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First answer: These two relations are completely different things.

- ▶ We are dealing with several different small programming languages, *each with its own typing relation* (between terms in that language and types in that language)
- ▶ For the simple language of numbers and booleans, typing is a *binary* relation between terms and types ($t : T$).
- ▶ For λ_{\rightarrow} , typing is a *ternary* relation between contexts, terms, and types ($\Gamma \vdash t : T$).

(When the context is empty — because the term has no free variables — we often write $\vdash t : T$ to mean $\emptyset \vdash t : T$.)

Conservative extension

Second answer: The typing relation for λ_{\rightarrow} *conservatively extends* the one for the simple language of numbers and booleans.

- ▶ Write “language 1” for the language of numbers and booleans and “language 2” for the simply typed lambda-calculus with base types `Nat` and `Bool`.
- ▶ The terms of language 2 include all the terms of language 1; similarly typing rules.
- ▶ Write $t :_1 T$ for the typing relation of language 1.
- ▶ Write $\Gamma \vdash t :_2 T$ for the typing relation of language 2.
- ▶ *Theorem:* Language 2 conservatively extends language 1: If t is a term of language 1 (involving only booleans, conditions, numbers, and numeric operators) and T is a type of language 1 (either `Bool` or `Nat`), then $t :_1 T$ iff $\emptyset \vdash t :_2 T$.