Homework 4

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Exercise 1

In the home page of the course, there is a description of an evaluator for simply typed lambda-calculus with closures (Th 25 Sep). Show Progress and Preservation for this evaluator.

Exercise 2

We can define the reflexive, transitive closure of \rightarrow by the rules

$$\frac{t \to t_1 \quad t_1 \to^* t'}{t \to^* t'} \qquad \frac{t \to t_1 \quad t_1 \to^* t'}{t \to^* t'}$$

We say that a relation R is *confluent* iff whenever R(x, y) and R(x, z) then there exists t such that R(y, t) and R(z, t). Show that \rightarrow^* is confluent whenever the following condition holds: if $x \rightarrow y$ and $x \rightarrow^* z$ then there exists t such that $y \rightarrow^* t$ and $z \rightarrow^* t$.