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**Principles of Programming Languages: CS40032**

*Elective*

**Assignment – 2:  $\lambda$ -Calculus**  
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1. Reduce the following  $\lambda$ -expressions. Show every step of  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ -,  $\eta$ - and  $\delta$ -reductions. **[2 \* 6 = 12]**

- (a)  $(\lambda z. z) (\lambda z. z z) (\lambda z. z y)$
- (b)  $(\lambda x. \lambda y. x y y) (\lambda a. a) b$
- (c)  $(\lambda x. \lambda y. x y y) (\lambda y. y) y$
- (d)  $(\lambda x. x x) (\lambda y. y x) z$
- (e)  $(\lambda x. (\lambda y. (x y)) y) z$
- (f)  $((\lambda x. (\lambda y. (x y)) (\lambda y. y)) w)$

2. Consider the recursive definition of  $add(x, y), \forall x \geq 0, y \geq 0$ : **[2 + 6 = 8]**

$$\begin{aligned} add(x, y) &= y && , \text{ if } x = 0 \\ &= add(x - 1, y + 1), && \text{ if } x > 0 \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Using Y combinator, encode the above recursive definition of  $add$  as a  $\lambda$ -expression.
- (b) Reduce  $add\ 2\ 5$ . Show every step of  $\beta$ - and  $\delta$ - reductions. You may skip the  $\alpha$ -reductions with a mention of the step.