## Reducibility candidates modulo isomorphisms

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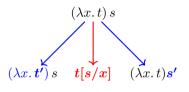
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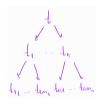
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- Termination
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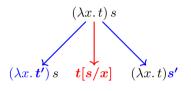




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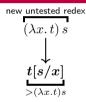
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- safety core language (without fix)
- freedom at implementation
- (my take) should-have unless intended

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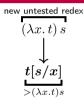


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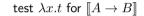
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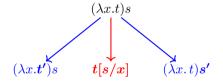
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 $\mathsf{CR3}$ : neutrality + induction on B: all one–step reducts RED implies RED

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- ullet Avoid substitution: stop at X
- Parameterize: save  $I_\forall$  into a mapping  $\rho: \mathsf{TVar} \to \mathsf{RED}\text{-set}$



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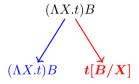
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#### when testing $\Lambda X.t: \forall X.A$



tests from  $[\![A]\!]_{\rho\cdot [\mathcal{C}_B/X]}$  are left to the CR3 induction

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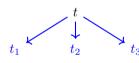
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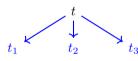
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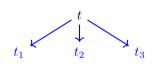
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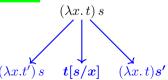




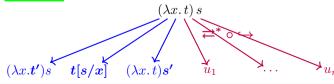
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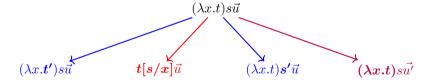
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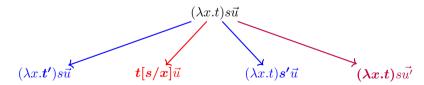
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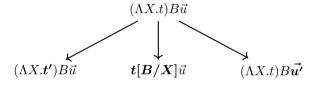
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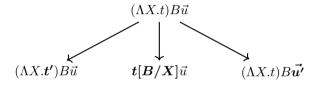
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But...

which are the possible  $\vec{u}$  of  $[X]_{\rho}$ ?

- $[X]_{\rho} = \rho(X)$  is any candidate
- we only know CR1, CR2 and CR3
- ullet we don't have enough information to range over  $ec{u}$

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$$\frac{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{N}_{A} \in \mathcal{R}_{A}}{\mathcal{S}\mathcal{N}_{A} \in \mathcal{R}_{A}} \qquad \frac{U \in \mathcal{R}_{A} \quad V \in \mathcal{R}_{B}}{U \tilde{\rightarrow} V \in \mathcal{R}_{A \to B}}$$

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#### Example

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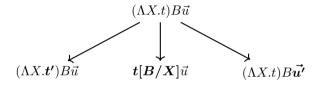
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Reducibility for System  $F/_{\sim}$ 

#### Problem 2.a solved

Testing/~



Now

which are the possible  $\vec{u}$  of  $[X]_{\rho}$ ?

- $[X]_{\rho} = \rho(X)$  is any candidate
- we only know CR1, CR2 and CR3 have structure for  $\rho(X)$
- we don't do! have enough information
- range over the eliminators  $\vec{u}$  in  $\rho(X)$

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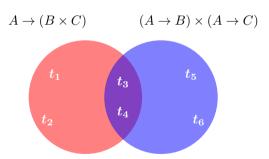
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Problem 2.b

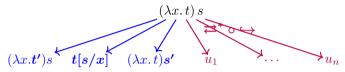
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## Testing/ $_{\sim}$

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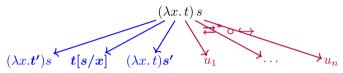
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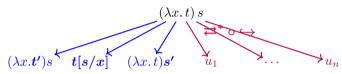
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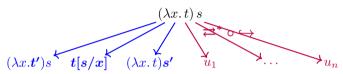
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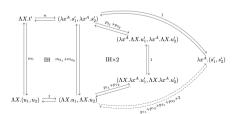


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**Lemma 3.2** (The class of type abstractions). If  $\Lambda X.t' \rightleftharpoons^n s$ . then s is equal to:

- 1.  $\Delta X.s'$  with  $t' \rightleftharpoons^m s'$  and m < n
- 2.  $\lambda x^A$ .s' with  $t' \rightleftharpoons^{m_1} \lambda x^A$ .r,  $s' \rightleftharpoons^{m_2} \Lambda X$ .r,  $m_1 + 1 + m_2 \le$ n, and  $X \notin FV(A)$
- 3.  $\langle s_1', s_2' \rangle$  with  $t' \rightleftharpoons^{m_1} \langle r_1, r_2 \rangle$ ,  $s_i' \rightleftharpoons^{m_{2i}} \Lambda X.r_i$ , and  $m_1 +$  $1 + m_{2_1} + m_{2_2} \le n$
- $m_2 \leq n$



#### **Conclusions**

- ullet We need to prove  $\mathcal{SN}$  in a System F modulo isomorphisms
- The calculus has no neutrality
- Parigot's approach to reducibility does not use neutrality
- We are adapting Parigot's technique to modulo isomorphisms by
  - relating candidates of isomorphic types
  - fetching restrictions from all the equivalents
  - characterizing the one-step reducts of all term-classes