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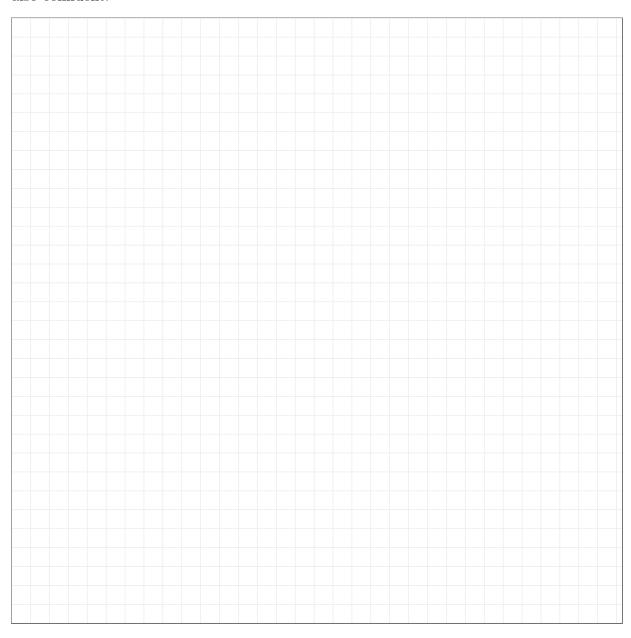
Lambda Calculus Winter Term 2023/24 Exercise Sheet 5

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## Exercise 1 (Confluence & Commutation)

Show: If  $\to_1$  and  $\to_2$  are confluent, and if  $\to_1^*$  and  $\to_2^*$  commute, then  $\to_{12} := \to_1 \cup \to_2$  is also confluent.



#### Exercise 2 (Confluence of $\beta$ -Reduction with Takahashi functions)

In the lecture, we have shown the confluence of  $\rightarrow_{\beta}$  using the diamond property of parallel  $\beta$ -reduction. In this exercise, we develop an alternative proof based on what are sometimes called Takahashi functions. A function  $\rho$  is a Takahashi function with respect to a reduction relation > if it holds that

$$s > t \Longrightarrow t > \rho(s)$$
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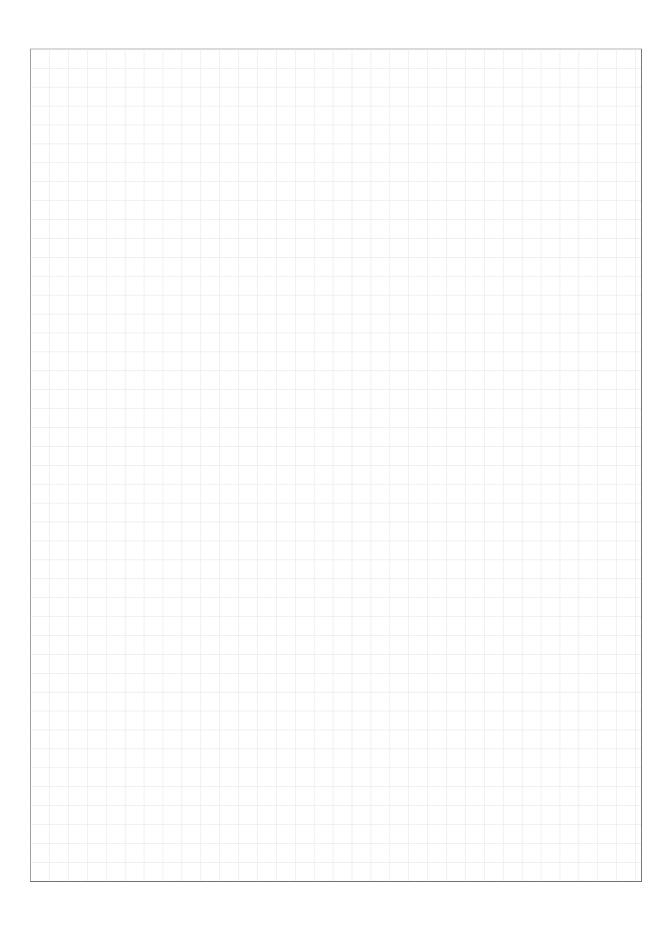
a) Show that  $\to$  is confluent if it holds that  $\to \subseteq > \subseteq \to^*$  and there exists a Takahashi function  $\rho$  for >.

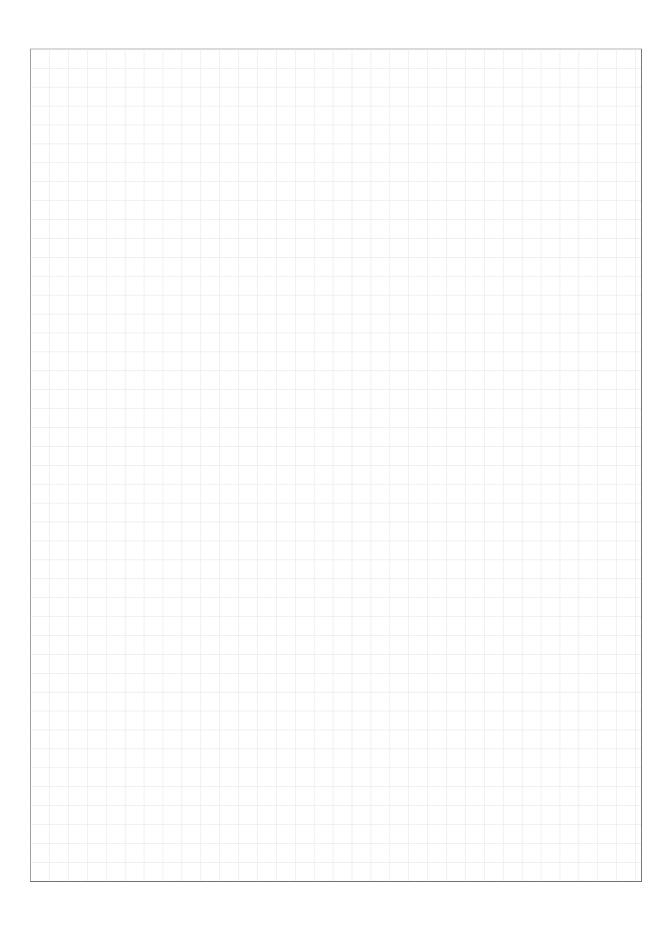
We define the operation  $-^*$  on  $\lambda$ -terms inductively over the structure of terms:

$$x^* = x$$
 $(\lambda x. t)^* = \lambda x. t^*$ 
 $(t_1 t_2)^* = t_1^* t_2^*$  if  $t_1 t_2$  is not a  $\beta$ -redex.
 $((\lambda x. t_1) t_2)^* = t_1^* [t_2^*/x]$ 

b) Show that  $\rightarrow_{\beta}$  is confluent by proving that  $-^*$  is a Takahashi function for the parallel and nested reduction >.



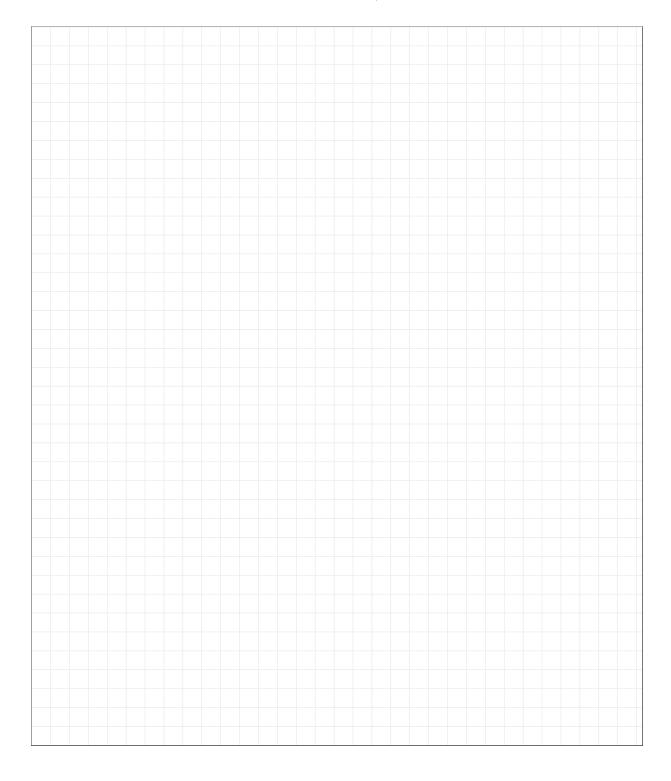




## Exercise 3 (Parallel Beta Reduction)

Show:

$$s > t \Longrightarrow s \to_{\beta}^* t$$



## Homework 4 (Local Confluence of $\eta$ -reduction)

Analogously to  $\beta$ -reduction, we define  $\eta$ -reduction inductively:

- 1.  $x \notin \mathsf{FV}(s) \Longrightarrow (\lambda x. \ s \ x) \to_{\eta} s$
- 2.  $s \to_n s' \Longrightarrow s \ t \to_n s' t$
- 3.  $s \to_{\eta} s' \Longrightarrow t \ s \to_{\eta} t \ s'$
- 4.  $s \to_{\eta} s' \Longrightarrow (\lambda x. s) \to_{\eta} (\lambda x. s')$

The proof of local confluence of  $\to_{\eta}$ , i.e. it holds that there exists a u with  $t_1 \to_{\eta}^* u \eta \leftarrow t_2$  if we have  $t_1 \to_{\eta} t_2$ , was very informal. Give a proper proof using this definition.

## Homework 5 (Parallel Beta Reduction & Substitution)

Show:

$$s > s' \land t > t' \Longrightarrow s[t/x] > s'[t'/x]$$

## Homework 6 (A Takahashi function for combinatory logic)

Instead of the  $\lambda$ -calculus, we consider *combinatory logic* in this exercise whose syntax consists of variables, application, and the combinators K and S:

$$s,t ::= x \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid s t \mid \mathsf{K} \mid \mathsf{S}.$$

We inductively define a reduction relation  $\rightarrow_w$  for this calculus with:

- 1. K  $s t \rightarrow_{\mathsf{w}} s$
- 2.  $S s t u \rightarrow_{\mathsf{w}} s u (t u)$
- 3.  $s \to_{\mathsf{w}} s' \Longrightarrow s t \to_{\mathsf{w}} s' t$
- $4. \ t \to_{\mathsf{w}} t' \Longrightarrow s \ t \to_{\mathsf{w}} s \ t'$

Use the strategy from the tutorial to prove that  $\rightarrow_w$  is confluent by defining a parallel and nested reduction relation  $>_w$  for this calculus and a Takahashi function  $-^*$  for  $>_w$ .