

# The Curry-Howard Isomorphism

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## Functional Interpretation

[2, Chap. 5]

- Instead of “when is a sentence  $A$  true”
- ask “what is a **proof** of  $A$ ”?

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**Atomic Values** Assume we know what a proof is

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- For instance  $\text{id}$  is a proof of  $A \Rightarrow A$

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### Type Derivations

$$\frac{M : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \quad N : \sigma}{MN : \tau} \text{ app}$$

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## The Isomorphism

[1]

### Curry-Howard Isomorphism

There is a perfect equivalence between two viewpoints:

#### Natural Deduction

Formulas  $A$ , deductions of  $A$ , normalization in natural deduction

#### Typed $\lambda$ -calculus

Types  $A$ , terms of type  $A$ , normalization in  $\lambda$ -calculus.

## Deductions and Terms: Conjunction

$$\begin{array}{c} A^i \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \\ A \quad B \\ \hline A \wedge B \quad \wedge \mathcal{I} \\ \vdots \\ A \wedge B \\ \hline A \quad \wedge 1\mathcal{E} \\ \vdots \\ A \wedge B \\ \hline B \quad \wedge 2\mathcal{E} \end{array}$$

## Deductions and Terms: Conjunction

$$\begin{array}{c}
 x_i^A : A^i \\
 \\
 \frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ u : A \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ v : B \end{array}}{\langle u, v \rangle : A \wedge B} \wedge \mathcal{I} \\
 \\
 \frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ u : A \wedge B \end{array}}{\pi_1 u : A} \wedge 1\mathcal{E} \\
 \\
 \frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ u : A \wedge B \end{array}}{\pi_2 u : B} \wedge 2\mathcal{E}
 \end{array}$$

## Reductions

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ A \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ B \end{array}}{A \wedge B} \wedge \mathcal{I} \quad \sim \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ A \end{array}$$

$$\frac{A \wedge B}{A} \wedge 1\mathcal{E}$$

## Reductions

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ u : A \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ v : B \end{array}}{\langle u, v \rangle : A \wedge B} \wedge \mathcal{I} \quad \sim \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ u : A \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\langle u, v \rangle : A \wedge B}{\pi_1 \langle u, v \rangle : A} \wedge 1\mathcal{E}$$

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$$\pi_1 \langle u, v \rangle \rightsquigarrow u$$

$$\pi_2 \langle u, v \rangle \rightsquigarrow v$$

## Deductions and Terms: Implication

$$\frac{[A]^i \vdots B}{A \Rightarrow B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{I}_i \quad \frac{A \Rightarrow B \quad [A]^i \vdots A}{B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}$$

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$$\frac{x_i^A : [A]^i \vdots u : B}{\lambda x_i^A . u : A \Rightarrow B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{I}_i \quad \frac{u : A \Rightarrow B \quad [A]^i \vdots v : A}{uv : B} \Rightarrow \mathcal{E}$$

## Disjunction

$$\frac{[A]^i \vdots A}{A \vee B} \vee I\mathcal{I} \quad \frac{[A]^i \vdots A \quad [B]^i \vdots B}{A \vee B} \vee I\mathcal{I} \quad \frac{[A]^i \vdots A \quad [B]^i \vdots B}{A \vee B} \vee I\mathcal{I} \quad \frac{A \vee B \quad [A]^i \vdots C \quad [B]^i \vdots C}{C} \vee \mathcal{E}$$

## Disjunction

$$\frac{[A]^i \vdots u : A}{\iota_i u : A \vee B} \vee I\mathcal{I} \quad \frac{[A]^i \vdots A \quad [B]^i \vdots B}{A \vee B} \vee I\mathcal{I} \quad \frac{[A]^i \vdots A \quad [B]^i \vdots B}{A \vee B} \vee I\mathcal{I} \quad \frac{A \vee B \quad [A]^i \vdots C \quad [B]^i \vdots C}{C} \vee \mathcal{E}$$

## Disjunction

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \vdots \\
 \hline u : A \\
 \vdots \\
 \hline \iota_l u : A \vee B \quad \vee I\mathcal{I} \\
 \vdots \\
 \hline v : B \\
 \vdots \\
 \hline \iota_r v : A \vee B \quad \vee r\mathcal{I}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \vdots \quad [A] \quad [B] \\
 \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
 \hline A \vee B \quad C \quad C \\
 \vdots \\
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 \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
 \hline r : A \vee B \quad u : C \quad v : C \\
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 \vdots \\
 \hline \delta x \cdot u \ y \cdot v \ r : C \quad \vee \mathcal{E}
 \end{array}$$

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 \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
 \hline r : A \quad C \quad C \\
 \vdots \\
 \hline A \vee B \quad \vee I\mathcal{I} \quad \vee \mathcal{E} \\
 \vdots \\
 \hline C
 \end{array}
 \rightsquigarrow
 \begin{array}{c}
 \vdots \\
 \hline A \\
 \vdots \\
 \hline C
 \end{array}$$



## Reductions

$$\frac{\frac{\vdots}{r : A} \vee I \quad \frac{\frac{[x : A] \quad \vdots}{u : C} \quad \frac{[y : B] \quad \vdots}{v : C}}{\vdots} \vee E}{\vdots} \approx \vdots$$

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$$\delta x \cdot u \ y \cdot v \ (\iota_l r) \approx u[r/x]$$

$$\delta x \cdot u \ y \cdot v \ (\iota_r s) \approx v[s/y]$$

## Commutative Reductions

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c} [A] \quad [B] \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \\ A \vee B \quad C \quad C \\ \hline \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ C \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ \hline \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ D \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ \hline \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ R\mathcal{E} \end{array} \\
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 \sim \rightarrow \\
 \begin{array}{c} [x : A] \quad [y : B] \\ \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\ r : A \vee B \quad \frac{u : C}{D} R\mathcal{E} \quad \frac{v : C}{D} R\mathcal{E} \\ \hline D \quad \vee \mathcal{E} \end{array}
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 \end{array}$$



## Commutative Conversions: Disjunction vs. Disjunction

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \begin{array}{c}
 [x : A] \quad [y : B] \\
 \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
 t : A \vee B \quad u : C \vee D \quad v : C \vee D \\
 \hline
 \delta x \cdot u y \cdot v t : C \vee D \quad \text{VE} \\
 \hline
 \delta x' \cdot u' y' \cdot v' (\delta x \cdot u y \cdot v t) : E \quad \text{VE} \\
 \hline
 \vdots
 \end{array} \\
 \\
 \begin{array}{c}
 [x : A] \quad [x' : C] \quad [y' : D] \quad [y : B] \quad [x' : C] \quad [y' : D] \\
 \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
 u : C \vee D \quad u' : E \quad v' : E \quad v : C \vee D \quad u' : E \quad v' : E \\
 \hline
 \delta x' \cdot u' y' \cdot v' u : E \quad \text{VE} \quad \delta x' \cdot u' y' \cdot v' v : E \quad \text{VE} \\
 \hline
 \delta x \cdot (\delta x' \cdot u' y' \cdot v' u) y \cdot (\delta x' \cdot u' y' \cdot v' v) t : E \quad \text{VE} \\
 \hline
 \vdots
 \end{array}
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 \hline
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 \vdots
 \end{array} \\
 \\
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 \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \quad \vdots \\
 u : C \vee D \quad u' : E \quad v' : E \quad v : C \vee D \quad u' : E \quad v' : E \\
 \hline
 \delta x' \cdot u' y' \cdot v' u : E \quad \text{VE} \quad \delta x' \cdot u' y' \cdot v' v : E \quad \text{VE} \\
 \hline
 \delta x \cdot (\delta x' \cdot u' y' \cdot v' u) y \cdot (\delta x' \cdot u' y' \cdot v' v) t : E \quad \text{VE} \\
 \hline
 \vdots
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

## Commutative Reductions

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \delta x' \cdot u' y' \cdot v' (\delta x \cdot u y \cdot v t) \\
 & \rightsquigarrow \delta x \cdot (\delta x' \cdot u' y' \cdot v' u) y \cdot (\delta x' \cdot u' y' \cdot v' v) t \\
 \\
 & \pi_1(\delta x \cdot u y \cdot v t) \\
 & \rightsquigarrow \delta x \cdot (\pi_1 u) y \cdot (\pi_1 v) t \\
 \\
 & \pi_2(\delta x \cdot u y \cdot v t) \\
 & \rightsquigarrow \delta x \cdot (\pi_2 u) y \cdot (\pi_2 v) t \\
 \\
 & (\delta x \cdot u y \cdot v t) w \\
 & \rightsquigarrow \delta x \cdot (u w) y \cdot (v w) t
 \end{aligned}$$

## Commutative Reductions

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 \\
 & \pi_1(\delta x \cdot u y \cdot v t) \\
 & \rightsquigarrow \delta x \cdot (\pi_1 u) y \cdot (\pi_1 v) t \\
 \\
 & \pi_2(\delta x \cdot u y \cdot v t) \\
 & \rightsquigarrow \delta x \cdot (\pi_2 u) y \cdot (\pi_2 v) t \\
 \\
 & (\delta x \cdot u y \cdot v t) w \\
 & \rightsquigarrow \delta x \cdot (u w) y \cdot (v w) t
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## Commutative Reductions

$$\delta x' \cdot u' y' \cdot v' (\delta x \cdot u y \cdot v t) \\ \rightsquigarrow \delta x \cdot (\delta x' \cdot u' y' \cdot v' u) y \cdot (\delta x' \cdot u' y' \cdot v' v) t$$

$$\pi_1(\delta x \cdot u y \cdot v t) \\ \rightsquigarrow \delta x \cdot (\pi_1 u) y \cdot (\pi_1 v) t$$

$$\pi_2(\delta x \cdot u y \cdot v t) \\ \rightsquigarrow \delta x \cdot (\pi_2 u) y \cdot (\pi_2 v) t$$

$$(\delta x \cdot u y \cdot v t)w \\ \rightsquigarrow \delta x \cdot (uw) y \cdot (vw) t$$

## Commutative Reductions

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