
Principles of Programming Languages

Lecture 03

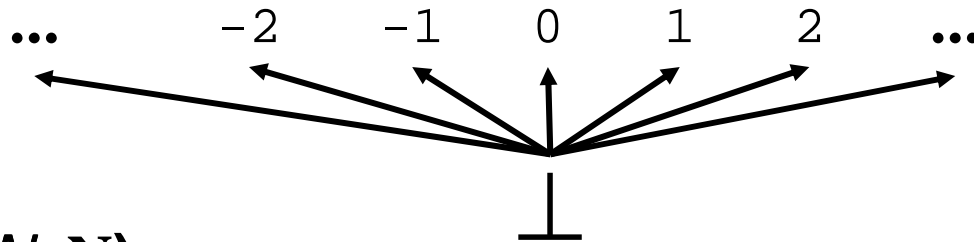
Theoretical Foundations

Domains

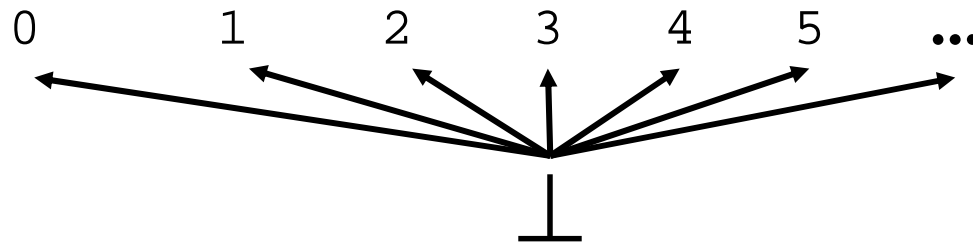
- Semantic model of a data type: *semantic domain*
 - Examples: Integer, Natural, Truth-Value
- Domains D are more than a set of values
 - Have an “information ordering” \sqsubseteq on elements—a partial order—where $x \sqsubseteq y$ means (informally): “ y is at least as well-defined as x ”
 - There is a “least defined” element \perp such that $(\forall x) \perp \sqsubseteq x$ which represents an undefined value of the data type
 - ♦ Or the value of a computation that fails to terminate
 - ♦ “bottom”
 - Domains are *complete*: every monotone (non-decreasing) sequence $x_1 \sqsubseteq x_2 \sqsubseteq \dots \sqsubseteq x_n \sqsubseteq \dots$ in D has in D a *least upper bound*, i.e., an element denoted $l = \bigcup x_i$ such that $(\forall x_i) x_i \sqsubseteq l$ and l is least element with this property
 - ♦ D sometimes called a “complete partial order” or CPO

Primitive Domains

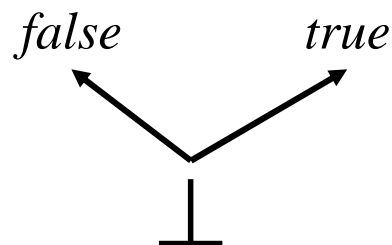
- Integer (\mathbb{Z} , \mathbf{Z})



- Natural (\mathbb{N} , \mathbf{N})

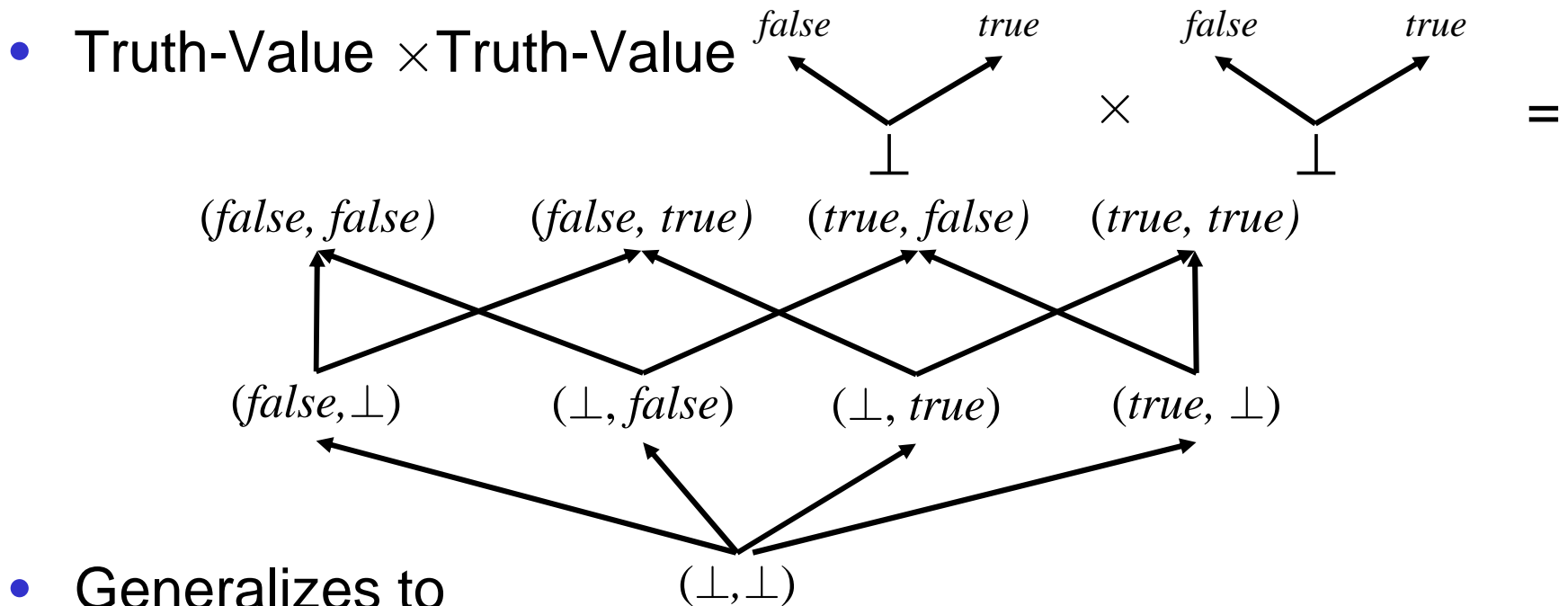


- Truth-Value (Boolean, B , \mathbf{B})



Cartesian Product Domains

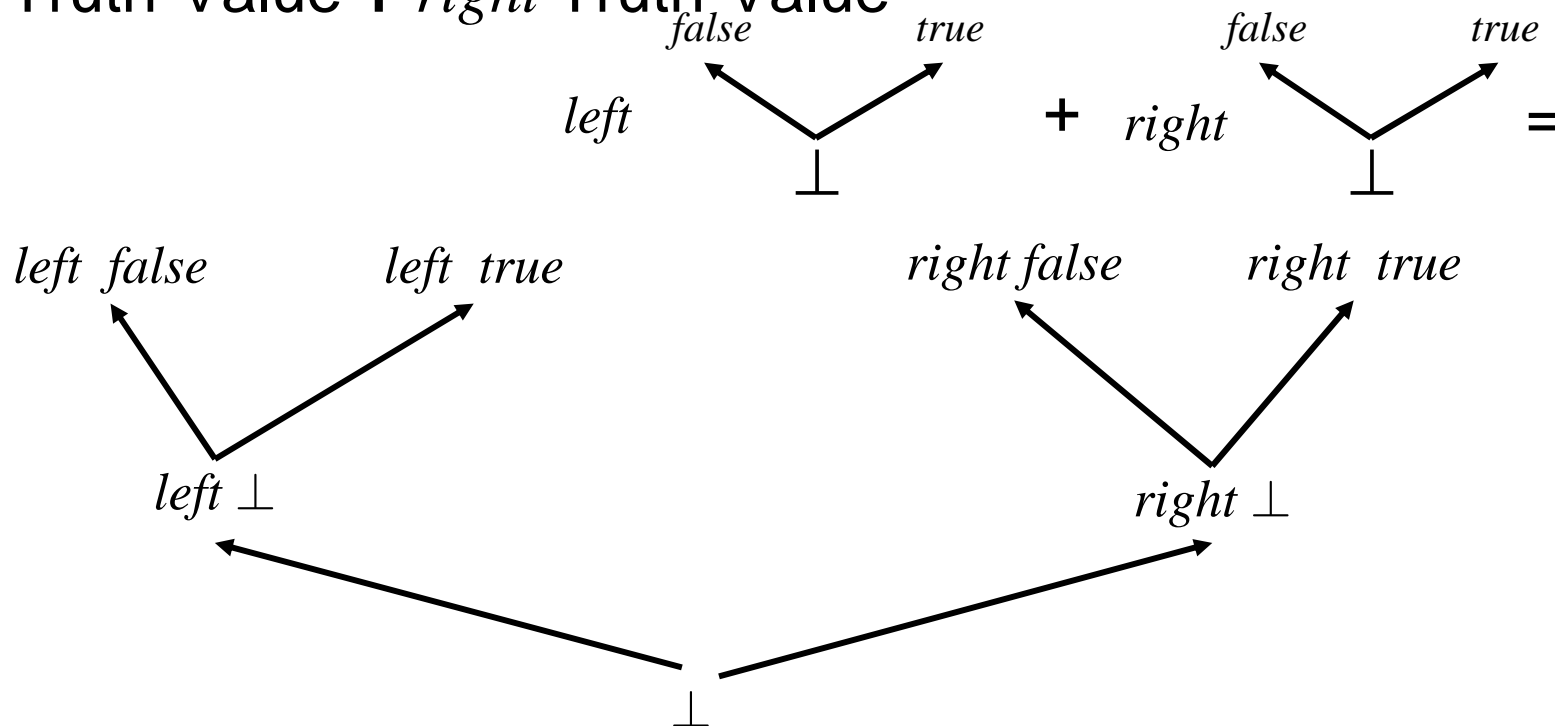
- $D_1 \times D_2 = \{(x, y) \mid x \in D_1, y \in D_2\}$
 - $(x_1, y_1) \sqsubseteq (x_2, y_2) \iff x_1 \sqsubseteq x_2 \wedge y_1 \sqsubseteq y_2$
 - bottom (\perp, \perp)



- Generalizes to
 - $D_1 \times D_2 \times D_3 \times \dots \times D_n$

Disjoint Union (Tagged Union) Domains

- $left\ D_1 + right\ D_2 = \{(left, x) \mid x \in D_1\} \cup \{(right, y) \mid y \in D_2\}$
 - $left\ x_1 \sqsubseteq left\ x_2 \Leftrightarrow x_1 \sqsubseteq x_2$ $right\ y_1 \sqsubseteq right\ y_2 \Leftrightarrow y_1 \sqsubseteq y_2$
 - bottom \perp
- $left\ \text{Truth-Value} + right\ \text{Truth-Value}$



Disjoint Union Domains (cont.)

- Convention: tags are also names for *mappings* (*injections*)—tagging operators

$$D = \mathit{left} D_1 + \mathit{right} D_2$$

- $\mathit{left} : D_1 \rightarrow D$

$$\mathit{left}(x_1) = (\mathit{left}, x_1) \quad [= \mathit{left} x_1]$$

$$\mathit{right} : D_2 \rightarrow D$$

$$\mathit{right}(y_2) = (\mathit{right}, y_2) \quad [= \mathit{right} y_2]$$

Disjoint Union Domains (cont.)

- **Example:** union domains needed when data domains consist of different type elements (union types): imagine a very simple programming language in which the only things that can be named (denoted) are non-negative integer constants, or variables having such as values.

Denotable = *nat* Natural + *var* Location

- Dereferencing operation:
 - ◆ Constant values dereference directly to their values
 - ◆ Variables (locations) dereference to their *contents* in memory

dereference : Store \times Denotable \rightarrow Natural

dereference(*sto*, *nat val*) = *val* (no dependence on memory)

dereference(*sto*, *var loc*) = *fetch*(*sto*, *loc*)

Sequence Domains

- Consist of homogenous tuples of lengths 0, 1, ... over a common domain D

- $D^0 \triangleq \{()\} \triangleq \text{Unit}$ $D^1 \triangleq D$ $D^{n+1} \triangleq D \times D^n$

- $D^* \triangleq D^0 + D^1 + D^2 + \dots$

- Examples: Array - Value = Value^{*}

- String = Character^{*}

- Concatenation operator

- $\bullet : D^* \times D^* \rightarrow D^*$

- $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m) \bullet (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_m, e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$

- Empty tuple nil $nil = ()$

- $nil \bullet x = x \bullet nil = x$ $x \in D^*$

Functions

- A function f from *source domain* X to *target domain* Y is
 - A subset of $X \times Y$: $f \subseteq X \times Y$ (a relation)
 - Single-valued: $(\forall x, y, z) (x, y) \in f \wedge (x, z) \in f \Rightarrow y = z$
 - Source domain X
 - Target domain Y
 - **Signature** $f : X \rightarrow Y$
- Domain of f : $\text{dom } f = \{x \in X \mid \exists y \in Y (x, y) \in f\}$
 - If $X = \text{dom } f$ then f is *total*; otherwise *partial*
- To define (specify) a function, need to give
 - Source X
 - Target Y
 - Mapping rule $x \rightarrow f(x)$

Functions (cont.)

- Example: $sq : Z \rightarrow Z$
 $sq(n) \triangleq n^2$

- Let $R = \text{Real}$. Not the same function as:

$$sq1 : R \rightarrow R$$

$$sq1(x) \triangleq x^2$$

- Let $N = \text{Natural}$. Not the same as:

$$\widetilde{sq} : N \rightarrow N$$

$$\widetilde{sq}(i) \triangleq i^2$$

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- fun sq(n:int):int = n*n;
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val sq = fn : int -> int
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- sq(3);
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val it = 9 : int
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- sq(1.5);
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stdIn:11.1-11.8 Error: operator and  
operand don't agree [tycon mismatch]  
operator domain: int operand: real
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in expression: sq 1.5
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- fun sq1(x:real):real = x*x;
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val sq1 = fn : real -> real
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- sq1(1.5);
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val it = 2.25 : real
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- sq1(3);
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stdIn:16.1-16.7 Error: operator and  
operand don't agree [literal]
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operator domain: real operand:int
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in expression: sq1 3
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Defining Functions

- Two views of “mapping”

- *Extension*: view as a collection of facts

$$\text{square} : Z \rightarrow Z$$

$$\text{square} = \{(0,0), (1,1), (-1,1), (2,4), (-2,4), (3,9), \dots\} \subseteq N \times N$$

- *Comprehension*: view as a rule of mapping

$$\text{square} : Z \rightarrow Z$$

- ♦ *Combinator form*: $\text{square}(x) \triangleq x * x$

- ♦ *λ -abstraction form*: $\text{square} \triangleq \lambda y. y * y$

- Typed λ -calculus

$$\text{square} : Z \rightarrow Z \triangleq \lambda y : Z. y * y$$

- In ML

- ♦ $\lambda = \text{fn}$

- ♦ $. = \Rightarrow$

- ♦ $(\lambda x \cdot e) = (\text{fn } x \Rightarrow e)$

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- fun square(x) = x*x;  
val square = fn : int -> int  
- square(4);  
val it = 16 : int  
- val square = (fn y => y*y);  
val square = fn : int -> int  
- square(5);  
val it = 25 : int
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Defining Functions (cont.)

- Examples of λ -notation defining functions

$$\text{dist} : R \times R \rightarrow R \triangleq \lambda(u, v). \sqrt{(u - v)^2}$$

$$\text{double} : Z \rightarrow Z \triangleq \lambda n : Z. n + n$$

$$\text{successor} : Z \rightarrow Z \triangleq \lambda n : Z. n + 1$$

$$\text{twice} : (Z \rightarrow Z) \rightarrow (Z \rightarrow Z) \triangleq \lambda f : (Z \rightarrow Z). \lambda n : Z. f(f(n))$$

$$\text{compose} : (Z \rightarrow Z) \rightarrow ((Z \rightarrow Z) \rightarrow (Z \rightarrow Z)) \triangleq \lambda f. (\lambda g. (\lambda n. f(g(n))))$$

- \therefore

- ◆ $\text{dist}(0, _) : R \rightarrow R \triangleq \lambda v. \sqrt{v^2}$
- ◆ $\text{twice}(\text{double}) : Z \rightarrow Z \triangleq \lambda n : Z. 4 \cdot n$
- ◆ $\text{twice}(\text{successor}) : Z \rightarrow Z \triangleq \lambda n : Z. n + 2$
- ◆ $(\text{compose}(\text{successor}))(\text{double}) : Z \rightarrow Z \triangleq \lambda n : Z. 2 \cdot n + 1$

Defining Functions (cont.)

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- val double = (fn n => n+n);
val double = fn : int -> int
- val successor = (fn n => n+1);
val successor = fn : int -> int
- val twice = (fn f => (fn n => f(f(n)))));
val twice = fn : ('a -> 'a) -> 'a -> 'a
- val twice = (fn f : int -> int => (fn n : int => f(f(n)))));
val twice = fn : (int -> int) -> int -> int
- val td = twice(double);
val td = fn : int -> int
- td(3);
val it = 12 : int
- val ts = twice(successor);
val ts = fn : int -> int
- ts(3);
val it = 5 : int
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Defining Functions (cont.)

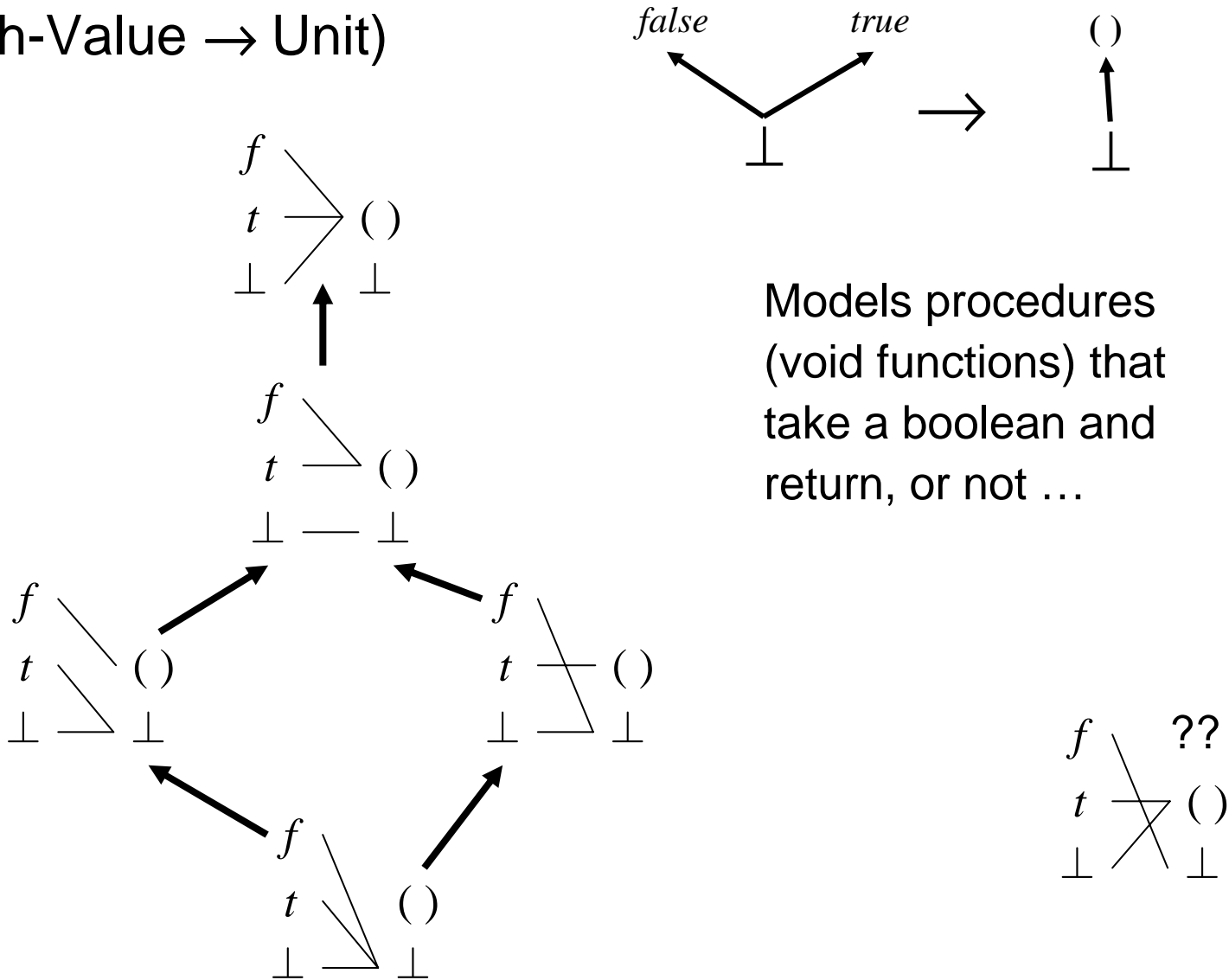
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- fun double(n) = n+n;
val double = fn : int -> int
- fun successor(n) = n+1;
val successor = fn : int -> int
- fun twice(f)(n) = f(f(n));
val twice = fn : ('a -> 'a) -> 'a -> 'a
- fun twice(f : int -> int )(n : int) = f(f(n));
val twice = fn : (int -> int) -> int -> int
- fun td = twice(double);
stdIn:39.5-39.7 Error: can't find function arguments in clause
- twice(double)(3);
val it = 12 : int
- twice(successor)(3);
val it = 5 : int
- fun compose(f)(g)(n) = f(g(n));
val compose = fn : ('a -> 'b) -> ('c -> 'a) -> 'c -> 'b
- val csd = compose(successor)(double);
val csd = fn : int -> int
- csd(3);
val it = 7 : int
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Function Domains

- Elements are functions $f : D_1 \rightarrow D_2$ from a domain to another
- Domain of functions denoted $D_1 \rightarrow D_2$ (or $[D_1 \rightarrow D_2]$)
- Not *all* functions—must be *monotone*: if $f \in D_1 \rightarrow D_2$
 $\forall x, y \in D_1 \ x \sqsubseteq_{D_1} y \Rightarrow f(x) \sqsubseteq_{D_2} f(y)$
 - Idea: more info about argument \Rightarrow more info about value
- Ordering on domain $D_1 \rightarrow D_2$
 $f \sqsubseteq_{D_1 \rightarrow D_2} g \iff (\forall x \in D_1 \ f(x) \sqsubseteq_{D_2} g(x))$
- Bottom element of domain $D_1 \rightarrow D_2$
 $\perp_{D_1 \rightarrow D_2} \triangleq \lambda x. \perp_{D_2}$
 - “totally undefined” function
- Technical requirement: functions must be *continuous*:
 \forall monotone chains $x_1 \sqsubseteq x_2 \sqsubseteq \dots \Rightarrow f(\bigcup x_i) = \bigcup f(x_i)$

Function Domains (cont.)

- (Truth-Value \rightarrow Unit)

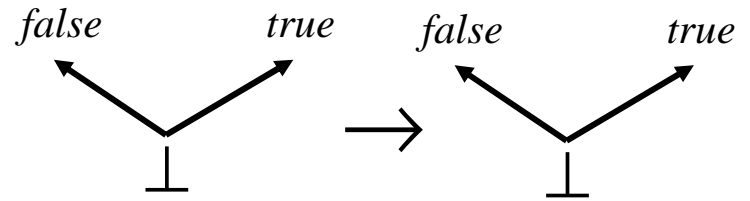


Function Domains (cont.)

- (Truth-Value \rightarrow Truth-Value)

Exercise!

Be careful about monotonicity!



λ -Calculus

- Let e be an expression containing zero or more occurrences of variables x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n
- Let $e[a / x]$ denote the result of replacing each occurrence of x by a
- The *lambda expression* $\lambda x_1 x_2 \dots x_n . e$
 - Denotes (names) a function
 - Value of the λ -expression is a function f such that

$$\forall a_1 a_2 \dots a_n \quad f(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) =$$

value of expression $e[a_1 / x_1, a_2 / x_2, \dots, a_n / x_n]$

- Provides a direct description of a function object, not indirectly via its behavior when applied to arguments

λ -Calculus Examples

- Example: sq = "that function that if applied to a results in $a \cdot a$ "
 $sq = \lambda x.(x \cdot x)$
- Example: $zval$ = "the functional that when applied to function f results in $f(0)$ "
 $zval = \lambda f.f(0)$
- Example: $compose$ = "the functional that when applied to functions f and g results in the function $\lambda x.f(g(x))$ "
 $compose = \lambda f.(\lambda g.(\lambda x.(f(g(x))))))$

λ -Calculus Examples (cont.)

- *Functionals*: functions that take other functions as arguments or that return functions; also *higher-type functions*
- Example: the definite integral $\int_0^1 f(u)du$ ($f : R \rightarrow R$)
$$\int_0^1 : (R \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R$$
$$\int_0^1 = \lambda f. \int_0^1 f(u)du$$
- Example: the indefinite integral $\int_0^x f(u)du$ ($f : R \rightarrow R$)
$$\int_0^x u^2 du = \frac{x^3}{3} \quad \int_0 : (R \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (R \rightarrow R)$$
$$\int_0 (\lambda z. z^2) = \lambda x. \frac{x^3}{3} \quad \int_0 = \lambda f. \left(\lambda x. \int_0^x f(u)du \right)$$

λ -Calculus Examples (cont.)

- Example: integration routine

$$\text{trapezoidal} : R \times R \times R \times (R \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R$$

$$\text{trapezoidal} = \lambda h a b f . h \cdot \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor (b-a)/h \rfloor} f(a + i \cdot h) - (f(a) + f(b)) / 2 \right)$$

- Example: summation “operator” $\sum_{i=0}^n f(i) \quad (f : N \rightarrow R)$

$$\sum_0^n : (N \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R$$

$$\sum_0^n (\lambda m . 1) = n + 1 \quad \sum_0^n (\lambda m . m) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_0 : (N \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (N \rightarrow R)$$

$$\sum_0 (\lambda m . 1) = \lambda n . (n + 1)$$

λ -Calculus Examples (cont.)

- Example: derivative operator

$$\times Dx^n = nx^{n-1} \quad D3^2 = 0 (!)$$

$$D : (R \rightarrow R) \rightarrow (R \rightarrow R)$$

$$D(\lambda x.x^n) = (\lambda x.nx^{n-1})$$

- Example: indexing “operator”

Postfix $[i] : \text{IntArray} \rightarrow \text{Integer}$

$$[i] = \lambda a.a[i]$$

- Example: “funcall” or “apply” operator

- Signature $apply : (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$
- Combinator definition $apply(f)(a) = f(a)$
- Lambda definition $apply = \lambda f.\lambda a.f(a)$

Currying (Curry 1945; Schönfinkel 1924)

- Transformation reducing a multi-argument function to a cascade of 1-argument functions
$$\text{curry} : (X \times Y \rightarrow Z) \rightarrow (X \rightarrow (Y \rightarrow Z))$$
$$f : X \times Y \rightarrow Z \quad \text{curry}(f) : (X \rightarrow (Y \rightarrow Z))$$
$$f = \lambda(x, y).f(x, y) \quad \text{curry}(f) = \lambda x.\lambda y.f(x, y)$$
$$\therefore \text{curry} = \lambda f.\lambda x.\lambda y.f(x, y)$$
- Examples $\text{curry}("-") = \lambda x.\lambda y.(x - y)$ ["-" = $\lambda(x, y)(x - y)$]
$$\text{curry}("-")(3) = \lambda y.(3 - y)$$
$$\text{curry}("*")(2) = \lambda z.(2 \cdot z) = \textit{double}$$
- Applying $\text{curry}(f)$ to first argument a yields a *partially evaluated* function f of its second argument: $f(a, -)$
$$\lambda y.f(a, y)$$

Currying (cont.)

- Example: machine language curries

$$+ = \lambda a. \lambda b. (a + b)$$

- Assume $contents(A)=a$ and $contents(B)=b$

$$r0 = \lambda a. \lambda b. (a + b) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{LDA } A \\ \text{ADD } B \end{array} \right\} r0 = \lambda b. (a + b)$$

λ -Calculus Syntax

- $\text{Lambda} = \text{expression}$ $\text{Id} = \text{identifier}$ $\text{Ab} = \text{abstraction}$
 $\text{Ap} = \text{application}$

$$\text{Lambda} \rightarrow \text{Id} \mid \text{Ab} \mid \text{Ap}$$
$$\text{Ab} \rightarrow (\lambda \text{ Id} . \text{Lambda})$$
$$\text{Ap} \rightarrow (\text{Lambda} \text{ Lambda})$$
$$\text{Id} \rightarrow x \mid y \mid z \mid \dots$$

- Examples $((xy)z)$

$$(fx)$$
$$(\lambda x. (\lambda y. (\lambda z. ((xy)z))))$$
$$(\lambda x. (\lambda y. x))$$
$$(\lambda x. (\lambda y. (\lambda z. (x(yz)))))$$
$$(\lambda x. (\lambda y. (\text{sqrt}((\text{plus}(\text{square } x))(\text{square } y)))))$$

λ -Calculus: simplified notation

- Conventions for dropping () \Rightarrow disambiguation needed
- Rules for dropping parentheses

- Application groups L to R

$$xyz \triangleq ((xy)z) \quad x(yz) \triangleq (x(yz))$$

- Application has higher precedence than abstraction

$$\lambda x.yz \triangleq (\lambda x.(yz)) \quad (\lambda x.y)z \triangleq ((\lambda x.y)z)$$

- Abstraction groups R to L

$$\lambda x.\lambda y.\lambda z.e \triangleq (\lambda x.(\lambda y.(\lambda z.e)))$$

- Consecutive abstractions collapse to single λ

$$\lambda xyz.e \triangleq \lambda x.\lambda y.\lambda z.e$$

- Example: $\mathbf{S} \triangleq (\lambda x.(\lambda y.(\lambda z.((xz)(yz)))))) \Rightarrow$

$$\mathbf{S} = \lambda xyz.(xz)(yz) = \lambda xyz.xz(yz)$$

$$\neq \lambda xyz.(xz)yz = (\lambda x.(\lambda y.(\lambda z.(((xz)y)z))))$$

Variables: Free, Bound, Scope

- Metavariables: $I: \text{Id}$ $L: \text{Lambda}$

- Type the semantic function

$$\text{occurs}: \text{Lambda} \rightarrow (\text{Id} \rightarrow B)$$

- one rule per syntactic case (syntax-driven)
 - $\llbracket \quad \rrbracket$ are traditional around *syntax* argument

$$\text{occurs} \llbracket I \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}} = (I = \mathbf{x})$$

$$\text{occurs} \llbracket \lambda I.L \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}} = \text{occurs} \llbracket L \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$\text{occurs} \llbracket L_1 L_2 \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}} = \text{occurs} \llbracket L_1 \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}} \vee \text{occurs} \llbracket L_2 \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}}$$

- *Note:* In expression $\lambda x.y$ the variable x does *not* occur!

Variables: Free, Bound, Scope (cont.)

- $occurs_bound : \text{Lambda} \rightarrow (\text{Id} \rightarrow B)$

$$occurs_bound \llbracket I \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}} = false$$

$$occurs_bound \llbracket \lambda I.L \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{x} = I) \wedge occurs_free \llbracket L \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$occurs_bound \llbracket L_1 L_2 \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}} = occurs_bound \llbracket L_1 \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}} \\ \vee occurs_bound \llbracket L_2 \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}}$$

- $occurs_free : \text{Lambda} \rightarrow (\text{Id} \rightarrow B)$

$$occurs_free \llbracket I \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}} = (I = \mathbf{x})$$

$$occurs_free \llbracket \lambda I.L \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{x} \neq I) \wedge occurs_free \llbracket L \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}}$$

$$occurs_free \llbracket L_1 L_2 \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}} = occurs_free \llbracket L_1 \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}} \\ \vee occurs_free \llbracket L_2 \rrbracket_{\mathbf{x}}$$

Variables: Free, Bound, Scope (cont.)

- The notions *free* x , *bound* x , *occur* x are *relative to a given expression or subexpression*
- Examples:
 - $(\lambda u.(\lambda x.ux)xu)$
 - $(\lambda x.y)$
 - $(\lambda x.(\lambda y.y))$

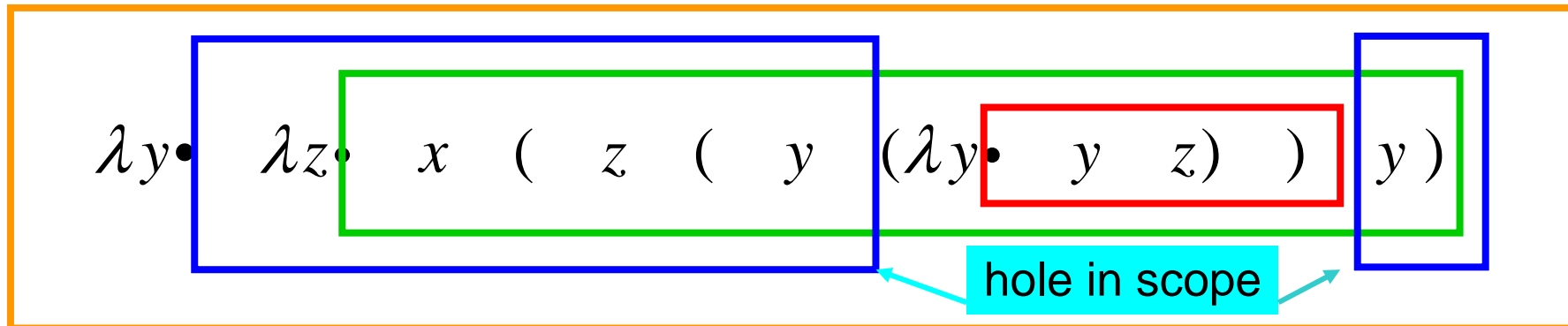
Variables: Scope

- The *scope* of a variable x bound by an λx prefix in an abstraction $(\lambda x . e)$ consists of all of e *excluding* any abstraction subexpressions with prefix λx
 - these subexpressions are known as “holes in the scope”
 - Any occurrence of x in scope is said to be *bound* by the λx prefix
- *Example*

Bindings:


$\lambda y . \lambda z . x (z (y (\lambda y . y z)) y)$

Scopes:



λ -calculus: formal computation reduction rules

- α -conversion: formal parameter names do not affect meaning $\lambda x.e \xleftrightarrow{\alpha} \lambda y.e[y/x]$


substitute y for *free* occurrences
of x in e (rename of clash occurs)

- Ex: $\lambda x.\lambda z.a(xz) \xleftrightarrow{\alpha} \lambda x.\lambda z'.a(xz')$

$$\xleftrightarrow{\alpha} \lambda z.\lambda z'.a(zz') \xleftrightarrow{\alpha} \lambda z.\lambda x.a(zx)$$

- β -reduction: models application of a function abstraction to its argument $(\lambda x.e)a \xrightarrow{\beta} e[a/x]$

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- Ex: $(\lambda x.\lambda y.x)a((\lambda x.xx)(\lambda x.xx)) \xrightarrow{\beta}$

$$(\lambda y.a)((\lambda x.xx)(\lambda x.xx)) \xrightarrow{\beta} a$$

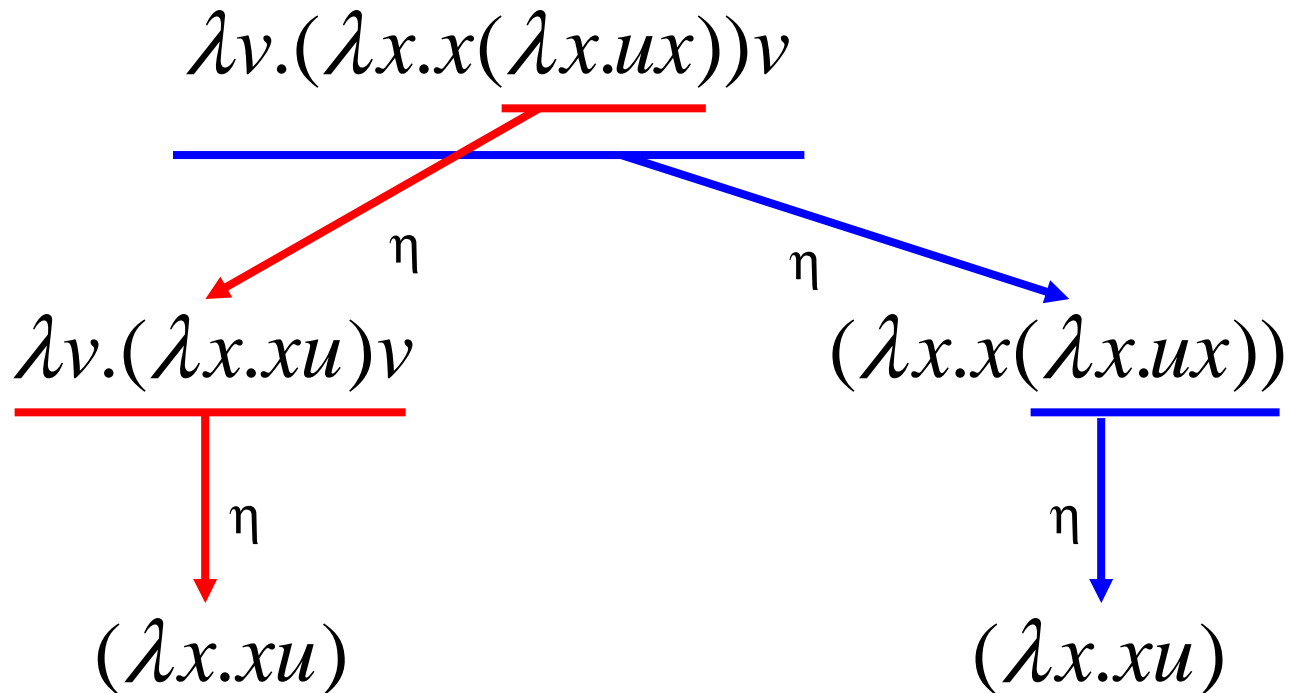
λ -calculus: formal computation (cont.)

- η -reduction: models “extensionality”

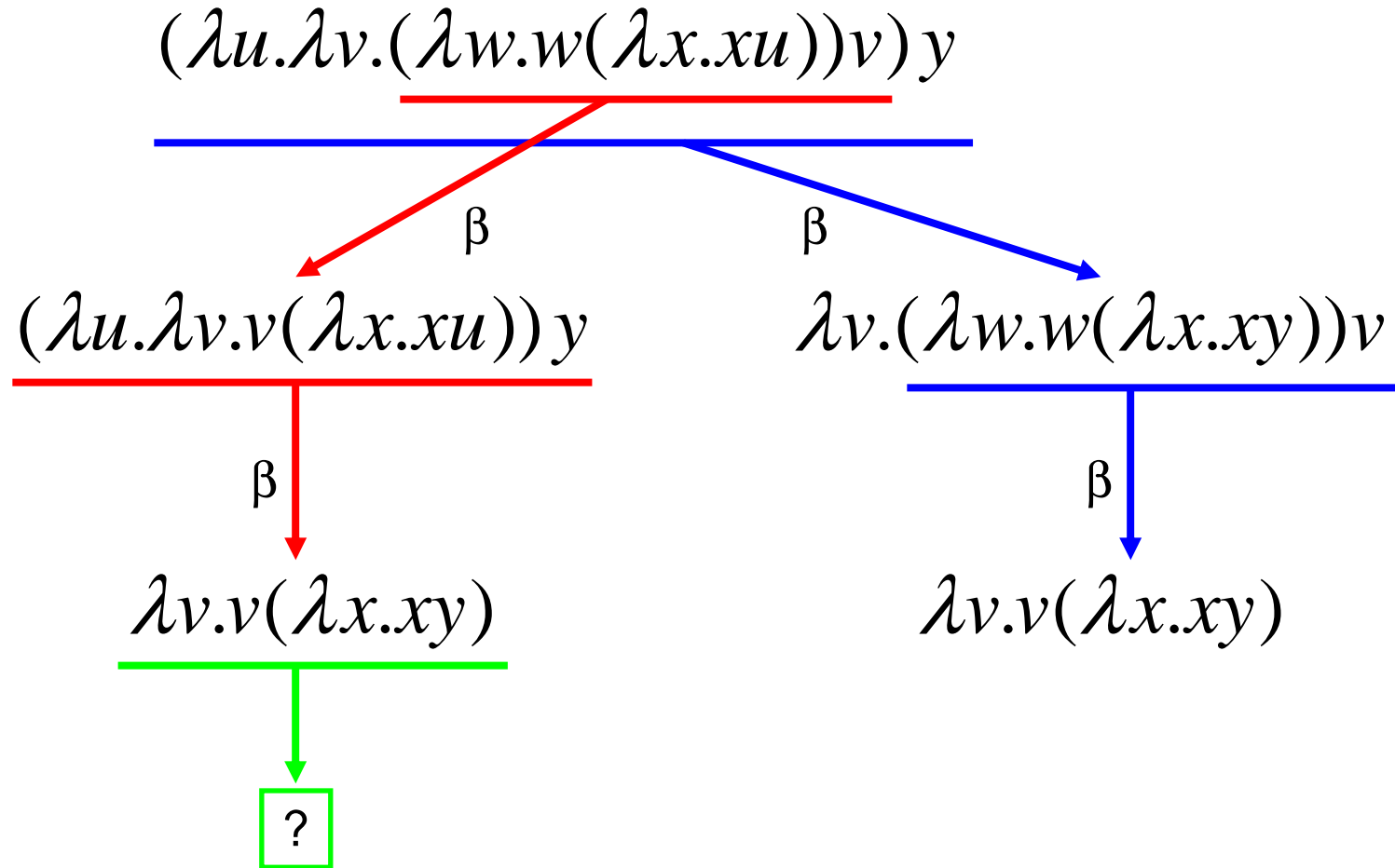
$$\lambda x.ex \xrightarrow{\eta} e$$

x not free in e (no other x occurrences in scope)

- Ex:

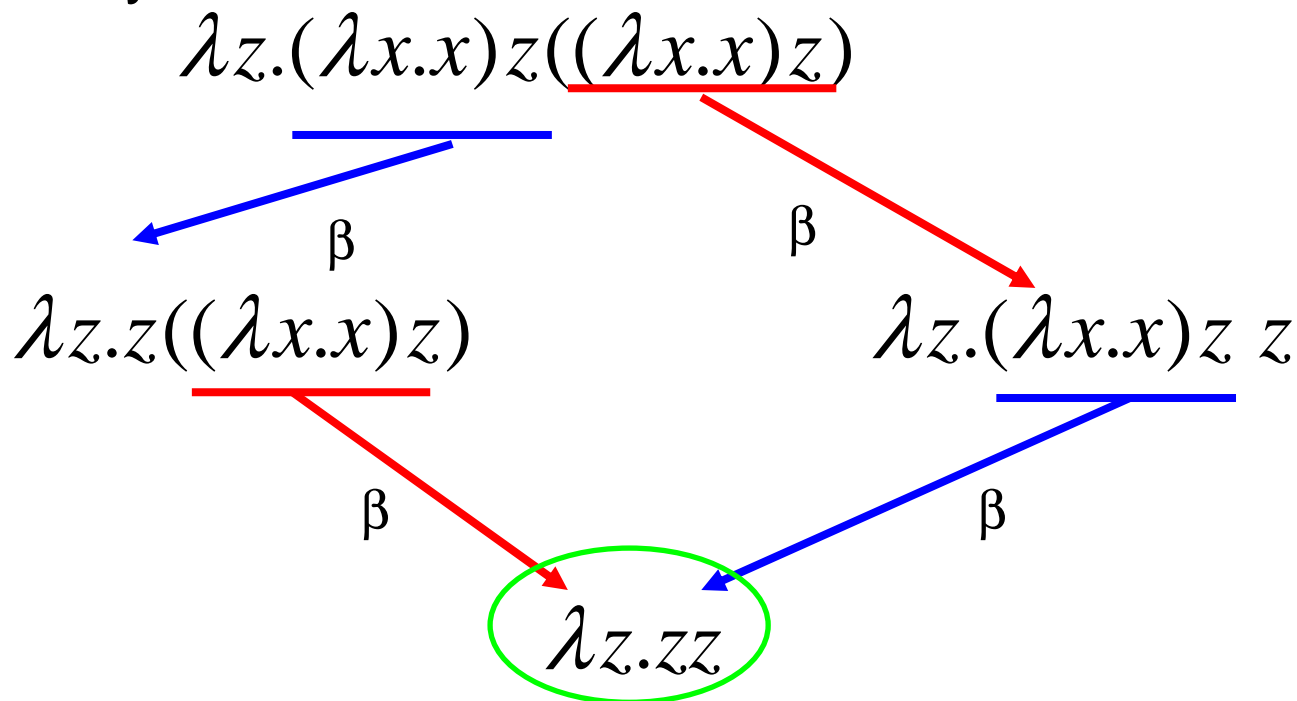


Reduction is locally non-deterministic



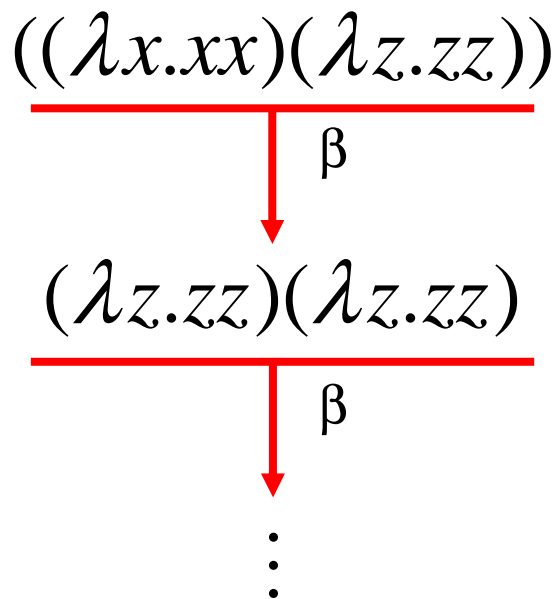
Normal Forms

- Identify α -equivalent expressions
- Reduction: $\longrightarrow \stackrel{\Delta}{=} (\longrightarrow_{\beta} \cup \longrightarrow_{\eta})$
- Reduction “as far as possible”: $\longrightarrow^* \stackrel{\Delta}{=} (\longrightarrow)^*$
- *Defn: Normal Form:* an expression that cannot be further reduced by \longrightarrow



Normal Forms Don't Always Exist

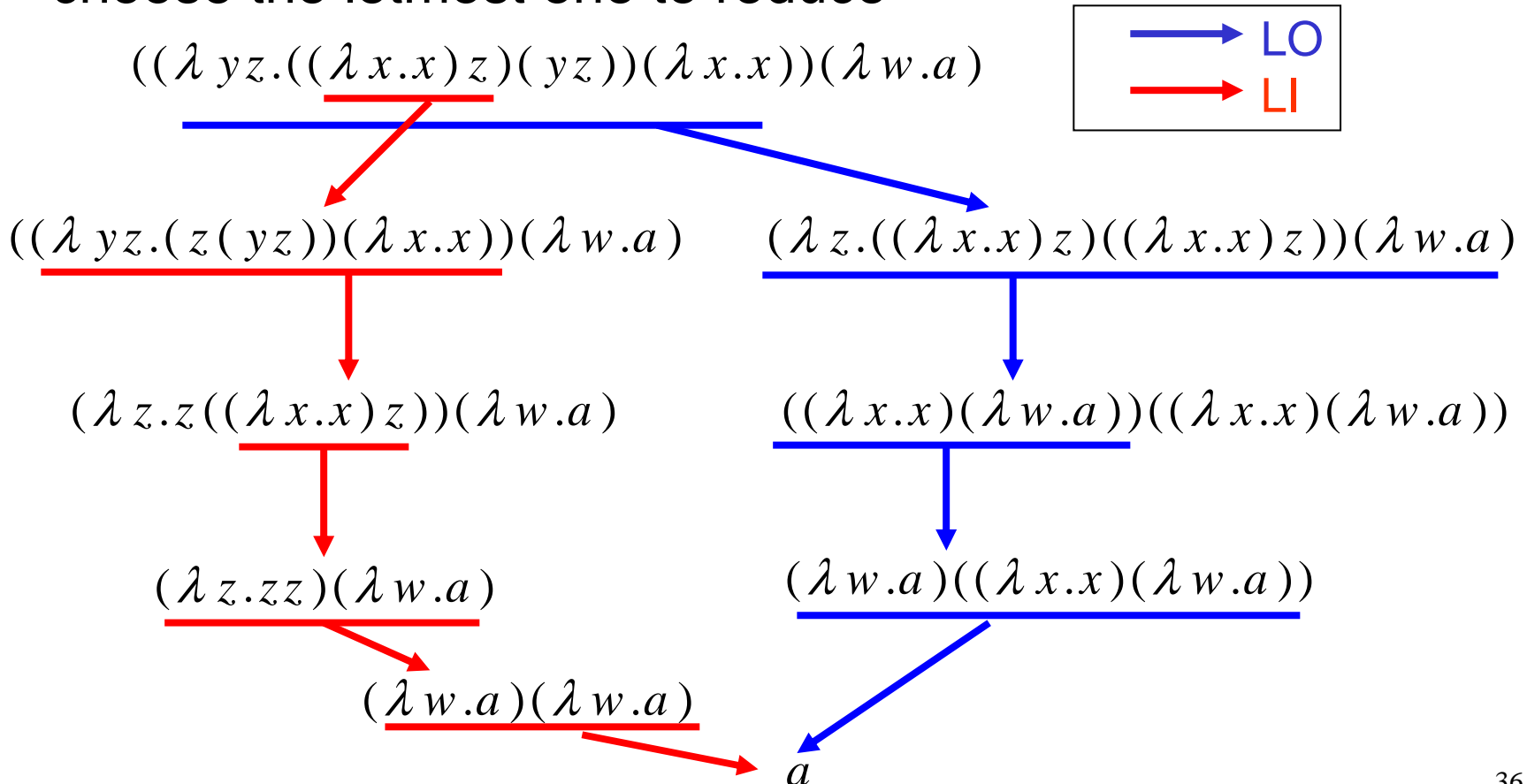
- Parallel of “non-terminating computation”
- Example: “self-application combinator”: $\text{SELF} \triangleq \lambda x.xx$
- What happens with $(\text{SELF SELF}) = ((\lambda x.xx)(\lambda x.xx))$?



$$\Omega \triangleq (\text{SELF SELF}) = ((\lambda x.xx)(\lambda x.xx))$$

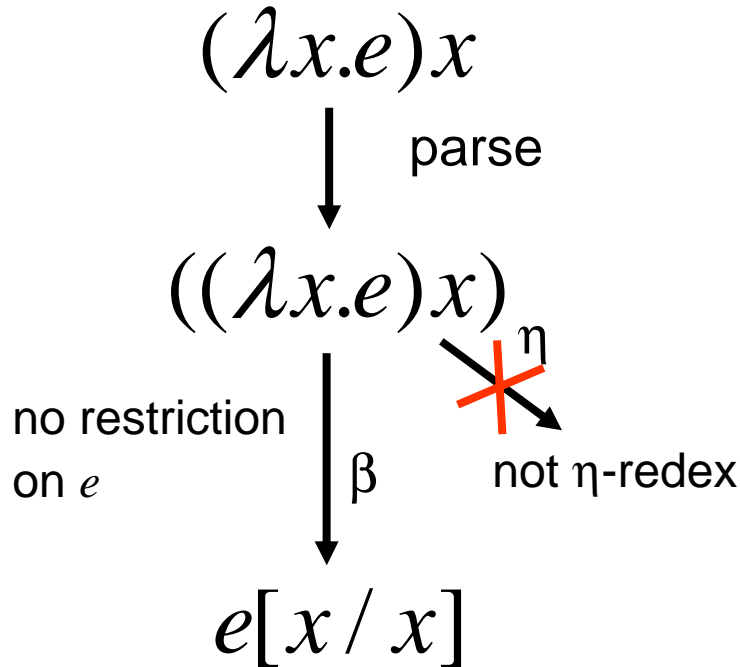
Computation Rules

- *Leftmost Innermost (LI)*: among the innermost nested redexes, choose the leftmost one to reduce
- *Leftmost Outermost (LO)*: among the outermost redexes, choose the leftmost one to reduce



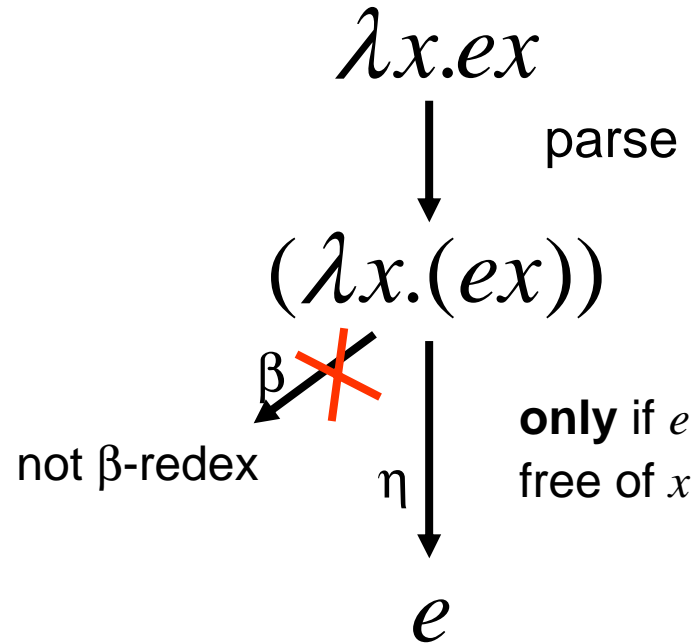
β vs η --very different

- β -reduction: abstract e , then apply



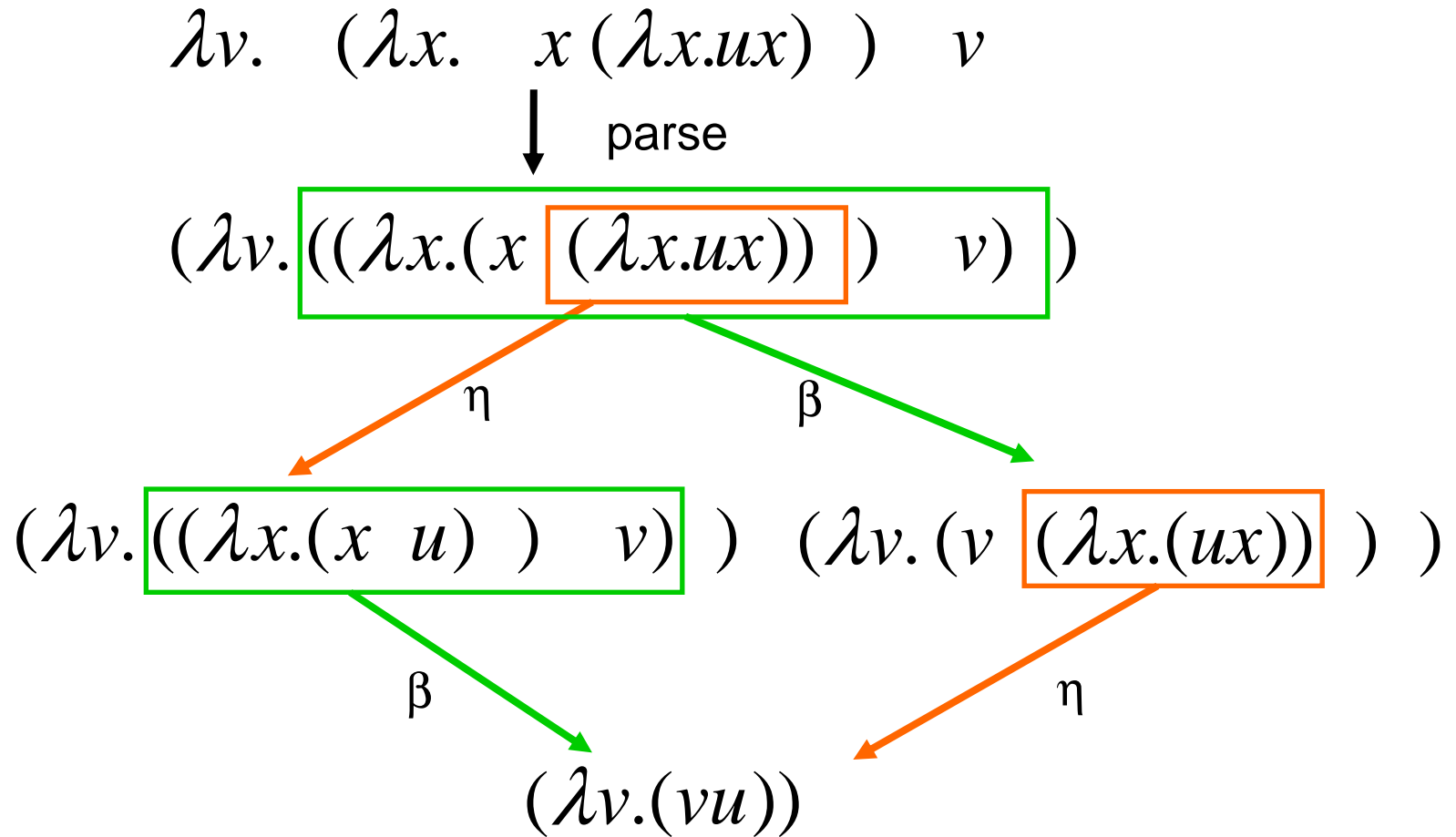
- Example:
 $((\text{lambda } (x) \text{ 1+}) x) \rightarrow 1+$

- η -reduction: apply e , then abstract



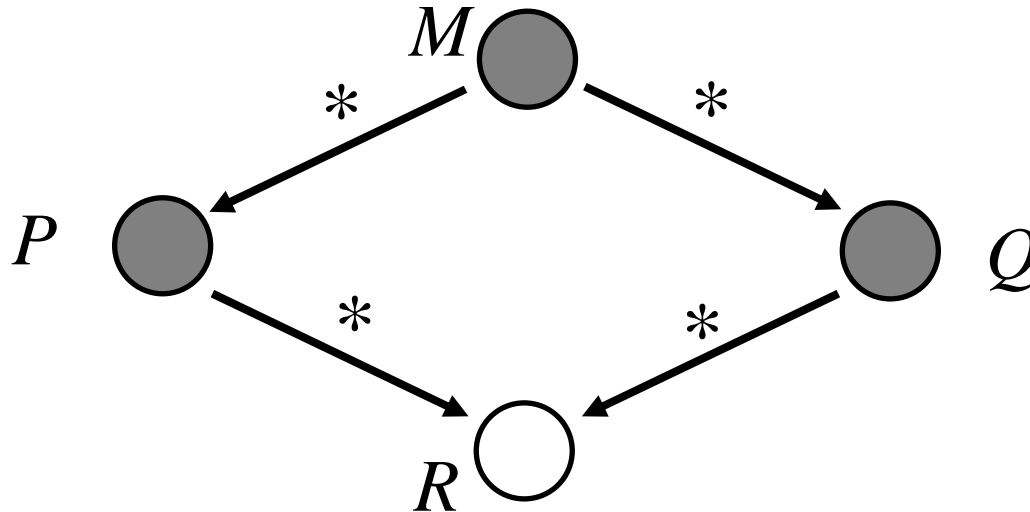
- Example:
 $(\text{lambda } (x) (1+ x)) \rightarrow 1+$

Mixed β and η reductions



Church-Rosser: ultimate determinism

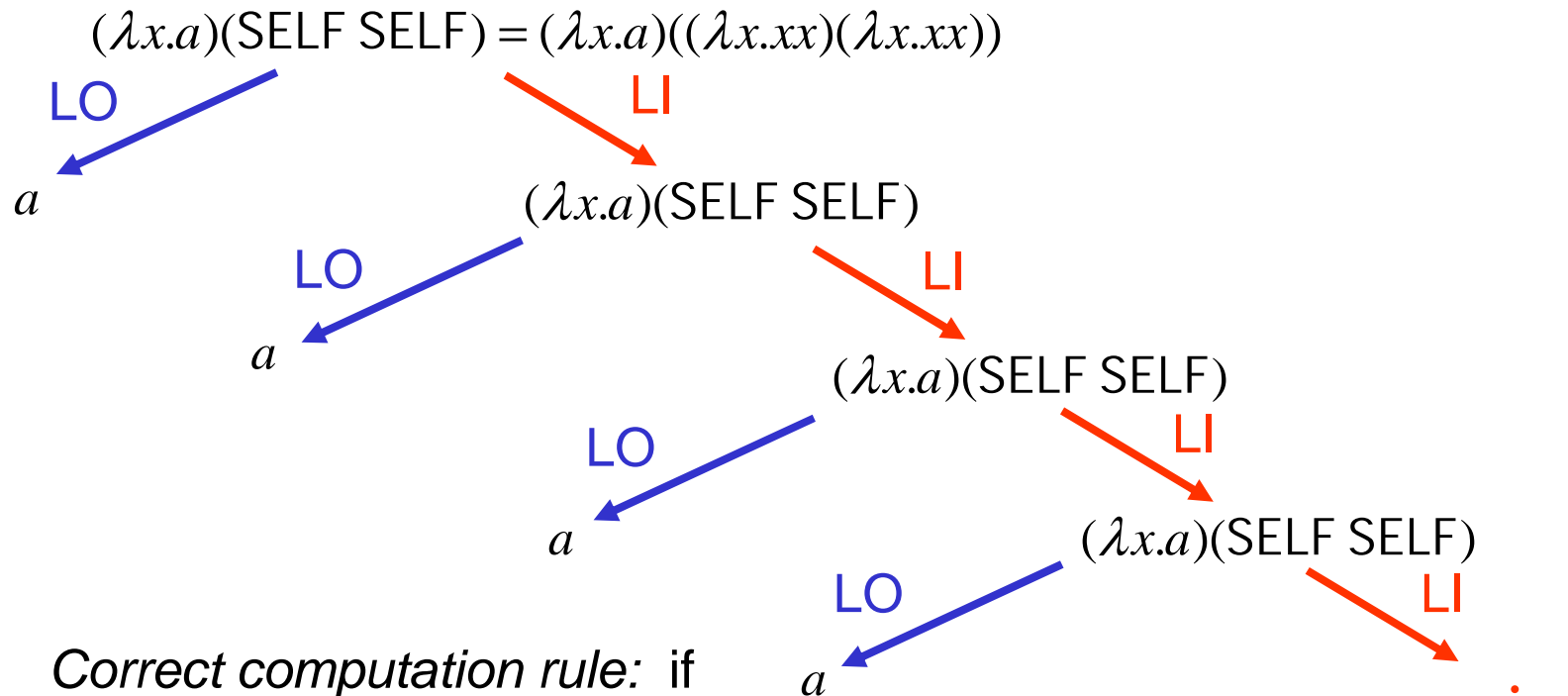
- Church-Rosser Theorem



$$\forall M, P, Q \quad M \xrightarrow{*} P \ \& \ M \xrightarrow{*} Q \\ \Rightarrow \exists R \quad P \xrightarrow{*} R \ \& \ Q \xrightarrow{*} R$$

- Corollary: If a normal form exists for an expression, it is unique (up to α -equivalence)

Church-Rosser: says \exists reduction, not *forced*



Correct computation rule: if a normal form \exists , it will be computed—ex: LO

Incorrect (but efficient):—ex: LI

LO = normal rule = CBN = lazy

LI = applicative rule = CBV=eager

Prog Lang: Haskell

Prog Lang: Scheme

Correct Computation Rule

- A rule is *correct* if it calculates a normal form, provided one exists
- **Theorem:** LO (normal rule) is a correct computation rule.
 - LI (applicative rule) is *not correct*—gives the same result as normal rule *whenever it converges to a normal form* (guaranteed by the Church-Rosser property)
 - LI is simple, efficient and natural to implement: always evaluate all arguments before evaluating the function
 - LO is very inefficient: performs lots of copying of unevaluated expressions

Typed λ -calculus (cont.)

- Example: $\text{SELF} = (\lambda x.xx)$ is not type correct
 - Work backward using rules. Assume $\triangleright \lambda x:\alpha.xx:\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ & $\triangleright x:\gamma$
$$\frac{\triangleright (xx):\beta \quad \triangleright x:\alpha}{\triangleright \lambda x:\alpha.(xx):\alpha \rightarrow \beta} \Rightarrow \gamma = \alpha \Rightarrow \triangleright x:\alpha \ \& \ (xx):\beta$$
$$\frac{\triangleright x:\delta \rightarrow \beta \quad \triangleright x:\delta}{\triangleright (xx):\beta}$$
$$\therefore \triangleright x:\delta \ \& \ \triangleright x:\alpha \Rightarrow \delta = \alpha$$
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$$\therefore \triangleright x:\alpha \ \& \ \triangleright x:\alpha \rightarrow \beta$$
 - So $\alpha = (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$ a contradiction. Therefore there is no consistent type assignment to $\text{SELF} = (\lambda x.xx)$

Typed λ -calculus (cont.)

- Example: type the expression $\lambda f.\lambda x.fx$

- Work forward

$$\frac{\triangleright f : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \quad \triangleright x : \alpha}{\quad} \text{ (appl)}$$

$$\triangleright (fx) : \beta$$

$$\frac{\triangleright (fx) : \beta \quad \triangleright x : \alpha}{\quad} \text{ (abst)}$$

$$\triangleright \lambda x : \alpha. (fx) : \alpha \rightarrow \beta$$

$$\frac{\triangleright \lambda x : \alpha. (fx) : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \quad \triangleright f : \alpha \rightarrow \beta}{\quad} \text{ (abst)}$$
$$\triangleright (\lambda f : \alpha \rightarrow \beta. (\lambda x : \alpha. (fx))) : (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$$

λ -Calculus: History

- Frege 1893: unary functions suffice for a theory
- Schönfinkel 1924:
 - Introduced “currying”
 - Combinators $KAB \triangleq A$ $SABC \triangleq AC(BC)$
 $K \triangleq \lambda ab.a$ $S \triangleq \lambda abc.ac(bc)$
 - Combinatory (Weak) Completeness: all closed λ -expressions can be defined in terms of **K,S** using application only: Let M be built up from $\lambda, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{S}$ with only x left free. Then \exists an expression F built from **K,S** only such that $Fx=M$
- Curry 1930:
 - introduced axiom of extensionality: $\forall X \quad FX = GX \Rightarrow F = G$
 - Weak Consistency: **K=S** is not provable

λ -Calculus: History (cont.)

- Combinatory Completeness Example:

- Composition functional: $BXYZ \triangleq X(YZ)$ $B \triangleq \lambda fgx.f(gx)$

- Thm: $B = S(KS)K$

- Prf: Note that $K \triangleq \lambda xy.x \Rightarrow KS = (\lambda xy.x)S = \lambda y.S$

So $S(KS) = (\lambda xyz.xz(yz))(KS) = (\lambda yz.((KS)z)(yz))$

$$= (\lambda yz.((\lambda y.S)z))(yz) = \lambda yz.S(yz)$$

and so $S(KS)K = (\lambda yz.S(yz))K = \lambda z.S(Kz) = \lambda z.S(\lambda y.z)$

$$\stackrel{\alpha}{=} \lambda v.S(\lambda w.v) = \lambda v.(\lambda xyz.xz(yz))(\lambda w.v)$$

$$= \lambda v.(\lambda yz.(\lambda w.v)z(yz)) = \lambda v.(\lambda yz.v(yz))$$

$$= \lambda v.\lambda y.\lambda z.v(yz) \stackrel{\alpha}{=} \lambda f.\lambda g.\lambda x.f(gx) \quad \square$$

- Exercise: define $C \triangleq \lambda xyx.xzy$ & show $C = S(BBS)(KK)$

λ -Calculus: History (cont.)

- Church 1932:
 - If $Fx=M$ call F “ $\lambda x.M$ ”
 - Fixed Point Theorem: Given F can construct a Φ such that $\Phi=F\Phi$
 - Discovered fixed point (or “paradoxical”) combinator:
$$Y \triangleq \lambda f.(\lambda x.f(xx))(\lambda x.f(xx))$$
 - Exercise: Define $\Phi=YF$ and show by reduction that $\Phi=F\Phi$
- Church & Rosser 1936: *strong* consistency \equiv Church-Rosser Property.
 - Implies that α -equivalence classes of normal forms are disjoint
 - \therefore provides a “syntactic model” of computation
- Martin-Löf 1972: simplified C-R Theorem’s proof

λ -Calculus: History (cont.)

- Church 1932: Completeness of the λ -Calculus

- N can be embedded in the λ -Calculus

$$n \triangleq \lambda f. \lambda x. \underbrace{f(f(\dots(f x)\dots))}_n$$

- Church 1932/Kleene 1935: recursive definition

possible:
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} F(1) = GA \\ F(n+1) = G(Fn) \end{array} \right\} \text{K-C-G ``general recursion''}$$

Thm: F is `` λ -definable'': $F = \lambda x. xGA$ (!)

- Check: $F1 = (\lambda x. xGA)1 \rightarrow 1GA \rightarrow (\lambda f. \lambda x. fx)GA$

$$\rightarrow (\lambda x. Gx)A \rightarrow GA$$

$$F2 \rightarrow 2GA \rightarrow (\lambda f. \lambda x. f(fx))GA$$

$$\rightarrow (\lambda x. G(Gx))A \rightarrow G(GA)$$

λ -Calculus: History (cont.)

- Church-Rosser Thm (1936) \Rightarrow λ -Calculus functions are “computable” (aka “recursive”)
- *Church’s Thesis*: The “effectively computable” functions from N to N are exactly the “ λ -Calculus definable” functions
 - ◆ a strong assertion about “completeness”; all programming languages since are “complete” in this sense
- Evidence accumulated
 - Kleene 1936: general recursive \Leftrightarrow λ -Calculus definable
 - Turing 1937: λ -Calculus definable \Leftrightarrow Turing-computable
 - Post 1943, Markov 1951, etc.: many more confirmations
 - Any modern programming language

λ -Calculus: History (cont.)

- Is the untyped λ -Calculus consistent? Does it have a semantics? What is its semantic domain D ?

- want “data objects” same as “function objects: since

$$\lambda x.Mx =_{\eta} M \quad \Rightarrow \quad D = D^D$$

- Trouble: impossible unless $|D|=1$ because $|D| < |D^D| = |D|^{|D|}$

- Troublesome self-application paradoxes: if we define

$$\tau = \lambda y. \text{ if } y(y) = a \text{ then } b \text{ else } a$$

$$\text{then } \tau(\tau) = \text{ if } \tau(\tau) = a \text{ then } b \text{ else } a$$

- Dana Scott 1970: will work if we have $D = [D \rightarrow D]$ the monotone (and continuous) functions of D^D

- Above example: τ is not monotone

$$\tau(\lambda x. \perp) = \text{ if } \perp = a \text{ then } b \text{ else } a = a$$

$$\tau(\lambda x.a) = \text{ if } a = a \text{ then } b \text{ else } a = b$$

$$\lambda x. \perp \sqsubseteq \lambda x.a \quad \text{but} \quad a \not\sqsubseteq b$$

