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Exercise 1 (Church Numerals in System F)

Encode the natural numbers in System F with Church numerals. Use the construction for recursive types from the lecture.



Exercise 2 (Programming in System F)

System F allows us to define functions that go far beyond what was possible in the simply typed λ -calculus. In particular, we can also define some non-primitively recursive functions in System F. As a prominent example, consider the Ackermann function:

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{ack} \ 0 \ n = n+1 \\ & \operatorname{ack} \ (m+1) \ 0 = \operatorname{ack} \ m \ 1 \\ & \operatorname{ack} \ (m+1) \ (n+1) = \operatorname{ack} \ m \ (\operatorname{ack} \ (m+1) \ n) \end{aligned}$$

Define the Ackermann function in System F based on the encoding of natural numbers from the last exercise. *Hint*: First define a function g such that $g \ f \ n = f^{n+1} \ \underline{1}$



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Exercise 3 (Existential Quantification in System F)

System F can also be defined with additional existential types of the form $\exists \alpha$. τ . To make use of these types, we add the following constructs to our term language

- pack τ with t as τ' ,
- open t as τ with m in t',

together with the reduction rule:

open (pack τ with t as $\exists \alpha$. τ') as α with m in $t' \to t'[\tau/\alpha][t/m]$

- a) Specify the typing rules for \exists .
- b) Show how \exists can be used to specify an abstract module of sets that supports the empty set, insertion, and membership testing.
- c) Show how to implement this module with lists.
- d) How do these concepts relate to the SML (or OCaml) concepts of signatures, structures, and functors?



Homework 4 (Finger Exercises on Typing in System F)

a) Give a type τ such that

 $\vdash \lambda m$: nat. λn : nat. $\lambda \alpha$. $(n \ (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha)) \ (m \ \alpha)$: τ

is typeable in System F and prove the typing judgement. Recall that

 $\mathsf{nat} = \forall \, \alpha. \ (\alpha \to \alpha) \to \alpha \to \alpha \ .$

b) Is there any typeable term t (in System F) such that if we remove all type annotations and type abstractions from t we get $(\lambda x. x x) (\lambda x. x x)$?

Homework 5 (Programming in System F)

Define (in System F) a function zero of type $nat \rightarrow bool$ that checks whether a given Church numeral is zero. Use the encoding that was introduced in the tutorial.

Homework 6 (Disjunction in System F)

Prove \vee_{I_1} and \vee_E from

$$A \lor B = \forall C. \ (A \to C) \to (B \to C) \to C$$

in System F. Use pure logic without lambda-terms.

Homework 7 (Progress and Preservation)

We have proved the properties of *progress* (see Exercise 7.1) and *preservation* (see Homework 7.4) for the simply typed λ -calculus. Extend our previous proofs to show that these properties also hold for System F.