

# Clarifications on Operational Semantics Example

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I wrote an operational semantics example in class, in which I was lazy and avoided explicit mentions of the transitivity rule (which is particularly bad when constructing a formal proof tree). Since this seems to be causing some confusion, I am posting a complete proof of the parts in question below.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{true}{\langle '1'|Env_0 \rangle \Rightarrow 1} (1)}{\langle '1' ' + ' '2'|Env_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle '1' + ' '2'|Env_0 \rangle} (7)}{\langle '1' ' + ' '2'|Env_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle '1' + ' 2|Env_0 \rangle} (14)}{\langle '1' ' + ' '2'|Env_0 \rangle \Rightarrow 3} (14)$$
$$\frac{\frac{\frac{true}{\langle '2'|Env_0 \rangle \Rightarrow 2} (1)}{\langle '1' + ' '2'|Env_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle '1' + ' 2|Env_0 \rangle} (10)}{\langle '1' + ' 2|Env_0 \rangle \Rightarrow 3} (3)}{\langle '1' ' + ' '2'|Env_0 \rangle \Rightarrow 3} (14)$$

**Miscellaneous Comments** For those of you who are latex users, there is a nice style file called `bussproofs` for writing proof rules and constructing such proof trees, described at [www.math.ucsd.edu/~sbuss/ResearchWeb/bussproofs/index.html](http://www.math.ucsd.edu/~sbuss/ResearchWeb/bussproofs/index.html). For those of you who are users of a certain other office program, I can only offer my sympathy while exhorting you to learn tex since it will be needed for any papers you may write in the future.