

Some answers

① Recall that $\sigma_1 \rightarrow \sigma_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \sigma_n \rightarrow \alpha$ should be read as

$$\sigma_1 \rightarrow (\sigma_2 \rightarrow (\dots \rightarrow (\sigma_n \rightarrow \alpha) \dots))$$

and this means that every type $\sigma \rightarrow \tau$ can be written as

$$\sigma_1 \rightarrow \tau_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tau_n \rightarrow \alpha$$

where $\tau = \tau_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \alpha$

by decomposing τ as far as possible.

We have two definitions of h :

$h_1(\alpha) = 0$	$h_1(\sigma_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \sigma_n \rightarrow \alpha) = \max(h_1(\sigma_1), \dots, h_1(\sigma_n)) + 1$
$h_2(\alpha) = 0$	$h_2(\sigma \rightarrow \tau) = \max(h_2(\sigma) + 1, h_2(\tau))$

We want to show $h_1(\sigma) = h_2(\sigma) \quad (\forall \sigma \in \text{Type})$

which we do by induction on σ

• case $\sigma = \alpha$ $\{$

• case $\sigma = \tau_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tau_n \rightarrow \alpha$

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_2(\sigma) &= \max(h_2(\tau_1) + 1, h_2(\tau_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tau_n \rightarrow \alpha)) \\
 &\stackrel{IH}{=} \max(h_1(\tau_1) + 1, h_1(\tau_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \tau_n \rightarrow \alpha)) \\
 &= \max(h_1(\tau_1) + 1, \max(h_1(\tau_2), \dots, h_1(\tau_n)) + 1) \\
 &= \max(h_1(\tau_1), \dots, h_1(\tau_n)) + 1 \\
 &= h_1(\sigma)
 \end{aligned}$$



(2) In M there are two redexes:

* II , whose height is the height of the type of the I on the left.

Its type is C , so $h(II) = h(C)$

* the whole term M , whose height is the height of the type of $\lambda x:A. x(\lambda y:B. xI)$,

which is $A \rightarrow B$, so the height is $h(A \rightarrow B)$

This means that the redex with greatest height is the whole term M , so we contract that redex.

NB $h(B) = h(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) = h(\alpha) + 1 = 1$

$h(C) = h(B) + 1 = 2$

$h(A) = \max(h(C) + 1, h(B)) = h(C) + 1 = 3$

For $m(M)$ we look at height of the redex of maximum height.

This is $h(A \rightarrow B) = h(A) + 1 = 4$.

So $m(M) = (4, 1)$

In N we have 4 redexes, 2 of height $h(C)$, the ~~II~~ II ones, and 2 of height $h(C \rightarrow B)$, the ones with $\lambda z:C. z(CII)$ as function

So we have 2 redexes of max height $h(C \rightarrow B) = 3$

So $m(N) = (3, 2)$

So $m(M) > m(N)$.