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Exercise Sheet 4

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Exercise 1 (β -reduction on de Bruijn Preserves Substitution)

We consider an alternative representation of λ -terms that is due to de Bruijn. In this representation, λ -terms are defined according to the following grammar:

$$d := i \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid d_1 \mid d_2 \mid \lambda \mid d$$

Remember that we defined substitution for de Bruijn terms as follows:

$$i \uparrow_{l} = \begin{cases} i, & \text{if } i < l \\ i+1, & \text{if } i \ge l \end{cases}$$
$$(d_{1} \ d_{2}) \uparrow_{l} = d_{1} \uparrow_{l} \ d_{2} \uparrow_{l}$$
$$(\lambda \ d) \uparrow_{l} = \lambda \ d \uparrow_{l+1}$$

$$i[t/j] = \begin{cases} i \text{ if } i < j \\ t \text{ if } i = j \\ i - 1 \text{ if } i > j \end{cases}$$
$$(d_1 \ d_2)[t/j] = (d_1[t/j]) \ (d_2[t/j])$$
$$(\lambda \ d)[t/j] = \lambda \ (d[t \uparrow_0 / j + 1])$$

For the β -reduction, we only need to modify the case of the substition. In particular, we define $(\lambda d) e \to_{\beta} d[e/0]$.

Prove that $s[u/i] \to_{\beta} s'[u/i]$ if $s \to_{\beta} s'$.

Exercise 2 (Strong Confluence)

A relation \rightarrow is said to be *strongly confluent* iff:

$$t_2 \leftarrow s \rightarrow t_1 \Longrightarrow \exists u. \ t_2 \rightarrow^= u \ ^* \leftarrow t_1$$

Show that every *strongly confluent* relation is also *confluent*.

Exercise 3 (Diamond Property & Normal Forms)

Show that if \rightarrow has the diamond property, every element is either in normal form or has no normal form.

Homework 4 (Semi-Confluence)

A relation \rightarrow is said to be semi-confluent iff:

$$t_2 * \leftarrow s \rightarrow t_1 \Longrightarrow \exists u. \ t_2 \rightarrow^* u * \leftarrow t_1$$

Show that \rightarrow is *semi-confluent* if and only if it is *confluent*.

Homework 5 (Weak Diamond Property)

Assume that \rightarrow has the following weaker diamond property:

$$t_2 \leftarrow s \rightarrow t_1 \land t_1 \neq t_2 \Longrightarrow \exists u. \ t_2 \rightarrow u \leftarrow t_1.$$

- a) Is it still the case that every element is either in normal form or has no normal form?
- b) Show that if t has a normal form, then all its reductions to its normal form have the same length.