

Lambda terms practice — Solutions

In reductions below, we underline the *redex* — reducible expression — which is being contracted in each term.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SKK} &= (\lambda xyz.xz(yz))\text{KK} \\ &= (\lambda yz.\underline{\text{K}z(yz)})\text{K} \\ &= (\lambda z.\underline{\text{K}z(\text{K}z)}) \\ &= \lambda z.z \\ &= \text{I} \\ \text{BI} &= (\lambda xyz.x(yz))\text{I} \\ &= (\lambda yz.\underline{\text{I}(yz)}) \\ &= \lambda yz.(yz) \\ &= \lambda yz.yz \\ &= 1 \\ \text{SII} &= (\lambda xyz.xz(yz))\text{II} \\ &= (\lambda yz.\underline{\text{I}z(yz)})\text{I} \\ &= (\lambda z.\underline{\text{I}z(\text{I}z)}) \\ &= (\lambda z.z(\underline{\text{I}z})) \\ &= \lambda z.zz \\ &= \omega \\ \text{BI} &= (\lambda xyz.x(yz))\text{CS} \\ &= (\lambda yz.\underline{\text{C}(yz)})\text{S} \\ &= \lambda z.\text{C}(\text{S}z) \\ &= \lambda z.(\lambda xyz.xzy)(\text{S}z) \\ &= \alpha \lambda v.(\underline{\lambda xyz.xzy})(\text{S}v) \\ &= \lambda v.(\lambda yz.\underline{\text{S}vzy}) \\ &= \lambda vyz.\underline{\text{S}vzy} \\ &= \lambda vyz.vy(zy) \\ &= \alpha \lambda xyz.xy(zy) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
W\mathbf{WI} &= \underline{(\lambda xy.xyy)W\mathbf{I}} \\
&= \underline{(\lambda y.Wyy)\mathbf{I}} \\
&= W\mathbf{II} \\
&= \underline{(\lambda xy.xyy)\mathbf{II}} \\
&= \underline{(\lambda y.\mathbf{I}yy)\mathbf{I}} \\
&= \underline{\mathbf{III}} \\
&= \underline{\mathbf{II}} \\
&= \mathbf{I} \\
W\mathbf{IW} &= \underline{(\lambda xy.xyy)\mathbf{IW}} \\
&= \underline{(\lambda y.\mathbf{I}yy)W} \\
&= \underline{\mathbf{IW}W} \\
&= WW \\
&= (\lambda xy.xyy)W \\
&= \lambda y.Wyy \\
&= \lambda y.(\lambda x'y'.x'y'y')yy \\
&= \lambda y.yyy \\
&=_{\alpha} \lambda x.fff \\
W\mathbf{WW} &= \underline{(\lambda xy.xyy)WW} \\
&= \underline{(\lambda y.Wyy)W} \\
&= WW
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\lambda xy.y(xy))\omega(\lambda z.z\mathbf{I}) &= \underline{(\lambda xy.y(xy))\omega(\lambda z.z\mathbf{I})} \\
&= \underline{(\lambda y.y(\omega y))(\lambda z.z\mathbf{I})} \\
&= \underline{(\lambda z.z\mathbf{I})(\omega(\lambda z.z\mathbf{I}))} \\
&= (\omega(\lambda z.z\mathbf{I}))\mathbf{I} \\
&= \omega(\lambda z.z\mathbf{I})\mathbf{I} \\
&= \underline{(\lambda x.xx)(\lambda z.z\mathbf{I})\mathbf{I}} \\
&= \underline{(\lambda z.z\mathbf{I})(\lambda z.z\mathbf{I})\mathbf{I}} \\
&= \underline{((\lambda z.z\mathbf{I})\mathbf{I})\mathbf{I}} \\
&= (\underline{\mathbf{II}})\mathbf{I} \\
&= \mathbf{II} \\
&= \mathbf{I}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\lambda v.v\mathbf{K})[M,N] &= \underline{(\lambda v.v\mathbf{K})[M,N]} \\
&= [M,N]\mathbf{K} \\
&= (\lambda z.zMN)\mathbf{K} \\
&= \mathbf{K}MN \\
&= M
\end{aligned}
\quad (\text{since } z \notin M, N)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\lambda v.v\mathbf{c}_0)[M,N] &= \underline{(\lambda v.v\mathbf{c}_0)[M,N]} \\
&= [M,N]\mathbf{c}_0 \\
&= (\lambda z.zMN)\mathbf{c}_0 \\
&= \mathbf{c}_0 MN \\
&= \underline{(\lambda fz.z)MN} \\
&= \underline{(\lambda z.z)N} \\
&= N
\end{aligned}
\quad (\text{since } z \notin M, N)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{c}_2\mathbf{K}xyz &= \underline{(\lambda fz.f(fz))\mathbf{K}xyz} \\
&= \underline{(\lambda z.\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{K}z))xyz} \\
&= \underline{\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{K}x)yz} \\
&= \underline{(\mathbf{K}x)z} \\
&= x
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
S^+\mathbf{c}_2 &= \underline{(\lambda nfz.f(nfz))\mathbf{c}_2} \\
&= \lambda fz.f(\mathbf{c}_2 fz) \\
&= \lambda fz.f(\underline{(\lambda f'z'.f'(f'z'))fz}) \\
&= \lambda fz.f(\underline{(\lambda z'.f(fz'))z}) \\
&= \lambda fz.f(f(fz)) \\
&= \mathbf{c}_3
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
c_+ c_2 c_3 &= \underline{(\lambda m n f z. m f(n f z))} c_2 c_3 \\
&= \underline{(\lambda n f z. c_2 f(n f z))} c_3 \\
&= (\lambda f z. c_2 f(c_3 f z)) \\
&= \lambda f z. c_2 f(\underline{(\lambda f' z'. f'(f'(f' z')))} f z) \\
&= \lambda f z. c_2 f(\underline{(\lambda z'. f(f(z')))} z) \\
&= \lambda f z. c_2 f(f(f(f z))) \\
&= \lambda f z. \underline{(\lambda f' z'. f'(f' z'))} f(f(f(f z))) \\
&= \lambda f z. \underline{(\lambda z'. f(f z'))} (f(f(f(f z)))) \\
&= \lambda f z. f(f(f(f(f z)))) \\
&= c_5 \\
c_\times c_2 c_3 &= \underline{(\lambda m n f. m(n f))} c_2 c_3 \\
&= \underline{(\lambda n f. c_2(n f))} c_3 \\
&= (\lambda f. c_2(c_3 f)) \\
&= \lambda f. (\lambda f z. f(f z))(c_3 f) \\
&\stackrel{\alpha}{=} \lambda f. \underline{(\lambda g z. g(g z))} (c_3 f) \\
&= \lambda f. (\lambda z. (c_3 f)((c_3 f)z)) \\
&= \lambda f. \lambda z. c_3 f(c_3 f z) \\
&= \lambda f z. c_3 f(\underline{(\lambda f' z'. f'(f'(f' z')))} f z) \\
&= \lambda f z. c_3 f(\underline{(\lambda z'. f(f(z')))} z) \\
&= \lambda f z. c_3 f(f(f(f z))) \\
&= \lambda f z. \underline{(\lambda f' z'. f'(f'(f' z')))} f(f(f(f z))) \\
&= \lambda f z. \underline{(\lambda z'. f(f(f(z'))))} (f(f(f z))) \\
&= \lambda f z. f(f(f(f(f(f z)))))) \\
&= c_6
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
c_1 c_2 c_3 &= \underline{(\lambda mn.nm)c_2} c_3 \\
&= \underline{(\lambda n.n c_2)} c_3 \\
&= c_3 c_2 \\
&= (\lambda fz.f(f(fz)))c_2 \\
&= \lambda z.c_2(c_2(c_2z)) \\
&= \alpha \lambda x.c_2(c_2(c_2x)) \\
&= \lambda x.\underline{(\lambda fz.f(fz))}(c_2(c_2x)) \\
&= \lambda x.\left(\lambda z.(c_2(c_2x))\left((c_2(c_2x))z\right)\right) \\
&= \lambda x.\lambda z.(c_2(c_2x))(c_2(c_2x)z) \\
&= \lambda xz.c_2(c_2x)(c_2(c_2x)z) \\
&= \alpha \lambda xy.c_2(c_2x)(c_2(c_2x)y) \\
&= \lambda xy.c_2(c_2x)\left(\underline{(\lambda fz.f(fz))(c_2x)}y\right) \\
&= \lambda xy.c_2(c_2x)\left((c_2x)((c_2x)y)\right) \\
&= \lambda xy.c_2(c_2x)\left(c_2x(c_2xy)\right) \\
&= \lambda xy.c_2(c_2x)\left(c_2x\underline{((\lambda fz.f(fz))xy)}\right) \\
&= \lambda xy.c_2(c_2x)\left(c_2x(x(xy))\right) \\
&= \lambda xy.c_2(c_2x)\left(\underline{(\lambda fz.f(fz))}x(x(xy))\right) \\
&= \lambda xy.c_2(c_2x)\left((\lambda z.x(xz))(x(xy))\right) \\
&= \lambda xy.c_2(c_2x)\left(x(x(x(xy))))\right) \\
&= \lambda xy.c_2(c_2x)(x^4y) \\
&= \lambda xy.\underline{(\lambda fz.f(fz))}(c_2x)(x^4y) \\
&= \lambda xy.\left((c_2x)((c_2x)(x^4y))\right) \\
&= \lambda xy.c_2x(c_2x(x^4y)) \\
&= \lambda xy.c_2x\underline{((\lambda fz.f(fz))x(x^4y))} \\
&= \lambda xy.c_2x(x(x(x^4y))) \\
&= \lambda xy.\underline{(\lambda fz.f(fz))}x(x^6y) \\
&= \lambda xy.\left(x(x(x^6y))\right) \\
&= \lambda xy.x^8y \\
&= c_8
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
c_4 \text{CK} &= (\lambda f z. f(f(f(fz)))) \text{CK} \\
&= C(C(C(\text{CK}))) \\
&= (\underline{\lambda xyz. xzy})(C(C(\text{CK}))) \\
&= \lambda yz. (C(C(\text{CK})))zy \\
&= \lambda yz. \underline{(\lambda x'y'z'. x'z'y')}(C(\text{CK}))zy \\
&= \lambda yz. (C(\text{CK}))yz \\
&= \lambda yz. \underline{(\lambda x'y'z'. x'z'y')}(C\text{K})yz \\
&= \lambda yz. (C\text{K})zy \\
&= \lambda yz. \underline{(\lambda x'y'z'. x'z'y')} \text{K} zy \\
&= \lambda yz. \underline{\text{K}yz} \\
&= \lambda yz. y \\
&= \text{K}
\end{aligned}$$