## Lambda Calculus

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# Example in OCaml (Review)

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# let rec len l = match l with
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val len : 'a list -> int = <fun>
# len [1; 2; 3];;
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    [] -> []
  | a::11 -> (rev l1) @ [a];;
val rev : 'a list -> 'a list = <fun>
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-: int list = [3; 2; 1]
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sum [1; 2; 3]

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rev [1; 2; 3]

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| Apply of lambdaExpression * lambdaExpression;;

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    (Variable "f", Apply (Variable "f", Variable "x"))))
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## Length of the terms

```
let rec lgh = function
| (Variable var) -> 1
| (Abstraction (var, body)) -> 1 + lgh body
| (Apply (func, arg)) -> lgh func + lgh arg;;

#lgh (lambda "(@x.(@f.(f (f (f (f (f (f x))))))))");;
- : int = 10
```

the length is very useful for induction on the terms.

# Free and bound variables

```
let bounds term = let rec by = function
  | (Variable var) -> []
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  (Apply (func, arg)) -> union (bv func) (bv arg)
  in by (lambda term);;
let rec fy = function
  | (Variable var) -> [var]
  | (Abstraction (var, body)) -> exclude var (fv body)
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the substitution L for every every free occurrence y in the term M, denoted by M[L/y] is inductively defined as

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let uniqueVar () = var_counter := !var_counter + 1 ;
  "v" ^ (string_of_int !var_counter);;
let rec substitution e x t = match e with
  | (Variable v) ->
  if v = x then t else e
| (Abstraction (v, b)) ->
      if v = x then e (* e has no free ocurrences of x *)
      else if not (belongs v (fv t)) then
        (* no free ocurrences of v in t, so no capture *)
        Abstraction (v, substitution b x t)
      else (* there are free ocurrences of v in t and they
                are all captured -> use alpha equivalence *)
        let z = uniqueVar () in
        let newBody = substitution b v (Variable z) in
          Abstraction (z, substitution newBody x t)
  | (Apply (f,n)) ->
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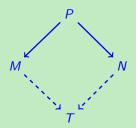


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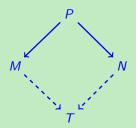
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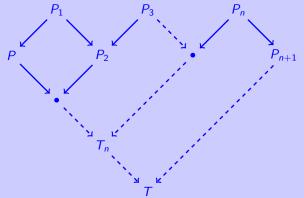


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#### OCaml Example

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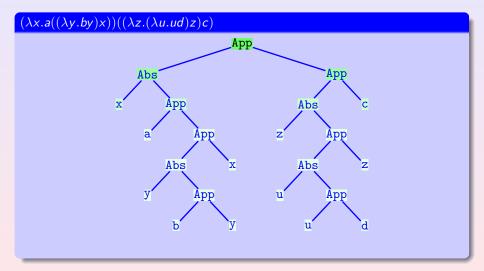
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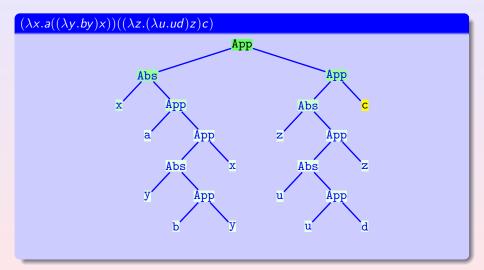
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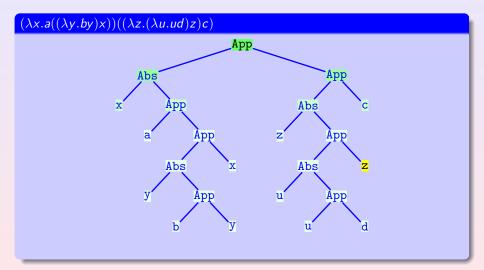
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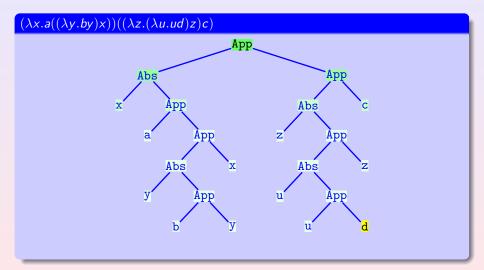




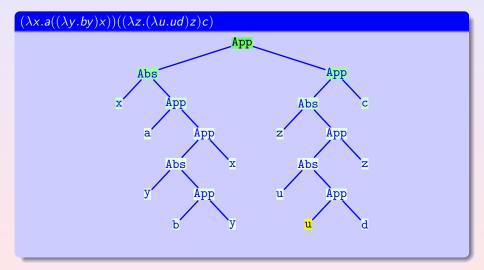




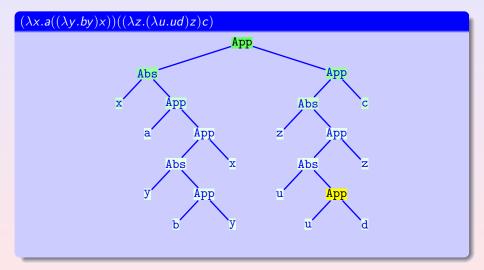




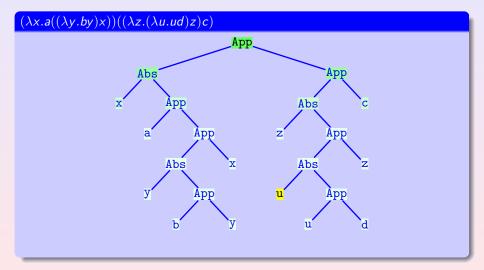




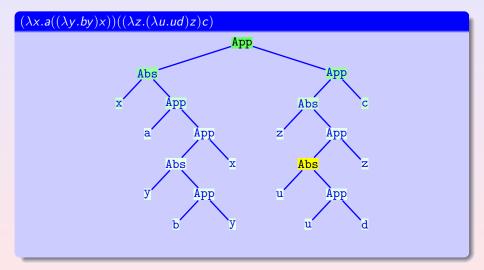




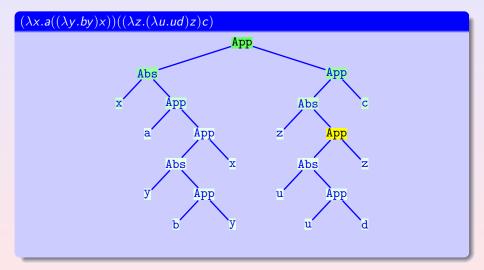




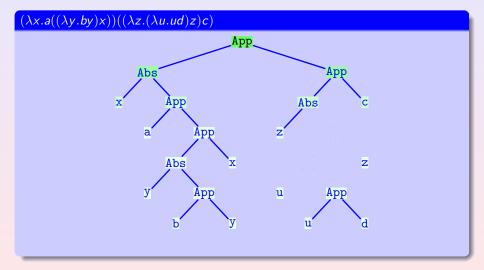




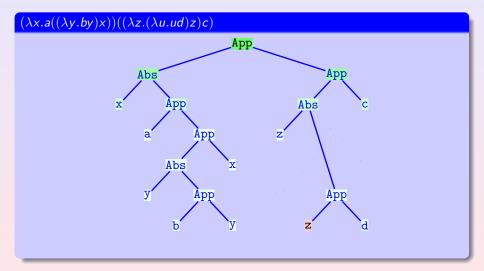




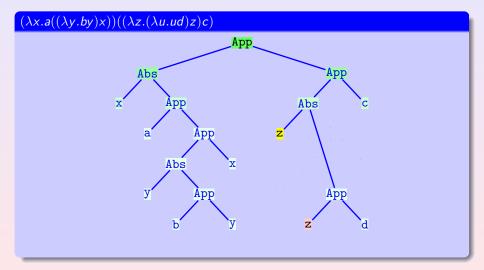




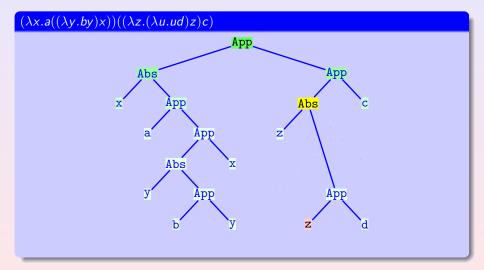




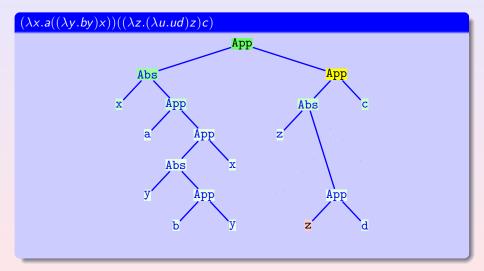




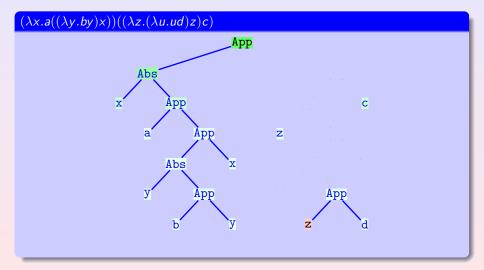




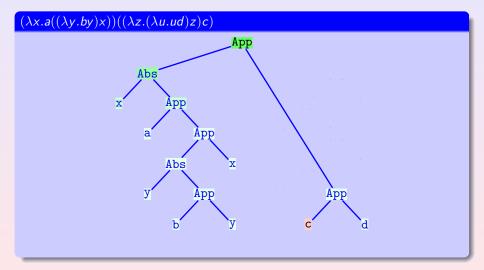




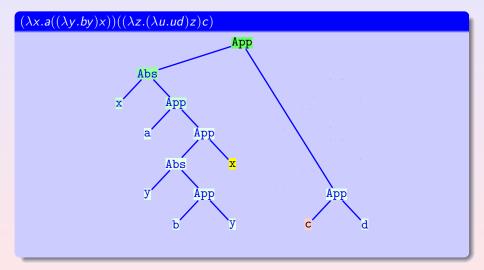




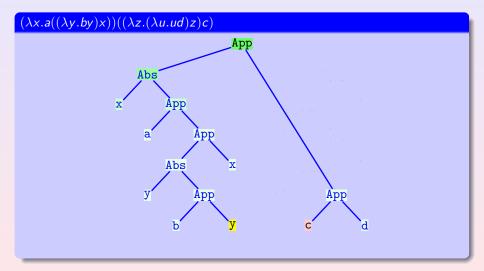


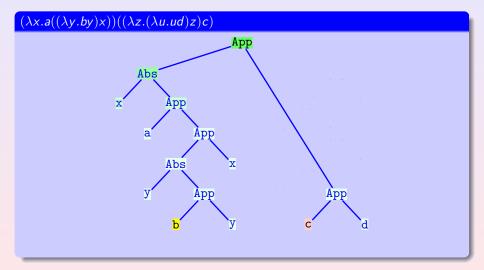




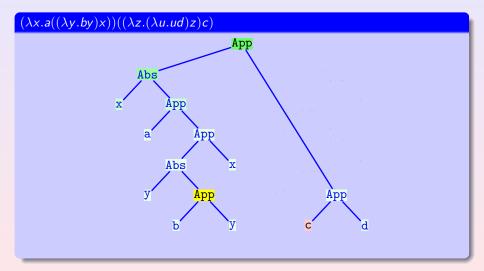


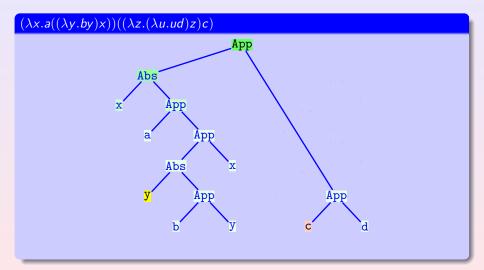




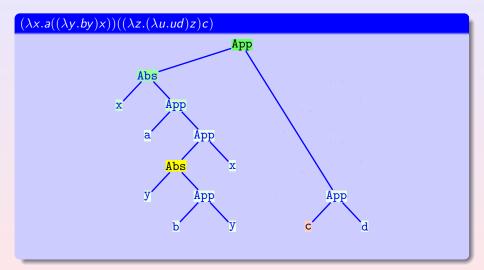




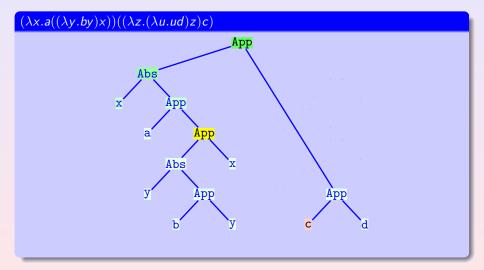




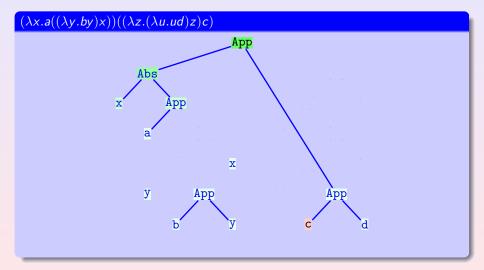




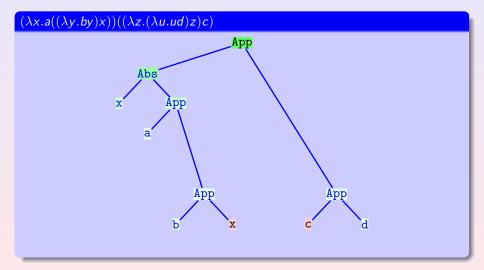




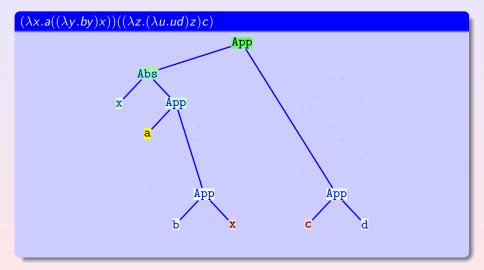




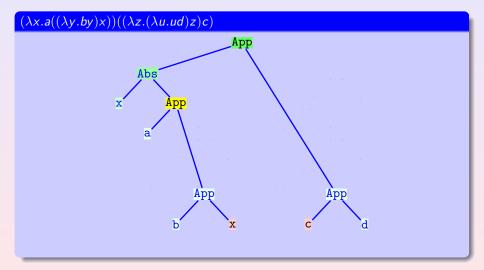




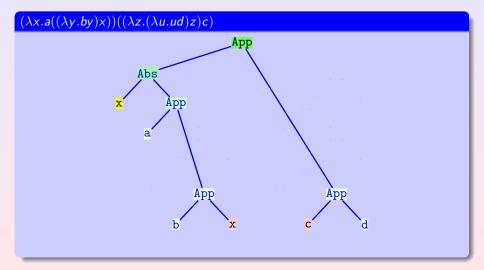




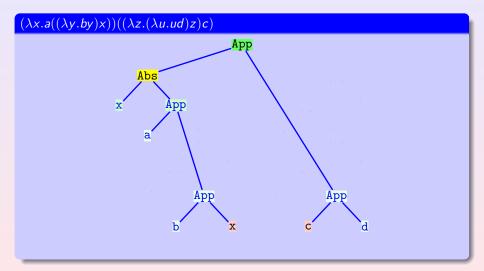




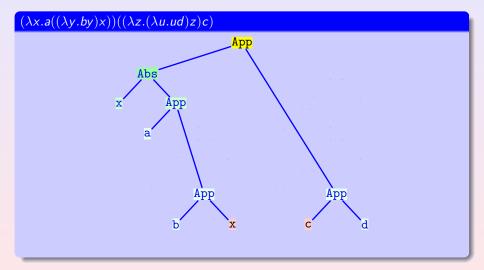




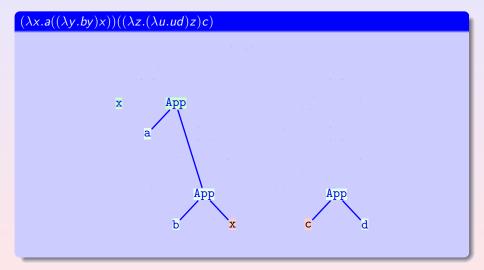


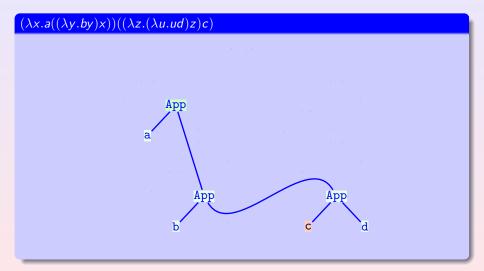












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             | Abstraction (var, body) ->
                 (* beta reduction *)
                 substitution body var arg
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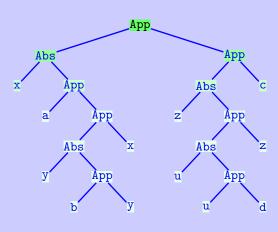
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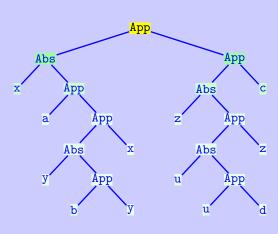
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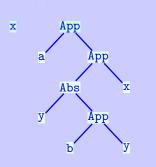
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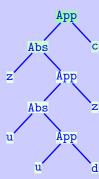
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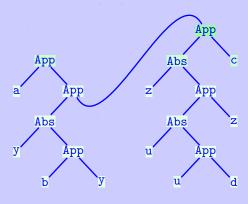


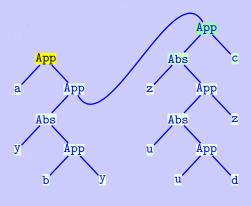


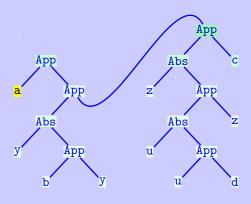


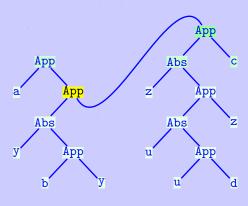


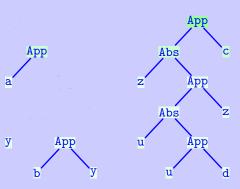


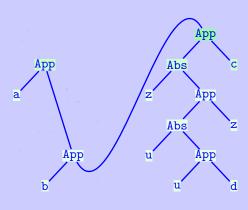


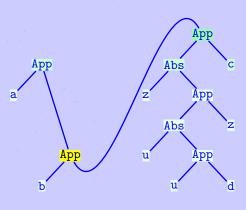


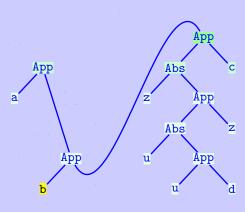


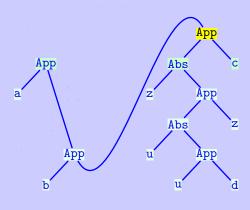






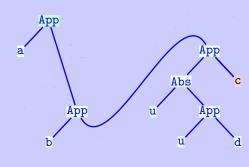


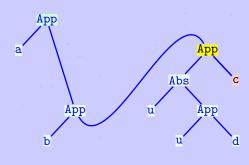




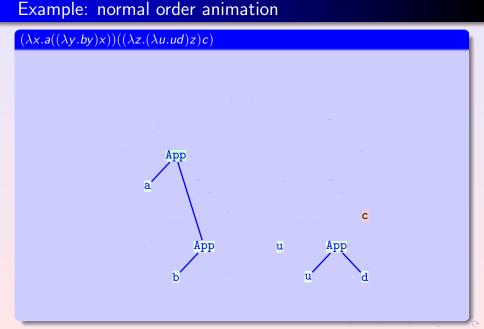


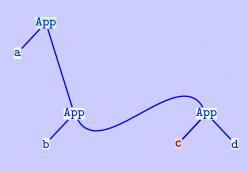


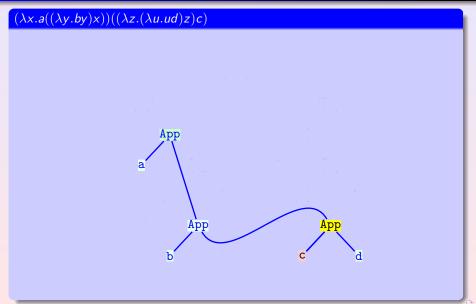




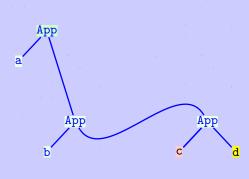
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Y G 2
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$$\triangleright_{\beta} (\lambda x. G(xx))(\lambda x. G(xx)) \underline{2}$$

$$hd _{eta} G((\lambda x.G(xx))\lambda x.G(xx)) \underline{2} \quad (F \equiv (\lambda x.G(xx))\lambda x.G(xx))$$



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\mathbf{Y} G \underline{2} \triangleright_{\beta} (\lambda x. G(xx))
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\triangleright_{\beta} G((\lambda x.G(xx))\lambda x.G(xx)) 2 \quad (F \equiv (\lambda x.G(xx))\lambda x.G(xx))
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\triangleright_{\beta} mult 2 G((\lambda x.G(xx))(\lambda x.G(xx)) 1)
\triangleright_{\beta} mult 2 (if (iszero 1) 1 (mult 1 (F(pred 1))))
\triangleright_{\beta} mult 2 (mult 1 (F 0))
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\triangleright_{\beta} mult 2 (mult 1 ((\lambda x.G(xx))\lambda x.G(xx)) 0))
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#### Remarks

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Y G 
$$\underline{0}$$
  
 $\triangleright_{\beta}$  Y  $(\lambda g n. if (iszero n) \underline{1} (mult n (g(pred n))))$   
 $\triangleright_{\beta} (\lambda f. (\lambda x. f(xx)) (\lambda x. f(xx))) F \underline{0}$   
 $\triangleright_{\beta} (\lambda f. f((\lambda x. f(xx)) (\lambda x. f(xx)))) F \underline{0}$   
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- a in fact, the set of fixed point combinators is recursively enumerable
- **Y** is discovered by the encoded Russell's paradox: if let  $R \equiv \lambda x.\mathbf{not}(\infty)$ , then  $RR =_{\beta} \mathbf{not}(RR)$ . which is a contradiction in logic. if replacing **not** by an arbitrary term F, we got **Y**. the typed  $\lambda$ -calculus does not admit

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 $\triangleright_{\beta} (\lambda f. (\lambda x. f(xx))(\lambda x. f(xx))) F \underline{0}$   
 $\triangleright_{\beta} (\lambda f. f((\lambda x. f(xx))(\lambda x. f(xx)))) F \underline{0}$   
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