

*An Excordium on Computational Trinitarianism \**

# Curry-Howard-Lambek Correspondence

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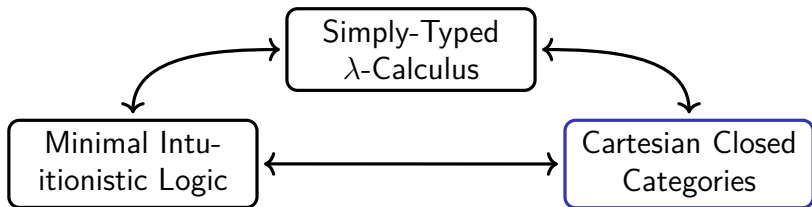
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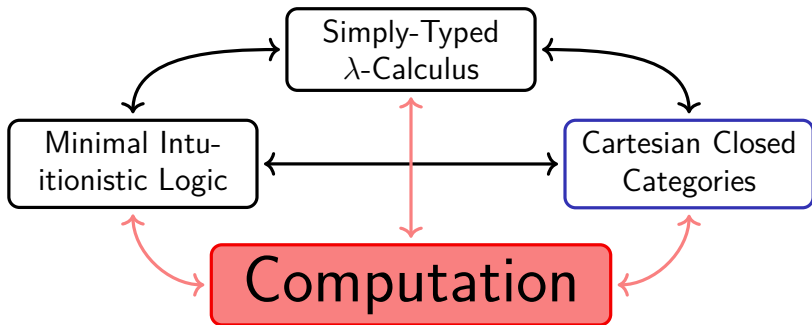
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# Part I

## Yet Another Introduction to Category Theory

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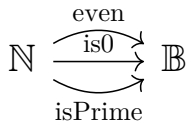
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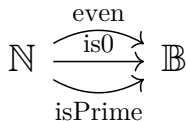


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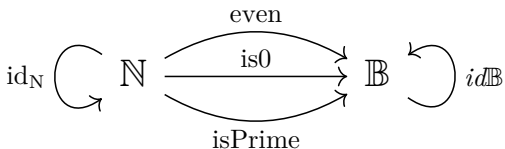
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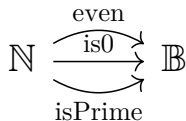


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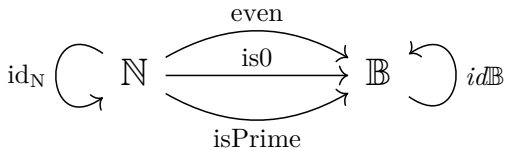
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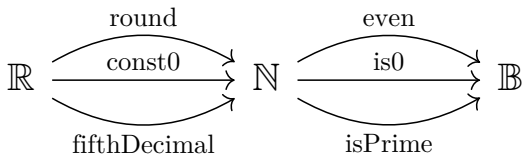
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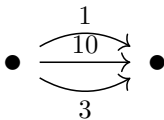
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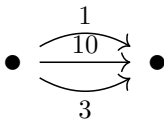


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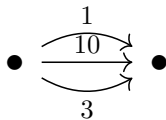
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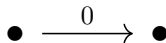
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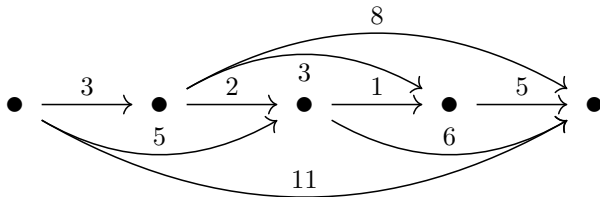
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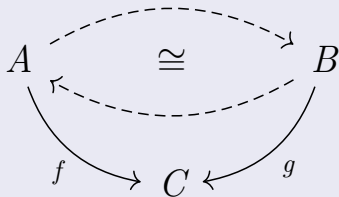
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# Part III

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Obvious, duh.



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# Part IV

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# Further Reading and Sources I

## Recommended Reading on Category Theory

- ▶ <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1612.09375>
- ▶ Book “Categories for the working mathematician” (Mac Lane)
- ▶ Book “ Basic Category Theory for Computer Scientists” (Pierce)
- ▶ [https://web.archive.org/web/20230301160845/https://people.math.harvard.edu/~mazur/preprints/when\\_is\\_one.pdf](https://web.archive.org/web/20230301160845/https://people.math.harvard.edu/~mazur/preprints/when_is_one.pdf)

## Recommended Reading on Categorical Logic

- ▶ <https://awodey.github.io/catlog/notes/> (WIP)

## Further Reading and Sources II

- ▶ <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/lambda-calculus/#LThe>
- ▶ [https://golem.ph.utexas.edu/category/2006/08/cartesian\\_closed\\_categories\\_an\\_1.html](https://golem.ph.utexas.edu/category/2006/08/cartesian_closed_categories_an_1.html)
- ▶ Book “Introduction to Higher Order Categorical Logic” (Lambek)
- ▶ Book “The Lambda Calculus, its Syntax and Semantics” (Barendregt)
- ▶ Book “Topoi: The Categorical Analysis of Logic” (Goldblatt)

Related and more complicated concepts

# Further Reading and Sources III

- ▶ <https://math.ucr.edu/home/baez/rosetta.pdf#page=66>
- ▶ Book “Elementary Categories, Elementary Toposes” (McLarty)
- ▶ Book “Sketches of an Elephant” (Johnstone)
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- ▶ Book “Handbook of Categorical Algebra” (Borceux), specifically Volume 3

*A possible first step in the research program is 1700 doctoral theses called “A Correspondence between  $x$  and Church’s notation.”*

*— A popular joke*