

Labsheet 1.3

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1 Exercise 1

$$S = \lambda xyz.xz(yz)$$

$$K = \lambda xy.x$$

$$I = \lambda x.x$$

1.1 a)

$$\begin{aligned} SKK &= (\lambda xyz.xz(yz))(\lambda xy.x)(\lambda xy.x) \\ &\rightarrow_{\alpha} (\lambda xwz.xz(wz))(\lambda xy.x)(\lambda xy.x) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda wz.(\lambda xy.x)z(wz))(\lambda xy.x) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z.(\lambda xy.x)z((\lambda xy.x)z)) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z.(\lambda xy.x)z(\lambda y.z)) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z.(\lambda y.z)(\lambda y.z)) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z.z) \end{aligned}$$

1.2 b)

$$\begin{aligned} SIK &= (\lambda xyz.xz(yz))IK \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda yz.Iz(yz))K \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z.Iz(Kz)) \\ &= (\lambda z.Iz((\lambda xy.x)z)) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z.Iz(\lambda y.z)) \\ &= (\lambda z.(\lambda x.x)z(\lambda y.z)) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z.z(\lambda y.z)) \end{aligned}$$

1.3 c)

$$\begin{aligned} SSS &= (\lambda xyz. xz(yz))SS \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda yz. Sz(yz))S \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z. Sz(Sz)) \\ &= (\lambda z. (\lambda xyw. xw(yw))z(Sz)) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z. (\lambda yw. zw(yw))(Sz)) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z. (\lambda w. zw((Sz)w))) \\ &= (\lambda z. (\lambda w. zw(((\lambda xyk. xk(yk))z)w))) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z. (\lambda w. zw((\lambda yk. zk(yk))w))) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z. (\lambda w. zw(\lambda k. zk(wk)))) \\ &= (\lambda zw. zw(\lambda k. zk(wk))) \end{aligned}$$

2 Exercise 2

Let W be the term:

$$\lambda x. \lambda y. xyy$$

2.1 a)

$$\begin{aligned} WW &= (\lambda xy. xyy)(\lambda xy. xyy) \\ &\rightarrow_{\alpha} (\lambda zw. zw w)(\lambda xy. xyy) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda w. (\lambda xy. xyy)ww) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda w. (\lambda y. wy y)w) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda w. www) \end{aligned}$$

2.2 b)

The term WWW can be reduced to $(\lambda w. www)W$ which with one further beta reduction reduces back to WWW . This tells us that WWW does not have a normal form and will only ever reduce to itself.