#### Non-regular corecursive streams

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- Expressions can be: streams, numeric values, booleans

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# Advanced examples

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Task 3.2 (Integration of static and dynamic verification)

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# Thank You!

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# Examples



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# Semantics of the calculus

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### Rules (1)

$$_{^{(\mathrm{VAL})}}\overline{\mathsf{v},\rho,\tau\Downarrow(\mathsf{v},\rho)} \qquad \qquad \overset{_{(\mathrm{IF}\text{-}\mathrm{T})}}{\overset{}{=}} \frac{be,\rho,\tau\Downarrow(\mathsf{true},\rho) \quad se_1,\rho,\tau\Downarrow(s,\rho')}{\text{if } be \text{ then } se_1 \text{ else } se_2,\rho,\tau\Downarrow(s,\rho')}$$

$$(\text{\tiny IF-F)}\frac{be,\rho,\tau\Downarrow(\texttt{false},\rho) \quad se_2,\rho,\tau\Downarrow(s,\rho')}{\texttt{if }be \texttt{ then }se_1\texttt{ else }se_2,\rho,\tau\Downarrow(s,\rho')} \qquad (\text{\tiny CONS)}\frac{ne,\rho,\tau\Downarrow(n,\rho) \quad se,\rho,\tau\Downarrow(s,\rho')}{ne:se,\rho,\tau\Downarrow(n:s,\rho')}$$

$$\underset{(\text{TAIL})}{\underbrace{se, \rho, \tau \Downarrow (s, \rho')}}{\underbrace{se, \rho, \tau \Downarrow (s^{*}, \rho')}} \qquad \underset{(\text{OP})}{\underbrace{se_{1}, \rho, \tau \Downarrow (s_{1}, \rho_{1}) \quad se_{2}, \rho, \tau \Downarrow (s_{2}, \rho_{2})}{\underbrace{se_{1}op \ se_{2}, \rho, \tau \Downarrow (s_{1}op \ s_{2}, \rho_{1} \sqcup \rho_{2})}}$$

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## Rules (2)

$$\underbrace{e_i, \rho, \tau \Downarrow (v_i, \rho_i) \quad \forall i \in 1..n \quad f(\overline{v}), \widehat{\rho}, \tau \Downarrow (s, \rho')}_{f(\overline{e}), \rho, \tau \Downarrow (s, \rho')} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \overline{e} = e_1, \dots, e_n \text{ not of shape } \overline{v} \\ \overline{v} = v_1, \dots, v_n \\ \widehat{\rho} = \bigsqcup_{i \in 1..n} \rho_i \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\underbrace{se[\overline{\nu}/\overline{x}], \rho, \tau\{f(\overline{\nu}) \mapsto x\} \Downarrow (s, \rho')}_{f(\overline{\nu}), \rho, \tau \Downarrow (x, \rho'\{x \mapsto s\})} \qquad \begin{array}{l} f(\overline{\nu}) \not\in dom(\tau) \\ x \text{ fresh} \\ fbody(f) = (\overline{x}, se) \\ wd(\rho', x, s) \end{array}$$

$$(\text{COREC}) = \pi(\overline{r}), \rho, \tau \Downarrow (x, \rho) \quad \tau(f(\overline{v})) = x$$



## Well-definedness

#### Well-definedness: an algorithm

m ::=  $x_1 \mapsto n_1 \dots x_n \mapsto n_k$   $(n \ge 0)$  map from variables to natural numbers

$$\underset{(\text{MAIN})}{\overset{\text{(MAIN})}{\longrightarrow}} \frac{\text{wd}_{\rho\{x \mapsto v\}}(x, \emptyset)}{wd(\rho, x, v)} \qquad \underset{(\text{WD-VAR})}{\overset{\text{(WD-VAR})}{\longrightarrow}} \frac{\text{wd}_{\rho}(\rho(x), m\{x \mapsto 0\})}{wd_{\rho}(x, m)} \quad x \notin dom(m) \qquad \underset{(\text{WD-CONS})}{\overset{\text{(WD-CONS)}}{\longrightarrow}} \frac{\text{wd}_{\rho}(s, m^{+1})}{wd_{\rho}(n; s, m)} \\ \underset{(\text{WD-COREC})}{\overset{\text{(WD-COREC})}{\longrightarrow}} \frac{x \in dom(m)}{m(x) > 0} \qquad \underset{(\text{WD-FV})}{\overset{\text{(WD-FV})}{\longrightarrow}} \frac{x \notin dom(\rho)}{wd_{\rho}(x, m)} \quad x \notin dom(\rho) \qquad \underset{(\text{WD-TAIL})}{\overset{\text{(WD-TAIL})}{\longrightarrow}} \frac{\text{wd}_{\rho}(s, m^{-1})}{wd_{\rho}(s^{2}, m)} \\ \underset{(\text{WD-NOP})}{\overset{\text{(WD-NOP})}{\longrightarrow}} \frac{\text{wd}_{\rho}(s_{1}, m) \quad \text{wd}_{\rho}(s_{2}, m)}{wd_{\rho}(s_{1}[op] s_{2}, m)} \qquad \underset{(\text{WD-W})}{\overset{\text{(WD-W})}{\longrightarrow}} \frac{\text{wd}_{\rho}(s_{1}, m) \quad \text{wd}_{\rho}(s_{2}, m^{+1})}{wd_{\rho}(s_{1}||s_{2}, m)}$$

Idea: more constructors than tail operators traversed when a cyclic reference is found

### On well-definedness

- zeros() = repeat(0)[\*] zeros()
- Not well-defined operationally but admits a unique solution

### On well-definedness

- A closed result  $(s, \rho)$  is well-defined if it denotes a unique stream
- A closed environment ρ is well-defined if, for each x ∈ dom(ρ), (x, ρ) is well-defined.

- $\bullet$  = the corresponding set of equations admits a unique solution
  - $\{x \mapsto 1 : x\}$  well-defined
  - $\{x \mapsto x\}$  not well-defined
  - ${x \mapsto x[+]y, y \mapsto 1: y}$  not well-defined