

Exercise 1 : Fixpoints

Consider the following syntax for types:

$$A, B ::= a \mid A \vee B \mid A \wedge B \mid A \rightarrow B \mid \top \mid \perp \mid \text{Fix}a.A$$

where the last three constructs are the constants true, false, and a fixpoint construct that binds a in A . Types are quotiented by α -renaming, and by the equation $\text{Fix}a.A = \{\text{Fix}a.A/a\}A$. Using that syntax for types, we work in Curien-Herbelin-Wadler calculus; we just give ourselves the constant term $\star : \top$ and the constant continuation $\text{top} : \perp$.

1. Let A be an arbitrary type. Give a closed term of type $\top \vee (A \wedge a)$.
2. Give a closed term of type $\text{Fix}a.(\top \vee (A \wedge a))$.
3. Given a term t of type A , give a term of type $\text{Fix}a.(\top \vee (A \wedge a))$ that has t as one of its sub-terms.
4. Assuming A is non-empty, describe infinitely many terms of type $\text{Fix}a.(\top \vee (A \wedge a))$.
5. Let $A\text{List}$ be an abbreviation for $\text{Fix}a.(\top \vee (A \wedge a))$. Give a term $\text{El} : A\text{List}$ representing the empty list and a construct Cons such that $\text{Cons}(t, l) : A\text{List}$ represents the list of head t and of tail l .
6. Assume that you now have a mechanism for raising exceptions: a term constant $\text{Exception} : \perp$. Give a typing derivation for $\langle \text{Exception} \bullet \text{top} \rangle$.
7. Consider the usual reduction system for Curien-Herbelin-Wadler calculus.

Write a term head that returns the head of a non-empty list:

i.e. such that $\langle \text{head} \bullet \text{Cons}(t, l) : e \rangle \longrightarrow^* \langle t \bullet e \rangle$

and that raises an exception when applied to the empty list $\langle \text{head} \bullet \text{El} : e \rangle \longrightarrow^* \langle \text{Exception} \bullet \text{top} \rangle$

Give a typing for head .

8. Similarly, write a term tail that returns the head of a non-empty list:

i.e. such that $\langle \text{tail} \bullet \text{Cons}(t, l) : e \rangle \longrightarrow^* \langle l \bullet e \rangle$

and that raises an exception when applied to the empty list $\langle \text{tail} \bullet \text{El} : e \rangle \longrightarrow^* \langle \text{Exception} \bullet \text{top} \rangle$

Give a typing for tail .
9. Let c be a command and y a variable not free in c .

What are the CBV-reducts and normal forms of $\langle \text{head} \bullet \text{El} : \mu y.c \rangle$?

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