

# Binding and Substitution

$e ::= \dots \mid x \mid \text{let } x = e \text{ in } e$

everything from before      variables      let binding

$\text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2$       say: " $x$  is bound in  $e_2$  (not  $e_1$ )"

$\text{let } x = \bar{1} \text{ in } x + \bar{2}$

A use of a var. refers to the nearest enclosing binding

Intuition (rules later):

$\text{let } x = \bar{1} \text{ in } x + \bar{2}$

$\mapsto \bar{1} + \bar{2}$

$\mapsto 3$

$\text{let } x = \bar{1} \text{ in } (\text{let } x = \bar{2} \text{ in } x + \bar{1}) + \bar{x}$

$\mapsto (\text{let } x = \bar{2} \text{ in } x + \bar{1}) + \bar{1}$

$\mapsto$

$(\bar{2} + \bar{1}) + \bar{1}$

$\mapsto^*$

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This  $x$  is not updated  
Substitution, not updates

## Free vs. bound

If a var. isn't bound, it's free.

$FV(e)$  "free variables of  $e$ "

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

$$FV(\lambda) = FV('s') = \emptyset$$

$$FV(e_1 + e_2) = FV(e_1 * e_2) = FV(e_1) \cup FV(e_2)$$

$$FV(\text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2) = FV(e_1) \cup (FV(e_2) \setminus \{x\})$$

$$\text{let } \overbrace{x=y}^{\text{bound}} \text{ in } x+z$$

←  $y$  is free (in this expr.; might be bound if this is part of a bigger expr.)

$\alpha$ -conversion: can always (consistently) rename bound vars.

$\alpha$ -equivalent: expressions are the same up to  $\alpha$ -conversion ( $\equiv_\alpha$ )

$$\text{let } x=\bar{1} \text{ in } x+z \equiv_\alpha \text{let } \cancel{x}=\bar{1} \text{ in } \cancel{x}+z$$

$$\text{let } x=y \text{ in } x+z \not\equiv_\alpha \text{let } x=z \text{ in } x+z$$

Ex. from before:

$$\text{let } x=\bar{1} \text{ in } (\text{let } x=z \text{ in } x+\bar{1}) + \bar{1}x$$

$$\equiv_\alpha \text{let } x=\bar{1} \text{ in } (\text{let } y=z \text{ in } y+\bar{1}) + x$$

Now it's clear this  $x$  isn't updated

## Substitution

$[e/x] e_2$  "substitute  $e_1$  for all free instances of  $x$  in  $e_2$ "

$$[e/x] x = e$$

$$[e/x] y = y \quad y \neq x$$

$$[e/x] \bar{n} = \bar{n}$$

$$[e/x] "s" = "s"$$

$$[e/x] (e_1 + e_2) = [e/x] e_1 + [e/x] e_2$$

"        "        "

$$[e/x] (\text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2) = \text{let } x = [e/x] e_1 \text{ in } e_2$$

$$[e/x] (\text{let } y = e_1 \text{ in } e_2) = \text{let } y = [e/x] e_1 \text{ in } [e/x] e_2 \quad y \neq x \text{ and } y \notin FV(e)$$

↑  
why?

$$[e/x] (\text{let } x = \bar{1} \text{ in } x + \bar{2}) \neq \text{let } x = \bar{1} \text{ in } e + \bar{2}$$
$$\equiv_\alpha [e/x] (\text{let } y = \bar{1} \text{ in } y + \bar{2})$$

$$[x + \bar{2} / y] (\text{let } x = \bar{1} \text{ in } y + \bar{2}) \neq \text{let } x = \bar{1} \text{ in } x + \bar{2} + \bar{2}$$

↑  
this  $x$  is supposed to be free

↑  
now is bound ("captured")

What if  $y \notin FV(e)$ ?  $\alpha$ -convert

$$[x + \bar{2} / y] (\text{let } x = \bar{1} \text{ in } y + \bar{2})$$

$$\equiv_\alpha [x + \bar{2} / y] (\text{let } z = \bar{1} \text{ in } y + \bar{2})$$

$$= \text{let } z = \bar{1} \text{ in } x + \bar{2} + \bar{2} \quad \checkmark$$

## Dynamics

2 versions:

"call-by-value" (strict)

$$\frac{e_1 \mapsto e_1'}{\text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 \mapsto \text{let } x = e_1' \text{ in } e_2} \text{ (stepSearch Let)} \quad \frac{v \text{ val}}{\text{let } x = v \text{ in } e_2 \mapsto (v/x)e_2} \text{ (stepLet)}$$

"Call-by-name"

$$\frac{}{\text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 \mapsto (e_1/x)e_2} \text{ (step Let CBN)}$$

## Statics

$\Gamma \vdash e : \tau$  "under context  $\Gamma$ ,  $e$  has type  $\tau$ "

↑ context: maps vars to types

Write a context like this:  $x_1 : \tau_1, x_2 : \tau_2, \dots, x_n : \tau_n$

$\Gamma, x : \tau$  - extend  $\Gamma$  with  $x : \tau$  (implies  $x \notin \text{dom}(\Gamma)$ )

Order doesn't matter, so if  $x : \tau \in \Gamma$ , we can write  $\Gamma$  as  $\Gamma', x : \tau$  (for now)

Empty context:  $\emptyset$  or  $\bullet$

$$\frac{\Gamma(x) = \tau}{\Gamma \vdash x : \tau} \text{ (Type Var)} \quad \left( \text{sometimes written: } \frac{}{\Gamma, x : \tau \vdash x : \tau} \right) \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau, \Gamma, x : \tau \vdash e_2 : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 : \tau_2} \text{ (Type Let)}$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \bar{n} : \text{int}} \text{ (Type Num)} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash "s" : \text{string}} \text{ (Type String)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{int} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{int}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 + e_2 : \text{int}} \text{ (Type Add)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{string} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{string}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \cdot e_2 : \text{string}} \text{ (Type Cat)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \text{string}}{\Gamma \vdash |e| : \text{int}} \text{ (Type Len)}$$

## Structural Properties

Weakening: If  $\Gamma \vdash e : \tau$  and  $x \notin \text{dom}(\Gamma)$ , then  $\Gamma, x : \tau' \vdash e : \tau$ .

Proof: By induction on the derivation of  $\Gamma \vdash e : \tau$ .

Type Var. Then  $e = y$  and  $\Gamma(y) = \tau$ . ~~Pf~~  $(\Gamma, x : \tau')(y) = \tau$ , since  $y \neq x$ .  
Apply TypeVar.

Type Num. Then  $e = \bar{n}$ . Apply TypeNum.

Type String. Similar

Type Add. Then  $e = e_1 + e_2$  and  $\tau = \text{int}$ , and  $\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{int}$  and  $\Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{int}$ .  
By induction,  $\Gamma, x : \tau' \vdash e_1 : \text{int}$  and  $\Gamma, x : \tau' \vdash e_2 : \text{int}$ . Apply TypeAdd.  
Type Cat, Type Len. Similar.

Substitution: If  $\Gamma, x : \tau' \vdash e : \tau$  and  $\Gamma \vdash e' : \tau'$  then  $\Gamma \vdash [e'/x]e : \tau$ .  
Pf. By induction on the derivation of  $\Gamma, x : \tau' \vdash e : \tau$ .

Type Add. Then  $e = e_1 + e_2$  and  $[e'/x]e = [e'/x]e_1 + [e'/x]e_2$ .

By IH,  $\Gamma \vdash [e'/x]e_1 : \text{int}$  and  $\Gamma \vdash [e'/x]e_2 : \text{int}$ . Apply TypeAdd.

Type Var.  $\frac{\Gamma(y) = \tau}{\Gamma \vdash y : \tau}$   $e = y$  and  $\Gamma = \Gamma', x : \tau'$ .

Case 1:  $x = y$ . Then  $[e'/x]e = e'$  and  $\tau = \tau'$ . By assumption,  $\Gamma \vdash e' : \tau'$ .

Case 2:  $x \neq y$ . Then  $[e'/x]y = y$ . ~~By TypeVar,  $\Gamma$~~  Since  $x \neq y$ ,  $\Gamma'(y) = \tau$ .  
Apply TypeVar.

Type Let.  $\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \quad \Gamma, y : \tau_1 \vdash e_2 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{let } y = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 : \tau}$  Then  $e = \text{let } y = e_1 \text{ in } e_2$   
and  $\Gamma, x : \tau' \vdash e_1 : \tau_1$  and  $\Gamma, x : \tau', y : \tau_1 \vdash e_2 : \tau$ .

Case 1:  $x = y$ . Then  $[e'/x]e = \text{let } x = [e'/x]e_1 \text{ in } e_2$ .  
By induction,  $\Gamma \vdash [e'/x]e_1 : \tau_1$ .

By  $\alpha$ -conversion, assume  $x \neq y$  and  $y \notin FV(e')$ .

Then  $[e'/x]e = \text{let } y = [e'/x]e_1 \text{ in } [e'/x]e_2$ .

We have  $\Gamma, x:\tau' \vdash e_1:\tau_1$  and  $\Gamma, x:\tau', y:\tau_1 \vdash e_2:\tau_2$ .

By IH,  $\Gamma \vdash [e'/x]e_1:\tau_1$ . By weakening,  $\Gamma, y:\tau_1 \vdash e_1:\tau_1$ .

By IH,  $\Gamma, y:\tau_1 \vdash [e'/x]e_2:\tau_2$  (also had to swap the order of  $x$  and  $y$ )

By TypeLet,  $\Gamma \vdash [e'/x]e:\tau_2$ .

Preservation: If  $\bullet \vdash e:\tau$  and  $e \mapsto e'$  then  $\bullet \vdash e':\tau$ . (Note: only evaluate "closed" programs, i.e. no free vars.)  
Most cases unchanged.

Case ~~StepLet~~ Let. Then  $e = \text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2$   
(or StepLet CBN)  $e' = [e_1/x]e_2$ .

By inversion,  $\bullet \vdash e_1:\tau_1$  and  $\bullet, x:\tau_1 \vdash e_2:\tau_2$ .

By substitution,  $\bullet \vdash [e_1/x]e_2:\tau_2$ .

Progress: If  $\bullet \vdash e:\tau$  then  $e \text{ val}$  or  $e \mapsto e'$

Case TypeVar. Then  $e = x$  and  $\bullet(x) = \tau$ . But this is a contradiction!

Case TypeLet. Then  $e = \text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2$  and  $\bullet \vdash e_1:\tau_1$  and  $x:\tau_1 \vdash e_2:\tau_2$ .

By IH,  $e_1 \text{ val}$  or  $e_1 \mapsto e_1'$ .

•  $e_1 \text{ val}$ . Apply StepLet.

•  $e_1 \mapsto e_1'$ . Apply StepSearch Let

(if using CBN, just apply StepLet CBN no matter what!)