

**3.c** Consider the  $\lambda$ -term:

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

If one performs the leftmost-outermost expansion then this expression reaches the normal form  $\lambda y. y$  in one  $\beta$ -reduction. Now define  $S = \lambda x. xxx$  and consider any  $\lambda$ -term of the form:

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

Where  $n \geq 2$ . Taking the rightmost outer most  $\beta$ -reduction leads to the following sequence:

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

Thus each rightmost outermost  $\beta$ -reduction takes  $(\lambda x. \lambda y. y)(S^n) \mapsto (\lambda x. \lambda y. y)(S^{n+1})$ , and therefore will never reach the normal form. So we conclude that 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, a, 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:

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

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

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

Now we select:

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

To check the invariant, we perform a similar expansion/ $\beta$ -reduction:

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

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

**10.a** Consider the choice:

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

Then for any  $\lambda$ -term  $N$  we have:

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

Thus,  $W$  has the property that for all  $N$ :

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

**12.a** If  $\varphi$  is a fixed point combinator, then for all lambda terms  $F$ ,

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

Which we check by expanding  $\varphi F$ :

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

And so  $\varphi$  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 hypothesis 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  $\lambda$ -terms  $F$ .

**16** Consider the  $\lambda$ -term:

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

Applying  $\beta$ -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  $\beta$  reductions have a common ancestor. Thus the new definition for walk is not even weakly confluent.