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Lecture topics

- Let
- Tuples
- Discriminated unions (polymorphism)



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Let-in

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Idea

- Sometimes we wish to give a name to a value or a computation, to reuse later
- This construct is called let-in
- We could then say something like let age = 9 in age
 + age
- We can nest let-in constructs, and then say something like let age = 9 in (let x = 2 in age * x)

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- This makes code significantly more readable, as it looks like a series of declarations top-to-bottom

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- Lets are simply translated to function applications
- let x = t in u simply becomes $(\lambda x \rightarrow u)$ t

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Overview

- We now move on to ways to define data types
- The definitions will be both minimal and composable
- Classes, polymorphism, etc. can all be rendered under our definitions, so we miss nothing substantial



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Overview

Notice: from now on we will start ignoring the reduction steps for simple terms such as 3+3, x = 0, etc. for brevity



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Minimality

- The lambda calculus has so far proven very powerful, despite its size
- We do not need hundreds of different operators, we can simply build them^a
- The only extension needed is purely syntactic in nature to make it more mnemonic, but this is only skin-deep and requires no change to the underlying mechanisms of the lambda calculus

^aand more



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Minimality

- In defining data types we wish to maintain this minimality
- We do not want dozens of separate, competing data types all slightly overlapping



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Fundamental scenarios

- Tuples: storing multiple things together at the same time, like the fields and methods in a class
- Unions: storing either one of various things at a time, like an interface that is exactly one of its concrete implementors



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The importance of composition

- We just need to cover the case of two items, higher numbers come through composition
- For example, given the ability to store a pair, we can build a pair of pairs to create arbitrary tuples
- Similarly, given the ability to store either of two values, we can build either of many values with nesting



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- A pair of values is defined simply as something that stores these two values
- We can extract them by giving the pair a function that will receive the values

$$(\lambda x y \rightarrow (\lambda f \rightarrow ((f x) y)))$$



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- We can define two utility functions that, given a pair, extract the first or second value
- They are usually called π_1 and π_2 , or fst and snd

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Pair of values

We should expect that π_1 and π_2 are inverse operations to constructing a pair, as they destroy it



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let p = (1, 2) in ((π_1 p), (π_2 p))

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let p = (1, 2) in ((
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- A choice of values is defined simply as something that stores either of two possible values
- We call such a choice a discriminated union
- We build a discriminated union with either of two functions to build the first or the second value
- They are usually called inl and inr^a

$$(\lambda x \rightarrow (\lambda f g \rightarrow (f x)))$$

$$(\lambda y \rightarrow (\lambda f g \rightarrow (g y)))$$

ain stands for injection, and I and r stand for left and right



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- Extracting the input of a discriminated union is a process known as match^a
- Given a union and two functions (one per case), if the union was the first case we apply the first function, otherwise we apply the second function

^awhich is a sort of switch, just on steroids

$$(\lambda u \rightarrow (\lambda f g \rightarrow ((u f) g)))$$



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((((\lambda u \rightarrow (\lambda f g \rightarrow ((u f) g))) (inl 1)) (\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1))) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))
```

```
 \begin{array}{c} ((((\lambda \mathbf{u} \rightarrow \ (\lambda \mathbf{f} \ \mathbf{g} \rightarrow ((\mathbf{u} \ \mathbf{f}) \ \mathbf{g}))) \ (\\ \hline (\lambda \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \ (\lambda \mathbf{f} \ \mathbf{g} \rightarrow (\mathbf{f} \ \mathbf{x}))) \ 1)) \ (\lambda \mathbf{x} \rightarrow (\mathbf{x} \ + \ 1))) \ (\lambda \mathbf{y} \rightarrow (\mathbf{y} \ \wedge \ \mathsf{FALSE}))) \end{array}
```



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```
\begin{array}{c} \text{(((($\lambda u$ \rightarrow ($\lambda f g$ \rightarrow ((u f) g))) (($\lambda x$ \rightarrow ($\lambda f g$ \rightarrow (f x))) \\ ) 1)) ($\lambda x$ \rightarrow (x + 1))) ($\lambda y$ \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))} \end{array}
```



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 \begin{array}{c} ((((\lambda \mathbf{u} \rightarrow \ (\lambda \mathbf{f} \ \mathbf{g} \rightarrow ((\mathbf{u} \ \mathbf{f}) \ \mathbf{g}))) \\ \hline ((\lambda \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \ (\lambda \mathbf{f} \ \mathbf{g} \rightarrow (\mathbf{f} \ \mathbf{x}))) \ 1) \\ (\mathbf{y} \wedge \ \mathbf{FALSE}))) \end{array}
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 \begin{array}{c} ((((\lambda u \rightarrow (\lambda f \ g \rightarrow ((u \ f) \ g))) \\ \hline ((\lambda x \rightarrow (\lambda f \ g \rightarrow (f \ x))) \ 1) \\ (y \ \land \ FALSE))) \end{array} ) (\lambda x \rightarrow (x \ + \ 1))) \ (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \ \land \ FALSE)))
```



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(((((\lambda u \rightarrow (\lambda f g \rightarrow ((u f) g))) \\ ((\lambda x \rightarrow (\lambda f g \rightarrow (f x))) 1)) (\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1))) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))
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\begin{array}{c} \text{(((($\lambda u$ \rightarrow ($\lambda f g$ \rightarrow ((u f) g))) ($\lambda f g$ \rightarrow (f 1))) ($\lambda x$ \rightarrow (x + 1))) ($\lambda y$ \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))} \end{array}
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(( ((\lambda u \rightarrow (\lambda f g \rightarrow ((u f) g))) (\lambda f g \rightarrow (f 1))) (\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1))) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))
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(((\lambda u \rightarrow (\lambda f g \rightarrow ((u f) g))) (\lambda f g \rightarrow (f 1))) (\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1))) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))
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(((\lambda f g \rightarrow (((\lambda f g \rightarrow (f 1)) f) g)) (\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1))) ( \lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))
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( ((\lambda f g \rightarrow (((\lambda f g \rightarrow (f 1)) f) g)) (\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1))) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))
```

```
((\lambda g \rightarrow (((\lambda f g \rightarrow (f 1)) (\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1))) g)) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))
```



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$$((\lambda g \rightarrow (((\lambda f g \rightarrow (f 1)) (\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1))) g)) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))$$



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```
 \begin{array}{c} ((\lambda \mathsf{g} \rightarrow (((\lambda \mathsf{f} \ \mathsf{g} \rightarrow (\mathsf{f} \ 1)) \ (\lambda \mathsf{x} \rightarrow (\mathsf{x} \ + \ 1))) \ \mathsf{g})) \ (\lambda \mathsf{y} \rightarrow (\\ \mathsf{y} \ \land \ \mathsf{FALSE}))) \end{array}
```

$$((\lambda \texttt{g} {\rightarrow} (((\lambda \texttt{f} \texttt{ g} {\rightarrow} (\texttt{f} \texttt{ 1})) \ (\lambda \texttt{x} {\rightarrow} (\texttt{x} + \texttt{1}))) \ \texttt{g})) \ (\lambda \texttt{y} {\rightarrow} (\texttt{y} \ \land \ \texttt{FALSE})$$



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 $((\lambda g \rightarrow (((\lambda f \ g \rightarrow (f \ 1)) \ (\lambda x \rightarrow (x \ + \ 1))) \ g)) \ (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \ \land \ FALSE))$



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```
((\lambda g \rightarrow (((\lambda f g \rightarrow (f 1)) (\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1))) g)) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE))
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$$(((\lambda f g \rightarrow (f 1)) (\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1))) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))$$



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(((
$$\lambda f g \rightarrow (f 1)$$
) ($\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1)$)) ($\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE$)



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```
(((\lambda f g \rightarrow (f 1)) (\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1))) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE))
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$$(((\lambda f g \rightarrow (f 1)) (\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1))) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))$$



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$$((\lambda f g \rightarrow (f 1)) (\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1))) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))$$



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```
(((\lambda f g \rightarrow (f 1)) (\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1))) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))
```

$$((\lambda g \rightarrow ((\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1)))) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))$$



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((
$$\lambda$$
g \rightarrow ((λ x \rightarrow (x + 1)) 1)) (λ y \rightarrow (y \wedge FALSE)))



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$$((\lambda g \rightarrow ((\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1)) 1)) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))$$

$$((\lambda g \rightarrow ((\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1)) \ 1)) \ (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))$$



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$$((\lambda g \rightarrow ((\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1)) 1)) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))$$



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$$((\lambda g \rightarrow ((\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1)) 1)) (\lambda y \rightarrow (y \land FALSE)))$$

$$((\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1)) 1)$$



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$$((\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1)) 1)$$



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$$((\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1)) 1)$$



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$$((\lambda x \rightarrow (x + 1)) 1)$$

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$$(1 + 1)$$



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$$(1 + 1)$$

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$$(1 + 1)$$

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Choice between a pair of values

We should expect that inl and inr are inverse operations to match



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```
(((match (inl 1)) inl) inr)
```



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(((match (inl 1)) inl) inr)
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```
(( (match (inl 1)) inl) inr)
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(( (match (inl 1)) inl) inr)
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(inl 1)
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```
(((match (inr TRUE)) inl) inr)
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(((match (inr TRUE)) inl) inr)
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(( (match (inr TRUE)) inl) inr)
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(( (match (inr TRUE)) inl) inr)
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Recap

- Lambda terms can be used to encode arbitrary basic data types
- The terms are always lambda expression which, when they get parameters passed in, identify themselves somehow
- Identification can be done by applying something (possibly even a given number of times), or returning one of the parameters



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Recap

- The data types we have seen cover an impressive range of applications
- Tuples cover grouping data together (like the fields of a class)
- Unions cover choosing different things (like the polymorphism of an interface that might be implemented by various concrete classes)
- Combining these two covers all possible programming needs, even for more complex data structures



This is it!

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The best of luck, and thanks for the attention!