

Typed Arithmetic Expressions

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Reference Book

Types and Programming Languages by Benjamin C. Pierce

Recap: Untyped Arithmetic Expression Language

$t :=$	- terms
true	- constant true
false	- constant false
if t then t else t	- conditional
0	- constant zero
succ t	- successor
pred t	- predecessor
iszero t	- zero test

Recap: The Set of Values

$v :=$	- values
true	- value true
false	- value false
0	- value zero
succ v	- successor value

Let's add Types to the Language

$T :=$

- *Types*
- *Booleans*
- *Natural Numbers*

Bool
Nat

The Typing Relation

- ▶ A set of rules assigning types to terms
- ▶ $\vdash t : T$ denotes “term t has type T ”

$0 : \text{Nat}$

$$\frac{t_1 : \text{Nat}}{\text{succ } t_1 : \text{Nat}}$$

$$\frac{t_1 : \text{Nat}}{\text{pred } t_1 : \text{Nat}}$$

$$\frac{t_1 : \text{Nat}}{\text{iszero } t_1 : \text{Bool}}$$

The Typing Relation (contd. . .)

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true : Bool

false : Bool

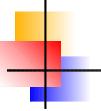
$$\frac{t_1 : \text{Bool} \quad t_2 : T \quad t_3 : T}{\text{if } t_1 \text{ then } t_2 \text{ else } t_3 : T}$$

The Typing Relation: Definition

- ▶ The *typing relation* for arithmetic expressions is the smallest binary relation between terms and types satisfying all instances of the rules defined earlier.
- ▶ A term t is *typable* (or *well typed*) if there is some T such that $t : T$.

- ▶ If $\vdash 0 : R$, then $R = \text{Nat}$.
- ▶ If $\vdash \text{succ } t_1 : R$, then $R = \text{Nat}$ and $\vdash t_1 : \text{Nat}$.
- ▶ If $\vdash \text{pred } t_1 : R$, then $R = \text{Nat}$ and $\vdash t_1 : \text{Nat}$.
- ▶ If $\vdash \text{iszero } t_1 : R$, then $R = \text{Bool}$ and $\vdash t_1 : \text{Nat}$.
- ▶ If $\vdash \text{true} : R$, then $R = \text{Bool}$.
- ▶ If $\vdash \text{false} : R$, then $R = \text{Bool}$.
- ▶ If $\Gamma \vdash \text{if } t_1 \text{ then } t_2 \text{ else } t_3 : R$, then
 - ▶ $\Gamma \vdash t_1 : \text{Bool}$
 - ▶ $\Gamma \vdash t_2 : R$
 - ▶ $\Gamma \vdash t_3 : R$

- ▶ Every term t has at most one type.
- ▶ If t is typeable, then its type is unique.
- ▶ Moreover, there is just one derivation of this typing built from the inference rules.



Safety = Preservation + Progress

- ▶ The type system is *safe* (also called *sound*)
- ▶ Well-typed programs do not “go wrong.”
 - ▶ Do not reach a “stuck state.”
- ▶ **Progress:** A well-typed term is not stuck.
 - ▶ If $\vdash t : T$, then t is either a value or there exists some t' such that $t \rightarrow t'$.
- ▶ **Preservation:** If a well-typed term takes a step of evaluation, then the resulting term is also well-typed.
 - ▶ If $\vdash t : T$ and $t \rightarrow t'$, then $\vdash t' : T$.