

Type Safety

Last time: type system to prevent programs like $(1+2) + \text{"Hello"}$
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)

$$e_1 : \tau \xrightarrow[\text{Prog}]{} e_2 \xrightarrow[\text{Prog}]{} e_3 \xrightarrow{\text{Pres}} \dots \rightarrow v$$

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

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

S-1) Then $e = \bar{n}_1 + \bar{n}_2$ and $e' = \overline{n_1 + n_2}$.

Need to show $e' : \tau$.

But how do we know what τ is?

Inversion: Use inference rules "upside down"
How do we know $e = \bar{n}_1 + \bar{n}_2 : \tau$? Must be the typing rules.

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

There's only one: T-3

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

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

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

Now for the proof:

S-1. Then $e = \bar{\pi}_1 + \bar{\pi}_2$ and $e' = \overline{\pi_1 + \pi_2}$.

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 $e = |"s"|$ and $e' = |s|$. By inversion on T-5, $\tau = \text{int}$.

By T-1, $|s|: \text{int}$.

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 $e = \bar{\pi}_1 + e_2$ and $e' = \bar{\pi}_1 + e_2'$ and $e_2 \mapsto e_2'$.

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

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

S-6. Then $e = e_1 \wedge e_2$ and $e' = e_1' \wedge e_2'$ 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 val and $e: \text{int}$, then $e = \bar{n}$ for some n .

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

Pf: 1. By "induction" on the derivation of e 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 val or there exists e' s.t. $e \mapsto e'$.

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

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

T-2. Then $e = "s"$. By V-2, e 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 val or $e_1 \mapsto e_1'$ for some e_1' .

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

By induction, e_2 val or $e_2 \mapsto e_2'$ for some e_2' .

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

By S-1, $e = \bar{n}_1 + \bar{n}_2 \mapsto \overline{n_1 + n_2}$ ✓

- $e_2 \mapsto e_2'$. By S-5, $e = \bar{n}_1 + e_2 \mapsto \bar{n}_1 + e_2'$ ✓

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

T-4. Similar to above.

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

By induction, e_0 val or there exists e_0' s.t. $e_0 \mapsto e_0'$.

- e_0 val. By CF, $e_0 = "s"$ for some s .

By S-3, $|"s"| \mapsto |\overline{1s1}|$.

- $e_0 \mapsto e_0'$. By S-8, $|e_0| \mapsto |e_0'|$

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