

LAMBDA CALCULUS IN BOUNDARY NOTATION

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In conventional notation, ABSTRACT is specified by $\lambda x.E$, a preceding lambda. The boundary notation makes the lambda a labeled container, $x \langle E \rangle$.

$$\lambda x.E = x \langle E \rangle \quad [\text{subst after-lambda-boundary for } x \text{ in contained-by-lambda}]$$

In conventional notation, APPLY is left-associative, notated by precedence parentheses. When precedence is not ambiguous, parentheses are omitted, notating APPLY by sequential juxtaposition. Boundary notation is the same as left-associative parentheses notation, making application ordering explicit.

$$E_1 E_2 = (E_1)E_2 \quad \text{APPLY } E_1 \text{ to } E_2, \text{ by substituting for the containing lambda.}$$

Substitution Rules

$$\begin{aligned} B0. \quad & (x \langle E_1 \rangle)E_2 & \implies & [\text{subst } E_2 \ x \ E_1] \\ B1. \quad & (x \langle x \rangle)E & \implies & E \\ B2. \quad & (x \langle y \rangle)E & \implies & y \qquad \qquad \qquad x \text{ not in } y \\ B3. \quad & (x \langle x \langle E_1 \rangle \rangle)E_2 & \implies & x \langle E_1 \rangle \\ B4. \quad & (x_1 \langle x_2 \langle E_1 \rangle \rangle)E_2 & \implies & x_2 \langle (x_1 \langle E_1 \rangle) E_2 \rangle \\ & & \implies & x_2 \langle [\text{subst } E_2 \ x_1 \ E_1] \rangle \\ B5. \quad & (x \langle (E_1)E_2 \rangle)E_3 & \implies & ((x \langle E_1 \rangle)E_3) (x \langle E_2 \rangle)E_3 \\ & & \implies & [\text{subst } E_3 \ x \ (E_1)E_2] \\ & & \implies & ([\text{subst } E_3 \ x \ E_1]) [\text{subst } E_3 \ x \ E_2] \end{aligned}$$

Combinators

$$\begin{aligned} (I)E & \implies E \\ (((C)E_1)E_2)E & \implies ((E_1)(E_2)) E \\ ((T)E_1)E_2 & \implies E_1 \\ ((F)E_1)E_2 & \implies E_2 \\ (((S)E_1)E_2)E_3 & \implies (((E_1) E_3) (E_2)) E_3 \end{aligned}$$