

# Programming Language Theory

## Untyped $\lambda$ -Calculus

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# Untyped $\lambda$ -Calculus: Statics

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# $\lambda$ -calculus: Terms

Let  $V := \{x, y, z, \dots\}$  be a countably infinite set of *variables*.

## Definition 1 (Syntax of $\lambda$ -calculus)

The formation  $M : \mathbf{Term}_\lambda$  is defined by

1. Variable:

$$\frac{x \in V}{x : \mathbf{Term}_\lambda} \text{ (var)}$$

2. Function application of  $M$  to the argument  $N$ :

$$\frac{M : \mathbf{Term}_\lambda \quad N : \mathbf{Term}_\lambda}{M N : \mathbf{Term}_\lambda} \text{ (app)}$$

3. Function abstraction with an argument  $x$  and a function body  $M$ :

$$\frac{M : \mathbf{Term}_\lambda \quad x \in V}{\lambda x. M : \mathbf{Term}_\lambda} \text{ (abs)}$$

## Examples and non-examples

1.  $(x\ y)\ z$
2.  $x\ (y\ z)$
3.  $\lambda x. y$
4.  $\lambda x. x$
5.  $\lambda s. (\lambda z. (s\ z))$
6.  $\lambda a. (\lambda b. (a\ (\lambda c. a\ b)))$
7.  $(\lambda x. x)\ (\lambda y. y)$

The following are NOT examples

1.  $\lambda(\lambda x. x). y$
2.  $\lambda x.$
3.  $\lambda. x$
4.  $\dots$

# Closed terms

A term  $M$  is **closed** if each variable which occurs in  $M$  are captured by an abstraction.

Put differently,  $M$  is closed if every variable is in scope.

Closed terms:

1.  $\lambda x. x$
2.  $\lambda s. (\lambda z. (s\ z))$
3.  $\lambda a. (\lambda b. (a\ (\lambda c. a\ b)))$
4.  $(\lambda x. x)\ (\lambda y. y)$

Open terms:

1.  $(x\ y)\ z$
2.  $x\ (y\ z)$
3.  $\lambda x. y$

# Conventions

## Consecutive abstractions

$$\lambda x_1 x_2 \dots x_n. M := \lambda x_1. (\lambda x_2. (\dots (\lambda x_n. M) \dots))$$

## Consecutive applications

$$M_1 M_2 M_3 \dots M_n := (\dots ((M_1 M_2) M_3) \dots) M_n$$

## Function body extends as far right as possible

$$\lambda x. M N := \lambda x. (M N)$$

instead of  $(\lambda x. M) N$ .

For example,  $\lambda x_1. (\lambda x_2. x_1) \equiv \lambda x_1 x_2. x_1$  and  $x y z$  means  $(x y) z$ .

**Warning.** We apply these rules in our *meta-language*.

# Meta-language and object-language

- *Meta-language* is the language we use to describe the object of study. E.g. English, or naive set theory.
- *Object-language* is the object of study. E.g., arithmetic expressions and  $\lambda$ -terms.

*Naming* a function is not supported in  $\lambda$ -calculus, so the following

$$\mathbf{id} := \lambda x. x$$

happens in the meta-language.

1.  $\mathbf{id}$  is a symbol different from ' $\lambda x. x$ ' in the meta-language.
2.  $\mathbf{id}$  and  $\lambda x. x$  are *syntactically equivalent* denoted by

$$\mathbf{id} \equiv \lambda x. x$$

in the object language.



## Example 2 (Identity function)

$\text{id} := \lambda x. x$

## Example 3 (Projections)

$\text{fst} := \lambda x. \lambda y. x$    and    $\text{snd} := \lambda x. \lambda y. y$

## Example 4 (Church encoding of Natural numbers)

$c_0$	$:=$	$\lambda f x. x$
$c_1$	$:=$	$\lambda f x. f x$
$c_2$	$:=$	$\lambda f x. f (f x)$
$c_3$	$:=$	$\lambda f x. f (f (f (x)))$
	$\vdots$	

# $\alpha$ -equivalence, informally

## Definition 5

Two terms  $M$  and  $N$  are  $\alpha$ -equivalent

$$M =_{\alpha} N$$

if variables *bound* by abstractions can be renamed to derive the same term.

## Example 6

1.  $\lambda x. x$  and  $\lambda y. y$  are distinct  $\lambda$ -terms but  $\lambda x. x =_{\alpha} \lambda y. y$ .
2.  $\lambda x. \lambda y. y =_{\alpha} \lambda z. \lambda y. y$ .
3.  $\lambda x. \lambda y. x \neq_{\alpha} \lambda x. \lambda y. y$ .

$\alpha$ -equivalent terms are *programs of the same structure*.

# Evaluation, informally

The **evaluation** of  $\lambda$ -calculus happens in this form

$$\underbrace{(\lambda x. M) N}_{\beta\text{-redex}} \longrightarrow \underbrace{M [N/x]}_{\text{substitution of } N \text{ for } x \text{ in } M}$$

For example,  $(\lambda x. x + 1) 3 \rightarrow 3 + 1$ .

How to evaluate the following terms?

1.  $(\lambda x. x) z$
2.  $(\lambda x y. x) y$
3.  $(\lambda y y. y) x$

# Equality, equality, equality!

Moreover, we will have different notions of **equality**.

- $1 + 1 \not\equiv_{\alpha} 2$
- $1 + 1 \longrightarrow_{\beta^*} 2$  but  $2 \not\longrightarrow_{\beta^*} 1 + 1$
- $1 + 1 =_{\beta} 2$

Each of above statements says the following.

- $1 + 1$  is a different expression from  $2$ .
- $1 + 1$  reduces to  $2$ , but  $2$  does not reduce to  $1 + 1$ .
- $1 + 1$  and  $2$  have the same computational meaning.

# Free and bound variables

## Definition 7

The set **FV** of free variables of a term  $M$  is defined by

$$\mathbf{FV}(x) = \{x\}$$

$$\mathbf{FV}(\lambda x. M) = \mathbf{FV}(M) - \{x\}$$

$$\mathbf{FV}(M N) = \mathbf{FV}(M) \cup \mathbf{FV}(N)$$

$$\mathbf{FV}(x y z) = \mathbf{FV}(x y) \cup \mathbf{FV}(z) = \mathbf{FV}(x) \cup \mathbf{FV}(y) \cup \{z\} = \{x, y, z\}$$

## Definition 8

1. A variable  $y$  in  $M$  is **free** if  $y \in \mathbf{FV}(M)$ .
2. A  $\lambda$ -term  $M$  is **closed** if  $\mathbf{FV}(M) = \emptyset$ .

## Exercise: free variables

Calculate the set of free variables of following terms:

1.  $x (y z)$
2.  $\lambda x. y$
3.  $\lambda x. x$
4.  $\lambda s z. (s z)$
5.  $(\lambda x. x) \lambda y. y$

## Exercise: bound variables

A variable  $x$  in a term  $M$  is called *bound* if it is not free.

Define

- **Var**( $M$ ) the set of variables of a term  $M$  by structural recursion on  $\Lambda$ .
- **BV**( $M$ ) the set of bound variables.

# Untyped $\lambda$ -Calculus: Substitution

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# Substitution

A **substitution** is a process of replacing *free* variables by another terms (on the meta-level).

The name of a variable does not matter but the location does.  
So, ...

1. bound variables should remain bound after substitution.
2. other free variables should remain free after substitution.

Concretely, we want to avoid ...

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

# Naive substitution I

## Definition 9

For  $x \in V$  and  $L : \mathbf{Term}_\lambda$ , the substitution of  $L$  for  $x$  is defined by

$$x[L/x] = L$$

$$y[L/x] = y \quad \text{if } x \neq y$$

$$(M \ N)[L/x] = M[L/x] \ N[L/x]$$

$$(\lambda y. M)[L/x] = \lambda y. M[L/x]$$

A bound variable may become free.

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

# Naive substitution II

## Definition 10

For  $x \in V$  and  $L : \mathbf{Term}_\lambda$ , the substitution of  $L$  for  $x$  is defined by

$$x[L/x] = L$$

$$y[L/x] = y \quad \text{if } x \neq y$$

$$(M N)[L/x] = M[L/x] N[L/x]$$

$$(\lambda y. M)[L/x] = \lambda y. M[L/x] \quad \text{if } x \neq y$$

$$(\lambda y. M)[L/x] = \lambda y. M \quad \text{if } x = y$$

A variable may be captured by an abstraction.

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

# Capture-avoiding substitution

Capture-avoiding substitution of  $L$  for the **free occurrences** of  $x$  is a *partial* function  $(\cdot)[L/x]: \mathbf{Term}_\lambda \rightarrow \mathbf{Term}_\lambda$  defined by

$$x[L/x] = L$$

$$y[L/x] = y \quad \text{if } x \neq y$$

$$(MN)[L/x] = (M[L/x] N[L/x])$$

$$(\lambda x. M)[L/x] = \lambda x. M$$

$$(\lambda y. M)[L/x] = \lambda y. M[L/x] \quad \text{if } x \neq y \text{ and } y \notin \mathbf{FV}(L)$$

## Definition 11 (Freshness)

A variable  $y$  is **fresh** for  $L$  if  $y \notin \mathbf{FV}(L)$ .

# Renaming of bound variables

If a variable  $y$  is *fresh* for  $M$ , the bound variable  $x$  of  $\lambda x. M$  can be renamed to  $y$  without changing the meaning.

## Definition 12 ( $\alpha$ -conversion)

$\alpha$ -conversion is a relation  $\rightarrow_\alpha$  defined by

$$(\lambda x. M) \rightarrow_\alpha \lambda y. M[y/x] \quad \text{if } y \text{ is fresh for } M.$$

Yet,  $M (\lambda x. x) \rightarrow_\alpha M (\lambda y. y)$  does not hold.

## Definition 13 ( $\alpha$ -equivalence)

$$\frac{M_1 \rightarrow_{\alpha} M_2}{M_1 =_{\alpha} M_2}$$

$$\frac{M_1 =_{\alpha} M_2}{(M_1 N) =_{\alpha} (M_2 N)}$$

$$\frac{M_1 =_{\alpha} M_2}{M_2 =_{\alpha} M_1}$$

$$\frac{N_1 =_{\alpha} N_2}{(M N_1) =_{\alpha} (M N_2)}$$

$$\frac{M_1 =_{\alpha} M_2 \quad M_2 =_{\alpha} M_3}{M_1 =_{\alpha} M_3}$$

$$\frac{M_1 =_{\alpha} M_2}{(\lambda x. M_1) =_{\alpha} (\lambda x. M_2)}$$

$(\lambda y. y) (\lambda x. x) =_{\alpha} (\lambda x. x) (\lambda y. y)$ . Why? Apply our rules!

Proof.

$$\frac{\lambda x. x \rightarrow_{\alpha} \lambda y. x[y/x]}{\lambda x. x =_{\alpha} \lambda y. y}$$

$$\frac{\lambda y. y \rightarrow_{\alpha} \lambda x. y[x/y]}{\lambda y. y =_{\alpha} \lambda x. x}$$

$$\frac{(\lambda y. y) (\lambda x. x) =_{\alpha} (\lambda y. y) (\lambda y. y) \quad (\lambda y. y) (\lambda y. y) =_{\alpha} (\lambda x. x) (\lambda y. y)}{(\lambda y. y) (\lambda x. x) =_{\alpha} (\lambda x. x) (\lambda y. y)}$$

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## Exercise

Which of the following pairs are  $\alpha$ -equivalent? Why?

1.  $x$  and  $y$
2.  $\lambda x y. y$  and  $\lambda z y. y$
3.  $\lambda x y. x$  and  $\lambda y x. y$
4.  $\lambda x y. x$  and  $\lambda x y. y$

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

### Convention

Terms are equal up to  $\alpha$ -equivalence of bound variables.

Feel free to rename any bound variable whenever convenient.



# Untyped $\lambda$ -Calculus: Dynamics

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## Definition 14 ( $\beta$ -conversion)

$\beta$ -conversion is defined by

$$\underbrace{(\lambda x. M) N}_{\beta\text{-redex}} \longrightarrow_{\beta} M[N/x]$$

Good:

$$((\lambda x. \lambda y. x) M) \longrightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda y. x)[M/x] = \lambda y. x[M/x] = \lambda y. M$$

Bad:

$$((\lambda x y. x) M) N \longrightarrow_{\beta} ?$$

# Full $\beta$ -reduction

## Definition 15

The **full  $\beta$ -reduction** is defined by

$$\frac{M_1 \longrightarrow_{\beta} M_2}{M_1 \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} M_2}$$

$$\frac{M_1 \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} M_2}{M_1 N \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} M_2 N}$$

$$\frac{M_1 \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} M_2}{\lambda x. M_1 \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} \lambda x. M_2}$$

$$\frac{N_1 \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} N_2}{M N_1 \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} M N_2}$$

$M \longrightarrow_{\beta*} M'$  denotes there are finitely many  $M_i$  such that

$$M_0 \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} M_1 \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} \dots M_i \dots \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} M'$$

with  $M = M_0$  and  $M_n = M'$  (where  $n$  can be 0).

## $\alpha$ -conversion during $\beta$ -conversion

Renaming of bound variables may need to happen during reduction:

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z x. z x) &\longrightarrow_{\beta 1} (\lambda z x. z x) (\lambda z x. z x) \\ &\longrightarrow_{\beta 1} \lambda x. (\lambda z x. z x) x \\ &=_{\alpha} \lambda x. (\lambda z y. z y) x \\ &\longrightarrow_{\beta 1} \lambda x. (\lambda y. x y) \end{aligned}$$

Even worse, we actually need infinitely many variables:

$$(\lambda y. y s y) (\lambda t z x. z (t x) z)$$

### Exercise

Evaluate the above term.

# Computational meaning

## Definition 16

$M$  and  $N$  have the same *computational meaning* if  $M =_{\beta} N$  where  $=_{\beta}$  is defined inductively by

$$\frac{M \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} N}{M =_{\beta} N}$$

$$\frac{M =_{\beta} N}{N =_{\beta} M}$$

$$\frac{}{M =_{\beta} M}$$

$$\frac{L =_{\beta} M \quad M =_{\beta} N}{L =_{\beta} N}$$

- $c_2 =_{\beta} (\lambda x y. y) c_1 c_2$
- $\lambda z. (\lambda x y. x) z =_{\beta} \lambda z y. z$

# Programming in $\lambda$ -Calculus

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# Church encoding of boolean values

Boolean and conditional can be encoded as combinators.

## Boolean

`True`  $:=$   $\lambda x y. x$

`False`  $:=$   $\lambda x y. y$

## Conditional

`if`  $:= \lambda b x y. b x y$

`if True`  $M N \longrightarrow_{\beta^*} M$

`if False`  $M N \longrightarrow_{\beta^*} N$

for any two  $\lambda$ -terms  $M$  and  $N$ .

# Church Encoding of natural numbers i

Natural numbers can be encoded as  $\lambda$ -terms, so can arithmetic operations.

## Church numerals

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathbf{c}_0 & := & \lambda f x. x \\ \mathbf{c}_1 & := & \lambda f x. f x \\ \mathbf{c}_2 & := & \lambda f x. f (f x) \\ \mathbf{c}_{n+1} & := & \lambda f x. f^{n+1} (x) \end{array}$$

where  $f^1(x) := f x$  and  $f^{n+1}(x) := f (f^n(x))$ .



# Church Encoding of natural numbers ii

## Successor

$$\text{succ} \quad := \quad \lambda n. \lambda f x. f(n f x)$$

$$\text{succ } c_n \quad \longrightarrow_{\beta*} \quad c_{n+1}$$

for any natural number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

## Addition

$$\text{add} \quad := \quad \lambda n m. \lambda f x. n f (m f x)$$

$$\text{add } c_n c_m \quad \longrightarrow_{\beta*} \quad c_{n+m}$$

# Church Encoding of natural numbers iii

## Conditional

$\text{ifz} \quad \quad \quad := \lambda n x y. n (\lambda z. y) x$

$\text{ifz } c_0 M N \quad \quad \longrightarrow_{\beta^*} M$

$\text{ifz } c_{n+1} M N \quad \longrightarrow_{\beta^*} N$

## Predecessor

$\text{pred} \quad \quad \quad := \quad \quad \quad \lambda n. \lambda f x. ?$

$\text{pred } c_0 \quad \quad \quad \longrightarrow_{\beta^*} \quad c_0$

$\text{pred } c_{n+1} \quad \longrightarrow_{\beta^*} \quad c_n$

## Exercise

1. Define the *flip* operation, i.e. a  $\lambda$ -term **flip** such that

$$\mathbf{flip} \ M \ N \ P =_{\beta} M \ P \ N$$

2. Define Boolean operations **not**, **and**, and **or**.
3. Evaluate **succ**  $c_0$  and **add**  $c_1 \ c_2$ .
4. Define the multiplication **mult** over Church numerals.
5. (Hard) Define **pred** so that **pred**  $c_0 =_{\beta} c_0$  and **pred**  $c_{n+1} =_{\beta} c_n$ .

## General Recursion, informally

The summation  $\sum_{i=0}^n i$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  can be defined as

$$\text{sum}(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ n + \text{sum}(n-1) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Can we avoid the self-reference? Consider the function  $G: (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow (\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N})$  defined by

$$(Gf)(n) := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ n + f(n-1) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

If  $G(\text{sum}') = \text{sum}'$ , then  $\text{sum}' = \text{sum}$ .

# Curry's paradoxical combinator

## Proposition 17

*Define*

$$Y := \lambda f. (\lambda x. f(x x)) (\lambda x. f(x x)).$$

*Then,*

$$\begin{aligned} YF &\longrightarrow_{\beta 1} (\lambda x. F(x x)) (\lambda x. F(x x)) \\ &\longrightarrow_{\beta 1} F((\lambda x. F(x x)) (\lambda x. F(x x))) \end{aligned}$$

*for every  $\lambda$ -term  $F$ .*

## Summation, formally

Using the combinators we have known so far, the equation (1) can be defined as  $\lambda$ -terms:

$$G := \lambda f n. \text{ifz } n \text{ } c_0 \text{ } (\text{add } n \text{ } (f \text{ } (\text{pred } n)))$$
$$\text{sum} := YG$$

For example

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sum } c_1 &\equiv (YG) \text{ } c_1 \\ &\longrightarrow_{\beta 1} G' \text{ } c_1 \\ &\longrightarrow_{\beta 1} G \text{ } G' \text{ } c_1 \\ &\longrightarrow_{\beta 1} (\lambda n. \text{ifz } n \text{ } c_0 \text{ } (\text{add } n \text{ } (G' \text{ } (\text{pred } n)))) \text{ } c_1 \\ &\longrightarrow_{\beta 1} \text{ifz } c_1 \text{ } c_0 \text{ } (\text{add } c_1 \text{ } (G' \text{ } (\text{pred } c_1))) \\ &\longrightarrow_{\beta 1} \dots \end{aligned}$$

where  $G' := ((\lambda x. G \text{ } (x \text{ } x)) (\lambda x. G \text{ } (x \text{ } x)))$ .

# Turing's fixed-point combinator

Here is a fixed-point operator such that  $\Theta F \longrightarrow_{\beta^*} F(\Theta F)$ .

## Proposition 18

*Define*

$$\Theta := (\lambda x f. f(x x f)) (\lambda x f. f(x x f))$$

*Then,*

$$\Theta F \longrightarrow_{\beta^*} F(\Theta F)$$

Try Turing's fixed-point combinator with  $G$  to define  $\sum_{i=0}^n i$ .

$$\begin{aligned} G &:= \lambda f n. \text{ifz } n \text{ c}_0 (\text{add } n (f(\text{pred } n))) \\ \text{sum} &:= \Theta G \end{aligned}$$

## Exercise

1. Evaluate  $\text{sum } c_1$  to its normal form in detail.
2. Define the factorial  $n!$  on Church numerals with Turing's fixed-point combinator.



# Properties of $\lambda$ -Calculus

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### Example 19

Suppose  $M : \mathbf{Term}_\lambda$  and  $y \notin \mathbf{FV}(M)$ . Then, consider

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

Observations:

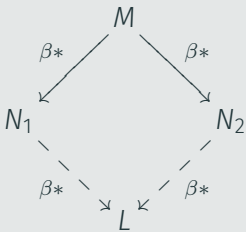
- Some evaluation may diverge while some may converge.
- Full  $\beta$ -reduction lacks for determinacy.

Question:

- Does every path give the same evaluation?

## Theorem 20 (Church-Rosser)

Given  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  with  $M \rightarrow_{\beta^*} N_1$  and  $M \rightarrow_{\beta^*} N_2$ , there is  $L$  such that



# Normal form

$M$  is in *normal form* if  $M \not\rightarrow_{\beta^1}$ .

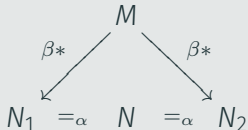
## Lemma 21

Suppose that  $M$  is in normal form. Then

$$M \rightarrow_{\beta^*} N \implies M =_{\alpha} N.$$

## Corollary 22 (Uniqueness of normal forms)

Suppose that  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are in normal form. Then,



# Computationally equal terms have a confluent term

## Corollary 23

*If  $M =_{\beta} N$ , then there exists  $L$  satisfying*



## Proof sketch.

By induction on the derivation of  $M =_{\beta} N$ .

For example, if  $M \rightarrow_{\beta 1} N$ , then choose  $L$  as  $N$ .

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## Evaluation strategies i

An evaluation strategy is a procedure of selecting  $\beta$ -redexes to reduce. It is a subset  $\longrightarrow_{\text{ev}}$  of the full  $\beta$ -reduction  $\longrightarrow_{\beta 1}$ .

**Innermost  $\beta$ -redex** does not contain any  $\beta$ -redex.

**Outermost  $\beta$ -redex** is not contained in any other  $\beta$ -redex.

## Evaluation strategies ii

the leftmost-outermost (*normal order*) strategy reduces the leftmost outermost  $\beta$ -redex in a term first. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} & \underline{(\lambda x. (\lambda y. y) x)} \quad \underline{(\lambda x. (\lambda y. y y) x)} \\ \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} & \underline{(\lambda y. y)} \quad \underline{(\lambda x. (\lambda y. y y) x)} \\ \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} & \lambda x. \underline{(\lambda y. y y)} \quad \underline{x} \\ \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} & (\lambda x. x x) \\ \not\longrightarrow_{\beta 1} & \end{aligned}$$

## Evaluation strategies iii

**the leftmost-innermost strategy** reduces the leftmost innermost  $\beta$ -redex in a term first. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda x. (\lambda y. y) \ x) (\lambda x. (\lambda y. y y) x) \\ \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} & (\lambda x. x) (\lambda x. (\lambda y. y y) \ x) \\ \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} & (\lambda x. x) \ (\lambda x. x x) \\ \longrightarrow_{\beta 1} & (\lambda x. x x) \\ \not\longrightarrow_{\beta 1} & \end{aligned}$$

**the rightmost-innermost/outermost strategy** are defined similarly where terms are reduced from right to left instead.



**Call-by-value strategy** rightmost-outermost but not under any abstraction

**Call-by-name strategy** leftmost-outermost but not under any abstraction

### Proposition 24 (Determinacy)

*Each of evaluation strategies is deterministic, i.e. if*

*$M \rightarrow_{\beta 1} N_1$  and  $M \rightarrow_{\beta 1} N_2$  then  $N_1 = N_2$ .*

## Exercise

Define following terms

$$\Omega := (\lambda x. x x) (\lambda x. x x)$$

$$K_1 := \lambda x y. x$$

Evaluate

$$K_1 z \Omega$$

using the call-by-value and the call-by-name strategy respectively.

## Definition 25

1.  $M$  is in *normal form* if  $M \not\rightarrow_{\beta_1} N$  for any  $N$ .
2.  $M$  is *weakly normalising* if  $M \rightarrow_{\beta^*} N$  for some  $N$  in normal form.

1.  $\Omega$  is not weakly normalising.
2.  $K_1$  is normal and thus weakly normalising.
3.  $K_1 z \Omega$  is weakly normalising.

## Theorem 26

*The normal order strategy reduces every weakly normalising term to a normal form.*

# Homework

1. (25%) Show that  $\longrightarrow_{\beta^*}$  is transitive, i.e.  $L \longrightarrow_{\beta^*} N$  whenever  $L \longrightarrow_{\beta^*} M$  and  $M \longrightarrow_{\beta^*} N$ . **Hint.** By induction on  $L \longrightarrow_{\beta^*} M$ .
2. (25%) Show Lemma 21
3. (25%) Show Corollary 22
4. (25%) Show Corollary 23.