

COMP4161: Advanced Topics in Software Verification



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# Exercises from last time



- Download and install Isabelle from <http://mirror.cse.unsw.edu.au/pub/isabelle/>
- Step through the demo files from the lecture web page
- Write your own theory file, look at some theorems in the library, try 'find\_theorems'
- How many theorems can help you if you need to prove something containing the term " $\text{Suc}(\text{Suc } x)$ "?
- What is the name of the theorem for associativity of addition of natural numbers in the library?

# Content



- Intro & motivation, getting started [1]
  
- Foundations & Principles
  - Lambda Calculus, natural deduction [1,2]
  - Higher Order Logic [3<sup>a</sup>]
  - Term rewriting [4]
  
- Proof & Specification Techniques
  - Inductively defined sets, rule induction [5]
  - Datatypes, recursion, induction [6, 7]
  - Hoare logic, proofs about programs, invariants [8<sup>b</sup>,9]
  - (mid-semester break)
  - C verification [10]
  - CakeML, Isar [11<sup>c</sup>]
  - Concurrency [12]

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<sup>a</sup>a1 due; <sup>b</sup>a2 due; <sup>c</sup>a3 due

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- originally meant as foundation of mathematics
- important applications in theoretical computer science
- foundation of computability and functional programming

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**That's it!**



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# Now Formal



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## Rules:

- list variables:  $\lambda x. (\lambda y. t) = \lambda x y. t$
- application binds to the left:  $x y z = (x y) z \neq x (y z)$
- abstraction binds to the right:  $\lambda x. x y = \lambda x. (x y) \neq (\lambda x. x) y$
- leave out outermost parentheses

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Still to do: define  $s[x \leftarrow t]$

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In  $(\lambda y. y z)[z \leftarrow x] = (\lambda y. y x)$  there would be no problem.

So, solution is: rename bound variables.

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The substitution example,  $(\lambda x. x z)[z \leftarrow x]$ , is problematic because the bound variable  $x$  is a free variable of the replacement term “ $x$ ”.

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$$s =_{\alpha} t \text{ iff } s \longrightarrow_{\alpha}^* t$$

( $\longrightarrow_{\alpha}^*$  = transitive, reflexive closure of  $\longrightarrow_{\alpha}$  = multiple steps)

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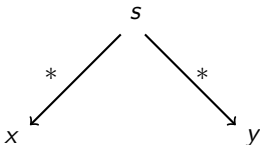
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**$\lambda$  calculus is not terminating**

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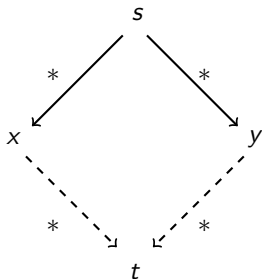
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**Normal forms in  $\lambda$  calculus are unique**

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$$s =_{\eta} t \quad \text{iff} \quad \exists n. s \longrightarrow_{\eta}^* n \wedge t \longrightarrow_{\eta}^* n$$

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# Isabelle Demo

# We have learned so far...



- $\lambda$  calculus syntax
- free variables, substitution
- $\beta$  reduction
- $\alpha$  and  $\eta$  conversion
- $\beta$  reduction is confluent
- $\lambda$  calculus is very expressive (turing complete)
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