

3. The λ -Calculus and Implication

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(a) The Untyped λ -Calculus

- Basic idea of the λ -calculus:
We want to define functions “on the fly” (so called “anonymous functions”).
- **Example:**
 - We want to apply a function to all elements of a list.
 - For instance, we want to upgrade a list of student numbers to one with one extra digit.

Greek Letters

- λ is the Greek letter lambda.
- On the next slide you find the greek alphabet in upper case and lower case.
 - Some letters have two options for lower case, in which case the second is sometimes (but not always) pronounced by adding “var” in front, e.g. varphi for φ .
 - Some letters are indistinguishable from the Roman alphabet. So one cannot use them as separate mathematical symbols. I put brackets around them.
 - If one wants to transcribe the capital greek letter in Roman alphabet, one writes the lower case transcription and starts it with a capital, e.g. Gamma for Γ , Delta for Δ .

The Greek Alphabet

(A)	α	alpha	(N)	ν	nu
(B)	β	beta	Ξ	ξ	xi
Γ	γ	gamma	(O)	(o)	omikron
Δ	δ	delta	Π	π	pi
(E)	ϵ	epsilon	(P)	ρ, ϱ	(var)rho
(Z)	ζ	zeta	Σ	σ, ς	(var)sigma
(H)	η	eta	(T)	τ	tau
Θ	θ, ϑ	(var)theta	Υ	υ	upsilon
(I)	ι	iota	Φ	ϕ, φ	(var)phi
(K)	κ	kappa	(X)	χ	chi
Λ	λ	lambda	Ψ	ψ	psi
(M)	μ	mu	Ω	ω	omega

Example for Use of λ

- Can be done by multiplying each student number by 10.
- Let $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, $f(x) := x * 10$.
- In many languages (e.g. C++, Perl, Python, Haskell) there is a pre-defined operation `map`, which takes a function f , and a list l , and applies f to each element of the list.

So for the above f we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{map}(f, [210345, 345698, 296458]) \\ = [2103450, 3456980, 2964580] \end{aligned} .$$

Introduction to λ -Terms

- Often the f is only needed once, and introducing first a new name f for it is tedious.
- So one needs a short notation for “the function f , s.t. $f(x) = x * 10$ ”.
- Notation is $\lambda x. x * 10$.
- So we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{map}(\lambda x. x * 10, [210345, 345698, 296458]) \\ &= [2103450, 3456980, 2964580] \end{aligned}$$

- In general $\lambda x. t$ stands for the function f s.t. $f(x) = t$, where t might depend on x .
 - above $t = x * 10$.

Notation

- One writes in functional programming usually $s\ t$ for the application of s to t instead of $s(t)$ as usual.
 - This is used since we have often to apply a function several times, writing something like $f(r)(s)(t)$. Instead we write $f\ r\ s\ t$.
- As indicated by the example, $r\ s\ t$ stands for $(r\ s)\ t$, in general $r_0\ r_1\ r_2\ \cdots\ r_n$ stands for $(\cdots ((r_0\ r_1)\ r_2)\ \cdots\ r_n)$.

Abbreviations

- We write $\lambda x, y. \dots$ for $\lambda x. \lambda y. \dots$.
- Similarly for $\lambda x, y, z.$ etc.
- E.g. $\lambda x, y, z. x (y z)$ stands for $\lambda x. \lambda y. \lambda z. x (y z)$.

Infix Operators

- We use $+$ and $*$ infix.
The corresponding operators are written as $(+)$, $(*)$.
 - So $x + y$ stands for $(+) x y$,
 - $x * y$ stands for $(*) x y$.
- $+$ and $*$ will bind less than any non-infix constants.
Therefore $S x + S y$ stands for $(S x) + (S y)$.
- $*$ binds more than $+$.
Therefore $x + y * z$ stands for $x + (y * z)$,
and $S x + S y * z$ stands for $(S x) + ((S y) * z)$.
- In Agda we can achieve this by using the code

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infixl 60 _ + _  
infixl 80 _ * _
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Scope of $\lambda x.$

- How do we read $\lambda x.x + 5$?
 - As $(\lambda x.x) + 5$?
 - Or as $\lambda x.(x + 5)$?
- **Convention:** The scope of $\lambda x.$ is **as long as possible**.
 - So $\lambda x.x + 5$ reads as $\lambda x.(x + 5)$.
 - $\lambda x.(\lambda y.y) 5$ reads as $\lambda x.((\lambda y.y) 5)$.

Scope of λx .

- In $(\lambda x.x) 5$, the scope λx . cannot be extended beyond the closing bracket.
 - So it is “ x ”,
 - not “ $x) 5$ ”, which doesn’t make sense.
- In $f(\lambda x.x + 5, 3)$, the scope of λx
 - is “ $x + 5$ ”,
 - not “ $x + 5, 3)$ ”, which doesn’t make sense.
- In $(\lambda x.x + 5) 3$, the scope of λx
 - is $x + 5$
 - not $x + 5) 3$, which doesn’t make sense.

λ without a Dot

- Sometimes, $\lambda x t$ (without a dot) is used, if one wants to have the scope of λx **as short as possible**.
 - E.g. $\lambda x x y$ would denote $(\lambda x.x) y$.
- In this lecture we don't use this notation.

λ -Terms

- Now we can define the terms of the untyped λ -calculus as follows:
- λ terms are:
 - Variables x ,
 - If r and s are λ -terms, so is $(r\ s)$.
 - If x is a variable and r is a λ -term, so is $(\lambda x.r)$.
- As usual brackets can be omitted, using
 - the above mentioned conventions about the scope of λx ,
 - and that $r\ s\ t$ is read as $(r\ s)\ t$.

λ -Terms

- Examples:

- $\lambda x.x,$
- $\lambda x.(\lambda y.y) x,$
- $\lambda x.x x,$
- $(\lambda x.x x x) (\lambda x.x x x),$
- $\lambda f.\lambda x.f (f x).$

λ -Terms

- One might need additional constants to the language, then we have additionally:
 - Any constant is a λ -term.
- For instance,
 - if c is a constant, then $\lambda x.c$, $(\lambda x.x) c$ are λ -terms;
 - if $(+)$ is a constant, then $\lambda x.(+) x x$ is a λ -term.
- For standard operators like $+$, $*$, one has
 - constants $(+)$, $(*)$,
 - infix operations $+$, $*$,
 - and writes in infix notation
 - $x + y$ instead of $(+) x y$,
 - $x * y$ instead of $(*) x y$,
 - etc.

Bound and Free Variables

- There are bound and of free variables in λ -terms:
 - Bound variables are variables x , which occur in the scope of a λ -abstraction “ $\lambda x.$ ”.
 - Free variables are the other variables.
 - **Example:** In $\lambda x.x + y$,
 - x is bound (since in the scope of λx),
 - y is free (since it is not in the scope of λy).

Bound and Free Variables

- In $(\lambda y. y + z) y$,
 - the first occurrence of y , y is bound,
 - the second occurrence of y , y is free,
 - z is free.
- In $(\lambda y. ((\lambda z. z) y)) x$, we have
 - z is bound,
 - y is bound (in the scope of λy),
 - x is free.

Bound and Free Variables

- Note that being bound and free has something to do with an **occurrence** of a variable in a term, not with the variable itself.
- So more precisely we should speak of **occurrences** of bound and free variables.
- By the free variables of a term t we mean the variables x which have free occurrences, respectively, in t .
- Similarly we define the bound variables of a term t .

α -Conversion

- We identify λ -terms, which only differ in the choice of the bound variables (variables abstracted by λ):
 - So $\lambda x.x + 5$ and $\lambda y.y + 5$ are identified.
 - Makes sense, since they both denote the same function f s.t. $f(x) = x + 5$.
 - $(\lambda x.x + 5) 3 + 7$ and $(\lambda y.y + 5) 3 + 7$ are identified.
 - $\lambda x.\lambda y.y$ and $\lambda y.\lambda x.x$ are identified.
- This equality is called α -equality, and the step from one term to another α -equal term is called α -conversion.
- So $\lambda x.\lambda y.y$ and $\lambda y.\lambda x.x$ are α -equal, written as $\lambda x.\lambda y.y \equiv_{\alpha} \lambda y.\lambda x.x$.

α -Conversion

- Note that $\lambda \mathbf{x}. \lambda x. x =_{\alpha} \lambda y. \lambda x. x$.
 - The x refers to the second lambda abstraction λx , not the first one ($\lambda \mathbf{x}$).
 - Therefore, when changing the variable of the first λ -abstraction, x remains unchanged.

Evaluation of λ -Terms

- How do we evaluate $(\lambda x.x * 10) 5$?
 - We first replace in $x * 10$, the variable x by 5.
 - We obtain $5 * 10$.
 - Then we reduce this further, using other reduction rules (not introduced yet).
Using suitable rules, we would reduce $5 * 10$ to 50.
 - In this Subsection we will look only at the pure λ -calculus without any additional reduction rules.
There $(\lambda x.x * 10) 5$ reduces to $5 * 10$, which cannot be reduced any further.

Basics of the λ -Calculus

- In general, the result of applying $\lambda x.t$ to r , is obtained by substituting in t the variable x by r .

E.g.

- $(\lambda x.x + 10) 5$ evaluates to $5 + 10$,
 - If we substitute in $x + 10$ the variable x by 5, we obtain $5 + 10$.
- $(\lambda x.x)$ "Student" evaluates to "Student".
 - If we substitute in x , the variable x by "Student", we obtain "Student".
- $(\lambda x.x) (\lambda y.y)$ evaluates to $\lambda y.y$.
 - If we substitute in x the variable x by $\lambda y.y$, we obtain $\lambda y.y$.

Substitution

- The last example shows that substitution by λ -terms can become more complicated, and we therefore instudy it in the following more carefully.
- If t and s are λ -terms, $t[x := s]$ denotes the result of substituting in t the variable x by s , e.g.
 - $(x + 10)[x := 5] \equiv 5 + 10$,
 - $x[x := \text{"Student"}] \equiv \text{"Student"}$,
 - $x[x := \lambda y.y] \equiv \lambda y.y$.

Substitution and Parentheses

- Substitution might introduce **additional parentheses**.
 - When we write a term e.g.

$$t \equiv 2 + 2 ,$$

what we really mean is that there are brackets around that term, e.g.

$$t = (2 + 2) .$$

We omit the outer parentheses usually for convenience.

- When substituting a term, the parentheses might become relevant.

Substitution and Parentheses

• E.g.

$$(x * x)[x := 2 + 2] = (2 + 2) * (2 + 2) .$$

- So we have to reintroduce in that example the brackets around $2 + 2$ before carrying out the substitution.
- If we did it naively (without reintroducing brackets), we would obtain

$$2 + 2 * 2 + 2$$

which is different from

$$(2 + 2) * (2 + 2) .$$

Substitution and Bound Variables

- If we carry out a substitution in a λ -term, we have to be careful.
 - $(\lambda x.x + 7)[x := 3] \equiv \lambda x.x + 7$.
 - It doesn't make sense to substitute the x in $\lambda x.x + 7$, since x is bound by λx .
 - x is a bound variable, which is not changed by the substitution.
- In general, in $s[x := t]$ we only substitute **free** occurrences of x in s by t .
- All bound occurrences remain unchanged.

Substitution and Bound Variables

• More examples:

- $(\lambda x.x)[x := \text{"Student"}] \equiv \lambda x.x.$
 - The x in $\lambda x.x$ is bound by λx , so no substitution is carried out.
- $((\lambda x.\textcolor{red}{x}) \textcolor{blue}{x})[x := \text{"Student"}] \equiv (\lambda x.x) \text{"Student"}.$
 - The first $\textcolor{red}{x}$ is bound, so no substitution is carried out.
 - The second $\textcolor{blue}{x}$ is free, so substitution is carried out.
- $(\lambda y.x + y)[x := 3] \equiv \lambda y.3 + y.$
 - x in $\lambda y.x + y$ is free, so it will be substituted by 3 in the above example.

Substitution and α -Conversion

- When substituting in λ -terms, we sometimes have to carry out an α -conversion first:
 - If we substitute in $\lambda y.y + x$, the variable x by 3, we obtain correctly $\lambda y.y + 3$, the function f s.t. $f(y) = y + 3$.
 - If we substitute in $\lambda y.y + x$, the variable x by y , we should obtain a function f s.t. $f(z) = z + y$.
 - If we did this naively, we would obtain $\lambda y.y + y$.
 - So the free variable y , which we substituted for x , has become, when substituting it in $\lambda y.y + x$, to a bound variable.
 - This is **not the correct way** of doing it.

Substitution and α -Conversion

- The **correct way** is as follows:
 - First we α -convert $\lambda y.y + x$, so that the binding variable y is different from the free variable we are substituting x by:
Replace for instance $\lambda y.y + x$ by $\lambda z.z + x$.
 - Now we can carry out the substitution:

$$(\lambda y.y + x)[x := y] =_{\alpha} (\lambda z.z + x)[x := y] \equiv \lambda z.z + y \text{ .}$$

- Similarly, we compute $(\lambda y.y + x)[x := y + y]$ as follows:

$$(\lambda y.y + x)[x := y + y] =_{\alpha} (\lambda z.z + x)[x := y + y] \equiv \lambda z.z + (y + y)$$

Substitution and α -Conversion

- In general, the substitution $t[x := s]$ is carried out as follows:
 - α -convert t s.t.
 - if x occurs in t free and is in the scope of some λu ,
 - then u doesn't occur free in s .
 - In other words, α -convert t s.t. one never would substitute for x the s in such a way that one of the free variables of s becomes bound.
 - Then carry out the substitution.
- Intuitively this means: α -convert the bound variables in s in such a way that **never a variable, which is free in s becomes bound when replacing in t variable x by s .**

Examples

• $(\lambda x. \lambda y. z)[z := x] =_{\alpha} (\lambda u. \lambda y. z)[z := x] \equiv (\lambda u. \lambda y. x) \text{ ,}$

• $(\lambda x. \lambda y. z)[z := y] =_{\alpha} (\lambda x. \lambda u. z)[z := y] \equiv (\lambda x. \lambda u. y) \text{ ,}$

• $(\lambda x. (\lambda y. y) z)[z := y] \equiv \lambda x. (\lambda y. y) y \text{ .}$

There is no problem in substituting the z by y , since it is not in the scope of λy .

• $(\lambda x. (\lambda y. y) y)[y := x] =_{\alpha} (\lambda u. (\lambda y. y) y)[y := x] \equiv \lambda u. (\lambda y. y) x \text{ .}$

Examples

● $(\lambda x.z)[z := \lambda x.x] \equiv \lambda x.\lambda x.x.$

There is no problem with this substitution, since x **does not occur free** in $\lambda x.x$.

Note that the x in $\lambda x.\lambda x.x$ refers to the second λ -binding λx .

● $(\lambda x.z)[z := (\lambda x.x) x] =_{\alpha} (\lambda u.z)[z := (\lambda x.x) x] \equiv \lambda u.((\lambda x.x) x).$

Now x occurs free in $(\lambda x.x) x$ (the second occurrence is free), so we need to α -convert it.

Substitution and α -Conversion

- If you have problems understanding this, you can proceed as follows, and are on the safe side:
 - α -convert t so that all bound variable in t are different from all free variables in s .
 - Then carry out the substitution.
- An unnecessary α -conversion doesn't hurt.

$s[x], s[t]$

- Writing $s[x := t]$ is sometimes a bit lengthy.
- Therefore we will introduce the notion $s[x], s[t]$.
 - $s[x]$ stands for a term s possibly depending on a variable x .
 - E.g. $s[x] \equiv x$ or $s[x] \equiv a\ x$ for some constant a or $s[x] \equiv \lambda y.x$.
 - After we have introduced a term $s[x]$, we define $s[t]$ as the result of substituting in $s[x]$ the variable x by t , e.g.

$$s[t] := s[x][x := t]$$

$s[x], s[t]$

● Examples:

- If $s[x] \equiv x$ then $s[t] \equiv t$.
- If $s[x] \equiv a x$, then $s[t] \equiv a t$.
- If $s[x] \equiv \lambda y.x$, then $s[y] \equiv (\lambda y.x)[x := y] = \lambda z.y$.
 - In the last example we had first to carry out α -conversion, before we can carry out the substitution.

- We will usually not say what $s[x]$ actually is. Then it can essentially be treated as a term s with a hole, for which x is substituted (and in the original term with holes, x doesn't occur).

β -Redexes

- The notion of β -reduction is one step in the sense of evaluation of a λ -term to another term.
- We first introduce the notion of a β -redex of a term t :
- A subterm $(\lambda x.r)$ of a λ -term t is called a β -redex of t .
- **Examples:**
 - $(\lambda x.x) y z$ has β -redex $(\lambda x.x) y$.
 - Note that the bracketing is $((\lambda x.x) y) z$, **not** $(\lambda x.x) (y z)$.
 - A redex can be the term itself: $(\lambda x.x) y$ has β -redex $(\lambda x.x) y$.

β -Redexes

- A λ -term might have several β -redexes:
 - E.g. In $(\lambda x.x\ x)\ ((\lambda y.y)\ z)$ we have
 - one redex $(\lambda x.x\ x)\ ((\lambda y.y)\ z)$
 - and one redex $(\lambda y.y)\ z$.

β -Reduct

- A β -redex $(\lambda x.s) t$ can be reduced to $s[x := t]$.
 - $s[x := t]$ is called the β -reduct of $(\lambda x.s) t$.
 - The β -reduct of $(\lambda x.x + 10) 5$ is $5 + 10$,
 - The β -reduct of $(\lambda x.x) \text{ "Student"}$ is "Student" .
 - The β -reduct of $(\lambda x.x) (\lambda y.y)$ is $\lambda y.y$.
- Using the “ $s[t]$ -notation”, the above can be more briefly written as

“($\lambda x.s[x]$) t reduces to $s[t]$.”

β -Reduction

- $\underline{r} \longrightarrow_{\beta} \underline{r'}$, “ \underline{r} β -reduces to $\underline{r'}$ ”, or shorter $\underline{r} \longrightarrow \underline{r'}$, if r' is obtained from r by replacing one β -redex by its β -reduct.

- **Examples:**

- $((\lambda x.x + 5) \ 3) + 7 \longrightarrow (3 + 5) + 7$, since

$$(\lambda x.x + 5) \ 3 \longrightarrow 3 + 5 \ .$$

- Assume we add a pairing operation $\langle s, t \rangle$ for the pair s, t (will be introduced later), then

$$\langle (\lambda x.x + 5) \ 3, 7 \rangle \longrightarrow \langle 3 + 5, 7 \rangle \ ,$$

Examples

- We can apply β -reduction under a λ term as well:

$$\lambda x.((\lambda y.y + 5) 3) \longrightarrow \lambda x.3 + 5 .$$

- **Multiple redexes:**

Because a λ -term might have several redexes, it might have two different reductions:

- For instance

- $(\lambda x.x x) ((\lambda y.y) z) \longrightarrow ((\lambda y.y) z) ((\lambda y.y) z)$

- $(\lambda x.x x) ((\lambda y.y) z) \longrightarrow (\lambda x.x x) z .$

Examples of β -Reduction

$$(\lambda x. \lambda y. x) y \longrightarrow (\lambda y. x)[x := y] =_{\alpha} (\lambda u. x)[x := y] \equiv \lambda u. y$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda z. \lambda x. \lambda y. z) x &\longrightarrow (\lambda x. \lambda y. z)[z := x] =_{\alpha} (\lambda u. \lambda y. z)[z := x] \\ &\equiv \lambda u. \lambda y. x \end{aligned}$$

$$(\lambda z. \lambda x. (\lambda y. y) z) y \longrightarrow (\lambda x. (\lambda y. y) z)[z := y] \equiv \lambda x. (\lambda y. y) y$$

$$\lambda x. (\lambda y. y) y \longrightarrow \lambda x. y$$

Example (Longer Reduction)

- In the steps marked \equiv on the next slide, essentially the colouring is changed to mark the next β -redex.
- These steps are not very well visible on the printed black-and-white slides (where I use italic/boldface in order to denote the differences).
- This applies to future slides containing more complex β -reductions as well.
- Remember as well that

$$\lambda x, y. t$$

abbreviates

$$\lambda x. \lambda y. t$$

Example (Longer Reduction)

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda x, y. x \ (x \ y)) \ (\lambda u, v. u \ (u \ v)) \\ \equiv & (\lambda \mathbf{x}. \lambda y. \mathbf{x} \ (\mathbf{x} \ y)) \ (\lambda u, v. u \ (u \ v)) \\ \longrightarrow & \lambda y. (\lambda u, v. u \ (u \ v)) \ ((\lambda u, v. u \ (u \ v)) \ y) \\ \equiv & \lambda y. (\lambda u, v. u \ (u \ v)) \ ((\lambda \mathbf{u}. \lambda v. \mathbf{u} \ (\mathbf{u} \ v)) \ y) \\ \longrightarrow & \lambda y. (\lambda u, v. u \ (u \ v)) \ (\lambda v. y \ (y \ v)) \\ \equiv & \lambda y. (\lambda \mathbf{u}. \lambda v. \mathbf{u} \ (\mathbf{u} \ v)) \ (\lambda v. y \ (y \ v)) \\ \longrightarrow & \lambda y. \lambda v. (\lambda v. y \ (y \ v)) \ ((\lambda v. y \ (y \ v)) \ v) \\ \equiv & \lambda y. \lambda v. (\lambda v. y \ (y \ v)) \ ((\lambda \mathbf{v}. y \ (y \ \mathbf{v})) \ v) \\ \longrightarrow & \lambda y. \lambda v. (\lambda v. y \ (y \ v)) \ (y \ (y \ v)) \\ \equiv & \lambda y. \lambda v. (\lambda \mathbf{v}. y \ (y \ \mathbf{v})) \ (y \ (y \ v)) \\ \longrightarrow & \lambda y. \lambda v. y \ (y \ (y \ (y \ v))) \\ \equiv & \lambda y, v. y \ (y \ (y \ (y \ v))) \end{aligned}$$

Examples of Non-Termination

- **Reproduction** (Term reduces to itself).

Let $\omega := \lambda x.x\ x$, $\Omega := \omega\ \omega$. Then

$$\Omega \equiv \omega\ \omega \equiv (\lambda x.x\ x)\ \omega \longrightarrow \omega\ \omega \equiv \Omega .$$

- **Expansion** (Term reduct becomes bigger).

Let $\tilde{\Omega} := \lambda x.x\ (x\ x)$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\Omega}\ \tilde{\Omega} &\equiv (\lambda x.x\ (x\ x))\ \tilde{\Omega} \\ &\longrightarrow \tilde{\Omega}\ (\tilde{\Omega}\ \tilde{\Omega}) \\ &\longrightarrow \tilde{\Omega}\ (\tilde{\Omega}\ (\tilde{\Omega}\ \tilde{\Omega})) \\ &\longrightarrow \dots\end{aligned}$$

Remark on Previous Slide

- Note that in the λ -term above

$$\lambda x.x (x x)$$

is to be read as

$$\lambda x.(x (x x))$$

and **not** as

$$(\lambda x.x) (x x)$$

- The scope of $\lambda x.$ is always **as long as possible**.

λ -Calc. as a Red. Sys

- By the untyped λ -calculus (short λ -calculus) we mean now
 - the set of λ -terms, T where α -equivalent λ -terms are identified,
 - together with β -reduction \longrightarrow_{β} .
- Therefore the λ -calculus forms a reduction system $(T, \longrightarrow_{\beta})$.
- One might have the λ -calculus with additional constants.
 - Without additional constants, the (untyped) λ -calculus is called the pure (untyped) λ -calculus.

$$\longrightarrow_{\beta}^* \text{ and } =_{\beta}$$

- For reduction systems we introduced notations \longrightarrow^* , $a \longleftrightarrow^* b$.
- These notions can be used for the λ -calculus as well.
- We define $\underline{r =_{\beta} s}$ (" r and s are β -equivalent") iff

$$r \longleftrightarrow_{\beta}^* s.$$
- Since we identified α -equivalent λ -terms, there can be arbitrary many α -conversions in a chain for showing that $r =_{\beta} s$.
- Therefore we have $r =_{\beta} r'$ iff there exists a sequence $s_0, \dots, s_n, t'_0, \dots, t'_n$ ($n = 0$ is possible) s.t.

$$r \equiv s_0 =_{\alpha} t_0 \longleftrightarrow_{\beta} s_1 =_{\alpha} t_1 \longleftrightarrow_{\beta} s_2 =_{\alpha} t_2 \longleftrightarrow_{\beta} \dots \\ \longleftrightarrow_{\beta} s_n =_{\alpha} t_n \equiv r'.$$

Confluence of the λ -Calculus

- **Fact:** The λ -calculus is confluent (if we identify α -equivalent terms).
- Therefore two λ terms r and s are β -equivalent, iff there exists a term t s.t. $r \longrightarrow_{\beta}^* t$ and $s \longrightarrow_{\beta}^* t$.
- **Example:** $((\lambda y.y) z) ((\lambda y.y) z)$ and $(\lambda x.x x) z$ are β -equivalent:
 - $((\lambda y.y) z) ((\lambda y.y) z)$ reduces in two steps to $z z$
 - and $(\lambda x.x x) z$ reduces in one step to the same term.

β -equality

- Note that this doesn't give yet an easy way of determining whether $r =_{\beta} s$ holds:
 - One needs to find a t s.t. $s \longrightarrow^* t$ and $r \longrightarrow^* t$.
 - But simply reducing r might never terminate.
- Example:
 - $(\lambda x.y) \Omega$ reduces in one step to y .
 - So $(\lambda x.y) \Omega =_{\beta} y$.
 - However, by reducing Ω we obtain Ω , therefore $(\lambda x.y) \Omega \longrightarrow (\lambda x.y) \Omega$.
 - So if we keep on following the second reduction, we will never find that this term is β -equivalent to y .

Need for Typed λ -Calculus

- Therefore we introduce the typed λ -calculus, which is strongly normalising, and in which therefore equality of λ -terms can be decided by determining α -equality of normal forms.

(b) The Typed λ -Calculus

- Problem of the untyped λ -calculus:
 - Non-Termination, therefore $=_{\beta}$ difficult to check.
 - In fact $=_{\beta}$ is semi-decidable (r.e.), but not decidable (recursive).
 - Caused by the possibility of self-application, which allows to write essentially fully recursive programs.
 - Avoided by the **simply typed λ -calculus**, which is strongly normalising.

Main Idea of the Typed λ -Calculus

- $\lambda x.x + 5$ is a function,
 - taking an $x : \text{Int}$,
 - and returning $x + 5 : \text{Int}$.
- Therefore, we say that $(\lambda x.x + 5) : \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$.
 - In words, “ $\lambda x.x + 5$ is of type $\text{Int} \text{ arrow } \text{Int}$ ”.
- In order to clarify the type of x , we write instead of $\lambda x.x + 5$

$$\lambda x^{\text{Int}}.x + 5 \ .$$

or

$$\lambda(x : \text{Int}).x + 5 \ .$$

Basics of the Typed λ -Calculus

- $\lambda x^{\text{Int}}.x + 5$ is
 - only applicable to some $s : \text{Int}$,
 - therefore not applicable to elements of other types, e.g. to “Student” ($: \text{String}$).
- So
 - $(\lambda x^{\text{Int}}.x + 5) 3$ is allowed,
 - $(\lambda x^{\text{Int}}.x + 5) \text{“Student”}$ is **not** allowed.

Simple Types

- The simple types used in the simply typed λ -calculus are defined inductively as follows:
 - The ground type \circ is a type.
 - If σ, τ are types, so is $(\sigma \rightarrow \tau)$.
- “Inductively” means that the set of simple types is the least set containing the ground type, and which closed under \rightarrow .
- One sometimes modifies the set of ground types, especially when adding constants to the λ -terms.
 - E.g. when using arithmetic expressions, one can say for instance that the ground types are `Int` and `Float`.
 - Then we talk about the simple types based on ground types `Int` and `Float`.

Simple Types

- Usually we denote types by Greek letters,
 - e.g. α (“alpha”), β (“beta”), γ (“gamma”), σ (“sigma”), τ (“tau”).
- We omit brackets as usual using the convention that $\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma$ stands for $\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$.
- Examples types:
 - 0 ,
 - $0 \rightarrow 0$,
 - $(0 \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow 0$,
 - $((0 \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0$,
 - which stands for $((((0 \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow 0)) \rightarrow ((0 \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (0 \rightarrow 0))))$.

Abbreviation

- In order to make writing down such types easier, one can use sometimes the following abbreviations (these are non-standard abbreviations, and should be defined explicitly when using outside this lecture).
 - $\circ 2 := \circ \rightarrow \circ$,
 - $\circ 3 := \circ 2 \rightarrow \circ 2$,
 - etc.
- So
 - an element of type $\circ 2$ can be applied to an element of type \circ and one obtains an element of type \circ .
 - an element of type $\circ 3$ can be applied to an element of type $\circ 2$ and one obtains an element of type $\circ 2$.
 - etc.

Contexts

- To determine the type of a term makes only sense, if we know the types of its variables.
 - For instance, in case of the λ -term $x\ y$, we could have
 - $x : \text{o2}$, $y : \text{o}$ and therefore $x\ y : \text{o}$,
 - or $x : \text{o3}$, $y : \text{o2}$, and therefore $x\ y : \text{o2}$.
 - Therefore we will give a type to λ terms in a context, which determines the types of the variables.

Contexts

- A context is an expression of the form $x_1 : \sigma_1, \dots, x_n : \sigma_n$ where
 - x_i are variables,
 - σ_i are simple types,
(when considering other type theories, σ_i will be types of that theory).
 - $n = 0$ is allowed, and we write \emptyset for the empty context.
 - Multiple occurrences of the same variable (even with different types) is allowed.
 - If we have two occurrences of the same variable, only the second occurrence counts.
 - E.g. in $x : \sigma, y : \tau, x : \rho$, “ $x : \sigma$ ” is overridden by “ $x : \rho$ ”, so the assumption in this context is $x : \rho$.

Contexts

● Examples

- $x : o, y : o2$ is a context.
- $x : o2, x : o$ is a context in which we assume $x : o$.
- Note that contexts are **lists** of elements of the form $x : \sigma$, so the order matters.
 - In case of the simply typed λ -calculus, it wouldn't make a difference to have as context unordered sets of expressions of the form $x : \sigma$ (as long as all variables in a context are different in order to avoid overriding).
 - However, when moving later to dependent type theory, the order of the expressions $x : \sigma$ will be relevant.

Contexts

- In the following, the capital Greek letters Γ (“Gamma”), Δ (“Delta”) denote contexts.
- We write $\Gamma \Rightarrow s : \sigma$ for “in context Γ , s has type σ ”.
 - Expressions of this form are called judgements.
- Examples:
 - $x : \text{o2}, y : \text{o} \Rightarrow x y : \text{o}$,
 - $x : \text{Float} \rightarrow \text{Int}, y : \text{Float} \Rightarrow x y : \text{Int}$
(assuming ground types `Float` and `Int`),
 - $x : \text{o3}, y : \text{o2} \Rightarrow x y : \text{o2}$.
- In case Γ is empty, we write $s : \sigma$ instead of $\emptyset \Rightarrow s : \sigma$.

Contexts

- If Γ, Δ are contexts, $\underline{\Gamma}, \Delta$ denotes the concatenation of both contexts, e.g. if

- $\Gamma \equiv x : o, y : o^2,$

- $\Delta \equiv z : o$

then

- Γ, Δ denotes $x : o, y : o^2, z : o,$
- Δ, Γ denotes $z : o, x : o, y : o^2,$
- $\Gamma, u : o$ denotes $x : o, y : o^2, u : o.$

Simply Typed λ -Calculus

Definition of the simply typed λ -terms, depending on a context, together with their type.

1. Assumption.

Variables, occurring in the context, are terms having the type they have in the context:

$$\Gamma, x : \sigma, \Delta \Rightarrow x : \sigma$$

Condition on x : x must not occur in Δ .

- Otherwise $x : \sigma$ is overridden by the assumption on x in Δ .
 - Note that $\Gamma, x : \sigma, \Delta$ stands for any context, in which $x : \sigma$ occurs.
 - **Explanation:** From the assumption $x : \sigma$ we can derive $x : \sigma$.
-

Example (Assumption)

- We will illustrate the rules using a derivation of

$$y : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o \Rightarrow \lambda x^o. y \ x : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o$$

- In order to derive it we will need to derive first

$$y : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o, x : o \Rightarrow y \ x : o \rightarrow o$$

- In order to derive that we use twice the assumption rule and obtain

$$y : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o, x : o \Rightarrow y : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o$$

and

$$y : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o, x : o \Rightarrow x : o$$

Example (Overriding of Assum.)

● We have

$$x : \sigma, x : \tau \Rightarrow x : \tau$$

but **not**

$$x : \sigma, x : \tau \Rightarrow x : \sigma$$

Simply Typed λ -Calculus

2. Application.

If s is of type $\sigma \rightarrow \tau$ and t of type σ , depending on context Γ , then $s\ t$ is of type τ under context Γ :

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow s : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow t : \sigma}{\Gamma \Rightarrow s\ t : \tau} \text{ (Ap)}$$

• **Explanation:**

- Assume we have s of type $\sigma \rightarrow \tau$.
 - So s is a function, taking an $x : \sigma$ and returning an element of type τ .
- Assume we have t is an element of type σ .
- Then we can apply the function s to this t , written as $s\ t$, and obtain an element of type τ .

Example (Application)

- We continue with our derivation of

$$y : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o \Rightarrow \lambda x^o. y \ x : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o$$

- We have already derived using the assumption rule

$$y : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o, x : o \Rightarrow y : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o$$

$$y : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o, x : o \Rightarrow x : o$$

- Using the application rule we conclude:

$$\frac{y:o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o, x:o \Rightarrow y:o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o \quad y:o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o, x:o \Rightarrow x:o}{y : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o, x : o \Rightarrow y \ x : o \rightarrow o} \text{ (Ap)}$$

Note that $o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o \equiv o \rightarrow (o \rightarrow o)$.

Simply Typed λ -Calculus

3. Abstraction.

If t is a term of type τ , depending on context $\Gamma, x : \sigma$, then $\lambda x^\sigma. t$ is a term of type $\sigma \rightarrow \tau$ depending on context Γ :

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \sigma \Rightarrow t : \tau}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \lambda x^\sigma. t : \sigma \rightarrow \tau} \text{ (Abs)}$$

• **Explanation:**

- If we have under assumption $x : \sigma$ shown that $t : \tau$, then we can form a new λ -term by binding that x , and form $\lambda x^\sigma. t$.
- The result is a function taking as input $x : \sigma$ and returning $t : \tau$, so we obtain an element of $\sigma \rightarrow \tau$.

Example (Abstraction)

- We finish our derivation of

$$y : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o \Rightarrow \lambda x^o. y \ x : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o$$

- We have already derived

$$\frac{y:o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o, x:o \Rightarrow y:o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o \quad y:o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o, x:o \Rightarrow x:o}{y : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o, x : o \Rightarrow y \ x : o \rightarrow o} \text{ (Ap)}$$

- Using abstraction we obtain:

$$\frac{\frac{y:o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o, x:o \Rightarrow y:o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o \quad y:o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o, x:o \Rightarrow x:o}{y : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o, x : o \Rightarrow y \ x : o \rightarrow o} \text{ (Ap)}}{y : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o \Rightarrow \lambda x^o. y \ x : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o} \text{ (Abs)}$$

(Note that $o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o \equiv o \rightarrow (o \rightarrow o).$)

Rules

● We had three rules:

1. $\Gamma, x : \sigma, \Delta \Rightarrow x : \sigma$
(where x must not occur in Δ).

2.

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow s : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow t : \sigma}{\Gamma \Rightarrow s \ t : \tau} \text{ (Ap)}$$

3.

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \sigma \Rightarrow t : \tau}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \lambda x^\sigma. t : \sigma \rightarrow \tau} \text{ (Abs)}$$

Rules

(1) $\Gamma, x : \sigma, \Delta \Rightarrow x : \sigma$

is a special kind of rule, an axiom.

Axioms derive typing judgements without having to prove something first (no premises).

(2) The next rule is a genuine rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow s : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow t : \sigma}{\Gamma \Rightarrow s \ t : \tau} \text{ (Ap)}$$

It expresses:

- Whenever we have derived $\Gamma \Rightarrow s : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$
 - (for arbitrary context Γ , types σ, τ , term s)
- and whenever we derived $\Gamma \Rightarrow t : \sigma$
 - (for the same Γ, σ , but arbitrary term t),
- then we can derive $\Gamma \Rightarrow s \ t : \tau$.

Rules

(3) The next rule is similar:

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \sigma \Rightarrow t : \tau}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \lambda x^\sigma . t : \sigma \rightarrow \tau} \text{ (Abs)}$$

It expresses:

- Whenever we have derived $\Gamma, x : \sigma \Rightarrow t : \tau$
 - (for arbitrary context Γ , types σ, τ , variable x and term t),
- then we can derive from this $\Gamma \Rightarrow \lambda x^\sigma . t : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$.

Derivations

- Using rules we can derive more complex judgements:
 - We start with axioms, and use rules with premises in order to derive further judgements.
- **Example 1:**
(Note that $\text{o2} = \text{o} \rightarrow \text{o}$).

$$\frac{x : \text{o} \Rightarrow x : \text{o}}{\lambda x^{\text{o}}.x : \text{o2}} \text{ (Abs)}$$

Example 2

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{x : o2, y : o \Rightarrow x : o2 \quad x : o2, y : o \Rightarrow y : o}{\quad} (Ap) \\
 \frac{x : o2, y : o \Rightarrow x y : o}{\quad} (Abs) \\
 \frac{x : o2 \Rightarrow \lambda y^o. x y : o2}{\quad} (Abs) \\
 \lambda x^{o2}. \lambda y^o. x y : o3
 \end{array}$$

Note that we have the following dependencies in the derived λ -term:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 (\lambda_{\mathbf{x}^{o2}}. \lambda_{y^o}. \underbrace{\mathbf{x}}_{:o2} \underbrace{y}_{:o}) : \mathbf{o2} \rightarrow \mathbf{o2} = o3 \\
 \underbrace{\quad}_{:o} \\
 \underbrace{\quad}_{:o \rightarrow o = \mathbf{o2}}
 \end{array}$$

Observe how these dependencies correspond to the derivation above.

β -Reduction

- β -reduction for typed λ -terms is defined as for untyped λ -terms.
- One has only to carry around the types as well.
- Formally we have

$$(\lambda x^\sigma . t) \ s \longrightarrow t[x := s]$$

or using the alternative notation for typed λ -terms

$$(\lambda (x : \sigma) . t) \ s \longrightarrow t[x := s]$$

- And as before β -reduction can be applied to any subterm.
- A subterm $(\lambda x^\sigma . t) \ s$ of a term s is called a β -redex of s .

Example

(Changes of colour not well visible in black-and-white copies).

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda x^{o3}.\lambda y^{o2}.\mathbf{x} (\mathbf{x} \mathbf{y})) (\lambda x^{o2}.\lambda y^o.x (x \mathbf{y})) \\ \longrightarrow & \lambda y^{o2}.\lambda x^{o2}.\lambda y^o.x (x \mathbf{y}) ((\lambda x^{o2}.\lambda y^o.x (x \mathbf{y})) \mathbf{y}) \\ \equiv & \lambda y^{o2}.\lambda x^{o2}.\lambda y^o.x (\mathbf{x} \mathbf{y}) ((\lambda x^{o2}.\lambda y^o.\mathbf{x} (\mathbf{x} \mathbf{y})) y) \\ =_{\alpha} & \lambda y^{o2}.\lambda x^{o2}.\lambda y^o.x (\mathbf{x} \mathbf{y}) ((\lambda x^{o2}.\lambda z^o.\mathbf{x} (\mathbf{x} \mathbf{z})) y) \\ \longrightarrow & \lambda y^{o2}.\lambda x^{o2}.\lambda y^o.x (\mathbf{x} \mathbf{y}) (\lambda z^o.y (y \mathbf{z})) \\ \equiv & \lambda y^{o2}.\lambda x^{o2}.\lambda y^o.\mathbf{x} (\mathbf{x} \mathbf{y}) (\lambda z^o.y (y \mathbf{z})) \\ =_{\alpha} & \lambda y^{o2}.\lambda x^{o2}.\lambda u^o.\mathbf{x} (\mathbf{x} \mathbf{u}) (\lambda z^o.y (y \mathbf{z})) \\ \longrightarrow & \lambda y^{o2}.\lambda u^o.\lambda z^o.y (y \mathbf{z}) ((\lambda z^o.y (y \mathbf{z})) \mathbf{u}) \\ \equiv & \lambda y^{o2}.\lambda u^o.\lambda z^o.y (y \mathbf{z}) ((\lambda z^o.\mathbf{y} (\mathbf{y} \mathbf{z})) u) \\ \longrightarrow & \lambda y^{o2}.\lambda u^o.\lambda z^o.\mathbf{y} (\mathbf{y} \mathbf{z}) (\mathbf{y} (\mathbf{y} u)) \\ \equiv & \lambda y^{o2}.\lambda u^o.\lambda z^o.\mathbf{y} (\mathbf{y} \mathbf{z}) (y (y u)) \\ \longrightarrow & \lambda y^{o2}.\lambda u^o.\mathbf{y} (\mathbf{y} (y (y u))) \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

- As for the untyped λ -calculus, the simply typed λ -calculus is **confluent**.
- The simply typed λ -calculus is **strongly normalising**.
- Therefore every typed λ -term has a unique normal form, which can be obtained by β -reducing the term by choosing arbitrary β -redexes.
- Furthermore, two λ -terms are β -equal, if their normal forms are equal (up to α -conversion).

(c) The λ -Calculus in Agda

- Agda is based on dependent type theory.
- This extends the simply typed λ -calculus.

The Function Type in Agda

- In Agda one writes $A \multimap C$ for the **nondependent function type**.
We write on our slides \rightarrow instead of \multimap .
- I tend to use capital letters instead of Greek letters for types in Agda.
 - One could of course use as well “alpha”, “beta”, “gamma”, or (using special symbols) α , β , γ instead.

Blanks around ->

- In Agda, there needs to be a blank before and after \rightarrow ,
- but there should be no blank between \rightarrow and $>$.
- $A\rightarrow$ without a blank in between is understood as an identifier with name $A\rightarrow$.
- $\rightarrow A$ without a blank in between is understood as an identifier with name $\rightarrow A$.
- Only brackets “(”, “{”, “)”, “}”, the symbol “=”, blanks (and possibly some other symbols not discovered yet by A. Setzer) break identifiers.

λ -Terms in Agda

- In Agda one writes $\backslash (x : A) \rightarrow r$ for $\lambda(x : A).r$.
- When presenting Agda code we will write $\lambda \text{ (x:A) } \rightarrow r$ for the above, so λ means \backslash and \rightarrow means \rightarrow in real Agda code.
- When reasoning in type theory itself (outside Agda), we use standard type theoretic notation $\lambda(x : A).r$.
- We can in Agda often omit the type of x , and write simply

$$\lambda x \rightarrow r$$

instead of

$$\lambda(x : A) \rightarrow r$$

Blanks in $\backslash (x : A) \rightarrow r$

- In $\backslash (x : A) \rightarrow r$,
 - there needs to be a blank before and after the “:”.
 - $x:$ without a blank in between is considered by Agda as an identifier “ $x:$ ”.
 - $:A$ without a blank in between is considered by Agda as an identifier “ $:A$ ”.
 - There needs to be a blank between \rightarrow and r .

Notations in Agda

- As an abbreviation, one writes

$$\lambda(a\ a' : A) \rightarrow \dots$$

(note that there is no comma between a and a')
instead of

$$\lambda(a : A) \rightarrow \lambda(a' : A) \rightarrow \dots$$

and

$$\lambda a\ a' \rightarrow \dots$$

instead of

$$\lambda a \rightarrow \lambda a' \rightarrow \dots$$

Application in Agda

- **Application** has the same syntax as in the rules of dependent type theory: Assume we have derived

$$\begin{array}{l} f : A \rightarrow B \\ a : A \end{array}$$

Then we can conclude $f\ a : B$.

- And α - and β -equivalent terms are identified.
 - In Agda,

$$(\lambda x \rightarrow x)\ a = a \ .$$

- So if $B\ a$ is a type depending on a , and we have $b : B\ a$ then we have as well

$$b : B\ (\lambda x \rightarrow x)\ a) \ .$$

Postulate

- In Agda one has no predefined types, all types have to be defined explicitly (e.g. the type of natural numbers, the type of Booleans, etc.).
- In order to obtain ground types with no specific meaning (like `o` above), we have to postulate such types, (or use packages as introduced later).
- In Agda the lowest type level, which corresponds to types in the simply typed λ -calculus, is called for historic reasons `Set`.
- So in order to introduce a ground type `A` we write:

`postulate A : Set`

Postulate

- We can now introduce other constants.
For instance, in order to introduce a function from A to B where A and B are ground types, and an element of type A , we write the following:

```
postulate A : Set
postulate B : Set.
postulate f : A → B.
postulate a : A.
```

See [examplePostulate1.agda](#)

Basic λ -Terms

postulate $A : \text{Set}$
postulate $B : \text{Set}.$
postulate $f : A \rightarrow B.$
postulate $a : A.$

- Assuming the above postulates, we can now introduce new terms.
- We have to give a name and a type to each new definition.
- **Example:**
Using the above postulates, we can define $b := f\ a : B$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} b & : B \\ b & = f\ a \end{aligned}$$

Please note that blanks around “=”.

Basic λ -Terms

postulate $A : \text{Set}$
postulate $B : \text{Set}.$
postulate $f : A \rightarrow B.$
postulate $a : A.$

$b : B$

$b = f\ a$

● We can as well introduce $g := \lambda x^A.x : A \rightarrow A$ as follows:

$g : A \rightarrow A$

$g = \lambda x \rightarrow x$

● Note that there needs to be blanks around “=”.

See [examplePostulate2.agda](#)

λ -Terms

postulate $A : \text{Set}$
postulate $B : \text{Set}.$
postulate $f : A \rightarrow B.$
postulate $a : A.$

- Instead of defining λ -terms by using λ directly, it is usually more convenient to use a notation of the following kind:

$$g : A \rightarrow A$$

$$g\ a = a$$

- Note that in the above example, the local a overrides the global a .

See [examplePostulate3.agda](#)

Equivalence of the two Notations

- The two ways of introducing functions are equivalent. One can check this by defining two versions:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{postulate } A & : \quad \text{Set} \\ g & : \quad A \rightarrow A \\ g & = \quad \lambda(a : A) \rightarrow a \\ g' & : \quad A \rightarrow A \\ g' \ a & = \quad a \end{array}$$

exampleEquivalenceLambdaNotations1.agda

Equivalence of the two Notations

- We postulate now a predicate on $A \rightarrow A$, in order to check whether g and g' are the same:

postulate $P : (A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow \text{Set}$

- If we define now

$$\begin{aligned} f & : P\ g \rightarrow P\ g' \\ f\ x & = x \end{aligned}$$

then f is (since we don't know anything about P) only type correct, if $g = g'$.

- The above code type checks, so for Agda we have g and g' are the same.

exampleEquivalenceLambdaNotations1.agda

λ -Notation in Agda

- In most cases, it is easier to use the second way of introducing λ -terms.
- However, λ -notation allows to introduce **anonymous functions** (i.e. functions without giving them names): A typical example from functional programming is the **map function**, which applies a function to each element of a list:

`map S (two :: (three :: []))`

The **result** is

`(three :: (four :: []))`

λ -Notation in Agda

- Here the elements of `NatList` are
 - `[]` denoting the empty list,
 - and if $n : \mathbb{N}$, $l : \text{NatList}$, then $n :: l : \text{NatList}$.
- See [**exampleMapAppliedToList.agda**](#).

Refinement

- Assume the following Agda code

```
postulate A : Set
postulate B : Set
postulate f : A → B
postulate a : A
b      :   B
b      =  {! !}
```

- Assume that we don't know what to insert.
We only guess that it has to be of the form f applied to some arguments.
 - We can see this since the result type of f is B ($f : A \rightarrow B$).

Refinement

postulate $A : \text{Set}$

postulate $B : \text{Set}$

postulate $f : A \rightarrow B$

postulate $a : A$

$b : B$

$b = \{! \ !\}$

- Then we can insert f into this goal and use menu **Refine (C-c C-r)**
- The system shows $b = f \{! \ !\}$.
- We can ask for the type of the new goal $\{! \ !\}$, using goal menu **Goal-type C-c C-t**, and obtain $\{! \ !\} : A$

Refinement

postulate $A : \text{Set}$

postulate $B : \text{Set}$

postulate $f : A \rightarrow B$

postulate $a : A$

$b : B$

$b = f \{! !\}$

- Now we can solve this goal by filling in a and using `refine: $f a : B$.`

exampleSimpleDerivation1.agda

Introducing New Types

- In the λ -calculus, we introduced abbreviations for types, like $o2 = o \rightarrow o$
- We can do the same in Agda
(**exampleTypeAbbreviations.agda**):

postulate $A : \text{Set}$

$A2 : \text{Set}$

$A2 = A \rightarrow A$

$A3 : \text{Set}$

$A3 = A2 \rightarrow A2$

$a2 : A2$

$a2 = \lambda x \rightarrow x$

$a3 : A3$

$a3 = \lambda x \rightarrow x$

Introducing New Types

postulate $A : \text{Set}$

$A2 : \text{Set}$

$A2 = A \rightarrow A$

$a2 : A2$

$a2 = \lambda(x : A) \rightarrow x$

- In the above example we have that the type of $a2$ is as well $A \rightarrow A$, since both types are equal: Although $a2$ is of type $A2$ instead of $A \rightarrow A$, we can define

$$a2' : A \rightarrow A$$
$$a2' = a2$$

Introducing New Types

- We can as well check that $A \rightarrow A$ and $A2$ are the same by applying main menu **Compute normal form C-c C-n** to $A2$
 - We obtain $A \rightarrow A$.

Derivations in Agda

- In Agda, rules are implicit.

- The rule

$$\frac{f : A \rightarrow B \quad a : A}{f \ a : B} \text{ (Ap)}$$

corresponds to the following:

- Assume we have introduced:

- $f : A \rightarrow B, a : A.$

and want to solve the goal

$$b : B$$

$$b = \{! \ !\}$$

exampleSimpleDerivation2.agda

Derivations in Agda (Cont.)

- Then we can fill this goal by typing in $f\ a$:
- $b = \{! f\ a\ !\}$
- If we then choose goal-menu **Refine (C-c C-r)**, the system shows:
- $b = f\ a.$

Let expressions in Agda

- When introducing elements of more complicated types, let expressions are often useful.
They allow to introduce temporary variables.
- Let-expressions have the form

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{let } a_1 \quad : A_1 \\ \quad a_1 \quad = s_1 \\ \quad a_2 \quad : A_2 \\ \quad a_2 \quad = s_2 \\ \quad \dots \\ \quad a_n \quad : A_n \\ \quad a_n \quad = s_n \\ \text{in } t \end{array}$$

Let expressions in Agda (Cont.)

- This means that we introduce new local constants

$a_1 : A_1$ s.t. $a_1 = s_1$,

$a_2 : A_2$ s.t. $a_2 = s_2$,

\dots ,

$a_n : A_n$ s.t. $a_n = s_n$,

which can now be used locally.

- s_i can refer to all a_j defined before, but not to a_i itself, i.e. it can refer to a_0, \dots, a_{i-1} .

Simple Example

The following function computes $(n + n) * (n + n)$ for $n : \mathbb{N}$:

$$\begin{aligned} f & : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ f\ n & = \text{let } m : \mathbb{N} \\ & \quad m = n + n \\ & \text{in } m * m \end{aligned}$$

See [exampleLetExpression.agda](#)

Note that this version is more efficient than the function computing directly $(n + n) * (n + n)$:

- Using `let`, $n + n$ is computed only once,
- without `let`, we have to compute it twice.

Example

- As an example we define, assuming $A : \text{Set}$ as a postulate, a function

$$f : ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A$$

- We start with the goal

$$\begin{aligned} f & : ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \\ f & = \{! \ !\} \end{aligned}$$

Example

$$f : ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A$$

$$f = \{! \ !\}$$

- We know that the first argument of f is an element of type $(A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A$.
- We call this argument for better readability of the code $a-a-a$.
- We obtain

$$f : ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A$$

$$f \ a-a-a = \{! \ !\}$$

Example

- We can use $a - a - a$ in order to obtain a provided we have defined some function $a - a : A \rightarrow A$.
- Therefore we first define in an auxiliary definition $a - a : A \rightarrow A$.
- In this example we could do this as a global definition, but will use here a let expression instead.
- We deactivate Agda (using main menu **De-activate Agda (C-c C-x C-d)**,
- replace the goal by a let expression,
- and then load the buffer again.

Example

$$\begin{aligned} f & : ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \\ f \ a-a-a & = \text{let } a-a : \{! \ !\} \\ & \quad a-a = \{! \ !\} \\ & \quad \text{in } \{! \ !\} \end{aligned}$$

- We type into the first goal the type $A \rightarrow A$ of the variable $a-a$ and use goal menu **Refine** or **Give** and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f & : ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \\ f \ a-a-a & = \text{let } a-a : A \rightarrow A \\ & \quad a-a = \{! \ !\} \\ & \quad \text{in } \{! \ !\} \end{aligned}$$

Example

- In the first goal, we know that this might be solved by using a λ -expression.
- We type into this goal

$$\lambda a \rightarrow ?$$

and use refine or give and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f & : ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \\ f \ a-a-a & = \text{let } a-a : A \rightarrow A \\ & \quad a-a = \lambda a \rightarrow \{! \ !\} \\ & \quad \text{in } \{! \ !\} \end{aligned}$$

Example

- We solve the first goal by typing in a and using **Refine** and have completed the let-expression:

$$\begin{aligned} f & : ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \\ f \ a - a - a & = \text{let } a - a : A \rightarrow A \\ & \quad a - a = \lambda a \rightarrow a \\ & \quad \text{in } \{! \ !\} \end{aligned}$$

Example

- We can solve the remaining (main) goal by applying the variable $a-a-a$ to $a-a$. We type those values into the remaining goal and use **Give** or **Refine** and obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} f & : ((A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A \\ f \ a-a-a & = \text{let } a-a : A \rightarrow A \\ & \quad a-a = \lambda a \rightarrow a \\ & \quad \text{in } a-a-a \ a-a \end{aligned}$$

- See **exampleLetExpression2.agda**

(d) Logic with Implication

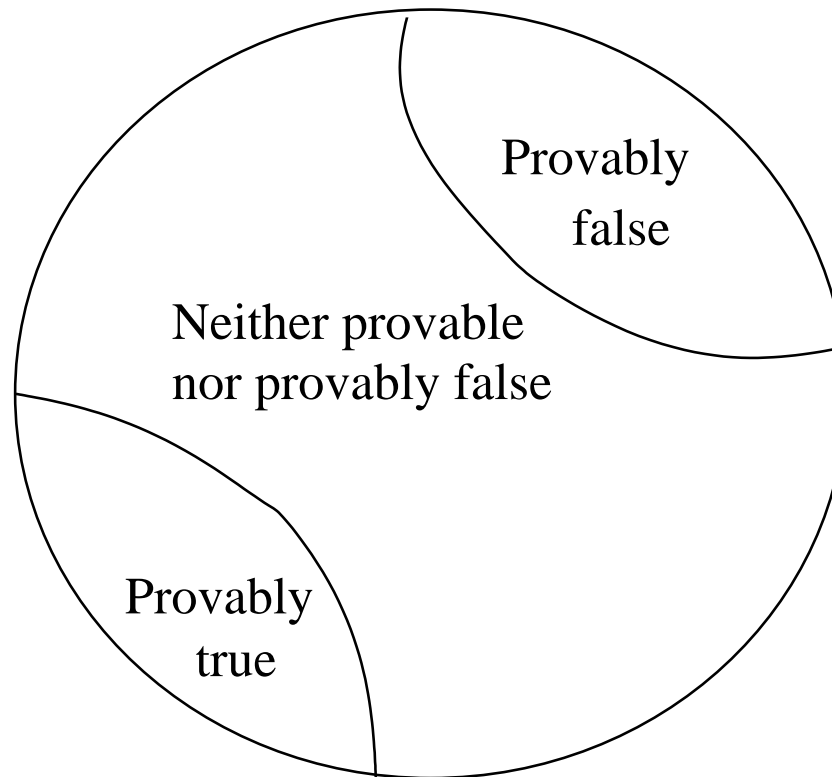
Propositions as Types

- When considering the example of a sorted list, we have seen already that
 - formulas (e.g. predicates) can be considered as types,
 - where elements of such types are verifications that the formula holds (\approx is true).
 - So elements of this type are proofs that the formula holds.
- The principle to identify propositions (i.e. formulae) with types is called **propositions as types**.
- So
 - Sorted l will be a type,
 - $p : \text{Sorted } l$ will be a witness (**proof**) that Sorted l holds.

Constructive Logic

- If $p : \text{Sorted } l$ holds, then l should be sorted.
- If we have a proof $p : \neg(\text{Sorted } l)$ then l should be not sorted.
 - Negation \neg will be introduced later.
- If we know neither that $p : \text{Sorted } l$ nor that $p : \neg(\text{Sorted } l)$, then we know neither that l is sorted nor that l is not sorted.
 - Happens e.g. if l is a variable.
 - For certain closed quantified formula, like A expressing that for all natural numbers n a certain formula hold, it might be the case that we can neither determine a $p : A$ nor a $p : \neg A$.

Picture



Postulates as Formulae

- If we postulate $A : \text{Set}$, we can consider A as an **atomic formula** (i.e. formula which cannot be decomposed further).
 - This is similar to a **propositional variable** (such as A, B, C in $((A \wedge B) \vee C) \rightarrow A$).
 - Formulae like $((A \wedge B) \vee C) \rightarrow A$ might be generally true (like $A \rightarrow A$), or might be true (like $A \vee C$) if certain of its propositional variables are provably true and others are provably false.
- If we postulate $A : \text{Set}$, we assume nothing about provability of A , since we assume nothing about the elements of A .
- If we postulate additionally $a : A$, we postulate that A is true.

Example

- We postulate
 - a set of persons
 - a predicate “is student” on the set of persons,
 - that John, Mary as persons,
 - that Mary is a student:

postulate	Person	:	Set
postulate	john	:	Person
postulate	mary	:	Person
postulate	IsStudent	:	Person \rightarrow Set
postulate	maryIsStudent	:	IsStudent mary

Constructive Logic

- Proofs in dependent type theory will have always a **constructive meaning**.
- In case of implication the constructive meaning of a proof of $a \multimap b : A \rightarrow B$ will be:
 - It is a function, which from a proof of A determines a proof of B .
 - This is what is meant by $A \rightarrow B$: if A holds, i.e. if we have a proof of A , then B holds, i.e. we have a proof of B .
 - So $a \multimap b : A \rightarrow B$ is a function mapping proofs of A to proofs of B .
 - This is nothing but the function type $A \rightarrow B$.

Example 1 (Implication)

- $\lambda(x : A).x : A \rightarrow A$ is a proof that $A \rightarrow A$ holds:
 - it takes a proof $x : A$ and maps it to the proof $x : A$ of A .
- In ordinary logic, this λ -term corresponds to the following proof that $A \rightarrow A$ holds:
 - Assume A .
 - Then A holds.
 - Therefore $A \rightarrow A$ holds.

Example 2 (Implication)

- $\lambda(x : A \rightarrow B).\lambda(y : A).x\ y$ is a proof of $(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$:
 - Assume a proof $x : A \rightarrow B$.
 - I.e. assume a function x which maps proofs of A to proofs of B .
 - Assume a proof $y : A$.
 - Then we obtain a proof $x\ y : B$.
This proof is obtained by
 - taking the proof $x : A \rightarrow B$, which is a function mapping proofs of A to proofs of B ,
 - applying it to the proof $y : A$,
 - then one obtains the proof $x\ y$ of B .

Example 2 (Implication)

$$(\lambda(x : A \rightarrow B).\lambda(y : A).x\ y) : (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$$

- In ordinary logic, the λ -type just introduced corresponds to the following derivation of $(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$:
 - Assume $A \rightarrow B$.
 - Assume A .
 - Then from $A \rightarrow B$ and A we obtain B .
 - This shows $(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$ holds.

Shorter Proof

- We could have given the following shorter proof of $(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$:

$$\lambda(x : A \rightarrow B).x : (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B)$$

- Note that $(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$ and $(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B)$ are the same.
- The above given λ -term corresponds to the following proof:
 - Assume $A \rightarrow B$.
 - Then the conclusion, namely $A \rightarrow B$ holds.

Curry Howard Isomorphism

- That one can write proofs as typed λ -terms is often referred to as well as the Curry-Howard Isomorphism.
- Typed λ -terms are nothing but proofs of the formula given by their type!!

(e) Implicational Logic in Agda

- We have seen, that implication is nothing but the function type.
- Therefore we can represent implication by \rightarrow in Agda.
- Elements of formula constructed from \rightarrow will be proofs that the formula holds.

Example

- Take the example of Mary and John as persons and Mary as a student.
Assume additionally that if Mary is a student then John is a student as well:

postulate	Person	:	Set
postulate	john	:	Person
postulate	mary	:	Person
postulate	IsStudent	:	Person \rightarrow Set
postulate	maryIsStudent	:	IsStudent mary
postulate	implication	:	IsStudent mary \rightarrow IsStudent john

Example

- Then we can prove that John is a student:

Lemma1 : Set

Lemma1 = IsStudent john

proof-lemma1 : Lemma1

proof-lemma1 = implicaton maryIsStudent

maryjohn1.agda

Example (Cont.)

- Note that we do not make use of the assumption x in the proof of Lemma1.
- If we added a new person `barbara` and tried to prove in the above situation the following wrong Lemma 2:

postulate `barbara` : Person

Lemma2 : Set

Lemma2 = IsStudent john \rightarrow IsStudent `barbara`

proof-lemma2 : Lemma2

proof-lemma2 : {! !}

we will fail.

Example (Cont.)

- We can use a λ -abstraction

`proof-lemma2` : `Lemma2`

`proof-lemma2` = $\lambda(x : \text{IsStudent john}) \rightarrow \{! \}$

- But there is no way of solving this goal (except by using full recursion, i.e. by calling recursively `proof-lemma2`, which violates the termination checker.)
- See later more on the termination checker.
- So we have shown `Lemma1`, which is true,
- and failed to prove `Lemma2`, which is false.
- See [maryjohn2.agda](#)

Example2

- Assume postulates $A : \text{Set}, B : \text{Set}$.
- We can introduce the formula (or set) expressing $A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$ as follows:

Lemma1 : Set

Lemma1 = $A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$

- In order to prove Lemma1 we make the following goal:

lemma1 : Lemma1

lemma1 = {! !}

Example 2

Lemma1 : Set

Lemma1 = $A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$

lemma1 : Lemma1

lemma1 = {! !}

- The type of the goal is $A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$.
- When the type of goal is an implication, it is usually shown
 - unless one has an assumption which matches the goal directlyby λ -abstracting from the premises of the implication.
- Instead of introducing a λ -abstraction, we apply lemma1 to variables a (of type A and $a - b$ (of type $A \rightarrow B$).

Example 2

- One obtains:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{lemma1} & : \quad \text{Lemma1} \\ \text{lemma1 } a \ a - b & = \quad \{! \ !\} \end{array}$$

- Lemma1 was $A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$,
- we have abstracted from A and $A \rightarrow B$,
- so the type of the goal is the conclusion of the implication, namely B .

Example 2

lemma1 : Lemma1

$$= \lambda(a : A) \rightarrow \lambda(a-b : A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow \{! \ !\}$$

Type of goal is B

- At the position of the goal we have context $a : A$ and $a-b : A \rightarrow B$, because we have λ -abstracted those variables.
 - Can be checked by using goal-menu **Context (environment)**.
- We can take $a-b : A \rightarrow B$ and apply it to $a : A$ in order to obtain $a-b\ a : B$, which solves the goal.

Example 2

- We obtain the following proof:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{lemma1} & : \text{Lemma1} \\ \text{lemma1 } a \ a-b & = \ a-b \ a \end{array}$$

- This is exactly the same as introducing a λ -term of type $A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$.
- See [exampleProofPropLogic1.agda](#)

Example 2

- Note that in this example
 - $a \rightarrow b$ is an element of the function type $A \rightarrow B$.
 - a is an element of A
 - therefore $a \rightarrow b$ a is an element of B ,
 - therefore the typing is correct.

Recursive Definitions

- The type checker in Agda allows recursive definitions. For instance, the following passes the type checker:

$$\begin{aligned} a & : A \\ a & = a \end{aligned}$$

- Necessary, since for instance the definition of $+$ is necessarily recursive, i.e. will make use of $+$:

$$\begin{aligned} _ + _ & : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ n + Z & = n \\ n + S\ m & = S\ (n + m) \end{aligned}$$

Recursive Definitions and Proofs

- Recursive definitions spoil the principle of propositions as types:

$$a : A$$

$$a = a$$

would give a proof of **any formula A**.

- This does not contradict the constructive meaning of proofs, since the a above does not carry any constructive information:
 - If we try to evaluate it, we get the infinite reduction sequence

$$a \longrightarrow a \longrightarrow a \longrightarrow a \longrightarrow \dots$$

Need for Termination Checker

- We have only a constructive proof p of A if p can be reduced to a normal form which is a constructive witness of A .
- Therefore we need to restrict Agda to terminating programs.
 - In fact we only need the restriction to terminating proofs.
 - But proofs and programs are so closely tight together that it is difficult to separate them – in Agda we cannot separate termination-checks of programs from termination-checks of proofs.

Termination Checker

- Agda has a builtin termination checker:
If one loads the buffer, all variables which are defined by a possibly non-terminating recursive equation are marked in red.
- The above example becomes:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \textcolor{red}{a} & : & A \\ a & = & \textcolor{red}{a} \end{array}$$

Termination Checker

- Since this colour coding is easily overlooked, it is recommended to run at the end of a session from a shell the command **agda** applied to each Agda file created.
 - This will list all problems
 - errors,
 - problems due to failure of the termination checker,
 - still open goals.
 - If there are any remaining problems, solve them, and then recheck the file again, until everything is correct.

Limitations of the Termination Check

- The termination checker has limitations:
- **If the termination check succeeds**, all programs checked will **terminate**.
 - Therefore all proofs will be actual proofs of the corresponding propositions.
- **If the termination check fails, it might** still be the case that all programs **terminate**.
(One cannot write a universal termination checker, since the Turing halting problem is undecidable).
 - So the proofs might be proofs, or might not be proofs.

Examples

● $a : A$

$$a = a$$

will not pass the termination checker.

● $f : A \rightarrow A$

$$f\ a = a$$

will pass the termination checker.

● $\text{lemma} : (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$

$$\text{lemma } a - b\ a = \text{lemma } a - b\ a$$

will not pass the termination checker.

Examples

● lemma : $(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$

lemma a-b a = a-b a

passes the termination checker.

Termination Checker

- In general, the termination checker will check whether there is any definition of a constant or a local variable, which depends on itself.
- When later dealing with natural numbers and algebraic types, we will see that some circularities can be acceptable and are accepted by the termination checker.
 - But until then in general the rule is that recursive definitions, in which the definition of a constant refers directly or indirectly to itself, are not allowed.

(f) More on the Typed λ -Calculus

The η -Rule

- If we have a function $f : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$, then this function applied to $a : \sigma$ gives result $f a$.
- If we apply $\lambda x^\sigma. f x : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$ to $a : \sigma$, we get the same result $f a$.
- Therefore f is as a function the same as $\lambda x. f x$ (where x is fresh).
- However, if for instance f is a variable, we **don't** have $f =_\beta \lambda x. f x$.

The η -Rule

- Especially, when working later in dependent type theory we want to identify as many terms as possible, which are equal.
This will make it easier to prove certain goals.
- η -expansion expresses that subterms $t : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$ can be η -expanded to $\lambda x. t \ x$ (where x does not occur free in t).
- Then any $f : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$ is always equal to $\lambda x. f \ x$ w.r.t. β, η -reduction (where x is fresh).
- One needs to restrict η -expansion slightly in order to obtain a normalising reduction system.
 - Details can be found on the next few slides, but won't be treated in the lecture.
 - We [jump directly to the \$\eta\$ -rule in Agda](#).

The η -Rule

- However, we need to impose some restrictions, in order to avoid circularities (i.e. that a term reduces to itself) which destroy normalisation:

- If t is of the form $\lambda y.s$ and if we then allowed to expand t , we would obtain the following circularly:

$$t \longrightarrow \lambda x.t \ x \equiv \lambda x.(\lambda y.s) \ x \longrightarrow_{\beta} \lambda x.s[y := x] \equiv t \ ,$$

- If t is applied to some other term, e.g. t occurs as $t \ r$, and if we allowed to expand t we would get the following circularity:

$$t \ r \longrightarrow (\lambda x.t \ x) \ r \longrightarrow_{\beta} t \ r$$

- All other terms can be expanded without obtaining a new redex.

η -Expansion

- η -expansion (or η -rule) is the rule which expands one subterm of a λ -term
 - of the form $r : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$
 - s.t. r is not of the form $\lambda u^\sigma . t$
 - and such that r is not applied to some other term to $\lambda x^\sigma . r x$, where x does not occur free in r .
 - We write
 - $r \longrightarrow_\eta s$ for s is obtained from r by the η -rule,
 - $r \longrightarrow_{\beta, \eta} s$ for s is obtained from r by using β -reduction or η -expansion.
 - Notions like $\longrightarrow_{\beta, \eta}^*$, $=_{\beta, \eta}$, $=_\eta$, β, η -normal form, etc. are to be understood correspondingly.

Example

- Assume $f : o^3$. Then

$$r := (\lambda f^{o^3}.\lambda x^{o^2}.f\ x)\ f$$

$$\longrightarrow_{\beta} \lambda x^{o^2}.f\ x$$

$$\longrightarrow_{\eta} \lambda x^{o^2}.\lambda y^o.f\ x\ y$$

(by η -expanding $f\ x : o^2$
to $\lambda y^o.f\ x\ y$)

$$\longrightarrow_{\eta} \lambda x^{o^2}.\lambda y^o.f\ (\lambda z^o.x\ z)\ y =: s \quad \text{(by } \eta\text{-expanding } x : o^2 \\ \text{to } \lambda z^o.x\ z)$$

- Note that in the last step, x was not in an applied position, since $f\ x\ y$ stands for $(f\ x)\ y$.

Example

$$\begin{aligned} r := \lambda f^{\circ 3} . \lambda x^{\circ 2} . f \ x) \ f &\longrightarrow_{\beta} \lambda x^{\circ 2} . f \ x \\ &\longrightarrow_{\eta}^* \lambda x^{\circ 2} . \lambda y^{\circ} . f \ (\lambda z^{\circ} . x \ z) \ y =: s \end{aligned}$$

- There are no more η -expansions or β -reductions possible in s :
 - The terms f and x occur in a position where they are applied to another term, so they are not supposed to be η -expanded.
 - z and y are of ground type and therefore not to be η -expanded.

Example

$$\begin{aligned} r := \lambda f^{\circ 3} . \lambda x^{\circ 2} . f \ x) \ f &\longrightarrow_{\beta} \lambda x^{\circ 2} . f \ x \\ &\longrightarrow_{\eta}^* \lambda x^{\circ 2} . \lambda y^{\circ} . f \ (\lambda z^{\circ} . x \ z) \ y =: s \end{aligned}$$

- Because s cannot be expanded any further, it is the β, η -normal form of r .
- Since $f \longrightarrow_{\eta} \lambda x^{\circ 2} . f \ x$, the term s is as well the β, η -normal form of $f : \circ 3$.

Example 2

If we replace in the above example \circ by \circ^2 (and therefore \circ^2 by \circ^3 and \circ^3 by \circ^4) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda f^{\circ^4} . \lambda x^{\circ^3} . f \ x) \ f \\ & \longrightarrow_{\beta} \lambda x^{\circ^3} . f \ x \\ & \longrightarrow_{\eta} \lambda x^{\circ^3} . \lambda y^{\circ^2} . f \ x \ y \\ & \longrightarrow_{\eta} \lambda x^{\circ^3} . \lambda y^{\circ^2} . \lambda z^{\circ} . f \ x \ y \ z \\ & \longrightarrow_{\eta} \lambda x^{\circ^3} . \lambda y^{\circ^2} . \lambda z^{\circ} . f \ (\lambda u^{\circ^2} . x \ u) \ y \ z \\ & \longrightarrow_{\eta} \lambda x^{\circ^3} . \lambda y^{\circ^2} . \lambda z^{\circ} . f \ (\lambda u^{\circ^2} . \lambda v^{\circ} . x \ u \ v) \ y \ z \\ & \longrightarrow_{\eta} \lambda x^{\circ^3} . \lambda y^{\circ^2} . \lambda z^{\circ} . f \ (\lambda u^{\circ^2} . \lambda v^{\circ} . x \ (\lambda w^{\circ} . u \ w) \ v) \ y \ z \\ & \longrightarrow_{\eta} \lambda x^{\circ^3} . \lambda y^{\circ^2} . \lambda z^{\circ} . f \ (\lambda u^{\circ^2} . \lambda v^{\circ} . x \ (\lambda w^{\circ} . u \ w) \ v) \ (\lambda u^{\circ} . y \ u) \ z \end{aligned}$$

which is as well the β, η -normal form of $f : \circ^4$.

Intuitive Application of η -Expansion

- Intuitively, η -expansion for terms in β -normal form is obtained as follows:

- Consider subterms

$$r := t_1 t_2 \cdots t_n$$

of the term to be η -expanded which are longest,
i.e. they don't occur as

$$t_1 t_2 \cdots t_n t_{n+1}$$

for some t_{n+1} .

- If $r : \alpha \rightarrow \beta$ it is an η -redex.
- Otherwise r is of ground type and not an η -redex.

Intuitive Application of η -Expansion

• If

$$r := t_1 \ t_2 \ \cdots \ t_n$$

is an η -redex, expand it to

$$\lambda x^\alpha. t_1 \ t_2 \ \cdots \ t_n \ x \ .$$

• Continue until there are no η -redexes left.

Theorem

- The typed λ -calculus with β -reduction and η -expansion is confluent and strongly normalising.

η -Rule

- With the η -rule, we obtain that if $r : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$, then $r =_{\beta, \eta} \lambda x^\sigma. r \ x$.

- If $r : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$ is of the form $\lambda u^\sigma. t$ then we have $r =_\beta \lambda x^\sigma. r \ x$:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda x^\sigma. r \ x &\equiv \lambda x^\sigma. (\lambda u^\sigma. t) \ x \\ &\longrightarrow_\beta \lambda x^\sigma. t[u := x] \\ &=_\alpha \lambda u^\sigma. t \\ &\equiv r \end{aligned}$$

- Otherwise $r \longrightarrow_\eta \lambda x^\sigma. r \ x$.
- Therefore one can say the η rule expresses: **every element of a function type is of the form λx .something.**

η -Reduction

- In the literature one often uses instead of η -expansion η -reduction, which allows to reduce $\lambda x^\sigma . r \ x$ to r , if x doesn't occur free in r .
- The computation of η -reduction is more difficult than η -expansion, since one has to check, whether x doesn't occur free in r .
Therefore in the context of interactive theorem proving, we prefer η -expansion.

η -Rule in Agda

- In Agda syntax, the η -rule states that if

$$f : A \rightarrow B$$

then

$$f = \lambda(x : A) \rightarrow f\ x \ .$$

- The η -rule is implemented in Agda2.

We will in this lecture omit the remaining parts of this section.

Remark on Weakening

- If we have derived $t : \sigma$ under some context, then the same holds for any other context, which expands the original one.
- Formally, this means: Assume

$$\Gamma, \Delta \Rightarrow t : \sigma .$$

Then we have as well

$$\Gamma, x : \tau, \Delta \Rightarrow t : \sigma ,$$

provided $\Gamma, x : \tau, \Delta$ is a context (i.e. provided x does not occur in Γ, Δ).

- The process of extending the context is called weakening.

Weakening in Logic

- Weakening occurs in many logic calculi as well.
- It occurs in natural language reasoning as well:
 - For instance from “I am living in Swansea” and “In Swansea the sun is shining” follows “Where I am living, the sun is shining”.
 - However, we can derive the above as well from the additional (unused) assumption “Assuming that I am a lecturer”.
 - So we have as well “Under the assumption that I am a lecturer, where I am living the sun is shining”, which is a weaker statement.

Proof of the Remark

- Assume a derivation of $\Gamma, \Delta \Rightarrow t : \sigma$.
- Insert at all corresponding positions in the contexts in the derivation $x : \tau$.
 - One needs to rename variables, in order to avoid conflicts with x .
- The result is a derivation of $\Gamma, x : \tau, \Delta \Rightarrow t : \sigma$.

Example (Weakening)

- From the derivation

$$\frac{\frac{y : \circ, x : \circ \Rightarrow x : \circ}{y : \circ \Rightarrow \lambda x^\circ. x : \circ} (\text{Abs}) \quad y : \circ \Rightarrow y : \circ (\text{Ap})}{y : \circ \Rightarrow (\lambda x^\circ. x) y : \circ}$$

we obtain a derivation of

$$y : \circ, x : \circ \Rightarrow (\lambda x^\circ. x) y : \circ$$

by inserting in each context in the derivation, after $y : \circ$ the context $x : \circ$.

Example (Weakening)

$$\frac{\frac{y : o, x : o \Rightarrow x : o}{y : o \Rightarrow \lambda x^o. x : o} (\text{Abs}) \quad y : o \Rightarrow y : o}{y : o \Rightarrow (\lambda x^o. x) y : o} (\text{Ap})$$

We obtain the following derivation of

$$y : o, x : o \Rightarrow (\lambda x^o. x) y : o$$

$$\frac{\frac{y : o, x : o, x : o \Rightarrow x : o}{y : o, x : o \Rightarrow \lambda x^o. x : o} (\text{Abs}) \quad y : o, x : o \Rightarrow y : o}{y : o, x : o \Rightarrow (\lambda x^o. x) y : o} (\text{Ap})$$

Weakening

- Because of the possibility of weakening, we will usually omit unused parts of contexts.
- So a derivation of $x : \circ^2, y : \circ \Rightarrow x (x y) : \circ$, which in full reads as follows

$$\frac{\frac{x:\circ^2,y:\circ\Rightarrow x:\circ^2}{x:\circ^2,y:\circ\Rightarrow x:\circ^2} \quad \frac{x:\circ^2,y:\circ\Rightarrow y:\circ}{x:\circ^2,y:\circ\Rightarrow y:\circ} \text{ (Ap)}}{x:\circ^2,y:\circ\Rightarrow x y:\circ} \text{ (Ap)}$$
$$\frac{x:\circ^2,y:\circ\Rightarrow x y:\circ}{x:\circ^2,y:\circ\Rightarrow x (x y):\circ} \text{ (Ap)}$$

will usually be presented as follows:

$$\frac{\frac{x:\circ^2\Rightarrow x:\circ^2}{x:\circ^2\Rightarrow x:\circ^2} \quad \frac{y:\circ\Rightarrow y:\circ}{y:\circ\Rightarrow y:\circ} \text{ (Ap)}}{x:\circ^2,y:\circ\Rightarrow x y:\circ} \text{ (Ap)}$$
$$\frac{x:\circ^2,y:\circ\Rightarrow x y:\circ}{x:\circ^2,y:\circ\Rightarrow x (x y):\circ} \text{ (Ap)}$$

Self-Application

- We introduced the typed λ -calculus, in order to avoid non-normalising terms, as they occur in the untyped λ -calculus.
- The non-normalising terms we introduced used some form of self application.
- For instance we introduced
 - $\omega := \lambda x.x\ x$, (where x was applied to itself)
 - $\Omega := \omega\ \omega$and had
 - $\Omega \longrightarrow_{\beta} \Omega$.
- In the following, we will investigate, how self-application is avoided in the typed λ -calculus.

Self-Application

- In the simply typed λ -calculus we cannot assign a type to $\lambda x.x\ x$, i.e. there are no types σ, τ s.t. $\lambda x^\sigma.x\ x : \tau$.
- Assume we could derive this.
The only way to derive $\lambda x^\sigma.x\ x : \tau$ is by the rule of λ -abstraction.
- Then τ must be equal to $\sigma \rightarrow \tau_1$ for some τ_1 , and the derivation reads then

$$\frac{x : \sigma \Rightarrow x\ x : \tau_1}{\lambda x^\sigma.x\ x : \sigma \rightarrow \tau_1} \text{ (Abs)}$$

Self-Application

$$\frac{x : \sigma \Rightarrow x \ x : \tau_1}{\lambda x^\sigma. x \ x : \sigma \rightarrow \tau_1} \text{ (Abs)}$$

- $x : \sigma \Rightarrow x \ x : \tau$ must have been derived by the rule of application, so the derivation must look like this:

$$\frac{\frac{x : \sigma \Rightarrow x : \tau_2 \rightarrow \tau_1 \quad x : \sigma \Rightarrow x : \tau_2}{x : \sigma \Rightarrow x \ x : \tau_1} \text{ (Ap)}}{\lambda x^\sigma. x \ x : \sigma \rightarrow \tau_1} \text{ (Abs)}$$

Self-Application

$$\frac{x : \sigma \Rightarrow x : \tau_2 \rightarrow \tau_1 \quad x : \sigma \Rightarrow x : \tau_2}{x : \sigma \Rightarrow x x : \tau_1} \text{ (Ap)}$$
$$\frac{x : \sigma \Rightarrow x x : \tau_1}{\lambda x^\sigma. x x : \sigma \rightarrow \tau_1} \text{ (Abs)}$$

- The only way to derive $x : \sigma \Rightarrow x : \tau_2 \rightarrow \tau_1$ and $x : \sigma \Rightarrow x : \tau_2$ is by using the assumption rule.
- In order for $x : \sigma \Rightarrow x : \tau_2 \rightarrow \tau_1$ to be derivable by the assumption rule, we need $\sigma = \tau_2 \rightarrow \tau_1$.
- Similarly, in order to derive $x : \sigma \Rightarrow x : \tau_2$, we need $\tau_2 = \sigma$.
- So we have $\tau_2 \rightarrow \tau_1 = \sigma = \tau_2$.
- But $\tau_2 = \tau_2 \rightarrow \tau_1$ cannot be fulfilled, since $\tau_2 \rightarrow \tau_1$ is longer than τ_2 .
- So we cannot find types σ, τ s.t. $\lambda x^\sigma. x x : \tau$.