

Mini Assignment - Lambda Calculus

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1 Helper Functions

Some common helper functions used are:

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true =  $\lambda xy.x$   
false =  $\lambda xy.y$   
and =  $\lambda xy.(x \rightarrow y | \text{false})$   
not =  $\lambda t.t \text{ false true}$   
snd =  $\lambda p.p \text{ false}$   
suc =  $\lambda nfx.nf(fx)$   
iszero =  $\lambda n.n(\lambda x. \text{false}) \text{ true}$   
add =  $\lambda mnfx.mf(nfx)$   
pre =  $\lambda nfx. \text{snd}(n (\text{prefn}f) (\text{true}, x))$   
S =  $\lambda fgx.(fx)(gx)$   
K =  $\lambda xy.x$   
I =  $\lambda x.x$ 
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2 Exercise 9

Show that $(\lambda f g x. f x(g x))(\lambda x y. x)(\lambda x y. x) = \lambda x. x$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\lambda f g x. f x(g x))(\lambda x y. x)(\lambda x y. x) \\
 &= (\lambda g x. (\lambda x y. x) x(g x))(\lambda x y. x) \\
 &= (\lambda g x. x)(\lambda x y. x) \\
 &= (\lambda g. \lambda x. x)(\lambda x y. x) \\
 &= \lambda x. x
 \end{aligned}$$

3 Exercise 10

Work out:

1. $(\lambda y. x(\lambda x. x)) [(\lambda y. y x)/x]$

Using $\lambda V'. E_1[E'/V] = \lambda V'. E[E'/V]$, for $V' \neq V$ and V' not free in E' :

$$(\lambda y. x(\lambda x. x)) [(\lambda y. y x)/x] \equiv (\lambda y. (\lambda y. y x)(\lambda x. x)) \equiv (\lambda y. ((\lambda x. x) x)) \equiv \lambda y. x$$

2. $(y(\lambda z. x z)) [(\lambda y. z y)/x]$

Using $\lambda V'. E_1[E'/V] = \lambda V''. E_1[V''/V'] [E'/V]$, for $V' \neq V$ and V' free in E' :

$$(y(\lambda z. x z)) [(\lambda y. z y)/x] \equiv y(\lambda z. x z) [y/z] [(\lambda y. z y)/x] \equiv y(\lambda y. x z) [(\lambda y. z y)/x] \equiv y(\lambda y. (\lambda y. z y) z) \equiv y(\lambda y. z z)$$

4 Exercise 13

Let **and** be the λ -expression $\lambda x y. (x \rightarrow y \mid \mathbf{false})$. Show that:

and true true = true
and true false = false
and false true = false
and false false = false

- **and true true = true**
 $= \lambda x y. (x \rightarrow y \mid \mathbf{false}) \text{ true true}$
 $= \text{true} \rightarrow \text{true} \mid \mathbf{false}$
 $= \text{true true false}$
 $= (\lambda x y. x) \text{ true false}$
 $= \text{true}$

- **and true false = false**
 $= \lambda x y. (x \rightarrow y \mid \mathbf{false}) \text{ true false}$
 $= \text{true} \rightarrow \text{false} \mid \mathbf{false}$
 $= \text{true false false}$
 $= (\lambda x y. x) \text{ false false}$
 $= \mathbf{false}$

- **and false true = false**
 $= \lambda x y. (x \rightarrow y \mid \mathbf{false}) \text{ false true}$

$= \text{false} \rightarrow \text{true} \mid \text{false}$
 $= \text{false true false}$
 $= (\lambda xy.y) \text{ true false}$
 $= \text{false}$

- $\text{and false false} = \text{false}$
 $= \lambda xy.(x \rightarrow y \mid \text{false}) \text{ false false}$
 $= \text{false} \rightarrow \text{false} \mid \text{false}$
 $= \text{false false false}$
 $= (\lambda xy.y) \text{ false false}$
 $= \text{false}$

5 Exercise 14

Devise a λ -expression **or** such that:

$\text{or true true} = \text{true}$
 $\text{or true false} = \text{true}$
 $\text{or false true} = \text{true}$
 $\text{or false false} = \text{false}$

We can define $\text{or} = \lambda xy.(x \rightarrow \text{true} \mid y)$

- $\text{or true true} = \text{true}$
 $= \lambda xy.(x \rightarrow \text{true} \mid y) \text{ true true}$
 $= \text{true} \rightarrow \text{true} \mid \text{true}$
 $= \text{true true true}$
 $= (\lambda xy.x) \text{ true true}$
 $= \text{true}$
- $\text{or true false} = \text{true}$
 $= \lambda xy.(x \rightarrow \text{true} \mid y) \text{ true false}$
 $= \text{true} \rightarrow \text{true} \mid \text{false}$
 $= \text{true true false}$
 $= (\lambda xy.x) \text{ true false}$
 $= \text{true}$
- $\text{or false true} = \text{true}$
 $= \lambda xy.(x \rightarrow \text{true} \mid y) \text{ false true}$
 $= \text{false} \rightarrow \text{true} \mid \text{true}$
 $= \text{false true true}$
 $= (\lambda xy.y) \text{ true true}$
 $= \text{true}$
- $\text{or false false} = \text{false}$
 $= \lambda xy.(x \rightarrow \text{true} \mid y) \text{ false false}$
 $= \text{false} \rightarrow \text{true} \mid \text{false}$
 $= \text{false true false}$
 $= (\lambda xy.y) \text{ true false}$
 $= \text{false}$

6 Booleans

NAND = $\lambda xy. (x \rightarrow \text{not } y) \text{ true}$

NOR = $\lambda xy. (x \rightarrow \text{false} \mid \text{not } y)$

XOR = $\lambda xy. (x \rightarrow \text{not } y \mid y)$

7 Exercise 15

Show that **snd** (E_1, E_2) = E_2

snd(E_1, E_2) = $(\lambda p.p \text{ false})(E_1, E_2)$
= $(E_1, E_2) \text{ false}$
= $(\lambda f.f E_1 E_2) \text{ false}$
= **false** $E_1 E_2$
= $(\lambda xy.y) E_1 E_2$
= E_2

8 Exercise 17

Show for all numbers m and n:

1. **suc** $\underline{n} = \underline{n + 1}$
suc $n = (\lambda n. \lambda fx. nf(fx))(\lambda fx. f^n x)$
= $\lambda fx. (\lambda fx. f^n x) f(fx)$
= $\lambda fx. f^n(fx)$
= $\lambda fx. f^{n+1}x$
= $n + 1$
2. **iszero** (**suc** \underline{n}) = **false**
= $(\lambda n. n(\lambda x. \text{false}) \text{ true}) (\lambda fx. f^{n+1}(fx))$
= $(\lambda fx. f^{n+1}x)(\lambda x. \text{false}) \text{ true}$
= $(\lambda x. \text{false})^{n+1} \text{ true}$
= **false**
3. **add** $\underline{0} \underline{n} = \underline{n}$
= $(\lambda mnfx. mf(nfx))(\lambda fx.x)(\lambda fx. f^n x)$
= $\lambda fx. (\lambda fx.x) f((\lambda fx. f^n x)fx)$
= $\lambda fx. (\lambda fx.x) f(f^n x)$
= $\lambda fx. f^n x$
= n
4. **add** $\underline{m} \underline{0} = \underline{m}$
= $(\lambda mnfx. mf(nfx))(\lambda fx. f^m x)(\lambda fx.x)$
= $\lambda fx. (\lambda fx. f^m x) f((\lambda fx.x)fx)$
= $\lambda fx. (\lambda fx. f^m x) f(x)$
= $\lambda fx. f^m x$
= m
5. **add** $\underline{m} \underline{n} = \underline{m + n}$
= $(\lambda mnfx. mf(nfx))(\lambda fx. f^m x)(\lambda fx. f^n x)$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lambda f x. (\lambda f x. f^m x) f ((\lambda f x. f^n x) f x) \\
&= \lambda f x. (\lambda f x. f^m x) f (f^n x) \\
&= \lambda f x. f^m f^n x \\
&= \lambda f x. f^{m+n} x \\
&= m + n
\end{aligned}$$

9 Exercise 19

Show that:

1. $\text{pre } (\text{suc } \underline{n}) = \underline{n}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lambda n f x. \text{snd}(n (\text{prefn} f) (\text{true}, x)) \ n + 1 \\
&= \lambda f x. \text{snd}((\text{prefn} f)^{n+1} (\text{true}, x)) \\
&= \lambda f x. \text{snd}(\text{false}, f^{n+1-1} x) \\
&= \lambda f x. f^n x \\
&= n
\end{aligned}$$
2. $\text{pre } \underline{0} = \underline{0}$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lambda n f x. \text{snd}(n (\text{prefn} f) (\text{true}, x)) \ 0 \\
&= \lambda f x. \text{snd}(0 (\text{prefn} f) (\text{true}, x)) \\
&= \lambda f x. \text{snd}(\text{true}, x) \\
&= \lambda f x. x \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

10 Exercise 22

Show that if \mathbf{Y}_1 is defined by:

LET $\mathbf{Y}_1 = \mathbf{Y}(\lambda y f. f(yf))$. Then \mathbf{Y}_1 is a fixed-point operator, i.e. for any E : $\mathbf{Y}_1 E = E (\mathbf{Y}_1 E)$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{Y}_1 E &= \mathbf{Y}(\lambda y f. f(yf)) E \\
&= (\lambda y f. f(yf)) (\mathbf{Y}(\lambda y f. f(yf))) E && (\text{ Since } \mathbf{Y} = E(\mathbf{Y}E)) \\
&= E(\mathbf{Y}(\lambda y f. f(yf)) E) \\
&= E(\mathbf{Y}_1 E)
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\mathbf{Y}_1 E = E (\mathbf{Y}_1 E)$, \mathbf{Y}_1 is a fixed-point operator.

11 Exercise 23

Show that $(\lambda xy. y(xxy))(\lambda xy. y(xxy))$ is a fixed-point operator.

A λ -expression \mathbf{Fix} with the property that $\mathbf{Fix} E = E(\mathbf{Fix} E)$ for any E is called a fixed-point operator.

Let $\mathbf{Y} = (\lambda xy. y(xxy))(\lambda xy. y(xxy))$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{Y} E &= (\lambda xy. y(xxy))(\lambda xy. y(xxy)) E \\
&= E((\lambda xy. y(xxy))(\lambda xy. y(xxy)) E) \\
&= E(\mathbf{Y} E)
\end{aligned}$$

Since $\mathbf{Y} = E(\mathbf{Y} E)$, \mathbf{Y} is a fixed-point operator.

12 Exercise 34

Show that $\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{S} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{K}$

Using definitions of \mathbf{S} and \mathbf{K} we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{S} \mathbf{K} \mathbf{K} &= (\lambda f g x. (f x)(g x))(\lambda x y. x)(\lambda x y. x) \\ &= \lambda x. ((\lambda x y. x) x)((\lambda x y. x) x) \\ &= \lambda x. ((\lambda x. \lambda y. x) x)((\lambda x. \lambda y. x) x) \\ &= \lambda x. (\lambda y. x)(\lambda y. x) \\ &= \lambda x. x \\ &= \mathbf{I}\end{aligned}$$

13 Combinators and Functions using λ expressions

1. \mathbf{Y} combinator

$$\mathbf{Y} = \lambda y. (\lambda x. y(x x))(\lambda x. y(x x))$$

2. Θ combinator

$$\Theta = (\lambda x y. y(x x y))(\lambda x y. y(x x y))$$

3. ω combinator

$$\omega = \lambda x. x x$$

4. Factorial function

$$\mathbf{factorial} = \mathbf{Y}(\lambda f x. \mathbf{iszero} \ x \ \underline{1} \ (\mathbf{mult} \ x \ (f \ (\mathbf{pre} \ x))))$$