Programming Paradigms

Lecture 5

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Lambda Calculus

Simple Example

```
local P in local Y in local Z in
    Z=1
    proc {P X} Y=X end
    {P Z}
end end end
```

- We shall reason that `X`, `Y` and `Z` will be bound to `1`

Simple Example

```
([(local P Y Z in
      Z=1
      proc {P X} Y=X end
      {P Z}
   end, ∅)],
∅)
```

- Initial **execution state**

Simple Example

```
([(local P Y Z in
      Z=1
      proc {P X} Y=X end
      {P Z}
   end, ∅)],
∅)
```

- **Statement**

Simple Example

```
([(local P Y Z in
      Z=1
      proc {P X} Y=X end
      {P Z}
   end, ∅)],
∅)
```

- **Empty environment**

Simple Example

```
([(local P Y Z in
      Z=1
      proc {P X} Y=X end
      {P Z}
  end, ∅)],
∅)
```

- **Semantic statement**

Simple Example

```
([(local P Y Z in
      Z=1
      proc {P X} Y=X end
      {P Z}
  end, ∅)],
∅)
```

- **Semantic stack**

Simple Example

```
([(local P Y Z in
      Z=1
      proc {P X} Y=X end
      {P Z}
   end, ∅)],
∅)
```

- **Empty store**

Simple Example: `local`

```
([(local P Y Z in
      Z=1
      proc {P X} Y=X end
      {P Z}
   end, ∅)],
∅)
```

- Create new store variables
- Extend the environment

Simple Example

```
( [ (Z=1
    proc {P X} Y=X end
    {P Z},          {P→p, Y→y, Z→z}) ],
{p, y, z})
```

Simple Example

```
( [ (Z=1
    proc {P X} Y=X end
    {P Z},          {P→p, Y→y, Z→z}) ],
{p, y, z})
```

- Split sequential composition

Simple Example

```
( [ (Z=1,                {P→p, Y→y, Z→z}) ,
    (proc {P X} Y=X end
    {P Z},               {P→p, Y→y, Z→z}) ] ,
{p, y, z})
```

- Split sequential composition

Simple Example

([(**proc** {P X} Y=X **end**
{P Z}, {P→*p*, Y→*y*, Z→*z*})],
{*p*, *y*, *z*=1})

- Variable-value assignment

Simple Example

```
([(proc {P X} Y=X end, {P→p, Y→y, Z→z}),
  ({P Z},              {P→p, Y→y, Z→z})],
 {p, y, z=1})
```

- Split sequential composition

Simple Example

```
([(proc {P X} Y=X end, {P→p, Y→y, Z→z}),
  ({P Z},              {P→p, Y→y, Z→z})],
 {p, y, z=1})
```

- Procedure definition
  - **external reference** `Y`
  - **formal argument** `X`
- Contextual environment {Y→y}
- Write procedure value to store

Simple Example

([({P Z}, {P→p, Y→y, Z→z})],
{ p = (**proc** {$ **X**} **Y=X end**, {Y→y}),
y, z=1 })

- Procedure call: use *p*
- **Note**: *p* is a **value** like any other variable. It is the semantic statement (**proc** {$ **X**} **Y=X end**, {Y→y})
- Environment
  - start from {Y → y}
  - adjoin {X → z}

Simple Example

([(Y=X, $\{Y \rightarrow y, X \rightarrow z\}$)],

{ p = (**proc** {$ **X**} **Y=X end**, $\{Y \rightarrow y\}$),

y, z=1 })

- Variable-variable assignment
  - Variable for Y is y
  - Variable for X is z

Simple Example

([],

{ p = (**proc** {$ **X**} **Y**=**X** **end**, {Y → y}),

y=1, z=1})

- Voila!
- The semantic stack is in the run-time state *terminated*, since the stack is empty

Lambda Calculus :

A Simplest Universal
Programming Language

Lambda Calculus

- Untyped Lambda Calculus
- Evaluation Strategy
- Techniques - encoding, extensions, recursion
- Operational Semantics
- Explicit Typing
- Type Rules and Type Assumption
- Progress, Preservation, Erasure

Introduction to Lambda Calculus:
http://www.inf.fu-berlin.de/lehre/WS03/alpi/lambda.pdf
http://www.cs.chalmers.se/Cs/Research/Logic/TypesSS05/Extra/geuvers.pdf

Untyped Lambda Calculus

- Extremely simple programming language which captures *core* aspects of computation and yet allows programs to be treated as mathematical objects.
- Focused on *functions* and applications.
- Invented by Alonzo (1936,1941), used in programming (Lisp) by John McCarthy (1959).

Functions without Names

Usually functions are given a name (e.g. in language C):

```
int plusone(int x) { return x+1; }
…plusone(5)…
```

However, function names can also be dropped:

```
(int (int x) { return x+1;} ) (5)
```

Notation used in untyped lambda calculus:

$(\lambda\ x.\ x+1)\ (5)$

Syntax

In purest form (no constraints, no built-in operations), the lambda calculus has the following syntax.

t ::=		terms
	x	variable
	λ x . t	abstraction
	t t	application

This is simplest universal programming language!

Conventions

- Parentheses are used to avoid ambiguities.
  e.g. x y z can be either (x y) z or x (y z)

- Two conventions for avoiding too many parentheses:
  - Applications associates to the left
    e.g. x y z stands for (x y) z
  - Bodies of lambdas extend as far as possible.
    e.g. λ x. λ y. x y x stands for λ x. (λ y. ((x y) x)).

- Nested lambdas may be collapsed together.
  e.g. λ x. λ y. x y x can be written as λ x y. x y x

Scope

- An occurrence of variable x is said to be *bound* when it occurs in the body t of an abstraction λ x . t

- An occurrence of x is *free* if it appears in a position where it is not bound by an enclosing abstraction of x.

- Examples: x y
  λy. x y
  λ x. x (identity function)
  (λ x. x x) (λ x. x x) (non-stop loop)
  (λ x. x) y
  (λ x. x) x

Alpha Renaming

- Lambda expressions are equivalent up to bound variable renaming.

  e.g. $\lambda x.\, x \quad =_\alpha \quad \lambda y.\, y$

  $\lambda y.\, x\, y \quad =_\alpha \quad \lambda z.\, x\, z$

  But NOT:

  $\lambda y.\, x\, y \quad =_\alpha \quad \lambda y.\, z\, y$

- Alpha renaming rule:

$$\lambda x\,.\,E \quad =_\alpha \quad \lambda z\,.\,[x \mapsto z]\,E \qquad (z \text{ is not free in } E)$$

Beta Reduction

- An application whose LHS is an abstraction, evaluates to the body of the abstraction with parameter substitution.

e.g. $(\lambda\ x.\ x\ y)\ z \rightarrow_\beta z\ y$

$(\lambda\ x.\ y)\ z \rightarrow_\beta y$

$(\lambda\ x.\ x\ x)\ (\lambda\ x.\ x\ x) \rightarrow_\beta (\lambda\ x.\ x\ x)\ (\lambda\ x.\ x\ x)$

- Beta reduction rule (operational semantics):

$$(\lambda\ x\ .\ t_1)\ t_2 \rightarrow_\beta [x \mapsto t_2]\ t_1$$

Expression of form $(\lambda\ x\ .\ t_1)\ t_2$ is called a *redex* (reducible expression).

Evaluation Strategies

- A term may have many redexes. Evaluation strategies can be used to limit the number of ways in which a term can be reduced.

- An evaluation strategy is *deterministic*, if it allows reduction with at most one redex, for any term.

- Examples:
  - normal order
  - call by name
  - call by value, etc

Normal Order Reduction

- Deterministic strategy which chooses the *leftmost*, *outermost* redex, until no more redexes.

- Example Reduction:

$$\underline{\mathrm{id}\ (\mathrm{id}\ (\lambda z.\ \mathrm{id}\ z))}$$
$$\rightarrow \underline{\mathrm{id}\ (\lambda z.\ \mathrm{id}\ z)}$$
$$\rightarrow \lambda z.\underline{\mathrm{id}\ z}$$
$$\rightarrow \lambda z.z$$
$$\not\rightarrow$$

Call by Name Reduction

- Chooses the *leftmost, outermost* redex, but *never* reduces inside abstractions.

- Example:

$$\underline{\mathrm{id}\ (\mathrm{id}\ (\lambda z.\ \mathrm{id}\ z))}$$
$$\rightarrow \underline{\mathrm{id}\ (\lambda z.\ \mathrm{id}\ z)}$$
$$\rightarrow \lambda z.\mathrm{id}\ z$$
$$\not\rightarrow$$

Call by Value Reduction

- Chooses the *leftmost, innermost* redex whose RHS is a value; and never reduces inside abstractions.

- Example:

$$
\begin{aligned}
&\mathrm{id}\ (\underline{\mathrm{id}\ (\lambda z.\ \mathrm{id}\ z)}) \\
&\rightarrow \underline{\mathrm{id}\ (\lambda z.\ \mathrm{id}\ z)} \\
&\rightarrow \lambda z.\mathrm{id}\ z \\
&\not\mapsto
\end{aligned}
$$

Strict vs Non-Strict Languages

- *Strict* languages always evaluate all arguments to function before entering call. They employ call-by-value evaluation (e.g. C, Java, ML).

- *Non-strict* languages will enter function call and only evaluate the arguments as they are required. *Call-by-name* (e.g. Algol-60) and *call-by-need* (e.g. Haskell) are possible evaluation strategies, with the latter avoiding the re-evaluation of arguments.

- In the case of call-by-name, the evaluation of argument occurs with each parameter access.

Formal Treatment of Lambda Calculus

- Let V be a countable set of variable names. The set of terms is the smallest set T such that:
  1. $x \in T$ for every $x \in V$
  2. if $t_1 \in T$ and $x \in V$, then $\lambda x.\, t_1 \in T$
  3. if $t_1 \in T$ and $t_2 \in T$, then $t_1\, t_2 \in T$

- Recall syntax of lambda calculus:

t ::=		terms
	x	variable
	λ x.t	abstraction
	t t	application

Free Variables

- The set of free variables of a term t is defined as:

$$FV(x) = \{x\}$$

$$FV(\lambda\, x.t) = FV(t) \setminus \{x\}$$

$$FV(t_1\ t_2) = FV(t_1) \cup FV(t_2)$$

Substitution

- Works when free variables are replaced by term that does not clash:

  $[x \mapsto \lambda\, z.\ z\ w]\ (\lambda\, y.x) = (\lambda\, y.\ \lambda\, x.\ z\ w)$

- However, problem if there is name capture/clash:

  $[x \mapsto \lambda\, z.\ z\ w]\ (\lambda\, x.x) \neq (\lambda\, x.\ \lambda\, z.\ z\ w)$

  $[x \mapsto \lambda\, z.\ z\ w]\ (\lambda\, w.x) \neq (\lambda\, w.\ \lambda\, z.\ z\ w)$

Formal Defn of Substitution

$$
\begin{array}{lcll}
[x \mapsto s]\, x & = & s & \text{if } y{=}x \\
[x \mapsto s]\, y & = & y & \text{if } y{\neq}x \\
[x \mapsto s]\, (t_1\ t_2) & = & ([x \mapsto s]\, t_1)\ ([x \mapsto s]\, t_2) & \\
 & & & \\
[x \mapsto s]\, (\lambda\, y.t) & = & \lambda\, y.t & \text{if } y{=}x \\
 & & & \\
[x \mapsto s]\, (\lambda\, y.t) & = & \lambda\, y.\, [x \mapsto s]\, t & \text{if } y{\neq}\, x \wedge y \notin \mathrm{FV}(s) \\
 & & & \\
[x \mapsto s]\, (\lambda\, y.t) & = & [x \mapsto s]\, (\lambda\, z.\, [y \mapsto z]\, t) & \\
 & & & \text{if } y{\neq}\, x \wedge y \in \mathrm{FV}(s) \wedge \text{fresh } z
\end{array}
$$

Syntax of Lambda Calculus

- Term:

t ::=		terms
	x	variable
	λ x.t	abstraction
	t t	application

- Value:

t ::=		terms
	λ x.t	abstraction value

Oz Abstract Syntax Tree

Distfix notation

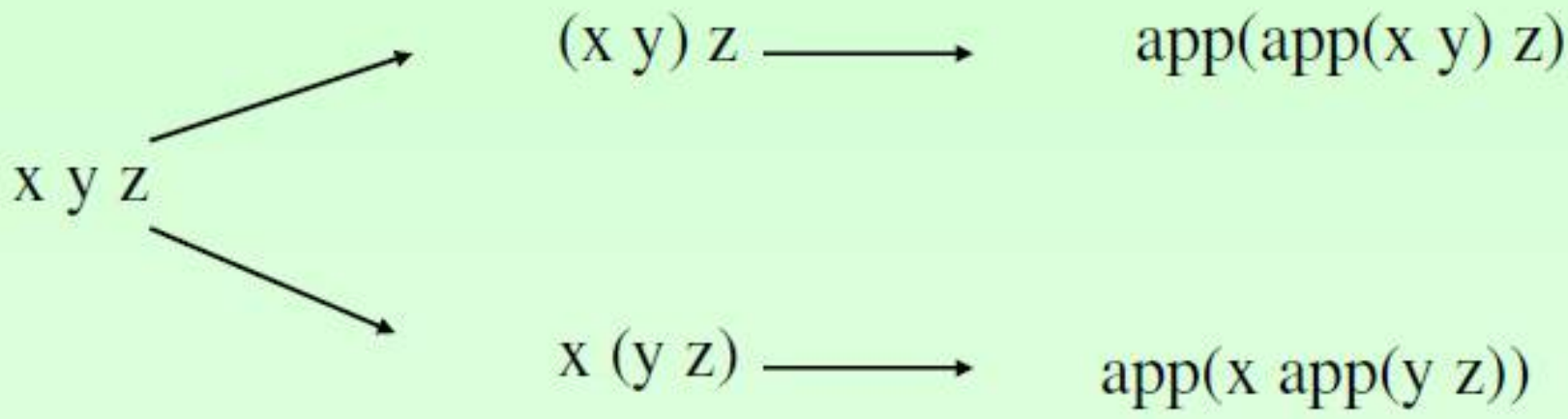
t ::=	terms
x	variable
λ x . t	abstraction
t t	application

Oz notation

<T> ::=	terms
x	variable
lam(x <T>)	abstraction
app(<T> <T>)	application
let(x#<T> <T>)	let binding

Why Oz AST?

- Need to program in Oz!
- Unambiguous



Call-by-Value Semantics

premise

$$\frac{t_1 \to t'_1}{t_1\ t_2 \to t'_1\ t_2} \qquad \text{(E-App1)}$$

conclusion

$$\frac{t_2 \to t'_2}{v_1\ t_2 \to v_1\ t'_2} \qquad \text{(E-App2)}$$

$$(\lambda\ x.t)\ v \to [x \mapsto v]\ t \qquad \text{(E-AppAbs)}$$

Getting Stuck

- Evaluation can get stuck. (Note that only values are λ-abstraction)

  e.g. (x y)

- In extended lambda calculus, evaluation can also get stuck due to the absence of certain primitive rules.

  $(\lambda\ x.\ \text{succ}\ x)\ \text{true} \rightarrow \text{succ true} \not\rightarrow$

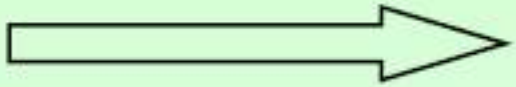
Programming Techniques in λ-Calculus

- Multiple arguments.
- Church Booleans.
- Pairs.
- Church Numerals.
- Enrich Calculus.
- Recursion.

Multiple Arguments

- Pass multiple arguments one by one using lambda abstraction as intermediate results. The process is also known as *currying*.

- Example:

$f = \lambda(x,y).s$  $f = \lambda\ x.\ (\lambda\ y.\ s)$

Application:

f(v,w)

requires pairs as primitve types

(f v) w

requires higher order feature

Church Booleans

- Church's encodings for true/false type with a conditional:

  true $= \lambda\, t.\, \lambda\, f.\, t$

  false $= \lambda\, t.\, \lambda\, f.\, f$

  if $= \lambda\, l.\, \lambda\, m.\, \lambda\, n.\, l\ m\ n$

- Example:

  if true v w

  $=$ $(\lambda\, l.\, \lambda\, m.\, \lambda\, n.\, l\ m\ n)$ true v w

  $\rightarrow$ true v w

  $=$ $(\lambda\, t.\, \lambda\, f.\, t)$ v w

  $\rightarrow$ v

- Boolean and operation can be defined as:

  and $= \lambda\, a.\, \lambda\, b.$ if a b false

  $= \lambda\, a.\, \lambda\, b.\, (\lambda\, l.\, \lambda\, m.\, \lambda\, n.\, l\ m\ n)$ a b false

  $= \lambda\, a.\, \lambda\, b.$ a b false

Pairs

- Define the functions pair to construct a pair of values, fst to get the first component and snd to get the second component of a given pair as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pair} &= \lambda\, f.\, \lambda\, s.\, \lambda\, b.\, b\ f\ s \\ \text{fst} &= \lambda\, p.\, p\ \text{true} \\ \text{snd} &= \lambda\, p.\, p\ \text{false} \end{aligned}$$

- Example:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{snd (pair c d)} \\ =\ & (\lambda\, p.\, p\ \text{false})\ ((\lambda\, f.\, \lambda\, s.\, \lambda\, b.\, b\ f\ s)\ c\ d) \\ \rightarrow\ & (\lambda\, p.\, p\ \text{false})\ (\lambda\, b.\, b\ c\ d) \\ \rightarrow\ & (\lambda\, b.\, b\ c\ d)\ \text{false} \\ \rightarrow\ & \text{false c d} \\ \rightarrow\ & \text{d} \end{aligned}$$

Church Numerals

- Numbers can be encoded by:

$$
\begin{aligned}
c_0 &= \lambda\, s.\, \lambda\, z.\, z \\
c_1 &= \lambda\, s.\, \lambda\, z.\, s\ z \\
c_2 &= \lambda\, s.\, \lambda\, z.\, s\ (s\ z) \\
c_3 &= \lambda\, s.\, \lambda\, z.\, s\ (s\ (s\ z)) \\
&\vdots
\end{aligned}
$$

Church Numerals

- Successor function can be defined as:

succ = λ n. λ s. λ z. s (n s z)

Example:

succ c_1

= (λ n. λ s. λ z. s (n s z)) (λ s. λ z. s z)

$\rightarrow$ λ s. λ z. s ((λ s. λ z. s z) s z)

$\rightarrow$ λ s. λ z. s (s z)

succ c_2

= λ n. λ s. λ z. s (n s z) (λ s. λ z. s (s z))

$\rightarrow$ λ s. λ z. s ((λ s. λ z. s (s z)) s z)

$\rightarrow$ λ s. λ z. s (s (s z))

Church Numerals

- Other Arithmetic Operations:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{plus} &= \lambda\, m.\, \lambda\, n.\, \lambda\, s.\, \lambda\, z.\, m\ s\ (n\ s\ z) \\
\text{times} &= \lambda\, m.\, \lambda\, n.\, m\ (\text{plus}\ n)\ c_0 \\
\text{iszero} &= \lambda\, m.\, m\ (\lambda\, x.\, \text{false})\ \text{true}
\end{aligned}$$

- Exercise : Try out the following.

  plus c_1 x
  times c_0 x
  times x c_1
  iszero c_0
  iszero c_2

Enriching the Calculus

- We can add constants and built-in primitives to enrich λ-calculus. For example, we can add boolean and arithmetic constants and primitives (e.g. true, false, if, zero, succ, iszero, pred) into an enriched language we call λNB:

- Example:

  λ x. succ (succ x) ∈ λNB

  λ x. true ∈ λNB

Recursion

- Some terms go into a loop and do not have normal form.
  Example:

  $(\lambda\, x.\, x\, x)\, (\lambda\, x.\, x\, x)$
  $\rightarrow \quad (\lambda\, x.\, x\, x)\, (\lambda\, x.\, x\, x)$
  $\rightarrow \quad \ldots$

- However, others have an interesting property

  $\text{fix} = \lambda\, f.\, (\lambda\, x.\, f\, (\lambda\, y.\, x\, x\, y))\, (\lambda\, x.\, f\, (\lambda\, y.\, x\, x\, y))$

  which returns a fix-point for a given functional.

  Given $\quad x = h\, x$
  $\qquad\qquad = \text{fix}\, h$

  x *is fix-point of* h

  That is: $\quad \text{fix}\, h \rightarrow h\, (\text{fix}\, h) \rightarrow h\, (h\, (\text{fix}\, h)) \rightarrow \ldots$

Example - Factorial

- We can define factorial as:

$$\text{fact} = \lambda\ n.\ \text{if } (n<=1) \text{ then } 1 \text{ else times } n \text{ (fact (pred } n))$$

$$= (\lambda\ h.\ \lambda\ n.\ \text{if } (n<=1) \text{ then } 1 \text{ else times } n \text{ (h (pred } n))) \text{ fact}$$

$$= \text{fix } (\lambda\ h.\ \lambda\ n.\ \text{if } (n<=1) \text{ then } 1 \text{ else times } n \text{ (h (pred } n)))$$

Example - Factorial

- Recall:

  fact = fix (λ h. λ n. if (n<=1) then 1 else times n (h (pred n)))

- Let g = (λ h. λ n. if (n<=1) then 1 else times n (h (pred n)))

Example reduction:

fact 3 = fix g 3
= g (fix g) 3
= times 3 ((fix g) (pred 3))
= times 3 (g (fix g) 2)
= times 3 (times 2 ((fix g) (pred 2)))
= times 3 (times 2 (g (fix g) 1))
= times 3 (times 2 1)
= 6

Alternative using Let Binding

- Enriched lambda calculus with explicit recursion

let(x#exp1 exp2) ⟶

```
local x in
  x=exp1
  exp2
end
```

scope of x is both exp1 and exp2

Example : let (fact # λ n. n. if (n<=1) then 1 else times n (fact (pred n)) in (fact 5)

Boolean-Enriched Lambda Calculus

- Term:

t ::=		terms
	x	variable
	λ x.t	abstraction
	t t	application
	true	constant true
	false	constant false
	if t then t else t	conditional

- Value:

v ::=		value
	λ x.t	abstraction value
	true	true value
	false	false value

Key Ideas

- Exact typing impossible.

  if <long and tricky expr> then true else (λ x.x)

- Need to introduce function type, but need argument and result types.

  if true then (λ x.true) else (λ x.x)

Simple Types

- The set of simple types over the type Bool is generated by the following grammar:

- $T ::=$ types
  - Bool — type of booleans
  - $T \to T$ — type of functions

- $\to$ is right-associative:

  $T_1 \to T_2 \to T_3$ denotes $T_1 \to (T_2 \to T_3)$

Implicit or Explicit Typing

- Languages in which the programmer declares all types are called *explicitly typed*. Languages where a typechecker infers (almost) all types is called *implicitly typed*.

- Explicitly-typed languages places onus on programmer but are usually better documented. Also, compile-time analysis is simplified.

Explicitly Typed Lambda Calculus

- t ::= terms

  …

  $\lambda\, x : T.t$ abstraction

  …

- v ::= value

  $\lambda\, x : T.t$ abstraction value

  …

- T ::= types

  Bool type of booleans

  $T \to T$ type of functions

Examples

true

λ x:Bool . x

(λ x:Bool . x) true

if false then (λ x:Bool . True) else (λ x:Bool . x)

Erasure

- The erasure of a simply typed term t is defined as:

$$
\begin{array}{lcl}
\text{erase}(x) & = & x \\
\text{erase}(\lambda x : T.t) & = & \lambda\, x.\ \text{erase}(t) \\
\text{erase}(t_1\ t_2) & = & \text{erase}(t_1)\ \text{erase}(t_2)
\end{array}
$$

- A term m in the untyped lambda calculus is said to be *typable* in $\lambda_{\rightarrow}$ (simply typed λ-calculus) if there are some simply typed term t, type T and context Γ such that:

$$\text{erase}(t)=m \ \wedge\ \Gamma \vdash\ t : T$$

Typing Rule for Functions

- First attempt:

$$\frac{t_2 : T_2}{\lambda\, x{:}T_1 \,.\, t_2 : T_1 \to T_2}$$

- But $t_2{:}T_2$ can assume that x has type T_1

Need for Type Assumptions

- Typing relation becomes ternary

$$\frac{x{:}T_1 \vdash t_2 : T_2}{\lambda\, x{:}T_1.t_2 : T_1 \to T_2}$$

- For nested functions, we may need several assumptions.

Typing Context

- A *typing context* is a finite map from *variables to their types*.
- Examples:

  $x : \text{Bool}$

  $x : \text{Bool}, y : \text{Bool} \to \text{Bool}, z : (\text{Bool} \to \text{Bool}) \to \text{Bool}$

Type Rule for Abstraction

Shall use Γ to denote typing context.

$$\frac{\Gamma, x{:}T_1 \vdash t_2 : T_2}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda\, x{:}T_1.t_2 : T_1 \to T_2} \qquad \text{(T-Abs)}$$

Other Type Rules

- Variable

$$\frac{x{:}T \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : T} \quad \text{(T-Var)}$$

- Application

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : T_1 \to T_2 \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T_1}{\Gamma \vdash t_1\, t_2 : T_2} \quad \text{(T-App)}$$

- Boolean Terms.

Typing Rules

True : Bool (T-true)

False : Bool (T-false)

0 : Nat (T-Zero)

$$\frac{t_1:\text{Bool} \quad t_2:T \quad t_3:T}{\text{if } t_1 \text{ then } t_2 \text{ else } t_3 : T} \text{ (T-If)}$$

$$\frac{t : \text{Nat}}{\text{succ } t : \text{Nat}} \text{(T-Succ)} \qquad \frac{t : \text{Nat}}{\text{pred } t : \text{Nat}} \text{(T-Pred)} \qquad \frac{t : \text{Nat}}{\text{iszero } t : \text{Bool}} \text{ (T-Iszero)}$$

Example of Typing Derivation

$$\dfrac{\dfrac{\dfrac{x : \text{Bool} \in x : \text{Bool}}{x : \text{Bool} \vdash x : \text{Bool}}\ (\text{T-Var})}{\vdash (\lambda\, x : \text{Bool}.\ x) : \text{Bool} \to \text{Bool}}\ (\text{T-Abs}) \qquad \dfrac{}{\vdash \text{true} : \text{Bool}}\ (\text{T-True})}{\vdash (\lambda\, x : \text{Bool}.\ x)\ \text{true} : \text{Bool}}\ (\text{T-App})$$

Canonical Forms

- If v is a value of type Bool, then v is either true or false.

- If v is a value of type $T_1 \rightarrow T_2$, then $v=\lambda\ x{:}T_1.\ t_2$ where $t{:}T_2$

Progress

Suppose t is a closed well-typed term (that is $\{\} \vdash t : T$ for some T).

Then either t is a value or else there is some t'
such that $t \rightarrow t'$.

Preservation of Types (under Substitution)

If $\Gamma, x{:}S \vdash t : T$ and $\Gamma \vdash s : S$

then $\Gamma \vdash [x \mapsto s]t : T$

Preservation of Types (under reduction)

If $\Gamma \vdash t : T$ and $t \rightarrow t'$

then $\Gamma \vdash t' : T$

Motivation for Typing

- Evaluation of a term either results in a *value* or *gets stuck*!
- Typing can *prove* that an expression cannot get stuck.
- Typing is *static* and can be checked at compile-time.

Normal Form

A term t is a *normal form* if there is no t' such that $t \rightarrow t'$.

The multi-step evaluation relation $\rightarrow^*$ is the reflexive, transitive closure of one-step relation.

pred (succ(pred 0))
$\rightarrow$
pred (succ 0)
$\rightarrow$
0

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$\rightarrow^*$
0

Stuckness

Evaluation may fail to reach a value:

succ (if true then false else true)

$\rightarrow$

succ (false)

$\not\rightarrow$

A term is *stuck* if it is a normal form but not a value.

Stuckness is a way to characterize *runtime errors*.

Safety = Progress + Preservation

- Progress : A well-typed term is not stuck. Either it is a value, or it can take a step according to the evaluation rules.

  Suppose t is a well-typed term (that is t:T for some T). Then either t is a value or else there is some t' with $t \rightarrow t'$

Safety = Progress + Preservation

- Preservation : If a well-typed term takes a step of evaluation, then the resulting term is also well-typed.

  If $t:T \ \wedge \ t \rightarrow t'$ then $t':T$.