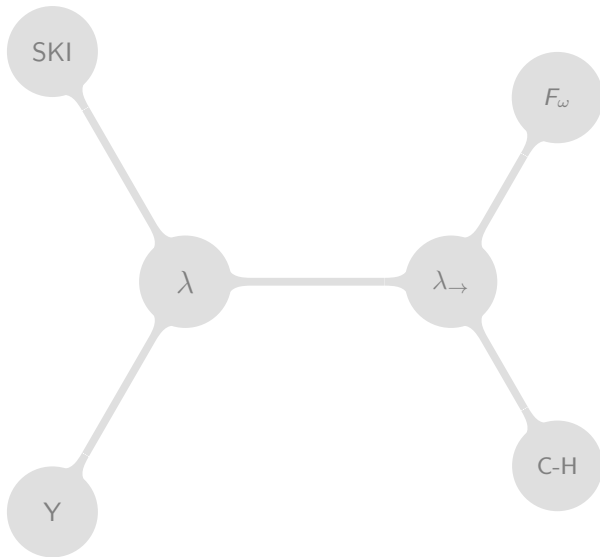


Introduction to Lambda Calculus

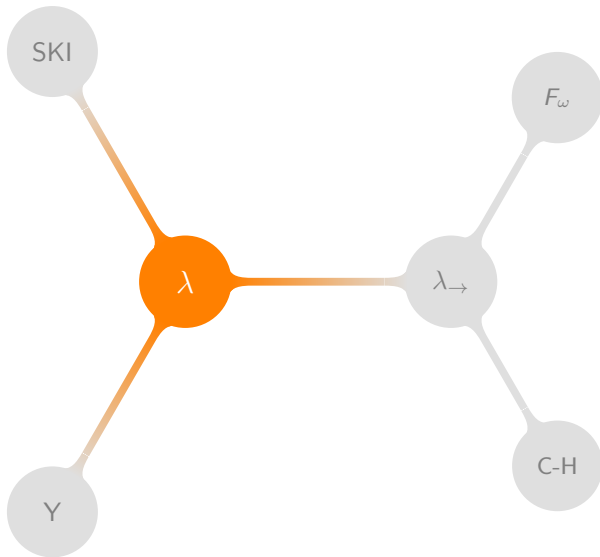
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The Plan



Basic Lambda Calculus



Syntax

$\langle term \rangle ::= x$	(variable)
$(\lambda x. \langle term \rangle)$	(abstraction)
$(\langle term \rangle \langle term \rangle)$	(application)

where $x \in \mathbb{X}$ – the set of variables

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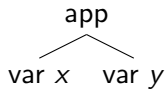
var v_1

Syntax

$x\ y$

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$\lambda a.b$

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abs a
|
var b

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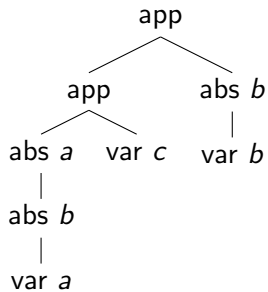
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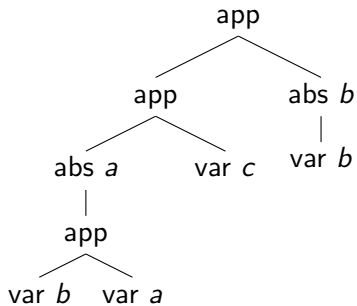
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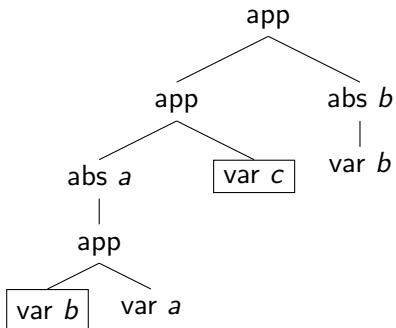
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Syntax

- ▶ terms: trees consisting of
 - ▶ variables
 - ▶ abstractions
 - ▶ applications
- ▶ variables are *bound* by abstraction; otherwise *free*

Rewriting

α -conversion

$$(\lambda x.x\ y)\ (\lambda x.x) \longleftrightarrow_{\alpha} (\lambda a.a\ y)\ (\lambda b.b)$$

Rewriting

β -reduction

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$$(\lambda x.x y) (\lambda z.z) \longrightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z.z) y \longrightarrow_{\beta} y$$

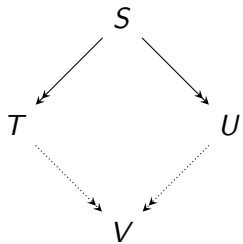
Rewriting

β -reduction

- ▶ *call-by-value*: start with innermost redex, do not reduce under abstraction
- ▶ *call-by-name*: start with outermost redex, do not reduce under abstraction

Rewriting

Church-Rosser



Semantics

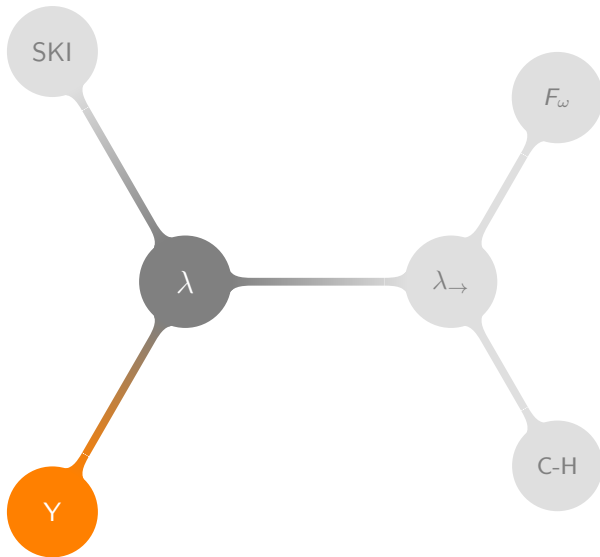
$$f(x) = 3 * x + 2$$

Semantics

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$$\lambda x. + (* 3 x) 2$$

Programming in Lambda Calculus



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$\text{test} = \lambda c. \lambda t. \lambda f. c \ t \ f$

$\text{if } C \text{ then } T \text{ else } F = \text{test } C \ T \ F$

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$$2 = \text{succ } 1 = \lambda s. \lambda z. s (s z)$$

$$3 = \text{succ } 2 = \lambda s. \lambda z. s (s (s z))$$

\vdots

$$n = \lambda s. \lambda z. \underbrace{s (\dots s (s z) \dots)}_n$$

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$$\text{succ} = \lambda n. \lambda s. \lambda z. s (n s z)$$

$$\text{plus} = \lambda m. \lambda n. \lambda s. \lambda z. m s (n s z)$$

$$\text{times} = \lambda m. \lambda n. m (\text{plus } n) 0$$

Recursion

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0, \\ n * (n - 1)! & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Recursion

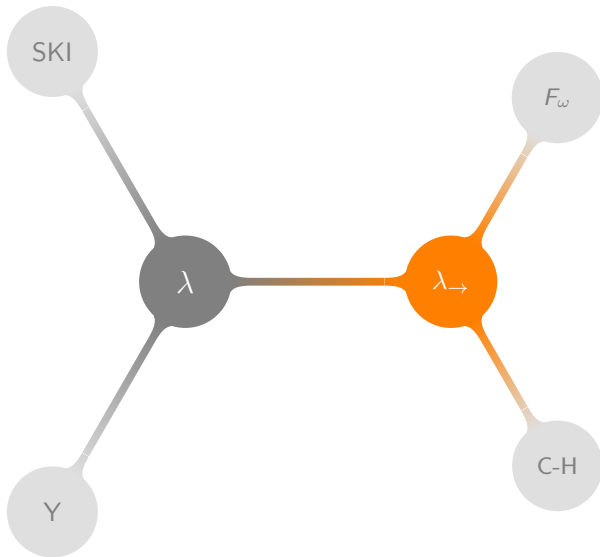
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$g = \lambda f.\lambda n.\text{if eq } n\ 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } (\text{times } n\ (f\ (\text{pred } n)))$
`factorial = Y g`

Simple Types



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$$\begin{array}{l} \langle type \rangle ::= \sigma \\ \quad | \quad (\langle type \rangle \rightarrow \langle type \rangle) \end{array}$$

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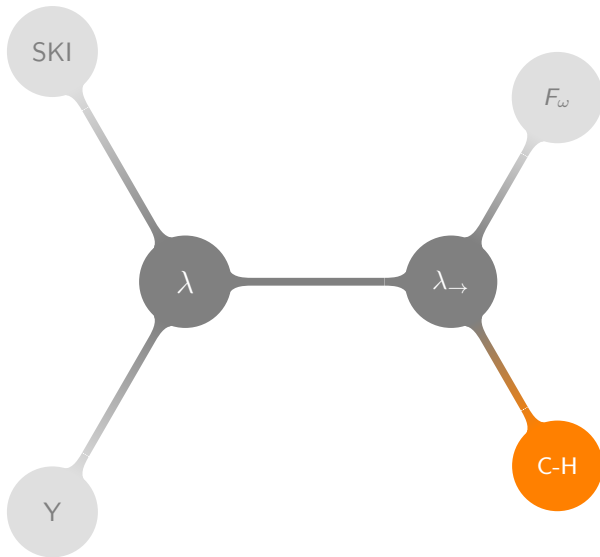
$$\frac{M : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \quad N : \sigma}{M N : \tau}$$

(application)

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \cancel{x} : \sigma \\ \vdots \\ M : \tau \end{array}}{\lambda x. M : \sigma \rightarrow \tau}$$

(abstraction)

Curry-Howard Correspondence



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$$\frac{\phi \Rightarrow \psi \quad \phi}{\psi}$$

(implication elimination)

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \phi \\ \vdots \\ \psi \end{array}}{\phi \Rightarrow \psi}$$

(implication introduction)

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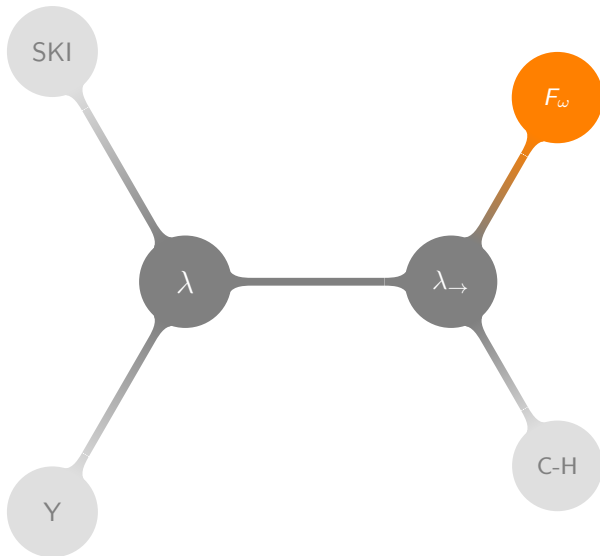
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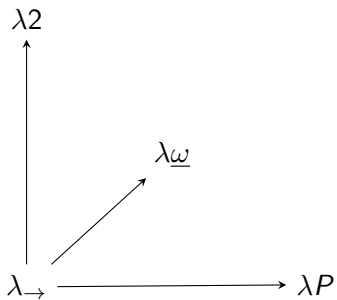
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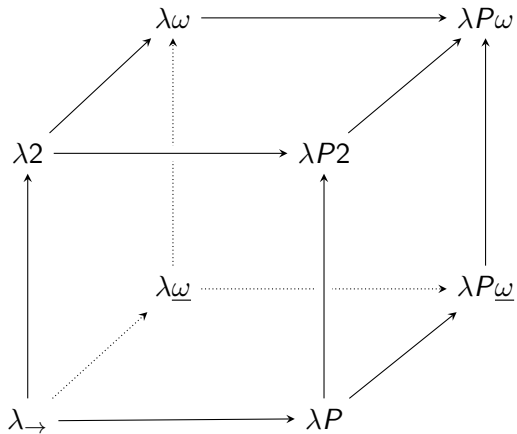
More Types



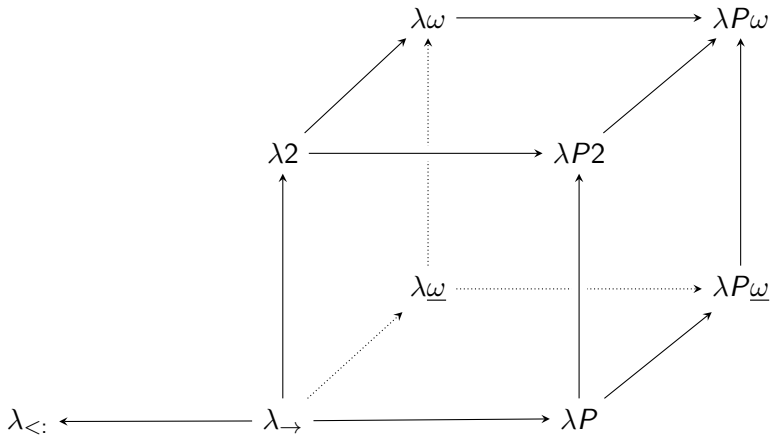
The Lambda Cube



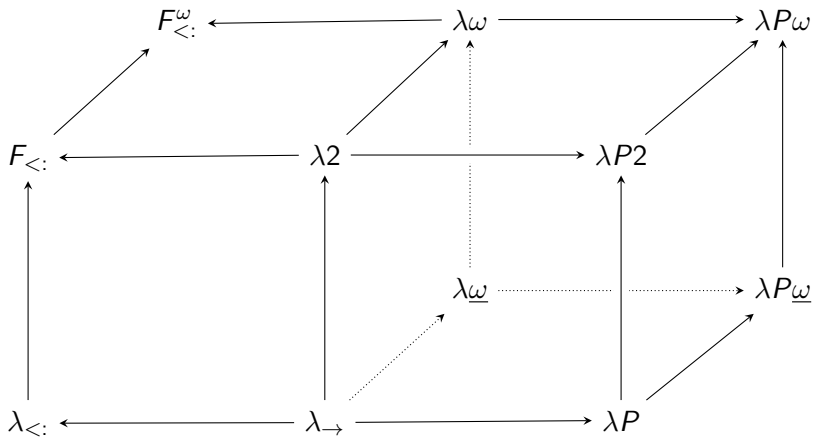
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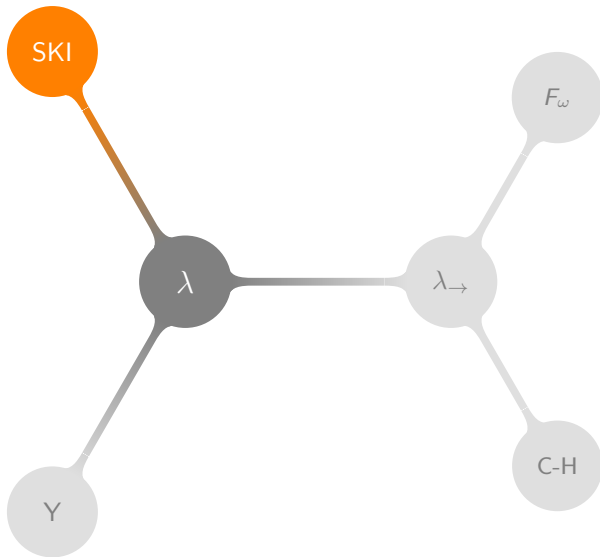
Subtyping



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Combinatory Logic



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Combinatory Logic

$$X = \lambda x. x SK$$

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$$K = X(X(XX))$$

$$S = X(X(X(XX)))$$

Further Reading

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