

;;; Y operators, by GJS

;;; We are looking for a Y that computes a
;;; fixed-point of F, i.e. a Y such that
;;; $(Y F) = (F (Y F))$

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(define Y
  (lambda (f)
    (f (Y f))))
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;;; This won't work, but it has the idea!
;;; We remove the self-reference by making a
;;; clever infinite loop. Here we have
;;; $(Y F) = (F (F (F (F \dots)))) = (F (Y F))$

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(define Y
  (lambda (f)
    ((lambda (x)
      (f (x x)))
     (lambda (x)
      (f (x x))))))
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;;; Unfortunately, the above does not work in
;;; applicative order -- it converges in
;;; normal order.

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;;; The following Y operator finds a least
;;; fixed point of a kernel in applicative
;;; order. We control the order of
;;; evaluation by an eta abstraction
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(define Y
  (lambda (f)
    ((lambda (x)
      (f (lambda (y)
          ((x x) y))))
      (lambda (x)
        (f (lambda (y)
            ((x x) y))))))))
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(define fact-kernel
  (lambda (fact)
    (lambda (n)
      (if (= n 0)
          1
          (* n (fact (- n 1)))))))
```

```
;;; e.g.
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```
(define fact (Y fact-kernel))
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(fact 4)
;Value: 24
```

;;; Alternatively,

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(define Y
  (lambda (f)
    (let ((d (lambda (x)
                (f (lambda (y)
                    ((x x) y))))))
      (d d))))
```

;;; e.g.

```
(define fact (Y fact-kernel))
```

```
(fact 4)
;Value: 24
```

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;;; but this does not work for multi-argument
;;; procedures
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```
(define expt-kernel
  (lambda (expt)
    (lambda (x n)
      (if (= n 0)
          1
          (* x (expt x (- n 1)))))))
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;;; We can fix this problem with a simple
;;; syntactic device.
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(define Y
  (lambda (f)
    ((lambda (x)
      (f (lambda y
           (apply (x x) y))))
      (lambda (x)
        (f (lambda y
             (apply (x x) y))))))))
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(define exptf (Y expt-kernel))
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;;;this does work.
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(exptf 2 3)
;Value: 8
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;;; A cheap way of doing recursion...

```
(let ((f1
      (lambda (f n)
        (if (< n 2)
            1
            (* n (f f (- n 1)))))))
      (f1 f1 5))
;Value: 120
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(let ((f1
      (lambda (f n)
        (if (< n 2)
            n
            (+ (f f (- n 2))
               (f f (- n 1)))))))
      (f1 f1 20))
;Value: 6765
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;;; Pulling the kernel out

```
(let ((f1
      (lambda (f)
        (lambda (n)
          (if (< n 2)
              1
              (* n ((f f) (- n 1)))))))
      (let ((fact (f1 f1)))
        (fact 5)))
;Value: 120
```

;;; Letrec for corecursion...

```
(let ((f1
      (lambda (f1 f2)
        (lambda (n)
          (if (< n 2)
              1
              (* n ((f1 f1 f2) (- n 1)))))))
      (f2
        (lambda (f1 f2)
          (lambda (n)
            (if (< n 2)
                n
                (+ ((f2 f1 f2) (- n 1))
                   ((f2 f1 f2) (- n 2)))))))
      (let ((fact (f1 f1 f2))
            (fib (f2 f1 f2)))
        (+ (fact 5) (fib 10))))
;Value: 175
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