

## 61A Extra Lecture 3

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# Announcements

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# Church-Turing Thesis

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A function on the natural numbers is computable by a human following an algorithm, ignoring resource limitations, if and only if it is computable by a Turing machine.



# Representation

## Functions Can Represent Boolean Values

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If all we have to work with are functions and call expressions, is there any way to represent other primitive values?

```
t = lambda a: lambda b: a
f = lambda a: lambda b: b

def py_pred(p):
    return p(True)(False)

def f_not(p):
    """Define Not.

    >>> py_pred(f_not(t))
    False
    >>> py_pred(f_not(f))
    True
    """
    return lambda a: lambda b: p(b)(a)
```

**Exercise:**

```
def f_and(p, q):
    """Define And.

    >>> py_pred(f_and(t, t))
    True
    >>> py_pred(f_and(t, f))
    False
    >>> py_pred(f_and(f, t))
    False
    >>> py_pred(f_and(f, f))
    False
    """
    return p(q)(f)
```

```
def f_or(p, q):
    """Define Or.

    >>> py_pred(f_or(t, t))
    True
    >>> py_pred(f_or(t, f))
    True
    >>> py_pred(f_or(f, t))
    True
    >>> py_pred(f_or(f, f))
    False
    """
    return p(t)(q)
```

## Functions Can Represent Natural Numbers

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```
def zero(s):  
    return lambda z: z  
  
def one(s):  
    return lambda z: s(z)  
  
def two(s):  
    return lambda z: s(s(z))  
  
def successor(n):  
    return lambda s: lambda z: s(n(s)(z))  
  
three = successor(two)
```

```
def add_church(m, n):  
    return lambda s: lambda x: m(s)(n(s)(x))  
  
def mul_church(m, n):  
    return lambda s: m(n(s))  
  
def pow_church(m, n):  
    return n(m)
```

*Note:* `lambda x: f(x)` is the same as `f`

## Lambda Calculus Notation



## Lambda Calculus

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**Variables:** single letters, such as  $x$

**Functions:** Instead of `lambda x: x`, write  $\lambda x.x$ ; Instead of `lambda x, y: x`, write  $\lambda xy.x$

**Assignment:** Write `var f = ...`

**Application:** Instead of  $f(x)$ , write  $(f\ x)$ ;  $f(x)(y)$  and  $f(x, y)$  are both written  $(f\ x\ y)$

**Follow along!** <http://chenyang.co/lambda/>

**To type  $\lambda$ , just type `\`**

`var I =  $\lambda x.x$`

Are  $(I\ I)$  and  $I$  the same?

Are  $(K\ I\ I)$  and  $(K\ I\ K)$  the same?

`var K =  $\lambda r.\lambda s.r$`

Are  $(K\ I)$  and  $I$  the same?

What's  $((K\ K)\ (K\ K))$  the same as?

Are  $(K\ K\ I)$  and  $K$  the same?

Can you construct a 4-argument function by just calling  $K$  &  $I$ ?

## Boolean Values

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**Functions:** Instead of `lambda x: x`, write `λx.x`; Instead of `lambda x, y: x`, write `λxy.x`

**Assignment:** Write `var f = ...`

**Application:** Instead of `f(x)`, write `(f x)`; `f(x)(y)` and `f(x, y)` are both written `(f x y)`

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**To type  $\lambda$ , just type `\`**

`var T = λab.a`

Define `and`, `or`, and `not`!

Define exclusive or:

`var F = λab.b`

`xor(False, False) -> False`

`xor(False, True) -> True`

`xor(True, False) -> True`

`xor(True, True) -> False`