Lambda Calculus

Alpha-Conversion

$$\lambda x.\ M = \lambda y.\ [x \coloneqq y]M \text{ if } (y \text{ nfin } \lambda x.\ M)$$

Example

$$(\lambda x. \ x) = (\lambda y. \ y)$$

$$a = (\x -> x)$$

$$a = (\y -> y) -- \alpha$$
-Reduction

Beta-Reduction

$$(\lambda x.\ M)N = [x := N]M$$

Example

$$(\lambda x. \ x)a = a$$

$$(\lambda x. xy)a = ay$$

$$a = (\x -> x) 5$$

$$a = 5 - \beta$$
-Reduction

Eta-Reduction

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add5 xs = map (\x -> x + 5) xs
add5' = map(\x -> x + 5) -- \eta-Reduction
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