# Typechecking CS496

#### **Types**

- Types
  - Organize data and act as classifiers.
  - Constitute a form of documentation.
  - Provide an approximation of the behavior of an expression.
- ▶ A type can state that something is a number, a list, a character, a string, a procedure, etc.
- ► The type of a procedure declares the types of its arguments, and when a procedure is applied to arguments of the wrong type a type error occurs.

#### **Types**

- 1. Static vs dynamic typing
  - Compile time
  - ► Run time
- 2. Type checking vs type inference

#### Typed Languages

▶ Define a set of types and when an expression e has type t, written

e::t

- ► A type analysis step is introduced into the language-processing model.
  - ▶ It tries to assign a type to each expression in the program.
  - It reports an error if it can't.

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proc (x) (3 x)
```

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proc (x) (3 x)

reject: non-proc-val rator

Does the type of x matter here?
```

proc (x) (x 3)

- It depends on the type of x
- ► For example, if x is a boolean, then its not well typed.
- But if x has the type of a function that consumes numbers, then it is well-typed
- We accept this procedure expression as typable because there is a type for x that makes its body typable

```
proc (f) proc (x) (f x)
```

```
proc (f) proc (x) (f x) accept
let x = 4 in (x 3)
```

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(proc (x) (x 3) 4)
```

```
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let x = zero?(0)
in -(3, x)
```

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let x = zero?(0)
in -(3, x) reject: non-integer argument to a diff-exp
```

```
(proc (x) -(3,x) zero?(0))
```

```
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zero?(0))

reject: same as preceding example

let f = 3
in proc (x) (f x)

reject: non-proc-val rator

(proc (f) proc (x) (f x)
3)
```

```
(proc (x) - (3,x)
                           reject: same as preceding example
zero?(0))
let f = 3
                           reject: non-proc-val rator
in proc (x) (f x)
(proc (f) proc (x) (f x)
                           reject: same as preceding example
3)
letrec f(x) = (f -(x,-1))
in (f 1)
```

```
(proc (x) - (3,x)
                           reject: same as preceding example
zero?(0))
let f = 3
                           reject: non-proc-val rator
in proc (x) (f x)
(proc (f) proc (x) (f x)
                           reject: same as preceding example
3)
letrec f(x) = (f -(x,-1))
                          accept, nonterminating but safe
in (f 1)
```

#### Typable Expressions and Evaluation Safety

- ▶ If an expression can be assigned a type we say it is typable
- What guarantees do typable expressions give us at run-time?
  - ► They guarantee that evaluation (i.e. execution) is safe
- ► For example, that every evaluation of a variable varis found in the environment.
- We next give a definition of what it means for evaluation to be safe

#### **Evaluation Safety**

Evaluation is safe if and only if for every evaluation of a(n):

- 1. variable var, the variable is bound.
- 2. -(exp1,exp2), the values of exp1 and exp2 are both num-vals.
- 3. zero?(exp1), the value of exp1 is a num-val.
- 4. if exp1 then exp2 else exp3, the value of exp1 is a bool-val.
- 5. (rator rand), the value of rator is a proc-val.

Evaluation of safe programs may fail: division by zero, car of the empty list, infinite loop, etc.

#### Concrete Syntax of Types

```
egin{array}{lll} \langle \mathit{Type} 
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angle) \end{array}
```

#### Examples of Values and Their Types

Recall that we write

e::t

if expression e has type t

- ▶ 3::int
- ► -(33,22)::int
- zero?(11)::bool
- ightharpoonup proc (x) -(x,11)::(int $\rightarrow$ int)
- ▶ proc (x) let y = -(x,11) in -(x,y):: (int $\rightarrow$ int)
- ▶ proc (x) if x then 11 else 22::(bool→int)

#### More Examples of Values and Their Types

```
▶ proc (x) if x then 11 else zero?(11) has no type.
▶ proc (x) proc (y) if y then x else 11 :: (int→ (bool→ int)).
▶ proc (f) if (f 3) then 11 else 22 :: ((int→ bool)→ int)
▶ proc (f) (f 3) :: ((int→ t)→ t), for any type t.
▶ proc (f) proc (x) (f (f x)) :: ((t→ t)→ (t→ t)), for any type t.
```

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- ▶ What is the type of zero?(x)?
- We need to know the types of the variables in order to determine the type of an expression
- ► A type environment tenv associates types to variables
  - ▶ E.g.  $\{x \leftarrow bool, y \leftarrow int\}$

#### Typing Judgements

A typing judgement is an expression of the form

#### where

- ▶ tenv is a type environment
- e is an expression
- ▶ t is a type expression
- ► A typing system consists of typing rules

$$\frac{J_1 \dots J_n}{J}$$
 rule-name

- ▶  $J_1, ..., J_n, J$  are typing judgements
- ▶ When n = 0, the rule is also called an axiom

#### Typing Derivations

- ► Typing rules can be composed to form typing derivations
- ➤ A typing system determines a set of derivable typing judgements, namely those that are the root of a typing derivation
- ▶ If a judgement

is derivable, then we say that "e is typable with type  ${\tt t}$  under typing environment  ${\tt tenv}$  "

#### Preliminary Summary of Notions

► Typing judgement:

► Typing rule:

$$\frac{J_1 \dots J_n}{I}$$
 rule-name

- Typing derivation: Tree of typing judgements built from typing rules
- Derivable typing judgements: Those that are the root of a typing derivation

#### Typing Rules

Typing axioms and rules for expressions

Typing integers:

$$\frac{}{\text{tenv} \vdash n :: int} TConst$$

Typing variables:

$$\frac{\text{tenv}(x)=t}{\text{tenv} \vdash x :: t} TVar$$

#### Typing Rules

#### Typing zero?:

#### Typing diff:

$$\frac{\texttt{tenv} \vdash \texttt{e1} :: \texttt{int} \qquad \texttt{tenv} \vdash \texttt{e2} :: \texttt{int}}{\texttt{tenv} \vdash \neg (\texttt{e1}, \texttt{e2}) :: \texttt{int}} \textit{TDiff}$$

# Typing rules – If

```
tenv | e1 :: bool

tenv | e2 :: t

tenv | e3 :: t

TIf
```

#### **Exercise Before Continuing**

- ▶ Show that if zero?(0) then 3 else 4 is typable
- ► For that, construct a typing derivation for the judgement empty-tenv if zero?(0) then 3 else 4::int
- Note that in a typing derivation
  - ▶ Each leaf of the tree is an instance of an axiom;
  - ▶ Each internal node is an instance of a typing rule; and
  - ► The root of the tree is empty-tenv if zero?(0) then 3 else 4::int

#### Typing rules – Let

# Typing rules – Proc Application

```
\frac{\text{tenv} \vdash \text{rator} :: t1 \rightarrow t2 \quad \text{tenv} \vdash \text{rand} :: t1}{\text{tenv} \vdash (\text{rator rand}) :: t2} TProcApp
```

#### Typing rules

Attempt at typing procedures

Motivating expression: proc (x) - (x,2)

$$\frac{[\text{var} = \text{t1}] \text{tenv} \vdash \text{e} :: \text{t2}}{\text{tenv} \vdash \text{proc} \text{ (var)} \text{ e} :: \text{t1} \rightarrow \text{t2}} TProc}$$

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- ▶ Where do we obtain t1 from?
- ▶ This specification is incomplete as it stands
- ► Two options:
  - 1. the missing type is supplied by the programmer (we choose this one for now!)
  - 2. the missing type is inferred from the source code

# Typing proc

#### Failed attempt:

$$\frac{[\text{var} = \text{t1}] \text{tenv} \vdash e :: t2}{\text{tenv} \vdash \text{proc (var)} \ e :: t1 \rightarrow t2} TProc$$

#### New typing rule:

$$\frac{[\text{var} = \text{t1}] \text{tenv} \vdash \text{e} :: \text{t2}}{\text{tenv} \vdash \text{proc} \text{ (var:t1)} \text{ e} :: \text{t1} \rightarrow \text{t2}} TProc}$$

## Summary of Typing Rules

```
tenv(x)=t tenv e :: int
               TConst.
                                                                     ------ TZero
tenv n · int
                            tenv - x · · t
                                                   tenv | zero?(e) :: bool
                   tenv = e1 :: int tenv = e2 :: int
                          tenv \vdash -(e1,e2) :: int
              tenv - e1 :: bool tenv - e2 :: t tenv - e3 :: t
                     teny if e1 then e2 else e3::t
                  tenv \vdash e1 \cdot t1 \quad [var=t1] tenv \vdash e2 \cdot t2
                       tenv | let var=e1 in e2 :: t2
              tenv \vdash rator :: t1 \rightarrow t2 \quad tenv \vdash rand :: t1
                                                          — TProcApp
                      tenv (rator rand) :: t2
                         [var = t1]tenv \vdash e :: t2
                                                     TProc
                    tenv \vdash proc (var:t1) e :: t1 \rightarrow t2
```

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### The Language CHECKED

- ▶ We now introduce CHECKED
- ▶ It is based on REC except that the programmer writes
  - ▶ the type of formal parameters in procedures, and
  - ▶ the type of parameters and results in letrec-bound variables.

## **Examples**

```
proc (x:int) -(x,1)

proc (f:(bool -> int))
proc (n:int) (f zero?(n))
```

#### CHECKED: Concrete Syntax

One existing production (for now) is modified as follows

```
\langle \textit{Expression} \rangle ::= \text{proc} (\langle \textit{Identifier} \rangle : \langle \textit{Type} \rangle) \langle \textit{Expression} \rangle
```

We recall the syntax of types below:

```
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angle & ::= & \mathrm{bool} \\ \langle \mathit{Type} 
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angle) \end{array}
```

### CHECKED: Abstract Syntax

```
(define-datatype expression expression?
    (const-exp
       (num number?))
    (diff-exp
4
       (exp1 expression?)
5
6
       (exp2 expression?))
    (zero?-exp
       (exp1 expression?))
8
     (if-exp
9
       (exp1 expression?)
10
       (exp2 expression?)
       (exp3 expression?))
12
    (var-exp
13
       (var symbol?))
14
    (let-exp
15
       (var symbol?)
16
       (exp1 expression?)
17
       (body expression?))
18
```

# The new variants for type annotated procs and letrec

```
(proc-exp
(var symbol?)
(type type?)
(body expression?))
(call-exp
(rator expression?)
(rand expression?))
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### CHECKED: Abstract Syntax of Types

```
(define-datatype type?
(int-type)
(bool-type)
(proc-type
(src type?))
(tgt type?)))
```

## Concrete vs Abstract Syntax

```
proc (f:(bool -> int))
proc (n:int) (f zero?(n))
```

### Implementing a Type-Checker

We implement the following:

```
1 ;; type-of-program :: program -> type
2 ;; type-of :: {exp,typeEnv} -> type
```

- ▶ We use the specification as a guideline
- Type environments

```
(define-datatype type-environment type-environment?
(empty-tenv-record)
(extended-tenv-record
(sym symbol?)
(type type?)
(tenv type-environment?)))
```

#### Implementing a Type-Checker

▶ We make use of the following auxiliary function:

- report-unequal-types simply prints an error message
- when is an if without an else; returns #<void> if the condition is false

```
;; type-of-program :: program -> type
(define type-of-program
(lambda (pgm)
(cases program pgm
(a-program (exp1) (type-of exp1 (init-tenv)))))
```

#### (init-tenv) is the type environment for the initial environment

```
(define init-tenv
(lambda ()
(extend-tenv 'x (int-type)
(extend-tenv 'v (int-type)
(extend-tenv 'i (int-type)
(empty-tenv))))))
```

# Typing Integers

```
\frac{}{\text{tenv} \vdash n :: int} TConst
```

```
(define type-of
(lambda (exp tenv)
(cases expression exp
(const-exp (n) (int-type)))))
```

## Typing Variable References

```
tenv(var)=t
tenv var :: t
```

## Typing the zero? Predicate

```
tenv ⊢ e :: int
tenv ⊢ zero?(e) :: bool
```

# Typing Difference

```
\frac{\text{tenv} \vdash e1 :: int}{\text{tenv} \vdash -(e1, e2) :: int} TDiff
```

```
(define type-of
(lambda (exp tenv)
(cases expression exp
...
(diff-exp (e1 e2)
(let ((ty1 (type-of e1 tenv))
(ty2 (type-of e2 tenv)))
(check-equal-type! ty1 (int-type) e1)
(check-equal-type! ty2 (int-type) e2)
(int-type))))))
```

# Typing let

```
tenv | e1 :: t1 [var=t1]tenv | e2 :: t2

tenv | let var=e1 in e2 :: t2
```

# Typing the Conditional

```
tenv | e1 :: bool tenv | e2 :: t tenv | e3 :: t 

tenv | if e1 then e2 else e3 :: t
```

```
(define type-of
      (lambda (exp tenv)
         (cases expression exp
           . . .
           (if-exp (e1 e2 e3)
             (let ((ty1 (type-of e1 tenv))
6
                   (ty2 (type-of e2 tenv))
7
                   (ty3 (type-of e3 tenv)))
8
               (check-equal-type! ty1 (bool-type) e1)
9
               (check-equal-type! ty2 ty3 exp)
10
               tv2)))))
```

## Typing Procedure Declaration

```
\frac{[\text{var} = \text{t1}] \text{tenv} \vdash \text{e} :: \text{t2}}{\text{tenv} \vdash \text{proc} \text{ (var:t1)} \text{ e} :: \text{t1} \rightarrow \text{t2}} TProc}
```

### Typing Procedure Application

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```
(define type-of
   (lambda (exp tenv)
     (cases expression exp
4
       (call-exp (rator rand)
          (let ((rator-type (type-of rator tenv))
6
                (rand-type (type-of rand tenv)))
7
            (cases type rator-type
8
              (proc-type (arg-type result-type)
9
                (begin
                  (check-equal-type! arg-type rand-type rand)
                  result-type))
12
              (else
                (report-rator-not-a-proc-type rator-type
14
      rator))))))))
```

#### Testing CHECKED

- Code available from http://www.eopl3.com
- Directory chapter7/checked
- Open top.scm in Racket
- ▶ There are a number of tests in tests.scm
- ▶ You can type-check them using check-one. Eg.

```
| > (check-one 'apply-a-proc-2-typed)
| 'int
```

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Typing Letrec

#### Letrec

#### CHECKED: Concrete Syntax

```
 \begin{split} &\langle \textit{Expression} \rangle ::= \texttt{proc} \; \left( \langle \textit{Identifier} \rangle : \langle \textit{Type} \rangle \right) \langle \textit{Expression} \rangle \\ &\langle \textit{Expression} \rangle ::= \texttt{letrec} \; \langle \textit{Type} \rangle \; \langle \textit{Identifier} \rangle \; \left( \langle \textit{Identifier} \rangle : \langle \textit{Type} \rangle \right) = \\ &\langle \textit{Expression} \rangle \; \text{in} \; \langle \textit{Expression} \rangle \end{split}
```

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5
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       (exp2 expression?))
    (zero?-exp
       (exp1 expression?))
8
     (if-exp
9
       (exp1 expression?)
10
       (exp2 expression?)
       (exp3 expression?))
12
    (var-exp
13
       (var symbol?))
14
    (let-exp
15
       (var symbol?)
16
       (exp1 expression?)
17
       (body expression?))
18
```

### The new variant for type annotated letrec

```
(proc-exp
       (var symbol?)
       (type type?)
       (body expression?))
4
    (call-exp
5
6
       (rator expression?)
       (rand expression?))
7
8
     (letrec-exp
       (p-result-type type?)
9
       (p-name symbol?)
10
       (b-var symbol?)
       (p-var-type type?)
12
       (p-body expression?)
13
       (letrec-body expression?))
14
```

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6
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       (rand expression?))
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9
       (p-name symbol?)
10
       (b-var symbol?)
       (p-var-type type?)
12
       (p-body expression?)
13
       (letrec-body expression?))
14
```

#### Abstract Syntax for letrec

```
(a-program
   (letrec-exp
    (int-type)
    'double
5
6
    (int-type)
    (if-exp
7
8
     (zero?-exp (var-exp 'x))
     (const-exp 0)
9
10
     (diff-exp (call-exp (var-exp 'double) (diff-exp (var-exp
      'x) (const-exp 1))) (const-exp -2)))
    (var-exp 'double)))
11
```

## Typing rule for letrec

```
[var=tVar] [f=tVar \rightar tRes] tenv \rightar e :: tRes

[f=tVar \rightar tRes] tenv \rightar body :: t

tenv \rightar letrec tRes f (var:tVar) = e in body :: t
TRec
```

### Typing Letrec

```
(define type-of
    (lambda (exp tenv)
      (cases expression exp
4
        (letrec-exp (p-result-type p-name b-var b-var-type
      p-body letrec-body)
          (let ((tenv-for-letrec-body
6
7
                  (extend-tenv p-name
                    (proc-type b-var-type p-result-type)
8
                    tenv)))
9
            (let ((p-body-type
10
                    (type-of p-body
                      (extend-tenv b-var b-var-type
                        tenv-for-letrec-body))))
13
              (check-equal-type!
14
                p-body-type p-result-type p-body)
15
              (type-of letrec-body tenv-for-letrec-body))))))
16
```