

# PLC type system

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$$(\text{fn}) \frac{\Gamma, x : \tau_1 \vdash M : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x : \tau_1 (M) : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2} \text{ if } x \notin \text{dom}(\Gamma)$$

$$(\text{app}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2 \quad \Gamma \vdash M' : \tau_1}{\Gamma \vdash M M' : \tau_2}$$

$$(\text{gen}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \Lambda \alpha (M) : \forall \alpha (\tau)} \text{ if } \alpha \notin \text{ftv}(\Gamma)$$

$$(\text{spec}) \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \forall \alpha (\tau_1)}{\Gamma \vdash M \tau_2 : \tau_1[\tau_2/\alpha]}$$

## PLC operator association

$M_1 M_2 M_3$  means  $(M_1 M_2) M_3$

$M_1 M_2 \tau$  means  $(M_1 M_2) \tau$ , etc.

$\forall \alpha_1, \alpha_2(\tau)$  means  $\forall \alpha_1(\forall \alpha_2(\tau))$

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as well as the usual form of beta-reduction from  $\lambda$ -calculus

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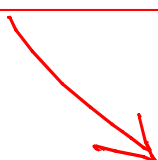


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but it's not typeable (nor is the fixpoint combinator,  $Y$ )

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graph TD
    M --> N1["*N1"]
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    N1 --> M_prime["*M'"]
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Church Rosser + Strong Normalisation properties imply that, for typeable PLC expressions,  $M =_\beta M'$  holds if and only if there is some beta-normal form  $N$  with

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IDEA : identify Booleans with expressions of this  $\uparrow$  type.

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FACT :  $\text{True} \triangleq \lambda \alpha (\lambda x_1, x_2 : \alpha (x_1))$   
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are the **only** closed expressions in  
 $\beta$ -normal form of type  $\text{bool} \triangleq \forall \alpha (\alpha \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha))$ .