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More on the Curry Howard Isomorphism

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- Intuitionistic proof of an existence statement gives a witness for the statement.

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- Then $x^y = (\sqrt{2}^{\sqrt{2}})^{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}^2 = 2$ so $x^y \in \mathbb{Q}$

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It turns out, no matter what logic you want to define, there is always a corresponding λ -calculus, and vice versa.

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Constructive Logic	Typed λ -Calculus
Classical Logic	Continuations
Modal Logic	Monads
Linear Logic	Linear Types, Session Types
Separation Logic	Region Types

Translating

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We can translate logical connectives to types and back:

Conjunction (\wedge)	Tuples
Disjunction (\vee)	Either
Implication	Functions
True	()
False	Void

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We can also translate our *equational reasoning* on programs into *proof simplification* on proofs!

Constructors and Eliminator for Sums

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```
data TrafficLight = Red | Amber | Green
```

Example (Traffic Lights)

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```
TrafficLight ≈ Either () Either ()
```

Red \approx Left ()
Amber \approx Right (Left ())
Green \approx Right (Right (Left ()))

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Type Correctness

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Examples

```
prop_or_false :: a -> (Either a Void)
```

```
prop_or_false a = Left a
```

```
prop_or_true :: a -> (Either a ())
```

```
prop_or_true a = Right ()
```

```
prop_and_true :: a -> (a, ())
```

```
prop_and_true a = (a, ())
```

```
prop_double_neg_intro :: a -> (a -> Void) -> Void
```

```
prop_double_neg_intro a f = f a
```

```
prop_triple_neg_elim ::
```

```
((a -> Void) -> Void) -> a -> Void
```

```
prop_triple_neg_elim f a = f (\g -> g a)
```

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