

# Programming Language Foundations

## 03 Lambda Calculus

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The untyped lambda calculus

- is a foundational **model of computation**
- is the core of **functional programming** languages

Lambda notation is used in **other settings** too:

- **non-functional programming** languages like Java or Python have introduced functional concepts and lambda expressions
- in **mathematics**, lambda notation is used to represent function
- we use it later for **denotational semantics** of an imperative programming language

# SYNTAX OF THE LAMBDA CALCULUS

- Syntax of expressions
- Free and bound variables
- Capture-avoiding substitution
- Contexts

## Expressions

$$\mathbf{Expr} ::= V \mid \lambda V. \mathbf{Expr} \mid (\mathbf{Expr} \ \mathbf{Expr})$$

where  $V$  is a non-terminal for variables

Explanations:

- $\lambda x. s$  is an **abstraction** = an anonymous function,  $\lambda x$  binds  $x$  in body  $s$
- $(s \ t)$  is an **application** = expression  $s$  is applied to argument  $t$

Examples:

- $\lambda x. x$  is the identity function, like  $id(x) = x$ , but anonymous
- $((\lambda x. x) \ z)$  represents  $id(z)$
- $((\lambda x. x) \ (\lambda x. x))$  represents  $id(id)$
- $\lambda x. \lambda y. x$  represents  $f(x, y) = x$

To omit parentheses, we use the following conventions:

- application is left-associative:

$s t r$  means  $((s t) r)$  and not  $(s (t r))$

- the body of an abstraction extends as far as possible:

$(\lambda x.s t$  means  $\lambda x.(s t)$  and not  $((\lambda x.s) t)$ )

- abbreviation:

We write  $\lambda x_1, \dots, x_n.t$  for the nested abstractions  $\lambda x_1.(\lambda x_2. \dots (\lambda x_n.t) \dots)$ .

# Examples

Some prominent expressions:

$I := \lambda x.x$	(identity)
$K := \lambda x.\lambda y.x$	(projection to first argument)
$K_2 := \lambda x.\lambda y.y$	(projection to second argument)
$\Omega := (\lambda x.(x x)) (\lambda x.(x x))$	(diverging expression)
$Y := \lambda f.(\lambda x.(f (x x))) (\lambda x.(f (x x)))$	(call-by-name fixpoint combinator)
$Z := \lambda f.(\lambda x.(f \lambda z.(x x) z)) (\lambda x.(f \lambda z.(x x) z))$	(call-by-value fixpoint combinator)
$S := \lambda x.\lambda y.\lambda z.(x z) (y z)$	(S-combinator)

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Occurrence  $x$  in  $t$  is **bound** if it is in scope of a binder  $\lambda x$ , otherwise it called **free**

Example:  $((\lambda x.\lambda y.\lambda w.(\underbrace{x}_{\text{bound}} \underbrace{y}_{\text{bound}} \underbrace{z}_{\text{free}})) \underbrace{x}_{\text{free}})$

## Definition (Capture-Avoiding Substitution)

If  $BV(s) \cap FV(t) = \emptyset$ , then  $s[t/x]$  is  $s$  where all free occurrences of  $x$  are replaced by  $t$ :

$$x[t/x] = t$$

$$y[t/x] = y, \text{ if } x \neq y$$

$$(\lambda y.s)[t/x] = \begin{cases} \lambda y.(s[t/x]) & \text{if } x \neq y \\ \lambda y.s & \text{if } x = y \end{cases}$$

$$(s_1 s_2)[t/x] = (s_1[t/x] s_2[t/x])$$

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Example:  $(\lambda x.z x)[(\lambda y.y)/z] = (\lambda x.((\lambda y.y) x))$ .

Without the side condition:  $(\lambda x.z x)[\lambda y.x/z]$  would lead to  $\lambda x.((\lambda y.x) x)$

Contexts  $C$ : Expressions with one hole  $[\cdot]$

$$\mathbf{Ctx} ::= [\cdot] \mid \lambda V. \mathbf{Ctx} \mid (\mathbf{Ctx} \mathbf{Expr}) \mid (\mathbf{Expr} \mathbf{Ctx})$$

$C[s]$  is an expression: it is  $C$  where the hole is replaced by  $s$

This may capture variables, e.g. for context  $C = \lambda x. [\cdot]$  and expression  $\lambda y. x$ :

$$C[\lambda y. x] = \lambda x. (\lambda y. x).$$

## $\alpha$ -Renaming and $\beta$ -Reduction

- Renaming of variables
- Distinct variable convention
- Substitution (with renaming)
- $\beta$ -reduction, contextual closure

A single  $\alpha$ -renaming-step is of the form:

$$C[\lambda x.s] \xrightarrow{\alpha} C[\lambda y.s[y/x]] \quad \text{if } y \notin BV(C[\lambda x.s]) \cup FV(C[\lambda x.s])$$

The reflexive-transitive closure of  $\xrightarrow{\alpha} \cup \xleftarrow{\alpha}$  is called  $\alpha$ -equivalence and written  $s =_{\alpha} t$ .

We identify  $\alpha$ -equivalent expressions (and write  $s = t$  also if  $s =_{\alpha} t$ )

# The Distinct Variable Convention

To avoid naming conflicts, we assume the following convention:

## Distinct Variable Convention (DVC)

In any expression  $s$ , **bound and free** variables are disjoint, i.e.  $BV(s) \cap FV(s) = \emptyset$ , and all **variables on binders** are pairwise distinct.

The convention can be obeyed by using  $\alpha$ -renamings.

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Substitution  $s[t/x]$  without side condition:

## Definition (Substitution)

If  $BV(s) \cap FV(t) = \emptyset$ , then  $s[t/x]$  is the capture-avoiding substitution.

Otherwise, let  $s' =_{\alpha} s$  such that  $s'$  fulfills the DVC.

Then  $BV(s') \cap FV(t) = \emptyset$  holds.

Then let  $s[t/x] = s'[t/x]$  using capture-avoiding substitution for  $s'[t/x]$ .

Note:  $s[t/x]$  may not satisfy the DVC.

Better: Used  $\alpha$ -renamed copies for each  $t$

The most important **reduction rule** of the lambda calculus:

## Definition

The (direct)  $(\beta)$ -reduction is defined as

$$(\beta) \quad (\lambda x.s) t \xrightarrow{\beta} s[t/x]$$

If  $r_1 \xrightarrow{\beta} r_2$ , then we say  $r_1$  **directly reduces** to  $r_2$ .

## Contextual closure

The contextual closure of  $\beta$ -reduction is  $\xrightarrow{C,\beta}$  defined as

$$C[s] \xrightarrow{C,\beta} C[t] \text{ iff } C \text{ is a context and } s \xrightarrow{\beta} t.$$

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Fixing the position where to apply the reduction is called a **reduction strategy**.

We do it soon, but first we consider arbitrary  $\xrightarrow{C,\beta}$ -steps.

# CHURCH-ROSSER-THEOREM

- The diamond property
- Confluence
- $\rightarrow_1$ -reduction
- Proof of the Church-Rosser-Theorem

For a binary relation  $\rightarrow \subseteq (M \times M)$ , we denote with

- $\leftrightarrow$  the **symmetric closure** of  $\rightarrow$  (i.e.  $a \leftrightarrow b$  iff  $a \rightarrow b$  or  $b \rightarrow a$ ).
  - $\xrightarrow{i}$  the  **$i$ -fold composition** of  $\rightarrow$   
( $a \xrightarrow{0} a$  for all  $a \in M$  and for  $i > 0$ :  $a \xrightarrow{i} b$ , if  $\exists b' \in M : a \rightarrow b'$  and  $b' \xrightarrow{i-1} b$ ).
  - $\xrightarrow{i \vee j}$  is the **union** of the  $i$ -fold and the  $j$ -fold composition  
( $a \xrightarrow{i \vee j} b$  iff  $a \xrightarrow{i} b$  or  $a \xrightarrow{j} b$ ).
- In particular,  $\xrightarrow{0 \vee 1}$  is the reflexive-closure of  $\rightarrow$ .
- $\xrightarrow{*}$  the **reflexive-transitive closure** of  $\rightarrow$  ( $a \xrightarrow{*} b$  iff  $\exists i \in \mathbb{N}_0 : a \xrightarrow{i} b$ ).
  - $\xleftrightarrow{*}$  the **reflexive-transitive closure** of  $\leftrightarrow$ .
  - $\xrightarrow{+}$  the **transitive closure** of  $\rightarrow$  ( $a \xrightarrow{+} b$  iff  $\exists i \in \mathbb{N} : a \xrightarrow{i} b$ ).

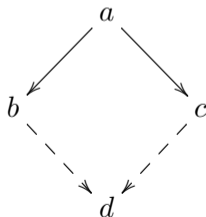


# The Diamond Property and Confluence

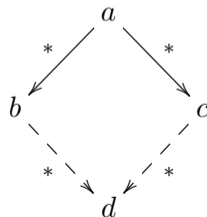
## Definition

A binary relation  $\rightarrow \subseteq M \times M$

- has the **diamond property** iff  
whenever  $a \rightarrow b$  and  $a \rightarrow c$  there exists  $d \in M$  such that  $b \rightarrow d$  and  $c \rightarrow d$ .
- is **confluent** iff  $\xrightarrow{*}$  has the diamond property.



$\rightarrow$  has the diamond property



$\rightarrow$  is confluent

- our goal is to show that  $\xrightarrow{C,\beta}$  is confluent
- if confluence holds, then normal forms are **unique**:  
if we reduce all  $\xrightarrow{C,\beta}$ -redexes, then we get the same expression (up to  $\alpha$ -renaming)  
**independently from the order and positions** where the reductions were applied

## Lemma 3.3.2

If reduction relation  $\rightarrow$  is confluent, then  $a \overset{*}{\leftrightarrow} b$  implies  $\exists c : a \overset{*}{\rightarrow} c \wedge b \overset{*}{\rightarrow} c$



Proof. By induction on  $a \overset{i}{\leftrightarrow} b$ .

- Base case: if  $i = 0$ , then  $a = b$  and the claim holds
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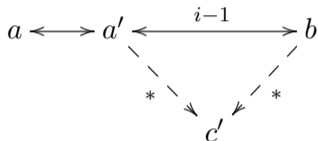
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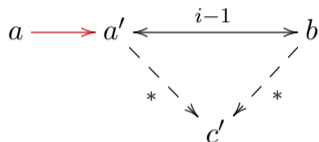
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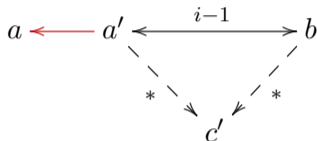
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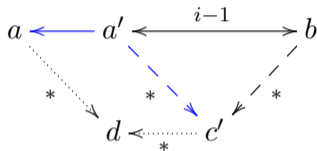


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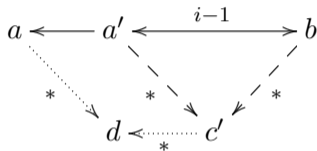
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# Diamond Property: Inheritance from $\rightarrow$ to $\rightarrow^*$

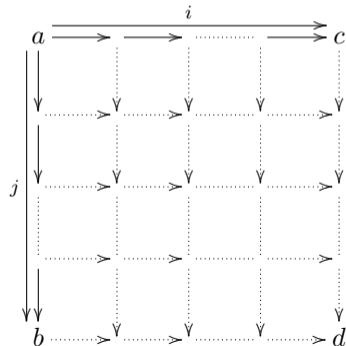
## Lemma 3.3.3

Let  $\rightarrow$  be a binary relation and  $\rightarrow^*$  be its reflexive-transitive closure.  
If  $\rightarrow$  has the diamond property, then  $\rightarrow^*$  has the diamond property.

Proof: By induction on  $(i, j)$  one can show that:

If  $a \xrightarrow{i} b$  and  $a \xrightarrow{j} c$  then  $\exists d: b \xrightarrow{i} d$  and  $c \xrightarrow{j} d$ .

The inner square diagrams follow from the diamond property of  $\rightarrow$ .



# Closures of $\xrightarrow{\beta}$

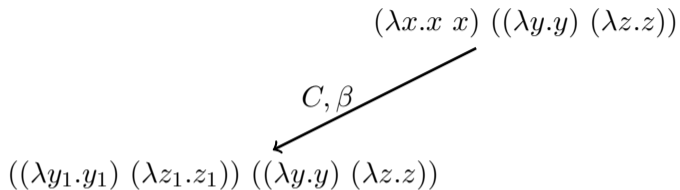
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The relation  $\xleftrightarrow{C,\beta,*}$  is sometimes also called  $\beta$ -equivalence or also convertibility.

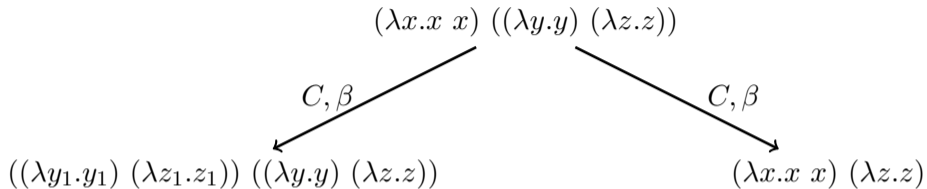
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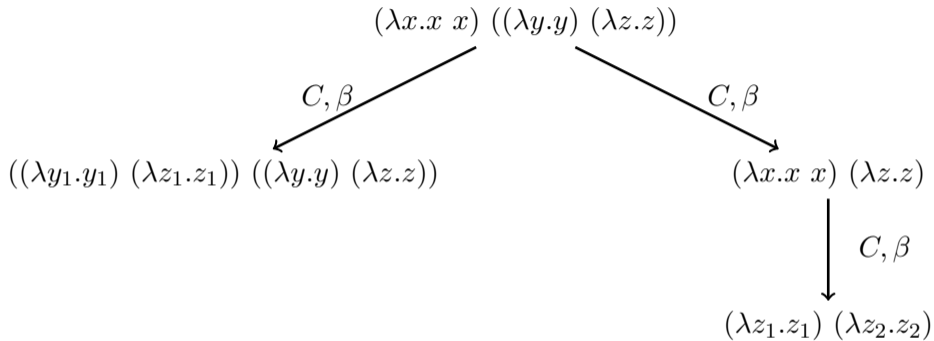
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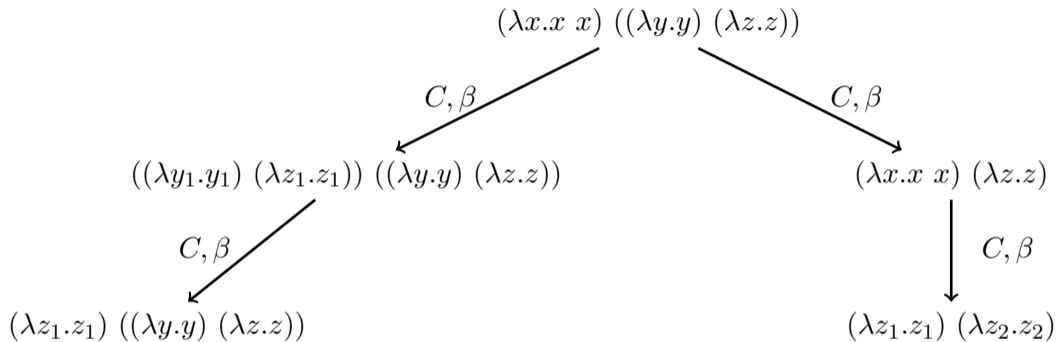
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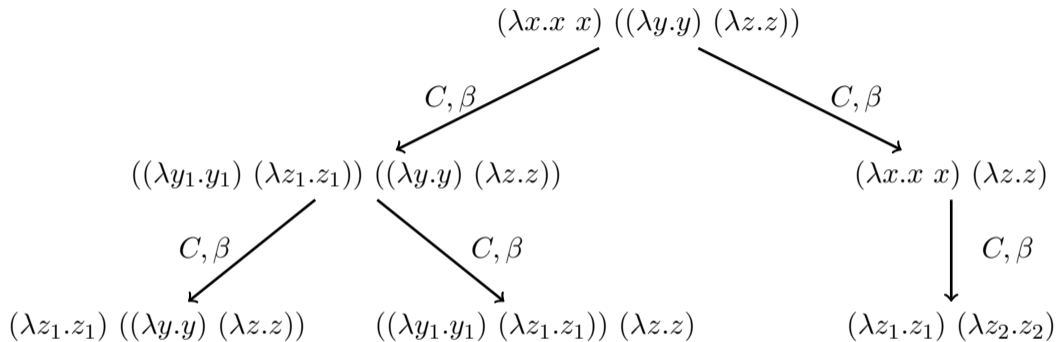


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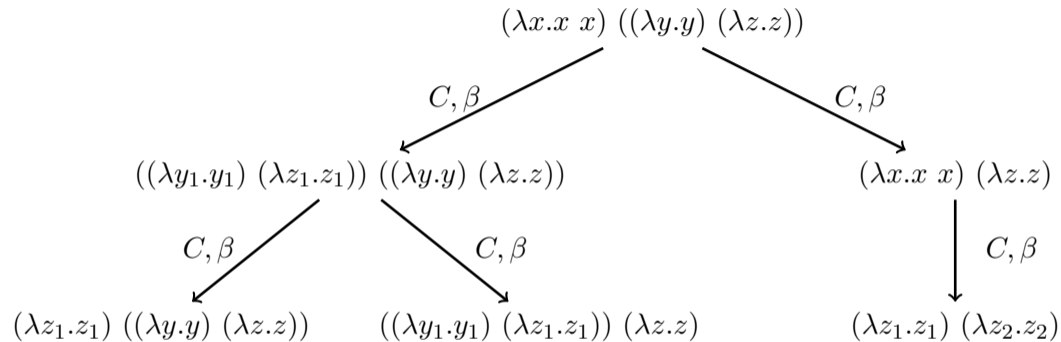




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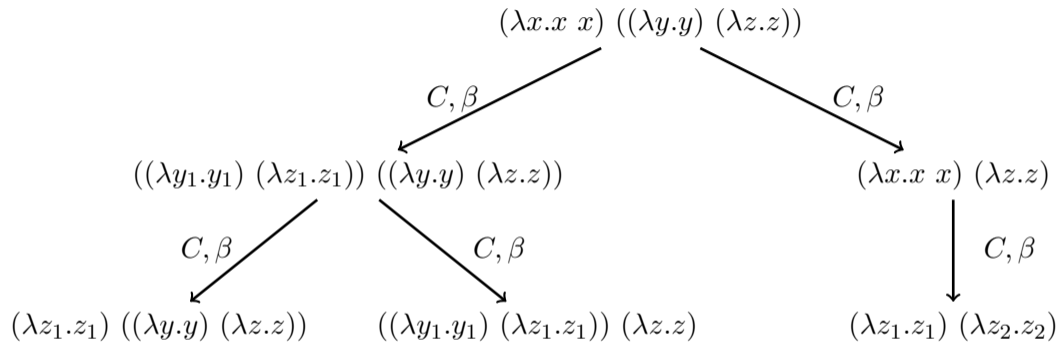


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→ Idea:

- Another reduction relation  $\rightarrow_1$  with  $\xrightarrow{C,\beta,0\vee 1} \subseteq \rightarrow_1 \subseteq \xrightarrow{C,\beta,*}$  and  $\xrightarrow{*}_1 = \xrightarrow{C,\beta,*}$
- Prove diamond-property of  $\rightarrow_1$ . This implies diamond-property of  $\xrightarrow{*}_1 = \xrightarrow{C,\beta,*}$

## Definition (Parallel Reduction $\rightarrow_1$ )

The relation  $\rightarrow_1 \subseteq (\mathbf{Expr} \times \mathbf{Expr})$  is inductively defined by:

- 1  $s \rightarrow_1 s$  for all expressions  $s$ .
- 2 if  $s_1 \rightarrow_1 s_2$  and  $t_1 \rightarrow_1 t_2$ , then  $(s_1 s_2) \rightarrow_1 (t_1 t_2)$ .
- 3 if  $s_1 \rightarrow_1 s_2$  and  $t_1 \rightarrow_1 t_2$ , then  $((\lambda x.s_1) t_1) \rightarrow_1 s_2[t_2/x]$ .
- 4 if  $s \rightarrow_1 t$ , then  $\lambda x.s \rightarrow_1 \lambda x.t$ .

### Lemma 3.3.7

$$\xrightarrow{C,\beta} \subseteq \rightarrow_1$$

Proof. Let  $C[(\lambda x.s) t] \xrightarrow{C,\beta} C[s[t/x]]$ . We show  $C[(\lambda x.s) t] \rightarrow_1 C[s[t/x]]$  by structural induction on  $C$ .

If  $C = [\cdot]$ , then  $(\lambda x.s) t \rightarrow_1 s[t/x]$  by ③, since  $s \rightarrow_1 s$  and  $t \rightarrow_1 t$  by ①.

If  $C \neq [\cdot]$  we use as IH that  $C'[(\lambda x.s) t] \rightarrow_1 C'[s[t/x]]$  where  $C'$  is a proper subcontext of context  $C$ .

- If  $C = (C' r)$ , then  $r \rightarrow_1 r$  by ①,  $C'[(\lambda x.s) t] \rightarrow_1 C'[s[t/x]]$  by the IH and thus  $C[(\lambda x.s) t] = (C'[(\lambda x.s) t] r) \rightarrow_1 (C'[s[t/x]] r) = C[s[t/x]]$  by ②.
- The case  $C = (r C')$  is completely analogous to the previous one.
- If  $C = \lambda y.C'$ , then  $C'[(\lambda x.s) t] \rightarrow_1 C'[s[t/x]]$  by the IH and thus  $C[(\lambda x.s) t] = \lambda y.C'[(\lambda x.s) t] \rightarrow_1 \lambda y.C'[s[t/x]] = C[s[t/x]]$  by ④. □

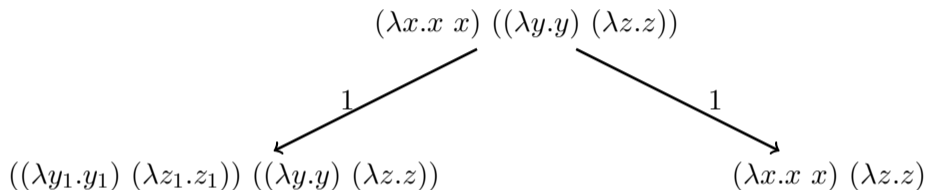
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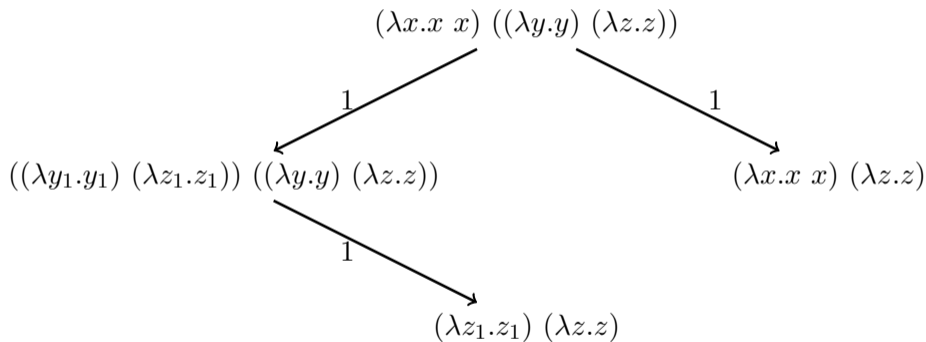
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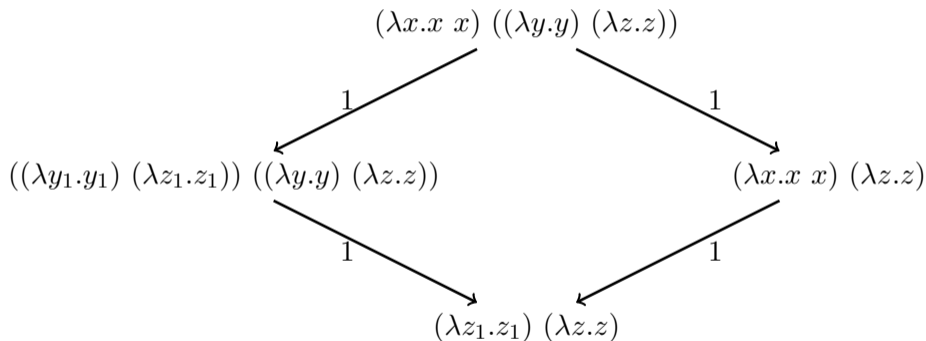




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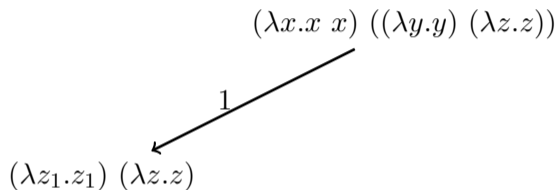
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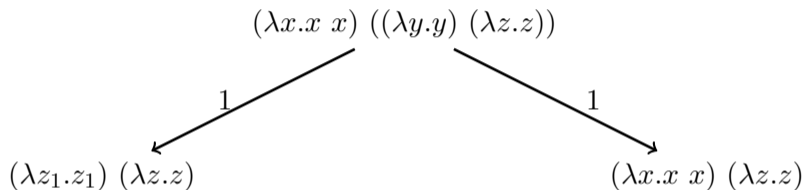
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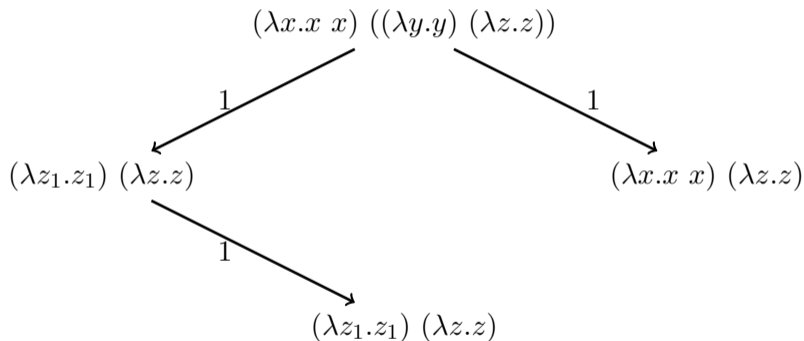
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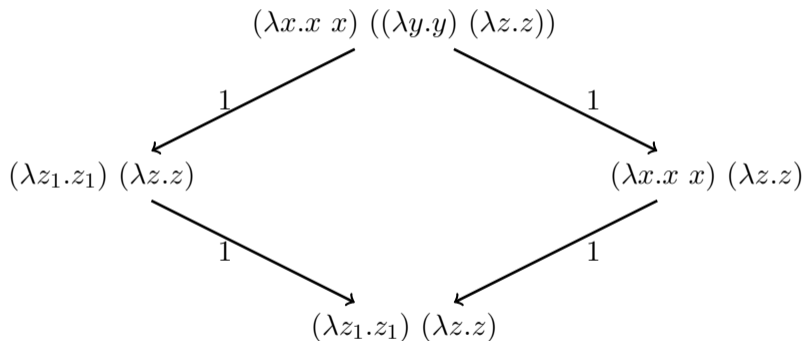
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## Lemma 3.3.10

If  $s \rightarrow_1 r$  and  $t \rightarrow_1 u$  then  $s[t/x] \rightarrow_1 r[u/x]$ .

Proof. This can be shown by induction on  $s \rightarrow_1 r$ .

The base case  $s = r$  can be shown by structural induction on  $s$ .

For the induction step, we only show one exemplary case:

- If  $s = (s_1 \ s_2) \rightarrow_1 (r_1 \ r_2) = r$  with  $s_i \rightarrow_1 r_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , the IH shows  $s_i[t/x] \rightarrow_1 r_i[u/x]$  for  $i = 1, 2$  and thus  $(s_1[t/x] \ s_2[t/x]) \rightarrow_1 (r_1[u/x] \ r_2[u/x])$ . Since  $s[t/x] = (s_1 \ s_2)[t/x]$  and  $(r_1 \ r_2)[u/x] = r[u/x]$ , the claim holds.



## Lemma 3.3.11

Relation  $\rightarrow_1$  has the diamond property.

Proof. We show that whenever  $s \rightarrow_1 t$  then for all  $r$  with  $s \rightarrow_1 r$  there exists  $r'$  with  $t \rightarrow_1 r'$  and  $r \rightarrow r'$ .

We use induction on the definition of  $\rightarrow_1$  in  $s \rightarrow_1 t$ .

Base case:  $t = s$ , i.e.  $s \rightarrow_1 s$ . Then choose  $r' = r$  and the claim holds.

For the induction step, all other cases of the definition of  $\rightarrow_1$  have to be considered. We show one exemplary case.

## Diamond Property for $\rightarrow_1$ (Cont'd)

If  $s = ((\lambda x.s_1) s_2)$  and  $t = t_1[t_2/x]$  where  $s_i \rightarrow_1 t_i$ , then for  $s \rightarrow_1 r$  there are two cases:

- $s = ((\lambda x.s_1) s_2) \rightarrow_1 ((\lambda x.r_1) r_2)$  with  $s_1 \rightarrow_1 r_1$  and  $s_2 \rightarrow_1 r_2$ .  
Applying the IH to  $s_1 \rightarrow_1 t_1$  and  $s_1 \rightarrow_1 r_1$  and also to  $s_2 \rightarrow_1 t_2$  and  $s_2 \rightarrow_1 r_2$  shows that there exists  $r'_1$  and  $r'_2$  such that:  $t_i \rightarrow_1 r'_i$ ,  $r_i \rightarrow_1 r'_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .  
This shows that  $t_1[t_2/x] \rightarrow_1 r'_1[r'_2/x]$  and  $((\lambda x.r_1) r_2) \rightarrow_1 r'_1[r'_2/x]$  (using the previous lemma). Thus the diamond property holds.
- If  $s = ((\lambda x.s_1) s_2)$  and  $r = r_1[r_2/x]$  where  $s_1 \rightarrow_1 r_1$  and  $s_2 \rightarrow_1 r_2$ . Applying the IH to  $s_1 \rightarrow_1 t_1$  and  $s_1 \rightarrow_1 r_1$  and also to  $s_2 \rightarrow_1 t_2$  and  $s_2 \rightarrow_1 r_2$  shows that there exists  $r'_1$  and  $r'_2$  such that:  $t_i \rightarrow_1 r'_i$ ,  $r_i \rightarrow_1 r'_i$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . This shows that  $t_1[t_2/x] \rightarrow_1 r'_1[r'_2/x]$  and  $r_1[r_2/x] \rightarrow_1 r'_1[r'_2/x]$  (using the previous lemma). Thus the diamond property holds.

# Coincidence of $\xrightarrow{C,\beta,*}$ and $\xrightarrow{*}_1$

## Lemma 3.3.12

$$\xrightarrow{C,\beta,*} = \xrightarrow{*}_1$$

Proof (Sketch).

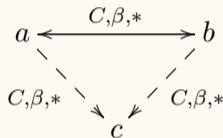
Since  $\xrightarrow{C,\beta} \subseteq \xrightarrow{*}_1$  (Lemma 3.3.7),  $\xrightarrow{C,\beta,*} \subseteq \xrightarrow{*}_1$  also holds.

$\xrightarrow{*}_1 \subseteq \xrightarrow{\beta,*}$  can be proved by inspecting the different cases of the inductive definition of  $\xrightarrow{*}_1$ .

Finally,  $\xrightarrow{*}_1 \subseteq \xrightarrow{C,\beta}$  holds, since  $\xrightarrow{*}_1 \subseteq \left(\xrightarrow{C,\beta,*}\right)^*$  and  $\xrightarrow{C,\beta,*}^* = \xrightarrow{C,\beta,*}$ .

## Church-Rosser-Theorem

For the lambda calculus the following holds: If  $a \xleftrightarrow{C,\beta,*} b$ , then there exists  $c$ , such that  $a \xrightarrow{C,\beta,*} c$  and  $b \xrightarrow{C,\beta,*} c$



Proof.

Applying Lemma 3.3.3 for  $\rightarrow_1$  (using Lemma 3.3.11) shows that  $\rightarrow_1$  is confluent and that  $\xrightarrow{*}_1$  has the diamond property.

With the equation of Lemma 3.3.12, we have that  $\xrightarrow{C,\beta,*}$  has the diamond property and thus  $\xrightarrow{C,\beta}$  is confluent. Finally, Lemma 3.3.2 then shows the claim. □

# CALL-BY-NAME EVALUATION

- Reduction contexts
- Alternative definition with labeling
- Convergence
- Standardisation-Theorem

Ideas:

- do not reduce below  $\lambda$
- reduce the leftmost-outermost  $\beta$ -redex
- in  $(\lambda x.s) t$  pass  $t$  to the function body without evaluating  $t$

## Definition

Reduction contexts  $R$  are built by the following grammar:

$$\mathbf{RCtxt} ::= [\cdot] \mid (\mathbf{RCtxt} \mathbf{Expr})$$

If  $r_1 \xrightarrow{\beta} r_2$  and  $R$  is a reduction context,  
then  $R[r_1] \xrightarrow{\text{name}} R[r_2]$  is a **call-by-name reduction step**.

# Example

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda w.w) ((\lambda u.u) (\lambda v.v)) (\lambda x.((\lambda y.y) (\lambda z.z))) \\ \xrightarrow{\text{name}} & (\lambda u.u) (\lambda v'.v') (\lambda x.((\lambda y.y) (\lambda z.z))) \\ \xrightarrow{\text{name}} & (\lambda v.v) (\lambda x.((\lambda y.y) (\lambda z.z))) \\ \xrightarrow{\text{name}} & \lambda x.((\lambda y.y) (\lambda z.z)) \\ \xrightarrow{\text{name}} & \end{aligned}$$

# Alternative Definition of Call-by-Name Reduction

Use a labeling algorithm to mark the redex:

- For expression  $s$ , start with  $s^*$ .
- Apply the label shifting as long as possible:

$$(s_1 s_2)^* \Rightarrow (s_1^* s_2)$$

The result is of the form  $(s_1^* s_2 \dots s_n)$ , where  $s_1$  is not an application.

- If  $s_1$  is an abstraction  $\lambda x.s'_1$  and  $n \geq 2$ , then reduce as follows:

$$(\lambda x.s'_1) s_2 \dots s_n \xrightarrow{\text{name}} (s'_1[s_2/x] \dots s_n)$$

- If  $s_1$  is an abstraction and  $n = 1$ , then no call-by-name reduction is applicable (since the whole expression is an abstraction)
- If  $s_1$  is a variable, then no call-by-name reduction is applicable (since a free variable has been detected)



# Example

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- Call-by-name reduction is deterministic: if  $s \xrightarrow{\text{name}} t$  and  $s \xrightarrow{\text{name}} t' \implies t = t'$
- No call-by-name reduction is applicable iff  $s = R[x]$  or if  $s$  is an abstraction (called an **FWHNF** (functional weak head normal form))
- Reaching an FWHNF means success
- $\xrightarrow{\text{name},+}$  and  $\xrightarrow{\text{name},*}$  are the transitive and reflexive-transitive closure of  $\xrightarrow{\text{name}}$ .

## Definition

Expression  $s$  (call-by-name) **converges**  $s \downarrow$  iff  $\exists$  abstraction  $v : s \xrightarrow{\text{name},*} v$ .

If  $s$  does not converge, we write  $s \uparrow$  and say  $s$  **diverges**.

# Standardisation (Preparations)

- Goal: show that call-by-name evaluation is optimal w.r.t. convergence
- Technique:  $\rightarrow_1$ -reduction, also on contexts:  
 $C$  is treated like an expression with constant  $[\cdot]$
- If  $R \rightarrow_1 R'$  for a reduction context  $R$ , then  $R'$  is also a reduction context.
- If  $C \rightarrow_1 C'$ ,  $s \rightarrow_1 s'$ , where  $C$  is a context, then  $C[s] \rightarrow_1 C[s']$

## Definition ( $\xrightarrow{\text{name}}_1$ and $\xrightarrow{\text{int}}_1$ )

If  $R \rightarrow_1 R'$ ,  $s \rightarrow_1 s'$ ,  $t \rightarrow_1 t'$ , and  $R$  is a reduction context, then

$$R[(\lambda x.s) t] \xrightarrow{\text{name}}_1 R'[s'[t'/x]]$$

Let  $\xrightarrow{\text{int}}_1 := \rightarrow_1 \setminus \xrightarrow{\text{name}}_1$  be the **internal**  $\xrightarrow{1}$ -reduction.

Note that:  $\xrightarrow{\text{name}} \subset \xrightarrow{\text{name}}_1 \subset \rightarrow_1$

Counting the contracted redexes:

## Definition

Define the measure  $\phi : \rightarrow_1 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$  inductively as

$$\phi(x \rightarrow_1 x) = 0, \text{ if } x \text{ is a variable}$$

$$\phi(\lambda x.s \rightarrow_1 \lambda x.s') = \phi(s \rightarrow s')$$

$$\phi(((\lambda x.s) t) \rightarrow_1 s'[t'/x]) = 1 + \phi(s \rightarrow_1 s') + k \cdot \phi(t \rightarrow_1 t'), \text{ where } k \text{ is the number of free occurrences of } x \text{ in } s$$

$$\phi((s t) \rightarrow_1 (s' t')) = \phi(s \rightarrow_1 s') + \phi(t \rightarrow_1 t')$$

Measure  $\phi$  is defined for every  $\rightarrow_1$ -step and it is well-founded.



## Lemma 3.4.10

If  $s \rightarrow_1 t$ , then  $s \xrightarrow{\text{name},*} s' \xrightarrow{\text{int}}_1 t$ .

Proof. If  $s \xrightarrow{\text{int}}_1 t$ , then the claim holds.

Otherwise,  $s \xrightarrow{\text{name}}_1 t$ , i.e.  $s = R[(\lambda x.r) u]$ ,  $r \rightarrow_1 r'$ ,  $u \rightarrow_1 u'$ ,  $R \rightarrow_1 R'$ ,  $t = R'[r'[u'/x]]$ .

Then  $s \xrightarrow{\text{name}} R[r[u/x]] \rightarrow_1 R'[r'[u'/x]]$  and this can be iterated. If the iteration stops, the demanded reduction sequence is constructed.

For termination, we verify  $\phi(s \rightarrow_1 t) > \phi(R[r[u/x]] \rightarrow_1 R'[r'[u'/x]])$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(R[(\lambda x.r) u] \rightarrow_1 R'[r'[u'/x]]) &= \phi(R \rightarrow_1 R') + \phi((\lambda x.r) u \rightarrow_1 r'[u'/x]) \\ &= \phi(R \rightarrow_1 R') + 1 + \phi(r \rightarrow_1 r') + k\phi(u \rightarrow_1 u') \\ \phi(R[r[u/x]] \rightarrow_1 R'[r'[u'/x]]) &= \phi(R \rightarrow_1 R') + \phi(r \rightarrow_1 r') + k\phi(u \rightarrow_1 u') \end{aligned}$$

where  $k$  is the number of free occurrences of  $x$  in  $r$ . □

## Lemma 3.4.11

Let  $s \rightarrow_1 t \xrightarrow{\text{name}} r$ , then there exists  $u$  such that  $s \xrightarrow{\text{name},+} u \xrightarrow{\text{int}}_1 r$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 s & \xrightarrow{\quad} & t \\
 \text{name},+ \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{name} \\
 u & \xrightarrow[\text{int}]{}_1 & r
 \end{array}$$

Proof.

By Lemma 3.4.10  $s \rightarrow_1 t \xrightarrow{\text{name}} r$  can be written as  $s \xrightarrow{\text{name},*} t' \xrightarrow{\text{int}}_1 t \xrightarrow{\text{name}} r$ .

Since  $t \xrightarrow{\text{name}} r$ , we can assume that  $t = R[(\lambda x.t_0) t_1] \xrightarrow{\text{name}} R[t_0[t_1/x]] = r$ .

Since  $t' \xrightarrow{\text{int}}_1 t$  is internal,  $t' = R'[(\lambda x.t'_0) t'_1]$  where  $R' \rightarrow_1 R$ ,  $t'_0 \rightarrow_1 t_0$ , and  $t'_1 \rightarrow_1 t_1$ .

Then  $t' = R'[(\lambda x.t'_0) t'_1] \xrightarrow{\text{name}} R'[t'_0[t'_1/x]] \xrightarrow{\text{int}}_1 R[t_0[t_1/x]] = r$  holds. □

Shifting  $\xrightarrow{\text{name},*}$  over  $\rightarrow_1$

Applying Lemma 3.4.11 iteratively shows:

### Lemma 3.4.12

If  $s \rightarrow_1 t \xrightarrow{\text{name},*} v$ ,  $v$  is an FWHNF, then  $s \xrightarrow{\text{name},*} v' \xrightarrow{\text{int}}_1 v$  where  $v'$  is an FWHNF.

The induction is on the number of  $\xrightarrow{\text{name}}$ -steps.

For the base case, observe that  $\xrightarrow{\text{int}}_1$  steps do not transform non-FWHNFs into FWHNFs.

For the induction step, apply Lemma 3.4.11 and use the induction hypothesis.

Call-by-name evaluation is an optimal strategy w.r.t. termination:

## Standardisation-Theorem

If  $s \xrightarrow{C,\beta,*} v$  where  $v$  is a FWHNF, then  $s \Downarrow$ .

Proof. The given sequence is also a sequence of  $\rightarrow_1$ -reductions, since  $\xrightarrow{C,\beta} \subseteq \rightarrow_1$ .

We show by induction on  $n$ : if  $s \xrightarrow{n}_1 v$  where  $v$  is an FWHNF, then  $s \Downarrow$ .

If  $n = 0$ , then the claim holds. The induction step:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 s & \xrightarrow[1]{} & s' & \xrightarrow[1]{n-1} & v \\
 \vdots \text{ name,*} & & \downarrow \text{ name,*} & & \\
 v'' & \xrightarrow[1]{\text{int}} & v' & & 
 \end{array}$$

Dashed steps follow from the IH, dotted steps follow by Lemma 3.4.12



# CALL-BY-VALUE EVALUATION

- Used in strict functional programming languages like ML, F#, ...
- Difference to call-by-name:  $\beta$ -reduction is only permitted if the argument is a value (an abstraction)

## Definition

The (direct)  $(\beta_{value})$ -reduction is defined as

$$(\lambda x.s) v \xrightarrow{\beta_{value}} s[v/x] \text{ where } v \text{ is a variable or an abstraction.}$$

We write  $\xrightarrow{C, \beta_{value}}$  for the contextual closure of  $\xrightarrow{\beta_{value}}$ .

Call-by-value evaluation requires to evaluate parameters before calling the function!

## Definition

Call-by-value reduction contexts  $E$  are built as follows:

$$\mathbf{ECtxt} ::= [\cdot] \mid (\mathbf{ECtxt} \mathbf{Expr}) \mid ((\lambda V. \mathbf{Expr}) \mathbf{ECtxt})$$

If  $r_1 \xrightarrow{\beta_{value}} r_2$  and  $E$  is a call-by-value reduction context, then

$$E[r_1] \xrightarrow{value} E[r_2]$$

is a call-by-value reduction.

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# Alternative Definition with Labels

- For  $s$ , start with  $s^\star$ .
- Exhaustively apply the rules:

$$(s_1 s_2)^\star \Rightarrow (s_1^\star s_2)$$

$$(v^\star s) \Rightarrow (v s^\star) \quad \text{if } v \text{ is an abstraction and } s \text{ is not an abstraction or a variable}$$

## Three cases

- $s$  is labeled with  $\star$  and  $s$  is an abstraction: no reduction applicable
- $s = E[x^\star]$ , i.e. a free variable in reduction position: no reduction applicable
- $s = E[(\lambda x.t)^\star v]$  where  $v$  is an abstraction or variable:

$$\text{Then } E[(\lambda x.t) v] \xrightarrow{\text{value}} E[t[v/x]]$$

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Note that call-by-value reduction is deterministic.

## Definition

Expression  $s$  **converges for call-by-value evaluation**:

$$s \downarrow_{value} \text{ iff } \exists \text{abstraction } v : s \xrightarrow{value,*} v.$$

If  $\neg s \downarrow_{value}$ , then we write  $s \uparrow_{value}$  ( $s$  diverges for call-by-value evaluation).

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The converse does **not** hold:

- $\Omega := (\lambda x.x x) (\lambda x.x x)$ .
- $\Omega \xrightarrow{name} \Omega$  and also  $\Omega \xrightarrow{value} \Omega$
- $(\lambda x.\lambda y.y) \Omega \xrightarrow{name} \lambda y.y$ , thus  $(\lambda x.\lambda y.y) \Omega \downarrow$
- $(\lambda x.\lambda y.y) \Omega \xrightarrow{value} (\lambda x.\lambda y.y) \Omega$ , thus  $(\lambda x.\lambda y.y) \Omega \uparrow_{value}$

# Call-by-Name vs. Call-by-Value (Cont'd)

Consider  $f\ s_1\ s_2\ s_3$

- In call-by-value evaluation: first  $s_1$ , then  $s_2$ , then  $s_3$ , then the application  
→ Evaluation order is predictable
- In call-by-name evaluation: first the application.  
When (if it all)  $s_1, s_2, s_3$  are evaluated depends on the definition of  $f$ !  
→ Evaluation order is not predictable
- This is relevant, if  $s_i = \text{print } i$
- Main reason why strict functional languages (ML, Ocaml, ...) permit direct side-effects, but non-strict functional languages (Haskell) forbid them.

# CALL-BY-NEED EVALUATION

- Also called: **lazy evaluation with sharing**
- It optimizes the call-by-name evaluation: by avoiding duplicated evaluations:
  - Consider  $(\lambda x. \dots x \dots x) t$ .
  - In call-by-name evaluation  $t$  is **copied** and perhaps evaluated several times!
  - Idea of call-by-need: **share** the result of evaluating  $t$
  - We use a new construct for this sharing **let  $x = t$  in ...**

## Expressions with **let**

**Expr** ::=  $V$  |  $\lambda V.$ **Expr** | (**Expr Expr**) | **let**  $V =$  **Expr** **in Expr**

Note that **let** in Haskell is recursive, here we have a non-recursive **let**.



Reduction contexts are  $\mathbf{R}_{need}$ :

$$\mathbf{R}_{need} ::= \mathbf{LR}[\mathbf{A}] \mid \mathbf{LR}[\mathbf{let } x = \mathbf{A} \text{ in } \mathbf{R}_{need}[x]]$$

$$\mathbf{A} ::= [\cdot] \mid (\mathbf{A} \mathbf{Expr})$$

$$\mathbf{LR} ::= [\cdot] \mid \mathbf{let } V = \mathbf{Expr} \text{ in } \mathbf{LR}$$

- $\mathbf{A} \hat{=}$  left into the application
- $\mathbf{LR} \hat{=}$  right into the `let`

Call-by-need reduction step  $\xrightarrow{\text{need}}$ , defined by:

$$(l\beta) \quad R_{\text{need}}[(\lambda x.s) t] \xrightarrow{\text{need}} R_{\text{need}}[\text{let } x = t \text{ in } s]$$

$$(cp) \quad LR[\text{let } x = \lambda y.s \text{ in } R_{\text{need}}[x]] \xrightarrow{\text{need}} LR[\text{let } x = \lambda y.s \text{ in } R_{\text{need}}[\lambda y.s]]$$

$$(llet) \quad LR[\text{let } x = (\text{let } y = s \text{ in } t) \text{ in } R_{\text{need}}[x]] \\ \xrightarrow{\text{need}} LR[\text{let } y = s \text{ in } (\text{let } x = t \text{ in } R_{\text{need}}[x])]$$

$$(lapp) \quad R_{\text{need}}[(\text{let } x = s \text{ in } t) r] \xrightarrow{\text{need}} R_{\text{need}}[\text{let } x = s \text{ in } (t r)]$$

- $(l\beta)$  and  $(cp)$  replace  $(\beta)$ ,
- $(lapp)$  and  $(llet)$  adjust lets

- Labels:  $\star$ ,  $\diamond$ ,  $\odot$
- $\star \vee \diamond$  means  $\star$  or  $\diamond$
- For  $s$ , start with  $s^\star$ .

## Shifting-Rules:

- (1)  $(\text{let } x = s \text{ in } t)^\star \Rightarrow (\text{let } x = s \text{ in } t^\star)$
- (2)  $(\text{let } x = C_1[y^\diamond] \text{ in } C_2[x^\odot]) \Rightarrow (\text{let } x = C_1[y^\diamond] \text{ in } C_2[x])$
- (3)  $(\text{let } x = s \text{ in } C[x^{\star \vee \diamond}]) \Rightarrow (\text{let } x = s^\diamond \text{ in } C[x^\odot])$
- (4)  $(s t)^{\star \vee \diamond} \Rightarrow (s^\diamond t)$

where (2) is preferred over (3)

# Labeling-Algorithm: Reduction after Labeling

*(lbeta)*  $((\lambda x.s)^\diamond t) \rightarrow \text{let } x = t \text{ in } s$

*(cp)*  $\text{let } x = (\lambda y.s)^\diamond \text{ in } C[x^\odot] \rightarrow \text{let } x = \lambda y.s \text{ in } C[\lambda y.s]$

*(llet)*  $\text{let } x = (\text{let } y = s \text{ in } t)^\diamond \text{ in } C[x^\odot]$   
 $\rightarrow \text{let } y = s \text{ in } (\text{let } x = t \text{ in } C[x])$

*(lapp)*  $((\text{let } x = s \text{ in } t)^\diamond r) \rightarrow \text{let } x = s \text{ in } (t r)$

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- The final expression is a call-by-need **FWHNF**
- **Call-by-need FWHNF**: expression of the form  $LR[\lambda x.s]$ , i.e.

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## Definition

Expression  $s$  **converges for call-by-need evaluation**:

$$s \downarrow_{need} \iff \exists \text{FWHNF } v : s \xrightarrow{need,*} v$$

## Proposition

Let  $s$  be (let-free) expression, then  $s \downarrow \iff s \downarrow_{need}$ .

→ W.r.t. convergence call-by-name and call-by-need are the same

# CONTEXTUAL EQUIVALENCE

# Equality in the Lambda Calculus

Up to now, we used three notions of equality:

- Syntactic equality
- $\alpha$ -equivalence
- $\beta$ -convertibility  $\xrightarrow{C, \beta, *}$

All of them are quite restrictive

→ We introduce a **semantic equivalence**, called **contextual equivalence**

# Idea of Contextual Equivalence

Leibniz' law of the identity of indiscernibles:

- if objects  $o_1$  and  $o_2$  have the same property for all properties, then  $o_1$  is identical to  $o_2$ .
- equality thus means: in every context, we can exchange  $o_1$  by  $o_2$ , but no difference is observable.

For program calculi like the lambda calculus:

Expressions  $s$  and  $t$  are equal iff  
their behaviour cannot be distinguished independently in which context they are used.

convergence  $\forall C : C[s]$  and  $C[t] \dots$

## Definition

For the call-by-name lambda calculus:

**contextual approximation**  $\leq_c$  and **contextual equivalence**  $\sim_c$  are defined as

- $s \leq_c t$  iff  $\forall C : C[s] \downarrow \implies C[t] \downarrow$
- $s \sim_c t$  iff  $s \leq_c t$  und  $t \leq_c s$

For the call-by-value lambda calculus:

**contextual approximation**  $\leq_{c,value}$  and **contextual equivalence**  $\sim_{c,value}$  are defined as:

- $s \leq_{c,value} t$  iff  $\forall C : \text{If } C[s], C[t] \text{ are closed and } C[s] \downarrow_{value}, \text{ then also } C[t] \downarrow_{value}$
- $s \sim_{c,value} t$  iff  $s \leq_{c,value} t$  and  $t \leq_{c,value} s$

We omit the call-by-need lambda calculus.

# Closing vs. Non-Closing Contexts

- call-by-name: no difference if all, or only closing contexts are used in  $\sim_c$
- call-by-value: there is a difference:  
 $x \sim_{c,value} \lambda y.(x y)$  holds, but would not hold, if all contexts are used

	Variables represent
call-by-name	any expression
call-by-value	any value

Remark:

- the transformation  $s \rightarrow \lambda x.(s x)$  is called **eta-expansion**
- the inverse transformation  $\lambda x.(s x) \rightarrow s$  is called **eta-reduction**



# Properties of Contextual Equivalence

Contextual equivalence is the coarsest equivalence that distinguishes obviously different expressions.

An important property is:

## Proposition

- $\sim_c$  and  $\sim_{c,value}$  are **congruences**, i.e. they are equivalence relations (i.e. reflexive, symmetric & transitive) and compatible with contexts ( $s \sim t \implies C[s] \sim C[t]$ ).
- $\leq_c$  and  $\leq_{c,value}$  are **precongruences**, i.e. they are preorders (i.e. reflexive & transitive) and compatible with contexts ( $s \leq t \implies C[s] \leq C[t]$ ).

Proof: We only consider the precongruences, since the congruences follows by symmetry.

(next slide)

## $\leq_c$ is a Precongruence

- reflexivity: for all contexts and expressions  $C[s] \Downarrow \implies C[s] \Downarrow$ , thus  $s \leq_c s$
- transitivity: Let  $r \leq_c s$  and  $s \leq_c t$  and  $C[r] \Downarrow$ .

We have to show  $C[t] \Downarrow$ :

From  $r \leq_c s$  we have  $C[s] \Downarrow$ .

From  $s \leq_c t$  we also have  $C[t] \Downarrow$ .

- compatibility: Let  $s \leq_c t$  and  $C$  be a context.

We have to show  $C[s] \leq_c C[t]$

Let  $C'$  be a context such that  $C'[C[s]] \Downarrow$ .

Since  $C'[C[\cdot]]$  is also a context,  $s \leq_c t$  shows  $C'[C[t]] \Downarrow$

## $\leq_{c,value}$ is a Precongruence

- reflexivity and compatibility: similar to  $\leq_c$
- transitivity: let  $r \leq_{c,value} s$  and  $s \leq_{c,value} t$

Let  $C$  be a context such that  $C[r]$  and  $C[t]$  are closed and  $C[r] \downarrow_{value}$ .

We have to show  $C[t] \downarrow_{value}$ . If  $C[s]$  is also closed, the reasoning is as for  $\leq_c$ .

Otherwise, assume  $FV(C[s]) = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ .

Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be arbitrary closed values and  $D = (\lambda x_1, \dots, x_n. [\cdot]) v_1 \dots v_n$ .

Since  $C[r]$  and  $C[t]$  are closed:

- $D[C[r]] \xrightarrow{value,*} C[r]$  and  $D[C[t]] \xrightarrow{value,*} C[t]$
- Thus:  $D[C[r]] \downarrow_{value} \iff C[r] \downarrow_{value}$  and  $D[C[t]] \downarrow_{value} \iff C[t] \downarrow_{value}$

Since  $C[r] \downarrow_{value}$ , we have  $D[C[r]] \downarrow_{value}$ .

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- Program transformation  $s \rightarrow t$  is correct iff  $s \sim_c t$  holds
- Congruence property shows that **local transformations** preserve “global” equivalence: if  $s \sim_c t$  then  $C[s] \sim_c C[t]$
- Proving correctness is **usually hard**, because of the universal quantification on all contexts
- Decision problems  $s \stackrel{?}{\sim}_c t$  or  $s \stackrel{?}{\not\sim}_c t$  are undecidable, since:  
 $s \stackrel{?}{\not\sim}_c \Omega$  can be used to encode the halting problem  
(and since the lambda calculus is Turing complete)

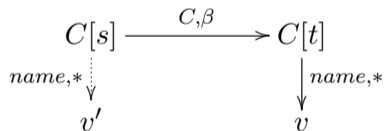
# $(\beta)$ is Correct in the Call-by-Name Lambda Calculus

## Proposition

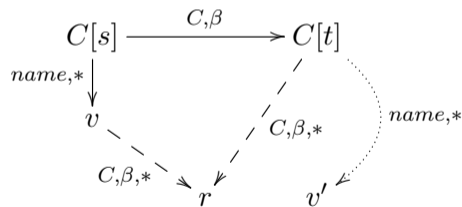
In the call-by-name lambda calculus: if  $s \xrightarrow{\beta} t$ , then  $s \sim_c t$ .

Proof. Let  $s \xrightarrow{\beta} t$  and  $C$  be a context.

$$C[t] \downarrow \implies C[s] \downarrow :$$



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$\longrightarrow$  given reductions

$v, r, v'$  are WHNFs.

$- - \triangleright$  follows from the Church-Rosser-Theorem

$\cdots \triangleright$  follows from the Standardisation-Theorem

# CONTEXT LEMMA

- In general, a context lemma states that it suffices to check a subset of all contexts to conclude contextual equivalence
- We only consider the case of the call-by-name lambda calculus
- We require multi-contexts: Contexts with several (or no) holes  
We write  $M[\cdot_1, \dots, \cdot_n]$  for a multi-context with  $n$  holes  
We write  $M[s_1, \dots, s_n]$  if the hole  $\cdot_i$  of  $M$  is replaced by  $s_i$  (for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ).

## Context Lemma

Let  $s$  and  $t$  be closed expressions. If for all reductions contexts  $R$ , the implication  $R[s] \downarrow \implies R[t] \downarrow$  holds, then also  $s \leq_c t$  holds.

Proof. We prove the more general claim using multi-contexts:

If for all closed expressions  $s_i, t_i$  and for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ : for all reduction contexts  $R$  the implication  $R[s_i] \downarrow \implies R[t_i] \downarrow$  holds, then for all multi-contexts  $M$  the implication  $M[s_1, \dots, s_n] \downarrow \implies M[t_1, \dots, t_n] \downarrow$  holds.

The context lemma follows with  $n = 1$ .



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Assume, the preconditions hold and  $M[s_1, \dots, s_n] \xrightarrow{\text{name}, m} v$  where  $v$  is a WHNF. We use induction on the following pair, ordered lexicographically;

- 1 The number  $m$  of call-by-name reductions from  $M[s_1, \dots, s_n]$  to a WHNF.
- 2 The number  $n$  of holes of  $M$ .

Base case:

- Let  $n = 0$  and  $m$  arbitrary: Then  $M$  is an expression and the claim holds.

Induction step:

- Let  $n > 0$ , i.e.  $M$  has holes
- We split into two cases (next slide)

# Proof of the Context Lemma (Cont'd)

Case: There exists a hole  $i$ , s.t.  $M[s_1, \dots, s_{i-1}, \cdot_i, s_{i+1}, \dots, s_n]$  is a reduction context

- Then there exists a hole  $j$ , such that  $M[r_1, \dots, r_{j-1}, \cdot_j, r_{j+1}, \dots, r_n]$  is a reduction context for any expressions  $r_1, \dots, r_n$ .
- Let  $M' = M[\cdot_1, \dots, \cdot_{j-1}, s_j, \cdot_{j+1}, \dots, \cdot_n]$
- Since  $M'[s_1, \dots, s_{j-1}, s_{j+1}, \dots, s_n] = M[s_1, \dots, s_n]$ , they have the same call-by-name evaluation
- $M'$  has  $n - 1$  holes, i.e. we can apply the IH, showing  $M'[t_1, \dots, t_{j-1}, t_{j+1}, t_n] \downarrow$ .
- $C_s = M[s_1, \dots, s_{j-1}, \cdot_j, s_{j+1}, \dots, s_n]$  and  $C_t = M[t_1, \dots, t_{j-1}, \cdot_j, t_{j+1}, \dots, t_n]$  are both reduction contexts,  $M'[t_1, \dots, t_{j-1}, t_{j+1}, t_n] = C_t[s_j]$  and  $C_t[s_j] \downarrow$ . Thus the precondition shows that  $C_t[t_j] \downarrow$ .
- Since  $C_t[t_j] = M[t_1, \dots, t_n]$ , this shows the claim.

# Proof of the Context Lemma (Cont'd)

Case  $n > 0$  and no hole is a reduction context.

- If  $m = 0$ , then  $M[s_1, \dots, s_n]$  is a WHNF and  $M[t_1, \dots, s_n]$  must be a WHNF too.
- Otherwise,  $M[s_1, \dots, s_n] \xrightarrow{\text{name}} s' \xrightarrow{\text{name}, m-1} v$
- Inspect what can happen with the subexpressions  $s_1, \dots, s_n$  in  $M$
- Since no hole of  $M$  is in a reduction context they can only change their position and maybe duplicated or removed.
- Since  $s_1, \dots, s_n$  are closed no other expression can be copied inside any  $s_i$ .
- Thus: There exists  $M'$  with  $k$  holes, such that
  - $s' = M'[s_{f(1)}, \dots, s_{f(m)}]$  where  $f : \{1, \dots, m\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$ .
  - $M[r_1, \dots, r_n] \xrightarrow{\text{name}} M'[r_{f(1)}, \dots, r_{f(m)}]$  for any expressions  $r_1, \dots, r_n$
  - in particular,  $M[t_1, \dots, t_n] \xrightarrow{\text{name}} M'[t_{f(1)}, \dots, r_{f(m)}] = t'$ .

Since  $s' \xrightarrow{\text{name}, m-1} v$  and the precondition holds for all pairs  $s_{f(i)}, t_{f(i)}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$  we can apply the IH to  $s'$  and  $t'$  showing  $t' \downarrow$  and thus also  $t \downarrow$ . □

## Proposition 3.8.2

Let  $s$  and  $t$  be expressions with free variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Then  $s \leq_c t$  iff for all closed expressions  $t_1, \dots, t_n$ :  $s[t_1/x_1, \dots, t_n/x_n] \leq_c t[t_1/x_1, \dots, t_n/x_n]$

Proof.

- “ $\Rightarrow$ ”: This follows since  $\leq_c$  is a precongruence and since  $(\beta)$  is correct.
- “ $\Leftarrow$ ”: This can be shown by the context lemma and an induction on the number of variables.

In the call-by-value lambda calculus:

- $(\beta_{value}) \subseteq \sim_{c,value}$  (without a proof)
- $(\beta) \not\subseteq \sim_{c,value}$ , since  $((\lambda x.(\lambda y.y)) \Omega) \uparrow_{value}$  and  $\lambda y.y \downarrow_{value}$

The contextual equivalences w.r.t. call-by-name and call-by-value evaluation are not related:

$$\sim_c \not\subseteq \sim_{c,value} \text{ and } \sim_{c,value} \not\subseteq \sim_c$$

E.g.  $((\lambda x.(\lambda y.y)) \Omega) \sim_{c,value} \Omega$  but  $((\lambda x.(\lambda y.y)) \Omega) \not\sim_c \Omega$ .

## Proposition

All closed diverging expressions are least elements w.r.t.  $\leq_c$  and  $\leq_{c,value}$ .  
For instance  $\Omega \leq_c s$  and also  $\Omega \leq_{c,value} s$  for all expressions  $s$ .

With  $K := \lambda x. \lambda y. x$ ,  $Y := \lambda f. (\lambda x. (f (x x))) (\lambda x. (f (x x)))$ , and  
 $Z := \lambda f. (\lambda x. (f \lambda z. (x x) z)) (\lambda x. (f \lambda z. (x x) z))$ :

- $Y K$  is a greatest element of  $\leq_c$ , i.e.  $\forall s : s \leq_c Y K$
- $Z K$  is a greatest element of  $\leq_{c,value}$ , i.e.  $\forall s : s \leq_{c,value} Z K$

eteness

We only prove the proposition for the call-by-name lambda calculus.

## Least Elements w.r.t. $\leq_c$

- Let  $\perp$  be a closed diverging expression and  $s$  be an arbitrary closed expression.
- Let  $R$  be an arbitrary reduction context, then  $R[\perp]$  cannot converge, i.e.  $R[\perp] \uparrow$ .
- The context lemma now immediately shows  $\perp \leq_c s$ .
- Since  $\perp$  is closed, Proposition 3.8.2 shows  $\perp \leq_c s$  for any (perhaps also open) expression  $s$

# Greatest Elements w.r.t. $\leq_c$

- $Y := \lambda f.(\lambda x.(f (x x))) (\lambda x.(f (x x)))$
- Let  $r_y = (\lambda x.K (x x))$ .
- Then  $Y K \xrightarrow{C,\beta} r_y r_y \xrightarrow{C,\beta} K (r_y r_y)$
- $(Y K) s_1 \dots s_n \xrightarrow{C,\beta,*} K (r_y r_y) s_1 \dots s_n \xrightarrow{C,\beta,*} (r_y r_y) s_2 \dots s_n \xrightarrow{C,\beta,*} (r_y r_y) \xrightarrow{C,\beta} K (r_y r_y) \xrightarrow{C,\beta} \lambda x.(r_y r_y)$
- The Standardisation-Theorem shows that for all  $R$ :  $R[(Y K)] \downarrow$ .
- Since  $(Y K)$  is closed, the context lemma shows  $s \leq_c (Y K)$  for every closed expression  $s$
- Proposition 3.8.2 shows  $s \leq_c (Y K)$  for any (perhaps also open) expression  $s$ .



# The Z-Combinator and Call-By-Value

We explain the call-by-value evaluation of  $(Z K)$ :

- $Z = \lambda f.(\lambda x.(f \lambda z.(x x) z)) (\lambda x.(f \lambda z.(x x) z))$
- Let  $r_z = (\lambda x.(K \lambda z.(x x) z))$
- $Z K \xrightarrow{\text{value}} r_z r_z \xrightarrow{\text{value}} K \lambda z.((r_z r_z) z) \xrightarrow{\text{value}} \lambda y.\lambda z.(r_z r_z) z$
- For values  $v_1, \dots, v_n$ :  $(Z K) v_1 \dots v_n \xrightarrow{\text{value},*} (r_z r_z) v_1 \dots v_n \xrightarrow{\text{value},*}$   
 $(\lambda y.\lambda z.(r_z r_z) z) v_1 \dots v_n \xrightarrow{\text{value}} (\lambda z.(r_z r_z) z) v_2 \dots v_n \xrightarrow{\text{value}}$   
 $(r_z r_z) v_2 v_3 \dots v_n \xrightarrow{\text{value},*} (r_z r_z) \xrightarrow{\text{value},*} \lambda y.\lambda z.(r_z r_z) z$

# TURING COMPLETENESS OF THE LAMBDA CALCULUS

- We do not provide a formal proof
- In the lecture notes, a Haskell-implementation of Turing machines can be found
- We argue that the program constructs used in the program, can be encoded in the lambda calculus

Constructs:

- Named functions
- Recursion
- Data (booleans, numbers, pairs, lists)

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For mutual recursive functions, the encoding is a bit more complicated, but still possible.

- The Haskell-program uses data types and selectors
- It suffices to represent booleans, tuples, lists of arbitrary length and natural numbers to encode the program
- We sketch the so-called Church encoding of numbers, booleans, pairs and lists.

# Booleans

Encoding:

$$true := \lambda x. \lambda y. x$$
$$false := \lambda x. \lambda y. y$$

$b s t$  for  $b \in \{true, false\}$  behaves like if  $b$  then  $s$  else  $t$ .

# Church Encoding of Numbers

Idea:

- Number  $i$  is represented by the  $i$ -fold function composition.
- $0 = f^0 = id$ ,  $1 = f^1$ ,  $2 = f^2$ , ...

Encoding:

$$0 := \lambda f. \lambda x. x$$

$$i := \lambda f. \lambda x. f^i x, \text{ if } i > 0$$

# Church Encoding of Numbers (Cont'd)

Addition:

$$plus = \lambda m. \lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. m \ f \ (n \ f \ x)$$

Example:

$$plus \ 3 \ 2 = \underbrace{(\lambda m. \lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. m \ f \ (n \ f \ x))}_{plus} \underbrace{(\lambda f. \lambda x. (f \ (f \ (f \ x))))}_3 \underbrace{(\lambda f. \lambda x. (f \ (f \ x)))}_2$$

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# Church Encoding of Numbers (Cont'd)

Successor:

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

Predecessor (complicated and  $pred\ 0 = 0$ ):

$$pred = \lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. n (\lambda g. \lambda h. h (g f)) (\lambda z. x) (\lambda u. u)$$

Encoding:

$$\mathit{pair} := \lambda x. \lambda y. \lambda z. z \ x \ y$$

The first two arguments are the arguments of the pair, the third one is for the selector.

Examples:

$$\mathit{first} = \lambda p. p \ K$$

$$\mathit{second} = \lambda p. p \ K2$$

Note that  $\mathit{first} (\mathit{pair} \ s \ t) \sim_c s$  and  $\mathit{second} (\mathit{pair} \ s \ t) \sim_c t$ .

# Lists

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With the empty list: additional pair *pair flag p* where *flag* is *true* or *false* and

- *pair true s* means the empty list (independent of  $s$ )
- *(false, p)* is a non-empty list.

Encoding:

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Non-empty lists can be encoded by pairs  $p$ :

- the first component of  $p$  is the element
- the second component of  $p$  is the tail of the list

With the empty list: additional pair *pair flag p* where *flag* is *true* or *false* and

- *pair true s* means the empty list (independent of  $s$ )
- $(false, p)$  is a non-empty list.

Encoding:

$nil := pair\ true\ true$

$cons := \lambda h.\lambda t.pair\ false\ (pair\ h\ t)$

Examples:

$isNil = first$

$head = \lambda l.first\ (second\ l)$

$tail = \lambda l.second\ (second\ l)$

- Church encoding does not distinguish between data and functions
- Also different data is encoded in the same way (e.g. 0 and *false*)



# Types?

- Haskell only allows well-typed programs
- the lambda calculus has no types
- This is not a restriction for Turing completeness, since the typed encoding can also be used as an untyped one

This concludes our sketch on Turing completeness

- the lambda calculus is too small to really program in it
- also for a core language it is too difficult to express data and recursion
- equivalences in the lambda calculus do not necessarily hold in Haskell, since different data is mapped to the same lambda expressions
- Haskell has `seq`, the lambda calculus cannot simulate this
- In the next chapter: We extend the lambda calculus to a real core language of functional programming