

Typed Lambda Calculus

"There may, indeed, be other applications of the system other than its use as a logic", Alonzo Church, 1932

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What is the Lambda Calculus?

- ▶ Model of computation based on **functions**
 - ▶ gives rise to functional programming
- ▶ Introduced by **Alonzo Church** in 1934
- ▶ Turing complete
- ▶ Considered a faithful model of general purpose PLs
 - ▶ THE NEXT 700 PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES, Peter Landin, 1966
 - ▶ Motto: Use LC as a testbed to embed (DSLs) new PL features

Why the Lambda Calculus?

- ▶ In an industrial-strength language is it **difficult** to determine with precision/rigor
 - ▶ basic properties on semantics and types
 - ▶ effect of adding new program constructions
 - ▶ relation with other languages/paradigms
- ▶ Convenient to **restrict the language** to a subset that is
 - ▶ representative of the paradigm/problem area
 - ▶ concise
 - ▶ reduced number of primitives
 - ▶ rigorous in its formulation

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Type Expressions of $\lambda_V^{\mathbb{B}, \rightarrow}$

The **type expressions** (or simply **types**) of $\lambda_V^{\mathbb{B}, \rightarrow}$ are:

$$\sigma, \tau ::= \mathbb{B} \mid \sigma \rightarrow \tau$$

Informally:

- ▶ \mathbb{B} is type of booleans
- ▶ $\sigma \rightarrow \tau$ is type of functions from σ to τ

Terms of $\lambda_V^{\mathbb{B}, \rightarrow}$

Let \mathcal{X} be a denumerable set of variables and $x \in \mathcal{X}$. The set of **terms** of $\lambda_V^{\mathbb{B}, \rightarrow}$ are:

M, N, P, Q	$::=$	x	term variable
		$true$	
		$false$	
		$if\ M\ then\ P\ else\ Q$	
		$\lambda x : \sigma. M$	anonymous function; x is binding variable
		$M\ N$	application

Examples

- ▶ $\lambda x : \mathbb{B}.x$
- ▶ $\lambda x : \mathbb{B}.if\ x\ then\ false\ else\ true$
- ▶ $\lambda f : \sigma \rightarrow \tau.\lambda x : \sigma.f\ x$
- ▶ $(\lambda f : \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}.f\ true)(\lambda y : \mathbb{B}.y)$
- ▶ $x\ y$

Free Variables

A variable can occur **free** or **bound** in a term.

- ▶ $\lambda x : \mathbb{B}. \underbrace{\text{if } x}_{\text{bound}} \text{ then true else false}$
- ▶ $\lambda x : \mathbb{B}. \lambda y : \mathbb{B}. \text{if true then } \underbrace{x}_{\text{bound}} \text{ else } \underbrace{y}_{\text{bound}}$
- ▶ $\lambda x : \mathbb{B}. \text{if } \underbrace{x}_{\text{bound}} \text{ then true else } \underbrace{y}_{\text{free}}$
- ▶ $(\lambda x : \mathbb{B}. \text{if } \underbrace{x}_{\text{bound}} \text{ then true else false}) \underbrace{x}_{\text{free}}$

Free Variables

$$\begin{aligned}FV(x) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x\} \\FV(\text{true}) = FV(\text{false}) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \emptyset \\FV(\text{if } M \text{ then } P \text{ else } Q) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} FV(M) \cup FV(P) \cup FV(Q) \\FV(M N) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} FV(M) \cup FV(N) \\FV(\lambda x : \sigma. M) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} FV(M) \setminus \{x\}\end{aligned}$$

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Renaming

$$M_y^x$$

Replace every free occurrence of x with y

Examples

- ▶ $(x\ y)_z^x = z\ y$
- ▶ $(\lambda y.x)_z^x = \lambda y.z$
- ▶ $(\lambda y.x)_y^x = \lambda y.y$ Wrong??
 - ▶ Renaming can capture variables
 - ▶ y is typically required not to be bound in M

α -Equivalence

$y \notin FV(M)$ and y not a binding variable in M

$$\lambda x.M =_{\alpha} \lambda y.M_y^x$$

$$\frac{M =_{\alpha} M'}{\lambda x.M =_{\alpha} \lambda x.M'}$$

$$\frac{M =_{\alpha} M' \quad P =_{\alpha} P'}{M P =_{\alpha} M' P'}$$

$$\frac{M =_{\alpha} M' \quad P =_{\alpha} P' \quad Q =_{\alpha} Q'}{\text{if } M \text{ then } P \text{ else } Q =_{\alpha} \text{if } M' \text{ then } P' \text{ else } Q'}$$

- ▶ Uses renaming as a tool
- ▶ When we write rules like this we mean the smallest congruence generated by them

α -Equivalence

Examples:

- ▶ $\lambda x.x =_{\alpha} \lambda y.y$
- ▶ $\lambda x.y =_{\alpha} \lambda z.y$
- ▶ $\lambda x.y \neq_{\alpha} \lambda x.z$
- ▶ $\lambda x.\lambda x.x \neq_{\alpha} \lambda y.\lambda x.y$

Terms that differ only in the names of bound variables are considered identical

Substitution

$M\{x := N\}$ “Substitute all *free* occurrences of x in M with N ”

$$x\{x := N\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} N$$

$$y\{x := N\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} y, \quad x \neq y$$

$$a\{x := N\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a \quad \text{si } a \in \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$$

$$(if \ M \ \text{then} \ P \ \text{else} \ Q)\{x := N\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} if \ M\{x := N\} \ \text{then} \ P\{x := N\} \\ \text{else} \ Q\{x := N\}$$

$$(M_1 \ M_2)\{x := N\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} M_1\{x := N\} \ M_2\{x := N\}$$

$$(\lambda y : \sigma. M)\{x := N\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda y : \sigma. M\{x := N\} \quad x \neq y, \ y \notin FV(N)$$

1. Note: condition $x \neq y, \ y \notin FV(N)$ can *always* be met by renaming
2. Technically, subst. is defined on α -equivalence classes of terms

Variable Capture

- ▶ Condition $x \neq y, y \notin FV(N)$ is **important** in this clause:

$$(\lambda y : \sigma.M)\{x := N\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda y : \sigma.M\{x := N\} \quad x \neq y, y \notin FV(N)$$

- ▶ It avoids examples such as this:

$$(\lambda z : \sigma.x)\{x := z\} = \lambda z : \sigma.z$$

- ▶ Here z has been captured by a binder

Type System

- ▶ Formal deductive system that uses axioms and inference schemes to characterize a subset of the terms
- ▶ First we need to introduce **typing contexts**
 - ▶ What is the type of *true*?
 - ▶ What is the type of *if x then true else false*?

Type System

A **typing context** is a set of pairs $x_i : \sigma_i$, written $\{x_1 : \sigma_1, \dots, x_n : \sigma_n\}$ where the $\{x_i\}_{i \in 1..n}$ are distinct. We use letters Γ, Δ, \dots for typing contexts.

A **typing judgement** is an expression of the form $\Gamma \triangleright M : \sigma$, read:

“term M has type σ under typing context Γ ”

Type System

- ▶ The meaning of $\Gamma \triangleright M : \sigma$ is established through **typing axioms and inference schemes/rules**.
- ▶ If $\Gamma \triangleright M : \sigma$ can be derived using the typing axioms and inference schemes then we say that it is **derivable**.
- ▶ We say that M is **typable** if the typing judgement $\Gamma \triangleright M : \sigma$ can be derived, for some Γ and σ .
- ▶ We next present the typing axioms and inference schemes for $\lambda_{V}^{\mathbb{B}, \rightarrow}$

Axioms and Inference Schemes

$$\frac{x : \sigma \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \triangleright x : \sigma} \text{ (T-VAR)}$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \triangleright \text{true} : \mathbb{B}} \text{ (T-TRUE)}$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \triangleright \text{false} : \mathbb{B}} \text{ (T-FALSE)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \triangleright M : \mathbb{B} \quad \Gamma \triangleright P : \sigma \quad \Gamma \triangleright Q : \sigma}{\Gamma \triangleright \text{if } M \text{ then } P \text{ else } Q : \sigma} \text{ (T-IF)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \sigma \triangleright M : \tau}{\Gamma \triangleright \lambda x : \sigma. M : \sigma \rightarrow \tau} \text{ (T-ABS)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \triangleright M : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \triangleright N : \sigma}{\Gamma \triangleright M N : \tau} \text{ (T-APP)}$$

Examples of Typing Derivations

On the board

1. $\triangleright \lambda x : \mathbb{B}. \lambda f : \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}. f\ x : \mathbb{B} \rightarrow (\mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}) \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$
2. $x : \mathbb{B}, y : \mathbb{B} \triangleright \text{if } x \text{ then } y \text{ else } y : \mathbb{B}$
3. \triangleright
 $\lambda f : \rho \rightarrow \tau. \lambda g : \sigma \rightarrow \rho. \lambda x : \sigma. f(g\ x) : (\rho \rightarrow \tau) \rightarrow (\sigma \rightarrow \rho) \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \tau$
4. There are no Γ and σ s.t. $\Gamma \triangleright \text{true false} : \sigma$
5. Are there Γ and σ s.t. $\Gamma \triangleright x\ x : \sigma$?

Basic Metatheory

Uniqueness of Types

If $\Gamma \triangleright M : \sigma$ and $\Gamma \triangleright M : \tau$ are derivable, then $\sigma = \tau$

Weakening+Strengthening

If $\Gamma \triangleright M : \sigma$ is derivable and $\Gamma \cap \Gamma'$ contains all the free variables of M , then $\Gamma' \triangleright M : \sigma$

Substitution

If $\Gamma, x : \sigma \triangleright M : \tau$ and $\Gamma \triangleright N : \sigma$ are derivable, then $\Gamma \triangleright M\{x := N\} : \tau$ is derivable

Typability Questions

- ▶ Typability

$$? \triangleright M : ?$$
$$\Gamma \triangleright M : ?$$

- ▶ Type-Checking

$$\frac{?}{\Gamma \triangleright M : \sigma}$$

- ▶ Inhabitation

$$\Gamma \triangleright ? : \sigma$$

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Semantics

- ▶ Having defined the syntax of $\lambda_V^{\mathbb{B}, \rightarrow}$, we are interested in addressing how terms are **evaluated** or **executed**
- ▶ There are various ways of defining the semantics of a PL **rigorously**:
 - ▶ Operational
 - ▶ Denotational
 - ▶ Axiomatic
- ▶ We will define the **operational semantics** of $\lambda_V^{\mathbb{B}, \rightarrow}$

What is “Operational Semantics”

- ▶ It consists in:
 - ▶ interpreting the **terms as states** of an abstract machine; and
 - ▶ defining a **transition function** that indicates, given a state, what the next state is
- ▶ **Meaning** of a term M : the final state reached by the abstract machine when it starts operating from state M
- ▶ Types of operational semantics:
 1. **Small-step**: the transition function describes one step of computation
 2. **Big-step** (or **Natural Semantics**): the transition function, in one step, evaluates the term to its result (if it exists)

Operational Semantics

- ▶ Formulated through reduction judgements

$$M \rightarrow N$$

“term M reduces, in one step, to term N ”

- ▶ Meaning of such judgements will be established through:
 - ▶ Reduction Axioms
 - ▶ Reduction Rules

Small-Step Operational Semantics for $\lambda_V^{\mathbb{B}, \rightarrow}$

- ▶ Operational semantics shall be presented in two steps
 - ▶ Define the set of **values**: expected results of a computation
 - ▶ Define the **axioms and rules**

Operational Semantics - Functions

Values

$$V ::= \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid \lambda x : \sigma. M$$

By declaring those expressions as values we are saying: every closed, well-typed term of type

- ▶ \mathbb{B} evaluates, in **zero or more** steps, to *true*, *false*
- ▶ $\sigma \rightarrow \tau$, evaluates, in **zero or more** steps, to $\lambda x : \sigma. M$, for some variable x and term M

Operational Semantics - Boolean Expressions

$$\frac{}{\text{if true then } M_2 \text{ else } M_3 \rightarrow M_2} \text{ (E-IFTRUE)}$$

$$\frac{}{\text{if false then } M_2 \text{ else } M_3 \rightarrow M_3} \text{ (E-IFFALSE)}$$

$$\frac{M_1 \rightarrow M'_1}{\text{if } M_1 \text{ then } M_2 \text{ else } M_3 \rightarrow \text{if } M'_1 \text{ then } M_2 \text{ else } M_3} \text{ (E-IF)}$$

Operational Semantics - Functions

$$\frac{M_1 \rightarrow M'_1}{M_1 M_2 \rightarrow M'_1 M_2} \text{ (E-APP1)}$$

$$\frac{M_2 \rightarrow M'_2}{(\lambda x : \sigma. M_1) M_2 \rightarrow (\lambda x : \sigma. M_1) M'_2} \text{ (E-APP2)}$$

$$\frac{}{(\lambda x : \sigma. M) V \rightarrow M\{x := V\}} \text{ (E-APPABS)}$$

Examples

- ▶ *if (if false then false else true) then false else true* \rightarrow *if true then false else true*
- ▶ $(\lambda y : \mathbb{B}.y) \text{ true} \rightarrow \text{true}$
- ▶ $(\lambda x : \mathbb{B} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}.x \text{ true}) (\lambda y : \mathbb{B}.y) \rightarrow (\lambda y : \mathbb{B}.y) \text{ true}$
- ▶ $(\lambda z : \mathbb{B}.z) ((\lambda y : \mathbb{B}.y) \text{ true}) \rightarrow (\lambda z : \mathbb{B}.z) \text{ true}$
- ▶ There is no M s.t. $\text{true} \rightarrow M$ (same with *false*).
- ▶ There is no M' s.t. $x \rightarrow M'$
 - ▶ x is in normal form but is **not** a value

Examples

if true then (if false then false else true) else true
↗ if true then true else true

- ▶ This is quite expected:
 1. First evaluate guard
 2. Then evaluate then or else expression, according to value of guard
- ▶ Same thing with reduction under a lambda

Properties

Lemma (Determinism of reduction in one step)

If $M \rightarrow M'$ and $M \rightarrow M''$, then $M' = M''$

Properties

A **normal form** is a term that cannot be further evaluated (i.e. M is s.t. there is no N , $M \rightarrow N$)

Lemma

Every value is in normal form

- ▶ The inverse does not hold
 - ▶ *if x then true else false*
 - ▶ *x*
 - ▶ *true false*

Multi-Step Evaluation

The multi-step evaluation judgment $\rightarrow\!\!\rightarrow$ is the reflexive, transitive closure of \rightarrow :

1. Si $M \rightarrow M'$, then $M \rightarrow\!\!\rightarrow M'$
2. $M \rightarrow\!\!\rightarrow M$ for all M
3. Si $M \rightarrow\!\!\rightarrow M'$ and $M' \rightarrow\!\!\rightarrow M''$, then $M \rightarrow\!\!\rightarrow M''$

Example

if true then (if false then false else true) else true
 $\rightarrow\!\!\rightarrow$ *true*

Multi-Step Evaluation

Lemma (Uniqueness of Normal Forms)

If $M \rightarrow^* P$ and $M \rightarrow^* Q$ with P, Q normal forms, then $P = Q$

Lemma (Termination)

For all M there exists a normal form N such that $M \rightarrow^* N$

Error State

- ▶ State (=term) that **is not** a value but in which reduction is stuck
- ▶ Represents a state in which the run-time system would generate an exception

Examples

- ▶ *if x then M else N*
 - ▶ Obs: is not closed
- ▶ *true M*
 - ▶ Obs: is not typable

Safety of a Typing System

Guarantee the **absence** of error states

- ▶ If a closed term is typed (and terminates!), then it evaluates to a value

Recommend reading

- ▶ TYPE SYSTEMS, Luca Cardelli, The Computer Science and Engineering Handbook, CRC Press, 2004.

Correctness

$$\text{Correction} = \text{Progress} + \text{Preservation}$$

Progress

If M is closed and typable, then

1. M is a value; or
2. there exists M' s.t. $M \rightarrow M'$

Evaluation cannot get stuck on closed, typable terms that are not values

Preservation

If $\Gamma \triangleright M : \sigma$ and $M \rightarrow N$, then $\Gamma \triangleright N : \sigma$

Evaluation preserves types

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Big-Step Operational Semantics (for $\lambda_{\vec{V}}$)

$$\frac{}{V \Downarrow V} \text{ (EB-VAL)}$$

$$\frac{M \Downarrow \text{true} \quad P \Downarrow V}{\text{if } M \text{ then } P \text{ else } Q \Downarrow V} \text{ (EB-IFT)}$$

$$\frac{M \Downarrow \text{false} \quad Q \Downarrow V}{\text{if } M \text{ then } P \text{ else } Q \Downarrow V} \text{ (EB-IFF)}$$

$$\frac{M \Downarrow \lambda x : \sigma. P \quad N \Downarrow W \quad P\{x := W\} \Downarrow V}{M N \Downarrow V} \text{ (EB-APP)}$$

Equivalence

$$M \rightarrow V \text{ iff } M \Downarrow V$$

- ▶ (\Rightarrow) Consider first proving: $M \rightarrow N$ and $N \Downarrow V$ implies $M \Downarrow V$
- ▶ (\Leftarrow) Induction on the derivation of $M \Downarrow V$

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Types and Terms

$$\sigma ::= \mathbb{B} \mid \mathbb{N} \mid \sigma \rightarrow \rho$$

$$M ::= \dots \mid 0 \mid \mathit{succ}(M) \mid \mathit{pred}(M) \mid \mathit{iszero}(M)$$

Informally:

- ▶ $\mathit{succ}(M)$: evaluate M until it yields a numeral and then increment it
- ▶ $\mathit{pred}(M)$: evaluate M until it yields a numeral and then decrement it
- ▶ $\mathit{iszero}(M)$: evaluate M until it yields a numeral and then return *true/false* depending on whether it is zero or not

Typing

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \triangleright 0 : \mathbb{N}} \text{ (T-ZERO)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \triangleright M : \mathbb{N}}{\Gamma \triangleright \text{succ}(M) : \mathbb{N}} \text{ (T-SUCC)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \triangleright M : \mathbb{N}}{\Gamma \triangleright \text{pred}(M) : \mathbb{N}} \text{ (T-PRED)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \triangleright M : \mathbb{N}}{\Gamma \triangleright \text{iszero}(M) : \mathbb{B}} \text{ (T-ISZERO)}$$

Values and One-Step Evaluation (1/2)

Values

$V ::= \dots \mid \underline{n}$ where \underline{n} abbreviates $\text{succ}^n(0)$.

Evaluation (1/2)

$$\frac{M_1 \rightarrow M'_1}{\text{succ}(M_1) \rightarrow \text{succ}(M'_1)} \text{ (E-SUCC)}$$

$$\frac{}{\text{pred}(0) \rightarrow 0} \text{ (E-PREDZERO)}$$

$$\frac{}{\text{pred}(\underline{n+1}) \rightarrow \underline{n}} \text{ (E-PREDSUCC)}$$

$$\frac{M_1 \rightarrow M'_1}{\text{pred}(M_1) \rightarrow \text{pred}(M'_1)} \text{ (E-PRED)}$$

Values and One-Step Evaluation (2/2)

Evaluation (2/2)

$$\frac{}{iszero(0) \rightarrow true} \text{ (E-ISZEROZERO)}$$

$$\frac{}{iszero(\underline{n+1}) \rightarrow false} \text{ (E-ISZEROSUCC)}$$

$$\frac{M_1 \rightarrow M'_1}{iszero(M_1) \rightarrow iszero(M'_1)} \text{ (E-ISZERO)}$$

Types and Terms

$$\sigma ::= \mathbb{B} \mid \mathbb{N} \mid \mathbb{U} \mid \sigma \rightarrow \rho$$

$$M ::= \dots \mid \mathit{unit}$$

Informally:

- ▶ \mathbb{U} is a unitary type: its only possible value is *unit*.

Typing

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \triangleright \textit{unit} : \mathbb{U}} \text{(T-UNIT)}$$

- ▶ No rules for evaluation
- ▶ We extend the set of values V with *unit*

$$V ::= \dots \mid \textit{unit}$$

Use

- ▶ Languages with side-effects (next class)
- ▶ Sequencing

$$M_1; M_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\lambda x : \mathbb{U}. M_2) M_1 \quad x \notin FV(M_2)$$

- ▶ Evaluation of $M_1; M_2$ consists in first evaluating M_1 , then M_2

Types and Terms

$$M ::= \dots \mid \textit{let } x : \sigma = M \textit{ in } N$$

Informally:

- ▶ *let* $x : \sigma = M$ *in* N : evaluate M to a value V , bind x to V in N and evaluate the resulting term
- ▶ Helps readability
- ▶ No new types required

Example

- ▶ $\text{let } x : \mathbb{N} = \underline{2} \text{ in succ}(x)$
- ▶ $\text{pred } (\text{let } x : \mathbb{N} = \underline{2} \text{ in } x)$
- ▶ $\text{let } x : \mathbb{N} = \underline{2} \text{ in let } x : \mathbb{N} = \underline{3} \text{ in } x$

Typing

$$\frac{\Gamma \triangleright M : \sigma_1 \quad \Gamma, x : \sigma_1 \triangleright N : \sigma_2}{\Gamma \triangleright \text{let } x : \sigma_1 = M \text{ in } N : \sigma_2} \text{ (T-LET)}$$

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$$\frac{M_1 \rightarrow M'_1}{\text{let } x : \sigma = M_1 \text{ in } M_2 \rightarrow \text{let } x : \sigma = M'_1 \text{ in } M_2} \text{ (E-LET)}$$

$$\frac{}{\text{let } x : \sigma = \textcolor{red}{V} \text{ in } M \rightarrow M\{x := \textcolor{red}{V}\}} \text{ (E-LETV)}$$

Types and Terms

Let \mathcal{L} be a set of labels

$$\sigma ::= \dots \mid \{l_i : \sigma_i \mid i \in 1..n\}$$

- ▶ $\{name : String, age : \mathbb{N}\}$
- ▶ $\{person : \{name : String, age : \mathbb{N}\}, cwid : \mathbb{N}\}$

$$\{name : String, age : \mathbb{N}\} \neq \{age : \mathbb{N}, name : String\}$$

Types and Terms

$$M ::= \dots \mid \{l_i = M_i \mid i \in 1..n\} \mid M.l$$

Informally:

- ▶ The record $\{l_i = M_i \mid i \in 1..n\}$ evaluates to $\{l_i = V_i \mid i \in 1..n\}$ where V_i is the value of M_i , $i \in 1..n$
- ▶ $M.l$: evaluates M until it yields $\{l_i = V_i \mid i \in 1..n\}$, then it projects the corresponding field

Examples

- ▶ $\lambda x : \mathbb{N}. \lambda y : \mathbb{B}. \{age = x, gender = y\}$
- ▶ $\lambda p : \{age : \mathbb{N}, gender : \mathbb{B}\}. p.age$
- ▶ $(\lambda p : \{age : \mathbb{N}, gender : \mathbb{B}\}. p.age) \{age = 20, gender = false\}$

Typing

$$\frac{\Gamma \triangleright M_i : \sigma_i \quad \text{for each } i \in 1..n}{\Gamma \triangleright \{l_i = M_i \mid i \in 1..n\} : \{\sigma_i \mid i \in 1..n\}} \text{ (T-RCD)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \triangleright M : \{\sigma_i \mid i \in 1..n\} \quad j \in 1..n}{\Gamma \triangleright M.l_j : \sigma_j} \text{ (T-PROJ)}$$

Operational Semantics

Values

$$V ::= \dots \mid \{l_i = V_i \mid i \in 1..n\}$$

Operational Semantics

$$\frac{j \in 1..n}{\{l_i = V_i \mid i \in 1..n\}.l_j \rightarrow V_j} \text{ (E-PROJRCD)}$$

$$\frac{M \rightarrow M'}{M.l \rightarrow M'.l} \text{ (E-PROJ)}$$

$$\frac{M_j \rightarrow M'_j}{\{l_i = V_i \mid i \in 1..j-1, l_j = M_j, l_i = M_i \mid i \in j+1..n\} \rightarrow \{l_i = V_i \mid i \in 1..j-1, l_j = M'_j, l_i = M_i \mid i \in j+1..n\}} \text{ (E-RCD)}$$