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CS 252:

Advanced Programming Language Principles



Operational Semantics, Continued

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Review: Higher order functions lab

Review: Bool* Language

$e ::=$

true

| false

| if e

then e

else e

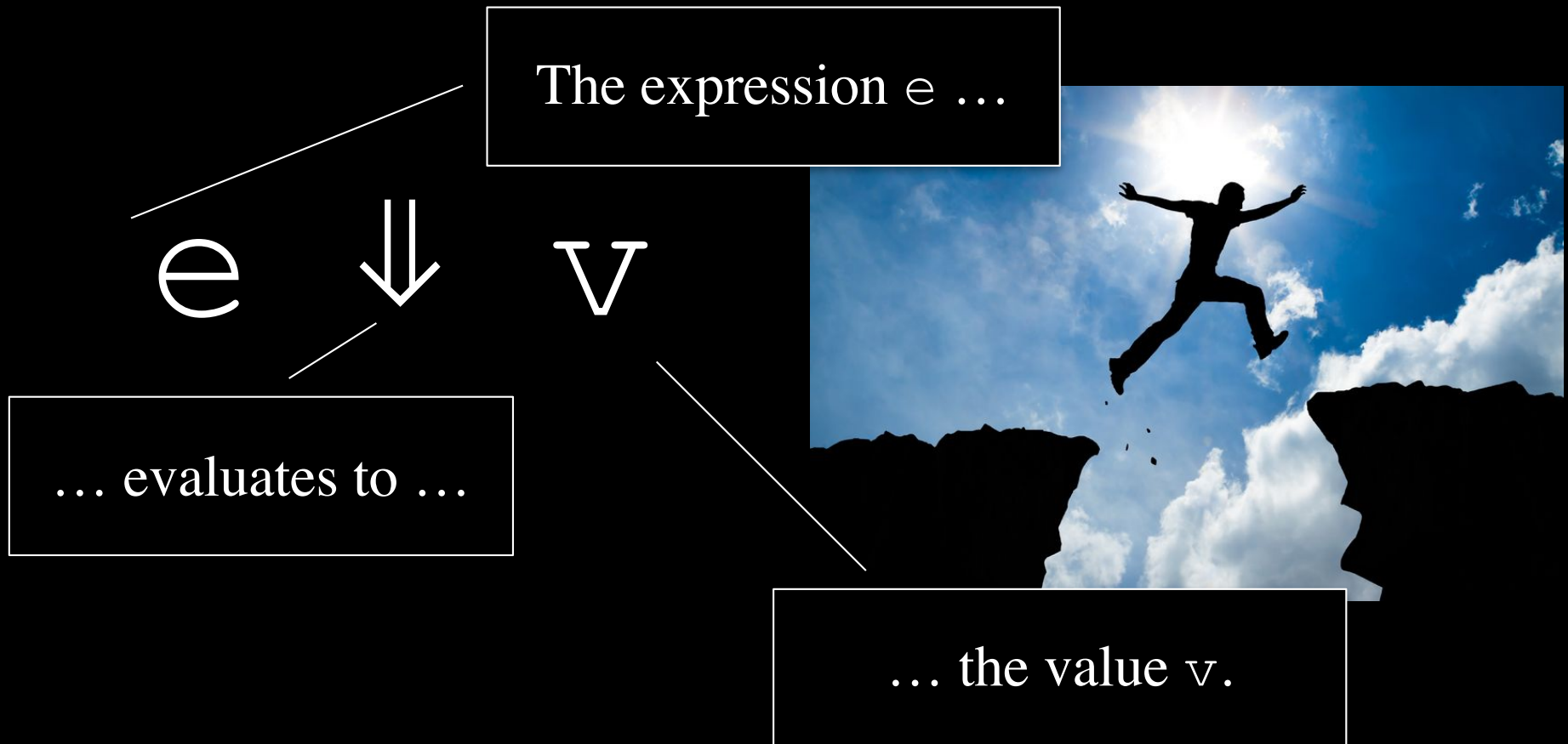
expressions:

constant true

constant false

conditional

Big-step operational semantics evaluate every expression to a value.

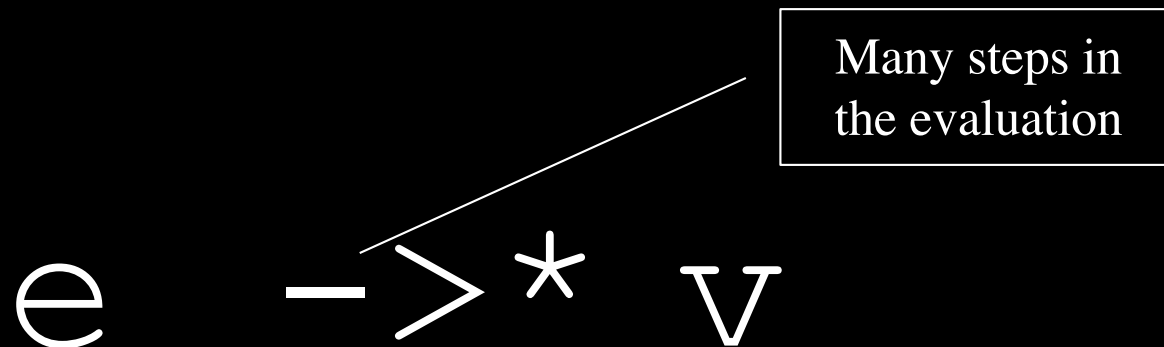
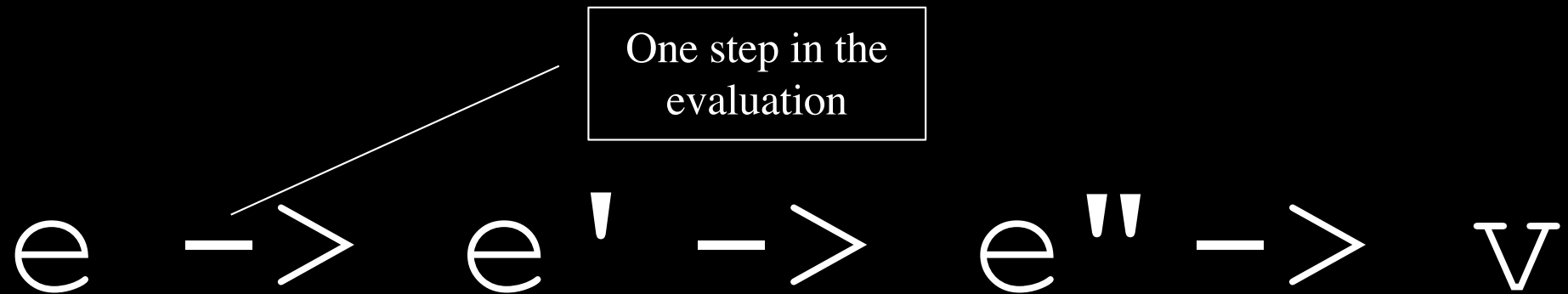


Small-step operational semantics
evaluate an expression until it is in
normal form.



"normal form" – it
cannot be evaluated
further.

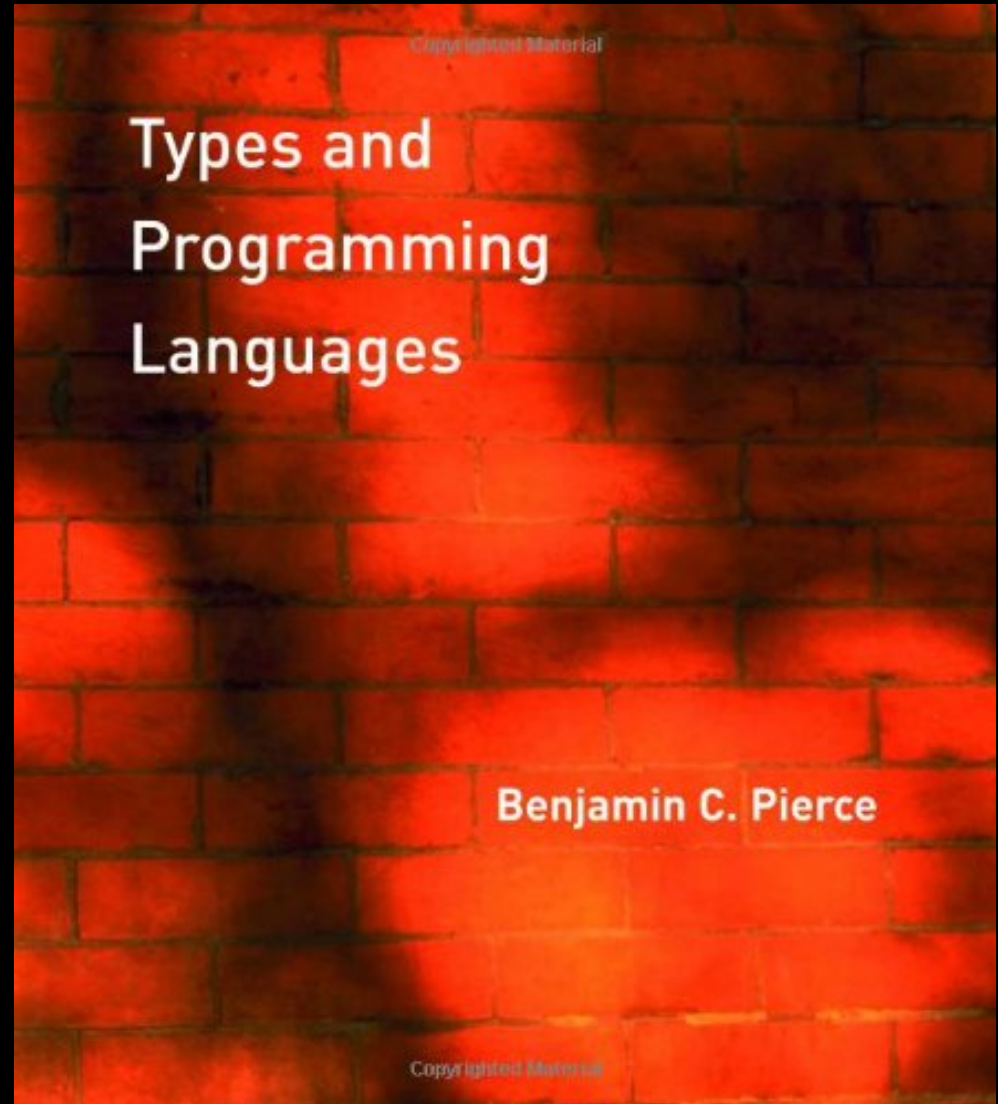
Small-Step Evaluation Relation



TAPL

The top reference for
more details on PL
formalisms.

Available at library.



Review: Big-step semantics for Bool*

B-IfTrue

$$\frac{e1 \Downarrow \text{true} \quad e2 \Downarrow v}{\text{if } e1 \text{ then } e2 \text{ else } e3 \Downarrow v}$$

B-IfFalse

$$\frac{e1 \Downarrow \text{false} \quad e3 \Downarrow v}{\text{if } e1 \text{ then } e2 \text{ else } e3 \Downarrow v}$$

B-Value

$$\frac{}{v \Downarrow v}$$

Small-step semantics for Bool*

(in-class)

Bool* Small-Step Semantics

E-IfTrue

`if true then e2 else e3 -> e2`

E-IfFalse

`if false then e2 else e3 -> e3`

E-If

$$\frac{e1 \rightarrow e1'}{\text{if } e1 \text{ then } e2 \text{ else } e3 \rightarrow \text{if } e1' \text{ then } e2 \text{ else } e3}$$

Let's develop operational semantics for the WHILE language.

Unlike Bool*, WHILE supports *mutable references*.

WHILE Language

$e ::= a$	variables/addresses
v	values
$a := e$	assignment
$e ; e$	sequence
$e \text{ op } e$	binary operations
$\text{if } e \text{ then } e$ $\text{else } e$	conditionals
$\text{while } (e) \ e$	while loops

WHILE Language (continued)

$v ::= i$ integers
 | b booleans

$op ::= +$ | $-$ binary operators
 | \backslash | $*$
 | $<$ | $>$
 | $<=$ | $>=$

Small-step semantics with state

Since Bool* did not have mutable references, our evaluation rules only handled expressions:

E-IfFalse

```
if false then e2 else e3 -> e3
```

WHILE *does* allow for imperative updates, so we need to modify our semantics.

Bool* vs. WHILE evaluation relation

Bool* relation:

$$e \rightarrow e'$$

WHILE relation:

$$e, \sigma \rightarrow e', \sigma'$$



A "store", represented by
the Greek letter sigma

The Store

- Maps *references* to values
- Some key operations:
 - $\sigma(a)$: Get value at "address" a
 - $\sigma[a := v]$: New store identical to σ , except that the value at address a is v .

In-class: Specify semantics for the WHILE language $(e, \sigma \rightarrow e', \sigma')$

$e ::= a$	variables/addresses
v	values
$a := e$	assignment
$e ; e$	sequence
$e \text{ op } e$	binary operations
$\text{if } e \text{ then } e$ $\text{else } e$	conditionals
$\text{while } (e) \ e$	while loops

Evaluation order rules specify an order for evaluating expressions.

Reduction rules rewrite the expression.

E-IfFalse (reduction)

```
if false
  then e2
  else e3 -> e3
```

E-If (evaluation order)

```

  e1 -> e1'
-----
if e1 then e2
  else e3 ->
if e1' then
  e2 else e3
```

Concise representation of evaluation order rules

- Evaluation order rules tend to
 - be repetitive
 - clutter the semantics
- Evaluation contexts represent the same information concisely

A *redex* (reducible expression)
is an expression that can be
transformed in one step

Which expression is a redex?

This is a redex: a
rule transforms
"if true ..."

1. if true
then (if true then false else
false) else true

2. if (if true then false else false)
then false else true

Condition needs to be
evaluated first: not a redex

Evaluation Contexts

- Replace evaluation order rules
- Marker (•) or "hole" indicates the next place for evaluation.

– $C = \text{if } \bullet \text{ then true else false}$

– $r = \text{if true then true else false}$

– $C[r] = \text{if (if true then true else false) then true else false}$

The original
expression

Rewriting our evaluation rules

The rules now apply to a redex
within the specified context.

Note the addition
of the $C[\dots]$ to
the rule

EC-IfFalse

```
C[if false  
    then e2  
    else e3]  $\rightarrow$  C[e3]
```


E-If (evaluation order)

$$\frac{e1 \rightarrow e1'}{\text{if } e1 \text{ then } e2 \text{ else } e3 \rightarrow \text{if } e1' \text{ then } e2 \text{ else } e3}$$

Context:

C ::= •
| if **C** then e
| else e
| ...

Rewrite

E-IfFalse (reduction)

if false
 then e2
 else e3 \rightarrow e3

EC-IfFalse

C[if false
 then e2
 else e3] \rightarrow **C**[e3]

In class: let's rewrite
our evaluation rules in
the new format.

Homework #2: WHILE Interpreter

- <http://www.cs.sjsu.edu/~austin/cs252-fall17/hw/hw2/while-semantics.pdf> specifies details.
- Part 1: Rewrite the semantics for WHILE without contexts.
- Part 2: Write an interpreter for WHILE. Starter code is available at <http://www.cs.sjsu.edu/~austin/cs252-fall17/hw/hw2/>

Haskell does not have mutable state.
How can we write a program that does?

Introducing `Data.Map`...

Data.Map

- Maps are **immutable**.
- Useful methods:
 - `empty`: creates a new, empty map
 - `insert k v m`: returns a new, updated map
 - `lookup k m`: returns the value for key `k` stored in map `m`, wrapped in a `Maybe` type
- See "Learn You a Haskell", Chapter 7