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# **CIS352 – Spring 2022**

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# Course Objective

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We do this through **five coding projects**

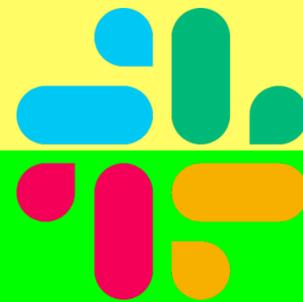
And assess written skills through **exam questions**

# Logistics

This is a **flipped-classroom**. You watch about ~80min video per week (1-2 per lecture). There is a **participation quiz** for each class

We **expect** you have watched the videos **before** lecture; lectures will involve problem-solving guided by examples

We expect you to be checking **Slack** often



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# Instructors

Asst. Prof Kristopher Micinski is lead instructor

Davis Silverman (PhD) and Chang Liu (MS) are TAs

We are currently coordinating times for office hours; they will be posted on the syllabus in the first week

# Syllabus

Most up-to-date syllabus always available at:

<https://kmicinski.com/cis352-s22/syllabus>

# Grade-Calculator

We **encourage** you to use the **grade calculator**

# Projects

This course has projects (with **deadlines**) that are assigned and graded via an **autograder**

<https://autograder.org>

You are expected to use the **Git interface** to the autograder;  
Autograder credentials will be sent out by the **first week**

We **try** to make projects sync up with the material presented at the corresponding time in the course

We **hope** you will reach out to us on Slack / office hours

Obviously: **start early**. The students who struggle most are those who put projects off then get cumulatively behind

# Project Grading

- ◆ Each project is graded on a percent scale; your grade is the % of tests that pass (18/20 tests passing = 90%)
- ◆ Projects always due at 11:59PM Syracuse time
- ◆ Projects up to 72 hours after deadline—15% penalty (max 85%)
- ◆ Projects up to end of course—25% penalty
  - ◆ I.e., you can **always** get a 75%

# Exams

- ◆ There are **four quizzes** and **one final**
- ◆ There are only **12 questions total**
- ◆ Question 1, 2, ... will always be the same **topic**
  - ◆ Question 1 on each quiz will be about Racket forms/callsites
- ◆ You always get your **max** score of any question
- ◆ I.e., you can **raise your grade** (you will have 5 attempts at Q1)
- ◆ There are only as many questions as topics introduced so far
  - ◆ I.e., fewer attempts at Q12
- ◆ All questions are graded out of 10
- ◆ Your final **exam grade** is average of all 12 questions

# Participation

- ◆ There are lots of “participation points” available
- ◆ Last semester, highest-participating student got 43
- ◆  $<20$  participation points = “minus” to your grade (A to A-)
- ◆  $[20,30)$  participation points = no change to grade
- ◆  $\geq 30$  participation points = “plus” to your grade (A- to A)
- ◆ No A+ available—but I will track it for recommendations / refs

# Course FAQs

Q: Why teach Racket and not C++ / Java / JS / Rust / ...

A: We have chosen to teach a language that you can **fully-understand** so you can explain *precisely* how your code works

We **do** see value in C++/... and we will specifically comment on idioms in those languages when possible—but languages such as C++ are so complex (spec is 1000s of pages) we would need *multiple* classes to properly cover it



# Course FAQs

Q: Why not start with type theory?

A: Our intro course, CIS252, covers Haskell—a strongly-typed language built on algebraic datatypes. Here, we focus on building **interpreters** that give *ground truth* behavior; we build up to types—as a means to rule out dynamic errors—at the end

# Course FAQs

Q: Why emphasize functional programming / disallow `set` !

A: Functional programming is **simpler** (i.e., **more restrictive**), and thus easier to reason about. We will discuss how to implement state later on in the course, but we start by forcing students to program in a restricted purely-functional model because there are fewer opportunities for mistakes

Thanks! I'm excited for an enriching semester and look forward to helping you hack on projects

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# **Racket Basics**

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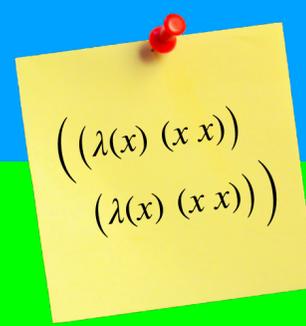


# Racket

- **Dynamically-Typed:** variables are untyped, values typed
- **Functional:** Racket emphasizes functional style
  - Compositional—emphasizes black-box components
  - Immutability—requires automatic memory management
- **Imperative:** allows data to be modified, in carefully-considered cases, but doesn't emphasize "impure" code

# Racket

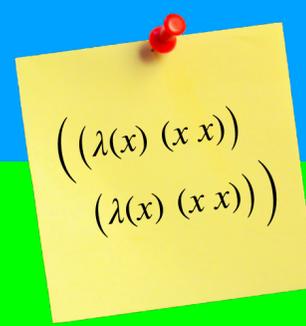
- **Object-oriented:** racket has a powerful object system
- **Language-oriented:** Racket is really a language toolkit
- **Homoiconic:** the same structure used to represent **data** (lists) is also used to represent **code**



## Calculating the slope of a line in Racket

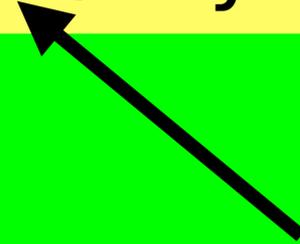
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(define (calculate-slope x0 y0 x1 y1)
  (/ (- y1 y0) (- x1 x0)))
```

# Example

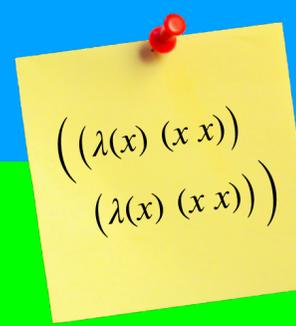


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Prefix notation



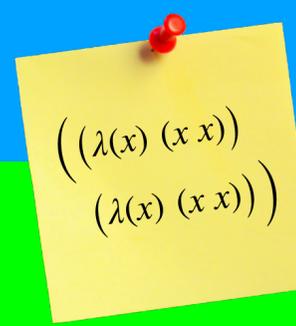
# Example



Functions defined via prefix notation, too



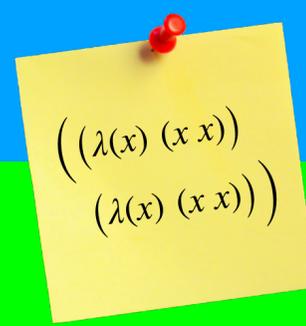
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```



**Calls** to user-defined functions also in prefix notation

```
(define (calculate-slope x0 y0 x1 y1)
  (/ (- y1 y0) (- x1 x0)))
// C - calculate-slope(0,0,3,2);
(calculate-slope 0 0 3 2)
```

# Example



**Note:** preferred style puts closing parens at end of blocks

```
(define (calculuate-slope x0 y0 x1 y1)
  (/ (- y1 y0) (- x1 x0)))
```

```
(calculate-slope 0 0 3 2)
```

# Basic Types

- **Numeric tower.** Numeric types gracefully degrade
  - E.g.,  $(* (/ 8 3) 2+1i)$  is  $16/3+8/3i$
  - Note that  $2+1i$  is a **literal** value, as is  $2.3$
- **Strings** and **characters** ("foo" and #\a)
- **Booleans** (#t and #f) including logical operator (e.g., or)
  - Note that operators "short circuit"

# Basic Types contd.

- **Symbols** are interned strings 'foo'
  - Implicitly only one copy of each, unlike (say) strings
  - Impact on space / memory usage
- The `#<void>` value (produced by `(void)`)

## ***Exercise***



Compute the sum of the following:

- $2/3$  and  $1.5$
- $3+8i$  and  $3i$
- $0$  and positive infinity ( $+\text{inf}$ ,  $\emptyset$ )

## Exercise



Compute the sum of the following:

- $(+ \ 2/3 \ 1.5)$   
 $2.166666666666666665$  (N.B., result is **inexact**)
- $(+ \ 3+8i \ 0+3i)$   
 $3+11i$
- $(+ \ 0 \ +inf.0)$   
 $+inf.0$

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# **Racket Forms and Callsites**

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# Forms

- A **form** is a recognized syntax in the language
  - `(if ...)`, `(and ...)` are forms
  - But `+`, `list` refer to functions
  - Core forms defined by the language (`if/and/define/...`)
  - You can define new forms too! More on this later...
- Scheme prefers to give a small number of general forms.

# Forms

- The tag just after the open-paren determines the form:
  - (define foo value) — Define a variable
  - (define (foo a0 a1 ...) body) — Define a function
  - (if guard e-true e-false), (or e0 e1 ...), etc
- By default, otherwise, (e0 e1 ...) is a **function call**

# Value and Expressions

- Every language has a set of **values**
  - Primitive objects representable at runtime
  - Expressions evaluate to values
  - Numbers, strings, but also functions (closures)
- An **expression** is any syntax that evaluates to a value
  - Very important term to know!



Which of the following are expressions:

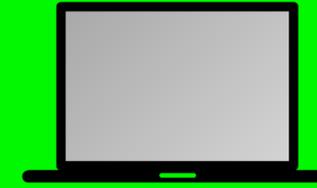
- `(define x 23)`
- `x`
- `(+ x 3)`
- `(define (foo x) (+ x 1))`
- `(if x (foo x) (bar x))`



Which of the following are expressions:

- `(define x 23)` — Doesn't evaluate to a value
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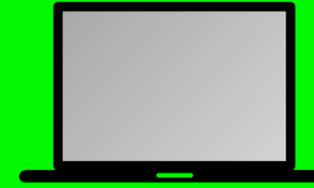
## ***Exercise***



Define a function that takes an argument,  $x$ , and returns:

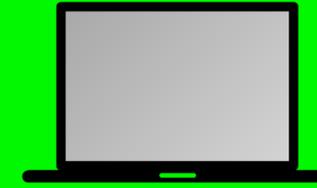
- $x$  times 2, if  $x$  is greater than 0
- $x$  times -2, otherwise

## Exercise



```
(define (f x)
  (if (< x 0)
      (* 2 x)
      (* -2 x)))
```

## ***Exercise***



Define a function that takes an argument,  $x$ , and returns:

- $x$  divided by 2, if  $x$  is even
- $x$  times 3 plus 1, if  $x$  is odd

**Hint:** use `=` and `modulo` to check if  $x$  is even/odd

## *Exercise*



```
(define (collatz x)
  (if (= 0 (modulo x 2))
      (/ x 2)
      (+ 1 (* 3 x))))
```



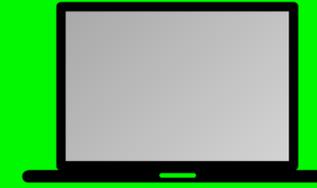
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# Definitions

- The form **define** is used to define variables
- Define comes in two forms
  - `(define id expr)` — Define variable `id` as `expr`
  - `(define (f a0 ...) body ...+)`
    - Define a function `f` with arguments `a0, ...`
    - At least one `body` (typically only one)

## ***Exercise***



- Define a variable named `x` to be 42
- Define a function `foo`, which behaves as the identity function

# The Environment

- The **environment** at some point in the program includes the set of variables in scope (accessible) at that point
- Every syntactic point has a (potentially) unique environment

```
(define x 23)
(+ x 1) ;; x is 23
(define y 24)
(+ x y) ;; x & y defined
```

# Environments Nest

- Note that environments are hierarchical
- Definitions inside a function do not escape the function
- This relates to **lexical scope** which we will define soon

```
(define y 5)
(define (foo)
  (displayln y) ;; 5
  (define y 4)
  y) ;; 4
(foo) ;; 4
y ;; 5
```

## *Exercise*



What does the following function return:

```
(define (foo)
  (define + 1)
  (define / (* 2 +))
  (- + /))
```

## Exercise



What does the following function return:

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Upshot: "built-in" functions are not special

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# Let

- Definitions with define are not expressions
- (let ([var e]) e-body)
  - Expression: evaluates e-body with var defined as e
  - Can have more than one var

```
(let ([x 2])  
  (+ x 3)) ;; 5
```

```
(let ([x 2]  
      [y 3])  
  (+ x y)) ;; 5
```

# Let

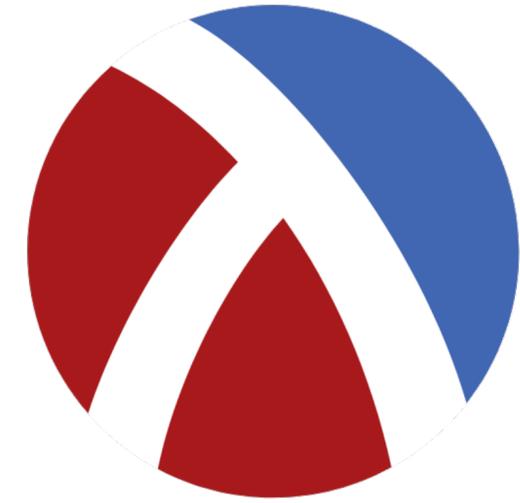
- Let does not allow simultaneous bindings to see each other
- I think of it as “parallel let”

```
(let ([x 2]
      [y x]) ;; bad
    (+ x y)) ;; 5
```

# Let\*

- Let\* lets you define a sequence of variables
- I think of it as "sequential let"

```
(let* ([x 2]
       [y x]) ;; good
      (+ x y)) ;; 5
```

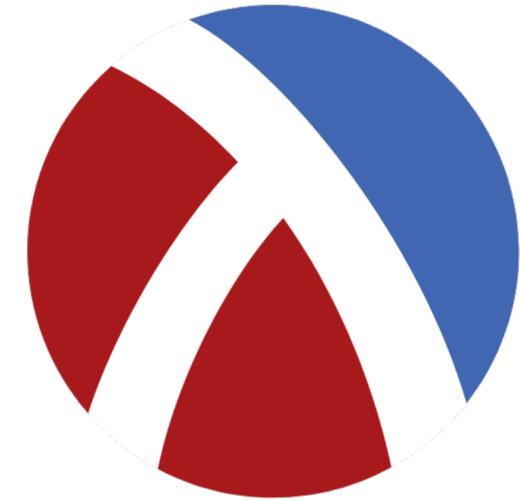


# Textual Reduction

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This lecture takes place on the whiteboard.



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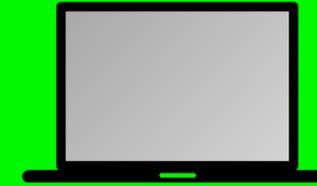
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# Cond

- Cond allows multiple guards to be checked
- ```
(cond [guard0 body0]  
      [guard1 body1]  
      ...  
      [else bodyelse]) ;; optional
```
- Checks each guard sequentially, evaluates first body

```
(define (foo x)  
  (cond [(= x 42) 1]  
        [(> x 0) 2]  
        [else 3]))
```

## ***Exercise***

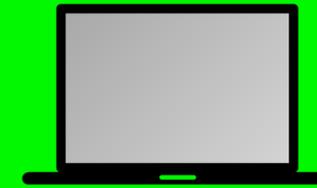


The absolute value of a number  $x$  is:

- $x$  if  $x$  is greater than 0
- 0 if  $x = 0$
- $-x$  if  $x$  is less than 0

Translate this definition into a function using `cond`

## Exercise



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```
(define (abs x)
  (cond [(> x 0) x]
        [(= x 0) 0]
        [< x 0) (- x)]))
```

## ***Exercise***

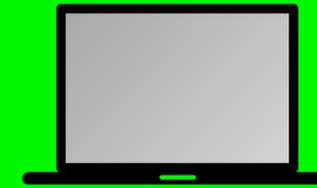


Say we have the following:

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      ...  
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## Exercise



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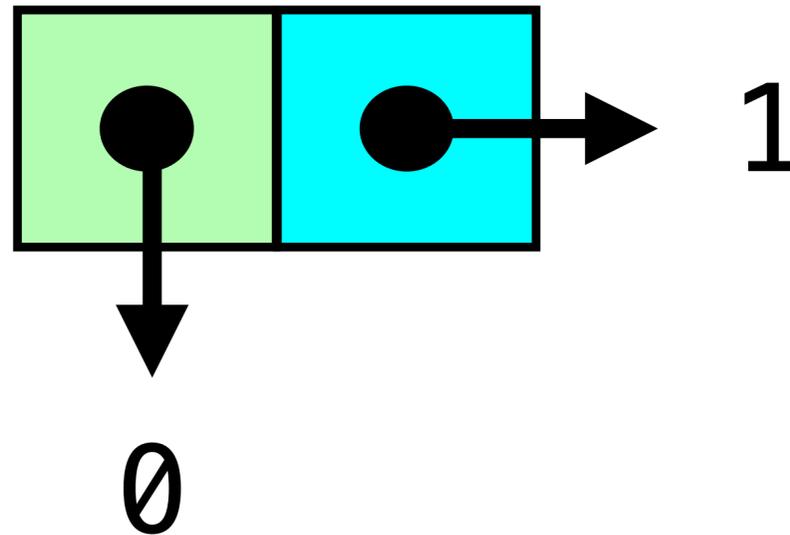
```
(if g0 b0  
    (if g1 b1  
        ...  
        (if gn-1 bn-1 belse) ...))
```

## Example

$((\lambda(x) (x x))$   
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The function **cons** builds a cons cell / pair

`(cons 0 1)`

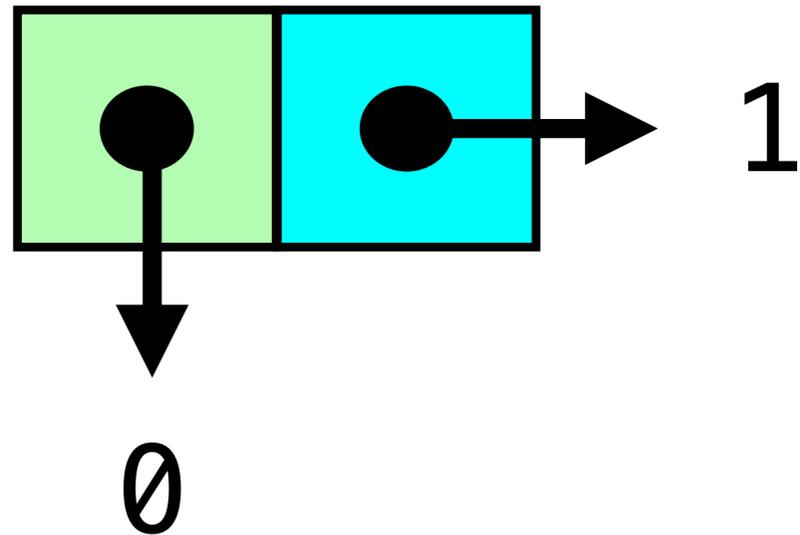


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The function **car** gets the left element

**(car (cons 0 1))** is 0

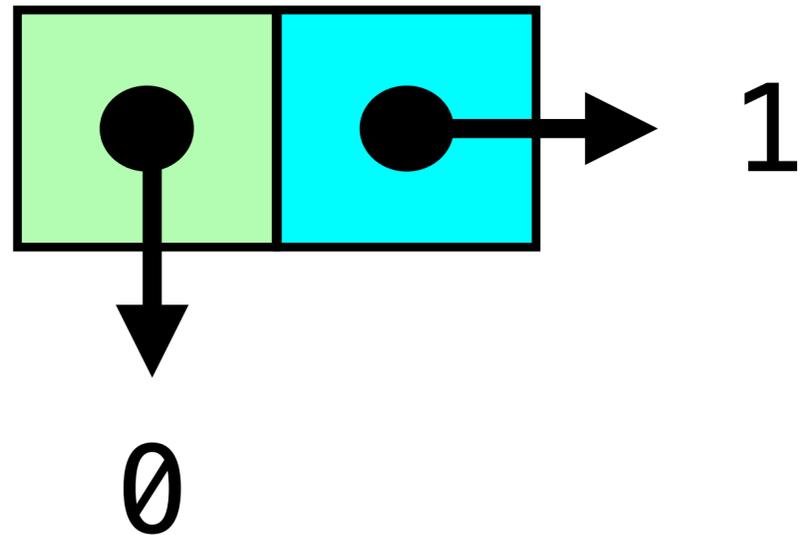


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The function **cdr** gets the right element

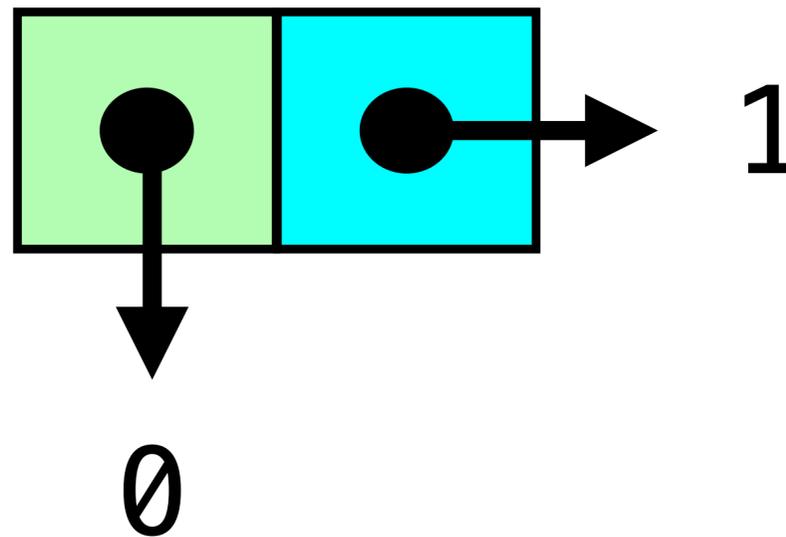
$(\text{cdr} (\text{cons } 0 \ 1))$  is 1



# Example

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The names **car** and **cdr** come from the original implementation of LISP on the IBM 704

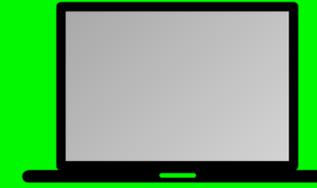
# Lists

- Racket has **lists**—sequences of cons cells ending w/ ' ( )
- The **empty list** (or "null") is special, ' ( )
- Many ways to build them
  - `(list 1 2 3)` ;; Variadic function
  - `'(1 2 3)` ;; Datum representation
- There are **three** operations on lists
  - `empty?` / `null?`
  - `first` / `car`
  - `rest` / `cdr`

# Lists continued...

- Using `empty?`, `car`, and `cdr`, we can write many utilities
  - All definable ourselves, also in Racket by default
  - `(length l)` — Length of `l`
  - `(list-ref l i)` — Get `i`th element of list (0-indexed)
  - `(append l0 l1)` — Append `l1` to the end of `l0`
  - `(reverse l)` — Reverse the list
  - `(member l x)` — Check if `x` is in `l`

## ***Exercise***



Using `cond`, write a function that takes a list `l` and an index `x` and returns...

- The first element if  $x = 0$
- The second element if  $x = 1$
- The third element if  $x = 2$
- Otherwise return 'unknown'

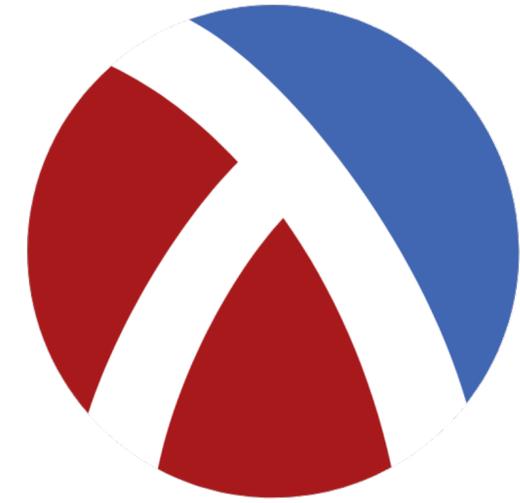
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# Lambdas

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# First-Class Functions

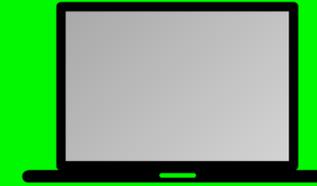
- In Racket, functions are **first-class** values
- Can be bound to vars, returned from fns, etc..
- Languages w/ functions as values are **functional**

# Lambdas (in Racket)

- `(lambda (x0 x1 ...) body)`
  - Anonymous function: bind `x0, ...` in `body`
  - Can appear at any callsite (just like an identifier)

```
(define f (lambda (x) x))  
(define (double g)  
  (lambda (x) (g (g x))))
```

## Exercise

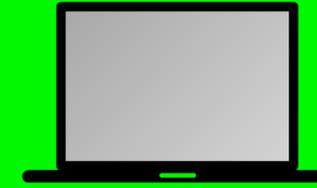


```
(define f (lambda (x) x))  
(define (double g)  
  (lambda (x) (g (g x))))
```

Evaluate the following expressions:

- `(f 1)`
- `((double f) 42)`
- `((double (lambda (x) (* x 2))) 2)`

## ***Exercise***



Write a function, `(foo f)`, that:

- Accepts a function `f`, maps ints to ints
- $((\text{foo } f) x) = (f |x|)$ , `|x|` is abs. value of `x`

# Textual Reduction of Lambdas

- Previously, we assumed **environment** of definitions
- Instead, can think of **lambdas** as primitive
- Environment maps identifiers to lambdas

```
(define (f x) x)
;; equiv
(define f (lambda (x) x))
```

# Textual Reduction of Lambdas

- After reducing all args to values, substitute (into the body) the actual arguments in place of the formal arguments.

```
((lambda (x y) x) (+ 1 1) 3)  
=> ((lambda (x y) x) 2 3)  
=> 2
```

## Exercise

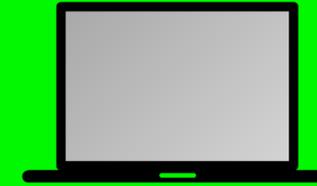


Use textual reduction to reduce the following:

```
((((lambda (x) x) (lambda (x) x))
  ((lambda (x) x) (lambda (x) x)))
 (+ 1 2))
```

Hint: remember, in **applicative order** we always evaluate the **leftmost, innermost** application. In other words, we process  $(e_0 e_1 \dots)$  by reducing  $e_0 \dots$  to values in order, then applying.

## Exercise



Use textual reduction to reduce the following:

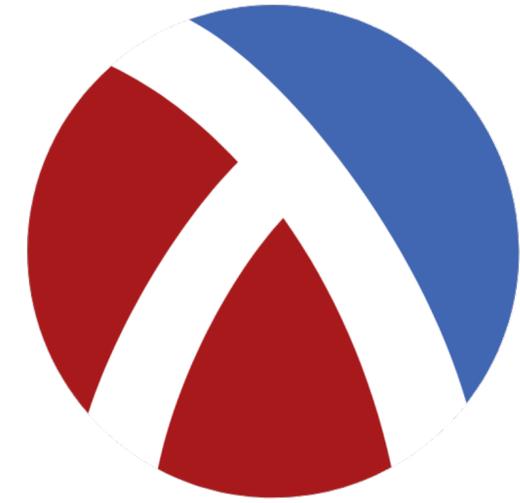
$$\begin{aligned} &(((\lambda x. x) (\lambda x. x)) \\ & \quad ((\lambda x. x) (\lambda x. x))) \\ & (+ 1 2)) \end{aligned}$$

If this sounds complicated, you would be right to just think about it as “left to right”

# Languages w/o First-Class Functions

- In modern times, somewhat hard to imagine
- C is a good example: procedural but **not** functional
- C callsites: quasi-functional behavior via fn pointers
  - But not really: C doesn't have **closures**

```
// The C library QuickSort function
void qsort(void *base, // array to sort
           int items, // really size_t
           int elem_size,
           // pointer to compare fn
           int (*compare)(void*, void*))
```



# Cons Diagrams and Boxes

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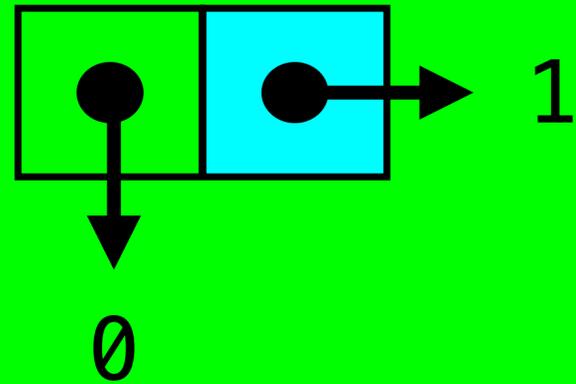
# Derived Types

- **S-expressions** (**symbolic** expression)
  - Untyped lists that generalize neatly to trees:  
`(this (is an) s expression)`
- Computer represents these as **linked** structures
  - Cons cells of head & tail (`cons 1 2`)

# Derived Types

- Racket also has **structural** types
  - Defined via **struct**; aids robustness
  - We will usually prefer agility of “tagged” S-expressions
- Also an elaborate object-orientation system (we won't cover)

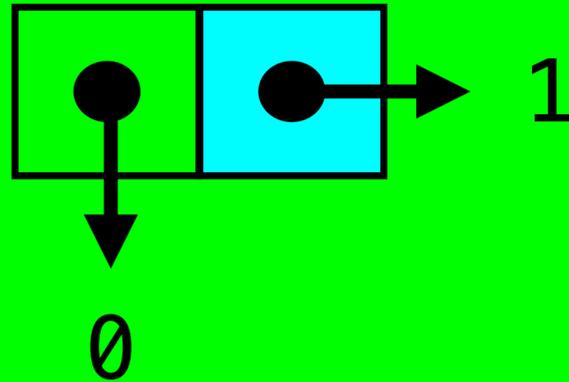
(cons 0 1)



The function **cons** builds a cons cell

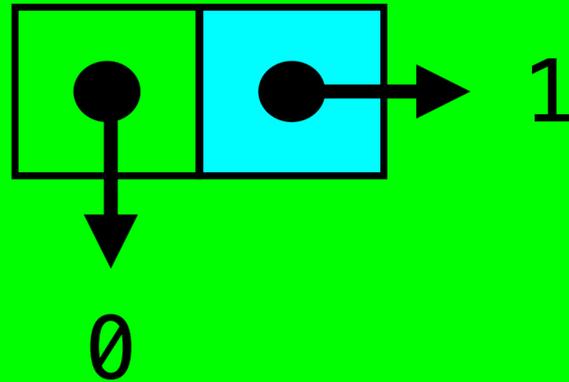
The function **car** gets the left element

`(car (cons 0 1))` is 0



The function **cdr** gets the left element

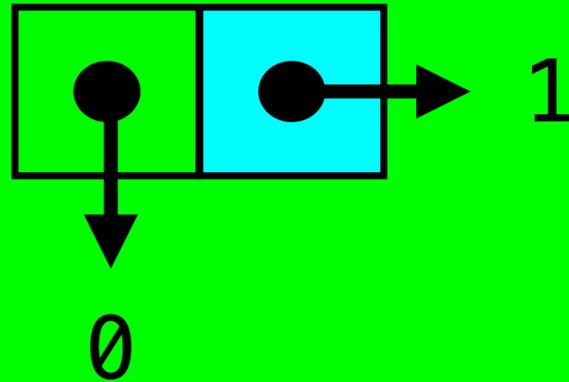
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At runtime, each cons cell sits at an **address** in memory

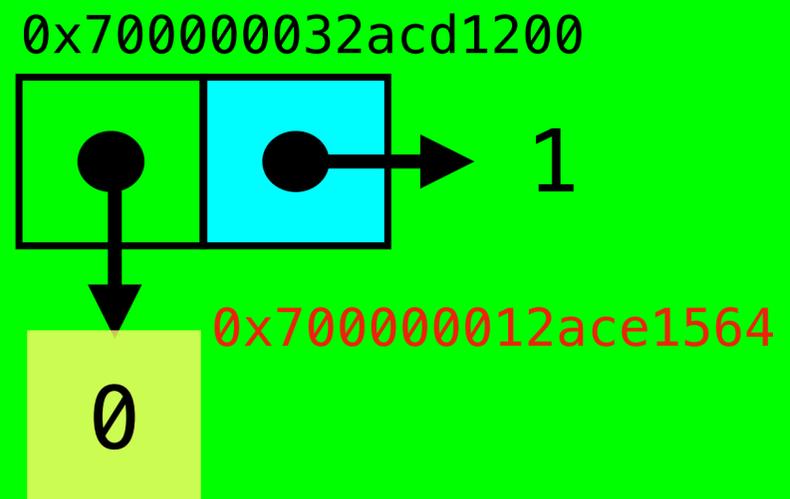
`(cdr (cons 0 1))` is `1`

`0x700000032acd1200`



In fact, numbers are **also** stored in memory locations.

They are thus said to be a “boxed” type



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(define x 23)
(displayln x)
(set! x 24)
(displayln x)
```

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Console output...  
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x **24**

x's value **changes** to 24

```
(define x (vector 1 2 3))  
(vector-set! x 1 0)  
x  
;; '#(1 0 3)
```

Vectors (similar to arrays) are mutable, and give  $O(1)$  indexing and updating

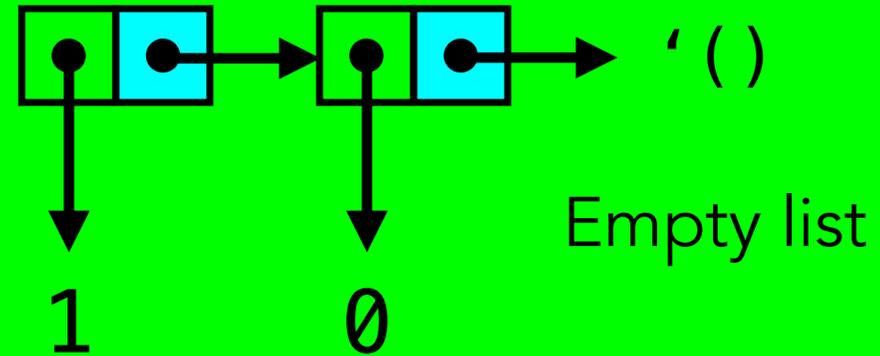
Unless we say otherwise, you should avoid using `set!`, any use will be at your own risk

Similarly, avoid `vector-set!`, `hash-set!`, ...

Using `set!` will, in CIS352, lead to hard-to-debug code that will make it much harder for instructors to understand your code

Pairs enable us to build **linked lists** of data

```
(cons 1 (cons 0 ' ()))
```



This is how Racket represents lists in memory

Note that in Racket, the following are equivalent

```
(cons 2 (cons 1 (cons 0 '())))  
'(2 1 0)
```

But the following is called an **improper list**

```
(cons 2 (cons 1 0))  
'(2 1 . 0)
```

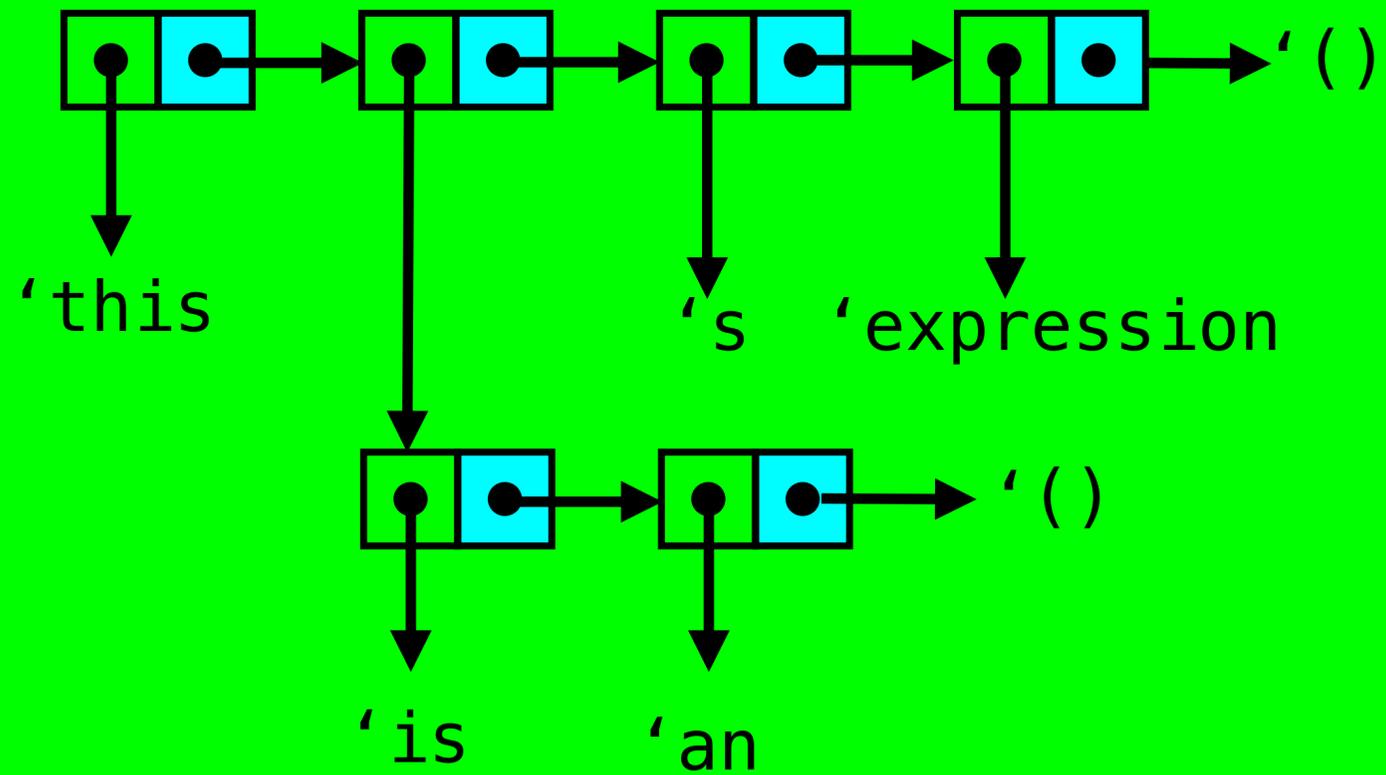
Dot indicates a cons cell of a left and right element

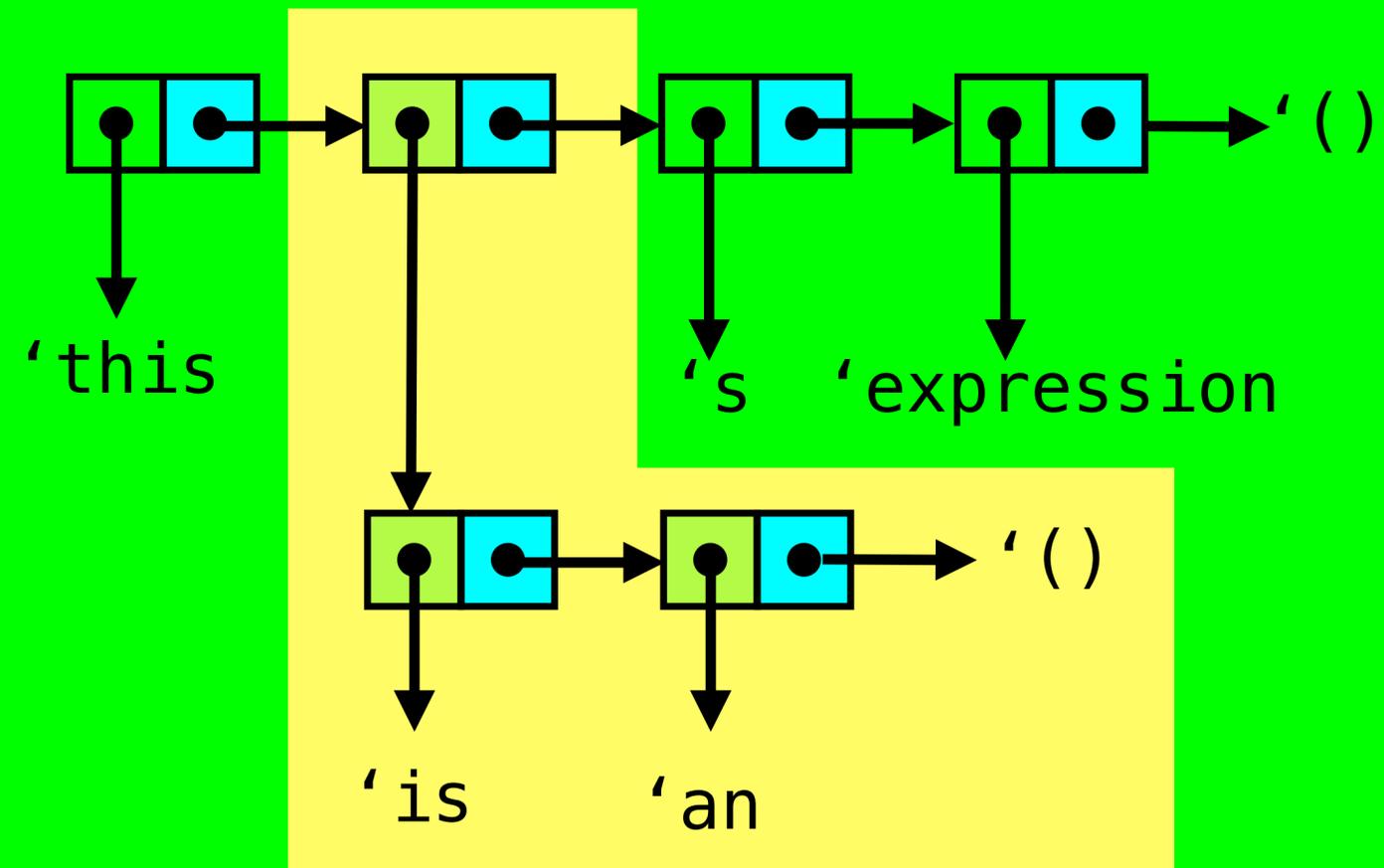
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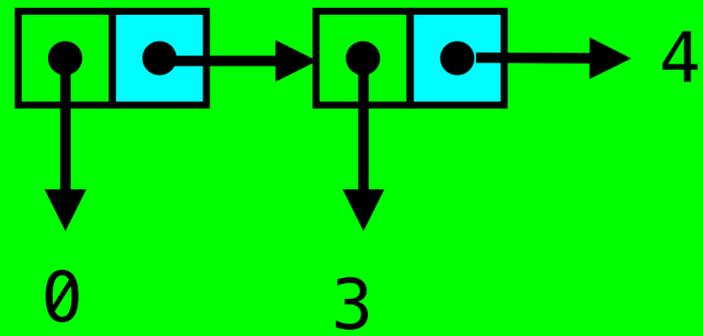




Draw the cons diagram for...

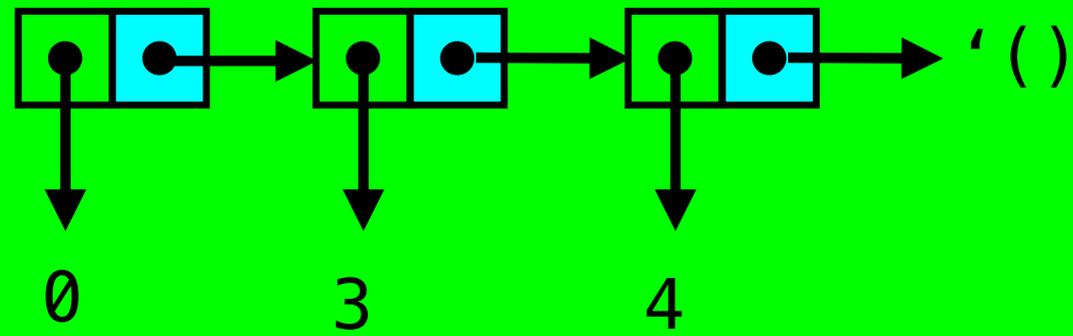
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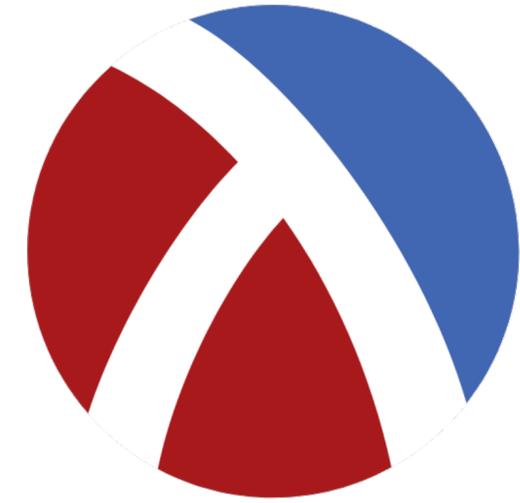
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This is *not* a list (an improper list)

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# Mapping over Lists

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# Quasiquoting and Pattern Matching

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- Racket **quasi-quotes** build S-expressions nicely
- ``(,x y 3)` is equivalent to `(list x 'y 3)`
  - I.e., Racket splices in values that are unquoted via `,`
  - `(quasiquote ...)`, or ``...`,` substitutes any sub-expr `e` with the return value of `e` within the quoted s-expression

- Works multiple list "levels" deep:
  - ``(square (point ,x0 ,y0) (point ,x1 ,y1))`
- Can unquote arbitrary expressions, not just references:
  - ``(point ,(+ 1 x0) ,(- 1 y0))`

## ***Exercise***

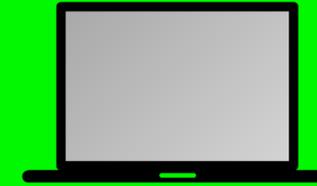


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Quasi-quotation:

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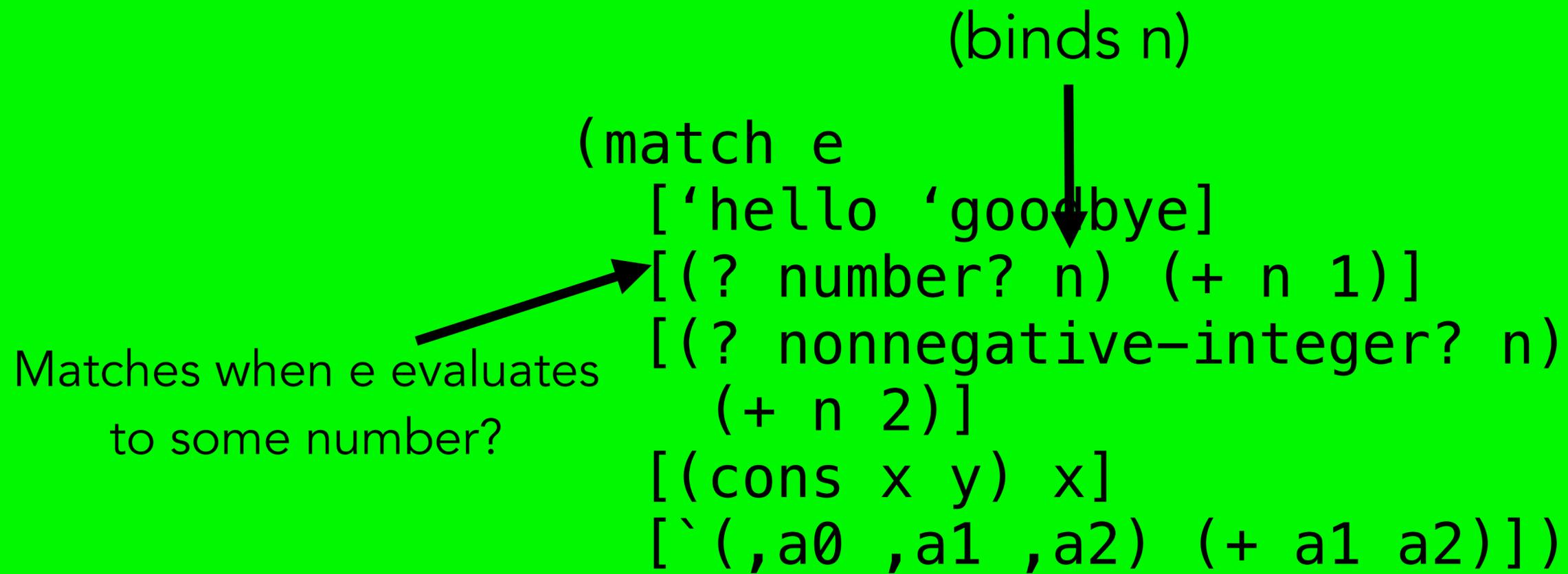
(define (mk-square pt0 pt1)
  `(square ,pt0 ,pt1))
```

- Racket also has **pattern matching**
  - `(match e [pat0 body0] [pat1 body1]...)`
- Evaluates `e` and then checks each **pattern**, in order
- Pattern can bind variables, body can use pattern variables

- Many patterns (check docs to learn various useful forms)
- Patterns checked in order, first matching body is executed
  - Later bodies won't be executed, **even if they also match!**
    - **Students make frequent mistakes on this!**
- E.g., 

```
(match '(1 2 3)
  [ `( ,a ,b) b]
  [ `( ,a . ,b) b]) ; returns '(2 3)
```

Matching a literal  $\longrightarrow$  (match e  
[ 'hello 'goodbye]  
[(? number? n) (+ n 1)]  
[(? nonnegative-integer? n)  
(+ n 2)]  
[(cons x y) x]  
[ `( ,a0 ,a1 ,a2) (+ a1 a2) ])



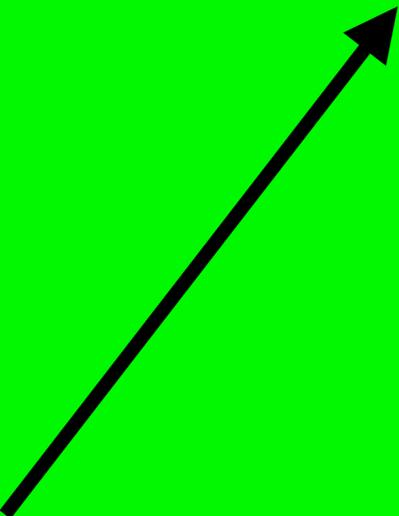
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```

Never matches!

Subsumed by previous case!

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```

Matches a cons cell, binds x and y



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  [(? nonnegative-integer? n)
   (+ n 2)]
  [(cons x y) x]
  [`(,a0 ,a1 ,a2) (+ a1 a2)])
```



Matches a list of length three

Binds first element as `a0`, second as `a1`, etc...

Called a "quasi-pattern"

Can also test predicates on bound vars:

```
`(, (? nonnegative-integer? x) ,(? positive? y))
```

```
(match e
  ['hello 'goodbye]
  [(? number? n) (+ n 1)]
  [(? nonnegative-integer? n)
   (+ n 2)]
  [(cons x y) x]
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  [_ 23])
```

Can also have a **default case** written via **wildcard** `_`

## Exercise



Define a function `foo` that returns:

- twice its argument, if its argument is a number?
- the first two elements of a list, if its argument is a list of length three, as a list
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    ...))
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### Answer (one of many)

```
(define (foo x)
  (match x
    [(? number? n) (* n 2)]
    [`(,a ,b ,_) `(,a ,b)]
    [_ "error"])))
```

Observe how quasipatterns and  
quasiquotes interact

- Using pattern matching, we can build **type predicates**
  - Predicates that specify data formats
- We will **frequently** use these in-lieu of static typing

```
(define (tree? t)
  (match t
    ['empty #t]
    [`(leaf ,v) #t]
    [`(binary ,(? tree?) ,(? tree?)) #t]
    ;; don't forget this!
    [_ #f]))
```

- We can use **define/contract** to specify dynamically-checked **contracts** on functions

```
(define/contract (tree-min t0)
  (-> tree? any/c)
  (match t
    ['empty (error "no min of empty tree")]
    [`(leaf ,v) v]
    [`(binary ,t0 ,t1) (tree-min t0)]))
```

```
> (tree-min '(binary (leaf 2) empty))
2
```

```
> (tree-min '(binary 2 empty))
. . tree-min: contract violation
  expected: tree?
  given: '(binary 2 empty)
  in: the 1st argument of
      (-> tree? any/c)
  contract from: (function tree-min)
  blaming: anonymous-module
    (assuming the contract is correct)
```

Squaring every element of a list

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**Recursive case** next recurs on the list's tail (cdr lst)

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```

**Recursive case** finally extends the new tail list

Squaring every element of a list

```
(define (map f lst)
  (if (null? lst)
      '()
      (cons (f (car lst))
            (map f (cdr lst)))))
```

```
(define (square-list-values lst)
  (map (lambda (x) (* x x)) lst))
```

**map** takes a  
(unary) function  
and list

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We can write the def of map in just one line!

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## Exercise



Write an implementation of `andmap`, such that:

```
> (andmap list? '((1 2) () (3)))  
#t  
> (andmap list? '((1 . 2) ()))  
#f  
> (andmap list? '(1 2 3))  
#f
```

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(define andmap
  (lambda (p? lst)
    (if (null? lst)
        #t
        (and (p? (car lst))
              (andmap p? (cdr lst))))))
```

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# Tail Calls and Tail Recursion

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# Practicing Tail Recursion

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$((\lambda x. x) ((\lambda y. y) 5))$

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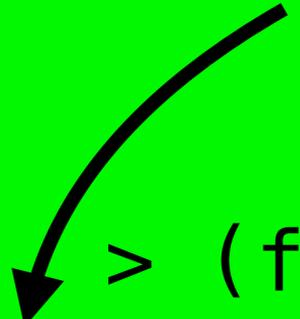
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```

Copy defn, substitute for argument n

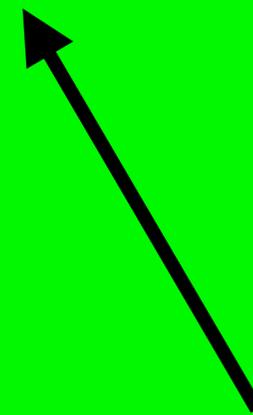
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= (* 2 (factorial 1))
= (* 2 (if ...))
```

```
...
= (* 2 (if (= 2 0)
           1
           (* n (factorial (sub1 2)))))
= (* 2 (factorial 1))
= ...
= (* 2 (* 1 1))
= (* 2 1)
= 2
```



Notice we're building a big stack of calls to \*

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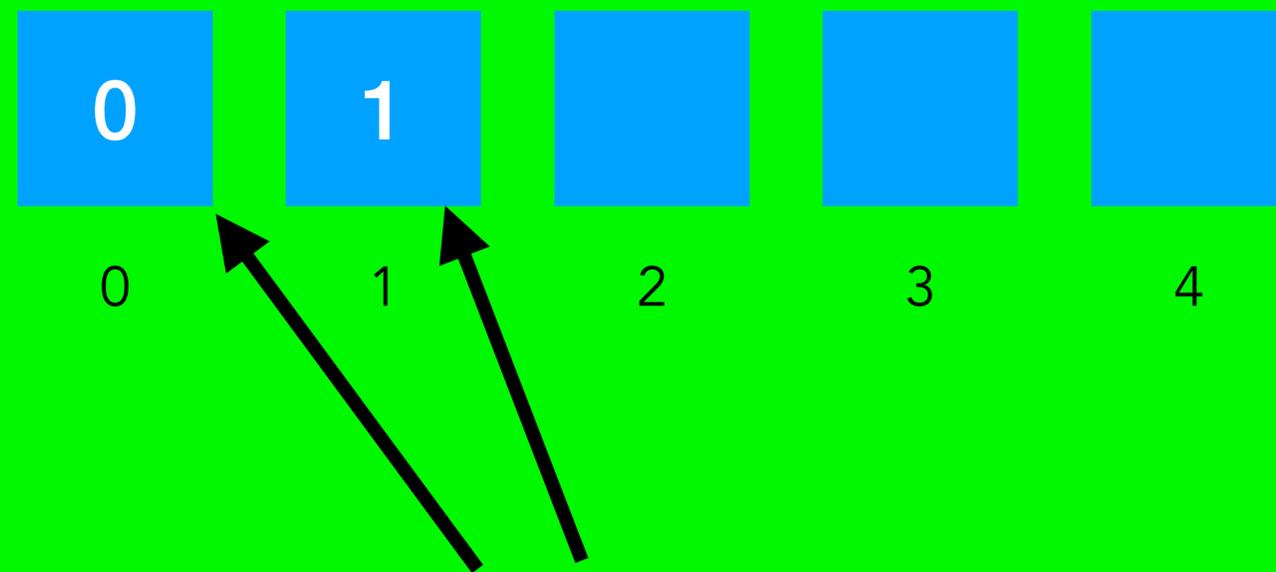
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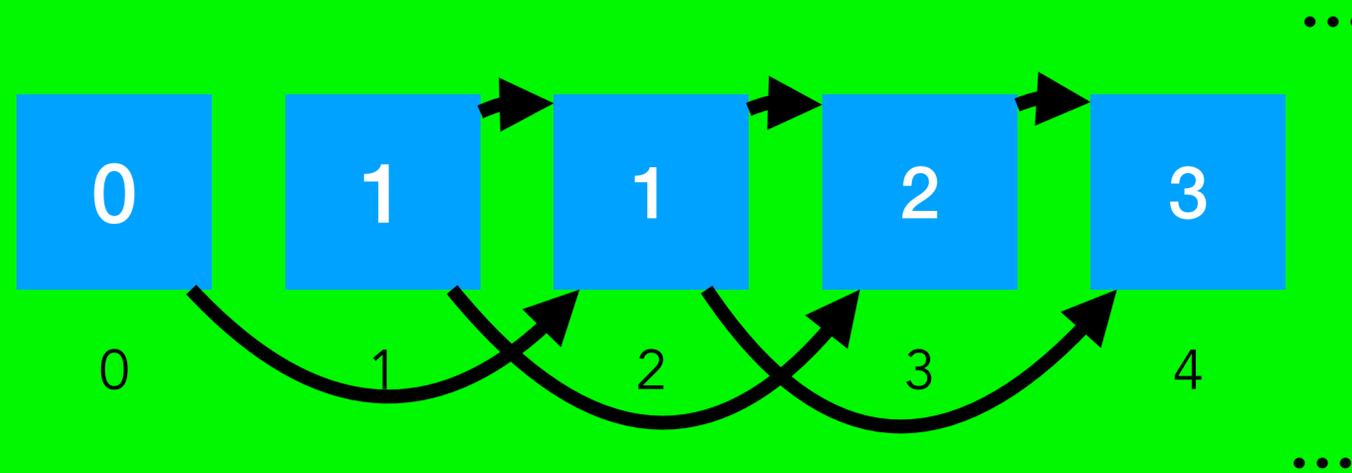
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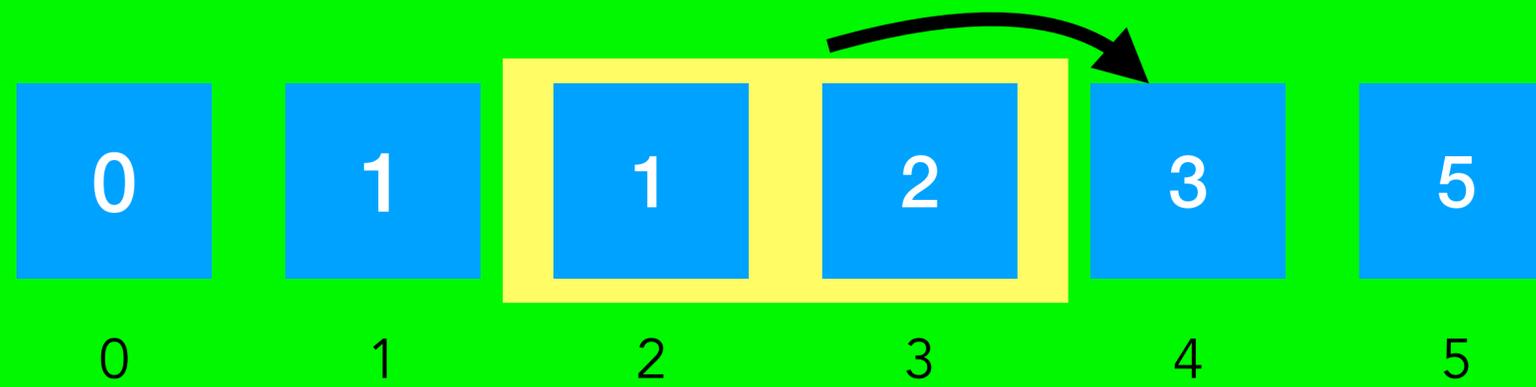


Start with first two, then build up

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Key idea: only need to look at **two most recent** numbers



## Accumulate via arguments

```
(define (fib-h i n0 n1)
  (if (= i 0)
      n0
      (fib-h (- i 1) n1 (+ n0 n1))))

(define (fib n) (fib-h n 0 1))
```

## Exercise



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**Question:** what is the runtime complexity of `fib`?

## Exercise



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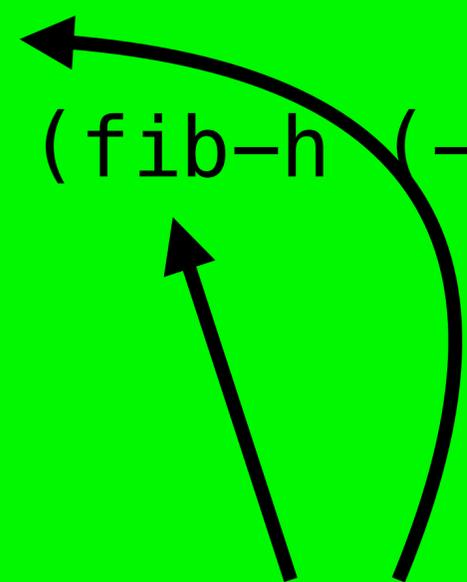
**Answer:**  $O(n)$ , fib-helper runs from  $n$  to  $0$

Consider how `fib-h` executes

```
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      n0
      (fib-h (- i 1) n1 (+ n0 n1))))
```

```
(define (fib n) (fib-h n 0 1))
```

```
(fib-helper 3 0 1)
= (if (= 3 0) 0 (fib-h (- 3 1) 1 (+ 0 1)))
= ...
= (fib-h 2 1 1) ←
= (if (= 2 0) 1 (fib-h (- 2 1) 1 (+ 1 1)))
= ...
= (fib-h 1 1 2) ←
```



Notice that we don't get the "stacking" behavior:  
recursive calls don't grow the stack

This is because `fib-h` is **tail recursive**

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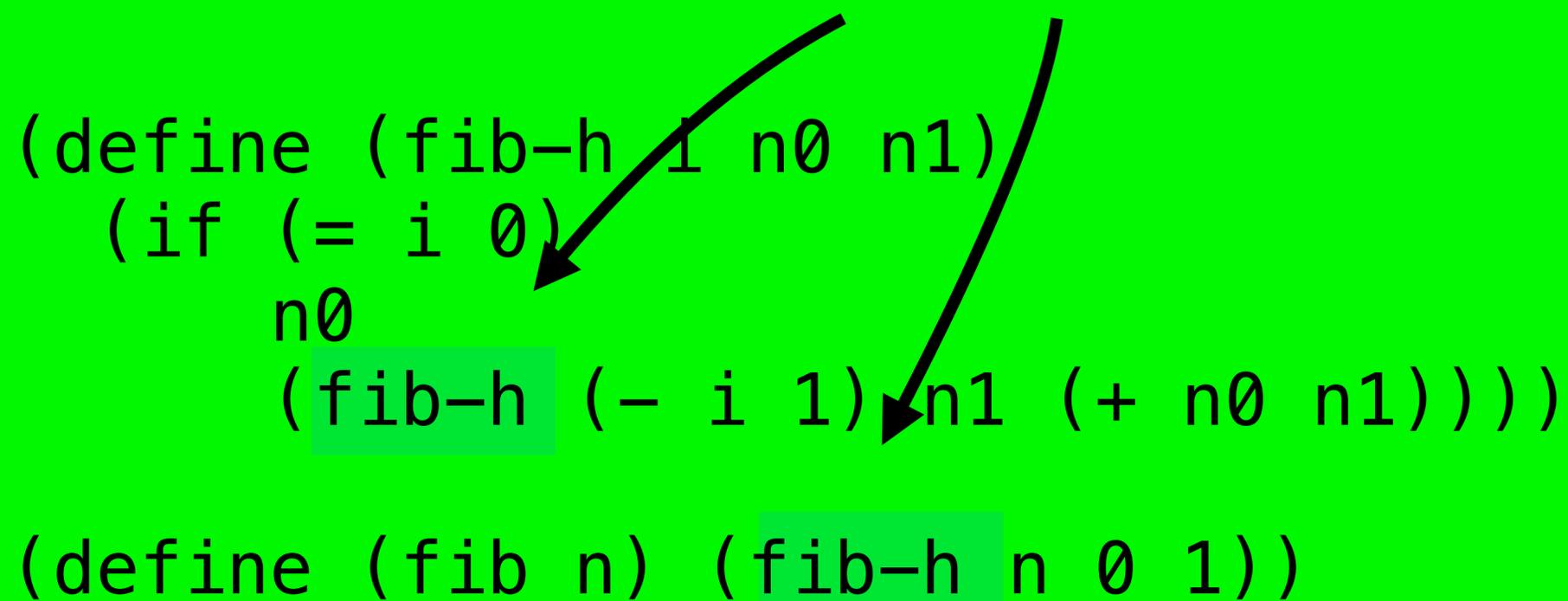
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Both of these are tail calls

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Which of the following is tail recursive?

```
(define (length-0 l)
  (if (null? l)
      0
      (+ 1 (length-0 (cdr l)))))
```

```
(define (length-1 l n)
  (if (null? l)
      n
      (length-1 (cdr l) (+ n 1))))
```



## Answer

```
(define (length-0 l)
  (if (null? l)
      0
      (+ 1 (length-0 (cdr l)))))
```

**Not tail recursive**  
**Adds (+ 1 \_) operation to stack**

```
(define (length-1 l n)
  (if (null? l)
      n
      (length-1 (cdr l) (+ n 1))))
```

**Is tail recursive!**  
**Call to length-1 in tail position**

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# Folding over Lists

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```
(define (filter f l)
  (match l
    ['() '()]
    [(,hd . ,tl)
     (if (f hd)
         (cons hd (filter f tl))
         (filter f tl))]))
```

What do all these functions have in common?

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(define (list-product l)
  (match l
    ['() 1]
    [`(,hd . ,tl) (* hd (list-product tl))]))
```

```
(define (sum-list l)
  (match l
    ['() 0]
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```

```
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  (match l
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```

Each matches on the list

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```

```
(define (filter f l)
  (match l
    ['() '()]
    [`(,hd . ,tl)
     (if (f hd) (cons hd (filter f tl)) (filter f tl))]))
```

Each returns an **initial** value

```
(define (list-product l)
  (match l
    ['() 1]
    [`(,hd . ,tl) (* hd (list-product tl))]))
```

```
(define (sum-list l)
  (match l
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Each of them makes a recursive call and then **combines**  
**the result with hd**

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```

Let's think about how sum-list operates over lists...

```
(define (sum-list l)
  (match l
    ['() 0]
    [`(,hd . ,tl) (+ hd (sum-list tl))]))

(sum-list (cons 1 (cons 2 '())))
... => (+ 1 (+ 2 0))
```

You can think of this as replacing cons with + and '() with 0

Now let's look at list-product

```
(define (list-product l)
  (match l
    ['() 1]
    [`(,hd . ,tl) (* hd (list-product tl))]))

(list-product (cons 1 (cons 2 '())))
... => (* 1 (* 2 1))
```

You can think of **this** as replacing cons with \* and '() with 1

```
(fold f i      (cons 1 (cons 2 '())))  
... => (f      1 (f      2 i))
```

Folds abstract this common pattern:

- Iterating over list to **accumulate** some result
- Some **default** or **initial** value to handle empty list
- Some two-argument **reducer** function
  - Combines first element w/ processed tail

```
(define (fold reducer init lst)
  (match lst
    ['() init]
    [`(,hd . ,tl)
     (reducer hd (fold reducer init tl))]))
```

## ***Exercise***



Use fold to write sum-list

```
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    [(,hd . ,tl)
     (reducer hd (fold reducer init tl))]))
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## ***Exercise***



Use fold to write filter-list

```
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  (match lst
    ['() init]
    [(,hd . ,tl)
     (reducer hd (fold reducer init tl))]))
```

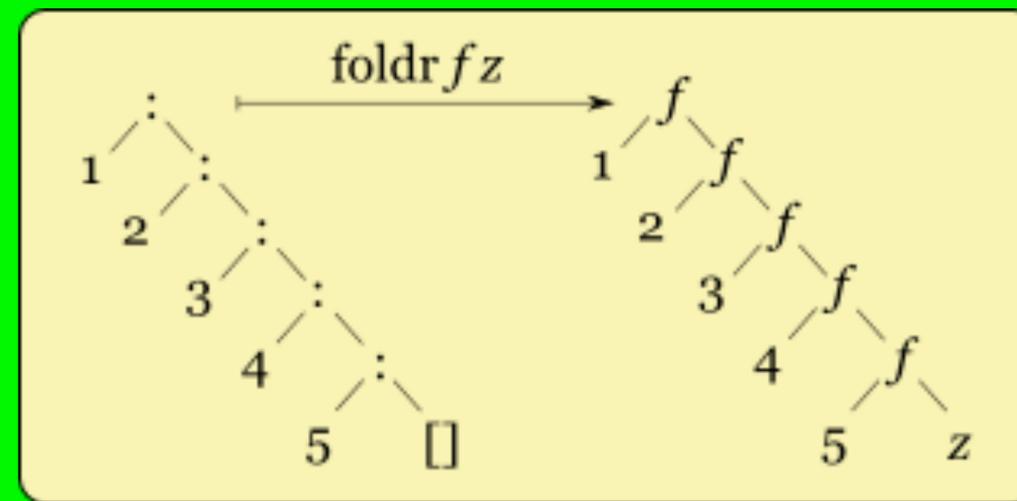
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```
(define (foldr reducer init lst)
  (match lst
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```

Traditionally this is called a “right” fold because it bottoms out at the end (right side) of the list, and reconstructs back up.

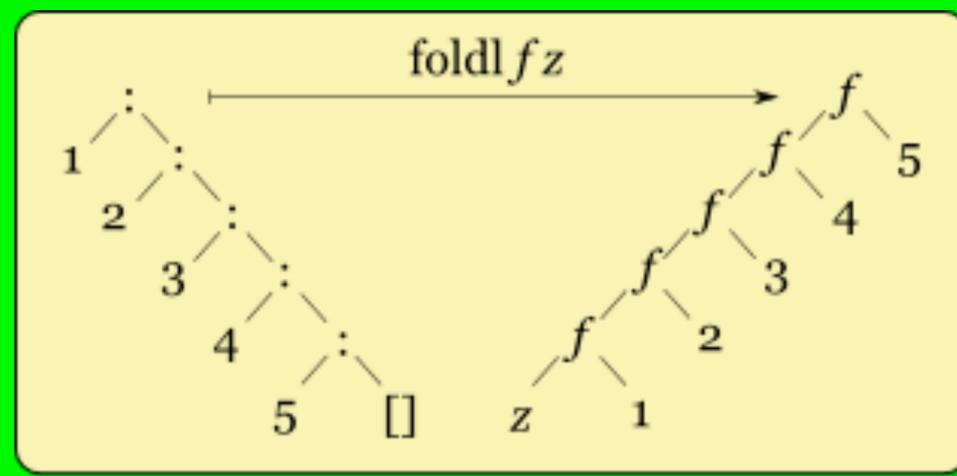


\* Diagram from the Haskell wiki

We can also write a **tail-recursive** version of fold by swapping the argument order to reducer

```
(define (foldl reducer acc lst)
  (match lst
    ['() acc]
    [`(,hd . ,tl)
     (fold reducer (reducer hd acc) tl)]))
```

This is called a **left fold** because it “starts” from the left (reducer will be called on first element w/ the “zero”)



\* Diagram from the Haskell wiki

## *Exercise*



Use foldl to write reverse

```
(define (foldl reducer acc lst)
  (match lst
    ['() acc]
    [(,hd . ,tl)
     (fold reducer (reducer hd acc) tl)]))
```

Biggest takeaways for you:

- Consider using fold when possible
- Use Racket's foldl or foldr
  - Mostly the same, but process list differently
- You need a two argument **reducer** function
- You need an **initial value**

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**Interpreting**

**IfArith**

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Today, we're going to start building our **own** languages

We're going to do this by writing **interpreters**

To build a programming language, we need two things:

A **syntax** for the language (and the ability to **parse** it)

A **semantics** for the language. Typically either an **interpreter** or a **compiler**

For this class, all of our programs are going to be written as Racket datums

We specify syntax via a predicate that uses pattern matching

This means we can just write programs in our language just by building data in Racket

Here is the first language we will define:

```
(define (expr? e)
  (match e
    [(? integer? n) #t]
    [`(plus ,(? expr? e0) ,(? expr? e1)) #t]
    [`(div ,(? expr? e0) ,(? expr? e1)) #t]
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```

"Any integer is a program in our language."

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    [_ #f]))
```

"If e0 is an expression in our language, and e1 is an expression in our language, `(plus ,e0 ,e1) is, too."

```
(define (expr? e)
  (match e
    [(? integer? n) #t]
    [`(plus ,(? expr? e0) ,(? expr? e1)) #t]
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    [_ #f]))
```

Here are some example expressions:

```
'(plus 1 (div 2 3))
'(if 0 (plus 1 2) (div 2 2))
'(if 0 (plus 1 (div 2 3)) (if 1 (plus 2 3) 0))
```

## IMPORTANT NOTE

We are defining a **new language** by **using** Racket. But our language is **not** Racket. In Racket, booleans are `#t` and `#f`. In **our** language, we will use `0` to represent false and non-`0` to represent true (as in C).

## Again, because this is confusing

When writing interpreters, always be careful to mentally separate the **language you are defining** and the language you are using to build the interpreter (Racket).

This can become confusing as the languages we build will “look like” Racket. Try to be mindful.

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```
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```

```
(define/contract (evaluate e)  
  (-> expr? value?)  
  'todo)
```

What should the following return...?

Remember, this is our own **new language we are defining, not necessarily Racket**

```
(evaluate '(plus 1 2))
```

```
=> 3
```

```
(evaluate '(if 0 (plus 1 2) (div 2 2)))
```

```
=> 'todo
```

```
(evaluate '(if 1 (div 4 3) (plus 1 -1)))
```

```
=> 'todo
```

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```

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```
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```

=> 1

```
(evaluate '(if 1 (div 4 3) (plus 1 -1)))
```

=> 4/3

Now, let's build **evaluate** ourselves

In this lecture, we built a **metacircular** interpreter

### Important Definition

A metacircular interpreter is an interpreter which uses features of a “host” language to define the semantics of a “target” language

Which features of Racket did we use to define our language...?

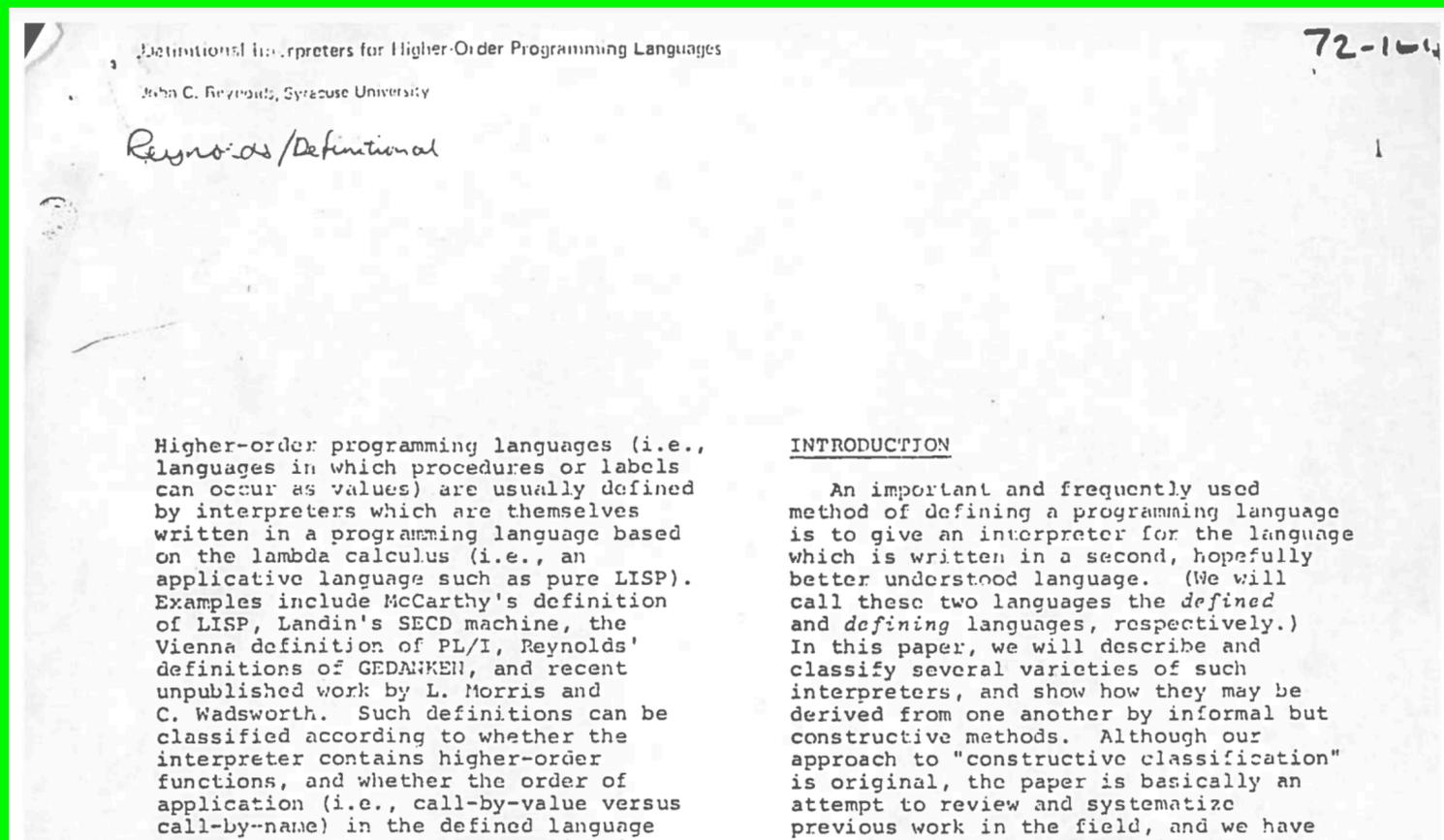
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     (+ (evaluate e0) (evaluate e1))]
    ...
  ))
```

Notice how we **inherit** the definition of + from Racket

John Reynolds introduced metacircular interpreters in 1978. One key idea: metacircular interpreters inherit properties of their host language!



Note: our interpreter is **direct-style**, it is **not** tail recursive

```
(define (evaluate e)
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    [(? integer? n) n]
    [ `(plus ,(? expr? e0) ,(? expr? e1))
      (+ (evaluate e0) (evaluate e1))]
    ...
  )
)
```



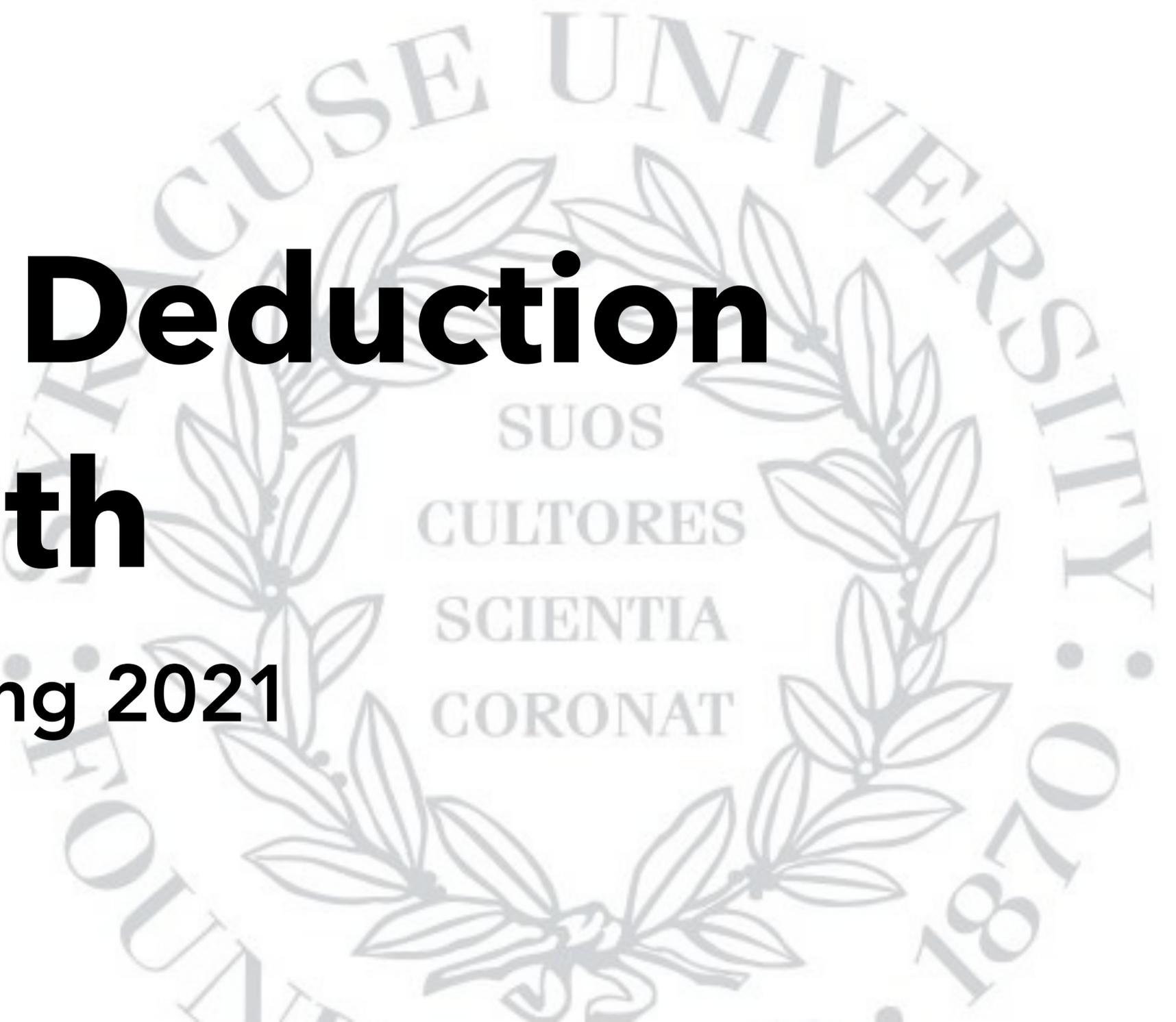
This means we are relying on Racket's **stack** as well  
We will later see how to eliminate the need for this

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# **Natural Deduction for IfArith**

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In this lecture, we'll introduce **natural deduction**

Natural deduction is a mathematical formalism that helps ground the ideas in metacircular interpreters

Natural deduction first used in mathematical logic, to specify **proofs** using inductive data

We will use natural deduction as a framework for specifying semantics of various languages throughout the course

| Introduction Rules                                                                           | Elimination Rules                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $\frac{\overline{u}}{\vdash^N A} \vdots \frac{\vdash^N B}{\vdash^N A \supset B} \supset I^u$ | $\frac{\vdash^N A \supset B \quad \vdash^N A}{\vdash^N B} \supset E$ |
| $\frac{\overline{u}}{\vdash^N A} \vdots \frac{\vdash^N p}{\vdash^N \neg A} \neg I^{p,u}$     | $\frac{\vdash^N \neg A \quad \vdash^N A}{\vdash^N C} \neg E$         |
| $\frac{\vdash^N [a/x]A}{\vdash^N \forall x.A} \forall I^a$                                   | $\frac{\vdash^N \forall x.A}{\vdash^N A} \forall E$                  |

When we specify the semantics of a language using natural deduction, we give its semantics via a set of **inference rules**

Rules read: if the thing on the **top** is true, then the thing on the **bottom** is also true.

This rule says: "if  $c$  is an integer  
(mathematically:  $c \in \mathbb{Q}$ ), then  $c$  evaluates to  $c$ ."

$$\mathbf{Const} : \frac{c \in \mathbb{Q}}{c \Downarrow c}$$

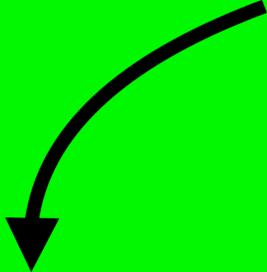
**Note:** the notation  $e \Downarrow v$  is read "e evaluates to v."

Some rules will have more than one **antecedent** (thing on the top).

You read these: “if the first thing, and second thing, and ... are **all** true, then the thing on the bottom is true.”

$$\mathbf{Plus} : \frac{e_0 \Downarrow n_0 \quad e_1 \Downarrow n_1 \quad n' = n_0 + n_1}{(\text{plus } e_0 \ e_1) \Downarrow n'}$$

"If  $e_0 \Downarrow n_0$ , and  $e_1 \Downarrow n_1$ , and  $n' = n_0 + n_1$ , then I can say  
(plus  $e_0 e_1$ )  $\Downarrow n'$ ."



**Plus :**  $\frac{e_0 \Downarrow n_0 \quad e_1 \Downarrow n_1 \quad n' = n_0 + n_1}{(\text{plus } e_0 e_1) \Downarrow n'}$

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$$\mathbf{Div} : \frac{e_0 \Downarrow n_0 \quad e_1 \Downarrow n_1 \quad n' = n_0/n_1}{(\text{div } e_0 \ e_1) \Downarrow n'}$$

The natural deduction rule for **div** is similar

$$\mathbf{Const} : \frac{c \in \mathbb{Q}}{c \Downarrow c} \quad \mathbf{Plus} : \frac{e_0 \Downarrow n_0 \quad e_1 \Downarrow n_1 \quad n' = n_0 + n_1}{(\text{plus } e_0 \ e_1) \Downarrow n'}$$

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$$\mathbf{Not}_0 : \frac{e \Downarrow 0}{(\text{not } e) \Downarrow 1} \quad \mathbf{Not}_1 : \frac{e \Downarrow n \quad n \neq 0}{(\text{not } e) \Downarrow 0}$$

We have **two** rules for not

## Natural Deduction Rules for IfArith

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Question: Now that we have the rules, what can we do with them?

Answer: Use them to **formally prove** that some program calculates some result

Let's say I want to prove that the following program evaluates to 4:

```
(if (plus 1 -1) 3 4)
```

What rule could go here..?

$$\frac{???}{(\text{if } (\text{plus } 1 \text{ } - 1) 3 4) \Downarrow 4}$$

$$\mathbf{If}_T : \frac{e_0 \Downarrow n \quad n \neq 0 \quad e_1 \Downarrow n'}{(\text{if } e_0 \ e_1 \ e_2) \Downarrow n'} \quad \mathbf{If}_F : \frac{e_0 \Downarrow 0 \quad e_2 \Downarrow n'}{(\text{if } e_0 \ e_1 \ e_2) \Downarrow n'}$$

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???

$$\frac{\quad}{(\text{if } (\text{plus } 1 \ - 1) \ 3 \ 4) \Downarrow 4}$$

To apply a natural-deduction rule,  
we must perform **unification**

**There can be no variables in the  
resulting unification!**

$$\mathbf{If}_F : \frac{e_0 \Downarrow 0 \quad e_2 \Downarrow n'}{(\text{if } e_0 \ e_1 \ e_2) \Downarrow n'}$$

$$\frac{(\text{plus } 1 \ -1) \Downarrow 0 \qquad 4 \Downarrow 4}{(\text{if } (\text{plus } 1 \ -1) \ 3 \ 4) \Downarrow 4}$$

We perform unification:

$e_0$ : (plus 1 -1),  $e_1$ : 3

$e_2$ : 4,  $n'$ : 4

Not done yet, now we have to prove  
**these** things

$$\frac{(\text{plus } 1 \text{ } - 1) \Downarrow 0 \quad 4 \Downarrow 4}{(\text{if } (\text{plus } 1 \text{ } - 1) \text{ } 3 \text{ } 4) \Downarrow 4}$$

Why can we say  $4 \Downarrow 4$ ? Because of the **Const** rule

$$\frac{(\text{plus } 1 \text{ } - 1) \Downarrow 0 \quad \frac{4 \in \mathbb{Q}}{4 \Downarrow 4}}{(\text{if } (\text{plus } 1 \text{ } - 1) \text{ } 3 \text{ } 4) \Downarrow 4}$$

We're not done yet, because **plus** requires an antecedent:

$$\mathbf{Plus} : \frac{e_0 \Downarrow n_0 \quad e_1 \Downarrow n_1 \quad n' = n_0 + n_1}{(\text{plus } e_0 \ e_1) \Downarrow n'}$$

$$\frac{(\text{plus } 1 \ - \ 1) \Downarrow 0 \quad \frac{4 \in \mathbb{Q}}{4 \Downarrow 4}}{(\text{if } (\text{plus } 1 \ - \ 1) \ 3 \ 4) \Downarrow 4}$$

But we're **still** not done, because we need to finish these three

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1 \Downarrow 1 \quad -1 \Downarrow -1 \quad 1 + -1 = 0 \\
 \hline
 \text{(plus } 1 - 1) \Downarrow 0 \\
 \hline
 \text{(if (plus } 1 - 1) 3 4) \Downarrow 4
 \end{array}
 \qquad
 \begin{array}{r}
 4 \in \mathbb{Q} \\
 \hline
 4 \Downarrow 4
 \end{array}$$

Things that are simply true from algebra require no antecedents, we take them as "axioms."

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{1 \in \mathbb{Q}}{1 \Downarrow 1} \quad \frac{-1 \in \mathbb{Q}}{-1 \Downarrow -1} \quad \frac{}{1 + -1 = 0}}{\text{(plus } 1 - 1) \Downarrow 0} \quad \frac{4 \in \mathbb{Q}}{4 \Downarrow 4} \\
 \hline
 \text{(if (plus } 1 - 1) 3 4) \Downarrow 4
 \end{array}$$

This is a complete proof that the program computes 4

$$\frac{\frac{1 \in \mathbb{Q}}{1 \Downarrow 1} \quad \frac{-1 \in \mathbb{Q}}{-1 \Downarrow -1} \quad \frac{}{1 + -1 = 0}}{\text{(plus 1 - 1) } \Downarrow 0} \quad \frac{4 \in \mathbb{Q}}{4 \Downarrow 4}$$


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$$\text{(if (plus 1 - 1) 3 4) } \Downarrow 4$$

Question: could you write this proof..? What would happen if you tried...?

$$\frac{???}{(\text{if } (\text{plus } 1 \text{ } - 1) 3 4 \Downarrow 3)}$$

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$$\frac{\quad}{(\text{if (plus 1 - 1) 3 4) } \Downarrow 3}$$

Answer: you **can't** write this proof, because IfT will only let you evaluate e1 when e0 is non-0!

$$\frac{???}{(\text{plus } (\text{plus } 0 \ 1) \ 2) \Downarrow 3}$$

$$\frac{???}{(\text{if } 1 \ (\text{div } 1 \ 1) \ 2) \Downarrow 1}$$

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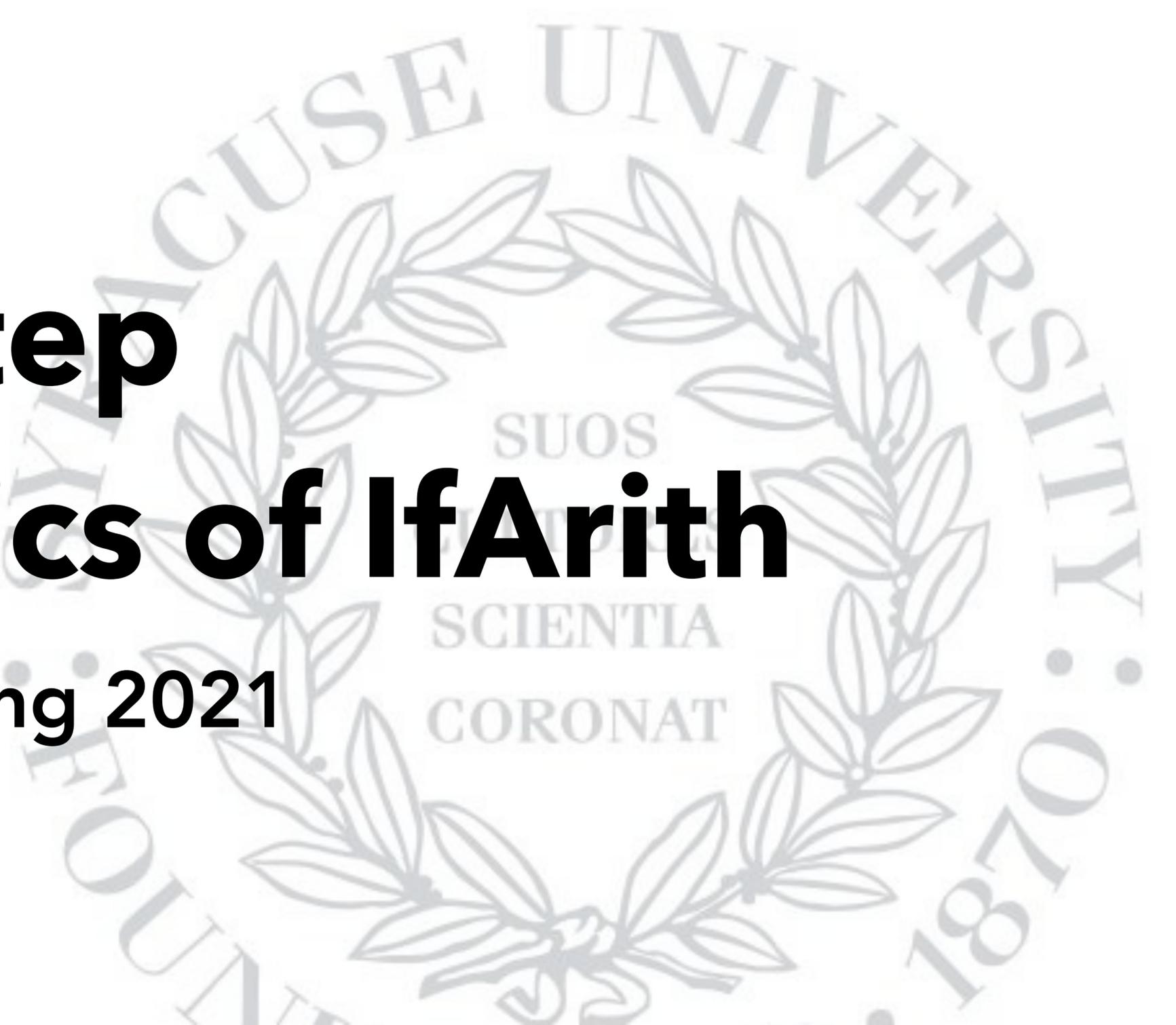
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# **Small-Step Semantics of IfArith**

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**Code in the description!**

Last Week: Defined **Big-Step** semantics for IfArith

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Two different, but similar, formulations:

- Metacircular Interpreter in Racket
- Natural Deduction

The metacircular interpreter is our  
“implementation” of natural deduction

```

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  (match e
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     (+ (evaluate e0) (evaluate e1))]
    [`(div ,(? expr? e0) ,(? expr? e1))
     (/ (evaluate e0) (evaluate e1))]
    [`(not ,(? expr? e-guard))
     (if (= (evaluate e-guard) 0) 1 0)]
    [`(if ,(? expr? e0) ,(? expr? e1) ,(? expr? e2))
     (if (equal? 0 (evaluate e0)) (evaluate e2) (evaluate e1))]
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```

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$$\mathbf{Not}_0 : \frac{e \Downarrow 0}{(\text{not } e) \Downarrow 1} \quad \mathbf{Not}_1 : \frac{e \Downarrow n \quad n \neq 0}{(\text{not } e) \Downarrow 0}$$

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```

(define (evaluate e)
  (match e
    [(? integer? n) n]
    [(` (plus ,(? expr? e0) ,(? expr? e1))
     (+ (evaluate e0) (evaluate e1))]
    [(` (div ,(? expr? e0) ,(? expr? e1))
     (/ (evaluate e0) (evaluate e1))]
    [(` (not ,(? expr? e-guard))
     (if (= (evaluate e-guard) 0) 1 0)]
    [(` (if ,(? expr? e0) ,(? expr? e1) ,(? expr? e2))
     (if (equal? 0 (evaluate e0)) (evaluate e2) (evaluate e1))]
    [_ "unexpected input"]))

```

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This week we'll be looking at **small-step** interpreters

Implement and formalize **textual reduction**

Small-step interpreters specify execution as a sequence of **steps**, where each step makes only a small, local computation

```
(div (plus 2 2) (plus 3 -1))  
→ (div 4 (plus 3 -1))  
→ (div 4 2)  
→ 2
```

We will define the rules precisely in a few slides...

This allows us to reason about, and implement, control over execution in a fine-grained way at each step.

```
(div (plus 2 2) (plus 3 -1))  
→ (div 4 (plus 3 -1))  
→ (div 4 2)  
→ 2
```

Allows us to reason about traces of the program more easily. Useful for things like...

- Reasoning about finite prefix of infinitely-looping programs (servers)
- Temporal properties of the program (data-race freedom, etc...)

Our job is to define this step function / operator,  
written mathematically as  $e_0 \rightarrow e_1$

```
(div (plus 2 2) (plus 3 -1))  
→ (div 4 (plus 3 -1))  
→ (div 4 2)  
→ 2
```

First observation: can only take a step when both arguments to plus / div are **values**

```
(div (plus 2 2) (plus 3 -1))  
→ (div 4 (plus 3 -1))  
→ (div 4 2)  
→ 2
```

We can immediately evaluate `(plus 2 2)` to 4, and then to step the whole expression, we substitute 4 in place of `(plus 2 2)`

```
(div (plus 2 2) (plus 3 -1))  
→ (div 4 (plus 3 -1))  
→ (div 4 2)  
→ 2
```

We first identify a **redex** ("reducible expression")

Now two rules (so far)

- Immediately reduce plus/div when args are values
- When  $e_0$  or  $e_1$  is **not** a value, reduce one of them and replace it

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(div (plus 2 2) (plus 3 -1))  
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→ (div 4 2)  
→ 2
```

- Immediately reduce plus/div when args are values

Let's translate this into the natural deduction style..

By the way, in this lecture we are defining a **new set of rules** for the small-step semantics, which I will call **SmallfArith**

These rules are **separate** from the rules for **IfArith**

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$$\mathbf{StepPlus} \frac{n_0 \in \mathbb{Q} \quad n_1 \in \mathbb{Q} \quad n' = n_0 + n_1}{(\text{plus } n_0 \ n_1) \rightarrow n'}$$

“When  $e_0$  or  $e_1$  is **not** a value, reduce one of them and replace it”

$$\mathbf{PlusLeft} \frac{e_0 \rightarrow e'}{(\text{plus } e_0 \ e_1) \rightarrow (\text{plus } e' \ e_1)}$$

$$\mathbf{PlusRight} \frac{e_1 \rightarrow e'}{(\text{plus } n \ e_1) \rightarrow (\text{plus } n \ e')}$$

The  $n$  here is a bit crucial: it adds determinism to our semantics!

“When  $e_0$  or  $e_1$  is **not** a value, reduce one of them and replace it”

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“To process  $(\text{plus } e_0 \ e_1)$ , first check if  $e_0$  is a value. If it is, then check if  $e_1$  is a value. If both are, perform the addition.”

“When  $e_0$  or  $e_1$  is **not** a value, reduce one of them and replace it”

$$\mathbf{StepPlus} \frac{n_0 \in \mathbb{Q} \quad n_1 \in \mathbb{Q} \quad n' = n_0 + n_1}{(\text{plus } n_0 \ n_1) \rightarrow n'}$$

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These are the three cases you need to consider for +

Very similar operation for division...

$$\mathbf{StepDiv} \frac{n_0 \in \mathbb{Q} \quad n_1 \in \mathbb{Q} \quad n' = n_0/n_1}{(\text{div } n_0 \ n_1) \rightarrow n'}$$

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What would happen if we did this instead...?

Semantics would be **nondeterministic**

$((\text{plus } 1 \ 2) \ (\text{plus } 2 \ 2)) \rightarrow (\text{plus } (\text{plus } 1 \ 2) \ 4)$

$((\text{plus } 1 \ 2) \ (\text{plus } 2 \ 2)) \rightarrow (\text{plus } 3 \ (\text{plus } 2 \ 2))$

$$\mathbf{PlusLeft} \frac{e_0 \rightarrow e'}{(plus\ e_0\ e_1) \rightarrow (plus\ e'\ e_1)}$$

$$\mathbf{PlusRight} \frac{e_1 \rightarrow e'}{(plus\ e_0\ e_1) \rightarrow (plus\ e_0\ e')}$$

This will manifest by complicating our definition of step

```
(define/contract (step e)
  (expr? -> expr?)
  ...)
```

We would need instead...

```
(define/contract (step e)
  (expr? -> (listof expr?))
  ...)
```

What about not..?

$$\mathbf{StepNot}_0 \frac{n \neq 0}{(\text{not } n) \rightarrow 0}$$

$$\mathbf{StepNot}_1 \frac{n = 0}{(\text{not } n) \rightarrow 1}$$

$$\mathbf{StepNot} \frac{e \rightarrow e'}{(\text{not } e) \rightarrow (\text{not } e')}$$

Finally, if...

$$\mathbf{If}_T \frac{n \neq 0}{(\text{if } n \ e_1 \ e_2) \rightarrow e_1}$$

$$\mathbf{If}_F \frac{n = 0}{(\text{if } n \ e_1 \ e_2) \rightarrow e_2}$$

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So many rules! Rules are overly complicated: next lecture we will refactor them to be more attractive...

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One very important omission: there is **no defined step** for values!

These rules only tell us how to step expressions. We need to keep doing that (in a loop) until we reach a value.

Now that we have the rules, let's code them up as a small-step interpreter

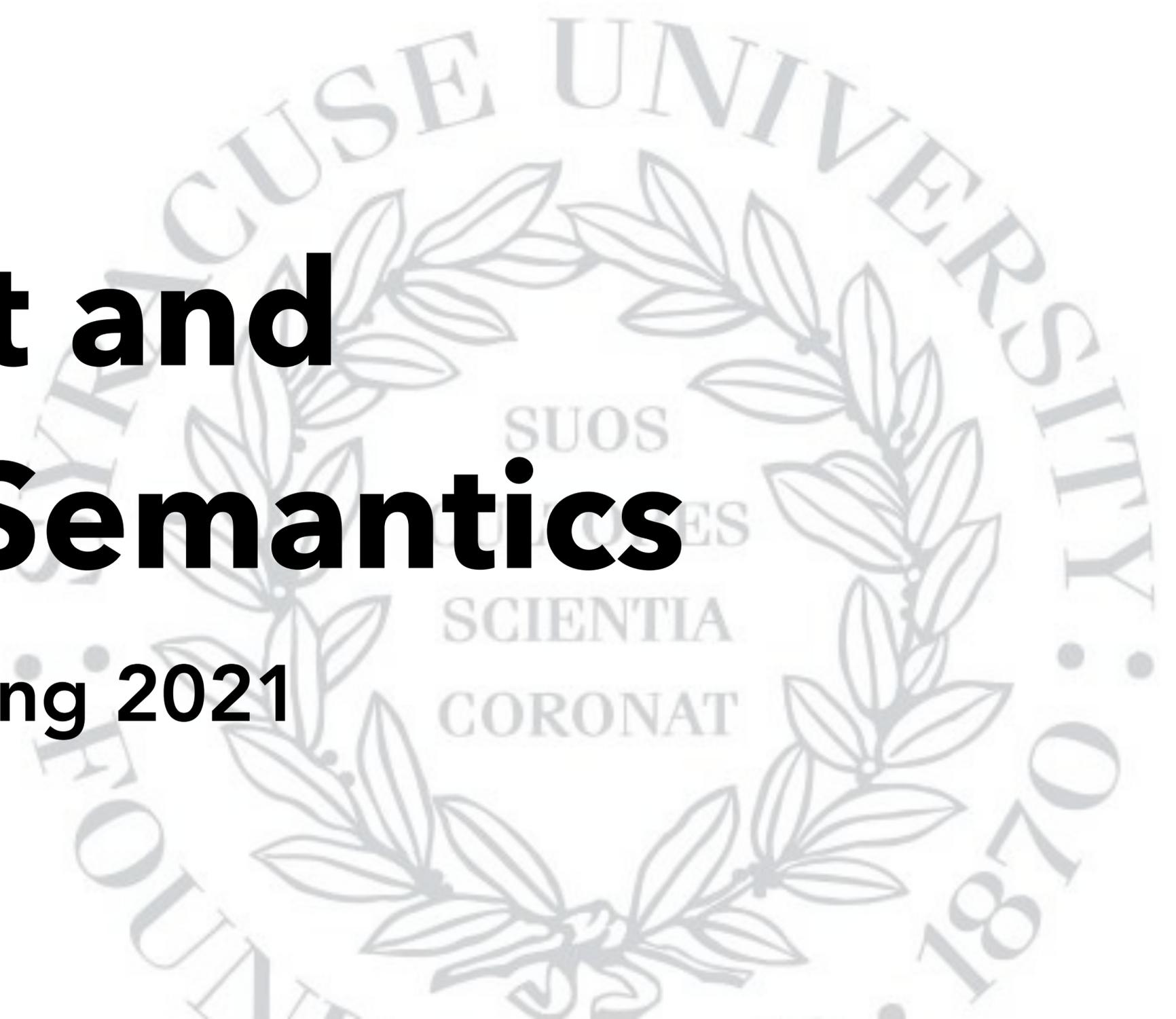
```
(define/contract (step e)
  (-> (lambda (x) (and (expr? x) (not (value? x)))) expr?)
  'todo)
```

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# **Context and Redex Semantics**

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Last lecture: **so many rules! How could you ever remember all of these!?**

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In this case, it was much easier to write the interpreter!

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Also, our small-step rules violate a basic principle:  
 We might prefer that each step of the semantics to  
 have a maximum (bounded) runtime.

Our small-step semantics needs to “dig down”  
 arbitrarily far into the term before it makes progress.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{1 \in \mathbb{Q}}{(\text{not } 1) \rightarrow 0}}{(\text{not } (\text{not } 1)) \rightarrow 1}}{\vdots}}{(\text{not } (\dots(\text{not } (\text{not } 1))\dots)) \rightarrow 0}$$

In our last interpreter, the step function is **not** tail-recursive, instead **step** is direct-style recursive and then called in a tail-recursive loop by evaluate!

```
(define (step e)
  (match e
    ...
    [(not 0) 1]
    [(not ,n) #:when (not (equal? n 0)) 0]
    ...))
```

This is not necessarily a problem, but it is often desirable for our step function to be finite. For example, assembly languages **must** operate in finite time because instructions are executed

```
MOV    r0, #10
MOV    r1, #3
ADD    r0, r0, r1
```



Also: our semantics is very **wasteful** with respect to work. Again: for large terms it “digs down” to find the correct redex (reducible expression)...

(plus (plus (plus 1 1) 2) 3)

Then “rebuilds” the term, only to then “dig down” again during the next step...

Lots of wasted effort digging, rebuilding, and digging again...

In this lecture, we're going to talk about **context** and **redex** semantics, which is an optimization of the small-step semantics we saw last lecture.

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# **P1: PageRank**

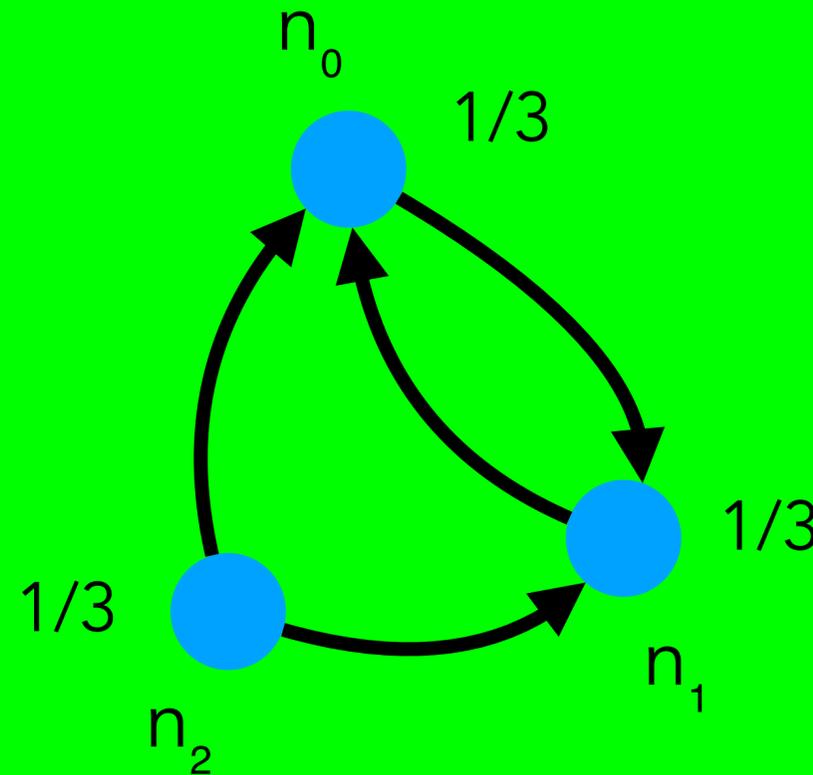
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# Graphs

- A graph is a pair  $\langle N, E \rangle$  of
  - A set of **nodes**,  $N$
  - A set of **edges**,  $E$ , of the form
    - $(n_0, n_1) \mid n_0, n_1 \in N$
- Can equivalent represent in several ways:
  - Adjacency list (list of edges)
  - Graphs can be composed of either **undirected** or **directed** edges

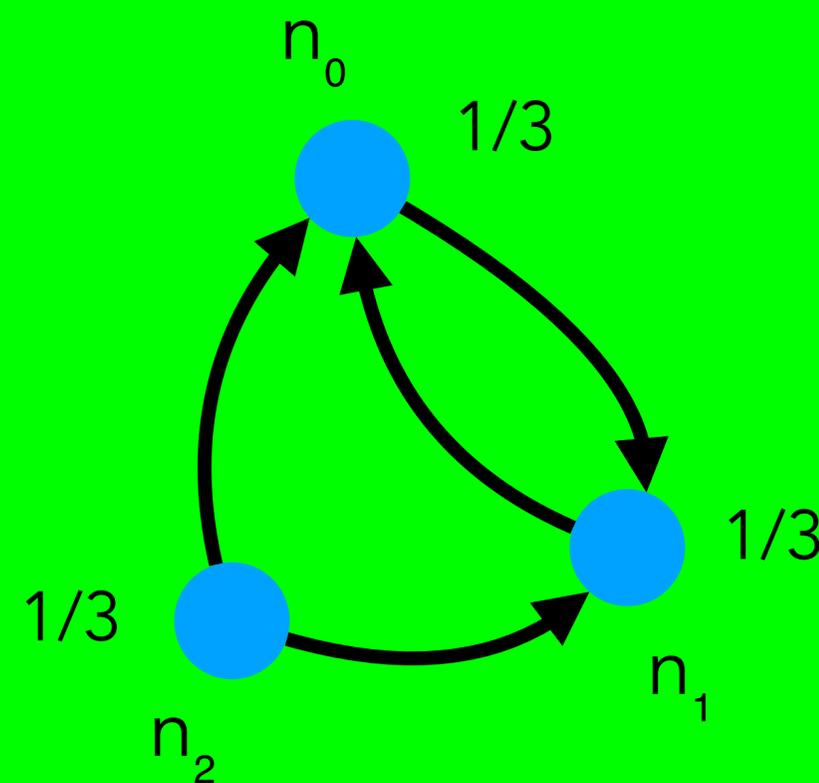


# PageRank

- Algorithm that originally powered Google
- Calculates a probability distribution on a graph
  - I.e., assigns a number in  $[0,1]$  to each node
  - This number is the page's "rank."

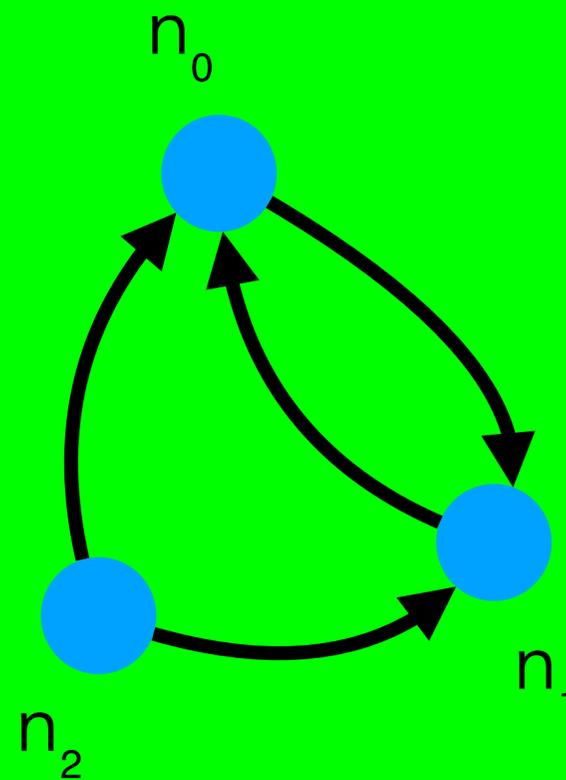
- Forms a **probability distribution**

- Page ranks sum to 1 across all pages
- $f \in N \rightarrow [0,1]$
- $\sum_i f(i) = 1$  over  $i \in \text{dom}(f)$



- For this assignment we will use **list of edges**
- Can use this to calculate:
  - Neighbors
  - Num of nodes in graph (total)
  - As input to PageRank

```
(define x '((n0 n1)
           (n1 n0)
           (n2 n0)
           (n2 n1)))
```



Write a function that calculates the pages to which  
a given page links

```
(define x '( (n0 n1)
              (n1 n0)
              (n2 n0)
              (n2 n1) ) )
```

Write a function that calculates the pages to which  
a given page links

```
(define (links-of graph node)
  (define (loop graph l)
    (match graph
      [`() l]
      [`() (,p0 ,p1) . ,rst)
        (if (equal? p0 node)
            (loop rst (cons p1 l))
            (loop rst l)))]))
(loop graph '())
```

# Representing PageRanks

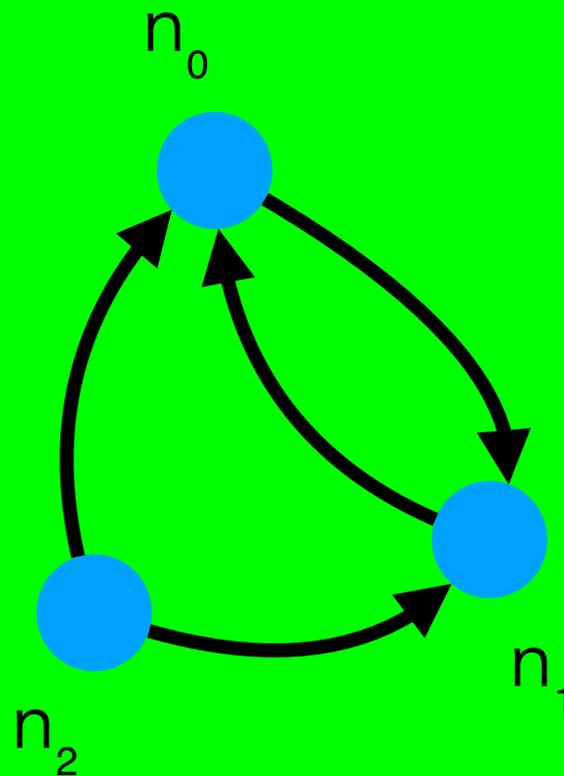
- PageRanks are represented using Racket **hashes**
  - Key/value maps (similar to hash tables)
  - Immutable w/  $O(1)$  runtime for lookup/insert
    - Based on Hash Array-Mapped Tries (HAMT)

- `(hash 'a 0 1 2 "hello" 'c)` — creates hashes, note keys can be heterogeneous type
- `(hash-ref x 'a)` — Looks up value for key 'a
- `(hash-set x 'a 2)` — Returns a **new** hash with updated key for 'a
- `(hash-keys x)` and `(hash-values x)` — Return list of keys / values (useful for iterating)

# PageRank algorithm

- Begins by constructing **initial** PageRank
  - Each page has rank  $1/N$  (for  $N$  nodes)
- Then, performs an **iteration** step some number of times
  - You decide how long you want to do this
  - Usually until change is smaller than some delta

```
(hash 'n0 1/4  
      'n1 1/4  
      'n2 1/4  
      'N3 1/4)
```



# PageRank Iteration Step

PageRank is like a **vote**. Each page has a certain share of votes (its PR), each step it votes for each page to which it links, but it divides its vote equally across links.

Intuitively the next PageRank for page  $i$  is the sum of:

- A **random chance** that a surfer will jump to  $i$ 
  - $(1-d)/N$  applies random chance to all pages
- The PageRanks of the pages that link to it, weighted by the number of links those pages have

$$PR(p_i) = \frac{1-d}{N} + d \sum_{p_j \in M(p_i)} \frac{PR(p_j)}{L(p_j)}$$

- At each step, the next PR for page i is calculated as:

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- Where:
  - $M(p_i)$ : set of pages that link to i
  - $PR(p_j)$  and  $PR(p_i)$ : PageRanks of i and j
  - $L(p_j)$  is the number of links from j to any other page
  - d is a “dampening factor” (typically .85)

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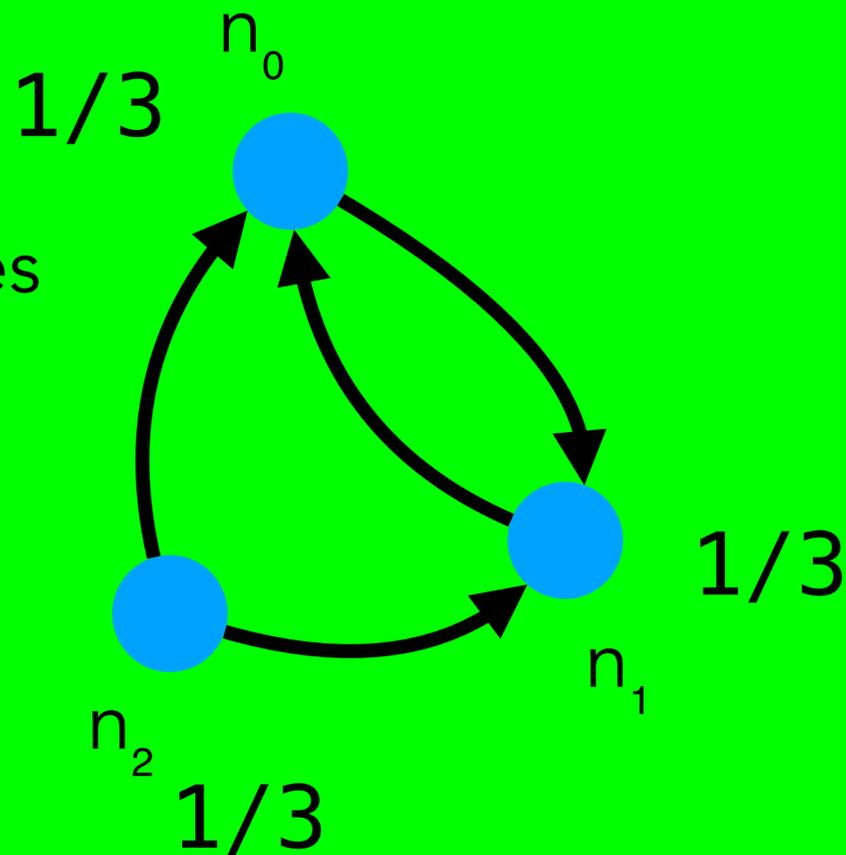
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Let's calculate the next values of  $n_0$ ,  $n_1$ , and  $n_2$  (assume  $d=85/100$ )

For  $n_0$ . Sum of...

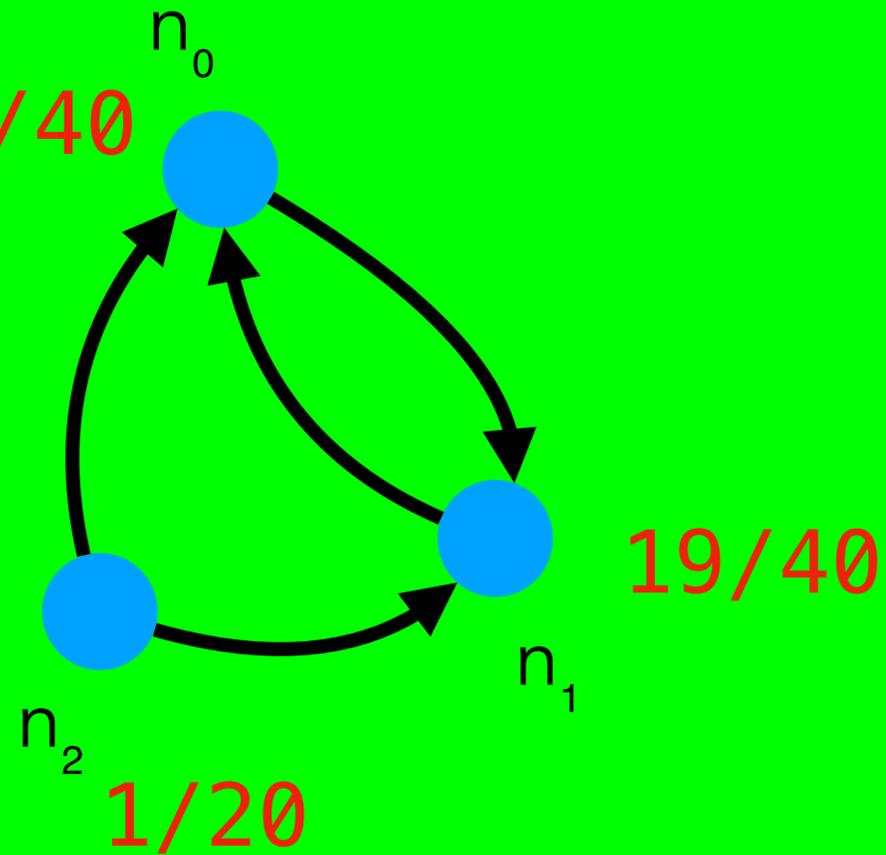
- $(1-85/100)/3$ , since 3 nodes
- For  $n_2$ ...
  - $85/100 * 1/3 / 2$
- For  $n_1$ ...
  - $85/100 * 1/3 / 1$
- =  $19/40$



$$PR(p_i) = \frac{1-d}{N} + d \sum_{p_j \in M(p_i)} \frac{PR(p_j)}{L(p_j)}$$

So next PR should be...

(hash 'n0 19/40  
'n1 19/40  
'n2 1/20)



# PageRank Assumptions

- Several simplifying assumptions for input graphs
- No "self-links:" remove links from a page to itself
- All nodes link to at least one other node
  - Can fix this manually: link to **every other node**
- These steps necessary to make math work out (i.e., so that iteration forms a probability distribution)
- **All test input graphs have this form**

# Hints

- Read Racket docs for lists, sets, and hashes
- **Start sooner rather than later**
  - Will require much more time than a0
- num-pages, num-links, and num-backlinks are all easier
  - Should be able to mostly do now
- mk-initial-pagerank, step-pagerank and iterate-pagerank-until are a little harder

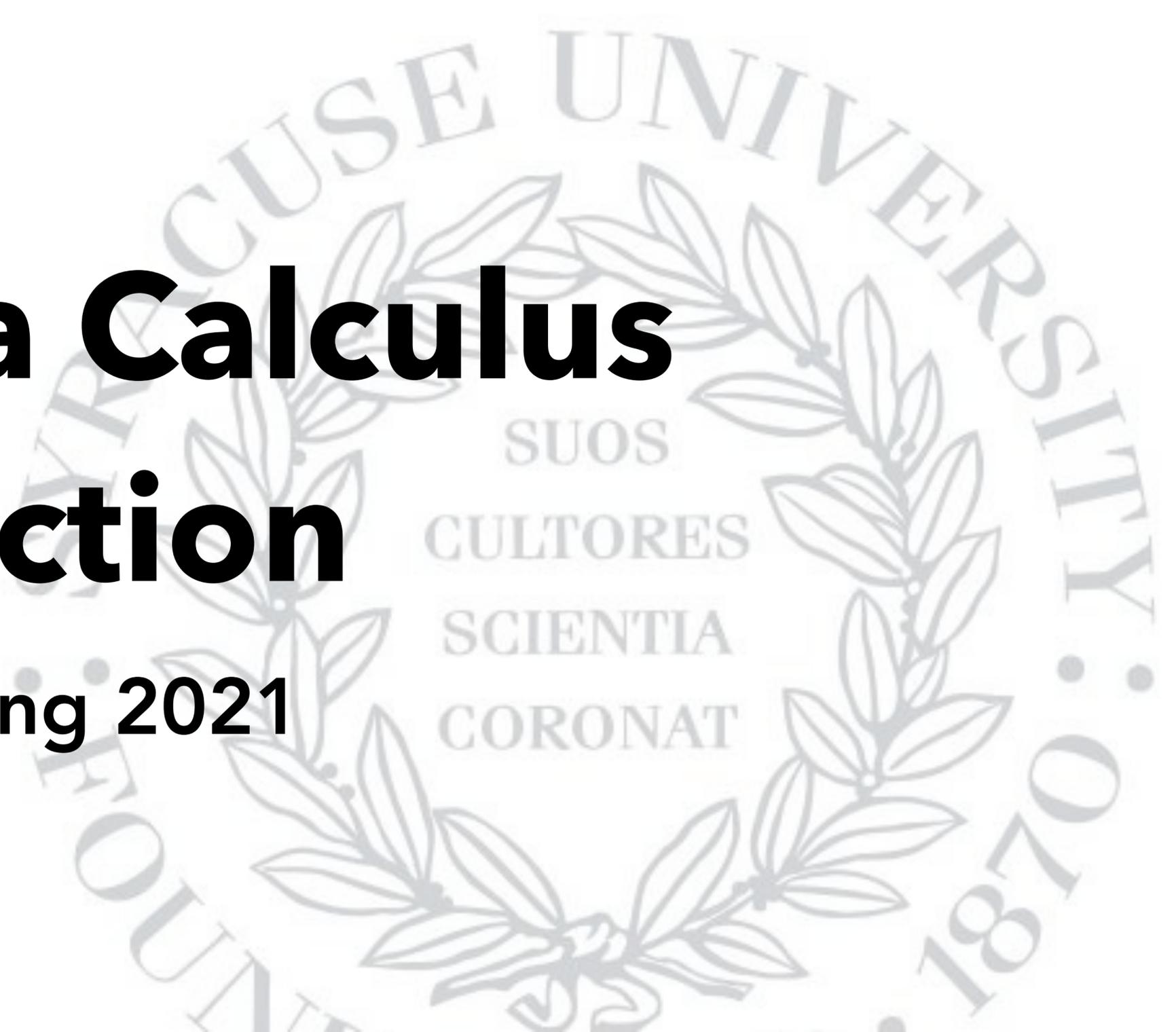
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# **Lambda Calculus**

## **Introduction**

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# The Lambda Calculus (1930s)

- Variables
- Function application
- Lambda abstraction

**Just these three elements form a  
*complete* computational system**



## Original Syntax

$e ::= x$             Variables  
      |  $\lambda x. e$         Lambdas  
      |  $e_0 e_1$         Applications

## Scheme Syntax

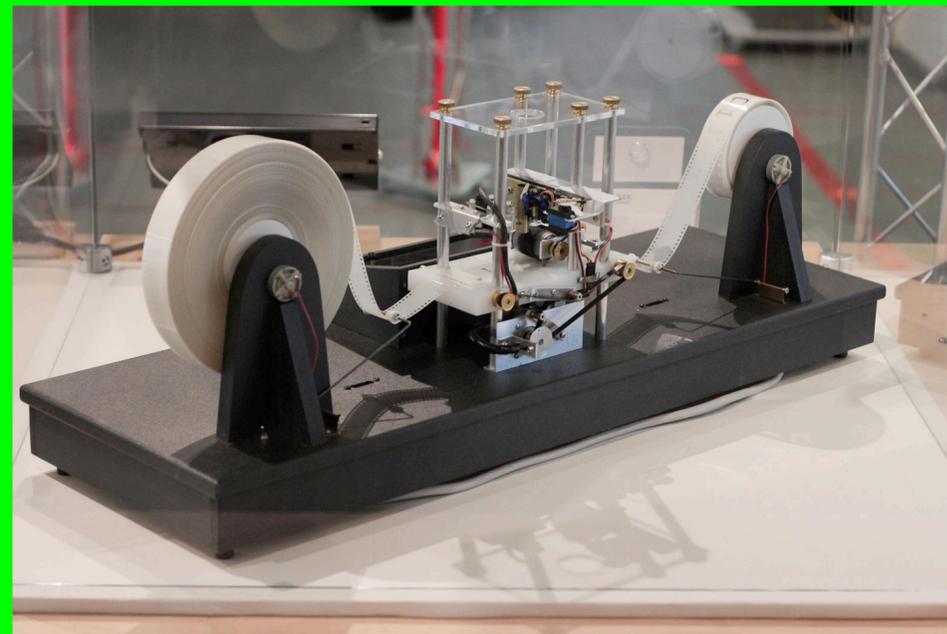
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      |  $(\lambda (x) e)$     Lambdas  
      |  $(e_0 e_1)$      Applications

```
(define (expr? e)
  (match e
    [(? symbol? x) #t]
    [`(lambda (,(? symbol? x)) ,(? expr? e-body)) #t]
    [`(,(? expr? e0) ,(? expr? e1)) #t]
    [_ #f]))
```

# Lambda Calculus vs. Turing machines

Lambda Calculus equivalent (in expressivity) to Turing machines.

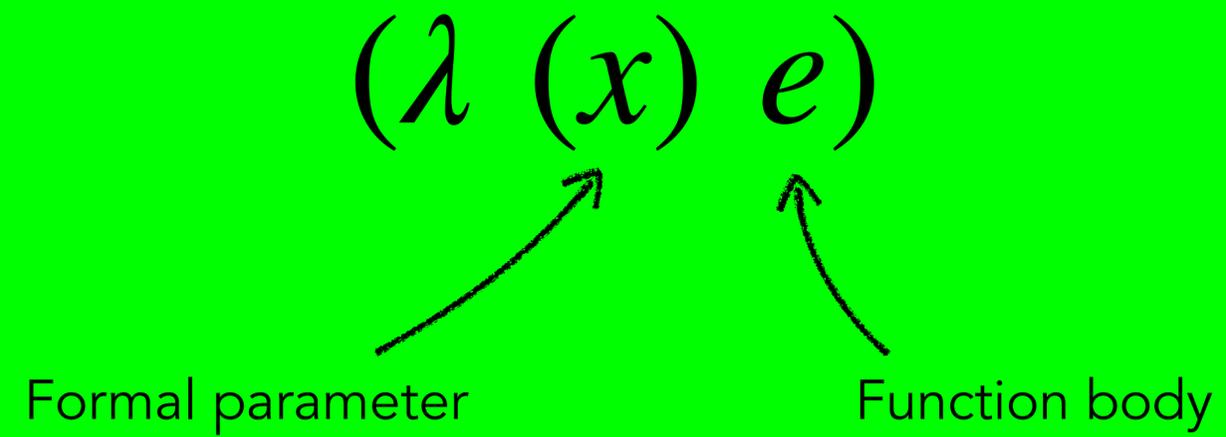
The **Church-Turing Thesis** states that turing machines / lambda calculus can encode any computable function.



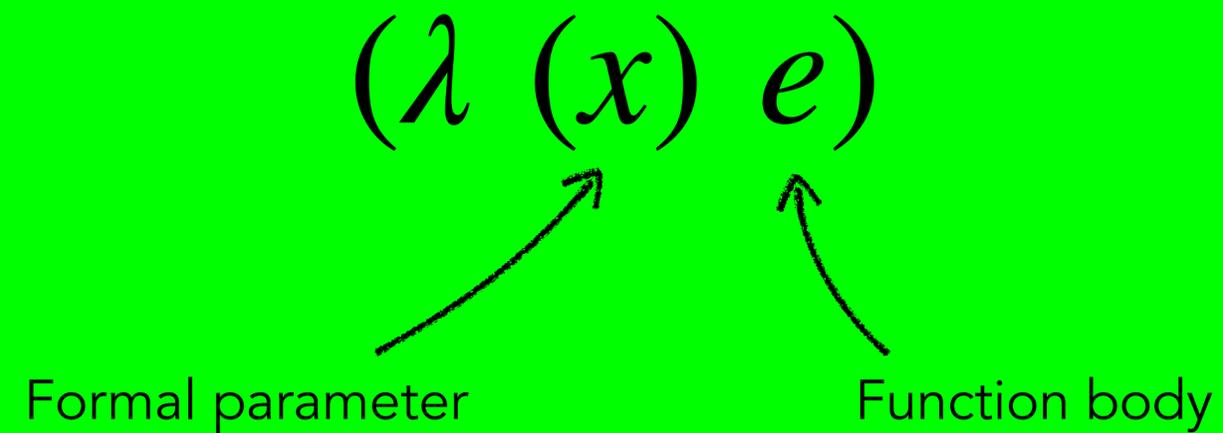
In fact, it is possible to encode (most of) any Scheme program as a lambda calculus expression via a **Church/Boehm encoding**.

Now let's look at the three lambda calculus forms in detail...

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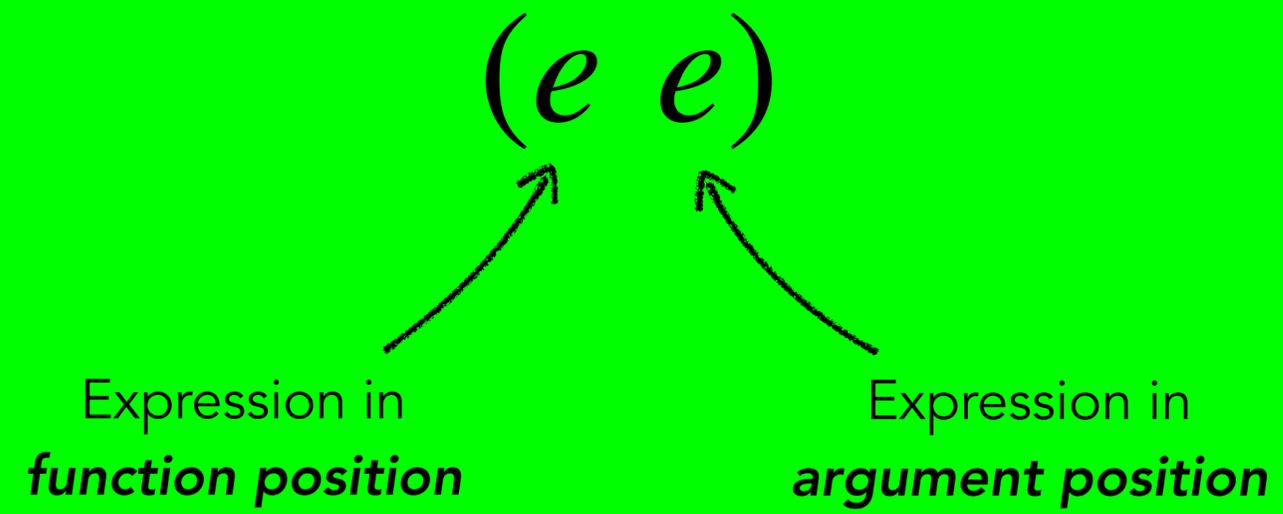


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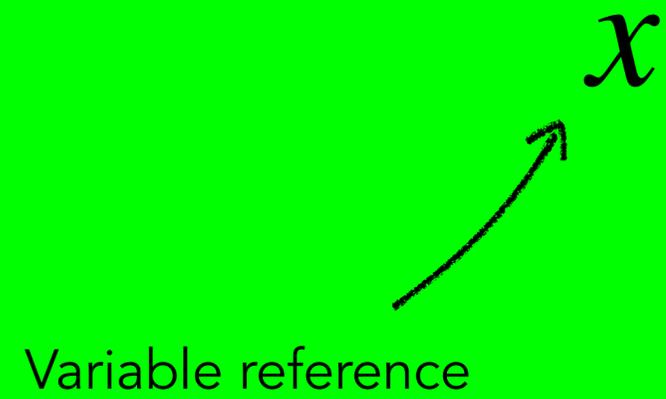


In fact, you can read lambdas *mathematically* as “**for all**.” This observation forms the basis for universal quantification in higher-order logics implemented using typed lambda calculus variants!

Next we have **applications**



Variables are only defined/assigned when a function is applied and its parameter bound to an argument.



How do we compute with the lambda calculus..?

Answer: via **reductions**, which define equivalent / transformed terms.

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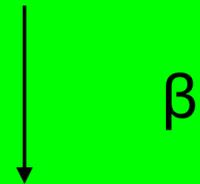
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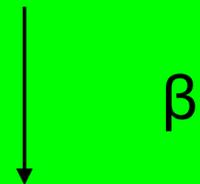
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**Textual substitution.** This says:  
*replace every  $x$  in  $E_0$  with  $E_1$ .*

$$\underbrace{((\lambda (x) E_0) E_1)}_{\text{redex}} \rightarrow_{\beta} E_0[x \leftarrow E_1]$$

(**re**ducible **ex**pression)

**Next lecture: carefully defining substitution!**

$((\lambda (x) x) (\lambda (x) x))$



$\beta$

$x[x \leftarrow (\lambda (x) x)]$

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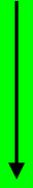
$(\lambda (x) x)$

Can you beta-reduce the following term  
more than once...?

$$((\lambda (x) (x x)) (\lambda (x) (x x)))$$

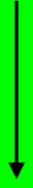
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$\beta$  reduction may continue indefinitely (i.e., in non-terminating programs)



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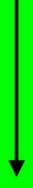
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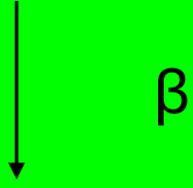
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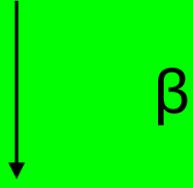


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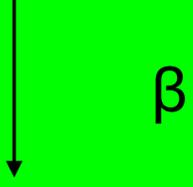


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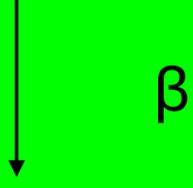


This specific program is known as  $\Omega$  (Omega)

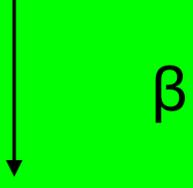
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$(\lambda (x) x x) (\lambda (x) x x)$



$\Omega$  is the smallest non-terminating program!

Note how it reduces to itself in a single step!

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$\beta$

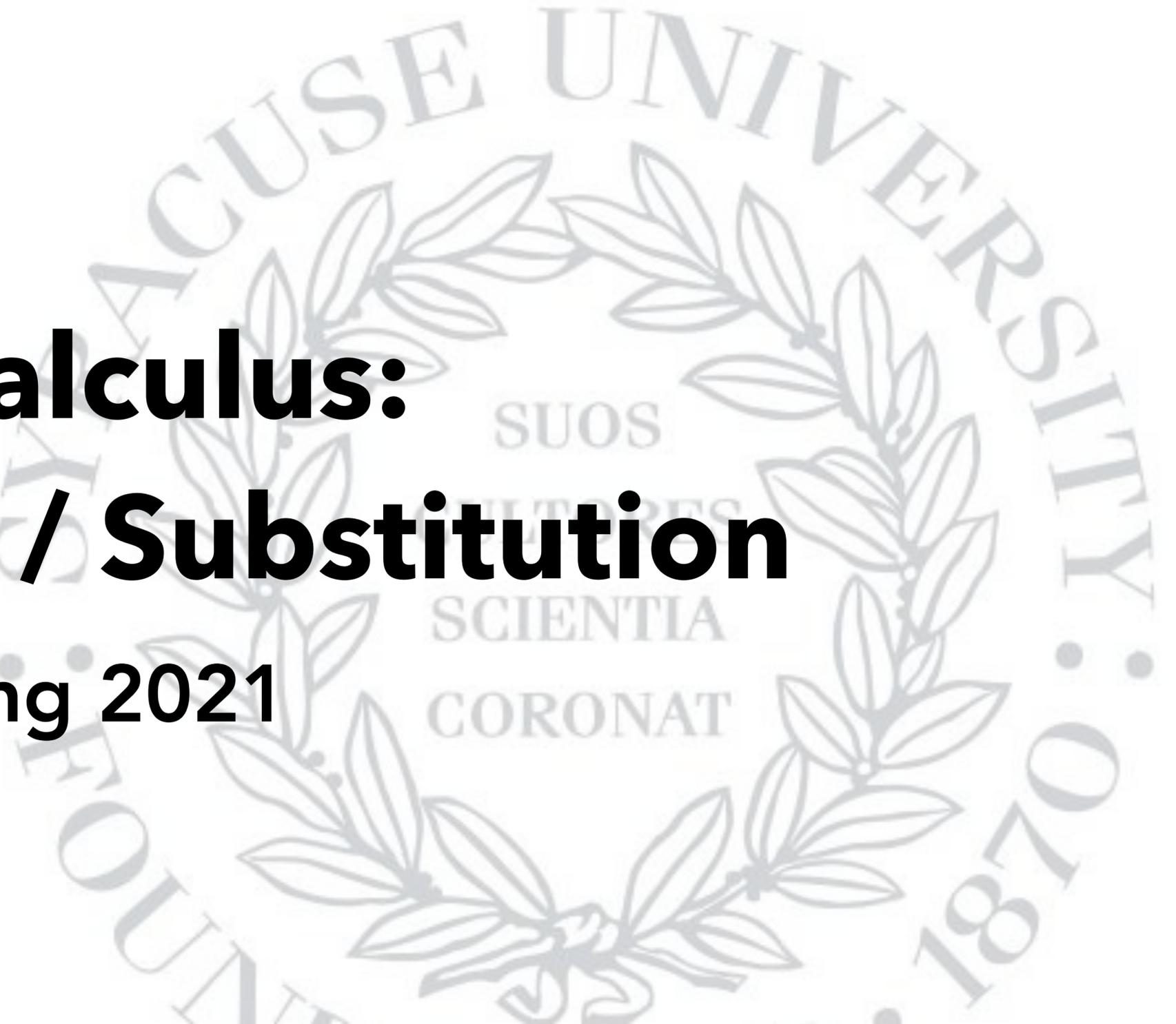
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**Lambda Calculus:  
Reduction / Substitution**

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Last lecture:  $\beta$ -reduction, informally

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*replace every  $x$  in  $E_0$  with  $E_1$ .*

(**reducible expression**)

If you watch the **history of the lambda calculus discussion by Dana Scott**, I will award two participation points (min 5-30):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uS9InrmPloc>

How can we define beta reduction as a Racket function...?

```
(define (beta-reduce e)
  (match e
    [`((lambda (,x) ,e-body) ,e-arg) (subst x e-arg e-body)]
    [_ (error "beta-reduction cannot apply...")]))
```

Today: how do we define the **subst** function?

Variables are **challenging**

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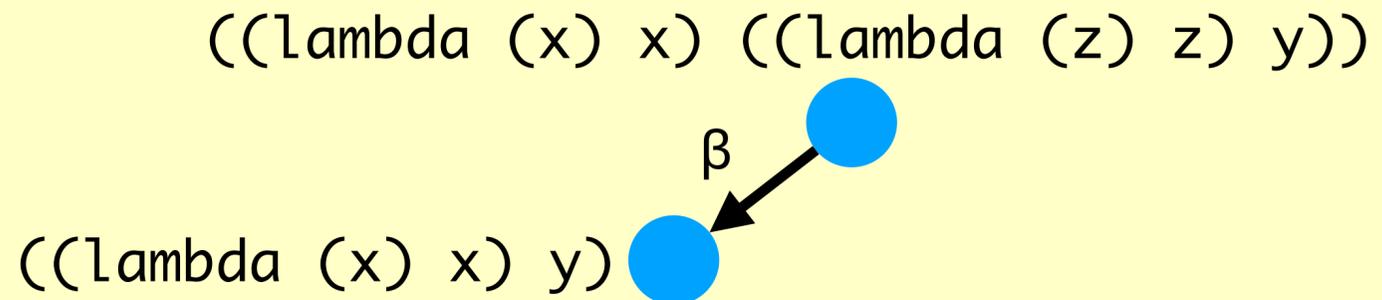
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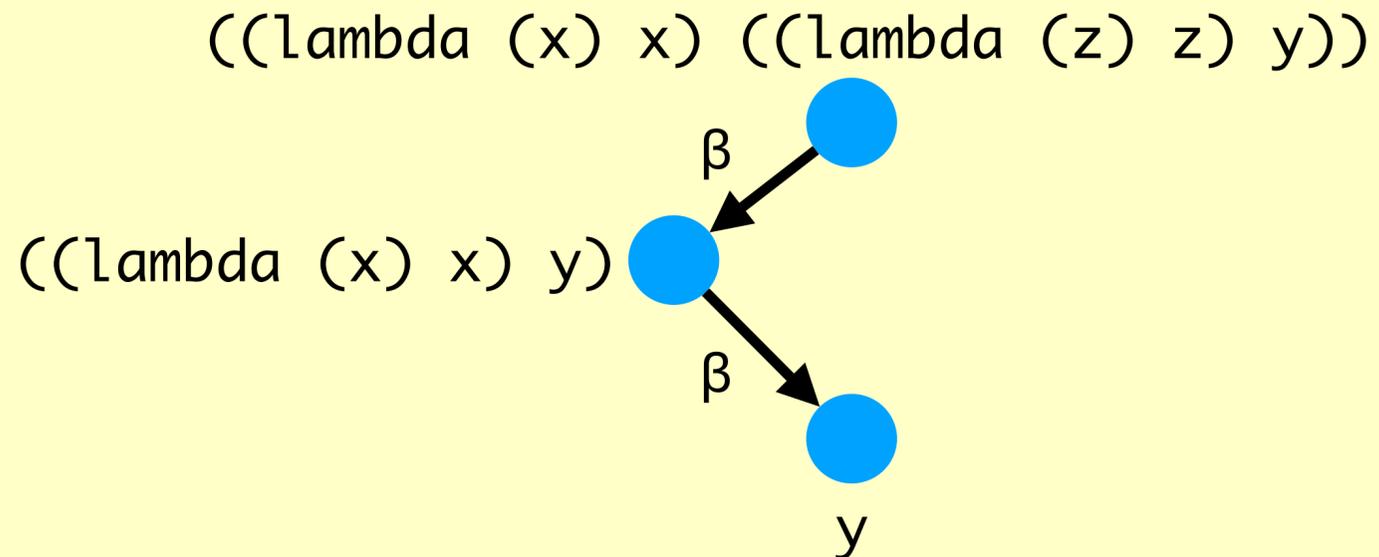
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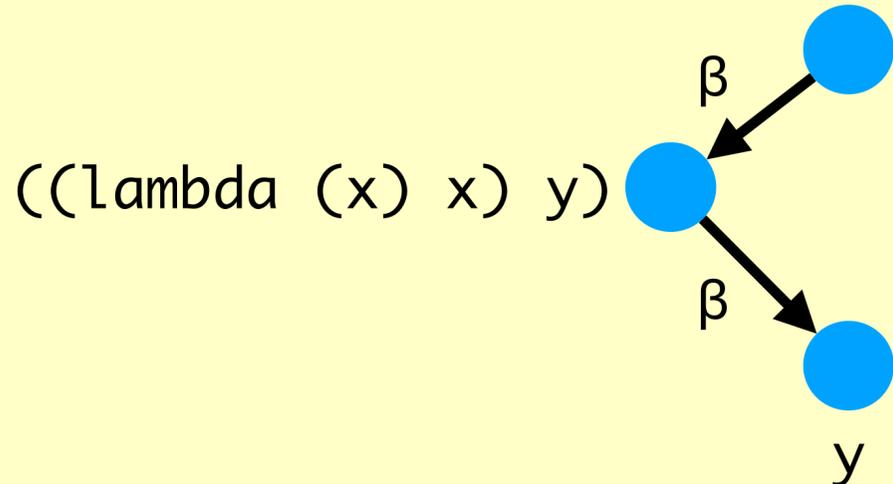


# Semantics of the Lambda Calculus

**Observe! B-Reduction is  
nondeterministic**

In general, a term may have **multiple**  $\beta$  redexes, and thus multiple  $\beta$  reductions

$((\text{lambda } (x) x) ((\text{lambda } (z) z) y))$

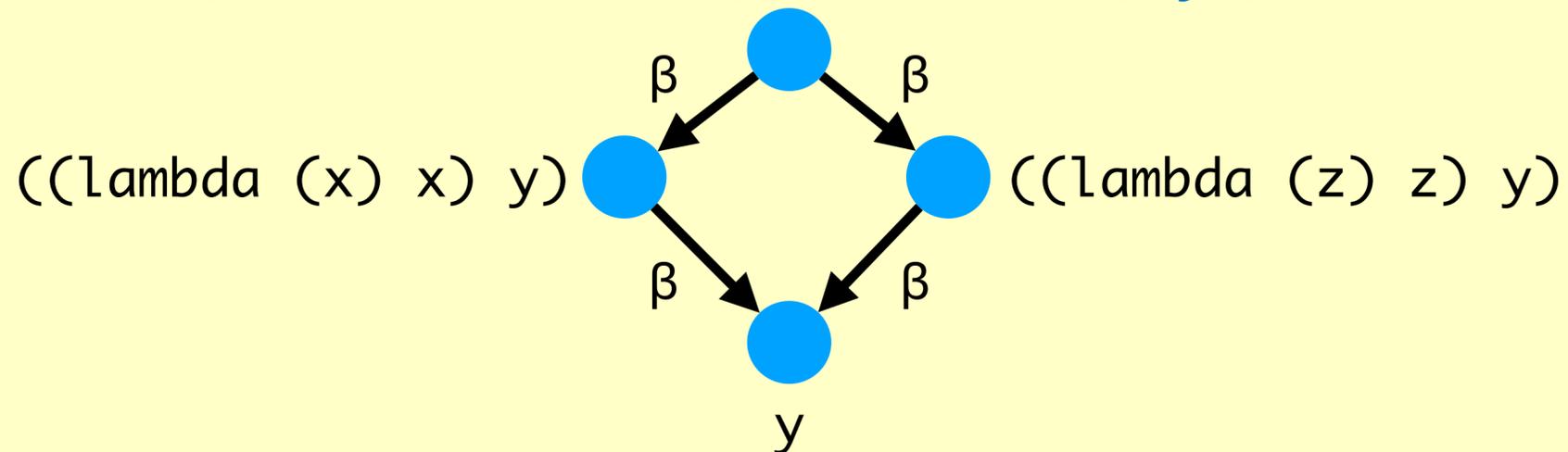


# Semantics of the Lambda Calculus

This term has **two** beta redexes!

The outer one in **red**  
The inner one in **blue**

$((\text{lambda } (x) x) ((\text{lambda } (z) z) y))$



The two challenges for this lecture:

- How do we implement substitution
- How do we deal with nondeterminism in the semantics

Substitution seems conceptually simple, but it is surprisingly tricky. But consider this: substitution is fundamentally **where computation happens!**

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If we have **subst**, we can easily define **beta-reduce**.

## Free Variables

We define the free variables of a lambda expression via the function  $\mathbf{FV}$ :

$$\mathbf{FV} : \mathbf{Exp} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{Var})$$

$$\mathbf{FV}(x) \triangleq \{x\}$$

$$\mathbf{FV}((\lambda (x) e_b)) \triangleq \mathbf{FV}(e_b) \setminus \{x\}$$

$$\mathbf{FV}(e_f e_a) \triangleq \mathbf{FV}(e_f) \cup \mathbf{FV}(e_a)$$

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**{x, y, z}**

## Closed Terms

A term is **closed** when it has no free variables:

- $((\text{lambda } (x) x) (\text{lambda } (y) y))$
- $(\text{lambda } (z) (\text{lambda } (x) (z (\text{lambda } (z) z))))$

Sometimes we call these (closed terms) **combinators**

Some **open** terms...

- $(\text{lambda } (x) ((\text{lambda } (z) z) z))$
- $((\text{lambda } (x) x) (\text{lambda } (z) x))$

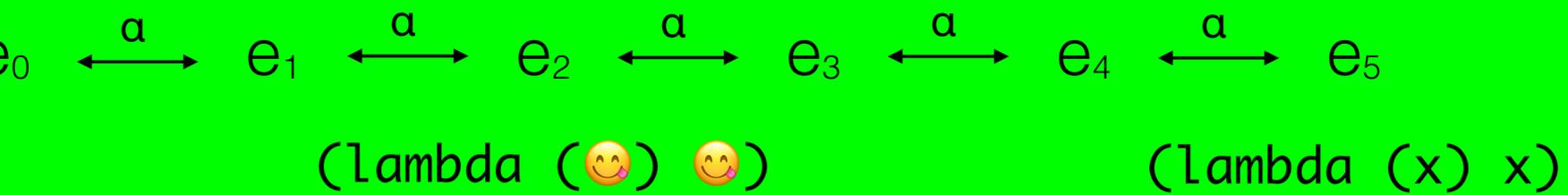
## Alpha-Renaming

$\alpha$ -renaming allows us to rename variables:

$$\frac{y \notin FV(e)}{(\lambda(x) e) \xrightarrow{\alpha} (\lambda(y) e[x \mapsto y])}$$

Still need to define substitution...

Important consequence: terms are unique **up to  $\alpha$  equivalence**



Every term has infinitely-many terms to which it is  $\alpha$  equivalent

What breaks if the antecedent isn't enforced..?

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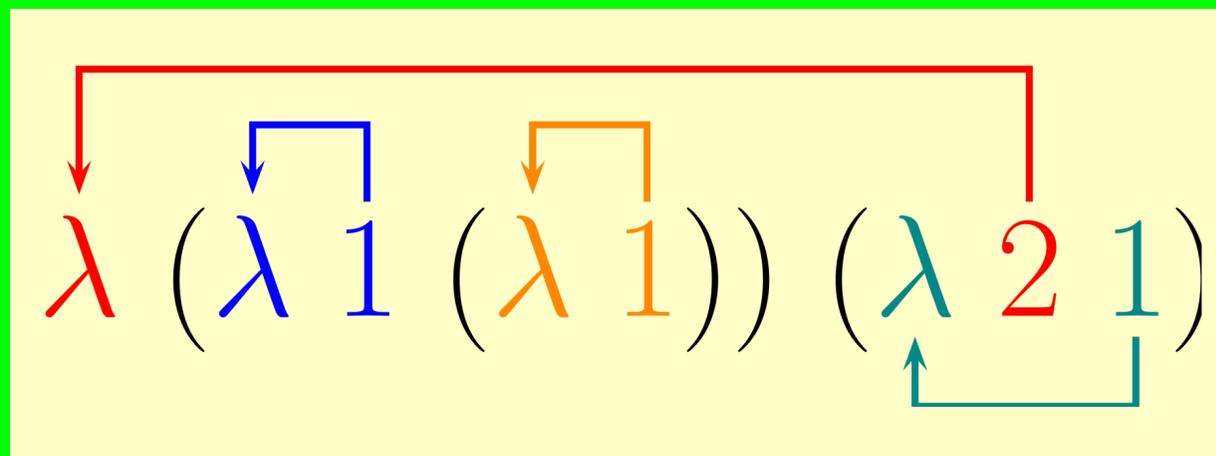
Meaning of term changes! Someone might have an intention to **use** that free variable  $y$

$(\lambda(x) y)$  very different from  $(\lambda(x) x)$

Can we define lambda calculi without explicit variables? **(Yes!)**

- De-Bruin Indices (variables are numbers indicating to which binder they belong)
- Combinatory logic uses bases of fully-closed terms. Always possible to rewrite any LC term to use only several closed combinators

We won't study either of these



We define **capture-avoiding substitution**, in which we are careful to avoid places where variables would become **captured** by a substitution.

The problem with (naive) textual substitution

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where  $y \neq x$  and  $y \notin FV(E)$

$\beta$ -reduction cannot occur when  $y \in FV(E)$  

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**You cannot!** This redex would require:

$(\lambda (y) z) [z \leftarrow (\lambda (x) y)]$

(y is free here, so it would be captured)

How can you beta-reduce the following expression using capture-avoiding substitution?

$$(\lambda (y) ((\lambda (z) (\lambda (y) z)) (\lambda (x) y))))$$
$$\rightarrow_{\alpha} (\lambda (y) ((\lambda (z) (\lambda (w) z)) (\lambda (x) y))))$$
$$\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda (y) (\lambda (w) (\lambda (x) y)))$$

**Instead we alpha-convert first.**

To formally define the semantics of the lambda calculus via reduction, we also need rules that will let us apply reductions **inside of** rules:

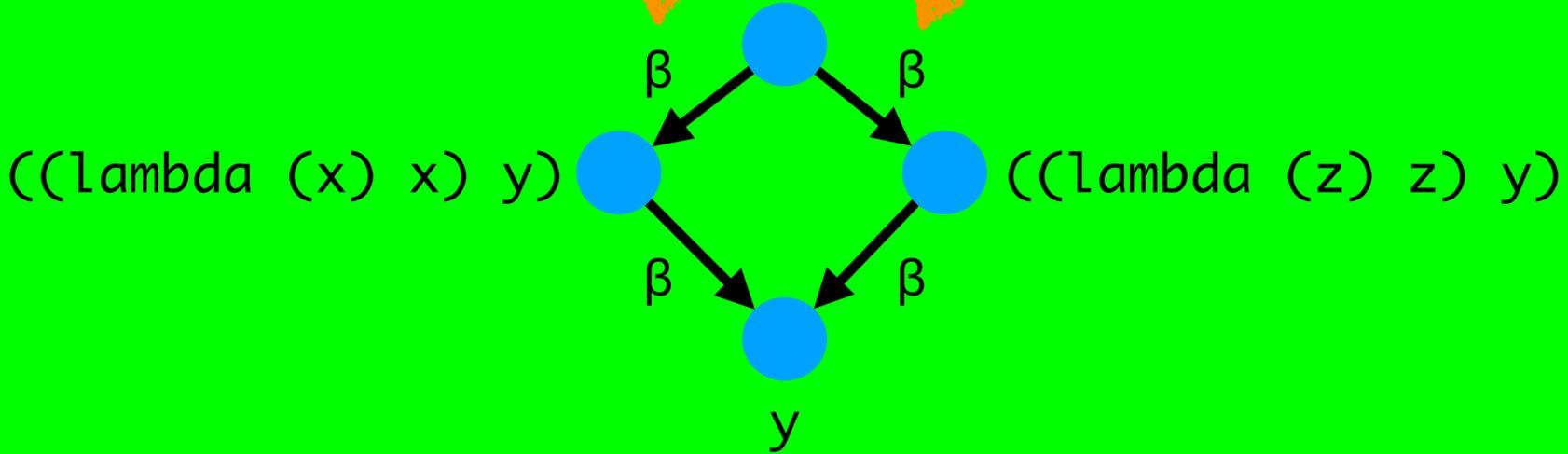
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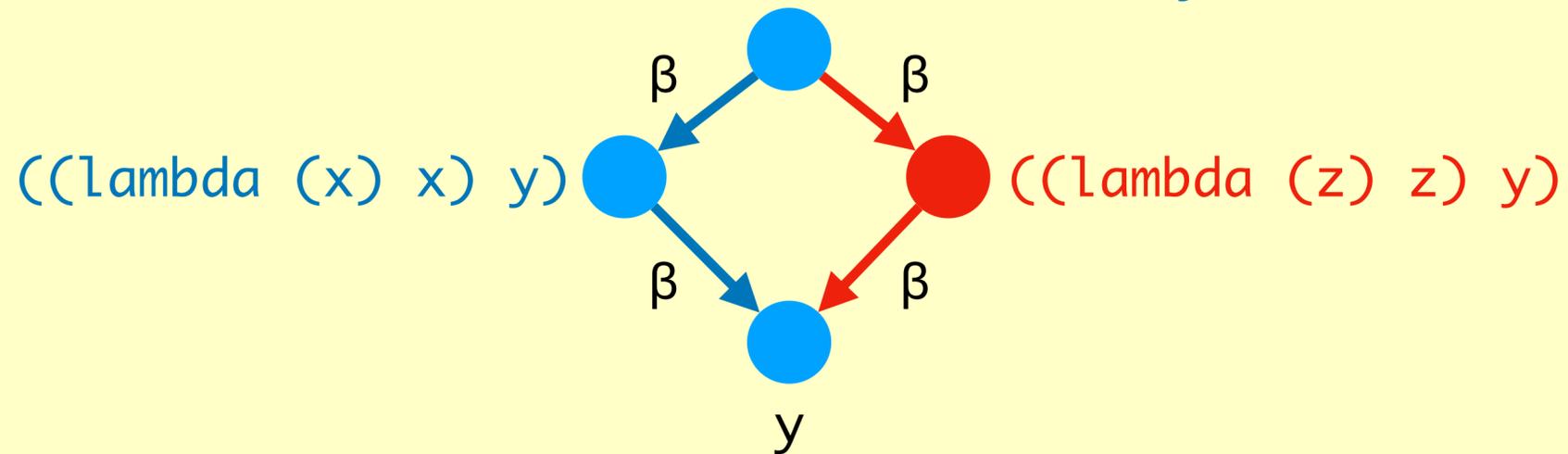
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Because  $\beta$  and  $\alpha$  reduction are inherently nondeterministic, we use a **reduction strategy**, which is system that tells us which reduction to apply:

- **Normal Order** — Leftmost (outermost) application
- **Applicative Order** — Innermost application

$((\text{lambda } (x) x) ((\text{lambda } (z) z) y))$



We'll talk more about these **next time**. They relate to the computational notions of **call-by-name (normal)** and **call-by-value (applicative)**

$\eta$ -reduction / expansion capture a property akin  
to extensionality

$$(\lambda (x) (E_0 x)) \rightarrow_{\eta} E_0 \text{ where } x \notin FV(E_0)$$

$$E_0 \rightarrow_{\eta} (\lambda (x) (E_0 x)) \text{ where } x \notin FV(E_0)$$

We do not use  $\eta$ -reduction/expansion in  
computation (unlike  $\beta$ ), but it helps us establish  
certain equalities in lambda theories

When unambiguous, we refer to **reduction** in the lambda calculus as the application of a beta, alpha, or eta reduction:

$$(\rightarrow) = (\rightarrow_{\beta}) \cup (\rightarrow_{\alpha}) \cup (\rightarrow_{\eta})$$
$$(\rightarrow^*)$$

(When necessary for exams, we will clarify...)

It is often helpful to think of applying a sequence of reductions to arrive at some final "result."

In the lambda calculus, we call these results / values "normal forms."

A **normal form** is a form that has no more possible applications of some kind of reduction...



$$\begin{array}{c} E_0 \\ \downarrow * \\ (\lambda (x) \dots (\lambda (z) ((a \dots) \dots))) \end{array}$$

In **beta normal form**, no function position can be a lambda;  
this is to say: *there are no unreduced redexes left!*

We covered a lot of material!

- Free variables
- Alpha renaming
- Beta reduction
- Eta reduction / expansion
- Capture-avoiding substitution
- Applicative / normal order

Next time: **reduction strategies and more normal forms...**



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# **Lambda Calculus Reduction Strategies**

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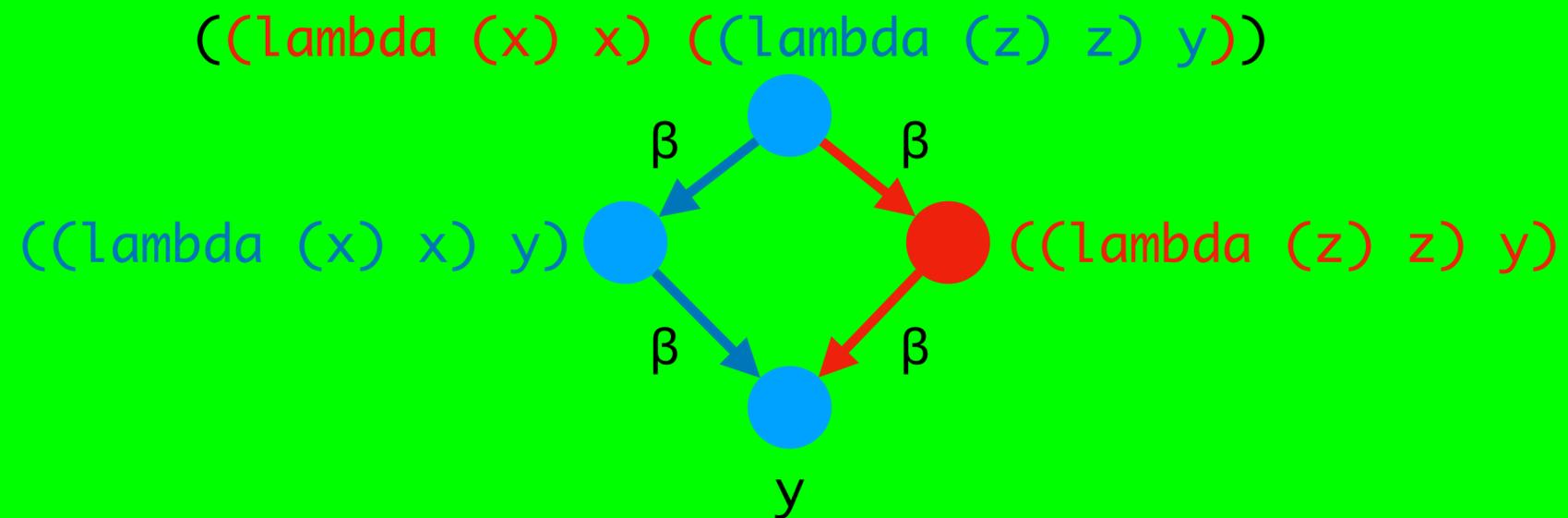


Last lecture: reduction **rules** for the lambda calculus

This lecture: reduction **strategies**

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```

We say that lambda expressions are in **Weak Head Normal Form (WHNF)**

Even though a potential redex exists under the lambda, we will not evaluate it (until application)

Two popular strategies:

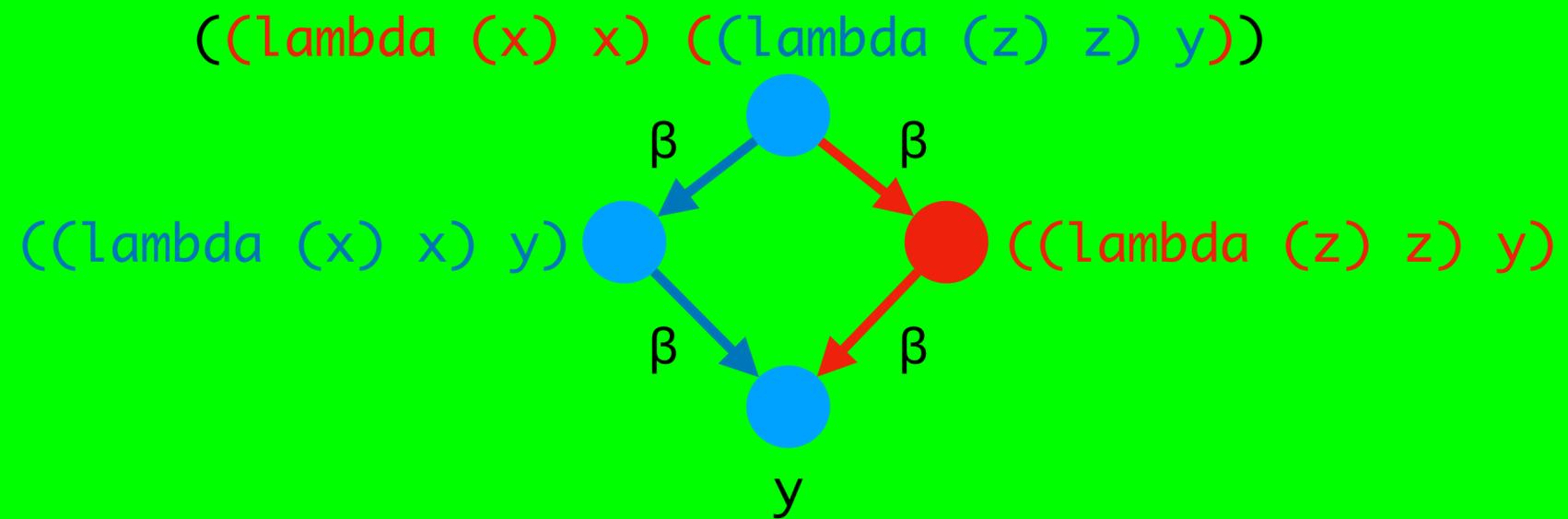
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- Call by value, reduce arguments **early** as possible
  - Applicative order (innermost), but **not under lambdas**
- Call by name, reduce arguments **late** as possible
  - Normal order, but **not under lambdas**

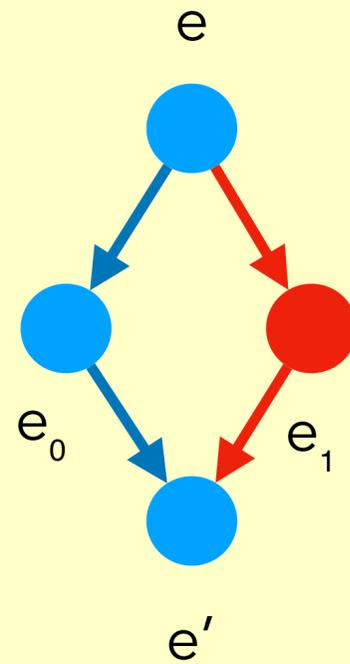
Whenever you get to an application of a lambda,  
you have a choice:

- Attempt to evaluate argument?
- Perform application immediately



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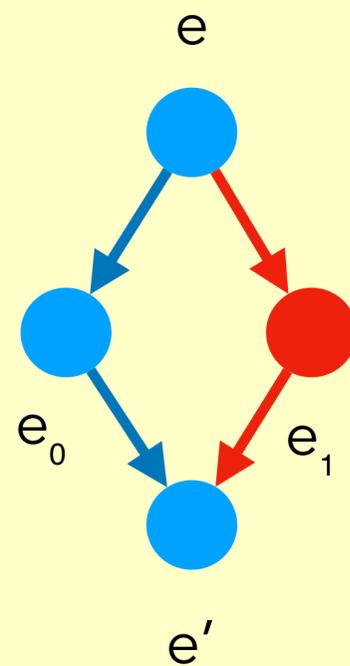
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Corollary: all terminating  
paths result in same normal  
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```

CBN

Up to alpha equivalence, evaluate this term using:

- Call-by-Name
- Call-by-Value

```
((lambda (x) (lambda (y) y))  
 ((lambda (x) (x x)) (lambda (x) (x x))))
```

(lambda (y) y)

CBN

CBV

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## **Standardization theorem**

If an expression can be evaluated to WHNF (i.e., it doesn't loop), then it has a normal-order reduction sequence.

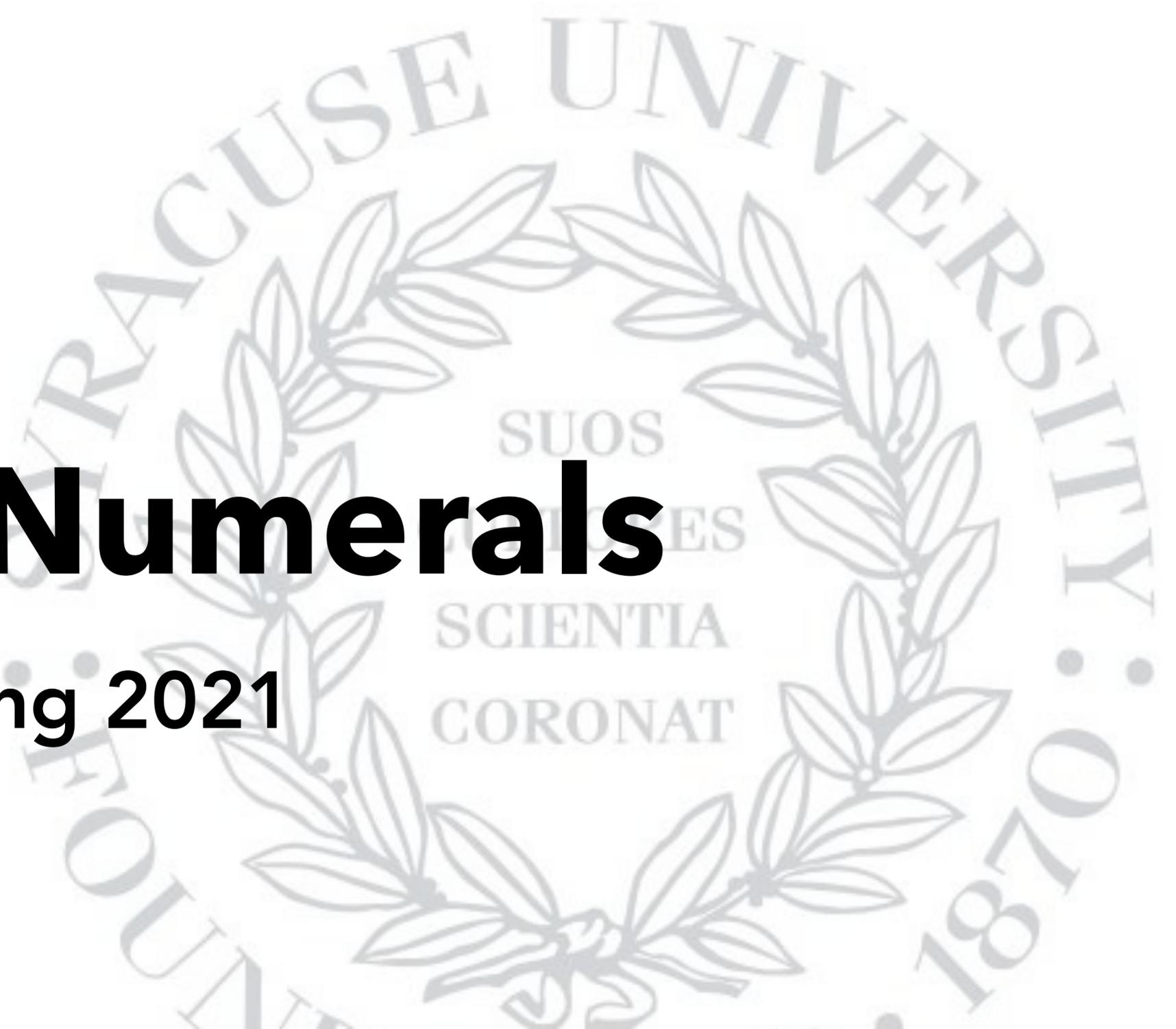
In other words: the lazy semantics is most permissive, in terms of termination.

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# Church Numerals

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This week in class we're going to talk about **Church Encoding**, a technique to express arbitrary Racket code using **only** the lambda calculus.

We will (by hand) compile Racket forms to just LC

Why do this? Answer: illustrate theoretical expressivity of LC

Our goal this lecture: translate simple arithmetic operations over constants to the lambda calculus

$$2 + 1 * 2 = 4$$

We want to express **this** with the lambda calculus

I think this is one of the trickiest things to understand in the course. I first learned this by working out the beta-reductions on paper, and I recommend that approach.

One key problem: how do we represent numbers as lambdas?

## Observation 1

On simplifying assumption: focus only on the naturals

Can write any natural number  $n$  as:

$$\underbrace{1 + \dots + 0}_{n \text{ times}}$$

$$0 = 0$$

$$1 = 1 + 0$$

$$2 = 1 + 1 + 0$$

$$3 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 0$$

**Observation 2:** represent the number **n** as a **function** that accepts **another** function **g** and returns a function that performs **g** **n** times.

$$0 = (\lambda (f) (\lambda (x) x))$$

$$1 = (\lambda (f) (\lambda (x) (f x)))$$

$$2 = (\lambda (f) (\lambda (x) (f (f x))))$$

...

This is where it starts getting confusing, if you are lost here, stop to think this through for a few minutes...

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```
(define zero (lambda (f) (lambda (x) x)))  
(define one  (lambda (f) (lambda (x) (f x))))  
(define two  (lambda (f) (lambda (x) (f (f x)))))
```

By the way, how do we translate a Church-encoded number to a **Racket** number?

```
;; do add1 n times, starting from 0
;; (add1 (add1 ... (add1 0) ...))
(define (church->nat n)
  ((n add1) 0))
```

**Observation 3:** when we use this encoding, any two expressions that are alpha-equivalent to  $n$  **is**  $n$

```
((lambda (y) (y y)) (lambda (x) x))  
 (lambda (z) (lambda (x) (z (z x))))))
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```

```
(lambda (z) (lambda (x) (z (z x)))) ;; 2
```

**Question:**

Say I give you a number  $n$ . You know its normal-form (when it is fully-reduced) must be **something** like

```
n = (lambda (f) (lambda (x) (f (f (f ... (f x) ...))))))
```

How can you generate  $n + 1$ ?

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```
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```

How can you generate  $n + 1$ ?

```
n+1 = (lambda (f) (f (f (f ... (f x) ...))))
```

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```
;; the *argument*  
(lambda (n)  
  ;; the thing we're *returning* should do f "n+1 times"  
  ;; ((n f) x) "applies f n times" and returns a result  
  ;;  
  (lambda (f) (lambda (x) (f ((n f) x)))))
```

```
(define succ
  (lambda (n) (lambda (f) (lambda (x) (f ((n f) x))))))
```

```
;; (succ 1) should equal 2
((lambda (n)
  (lambda (f) (lambda (x) (f ((n f) x))))))
(lambda (f) (lambda (x) (f x)))
```

```
;; (succ 1) should equal 2
(lambda (f)
  (lambda (x) (f ((lambda (f) (lambda (x) (f x))) f) x))))))
```

```
;; note here: we're reducing under lambda!
(lambda (f)
  (lambda (x) (f ((lambda (x) (f x)) x))))))
```

```
(lambda (f)
  (lambda (x) (f (f x)))))) ;; this is 2!
```

## Question:

Now how do you do addition...? Observation: need **two** arguments. We will use a trick named **currying**.

```
plus = (lambda (n) (lambda (k) ...))  
one = (lambda (f) (lambda (x) (f x)))
```

We can call this like:

```
((plus one) one) ;; compute 2
```

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one = (lambda (f) (lambda (x) (f x)))
```

We can call this like:

```
((plus one) one)
```

Observe the key idea: plus returns a function that **takes another function** (the second one) to complete the work!

`((n f) x) ;; applies f to x n times`

`((k f) x) ;; applies f to x k times`

`plus =`

`(lambda (n) (lambda (k)`

`(lambda (f) (lambda (x) ((k f) ((n f) x))))))`

`((n f) x) ;; applies f to x n times`

`((k f) x) ;; applies f to x k times`

`plus =`

`(lambda (n) (lambda (k)`

`(lambda (f) (lambda (x) ((k f) ((n f) x))))))`

### Homework:

Reduce (to beta-normal-form, i.e., doing all possible reductions)

the following (encoding plus, 0, 1, and 2 correctly):

`(plus 0 1) ;; (lambda (f) (lambda (x) (f x)))`

`(plus 1 1) ;; (lambda (f) (lambda (x) (f (f x))))`

`(plus 2 0) ;; (lambda (f) (lambda (x) (f (f x))))`

Alright, now how do you do multiplication..?

Well, do "n **k times!**"

`((n f) x) ;;` applies f to x n times

`((k f) x) ;;` applies f to x k times

```
(lambda (n)
  (lambda (k)
    (lambda (f) (lambda (x) (((n k) f) x))))))
```

`((n f) x) ;; applies f to x n times`

`((k f) x) ;; applies f to x k times`

```
(lambda (n)
  (lambda (k)
    (lambda (f) (lambda (x) (((n k) f) x))))))
```

### Homework:

Reduce (to beta-normal-form, i.e., doing all possible reductions) the following (encoding plus, 0, 1, and 2 correctly):

`(mult 1 1) ;; (lambda (f) (lambda (x) (f x)))`

`(mult 2 1) ;; (lambda (f) (lambda (x) (f (f x))))`

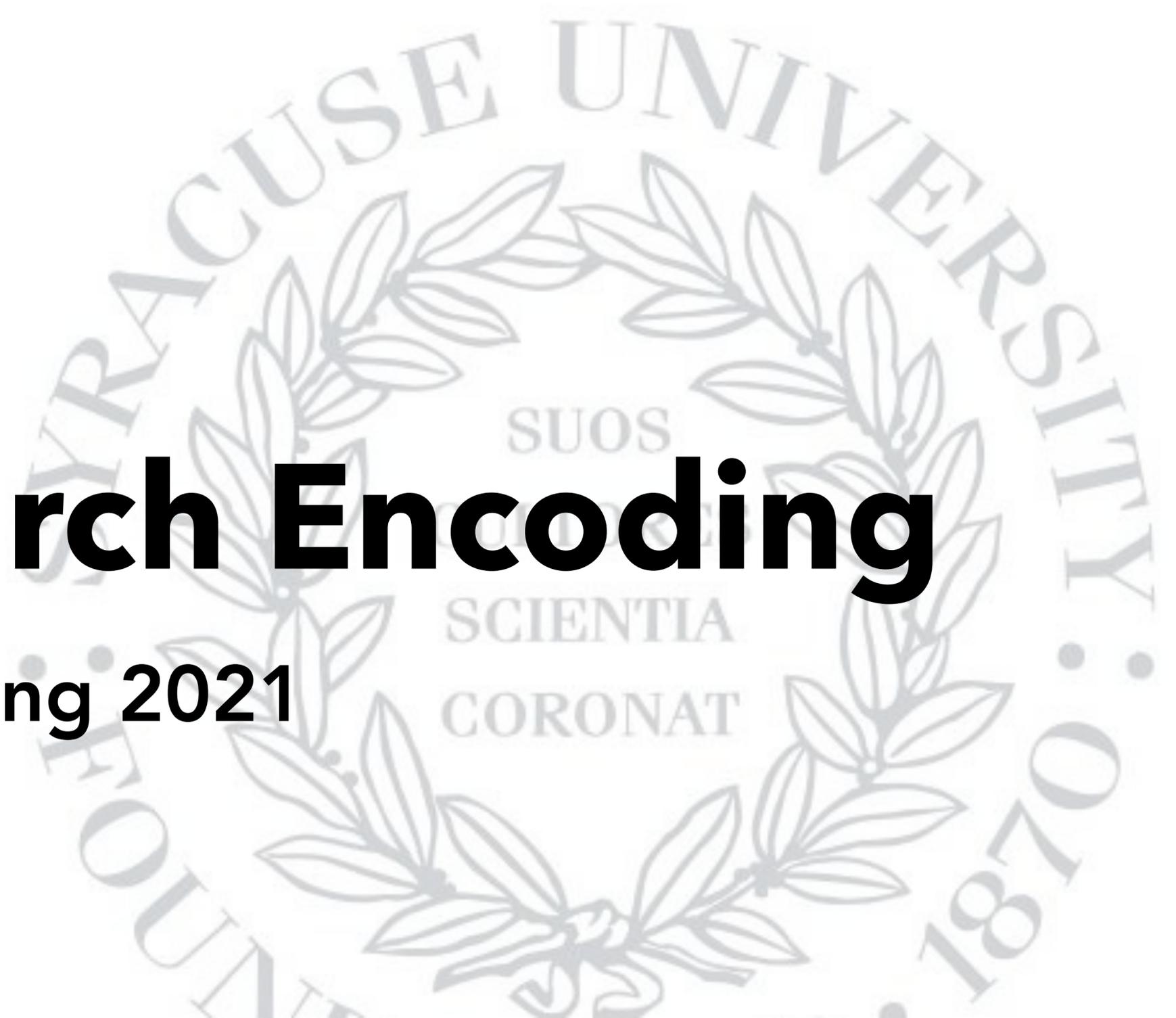
`(mult 2 0) ;; (lambda (f) (lambda (x) x))`

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# **P2: Church Encoding**

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Last lecture: Church numerals and operations over arithmetic.

After last lecture, you should be able to use Church encoding to express things like this:

$$2 + 3 * (4 + 1)$$

In this project, we'll translate Scheme programs to the lambda calculus.

This project: how do we translate the **rest** of Scheme?

```
e ::= (letrec ([x (lambda (x ...) e)]))
    | (let ([x e] ...) e)
    | (lambda (x ...) e)
    | (e e ...)
    | x
    | (if e e e)
    | (prim e e) | (prim e)
    | d
d ::=  $\mathbb{N}$  | #t | #f | '()
x ::= <vars>
prim ::= + | - | * | not | cons | ...
```

(Language used in project p2)

## Output language

```
e ::= (lambda (x) e)
     | (e e)
     | x
```

```
x ::= <vars>
```

Let's go through the forms one by one and eliminate them :-)

**Currying** is a trick where you translate multi-arg lambdas into **sequences** of lambdas

$$(\lambda (x\ y\ z)\ e) \longrightarrow (\lambda (x)\ (\lambda (y)\ (\lambda (z)\ e))))$$

$$(\lambda (x)\ e) \longrightarrow (\lambda (x)\ e)$$

$$(\lambda ()\ e) \longrightarrow (\lambda (\_)\ e)$$

Of course, you **also** need to fix up **callsites**

$(f\ a\ b\ c\ d) \longrightarrow (((f\ a)\ b)\ c)\ d)$

$(f\ a) \longrightarrow (f\ a)$

$(f) \longrightarrow (f\ (\lambda (x)\ x))$

Alright, so we started with this...

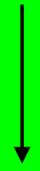
```
e ::= (letrec ([x (lambda (x ...) e)]))
    | (let ([x e] ...) e)
    | (lambda (x ...) e)
    | (e e ...)
    | x
    | (if e e e)
    | (prim e e) | (prim e)
    | d
d ::=  $\mathbb{N}$  | #t | #f | '()'
x ::= <vars>
prim ::= + | - | * | not | cons | ...
```

Now we have...

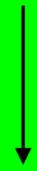
```
e ::= (letrec ([x (lambda (x ...) e)]))  
    ;; let is encoded..  
    | (lambda (x) e) ;; single x  
    | (e e)          ;; single arg  
    | x  
    | (if e e e)  
    | ((prim e) e) | (prim e)  
    | d  
d ::=  $\mathbb{N}$  | #t | #f | '()  
x ::= <vars>  
prim ::= + | - | * | not | cons | ...
```

Now let's encode if

`(if #t eT eF)`   `(if #f eT eF)`



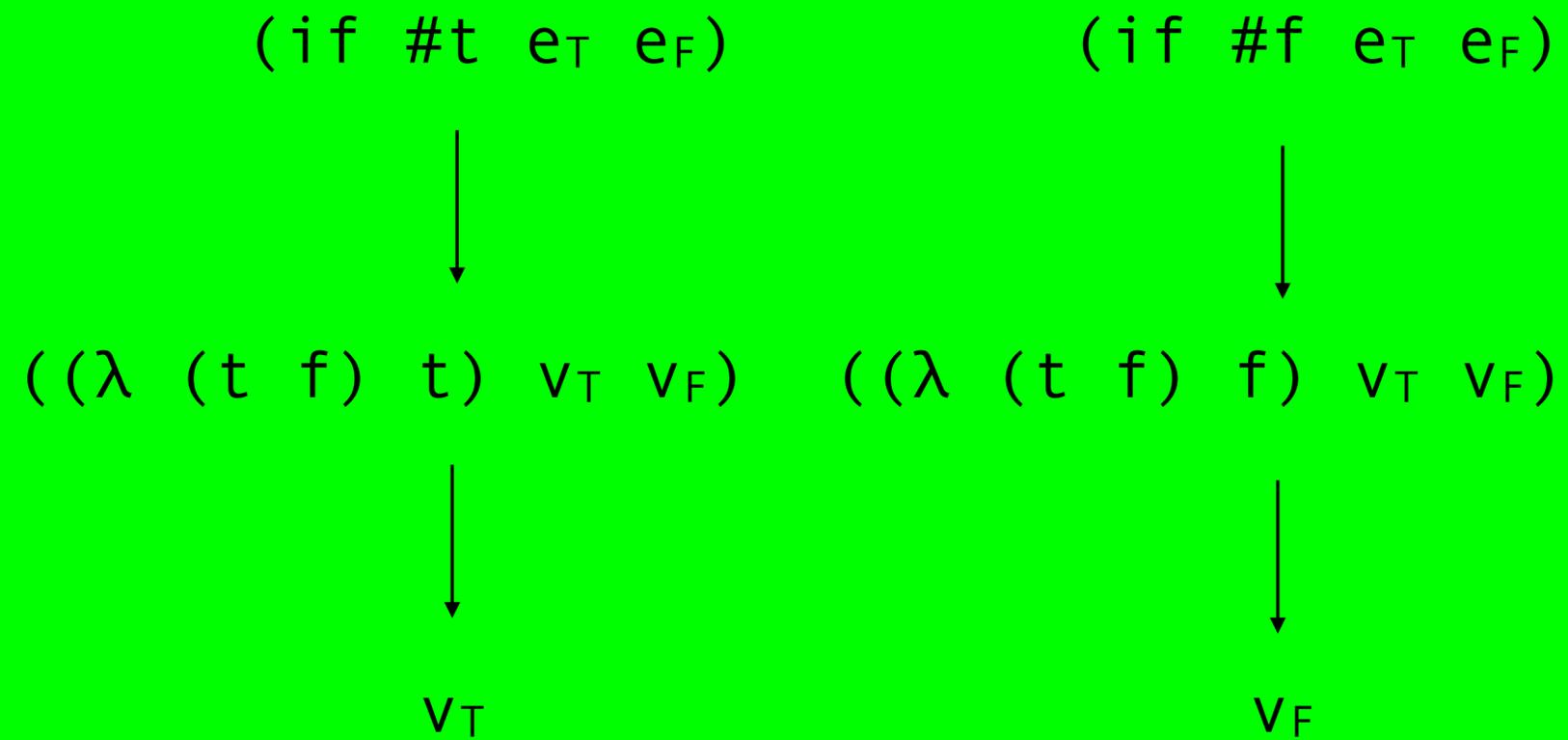
`eT`



`eF`

We need an encoding that does this...

Let's say we encode true as  $(\lambda (t\ f)\ t)$



**This is critically broken!**

Because if we did that, then the encoding of

`(if #t 0 Ω) ;; Ω = ((lambda (x) (x x)) (lambda (x) (x x)))`

`((λ (t f) t) 0 Ω)`



.....

Not right! We want it to be just 0!

Note: already explained how to encode 0-arg lambda...

$((\lambda (t f) (t)) (\lambda () e_T) (\lambda () \Omega))$



$((\lambda () e_T))$



$e_T$



$v_T$

So our true encoding for if/true/false is...

Note: already explained how to encode 0-arg lambda...

$((\lambda (t\ f) (t)) (\lambda () e_T) (\lambda () \Omega))$



$((\lambda () e_T))$



$e_T$



$v_T$

Now we're just down to...

```
e ::= (letrec ([x (lambda (x) e)]))
    | (lambda (x) e)
    | (e e)
    | x
    | ((+ e) e) | ((* e) e)
    | ((cons e) e) | (car e)
    | (cdr e) | (null? e)
    | d
d ::=  $\mathbb{N}$  | '()'
x ::= <vars>
```

We taught you how to do these in the last video!

```
e ::= (letrec ([x (lambda (x) e)]))
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    | (cdr e)
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```

So now all we need to do is this...

```
e ::= (letrec ([x (lambda (x) e)]))
    | (lambda (x) e)
    | (e e)
    | x
    | ((+ e) e) | ((* e) e)
    | ((cons e) e) | (car e)
    | (cdr e) | (null? e)
    | d
d ::=  $\mathbb{N}$  | '()'
x ::= <vars>
```

```
'() = (λ (when-cons) (λ (when-null)
                    (when-null)))
```

```
(cons a b) = (λ (when-cons) (λ (when-null)
                              (when-cons a b)))
```

Using this definition, can you define car, cdr, and null?

```
church:null? = (λ (lst)
                (lst (λ (a b) #f) ;; when cons
                     (λ () #t))) ;; when null
```

Now all we have is...

```
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      | (lambda (x) e)
      | (e e)
      | x
x ::= <vars>
```

To implement letrec, we use a **fixed-point combinator** (such as the Y combinator...). This is a bit tricky, so we'll explain it next week in class.

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# Fixed Points

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## Last lecture: encoding Scheme in the lambda calculus

```
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    | (lambda (x ...) e)
    | (e e ...)
    | x
    | (if e e e)
    | (prim e e) | (prim e)
    | d
d ::=  $\mathbb{N}$  | #t | #f | '()'
x ::= <vars>
prim ::= + | - | * | not | cons | ...
```

Right now: clone the corresponding autograder exercise for this lecture so you can get participation points...

Last lecture: encoding Scheme in the lambda calculus

### But didn't do letrec

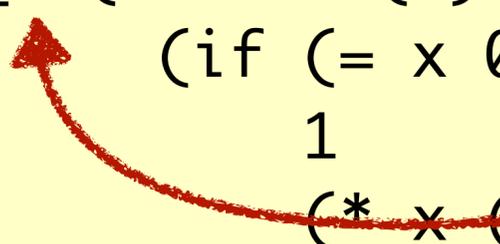
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Letrec lets us define recursive loops

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(letrec ([f (lambda (x)
             (if (= x 0)
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                 (* x (f (sub1 x))))))]
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```
(define (fib-using-letrec x)
  (letrec ([fib (lambda (x)
                 ;; Your answer:
                 'todo)])
    (fib x)))
```

Today, we will discuss a magic term, **Y**, that allows us to write...

```
(letrec ([f (lambda (x)
            (if (= x 0)
                1
                (* x (f (sub1 x))))))]
  (f 20))
```

```
(let ([f
      (Y (lambda (f)
          (lambda (x)
            (if (= x 0)
                1
                (* x (f (- x 1))))))]
  (f 20))
```

This magic term, named Y, allows us to construct recursive functions.

```
(define Y (λ (g) ((λ (f) (g (λ (x) ((f f) x))))  
                 (λ (f) (g (λ (x) ((f f) x)))))))
```

First, the U combinator

```
(define U (lambda (x) (x x)))
```

The U combinator lets us do something very crucial: pass a copy of a function to itself.

Let's say I didn't have `letrec`, what could I do...?

First observation: pass `f` to **itself**

```
(let ([f (lambda (mk-f)
           (lambda (x)
             (if (= x 0)
                 1
                 (* x ((mk-f mk-f) x))))))]
      ((f f) 20))
```

`mk-f` is pronounced "make f"

```
(let ([f (lambda (mk-f)
          (lambda (x)
            (if (= x 0)
                1
                (* x ((mk-f mk-f) (sub1 x))))))]
      ((f f) 20))
```

Let's see why this works!

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Let's see why this works!

1: First, apply `f` to itself. First lambda goes away, returns `(lambda (x) ...)` with `mk-f` bound to `mk-f`

This initial call "makes the next copy"

```
(let ([f (lambda (mk-f)
          (lambda (x) ;; x = 20
            (if (= x 0)
                1
                (* x ((mk-f mk-f) (sub1 x))))))]
      ((f f) 20))
```

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1: First, apply `f` to itself. First lambda goes away, returns `(lambda (x) ...)` with `mk-f` bound to `mk-f`

2: Second, apply that `(lambda (x) ...)` to `20`, take false branch

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      ((f f) 20))
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2: Next, apply that `(lambda (x) ...)` to `20`, take false branch

3: Next, compute `(mk-f mk-f)`, which **gives us another copy of `(lambda (x) ...)`**

4: Apply that same function again (until base case)!

## The U combinator recipe for recursion...

```
(letrec ([f (lambda (x) e-body)])  
  letrec-body)
```

Systematically translate any letrec by:

- Wrapping  $(\text{lambda } (x) \text{ e-body})$  in  $(\text{lambda } (f) \dots)$
- Changing occurrences of  $f$  (in e-body) to  $(f f)$
- Apply U combinator / apply function to itself
- Changing letrec to let

**Think carefully why this works..!**

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- Changing `letrec` to `let`

```
(let ([f (U (lambda (f)  
             ;; replace f w/ (f f)  
             (lambda (x) e-body)))])  
  letrec-body)
```

Let's do an example...

```
(define (length-using-letrec lst)
  (letrec ([len (lambda (x)
                (if (null? x)
                    0
                    (add1 (len (rest x))))))]
    (len lst)))
```

Your job...

```
(define (length-using-u lst)
  (let ([len (U (lambda (f)
                 (lambda (x)
                   'todo)))]
        (len lst)))
```

## Now another example...

```
(define (fib-using-letrec n)
  (letrec ([fib
            (lambda (x)
              (cond [(= x 0) 1]
                    [(= x 1) 1]
                    [else (+ (fib (- x 1))
                              (fib (- x 2)))]))]])
    (fib n)))
```

Translate **this** one to use U

```
(define (fib-using-U n)
  (letrec ([fib (U 'todo)])
    (fib n)))
```

```
(let ([f (lambda (mk-f)
          (lambda (x)
            (if (= x 0)
                1
                (* x ((mk-f mk-f) (sub1 x))))))]
      ((U f) 20))
```

One pesky thing: need to rewrite function so that calls to mk-f need to first "get another copy" by doing (mk-f mk-f)

By contrast, the **Y** combinator will allow us to write **this**

```
(let ([f (lambda (f)
          (lambda (x)
            (if (= x 0)
                1
                (* x (f (sub1 x))))))]
      ((Y f) 20))
```

```
(let ([f (Y (lambda (f)
             ;; no change to e-body
             (lambda (x) e-body)))]
      letrec-body)
```

Let's ask ourselves: what does  $f$  need to **be** when  $Y$  plugs it in...?

$$(Y f) = f (Y f)$$

## Deriving Y

$$(Y\ f) = (f\ (Y\ f))$$

$$Y = (\lambda\ (f)\ (f\ (Y\ f))) \quad 1. \text{ Treat as definition}$$

$$mY = (\lambda\ (mY)\ (\lambda\ (f)\ (f\ ((mY\ mY)\ f)))) \quad \begin{array}{l} 2. \text{ Lift to } mY, \\ \text{use self-application} \end{array}$$

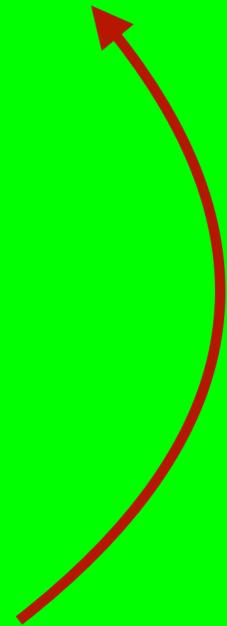
$$mY = (\lambda\ (mY)\ (\lambda\ (f)\ (f\ (\lambda\ (x)\ (((mY\ mY)\ f)\ x)))))) \quad 3. \text{ Eta-expand}$$

**U-combinator: (U U) is Omega**



$$Y = (\text{U } (\lambda (y) (\lambda (f) (f (\lambda (x) (((y y) f) x))))))$$

$$mY = (\lambda (mY) (\lambda (f) (f (\lambda (x) (((mY mY) f) x))))))$$



$$(Y f) = f (Y f)$$

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      ((Y f) 20))
```

Closing words of advice:

- Understand how to write recursive functions w/ U / Y
- Do not need to remember precisely why Y works
  - But do need to remember how to use it!
- If you want to understand: just think carefully about what U / Y are doing (with examples)

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# Continuations

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Often speak of evaluating programs in a sequence of steps:

$$(+ (* 2 1) 3) \rightarrow (+ 2 3) \rightarrow 5$$

E.g., textual reduction. We defined textual reduction for IfArith and for lambda calculus (beta, ...)

## Textual Reduction Review

Key idea: at each step, we just decided which expression to reduce (using reduction strategy)

```
((lambda (x) ((lambda (y) x) z))  
 (lambda (z) (lambda (...) ...)))
```

In a real implementation, this would be slow (would have to traverse term at each step)

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| -> | 5             | stack = □ (done!)       |

These stacks have another appeal: the fact that they make only local changes makes them fast (compared to identifying redex each time).

However, we won't focus a lot on the efficiencies of this style. If you want to see that, consider taking the compilers course here at SU.

Instead, we will observe that this style offers an additional flexibility: we can always conceptualize the return point as a function!

We call this function the "continuation," since it lets us "continue" the computation.

```
(+ (* 2 1) 3) ;; (lambda (rtn) rtn)
-> (* 2 1)    ;; (lambda (x) (+ x 3))
-> 2          ;; (lambda (x) (+ x 3))
-> 3          ;; (lambda (x) (+ 2 x))
-> (+ 2 3)    ;; (lambda (x) x)
-> 5          ;; (lambda (x) x)
```

If you're used to programming in Java/C++, you can think of a continuation as a "callback we invoke to return from a function."

```
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```

The call/cc form allows us to **bind** this continuation to a **function**

```
(+ 4 (call/cc (lambda (k) (k 3))))
```

When control reaches call/cc, the program binds the **current continuation** to k

In this case, the current continuation is...

```
(+ 4 (call/cc (lambda (k) (k 3))))  
;; (lambda (x) (+ 4 x))
```

How could we write the continuation at the **underlined point**?

```
(let* ([x (+ (* 2 3) 4)]  
      [y (add1 x)])  
  y)
```

```
(lambda (z)  
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```

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```

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  (let* ([x (+ result 4)]  
        [y (add1 x)])  
    y)
```

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Continuations are normal functions in most ways. One crucial difference: when you invoke a continuation, it **abandons** the current stack and **reinstates** the continuation!

Again: invoking a continuation is **different** than invoking a *normal* (non-continuation) function.

Students **frequently** find this confusing!

When execution reaches **this point**, k is bound as the continuation



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But in this example, the saved continuation is equivalent to the current continuation, so we observe no difference!

The program never returns from call (k 3) because **undelimited continuations** run until the program exits.

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**Pause the video and type this one into Dr. Racket!**

Do you understand why `(print 0)` is never reached?

```
(+ 1 (call/cc (lambda (k) (k 2))))  
;; => 3
```

This `call/cc`'s behavior is *roughly* the same as the application:

```
((lambda (k) (k 2))  
 (lambda (n) (exit (print (+ 1 n)))))  
;; => 3
```

Where the high-lit continuation `(lambda (n) ...)` takes a return value for the `(call/cc ...)` expression and finishes the program.

When execution reaches **this point**, k is bound as the continuation



```
(+ 4 (call/cc (lambda (k) (+ 5 (k 3))))))
```

```
k = <continuation> (lambda (x) (+ 4 x))
```

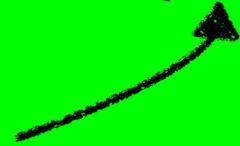
When control **reaches** this point, the current continuation is...

```
(lambda (x) (+ 4 (+ 5 x)))
```

```
(+ 4 (call/cc (lambda (k) (+ 5 (k 3)))))
```



```
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```



And, **by invoking k**, then we abandon it to *reinststate* k

```
(lambda (x) (+ 4 x))
```

**Try an example.** What do each of these 3 examples return?

(Hint: Racket evaluates argument expressions left to right.)

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```

4

```
(call/cc (lambda (k0)
  (+ 1
    (call/cc (lambda (k1)
      (+ 1 (k1 3))))
    (k0 1))))
```

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# Lecture Summary

- ◆ Continuations allow us to capture the stack in a first-class way
- ◆ call/cc (call-with-current-continuation)
  - ◆ Let's us bind special **continuation** functions
- ◆ When invoked, continuations **reset the stack**
- ◆ As we will soon see, this enables building non-local control constructs (loops, exceptions, etc...)

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# Closures

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```
(let ([cc (call/cc (lambda (k) k))])
  ...)
```

A common idiom for `call/cc` is to  
let-bind the current continuation.

```
(let ([cc (call/cc (lambda (k) k))])  
  ...)
```

Note that applying call/cc on the identity function is exactly the same as applying it on the u-combinator!

```
(let ([cc (call/cc (lambda (k) (k k)))]  
  ...)
```

Why is this the case?

```
(let ([cc (call/cc (lambda (k) k))])
```

```
  ...)
```

This return point

...is the same as this one...

```
(let ([cc (call/cc (lambda (k) (k k)))]
```

```
  ...)
```

...and calling k on itself, returns k to itself!

Returning value *v* is the same as *calling* that saved return point *on v*.