



LAMBDA CALCULUS: PART II

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COMPUTING WITH NATURAL NUMBERS

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\equiv \lambda sz.s(z) \\ 2 &\equiv \lambda sz.s(s(z)) \\ 3 &\equiv \lambda sz.s(s(s(z))) \end{aligned}$$

The successor function

$$\text{successor } n \equiv_{\text{def}} \lambda n.\lambda f.\lambda x.f(nfx)$$

Successor of 0 (S0) is $\text{def } (\lambda nfx.f(nfx)) (\lambda sz.z)$

$$\lambda yx.y((\lambda sz.z)yx) = \lambda yx.y((\lambda z.z)x) = \lambda yx.y(x) \equiv 1$$

Successor of 1 (S1) is $\text{def } (\lambda wyx.y(wyx)) (\lambda sz.s(z))$

Addition

$$\text{def } \lambda m.\lambda n.\lambda f.\lambda x.m(f)(n(f)(x))$$

2S3 is $\text{def } (\lambda sz.s(s(z)))(\lambda wyx.y(wyx))(\lambda uv.u(u(u(v))))$

Multiplication $\text{def } \lambda m.\lambda n.\lambda f.\lambda x.m(n(f))(x)$

SOLVING A LAMBDA EXPRESSION

The main goal of manipulating a lambda expression is to reduce it to a “simplest form” and consider that as the value of the lambda expression.

Definition : A lambda expression is in **normal form** if it contains no β -redexes (and no δ -rules in an applied lambda calculus), so that it cannot be further reduced using the β -rule or the δ -rule. An expression in normal form has no more function applications to evaluate. ■

Expressions $e ::= \lambda x. x \mid e \mid e_1 e_2$

The only reduction possible for an expression in normal form is an a-reduction.

LAMBDA CALCULUS TO PROGRAMMING

Data Types

- Booleans, numbers
- Collections

Conditional expressions

Arithmetic expressions

Recursions

a *combinator* is a λ -term with no free variables

ENCODING BOOLEANS IN LAMBDA CALCULUS

What can we do with a boolean?

- we can make a binary choice
- `ConditionFunction (condition, then_do, else_do) {`
- `If (condition)`
- `return then_do`
- `Else`
- `return else_do`
- `}`
- `def $\lambda cond. \lambda then_do. \lambda else_do. ??$`

ENCODING BOOLEANS IN LAMBDA CALCULUS

What can we do with a boolean?

- we can make a binary choice
- `ConditionFunction` (`condition`, `then_do`, `else_do`) {
- *If* (*true*)
- `return then_do`
- *Else*
- `return else_do`
- }
- `True =def λthen_do. λelse_do. then_do`
- `False =def λthen_do. λelse_do. else_do`

`def λcond. λthen_do. λelse_do. ?? then_do else_do`

BOOLEAN DATA TYPE

A boolean is a function that given two choices selects one of them

- $\text{true} =_{\text{def}} \lambda \text{then_do}. \lambda \text{else_do}. \text{then_do}$
- $\text{false} =_{\text{def}} \lambda \text{then_do}. \lambda \text{else_do}. \text{else_do}$
- $\text{if_then_else} =_{\text{def}} \lambda \text{cond}. \lambda \text{then_do}. \lambda \text{else_do}. \text{Cond } (\text{then_do}) (\text{else_do})$

Example: semester_time

$\text{SleepHours} = \text{if_then_else}(\text{semester_time}) (\text{six}) (\text{ten})$

If_then_else = (_{def} λcond. λthen_do. λelse_do. Cond (then_do) (else_do))

HANDLING BOOLEANS

NOT = (_{def} λboolean. λthen_do. λelse_do. boolean (else_do) (then_do))
(_{def} λboolean. λthen_do. λelse_do. boolean (else_do) (then_do)) (true)

= λthen_do. λelse_do. (true) (else_do) (then_do)
= λthen_do. λelse_do. (λtd. λed. td) (else_do) (then_do)
= λthen_do. λelse_do. else_do

Boolean	Outcome of the expression
true	false
false	true



Red_Green=tru

NOT(Red_Green)

NOT(NOT(Red_Green))

NOT(NOT(NOT(Red_Green)))

(five)(NOT)(Red_Green)

(four)(NOT)(Red_Green)

Is_even=

$\lambda n. n(\text{NOT})(\text{true})$

MORE PREDICATES

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(zero) (λx. (decorated))(plain_tree)  
=(λf.λs.(s)) (λx. (decorated))(plain_tree)  
=(plain_tree)
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λn.n(λx. decorated)(plain_tree)
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```
λn.n (λx. false)(true)
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```
Is_Zero= (λn.n (λx. false)true)
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PREDICATES

$\text{is_zero} = \lambda n. n(\lambda x. \text{false})(\text{true})$

$\text{is_zero}(\text{zero}) = \text{zero}(\lambda x. \text{false})(\text{true})$

$= (\lambda f. \lambda s. (s)) (\lambda x. \text{false})(\text{true})$

$= \text{true}$

For all other cases the result is false

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- $\text{false} =_{\text{def}} \lambda \text{then_do. } \lambda \text{else_do. else_do}$
- $\text{if_then_else} =_{\text{def}} \lambda \text{cond. } \lambda \text{then_do. } \lambda \text{else_do. Cond (then_do) (else_do)}$

Example: Any_Assignment_Deadlines

$\text{SleepHours} = \text{if_then_else}(\text{Any_Assignment_Deadlines}) (\text{six}) (\text{ten})$

NOT $=_{\text{def}} \lambda \text{boolean. } \lambda \text{then_do. } \lambda \text{else_do. } \underline{\text{boolean}} (\text{else_do}) (\text{then_do})$

$\text{Is_even} = \lambda n. n(\text{NOT})(\text{true})$

$\text{Is_Zero} = (\lambda n. n (\lambda x. \text{false}) \text{true})$

$\text{AND} == \lambda a. \lambda b. a \text{ b FALSE}$

$\text{OR} == \lambda a. \lambda b. a \text{ TRUE b}$

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