

Classwork N°3
due to 9th March 2012

1. Normal form

When a combinatorial expression X cannot be anymore reduced by reaching to an expression x , we say that x is the normal form of X . Give the normal form of the given combinatorial expressions. The β -reduction rule of the basic combinators is given in the following:

$$\mathbf{B}xyz \geq_{\beta} x(yz)$$

$$\mathbf{C}xyz \geq_{\beta} x(zy)$$

$$\mathbf{S}xyz \geq_{\beta} xz(yz)$$

$$\mathbf{I}x \geq_{\beta} x$$

$$\mathbf{K}xy \geq_{\beta} x$$

$$\mathbf{W}xy \geq_{\beta} xyy$$

$$\mathbf{\Phi}xyzu \geq_{\beta} x(yu)(zu)$$

$$\mathbf{\Psi}xyzu \geq_{\beta} x(yz)(yu)$$

(1) $\mathbf{WK}x$

(2) $\mathbf{BCC}xyz$

(3) $\mathbf{CSIf}x$

(4) $\mathbf{SS(KI)f}x$

(5) $\mathbf{B(BS)Bf}xyz$

(6) $\mathbf{BB(BB)fg}xgy$

(7) $\mathbf{S(BBS)(KK)}xyz$

(8) $\mathbf{B(BW(BC))(BB(BB))fg}xy$

(9) $\mathbf{\Phi(\Phi(\Phi B))B(KK)fg}xy$

Please comment the definitions that you could find by reducing the given combinators. For example, is the definition $\mathbf{[W \equiv SS(KI)]}$ an acceptable definition according your calculus?