

(Simple)

# \* Extensions of Simply typed Lambda Calculus (STLC)

STLC is fairly limited.

There are a few types and terms we can add to STLC to make it more expressive.

\* Empty Type:  $\perp$

$$\Gamma \vdash M : \perp$$

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$$\Gamma \vdash \text{abort}_A M : A$$

by Curry-Howard correspondent,  $M$  is a proof of contradiction, so we can use  $\text{abort}_A M$  to cast  $M$  to any type  $A$ .

$\text{abort}_A V \rightsquigarrow \text{error}$ .

\* Unit Type Unit.

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$$\Gamma \vdash () : \text{Unit}$$

Unit is like 'void' type in C,  
By Curry-Howard, Unit type corresponds to True, or  $\top$ , which only have a unique value,  $()$ .

\* Same Type.  $A+B$ .

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{left } M : A+B}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : B}{\Gamma \vdash \text{right } M : A+B}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A+B \quad \Gamma, x:A \vdash N_1 : C \quad \Gamma, y:B \vdash N_2 : C}{\Gamma \vdash \text{case } M \text{ of } \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{left } x \rightarrow N_1 \\ \text{right } y \rightarrow N_2 \end{array} \right\} : C}$$

$\Gamma \vdash \text{case } M \text{ of}$   
 $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{left } x \rightarrow N_1 \\ \text{right } y \rightarrow N_2 \end{array} \right\}$   
 'x' is a bound variable, its scope is  $N_1$   
 'y' is also bound, its scope is  $N_2$   
 called "case expression".

under Curry-Howard,  $A+B$  also mean disjunction, i.e.  $A$  or  $B$ .

Values:  $V ::= \dots \mid \text{left } v \mid \text{right } v$ .

evaluation:

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{case}(\text{left } v) \text{ of} \\ \text{left } x \rightarrow N_1 \\ \text{right } y \rightarrow N_2 \end{array} \right) \rightsquigarrow [v/x]N_1$$

similarly for  $(\text{case}(\text{right } v) \text{ of } \dots)$

So: ~~STLC with Unit,  $\perp$ ,  $A+B$  correspond~~

Note that Bool can actually be defined as

$\text{Bool} := \text{Unit} + \text{Unit}.$

$\text{true} := \text{left}()$

$\text{false} := \text{right}().$

if  $M$  then  $N_1$  else  $N_2 :=$

case  $M$  of

$\text{left } x \rightarrow N_1$

$\text{right } y \rightarrow N_2.$

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Note: STLC with Unit,  $\perp$ ,  $A+B$  corresponds to "intuitionistic propositional logic".

~~The~~ The main difference

\*. In intuitionistic logic, we

define  $\neg A := A \rightarrow \perp.$

\* In intuitionistic logic, we don't have

$(A \rightarrow B) \Leftrightarrow (\neg A + B)$ , i.e.  
there is no term  $M$  s.t.

$$\vdash M : ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\neg A + B)) \times ((\neg A + B) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B))$$

\* There are two other main differences with classical logic.

1. in intuitionistic logic,

we can't prove "law of excluded middle".

⊙ There is no term  $M$  s.t.

$$\vdash M : A + \neg A$$

2. ~~There is no~~ "The following is not a rule in intuitionistic logic."

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \neg A \vdash M = \perp}{\Gamma \vdash \text{contra } A = A}$$

$$\text{Contra } x.M$$