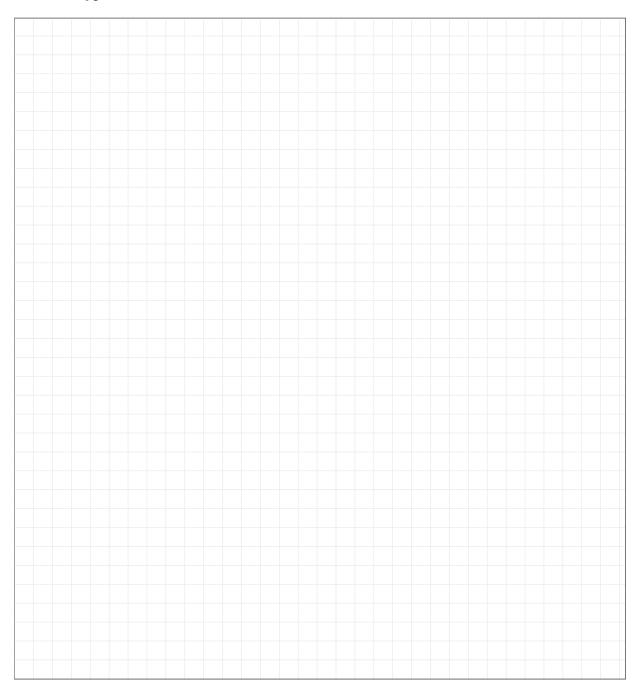
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Lambda Calculus Winter Term 2022/23 Exercise Sheet 13

Exercise 1 (Church Numerals in System F)

Encode the natural numbers in System F with Church numerals. Use the construction for recursive types from the lecture.

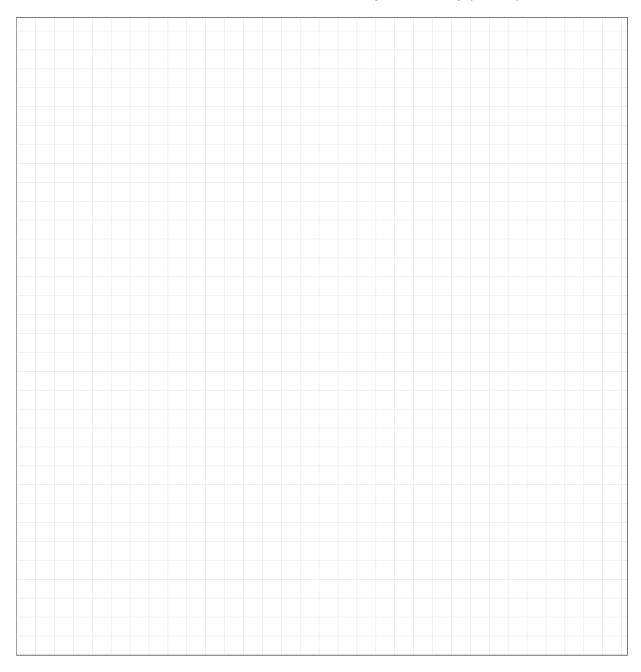


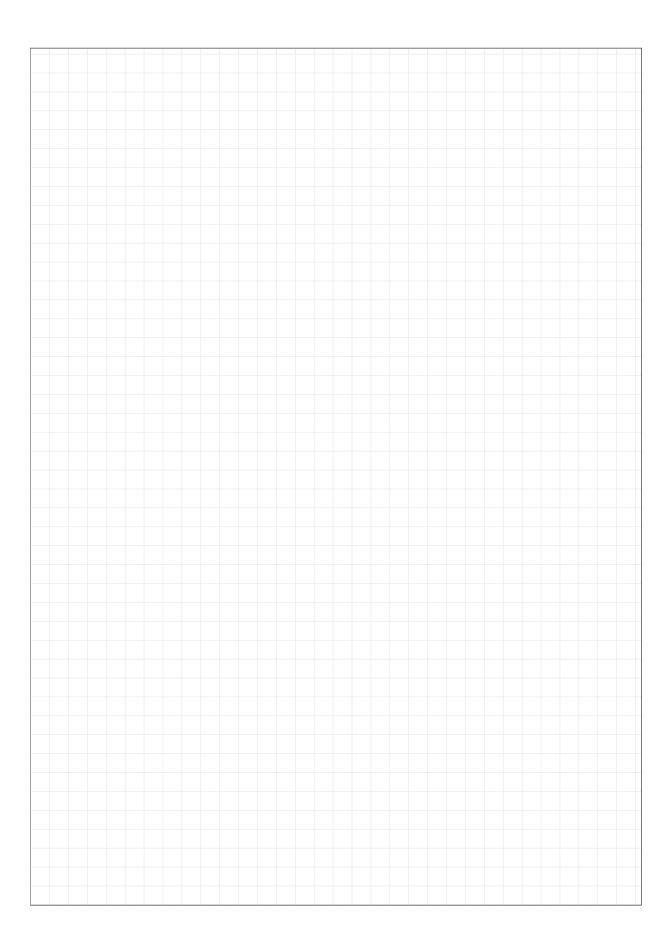
Exercise 2 (Programming in System F)

System F allows us to define functions that go far beyond what was possible in the simply typed λ -calculus. In particular, we can also define some non-primitively recursive functions in System F. As a prominent example, consider the Ackermann function:

$$\label{eq:ack} \begin{array}{l} \operatorname{ack}\ 0\ n=n+1 \\ \\ \operatorname{ack}\ (m+1)\ 0=\operatorname{ack}\ m\ 1 \\ \\ \operatorname{ack}\ (m+1)\ (n+1)=\operatorname{ack}\ m\ (\operatorname{ack}\ (m+1)\ n) \end{array}$$

Define the Ackermann function in System F based on the encoding of natural numbers from the last exercise. Hint: First define a function g such that g f $n = f^{n+1}$ $\underline{1}$





Exercise 3 (Existential Quantification in System F)

System F can also be defined with additional existential types of the form $\exists \alpha$. τ . To make use of these types, we add the following constructs to our term language

- pack τ with t as τ' ,
- open t as τ with m in t',

together with the reduction rule:

open (pack
$$\tau$$
 with t as $\exists \alpha$. τ') as α with m in $t' \to t'[\tau/\alpha][t/m]$

- a) Specify the typing rules for \exists .
- b) Show how \exists can be used to specify an abstract module of sets that supports the empty set, insertion, and membership testing.
- c) Show how to implement this module with lists.
- d) How do these concepts relate to the SML (or OCaml) concepts of signatures, structures, and functors?



Homework 4 (Finger Exercises on Typing in System F)

a) Give a type τ such that

$$\vdash \lambda m : \mathsf{nat}. \ \lambda n : \mathsf{nat}. \ \lambda \alpha. \ (n \ (\alpha \to \alpha)) \ (m \ \alpha) : \tau$$

is typeable in System F and prove the typing judgement. Recall that

$$\mathsf{nat} = \forall \alpha. \ (\alpha \to \alpha) \to \alpha \to \alpha.$$

b) Is there any typeable term t (in System F) such that if we remove all type annotations and type abstractions from t we get $(\lambda x. xx) (\lambda x. xx)$?

Homework 5 (Programming in System F)

Define (in System F) a function zero of type $nat \rightarrow bool$ that checks whether a given Church numeral is zero. Use the encoding that was introduced in the tutorial.

Homework 6 (Disjunction in System F)

Prove \vee_{I_1} and \vee_E from

$$A \lor B = \forall C. \ (A \to C) \to (B \to C) \to C$$

in System F. Use pure logic without lambda-terms.

Homework 7 (Progress and Preservation)

We have proved the properties of progress (see Exercise 7.1) and preservation (see Homework 7.4) for the simply typed λ -calculus. Extend our previous proofs to show that these properties also hold for System F.