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### 1.1 Introduction

This note delves into the theoretical foundation of computer science, focusing on the lambda calculus. Despite its name, lambda calculus is not a calculus in the traditional sense. Instead, it is a formal system to formalize the process of computation. Besides, lambda calculus, though once hated by many mathematicians, has a profound connection to many mathematical notions, binding the study of pure mathematics and theoretical computer science. We will show interesting examples throughout this note to illustrate these connections.

**Definition 1.1 Lambda calculus** is a formal system in mathematical logic for expressing computation based on function abstraction and application using variable binding and substitution. It is a universal model of computation that can be used to simulate any Turing machine.

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## Typed Lambda Calculus



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