

Solutions

The exam consists of 4 exercises. You need 50 points to pass.

1. Consider the λ -term $t = (\lambda xy.(\lambda z.z x) y) (\lambda x.x) (\lambda x.x x)$.

- (8) (a) Reduce t to normal form using the leftmost outermost reduction strategy.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda xy.(\lambda z.z x) y) (\lambda x.x) (\lambda x.x x) &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda y.(\lambda z.z (\lambda x.x)) y) (\lambda x.x x) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z.z (\lambda x.x)) (\lambda x.x x) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda x.x x) (\lambda x.x) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda x.x) (\lambda x.x) \\ &\rightarrow_{\beta} \lambda x.x \end{aligned}$$

- (6) (b) Compute the free and the bound variables of t .

Solution. There are no free variables in t . The bound variables in t are x, y, z .

- (5) (c) Give five subterms of t .

Solution. The subterms are t , $(\lambda xy.(\lambda z.z x) y) (\lambda x.x)$, $\lambda xy.(\lambda z.z x) y$, $\lambda y.(\lambda z.z x) y$, $(\lambda z.z x) y$, $\lambda z.z x$, $z x$, z , x , y , $\lambda x.x$, x , $\lambda x.x x$, $x x$, x , x .

- (6) (d) Give a subterm of t that is in weak head normal form (WHNF) and one that is not.

Solution. The following subterms are in WHNF: $\lambda xy.(\lambda z.z x) y$, $\lambda y.(\lambda z.z x) y$, $\lambda z.z x$, $z x$, x , y , $\lambda x.x$, and $\lambda x.x x$. The following subterms are not in WHNF: t , $(\lambda xy.(\lambda z.z x) y) (\lambda x.x)$, $(\lambda z.z x) y$, $z x$, and $x x$.

2. Consider the following OCaml functions:

```
let rec length = function [] -> 0
  | _::xs -> 1 + length xs

let rec map f = function [] -> []
  | x::xs -> f x::map f xs

let rec sum = function [] -> 0
  | x::xs -> x + sum xs

let succ x = x + 1
```

Prove by structural induction that for all integer lists xs

$$\text{sum } xs + \text{length } xs = \text{sum } (\text{map succ } xs)$$

- (5) (a) Base case: Show the base case.

Solution. In the base case ($xs = []$).

Hence $\text{sum } [] + \text{length } [] = 0 = \text{sum } [] = \text{sum } (\text{map succ } [])$ by the definition of **sum**, **length**, **map**, and **succ**.

- (20) (b) Step case: Identify the induction hypothesis (5 points), the property to prove (5 points), and prove the step case (10 points).

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Solution. In the step case ($xs = z :: zs$).

The induction hypothesis is

$$\text{sum } zs + \text{length } zs = \text{sum } (\text{map succ } zs)$$

We have to prove the property

$$\text{sum } (z :: zs) + \text{length } (z :: zs) = \text{sum } (\text{map succ } (z :: zs))$$

We show the property by transforming the lhs into the rhs.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sum } (z :: zs) + \text{length } (z :: zs) &= (z + \text{sum } zs) + \text{length } (z :: zs) && \text{(definition of sum)} \\ &= (z + \text{sum } zs) + (1 + \text{length } zs) && \text{(definition of length)} \\ &= (z + 1) + (\text{sum } zs + \text{length } zs) && \text{(associativity and commutativity of +)} \\ &\stackrel{\text{IH}}{=} (z + 1) + \text{sum } (\text{map succ } zs) \\ &= \text{succ } z + \text{sum } (\text{map succ } zs) && \text{(definition of succ)} \\ &= \text{sum } (\text{succ } z :: \text{map succ } zs) && \text{(definition of sum)} \\ &= \text{sum } (\text{map succ } (z :: zs)) && \text{(definition of map)} \end{aligned}$$

- (10) 3. (a) Implement a function `lensum` such that for all integer lists xs :

$$\text{lensum } xs = \text{sum } (\text{map succ } xs)$$

The function `lensum` may only traverse once over the list xs .

Solution.

```
let lensum = Lst.foldl (fun acc x -> (acc + succ x)) 0
```

- (b) Determine for each of the following functions whether they are tail recursive or not:

- (5) i.

```
let rec filter p = function
  | [] -> []
  | x::xs -> if p x then x::filter p xs else filter p xs
```

Solution. The function is not tail recursive, since if the predicate `p` is satisfied `::` is the last operation in the recursive call.

- (5) ii.

```
let rec last = function
  | [] -> failwith "empty list"
  | [x] -> x
  | _::xs -> last xs
```

Solution. The function is tail recursive, since nothing need to be done after the recursive call.

- (5) iii.

```
let rec mem x = function [] -> false
  | y::ys -> y = x || mem x ys
```

Hint: Note the (special) evaluation of `||`. If its left argument evaluates to `true` then immediately `true` is returned. Only otherwise its right argument is evaluated and returned.

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Solution. The function is tail recursive, because of the special evaluation of `||`. If $x = y$ then `true` is returned. Only in the other case the recursive call is performed and its result is returned.

- (13) 4. (a) Consider the (empty) typing environment $E = \emptyset$. Transform the type inference problem $E \triangleright \lambda f x. f x x : \alpha_0$ into a unification problem.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & E \triangleright \lambda f x. f x x : \alpha_0 \\
 & \quad \Rightarrow^{\text{abs}} \\
 & E, f : \alpha_1 \triangleright \lambda x. f x x : \alpha_2; \alpha_0 \approx \alpha_1 \rightarrow \alpha_2 \\
 & \quad \Rightarrow^{\text{abs}} \\
 & E, f : \alpha_1, x : \alpha_3 \triangleright f x x : \alpha_4; \alpha_2 \approx \alpha_3 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_0 \approx \alpha_1 \rightarrow \alpha_2 \\
 & \quad \Rightarrow^{\text{app}} \\
 & E, f : \alpha_1, x : \alpha_3 \triangleright f x : \alpha_5 \rightarrow \alpha_4; E, f : \alpha_1, x : \alpha_3 \triangleright x : \alpha_5; \alpha_2 \approx \alpha_3 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_0 \approx \alpha_1 \rightarrow \alpha_2 \\
 & \quad \Rightarrow^{\text{app}} \\
 & E, f : \alpha_1, x : \alpha_3 \triangleright f : \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_5 \rightarrow \alpha_4; E, f : \alpha_1, x : \alpha_3 \triangleright x : \alpha_6; E, f : \alpha_1, x : \alpha_3 \triangleright x : \alpha_5; \\
 & \quad \alpha_2 \approx \alpha_3 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_0 \approx \alpha_1 \rightarrow \alpha_2 \\
 & \quad \Rightarrow^{\text{con}} \\
 & \alpha_1 \approx \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_5 \rightarrow \alpha_4; E, f : \alpha_1, x : \alpha_3 \triangleright x : \alpha_6; E, f : \alpha_1, x : \alpha_3 \triangleright x : \alpha_5; \alpha_2 \approx \alpha_3 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_0 \approx \alpha_1 \rightarrow \alpha_2 \\
 & \quad \Rightarrow^{\text{con}} \\
 & \alpha_1 \approx \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_5 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_3 \approx \alpha_6; E, f : \alpha_1, x : \alpha_3 \triangleright x : \alpha_5; \alpha_2 \approx \alpha_3 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_0 \approx \alpha_1 \rightarrow \alpha_2 \\
 & \quad \Rightarrow^{\text{con}} \\
 & \alpha_1 \approx \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_5 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_3 \approx \alpha_6; \alpha_3 \approx \alpha_5; \alpha_2 \approx \alpha_3 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_0 \approx \alpha_1 \rightarrow \alpha_2
 \end{aligned}$$

- (12) (b) Solve (if possible) the unification problem:

$$\alpha_3 \approx \alpha_5; \alpha_3 \approx \alpha_6; \alpha_1 \approx \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_5 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_2 \approx \alpha_3 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_0 \approx \alpha_1 \rightarrow \alpha_2$$

Justify your answer.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \alpha_3 \approx \alpha_5; \alpha_3 \approx \alpha_6; \alpha_1 \approx \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_5 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_2 \approx \alpha_3 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_0 \approx \alpha_1 \rightarrow \alpha_2 \\
 & \Rightarrow^{\{v_1\}} \{\alpha_3/\alpha_5\} \quad \alpha_5 \approx \alpha_6; \alpha_1 \approx \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_5 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_2 \approx \alpha_5 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_0 \approx \alpha_1 \rightarrow \alpha_2 \\
 & \Rightarrow^{\{v_1\}} \{\alpha_5/\alpha_6\} \quad \alpha_1 \approx \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_2 \approx \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_0 \approx \alpha_1 \rightarrow \alpha_2 \\
 & \Rightarrow^{\{v_1\}} \{\alpha_1/\alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4\} \quad \alpha_2 \approx \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4; \alpha_0 \approx (\alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4) \rightarrow \alpha_2 \\
 & \Rightarrow^{\{v_1\}} \{\alpha_2/\alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4\} \quad \alpha_0 \approx (\alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4) \rightarrow \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4 \\
 & \Rightarrow^{\{v_1\}} \{\alpha_0/(\alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4) \rightarrow \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4\} \quad \square
 \end{aligned}$$

A solution to the unification problem is the unifier

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma &= \{\alpha_3/\alpha_5\} \{\alpha_5/\alpha_6\} \{\alpha_1/\alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4\} \{\alpha_2/\alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4\} \{\alpha_0/(\alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4) \rightarrow \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4\} \\
 &= \{\alpha_3/\alpha_6, \alpha_5/\alpha_6, \alpha_1/\alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4, \alpha_2/\alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4, \alpha_0/(\alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4) \rightarrow \alpha_6 \rightarrow \alpha_4\}.
 \end{aligned}$$