Lecture 29
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Logics = Type Systems
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Here’s a rule from natural deduction, a constructive logic invented by logician Gerhard Gentzen in 1935:

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\frac{\phi \quad \psi}{\phi \land \psi} \quad \land\text{-INTRO}
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Given a proof of \(\phi\) and a proof of \(\psi\), the rule lets you construct a proof of \(\phi \land \psi\).
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We’ll start with a grammar for formulas:

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\[ \quad \mid \bot \]
\[ \quad \mid X \]
\[ \quad \mid \phi \land \psi \]
\[ \quad \mid \phi \lor \psi \]
\[ \quad \mid \phi \rightarrow \psi \]
\[ \quad \mid \neg \phi \]
\[ \quad \mid \forall X. \phi \]

where \( X \) ranges over Boolean variables and \( \neg \phi \) is an abbreviation for \( \phi \rightarrow \bot \).
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**Axiom**

$$\Gamma, \phi \vdash \phi$$

**→-Intro**

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**→-Elim**

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$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \phi \lor \psi \quad \Gamma \vdash \phi \rightarrow \chi \quad \Gamma \vdash \psi \rightarrow \chi}{\Gamma \vdash \chi}$$

**∀-Intro**

$$\frac{\Gamma, P \vdash \phi}{\Gamma \vdash \forall P. \phi}$$

**∀-Elim**

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall P. \phi}{\Gamma \vdash \phi\{\psi/P\}}$$
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Propositions as Types

Every natural deduction proof tree has a corresponding type tree in System F with product and sum types! And vice-versa!

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<td>$\phi$ Formula</td>
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<td>$\tau$ is inhabited</td>
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<td>$e$ Well-typed expression</td>
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A program with a given type acts as a *witness* that the type’s corresponding formula is true.
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Is this a coincidence? Natural deduction was invented by a German logician in 1935. Types for the $\lambda$-calculus were invented by Church at Princeton in 1940.
Propositions as Types Through the Ages

Natural Deduction
Gentzen (1935) ⇔ Typed λ-Calculus
Church (1940)

Type Schemes
Hindley (1969) ⇔ ML’s Type System
Milner (1975)

System F
Girard (1972) ⇔ Polymorphic λ-Calculus
Reynolds (1974)

Modal Logic
Lewis (1910) ⇔ Monads
Kleisli (1965), Moggi (1987)

Classical–Intuitionistic Embedding
Gödel (1933) ⇔ Continuation Passing Style
Reynolds (1972)
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Term Assignment

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To prove a formula $\phi$:

1. Convert the $\phi$ into its corresponding type $\tau$.
2. Find some program $v$ that has the type $\tau$.
3. Realize that the existence of $v$ implies a type tree for $\vdash v : \tau$, which implies a proof tree for $\vdash \phi$. 
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Shockingly, that’s exactly what the CPS transform does! A \(\tau\) becomes a function that takes a continuation \(\tau \rightarrow \bot\) and invokes it, producing \(\bot\).