# Formal Methods <br> 0 . Introduction 

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Consider the following program:

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f(x, y) \stackrel{!}{=} \begin{cases}1 & x=0 \\ f(0, f(1, y)) & x=1 \\ f(x-2, y+1) & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

1. What is the "value" of $f(1,1)$ ?
2. What is the "meaning" of $f$ ?
3. How is $f$ calculated?
