

Probabilistic λ -calculus, Types and Polymorphism

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The complete Example

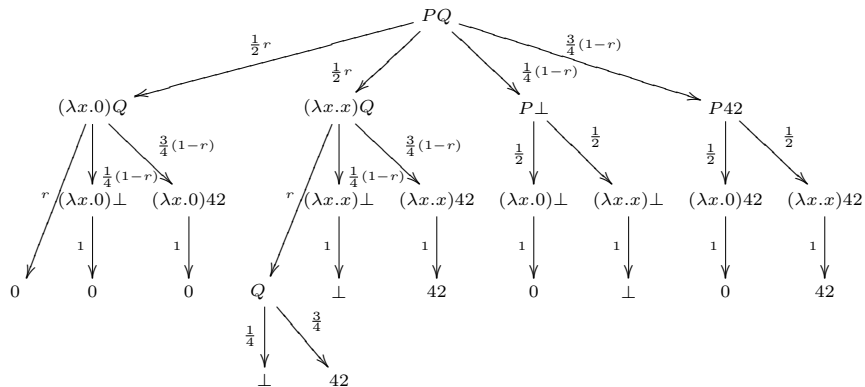


Figure: Reductions with two different strategies

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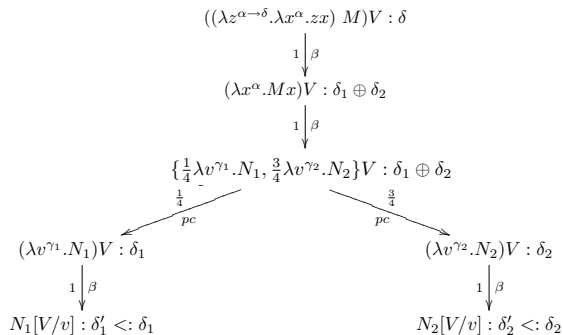
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Let $M \equiv (\lambda x. (\mathbf{SUM} \ x \ x)) \{ \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{1}, \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{2} \}$

($\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}$ are the usual Church numerals, and \mathbf{SUM} is the standard term for the sum of Church numerals)

We have that:

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