



Computability Theory

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Definition

set of **lambda terms** (Λ) 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:

$$\text{FV}(x) = \{x\} \quad \text{FV}(MN) = \text{FV}(M) \cup \text{FV}(N) \quad \text{FV}(\lambda x.M) = \text{FV}(M) \setminus \{x\}$$

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

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Definition (Renaming)

$$\begin{aligned} x\{y/x\} &\equiv y & z\{y/x\} &\equiv z & \text{if } x \neq z \\ (MN)\{y/x\} &\equiv (M\{y/x\})(N\{y/x\}) \\ (\lambda x.M)\{y/x\} &\equiv \lambda y.(M\{y/x\}) & (\lambda z.M)\{y/x\} &\equiv \lambda z.(M\{y/x\}) & \text{if } x \neq z \end{aligned}$$

Definition

α -equivalence is smallest **congruence** relation \equiv_α 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 α -equivalence

Definition

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

$$\begin{aligned} x[N/x] &\equiv N & y[N/x] &\equiv y & \text{if } x \neq y \\ (MP)[N/x] &\equiv (M[N/x])(P[N/x]) \\ (\lambda x.M)[N/x] &\equiv \lambda x.M \\ (\lambda y.M)[N/x] &\equiv \lambda y.(M[N/x]) & \text{if } x \neq y \text{ and } y \notin \text{FV}(N) \\ (\lambda y.M)[N/x] &\equiv \lambda z.(M\{z/y\}[N/x]) & \text{if } x \neq y, y \in \text{FV}(N) \text{ and } z \text{ is fresh} \end{aligned}$$

Definition

one-step β -reduction is smallest relation \rightarrow_β on lambda terms satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} (\beta) \quad & \frac{}{(\lambda x.M)N \rightarrow_\beta M[N/x]} & \frac{M \rightarrow_\beta M' \quad MN \rightarrow_\beta M'N}{MN \rightarrow_\beta M'N} & \text{(congruence)} \\ (\xi) \quad & \frac{M \rightarrow_\beta M'}{\lambda x.M \rightarrow_\beta \lambda x.M'} & \frac{N \rightarrow_\beta N'}{MN \rightarrow_\beta MN'} & \text{(congruence)} \end{aligned}$$

Definitions

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

Definition

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

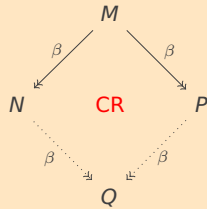
Theorem

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)

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

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 β -redex
- ③ $((\lambda x.Q)M)^* = Q^*[N^*/x]$
- ④ $(\lambda x.N)^* = \lambda x.N^*$

Lemma

if $M \twoheadrightarrow_\beta N$ then $N \twoheadrightarrow_\beta M^*$

Lemma (Diamond Property of Parallel Reduction)

$\forall M, N, P \in \Lambda$ such that $M \twoheadrightarrow_\beta N$ and $M \twoheadrightarrow_\beta P$
 $\exists Q \in \Lambda$ such that $N \twoheadrightarrow_\beta Q$ and $P \twoheadrightarrow_\beta Q$

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 **λ -definable** if \exists combinator F such that

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

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 λ -definable

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Definitions

► **one-step η -reduction** is smallest relation \rightarrow_{η} on lambda terms satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} (\eta) \quad & \frac{x \notin \text{FV}(M)}{\lambda x. M x \rightarrow_{\eta} M} & \frac{M \rightarrow_{\eta} M'}{MN \rightarrow_{\eta} M'N} \quad (\text{congruence}) \\ (\xi) \quad & \frac{M \rightarrow_{\eta} M'}{\lambda x. M \rightarrow_{\eta} \lambda x. M'} & \frac{N \rightarrow_{\eta} N'}{MN \rightarrow_{\eta} MN'} \quad (\text{congruence}) \end{aligned}$$

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

Theorem

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

Normalization Theorem

leftmost reduction strategy is **normalizing**

Recommended Courses

- WM 1: Automata and Logic (WS 2024)
- WM 2: Constraint Solving (SS 2024)
- WM 9: Research Seminar CL/TCS (SS 2024)
- WM 7: Interactive Theorem Proving (SS 2024)
- WM 7: Interactive Theorem Proving in Isabelle/HOL (SS 2024)
- WM 8: Automated Theorem Proving (SS 2024)
- WM 8: Quantum Computation (SS 2024)
- WM 20: Term Rewriting (Oberurgl)
- WM 20: Lambda Calculus and Type Theory (Oberurgl)
- Track C of ISR 2024 (Oberurgl)

Master Specializations

<https://www.uibk.ac.at/informatik/master-computer-science/>

Master Projects

<http://cl-informatik.uibk.ac.at/teaching/master/available.php>

\$ 20,000 Prize: S Combinator Challenge

... for proving—or disproving—that the S combinator alone can support universal computation

evaluation 2024

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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 |
| ▶ WS 2017 – 2 | ▶ SS 2012 | ▶ SS 2006 – 2 |
| ▶ WS 2017 – 1 | ▶ SS 2008 – 2 | ▶ SS 2006 – 1 |
| ▶ WS 2014 – 2 | ▶ SS 2008 – 1 | ▶ WS 2004 |