

Formative Assignment 0

The Untyped λ -Calculus

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1. (a) Prove that $(\mathbf{add} \ \underline{2} \ \underline{3})$ β -reduces to $\underline{5}$, i.e. that $(\mathbf{add} \ \underline{2} \ \underline{3}) \mapsto_{\beta}^* \underline{5}$. Describe each \mapsto_{β} step.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\mathbf{add} \ \underline{2} \ \underline{3}) \\
 &= ((\lambda a. \lambda b. \lambda f. \lambda x. a f (b f x)) \ \underline{2} \ \underline{3}) \\
 &\mapsto_{\beta} ((\lambda b. \lambda f. \lambda x. \underline{2} f (b f x)) \ \underline{3}) \\
 &\mapsto_{\beta} (\lambda f. \lambda x. \underline{2} f (\underline{3} f x)) \\
 &= (\lambda f. \lambda x. (\lambda f. \lambda x. f (f x)) f ((\lambda f. \lambda x. f (f (f x))) f x)) \\
 &\mapsto_{\beta} (\lambda f. \lambda x. (\lambda x. f (f x)) ((\lambda x. f (f (f x))) x)) \\
 &\mapsto_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (\lambda x. f (f x)) (f (f (f x))) \\
 &\mapsto_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (f (f (f (f (f x))))) \\
 &= \underline{5}
 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Define a multiplication operation `mul` and prove $(\text{mul } \underline{2} \ \underline{3})$ β -reduces to $\underline{6}$, i.e., that $(\text{mul } \underline{2} \ \underline{3}) \mapsto_{\beta}^* \underline{6}$. Describe each \mapsto_{β} step.

Definition of `mul`:

$$\lambda a. \lambda b. a(\text{add } b) \underline{0}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{mul } \underline{2} \ \underline{3} \\
& = ((\lambda a. \lambda b. a(\text{add } b) \underline{0}) \underline{2} \ \underline{3}) \\
& \mapsto_{\beta} \underline{2}(\text{add } \underline{3}) \underline{0} \\
& = \lambda f. \lambda x. f(fx)(\text{add } \underline{3}) \underline{0} \\
& \mapsto_{\beta} \lambda x. (\text{add } \underline{3})((\text{add } \underline{3})x) \underline{0} \\
& \mapsto_{\beta} (\text{add } \underline{3})((\text{add } \underline{3}) \underline{0}) \\
& = (\lambda a. \lambda b. \lambda f. \lambda x. a f(bfx)) \underline{3} (\text{add } \underline{3}) \underline{0} \\
& \mapsto_{\beta} (\lambda b. \lambda f. \lambda x. \underline{3} f(bfx)) (\text{add } \underline{3}) \underline{0} \\
& \mapsto_{\beta} (\lambda f. \lambda x. \underline{3} f(\text{add } \underline{3} \ \underline{0} \ fx)) \\
& = (\lambda f. \lambda x. (\lambda f. \lambda x. f(f(fx)))) f(\text{add } \underline{3} \ \underline{0} \ fx) \\
& \mapsto_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (\lambda x. f(f(fx))) (\text{add } \underline{3} \ \underline{0} \ fx) \\
& \mapsto_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(f(f(\text{add } \underline{3} \ \underline{0} \ fx)))) \\
& = \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(f(f(\lambda a. \lambda b. \lambda f. \lambda x. a f(bfx) \underline{3} \ \underline{0} \ fx)))) \\
& \mapsto_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(f(f(\lambda f. \lambda x. \underline{3} f(bfx) \underline{0} \ fx)))) \\
& \mapsto_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(f(f(\lambda f. \lambda x. \underline{3} f(\underline{0} \ fx) fx)))) \\
& \mapsto_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(f(f(\underline{3} f(\underline{0} \ fx)))) \\
& = \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(f(f((\lambda f. \lambda x. f(f(fx))) f)(\underline{0} \ fx)))) \\
& \mapsto_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(f(f(\lambda x. f(f(f(fx))) (\underline{0} \ fx)))) \\
& \mapsto_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(f(f(f(f(f(\underline{0} \ fx)))))) \\
& \mapsto_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(f(f(f(f(f(\lambda f. \lambda x. xfx)))))) \\
& \mapsto_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(f(f(f(f(f(\lambda x. xx)))))) \\
& \mapsto_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(f(f(f(f(fx))))) \\
& = \underline{6}
\end{aligned}$$

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