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Church-Turing Thesis



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A function on the natural numbers is computable by a human following an algorithm, ignoring resource limitations, if and only if it is computable by a Turing machine.





Representation

Functions Can Represent Boolean Values

If all we have to work with are functions and call expressions, is there any way to represent other primitive values?

```
def py_pred(p):
    return p(True)(False)
def f_not(p):
    """Define Not.
    >>> py_pred(f_not(t))
False
>>> py_pred(f_not(f))
True
"""
     return lambda a: lambda b: p(b)(a)
```

t = lambda a: lambda b: a f = lambda a: lambda b: b

```
Exercise:
def f_and(p, q):
    """Define And.
    def f_or(p, q):
    """Define Or.
```

return __p(q)(f)__ return _p(t)(q)

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```
def add_church(m, n):
    return lambda s: lambda x: m(s)(n(s)(z))
def zero(s):
    return lambda z: z
                                                                   def mul_church(m, n):
    return lambda s: m(n(s))
def one(s):
    return lambda z: s(z)
                                                                    def pow_church(m, n):
    return n(m)
def two(s):
    return lambda z: s(s(z))
                                                                    Note: lambda x: f(x) is the same as f
def successor(n):
    return lambda s: lambda z: s(n(s)(z))
three = successor(two)
```

Lambda Calculus Notation

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Functions: Instead of lambda x: x , write $\lambda x.x$; Instead of lambda x, y: x , write $\lambda xy.x$

Assignment: Write var f = ...

Application: Instead of f(x) , write $(f\ x)$; f(x)(y) and $f(x,\ y)$ are both written $(f\ x\ y)$

Follow along! http://chenyang.co/lambda/

To type λ , just type \setminus

var I = λx.x Are (I I) and I the same? var K = λr.λs.r Are (K I) and I the same?

Are (K I I) and (K I K) the same?

Are (K K I) and K the same?

What's ((K K) (K K)) the same as? Can you construct a 4-argument function by just calling K & I?

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var T = λab.a Define **and**, **or**, and **not**!

var F = λab.b

Define exclusive or:
xor(False, False) -> False
xor(False, True) -> True
xor(True, False) -> True
xor(True, True) -> False