

Programming Language Concepts: Lecture 15

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$$[PR] = \lambda h g x x_1 \cdots x_k. [snd](x(\lambda y. [pair] ([succ]([fst] y)) (h([fst] y)([snd] y) x_1 \dots x_k))) ([pair] [0] (g x_1 \dots x_k))$$