

THEOREM : DESTINY

 $\forall e \in \text{EXP}$

- ① e simplifies to a normal form
- ② the normal form is unique
- ③ the normal form is one of $\text{VAL}, \text{DIV/O}, \text{ATM}$
- ④ if the category of normal form is α , where
 $\alpha \in \{ \text{VAL}, \text{DIV/O}, \text{ATM} \}$

then for every intermediate expression

$$e_i \text{ in } e = e_0 \rightarrow e_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow e_n,$$

$$e_i \in \alpha^*$$

PROOF

- ① is due to strong termination of \rightarrow
- ② is due to ① and confluence of \rightarrow
- ③ is due to partitioning theorem of normal forms of \rightarrow
- ④ is due to the preservation lemma for VAL^* , DIV/O^* , ATM^*

