

MATHEMATICS FOR INFORMATION SCIENCE  
NO.7 LAMBDA CALCULUS AND COMPUTABILITY

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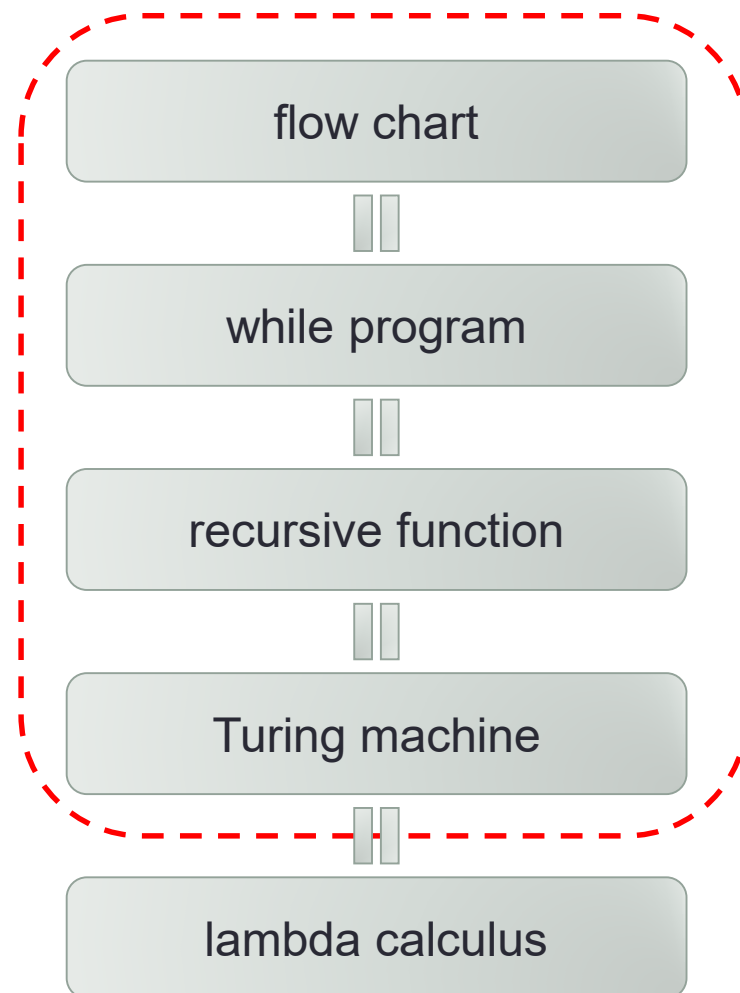
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# So far

- Computation
  - flow chart program
  - while program
  - recursive function
    - primitive recursive function
    - minimization operator
  - Turing machine
    - undecidable problems
- Lambda Calculus
  - function abstraction
  - function application



# $\lambda$ Representation

- $\lambda$  representation  $F$  of a partial function  $f: N^n \rightarrow N$  is:
  - If  $f(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n) = k$ , then

$$F[k_1][k_2] \dots [k_n] \stackrel{\alpha\beta}{\Rightarrow} [k]$$

where  $[k_i]$  is the  $\lambda$  representation of natural number  $k_i$ .

- $[f] \equiv F$  is a  $\lambda$  representation of  $f$ .

# True, False and Pairs

- $\lambda$  representation of true and false:
  - $[\text{true}] \equiv \lambda x y. x$
  - $[\text{false}] \equiv \lambda x y. y$
  - $[\text{true}]M N \equiv (\lambda x y. x)M N \xRightarrow{\alpha\beta} M$
  - $[\text{false}]M N \xRightarrow{\alpha\beta} N$
- Pairs:
  - $[M, N] \equiv \lambda x. x M N$
  - $\pi_1 \equiv \lambda x. x[\text{true}]$
  - $\pi_2 \equiv \lambda x. x[\text{false}]$
  - $\pi_1[M, N] \equiv (\lambda x. x[\text{true}])(\lambda x. x M N) \xRightarrow{\alpha\beta} (\lambda x. x M N)[\text{true}] \xRightarrow{\alpha\beta} [\text{true}]M N \xRightarrow{\alpha\beta} M$
  - $\pi_2[M, N] \xRightarrow{\alpha\beta} N$

# Natural Number

- Natural number:

- $[0] \equiv \lambda x y. y$
- $[1] \equiv \lambda x y. x y$
- $[2] \equiv \lambda x y. x(x y)$
- $[3] \equiv \lambda x y. x(x(x y))$
- $\vdots$
- $[n] \equiv \lambda x y. x(\overbrace{x(\dots(x y)\dots)}^n))$

- Arithmetic:

- $[\text{suc}] \equiv \lambda x y z. y(x y z)$
- $[\text{add}] \equiv \lambda x y z w. x z(y z w)$
- $[\text{mul}] \equiv \lambda x y z w. x(y z)w$
- $[\text{pred}] \equiv \lambda x y z. x(\lambda u v. v(u y))(\lambda a. z)(\lambda a. a)$
- $[\text{zero?}] \equiv \lambda x. x(\lambda x. [\text{false}])[\text{true}]$

# Calculation in $\lambda$ Representation

- $[\text{suc}][2] \equiv (\lambda x y z. y(x y z))(\lambda x y. x(x y))$

$$\xRightarrow{\alpha\beta} \dots$$

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$$\xRightarrow{\alpha\beta} \lambda x y. x(x(x y))$$

$$\equiv [3]$$

- $[\text{add}][3][2] \equiv (\lambda x y z w. x z(y z w))(\lambda x y. x(x(x y))) (\lambda x y. x(x y))$

$$\xRightarrow{\alpha\beta} \dots$$

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$$\xRightarrow{\alpha\beta} \lambda x y. x(x(x(x(x y)))) \equiv [5]$$

# Recursive Functions

- Primitive Recursive Functions:

- Basic Functions

- $zero : N^0 \rightarrow N$        $zero() = 0$
- $suc : N \rightarrow N$        $suc(x) = x + 1$
- $\pi_i^n : N^n \rightarrow N$        $\pi_i^n(x_1, \dots, x_n) = x_i$

- Composition of primitive recursive functions

- $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = g(h_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), \dots, h_m(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))$

- Define a function using primitive recursion

- $f(x_1, \dots, x_n, zero()) = g(x_1, \dots, x_n)$
- $f(x_1, \dots, x_n, suc(y)) = h(x_1, \dots, x_n, y, f(x_1, \dots, x_n, y))$

- Recursive Functions:

- Minimization operator

- $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \mu_y(g(x_1, \dots, x_n, y) = 0)$

# Primitive Recursive Function

- Basic functions:

- $[zero] \equiv [0] \equiv \lambda x y. y$
- $[suc] \equiv \lambda x y z. y(x y z)$
- $[\pi_i^n] \equiv \lambda x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n. x_i$

- Function composition:

- $f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = g(h_1(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), \dots, h_m(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n))$  のとき,

$$[f] \equiv \lambda x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n. [g]([h_1]x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n) \cdots ([h_m]x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n)$$

- Example:

- $dsuc(x) = suc(suc(x))$
- $[dsuc] \equiv \lambda x. [suc]([suc]x)$



# Primitive Recursion

- For simplicity, let us consider for only two argument case.

- $f(x, \text{zero}()) = g(x)$
- $f(x, \text{suc}(y)) = h(x, y, f(x, y))$

- Construction of  $F \equiv [f]$

- $F$  must satisfy:

$$F x y \stackrel{\alpha\beta}{\Rightarrow} [\text{zero? } |y| ([g|x]) \left( [h|x] ([\text{pred}|y]) (F x ([\text{pred}|y])) \right)$$

- $F$  is a fixed point of the following  $M$ :

$$M \equiv \lambda f x y. [\text{zero? } |y| ([g|x]) \left( [h|x] ([\text{pred}|y]) (f x ([\text{pred}|y])) \right)$$

- Using Curry's fixed point operator  $Y \equiv \lambda y. (\lambda x. y(xx))(\lambda x. y(xx))$ :

$$F \equiv Y M$$

$$F \equiv Y \left( \lambda f x y. [\text{zero? } |y| ([g|x]) \left( [h|x] ([\text{pred}|y]) (f x ([\text{pred}|y])) \right) \right)$$

# Minimization Operator

- For simplicity, let us consider for only one argument case
  - $f(x) = \mu_y(g(x, y) = 0)$

- Construction of  $F \equiv [f]$

- Let  $H$  be a  $\lambda$  expression which satisfies:

$$H x y \stackrel{\alpha\beta}{\Rightarrow} [\text{zero?}] ([g] x y) y (H x ([\text{suc}] y))$$

$H$  can be defined using Curry's fixed point operator  $Y$ :

$$H \equiv Y \left( \lambda h x y. [\text{zero?}] ([g] x y) y (h x ([\text{suc}] y)) \right)$$

- $F \equiv \lambda x. H x [0]$

$$F \equiv \lambda x. Y \left( \lambda h x y. [\text{zero?}] ([g] x y) y (h x ([\text{suc}] y)) \right) x [0]$$

# Computability

- Any computable function can be represented as a  $\lambda$  expression.
  - A computable function is a recursive function.
  - A recursive function has a  $\lambda$  representation.
- A function with a  $\lambda$  representation is computable.
  - A  $\lambda$  representation can be evaluated (or executed) using left most  $\beta$  reduction.
  - A  $\lambda$  expression can be encoded into a number.
  - Write a program to simulate the rightmost  $\beta$  reduction.

# $\eta$ (eta) Conversion

- **Extensionality** of functions
  - Two functions are the same if and only if they give the same result for all arguments.
  - $f = g \Leftrightarrow \forall x(f(x) = g(x))$
- Extensionality does not hold for  $\alpha\beta$  equivalence.
  - If  $P \stackrel{\alpha\beta}{\Leftrightarrow} Q$ , for any  $x \notin FV(PQ)$ ,  $P x \stackrel{\alpha\beta}{\Leftrightarrow} Q x$
  - The converse does not hold:  $\lambda x. y x \stackrel{\alpha\beta}{\Leftrightarrow} y$  is not true.

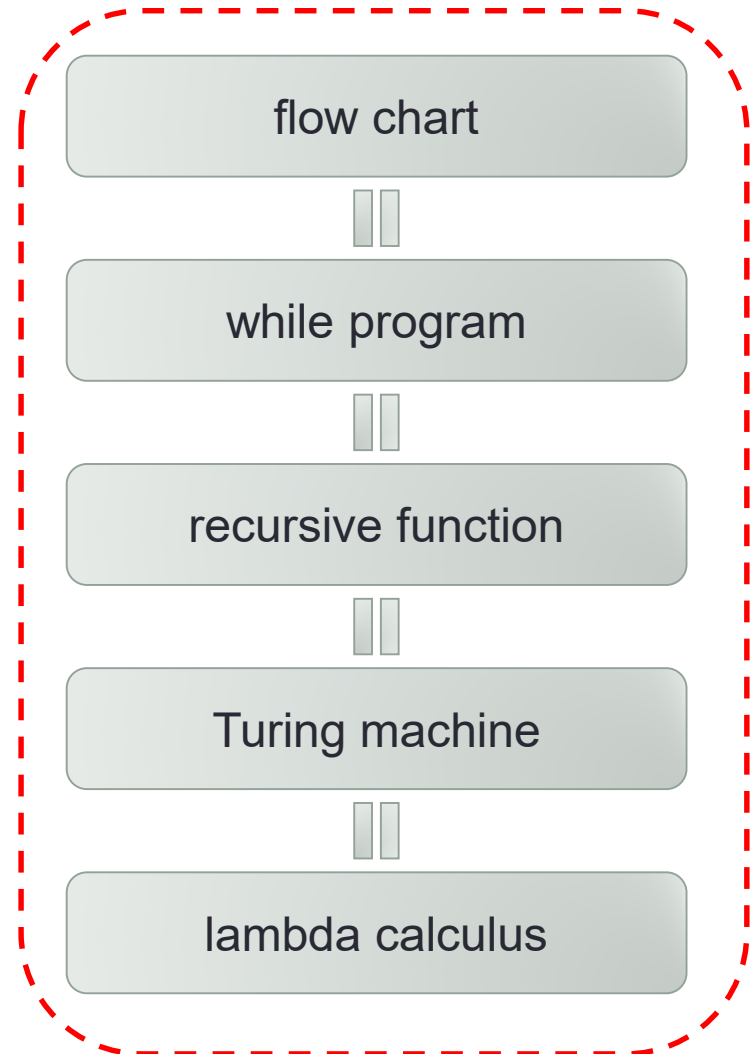
- **$\eta$  conversion:**

$$\lambda x. P x \stackrel{\eta}{\rightarrow} P$$

where  $x \notin FV(P)$

# Summary

- Lambda expression
- Conversion and reduction
  - $\alpha$  conversion
  - $\beta$  reduction
  - $\eta$  reduction
- Computability
  - $\lambda$  representation
  - $\lambda$  representation of natural number



# Homework 7

- $x^y = \overbrace{x \times x \times \cdots \times x}^{y \text{ times}}$  ( $x$  power of  $y$ ) is a primitive recursive function.
  - $x^0 = 1$
  - $x^{y+1} = x \times x^y$
- Find out the  $\lambda$  representation [power] of  $\text{power}(x, y) = x^y$ .
  - Please explain why the lambda expression represents power function.
  - Show that  $[\text{power}][2][3] \stackrel{\alpha\beta}{\Rightarrow} [8]$