

3.c Consider the Lambda expression:

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

If one performs the leftmost-outermost expansion, this expression reaches the normal form, $\lambda y.y$ in one β -reduction and so it is non-divergent. Now, define $S = \lambda x.xxx$, and consider the general expression of the form:

$$(\lambda x.\lambda y.y)(S^n)$$

Where $n \geq 2$. Taking the rightmost outer most expansion leads to the following expansion

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda x.\lambda y.y)(S^n) \\ \equiv & (\lambda x.\lambda y.y)(S^{n-2}(\lambda x.xxx)(\lambda x.xxx)) \\ \vdash_{\beta} & (\lambda x.\lambda y.y)(S^{n-2}(\lambda x.xxx)(\lambda x.xxx)(\lambda x.xxx)) \\ \equiv & (\lambda x.\lambda y.y)(S^{n+1}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus each rightmost outermost β -reduction takes $(\lambda x.\lambda y.y)(S^n) \mapsto (\lambda x.\lambda y.y)(S^{n+1})$, and thus will never reach the normal form. Therefore, the rightmost-outermost expansion rule does not always find a normal form if one exists.

5.a By the hypothesis, assume there exist lambda terms, $A \neq B$ and define

$$\begin{aligned} f_1 & \equiv \lambda s.\lambda t.s \\ f_2 & \equiv \lambda s.\lambda t.t \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose that $S = K$. If that were true, then it must be that:

$$Sf_2f_1AB = Kf_2f_1AB$$

And that all of their reduced normal forms are equivalent. Now reducing Sf_2f_1AB gives the following:

$$\begin{aligned} Sf_2f_1AB & \equiv (\lambda x.\lambda y.\lambda z.xz(yz))f_2f_1AB \\ \vdash_{\beta} & (\lambda z.f_2z(f_1z))AB \\ \vdash_{\beta} & (f_2A(f_1A))B \\ \vdash_{\beta} & f_1AB \\ \vdash_{\beta} & A \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, reducing Kf_2f_1AB gives:

$$\begin{aligned} Kf_2f_1AB & \equiv (\lambda x.\lambda y.x)f_2f_1AB \\ \vdash_{\beta} & f_2AB \\ \vdash_{\beta} & B \end{aligned}$$

But, this is a contradiction since $A \neq B$. Therefore, it must be that $S \neq K$.

6 We wish to construct a combinator, Plus such that for any Church numerals, $\underline{a}, \underline{b}$, with $a, b \in \mathbb{N}^+$:

$$\underline{Plus} \ \underline{a} \ \underline{b} \rightarrow_{a,b}^* \underline{a+b}$$

Pick:

$$\underline{Plus} \equiv \lambda a.\lambda b.\lambda f.\lambda x.(af)(bf x)$$

We now check the invariant on Plus by direct substitution:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Plus } \underline{a} \ \underline{b} &\equiv (\lambda a. \lambda b. \lambda f. \lambda x. (af)(bf)x) \ \underline{a} \ \underline{b} \\
&\vdash_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (\underline{a} f)(\underline{b} f)x \\
&\vdash_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (\lambda x'. f^a x') (f^b x) \\
&\vdash_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. f^a (f^b x) \\
&\equiv \lambda f. \lambda x. f^{a+b} x \\
&\equiv \underline{a + b}
\end{aligned}$$

And so the definition of Plus satisfies the prescribed invariant. Now for Times, we wish to find a combinator which satisfies:

$$\text{Times } \underline{a} \ \underline{b} \rightarrow_{\alpha, \beta}^* \underline{ab}$$

Now we select:

$$\text{Times} \equiv \lambda a. \lambda b. \lambda f. \lambda x. (a(bf))x$$

To check the invariant, we perform a similar expansion/ β -reduction:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Times } \underline{a} \ \underline{b} &\equiv (\lambda a. \lambda b. \lambda f. \lambda x. (a(bf))x) \ \underline{a} \ \underline{b} \\
&\vdash_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (\underline{a} (\underline{b} f))x \\
&\vdash_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (\underline{b} f)^a x \\
&\vdash_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (\lambda x'. f^b x')^a x \\
&\vdash_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (\lambda x'. (f^b)^a x') x \\
&\vdash_{\beta} \lambda f. \lambda x. (f^b)^a x \\
&\equiv \lambda f. \lambda x. f^{ab} x \\
&\equiv \underline{ab}
\end{aligned}$$

And so we conclude that Times is indeed a proper implementation of natural number multiplication.

10.a Consider the choice:

$$W = ((\lambda w. \lambda n. n(ww))(\lambda w. \lambda n(ww)))$$

Then for any λ -term N we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
WN &= ((\lambda w. \lambda n. n(ww))(\lambda w. \lambda n(ww)))N \\
&\vdash_{\beta} (\lambda n. n((\lambda w. \lambda n. n(ww))(\lambda w. \lambda n(ww))))N \\
&\vdash_{\beta} N((\lambda w. \lambda n. n(ww))(\lambda w. \lambda n(ww))) \\
&\equiv NW
\end{aligned}$$

Thus, W has the property that for all N :

$$WN \rightarrow_{\alpha, \beta}^* NW$$

12.a If φ is a fixed point combinator, then for all lambda terms F ,

$$\varphi F \rightarrow_{\alpha, \beta}^* F(\varphi F)$$

Which we check by expanding φF :

$$\begin{aligned}
\varphi F &\equiv \theta^{17} F \\
&\vdash_{\beta}^* (\lambda m. m(\theta^{17} m)) F \\
&\vdash_{\beta} F(\theta^{17} F) \\
&\equiv F(\varphi F)
\end{aligned}$$

And so φ is a fixed-point combinator.

13.a We begin by expanding GY :

$$\begin{aligned} GY &\equiv (\lambda y. \lambda f. f(yf))Y \\ &\vdash_{\beta} \lambda f. f(Yf) \\ &\vdash_{\alpha, \beta}^* \lambda f. f((\lambda f'. (\lambda x. f'(xx))(\lambda x. f'(xx)))f) \\ &\vdash_{\beta} \lambda f. f((\lambda x. f(xx))(\lambda x. f(xx))) \end{aligned}$$

Likewise, starting from Y we have:

$$\begin{aligned} Y &\equiv \lambda f. (\lambda x. f(xx))(\lambda x. f(xx)) \\ &\vdash_{\beta} \lambda f. f((\lambda x. f(xx))(\lambda x. f(xx))) \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have:

$$Y \rightarrow_{\alpha, \beta}^* \lambda f. f((\lambda x. f(xx))(\lambda x. f(xx))) \leftarrow_{\alpha, \beta}^* GY$$

And so $Y = GY$, which by the characterization shows that Y is a fixed point combinator.

13.b If M is a fixed point combinator, then for any F :

$$\begin{aligned} GMF &\equiv (\lambda y. \lambda f. f(yf))MF \\ &\vdash_{\beta} (\lambda f. f(Mf))F \\ &\vdash_{\beta} F(MF) \end{aligned}$$

Likewise, $MF = F(MF)$ (by the fact that M is a fixed-point combinator), and so we have that $MF = GMF$ for all F , and thus $M = GM$.

Next, if $M = GM$, then for any F once again we have:

$$\begin{aligned} GMF &\equiv (\lambda y. \lambda f. f(yf))MF \\ &\vdash_{\beta}^* F(MF) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $MF = F(MF)$ and so M is a fixed-point combinator.

In conclusion, $M = GM \Leftrightarrow MF = FMF$ for all λ -terms F .

16 Consider the λ -term:

$$P_0 = \lambda z. (\lambda x. xx)((\lambda y. y)z)$$

Applying β -reduction to the left-sub expression gives:

$$P_1 = \lambda z. ((\lambda y. y)z)((\lambda y. y)z)$$

Similarly right reduction results in:

$$P_2 = \lambda z. (\lambda x. xx)z$$

Yet, it would be impossible to go find a common object $P_1 \Rightarrow P_3 \Leftarrow P_2$, as both of the β reductions have a common ancestor. Thus the new definition for walk is not even weakly confluent.