

# The Call-by-Value $\lambda$ -Calculus from a Linear Logic Perspective

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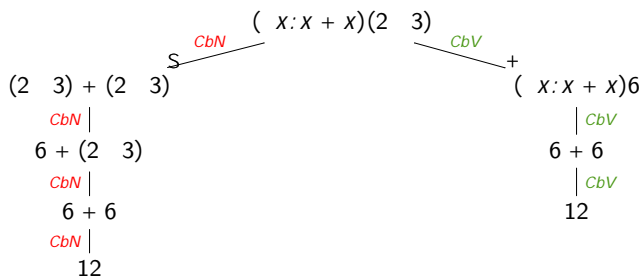
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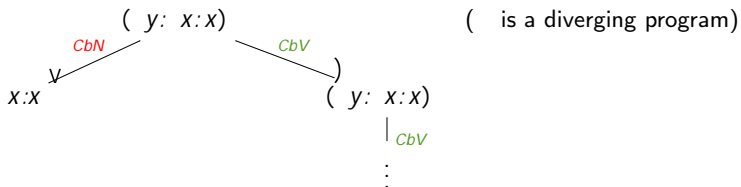
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Summing up, **CbV** is **eager**, that is,

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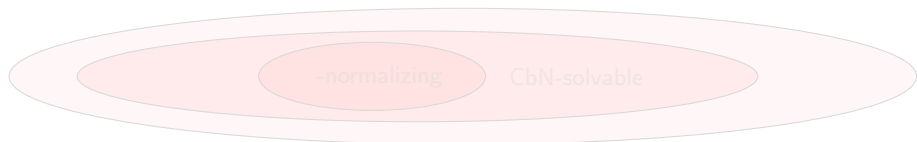
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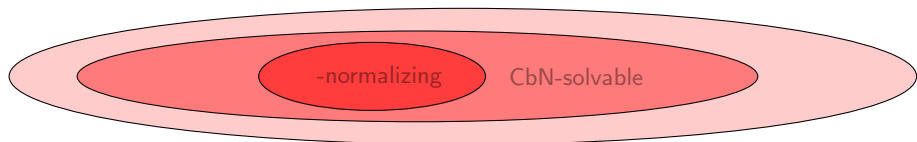
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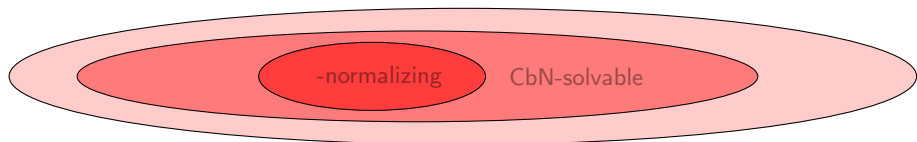
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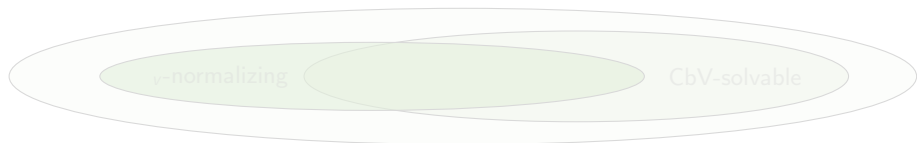
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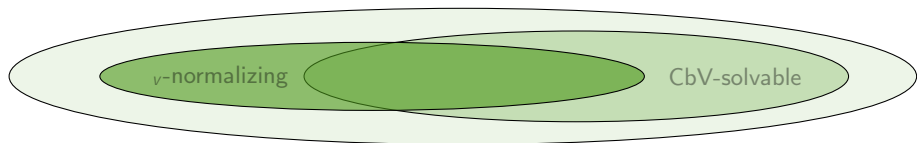
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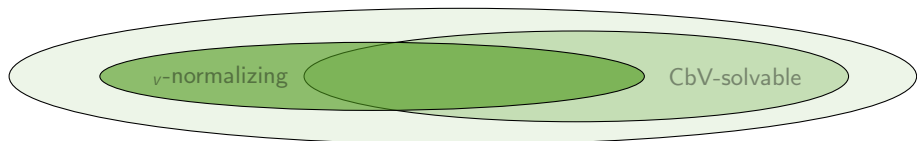
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Can we extend **v** so that  $t_1$  and  $t_3$  are divergent?

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## What I learned from Thomas when I was his PhD student

T: In the eternal fight between syntax and semantics, the semantics always wins.

G: I see.

T: Use linear logic and its semantics as a guideline.

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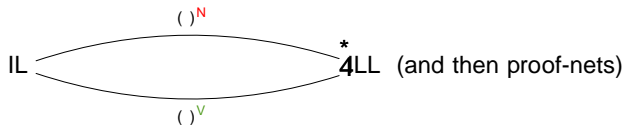
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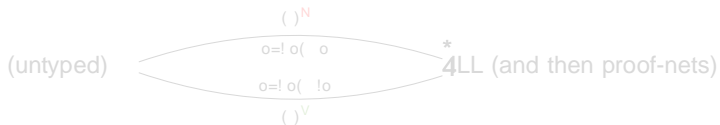
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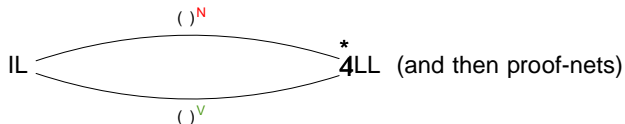
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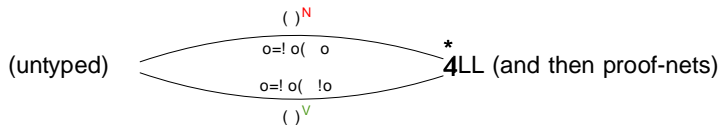
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Curry | Howard  
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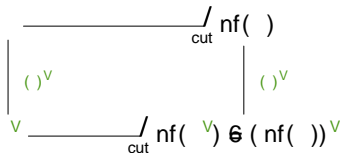
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