Technische Universität München Institut für Informatik Prof. Tobias Nipkow, Ph.D. Simon Wimmer Lambda Calculus Winter Term 2017/18 Exercise Sheet 7

Exercise 1 (Better Translation Algorithm)

Give a variant of the translation algorithm that produces shorter terms. More specifically, define a variant of $\lambda^* x. t$ that analyzes more precisely where x actually appears in t.

Exercise 2 (Confluence of \rightarrow)

Introduce a parallel reduction relation > for combinatory logic and show that it fulfills the diamond property.

Homework 3 (More Combinators)

Find combinators O and W such that:

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{O} \ \to^+ \mathsf{O} \\ \mathsf{W} X Y \to^* X Y Y \end{array}$$

Homework 4 (Mocking Birds)

Consider a combinatory logic that only provides the basic combinators ${\sf B}$ and ${\sf M}$ (the "mocking bird") where:

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{B} \ X \ Y \ Z \to^* X \ (Y \ Z) \\ \mathsf{M} \ X \to^* X \ X \end{array}$$

Prove the following properties of this logic:

- a) For every combinator X, there is a combinator Y such that $Y \to^* X Y$.
- b) For all combinators U and W, there exist combinators X and Y such that $Y \to^* U X$ and $X \to^* W Y$.

Homework 5 (A Different Basis)

Show that B, C, K and W are also sufficient to represent all λ -terms, where

$$\mathsf{C} X Y Z \to X Z Y$$

Homework 6 (Correctness of the Translation Algorithm)

Show that the translation algorithm given in the tutorial is correct. That is, show that it fulfills the following property:

$$(\lambda^* x. X) Y \to^* X[Y/x]$$