

CS 252:

Advanced Programming Language Principles



The Simply Typed Lambda Calculus

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REVIEW: Arith Language

```
e ::= true
    | false
    | 0
    | succ e
    | pred e
    | iszero e
    | if e then e
      else e
```

```
v ::= true
    | false
    | i
```

Types for Arith

$$T ::= \text{Bool} \\ \quad | \text{Int}$$

Typing rules for Arith (in-class)

Adding lambda functions

$$\begin{array}{l} e ::= \dots \\ \quad | \lambda x. e \\ \quad | e \ e \\ \quad | x \end{array}$$
$$\begin{array}{l} v ::= \dots \\ \quad | \lambda x. e \end{array}$$

Small-step evaluation rules for
the Lambda Calculus
(in-class)

So what is the type of a function?

$$\begin{aligned} T &::= \text{Bool} \\ &\quad | \text{Nat} \\ &\quad | T \rightarrow T \end{aligned}$$

Options to determine function type

1. type inference
2. require type annotations

Typing Annotations

$$\lambda x : \mathbf{T} . e$$


Type of the
argument

Arith w/ Lambdas

```
e ::= true | false | 0
    | succ e | pred e
    | iszero e
    | if e then e else e
    |  $\lambda x:T.e$ 
    |  $e\ e$ 
    |  $x$ 
```

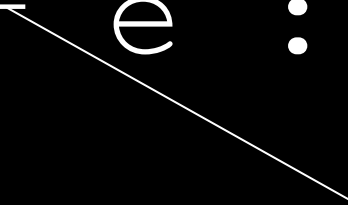
What is the type of x ?

- How do we determine a variable's type in a function?
- We use a *typing environment*:
 - maps variables to types
 - we use the Greek letter gamma: Γ

New typing relation

We need to write our typing rules *given our new typing environment*.

Our revised typing relation is:

$$\Gamma \vdash e : T$$


This is known as
the "turnstile"

Typing rules for the
Simply Typed Lambda Calculus
(in-class)

How powerful is this language?

Implement a typechecker for
the Simply Typed Lambda Calculus

Download `stlc.hs`.

Complete the `typecheck` method
following the rules outlined in class.