#### Quiz

• Question #1: What is the value of the following expression?

Wrong answer: 0.

• Wrong answer: 42.

• Answer: 2.

## Quiz

• Question #3: Is the following an expression?

- Wrong answer: No.
- Answer: Yes (according to our grammar).

#### Quiz

• Question #2: What is the value of the following expression?

- Wrong answer: error.
- Answer: Trick question! + proc 8 is not an expression.

## Quiz

• Question #4: What is the value of the following expression?

- Answer: 2 (according to our interpreter).
- But no real language (e,g., C++) would accept add1(1, 7).
- Let's agree to call add1(1, 7) an *ill-formed expression* because add1 should be used with only one argument.
- Let's agree to never evaluate ill-formed expressions.

### Quiz

• Question #5: What is the value of the following expression?

add1(1, 7)

• Answer: **None** - the expression is ill-formed.

## Quiz

• Question #6: Is the following a well-formed expression?

+(proc(x)x, 5)

• Answer: Yes.

## Quiz

• Question #7: What is the value of the following expression?

+(proc(x)x, 5)

• Answer: None - it produces an error:

+: expects type <number> as 1st argument, given: (closure ((cbv-var x)) (var-exp x) (empty-env-record)); other arguments were: 5

• Let's agree that a proc expression cannot be inside a + form.

## Quiz

• Question #8: Is the following a well-formed expression?

+(proc(x)x, 5)

• Answer: No.

#### Quiz

• Question #9: Is the following a well-formed expression?

$$+((proc(x)x 7), 5)$$

- Answer: Depends on what we meant by inside in our most recent agreement.
  - Anywhere inside No.
  - *Immediately inside* **Yes**.
- Since our intrepreter produces 12, and since that result makes sense, let's agree on immediately inside.

#### Quiz

• Question #10: Is the following a well-formed expression?

$$+((proc(x)x true), 5)$$

• Answer: Yes, but we don't want it to be!

## Quiz

- Question #11: Is it possible to define well-formed (as a decideable property) so that we reject all expressions that produce errors?
- Answer: **Yes**, obviously: reject *all* expressions!

## Quiz

- Question #12: Is it possible to define well-formed (as a decideable property) so that we reject only expressions that produce errors?
- Answer: No.

$$+(1, if ... then 1 else proc(x)x)$$

• If we always knew whether ... produces true or false, we could solve the halting problem.

## **Types**

- Solution to our dilemma
  - In the process of rejecting expressions that are certainly bad, also reject some expressions that are good.

$$+(1, if (prime? 131101) then 1 else proc(x)x)$$

- Overall strategy:
  - Assign a *type* to each expression.
  - Compute the type of a complex expression based on the types of its subexpressions.

# **Types**

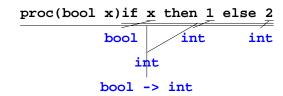
1 : int

true : bool

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x : no type



# **New Interpreter and Checker**

- Change our interpreter:
  - $^{\mbox{\scriptsize O}}$  Add types for arguments and letrec results to the grammar
- Implement a type-checker:
  - O Recursively assign types to subexpressions
  - Check consistency at if and application
  - O Treat primitives as built-in functions

## **Types**