

# Lambda Calculi With Explicit Substitutions

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# Preliminaries

- Slides and Examples available at:  
<https://github.com/donovancrichton/Talks>
- This talk: BFPG/LambdaCalculiWithExplicitSubstituions

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This is a test def $\Sigma$ .

A test definition for some concept.

This is a test example.

An example for some concept.

## The Identity Function

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f : a -> a
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```
f x = x
```

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## Formal Reasoning

Substitution in traditional presentations of lambda calculus is a meta operation, which makes formal reasoning about it difficult.

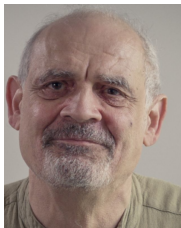
# Explicit Substitutions (Paper)



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# References