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 $\begin{array}{c} {\rm Lambda~Calculus} \\ {\rm Winter~Term~2023/24} \end{array}$

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Exercise 1 (Normal Forms)

Recall the inductive definition of the set NF of normal forms:

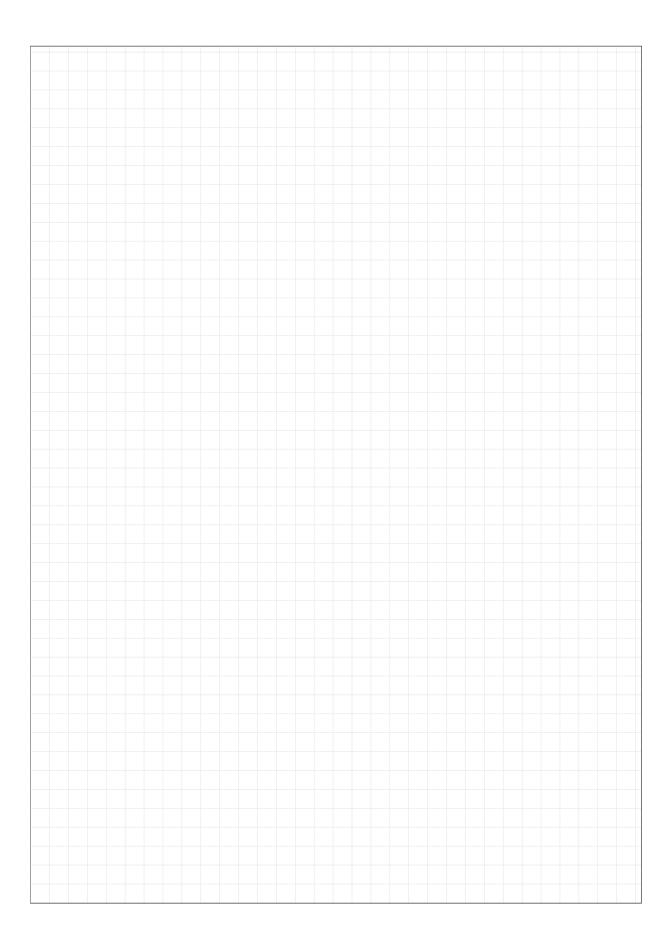
$$\frac{t \in NF}{\lambda x. \ t \in NF}$$

$$\frac{n \ge 0 \qquad t_1 \in NF \qquad t_2 \in NF \qquad \dots \qquad t_n \in NF}{x \ t_1 \ t_2 \ \dots \ t_n \in NF}$$

Show that this set precisely captures all normal forms, i.e.:

$$t \in NF \Leftrightarrow \nexists t'. \ t \rightarrow_{\beta} t'$$





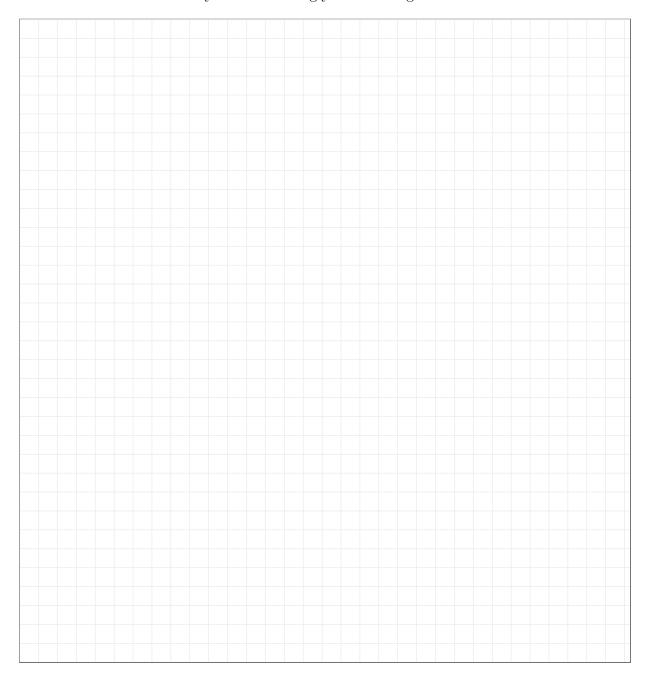
Exercise 2 (Weakly Normalising Terms)

Inductively define the set of weakly normalising terms WN, i.e. the set of terms that have a β -normal form. In particular it should hold that

$$s \in WN \iff \exists t. \ s \Rightarrow_n t.$$

Similarly, define the set of strongly normalising terms SN where a term s is strongly normalising if there is no infinite sequence $\{t_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ with $s \to_{\beta}^* t_0$ and $t_i \to_{\beta} t_{i+1}$ for $i \in \mathbb{N}$.

Give a term t that is weakly but not strongly normalising.



Homework 3 (Normal Forms & Big Step)

Show:

$$t \in NF \land t \Rightarrow_n u \Longrightarrow u = t$$

Homework 4 (Characterisation of WN)

Prove the following characterisation of WN:

$$t \in WN \iff \exists t'.\ t \to_{\beta}^* t' \land t' \in NF$$

You may use the fact that

$$s \in WN \iff \exists t. \ s \Rightarrow_n t$$

and all theorems up to Theorem 1.5.8 from the lecture.