

Assignment 3

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1 Prove lamdba expressions

1.1 $\mathbf{I}M = M$

$$\mathbf{I} = \lambda x.x \quad (1.1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{I}M = (\lambda x.x)M \quad (1.2)$$

$$= x[x \leftarrow M] \quad (1.3)$$

$$= M \quad (1.4)$$

1.2 $\mathbf{K}MN = M$

$$\mathbf{K} = \lambda x.\lambda y.x \quad (1.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{K}MN = (\lambda x.\lambda y.x)MN \quad (1.6)$$

$$= (\lambda y.x)[x \leftarrow M]N \quad (1.7)$$

$$= (\lambda y.M)N \quad (1.8)$$

$$= M[y \leftarrow N] \quad (1.9)$$

$$= M \quad (1.10)$$

1.3 $\mathbf{S}MNL = ML(NL)$

$$\mathbf{S} = \lambda x.\lambda y.\lambda z.xz(yz) \quad (1.11)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{S}MNL = (\lambda x.\lambda y.\lambda z.xz(yz))MNL \quad (1.12)$$

$$= (\lambda y.\lambda z.xz(yz))[x \leftarrow M]NL \quad (1.13)$$

$$= (\lambda y.\lambda z.Mz(yz))NL \quad (1.14)$$

$$= (\lambda z.Mz(yz))[y \leftarrow N]L \quad (1.15)$$

$$= (\lambda z.Mz(Nz))L \quad (1.16)$$

$$= Mz(Nz)[z \leftarrow L] \quad (1.17)$$

$$= ML(NL) \quad (1.18)$$

2 Show that, for all lambda expressions M, N

$$(\lambda y.(\lambda x.M))N = \lambda x.((\lambda y.M)N)$$

It is to be proven that

$$(\lambda y.(\lambda x.M))N \stackrel{?}{=} \lambda x.((\lambda y.M)N) \quad (2.1)$$

For the left side it is that

$$(\lambda y.(\lambda x.M))N = (\lambda y.\lambda x.M)N \quad (2.2)$$

$$= (\lambda x.M)[y \leftarrow N] \quad (2.3)$$

$$= \lambda x.M[y \leftarrow N] \quad (2.4)$$

For the right side it is that

$$\lambda x.((\lambda y.M)N) = \lambda x.(M[y \leftarrow N]) \quad (2.5)$$

$$= \lambda x.M[y \leftarrow N] \quad (2.6)$$

Since equation 2.4 equals to equation 2.6, it is that equation 2.1 must be true.

3 Show that there exists a lambda expression M suc that $MN = MM$ holds for all lambda expressions N

4 Exercise 11.47

4.1 Prove the successor function for zero to two

For $(\text{successor zero}) = \text{one}$

$$\text{zero} = \lambda f. \lambda x. x \quad (4.1)$$

$$\text{successor} = \lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. (f((nf)x)) \quad (4.2)$$

$$\text{successor}(\text{zero}) = (\lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. (f((nf)x))) (\lambda f. \lambda x. x) \quad (4.3)$$

$$= (\lambda f. \lambda x. (f((nf)x))) [n \leftarrow (\lambda f. \lambda x. x)] \quad (4.4)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(((\lambda f'. \lambda x'. x') f)x)) \quad (4.5)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(((\lambda x'. x') [f' \leftarrow f])x)) \quad (4.6)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f((\lambda x'. x') x)) \quad (4.7)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(x' [x' \leftarrow x])) \quad (4.8)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(x)) \quad (4.9)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (fx) \quad (4.10)$$

$$= \text{one} \quad (4.11)$$

Q.E.D.

For $(\text{successor one}) = \text{two}$

$$\text{one} = \lambda f. \lambda x. (fx) \quad (4.12)$$

$$\text{successor} = \lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. (f((nf)x)) \quad (4.13)$$

$$\text{successor}(\text{one}) = (\lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. (f((nf)x))) (\lambda f. \lambda x. (fx)) \quad (4.14)$$

$$= (\lambda f. \lambda x. (f((nf)x))) [n \leftarrow (\lambda f. \lambda x. (fx))] \quad (4.15)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(((\lambda f'. \lambda x'. (f'x')) f)x)) \quad (4.16)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(((\lambda x'. (f'x')) [f' \leftarrow f])x)) \quad (4.17)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f((\lambda x'. (fx')) x)) \quad (4.18)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f((fx') [x' \leftarrow x])) \quad (4.19)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(fx)) \quad (4.20)$$

$$= \text{two} \quad (4.21)$$

Q.E.D.

4.2 Generalization of the successor function

Let the general lambda abstraction for numbers be

$$\text{church}_n = \lambda f. \lambda x. (f^n x) \quad (4.22)$$

Such that

$$f^0(x) = x \quad (4.23)$$

$$f^1(x) = f(x) \quad (4.24)$$

$$f^2(x) = f(f(x)) \quad (4.25)$$

$$f^3(x) = f(f(f(x))) \quad (4.26)$$

$$\dots \quad (4.27)$$

$$f^{n+1}(x) = f(f^n(x)) \quad (4.28)$$

For the successor function this requires

$$\text{successor}(\text{church}_n) = \text{church}_{n+1} \quad (4.29)$$

such that

$$\text{church}_n = \lambda f. \lambda x. (f^n x) \quad (4.30)$$

$$\text{successor}(\text{church}_n) = \lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. (f((nf)x)) \quad (4.31)$$

$$= (\lambda f. \lambda x. (f((nf)x))) (\lambda f. \lambda x. (f^n x)) \quad (4.32)$$

$$= (\lambda f. \lambda x. (f((nf)x))) [n \leftarrow (\lambda f. \lambda x. (f^n x))] \quad (4.33)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(((\lambda f'. \lambda x'. (f'^n x')) f) x)) \quad (4.34)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(((\lambda x'. (f'^n x')) [f' \leftarrow f]) x)) \quad (4.35)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f((\lambda x'. (f'^n x')) x)) \quad (4.36)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f((f^n x') [x' \leftarrow x])) \quad (4.37)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f(f^n x)) \quad (4.38)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f^{n+1} x) \quad (4.39)$$

$$= \text{church}_{n+1} \quad (4.40)$$

Q.E.D.

4.3 Define addition and multiplication for Church numbers

The addition for Church numbers can be defined as

$$\text{add} = \lambda m. \lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. (mf)(nf x) \quad (4.41)$$

Due to equation 4.22, it must be that

$$\text{church}_m + \text{church}_n = \text{church}_{m+n} \quad (4.42)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda f. \lambda x. (f^m x) + \lambda f. \lambda x. (f^n x) = \lambda f. \lambda x. (f^{n+m} x) \quad (4.43)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f^n (f^m x)) \quad (4.44)$$

In order for equation 4.41 to be true, it must be that

$$\text{add}(\text{church}_m, \text{church}_n) = \text{church}_{m+n} \quad (4.45)$$

This can be proven as follows:

$$church_m = \lambda f. \lambda x. (f^m x) \quad (4.46)$$

$$church_n = \lambda f. \lambda x. (f^n x) \quad (4.47)$$

$$add(church_m, church_n) = (\lambda m. \lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. (mf)(nf x)) (\lambda f. \lambda x. (f^m x)) (\lambda f. \lambda x. (f^n x)) \quad (4.48)$$

$$= (\lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. (mf)(nf x)) [m \leftarrow (\lambda f. \lambda x. (f^m x))] (\lambda f. \lambda x. (f^n x)) \quad (4.49)$$

$$= (\lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. ((\lambda f'. \lambda x'. (f'^m x')) f)(nf x)) (\lambda f. \lambda x. (f^n x)) \quad (4.50)$$

$$= (\lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. ((\lambda x'. (f'^m x')) [f' \leftarrow f])(nf x)) (\lambda f. \lambda x. (f^n x)) \quad (4.51)$$

$$= (\lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. (\lambda x'. (f^m x'))(nf x)) (\lambda f. \lambda x. (f^n x)) \quad (4.52)$$

$$= (\lambda f. \lambda x. (\lambda x'. (f^m x'))(nf x)) [n \leftarrow (\lambda f. \lambda x. (f^n x))] \quad (4.53)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (\lambda x'. (f^m x')) ((\lambda f''. \lambda x''. (f''^n x'')) f x) \quad (4.54)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (\lambda x'. (f^m x')) ((\lambda x''. (f''^n x'')) [f'' \leftarrow f] x) \quad (4.55)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (\lambda x'. (f^m x')) ((\lambda x''. (f^n x'')) x) \quad (4.56)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (\lambda x'. (f^m x')) ((f^n x'') [x'' \leftarrow x]) \quad (4.57)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (\lambda x'. (f^m x')) (f^n x) \quad (4.58)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f^m x') [x' \leftarrow (f^n x)] \quad (4.59)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f^m (f^n x)) \quad (4.60)$$

$$= \lambda f. \lambda x. (f^{m+n} x) \quad (4.61)$$

$$= church_{m+n} \quad (4.62)$$

Q.E.D.

The multiplication for Church numbers can be easily defined using the *add* function

$$mult = \lambda m. \lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. (m(add(nf x)))x \quad (4.63)$$

The proof for this function can be provided analog to the one for the addition. However, since it requires verbose equations, it will be omitted at this point.