

QG F06 Homework 1

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- Evaluate the lambda-expression $(\lambda fx.f(f(fx)))(\lambda gy.g(gy))(\lambda z.z + 1)(0)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\lambda fx.f(f(fx)))(\lambda gy.g(gy))(\lambda z.z + 1)(0) \\
 = & (\lambda x.(\lambda gy.g(gy))((\lambda gy.g(gy))((\lambda gy.g(gy))x)))(\lambda z.z + 1)(0) \\
 = & (\lambda x.(\lambda gy.g(gy))((\lambda gy.g(gy))(\lambda y.x(xy))))(\lambda z.z + 1)(0) \\
 = & (\lambda x.(\lambda gy.g(gy))((\lambda gy.g(gy))(\lambda w.x(xw))))(\lambda z.z + 1)(0) \\
 = & (\lambda x.(\lambda gy.g(gy))(\lambda y.(\lambda w.x(xw))((\lambda w.x(xw))y)))(\lambda z.z + 1)(0) \\
 = & (\lambda x.(\lambda gy.g(gy))(\lambda y.(\lambda w.x(xw))(x(xy))))(\lambda z.z + 1)(0) \\
 = & (\lambda x.(\lambda gy.g(gy))(\lambda y.x(x(xy))))(\lambda z.z + 1)(0) \\
 = & (\lambda x.(\lambda gy.g(gy))(\lambda w.x(x(xw))))(\lambda z.z + 1)(0) \\
 = & (\lambda x.(\lambda y.(\lambda w.x(x(xw))))((\lambda w.x(x(xw)))y)))(\lambda z.z + 1)(0) \\
 = & (\lambda x.(\lambda y.(\lambda w.x(x(xw))))(x(x(xy)))))(\lambda z.z + 1)(0) \\
 = & (\lambda x.(\lambda y.x(x(x(x(x(xy)))))))(\lambda z.z + 1)(0) \\
 = & (\lambda y.(\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1) \\
 & \quad ((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)y)))))))))(0) \\
 = & (\lambda y.(\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1) \\
 & \quad ((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)(y + 1)))))))(0) \\
 = & (\lambda y.(\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)(y + 2))))))(0) \\
 = & (\lambda y.(\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)(y + 3))))))(0) \\
 = & (\lambda y.(\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)(y + 4))))))(0) \\
 = & (\lambda y.(\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)(y + 5)))))(0) \\
 = & (\lambda y.(\lambda z.z + 1)((\lambda z.z + 1)(y + 6)))(0) \\
 = & (\lambda y.(\lambda z.z + 1)(y + 7))(0) \\
 = & (\lambda y.y + 8)(0) \\
 = & (0 + 8) \\
 = & 8
 \end{aligned}$$

or, using Church numerals,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda fx.f(f(fx)))(\lambda gy.g(gy))(\lambda z.z + 1)(0) \\ &= (3)(2)(inc)(0) \\ &= (8)(inc)(0) \\ &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

2. Let $\omega = \lambda x.xx$. What is $\omega\omega$?

β -reduction gives the same term we started with, so it's an infinite loop.