

## Type Safety

Last time: type system to prevent programs like  $(1+2) + "Hello"$   
How do we know we got it right, i.e. well-typed programs  
don't have type errors at runtime?

"Type Safety"! "Well-typed programs can't go wrong"  
-Robin Milner

2 components (theorems we'll prove):

- Progress: If  $e$  is well-typed, it's a value or can take a step
- Preservation: If a well-typed exp takes a step, it's still well-typed (with the same type)

$$e_1 : \tau \xrightarrow{\text{Prog}} e_2 : \tau^{\text{Pres}} \xrightarrow{\text{Prog}} e_3 : \tau^{\text{Pres}} \xrightarrow{\dots} \text{HV}$$

Preservation: If  $e : \tau$  and  $e \mapsto e'$  then  $e' : \tau$

Pf: By induction on the derivation of  $e \mapsto e'$

S-1 Then  $e = \overline{n}_1 + \overline{n}_2$  and  $e' = \overline{n}_1 + \overline{n}_2$ .

Need to show  $e' : \tau$ .

But how do we know what  $\tau$  is?

Inversion: Use inference rules "upside down"

How do we know  $e = \overline{n}_1 + \overline{n}_2 : \tau$ ? Must be the typing rules.

We now have a case for every rule whose conclusion can match  $\overline{n}_1 + \overline{n}_2 : \tau$ .

There's only one: T-3

$$\frac{e_1: \text{int} \quad e_2: \text{int}}{e_1 + e_2: \text{int}} \text{ (T-3)}$$

So  $e: \tau$  is only possible if  $\tau = \text{int}$ !

(We also get that  $\bar{\tau}_1: \text{int}$  and  $\bar{\tau}_2: \text{int}$  but we knew that already and also don't really need it)

Now for the proof:

S-1 Then  $e = \bar{\tau}_1 + \bar{\tau}_2$  and  $e' = \overline{\bar{\tau}_1 + \bar{\tau}_2}$ .

By inversion on T-3,  $\tau = \text{int}$ . By T-1,  $e': \text{int}$ .

S-2. Then  $e = "s_1" \wedge "s_2"$  and  $e' = "s_1 s_2"$ .

By inversion on T-4,  $\tau = \text{string}$ . By T-2,  $e': \text{string}$ .

S-3. Then  $e = l["s"]$  and  $e' = \overline{l["s"]}$ . By inversion on T-5,  $\tau = \text{int}$ .

By T-1,  $\overline{l["s"]} : \text{int}$ .

S-4. By inversion on T-3:  $\tau = \text{int}$ ,  $e_1: \text{int}$ ,  $e_2: \text{int}$

By induction,  $e_1': \text{int}$ . By T-3,  $e_1' + e_2: \text{int}$ .

S-5. Then  $e = \bar{\tau}_1 + e_2$  and  $e' = \bar{\tau}_1 + e_2'$  and  $e_2 \mapsto e_2'$ .

By inversion on T-3:  $\tau = \text{int}$ ,  $\bar{\tau}_1: \text{int}$ ,  $e_2: \text{int}$ ,

By induction,  $e_2': \text{int}$ . By T-3,  $e': \text{int}$ .

S-6. Then  $e = e_1 \cdot e_2$  and  $e' = e_1' \cdot e_2$  and  $e_1 \mapsto e_1'$ .

By inversion on T-4:  $\tau = \text{string}$ ,  $e_1: \text{string}$ , and  $e_2: \text{string}$ .

By induction,  $e_1': \text{string}$ . By T-4,  $e': \text{string}$ .

S-7. Then  $e = "s_1" \wedge e_2$  and  $e' = "s_1" \wedge e_2'$  and  $e_2 \mapsto e_2'$ .

By inversion on T-4:  $\tau = \text{string}$ ,  $e_2: \text{string}$ .

By induction,  $e_2': \text{string}$ . By T-4,  $e': \text{string}$ .

S-8. Then  $e = |e_0|$  and  $e' = |e_0'|$  and  $e_0 \mapsto e_0'$ .

By inversion on T-5,  $\tau = \text{int}$  and  $e_0: \text{string}$ .

By induction,  $e_0': \text{string}$ . By T-5,  $e': \text{int}$ .  $\square$

## Lemma: Canonical Forms

1. If  $e : \text{val}$  and  $e : \text{int}$ , then  $e = \bar{n}$  for some  $n$ .
2. If  $e : \text{val}$  and  $e : \text{string}$ , then  $e = "s"$  for some  $s$ .

Pf: 1. By "induction" on the derivation of  $e : \text{val}$ .

V-1: Then  $e = \bar{n}$ . ✓

V-2: Doesn't apply because then  $e : \text{string}$ . □

2. Similar.

Progress: If  $e : \tau$ , then  $e : \text{val}$  or there exists  $e'$  s.t.  $e \rightarrow e'$ .

Pf: By induction on the derivation of  $e : \tau$ .

T-1. Then  $e = \bar{n}$ . By V-1,  $e : \text{val}$ .

T-2. Then  $e = "s"$ . By V-2,  $e : \text{val}$ .

T-3. Then  $e = e_1 + e_2$  and  $\tau = \text{int}$  and  $e_1 : \text{int}$  and  $e_2 : \text{int}$ .

By induction,  $e_1 : \text{val}$  or  $e_1 \rightarrow e'_1$  for some  $e'_1$ .

-  $e_1 : \text{val}$ . By canonical forms,  $e_1 = \bar{n}_1$  for some  $n_1$ .

By induction,  $e_2 : \text{val}$  or  $e_2 \rightarrow e'_2$  for some  $e'_2$ .

-  $e_2 : \text{val}$ . By canonical forms,  $e_2 = \bar{n}_2$  for some  $n_2$ .

By S-1,  $e = \bar{n}_1 + \bar{n}_2 \rightarrow \bar{n}_1 + \bar{n}_2$  ✓

-  $e_2 \rightarrow e'_2$ . By S-3,  $e = \bar{n}_1 + e_2 \rightarrow \bar{n}_1 + e'_2$  ✓

-  $e_1 \rightarrow e'_1$ . By S-4,  $e = e_1 + e_2 \rightarrow e'_1 + e_2$ .

T-4. Similar to above.

T-5. Then  $e = |e_0|$  and  $\tau = \text{int}$  and  $e_0 : \text{string}$ .

By induction,  $e_0 : \text{val}$  or there exists  $e'_0$  s.t.  $e_0 \rightarrow e'_0$ .

-  $e_0 : \text{val}$ . By CF,  $e_0 = "s"$  for some  $s$ .

By S-3,  $|"s"| \rightarrow \overline{|s|}$ .

-  $e_0 \rightarrow e'_0$ . By S-8,  $|e_0| \rightarrow |e'_0|$

□