

## Definition of Terms

Define the set of terms as

$$\begin{aligned} S_0 &= \emptyset \\ S_{i+1} &= \{\mathbf{true}, \mathbf{false}, 0\} \cup \{\mathbf{succ } t_1, \mathbf{pred } t_1, \mathbf{iszero } t_1 \mid t_1 \in S_i\} \cup \{\mathbf{if } t_1 \mathbf{ then } t_2 \mathbf{ else } t_3 \mid t_1, t_2, t_3 \in S_i\} \\ S &= \bigcup_i S_i \end{aligned}$$

### Exercise 3.2.4

How many elements does  $S_3$  have?

**Solution:**  $S_0 = \emptyset$ , so  $S_1 = \{\mathbf{true}, \mathbf{false}, 0\}$ .  $S_2$  contains the atomic terms from  $S_1$  and also the compound terms built from atomic terms. The functions  $\mathbf{succ}$ ,  $\mathbf{pred}$ , and  $\mathbf{iszero}$  are all unary, so for each term  $t$  they produce a distinct term  $\tau t$  where  $\tau$  is one of  $\mathbf{succ}$ ,  $\mathbf{pred}$ , and  $\mathbf{iszero}$ . Each function produces 3 terms from the atomic terms, so in total  $3 \cdot 3$  terms are produced by the unary functions.

The  $\mathbf{if } t_1 \mathbf{ then } t_2 \mathbf{ else } t_3$  function is ternary, and produces a distinct term for any choice of three terms  $t_1, t_2, t_3$ . In the case of  $S_2$  there are three choices ( $\mathbf{true}, \mathbf{false}, 0$ ) for each of  $t_1, t_2, t_3$ , so  $\mathbf{if } t_1 \mathbf{ then } t_2 \mathbf{ else } t_3$  produces  $3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 27$  distinct terms.

In total,  $S_2$  has  $3 + 9 + 27 = 39$  terms. Following the same approach, for  $S_3$ , the unary functions produce  $39 \cdot 3 = 117$  terms, and the ternary function produces  $39^3 = 59,319$  terms. Combining with the three atomic terms gives  $|S_3| = 3 + 117 + 59,319 = 59,439$ .

### Exercise 3.2.5

Show that the sets  $S_i$  are cumulative.

*Proof.* We will show this by induction on  $i$  that  $S_i \subseteq S_{i+1}$ .

**Base case:**  $S_0 = \emptyset$  so trivially  $S_0 \subseteq S_1$ .

**Inductive step:** Assume that we have shown that  $S_{i-1} \subseteq S_i$ . We will show that  $S_i \subseteq S_{i+1}$ . Let  $t \in S_i$  be some term. Then, either  $t$  is an atomic term, or it is a compound term containing functions. If  $t$  is atomic, then by construction,  $t \in S_{i+1}$ . So, suppose  $t$  is a term containing functions.

If the outermost function of  $t$  is a unary function then  $t = \tau s$  where  $\tau$  is a unary function and  $s \in S_{i-1}$ . By the IH,  $s \in S_i$  and it follows that  $t = \tau s \in S_{i+1}$ .

If the outermost function of  $t$  is the ternary conditional function, then a completely analogous argument with  $s$  replaced by three terms  $s_1, s_2, s_3$  shows that  $t \in S_{i+1}$ .

By induction, it follows that  $S_i \subseteq S_{i+1}$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  which shows that the sets  $S_i$  are cumulative.  $\square$

### Exercise 3.3.4

Suppose  $P$  is a predicate on terms. Show that Structural Induction holds:

If, for each term  $s$ , given  $P(r)$  for all immediate subterms  $r$  of  $s$  we can show  $P(s)$ , then  $P(s)$  holds for all  $s$ .

*Proof.* First, note that the relation  $\prec$  defined on terms by

$$r \prec s \text{ iff } r \text{ is a subterm of } s$$

is well-founded. This can be seen by considering the concrete definition of terms using the sets  $S_i$ . We showed in Exercise 3.2.5 that these sets are cumulative, and moreover by their definition, it is easy to see that they are all finite. Since any term  $t$  appears in some set  $S_i$ , it follows that any  $t$  can only have finitely many  $\prec$ -predecessors. Hence, there are no infinite  $\prec$ -descending chains.

Now we can prove the desired statement by contradiction. Suppose we have a predicate  $P$  satisfying the hypothesis of Structural Induction. We will show that  $P(s)$  holds for all  $s$ . Suppose this was not the case, so for some term  $s$ ,  $P(s)$  does not hold. Using the well-foundedness of  $\prec$  choose such an  $s$  which is  $\prec$ -minimal. That is,  $P(s)$  does not hold, but  $P(r)$  does hold for all terms  $r$  such that  $r \prec s$ , i.e. all subterms of  $s$ . In particular,  $P$  holds for all immediate subterms of  $s$ . By our assumption that  $P$  satisfies the hypothesis of structural induction, it follows that  $P(s)$  does hold. Contradiction. Hence, there are no terms  $s$  such that  $P(s)$  does not hold.  $\square$

**Exercise 3.5.5**

Spell out the induction principle used in the proof of Theorem 3.5.4.

**Solution:** Suppose  $P$  is a predicate evaluation statement derivations. If  $D$  is a derivation and assuming  $P(\overline{D})$  holds for all subderivations  $\overline{D}$  of  $D$  we can prove  $P(D)$ , then  $P(D)$  holds for all derivations  $D$ .

**Exercise 3.5.10**

Rephrase Definition 3.5.9 of the *multi-step evaluation* relation  $\rightarrow^*$  as a set of inference rules.

**Solution:**

$$\frac{\mathfrak{t} \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}'}{\mathfrak{t} \rightarrow^* \mathfrak{t}'} \quad \mathfrak{t} \rightarrow^* \mathfrak{t} \quad \frac{\mathfrak{t} \rightarrow^* \mathfrak{t}' \text{ and } \mathfrak{t}' \rightarrow^* \mathfrak{t}''}{\mathfrak{t} \rightarrow^* \mathfrak{t}''}$$

**Exercise 3.5.13**

1. Adding the rule

$$\text{if true then } \mathfrak{t}_2 \text{ else } \mathfrak{t}_3 \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}_3$$

would make

- Theorem 3.5.4 (Determinacy of one-step evaluation) fail since there are two possibilities for transitioning with `if true then · else ·`.
- Theorem 3.5.7 (every value is in normal form) will still hold
- Theorem 3.5.8 (normal forms are values) will still hold
- Theorem 3.5.11 (uniqueness of normal forms) will fail like Theorem 3.5.4

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$$\frac{\mathfrak{t}_2 \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}'_2}{\text{if } \mathfrak{t}_1 \text{ then } \mathfrak{t}_2 \text{ else } \mathfrak{t}_3 \rightarrow \text{if } \mathfrak{t}_1 \text{ then } \mathfrak{t}'_2 \text{ else } \mathfrak{t}_3}$$

would make

- Theorem 3.5.4 (Determinacy of one-step evaluation) fail since there are two possibilities for transitioning with `if t1 then t2 else ·`.
- Theorem 3.5.7 (every value is in normal form) will still hold
- Theorem 3.5.8 (normal forms are values) will still hold
- Theorem 3.5.11 (uniqueness of normal forms) will still hold. Suppose that `if t1 then t2 else t3 →* v` where  $\mathfrak{t}_2 \rightarrow^* \mathfrak{v}$ . In the original semantics, this would only be possible by first evaluating  $\mathfrak{t}_1 \rightarrow^* \text{true}$  producing  $\mathfrak{t}_2$  then evaluating  $\mathfrak{t}_2 \rightarrow^* \mathfrak{v}$ . With the new rule, it is possible that some steps of the evaluation  $\mathfrak{t}_2 \rightarrow^* \mathfrak{v}$  are interleaved with the evaluation of  $\mathfrak{t}_1 \rightarrow^* \text{true}$ . Intuitively, this reorganization will not change the resulting value, but a complete proof of this would require proving the diamond property. See the book for a full argument.

**Exercise 3.5.14**

Proof Theorem 3.5.4 on arithmetic expressions: if  $\mathfrak{t} \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}'$  and  $\mathfrak{t} \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}''$  then  $\mathfrak{t}' = \mathfrak{t}''$ .

*Proof.* By induction on the derivation of  $\mathfrak{t} \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}'$ . If the last rule in the derivation is E-SUCC, then  $\mathfrak{t}$  has the form `succ t1` and  $\mathfrak{t}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}'_1$ . It follows that the only rule that can apply to  $\mathfrak{t}$  is E-SUCC, so the last rule of the derivation of  $\mathfrak{t} \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}''$  is E-SUCC as well and  $\mathfrak{t}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}''_1$ . By the IH,  $\mathfrak{t}'_1 = \mathfrak{t}''_1$ , and it follows that  $\mathfrak{t}' = \mathfrak{t}''$ .

Now, suppose the last rule of the derivation is E-PRED. So,  $\mathfrak{t}$  has the form `pred t1` and  $\mathfrak{t}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}'_1$ . Note that the rules E-PREDZERO and E-PREDSUCC cannot apply to  $\mathfrak{t}$  because  $\mathfrak{t}_1$  is not a value. It follows that the last rule applied in the derivation of  $\mathfrak{t} \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}''$  must be E-PRED and  $\mathfrak{t}_1 \rightarrow \mathfrak{t}''_1$ . By the IH,  $\mathfrak{t}'_1 = \mathfrak{t}''_1$ , and it follows that  $\mathfrak{t}' = \mathfrak{t}''$ .

The argument if the last rule of the derivation is E-ISZERO follow in a completely analogous manner, except that we need to rule out the possibilities of E-ISZEROZERO and E-ISZEROSUCC instead of E-PREDZERO and E-PREDSUCC.

The arguments for the remaining rules are even simpler. For example, suppose the final rule used in the derivation is E-PREDZERO. Then,  $\mathfrak{t}$  is `pred 0` and trivially,  $\mathfrak{t}' = 0 = \mathfrak{t}''$ . Similarly, if the final rule is E-ISZEROZERO we can show that  $\mathfrak{t}' = \text{true} = \mathfrak{t}''$ . Analogous reasoning works for E-PREDSUCC and E-ISZEROSUCC. In the case of E-PREDSUCC we show that  $\mathfrak{t}' = \text{nv1} = \mathfrak{t}''$  and in the case of E-ISZEROSUCC we show that  $\mathfrak{t}' = \text{false} = \mathfrak{t}''$ .  $\square$

### Exercise 3.5.16

Show that the two treatments of runtime errors agree.

**Claim 1.** Let  $t$  be a term in the original syntax and let  $\rightarrow, \rightarrow_1^*$  denote the transition relations for the original semantics and  $\rightarrow, \rightarrow_2^*$  denote the transition relation for the augmented semantics. Then,  $t \rightarrow_1^* t'$  where  $t'$  is stuck iff  $t \rightarrow_2^* \text{wrong}$ .

**Lemma 1.** If  $t \rightarrow_1^* t'$  then  $t \rightarrow_2^* t'$  and follows the same steps.

*Proof.* If  $t'$  can be transitioned to from  $t$ , then **badnat** or **badbool** could never appear in a term that would allow one of the WRONG evaluations to apply. Hence, the transition  $t \rightarrow_2^* t'$  would follow exactly the same steps as  $t \rightarrow_1^* t'$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 2.** If  $t$  is stuck in the original semantics then  $t \rightarrow_2^* \text{wrong}$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $t$  is stuck. We show this by induction on the structure of  $t$ . There are a few cases to consider.

**$t$  is of the form  $\text{pred } t_1$**  If  $t_1$  is not a value, then **pred**  $t_1$  is stuck iff  $t_1$  is stuck. By the IH,  $t_1 \rightarrow_2^* \text{wrong}$ , so  $t \rightarrow_2^* \text{wrong}$  via E-PRED-WRONG. If  $t_1$  is a value  $v$ , then since  $t$  is stuck  $v$  must not be a numeric value. Hence,  $v$  is **true** or **false**. Thus,  $v$  is a **badnat** and using E-PRED-WRONG  $t \rightarrow_2^* \text{wrong}$ .

**$t$  is of the form  $\text{iszero } t_1$**  By the same reasoning as the previous case,  $t \rightarrow_2^* \text{wrong}$  using E-ISZERO-WRONG.

**$t$  is of the form  $\text{succ } t_1$**  Similar to the previous cases, but we need not consider the case when  $t_1$  is a value.

**$t$  is of the form  $\text{if } t_1 \text{ then } t_2 \text{ else } t_3$**  If  $t_1$  is not a value, then **if**  $t_1$  then  $t_2$  else  $t_3$  is stuck iff  $t_1$  is stuck. By the IH,  $t_1 \rightarrow_2^* \text{wrong}$ , so  $t \rightarrow_2^* \text{wrong}$  via E-IF-WRONG. If  $t_1$  is a value  $v$ , then since  $t$  is stuck  $v$  must be a numeric value. Hence,  $v$  is a **badbool** and using E-IF-WRONG  $t \rightarrow_2^* \text{wrong}$ .  $\square$

The two previous lemmas show that if  $t \rightarrow_1^* t'$  where  $t'$  is stuck, then  $t \rightarrow_2^* \text{wrong}$ . For the reverse direction, we show

**Lemma 3.** Suppose  $t \rightarrow_1^* t'$  and  $t' \rightarrow t''$  where  $t''$  has **wrong** as a subterm, then  $t'$  is stuck.

*Proof.* By induction on a derivation of  $t' \rightarrow t''$ . Suppose that the final rule in the derivation is E-IF-WRONG. Then,  $t'$  has the form **if** **badbool** then  $t_2$  else  $t_3$ . Because  $t'$  was obtained through evaluation in the original semantics, it follows that **badbool** is a numeric value **nv** and not **wrong**. Hence,  $t'$  is stuck. We can argue similarly if the final rule is E-SUCC-WRONG, E-PRED-WRONG, or E-ISZERO-WRONG.

If the final rule in the derivation is E-PRED, then  $t'$  is of the form **pred**  $t_1$  and  $t_1 \rightarrow t'_1$ . By our assumption that  $t''$  has **wrong** as a subterm it follows that the evaluation  $t_1 \rightarrow t'_1$  must use one of the **wrong** producing rules E-IF-WRONG, E-SUCC-WRONG, E-PRED-WRONG, E-ISZERO-WRONG. From the induction hypothesis, we get that  $t_1$  is stuck which implies that  $t' = \text{pred } t_1$  is stuck. We can argue in a similar manner if the final rule in the derivation is E-SUCC, E-ISZERO, or E-IF.

The remaining numeric expression produce values, so could not be the final rule in the derivation. The rules E-IFTRUE and E-IFFALSE extract a subterm from  $t'$ , so they could not have **wrong** as a subterm since the derivation  $t \rightarrow_1^* t'$  happens in the original semantics. Hence, they could not be the final rule of the derivation either.  $\square$

Combining the previous lemma and Lemma 1, we can prove the reverse direction. Suppose that  $t \rightarrow_2^* \text{wrong}$ . By Lemma 1 an initial segment of the multi-step evaluation is done purely in the original semantics. Let  $t'$  be the final term produced using the original evaluation rules. It follows that the next term in the evaluation of  $t \rightarrow_2^* \text{wrong}$  must have **wrong** as a subterm, so using the previous lemma,  $t'$  is stuck.

### Exercise 3.5.17

Show that the small-step and big-step semantics agree, i.e.  $t \rightarrow^* v$  iff  $t \Downarrow v$ .

*Proof.* We show this by induction on the structure of  $t$ .

**$t$  is a value** Trivially,  $t \rightarrow^* v$  iff  $t \Downarrow v$ .

**$t$  is  $\text{if } t_1 \text{ then } t_2 \text{ else } t_3$ :** By the induction hypothesis,  $t_i \rightarrow^* v$  iff  $t_i \Downarrow v$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . For the forward direction, assume that  $t \rightarrow^* v$ . Necessarily,  $t_i \rightarrow^* v_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Consider the following evaluation of  $t$ . First, use the evaluation  $t_1 \rightarrow^* v_1$  and E-IF to obtain  $t \rightarrow^* \text{if } v_1 \text{ then } t_2 \text{ else } t_3$ . If  $v_1 = \text{true}$  we next apply E-IFTRUE to obtain  $t_2$  and proceed with  $t_2 \rightarrow^* v_2$  to obtain  $t \rightarrow^* v_2$ . Otherwise,  $v_1 = \text{false}$  and we use E-IFFALSE and  $t_3 \rightarrow^* v_3$  to obtain  $t \rightarrow^* v_3$ . By the uniqueness of normal forms (Theorem 3.5.11), this proposed evaluation is valid

and results in the correct value. Suppose the former case  $t_1 \rightarrow^* \text{true}$  holds. Then, by the IH,  $t_1 \Downarrow \text{true}$  and  $t_2 \Downarrow v_2$ , so B-IFTRUE gives  $t \Downarrow v_2$ . In the latter case  $t_1 \rightarrow^* \text{false}$ , and B-IFFALSE gives  $t \Downarrow v_3$ .

For the reverse direction, assume that  $t \Downarrow v$ . So, either B-IFTRUE or B-IFFALSE were used to evaluate  $t$ . If B-IFTRUE was used, then  $t_1 \Downarrow \text{true}$ ,  $t_2 \Downarrow v_2$ , and  $t \Downarrow v_2$  for some  $v_2$ . By the induction hypothesis,  $t_1 \rightarrow^* \text{true}$  and  $t_2 \rightarrow^* v_2$ . We can again appeal to the uniqueness of normal forms theorem to construct a valid evaluation of  $t \rightarrow^* v_2$  following the same approach as above. If B-IFFALSE was used, then  $t_3 \Downarrow v_3$  for some  $v_3$  so that  $t \Downarrow v_3$ , and we again construct a valid evaluation producing giving  $t \rightarrow^* v_3$ .

**$t$  is  $\text{pred } t_1$ :** By the induction hypothesis,  $t_i \rightarrow^* v$  iff  $t_i \Downarrow v$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . For the forward direction, assume that  $t \rightarrow^* v$ . Hence,  $t_1 \rightarrow^* v_1$  for some value  $v_1$ . Following the approach for if-then-else term, we will construct a valid evaluation of  $t$ . If  $v_1 = 0$ , then we can evaluate  $t$  by first using  $t_1 \rightarrow^* 0$  and E-PRED to obtain  $t \rightarrow^* \text{pred } 0$ . Then, we can apply E-PREDZERO to obtain  $t \rightarrow^* 0$ . On the other hand, if  $v_1 = \text{succ } nv$ , then we would use E-PREDSUCC in the final step to obtain  $t \rightarrow^* nv$ . In the former case, the induction hypothesis gives  $t_1 \Downarrow 0$  so applying B-PREDZERO to  $t$  gives  $t \Downarrow 0$ . In the later case, the induction hypothesis gives  $t_1 \Downarrow \text{succ } nv$  and applying B-PREDSUCC gives  $t \Downarrow nv$  as required.

For the reverse direction, assume that  $t \Downarrow v$ . If B-PREDZERO is applied then  $t_1 \Downarrow 0$  so by the IH,  $t_1 \rightarrow^* 0$ . Hence, we can obtain  $t \rightarrow^* 0$  using E-PRED with  $t_1 \rightarrow^* 0$  and applying E-PREDZERO in the final step. If B-PREDSUCC is applied then  $t_1 \Downarrow nv$  and  $t_1 \rightarrow^* nv$  by the IH. As in the B-PREDZERO case, we can use this to obtain  $t \rightarrow^* nv$ .

**$t$  is  $\text{succ } t_1$  or  $\text{iszero } t_1$ :** Similar to the  $\text{pred}$  case.

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### Exercise 3.5.18

Give evaluation rules so that the **then** and **else** branches of an **if** expression are evaluated before the guard is evaluated.

**Solution:** Remove E-IFTRUE, E-IFFALSE, and E-IF and replace with

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{if true then } v_2 \text{ else } v_3 \rightarrow v_2 \quad \text{if false then } v_2 \text{ else } v_3 \rightarrow v_3 \quad \frac{t_2 \rightarrow t'_2}{\text{if } t_1 \text{ then } t_2 \text{ else } t_3 \rightarrow \text{if } t_1 \text{ then } t'_2 \text{ else } t_3} \\
 \\
 \frac{t_3 \rightarrow t'_3}{\text{if } t_1 \text{ then } v_2 \text{ else } t_3 \rightarrow \text{if } t_1 \text{ then } v_2 \text{ else } t'_3} \quad \frac{t_1 \rightarrow t'_1}{\text{if } t_1 \text{ then } v_2 \text{ else } v_3 \rightarrow \text{if } t'_1 \text{ then } v_2 \text{ else } v_3}
 \end{array}$$