

# CMPUT 325 : Lambda Calculus Basics

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## Examples of Lambda Calculus Expressions

- $f$  a *function* identifier
- $(f\ g)$  an application of *function*  $f$  to  $g$
- $(\lambda x | (x\ y))$  definition of *function* with parameter  $x$  and body  $(x\ y)$   
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- $(\lambda y | (\lambda x | (y\ (y\ x))))$  definition of *function* with parameter  $y$  and body  $(\lambda x | (y\ (y\ x)))$

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- ▶ Appearances of the identifier in the body of the  $\lambda$  are called *instances*

- ▶ Every instance refers to the same expression — the one  $\lambda$  was called on. In the example below, each instance of  $x$  refers to  $y$ .

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