambda u.\lambda y.u u)(\lambda u.\lambda y.u u)$ // β -reduction $[(\lambda u.\lambda y.u u)/x]x$: replace x with $\lambda u.\lambda y.u u$

$\rightarrow (\lambda u.\lambda y.u u)(\lambda z.\lambda y.z z)$ // α -substitution: rename u to z

$\rightarrow \lambda y(\lambda z.\lambda y.z z)(\lambda z.\lambda y.z z)$

Non-terminating lambda expression.

$$3. ((\lambda x. (x y)) (\lambda z. z))$$

$\rightarrow (\lambda z. z) y$ // β -reduction: replace x with $\lambda z. z$

$\rightarrow y$ // β -reduction: replace z with y

$$4. (\lambda z. z) (\lambda y. y y) (\lambda x. x a)$$

$\rightarrow (\lambda y. y y) (\lambda x. x a)$ // β -reduction: replace z with $\lambda y. y y$

$\rightarrow (\lambda x. x a) (\lambda x. x a)$ // β -reduction: replace y with $\lambda x. x a$

$\rightarrow (\lambda x. x a) a$ // β -reduction: replace x with $\lambda x. x a$

$\rightarrow a a$ // β -reduction: replace x with a

$$5. (\lambda z. z) (\lambda z. z z) (\lambda z. z y)$$

$\rightarrow (\lambda z. z z) (\lambda z. z y)$ // β -reduction: replace z with $\lambda z. z z$

$\rightarrow (\lambda z. z y) (\lambda z. z y)$ // β -reduction: replace z with $\lambda z. z y$

$\rightarrow (\lambda z. z y) y$ // β -reduction: replace z with $\lambda z. z y$

$\rightarrow y y$ // β -reduction: replace z with y

$$6. (\lambda x. \lambda y. x y y) (\lambda a. a) b$$

$\rightarrow (\lambda y. (\lambda a. a) y y) b$ // β -reduction: replace x with $\lambda a. a$

$\rightarrow (\lambda a. a) b b$ // β -reduction: replace y with b

$\rightarrow b b$ // β -reduction: replace a with b

$$7. (\lambda x. x x) (\lambda y. y x) z$$

$\rightarrow (\lambda y. y x) (\lambda y. y x) z$ // β -reduction: replace x with $\lambda y. y x$

$\rightarrow (\lambda y. y x) x z$ // β -reduction: replace y with $\lambda y. y x$

$\rightarrow x x z$ // β -reduction: replace y with x

$$\begin{aligned}
 8. & (\lambda x. (\lambda y. (x y)) y) z \quad ((\lambda x. x) x) \\
 \rightarrow & (\lambda x. (\lambda u. (x u)) y) z \quad // \alpha\text{-substitution: rename } y \text{ to } u \\
 \rightarrow & (\lambda u. (z u)) y \quad // \beta\text{-reduction: replace } x \text{ with } z \\
 \rightarrow & z y \quad // \beta\text{-reduction: replace } u \text{ with } y
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 9. & ((\lambda x. x x) (\lambda y. y)) (\lambda y. y) \\
 \rightarrow & ((\lambda y. y) (\lambda y. y)) (\lambda y. y) \\
 & \quad // \beta\text{-reduction: replace } x \text{ with } \lambda y. y \\
 \rightarrow & (\lambda y. y) (\lambda y. y) \\
 & \quad // \beta\text{-reduction: replace } y \text{ with } \lambda y. y \\
 \rightarrow & \lambda y. y \quad // \beta\text{-reduction: replace } y \text{ with } \lambda y. y
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 10. & (((\lambda x. \lambda y. (x y)) (\lambda y. y)) \omega) \\
 \rightarrow & (((\lambda x. \lambda a. (x a)) (\lambda y. y)) \omega) \\
 & \quad // \alpha\text{-substitution: rename } y \text{ to } a \\
 \rightarrow & ((\lambda a. ((\lambda y. y) a)) \omega) \\
 & \quad // \beta\text{-reduction: replace } x \text{ with } \lambda y. y \\
 \rightarrow & (\lambda y. y) \omega \quad // \beta\text{-reduction: replace } a \text{ with } \omega \\
 \rightarrow & \omega \quad // \beta\text{-reduction: replace } y \text{ with } \omega
 \end{aligned}$$