

# **LOGIC IN ACTION**

IMPLEMENTING AND UNDERSTANDING PROGRAMS

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# PROBLEMS IN HIGH-ASSURANCE PROGRAMMING

Consequences are huge, so **correctness** is paramount

Need to prove that programs “**do the right thing**”

E.g., Security protocols, private information management

**Efficiency** is often still a top concern

The **right thing at the wrong time** is still wrong!

If the answer comes too late, it doesn’t matter

E.g., Automotive control systems, medical devices,  
high-speed network communication (Duff, OPLSS ’18)

# CURRY-HOWARD CORRESPONDENCE

propositions  $\approx$  types  
proofs  $\approx$  programs

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| Second-order quantification | Generics and modules           |
| Classical logic             | Control flow effects (call/cc) |
| :                           | :                              |

# PUTTING LOGIC TO WORK

1. Start with ideas from **logic**; find connections to **computation**
2. Use it to **reason about** program behavior
3. Apply it to **compile** programs better

# **THE TRUTH ABOUT TRUTH**

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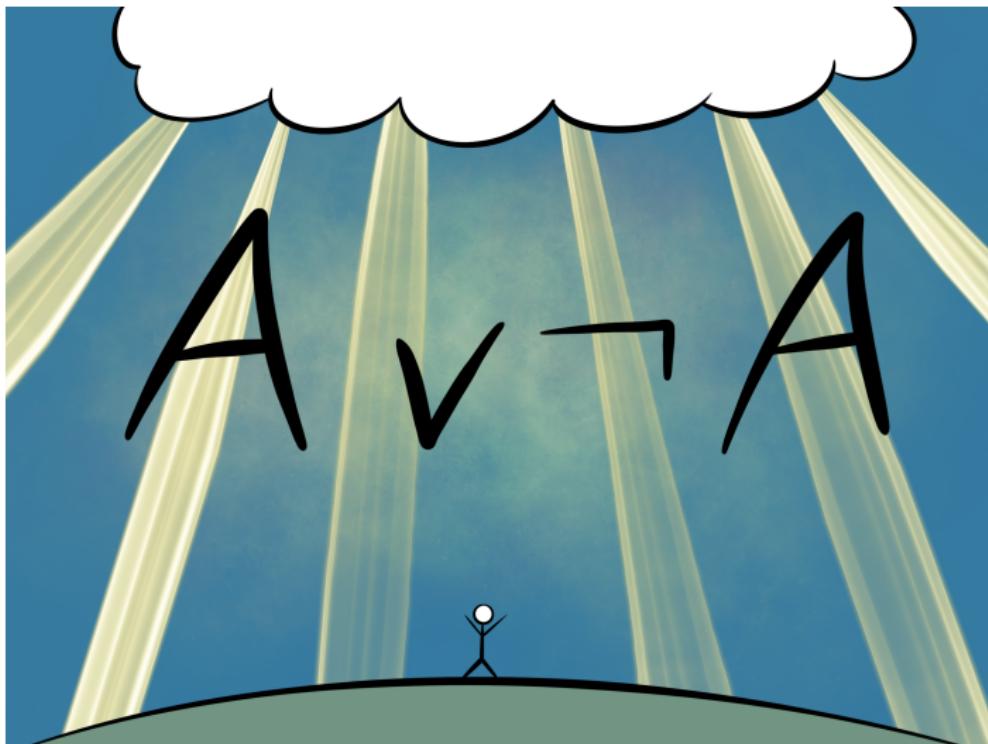
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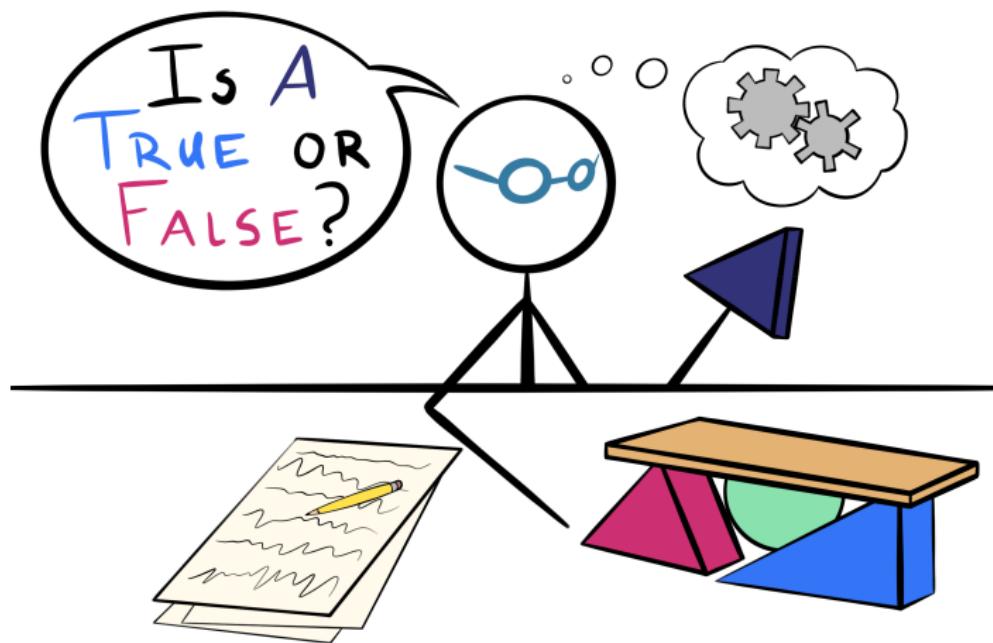
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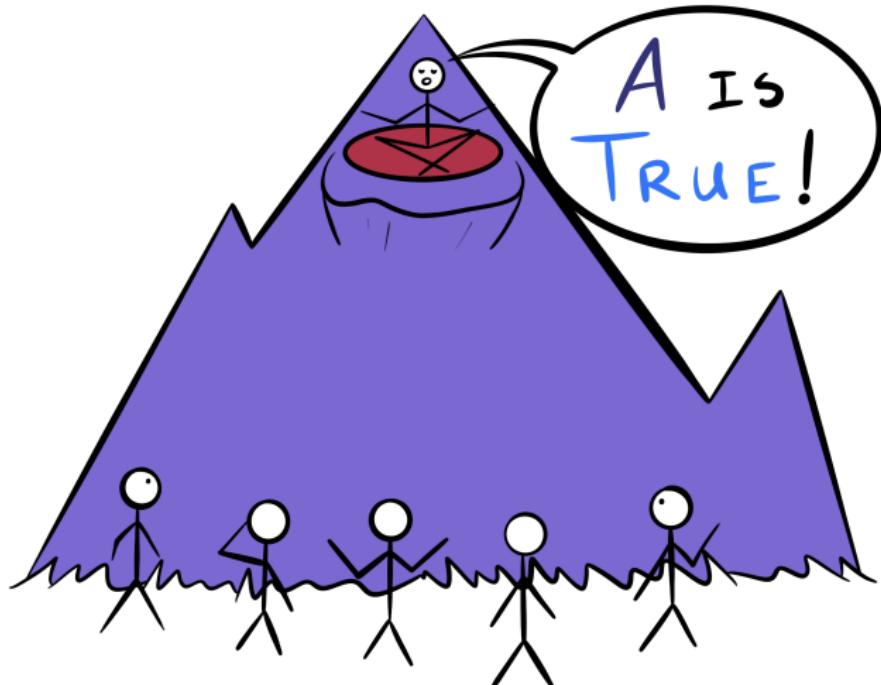
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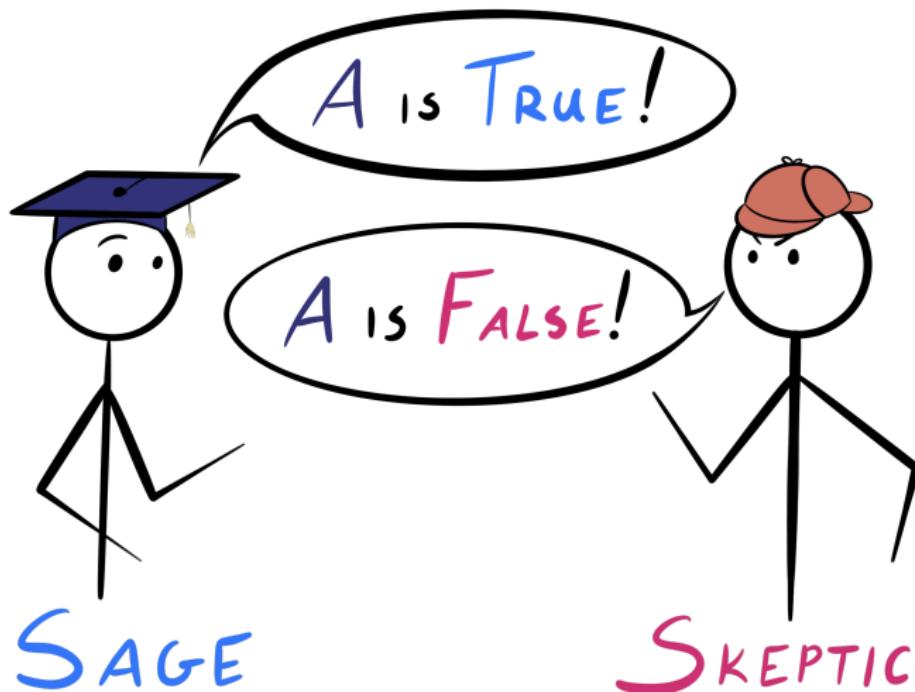
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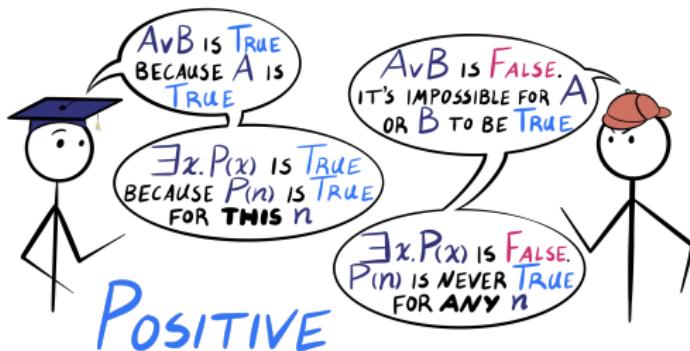
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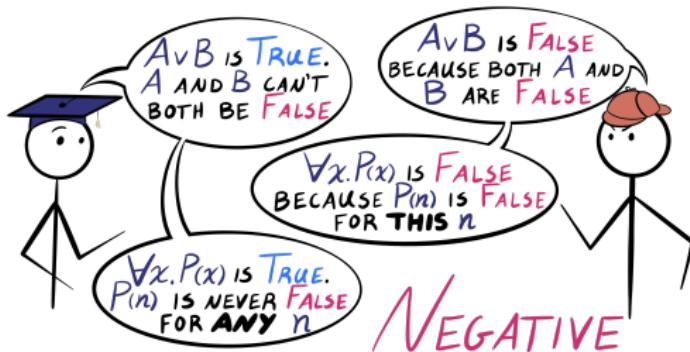
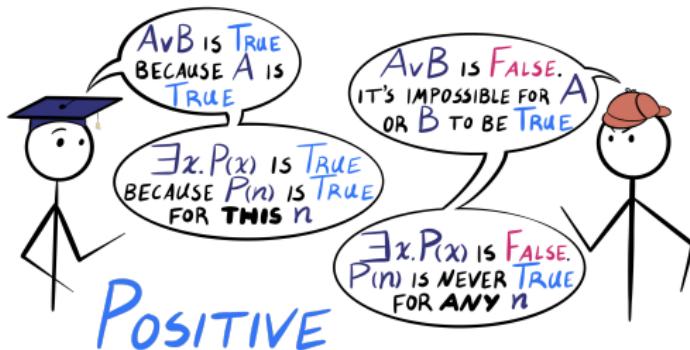
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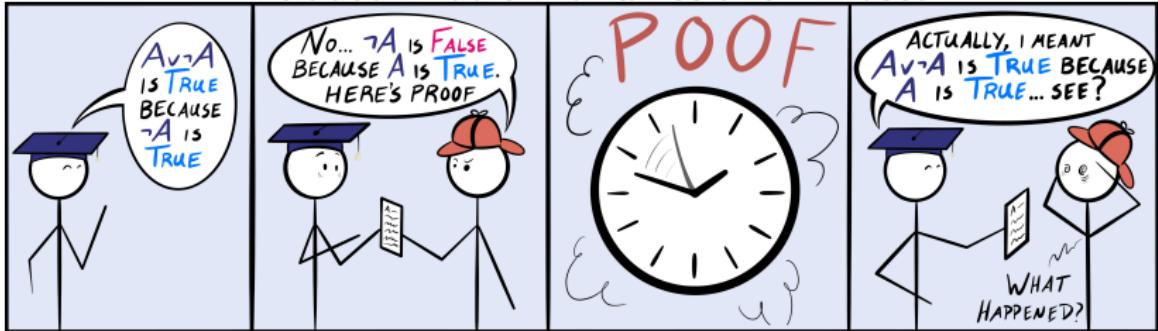
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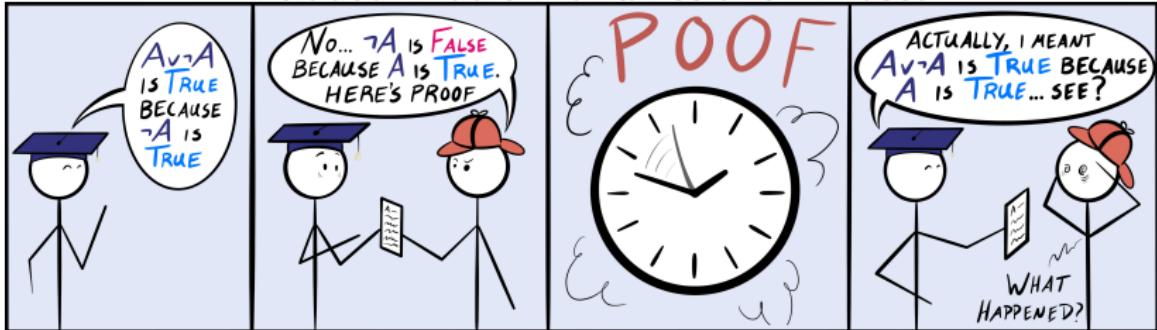
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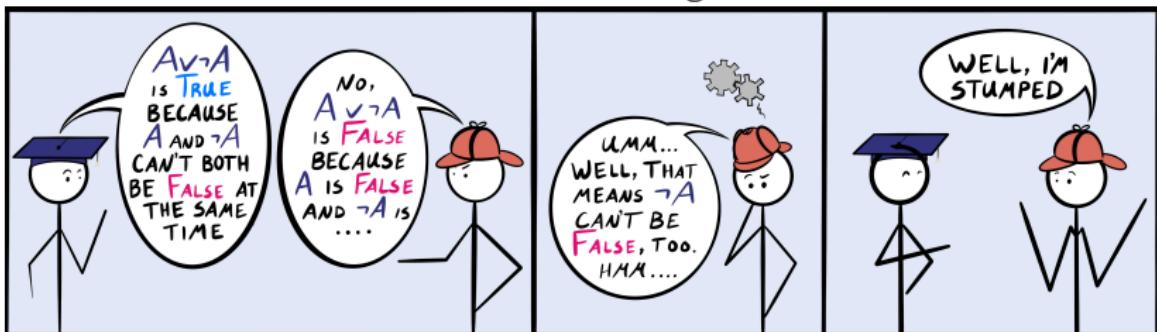
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Excluded Middle with a Negative Mindset



# DUALITY IN PRACTICE

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# DUALITY

**“CO-THINGS” ARE THE OPPOSITE OF “THINGS”**



## DUALITY IN LOGIC

### De Morgan duals

not true = false

not false = true

not( $A$  and  $B$ ) = (not  $A$ ) or (not  $B$ )

not( $A$  or  $B$ ) = (not  $A$ ) and (not  $B$ )

## THE SEQUENT

$$A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \vdash B_1, B_2, \dots, B_m$$

means

$A_1$  *and*  $A_2$  *and* ... *and*  $A_n$

$\Longrightarrow$

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•  $\vdash A$  means  $A$  is **true**

$A \vdash \bullet$  means  $A$  is **false**

•  $\vdash \bullet$  means **contradiction**

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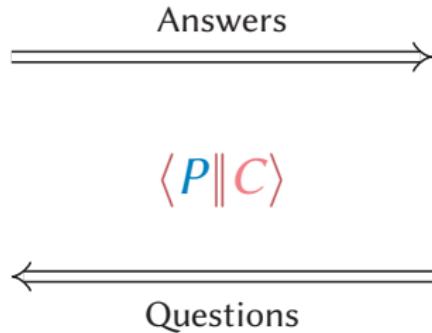
$\langle P \parallel C \rangle : (x_1 : A_1 \dots x_n : A_n \vdash \alpha_1 : B_1 \dots \alpha_m : B_m)$

is an open command

with free inputs  $x_i$  and outputs  $\alpha_j$

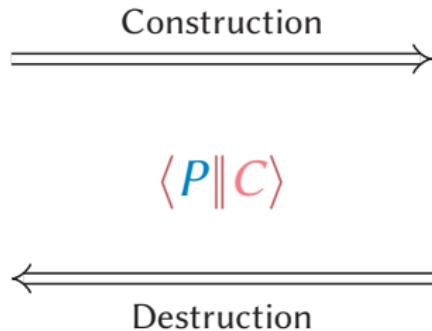
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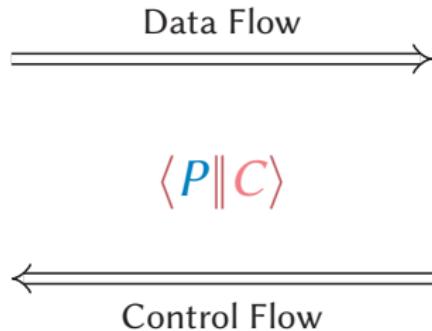
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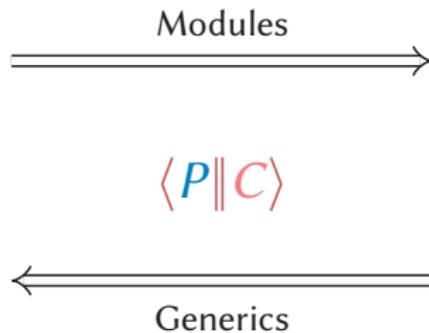
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| Generics     | Modules      |

# CLASSICAL LOGIC AND CONTROL<sup>1</sup>

Classical logic  $\cong \lambda\mu = \lambda\text{-calculus} + \text{labels} + \text{jumps}$

Corresponds to Scheme's **call/cc** control operator

$A \vee \neg A$  as application of call/cc

“time travel” caused by invoking the continuation

Producer  $\neq$  command:

Producers **return** a value

Commands don't return, they **jump**

Delimited control is **much more expressive**

Can represent any (monadic) side effect

Delimited control is  $\lambda\mu$  where **expression = command**

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<sup>1</sup> Downen, Ariola, ICFP '14

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Tail : Stream  $a \vdash \text{Stream } a$

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  field head : A
  tail : Stream A
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count : Nat → Stream Nat
head (count x) = x
tail (count x) = count (x + 1)
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  public Stream⟨A⟩ tail ();
}

public class Count implements Stream⟨Integer⟩ {
  private final Integer first ;
  public Count(Integer x) { this. first = x; }
  public Integer      head() { return this. first; }
  public Stream⟨Integer⟩ tail () { return new Count(this. first +1); }
}
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# CODATA IN PROGRAMMING<sup>5</sup>

Codata integrates **features** of functional & OO languages

- First-class functions are codata

- Objects are codata

Codata connects **methods** of functional & OO programming

- Church Encodings are the Visitor Pattern

Codata captures several functional & OO **design techniques**

- Demand-driven programming

- Procedural abstraction

- Pre- and Post-Conditions

Codata improves  $\lambda$ -calculus theory (JDA WoC'16; JDA JFP'17)

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<sup>5</sup> Downen, Sullivan, Ariola, Peyton Jones, ESOP '19

# COINDUCTION IN PROGRAMMING<sup>6</sup>

Induction represents terminating, batch-processing algorithm

Coinduction naturally represents **interactive, infinite processes**

- “Online” streaming algorithms & network telemetry

- Interactive programs, user interfaces, & web servers

- Operating systems & real-time systems

Instead of termination, **productivity** is important

- Service is **always available**, indefinitely

- Process ends only when **client is done**

Induction & coinduction are both **structural recursion** (ICFP’15)

- Induction follows **structure of values** (producers)

- Coinduction follows **structure of contexts** (consumers)

Coinductive hypothesis follows **control flow** (PPDP’20)

- Dual to induction following **information flow**

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<sup>6</sup> Downen, Johnson-Freyd, Ariola, ICFP ’15, Downen & Ariola, PPDP ’20

# ORTHOGONAL MODELS OF SAFETY<sup>7</sup>

Domain-specific notion of **safety**: set of commands  $\perp\!\!\!\perp$

Safe interaction is **orthogonality**

Individuals  $P \perp\!\!\!\perp C \iff \langle P \| C \rangle \in \perp\!\!\!\perp$

Groups:  $A^+ \perp\!\!\!\perp A^- \iff \forall P \in A^+, C \in A^-. P \perp\!\!\!\perp C$

Adjoint duality:  $A^\perp\!\!\!\perp$  is biggest  $B$  s.t.  $A \perp\!\!\!\perp B$  or  $B \perp\!\!\!\perp A$

Types are **fixed points**:  $A = (A^+, A^-) = (A^{-\perp\!\!\!\perp}, A^{+\perp\!\!\!\perp}) = A^{\perp\!\!\!\perp}$

$\perp\!\!\!\perp$  = type safety, termination, consistency, equivalence, ...

Handles many features of advanced & practical languages:

Linearity, effects, (co)recursion (DA, CSL'18), subtyping (DJA, WRLA'18),  
dependent types (DJA, ICFP'15), intersection & union types (DAG, Fl'19)

Non-determinism and alternative evaluation orders via  
**asymmetric orthogonality** and the **(co)value restriction**

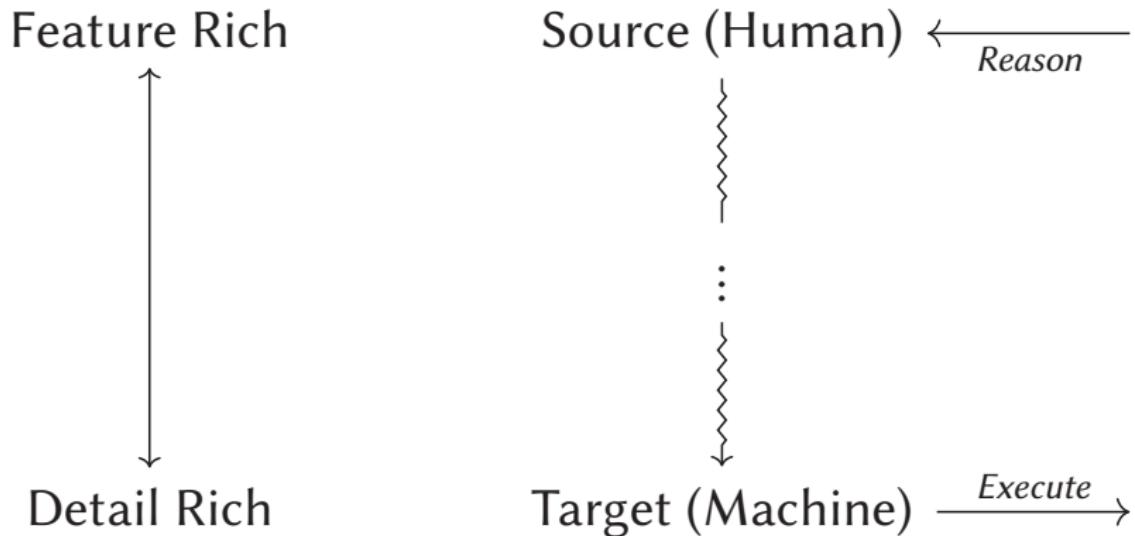
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# **LOGIC OF COMPILATION**

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# THE LIFE-CYCLE OF A PROGRAM



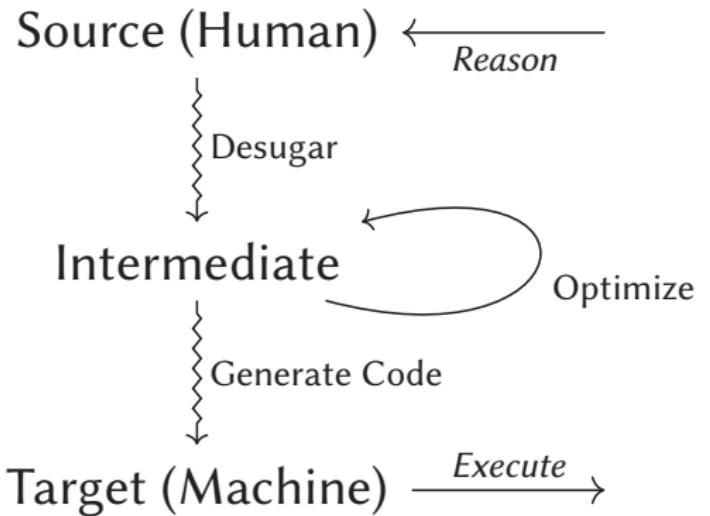
But this is a big jump; what goes in the middle?

# INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGES

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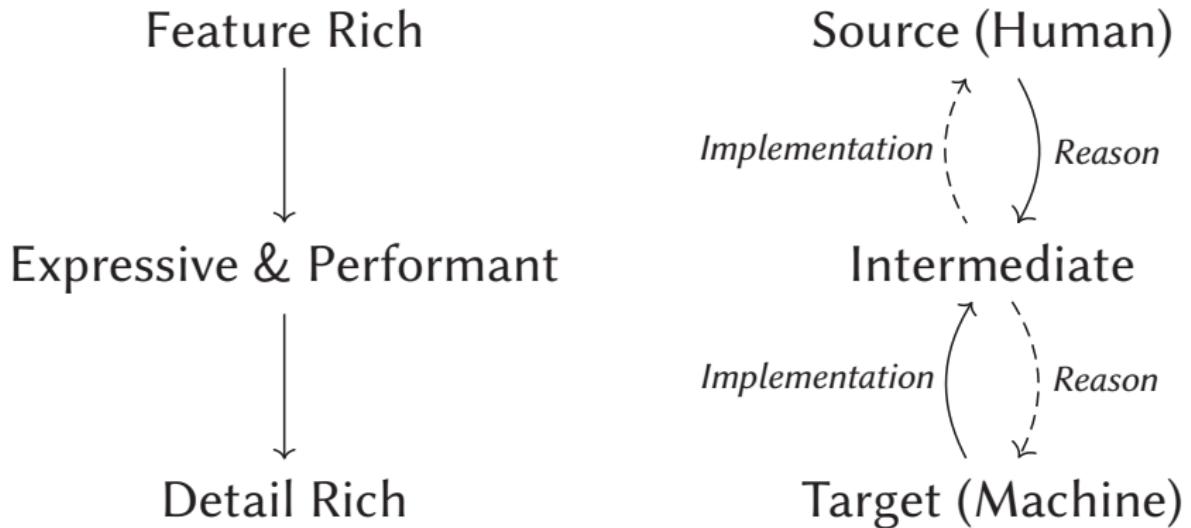
Detail Rich



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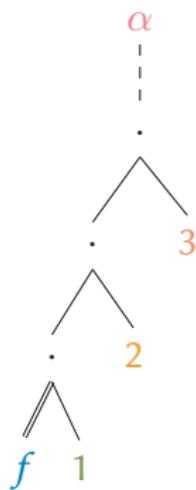
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# RE-ASSOCIATING PROGRAMS

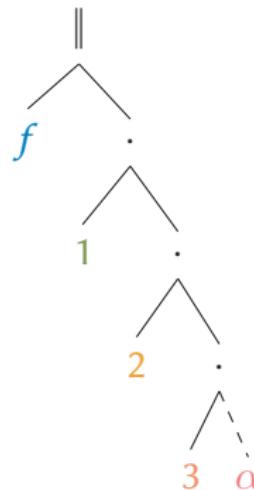
$\lambda$ -calculus

$f\ 1\ 2\ 3\ \dots$



Sequent calculus

$\langle f\|1\cdot 2\cdot 3\cdot \alpha\rangle$



Bring the main action of a program to center stage

Similar to continuation-passing style (CPS) and static single assignment (SSA), but ...

Function calls are concrete, better for optimization

Appropriate for both functional and imperative code

Gives an explicit representation of control flow

Shows how to implement codata

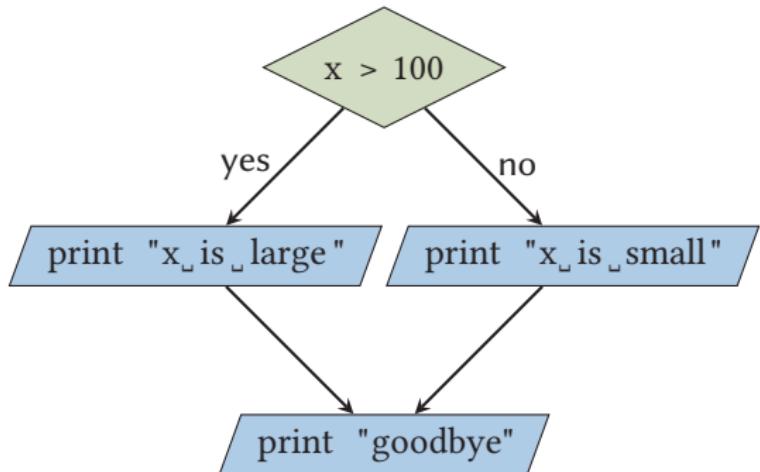
Helps to formalize and optimize calling conventions

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<sup>8</sup> Downen, Maurer, Ariola, Peyton Jones, ICFP '15; Downen, Ariola, JFP '16

# JOIN POINTS IN CONTROL FLOW

```
if x > 100 :  
    print "x is large"  
else :  
    print "x is small"  
print "goodbye"
```



# PURELY FUNCTIONAL JOIN POINTS<sup>9</sup>

Some optimizations follow **control flow**, not data flow

If careless, potential **exponential blowup** of code size

Join points are found in SSA and CPS, in different forms

Classical logic can represent join points in **direct style**

**Classical-Intuitionistic** hybrid gives join points while maintaining purity

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<sup>9</sup>Maurer, Downen, Ariola, Peyton Jones, PLDI '17

# THE DUALITY OF EVALUATION

$f(1 + 1)$ : is  $1 + 1$  done before or after call?

→ Data Flow: CBN

$\langle P \parallel C \rangle$

← Control Flow: CBV

Call-by-value favors **producer  $P$** ; follows control flow first

Call-by-name favors **consumer  $C$** ; follows data flow first

# POLARIZATION HYPOTHESIS

Data Flow: Answers →

$\langle P \parallel C \rangle$

↔ Control Flow: Questions

## Positive: CBV Data Types

| Answer   | Question  |
|----------|-----------|
| Primary  | Secondary |
| Action   | Reaction  |
| Concrete | Abstract  |
| Finite   | Infinite  |

e.g., lists, trees, structures,

...

Think: Positive vs Negative burden of proof

## Negative: CBN Codata Types

| Answer    | Question |
|-----------|----------|
| Secondary | Primary  |
| Reaction  | Action   |
| Abstract  | Concrete |
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e.g., functions, streams, processes,

...

# POLARITY IN INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGES

Dual (adjoint) language: “universal” IL for CBV and CBN

User-defined types encoded into **finite set of primitives**

Purely functional (**Downen & Ariola, CSL '18**)

Perfectly dual (**Downen & Ariola, LMCS '20**)

Encodings have **same properties** as source program

Must be **robust** in the face of computational effects

Going **beyond polarity**, for call-by-need, etc., requires only four extra “**polarity shifts**”

# EFFICIENT CALLING CONVENTIONS

Systems languages give **fine-grained calling conventions**:

- Fixed **number** of parameters

- Boxed** (call-by-reference) versus **unboxed** (call-by-value)

- Many **shapes** (integer vs floating point vs arrays)

- All checks done **statically** at compile time

Functional languages make **efficient calls difficult**:

- Currying**:  $a \rightarrow (b \rightarrow c)$  instead of  $(a, b) \rightarrow c$

- Polymorphism**:  $\forall a. a \rightarrow a$ ; is  $a = \text{Int}$  or  $a = \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$ ?

- Pervasive Boxing**: due to polymorphism or laziness

# KINDS ARE CALLING CONVENTIONS<sup>10</sup>

Polarity points out types of efficient machine primitives

Hindsight: unboxed data must be positive (PJ&L, FPLCA'91)

Primitive function types must be negative (DSAP, Haskell'19)

Polarized types are so well-behaved they fuse together

Unboxed tuples combine into a single structure

Currying recomposes into single multi-arity function

Implementation details stored statically in types & kinds

How many bits? Where are they stored?

How can you use this object?

When do you run this code?

*Kinds: the type system of the machine*

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<sup>10</sup> Downen, Ariola, Peyton Jones, Eisenberg, ICFP '20

# **CONCLUSION**

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# SUMMARY

1. Translate an idea from logic to computation
2. Use it to understand program behavior
3. Apply it to implement programs more efficiently

# LESSONS LEARNED

Curry-Howard is the gift that keeps giving

Good for **theory** of programming

- Proving properties

- Verifying correctness

- Designing programs

Good for **practice** of compilation

- Express low-level details in high-level representation

- Reason about performance

- Formalize and develop new optimizations

# FUTURE WORK

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# A DUAL PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

Through the lens of duality, the two main paradigms are:

**Object-oriented**: richness of codata types, paucity of data

**Functional**: richness of data types, paucity of codata

Codata already captures many important OO principles

Interfaces, encapsulation, dynamic dispatch, subtyping

Concurrency is modeled through communicating agents

**Session types** specify concurrent protocols

**Linearity** controls limited resources

Duality expresses communication between a server and client

**Goal**: Dual programming language fusing high- & low-level,  
functional & OO, sequential & concurrent programming

# THE DUALITY OF INFORMATION SECURITY

Confidentiality (who knows?) & integrity (says who?) are dual  
public  $\sqsubseteq$  private yet trusted  $\sqsubseteq$  untrusted

*“That duality is what makes security hard” – Myers OPLSS ’17*

Both are dependent on data flow and control flow

```
private bool secret ;  
if secret { return true; } else { return false; }
```

Are sensitivity & privacy dual? (co)effects, adjoint languages  
(Near et al., OOPSLA’19)

Can differential privacy be decomposed into orthogonality?

$M \perp\!\!\!\perp_{\epsilon,\delta} M'$  iff  $\forall S \subseteq \mathbb{R}, \Pr[M \in S] \leq e^\epsilon \Pr[M' \in S] + \delta$

$x \text{ DB}_1 y$  iff databases  $x, y$  differ by 1 row

$\epsilon, \delta$ -differentially private algorithm:  $\text{DB}_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp_{\epsilon,\delta}$

Hypothesis: Orthogonality gives a robust model for the dualities of information security

# A LOGICAL FOUNDATION OF COMPILER CORRECTNESS

Old: Compiling & running **whole** programs give right answer

Problems with whole-program correctness:

- Cannot link with system libraries

- No foreign-function interface

- Poor modularity and separate compilation

**Compositional compiler correctness:** Compiling **part** of a program and **linking** with a valid context gives the right answer

Context  $C \in A$  in target; program  $P \in A^{\perp\!\!\perp}$  in source

Other properties (e.g., privacy and security) could be modeled as compositional correctness criteria **preserved by compiler**

**Hypothesis:** sequent calculus gives a logical framework for compositional compiler correctness & security

# THANK YOU

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# **STRUCTURAL (Co)INDUCTION**

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# UNIFYING (Co)INDUCTION AS STRUCTURAL RECURSION<sup>11</sup>

A call stack  $x \cdot \alpha$  contains an:

argument  $x$

return pointer  $\alpha$

*length* is well-founded because its argument shrinks:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \text{length} \parallel \text{Nil} \cdot \alpha \rangle &= \langle \text{Zero} \parallel \alpha \rangle \\ \langle \text{length} \parallel \text{Cons } x \text{ } xs \cdot \alpha \rangle &= \langle \text{length} \parallel xs \cdot \text{Succ} \circ \alpha \rangle\end{aligned}$$

*count* is well-founded because its return pointer shrinks:

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \text{count} \parallel x \cdot \text{Head } \alpha \rangle &= \langle x \parallel \alpha \rangle \\ \langle \text{count} \parallel x \cdot \boxed{\text{Tail } \alpha} \rangle &= \langle \text{count} \parallel \text{Succ } x \cdot \boxed{\alpha} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

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<sup>11</sup> Downen, Johnson-Freyd, Ariola, ICFP '15

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# **CONTROL FLOW**

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# INTUITIONISTIC VS CLASSICAL LOGIC

Intuitionistic logic  $\subset$  Classical logic

Intuitionistic logic rejects the following classical laws:

Excluded Middle:  $A \vee \neg A$  (either  $A$  or  $\text{not } A$  is true)

Double Negation:  $\neg\neg A \implies A$  (if  $\text{not not } A$  is true, so is  $A$ )

Pierce's Law:  $((A \implies B) \implies A) \implies A$

# MANIPULATING THE FLOW OF CONTROL

Control operators let the programmer manipulate control flow

These bind **continuations** that are the “rest of the computation”

Scheme’s call/cc:  $((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow A$

Felleisen’s  $\mathcal{C}$ :  $\neg\neg A \rightarrow A$  (where  $\neg A$  is a **continuation**)

Ambiguous choice:  $A + \neg A$  (either a value or continuation)

# A NATURAL EXTENSION OF CLASSICAL LOGIC<sup>14</sup>

Parigot's classical  $\lambda\mu$  =  $\lambda$ -calculus + labels + jumps

Expression  $\neq$  command:

Expressions return a value

Commands don't return, they jump

Corresponds to call/cc

Delimited control is **much more expressive**

Can represent any (monadic) side effect

Delimited control is  $\lambda\mu$  where expression = command

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<sup>14</sup> Downen, Ariola, ICFP '14

# DELIMITED CONTROL AS (RESUMABLE) EXCEPTIONS

```
def square_root(x):
    if x <= 0:
        raise ValueError("square_root_must_be_positive ")
    ...

try:
    x = input("Please_enter_a_number:")
    print(square_root(int(x)))
except ValueError:
    print("That's_not_a_valid_number")
```

# DELIMITED CONTROL AS COROUTINES

```
def depth_first_search ( tree ):
    if type(tree) is list :
        for child in tree :
            yield from depth_first_search ( child )
    else :
        yield tree

def print_dfs ( tree ):
    for elem in depth_first_search ( tree ):
        print(elem)

print_dfs ([[1], 2, [[3, 4], 5], [[6]]])  => 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
```

# DELIMITED CONTROL AS DYNAMIC LABELS<sup>15</sup>

Practical programs should be modular

Interference between side effects should be avoided

E.g., exception handling

Was the exception in parsing input, or processing value?

Solved by **multiple control delimiters**:

A delimiter is a dynamically-bound label

Different labels denote separate scopes

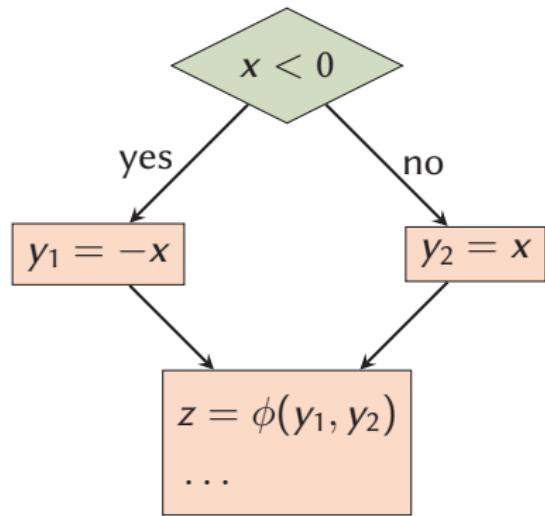
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<sup>15</sup> Downen, Ariola, ESOP '12; Downen, Ariola JFP '14

# JOIN POINTS

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# JOIN POINTS VERSUS $\phi$ -NODES



**label**  $j(z) = \dots$   
**in if**  $x < 0$   
**then jump**  $j(-x)$   
**else jump**  $j(x)$

# SEQUENT CALCULUS

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# RE-ORIENTING PROOFS

Natural Deduction

$$\frac{A \quad B}{A \wedge B}$$

Sequent calculus

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A, \Delta \quad \Gamma \vdash B, \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash A \wedge B, \Delta}$$

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$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, A \wedge B \vdash \Delta}$$

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# A SYNTAX FOR DUALITY

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# CURRY-HOWARD

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# ALL NATURAL NUMBERS ARE EVEN OR ODD

What is even?

$$n = 2k$$

What is odd?

$$n = 2k + 1$$

Proof by induction...

$0 = 2(0)$ : even!

$1 = 2(0) + 1$ : odd!

$n + 1$  by inductive hypothesis,  $n$  is:

$2k$  then  $n + 1 = 2k + 1$ : odd!

$2k + 1$  then  $n + 1 = 2k + 1 + 1 = 2(k + 1)$ : even!

## (UNSIGNED) INTEGER DIVISION BY 2

```
data Half  =  Even Natural    -- exact division
            |  Odd Natural    -- remainder of 1

half :: Natural -> Half
half 0      = Even 0
half 1      = Odd 0
half (n+1) = case half n of
                  Even k -> Odd k
                  Odd k -> Even (k+1)
```