Lambda Calculus with the Birds!

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Topic I Introduction to the Birds

1 Idiot

The Identity

λa.a

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In [1]: I = a => a
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Out[1]: [Function: I]

2 Mocking Bird

The Self Applicator

 $\lambda f.ff$

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In [2]: M = f \Rightarrow f(f)
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Out[2]: [Function: M]

3 Kerstrel

The Truth

λab.a

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In [3]: K = a => b => a
Out[3]: [Function: K]
In [4]: K.inspect = () => 'T / K'
Out[4]: [Function]
In [5]: K
Out[5]: T / K
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4 Kite

The False

$$\lambda ab.b = KI = CK$$

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In [6]: KI = a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow b
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Out[6]: [Function: KI]

In [7]: KI.inspect = () => 'F / KI'

Out[7]: [Function]

5 Cardinal

The Reverse

 $\lambda fab.fba$

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In [8]: C = f \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow f(b)(a)
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Out[8]: [Function: C]

6 Blue Bird

The Composition

$$\lambda fga.f(ga)$$

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In [9]: B = f \Rightarrow g \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow f(g(a))
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Out[9]: [Function: B]

7 Thrush

The Flipper

$$\lambda a f. f a = C I$$

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In [10]: T = a => f => f(a)
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Out[10]: [Function: T]

8 Vireo

The Smallest Data Structure

$$\lambda abf.fab = BCT$$

In [11]:
$$V = a \Rightarrow b \Rightarrow f \Rightarrow f(a)(b)$$

Out[11]: [Function: V]

9 Black Bird

Blue Bird for a function that takes two arguments It's the composition of composition of composition

$$\lambda fgab.f(gab) = B\ B\ B$$
 In [12]: B1 = f => g => a => b => f(g(a)(b))
Out[12]: [Function: B1]

Topic II Birds! Birds! Birds!

1 Fun with these Birds!

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In [13]: C(K)('T')('F')
Out[13]: 'F'
In [14]: C(KI)('T')('F')
Out[14]: 'T'
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Cardinal of Kerstrel is Kite Cardinal of Kite is Kerstrel

2 Church Encodings

2.1 Booleans

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TRUE = \lambda ab.a = K

In [15]: TRUE = K

Out[15]: T / K

FALSE = \lambda ab.b = KI = CK

In [16]: FALSE = KI

Out[16]: F / KI

NOT = \lambda p.pFT = C

In [17]: NOT = C

Out[17]: [Function: C]
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In [18]: NOT(TRUE)('T')('F')
Out[18]: 'F'
   AND = \lambda pq.pqF = \lambda pq.pqp
   if p is false and it selects false, then p can select itself
In [19]: AND = p \Rightarrow q \Rightarrow p(q)(p)
Out[19]: [Function: AND]
In [20]: AND(TRUE)(TRUE)
Out[20]: T / K
In [21]: AND(TRUE)(FALSE)
Out[21]: F / KI
In [22]: AND(FALSE)(FALSE)
Out[22]: F / KI
   OR = \lambda pq.pTq = \lambda pq.ppq = \lambda pq.Mq = M
In [23]: OR = p \Rightarrow q \Rightarrow M(p)(q)
Out[23]: [Function: OR]
In [24]: OR(TRUE)(TRUE)
Out[24]: T / K
In [25]: OR(TRUE)(FALSE)
Out[25]: T / K
In [26]: OR(FALSE)(FALSE)
Out[26]: F / KI
   (\lambda pq.ppq)xy = xxy
Mxy = xxy
OR = M
In [27]: M(TRUE)(TRUE)
Out[27]: T / K
In [28]: M(TRUE)(FALSE)
Out[28]: T / K
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In [29]: M(FALSE)(FALSE)
Out[29]: F / KI
   BEQ = \lambda pq.pq(NOTq)
   This is also the XNOR or the Equality
In [30]: BEQ = p \Rightarrow q \Rightarrow p(q)(NOT(q))
Out[30]: [Function: BEQ]
In [31]: BEQ(TRUE)(TRUE)('T')('F')
Out[31]: 'T'
In [32]: BEQ(FALSE)(FALSE)('T')('F')
Out[32]: 'T'
In [33]: BEQ(FALSE)(TRUE)('T')('F')
Out[33]: 'F'
2.2 Numerals
ZERO = \lambda fa.a
In [34]: ZERO = f => a => a
Out[34]: [Function: ZERO]
   ONCE = \lambda fa.fa
In [35]: ONCE = f \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow f(a)
Out[35]: [Function: ONCE]
   TWICE = \lambda fa.f(fa)
In [36]: TWICE = f \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow f(f(a))
Out[36]: [Function: TWICE]
   THRICE = \lambda fa.f(f(fa))
In [37]: THRICE = f \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow f(f(f(a)))
Out[37]: [Function: THRICE]
   FOURFOLD = \lambda fa.f(f(f(fa)))
In [38]: FOURFOLD = f \Rightarrow a \Rightarrow f(f(f(f(a))))
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Out[38]: [Function: FOURFOLD]
In [39]: NO = ZERO
          N1 = ONCE
          N2 = TWICE
          N3 = THRICE
          N4 = FOURFOLD
Out[39]: [Function: FOURFOLD]
   SUCC = \lambda n f a. f(n f a) = \lambda n f. B f(n f)
In [40]: SUCC = n \Rightarrow f \Rightarrow x \Rightarrow f(n(f)(x))
Out[40]: [Function: SUCC]
   This is the same as function composition, why not use the Blue Bird?
In [41]: SUCC = n \Rightarrow f \Rightarrow B(f)(n(f))
Out[41]: [Function: SUCC]
In [42]: SUCC(THRICE) (x \Rightarrow x + 1)(0)
Out[42]: 4
   ADD = \lambda nk.n SUCC k
In [43]: ADD = n => k => n(SUCC)(k)
Out[43]: [Function: ADD]
   Read it as n times SUCC, applied to k, same as SUCC(SUCC(k))) where SUCC is n times
this example was 3 added to k
In [44]: ADD(N3)(N2)(x => x + 1)(0)
Out[44]: 5
   MULT = \lambda nkf.n(kf) = \lambda nk.Bnk = B
In [45]: MULT = n \Rightarrow k \Rightarrow B(n)(k)
          MULT = B
Out[45]: [Function: B]
In [46]: MULT(N3)(N2)(x => x + 1)(0)
Out [46]: 6
   POW = \lambda nk.k MULT n = CI = T
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In [47]: POW = T
Out[47]: [Function: T]
In [48]: POW(N3)(N2)(x \Rightarrow x + 1)(0)
Out[48]: 9
   IS0 = \lambda n.n(KF)T
   KF always gives a False, Kerstrel of False
In [49]: ISO = n => n(K(FALSE))(TRUE)
Out[49]: [Function: IS0]
In [50]: ISO(NO)
Out[50]: T / K
In [51]: ISO(N1)
Out[51]: F / KI
   PRED = \lambda n.n(\lambda g.ISO(gN1)I(B SUCC g))(K N0)N0
   VIM
   Vireo is the smallest data structure, you box in the two arguments like f(a)(b) and then when-
ever you want a value back you send in a function to recieve eithe a or b
In [52]: vim = V(I)(M)
Out[52]: [Function]
In [53]: vim(K)
Out[53]: [Function: I]
In [54]: vim(C(K)) // C(K) = KI
Out[54]: [Function: M]
   PAIR = V
In [55]: PAIR = V
Out[55]: [Function: V]
   FST = \lambda p.pK
In [56]: FST = p \Rightarrow p(K)
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Out[56]: [Function: FST]

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In [57]: FST(vim)
Out[57]: [Function: I]
   SND = \lambda p.p(KI)
In [58]: SND = p \Rightarrow p(KI)
Out[58]: [Function: SND]
In [59]: SND(vim)
Out[59]: [Function: M]
   PHI = \lambda p.V(SND p)(SUCC (SND)p)
   copy 2nd to 1st, and increment 2nd
In [60]: PHI = p \Rightarrow V(SND(p))(SUCC(SND(p)))
Out[60]: [Function: PHI]
In [61]: SND(PHI(V(M)(N3)))(x => x + 1)(0)
Out[61]: 4
In [62]: FST(PHI(V(M)(N3)))(x => x + 1)(0)
Out[62]: 3
   NO PHI(NO, NO) = (NO, NO)
N1 PHI(NO, NO) = (NO, N1)
N2 PHI(NO, NO) = (N1, N2)
N8 PHI(NO, NO) = (N7, N8)
   Holy Cow!, you got the predecessor working!
   PRED = \lambda n = FST (n\Phi(PAIR ZERO ZERO))
In [63]: PRED = n \Rightarrow FST(n(PHI)(V(NO)(NO)))
Out[63]: [Function: PRED]
   FIRST of "n" application of PHI to PAIR of ZERO, ZERO
In [64]: PRED(N3)(x \Rightarrow x + 1)(0)
Out[64]: 2
   SUB = \lambda nk.k PRED n
In [65]: SUB = n \Rightarrow k \Rightarrow k(PRED)(n)
Out[65]: [Function: SUB]
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In [66]: SUB(N4)(N3)(x => x + 1)(0)
Out[66]: 1
   LEQ = \lambda nk.ISO(SUB nk)
In [67]: LEQ = n \Rightarrow k \Rightarrow ISO(SUB(n)(k))
Out[67]: [Function: LEQ]
In [68]: LEQ(N3)(N4)
Out[68]: T / K
In [69]: LEQ(N4)(N3)
Out[69]: F / KI
   EQ = \lambda nk.AND(LEQnk)(LEQkn)
In [70]: EQ = n \Rightarrow k \Rightarrow AND(LEQ(n)(k))(LEQ(k)(n))
Out[70]: [Function: EQ]
In [71]: EQ(NO)(NO)
Out[71]: T / K
In [72]: EQ(N1)(N0)
Out[72]: F / KI
   GT = \lambda nk.NOT(LEQ nk) = B1 NOT LEQ
In [73]: GT = n \Rightarrow k \Rightarrow NOT(LEQ(n)(k))
Out[73]: [Function: GT]
In [74]: GT = B1(NOT)(LEQ)
Out[74]: [Function]
In [75]: GT(N1)(N0)('T')('F')
Out[75]: 'T'
In [76]: GT(NO)(NO)('T')('F')
Out[76]: 'F'
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