

编程语言的设计原理 Design Principles of Programming Languages

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Chapter 8: Typed Arithmetic Expressions

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Review: Arithmetic Expression - Syntax



```
t ::=
                                               terms
                                                constant true
        true
                                                constant false
        false
                                                conditional
        if t then t else t
                                                constant zero
        succ t
                                                successor
                                                predecessor
        pred t
        iszero t
                                                zero test
                                               values
v ::=
                                                 true value
        true
                                                false value
        false
                                                numeric value
        nv
                                               numeric values
nv ::=
                                                zero value
                                                successor value
        succ nv
```

Review: Arithmetic Expression - Evaluation Rules



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Evaluation Results



Values

```
v ::=
true
false
nv

nv ::=
0
succ nv
```

values true value false value numeric value

numeric values zero value successor value

- Get stuck
 - e.g, pred false

Types of Terms



 Can we tell, without actually evaluating a term, that the term evaluation will not get stuck?

- if we can distinguish two types of terms:
 - Nat: terms whose results will be a numeric value
 - Bool: terms whose results will be a Boolean value
- "a term t has type T" means that
 - t "obviously" (statically) evaluates to a value of T
 - if true then false else true has type Bool
 - pred (succ (pred (succ 0))) has type Nat



The Typing Relation t: T

Types



 Values have two possible "shapes": they are either booleans or numbers.

```
T ::=

Bool
Nat
```

types type of booleans type of numbers

Typing Rules



```
(T-True)
         true : Bool
                                    (T-False)
        false: Bool
t_1 : Bool t_2 : T t_3 : T
                                         (T-IF)
 if t_1 then t_2 else t_3: T
                                     (T-Zero)
           0 : Nat
           t_1: Nat
                                     (T-Succ)
        succ t_1 : Nat
           t_1: Nat
                                     (T-Pred)
        pred t<sub>1</sub>: Nat
           t_1: Nat
                                   (T-IsZero)
      iszero t<sub>1</sub>: Bool
```

Typing Relation: Formal Definition



Definition:

the *typing relation* for arithmetic expressions is the *smallest binary relation* between *terms* and *types* satisfying **all instances** of the typing rules.

A term t is typable (or well typed) if there is some T such that t: T.

Typing Derivation



 Every pair (t, T) in the typing relation can be justified by a derivation tree built from instances of the inference rules.

- Proofs of properties about the typing relation often proceed by induction on typing derivations.
- Statements are formal assertions about the typing of programs.
- Typing rules are implications between statements.
- Derivations are deductions based on typing rules.

Imprecision of Typing



• Like other static program analyses, type systems are generally *imprecise*: they do not predict exactly what kind of value will be returned by every program, but just a conservative (safe) approximation.

$$\frac{t_1 : Bool}{if t_1 then t_2 else t_3 : T}$$
 (T-IF)

Using this rule, we cannot assign a type to

```
if true then 0 else false
```

even though this term will certainly evaluate to a number



Properties of The Typing Relation

Inversion Lemma (Generation Lemma)



- Given a valid typing statement, it shows
 - how a proof of this statement could have been generated;
 - a recursive algorithm for calculating the types of terms.

```
1. If true : R, then R = Bool.
```

- 2. If false: R, then R = Bool.
- 3. If if t_1 then t_2 else t_3 : R, then t_1 : Bool, t_2 : R, and t_3 : R.
- 4. If 0 : R, then R = Nat.
- 5. If succ t_1 : R, then R = Nat and t_1 : Nat.
- 6. If pred t_1 : R, then R = Nat and t_1 : Nat.
- 7. If iszero $t_1 : R$, then R = Bool and $t_1 : Nat$.

Typechecking Algorithm



```
typeof(t) = if t = true then Bool
            else if t = false then Bool
            else if t = if t1 then t2 else t3 then
              let T1 = typeof(t1) in
              let T2 = typeof(t2) in
              let T3 = typeof(t3) in
              if T1 = Bool and T2=T3 then T2
              else "not typable"
            else if t = 0 then Nat
            else if t = succ t1 then
              let T1 = typeof(t1) in
              if T1 = Nat then Nat else "not typable"
            else if t = pred t1 then
              let T1 = typeof(t1) in
              if T1 = Nat then Nat else "not typable"
            else if t = iszero t1 then
              let T1 = typeof(t1) in
              if T1 = Nat then Bool else "not typable"
```

Canonical Forms



Lemma:

- 1. If v is a value of type Bool, then v is either true or false.
- 2. If v is a value of type Nat, then v is a numeric value.

Uniqueness of Types



Theorem [Uniqueness of Types]:

Each term *t* has at most one type. i.e., if *t* is typable, then its type is *unique*.

 Note: later on, we may have a type system where a term may have many types.



Safety

Progress + Preservation

Safety (Soundness)



By safety, it means well-typed terms do not "go wrong".

By "go wrong", it means reaching a "stuck state" that is not a final value but where the evaluation rules do not tell what to do next.

Safety = Progress + Preservation



Well-typed terms do not get stuck

Progress: A well-typed term is not stuck (either it is a value or it can take a step according to the evaluation rules).

 Preservation: If a well-typed term takes a step of evaluation, then the resulting term is also well typed.

Progress



• **Theorem** [Progress]: Suppose t is a well-typed term (that is, t : T for some T). Then either t is a value or else there is some t' with $t \rightarrow t'$.

```
Proof: By induction on a derivation of t: T.– case T-True: true: Bool OK?
```

Preservation



Theorem [Preservation]:

```
If t: T and t \rightarrow t', then t': T.
Proof: By induction on a derivation of t : T.
— case T-True: t = true T = Bool true: Bool
                                                    OK?
- case T-If: t = if t_1 then t_2 else t_3
               t1: Bool, t2: T, t3: T
                                           OK?
                if t1 then t2 else t3: T
```

The preservation theorem is often *called subject reduction property* (or *subject evaluation property*)

Recap: Type Systems



- Very successful example of a lightweight formal method
- big topic in PL research
- enabling technology for all sorts of other things, e.g., language-based security
- the skeleton around which modern programming languages are designed

Homework



- Read Chapter 8.
- Do Exercises 8.3.7