

# Proving with Computer Assistance, 2IMF15

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## Exercises on Polymorphic type Theory, some answers

- Recall:  $\perp := \forall\alpha.\alpha$ ,  $\top := \forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ . In these exercises, the main “clue” is what to instantiate the  $\forall\alpha : *$  quantifier with. This is not made explicit in the Curry system, but the derivations should make it clear. If not, write down the Church variant of the same term with the same derivation.

(a) Verify that in Church  $\lambda 2$ :  $\lambda x:\top.x\top x : \top \rightarrow \top$ .

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
 1 & x : \forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \\
 2 & \frac{x : \forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha}{x\top : \top \rightarrow \top} \quad \text{app, 1} \\
 3 & \frac{x\top : \top \rightarrow \top}{x\top x : \top} \quad \text{app, 2} \\
 4 & \lambda x:\top.x\top x : \top \rightarrow \top \quad \lambda\text{-rule, 1, 3}
 \end{array}$$

(b) Verify that in Curry  $\lambda 2$ :  $\lambda x.xx : \top \rightarrow \top$

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
 1 & x : \forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \\
 2 & \frac{x : \forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha}{x : \top \rightarrow \top} \quad \text{app, 1} \\
 3 & \frac{x : \top \rightarrow \top}{xx : \top} \quad \text{app, 2} \\
 4 & \lambda x.xx : \top \rightarrow \top \quad \lambda\text{-rule, 1, 3}
 \end{array}$$

(c) Find a type in Curry  $\lambda 2$  for  $\lambda x.x x x$

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
 1 & x : \forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \\
 2 & \frac{x : \forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha}{x : \top \rightarrow \top} \quad \text{app, 1} \\
 3 & \frac{x : \top \rightarrow \top}{xx : \top} \quad \text{app, 2} \\
 4 & \frac{xx : \top}{xx : \top \rightarrow \top} \quad \text{app, 3} \\
 5 & \frac{xx : \top \rightarrow \top}{xxx : \top} \quad \text{app, 4} \\
 6 & \lambda x.x x x : \top \rightarrow \top \quad \lambda\text{-rule, 1, 5}
 \end{array}$$

OR:

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
 1 & x : \perp \\
 2 & \frac{x : \perp}{x : \perp \rightarrow \perp} \quad \text{app, 1} \\
 3 & \frac{x : \perp \rightarrow \perp}{xx : \perp} \quad \text{app, 2, 1} \\
 4 & \frac{xx : \perp}{xxx : \perp} \quad \text{app, 3, 1} \\
 5 & \lambda x.x x x : \perp \rightarrow \perp \quad \lambda\text{-rule, 1, 4}
 \end{array}$$

(d) Find a type in Curry  $\lambda 2$  for  $\lambda x.(xx)(xx)$

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
 1 & x : \perp \\
 2 & \frac{x : \perp}{x : \perp \rightarrow \perp} \quad \text{app, 1} \\
 3 & \frac{x : \perp \rightarrow \perp}{xx : \perp} \quad \text{app, 2, 1} \\
 4 & \frac{xx : \perp}{xx : \perp \rightarrow \perp} \quad \text{app, 3} \\
 5 & \frac{xx : \perp \rightarrow \perp}{(xx)(xx) : \perp} \quad \text{app, 4, 3} \\
 6 & \lambda x.(xx)(xx) : \perp \rightarrow \perp \quad \lambda\text{-rule, 1, 5}
 \end{array}$$

2. Let  $x : \top$  and remember that  $\top := \forall\alpha : * . \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ . Give a type to the term

$$\lambda y . x y x (\lambda z . z x z)$$

in  $\lambda 2$  à la Curry and give the typing derivation of your result.

3. Let  $x : \top$  and remember that  $\top := \forall\alpha : * . \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ .

- (a) Give a type to the term

$$\lambda y . x y x (\lambda z . z x z)$$

in  $\lambda 2$  à la Curry and give the typing derivation of your result.

1	$x : \top$	
2	$y : \perp$	
3	$x : \perp \rightarrow \perp$	app, 1
4	$x y : \perp$	app, 3, 2
5	$x y : \top \rightarrow \perp$	app, 4
6	$x y x : \perp$	app, 4, 1
7	$z : \perp$	
8	$z : \top \rightarrow \perp$	app, 7
9	$z x : \perp$	app, 8, 1
10	$z x : \perp \rightarrow \perp$	app, 9
11	$z x z : \perp$	app, 10, 1
12	$\lambda z . z x z : \perp \rightarrow \perp$	$\lambda$ -rule, 7, 11
13	$x y x : (\perp \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow \perp$	app, 6
14	$x y x (\lambda z . z x z) : \perp$	app, 13, 12
15	$\lambda y . x y x (\lambda z . z x z) : \perp \rightarrow \perp$	$\lambda$ -rule, 2, 14

- (b) Give a type to the term

$$\lambda y . x y (x (\lambda z . z z))$$

in  $\lambda 2$  à la Curry. Also give the typing derivation of your result.

4. (a) Define  $\text{inl} : \sigma \rightarrow \sigma + \tau$   
 Recall that  $\sigma + \tau := \forall\alpha . (\sigma \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (\tau \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$   
 Answer:

$$\lambda x : \sigma . \lambda \alpha . \lambda f : \sigma \rightarrow \alpha . \lambda g : \tau \rightarrow \alpha . f x$$

- (b) Define pairing :  $[-, -] : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \sigma \times \tau$   
 Recall that  $\sigma \times \tau := \forall\alpha . (\sigma \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$ ,  
 Answer:

$$\lambda x : \sigma . \lambda y : \tau . \lambda \alpha . \lambda h : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \alpha . h x y$$

NB You can only “validate” this definition if you define projections  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  and show that  $\pi_1[a, b] =_\beta a$  and  $\pi_2[a, b] =_\beta b$ . Try to do that. (Here is the definition of  $\pi_1$ :  $\lambda z : \sigma \times \tau . z \sigma (\lambda x : \sigma . \lambda y : \tau . x)$ )

- (c) Show that the addition function (as defined on the slides) behaves as expected.  
 Check that for  $\text{Plus} := \lambda n : \text{Nat} . \lambda m : \text{Nat} . n \text{ Nat } m S$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Plus } 0 y &= y \\ \text{Plus } (S x) y &= s (\text{Plus } x y) \end{aligned}$$

where  $S := \lambda n : \text{Nat} . \lambda \alpha . \lambda z : \alpha . \lambda f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha . f (n \alpha z f)$ .

- (d) Define  $\text{leaf} : B \rightarrow \text{Tree}_{A,B}$  and  $\text{join} : \text{Tree}_{A,B} \rightarrow \text{Tree}_{A,B} \rightarrow A \rightarrow \text{Tree}_{A,B}$   
 Recall that

$$\text{Tree}_{A,B} := \forall \alpha. (B \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$$

Now,  $\text{leaf} := \lambda b : B. \lambda \alpha. \lambda f : B \rightarrow \alpha. \lambda h : A \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha. f b$  and  $\text{join}$  is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{join} &:= \lambda t_1 : \text{Tree}_{A,B}. \lambda t_2 : \text{Tree}_{A,B}. \lambda a : A. \\ &\lambda \alpha. \lambda f : B \rightarrow \alpha. \lambda h : A \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha. h a (t_1 \alpha f h) (t_2 \alpha f h) \end{aligned}$$

Why is this the right answer?

(1) There is a very general way to define the constructors for a data type defined in  $\lambda 2$ , but I haven't shown that to you. (The general method has first been described in C. Böhm and A. Berarducci, *Automatic synthesis of typed lambda programs on term algebras*. Theoretical Computer Science, 39(2-3):135–153, Aug. 1985.)

(2) Another answer is: Given  $t_1, t_2$  and  $a$ , we have to define a term of type  $\text{Tree}_{A,B}$ . This will have the shape

$$\lambda \alpha. \lambda f : B \rightarrow \alpha. \lambda h : A \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha. ?$$

with  $? : \alpha$ . We can view  $h$  as the “internal” join function and  $t_1 \alpha f h$  is the “internal” representation of  $t_1$  and  $t_2 \alpha f h$  is the “internal” representation of  $t_2$ , so we need to apply  $h$  to these terms, taking  $a$  as the node label.

... This works well as an intuition, but I agree that it's vague ...

(3) The best answer is: define your destructors and show that they “work” with  $\text{join}$ . So: define “left” and “right” and show that  $\text{left}(\text{join } a t_1 t_2) =_{\beta} t_1$  and similarly for “right” and  $t_2$ .

$$\text{left} := \lambda t : \text{Tree}_{A,B}. t \text{Tree}_{A,B} \text{leaf} (\lambda a : A \lambda t_1, t_2 : \text{Tree}_{A,B}. t_1)$$

where  $\text{leaf} : B \rightarrow \text{Tree}_{A,B}$  is the function

$$\lambda b : B. \lambda \alpha. \lambda f : B \rightarrow \alpha. \lambda h : A \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha. f b$$

- (e) Give the Tree-iteration scheme for  $\text{Tree}_{A,B}$  and define  $h : \text{Tree}_{A,B} \rightarrow \text{Nat}$  that counts the number of leaves of a tree.

The Tree iteration scheme is: given a type  $D$  and  $f : B \rightarrow D, g : A \rightarrow D \rightarrow D \rightarrow D$ , there is a term  $k : \text{Tree}_{A,B} \rightarrow D$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} k(\text{leaf } b) &= f b \\ k(\text{join } a t_1 t_2) &= g a (k t_1) (k t_2) \end{aligned}$$

as a matter of fact  $k$  is just  $\lambda t : \text{Tree}_{A,B}. t D f g$ .

The function  $h$  that counts the number of leaves satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} h(\text{leaf } b) &= S 0 \\ h(\text{join } a t_1 t_2) &= \text{Plus}(h t_1) (h t_2) \end{aligned}$$

so we can take  $h := \lambda t : \text{Tree}_{A,B}. t \text{Nat} (\lambda b : B. S 0) (\lambda a : A, \lambda n_1, n_2 : \text{Nat}. \text{Plus } n_1 n_2)$ .