CSE 3302/5307 Programming Language Concepts

Homework 7 - Fall 2025

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Problem1 - 30%

We've seen how to define natural numbers using church encoding in untyped lambda calculus:

$$\mathbf{0} = \lambda f. \lambda x. \ x$$
$$\mathbf{1} = \lambda f. \lambda x. \ f \ x$$
$$\dots$$
$$\mathbf{n} = \lambda f. \lambda x. \ f^n \ x$$

Note that church encoding cannot represent negative integers.

- (a) Propose a method to extend church numerals to representation of integers. Give a concrete example for representation of integer -5 with your proposed method. Hint: you may try to use pairs.
- (b) Define a function nat2int that converts a natural number to your representation of correspondent integer.
- (c) Based on this definition of integers, define the following arithmetic operations in lambda calculus(you can directly use operations on natural numbers defined before like add, etc.):
 - (1) negation: neg n
 - (2) addition: addint m n
 - (3) subtraction: subint m n

Problem 2 - 30%

Given the definition of Fibonacci number

$$F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1, F_i = F_{i-1} + F_{i-2}$$

- (a) Use fix to write a lambda function called fib: int \rightarrow int to compute the n-th Fibonacci number.
- (b) We want to extend simple let expression to recursive let rec expression:

letrec
$$f = \lambda x$$
. e_1 in e_2

where f itself can appear in e_1 .

Example usage of *letrec* for factorial:

$$fact = \lambda n.(letrec\ fact = (\lambda i.\ if\ i = 0\ then\ 1\ else\ i*(fact\ (i-1)))in\ fact\ n)$$

- (1) Define semantic and typing rules for expression *letrec*;
- (2) Use *letrec* to redefine our Fibonacci function.

Problem 3 - 40%

Given the following λ expression:

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let x = 2 in
let y = 4 in
let f1 = \x.\y.x+2*y in
  let f2 = \x.\y.2*x-y in
  f2 (f1 y x) 3
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Using the environment model for lambda calculus with let,

- (a) Define closures. (Be careful and refer to lecture slides);
- (b) Show detailed multi-step evaluation process of the λ expression above.

(The environment should be clearly shown in each step)