

CS 4110

# Programming Languages & Logics

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Lecture 21  
Normalization

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# Announcements

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- PS 5 due tonight
- PS 6 out today

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We'll spend this lecture proving this fact.

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## Dynamic Semantics

$$E ::= [\cdot] \mid E e \mid v E$$

$$\frac{e \rightarrow e'}{E[e] \rightarrow E[e']}$$

$$\frac{}{(\lambda x:\tau. e) v \rightarrow e\{v/x\}}$$

# Simply-Typed Lambda Calculus

## Static Semantics

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash () : \mathbf{unit}} \text{T-Unit}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(x) = \tau}{\Gamma \vdash x : \tau} \text{T-Var}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \tau \vdash e : \tau'}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x : \tau. e : \tau \rightarrow \tau'} \text{T-Abs}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau \rightarrow \tau' \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 e_2 : \tau'} \text{T-App}$$

# Supporting Lemmas

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- If  $\Gamma \vdash x : \tau$  then  $\Gamma(x) = \tau$
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## Lemma (Canonical Forms)

- If  $\Gamma \vdash v:\mathbf{unit}$  then  $v = ()$
- If  $\Gamma \vdash v:\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$  then  $v = \lambda x:\tau_1.e$  and  $\Gamma, x:\tau_1 \vdash e:\tau_2$ .

# First Attempt

## Theorem (Normalization)

*If  $\vdash e : \tau$  then there exists a value  $v$  such that  $e \rightarrow^* v$ .*

(Proof attempt on board)

# Logical Relations

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In our setting, the property will concern normalization...

# Logical Relation

## Definition (Logical Relation)

- $R_{\mathbf{unit}}(e)$  iff  $\vdash e : \mathbf{unit}$  and  $e$  halts.
- $R_{\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2}(e)$  iff  $\vdash e : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$  and  $e$  halts, and for every  $e'$  such that  $R_{\tau_1}(e')$  we have  $R_{\tau_2}(e e')$ .

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# Main Lemma

## Lemma

*If*

- $x_1 : \tau_1 \dots x_k : \tau_k \vdash e : \tau$ ,
- $v_1$  to  $v_k$  are values such that  $\vdash v_1 : \tau_1$  to  $\vdash v_k : \tau_k$ , and
- $R_{\tau_1}(v_1)$  to  $R_{\tau_k}(v_k)$ ,

*then*  $R_{\tau}(e\{v_1/x_1\} \dots \{v_k/x_k\})$ .

(Proof on board)