

CS 252:

*Advanced Programming Language Principles*



# The Simply Typed Lambda Calculus

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# REVIEW: Arith Language

```
e ::= true
   | false
   | i
   | succ e
   | pred e
   | iszero e
   | if e then e else e
```

```
v ::= true
   | false
   | i
```

# Types for Arith

$$T ::= \text{Bool}$$
$$| \text{Int}$$

Typing rules for Arith (in-class)

# Adding lambda functions

$$e ::= \dots$$
$$| \lambda x . e$$
$$| e e$$
$$| x$$
$$v ::= \dots$$
$$| \lambda x . e$$

Small-step evaluation rules for  
the Lambda Calculus  
(in-class)

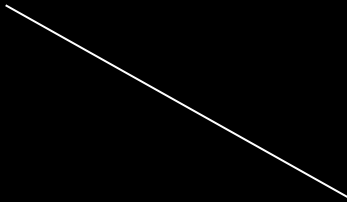
So what is the type of a function?

$$\begin{aligned} T ::= & \text{Bool} \\ & | \text{Int} \\ & | T \rightarrow T \end{aligned}$$

## Options to determine function type

1. type inference
2. require type annotations

# Typing Annotations

$$\lambda x : \mathbf{T} . e$$


Type of the  
argument

# Arith w/ Lambdas

```
e ::= true | false | i
    | succ e | pred e
    | iszero e
    | if e then e else e
    |  $\lambda x:T.e$ 
    | e e
    | x
```

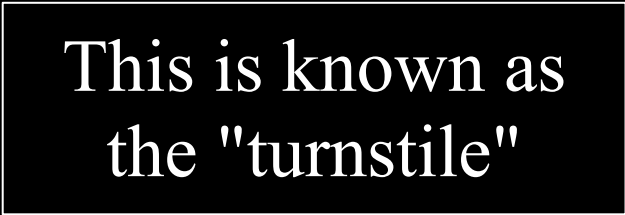
## What is the type of $x$ ?

- How do we determine a variable's type in a function?
- We use a *typing environment*:
  - maps variables to types
  - we use the Greek letter gamma:  $\Gamma$

## New typing relation

We need to write our typing rules *given our new typing environment*.

Our revised typing relation is:

$$\Gamma \vdash e : T$$


This is known as  
the "turnstile"

Typing rules for the  
Simply Typed Lambda Calculus  
(in-class)

How powerful is this language?

# Implement a typechecker for the Simply Typed Lambda Calculus

Download `stlc.hs`.

Complete the `typecheck` method  
following the rules outlined in class.