

Progress and Preservation Proofs for the  
Expressions “**iszero**” and “**pred**” in the Arith Language

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# 1 Arith Language

Arith is a basic language; its expressions, values, and types are enumerated in figure 1. Arith's small-step, evaluation order semantics are defined in figure 1 while Arith's type rules are enumerated in figure 1.

$e ::=$	<i>Expressions</i>
true	Boolean True
false	Boolean False
0	Integer Value 0
succ (e)	Successor Expressions
pred (e)	Predecessor Expressions
iszero (e)	Zero Value Check Expressions
if (e) then (e) else (e)	Conditional Expressions
$v ::=$	<i>Values</i>
i	integer values
b	boolean values
$T ::=$	<i>Types</i>
Bool	Boolean Type
Int	Integer Type

**Figure 1:** The Arith language

**Evaluation Rules:**

$$e \rightarrow e'$$

$$[\text{E-SUCC-CTXT}] \quad \frac{e \rightarrow e'}{\text{succ}(e) \rightarrow \text{succ}(e')}$$

$$[\text{E-SUCC}] \quad \frac{i' = i + 1}{\text{succ}(i) \rightarrow i'}$$

$$[\text{E-PRED-CTXT}] \quad \frac{e \rightarrow e'}{\text{pred}(e) \rightarrow \text{pred}(e')}$$

$$[\text{E-PRED}] \quad \frac{i' = i - 1}{\text{pred}(i) \rightarrow i'}$$

$$[\text{E-ISZERO-CTXT}] \quad \frac{e \rightarrow e'}{\text{iszero}(e) \rightarrow \text{iszero}(e')}$$

$$[\text{E-ISZERO-Z}] \quad \text{iszero}(0) \rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$[\text{E-ISZERO-NZ}] \quad \frac{i \neq 0}{\text{iszero}(i) \rightarrow \text{false}}$$

$$[\text{E-IF-CTXT}] \quad \frac{e_1 \rightarrow e'_1}{\text{if}(e_1) \text{ then } (e_2) \text{ else } (e_3) \rightarrow \text{if}(e'_1) \text{ then } (e_2) \text{ else } (e_3)}$$

$$[\text{E-IF-TRUE}] \quad \text{if}(\text{true}) \text{ then } (e_2) \text{ else } (e_3) \rightarrow e_2$$

$$[\text{E-IF-FALSE}] \quad \text{if}(\text{false}) \text{ then } (e_2) \text{ else } (e_3) \rightarrow e_3$$

**Figure 2:** Small-Step, Evaluation Order Semantics Semantics for the Arith Language

**Type Rules:**

$e : T$

[T-TRUE]       $\text{true} : \text{Bool}$

[T-FALSE]       $\text{false} : \text{Bool}$

[T-INT]       $i : \text{Int}$

[T-SUCC]      
$$\frac{e : \text{Int}}{\text{succ}(e) : \text{Int}}$$

[T-PRED]      
$$\frac{e : \text{Int}}{\text{pred}(e) : \text{Int}}$$

[T-ISZERO]      
$$\frac{e : \text{Int}}{\text{iszero}(e) : \text{Bool}}$$

[T-IF]      
$$\frac{e_1 : \text{Bool}, \quad e_2 : T, \quad e_3 : T}{\text{if}(e_1) \text{ then } (e_2) \text{ else } (e_3) : T}$$

**Figure 3:** Type Rules for the Arith Language

## 2 Progress

In semantics context, “progress” entails that a well-type expression will not “get stuck.” Figure 2 shows the formal, theoretical definition of progress.

Given  $e : T$ , then either:

1.  $e$  is a value.
2. There exists an  $e'$  such that:  $e \rightarrow e'$ .

**Figure 4:** Formal Definition of the Progress Theorem

The following subsections are the formal proofs of progress for the type rules in figure 1.

### 2.1 Progress Proof for *iszero*