

1. [20 points] **Lambda Calculus: Reductions**

There are two kinds of *reduction steps* in the λ -calculus:

- α -steps, written $e =a> e'$,
- β -steps, written $e =b> e'$,
- transitive-steps, written $e =*> e'$.

We write $e =*> e'$ if there is a sequence of 0 or more steps $e => \dots => e'$ where each $=>$ is *either* an α - or β -step. For each of the following *pairs* of lambda calculus expressions, of the form $e1 =?> e2$, circle the most appropriate reduction step (or **none** if none of the steps are valid).

(a) [4 points]

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1. $=a>$ (α -step)
2. $=b>$ (β -step)
3. $=*>$ (transitive-step)
4. None (Invalid step)

(b) [4 points]

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(c) [4 points]

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3. $=*>$ (transitive-step)
4. None (Invalid step)

(d) [4 points]

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(\n f x -> f (n f x)) (\f x -> x)

=?> (\f x -> (f f) x)

```

1. =a> (α -step)
2. =b> (β -step)
3. =*> (transitive-step)
4. None (Invalid step)

(e) [4 points]

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(\n f x -> f (n f x)) (\f x -> x)

=?> (\f x -> f (f x))

```

1. =a> (α -step)
2. =b> (β -step)
3. =*> (transitive-step)
4. None (Invalid step)

2. [15 points] **Lambda Calculus: Lists**

As promised in lecture, in this problem you will develop an encoding of *lists* in the λ -calculus.

Lets implement NIL – *empty* lists – as just FALSE defined in the cheat sheet at the end of the exam.

```
let NIL = FALSE
```

(a) [5 points] **Construct and Destruct**

Fill in the implementations of CONS, HEAD and TAIL.

CONS *h* *t* should return a list whose “head” is *h* and “tail” is *t*.

```
let CONS = \h t -> _____
```

HEAD *l* should return the “head” of the list *l*.

```
let HEAD = \l -> _____
```

TAIL *l* should return the “tail” of the list *l*.

```
let TAIL = \l -> _____
```

When you are done, you should get the following behavior:

```
eval list1 :
  HEAD (CONS apple (CONS banana (CONS cantaloupe NIL)))
  =~> apple

eval list2 :
  HEAD (TAIL (CONS apple (CONS banana (CONS cantaloupe NIL))))
  =~> banana
```

(b) [10 points] **Access**

Recall that we represent the natural number n as function that is applied to a base value n times, e.g.,

```
let ZERO  = \f x -> x
let ONE   = \f x -> f x
let TWO   = \f x -> f (f x)
let THREE = \f x -> f (f (f x))
```

Fill in the implementation of `GetNth` such that `GetNth n l` returns the n -th element of a list `l`

```
let GetNth = \n l -> _____
```

When you are done, you should see the following behavior

```
eval nth0 :
  GetNth ZERO (CONS apple (CONS banana (CONS cantaloupe NIL)))
  =~> apple

eval nth1 :
  GetNth ONE (CONS apple (CONS banana (CONS cantaloupe NIL)))
  =~> banana

eval nth2 :
  GetNth TWO (CONS apple (CONS banana (CONS cantaloupe NIL)))
  =~> cantaloupe
```

NOTE: You can assume that in every call `GetNth l n`, that `l` is a list with at least n elements.