

Well-typed programs don't get stuck

Typing judgment $\Gamma \vdash E : \tau$

Context maps vars to types
e.g. $\emptyset \vdash x:\text{unit}, y:\text{unit} \rightarrow \text{unit}$

we write $\Gamma, x:\tau$ for Γ extended w/ $x:\tau$

UNIT $\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash () : \text{unit}}$
↑
any context

VAR $\frac{}{\Gamma, x:\tau \vdash x:\tau}$
↑
any ctx w/ $x:\tau$

ABS $\frac{\Gamma, x:\tau \vdash E : \tau'}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x:\tau. E : \tau \rightarrow \tau'}$

APP $\frac{\Gamma \vdash E_1 : \tau' \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash E_2 : \tau'}{\Gamma \vdash E_1 E_2 : \tau}$

VAR $\frac{}{\Gamma, x:\text{unit} \vdash x:\text{unit}}$ UNIT $\frac{}{\emptyset \vdash () : \text{unit}}$
ABS $\frac{}{\emptyset \vdash \lambda x:\text{unit}. x:\text{unit} \rightarrow \text{unit}}$
APP $\frac{}{\emptyset \vdash (\lambda x:\text{unit}. x) () : \text{unit}}$

Type Safety:

↓ 0 or more steps
If $\emptyset \vdash E : \tau$ and $E \rightarrow^* E'$ then either E' is a value
or there exists E'' such that $E' \rightarrow E''$

2 parts:

"preservation": If $\emptyset \vdash E : \tau$ and $E \rightarrow^* E'$ then $\emptyset \vdash E' : \tau$

"progress": If $\emptyset \vdash E : \tau$ then either E is a value or there exists E' such that $E \rightarrow E'$.

$\emptyset \vdash E : \tau \xrightarrow{\text{prog}} E \rightarrow E' \xrightarrow{\text{pres}} \emptyset \vdash E' : \tau \xrightarrow{\text{prog}} E' \rightarrow E'' \xrightarrow{\text{pres}} \emptyset \vdash E'' : \tau \Rightarrow \dots$

Also: If $\emptyset \vdash E : \tau$ and $E \rightarrow^* E'$, then $\emptyset \vdash E' : \tau$

Does type safety guarantee that all programs that don't get stuck are well-typed? No!

e.g. $(\lambda x:\text{unit}.x) (\lambda x:\text{unit}.x) \rightarrow \lambda x:\text{unit}.x$

How about our self-application from last time?

$\lambda f.f f$

Not well-typed (for the same reason it's not well-typed in OCaml)

Does that mean we can't define an infinite loop / Y combinator?

Unfortunately, yes.

Theorem: If $\Gamma \vdash E : \tau$ then there exists a value E' such that $E \rightarrow^* E'$
 (not true in all statically typed languages, of course!
 we would need to add features to allow recursion)

Pairs

$\tau ::= \dots \mid \overset{\text{OCaml: } *}{\tau \times \tau}$
 $E ::= \dots \mid (E_1, E_2) \mid \text{fst } E \mid \text{snd } E$

$$\frac{E_1 \rightarrow E_1'}{(E_1, E_2) \rightarrow (E_1', E_2)}$$

$$\frac{E_1 \text{ value} \quad E_2 \rightarrow E_2'}{(E_1, E_2) \rightarrow (E_1, E_2')}$$

$$\frac{E \rightarrow E'}{\text{fst } E \rightarrow \text{fst } E'}$$

$$\frac{E_1, E_2 \text{ values}}{\text{fst } (E_1, E_2) \rightarrow E_1}$$

$$\frac{}{\text{snd } (E_1, E_2) \rightarrow E_2}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash E_1 : \tau_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash E_2 : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash (E_1, E_2) : \tau_1 \times \tau_2}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash E : \tau_1 \times \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fst } E : \tau_1}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash E : \tau_1 \times \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \text{snd } E : \tau_2}$$