



Semantics of Programming Languages: Solution of Assignment 2

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Exercise 2.1: (10)

(a) Let M, N be programs and $M =_{op} N$. By definition of $=_{op}$ follows

$$\forall C : C[M] \text{ and } C[N] \text{ are programs} \Rightarrow C[M] \cong C[N]$$

Since M, N are programs, choosing the empty context \bullet yields $M = C[M] \cong C[N] = N$.

(b) Let M, N be programs and $M \cong N$. We prove $C[M] \cong C[N]$ by case analysis.

1. M, N both have normal form K . This yields

$$\begin{array}{c} C[M] \searrow^* \\ C[K] \xrightarrow{\text{(confluence)}} C[M] \cong C[N] \\ C[N] \nearrow^* \end{array}$$

2. M, N both diverge. This yields $C[M] \cong C[N]$ by assumption.

Exercise 2.2: (10) Given that

$$(A) \forall C : C[M], C[N] \text{ are programs of type nat} \Rightarrow C[M] \cong C[N]$$

we show that

$$\forall C : C[M], C[N] \text{ are programs of type nat or bool} \Rightarrow C[M] \cong C[N]$$

Let C be context such that $C[M], C[N]$ are programs of type nat or bool.

1. $C[M] : \text{nat}$. $C[M] \cong C[N]$ follows from (A).
2. $C[M] : \text{bool}$. Consider context $C' = \text{if } [] \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } 0$. Using (A) yields $C'[M] \cong C'[N]$.
 - (1) If $C'[M]$ diverges, $C'[N]$ also diverges.
 - (2) If $C'[M]$ has normal form, then $C'[N]$ has the same normal form.

Both cases yield $C[M] \cong C[N]$.

Exercise 2.3: (5)

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \lambda f. M \\ \text{letrec } f = M \text{ in } N &\rightarrow^* (\lambda f. N) (\text{fix } F) \\ &\rightarrow^* (\lambda f. N) (F (\text{fix } F)) \\ &\rightarrow^* (\lambda f. N) (F^2 (\text{fix } F)) \\ &\rightarrow^* \dots \\ &\rightarrow^* (\lambda f. N) (F^n (\text{fix } F)) \end{aligned}$$

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Exercise 2.4: (10)

(a)

$$\text{comp} = \lambda f. \lambda g. \lambda x. f(g x)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{comp}(\lambda x. x + 1)(\lambda x. x + 1) 5 &\rightarrow^* (\lambda x. (\lambda x. x + 1)((\lambda x. x + 1)x)) 5 \\ &\rightarrow^* (\lambda x. x + 1)((\lambda x. x + 1) 5) \\ &\rightarrow^* (\lambda x. x + 1) 6 \\ &\rightarrow^* 7\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{not} &= \lambda x. \text{if } x \text{ then false else true} \\ F &= \lambda f. \lambda x. \text{if } x \text{ then true else } f(\text{not } x) \\ R &= \text{letrec } f = \lambda x. \text{if } x \text{ then true else } f(\text{not } x) \text{ in } f \text{ false} \\ R &\rightarrow^* (\lambda f. f \text{ false}) (\text{fix } F) \\ &\rightarrow^* \text{if false then true else } (\text{fix } F) (\text{not false}) \\ &\rightarrow^* (\text{fix } F) (\text{not false}) \\ &\rightarrow^* \text{if (not false) then true else } (\text{fix } F) (\text{not (not false)}) \\ &\rightarrow^* \text{true}\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2.5: (5)

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda x. \text{fix } x &\rightarrow \lambda x. x (\text{fix } x) \\ &\quad \searrow \text{fix}\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2.6: (5)

$$F = \text{let } f(x) = 3 \text{ in letrec } g(x) = g(x + 1) \text{ in } f(g 5)$$

$$\begin{aligned}F &\rightarrow^* (\lambda f. (\lambda g. f(g 5)) (\text{fix } \lambda g. \lambda x. g(x + 1))) \lambda x. 3 \\ &\rightarrow^* (\lambda g. (\lambda x. 3)(g 5)) (\text{fix } \lambda g. \lambda x. g(x + 1)) \\ &\rightarrow^* (\lambda x. 3) (\text{fix } \lambda g. \lambda x. g(x + 1)) \\ &\rightarrow^* 3\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2.7: (5)

$$\begin{aligned}
 M &= \lambda f. \lambda x. f(x + 1) \\
 R &= \text{letrec } f(x) = f(x + 1) \text{ in } f 1 \\
 R &\xrightarrow{\text{left}}^* (\lambda f. f 1) (\text{fix } M) \\
 &\xrightarrow{\text{left}}^* (\text{fix } M) 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{fix } M) n &\xrightarrow{\text{left}}^* M (\text{fix } M) n \\
 &\xrightarrow{\text{left}}^* (\lambda x. (\text{fix } M) (x + 1)) n \\
 &\xrightarrow{\text{left}}^* (\text{fix } M) (n + 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence one can construct an infinite chain issuing from $\text{fix } M 1$. Since we use $\xrightarrow{\text{left}}$ which is deterministic and complete, this is the only chain possible and R has no normal form.

Exercise 2.8: (5)

$$\begin{aligned}
 G &= \lambda g. \lambda x. g(x + 1) \\
 R &= \text{let } f(x) = 3 \text{ in letrec } g(x) = g(x + 1) \text{ in } f(g 5) \\
 &\xrightarrow{*} (\lambda g. (\lambda x. 3) (g 5)) (\text{fix } G) \\
 &\xrightarrow{*} (\lambda g. (\lambda x. 3) (g 5)) (G (\lambda x. (\text{fix } G) x)) \\
 &\xrightarrow{*} (\lambda g. (\lambda x. 3) (g 5)) (\lambda x. (\lambda x. (\text{fix } G) x) (x + 1)) \\
 &\xrightarrow{*} (\lambda x. 3) (\lambda x. (\lambda x. (\text{fix } G) x) (x + 1)) 5 \\
 &\xrightarrow{*} (\lambda x. 3) ((\lambda x. (\text{fix } G) x) (5 + 1)) \\
 &\xrightarrow{*} (\lambda x. 3) ((\text{fix } G) 6)
 \end{aligned}$$

Since we use eager reduction which is deterministic, using the same argument as in exercise 2.2.18 shows divergence.

Exercise 2.9: (5)

$$\begin{aligned}
 F &= \lambda f. \lambda y. \text{if Eq? } y 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } y * f(y - 1) \\
 \text{fact} &= \text{fix } F \\
 \text{fact } 3 &\xrightarrow{*} (\text{fix } F) 3 \\
 &\xrightarrow{*} F (\lambda x. (\text{fix } F) x) 3 \\
 &\xrightarrow{*} \text{if Eq? } 3 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } 3 * (\lambda x. (\text{fix } F) x) (3 - 1) \\
 &\xrightarrow{*} 3 * 2 * 1 \\
 &\xrightarrow{*} 6
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 2.10: (5)

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fix λx. x → fix λx. x →* ...
    ↴ (λx. x) λx. (fix λx. x) x → λx. (fix λx. x) x

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Because fix is substituted below an lambda abstraction, thereby preventing divergence.

Exercise 2.11: (5)

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search = λp. fix (λf. λn. if p n then n else f (n + 1)) 0
half = λn. search (λx. if Eq? (x + x) n
                     then true
                     else if Eq? (x + x + 1) n then true else false)

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Exercise 2.12: (10)

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comp = λn. λf. fix (λg. λi. λx. if Eq? i n then x else g (succ i) (f x)) 0
mult = λ⟨m, n⟩. comp m (λx. x + n) 0

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Exercise 2.13: (20)

(a)

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prim = λg. λh. λn. fix (λr. λi. λx. if Eq? i n then x else r (succ i) (h ⟨x, i⟩)) 0 g
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(b)

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pred = λn. prim 0 (λ⟨x, i⟩. if Eq? i 0 then 0 else succ x) n
add = λm. prim m (λ⟨x, i⟩. succ x)
h = λ⟨⟨x, y⟩, i⟩. if Eq? x 0
            then if Eq? y 0 then ⟨0, 0⟩ else ⟨0, 1⟩
            else if Eq? y 0 then ⟨1, 0⟩ else ⟨pred x, pred y⟩
eq = λx. λy. Eq? (prim ⟨x, y⟩ h x) ⟨0, 0⟩

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