

1 Reduction and variable capture

1. Answer:

Non capture avoiding

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

Capture avoiding

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

2. Answer:

Non capture avoiding

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

Capture avoiding

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

3. Answer:

Non capture avoiding

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

Capture avoiding

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

4. Answer:

Non capture avoiding

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\lambda xyz. \lambda fgh. f x (g y) (h z)) h (\lambda ab. a (g b)) f \\
& =_{\beta} (\lambda yz. \lambda fgh. f h (g y) (h z)) (\lambda ab. a (g b)) f \\
& =_{\beta} (\lambda z. \lambda fgh. f h (g (\lambda ab. a (g b)))) (h z) f \\
& =_{\beta} \lambda fgh. f h (g (\lambda ab. a (g b))) (h f)
\end{aligned}$$

Capture avoiding

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\lambda xyz. \lambda fgh. f x (g y) (h z)) h (\lambda ab. a (g b)) f \\
& =_{\alpha} (\lambda xyz. \lambda qgr. (q x) (g y) (r z)) h (\lambda ab. a (g b)) f \\
& =_{\beta} (\lambda yz. \lambda qgr. (q h) (g y) (r z)) (\lambda ab. a (g b)) f \\
& =_{\beta} (\lambda z. \lambda qgr. (q h) (g (\lambda ab. a (g b)))) (r z) f \\
& =_{\beta} \lambda qgr. (q h) (g (\lambda ab. a (g b))) (r f)
\end{aligned}$$

5. Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\lambda xy.z) z z \\
& = (\lambda xy.z) (z z) \\
& = \lambda y.z
\end{aligned}$$

6. Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\lambda x.(\lambda y.(x y))) \\
& =_{\eta} \lambda x.x
\end{aligned}$$

7. Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}
S &= \lambda xyz.((x z) (y z)) \\
K &= \lambda xy.x \\
I &= \lambda x.x
\end{aligned}$$

$S K S = (S K) S$ by expression left association. The following are done with call-by-name.

$$\begin{aligned}
S K &= (\lambda xyz.((x z) (y z)))(\lambda xy.x) \\
&=_{\beta} (\lambda yz.(((\lambda xy.x) z) (y z))) \\
&=_{\beta} (\lambda yz.((\lambda y.z) (y z))) \\
&=_{\beta} \lambda yz.z \\
(S K) S &= (\lambda yz.z) (\lambda xyz.((x z) (y z))) = \beta(\lambda z.z) = \alpha(\lambda x.x) = I
\end{aligned}$$

$S K S$ hence shown reduces to I .

2 Variable Binding and Closure

1. Answer: The function is recursive and never terminates. This is because the $x(2)$ call on line 2 refers to the definition of x on line 2 which makes it recursive.
2. Answer: x passed in as argument on line two binds to the previous definition on line 1 because at the time of reference, x on line 2 is not assigned yet since the function is not executed at that point.
3. Answer: You get the following error: Error reassigning x . This is because Haskell use static types. Variables are not allowed to change values.

3 Closure and access links

1. See scanned document
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3. This does not terminate because the function is infinitely recursive without a base case.

4 Memory management and high-order functions

1. See scanned document
2. The value is 10 because. Within function scope g , x is set to 7. This is passed in as argument to h which is f . Therefore the y argument in f resolves to 7. x is 5 by access link to the parent scope. The function f therefore returns $5 + 7 - 2$ which is 10.

5 More substitution and variable capture

1. Answer:

$$\begin{aligned} & ((\lambda x. ((\lambda x. x) 2) + x) x)[x := 3] \\ &=_{\beta} (((\lambda x. x) 2) + x)[x := 3] \\ &=_{\beta} (2 + x)[x := 3] \\ &= 2 + 3 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

Explanation: In this case it would not matter because the only x that is not captured is one that is ok to replace. All other x are captured by lambda expressions. 3 can not possibly be captured by any lambda.

2. Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\lambda y.(\lambda x y z.z) y z y)[z := w] \\
&= (\lambda y.(((\lambda x y z.z) y) z) y)[z := w] \\
&=_{\beta} (\lambda y.((\lambda y z.z) y) z)[z := w] \\
&=_{\beta} (\lambda y.((\lambda z.z) y))[z := w] \\
&=_{\beta} (\lambda y.y)[z := w] \\
&= \lambda y.y
\end{aligned}$$

Explanation: In this case it would not matter whether capture avoiding is taken into account. w is not captured anywhere, therefore substitution is legal in this case without needing to avoid capturing w .

3. Answer:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\lambda p.(\lambda x.p(x x))(\lambda x.p))[x := p] \\
&=_{\alpha} (\lambda z.(\lambda x.(z(x x)))(\lambda x.z))[x := p] \\
&=_{\beta} (\lambda x.((\lambda x.z)(x x)))[x := p] \\
&=_{\beta} (\lambda x.z)[x := p] \\
&=_{\beta} (\lambda x.z)
\end{aligned}$$

Explanation: Yes, capture avoiding is a must because p is captured by the lambda expression. This violates substitution rules therefore capture avoiding (alpha renaming) must be performed.