



# Computability Theory

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# Outline

- 1. Summary of Previous Lecture**
- 2. Recommendations**
- 3. Test Practice**

## Definition

set of **lambda terms** ( $\Lambda$ ) is built from

- ▶ infinite set of **variables**  $\mathcal{V} = \{x, y, z, \dots\}$        $x \in \mathcal{V} \implies x \in \Lambda$
- ▶ **application**       $M, N \in \Lambda \implies (MN) \in \Lambda$
- ▶ **abstraction**       $x \in \mathcal{V}, M \in \Lambda \implies (\lambda x.M) \in \Lambda$

## Notation

$M \equiv N$  if  $M$  and  $N$  are identical

## Definition

- ▶ set **FV(M)** of **free variables** of lambda term  $M$  is inductively defined:

$$\text{FV}(x) = \{x\}$$

$$\text{FV}(MN) = \text{FV}(M) \cup \text{FV}(N)$$

$$\text{FV}(\lambda x.M) = \text{FV}(M) \setminus \{x\}$$

- ▶ lambda term  $M$  is **closed** (or **combinator**) if  $\text{FV}(M) = \emptyset$

## Definition (Renaming)

$$x\{y/x\} \equiv y \qquad z\{y/x\} \equiv z \qquad \text{if } x \neq z$$

$$(MN)\{y/x\} \equiv (M\{y/x\})(N\{y/x\})$$

$$(\lambda x.M)\{y/x\} \equiv \lambda y.(M\{y/x\}) \qquad (\lambda z.M)\{y/x\} \equiv \lambda z.(M\{y/x\}) \quad \text{if } x \neq z$$

## Definition

$\alpha$ -equivalence is smallest congruence relation  $\equiv_\alpha$  on lambda terms such that

$$\lambda x.M \equiv_\alpha \lambda y.(M\{y/x\})$$

for all terms  $M$  and variables  $y$  that do not occur in  $M$

## Convention

lambda terms are identified up to  $\alpha$ -equivalence

## Definition

$M[N/x]$  denotes result of substituting  $N$  for free occurrences of  $x$  in  $M$ :

$$x[N/x] \equiv N \qquad y[N/x] \equiv y \qquad \text{if } x \neq y$$

$$(MP)[N/x] \equiv (M[N/x])(P[N/x])$$

$$(\lambda x.M)[N/x] \equiv \lambda x.M$$

$$(\lambda y.M)[N/x] \equiv \lambda y.(M[N/x]) \qquad \text{if } x \neq y \text{ and } y \notin \text{FV}(N)$$

$$(\lambda y.M)[N/x] \equiv \lambda z.(M\{z/y\}[N/x]) \qquad \text{if } x \neq y, y \in \text{FV}(N) \text{ and } z \text{ is fresh}$$

## Definition

**one-step  $\beta$ -reduction** is smallest relation  $\rightarrow_\beta$  on lambda terms satisfying

$$(\beta) \quad \frac{}{(\lambda x.M)N \rightarrow_\beta M[N/x]} \qquad \frac{M \rightarrow_\beta M'}{MN \rightarrow_\beta M'N} \quad (\text{congruence})$$

$$(\xi) \quad \frac{M \rightarrow_\beta M'}{\lambda x.M \rightarrow_\beta \lambda x.M'} \qquad \frac{N \rightarrow_\beta N'}{MN \rightarrow_\beta MN'} \quad (\text{congruence})$$

## Definitions

- ▶  **$\beta$ -normal form** is lambda term without  $\beta$ -redexes
- ▶  **$\beta$ -conversion** ( $=_{\beta}$ ) is transitive symmetric reflexive closure of  $\rightarrow_{\beta}$

## Definition

lambda term  $N$  is **fixed point** of lambda term  $F$  if  $FN =_{\beta} N$

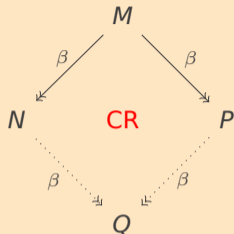
## Theorem

every lambda term has fixed point

## Definition (Turing's Fixed Point Combinator)

$\Theta \equiv AA$  with  $A = \lambda xy.y(xxy)$

## Church–Rosser Theorem



### Definition (Parallel Reduction Revisited)

$$\frac{}{M \twoheadrightarrow_{\beta} M}$$

$$\frac{M \twoheadrightarrow_{\beta} M' \quad N \twoheadrightarrow_{\beta} N'}{(\lambda x.M)N \twoheadrightarrow_{\beta} M'[N'/x]}$$

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### Lemma

$$\rightarrow_{\beta} \subseteq \twoheadrightarrow_{\beta} \subseteq \rightarrow_{\beta}^*$$

## Definition

$M^*$  is maximal parallel one-step reduct of  $M$ :

- ①  $x^* = x$
- ②  $(PN)^* = P^*N^*$  if  $PN$  is no  $\beta$ -redex
- ③  $((\lambda x.Q)N)^* = Q^*[N^*/x]$
- ④  $(\lambda x.N)^* = \lambda x.N^*$

## Lemma

if  $M \rightarrow_{\beta} N$  then  $N \rightarrow_{\beta} M^*$

## Lemma (Diamond Property of Parallel Reduction)

$\forall M, N, P \in \Lambda$  such that  $M \rightarrow_{\beta} N$  and  $M \rightarrow_{\beta} P$

$\exists Q \in \Lambda$  such that  $N \rightarrow_{\beta} Q$  and  $P \rightarrow_{\beta} Q$



## Definition (Church Numerals)

for every natural number  $n$

$$\underline{n} \equiv \lambda f x. f^n x \quad \text{where} \quad F^n M \equiv \begin{cases} M & \text{if } n = 0 \\ F(F^{n-1}M) & \text{if } n > 0 \end{cases}$$

## Definition

partial function  $f: \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is  **$\lambda$ -definable** if  $\exists$  combinator  $F$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = y &\implies F \underline{x_1} \cdots \underline{x_n} \rightarrow_{\beta}^* \underline{y} \\ f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ is undefined} &\implies F \underline{x_1} \cdots \underline{x_n} \text{ is not normalizing} \end{aligned}$$

for all  $x_1, \dots, x_n, y \in \mathbb{N}$

## Theorem

function  $f: \mathbb{N}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is partial recursive  $\iff f$  is  $\lambda$ -definable

## Definitions

► **one-step  $\eta$ -reduction** is smallest relation  $\rightarrow_\eta$  on lambda terms satisfying

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► **one-step  $\beta\eta$ -reduction**  $\rightarrow_{\beta\eta}$  is union of  $\rightarrow_\beta$  and  $\rightarrow_\eta$

## Theorem

$\beta\eta$ -reduction has Church-Rosser property

## Normalization Theorem

**leftmost** reduction strategy is **normalizing**

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- ▶ WM 20: Term Rewriting (Obergurgl)
- ▶ WM 20: Lambda Calculus and Type Theory (Obergurgl)
- ▶ Track C of ISR 2024 (Obergurgl)



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## Test on January 29

- ▶ 15:15 – 18:00 in HS 10
- ▶ online registration required **before 10 am on January 23**
- ▶ closed book
- ▶ score =  $\min(\max(\frac{2}{3}(E + P) + \frac{1}{3}T + B, T + B), 100)$

## Earlier Exams / Tests

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| ▶ SS 2022 (test) | ▶ WS 2014 – 1 | ▶ SS 2007     |
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