

Automatic Deduction — Introduction to Isabelle
LVA 703522

1 Lambda Calculus

1.1 α -Conversion

▷ Which of the following λ -terms (if any) are α -equivalent?

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

1.2 β -Reduction

▷ β -reduce the following λ -terms to their normal form. How many derivations of the normal form exist?

- (a) $(\lambda x y. x) (\lambda x. x x) (\lambda x. x x)$
- (b) $(\lambda x y. y) (\lambda x. x x) (\lambda x. x x)$
- (c) $(\lambda x. f x x) ((\lambda f. f x) g)$

1.3 Church Numerals

Recall the encoding of natural numbers as λ -terms via *Church numerals*:

$$n \equiv \lambda f x. f^n x$$

▷ Define a function $\text{mult} \equiv \lambda m n. \dots$ as a λ -term such that $\text{mult } m n$ encodes $m \cdot n$, i.e. multiplication of Church numerals.

▷ Define a function $\text{exp} \equiv \lambda m n. \dots$ as a λ -term such that $\text{exp } m n$ encodes $m \hat{~} n$, i.e. exponentiation of Church numerals.

1.4 $\alpha\beta\eta$ -Equivalence in Isabelle

Equality in Isabelle is (usually) modulo $\alpha\beta\eta$ -equivalence. Therefore the theorem `refl: t = t` is sufficient to prove the following lemmas:

```
lemma alpha: "( $\lambda x. x$ ) = ( $\lambda y. y$ )"  
  by (rule refl)
```

```
lemma beta: "( $\lambda f. f x$ ) f = f x"  
  by (rule refl)
```

```
lemma eta: "( $\lambda x. f x$ ) = f"  
  by (rule refl)
```

▷ Prove these lemmas in Isabelle. What happens wrt. $\alpha\beta\eta$ -equivalence?

1.5 Church Numerals in Isabelle

In this exercise we will use Isabelle to perform computations with Church numerals. Isabelle's *simplifier*, which is invoked on a proof state by `simp`, performs term rewriting. `unfolding` can be used to unfold definitions.

▷ Make yourself familiar with the `definition` command (Section 4.1.1 of the Isabelle/Isar Reference manual). Use it to define the functions `add`, `mult` and `exp` (cf. Exercise 1.3) which perform addition, multiplication and exponentiation, respectively, of Church numerals in Isabelle.

▷ Prove the following lemmas. Which values are computed for `?x`?

```
lemma "add ( $\lambda f x. f (f x)$ ) ( $\lambda f x. f (f (f x))$ ) = ?x"  
  unfolding add_def — we can unfold the definition first ...  
  apply simp  
  done
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lemma "mult ( $\lambda f x. f (f x)$ ) ( $\lambda f x. f (f (f x))$ ) = ?x"  
  by (simp add: mult_def) — ... or give it to the simplifier directly
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▷ Compute $2 + 2 \cdot (3 + 1)$ in a similar fashion.

▷ Show that $2^3 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$.