

**$\mathcal{L}_2$ -a formal, minimal, imperative, class based, object oriented language with inheritance, without overloading**

$\mathcal{L}_2 = \mathcal{L}_1 + \text{inheritance}$ .

We shall use  $\mathcal{L}_2$  for a basic study of inheritance, and will then continue with the discussion of implementation issues.

As for any language, the formal description of  $\mathcal{L}_2$  consists of

- the syntax
- the operational semantics
- the type system
- agreement between heap, frame and program, environment.
- type soundness, demonstrated through a subject reduction theorem.

## An Example in $\mathcal{L}_2$

Consider the following program

```
Pei  $\equiv$   class StdT {  
           bool eat( Food x) { x.tasty( true ) }  
        }  
        class Food {  
           bool fat  
           bool tasty( bool x) { false }  
           Food mix( Food x) { x }  
        }  
        class Pizza extends Food{  
           Food ingrds  
           bool tasty( bool x) { true }  
        }
```

## An Example in $\mathcal{L}_2$ - 2

How does the following programme behave?

```
1. Food f = new Food;  
2. f.fat      \\ ???  
3. f.ingrds   \\ ???  
4. f.tasty(...) \\ ???
```

```
5. f = new Pizza;  
6. f.fat      \\ ???  
7. f.ingrds   \\ ???  
8. f.tasty(...) \\ ???  
9. f.mix(f)    \\ ???
```

```
10. Pizza p = new Pizza;  
11. p.fat      \\ ???  
12. p.ingrds   \\ ???  
13. p.tasty(...) \\ ???  
14. p.mix(p)    \\ ???
```

## An Example in $\mathcal{L}_2$ - 3

The program from previous slide behaves as follows:

```
1. Food f = new Food;
2. f.fat      \\ returns false
3. f.ingrds   \\ TYPE ERROR
4. f.tasty(...) \\ returns false
```

```
5. f = new Pizza;
6. f.fat      \\ returns false
7. f.ingrds   \\ TYPE ERROR
8. f.tasty(...) \\ returns true
9. f.mix(f)   \\ ...
```

```
10. Pizza p = new Pizza;
11. p.fat     \\ returns false
12. p.ingrds  \\ returns null
13. p.tasty(...) \\ returns true
14. p.mix(p)  \\ ...
```

## An Example in $\mathcal{L}_2$ - 4

Our example demonstrates

- A subclass inherits all fields of superclass (here line 11)
- A subclass inherits all methods from superclass (here line 14)
- A subclass object may appear where a superclass object expected (here line 14)
  - A subclass may override methods from a superclass; methods are bound dynamically (here line 8 and 13)
- Difference static type and dynamic class (lines 7 vs 12)

## The syntax of $\mathcal{L}_2$ expressions, the structure of $\mathcal{L}_2$ programs

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textit{Progr} &= \textit{ClassId} \longrightarrow ( \textit{ClassId} \\
 &\quad \times \\
 &\quad (\textit{FieldId} \longrightarrow \textit{type}) \\
 &\quad \times \\
 &\quad (\textit{MethId} \longrightarrow \textit{meth}) )
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textit{meth} &::= \textit{type } m \text{ ( type } x \text{ ) } \{ e \} \\
 \textit{type} &::= \textit{bool} \mid c \\
 e &::= \textit{if } e \text{ then } e \text{ else } e \mid \\
 &\quad e.f \mid e.f := e \mid e.m(e) \mid \\
 &\quad \textit{new } c \mid x \mid \textit{this} \mid \textit{true} \mid \textit{false} \mid \textit{null} .
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question:** What are the differences between  $\mathcal{L}_1$  and  $\mathcal{L}_2$ ?

The example  $P_{SF}$  is represented in our system as

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{SF} \equiv \text{Std}t \mapsto & \quad ( \text{Object}, \\
 & \quad \emptyset, \\
 & \quad \text{eat} \mapsto \text{bool eat( Food } x \text{ ) } \{ x.\text{tasty( true ) } \} \quad ), \\
 \text{Food} \mapsto & \quad ( \text{Object}, \\
 & \quad \text{fat} \mapsto \text{bool}, \\
 & \quad ( \text{tasty} \mapsto \text{bool tasty( bool } x \text{ ) } \{ \text{false} \} , \\
 & \quad \text{mix} \mapsto \text{Food mix( Food } x \text{ ) } \{ x \} \quad ), \\
 \text{Pizza} \mapsto & \quad ( \text{Food}, \\
 & \quad \text{ingrds} \mapsto \text{Food}, \\
 & \quad \text{tasty} \mapsto \text{bool tasty( bool } x \text{ ) } \{ \text{true} \} \quad ).
 \end{aligned}$$

## Subclasses, and Acyclic class hierarchies

The judgement  $P \vdash c \sqsubseteq c'$  means that  $c$  is a subclass of  $c'$ ; the judgement  $Acyclic(P)$  means that the class hierarchy in  $P$  is acyclic.

$$\frac{}{P \vdash \text{Object} \sqsubseteq \text{Object}} \quad \frac{P(c) \downarrow_1 = c'}{P \vdash c \sqsubseteq c} \quad \frac{P \vdash c \sqsubseteq c' \quad P \vdash c' \sqsubseteq c''}{P \vdash c \sqsubseteq c''}$$

$$Acyclic(P) \equiv \forall c, c'. \begin{cases} (P \vdash c \sqsubseteq c' \text{ and } P \vdash c' \sqsubseteq c \implies c = c') \\ \text{and} \\ (P(c) \downarrow_1 = c' \implies c \neq c') \end{cases}$$



For example, in  $P_{SF}$ :

$P_{SF} \vdash \text{Object} \sqsubseteq \text{Object}$

$P_{SF} \vdash \text{Std}t \sqsubseteq \text{Std}t$

$P_{SF} \vdash \text{Food} \sqsubseteq \text{Food}$

$P_{SF} \vdash \text{Pizza} \sqsubseteq \text{Pizza}$

$P_{SF} \vdash \text{Std}t \sqsubseteq \text{Object}$

$P_{SF} \vdash \text{Food} \sqsubseteq \text{Object}$

$P_{SF} \vdash \text{Pizza} \sqsubseteq \text{Food}$

$P_{SF} \vdash \text{Pizza} \sqsubseteq \text{Object}$

The above are *all* the subclass relationships in  $P_{SF}$ , therefore,

*Acyclic*( $P_{SF}$ ).

On the other hand, for the program  $P_{cyc}$  corresponding to

$\text{class } A \text{ extends } B\{ \dots \} \quad \text{class } B \text{ extends } A\{ \dots \}$

we have that  $\text{NOT}(\text{Acyclic}(P_{cyc}))$ .

## Field and method lookup functions

We need to define field and method lookup, so that it takes inheritance into account. E.g.  $\mathcal{F}(P_{SF}, \text{Pizza}, \text{fat}) = \text{bool}$ ,  
and  $\mathcal{M}(P_{SF}, \text{Pizza}, \text{mix}) = \text{Food mix( Food x) \{ x \}}$

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## Field and method lookup functions - 2

For program  $P$  with  $Acyclic(P)$ , identifiers  $c$ ,  $f$ , and  $m$ , we define:

$$\mathcal{FD}(P, c, f) = P(c) \downarrow_2 (f).$$

$$\mathcal{F}(P, c, f) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{FD}(P, c, f) & \text{if } \mathcal{FD}(P, c, f) \text{ is defined,} \\ \mathcal{F}(P, P(c) \downarrow_1, f) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{F}(P, \text{Object}, f) \text{ is undefined.}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_s(P, c) = \{f \mid \mathcal{F}(P, c, f) \text{ is defined}\}.$$

$$\mathcal{MD}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{m}) = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{c}) \downarrow_3(\mathbf{m}).$$

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{m}) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{MD}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{m}) & \text{if } \mathcal{MD}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{m}) \text{ is defined,} \\ \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{c}) \downarrow_1, \mathbf{m}) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Object}, \mathbf{m}) \quad \text{is undefined.}$$

**Questions:** 1. Why did we require  $\mathit{Acyclic}(\mathbf{P})$  ? 2. Could we have dropped the requirement that  $\mathit{Acyclic}(\mathbf{P})$ ?

For example,

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{FD}(\mathbf{P}_{SF}, \text{Food}, \text{fat}) & = \text{bool}, \\ \mathcal{FD}(\mathbf{P}_{SF}, \text{Pizza}, \text{fat}) & \text{is undefined}, \\ \mathcal{FD}(\mathbf{P}_{SF}, \text{Food}, \text{ingrds}) & \text{is undefined}, \\ \mathcal{FD}(\mathbf{P}_{SF}, \text{Pizza}, \text{ingrds}) & = \text{Food}, \\ \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{P}_{SF}, \text{Food}, \text{fat}) & = \text{bool}, \\ \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{P}_{SF}, \text{Food}, \text{ingrds}) & \text{is undefined}, \\ \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{P}_{SF}, \text{Pizza}, \text{fat}) & = \text{bool}, \\ \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{P}_{SF}, \text{Pizza}, \text{ingrds}) & = \text{Food}, \\ \mathcal{F}_s(\mathbf{P}_{SF}, \text{Pizza}) & = \{ \text{fat}, \text{ingrds} \} \\ \\ \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{P}_{SF}, \text{Food}, \text{mix}) & = \text{Food mix( Food } x) \{ x \} \\ \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{P}_{SF}, \text{Food}, \text{tasty}) & = \text{bool tasty( bool } x) \{ \text{false} \} \\ \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{P}_{SF}, \text{Pizza}, \text{mix}) & = \text{Food mix( Food } x) \{ x \} \\ \mathcal{M}(\mathbf{P}_{SF}, \text{Pizza}, \text{tasty}) & = \text{bool tasty( bool } x) \{ \text{true} \} \end{array}$$

## The Operational Semantics of $\mathcal{L}_2$

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... is identical to that of  $\mathcal{L}_1$ .

For example, the following stack frame  $\phi_0$  and heap  $\chi_0$  correspond to some execution of  $P_{SF}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_0 &= (\iota_3, \iota_4) \\ \chi_0(\iota_3) &= (\text{Std}, \emptyset) \\ \chi_0(\iota_4) &= (\text{Pizza}, (\text{fat} \mapsto \text{true}, \text{ingrds} \mapsto \iota_6)) \\ \chi_0(\iota_5) &= (\text{Food}, (\text{fat} \mapsto \text{false})) \\ \chi_0(\iota_6) &= (\text{Pizza}, (\text{fat} \mapsto \text{true}, \text{ingrds} \mapsto \iota_5))\end{aligned}$$

The operational semantics gives:

$$\text{this.eat}(x), \phi_0, \chi_0 \xrightarrow{P_{BP}} \text{true}, \chi_0$$

which shows that `tasty` was bound dynamically to that from class `Pizza`.

## Determinism of the operational semantics

We can prove determinism for  $\mathcal{L}_2$  executions for acyclic programs.

**Lemma** For program  $P$  with  $Acyclic(P)$ , and any expression  $e$ , if

$$e, \phi, \chi \xrightarrow{P} r', \chi' \quad \text{and} \quad e, \phi, \chi \xrightarrow{P} r'', \chi''$$

then

$$r' = r'', \text{ and } \chi' = \chi''$$

up to renaming of addresses.

**Proof:** similar to that for  $\mathcal{L}_1$ .

**Note:** Compare with corresponding Lemma for  $\mathcal{L}_1$ .



## Further properties of the operational semantics

Execution has the following properties

- preserves the classes of all objects
- preserves the existence of any fields in an object

**Lemma** For program  $P$  with  $Acyclic(P)$ , and any expression  $e$ , if

$$e, \phi, \chi \rightsquigarrow_P r', \chi'$$

then

- $\chi(\iota)$  is defined  $\implies \chi(\iota) \downarrow_1 = \chi'(\iota) \downarrow_1$
- $\chi(\iota)(f)$  is defined  $\implies \chi'(\iota)(f)$  is defined

**Proof** by structural induction over the derivation  $e, \phi, \chi \rightsquigarrow_P r', \chi'$ .

## The Type System of $\mathcal{L}_2$

As for  $\mathcal{L}_1$ , typing is a judgement of the form:

$$P, \Gamma \vdash e : t$$

*i.e.* , in context of program  $P$  and environment  $\Gamma$ , expression  $e$  has type  $t$ .

We also consider subtypes. A value of a type  $t$ , which is a subtype of  $t'$  may appear wherever a value of type  $t'$  is expected.

The subtype relationship is the projection of the subclass relationship onto types – that is, we have *name* type equivalence as opposed to *structural* type equivalence:

$$\frac{P \vdash c \sqsubseteq c'}{P \vdash c \leq c'} \qquad \frac{}{P \vdash \text{bool} \leq \text{bool}}$$

We define  $IsCls(P, c)$  and  $IsCls(P, t)$  as for  $\mathcal{L}_1$ .

## Types of Expressions

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$$\begin{array}{l} P, \Gamma \vdash \text{true} : \text{bool} \\ P, \Gamma \vdash \text{false} : \text{bool} \\ P, \Gamma \vdash x : \Gamma(x) \\ P, \Gamma \vdash \text{this} : \Gamma(\text{this}) \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{l} P, \Gamma \vdash e : c \\ \mathcal{F}(P, c, f) = t \end{array}$$


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$$P, \Gamma \vdash e.f : t$$

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$$\begin{array}{l} \text{IsCls}(P, c) \\ P, \Gamma \vdash \text{null} : c \\ P, \Gamma \vdash \text{new } c : c \end{array}$$

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$$\begin{array}{l} P, \Gamma \vdash e.f : t \\ P, \Gamma \vdash e' : t' \\ P \vdash t' \leq t \end{array}$$


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$$P, \Gamma \vdash e.f := e' : t'$$

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$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} P, \Gamma \vdash e : \text{bool} \\ P, \Gamma \vdash e_1 : t_1 \\ P, \Gamma \vdash e_2 : t_2 \\ P \vdash t_i \leq t \text{ for } i \in 1, 2 \end{array}}{P, \Gamma \vdash \text{if } e \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2 : t}$$

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$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} P, \Gamma \vdash e_0 : c \\ P, \Gamma \vdash e_1 : t'_1 \\ \mathcal{M}(P, c, m) = t \text{ m}(t_1 \times) \{ e \} \\ P \vdash t'_1 \leq t_1 \end{array}}{P, \Gamma \vdash e_0.m(e_1) : t}$$

## Properties of types of expressions

Do the following properties hold?

- $P, \Gamma \vdash e : t$  and  $P, \Gamma \vdash e : t' \implies t = t'$
- $P, \Gamma \vdash e : t$  and  $P, \Gamma \vdash e' : t \implies e = e'$

## Well-formed class

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{ClassWF}(P, c) &\equiv \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 P(c) \downarrow_1 = c' \text{ and } (c' \neq \text{Object}) \implies c' \in \text{dom}(P) \\
 \text{and} \\
 \forall f : \mathcal{FD}(P, c, f) = t \implies \text{IsTyp}(P, t) \text{ and } \mathcal{F}(P, c', f) \text{ undef.} \\
 \text{and} \\
 \forall m : \mathcal{MD}(P, c, m) = t \text{ m}(t_1 x) \{ e \} \implies \\
 \quad \text{IsTyp}(P, t), \\
 \text{and} \\
 \quad \text{IsTyp}(P, t_1), \\
 \text{and} \\
 \quad P, t_1 x, c \text{ this} \vdash e : t', \text{ and } P \vdash t' \leq t \text{ for some type } t', \\
 \text{and} \\
 \quad \mathcal{M}(P, c', m) \text{ undef. or } \mathcal{M}(P, c', m) = t \text{ m}(t_1 x) \{ e' \} .
 \end{array} \right. \\
 \text{ProgWF}(P) &\equiv \text{Acyclic}(P) \text{ and } \forall c \in \text{dom}(P). \text{ClassWF}(P, c).
 \end{aligned}$$

## Soundness of the $\mathcal{L}_2$ Type System

The type system is sound in the sense that a converging well-typed expression returns either a value of the same type as the expression, or the `nullPtrExc`, but does not get stuck. Furthermore, in both cases, the resulting heap “agrees” with the program and the environment, *i.e.* its consistency is preserved.

## Agreement

We introduce agreement notions between programs, heaps, and values:



As for  $L_1$ , we first define an auxiliary, “basic” agreement notion:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{}{P, \chi \vdash \text{true} <:\text{bool}} \quad \frac{}{P, \chi \vdash \text{false} <:\text{bool}} \\
\\
\frac{IsCIs(P, t)}{P, \chi \vdash \text{null} <:t} \quad \frac{\chi(\iota) \downarrow_1 = c}{P, \chi \vdash \iota <:c} \quad \frac{P, \chi \vdash v <:t' \quad P \vdash t' \leq t}{P, \chi \vdash v <:t}
\end{array}$$

Based on the “basic” agreement notion, we define agreement:

$$P, \chi \vdash v \triangleleft t \equiv \begin{cases} P, \chi \vdash v <:t, & \text{if } v \in \{\text{true}, \text{false}, \text{null}\}, \\
P, \chi \vdash \iota <:c, \text{ and} \\
\forall f : \mathcal{F}(P, c, f) = t' \implies P, \chi \vdash \chi(\iota)(f) <:t' & \text{if } v = \iota, \text{ and } t = c, \\
\text{false} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

What is difference between the definition of agreement for  $L_1$  and for  $L_2$ ?

## Well-formed heap and stack frame

$$P, \Gamma \vdash (\iota, \nu), \chi \diamond \equiv \begin{cases} P, \chi \vdash \iota \triangleleft \Gamma(\text{this}), \text{ and} \\ P, \chi \vdash \nu \triangleleft \Gamma(x), \text{ and} \\ \forall \iota' \in \text{dom}(\chi) : P, \chi \vdash \iota' \triangleleft \chi(\iota') \downarrow_1 \end{cases}$$

### Lemma

If

$$P, \Gamma \vdash \phi, \chi \diamond \text{ and } \chi(\iota) \downarrow_1 = c \text{ and } f \in \mathcal{F}_s(P, c),$$

then

$$P, \chi \vdash \chi(\iota)(f) \triangleleft \mathcal{F}(P, c, f)$$

Remember our example, where

$$\begin{aligned} P_{SF} &\equiv \text{Std}t \mapsto ( \text{Object}, \emptyset, \dots ) \\ &\quad \text{Food} \mapsto ( \text{Object}, \text{fat} \mapsto \text{bool}, \dots ) \\ &\quad \text{Pizza} \mapsto ( \text{Food}, \text{ingrds} \mapsto \text{Food}, \dots ) \end{aligned}$$

Take a heap  $\chi_2$ , defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_2(\iota_3) &= ( \text{Std}t, (\text{ingrds} \mapsto \iota_3) ) & \chi_2(\iota_4) &= ( \text{Pizza}, (\text{fat} \mapsto \text{true}) ) \\ \chi_2(\iota_5) &= ( \text{Food}, (\text{fat} \mapsto \text{false}) ) & \chi_2(\iota_6) &= ( \text{Pizza}, (\text{fat} \mapsto \text{true}, \text{ingrds} \mapsto \iota_4) ) \end{aligned}$$

Then, which of the following judgments hold

$$\begin{aligned} P_{SF}, \chi_2 &\vdash \iota_3 \triangleleft \text{Std}t \\ P_{SF}, \chi_2 &\vdash \iota_4 \triangleleft \text{Food} \quad P_{SF}, \chi_2 \vdash \iota_4 \triangleleft \text{Pizza} \\ P_{SF}, \chi_2 &\vdash \iota_5 \triangleleft \text{Food} \quad P_{SF}, \chi_2 \vdash \iota_6 \triangleleft \text{Pizza} \end{aligned}$$

Continue with our example, where

$$P_{SF} \equiv \text{Std} \mapsto ( \text{Object}, \emptyset, \dots ), \text{Food} \mapsto ( \text{Object}, (\text{fat} \mapsto \text{bool}), \dots ), \\ \text{Pizza} \mapsto ( \text{Food}, (\text{ingrds} \mapsto \text{Food}), \dots )$$

Take a frame  $\phi_0$ , and a heap  $\chi_0$ , defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_0 &= (\iota_3, \iota_4) \\ \chi_0(\iota_3) &= ( \text{Std}, \emptyset ) & \chi_0(\iota_4) &= ( \text{Pizza}, (\text{fat} \mapsto \text{true}, \text{ingrds} \mapsto \iota_6) ) \\ \chi_0(\iota_5) &= ( \text{Food}, (\text{fat} \mapsto \text{false}) ) & \chi_0(\iota_6) &= ( \text{Pizza}, (\text{fat} \mapsto \text{true}, \text{ingrds} \mapsto \iota_5) ) \end{aligned}$$

Then:

$$\begin{array}{ll} P_{SF}, \chi_0 \vdash \iota_3 \triangleleft \text{Std} & P_{SF}, \chi_0 \vdash \iota_4 \triangleleft \text{Food} \\ P_{SF}, \chi_0 \vdash \iota_4 \triangleleft \text{Pizza} & \dots \\ \dots & \dots \\ P_{SF}, \text{Food } x, \text{Std } \text{this} \vdash \phi_0, \chi_0 \diamond & P_{SF}, \text{Pizza } x, \text{Std } \text{this} \vdash \phi_0, \chi_0 \diamond \end{array}$$

On the other hand,  $\chi_2$  is so “badly formed”, that  $\forall \Gamma, \phi : P_{SF}, \Gamma \not\vdash \phi, \chi_2 \diamond$ .

## Properties of Well-formed programs - preservation of members in subclasses

**Lemma** For program  $P$ , class identifiers  $c$  and  $c'$ , method identifier  $m$ ,

If  $\text{ProgWF}(P)$ , and  $P \vdash c' \sqsubseteq c$ , then

- $\mathcal{F}(P, c, f)$  is defined  $\implies \mathcal{F}(P, c', f) = \mathcal{F}(P, c, f)$ .
- $\mathcal{M}(P, c, m) = t \ m(t' \ x) \ \{ \_ \}$   $\implies \exists e : \mathcal{M}(P, c', m) = t \ m(t' \ x) \ \{ e \}$ .

**Question** Does the opposite direction hold, e.g. do  $\text{ProgWF}(P)$ , and  $P \vdash c' \sqsubseteq c$ , and  $\mathcal{F}(P, c', f) = t$  imply that  $\mathcal{F}(P, c, f) = t$ ?

Properties of Well-formed programs -  
preservation of types in more precise environments

**Lemma** For program  $P$ , environments  $\Gamma$  and  $\Gamma'$ , expression  $e$ , and type  $t$ :

If  $\text{ProgWF}(P)$ , and  $P \vdash \Gamma'(\text{this}) \sqsubseteq \Gamma(\text{this})$ , and  $P \vdash \Gamma'(x) \leq \Gamma(x)$ , then

- $P, \Gamma \vdash e : t \implies \exists t' \text{ with } P, \Gamma' \vdash e : t', P \vdash t' \leq t.$

**Question** Does the opposite direction hold, *i.e.* do  $\text{ProgWF}(P)$ , and  $P \vdash \Gamma'(\text{this}) \sqsubseteq \Gamma(\text{this})$ , and  $P \vdash \Gamma'(x) \leq \Gamma(x)$ , and  $P, \Gamma' \vdash e : t$  imply that  $P, \Gamma \vdash e : t$ ?

## Type Soundness

**Theorem** For program  $P$ , environment  $\Gamma$ , expression  $e$ , heap  $\chi$ , stack frame  $\phi$ , and type  $t$ , if

$\text{ProgWF}(P)$ , and  $P, \Gamma \vdash e : t$ , and  $P, \Gamma \vdash \phi, \chi \diamond$ , and  $e, \phi, \chi \rightsquigarrow_P r, \chi'$ ,

then

- $r \in \text{val}$ , and  $P, \chi' \vdash r \triangleleft t$ , and  $P, \Gamma \vdash \phi, \chi' \diamond$ ,

or

- $r = \text{nullPtrExc}$ , and  $P, \Gamma \vdash \phi, \chi' \diamond$ .

**Question** Do we not need to mention subtypes/subclasses in that Theorem?

**Proof** by structural induction over the derivation  $e, \phi, \chi \rightsquigarrow_P r, \chi'$ .

## Subsumption

As we said earlier, a value of a subtype may appear wherever a value of a supertype is expected.

This is usually formalized through a subsumption rule, which is:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Subsump} \\ \frac{P, \Gamma \vdash_s e : t \quad P \vdash t \leq t'}{P, \Gamma \vdash_s e : t'} \end{array}$$

Such a rule seems obvious. If we added such a rule to the type system of  $\mathcal{L}_2$ , we would not need to mention subtypes explicitly any more , *i.e.* , we would obtain:



## Types of $\mathcal{L}_2$ -Expressions with Subsumption

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Subsump

*... as before*

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*... as before*

*... as before*

$P, \Gamma \vdash_s e : t$

$P \vdash t \leq t'$

$P, \Gamma \vdash_s e : t'$

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$P, \Gamma \vdash_s e : c$

$\mathcal{F}(P, c, f) = t$

$P, \Gamma \vdash_s e.f : t$

$P, \Gamma \vdash_s e.f : t$

$P, \Gamma \vdash_s e' : t$

$P, \Gamma \vdash_s e.f := e' : t$

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$P, \Gamma \vdash_s e : \text{bool}$

$P, \Gamma \vdash_s e_1 : t$

$P, \Gamma \vdash_s e_2 : t$

$P, \Gamma \vdash_s \text{if } e \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2 : t$

$P, \Gamma \vdash_s e_0 : c$

$P, \Gamma \vdash_s e_1 : t_1$

$\mathcal{M}(P, c, m) = t \ m(t_1 \ x) \ \{ e \}$

$P, \Gamma \vdash_s e_0.m(e_1) : t$

## Properties of the system $P, \Gamma \vdash_s e : t$

The type rules with subsumption are more elegant than those without.  
... are they?

Do the following properties hold?

- $P, \Gamma \vdash_s e : t$  and  $P, \Gamma \vdash_s e : t' \implies t = t'$
- $P, \Gamma \vdash_s e : t$  and  $P, \Gamma \vdash_s e' : t \implies e = e'$
- $P, \Gamma \vdash_s e : t \implies P, \Gamma \vdash e : t$
- $P, \Gamma \vdash e : t \implies P, \Gamma \vdash_s e : t$

But ...

The type system with subsumption is NOT sound!

Here is a counterexample:

On the next slide we will "repair" the previous type system:

## Types of $\mathcal{L}_2$ -Expressions with Subsumption - revised

	litVarThis		Subsump
$\dots$ as before	newNull	$P, \Gamma \vdash_r e : t$ $P \vdash t \leq t'$	
$\dots$ as before	fld	$P, \Gamma \vdash_r e : t'$	fldAss
$P, \Gamma \vdash_r e : c$ $\mathcal{F}(P, c, f) = t$	cond	$P, \Gamma \vdash_r e : c$ $P, \Gamma \vdash_r e' : t \quad \mathcal{F}(P, c, f) = t$	methCall
$P, \Gamma \vdash_r e.f : t$	cond	$P, \Gamma \vdash_r e.f := e' : t$	methCall
$P, \Gamma \vdash_r e : \text{bool}$ $P, \Gamma \vdash_r e_1 : t$ $P, \Gamma \vdash_r e_2 : t$	cond	$P, \Gamma \vdash_r e_0 : c$ $P, \Gamma \vdash_r e_1 : t_1$ $\mathcal{M}(P, c, m) = t \ m(t_1 \ x) \ \{ e \}$	methCall
$P, \Gamma \vdash_r \text{if } e \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2 : t$	cond	$P, \Gamma \vdash_r e_0.m(e_1) : t$	methCall

## Properties of the system $P, \Gamma \vdash_r e : t$

Do the following properties hold?

- $P, \Gamma \vdash_r e : t$  and  $P, \Gamma \vdash_r e : t' \implies t = t'$
- $P, \Gamma \vdash_r e : t$  and  $P, \Gamma \vdash_r e : t \implies e = e'$
- $P, \Gamma \vdash_r e : t \implies P, \Gamma \vdash e : t$
- $P, \Gamma \vdash e : t \implies P, \Gamma \vdash_r e : t$
- $P, \Gamma \vdash_r e : t \implies P, \Gamma \vdash_s e : t$
- $P, \Gamma \vdash_s e : t \implies P, \Gamma \vdash_r e : t$

## Well-formed class – revisited

$$\text{ClassWF}(\mathcal{P}, c) \equiv \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 \mathcal{P}(c) \downarrow_1 = c' \text{ and } (c' \neq \text{Object}) \implies c' \in \text{dom}(\mathcal{P}) \\
 \text{and} \\
 \forall f : \mathcal{FD}(\mathcal{P}, c, f) = t \implies \text{IsTyp}(\mathcal{P}, t) \text{ and } \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{P}, c', f) \text{ undef.} \\
 \text{and} \\
 \forall m : \mathcal{MD}(\mathcal{P}, c, m) = t \text{ m}(t_1 x) \{ e \} \implies \\
 \quad \text{IsTyp}(\mathcal{P}, t), \\
 \quad \text{and} \\
 \quad \text{IsTyp}(\mathcal{P}, t_1), \\
 \quad \text{and} \\
 \quad \mathcal{P}, t_1 x, c \text{ this } \vdash_r e : t, \\
 \quad \text{and} \\
 \quad \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{P}, c', m) \text{ undef. or } \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{P}, c', m) = t \text{ m}(t_1 x) \{ e' \} .
 \end{array} \right.$$

## Other issues

$\mathcal{L}_2$  is a minimal formalization of classes, objects, imperative issues and inheritance.

We have not covered

- overloaded methods,
- field hiding,
- objects on the stack frame,
- C++ references,
- ....

All these can be expressed as variations of  $\mathcal{L}_2$ .

## The expressive power of $\mathcal{L}_2$

### Encoding Booleans

We can encode booleans in basic object oriented languages (and actually in  $\mathcal{L}_1$  as well). Consider, namely:

```
class Boolean extends Object {  
    Boolean and ( Boolean x) { ... }  
    Boolean or ( Boolean x) { ... }  
    Boolean not ( ) { ... }  
    Object ifThenElse ( Object thenPart, Object elsePart) { ... }  
}
```



```
class True extends Boolean{
    Boolean and ( Boolean x) { x }
    Boolean or ( Boolean x) { this }
    Boolean not ( ) { new False }
    Object ifThenElse ( Object thenPart, Object elsePart) { thenPart }
}
```

```
class False extends Boolean{
    Boolean and ( Boolean x) { this }
    Boolean or ( Boolean x) { x }
    Boolean not ( ) { new True }
    Object ifThenElse ( Object thenPart, Object elsePart) { elsePart }
}
```

With the above, we could express:

```
if ( ( true or ( false and true ) ) and aBoolean )  
then 20  
else 200
```

as

```
((new True.or( new False.and( new True) ) ).and( aBoolean) ).ifThenElse( 20, 200)
```

## Encoding Natural Numbers

We can also encode natural numbers.

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## Encoding Natural Numbers - 2

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WOW!

This demonstrates the power of the object paradigm!

Out of the imperative, the functional, the object oriented, and the logic paradigm, which ones can/cannot encode booleans and numbers?

Note: the Smalltalk environment contains booleans as described here; as with all environment classes, one can modify these classes, with interesting effects...

However...

Note that the previous is not a *complete* encoding of booleans and numbers. We are still unable to express ...