

# Mathematical Logic IV

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Part One: Chapters 1-5

## 1 Introduction

The  $\lambda$ -calculus (a theory denoted  $\lambda$ ) is a type free theory about functions as *rules*, rather than as graphs {i.e. sets of  $n$ -tuples} in order to stress their *computational* aspects. This way of thinking about functions (as rules) involves the basic idea of a function where given certain input the function will, in some sense, generate an output. It seems to me that this is our intuitive notion of a function, where a function is a specified "way" of getting something (output) from something (input) as opposed to merely being a set of  $n$ -tuples.

*A function is a rule of correspondence by which when anything is given (as argument) another thing (the value of the function for that argument) may be obtained. That is, a function is an operation which may be applied on one thing (the argument) to yield another thing (the value of the function).*<sup>1</sup>

*Application* is a primitive operation in  $\lambda$ -calculus. The function  $f$  applied to  $a$  is denoted by  $fa$ .

*Abstraction* is a sort of generalization over functions. Let  $t(\equiv t(x))$  be an expression possibly containing  $x$ . Then  $\lambda x.t(x)$  is the function  $f$  that assigns to the argument  $a$  the value  $t(a)$ . That is,

$$(\beta) \quad (\lambda x.t(x))a = t(a)$$

Think of this as something like the following:  $\lambda x.t(x)$  is the function that applies a given argument (in this case  $a$ ) to the function  $t$  only and yields the value  $t(a)$  (i.e., It "substitutes"  $a$  in for all of the bound  $x$ 's in  $t$ ).

The theory  $\lambda$  has as terms the set  $\Lambda$  ( $\lambda$ -terms) built up from variables using application and abstraction. The statements of  $\lambda$  are equations between the terms in  $\Lambda$ . Also  $\lambda$  has as its only mathematical axioms the scheme  $(\beta)$ .

## 2 Conversion

### 2.1 $\lambda$ -terms and conversion

The principle object of study in the  $\lambda$ -calculus is the set of lambda terms modulo convertibility\*\*\*.

**2.1.1** (Definition) (i) *Lambda terms* are words over the following alphabet:

$v_0, v_1, \dots$	variables
$\lambda$	abstractor
$(, )$	parentheses

(ii) The set of  $\lambda$ -terms,  $\Lambda$ , is defined inductively as follows:

- (1)  $x \in \Lambda$ ,  $x$  is arbitrary
- (2)  $M \in \Lambda \Rightarrow (\lambda x M) \in \Lambda$ ,  $x$  is arbitrary
- (3)  $M, N \in \Lambda \Rightarrow (MN) \in \Lambda$

**2.1.2** (Notation) (i)  $M, N, L, \dots$  denote arbitrary  $\lambda$ -terms.

(ii)  $x, y, z, \dots$  denote arbitrary variables.

(iii) Outermost parentheses are not written.

(iv) The symbol  $\equiv$  denotes syntactic equality (i.e., have the same form).

**2.1.3** (more Notation) (i) Let  $\vec{x} \equiv x_1, \dots, x_n$ .

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<sup>1</sup>A. Church *The Calculi of Lambda-Conversion*-1941-Princeton University Press

Then  $\lambda x_1 \cdots x_n.M \equiv \lambda \vec{x}.M \equiv \lambda x_1(\lambda x_2(\cdots(\lambda x_n(M))\cdots))$

Let  $\vec{N} \equiv N_1, \dots, N_n$ .

Then  $MN_1 \cdots N_n \equiv M\vec{N} \equiv (\cdots((MN_1)N_2)\cdots N_n)$   
(association to the left)

(iii)  $\|M\|$  is the length of  $M$  (i.e., the number of symbols in  $M$ ).

The *substitution operator*,

$M[x := N]$  denotes the result of substituting  $N$  for  $x$  in  $M$ .

The basic equivalence relation on  $\lambda$ -terms is that of *convertibility*, which will be generated by axioms.

**2.1.4** (Definition) The theory  $\lambda$  has as formulas

$$M = N$$

where  $M, N \in \Lambda$  and is axiomatized by the following axioms and rules:

- (I)  $(\lambda x.M)N = M[x := N]$ , ( $\beta$ -conversion)
- (II.1)  $M = M$
- (II.2)  $M = N \Rightarrow N = M$
- (II.3)  $M = N, N = L \Rightarrow M = L$
- (II.4)  $M = N \Rightarrow MZ = NZ$
- (II.5)  $M = N \Rightarrow ZM = ZN$
- (II.6)  $M = N \Rightarrow \lambda x.M = \lambda x.N$  (rule  $\xi$ )

Provability in  $\lambda$  of an equation is denoted by  $\lambda \vdash M = N$  or just by  $M = N$ . If  $\lambda \vdash M = N$ , then  $M$  and  $N$  are called *convertible*.

*Note:*  $\lambda$  is logic free: it merely consists of equations. Connectives and quantifiers will be used in the informal metalanguage discussing about  $\lambda$ .

**2.1.6** (Definition) A variable  $x$  occurs *free* in a  $\lambda$ -term  $M$  if  $x$  is not in the scope of  $\lambda x$ ;  $x$  occurs *bound* otherwise. This is the same binding criteria of the usual quantifiers.

**2.1.7** (Definition) (i)  $\mathbf{FV}(M)$  is the set of free variables in  $M$  and can be inductively defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{FV}(x) &= \{x\} \\ \mathbf{FV}(\lambda x.M) &= \mathbf{FV}(M) - \{x\} \\ \mathbf{FV}(MN) &= \mathbf{FV}(M) \cup \mathbf{FV}(N) \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $M$  is *closed* or a *combinator* if  $\mathbf{FV}(M) = \emptyset$ .

(iii)  $\Lambda^0 = \{M \in \Lambda \mid M \text{ is closed}\}$

(iv)  $\Lambda^0(\vec{x}) = \{M \in \Lambda \mid \mathbf{FV}(M) \subseteq \{\vec{x}\}\}$

(v) A *closure* of  $M \in \Lambda$  is  $\lambda \vec{x}.M$ , where  $\{\vec{x}\} = \mathbf{FV}(M)$

– Note that a closure of  $M$  depends upon the order of the  $\vec{x}$ .

**2.1.8** (Definition) (i)  $M$  is *subterm* of  $N$  (denoted by  $M \subset N$ ) if  $M \in \text{Sub}(N)$ , where  $\text{Sub}(N)$ , the collection of subterms of  $N$ , is defined inductively as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sub}(x) &= \{x\} \\ \text{Sub}(\lambda x.N_1) &= \text{Sub}(N_1) \cup \{\lambda x.N_1\} \\ \text{Sub}(N_1N_2) &= \text{Sub}(N_1) \cup \text{Sub}(N_2) \cup \{N_1N_2\} \end{aligned}$$

Subterms may occur several times and two subterms are *disjoint* if they have none common symbol occurrences. A subterm  $N$  of  $M$  is *active* if  $N$  occurs as  $(NZ) \subset M$  for some  $Z$ ; otherwise  $N$  is *passive*.

**2.1.9** (Definition) Let  $F, M \in \Lambda$ . Then

$$(i) F^0M \equiv M; F^{n+1}M \equiv F(F^nM)$$

$$(ii) FM^{\sim 0} \equiv F; FM^{\sim n+1} \equiv FM^{\sim n}M$$

**2.1.11** (Definition) (i) A *change of bound variables* in  $M$  is the replacement of a part  $\lambda x.N$  of  $M$  by  $\lambda y.(N[x := y])$ , where  $y$  does not occur (at all) in  $N$ . Since  $y$  is a fresh variable there is no threat of messing up the binding properties of the term.

(ii)  $M$  is  $\alpha$ -congruent with  $N$  (denoted by  $M \equiv_\alpha N$ ) if  $N$  results from  $M$  by a series of changes of bound variables.

<sup>2</sup> **2.1.12** (Convention) Terms that are  $\alpha$ -congruent are identified. So now we can simply write  $\lambda x.x \equiv \lambda y.y$ , etc.

**2.1.13** (variable Convention) If  $M_1, \dots, M_n$  occur in a certain mathematical context (e.g. definition, proof, etc), then in these terms all bound variables are chosen to be different from the free variables.

**2.1.15** (Definition) The result of *substituting*  $N$  for the free occurrences of  $x$  in  $M$  (denoted by  $M[x := N]$ ) is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} x[x := N] &\equiv N \\ y[x := N] &\equiv y, \text{ if } x \neq y \\ (\lambda y.M_1)[x := N] &\equiv \lambda y.(M_1[x := N]) \\ (M_1M_2)[x := N] &\equiv (M_1[x := N])(M_2[x := N]) \end{aligned}$$

**2.1.16** (Substitution Lemma) If  $x \neq y$  and  $x \notin \mathbf{FV}(L)$ , then

$$M[x := N][y := L] \equiv M[y := L][x := N[y := L]]$$

*Proof:*

**2.1.18** (Defintion) (i) A *context*  $C[ ]$  is a term with some holes in it. More formally:

$$\begin{aligned} x &\text{ is a context} \\ [ ] &\text{ is a context} \\ \text{if } C_1[ ] \text{ and } C_2[ ] &\text{ are contexts then so are } C_1[ ]C_2[ ] \text{ and } \lambda x.C_1[ ] \end{aligned}$$

(ii) If  $C[ ]$  is a context and  $M \in \Lambda$ , then  $C[M]$  denotes the result of placing  $M$  in the holes of  $C[ ]$ . In this act free variables in  $M$  may become bound by  $C[M]$ .

**2.1.21** (Defintion) (i) Let  $\vec{N} \equiv N_1, \dots, N_m; \vec{x} \equiv x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Then  $\vec{N}$  *fits in*  $\vec{x}$  if  $m = n$  and the  $\vec{x}$  do not occur in  $\mathbf{FV}(\vec{N})$ .

(ii) Let  $\vec{N} \equiv N_1, \dots, N_m; \vec{L} \equiv L_1, \dots, L_n$ . Then

$$\vec{N} = \vec{L} \text{ if } n = m \text{ and } N_i = L_i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$\vec{N} \equiv \vec{L}$  is defined similarly.

(iii) Let  $\vec{N}$  fit in  $\vec{x} \equiv x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Then

$$M[\vec{x} := \vec{N}] \equiv M[x_1 := N_1], \dots, M[x_n := N_n], \text{ where } \vec{x} \text{ do not occur in } \mathbf{FV}(\vec{N})$$

(iv) Let  $M \in \Lambda$ . As in predicate logic sometimes we write  $M \equiv M(\vec{x})$ , to indicate substitution:  
if  $M \equiv M(\vec{x})$  and  $\vec{N}$  fits in  $\vec{x}$ , then  $M(\vec{N}) \equiv M[\vec{x} := \vec{N}]$

**2.1.22** (Lemma) Let  $\vec{x} \equiv x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Then  $(\lambda \vec{x}.M)\vec{x} = M$ .

<sup>2</sup>This is similar to Church's  $\alpha$ -conversion which said  $\lambda x.M = \lambda y.M[x := y]$ . The difference is that  $\alpha$  conversion is a semantic notion (notice the use of '=' ) and  $\alpha$ -congruity is a syntactic notion.

*Proof:*

**2.1.24** (Combinatory Completeness) Let  $M \equiv M(\vec{x})$ . Then:

- (i)  $\exists F \ F\vec{x} = M(\vec{x})$
- (ii)  $\exists F \ \forall \vec{N} \ F(\vec{N}) = M(\vec{N})$ , where  $\vec{N}$  fits in  $\vec{x}$
- (iii) In (i), (ii) one can take  $F \equiv \lambda x.M$

**2.1.25** (Definition)

$$\mathbf{I} \equiv \lambda x.x, \mathbf{K} \equiv \lambda xy.x, \mathbf{S} \equiv \lambda xyz.xz(yz)$$

**2.1.26** (Corollary) For all  $M, N, L \in \Lambda$

- (i)  $\mathbf{I}M = M$
- (ii)  $\mathbf{K}MN = M$
- (iii)  $\mathbf{S}MNL = ML(NL)$

**Lambda terms denote processes. Different terms may denote the same process.**

**2.1.27** (Definition) (i) *Extensionality* is the following derivation rule:

$$Mx = Nx \Rightarrow M = N \quad (ext)$$

provided that  $x \notin \mathbf{FV}(MN)$ .

(ii) The theory  $\lambda$  extended by this rule is denoted by  $\lambda+ext$ .

The only difference between  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda+ext$  is that  $\lambda x.Mx = M$  is provable in  $\lambda+ext$  and not in  $\lambda$ .

**2.1.28** (Definition) Consider the following axiom scheme  $\eta$

$$\lambda x.Mx = M \quad (\eta\text{-conversion})$$

provided that  $x \notin \mathbf{FV}(M)$ .  $\lambda\eta$  is the theory  $\lambda$  extended with  $\eta$ .

**2.1.29** (Theorem) The theories  $\lambda+ext$  and  $\lambda\eta$  are equivalent.<sup>3</sup>

**2.1.30** (Definition) (i) An *equation* is a formula of the form  $M = N$  with  $M, N \in \Lambda$ ; the equation is closed if  $M, N \in \Lambda^0$ .

(ii) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a formal theory with equations as formulas. Then  $\mathcal{T}$  is *consistent* (denoted by  $\text{Con}(\mathcal{T})$ ) if  $\mathcal{T}$  does not prove every closed equation. If  $\mathcal{T}$  does prove every closed equation then it is *inconsistent*.

(iii) If  $\mathcal{T}$  is a set of equations, then  $\lambda+\mathcal{T}$  is the theory obtained from  $\lambda$  by adding the equations of  $\mathcal{T}$  as axioms.  $\mathcal{T}$  is called *consistent* if  $\text{Con}(\lambda+\mathcal{T})$ .

**2.1.31** (Fact) The theories  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda\eta$  are consistent.<sup>4</sup>

**2.1.32** (Definition) Let  $M, N \in \Lambda$ . Then  $M$  and  $N$  are *incompatible* (denoted by  $M\#N$ ), if  $\neg\text{Con}(M = N)$ .

<sup>3</sup>Theorem 2.1.29 is attributed to Curry. Also, the extensional  $\lambda$ -calculus is usually denoted by  $\lambda\eta$ .

<sup>4</sup>The theory  $\lambda$  extended by a single axiom may become inconsistent.

## Normal Forms

Consider a term like

$$(\lambda x.xa)\mathbf{I}$$

This term can be computed to yield

$$\mathbf{I}a$$

and gives

$$a$$

The term  $a$  is called a normal form, for it does not "compute" any further.

**2.1.34** (Definition) Let  $M \in \Lambda$ .

- (i)  $M$  is a  $\beta$ -normal form (abbreviated by  $\beta$ -nf or just nf) if  $M$  has no subterm  $(\lambda x.R)L$
- (ii)  $M$  has a  $\beta$ -nf if there exists an  $N$  such that  $N = M$  and  $N$  is a  $\beta$ -nf.<sup>5</sup>

**2.1.35** (Definition) Let  $M \in \Lambda$ .

- (i)  $M$  is a  $\beta\eta$ -nf if  $M$  has no subterm  $(\lambda x.P)Q$  or  $(\lambda x.Rx)$  with  $x \notin \text{FV}(R)$ .
- (ii)  $M$  has a  $\beta\eta$ -nf if

$$\exists N[\lambda\eta \vdash M = N \text{ and } N \text{ is a } \beta\eta\text{-nf.}]$$

**2.1.36** (Fact)  $M$  has a  $\beta\eta$ -nf  $\Leftrightarrow M$  has a  $\beta$ -nf.<sup>6</sup>

**2.1.37** (Fact) (i) If  $M, N$  are different  $\beta$ -nf's, then

$$\lambda \not\vdash M = N$$

(ii) Similarly for  $\beta\eta$ -nf's and provability in  $\lambda\eta$ .

**2.1.38** (Corollary) The Theories  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda\eta$  are consistent.

**2.1.39** (Fact) If  $M, N$  are different  $\beta\eta$ -nf's, then  $M \# N$ .<sup>7</sup>

**2.1.40** (Theorem) Suppose  $M, N$  have a nf. Then either  $\lambda\eta \vdash M = N$  or  $\lambda\eta \vdash M = N$  is inconsistent.

## 3 Reduction

There is a certain asymmetry in the defining equation for  $\lambda$ -abstraction. The statement

$$(\lambda x.x^2 + 1)\mathbf{3} = \mathbf{10}$$

can be interpreted as "10 is the result of computing  $(\lambda x.x^2 + 1)\mathbf{3}$ " (i.e., 10 is the result of the function applying 3 to the function  $x^2 + 1$ ). This computational aspect will be expressed by writing

$$(\lambda x.x^2 + 1)\mathbf{3} \rightarrow \mathbf{10}$$

which reads " $(\lambda x.x^2 + 1)\mathbf{3}$  reduces to 10."

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<sup>5</sup>If  $M$  is a nf, then it is also said to be *in* nf.

<sup>6</sup>Curry et al. [1972]

<sup>7</sup>Böhm [1968]

The Church-Rosser theorem says that if two terms are convertible, then there is a term to which they both reduce. In many cases the inconvertibility of two terms can be proved by showing that they don't reduce to a common term.

### 3.1 Notions of Reduction

**3.1.1** (Definition) (i) A binary relation  $R$  on  $\Lambda$  is *compatible* (with the operations) if

$$(M, M') \in R \Rightarrow (ZM, ZM') \in R, (MZ, M'Z) \in R \text{ and } (\lambda x.M, \lambda x.M') \in R$$

for all  $M, M', Z \in \Lambda$ .

(ii) An *equality* (or *congruence*) *relation* on  $\Lambda$  is a compatible equivalence relation.

(iii) A *reduction relation* on  $\Lambda$  is one which is compatible, reflexive, and transitive.

*Note:* A relation  $R \subseteq \Lambda^2$  is compatible if

$$(M, M') \in R \Rightarrow (C[M], C[M']) \in R$$

for all  $M, M' \in \Lambda$  and all contexts  $C[ ]$ , with one hole.

**3.1.2** (Definition) (i) A *notion of reduction* on  $\Lambda$  is just a binary relation  $R$  on  $\Lambda$ .

(ii) If  $R_1, R_2$  are notions of reduction, then  $R_1 R_2$  is  $R_1 \cup R_2$ .

**3.1.3** (Definition)  $\beta = \{((\lambda x.M)N, M[x := N]) \mid M, N \in \Lambda\}$ .

**3.1.4** (Definition) If  $\succ$  is a binary relation on a set  $X$ , then the *reflexive closure* of  $\succ$  (denoted by  $\succeq$ ) is the least relation extending  $\succ$  that is reflexive. The *transitive closure* (denoted by  $\succ^*$ ) and the *compatible closure* are defined similarly.

**3.1.5** (Definition) Let  $R$  be a notion of reduction on  $\Lambda$ .

(i) Then  $R$  induces the binary relations

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow_R \text{ one step } R\text{-reduction} \\ &\twoheadrightarrow_R \text{ } R\text{-reduction} \\ &=_R \text{ } R\text{-equality (also called } R\text{-convertibility)} \end{aligned}$$

inductively defined as follows.  $\twoheadrightarrow_R$  is the compatible closure of  $R$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (1) & (M, N) \in R \Rightarrow M \twoheadrightarrow_R N \\ (2) & M \twoheadrightarrow_R N \Rightarrow ZM \twoheadrightarrow_R ZN \\ (3) & M \twoheadrightarrow_R N \Rightarrow MZ \twoheadrightarrow_R NZ \\ (4) & M \twoheadrightarrow_R N \Rightarrow \lambda x.M \twoheadrightarrow_R \lambda x.N \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow_R$  is the reflexive, transitive closure of  $\twoheadrightarrow_R$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (1) & M \twoheadrightarrow_R N \Rightarrow M \rightarrow_R N \\ (2) & M \twoheadrightarrow_R M \\ (3) & M \twoheadrightarrow_R N, N \twoheadrightarrow_R L \Rightarrow M \rightarrow_R L \end{aligned}$$

$=_R$  is the equivalence relation generated by  $\rightarrow_R$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (1) & M \rightarrow_R N \Rightarrow M =_R N \\ (2) & M =_R N \Rightarrow N =_R M \\ (3) & M =_R N, N =_R L \Rightarrow M =_R L \end{aligned}$$

(ii) The basic relations derived from  $R$  are pronounced as follows:

$M \rightarrow_{\mathbf{R}} N$ :  $M$   $R$ -reduces to  $N$  or  $N$  is an  $R$ -reduct of  $M$   
 $M \rightarrow_{\mathbf{R}} N$ :  $M$   $R$ -reduces to  $N$  in one step  
 $M =_{\mathbf{R}} N$ :  $M$  is  $R$ -convertible to  $N$

The relations  $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{R}}$ ,  $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{R}}$ , and  $=_{\mathbf{R}}$  are introduced inductively. Therefore properties about these relations can be proved inductively.

**3.1.6** (Lemma) The relations  $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{R}}$ ,  $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{R}}$ , and  $=_{\mathbf{R}}$  are all compatible. Therefore,  $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{R}}$  is a reduction relation and  $=_{\mathbf{R}}$  is an equality relation.

*Proof:*

**3.1.7** (Remarks) By the compatibility of  $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{R}}$  it follows (by induction on the structure  $M$ ) that

$$N \rightarrow_{\mathbf{R}} N' \Rightarrow M[x := N] \rightarrow_{\mathbf{R}} M[x := N']$$

(ii) The notion of compatible relation can be generalized directly to any set  $\mathbf{X}$  with some operations on it. We can then speak of equality and reduction relations.

(iii) Notions of reduction will be denoted by boldface letters; e.g.  $\beta$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\Omega$ . The derived relations will be written using the corresponding lightface symbols; e.g.  $\rightarrow_{\beta}$ ,  $\rightarrow_{\eta}$ , etc.

For the remainder of the section  $\mathbf{R}$  is a notion of reduction on  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ .

**3.1.8** (Definition) (i) An  $R$ -redex is a term  $M$  such that  $(M, N) \in \mathbf{R}$  for some term  $N$ . In this case  $N$  is called an  $R$ -contractum of  $M$ .

(ii) A term  $M$  is called an  $R$ -normal form ( $R$ -nf) if  $M$  does not contain (as subterm) any  $R$ -redex.

(iii) A term  $N$  is an  $R$ -nf of  $M$  (or  $M$  has the  $R$ -nf  $N$ ) if  $N$  is an  $R$ -nf and  $M =_{\mathbf{R}} N$ .

The process of stepping from a redex to a contractum is called *contraction*.

**3.1.9** (Lemma)

**3.1.10** (Corollary)

**3.1.11** (Definition) (i) Let  $\succ$  be a binary relation on  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ . Then  $\succ$  satisfies the *diamond property* (denoted by  $\succ \models \diamond$ ) if

$$\forall M, M_1, M_2 [M \succ M_1 \wedge M \succ M_2 \Rightarrow \exists M_3 [M_1 \succ M_3 \wedge M_2 \succ M_3]]$$

see figure 3.1 (p. 54)

(iii) A notion of reduction  $\mathbf{R}$  is said to be *Church-Rosser* (CR) if  $\rightarrow_{\mathbf{R}}$  satisfies the diamond property.

**3.1.12** (Theorem)

**3.1.13** (Corollary)

**3.1.14** (Definition) A binary relation  $R$  on  $\Lambda$  is *substitutive* if for all  $M, N, L \in \Lambda$  and all variables  $x$  one has

$$(M, N) \in R \Rightarrow (M[x := L], N[x := L]) \in R$$

**3.1.15** (Proposition)

**3.1.16** (Proposition)

**3.1.17** (Definition) (i) Let  $\Delta$  be a subterm occurrence of  $M$ , that is,  $M \equiv C[\Delta]$ . Write

$$M \xrightarrow{\Delta}_R N$$

if  $\Delta$  is an  $R$ -redex with contractum  $\Delta'$  and  $N \equiv C[\Delta']$ .

(ii) A  $R$ -reduction (path) is a finite or infinite sequence

$$M_0 \xrightarrow{\Delta_0}_R M_1 \xrightarrow{\Delta_1}_R M_2 \rightarrow_R \dots$$

**3.1.18** (Conventions) (i)  $\sigma, \tau, \dots$  range over reduction paths.

(ii) The reduction path  $\sigma$  in definition 3.1.17(ii) starts with  $M_0$ . If there is a last term  $M_n$  in  $\sigma$ , the  $\sigma$  *ends* with  $M_n$ . In that case one also says that  $\sigma$  is a reduction path from  $M_0$  to  $M_n$ . If  $n = 0$ , then  $\sigma$  is called the *empty reduction* (denoted by  $\emptyset : M_0 \rightarrow_R M_0$ ). If  $n \neq 0$ , then  $\sigma$  is a *proper*  $R$ -reduction (denoted by  $(\sigma : ) M_0 \xrightarrow{\neq \emptyset}_R M_n$ ).

(iii) Sometimes the  $\Delta_0, \Delta_1$  are left out in denoting a reduction path.

(iv) We often write  $\sigma : M_0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow \dots$  to indicate that  $\sigma$  *is* the path  $M_0 \rightarrow M_1 \rightarrow \dots$

(v) If  $\sigma : M_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow M_n$  and  $\tau : M_n \rightarrow M_m$ , then

$$\sigma + \tau : M_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow M_n \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow M_m$$

(vi) If  $\Delta$  is an  $R$ -redex occurrence in  $M$  with contractum  $\Delta'$ , then  $(\Delta)$  denotes the one step reduction  $M \xrightarrow{\Delta}_R N$ . That is,

$$(\Delta) : C[\Delta] \xrightarrow{\Delta}_R C[\Delta']$$

(vii) If  $\sigma$  is a  $R$ -reduction path, then  $\|\sigma\|$  is its *length* (i.e., the number of  $\rightarrow_R$  steps in it). Note that  $\|\sigma\| \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$ .

**3.1.20** (Definition) The  $R$ (reduction) *graph* of a term  $M$  (denoted by  $G_R(M)$ ) is the set

$$\{N \in \Lambda \mid M \rightarrow_R N\}$$

directed by  $\rightarrow_R$ : if several redexes give rise to  $M_0 \rightarrow_R M_1$ , then that many directed arcs connect  $M_0$  to  $M_1$  in  $G_R(M)$ .

**3.1.22** (Definition) Let  $M \in \Lambda$ .

(i)  $M$   *$R$ -strongly normalizes* (denoted by  $R\text{-SN}(M)$ ) if there is no infinite  $R$ -reduction starting with  $M$ .

(ii)  $M$  is  *$R$ -infinite* (denoted by  $R - \infty(M)$ ) if not  $R\text{-SN}(M)$ .

(iii)  $R$  is *strongly normalizing* (SN) if  $\forall M \in \Lambda R\text{-SN}(M)$ .

**3.1.23** (Fact)

**3.1.24** (Definition) (i) A binary relation  $\succ$  (on a set  $X$ ) satisfies the *weak diamond property* if

$$\forall x, x_1, x_2 [x \succ x_1 \wedge x \succ x_2 \Rightarrow \exists x_3 [x_1 \underset{\llbracket}{\succ}^* x_3 \wedge x_2 \underset{\llbracket}{\succ}^* x_3]]$$

where  $\underset{\llbracket}{\succ}^*$  is the transitive reflexive closure of  $\succ$ .

(ii) A notion of reduction  $R$  is *weakly Church-Rosser* (WRC) if  $\rightarrow_R$  satisfies the weak diamond property.

**3.1.25** (Proposition)

**3.1.26** (Notation) (i)  $R\text{-NF} = \{M \in \Lambda \mid M \text{ is in } R\text{-nf}\}$ ,  $R\text{-NF}^0 = R\text{-NF} \cap \Lambda^0$ .

(ii) If  $\mathfrak{X} \subseteq \Lambda$ , then  $M \in_R \mathfrak{X}$  iff  $M' =_R M$  for some  $M' \in \mathfrak{X}$ .  
In this notation,  $M \in_\beta \beta\text{-NF}$  iff  $M$  has a  $\beta$ -nf.

**3.1.27** (Definition) (i)  $M \in \Lambda^0$  is  *$R$ -solvable* if  $\exists \vec{P} \in \Lambda M\vec{P} =_R I$ .

(ii)  $M \in \Lambda$  is  *$R$ -solvable* if some closed substitution instance of  $M$  is  $R$ -solvable.

## 3.2 Beta Reduction

**3.2.1** (Proposition)

**3.2.2** (Lemma)

**3.2.3** (Definition) Define a binary relation  $\rightarrow_{\vec{1}}$  on  $\Lambda$  inductively as follows:

$$M \rightarrow_{\vec{1}} M$$

$$M \rightarrow_{\vec{1}} M' \Rightarrow \lambda x.M \rightarrow_{\vec{1}} \lambda x.M'$$

$$M \rightarrow_{\vec{1}} M', N \rightarrow_{\vec{1}} N' \Rightarrow MN \rightarrow_{\vec{1}} M'N'$$

$$M \xrightarrow{1} M', N \xrightarrow{1} N' \Rightarrow (\lambda x.M)N \xrightarrow{1} M'[x := N']$$

**3.2.4** (Lemma)

**3.2.5** (Lemma)

**3.2.6** (Lemma)

**3.2.7** (Lemma)

**3.2.8** (Theorem) The Church-Rosser Theorem (CR)

- (i)  $\beta$  is CR.
- (ii)  $M =_{\beta} N \Rightarrow \exists Z[M \rightarrow_{\beta} Z \wedge N \rightarrow_{\beta} Z]$

**3.2.9** (Corollary)

**3.2.10** (Theorem)

**3.2.11** (Convention) The notion of reduction  $\beta$  will be used throughout this book. Therefore, to simplify notation the subscripts will be suppressed. That is

$$\rightarrow_{\beta}, \twoheadrightarrow_{\beta}, G_{\beta}(M), \beta\text{-NF}, \beta - \infty(M) \text{ and } \beta\text{-solvable}$$

will be denoted by

$$\rightarrow, \twoheadrightarrow, G(M), \text{NF}, \infty(M) \text{ and solvable.}$$

*Note:* The notation  $\in_{\beta}$  will NOT be replaced by  $\in$ .

### 3.3 Eta Reduction

**3.3.1** (Definition) (i)  $\eta: \lambda x.Mx \rightarrow M$  provided  $x \notin \text{FV}(M)$ ; that is  $\eta = \{(\lambda x.Mx, M) \mid x \notin \text{FV}(M)\}$

(ii)  $\beta\eta = \beta \cup \eta$

The point of  $\beta\eta$ -reduction is that it axiomatizes provable equality in the extensional  $\lambda$ -calculus and it is CR.

**3.3.2** (Proposition)

**3.3.3** (Proposition)

**3.3.4** (Definition) Let  $\succ_1$  and  $\succ_2$  be two binary relations on the set  $\mathbf{X}$ . Then  $\succ_1$  and  $\succ_2$  *commute* if

$$\forall x, x_1, x_2 \in \mathbf{X} [x \succ_1 x_1 \wedge x \succ_2 x_2 \Rightarrow \exists x_3 [x_1 \succ_2 x_3 \wedge x_2 \succ_1 x_3]]$$

see figure 3.6 (page 64)

*Note:*  $\succ \models \diamond$  iff  $\succ$  commutes with itself.

**3.3.5** (Proposition)

**3.3.6** (Lemma)

**3.3.7** (Lemma)

**3.3.8** (Lemma)

**3.3.9** (Theorem)

**3.3.10** (Corollary)

**3.3.11** (Theorem)

**3.3.12** (Proposition)

## 4 Theories

### 4.1 Lambda Theories

Lambda theories are consistent extensions of the  $\lambda$ -calculus that are closed under derivations. They are studied because of their own interest and because of their application to ordinary  $\lambda$ -conversion.

Remember that a (closed) equation is a formula of the form  $M=N$ , with  $M, N \in \Lambda^0$ . If  $\mathcal{T}$  is a set of equations, then the theory  $\lambda\mathcal{T}$  is obtained by adding to the axioms and rules of the  $\lambda$ -calculus the equations in  $\mathcal{T}$  as new axioms.

**4.1.1** (Definition) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a set of closed equations.  
 $\mathcal{T}^+$  is the set of closed equations provable in  $\lambda + \mathcal{T}$ .  
 $\mathcal{T}$  is a  $\lambda$ -theory if  $\mathcal{T}$  is consistent and  $\mathcal{T}^+ = \mathcal{T}$ .

By corollary 2.1.38 both  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda\eta$  are  $\lambda$ -theories.

**4.1.2** (Remarks) (i) Since the rules  $\xi$  is in  $\lambda$ , each  $\lambda$ -theory  $\mathcal{T}$  is closed under  $\xi$  and hence  
 $\mathcal{T} \vdash M = N \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{T} \vdash \lambda x.M = \lambda x.N$ .  
The  $\Leftarrow$  follows since  $(\lambda x.M)x = M$  in  $\mathcal{T}$ .

(ii) By (i) it follows that it does not matter to restrict ourselves in 4.1.1 to sets of closed equations.

(iii) Clearly  $\text{Con}(\mathcal{T}) \Leftrightarrow \lambda + \mathcal{T} \not\vdash \mathbf{T} = \mathbf{F}$ .

(iv) Each  $\lambda$ -theory is identified with the set of closed equations provable in it. In particular,  
 $\lambda = \{M = N \mid M, N \in \Lambda^0 \text{ and } \lambda \vdash M = N\}$ .

**4.1.3** (Proposition) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a  $\lambda$ -theory. Then  
(i)  $\mathcal{T} \vdash M = M' \Rightarrow \mathcal{T} \vdash C[M] = C[M']$   
(ii)  $\mathcal{T} \vdash M = M', \mathcal{T} \vdash N = N' \Rightarrow \mathcal{T} \vdash M[x := N] = M'[x := N']$

*Proof:* (i) By induction on the structure of  $C[\ ]$ .

(ii) Assume  $\mathcal{T} \vdash M = M'$ . Then by (i)  $\mathcal{T} \vdash (\lambda x.M)N = (\lambda x.M')N$  hence  
 $\mathcal{T} \vdash M[x := N] = M'[x := N']$ .

If moreover  $\mathcal{T} \vdash N = N'$ , then by (i)  $\mathcal{T} \vdash M'[x := N] = M'[x := N']$  and we're done.

**4.1.4** (Notation) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a theory.

(i)  $\mathcal{T} \vdash M = N$  stands for  $\lambda + \mathcal{T} \vdash M = N$ ; this is also written as  $M =_{\mathcal{T}} N$ .

(ii)  $\mathcal{T} + M = N$  stands for  $(\mathcal{T} \cup \{M = N\})^+$ .

(iii)  $\mathcal{T}\eta$  stands for  $(\lambda\eta + \mathcal{T})^+$ .

(iv) If  $\mathcal{T} = (\mathcal{T}_0)^+$ , then  $\mathcal{T}$  is said to be axiomatized by  $\mathcal{T}_0$ .

(v) Write  $x \in_{\mathcal{T}} M$  if  $\forall N =_{\mathcal{T}} M, x \in \text{FV}(N)$ .

(vi)  $M \in_{\mathcal{T}} \mathfrak{X}$  if  $\exists N =_{\mathcal{T}} M, N \in \mathfrak{X}$ .

(vii)  $\mathbf{1} \equiv \lambda xy.xy$  (Church's numeral 1)

**4.1.5** (Lemma) For a  $\lambda$ -theory  $\mathcal{T}$  one has  $\mathcal{T}\eta = \mathcal{T} + (\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{1})$ .

*Proof:*

Note: An important  $\lambda$ -theory is obtained following the proposal 2.2.14 to identify unsolvable terms.

**4.1.6** (Definition) (i)  $\mathcal{K} = \{M = N \mid M, N \in \Lambda^0, \text{ unsolvable}\}$

(ii)  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{K}_0^+$ .

**4.1.7** (Definition) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a  $\lambda$ -theory.

(i)  $\mathcal{T}$  is *r.e.* if after coding  $\mathcal{T}$  is a recursively enumerable set of integers.

(ii)  $\mathcal{T}$  is *sensible* if  $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathcal{T}$ .

(iii)  $\mathcal{T}$  is *semi sensible (s.s.)* if  $\mathcal{T}$  does not equate a solvable and an unsolvable term.

Note: Both  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda\eta$  are r.e. and s.s. (the latter will be proved in §17.1).

**4.1.8** (Lemma) (i) Let  $\mathbf{K}^\infty$  be a fixed point of  $\mathbf{K}$ . Then  $\mathbf{I} = \# \mathbf{K}^\infty$ .

(ii) (*Jacopini* [1975]) Let  $\omega_3 \equiv \lambda x. xxx$  and  $\Omega_3 \equiv \omega_3 \omega_3$ . Then  $\mathbf{I} \#_I \Omega_3$ .

*Proof:* (i) First note that  $\mathbf{K}^\infty = \mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}^\infty = \mathbf{K}^\infty$ . Hence

$$\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{K}^\infty \vdash M = \mathbf{I}M = \mathbf{K}^\infty M = \mathbf{K}^\infty = \mathbf{K}^\infty N = \mathbf{I}N = N.$$

(ii) Note that  $\Omega_3 \equiv \omega_3 \omega_3 = \omega_3 \omega_3 \omega_3 \equiv \Omega_3 \omega_3$ . Hence

$$\mathbf{I} = \Omega_3 \vdash \mathbf{I} = \Omega_3 = \Omega_3 \omega_3 = \mathbf{I} \omega_3 = \omega_3.$$

Since  $\mathbf{I}$  and  $\omega_3$  are different  $\beta\eta$ -nf's, one has by Böhm's theorem for  $\lambda\mathbf{I}$ , theorem 10.5.31, that  $\mathbf{I} \#_I \omega_3$ . Hence we're done.

**4.1.9** (Corollary)  $\mathcal{T}$  sensible  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{T}$  semi sensible.

*Proof:*

## Rules

The rule of extensionality (*ext*) and the rule  $\xi$  from chapter two. Plus:

**4.1.10** (Definition) (i) The  $\omega$ -rule is

$$\omega : \forall Z \in \Lambda^0 MZ = NZ \Rightarrow M = N$$

(ii) The *term rule* is

$$tr : \forall Z \in \Lambda^0 MZ = NZ \Rightarrow Mx = Nx, \text{ for arbitrary } x.$$

**4.1.11** (Definition) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a  $\lambda$ -theory.

(i)  $\mathcal{T}$  is closed under the  $\omega$ -rule notation  $\mathcal{T} \vdash \omega$  if

$$\forall Z \in \Lambda^0 \mathcal{T} \vdash MZ = NZ \Rightarrow \mathcal{T} \vdash M = N$$

(ii) Similarly one defines  $\mathcal{T} \vdash \mathbf{R}$  for the other rules. Note that by definition, for every  $\lambda$ -theory  $\mathcal{T}$  one has  $\mathcal{T} \vdash \xi$

(iii)  $\mathcal{T}$  is *extensional* if  $\mathcal{T} \vdash ext$ .

4.1.12 (Lemma) (i)  $\mathcal{T} \vdash \omega \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{T} \vdash \mathbf{tr}$  and  $\mathcal{T} \vdash \mathbf{ext}$

(ii)  $\mathcal{T} \vdash \mathbf{ext} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{T} \vdash \mathbf{I} = 1 \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}\eta$ .

*Proof:*

4.1.13 (Notation) For a  $\lambda$ -theory  $\mathbf{mathscr{T}}$  and a rule  $\mathbf{R}$  let  $\mathcal{T} + \mathbf{R}$  or  $\mathcal{T}\mathbf{R}$  be

$$\{M = N \mid M, N \in \Lambda^0 \text{ and } \lambda + \mathbf{R} + \mathcal{T} \vdash M = N\}$$

in the obvious sense.

In general  $\mathcal{T}\mathbf{R}$  does not need to be a  $\lambda$ -theory; corollary 15.3.7 shows that  $\neg \text{Con}(\mathcal{T}\eta)$  for some  $\lambda$ -theory  $\mathcal{T}$ .

4.1.14 (Definition) Let  $\mathbf{R}^0$  be the rule  $\mathbf{R}$  restricted to closed terms. E.g.  $\mathbf{ext}$  is

$$\mathbf{F}x = \mathbf{F}'x, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{F}' \in \Lambda^0 \text{ and } x \notin \text{FV}(\mathbf{F}\mathbf{F}') \Rightarrow \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}'$$

4.1.15 (Proposition) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a  $\lambda$ -theory. Then

(i) (*Hindley and Longo* [1980])  $\mathcal{T} \vdash \omega^0 \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{T} \vdash \omega$

(ii)  $\mathcal{T} \vdash \mathbf{tr}^0 \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{T} \vdash \mathbf{tr}$

(iii)  $\mathcal{T} \vdash \mathbf{ext}^0 \not\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{T} \vdash \mathbf{ext}$ .

*Proof:*

## Term Models

Term models consist of the set of closed  $\lambda$ -terms modulo some  $\lambda$ -theory  $\mathcal{T}$  and reflect the properties of such a theory.

4.1.16 (Definition) (i) A *combinatory algebra* is a structure

$$\mathfrak{M} = \langle X, \cdot, k, s \rangle$$

such that the  $\text{Card}(X) > 1$  and  $kxy = x, sxyz = xz(yz)$  are valid in  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

Moreover such a structure is *extensional* if in  $\mathfrak{M}$

$$(\forall x \ ax = bx) \rightarrow a = b$$

4.1.17 (Definition) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a  $\lambda$ -theory.

(i) The (*open*) *term model* of  $\mathcal{T}$  is the structure

$$\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{T}) = \langle \Lambda / =_{\mathcal{T}}, \cdot, [\mathbf{K}]_{\mathcal{T}}, [\mathbf{S}]_{\mathcal{T}} \rangle$$

where for  $M, N \in \Lambda$

$$M =_{\mathcal{T}} N \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{T} \vdash M = N$$

$$[M]_{\mathcal{T}} = \{N \in \Lambda \mid M =_{\mathcal{T}} N\}$$

$$\Lambda / =_{\mathcal{T}} = \{[M]_{\mathcal{T}} \mid M \in \Lambda\}$$

$$[M]_{\mathcal{T}} \cdot [N]_{\mathcal{T}} = [MN]_{\mathcal{T}}$$

(ii) Similarly one defines the *closed term model*

$$\mathfrak{M}^0(\mathcal{T}) = \langle \Lambda^0 / =_{\mathcal{T}}, \cdot, [\mathbf{K}]_{\mathcal{T}}, [\mathbf{S}]_{\mathcal{T}} \rangle$$

**4.1.18** (Proposition) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a  $\lambda$ -theory. Then

(i)  $\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{T})$  and  $\mathfrak{M}^0(\mathcal{T})$  are combinatory algebras.

(ii)  $\mathcal{T} \vdash \mathbf{ext} \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{T})$  is *extensional*.

(iii)  $\mathcal{T} \vdash \omega \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{M}^0(\mathcal{T})$  is *extensional*.

*Proof:*

*Remark:* In general

$$\mathcal{T} \vdash \mathbf{ext} \not\Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{M}^0(\mathcal{T}) \text{ is extensional.}$$

This is so because  $\lambda\eta \vdash \mathbf{ext}$  but not  $\omega$ .

**4.1.19** (Definition)(i) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a  $\lambda$ -theory. Then the *canonical map*

$$\phi_{\mathcal{T}} : \Lambda \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{T}) \text{ is defined by } \phi_{\mathcal{T}}(\mathfrak{M}) = [\mathfrak{M}]_{\mathcal{T}}$$

(ii) If  $\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2$  are  $\lambda$ -theories with  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{T}_2$ , then the canonical map

$$\phi_{\mathcal{T}_1 \mathcal{T}_2} : \mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{T}_1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{T}_2) \text{ is defined by } \phi_{\mathcal{T}_1 \mathcal{T}_2}([M]_{\mathcal{T}_1}) = [M]_{\mathcal{T}_2}$$

(iii) Similarly one defines canonical maps

$$\phi_{\mathcal{T}}^0 : \Lambda^0 \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}^0(\mathcal{T}) \text{ and } \phi_{\mathcal{T}_1 \mathcal{T}_2}^0 : \mathfrak{M}^0(\mathcal{T}_1) \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}^0(\mathcal{T}_2)$$

**4.1.20** (Lemma)

Lambda theories are non degenerate congruence relations on  $\mathfrak{M}(\lambda)$ .

### Completeness of theories

**4.1.22** (Definition) An equational theory  $\mathcal{T}$  is called *Hilbert Post* (HP)- *complete* if for every equation  $M = N$  in the language of  $\mathcal{T}$

$$\mathcal{T} \vdash M = N \text{ or } \mathcal{T} + (M = N) \text{ is consistent.}$$

The notion applies to particular  $\lambda$ -theories. HP-complete theories correspond to maximally consistent theories in first order model theory. Although, if  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a first order structure then  $\text{Th}(\mathfrak{A})$  is maximally consistent. But if  $\mathfrak{M}$  is, say, a combinatory algebra, then

$$\text{Th}(\mathfrak{M}) = \{M = N \mid \mathfrak{M} \models M = N, M, N \in \Lambda^0\}$$

is not necessarily complete. For example,  $\text{Th}(\mathfrak{M}(\lambda)) = \lambda$  and this theory has many proper extensions.

By Zorn's lemma every  $\lambda$ -theory can be extended to a HP-complete one.

## 5 Models

INTRODUCTORY STUFF!

### 5.1 Combinatory Algebras

**5.1.1** (Definition) (i)  $\mathfrak{M} = (X, \cdot)$  is an *applicative structure* if  $\cdot$  is a binary operation on  $X$ .

(ii) Such a structure is *extensional* if for  $a, b \in X$  one has

$$(\forall x \in X \ a \cdot x = b \cdot x) \Rightarrow a = b$$

*Notation:* (i) As in algebra,  $a \cdot b$  is usually written  $ab$ . If  $\vec{b} = b_1, \dots, b_n$ , then  $a\vec{b} = ab_1, \dots, b_n = (\dots((ab_1)b_2)\dots b_n)$

(ii) If  $\mathfrak{M} = (X, \cdot)$  then we write  $a \in \mathfrak{M}$  instead of  $a \in X$ .

**5.1.2** (Definition) Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be an applicative structure

(i) The set of *terms over  $\mathfrak{M}$*  (denoted by  $\mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M})$ ) is inductively defined as follows

$$v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M}), \quad (\text{variables})$$

$$a \in \mathfrak{M} \Rightarrow c_a \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M}), \quad (\text{constants})$$

$$A, B \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M}) \Rightarrow (AB) \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M})$$

*Notation:*  $A, B \dots$  denote arbitrary terms and  $x, y, \dots$  arbitrary variables in  $\mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M})$

(ii) a *valuation* in  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a map  $\rho: \text{variables} \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}$ . For a valuation  $\rho$  in  $\mathfrak{M}$  the *interpretation* of  $A \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M})$  in  $\mathfrak{M}$  under  $\rho$  (denoted by  $(A)_\rho^{\mathfrak{M}}$  or  $(A)_\rho$  or  $(A)^{\mathfrak{M}}$  if  $\mathfrak{M}$  or  $\rho$  is clear from the context) is inductively defined as usual:

$$(x)_\rho^{\mathfrak{M}} = \rho(x)$$

$$(c_a)_\rho^{\mathfrak{M}} = a$$

$$(AB)_\rho^{\mathfrak{M}} = (A)_\rho^{\mathfrak{M}}(B)_\rho^{\mathfrak{M}}$$

(iii)  $A = B$  is *true in  $\mathfrak{M}$  under the valuation  $\rho$*  (denoted by  $\mathfrak{M}, \rho \models A = B$ ) if  $(A)_\rho^{\mathfrak{M}} = (B)_\rho^{\mathfrak{M}}$ .

(iv)  $A = B$  is *true in  $\mathfrak{M}$*  (denoted by  $\mathfrak{M} \models A = B$ ) if  $\mathfrak{M}, \rho \models A = B$  for all valuations  $\rho$ .

(v) The relation  $\models$  is also used for first order formulas over  $\mathfrak{M}$ . The definition is as usual.

Remember that when evaluating a formula, the free variables of that formula are dependent on the interpretation,  $\rho$ .

**5.1.3** (Definition) (Due to Curry) An applicative structure  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a *combinatory complete* if for every  $A \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M})$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  with  $\text{FV}(A) \subseteq \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  one has in  $\mathfrak{M}$

$$\exists f \forall x_1, \dots, x_n = A$$

Note that an extensional applicative structure is combinatory complete iff for all  $A \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M})$  one has

$$\exists! f \forall \vec{x} f \vec{x} = A(\vec{x})$$

**5.1.4** (Notation) Intuitive. . .

**5.1.5** (Lemma) Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be an applicative structure and  $A, A', B, B' \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M})$  Then

$$(i) (A[x := B])_\rho = (A)_{\rho(x := (B)_\rho)}$$

$$(ii) \mathfrak{M} \models A = A' \wedge B = B' \Rightarrow \mathfrak{M} \models A[x := B] = A'[x := B']$$

*Proof:*

**5.1.6** (Definition) Let  $\mathfrak{M} = (X, \cdot)$  be an applicative structure and let  $\phi : X^n \rightarrow X$  be a map

(i)  $\phi$  is *representable* over  $\mathfrak{M}$  if

$$\exists f \in X \forall \vec{a} \in \phi(\vec{a})$$

(ii)  $\phi$  is *algebraic* over  $\mathfrak{M}$  if there is a term  $A \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M})$  with  $\text{FV}(A) \subseteq \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  such that

$$\forall \vec{a} \phi(\vec{a}) = (A)_{\rho(\vec{x} := \vec{a})} \quad \text{Note that this is independent of } \rho. \text{ Why?}$$

Combinatory completeness says that all algebraic functions are representable. The converse is trivial.

**5.1.7** (Definition) A *combinatory algebra* is an applicative structure  $\mathfrak{M} = (X, \cdot, k, s)$  with  $k$  and  $s$  defined as usual.

**5.1.8** (Definition) Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a combinatory algebra.

(i) Extend  $\mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M})$  with new constants  $K$  and  $S$  denoting  $k$  and  $s$  respectively. Also  $I = SKK$ .

(ii) For  $A \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M})$  and a variable  $x$ , define  $\lambda^*x.A \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M})$  inductively as follows

$$\lambda^*x.x = I$$

$$\lambda^*x.P = KP, \text{ if } P \text{ does not contain } x$$

$$\lambda^*x.PQ = S(\lambda^*x.P)(\lambda^*x.Q)$$

(iii) Let  $\vec{x} = x_1, \dots, x_n$ . Then  $\lambda^*\vec{x}.A = (\lambda^*x_1 \dots (\lambda^*x_n A) \dots)$

**5.1.9** (Proposition) Intuitive. . .

**5.1.10** (Theorem) An applicative structure  $\mathfrak{M}$  is combinatory complete iff it can be expanded to a combinatory algebra (by choosing  $k, s$ ). Hence every combinatory algebra is combinatory complete. *Proof:*

**5.1.11** (Remarks) Note that a combinatory algebra  $\mathfrak{M} = (X, \cdot, k, s)$  is nontrivial (i.e.,  $\text{Card}(\mathfrak{M}) > 1$ ) iff  $k \neq s$ . Indeed,  $k = s$  implies  $a = s(ki)(ka)z = k(ki)(ka)z = i$  for all  $a$ , so  $\mathfrak{M}$  is trivial. We usually just assume that what we are dealing with is nontrivial.

**5.1.12** (Definition) (i) Let  $\mathfrak{M}_i = (X_i, \cdot_i, k_i, s_i), i = 1, 2$ , be combinatory algebras. Then  $\phi : X_1 \rightarrow X_2$  is a *homomorphism* (denoted by  $\phi : \mathfrak{M}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_2$ ) if  $\phi$  preserves application and  $k$  and  $s$ , i.e.  $\phi(x \cdot_1 y) = \phi(x) \cdot_2 \phi(y), \phi(k_1) = k_2$ , and  $\phi(s_1) = s_2$ .

(ii)  $\mathfrak{M}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_2$  if  $\phi : \mathfrak{M}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_2$  for some  $\phi$ .

(iii)  $\mathfrak{M}$  is *embeddable* in  $\mathfrak{M}_2$  (denoted by  $\mathfrak{M}_1 \hookrightarrow \mathfrak{M}_2$ ) if  $\phi : \mathfrak{M}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_2$  for some injective  $\phi$ .

$\mathfrak{M}_1$  is a *substructure* of  $\mathfrak{M}_2$  (denoted  $\mathfrak{M}_1 \subset \mathfrak{M}_2$ ) with  $\phi$  the identity.

(iv)  $\mathfrak{M}_1$  is *isomorphic* to  $\mathfrak{M}_2$  (denoted by  $\mathfrak{M}_1 \cong \mathfrak{M}_2$ ) if  $\phi : \mathfrak{M}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_2$  for some bijective  $\phi$ .

**5.1.13** (Definition) (i)  $\mathcal{C}$  is the set of terms of combinatory logic, i.e. applicative terms built up with variables and  $K, S$  only.

$$\mathcal{C}^0 = \{P \in \mathcal{C} \mid \text{FV}(P) = \emptyset\}$$

(ii) Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a combinatory algebra. Then

$$\text{Th}(\mathfrak{M}) = \{P = Q \mid \mathfrak{M} \models P = Q, P, Q \in \mathcal{C}^0\}$$

**5.1.13** (Proposition) Let  $\phi : \mathfrak{M}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_2$ . Then for  $P, Q \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M})$

(i)  $\phi(\lceil P \rceil_{\rho}^{\mathfrak{M}_1}) = \lceil \phi P \rceil_{\phi \circ \rho}^{\mathfrak{M}_2}$ , where  $\phi(P)$  results from  $P$  by replacing the constants  $c_a$  by  $c_{\phi(a)}$ .

(ii)  $\mathfrak{M}_1 \models P = Q \Rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_2 \models \phi(P) = \phi(Q)$ , provided  $P < Q \in \mathcal{C}^0$  or  $\phi$  is surjective.

(iii)  $\text{Th}(\mathfrak{M}_1) \subseteq \text{Th}(\mathfrak{M}_2)$

(iv)  $\text{Th}(\mathfrak{M}_1) = \text{Th}(\mathfrak{M}_2)$ , provided that  $\phi$  is injective.

*Proof:*

**5.1.15** (Proposition) Combinatory algebras (except the trivial one) are

- (i) never commutative
- (ii) never associative
- (iii) never finite
- (iv) never recursive

*Proof:*

## 5.2 Lambda Algebras and Lambda Models

Since in a combinatory algebra  $\mathfrak{A}$  abstraction can be simulated by  $k$  and  $s$ , it is possible to interpret  $\lambda$ -terms in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

(Notation) Let  $C$  be a set of constants.  $\Lambda(C)$  is the set  $\lambda$ -terms possibly containing constants from  $C$ . The  $\lambda$ -calculus axioms and rules extend in the obvious way to equations  $M = N$  with  $M, N \in \Lambda(C)$ . For these  $M, N$  we still write  $\lambda \vdash M = N$ . If  $\mathfrak{M}$  is an applicative structure, then  $\Lambda(\mathfrak{M})$  is  $\Lambda(\{c_a \mid a \in \mathfrak{M}\})$ .

**5.2.1** (Definition) Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a combinatory algebra.

- (i) Define maps

$$CL : \Lambda(\mathfrak{M}) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M})$$

$$\Lambda : \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M}) \rightarrow \Lambda(\mathfrak{M})$$

Consider the definition in the middle of page 92.

For  $M, N \in \Lambda(\mathfrak{M})$  one defines

$$\lceil M \rceil_\rho^{\mathfrak{M}} = \lceil M_{CL} \rceil_\rho^{\mathfrak{M}}$$

$$\mathfrak{M}, \rho \models M = N \Leftrightarrow \lceil M \rceil_\rho^{\mathfrak{M}} = \lceil N \rceil_\rho^{\mathfrak{M}}$$

$$\mathfrak{M} \models M = N \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{M}, \rho \models M = N \text{ for all } \rho$$

If  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a combinatory algebra and  $a \in \mathfrak{M}$ , then we write (for example)  $\lambda x.xa$  for  $\lceil \lambda x.c_a \rceil^{\mathfrak{M}}$ .

Also, not all equations provable in  $\lambda$ -calculus are true in every combinatory algebra. For example, if  $\mathfrak{M}$  is the term model of  $CL$ , then

$$\mathfrak{M} \not\models \lambda z.(\lambda x.x)z = \lambda z.z$$

since  $((\lambda z.(\lambda x.x)z)_{CL} \equiv S(KI)I$  and  $(\lambda z.z)_{CL} \equiv I$ ; but  $\lambda \vdash \lambda z(\lambda x.x)z = \lambda z.z$

**5.2.2** (Definition) (i) A combinatory algebra  $\mathfrak{M}$  is called a  $\lambda$ -algebra if for all  $A, B \in (T)(\mathfrak{M})$

$$\lambda \vdash A_\lambda = B_\lambda \Rightarrow \mathfrak{M} \models A = B$$

- (ii) A  $\lambda$ -algebra *homomorphism* is just a combinatory algebra homomorphism.

**5.2.3** (Lemma) Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a combinatory algebra. Then  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a  $\lambda$ -algebra iff for all  $M, N \in \Lambda(\mathfrak{M})$

1.  $\lambda \vdash M = N \Rightarrow \mathfrak{M} \models M = N$
2.  $\mathfrak{M} \models K_{\lambda, CL} = K, \quad \mathfrak{M} \models S_{\lambda, CL} = S$

*Proof:*

**5.2.4** (Proposition) (i)  $\phi : \mathfrak{M}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_2$ , then  $\phi[M]_{\rho}^{\mathfrak{M}_1} = [\phi(\mathfrak{M})]_{\phi \circ \rho}^{\mathfrak{M}_2}$ , for  $M \in \Lambda(\mathfrak{M})$ . In particular  $\phi[M]_{\rho}^{\mathfrak{M}_1} = [M]_{\rho}^{\mathfrak{M}_2}$  for  $M \in \Lambda^0$ .

(ii) Let  $\mathfrak{M}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}_2$ . Then  $\text{Th}(\mathfrak{M}_1) \subseteq \text{Th}(\mathfrak{M}_2)$ . Thus if  $\mathfrak{M}_1$  is a  $\lambda$ -algebra, so is  $\mathfrak{M}_2$

(iii)  $\mathfrak{M}_1 \leftrightarrow \mathfrak{M}_2 \Rightarrow \text{Th}(\mathfrak{M}_1) = \text{Th}(\mathfrak{M}_2)$

*Proof:* By proposition 5.1.14.

By using Curry's combinatory axioms  $A_{\beta}$  one can axiomatize the class of  $\lambda$ -algebras.

**5.2.5** (Theorem)

**5.2.6** (Definition) Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a combinatory algebra.  $\mathfrak{M}$  is called *weakly extensional* if for  $A, B \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M})$

$$\mathfrak{M} \models \forall(A = B) \rightarrow \lambda x.A = \lambda x.B$$

The condition of weak extensionality is rather syntactical. Meyer [1980] and Scott [1980] replace it with the following:

**5.2.7** (Definition) (i) In a combinatory algebra define  $\mathbf{1} = S(KI)$

(ii) A  $\lambda$ -model is a  $\lambda$ -algebra  $\mathfrak{M}$  such that the following Meyer-Scott axiom holds in  $\mathfrak{M}$

$$\forall x(ax = bx) \rightarrow \mathbf{1}a = \mathbf{1}b$$

**5.2.8** (Lemma) Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a combinatory algebra. Then in  $\mathfrak{M}$

(i)  $\mathbf{1}ab = ab$

If moreover  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a  $\lambda$ -algebra, then

(ii)  $\mathbf{1} = \lambda xy.xy$ , hence  $\mathbf{1}a = \lambda y.ay$

(iii)  $\mathbf{1}(\lambda x.A) = \lambda x.A$ , for all  $A \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{M})$

(iv)  $\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}$

*Proof:*

**5.2.9** (Proposition)  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a  $\lambda$ -model iff  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a weakly extensional  $\lambda$ -algebra.

*Proof:*

**5.2.10** (Proposition) Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be a  $\lambda$ -algebra. Then

$\mathfrak{M}$  is extensional iff  $\mathfrak{M}$  is weakly extensional and satisfies  $I = \mathbf{1}$

*Proof:*

### Terms models, interiors

**5.2.11** (Definition) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be a  $\lambda$ -theory

(i) Define

$$M =_{\mathcal{T}} N \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{T} \vdash M = N \quad (\text{This is a congruence relation on } \Lambda)$$

$$[M]_{\mathcal{T}} = \{N \in \Lambda \mid M =_{\mathcal{T}} N\}$$

$$\Lambda / \mathcal{T} = \{[M]_{\mathcal{T}} \mid M \in \Lambda\}$$

$$[M]_{\mathcal{T}} \cdot [N]_{\mathcal{T}} = [MN]_{\mathcal{T}} \quad (\text{This is well-defined})$$

The *open model* of  $\mathcal{T}$  is  $\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{T}) = \langle \Lambda / \mathcal{T}, \cdot, [K]_{\mathcal{T}}, [S]_{\mathcal{T}} \rangle$

(ii) By restricting everything to closed terms one defines the *closed term model* of  $\mathcal{T}$

$$\mathfrak{M}^0(\mathcal{T}) = \langle \Lambda^0 / \mathcal{T}, \cdot, [K]_{\mathcal{T}}^0, [S]_{\mathcal{T}}^0 \rangle$$

Clearly if  $\mathcal{T}$  is consistent (i.e., doesn't prove every equation), then  $\mathcal{T} \not\vdash K = S$ , so  $\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{T})$  and  $\mathfrak{M}^0(\mathcal{T})$  are nontrivial. In particular  $\mathfrak{M}(\lambda)$  and  $\mathfrak{M}^0(\lambda)$  are nontrivial since they follow from the Church-Rosser Theorem that the theory  $\lambda$  is consistent.

**5.2.12** (Proposition) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be an extension of  $\lambda$ -calculus and let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be  $\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{T})$  or  $\mathfrak{M}^0(\mathcal{T})$ .

(i) For  $M$  with  $\text{FV}(M) = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  and  $\rho$  with  $\rho(x_i) = [P_i]_{\mathcal{T}}^{(0)}$  one has

$$[M]_{\rho}^{\mathfrak{M}} = [M[\vec{x} := \vec{P}]]_{\mathcal{T}}^{(0)}$$

(ii)  $\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{T})$  is a  $\lambda$ -model.

where  $[\vec{x} := \vec{P}]$  denotes simultaneous substitution (refer to exercise 2.4.8)

(ii)  $\mathcal{T} \vdash M = N \Rightarrow \mathfrak{M} \vDash M = N$

(iii)  $\mathcal{T} \vdash M = N \Leftrightarrow \mathfrak{M} \vDash M = N$ , provided that  $\mathfrak{M} = \mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{T})$  or that  $M, N$  are closed.

*Proof:*

**5.2.13** (Corollary) (i)  $\mathfrak{M}^0(\mathcal{T})$  is a  $\lambda$ -algebra.

*Proof:*

**5.2.14** (Definition) Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a combinatory algebra.

- (i) The *interior* of  $\mathfrak{A}$  (denoted by  $\mathfrak{A}^0$ ), is the substructure of  $\mathfrak{A}$  generated by  $\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{s}$
- (ii)  $\mathfrak{A}$  is *hard*  $\mathfrak{A}^0 = \mathfrak{A}$

Note that up to isomorphism  $\mathfrak{M}^0(\mathcal{T})$  is the interior of  $\mathfrak{M}(\mathcal{T})$

**5.2.15** (Proposition) Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a  $\lambda$ -algebra.

$$\mathfrak{M}^0(\text{Th}(\mathfrak{A})) \cong \mathfrak{A}^0$$

Let  $\text{Th}(\mathfrak{A}.) = \{M = N \mid M, N \in \mathcal{T}(\mathfrak{A}), M, N \text{ closed and } \mathfrak{A} \models M = N\}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{M}^0(\text{Th}(\mathfrak{A}.) \cong \mathfrak{A}$

*Proof:*

**5.2.16** (Proposition) (i) (Barendregt, Koymans [1980]) Every  $\lambda$ -algebra can be embedded into a  $\lambda$ -model.

- (ii) (Meyer [1982]) Every  $\lambda$ -algebra is the homomorphic image of a  $\lambda$ -model.

*Proof:*

**5.2.17** (Theorem) (i) There is a  $\lambda$ -model that cannot be embedded into an extensional  $\lambda$ -model.

- (ii) There is a combinatory complete applicative structure that cannot be made into a  $\lambda$ -algebra (by choosing  $\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{s}$ )
- (iii) There is a  $\lambda$ -algebra that cannot be made into a  $\lambda$ -model (by changing  $\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{s}$ )
- (iv) There is a  $\lambda$ -model that cannot be made into an extensional one (by collapsing it)

*Proof:* Refer to Barendregt, Koymans [1980].

**5.2.18** (Theorem) Let  $M, N \in \Lambda$ . Then

- (i)  $\lambda \vdash M = N \Leftrightarrow M = N$  is true in all  $\lambda$ -models (or  $\lambda$ -algebras)
- (ii) Let  $\mathcal{T}$  be an extension of the  $\lambda$ -calculus. Then

$$\mathcal{T} \vdash M = N \Leftrightarrow M = N \text{ is true in all } \lambda\text{-models satisfying } \mathcal{T}$$

- (iii) Let  $(\lambda)_c$  be the classical first order theory axiomatized by the universal closure of

$$Kxy = x$$

$$Sxyz = xz(yz)$$

$$K \neq S$$

$$\forall x(ax = bx) \rightarrow 1a = 1b$$

$$A_\beta$$

Then

$$(\lambda)_c \vdash M = N \Leftrightarrow \lambda \vdash M = N$$

*Proof:*

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