

The λ -calculus: from simple types to non-idempotent intersection types

Day 2: The simply typed λ -calculus and the Curry-Howard correspondence

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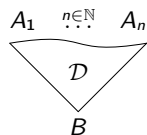
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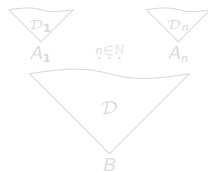
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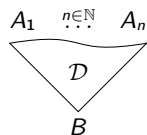
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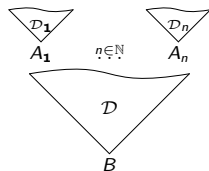


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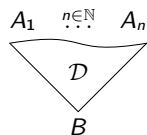
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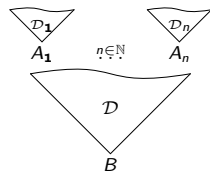


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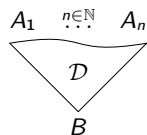
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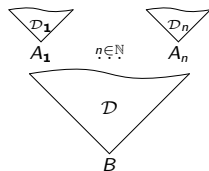
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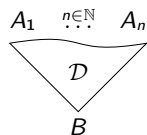
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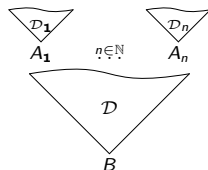
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- Find the simply typed λ -terms (in Curry-style and Church-style) associated with the derivations in ND found for the facts below (see Exercise 1 from Day 1).
 - $\vdash X \Rightarrow ((X \Rightarrow Y) \Rightarrow Y)$.
 - $(X \Rightarrow Y) \Rightarrow (X \Rightarrow Z) \vdash Y \Rightarrow X \Rightarrow Z$.
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 - $X \Rightarrow (Y \Rightarrow Z) \vdash Y \Rightarrow X \Rightarrow Z$.
 - $X \Rightarrow Y \Rightarrow Z, X \Rightarrow Y \vdash X \Rightarrow Z$.
 - $(X \Rightarrow X) \Rightarrow Y \vdash (Y \Rightarrow Z) \Rightarrow Z$.
- Perform all possible β -reduction steps from the λ -term decorating the derivation \mathcal{D} in ND on p. 24 of Day 1, until you get a β -normal form. Is it always the same? Compare it with the normal derivation obtained by cut-elimination steps from \mathcal{D} .
- Prove rigorously the following facts ($f^n x = \overbrace{f(\dots(f x)\dots)}$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$):
 - $\lambda x.xx$ is untypable in Curry-style, $\lambda x^A.xx$ is untypable in Church-style for any type A ;
 - in Church-style, $\lambda f^Y.\lambda x^X.f^n x$ is not typable for any $n > 0$ but $\lambda f^Y.\lambda x^X.x$ is typable;
 - $\lambda f.\lambda x.f^n x$ is typable in Curry-style, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
- Prove that if t is typable in Church or Curry style, then so is every subterm of t .
- Prove rigorously the propositions on pp. 9 and 12, the lemma and theorems on p. 13.
- Prove rigorously the lemma and the theorems on p. 13.
- Let $A\{B/X\}$ be the type obtained from the type A by substituting B for each occurrence of the ground type X . Let $\Gamma\{A/X\}$ be its generalization to environments. Show that if $\Gamma \vdash t : A$ is derivable in Curry-style, then so is $\Gamma\{B/X\} \vdash t : A\{B/X\}$.
- Is the previous point valid in Church-style? What change is needed to make it true?





More Exercises

- 9 Prove that $(\lambda x.(\lambda y.y))\lambda z.zz$ is not typable (in Curry-style). Deduce that subject expansion (see p. 13) does not hold in the simply typed λ -calculus.
- 10 Prove that if $\langle \Gamma; t \rangle \in \text{Red}_B$, then $\langle \Gamma, x:A; t \rangle \in \text{Red}_B$, by induction on the type B .
- 11 Prove rigorously the lemma on p. 20.
- 12 Define four ARSs (A, \rightarrow) : in the first \rightarrow is normalizing but not strongly normalizing, in the second \rightarrow is not normalizing, in the third \rightarrow is strongly normalizing, in the fourth \rightarrow is not confluent but every $t \in A$ has a unique normal form.
- 13 In a ARS (A, \rightarrow) , prove that $t \in A$ is SN iff for every $t' \in A$, if $t \rightarrow t'$ then t' is SN.
- 14 Prove the following facts for untyped terms:
- 1 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, if t_1, \dots, t_n are SN, then so is $xt_1 \dots t_n$;
 - 2 if t is SN, then so is $\lambda x.s$;
 - 3 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, if t and $s\{t/x\}t_1 \dots t_n$ are SN, then so is $(\lambda x.s)tt_1 \dots t_n$;
 - 4 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, if $x \in \text{fv}(s)$ and $s\{t/x\}t_1 \dots t_n$ is SN then so is $(\lambda x.s)tt_1 \dots t_n$.
- 15 Prove that if t can be constructed by applying $n \in \mathbb{N}$ times the rules below, then the maximal length of the reduction sequences from t to its β -normal form is $\leq n$.

$$\frac{n \in \mathbb{N} \quad (t_i \text{ is SN})_{1 \leq i \leq n}}{xt_1 \dots t_n \text{ is SN}} \quad \frac{t \text{ is SN}}{\lambda x.t \text{ is SN}} \quad \frac{n \in \mathbb{N} \quad t \text{ is SN} \quad s\{t/x\}t_1 \dots t_n \text{ is SN}}{(\lambda x.s)tt_1 \dots t_n \text{ is SN}}$$

Deduce that the set of SN untyped terms is the least set closed under those 3 rules.

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