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Elective

Assignment – 2: λ -Calculus

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1. Reduce the following λ -expressions. Show every step of α -, β -, η - and δ -reductions. [2 * 7 = 14]

- (a) $(\lambda z. z) (\lambda y. y y) (\lambda x. x a)$
- (b) $(\lambda z. z) (\lambda z. z z) (\lambda z. z y)$
- (c) $(\lambda x. \lambda y. x y y) (\lambda a. a) b$
- (d) $(\lambda x. \lambda y. x y y) (\lambda y. y) y$
- (e) $(\lambda x. x x) (\lambda y. y x) z$
- (f) $(\lambda x. (\lambda y. (x y)) y) z$
- (g) $((\lambda x. (\lambda y. (x y)) (\lambda y. y)) w)$

BEGIN SOLUTION

$(\lambda z. z) (\lambda y. y y) (\lambda x. x a)$	// β -reduction = body[sym/replacement]
$(\lambda z. z) (\lambda y. y y) (\lambda x. x a) \rightarrow$	// $z[(\lambda y. y y)]$ replace z with $\lambda y. y y$
$(\lambda y. y y) (\lambda x. x a) \rightarrow$	// $y[y/(\lambda x. x a)]$ replace y with $\lambda x. x a$
$(\lambda x. x a) (\lambda x. x a) \rightarrow$	// $x[x/(\lambda x. x a)]$ replace x with $\lambda x. x a$
$(\lambda x. x a) a \rightarrow a a$	// $x a[x/a]$ replace x with a
$(\lambda z. z) (\lambda z. z z) (\lambda z. z y)$	
$(\lambda z. z) (\lambda z. z z) (\lambda z. z y) \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replace z with $\lambda z. z z$
$(\lambda z. z z) (\lambda z. z y) \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replace z with $\lambda z. z z$
$(\lambda z. z y) (\lambda z. z y) \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replace z with $\lambda z. z z$
$(\lambda z. z y) y \rightarrow y y$	// β -reduction: replace z with y
$(\lambda x. \lambda y. x y y) (\lambda a. a) b$	
$(\lambda x. \lambda y. x y y) (\lambda a. a) b \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replace x with $\lambda a. a$
$(\lambda y. (\lambda a. a) y y) b \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replace y with b
$(\lambda a. a) b b \rightarrow b b$	// β -reduction: replace a with b
$(\lambda x. \lambda y. x y y) (\lambda y. y) y$	
$(\lambda x. \lambda y. x y y) (\lambda y. y) y \rightarrow$	// α -conversion: rename y to a
$(\lambda x. \lambda a. x a a) (\lambda y. y) y \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replacing x with $\lambda y. y$
$(\lambda a. (\lambda y. y) a a) y \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replacing a with y
$(\lambda y. y) y y \rightarrow y y$	// β -reduction: replacing y with y
$(\lambda x. x x) (\lambda y. y x) z$	
$(\lambda x. x x) (\lambda y. y x) z \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replacing x with $\lambda y. y x$
$(\lambda y. y x) (\lambda y. y x) z \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replacing y with $\lambda y. y x$
$(\lambda y. y x) x z \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replacing y with x
$x x z$	
$(\lambda x. (\lambda y. (x y)) y) z$	
$(\lambda x. (\lambda y. (x y)) y) z \rightarrow$	// α -conversion: rename y to a
$(\lambda x. (\lambda a. (x a)) y) z \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replacing x with z
$(\lambda a. (z a)) y \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replacing a with y
$z y$	
$((\lambda x. x x) (\lambda y. y)) (\lambda y. y)$	
$((\lambda x. x x) (\lambda y. y)) (\lambda y. y) \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replacing x with $\lambda y. y$
$((\lambda y. y) (\lambda y. y)) (\lambda y. y) \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replacing y with $\lambda y. y$
$(\lambda y. y) (\lambda y. y) \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replacing y with $\lambda y. y$
$\lambda y. y$	
$((\lambda x. \lambda y. (x y)) (\lambda y. y)) w$	
$((\lambda x. \lambda y. (x y)) (\lambda y. y)) w \rightarrow$	// α -conversion: rename y to a
$((\lambda x. \lambda a. (x a)) (\lambda y. y)) w \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replacing x with $\lambda y. y$
$(\lambda a. ((\lambda y. y) a)) w \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replacing a with w
$(\lambda y. y) w \rightarrow$	// β -reduction: replacing y with $\lambda y. y$

END SOLUTION

2. Solve the following using Y combinator [2 + 4 = 6]

- (a) Write the recursive definition for *TriProduct* where *TriProduct*(*n*) can be defined as

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{TriProduct}(n) &= n * (\text{TriProduct}(n - 1) \text{ if } n > 3 \\
&\quad + \text{TriProduct}(n - 2) + \\
&\quad \text{TriProduct}(n - 3)), \\
&= 5, && \text{if } n = 3 \\
&= 2, && \text{if } n = 2 \\
&= 1 && \text{if } n = 1
\end{aligned}$$

Using Y combinator, encode the above recursive definition of *TriProduct* as λ -expressions

- (b) Reduce *TriProduct* 4. Show every step of β - and δ - reductions. You may skip α -reduction steps with a mention of the step.

BEGIN SOLUTION

Handwritten solution for the reduction of *TriProduct* 4 using the Y combinator.

Definition of *TriProduct* using the Y combinator:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{TriProduct}(n) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\lambda n. (\text{TriProduct}(n-1) + \text{TriProduct}(n-2) + \text{TriProduct}(n-3)) n) \\
&= 5 \quad n=3 \\
&= 2 \quad n=2 \\
&= 1 \quad n=1
\end{aligned}$$

Y combinator definition:

$$Y = \lambda f. \lambda n. f(\lambda x. f(x) n)$$

Reduction of *TriProduct* 4:

$$\begin{aligned}
(Y) 4 &= T(Y) 4 \quad \text{applying } Y \\
&= \text{applying } \beta \text{ reduction.} \\
&= \text{if } (= 1) 1 \text{ if } (= 2) 2 \text{ if } (= 3) 5 \\
&\quad (* (+ (- n) (- n)) f(-n)) n \\
&= (* (+ T(Y) 3 T(Y) 2 T(Y) 1) 4) \\
&\quad \text{Now place } T(Y) 1 \rightarrow 1 \quad T(Y) 3 \rightarrow 5 \\
&\quad \quad T(Y) 2 \rightarrow 2 \\
&= (* (+ 5 2) 1) 4 \\
&= 32
\end{aligned}$$

END SOLUTION