

# Type Systems

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### Plan

PREVIOUSLY:

1. type safety as *progress* and *preservation*
2. typed arithmetic expressions
3. simply typed lambda calculus (STLC)

TODAY:

1. Equivalence of lambda terms
2. Preservation for STLC
3. Extensions to STLC

NEXT: state, exceptions

NEXT: polymorphic (not so simple) typing

## Equivalence of Lambda Terms

### Representing Numbers

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$$c_1 = \lambda s. \lambda z. s z$$

$$c_2 = \lambda s. \lambda z. s (s z)$$

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In what sense can we say this representation is “correct”?  
In particular, on what basis can we argue that `scc` on church numerals corresponds to ordinary successor on numbers?

## The naive approach

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## The naive approach... doesn't work

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Unfortunately, this is false.

E.g.:

$$\begin{aligned}scc\ c_2 &= (\lambda n. \lambda s. \lambda z. s (n s z)) (\lambda s. \lambda z. s (s z)) \\&\rightarrow \lambda s. \lambda z. s ((\lambda s. \lambda z. s (s z)) s z) \\&\neq \lambda s. \lambda z. s (s (s z)) \\&= c_3\end{aligned}$$

## A better approach

Recall the intuition behind the church numeral representation:

- ▶ a number  $n$  is represented as a term that “does something  $n$  times to something else”
- ▶ `scc` takes a term that “does something  $n$  times to something else” and returns a term that “does something  $n + 1$  times to something else”

I.e., what we really care about is that `scc c2` behaves the same as `c3` when applied to two arguments.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{scc } c_2 \ v \ w &= (\lambda n. \lambda s. \lambda z. s (n \ s \ z)) (\lambda s. \lambda z. s (s \ z)) \ v \ w \\
&\rightarrow (\lambda s. \lambda z. s ((\lambda s. \lambda z. s (s \ z)) \ s \ z)) \ v \ w \\
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\end{aligned}$$

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c_3 \ v \ w &= (\lambda s. \lambda z. s (s (s \ z))) \ v \ w \\
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## A general question

We have argued that, although `scc c2` and `c3` do not evaluate to the same thing, they are nevertheless “behaviorally equivalent.”

What, precisely, does behavioral equivalence mean?

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To make this precise, we need to be clear what we mean by a *testing context* and how we are going to *observe* the results of a test.

## Examples

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tru' = λt. λf. (λx.x) t
fls = λt. λf. f
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poisonpill = λx. omega
placebo = λx. tru
Yf = (λx. f (x x)) (λx. f (x x))
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Which of these are behaviorally equivalent?

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## Behavioral Equivalence

This primitive notion of observation now gives us a way of “testing” terms for behavioral equivalence

Terms `s` and `t` are said to be *behaviorally equivalent* if, for every finite sequence of values `v1, v2, ..., vn`, the applications

$$s \ v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n$$

and

$$t \ v_1 \ v_2 \ \dots \ v_n$$

are observationally equivalent.

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These terms are behaviorally equivalent:

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So are these:

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These are not behaviorally equivalent (to each other, or to any of the terms above):

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## Proving behavioral equivalence

Given terms  $s$  and  $t$ , how do we *prove* that they are (or are not) behaviorally equivalent?

## Proving behavioral inequivalence

To prove that  $s$  and  $t$  are *not* behaviorally equivalent, it suffices to find a sequence of values  $v_1 \dots v_n$  such that one of

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- ▶ the single argument `unit` demonstrates that `fls` is not behaviorally equivalent to `poisonpill`:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{fls unit} \\ = & (\lambda t. \lambda f. f) \text{ unit} \\ \longrightarrow^* & \lambda f. f \end{aligned}$$
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- ▶ the argument sequence `(λx. x) poisonpill (λx. x)` demonstrate that `tru` is not behaviorally equivalent to `fls`:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{tru } (\lambda x. x) \text{ poisonpill } (\lambda x. x) \\ & \longrightarrow^* (\lambda x. x) (\lambda x. x) \\ & \longrightarrow^* \lambda x. x \\ \\ & \text{fls } (\lambda x. x) \text{ poisonpill } (\lambda x. x) \\ & \longrightarrow^* \text{poisonpill } (\lambda x. x), \text{ which diverges} \end{aligned}$$

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To prove that  $s$  and  $t$  are behaviorally equivalent, we have to work harder: we must show that, for every sequence of values  $v_1 \dots v_n$ , either both

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and

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diverge, or else both reach a normal form.

How can we do this?

## Proving behavioral equivalence

In general, such proofs require some additional machinery that we will not have time to get into in this course (so-called *applicative bisimulation*). But, in some cases, we can find simple proofs.

*Theorem:* These terms are behaviorally equivalent:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tru} &= \lambda t. \lambda f. t \\ \text{tru}' &= \lambda t. \lambda f. (\lambda x. x) t \end{aligned}$$

*Proof:* Consider an arbitrary sequence of values  $v_1 \dots v_n$ .

- ▶ For the case where the sequence has just one element (i.e.,  $n = 1$ ), note that both  $\text{tru } v_1$  and  $\text{tru}' v_1$  reach normal forms after one reduction step.
- ▶ For the case where the sequence has more than one element (i.e.,  $n > 1$ ), note that both  $\text{tru } v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3 \ \dots \ v_n$  and  $\text{tru}' v_1 \ v_2 \ v_3 \ \dots \ v_n$  reduce (in two steps) to  $v_1 \ v_3 \ \dots \ v_n$ . So either both normalize or both diverge.

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By the induction hypothesis,  $\Gamma \vdash [x \mapsto s]t_1 : T_2 \rightarrow T_1$  and  $\Gamma \vdash [x \mapsto s]t_2 : T_2$ . By T-APP,  $\Gamma \vdash [x \mapsto s]t_1 \ [x \mapsto s]t_2 : T$ , i.e.,  $\Gamma \vdash [x \mapsto s](t_1 \ t_2) : T$ .

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Case T-VAR:  $t = z$   
with  $z:T \in (\Gamma, x:S)$

There are two sub-cases to consider, depending on whether  $z$  is  $x$  or another variable. If  $z = x$ , then  $[x \mapsto s]z = s$ . The required result is then  $\Gamma \vdash s : S$ , which is among the assumptions of the lemma. Otherwise,  $[x \mapsto s]z = z$ , and the desired result is immediate.

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 $\Gamma, x:S, y:T_2 \vdash t_1 : T_1$

By our conventions on choice of bound variable names, we may assume  $x \neq y$  and  $y \notin FV(s)$ . Using *permutation* on the given subderivation, we obtain  $\Gamma, y:T_2, x:S \vdash t_1 : T_1$ . Using *weakening* on the other given derivation ( $\Gamma \vdash s : S$ ), we obtain  $\Gamma, y:T_2 \vdash s : S$ . Now, by the induction hypothesis,  $\Gamma, y:T_2 \vdash [x \mapsto s]t_1 : T_1$ . By T-ABS,  $\Gamma \vdash \lambda y:T_2. [x \mapsto s]t_1 : T_2 \rightarrow T_1$ , i.e. (by the definition of substitution),  $\Gamma \vdash [x \mapsto s]\lambda y:T_2. t_1 : T_2 \rightarrow T_1$ .

## Summary: Preservation

*Theorem:* If  $\Gamma \vdash t : T$  and  $t \longrightarrow t'$ , then  $\Gamma \vdash t' : T$ .

Lemmas to prove:

- ▶ Weakening
- ▶ Permutation
- ▶ Substitution preserves types
- ▶ Reduction preserves types (i.e., preservation)

## Review: Type Systems

To define and verify a type system, you must:

1. Define types
2. Specify typing rules
3. Prove soundness: *progress* and *preservation*

# Two Typing Topics

## Erasure

$$\begin{aligned} \text{erase}(x) &= x \\ \text{erase}(\lambda x:T_1. t_2) &= \lambda x. \text{erase}(t_2) \\ \text{erase}(t_1 t_2) &= \text{erase}(t_1) \text{erase}(t_2) \end{aligned}$$

## Intro vs. elim forms

An *introduction form* for a given type gives us a way of *constructing* elements of this type.

An *elimination form* for a type gives us a way of *using* elements of this type.

## The Curry-Howard Correspondence

In *constructive logics*, a proof of  $P$  must provide *evidence* for  $P$ .

- ▶ “law of the excluded middle” —  $P \vee \neg P$  — not recognized.

A proof of  $P \wedge Q$  is a *pair* of evidence for  $P$  and evidence for  $Q$ .

A proof of  $P \supset Q$  is a *procedure* for transforming evidence for  $P$  into evidence for  $Q$ .

## Propositions as Types

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### PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

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proposition $P$ is provable	type $P$ is inhabited (by some term)
proof simplification (a.k.a. “cut elimination”)	evaluation

## Extensions to STLC

### Base types

Up to now, we’ve formulated “base types” (e.g. `Nat`) by adding them to the syntax of types, extending the syntax of terms with associated constants (`zero`) and operators (`succ`, etc.) and adding appropriate typing and evaluation rules. We can do this for as many base types as we like.

For more theoretical discussions (as opposed to programming) we can often ignore the term-level inhabitants of base types, and just treat these types as uninterpreted constants.

E.g., suppose `B` and `C` are some base types. Then we can ask (without knowing anything more about `B` or `C`) whether there are any types `S` and `T` such that the term

$$(\lambda f:S. \lambda g:T. f\ g) (\lambda x:B. x)$$

is well typed.

### The Unit type

$t ::= \dots$	<i>terms</i>
<code>unit</code>	constant <code>unit</code>
$v ::= \dots$	<i>values</i>
<code>unit</code>	constant <code>unit</code>
$T ::= \dots$	<i>types</i>
<code>Unit</code>	<code>unit</code> type

New typing rules

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{unit} : \text{Unit}} \quad \boxed{\Gamma \vdash t : T} \quad \text{(T-UNIT)}$$

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$$\frac{t_1 \longrightarrow t'_1}{t_1; t_2 \longrightarrow t'_1; t_2} \quad (\text{E-SEQ})$$

$$\text{unit}; t_2 \longrightarrow t_2 \quad (\text{E-SEQNEXT})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : \text{Unit} \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T_2}{\Gamma \vdash t_1; t_2 : T_2} \quad (\text{T-SEQ})$$

## Derived forms

- ▶ Syntactic sugar
- ▶ Internal language vs. external (surface) language

## Sequencing as a derived form

$$t_1; t_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\lambda x : \text{Unit}. t_2) t_1$$

where  $x \notin FV(t_2)$

## Equivalence of the two definitions

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## Ascription

*New syntactic forms*

$t ::= \dots$   
 $t \text{ as } T$

*New evaluation rules*

$v_1 \text{ as } T \longrightarrow v_1$  (E-ASCRIIBE)

$$\frac{t_1 \longrightarrow t'_1}{t_1 \text{ as } T \longrightarrow t'_1 \text{ as } T}$$
 (E-ASCRIIBE1)

*New typing rules*

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : T}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 \text{ as } T : T}$$
 (T-ASCRIIBE)

*terms*  
*ascription*

$t \longrightarrow t'$

$\Gamma \vdash t : T$

## Ascription as a derived form

$t \text{ as } T \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\lambda x:T. x) t$

## Let-bindings

*New syntactic forms*

$t ::= \dots$   
 $\text{let } x=t \text{ in } t$

*New evaluation rules*

$\text{let } x=v_1 \text{ in } t_2 \longrightarrow [x \mapsto v_1]t_2$  (E-LETV)

$$\frac{t_1 \longrightarrow t'_1}{\text{let } x=t_1 \text{ in } t_2 \longrightarrow \text{let } x=t'_1 \text{ in } t_2}$$
 (E-LET)

*New typing rules*

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : T_1 \quad \Gamma, x:T_1 \vdash t_2 : T_2}{\Gamma \vdash \text{let } x=t_1 \text{ in } t_2 : T_2}$$
 (T-LET)

*terms*  
*let binding*

$t \longrightarrow t'$

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