

# 1 Hacking with the untyped call-by-value lambda calculus

In this exercise, you have to implement some operations for Church encoding of lists. There are several ways to Church encode a list, among which Church encoding based on its right fold function is more popular. As an example, an empty list (`nil`) and the `cons` construct are represented as follows in this encoding:

```
nil = λc. λn. n
cons = λh. λt. λc. λn. c h (t c n)
```

As another example, a list of 3 elements  $x, y, z$  is encoded as:

```
λc. λn. c x (c y (c z n))
```

The complete list of predefined operations can be found in the appendix, and only these operations can be used in the exercise. Define the following operations on a list:

1. (2 points) The *map* function which applies the given function to each element of the given list.
2. (2 points) The *length* function which returns the size of the given list. The result should be in Church encoding.
3. (2 points) The *sum* function which returns the sum of all elements of the given list. Assume all elements and the result are Church encoded numbers.
4. (2 points) The *concat* function which concatenates two input lists.
5. (2 points) The *exists* function which checks if there is any element satisfying the given predicate. The given predicate and the result should be both in Church encoding.

## 2 Simply typed SKI combinators

In this exercise we're going to explore an alternative calculus called SKI that's based on three combinators: S, K and I instead of lambda abstraction. Those combinators can be translated into STLC as derived forms:

$$I[T] = \lambda x : T. x \quad (\text{D-I})$$

$$K[T, U] = \lambda x : T. \lambda y : U. x \quad (\text{D-K})$$

$$S[T, U, W] = \lambda x : T \rightarrow U \rightarrow W. \lambda y : T \rightarrow U. \lambda z : T. xz(yz) \quad (\text{D-S})$$

An interesting aspect of SKI is that those combinators are sufficient to exclude lambda abstraction from the language without loss of expressiveness. More concretely the system has the following syntax:

$t$	$::=$	<b>terms :</b>
	$I[T]$	$I$ combinator
	$K[T, U]$	$K$ combinator
	$S[T, U, W]$	$S$ combinator
	$t t$	Application
$u, v, w$	$::=$	<b>values :</b>
	$I[T]$	$I$ combinator
	$K[T, U]$	$K$ combinator (1)
	$K[T, U] v$	$K$ combinator (2)
	$S[T, U, W]$	$S$ combinator (1)
	$S[T, U, W] v$	$S$ combinator (2)
	$S[T, U, W] v v$	$S$ combinator (3)
$T, U, V, W$	$::=$	<b>types :</b>
	$T \rightarrow T$	Function type

Values in this language are the aforementioned combinators as well as their partially applied versions.

Questions:

- Provide small-step reduction rules assuming call-by-value evaluation semantics (4 points).
- Provide typing rules  $\Gamma \vdash t : T$  and prove the *preservation* property (6 points).

**Note:** There is no lambda abstraction in the language any longer. You may not use it as a means to express typing or evaluation rules.

### 3 Appendix

#### 3.1 The call-by-value simply typed lambda calculus

The complete reference of the variant of simply typed lambda calculus (with *Bool* ground type representing the type of values *true* and *false*) used in “The call-by-value simply typed lambda calculus with returns” is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
v &::= \lambda x : T. t \mid bv && (\text{values}) \\
bv &::= \mathbf{true} \mid \mathbf{false} && (\text{boolean values}) \\
t &::= x \mid v \mid t \ t && (\text{terms}) \\
p &::= t && (\text{programs}) \\
T &::= \mathbf{Bool} \mid T \rightarrow T && (\text{types})
\end{aligned}$$

Evaluation rules:

$$\frac{t_1 \longrightarrow t'_1}{t_1 \ t_2 \longrightarrow t'_1 \ t_2} \quad (\text{E-APP1})$$

$$\frac{t_2 \longrightarrow t'_2}{v_1 \ t_2 \longrightarrow v_1 \ t'_2} \quad (\text{E-APP2})$$

$$(\lambda x : T_1. t_1) \ v_2 \longrightarrow [x \mapsto v_2]t_1 \quad (\text{E-APPABS})$$

Typing rules:

$$\frac{x : T \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : T} \quad (\text{T-VAR})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : T_1 \vdash t_2 : T_2}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x : T_1. t_2) : T_1 \rightarrow T_2} \quad (\text{T-ABS})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T_1}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 \ t_2 : T_2} \quad (\text{T-APP})$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{true} : \mathbf{Bool}} \quad (\text{T-FALSE})$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{false} : \mathbf{Bool}} \quad (\text{T-TRUE})$$