

# Untyped Lambda Calculus

Structure and Evaluation, Currying, Church Encodings

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# Introduction

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# Lambda Calculus

- Invented by Alonzo Church (1920s)
- Equally expressive to the Turing Machine(s)
- Formal Language
- Computational Model
  - Lisp (1950s)
  - ML
  - Haskell
- "Lambda Expressions" in almost every modern programming language

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- Understand FP Compilers
  - Introduce FP stuff into other languages
  - Write your own compiler
  - GHC uses an enriched Lambda Calculus internally

# Basics

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# Untyped Lambda Calculus

$t ::=$

$x$

$\lambda x. t$

$t \ t$

Terms:

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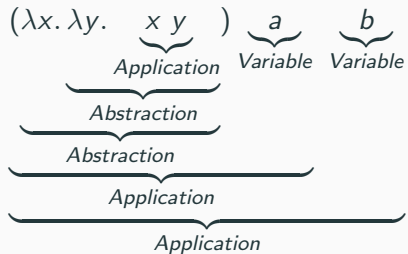
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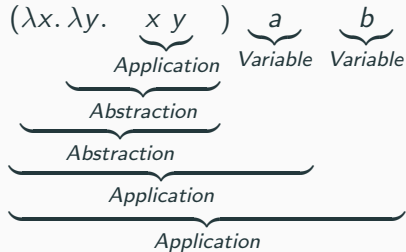
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$\underbrace{(\underbrace{\text{function } (x) \{ \text{return } x; \}}_{\text{Abstraction}}) (\underbrace{y}_{\text{Variable}})}_{\text{Application}}$

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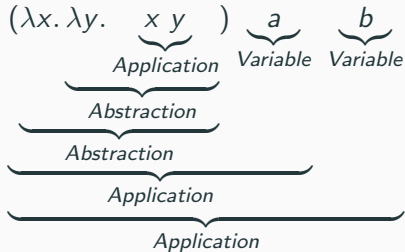
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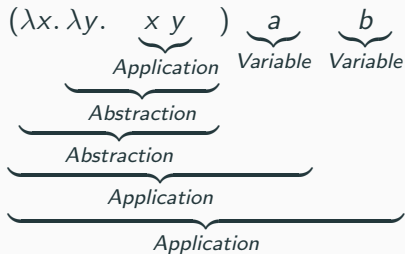
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# Notational Conventions

- We use parentheses to clarify what's meant
- Applications associate to the left

$$s\ t\ u \equiv (s\ t)\ u$$

- Abstractions expand as much to the right as possible

$$\lambda x. \lambda y. x\ y\ x \equiv \lambda x. (\lambda y. (x\ y\ x))$$

$$\lambda x. \lambda y. x \ y \ z$$

## *Bound and free*

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A term with no free variables is "*closed*"

- A "*combinator*"
- $id \equiv \lambda x. x$
- $Y, S, K, I \dots$

# Higher Order Functions

- Functions that take or return functions
  - Are there "by definition"

$$\underbrace{\underbrace{\lambda x.x}_{\text{Abstraction}} \underbrace{\lambda y.y}_{\text{Abstraction}}}_{\text{Application}} \rightarrow \underbrace{\lambda y.y}_{\text{Abstraction}}$$

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- Partial Function Application is there "by definition"
  - You can use this stunt to "curry" in every language that supports "Lambda Expressions"

## Alpha conversion

$$\lambda x.x \rightarrow_{\alpha} \lambda y.y$$

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Iff (if and only if)  $x$  is not free in  $f$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda x.f \ x &\rightarrow_{\eta} f \\ (\lambda x. \underbrace{(\lambda y.y)}_f \ x) \ a &\rightarrow_{\eta} \underbrace{(\lambda y.y)}_f \ a \end{aligned}$$

If  $x$  is free in  $f$ , no  $\eta$  conversion possible:

$$\lambda x. \left( \overset{\text{Bound}}{\downarrow} \lambda y.y \ \overset{\downarrow}{x} \right) \ x \not\rightarrow_{\eta} \left( \lambda y.y \ \overset{\text{Free?!}}{\downarrow} \overset{\downarrow}{x} \right)$$



- Everything (Term) is an Expression
  - No statements
- No "destructive" Assignments
  - The reason why FP Languages promote pure functions
  - But you could invent a built-in function to manipulate "state"...

# Evaluation

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- We learned how to write down and talk about Lambda Calculus Terms
- How to evaluate them?
- Different Strategies
  - Interesting outcomes

# Full Beta-Reduction

- RedEx
  - **R**educible **E**xpression
  - Always an Application

$$\begin{array}{c} (\lambda x.x) \ ((\lambda x.x) \ (\lambda z. \underbrace{(\lambda x.x) \ z}_{\text{RedEx}})) \\ \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{RedEx}} \end{array}$$

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## Full Beta-Reduction

- Any RedEx, Any Time
- Like in Arithmetics
- Too vague for programming. . .

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# Church Encodings

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- Encode Data into the Lambda Calculus
- To simplify our formulas, let's say that we have declarations

$$id \equiv \lambda x.x$$

$$id\ y \rightarrow y$$



# Definitions

$true \equiv \lambda t. \lambda f. t$

$false \equiv \lambda t. \lambda f. f$

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Or

$\lambda p. \lambda q. p \ p \ q$



$$\textit{pair} \equiv \lambda x. \lambda y. \lambda z. z \ x \ y$$

*pair*  $\equiv$   $\lambda x.\lambda y.\lambda z.z\ x\ y$

*first*  $\equiv$   $(\lambda p.p)\ \lambda x.\lambda y.x$

*second*  $\equiv$   $(\lambda p.p)\ \lambda x.\lambda y.y$

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## Pairs (continued)

# Definitions

$pair \equiv \lambda x. \lambda y. \lambda z. z \ x \ y$

$first \equiv (\lambda p. p) \ \lambda x. \lambda y. x$

$pair'_{ab} \equiv \lambda z. z \ a \ b$



## Example

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*first pair'*<sub>ab</sub>

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*first*  $pair'_{ab}$

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# Peano axioms

Every natural number can be defined with 0 and a successor function

$$0 \equiv \lambda f. \lambda x. x$$

$$1 \equiv \lambda f. \lambda x. f \ x$$

$$2 \equiv \lambda f. \lambda x. f \ (f \ x)$$

$$3 \equiv \lambda f. \lambda x. f \ (f \ (f \ x))$$



# Meaning

0  $f$  is evaluated 0 times

1  $f$  is evaluated once

$x$  can be every lambda term

## Numerals Example - Successor

# Definitions

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## Example

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*successor 1*

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*successor* 1



## Example

$\equiv$  *successor* 1  
 $(\lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. f (n f x)) 1$

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$\equiv 2$

We use *Normal Order Reduction* to reduce inside abstractions!

## Numerals Example - $0 + 0$

$0 \equiv$

$\lambda f. \lambda x. x$

$$0 \equiv \lambda f. \lambda x. x$$

$$plus \equiv \lambda m. \lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. m \ f \ (n \ f \ x)$$

*plus* 0 0

*plus* 0 0



$$\equiv \quad \text{plus } 0 \ 0 \\ (\lambda m. \lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda x. m \ f \ (n \ f \ x)) \ 0 \ 0$$

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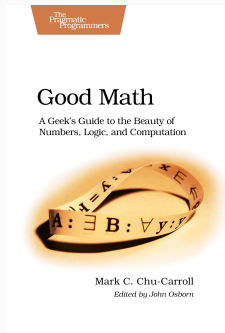
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# Thanks

- Hope you enjoyed this talk and learned something new.
- Hope it wasn't too much math and dusty formulas ... :)

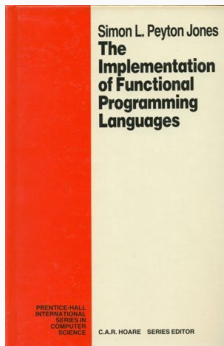
# Good Math



*"A Geek's Guide to the Beauty of Numbers, Logic, and Computation"*

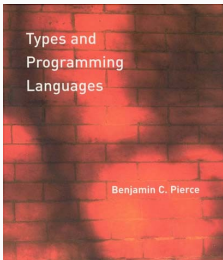
- Easy to understand

# The Implementation of Functional Programming Languages



- How to compile to the Lambda Calculus?
- Out-of-print, but freely available
  - <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/publication/the-implementation-of-functional-programming-languages/>

# Types and Programming Languages



- Types systems explained by building interpreters and proving properties
- Very "mathematical", but very complete and self-contained