

• **Syntax of  $\lambda$ -terms** Are the following  $\lambda$ -terms well formed ?

- (1) a.  $(x)x.x$   
 b.  $\lambda x.\lambda y.\lambda z.u$   
 c.  $\lambda y.(\lambda x.(y))x$   
 d.  $\lambda x.(xx)$   
 e.  $(x)\lambda y.x$

• **Syntax of  $\lambda$ -terms** Represent the following terms as (syntactic) trees.

- (2) a.  $\lambda f.\lambda g.\lambda x.(f)(g)x$   
 b.  $\lambda f.\lambda g.\lambda x.((f)g)x$   
 c.  $\lambda f.((\lambda g.\lambda x.f)g)x$

•  **$\beta$ -reduction** : Reduce as much as possible the following  $\lambda$ -terms

- (3) a.  $(\lambda x.(x)x)\lambda x.x$   
 b.  $((\lambda x.\lambda y.(y)x)f)\lambda x.x$   
 c.  $(\lambda n.\lambda f.\lambda x.(f)((n)f)x)\lambda(f)x.(f)x$

• **Redex &  $\beta$ -reduction** Identify all redexes in the following term, and reduce it as much as possible.

- (4)  $((\lambda S.\lambda V.(S)(V)\lambda Q.(Q)m)\lambda P.(P)j)\lambda O.\lambda y.(O)\lambda z.((kiss)y)z$

• **Notation conventions**

Since dot + parenthesis notation can become rather heavy, the following conventions are often adopted :

$$\lambda x_1.\lambda x_2 \dots \lambda x_n.t = \lambda x_1 x_2 \dots x_n.t$$

$$t(t_1)(t_2) \dots (t_m) = t t_1 t_2 \dots t_m$$

Example :  $\lambda xy.xy$  is read  $\lambda x.\lambda y.x(y)$ .

Note : Under this convention, the notation  $abc$  is not ambiguous : it corresponds to the term  $((a)b)c$ , or  $af(af(a,b),c)$ . To express the (different) term  $af(a,af(b,c))$  at least one pair of parenthesis has to be inserted  $(a)bc$ .

Propose fully parenthesized versions of the following terms. If they can be reduced, reduce them.

- (5) a.  $\lambda xz.xyz$   
 b.  $(\lambda x.\lambda y.fxy)xy$   
 c.  $(\lambda x.\lambda y.xyy)\lambda y.\lambda a.y$

• **Church's integers** Check that Church's combinators for integers are working as intended : compute  $1+2$ ,  $0 \times 2$ ,  $\text{Succ}(3)$ . Count the number of necessary  $\beta$ -reductions.

$$0 =_{\text{def}} \lambda f.\lambda x.x \qquad \text{Succ} =_{\text{def}} \lambda n.\lambda f.\lambda x.(f)((n)f)x$$

$$1 =_{\text{def}} \lambda f.\lambda x.(f)x \qquad + \equiv \lambda m.\lambda n.\lambda f.\lambda x.((m)f)((n)f)x$$

$$n =_{\text{def}} \lambda f.\lambda x.(f)(f) \dots (f)x, \text{ with } n \text{ times } f \qquad \times \equiv \lambda m.\lambda n.\lambda f.(m)(n)f$$