

COMPSCI 3MI3 : Assignment 5

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1. (8 points) **Fibonacci Sequence**

The Fibonacci numbers can be defined as follows:

$$Fib(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & n = 0 \\ 1 & n = 1 \\ Fib(n-1) + Fib(n-2) & n \geq 2 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Create a λ expression in the enriched λ -Calculus which, when input to the Fixed Point Combinator, takes in a position in the Fibonacci sequence, and outputs the corresponding Fibonacci number.

Demonstrate your function works by evaluating the 4th number in the sequence.

2. (6 points) **Determinacy of λ -Calculus**

In UAE, we discussed the property of determinacy at some length. Is the call-by-value evaluation strategy of λ -Calculus determinate? If yes, provide a (traditional) proof of determinacy. If no, provide a (traditional) proof of non-determinacy.

The operational semantics of the call-by-value strategy are given below.

\rightarrow (untyped)

| Syntax | | Evaluation | $t \rightarrow t'$ |
|----------------|-------------------|--|--------------------|
| $t ::=$ | | | |
| x | terms: | | |
| $\lambda x. t$ | variable | $\frac{t_1 \rightarrow t'_1}{t_1 t_2 \rightarrow t'_1 t_2}$ | (E-APP1) |
| $t t$ | abstraction | | |
| | application | $\frac{t_2 \rightarrow t'_2}{v_1 t_2 \rightarrow v_1 t'_2}$ | (E-APP2) |
| $v ::=$ | values: | | |
| $\lambda x. t$ | abstraction value | $(\lambda x. t_{12}) v_2 \rightarrow [x \mapsto v_2] t_{12}$ | (E-APPABS) |

3. (6 points) **Termination of λ -Calculus**

A language is said to terminate if a finite set of terms will always result in a finite evaluation chain. This property does not hold in λ -Calculus, but no rigorous proof of this fact was provided in lecture.

Create a rigorous (traditional) proof that the Termination property does not hold for λ -Calculus.

HINT: Examining the proof of termination for UAE, as well as the section from slide set 6 on computability may help you structure this proof.