

# Computational model of lambda calculus

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# 1 General Definitions

**Definition 1.1.** An enumeration operator (or e-operator)  $\Psi^A$  is a r.e. set. For any  $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$

$$x \in \Psi^A \iff \exists u (\text{finite } D_u \subseteq A) \ \& \ ((x, u) \in \Psi) \quad (1)$$

**Definition 1.2.** If  $A$  is a r.e. set then  $\Psi_A$  is the enumeration operator defined by it, namely

$$x \in \Psi_A^B \iff \exists u (D_u \text{ is finite}) \ \& \ ((x, u) \in A \wedge D_u \subseteq B) \quad (2)$$

**Definition 1.3.** If  $\theta$  is an enumeration operator then  $G_\theta$  is a well-defined r.e. set defining it, namely

$$(x, u) \in G_\theta \iff x \in \theta^{D_u} \quad (3)$$

**Lemma 1.1.** If  $\Psi$  is an enumeration operator, then  $\Psi_{G_\Psi} = \Psi$

*Proof.* TO BE DONE @anton □

**Definition 1.4.** Let  $\eta$  be an assignment of r.e. sets to the variables of lambda calculus. With every  $\lambda$ -term  $E$  we inductively associate a r.e. set  $\llbracket E \rrbracket_\eta$ :

1.  $\llbracket x \rrbracket_\eta = \eta(x)$
2.  $\llbracket E_1 E_2 \rrbracket_\eta = \Psi_{\llbracket E_1 \rrbracket_\eta}(\llbracket E_2 \rrbracket_\eta)$
3.  $\llbracket \lambda x. E \rrbracket_\eta = G_{\lambda X. \llbracket E \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=X]}}$

Where  $\lambda X. \llbracket E \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=X]}$  is a function

$$A \in W \mapsto \llbracket E \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=A]} \quad (4)$$

**Lemma 1.2.** For any environment  $\eta$  and term  $t$ ,  $\llbracket t \rrbracket_\eta$  is a c.e. set.

*Proof.* By structural induction on the definition of  $\llbracket t \rrbracket_\eta$ .

1.  $\llbracket x \rrbracket_\eta = \eta(x)$  by definition
2. To show that  $\Psi_{\llbracket E_1 \rrbracket_\eta}(\llbracket E_2 \rrbracket_\eta)$  is a c.e. set we prove that  $\Psi_A^B$  is an enumeration operator which follows from

$$n \in \Psi_A^B \iff \exists u (D_u \subseteq B \ \& \ \langle n, u \rangle \in A) \quad (5)$$

3. To be done. □

**Lemma 1.3.** For the following theorem we will need one lemma beforehand for better readability, namely

$$\llbracket u \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\llbracket v \rrbracket_\eta]} = \llbracket u[x \mapsto v] \rrbracket_\eta \quad (6)$$

*Proof.* Structural induction on  $u$ .

1.  $u = x$ , then:

$$\llbracket x \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\llbracket v \rrbracket_\eta]} = \eta(x) = \llbracket v \rrbracket_\eta = \llbracket x[x \mapsto v] \rrbracket_\eta \quad (7)$$

2.  $u = y \neq x$ , then:

$$\llbracket y \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\llbracket v \rrbracket_\eta]} = \eta(y) = \llbracket y \rrbracket_\eta = \llbracket y[x \mapsto v] \rrbracket_\eta \quad (8)$$

3.  $u = pq$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket pq \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\llbracket v \rrbracket_\eta]} &\stackrel{def1.4.2}{=} \Psi_{\llbracket p \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\llbracket v \rrbracket_\eta]}}(\llbracket q \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\llbracket v \rrbracket_\eta]}) \\ &\stackrel{ind.hyp.}{=} \Psi_{\llbracket p[x \mapsto v] \rrbracket_\eta}(\llbracket q[x \mapsto v] \rrbracket_\eta) \\ &\stackrel{def1.4.2}{=} \llbracket p[x \mapsto v]q[x \mapsto v] \rrbracket_\eta \\ &\stackrel{defApp}{=} \llbracket pq[x \mapsto v] \rrbracket_\eta \end{aligned}$$

4.  $u = \lambda_y p$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \lambda_y p \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\llbracket v \rrbracket_\eta]} &\stackrel{def1.4.3}{=} G_{\Lambda Y. \llbracket p \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\llbracket v \rrbracket_\eta; y:=Y]}} \\ &\stackrel{ind.hyp.}{=} G_{\Lambda Y. \llbracket p[x \mapsto v] \rrbracket_{\eta[y:=Y]}} \\ &\stackrel{def1.4.3}{=} \llbracket \lambda_y p[x \mapsto v] \rrbracket_\eta \end{aligned}$$

□

**Theorem 1.4.** If  $E_1 \xrightarrow{\beta} E_2$  then  $\llbracket E_1 \rrbracket_\eta = \llbracket E_2 \rrbracket_\eta$  for any  $\eta$ .

*Proof.* We will prove one step of the  $\beta$  reduction and then by induction the rest will follow

We have that  $(\lambda x E_1)E_2 = E_1[x \mapsto E_2]$  and we will prove that  $\llbracket (\lambda x E_1)E_2 \rrbracket_\eta = \llbracket E_1[x \mapsto E_2] \rrbracket_\eta$

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket (\lambda x E_1)E_2 \rrbracket_\eta &\stackrel{def1.4.2}{=} \Psi_{\llbracket \lambda x E_1 \rrbracket_\eta}(\llbracket E_2 \rrbracket_\eta) \\ &\stackrel{def1.4.3}{=} \Psi_{G_{\Lambda X} \llbracket E_1 \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=X]}}(\llbracket E_2 \rrbracket_\eta) \\ &\stackrel{Lemma1.1}{=} \Lambda X \llbracket E_1 \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=X]}(\llbracket E_2 \rrbracket_\eta) \\ &\stackrel{def\Lambda}{=} \llbracket E_1 \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\llbracket E_2 \rrbracket_\eta]} \\ &\stackrel{Lemma1.3}{=} \llbracket E_1[x \mapsto E_2] \rrbracket_\eta \end{aligned}$$

□

**Definition 1.5.** We define the fixed point combinator  $Y$  to be:

$$Y \stackrel{def}{=} \lambda f.((\lambda x.f(x x)) ((\lambda x.f(x x))) \quad (9)$$

**Exercise 1.1.** Show that any  $\lambda$ -term  $F$  has fixed point  $YF$ , such that

$$YF = F(YF). \quad (10)$$

*Proof.*

$$\begin{aligned} YF &= ((\lambda x.F(x x)) ((\lambda x.F(x x))) \\ &= F((\lambda x.F(x x)) ((\lambda x.F(x x))) \\ &= F(\lambda f.((\lambda x.f(x x)) ((\lambda x.f(x x))F)) \\ &= F(YF) \end{aligned}$$

□

**Exercise 1.2.** Let  $\Psi$  be any e-operator. Show that  $\Psi$  can be expressed as:

$$\Psi = \Psi_{\llbracket x \rrbracket_\eta} \quad (11)$$

for suitable choice of assignment  $\eta$ .

*Proof.* Since  $\Psi$  is an e-operator, then  $\forall B \exists e : \Psi = \Phi_e$ , therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} n \in \Psi^B &\iff \exists u \langle n, u \rangle \in W_e \text{ \& } D_u \subseteq B \\ &\iff \exists u \langle n, u \rangle \in \llbracket x \rrbracket_\eta \text{ \& } D_u \subseteq B, \text{ where } \eta(x) = W_e \\ &\iff n \in \Psi_{\llbracket x \rrbracket_\eta}^B \end{aligned}$$

□

**Exercise 1.3.** Let  $\Psi$  be any e-operator. Show that  $\Psi$  has a r.e. fixed point  $W$ , such that:

$$\Psi^W = W \quad (12)$$

*Proof.* Let  $W = \llbracket Yx \rrbracket_\eta$ , then:

$$\llbracket Yx \rrbracket_\eta = \llbracket x(Yx) \rrbracket_\eta = \Phi_{\llbracket x \rrbracket_\eta}(\llbracket Yx \rrbracket_\eta) \quad (13)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n \in \Phi_{\llbracket x \rrbracket_\eta}(\llbracket Yx \rrbracket_\eta) &\iff \exists u \langle n, u \rangle \in \llbracket x \rrbracket_\eta \text{ \& } D_u \subseteq \llbracket Yx \rrbracket_\eta, \text{ let } \eta(x) = W_e \\ &\iff \exists u \langle n, u \rangle \in W_e \text{ \& } D_u \subseteq \llbracket Yx \rrbracket_\eta \\ &\iff \eta \in \Psi^{\llbracket Yx \rrbracket_\eta} \end{aligned}$$

□

**Exercise 1.4.** Show that for any assignment  $\eta$ :

$$\llbracket Yx \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\emptyset]} = \emptyset \quad (14)$$

*Proof.* We know that:

$$\llbracket Yx \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\emptyset]} = \llbracket x(Yx) \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\emptyset]} = \Phi_{\llbracket x \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\emptyset]}}(\llbracket Yx \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\emptyset]}) \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n \in \Phi_{\llbracket x \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\emptyset]}}(\llbracket Yx \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\emptyset]}) &\iff \exists u \langle n, u \rangle \in \llbracket x \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\emptyset]} \ \& \ D_u \subseteq \llbracket Yx \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\emptyset]} \\ &\iff \exists u \langle n, u \rangle \in \emptyset \ \& \ D_u \subseteq \llbracket Yx \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\emptyset]} \\ &\Rightarrow \neg \exists n : n \in \Phi_{\llbracket x \rrbracket_{\eta[x:=\emptyset]}} \end{aligned}$$

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