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# Functions

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Notes adapted from  
Assia Mahboubi  
(coq school 2010, Paris) and  
Benjamin Pierce (software  
foundations course, UPenn)

# Plan

- functions and  $\lambda$ -notation
- higher-order functions
- data types
- notation in Coq
- enumerated sets
- pattern-matching on constructors

# Functions and $\lambda$ -notation

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# Functional calculus (1/6)

$$(\lambda x. x + 1)3 \rightarrow 3 + 1 \rightarrow 4$$

$$(\lambda x. 2 * x + 2)4 \rightarrow 2 * 4 + 2 \rightarrow 8 + 2 \rightarrow 10$$

$$(\lambda f.f3)(\lambda x. x + 2) \rightarrow (\lambda x. x + 2)3 \rightarrow 3 + 2 \rightarrow 5$$

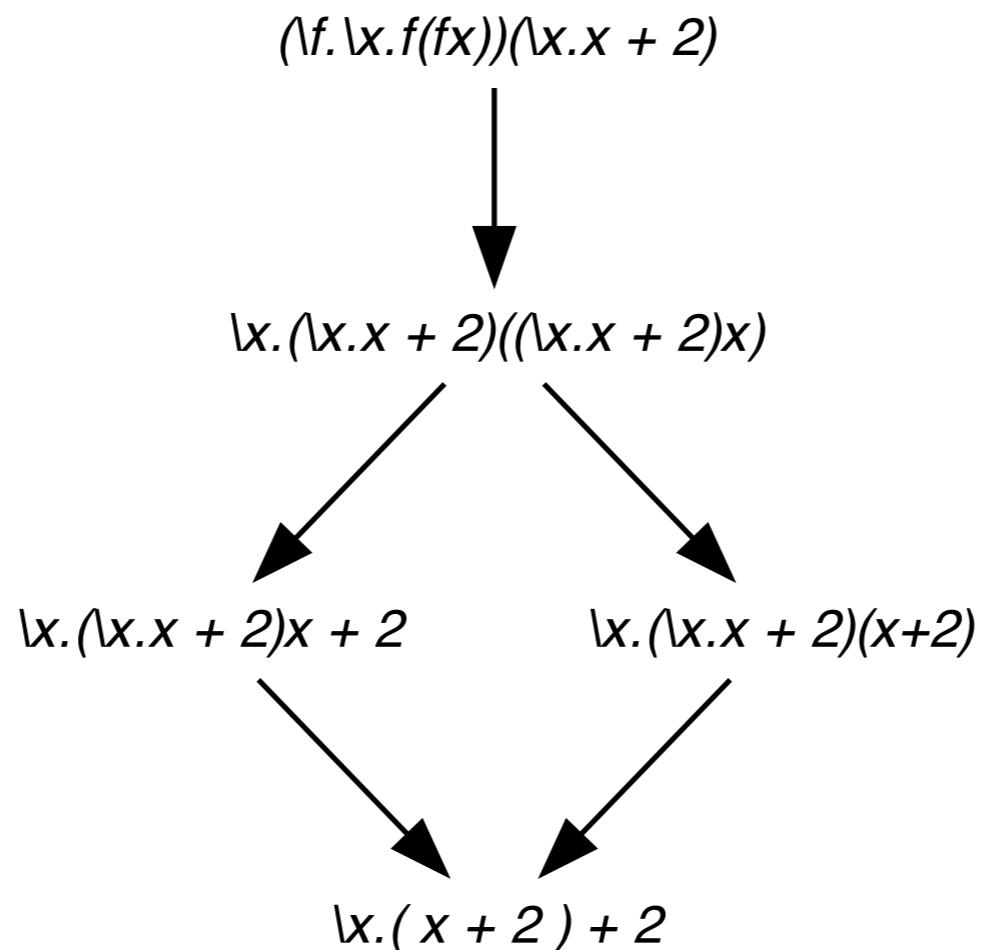
$$(\lambda x.\lambda y.x + y)3\ 2 =$$

$$((\lambda x.\lambda y.x + y)3)2 \rightarrow (\lambda y.3 + y)2 \rightarrow (\lambda y.3 + y)2 \rightarrow 3 + 2 \rightarrow 5$$

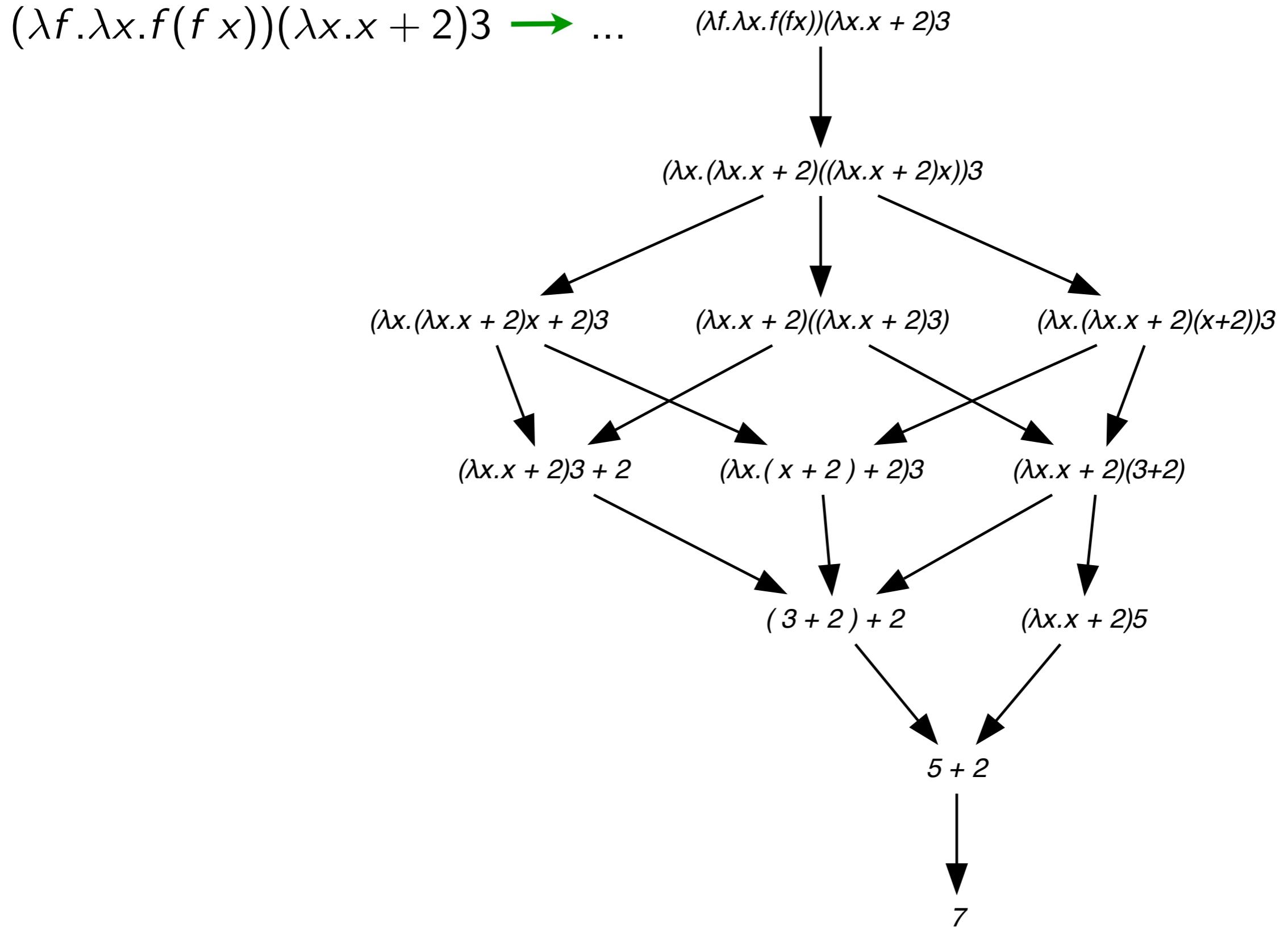
$$(\lambda f.\lambda x.f(f x))(\lambda x. x + 2) \rightarrow \dots$$

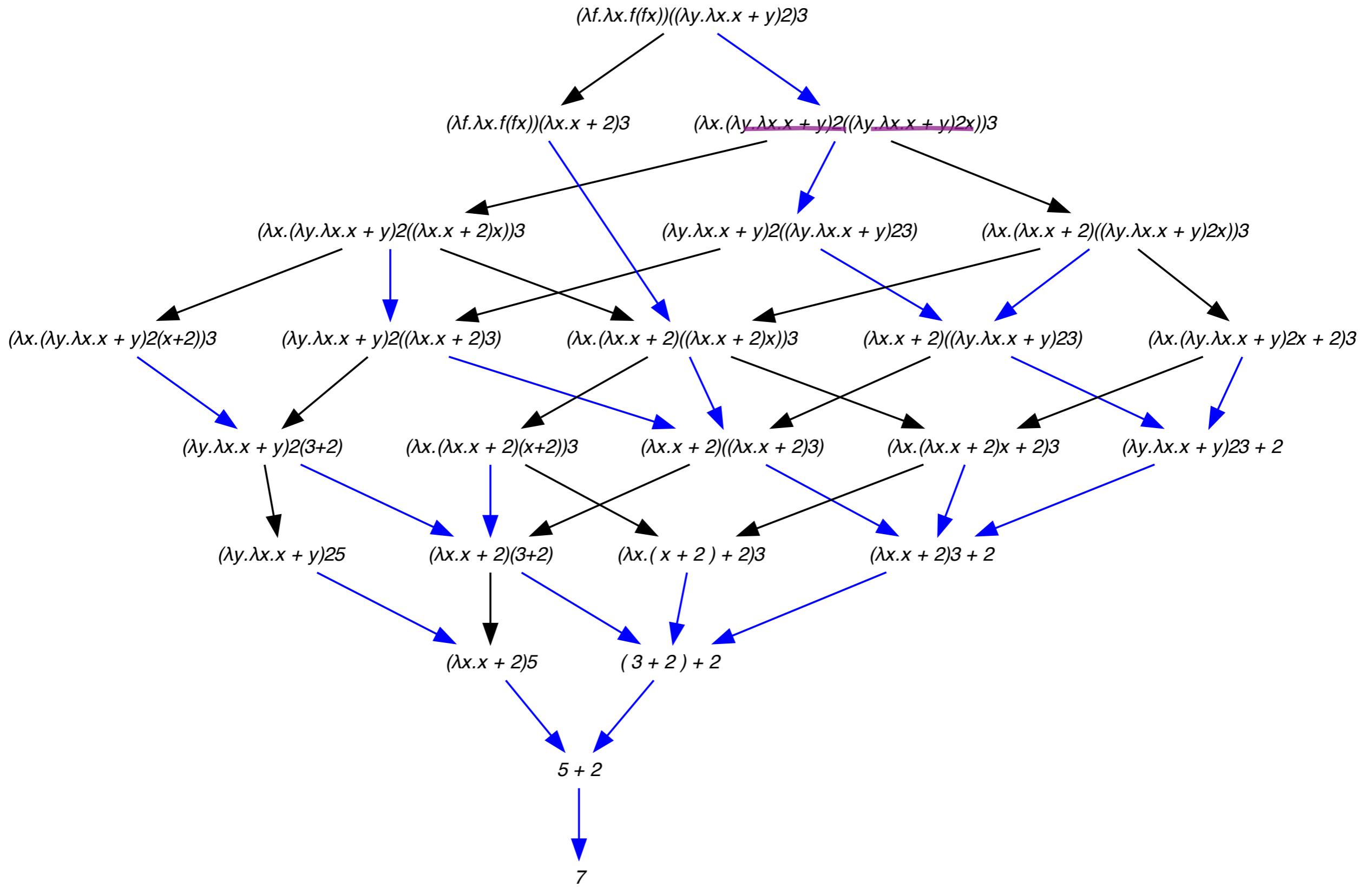
# Functional calculus (2/6)

$(\lambda f. \lambda x. f(f x))(\lambda x. x + 2) \rightarrow \dots$



# Functional calculus (3/6)



$$(\lambda f. \lambda x. f(f x))((\lambda y. \lambda x. x + y)2)3 \rightarrow \dots$$


# Functional calculus (5/6)

Fact(3)

$$\text{Fact} = Y(\lambda f. \lambda x. \text{ if } z \ x \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } x * f(x - 1))$$

Thus following term:

$$(\lambda \text{Fact}. \text{Fact}(3))$$

$$(Y(\lambda f. \lambda x. \text{ if } z \ x \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } x * f(x - 1)))$$

also written

$$(\lambda \text{Fact}. \text{Fact}(3))$$

$$((\lambda Y. Y(\lambda f. \lambda x. \text{ if } z \ x \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } x * f(x - 1))))$$

$$(\lambda f. (\lambda x. f(xx))(\lambda x. f(xx)))) )$$

$$(\lambda Fact.Fact3)(\lambda y.y(\lambda f.\lambda x.ifz x \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } x * f(x-1)))(\lambda f.Yf))$$

$$(\lambda y.y(\lambda f.\lambda x.ifz x \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } x * f(x-1)))(\lambda f.Yf)3$$

$$(\lambda f.Yf)(\lambda f.\lambda x.ifz x \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } x * f(x-1))3$$

$$(\lambda x.(\lambda f.\lambda x.ifz x \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } x * f(x-1))(xx))(\lambda x.(\lambda f.\lambda x.ifz x \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } x * f(x-1))(xx))3$$

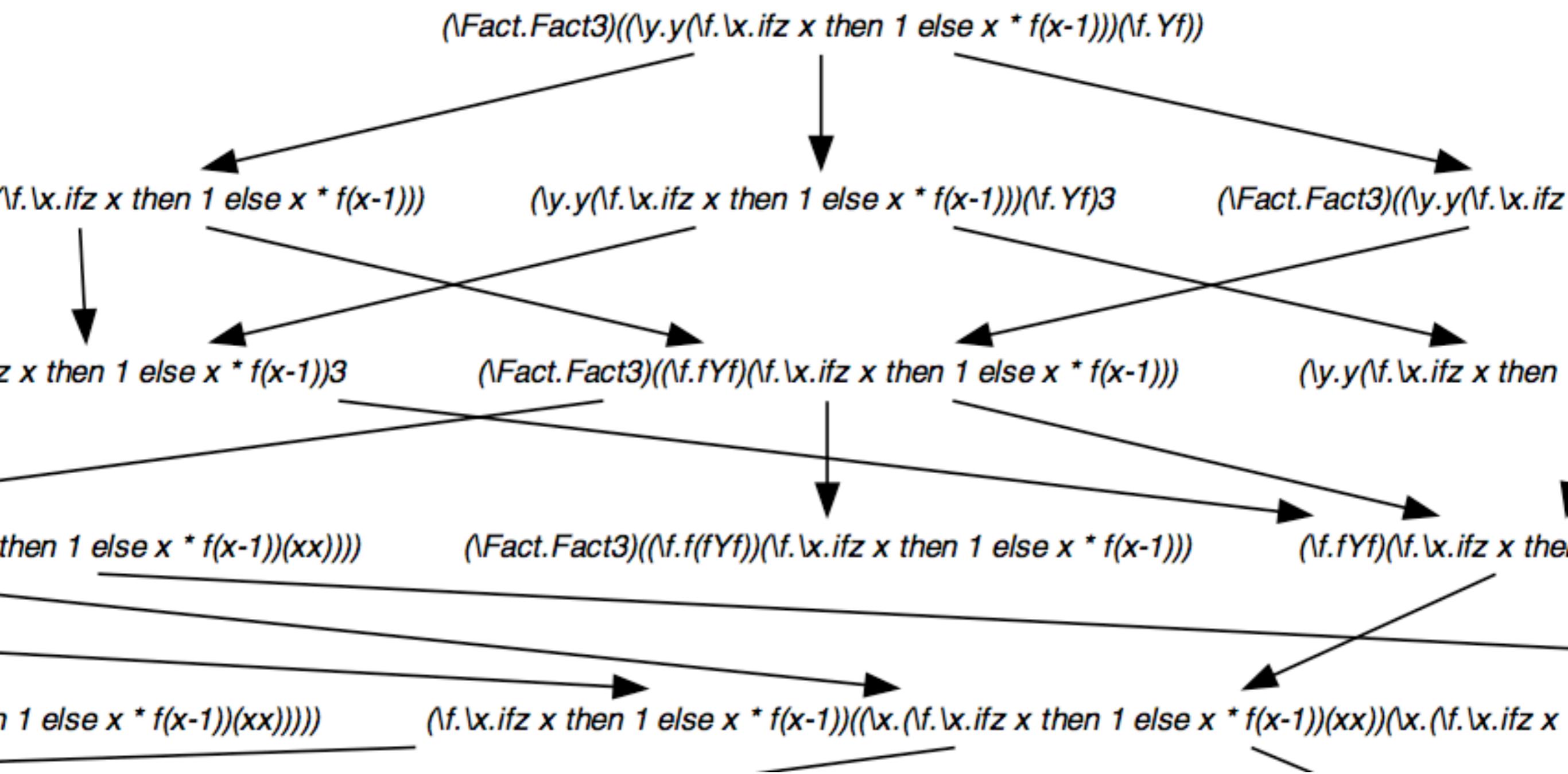
$$(\lambda f.\lambda x.ifz x \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } x * (\lambda x.(\lambda f.\lambda x.ifz x \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } x * f(x-1))(xx)))(\lambda x.(\lambda f.\lambda x.ifz x \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } x * f(x-1))(xx))3$$

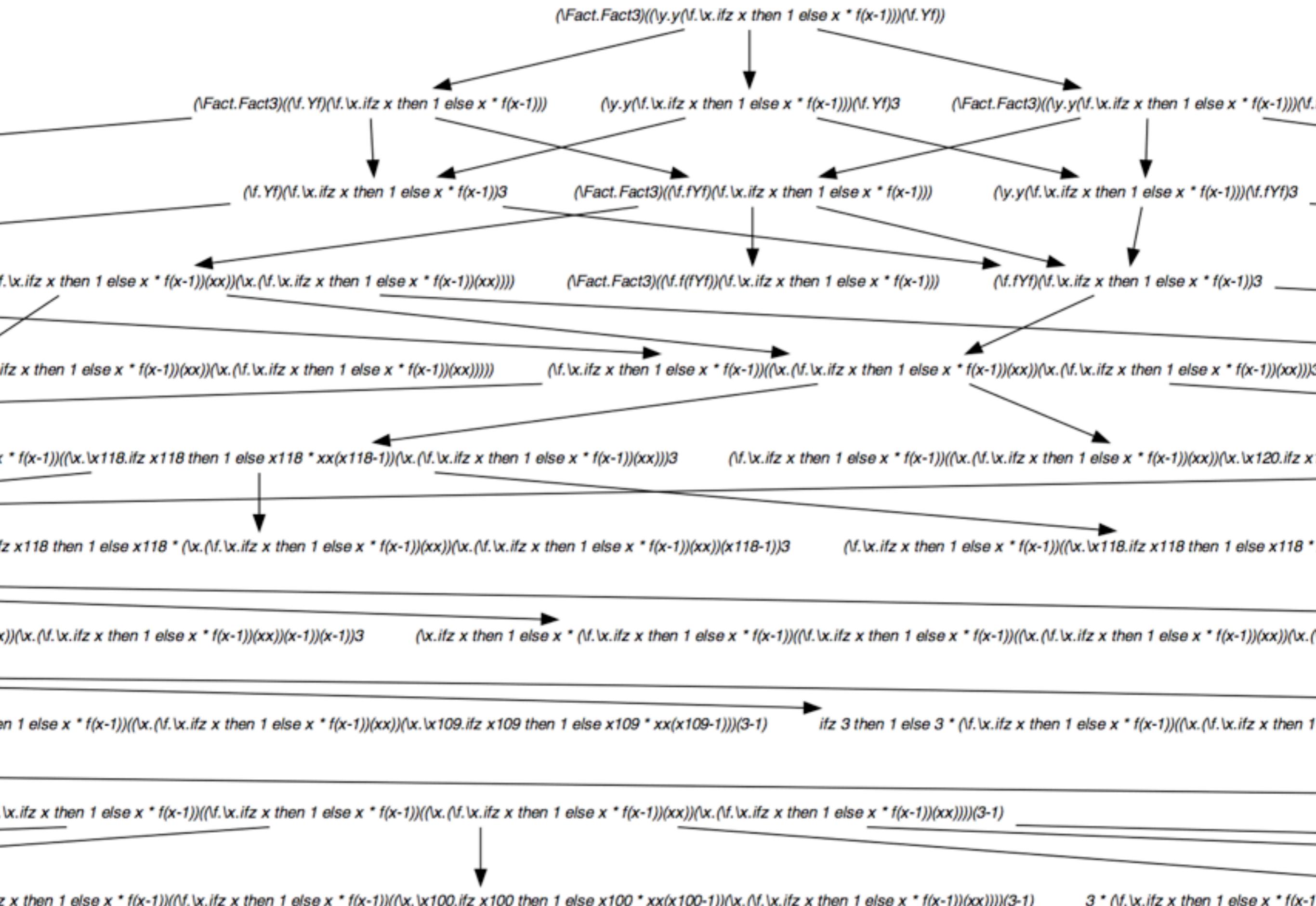
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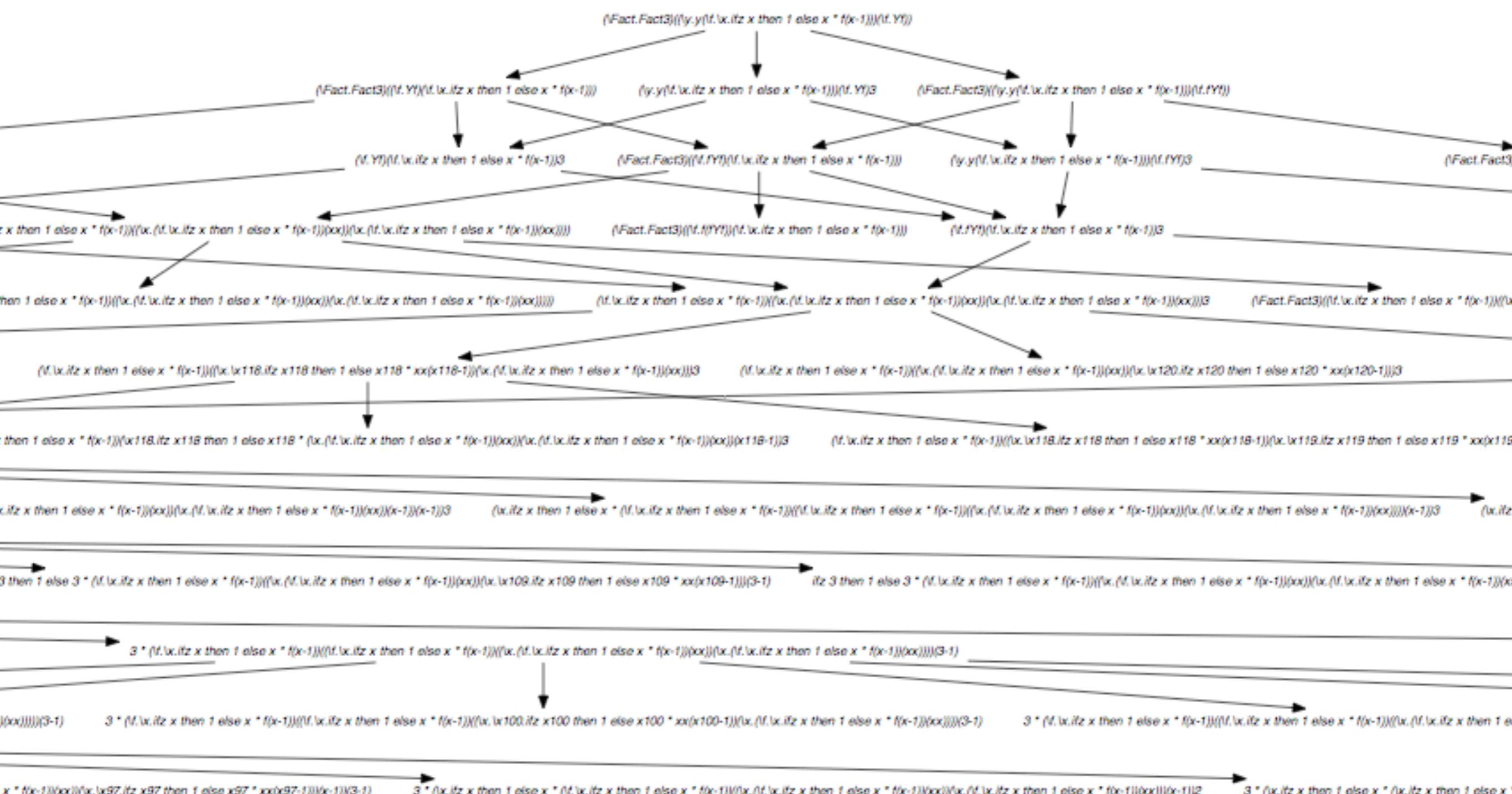
$$ifz 3 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } 3 * (\lambda x.(\lambda f.\lambda x.ifz x \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } x * f(x-1))(xx))(\lambda x.(\lambda f.\lambda x.ifz x \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } x * f(x-1))(xx))(3-1)$$

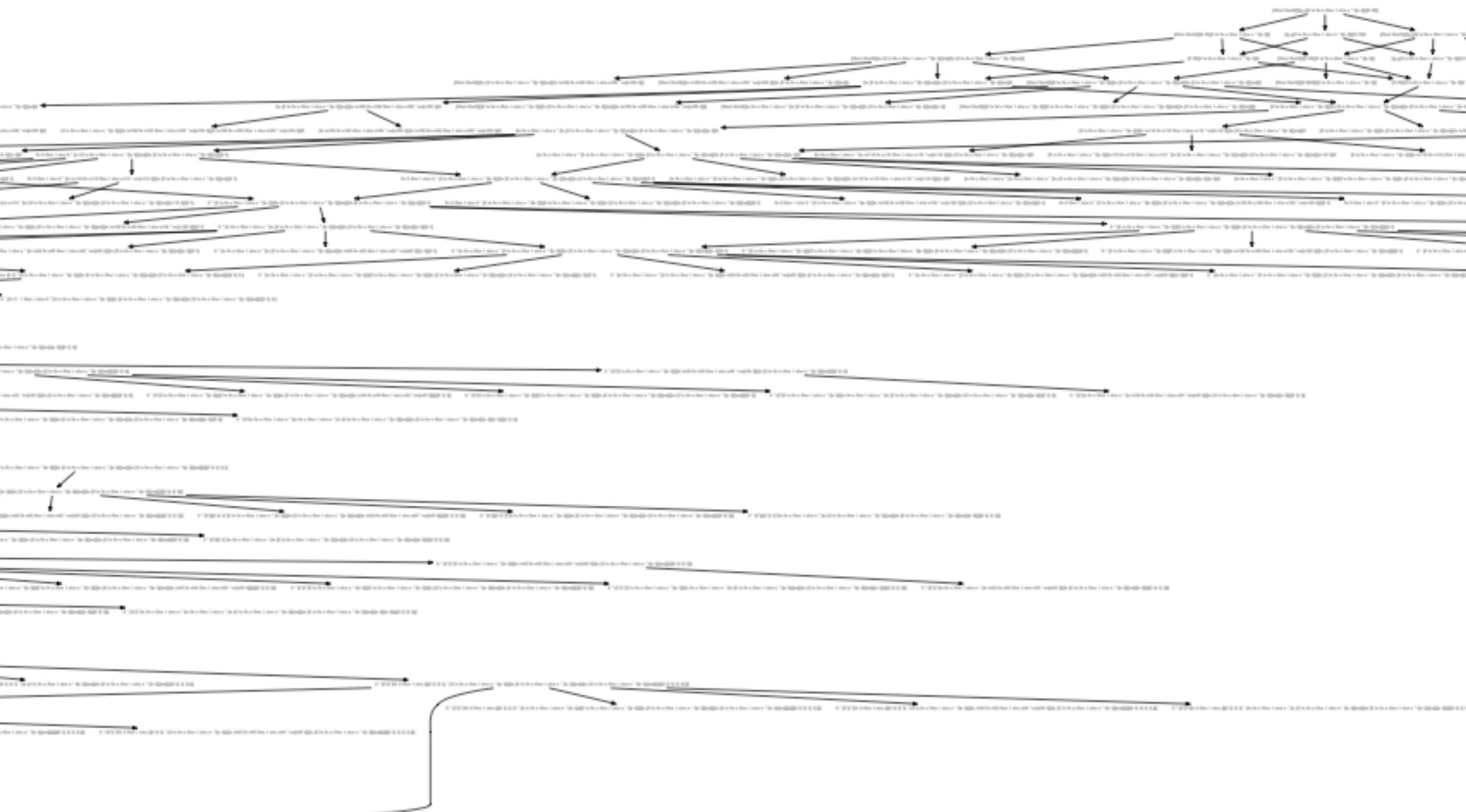
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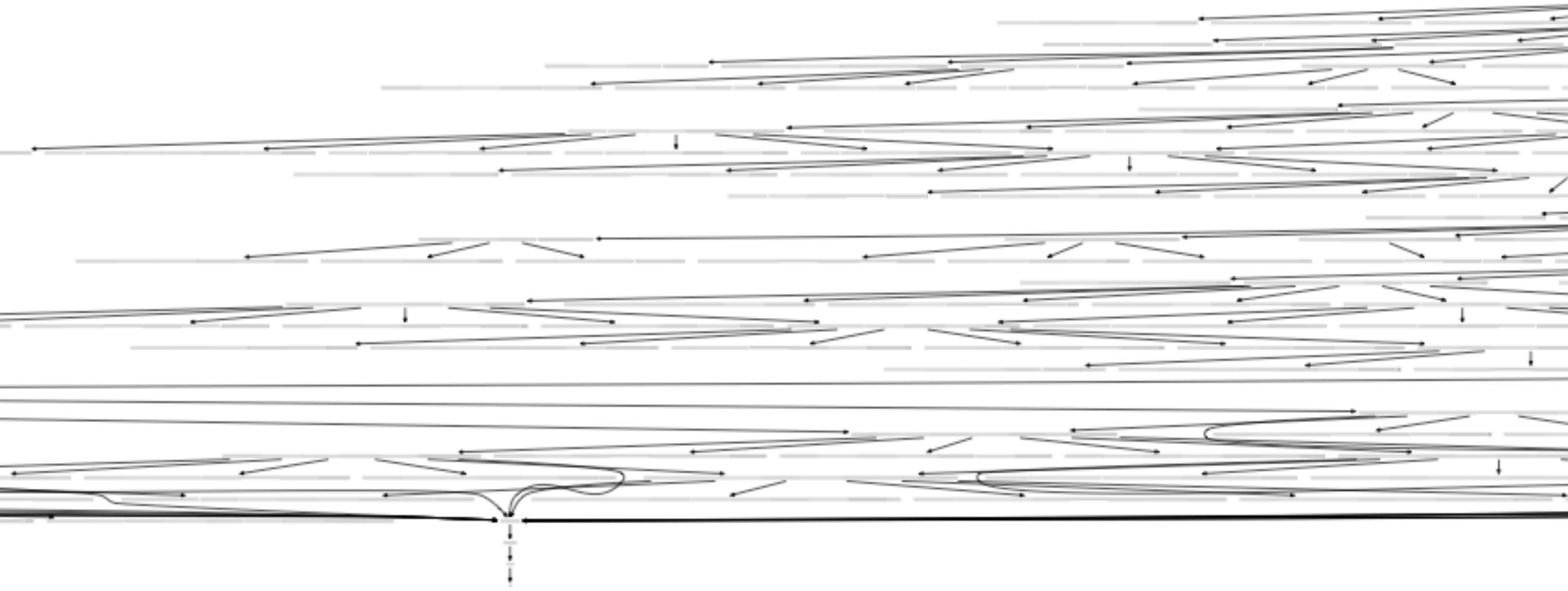


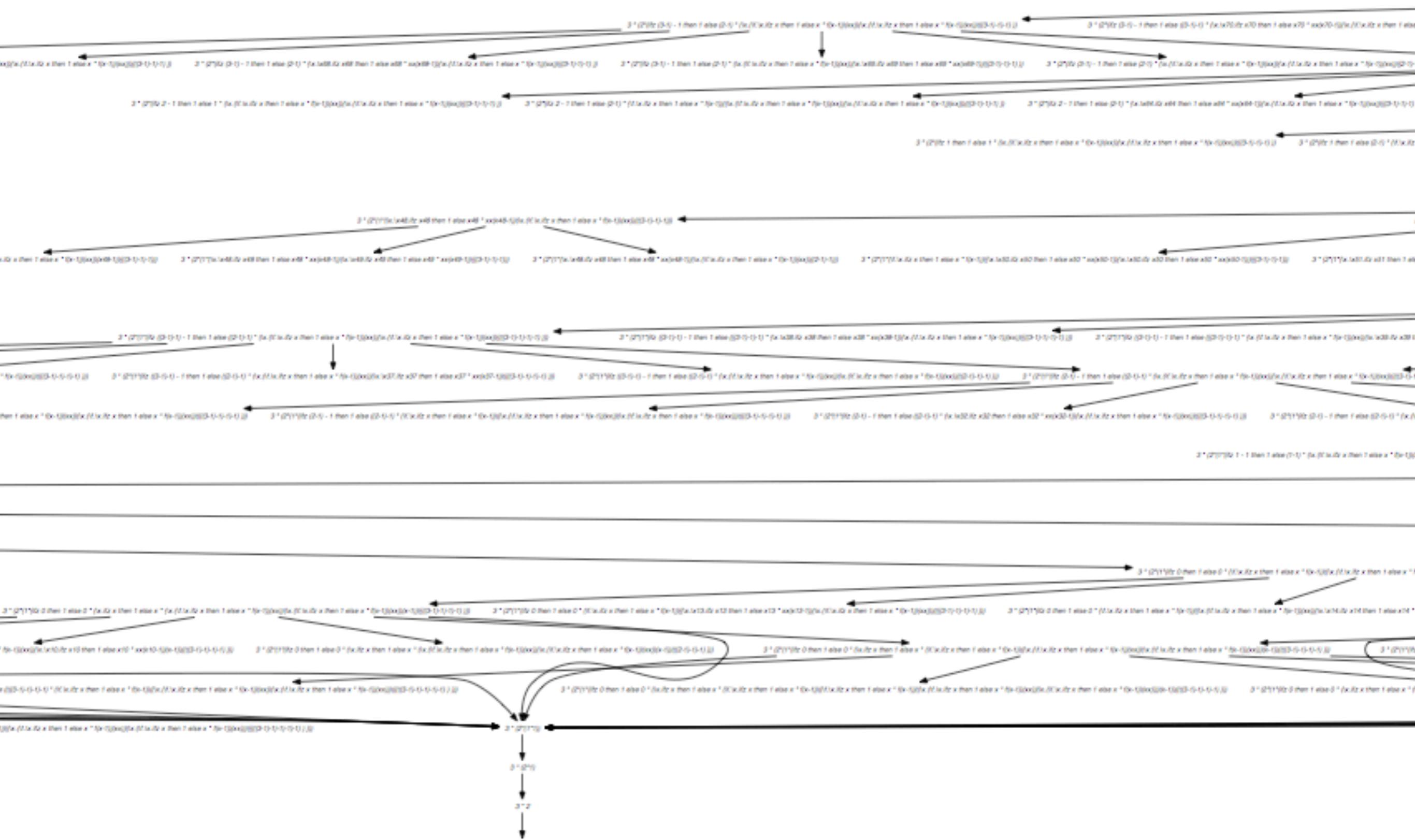


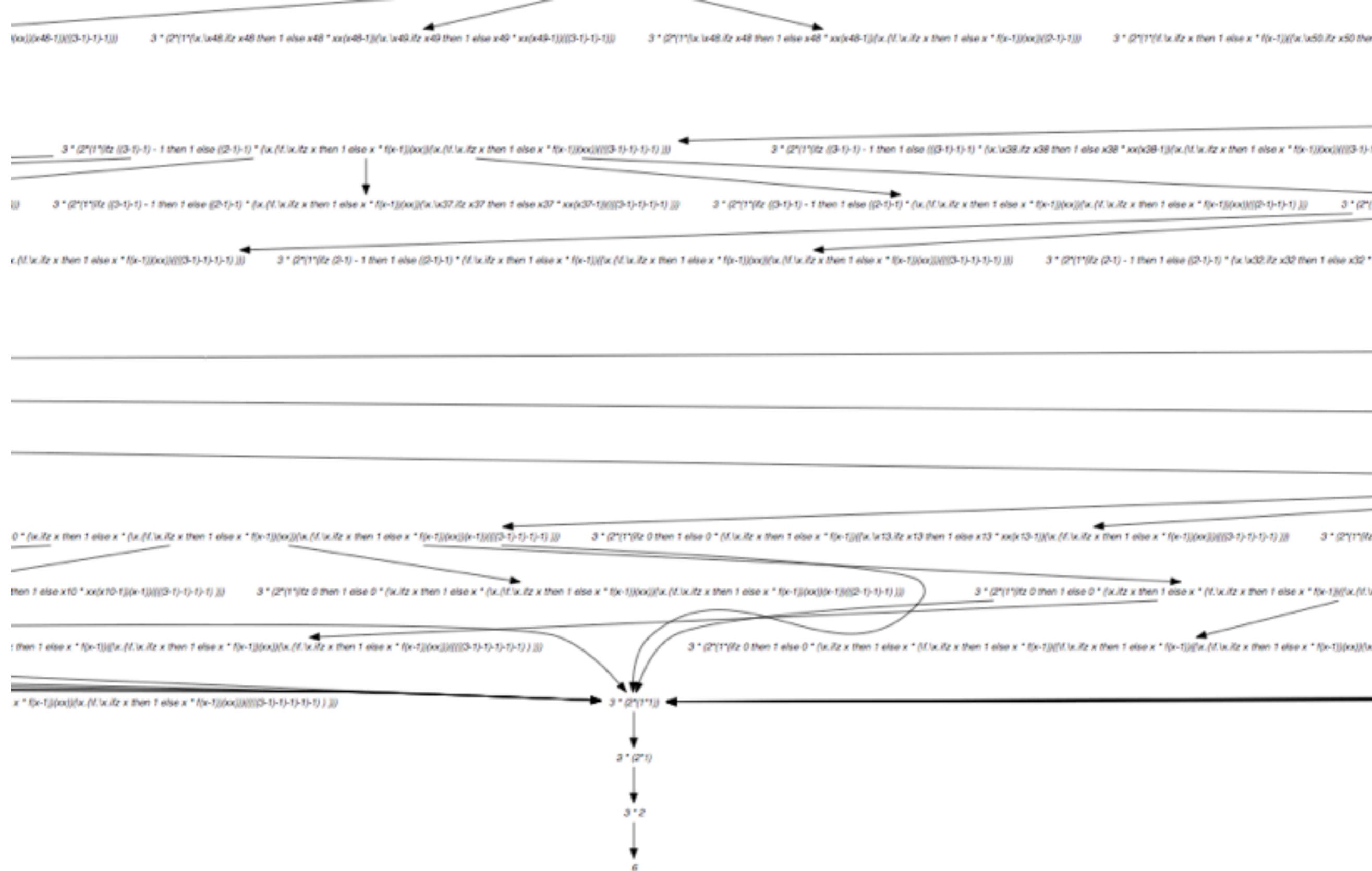


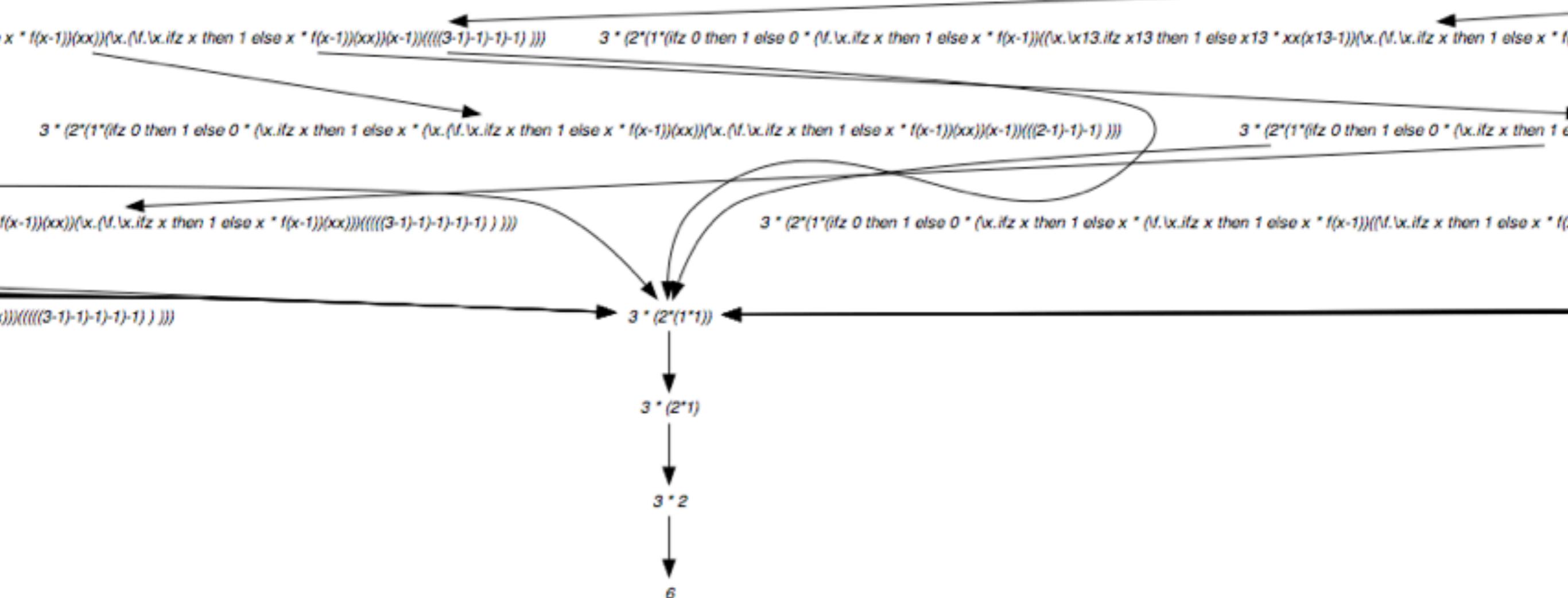


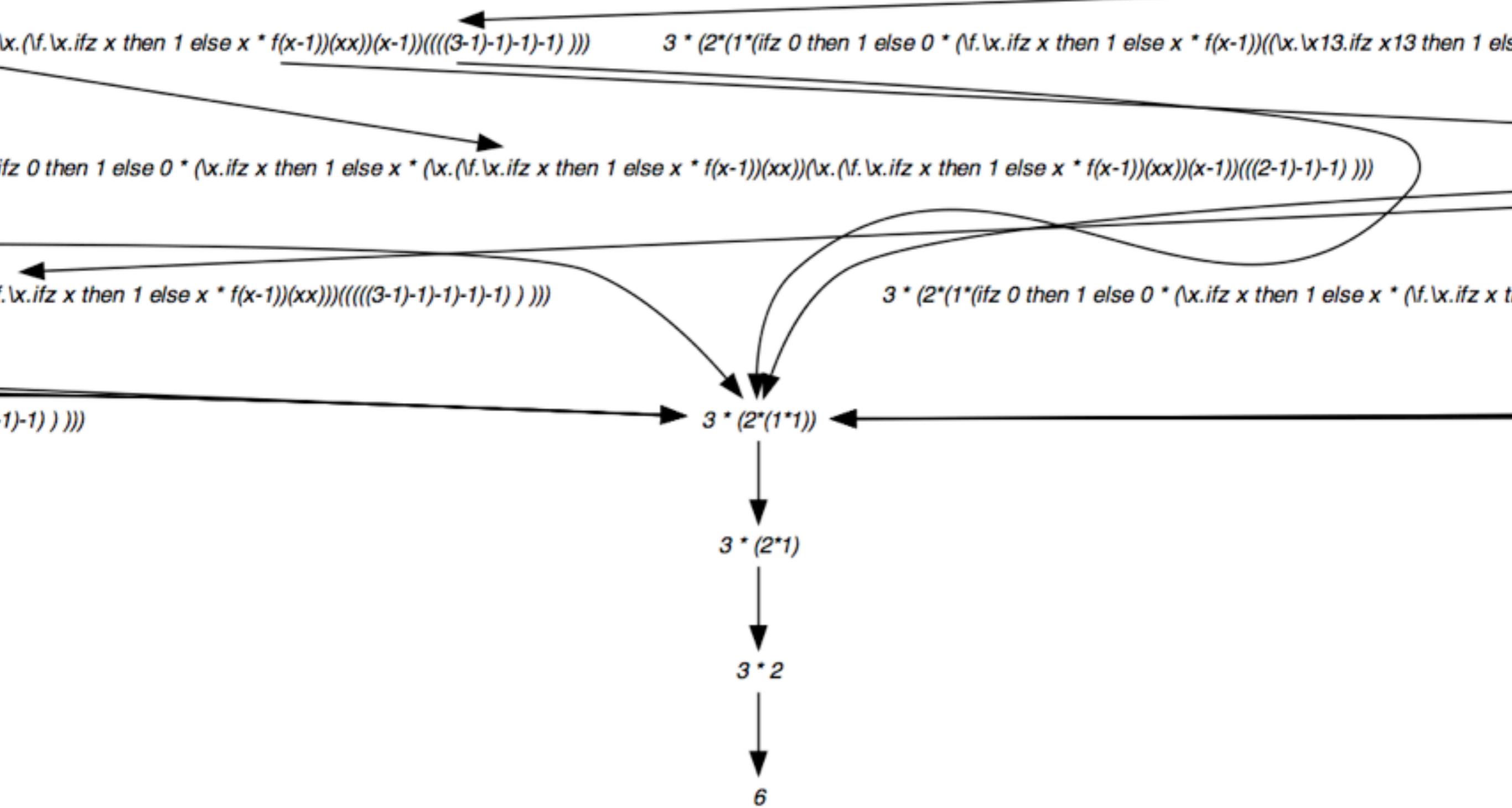












# $\lambda$ -calculus

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# Pure lambda-calculus

- lambda-terms

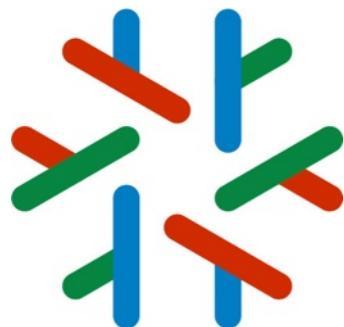
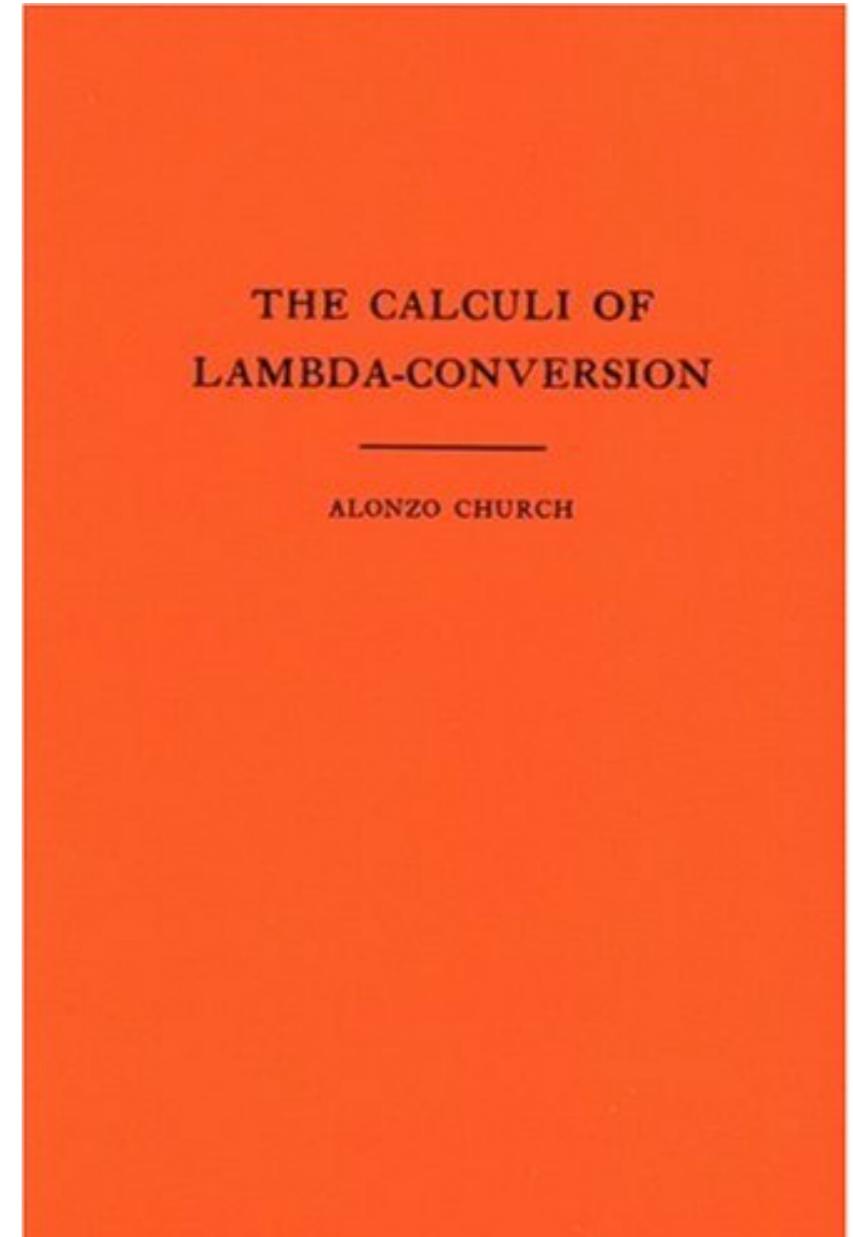
$M, N, P ::= x, y, z, \dots$  (variables)

|  $\lambda x.M$  ( $M$  as function of  $x$ )

|  $M(N)$  ( $M$  applied to  $N$ )

- Computations “reductions”

$$(\lambda x.M)(N) \rightarrow M\{x := N\}$$



# Examples of reductions (1/2)

- Examples

$$(\lambda x.x)N \rightarrow N$$

$$(\lambda f.f N)(\lambda x.x) \rightarrow (\lambda x.x)N \rightarrow N$$

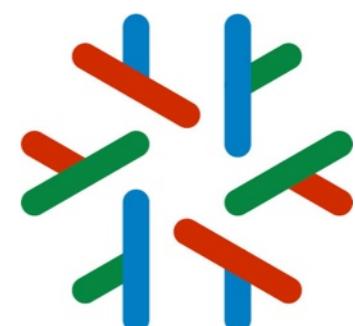
$$(\lambda x.x N)(\lambda y.y) \rightarrow (\lambda y.y)N \rightarrow N \quad \text{(name of bound variable is meaningless)}$$

$$(\lambda x.x x)(\lambda x.x N) \rightarrow (\lambda x.x N)(\lambda x.x N) \rightarrow (\lambda x.x N)N \rightarrow NN$$

$$(\lambda x.x)(\lambda x.x) \rightarrow \lambda x.x$$

Let  $I = \lambda x.x$ , we have  $I(x) = x$  for all  $x$ .

Therefore  $I(I) = I$ . [Church 41]



# Examples of reductions (2/2)

- Examples

$$(\lambda x. x x)(\lambda x. x N) \rightarrow (\lambda x. x N)(\lambda x. x N) \rightarrow (\lambda x. x N)N \rightarrow NN$$

$$(\lambda x. x x)(\lambda x. x x) \rightarrow (\lambda x. x x)(\lambda x. x x) \rightarrow \dots$$

- Possible to loop inside applications of functions ...

$$Y_f = (\lambda x. f(xx))(\lambda x. f(xx)) \rightarrow f((\lambda x. f(xx))(\lambda x. f(xx))) = f(Y_f)$$

$$f(Y_f) \rightarrow f(f(Y_f)) \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow f^n(Y_f) \rightarrow \dots$$

- Every computable function can be computed by a  $\lambda$ -term

→ Church's thesis. [Church 41]

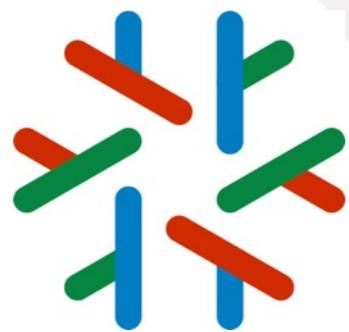
# Fathers of computability



Alonzo Church



Stephen Kleene



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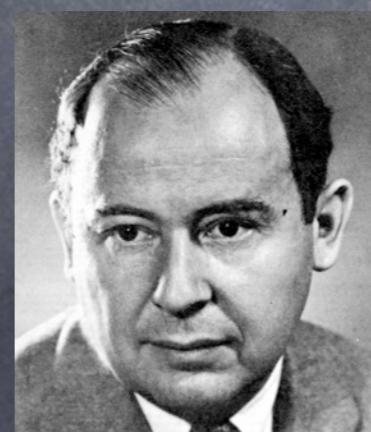
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# The Giants of computability

Hilbert → Gödel → Church → Turing



Kleene  
Post Curry  
von Neumann



# Typed lambda-calculus (1/5)

- In Coq, all  $\lambda$ -terms are **typed**
- In Coq, following  $\lambda$ -terms are typable

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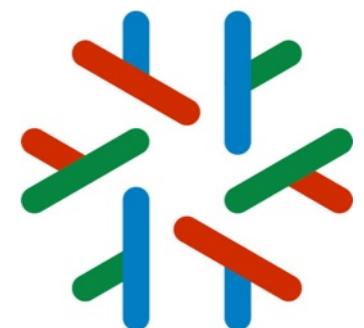
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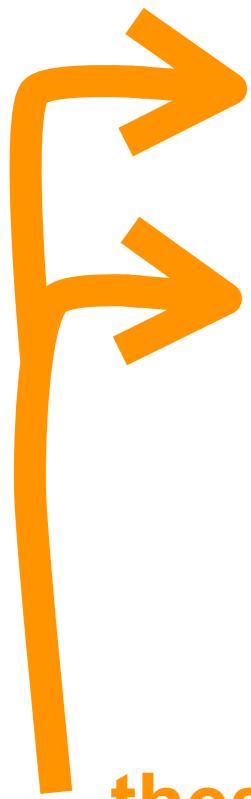
$$(\lambda f.\lambda x.f(f x))(\lambda x. x + 2) \rightarrow \dots$$

**these terms are allowed**



# Typed lambda-calculus (2/5)

- In Coq, all  $\lambda$ -terms have only finite reductions  
**(strong normalization property)**
- In Coq, all  $\lambda$ -terms have a (unique) normal form.
- In Coq, the following  $\lambda$ -terms are not typable



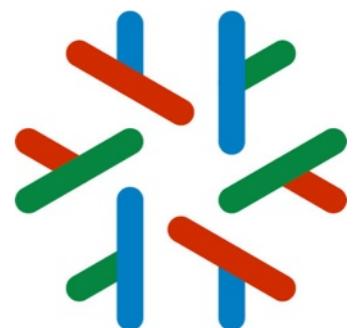
$(\lambda x. x x)(\lambda x. x x)$

$(\lambda \text{Fact} . \text{Fact}(3))$

$((\lambda Y. Y(\lambda f. \lambda x. \text{if } z = x \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } x * f(x - 1))))$

$(\lambda f. (\lambda x. f(xx))(\lambda x. f(xx))))$

**these terms are not allowed**



# Typed lambda-calculus (3/5)

- The Coq laws for typing terms are quite complex  
[Coquand–Huet 1985]
- In first approximation, they are the following (1st-order) rules:

Basic types:  $\mathcal{N}$  (nat),  $\mathcal{B}$  (bool),  $\mathcal{Z}$  (int), ...

If  $x$  has type  $\alpha$ , then  $(\lambda x.M)$  has type  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$

If  $M$  has type  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ , then  $M(N)$  has type  $\beta$

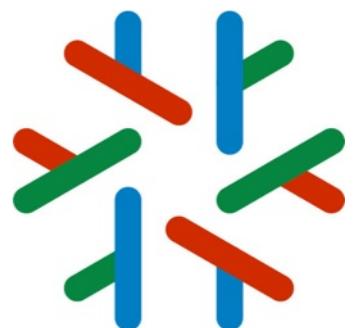
**Example**       $1 : \text{nat}$

$x : \text{nat}$     implies     $x + 1 : \text{nat}$

$(\lambda x. x + 1) : \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{nat}$

$3 : \text{nat}$

$(\lambda x. x + 1)3 : \text{nat}$



# Typed lambda-calculus (4/5)

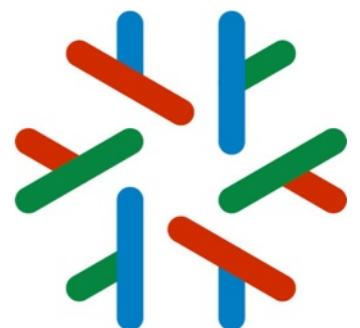
Example

$$x : \text{nat} \vdash x : \text{nat}$$

$$\frac{x : \text{nat} \vdash x : \text{nat} \quad 1 : \text{nat}}{x : \text{nat} \vdash x + 1 : \text{nat}}$$

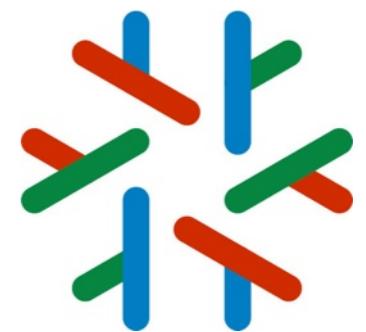
$$\frac{x : \text{nat} \vdash x + 1 : \text{nat}}{\vdash (\lambda x. x + 1) : \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{nat}}$$

$$\frac{\vdash (\lambda x. x + 1) : \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{nat} \quad 3 : \text{nat}}{\vdash (\lambda x. x + 1)3 : \text{nat}}$$



# Typed lambda-calculus (5/5)

**Example** with currying and function as result



# $\lambda$ -calculus in Coq

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# lambda-terms (1/3)



## three equivalent definitions:

```
Definition plusOne (x: nat) : nat := x + 1.
```

```
Check plusOne.
```

```
Definition plusOne := fun (x: nat) => x + 1.
```

```
Check plusOne.
```

```
Definition plusOne := fun x => x + 1.
```

```
Check plusOne.
```

```
Compute (fun x:nat => x + 1) 3.
```

## higher-order definitions:

```
Definition plusTwo (x: nat) : nat := x + 2.
```

```
Definition twice := fun f => fun (x:nat) => f (f x).
```

```
Compute twice plusTwo 3.
```

# lambda-terms (2/3)



- Coq tries to guess the type, but could fail.  
**(type inference)**
- but always possible to give explicit types.
- Types can be higher-order  
(see later with polymorphic functions)
- Types can also depend on values  
(see later the constructor cases)

# lambda-terms (3/3)



- Coq treats with an extention of the  $\lambda$ -calculus with inductive data types. It's a [programming language](#).
- the typed  $\lambda$ -calculus is also used as a trick to make a correspondance between [proofs](#) and  [\$\lambda\$ -terms](#) and [propositions](#) and [types](#) for constructive logics (see other lectures).  
[\*\*\(Curry-Howard correspondance\)\*\*](#)