

# Programming Languages and Compilers (CS 421)

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# Lambda Calculus - Motivation

- Aim is to capture the essence of functions, function applications, and evaluation
- $\lambda$ -calculus is a theory of computation
- “The Lambda Calculus: Its Syntax and Semantics”. H. P. Barendregt. North Holland, 1984

# Lambda Calculus - Motivation

- All deterministic *sequential programs* may be viewed as functions from input (initial state and input values) to output (resulting state and output values).
- $\lambda$ -calculus is a mathematical formalism of functions and functional computations
- Two flavors: typed and untyped



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# Untyped $\lambda$ -Calculus

- Only three kinds of expressions:
  - Variables:  $x, y, z, w, \dots$
  - Abstraction:  $\lambda x. e$   
(Function expression, think `fun x -> e`)
  - Application:  $e_1 e_2$

# Untyped $\lambda$ -Calculus Grammar

## ■ Formal BNF Grammar:

- $\langle \text{expression} \rangle ::= \langle \text{variable} \rangle$ 
  - |  $\langle \text{abstraction} \rangle$
  - |  $\langle \text{application} \rangle$
  - |  $(\langle \text{expression} \rangle)$
- $\langle \text{abstraction} \rangle ::= \lambda \langle \text{variable} \rangle . \langle \text{expression} \rangle$
- $\langle \text{application} \rangle ::= \langle \text{expression} \rangle \langle \text{expression} \rangle$

# Untyped $\lambda$ -Calculus Terminology

- **Occurrence:** a location of a subterm in a term
- **Variable binding:**  $\lambda x. e$  is a binding of  $x$  in  $e$
- **Bound occurrence:** all occurrences of  $x$  in  $\lambda x. e$
- **Free occurrence:** one that is not bound
- **Scope of binding:** in  $\lambda x. e$ , all occurrences in  $e$  not in a subterm of the form  $\lambda x. e'$  (same  $x$ )
- **Free variables:** all variables having free occurrences in a term

# Example

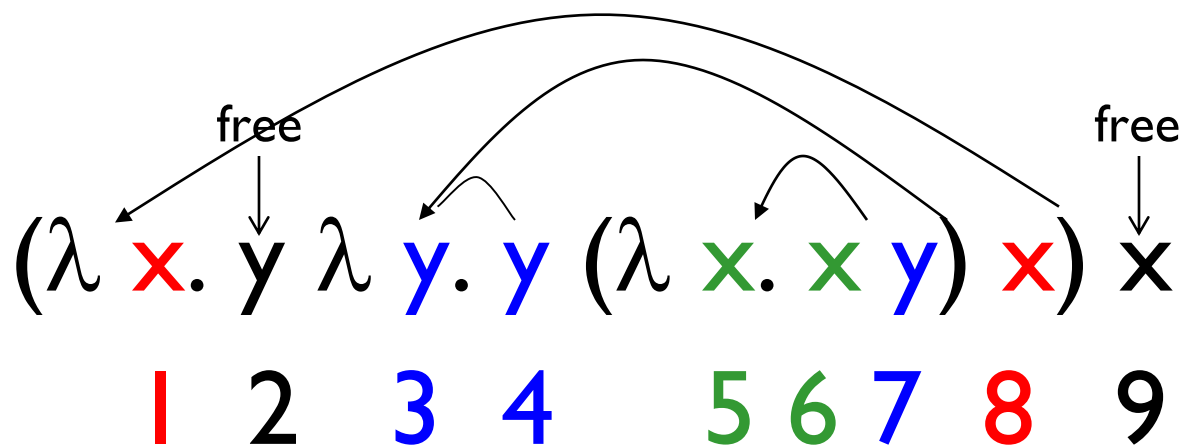
- Label occurrences and scope:

$(\lambda x. y \lambda y. y (\lambda x. x y) x) x$   
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9



# Example

- Label occurrences and scope:



# Untyped $\lambda$ -Calculus

- How do you compute with the  $\lambda$ -calculus?
- Roughly speaking, by substitution:
- $(\lambda x. e_1) e_2 \Rightarrow^* e_1 [e_2 / x]$
- \* Modulo all kinds of subtleties to avoid free variable capture

# Transition Semantics for $\lambda$ -Calculus

$$\frac{E \rightarrow E''}{E E' \rightarrow E'' E'}$$

- Application (version 1 - **Lazy Evaluation**)

$$(\lambda x . E) E' \rightarrow E[E' / x]$$

- Application (version 2 - **Eager Evaluation**)

$$\frac{E' \rightarrow E''}{(\lambda x . E) E' \rightarrow (\lambda x . E) E''}$$

$$\frac{}{(\lambda x . E) V \rightarrow E[V / x]}$$

$V$  – Value = variable or abstraction

# How Powerful is the Untyped $\lambda$ -Calculus?

- The untyped  $\lambda$ -calculus is Turing Complete
  - Can express any deterministic sequential computation
- Problems:
  - How to express basic data: booleans, integers, etc?
  - How to express recursion?
  - Constants, `if_then_else`, etc, are conveniences; can be added as syntactic sugar (more on this later this week!)

# Typed vs Untyped $\lambda$ -Calculus

- The *pure*  $\lambda$ -calculus has no notion of type:
  - $(f f)$  is a legal expression!
- **Types restrict which applications are valid**
  - Types aren't syntactic sugar! They disallow some terms
- Simply typed  $\lambda$ -calculus is less powerful than the untyped  $\lambda$ -Calculus:
  - NOT Turing Complete (no general recursion). See e.g.:
  - <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/1319149/what-breaks-the-turing-completeness-of-simply-typed-lambda-calculus>
  - <http://okmij.org/ftp/Computation/lambda-calc.html#predecessor>

# Uses of $\lambda$ -Calculus

- Typed and untyped  $\lambda$ -calculus used for theoretical study of sequential programming languages
- Sequential programming languages are essentially the  $\lambda$ -calculus, extended with predefined constructs, constants, types, and syntactic sugar
- Ocaml is close to  $\lambda$ -Calculus:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{fun } x \text{ -> } \text{exp} & \quad == \quad \lambda x. \text{exp} \\ \text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 & \quad == \quad (\lambda x. e_2) e_1 \end{aligned}$$

# $\alpha$ Conversion (aka Substitution)

- $\alpha$ -conversion:

$$\lambda x. \text{exp} \xrightarrow{\alpha} \lambda y. (\text{exp} [y/x])$$

- Provided that

1.  $y$  is **not free** in  $\text{exp}$
2. **No free occurrence** of  $x$  in  $\text{exp}$  **becomes bound** in  $\text{exp}$  when replaced by  $y$

# $\alpha$ Conversion Non-Examples

1. Error:  $y$  is not free in the second term

$$\lambda x. x y \not\rightarrow \lambda y. y y$$

2. Error: free occurrence of  $x$  becomes bound in wrong way when replaced by  $y$

$$\lambda x. \underbrace{\lambda y. x y}_{\text{exp}} \not\rightarrow \lambda y. \underbrace{\lambda y. y y}_{\text{exp}[y/x]}$$

But  $\lambda x. (\lambda y. y) x \rightarrow \lambda y. (\lambda y. y) y$

And  $\lambda y. (\lambda y. y) y \rightarrow \lambda x. (\lambda y. y) x$



# Congruence

Let  $\sim$  be a relation on lambda terms.  
Then  $\sim$  is a **congruence** if:

- It is an equivalence relation
  - Reflexive, symmetric, transitive
- And if  $e_1 \sim e_2$  then
  - $(e e_1) \sim (e e_2)$  and  $(e_1 e) \sim (e_2 e)$
  - $\lambda x. e_1 \sim \lambda x. e_2$

# $\alpha$ Equivalence

- $\alpha$  equivalence is the smallest congruence containing  $\alpha$  conversion
  - Notation:  $e_1 \sim_{\alpha} e_2$
- **One usually treats  $\alpha$ -equivalent terms as equal** - i.e. use  $\alpha$  equivalence classes of terms
  - “Equivalent up to renaming”

# Example

Show:  $\lambda x. (\lambda y. y x) x \sim_{\alpha} \lambda y. (\lambda x. x y) y$

- $\lambda x. (\lambda y. y x) x \rightarrow_{\alpha} \lambda z. (\lambda y. y z) z$ 
  - So,  $\lambda x. (\lambda y. y x) x \sim_{\alpha} \lambda z. (\lambda y. y z) z$
- $(\lambda y. y z) \rightarrow_{\alpha} (\lambda x. x z)$ 
  - So,  $(\lambda y. y z) \sim_{\alpha} (\lambda x. x z)$
  - So,  $\lambda z. (\lambda y. y z) z \sim_{\alpha} \lambda z. (\lambda x. x z) z$
- $\lambda z. (\lambda x. x z) z \rightarrow_{\alpha} \lambda y. (\lambda x. x y) y$ 
  - So,  $\lambda z. (\lambda x. x z) z \sim_{\alpha} \lambda y. (\lambda x. x y) y$
- Therefore:  $\lambda x. (\lambda y. y x) x \sim_{\alpha} \lambda y. (\lambda x. x y) y$

# Substitution

- Defined on  $\alpha$ -equivalence classes of terms
- $P [N / x]$  means replace every free occurrence of  $x$  in  $P$  by  $N$ 
  - $P$  called *redex*;  $N$  called *residue*
- Provided that no variable free in  $P$  becomes bound in  $P [N / x]$ 
  - Rename bound variables in  $P$  to **avoid capturing** free variables of  $N$

# Substitution: Detailed Rules

$P [N / x]$  means replace every free occurrence of variable  $x$  in redex  $P$  by residue  $N$

- $x [N / x] = N$
- $y [N / x] = y$  if  $y \neq x$
- $(e_1 e_2) [N / x] = ((e_1 [N / x]) (e_2 [N / x]))$
- $(\lambda x. e) [N / x] = (\lambda x. e)$
- $(\lambda y. e) [N / x] = \lambda y. (e [N / x])$  provided  $y \neq x$  and  $y$  not free in  $N$ 
  - Rename  $y$  in redex if necessary

# Example

$$(\lambda y. y z) [(\lambda x. x y) / z] = ?$$

- Problems?

- $z$  in redex in scope of  $y$  binding
- $y$  free in the residue

- $(\lambda y. y z) [(\lambda x. x y) / z] \xrightarrow{\alpha}$

- $(\lambda w. w z) [(\lambda x. x y) / z] =$

- $\lambda w. w (\lambda x. x y)$

# Example

- Only replace free occurrences
- $(\lambda y. y z (\lambda z. z)) [(\lambda x. x) / z] =$   
 $\lambda y. y (\lambda x. x) (\lambda z. z)$

Not

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

# $\beta$ reduction

- $\beta$  Rule:  $(\lambda x. P) N \xrightarrow{\beta} P [N / x]$
- **Essence of computation** in the lambda calculus
- Usually defined on  $\alpha$ -equivalence classes of terms



# Example

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

$$\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda x. x y) (\lambda y. y z)$$

$$\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda y. y z) y \rightarrow_{\beta} y z$$

- $(\lambda x. x x) (\lambda x. x x)$

$$\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda x. x x) (\lambda x. x x)$$

$$\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda x. x x) (\lambda x. x x) \rightarrow_{\beta} \dots$$

# $\alpha$ $\beta$ Equivalence

- $\alpha$   $\beta$  equivalence is the smallest congruence containing  $\alpha$  equivalence and  $\beta$  reduction
- A term is in *normal form* if no subterm is  $\alpha$  equivalent to a term that can be  $\beta$  reduced
- Hard fact (Church-Rosser): if  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are  $\alpha\beta$ -equivalent and both are normal forms, then they are  $\alpha$  equivalent

# Order of Evaluation

- Not all terms reduce to normal forms
  - Computations may be infinite
- Not all reduction strategies will produce a normal form if one exists
- We will explore two common reduction strategies next!

## Lazy evaluation:

- Always reduce the left-most application in a top-most series of applications (i.e. do not perform reduction inside an abstraction)
- Stop when term is not an application, or left-most application is not an application of an abstraction to a term

# Eager evaluation

- (Eagerly) reduce left of top application to an abstraction
- Then (eagerly) reduce argument
- Then  $\beta$ -reduce the application

# Example I

- $(\lambda z. (\lambda x. x)) ((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda y. y y))$
- **Lazy** evaluation:
  - Reduce the left-most application:
- $(\lambda z. (\lambda x. x)) ((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda y. y y))$   
-- $\beta$ -->  $(\lambda x. x)$

# Example I

- $(\lambda z. (\lambda x. x))((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda y. y y))$
- **Eager** evaluation:
  - Reduce the operator of the top-most application to an abstraction: Done.
  - Reduce the argument:
- $(\lambda z. (\lambda x. x))((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda y. y y))$
- $\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z. (\lambda x. x))((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda y. y y))$
- $\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z. (\lambda x. x))((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda y. y y)) \dots$

## Example 2

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

- **Lazy evaluation:**

$(\lambda x. x x)((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z)) \dashrightarrow_{\beta}$



## Example 2

- $(\lambda x. x x)((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z))$
- **Lazy evaluation:**

$(\lambda x. \boxed{x} \boxed{x})((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z)) \xrightarrow{\beta}$

## Example 2

- $(\lambda x. x x)((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z))$
- **Lazy evaluation:**

$(\lambda x. \boxed{x} \boxed{x})((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z)) \xrightarrow{\beta}$

$\boxed{((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z))} \boxed{((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z))}$

## Example 2

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

- **Lazy evaluation:**

$(\lambda x. x x)((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z)) \text{ --}\beta\text{--}\rightarrow$

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

## Example 2

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

- **Lazy evaluation:**

$(\lambda x. x x)((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z)) \dashrightarrow_{\beta}$

$((\lambda y. \boxed{y} \boxed{y}) \underline{(\lambda z. z)}) ((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z))$

## Example 2

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

- **Lazy evaluation:**

$(\lambda x. x x)((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z)) \text{ --}\beta\text{--}\rightarrow$

$((\lambda y. \boxed{y} \boxed{y}) (\lambda z. z)) ((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z))$

$\text{--}\beta\text{--}\rightarrow \boxed{((\lambda z. z) (\lambda z. z))} ((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z))$

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- **Lazy evaluation:**

$(\lambda x. x x)((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z)) \text{ --}\beta\text{--}\rightarrow$

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

$\text{--}\beta\text{--}\rightarrow ((\lambda z. z) (\lambda z. z))((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z))$

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

$\text{--}\beta\text{--}\rightarrow ((\lambda z. \boxed{z}) \underline{(\lambda z. z)})((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z))$

## Example 2

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

■ **Lazy evaluation:**

$(\lambda x. x x)((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z)) \text{ --}\beta\text{--}\rightarrow$

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■ **Lazy evaluation:**

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$(\lambda z. z)$

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$(\lambda x. x x) ((\lambda y. y y) (\lambda z. z)) \xrightarrow{\beta}$

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$\lambda z. z$

# Untyped $\lambda$ -Calculus

- Only three kinds of expressions:

- Variables:  $x, y, z, w, \dots$

- Abstraction:  $\lambda x. e$

- Application:  $e_1 e_2$

- Notation – will write:

$\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. e$  for  $\lambda x_1. \lambda x_2. \dots \lambda x_n. e$

$e_1 e_2 \dots e_n$  for  $((\dots((e_1 e_2) e_3) \dots e_{n-1}) e_n$

# How to Represent (Free) Data Structures (First Pass - Enumeration Types)

- Suppose  $\tau$  is a type with  $n$  constructors:  
 $C_1, \dots, C_n$  (no arguments)
  - type  $\tau = C_1 \mid \dots \mid C_n$
- Represent each term as an abstraction:
- Let  $C_i \rightarrow \lambda x_1 \dots x_n. x_i$
- Think: you give me what to return in each case (think match statement) and I'll return the case for the  $i$ 'th constructor

# How to Represent Booleans

- `bool = True | False`
- `True`  $\rightarrow \lambda x_1. \lambda x_2. x_1 \equiv_{\alpha} \lambda x. \lambda y. x$
- `False`  $\rightarrow \lambda x_1. \lambda x_2. x_2 \equiv_{\alpha} \lambda x. \lambda y. y$

# How to Write Functions over Booleans

- if b then  $x_1$  else  $x_2 \rightarrow$

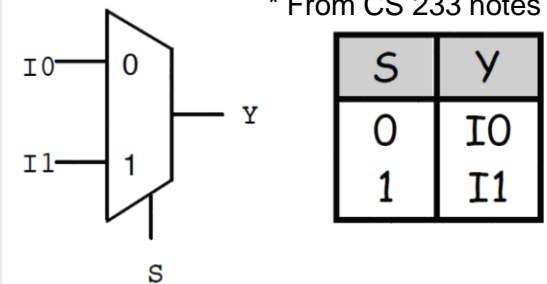
if\_then\_else b  $x_1$   $x_2 = b$   $x_1$   $x_2$

if\_then\_else  $\equiv_{\alpha} \lambda b$   $x_1$   $x_2 . b$   $x_1$   $x_2$

- bool = True | False
- True  $\rightarrow \lambda x_1 x_2 . x_1 \equiv_{\alpha} \lambda x y . x$
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## Multiplexors (MUXs)

\* From CS 233 notes



$$Y = S' I_0 + S I_1$$

# Functions over Enumeration Types

- Write a “match” function

- match  $e$  with  $C_1 \rightarrow x_1$

| ...

|  $C_n \rightarrow x_n$

$\rightarrow \lambda x_1 \dots x_n e. e x_1 \dots x_n$

- Think: give me what to do in each case and give the selector (the constructor expression), and I'll apply that case

# Functions over Enumeration Types

```
type  $\tau$  =  $C_1 | \dots | C_n$   
match e with  $C_1 \rightarrow x_1$   
            | ...  
            |  $C_n \rightarrow x_n$ 
```

- Recall:  $C_i \rightarrow \lambda x_1 \dots x_n. x_i$
- Then:  $\text{match } \tau = \lambda x_1 \dots x_n e. e x_1 \dots x_n$
- $e$  = expression (single constructor instance).  
Then, “match  $C_i$ ” selects  $x_i$

# match for Booleans

- $\text{bool} = \text{True} \mid \text{False}$

- $\text{True} \rightarrow \lambda x_1 x_2. x_1 \equiv_{\alpha} \lambda x y. x$

- $\text{False} \rightarrow \lambda x_1 x_2. x_2 \equiv_{\alpha} \lambda x y. y$

- $\text{match}_{\text{bool}} = ?$

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            | ...  
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- Then:  $\text{match } \tau = \lambda x_1 \dots x_n e. e x_1 \dots x_n$



# match for Booleans

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■ Then:  $\text{match } \tau = \lambda x_1 \dots x_n e. e x_1 \dots x_n$

■  $\text{bool} = \text{True} | \text{False}$

■  $\text{True} \rightarrow \lambda x_1 x_2. x_1 \equiv_{\alpha} \lambda x y. x$

■  $\text{False} \rightarrow \lambda x_1 x_2. x_2 \equiv_{\alpha} \lambda x y. y$

■  $\text{match}_{\text{bool}} = \lambda x_1 x_2 e. e x_1 x_2$   
 $\equiv_{\alpha} \lambda x y b. b x y$

# How to Write Functions over Booleans

- Alternately:

- if b then  $x_1$  else  $x_2 =$

match b with True  $\rightarrow x_1$  | False  $\rightarrow x_2$

$\rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{match}_{\text{bool}} x_1 x_2 b &= (\lambda x_1 x_2 b . b x_1 x_2) x_1 x_2 b \\ &= b x_1 x_2 \end{aligned}$$

- if\_then\_else

$$\equiv_{\alpha} \lambda b x_1 x_2 . (\text{match}_{\text{bool}} x_1 x_2 b)$$

$$= \lambda b x_1 x_2 . (\lambda x_1 x_2 b . b x_1 x_2) x_1 x_2 b$$

$$= \lambda b x_1 x_2 . b x_1 x_2$$

- bool = True | False

- True  $\rightarrow \lambda x_1 x_2 . x_1 \equiv_{\alpha} \lambda x y . x$

- False  $\rightarrow \lambda x_1 x_2 . x_2 \equiv_{\alpha} \lambda x y . y$

- $\text{match}_{\text{bool}} = \lambda x_1 x_2 e . e x_1 x_2$   
 $\equiv_{\alpha} \lambda x y b . b x y$

# Example:

- $\text{bool} = \text{True} \mid \text{False}$
- $\text{True} \rightarrow \lambda x_1 x_2. x_1 \equiv_{\alpha} \lambda x y. x$
- $\text{False} \rightarrow \lambda x_1 x_2. x_2 \equiv_{\alpha} \lambda x y. y$

not b

= match b with True -> False  
                  | False -> True

→ (match<sub>bool</sub>) False True b

=  $(\lambda x_1 x_2 b. b x_1 x_2) (\lambda x y. y) (\lambda x y. x) b$   
=  $b (\lambda x y. y) (\lambda x y. x)$

- $\text{match}_{\text{bool}} = \lambda x_1 x_2 e. e x_1 x_2$   
                   $\equiv_{\alpha} \lambda x y b. b x y$

- **not**  $\equiv \lambda b. b (\lambda x y. y) (\lambda x y. x)$
- Try other operators: and, or, xor

# How to Represent (Free) Data Structures (Second Pass - Union Types)

- Suppose  $\tau$  is a type with  $n$  constructors: type  $\tau = C_1 t_{11} \dots t_{1k} \mid \dots \mid C_n t_{n1} \dots t_{nm}$ ,
- Represent each term as an abstraction:
- $C_i t_{i1} \dots t_{ij} \rightarrow \lambda x_1 \dots x_n. x_i t_{i1} \dots t_{ij}$ ,
- $C_i \rightarrow \lambda t_{i1} \dots t_{ij}. x_1 \dots x_n. x_i t_{i1} \dots t_{ij}$ ,
- Think: you need to give each constructor its arguments first

# How to Represent Pairs

- Pair has one constructor (comma) that takes two arguments
- `type ( $\alpha, \beta$ ) pair = (,)  $\alpha$   $\beta$`
- `(a , b)  $\rightarrow$   $\lambda$  x . x a b`

# Functions over Pairs

■  $(a, b) \rightarrow \lambda x. x a b$

- $\text{match}_{\text{pair}} = \lambda f p. p f$
- $\text{fst } p = \text{match } p \text{ with } (x, y) \rightarrow x$
- $\text{fst} \rightarrow \lambda p. \text{match}_{\text{pair}} (\lambda x y. x)$   
 $= (\lambda f p. p f) (\lambda x y. x)$   
 $= \lambda p. p (\lambda x y. x)$
- $\text{snd} \rightarrow \lambda p. p (\lambda x y. y)$

# How to Represent (Free) Data Structures (Second Pass - Union Types)

- Suppose  $\tau$  is a type with  $n$  constructors: type  $\tau = C_1 t_{11} \dots t_{1k} \mid \dots \mid C_n t_{n1} \dots t_{nm}$ ,
- Represent each term as an abstraction:
- $C_i t_{i1} \dots t_{ij}, \rightarrow \lambda x_1 \dots x_n. x_i t_{i1} \dots t_{ij}$ ,
- $C_i \rightarrow \lambda t_{i1} \dots t_{ij}, x_1 \dots x_n. x_i t_{i1} \dots t_{ij}$ ,
- Think: you need to give each constructor its arguments first

# Functions over Union Types

- Write a “match” function
- $\text{match } e \text{ with } C_1 y_1 \dots y_{m1} \rightarrow f_1 y_1 \dots y_{m1}$   
|  $\dots$   
|  $C_n y_1 \dots y_{mn} \rightarrow f_n y_1 \dots y_{mn}$
- $\text{match } \tau \rightarrow \lambda f_1 \dots f_n e. e f_1 \dots f_n$
- Think: give me a function for each case and give me a case, and I'll apply that case to the appropriate function with the data in that case



# How to Represent (Free) Data Structures (Third Pass - Recursive Types)

- Suppose  $\tau$  is a type with  $n$  constructors:

$\text{type } \tau = C_1 t_{11} \dots t_{1k} \mid \dots \mid C_n t_{n1} \dots t_{nm},$

- Suppose  $t_{ih} : \tau$  (i.e. is recursive)

- In place of a value  $t_{ih}$  have a function to compute the recursive value  $r_{ih} x_1 \dots x_n$

- $C_i t_{i1} \dots \mathbf{r_{ih}} \dots t_{ij} \rightarrow \lambda x_1 \dots x_n . x_i t_{i1} \dots (\mathbf{r_{ih} x_1 \dots x_n}) \dots t_{ij}$

- $C_i \rightarrow \lambda t_{i1} \dots \mathbf{r_{ih}} \dots t_{ij} x_1 \dots x_n . x_i t_{i1} \dots (\mathbf{r_{ih} x_1 \dots x_n}) \dots t_{ij}$

# How to Represent Natural Numbers

- $\text{nat} = \text{Suc nat} \mid 0$

- $\overline{0} = \lambda f x. x$

- $\overline{\text{Suc } n} = \lambda f x. f (n f x)$

- Such representation is called  
**Church Numerals**

# Some Church Numerals

- $\text{nat} = \text{Suc nat} \mid 0$
- $\overline{0} = \lambda f x. x$
- $\overline{\text{Suc}} = \lambda n f x. f (n f x)$

■  $\overline{1}$

■  $\overline{\text{Suc } 0} = (\lambda n f x. f (n f x)) (\lambda f x. x) \rightarrow$   
 $\lambda f x. f ((\lambda f x. x) f x) \rightarrow$   
 $\lambda f x. f ((\lambda x. x) x) \rightarrow \lambda f x. f x$

Apply a function to its argument once

■ “Do something (anything) once”

# Some Church Numerals

■  $\overline{2}$

■ **Suc(Suc 0)** =  $(\lambda n f x. f (n f x)) (\text{Suc } 0) \rightarrow$   
 $(\lambda n f x. f (n f x)) (\lambda f x. f x) \rightarrow$   
 $\lambda f x. f ((\lambda f x. f x) f x) \rightarrow$   
 $\lambda f x. f ((\lambda x. f x) x) \rightarrow$   **$\lambda f x. f (f x)$**

Apply a function twice

■ “Do something (anything) once”

In general  $\overline{n} = \lambda f x. f ( \dots (f x) \dots )$  with  $n$  applications of  $f$  (do “something”  $n$  times)

# Some Church Numerals

- $\overline{0} = \lambda f x. x$
- $\overline{1} = \lambda f x. f x$
- $\overline{2} = \lambda f x. f f x$
- $\overline{3} = \lambda f x. f f f x$
- $\overline{4} = \lambda f x. f f f f x$
- $\overline{5} = \lambda f x. f f f f f x$
- ....
- $\overline{n} = \lambda f x. f^n x$



# Primitive Recursive Functions

- Write a “fold” function

- $\text{fold } f_1 \dots f_n = \text{match } e \text{ with}$

$C_1 y_1 \dots y_{m1} \rightarrow f_1 y_1 \dots y_{m1}$

| ...

|  $C_i y_1 \dots r_{ij} \dots y_{in} \rightarrow f_n y_1 \dots (\text{fold } f_1 \dots f_n r_{ij}) \dots y_{mn}$

| ...

|  $C_n y_1 \dots y_{mn} \rightarrow f_n y_1 \dots y_{mn}$

- $\text{fold } \tau \rightarrow \lambda f_1 \dots f_n e. e f_1 \dots f_n$

- Match in non recursive case a degenerate version of fold

# Primitive Recursion over Nat

$$\blacksquare \bar{n} \equiv \lambda f x. f^n x$$

```
fold f z n =  
  match n with  $\theta$  -> z  
              | Suc m -> f (fold f z m)
```

- $\overline{\text{fold}} \equiv \lambda f z n. n f z$
- $\overline{\text{is\_zero}} \bar{n} = \overline{\text{fold}} (\lambda r. \overline{\text{False}}) \overline{\text{True}} \bar{n}$   
 $= (\lambda f x. f^n x) (\lambda r. \overline{\text{False}}) \overline{\text{True}}$   
 $= ((\lambda r. \overline{\text{False}})^n) \overline{\text{True}}$   
 $\equiv \text{if } n = 0 \text{ then True else False}$

# Adding Church Numerals

- $\bar{n} \equiv \lambda f x. f^n x$     and     $\bar{m} \equiv \lambda f x. f^m x$

- $\overline{n + m} = \lambda f x. f^{(n+m)} x$   
 $= \lambda f x. f^n (f^m x) = \lambda f x. \bar{n} f (\bar{m} f x)$

- $\bar{+} \equiv \lambda n m f x. n f (m f x)$

- Subtraction is harder (e.g. has to refer to predecessors)



# How much is 2+2 ?

- $\overline{+} = \lambda n m f x. n f (m x)$

- $\overline{2} = \lambda f x. f (f x)$

- $\overline{2} = \lambda f x. f (f x)$

- So let's begin:

$$(\lambda n m f x. n f (m f x)) \overline{2} \overline{2} \text{ --}\beta\text{-->}$$

$$\lambda f x. (\lambda f x. f (f x)) f ((\lambda f x. f (f x)) f x) \text{ --}\beta\text{-->}$$

$$\lambda f x. (\lambda f x. f (f x)) f (f (f x)) \text{ --}\beta\text{-->}$$

$$\lambda f x. f (f (f (f x))) \equiv$$

$$\overline{4}$$

# Multiplying Church Numerals

- $\bar{n} \equiv \lambda f x. f^n x$     and     $\bar{m} \equiv \lambda f x. f^m x$

- $\overline{n * m} = \lambda f x. (f^{n * m}) x = \lambda f x. (f^m)^n x = \lambda f x. n (\bar{m} f) \bar{x}$

$$\bar{*} \equiv \lambda n m f x. n (m f) x$$

How much is  $\overline{2} \bar{*} \overline{2}$  ?

# Recursion: Y-Combinator (the original one)

- Want a  $\lambda$ -term  $Y$  such that for all terms  $R$  we have

$$Y R = R (Y R)$$

- $Y$  needs to have replication to “remember” a copy of  $R$

- $Y = \lambda y. (\lambda x. y (x x)) (\lambda x. y (x x))$

- $Y R = (\lambda x. R(x x)) (\lambda x. R(x x))$   
 $= R ((\lambda x. R(x x)) (\lambda x. R(x x)))$

- **Notice: Requires lazy evaluation**

*(see example 1 on eager vs lazy much earlier in this deck!)*

# Factorial (Lazy): $Y R = R (Y R)$

- Let  $R = \lambda f n. \text{if } n = 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } n * f (n - 1)$

$$Y R 3 = R (Y R) 3$$

$$= \text{if } 3 = 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } 3 * ((Y R)(3 - 1))$$

$$= 3 * (Y R) 2$$

$$= 3 * (R(Y R) 2)$$

$$= 3 * (\text{if } 2 = 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } 2 * (Y R)(2 - 1))$$

$$= 3 * (2 * (Y R)(1))$$

$$= 3 * (2 * (F(Y R) 1)) = \dots$$

$$= 3 * 2 * 1 * (\text{if } 0 = 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } 0 * (Y R)(0 - 1))$$

$$= 3 * 2 * 1 * 1$$

$$= 6$$

# Y in OCaml

```
# let rec y f = f (y f);;  
val y : ('a -> 'a) -> 'a = <fun>
```

```
# let mk_fact =  
    fun f n -> if n = 0 then 1 else n * f(n-1);;  
val mk_fact : (int -> int) -> int -> int = <fun>
```

```
# y mk_fact;;
```

Stack overflow during evaluation (looping recursion?).

# Eager Evaluation of Y in Ocaml

```
# let rec y f x = f (y f) x;;
```

```
val y : (('a -> 'b) -> 'a -> 'b) -> 'a -> 'b  
      = <fun>
```

```
# y mk_fact;;
```

```
- : int -> int = <fun>
```

```
# y mk_fact 5;;
```

```
- : int = 120
```

- Use recursion to get recursion

# Some Other Combinators

- More about Y-combinator:

- <https://mvanier.livejournal.com/2897.html>

- For your general exposure:

- $I = \lambda x . x$

- $K = \lambda x . \lambda y . x$

- $K_* = \lambda x . \lambda y . y$

- $S = \lambda x . \lambda y . \lambda z . x z (y z)$

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SKI\\_combinator\\_calculus](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SKI_combinator_calculus)