

# *Types*

## in Programming Languages (3)

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# Last Week

## ■ Terms:

$e ::= x$	variables
 $e e$	applications
 $\lambda x.e$	lambda-abstractions
 $\text{let } x = e \text{ in } e$	lets

## ■ Types:

$T ::= X$	type variables
 $T \rightarrow T$	function types

# Simple Type-System

## ■ Variables

$$\frac{\text{valid } \Gamma \quad (x : T) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : T}$$

## ■ Applications

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : T_1}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 e_2 : T_2}$$

## ■ Lambdas

$$\frac{x : T_1, \Gamma \vdash e : T_2 \quad x \notin \text{dom } \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. e : T_1 \rightarrow T_2}$$

## ■ Lets

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : T_1 \quad x : T_1, \Gamma \vdash e_2 : T_2 \quad x \notin \text{dom } \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash \text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 : T_2}$$

# A Problem

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valid  $\{x : T_2, y : T_1\}$

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# Alpha-Equivalence

$$\frac{}{x \approx x} \quad \frac{e_1 \approx s_1 \quad e_2 \approx s_2}{e_1 e_2 \approx s_1 s_2}$$

$$\frac{e \approx s}{\lambda x.e \approx \lambda x.s} \quad \frac{x \neq y \quad e \approx (x y) \bullet s \quad x \notin \text{fv}(s)}{\lambda x.e \approx \lambda y.s}$$

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## ■ A swapping operation:

$$(x \ y) \bullet z \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} y & \text{if } z = x \\ x & \text{if } z = y \\ z & \text{o'wise} \end{cases}$$

$$(x \ y) \bullet (e_1 \ e_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ((x \ y) \bullet e_1) \ ((x \ y) \bullet e_2)$$

$$(x \ y) \bullet (\lambda z.e) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda((x \ y) \bullet z).((x \ y) \bullet e)$$

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# A Property

## ■ Weakening Lemma

If  $\Gamma_1 \vdash e : T$  and valid  $\Gamma_2$  and  $\Gamma_1 \subseteq \Gamma_2$ ,  
then  $\Gamma_2 \vdash e : T$ .

## ■ By induction over $\Gamma_1 \vdash e : T$ .

$$P \Gamma_1 e T = \forall \Gamma_2. \text{valid } \Gamma_2 \wedge \Gamma_1 \subseteq \Gamma_2 \Rightarrow \Gamma_2 \vdash e : T$$

In the literature the proof of this lemma is often labelled as “trivial”, “obvious” etc.

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$$x \notin \text{dom } \Gamma_2 ???$$

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# A Proof that Works I

- Extend swapping to contexts

$$(x\ y) \bullet \Gamma \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{((x\ y) \bullet z : T) \mid (z : T) \in \Gamma\}$$

- We have  $\text{valid } (x\ y) \bullet \Gamma$  iff  $\text{valid } \Gamma$ !!
  - If  $\text{valid } \Gamma$  then  $\text{valid } (x\ y) \bullet \Gamma$ , and
  - if  $\text{valid } (x\ y) \bullet \Gamma$  then  $\text{valid } \Gamma$ .

Note this holds for swappings, but not for substitutions!

# A Proof that Works II

- We can show for every  $x$  and  $y$

$$\Gamma \vdash e : T \Rightarrow (x\ y) \bullet \Gamma \vdash (x\ y) \bullet e : T$$

and

$$(x\ y) \bullet \Gamma \vdash (x\ y) \bullet e : T \Rightarrow \Gamma \vdash e : T$$

The first is by induction on the definition of typing and the second follows from

$$(x\ y) \bullet (x\ y) \bullet \Gamma = \Gamma \text{ and } (x\ y) \bullet (x\ y) \bullet e = e.$$

# A Proof that Works III

■ We can also show:

$$P \Gamma e T \Rightarrow P (x y) \bullet \Gamma (x y) \bullet e T$$

holds for all  $\Gamma$ ,  $e$  and  $T$ .

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$\forall \{\}. T$  is possible;  $\forall . \forall B. T$  is not. Note that type-schemes are not types!

# Alpha-Equivalence

- We are also only interested in **alpha-equivalence classes** of type-schemes, that is  $[\forall .T]_\alpha$ :

$$\text{tv}(X) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{X\}$$

$$\text{tv}(T_1 \rightarrow T_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{tv}(T_1) \cup \text{tv}(T_2)$$

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$$\forall\{X\}.Y \rightarrow X \approx \forall\{X'\}.Y \rightarrow X'$$

Alpha-equivalence classes of type-schemes:

$$[\forall\{\}.T]_\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{S \mid S \approx \forall\{\}.T\}$$

$$(X \rightarrow T) \bullet (T_1 \rightarrow T_2) = (X \rightarrow T) \bullet T_1 \rightarrow (X \rightarrow T) \bullet T_2$$

# More General

- Def: We say that a type-scheme  $S = \forall\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}.T'$  **generalises** a type  $T$ , written  $S \succ T$  if  $T$  can be obtained from  $T'$  by substituting for the type-variables  $X_i$  types  $T_i$ . That is

$$T = T'[X_1 := T_1, \dots, X_n := T_n]$$

- Examples:

$$\begin{array}{l} \forall\{X\}.(X \rightarrow X) \quad \succ \quad X \rightarrow X \\ \forall\{X\}.(X \rightarrow X) \quad \succ \quad (T_1 \rightarrow T_2) \rightarrow (T_1 \rightarrow T_2) \\ \forall\{X\}.(Y \rightarrow X) \quad \succ \quad Y \rightarrow T \\ \forall\{X\}.(X \rightarrow X) \quad \not\succeq \quad (X \rightarrow X) \rightarrow X \end{array}$$

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# Typing Problem

- Given a  $\Gamma$  and a  $e$ , can we find a  $T$  such that

$$\Gamma \vdash e : T$$

(if there exists such a  $T$ )

- It turns out that: if there exists one such  $T$  then in general there might be many. For example

$$\emptyset \vdash \lambda x.x : \dots$$

- However, if there exists such a type at all, then there will be always a **most general** type-scheme from which all types can be derived.

# Unification

- Give two types, say  $T_1$  and  $T_2$ . They contain some type-variables. Can one find a substitution  $\theta$ , which substitutes types for type-variables, such that  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  become equal. That is

$$\theta(T_1) = \theta(T_2)$$

where  $\theta$  is called a **unifier**.

- For example

$$X, X \Rightarrow \theta = \varepsilon = [] \quad (\text{identity subst.})$$

$$X \rightarrow Y, Z \Rightarrow \theta = [Z := X \rightarrow Y]$$

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$$X \rightarrow Y, X \rightarrow Z \Rightarrow \theta = [X := V, Y := V, Z := V]$$

$$X, X \rightarrow X \text{ no}$$

# MGU

- If there exists a unifier, then there exists a most general one, **MGU**.
- A substitution  $\theta_1$  is more general than  $\theta_2$ ,  $\theta_1 \succ \theta_2$ , provided there exists a substitution  $\sigma$  such that

$$\theta_2 = \sigma \circ \theta_1$$

where  $\sigma \circ \theta_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sigma \cup \sigma(\theta_1)$ ;

$\sigma(\theta_1) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{apply } \sigma \text{ to the codomain of } \theta_1$

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$$\{T_1 =? U_1, T_2 =? U_2, \dots\}$$

v **Output:** either FAIL or substitution  $\theta$

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# Transformations

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$$\{X =^? X\} \uplus P \xRightarrow{\epsilon} P$$

## ■ Fun-Fun

$$\{T_1 \rightarrow T_2 =^? U_1 \rightarrow U_2\} \uplus P \xRightarrow{\epsilon} \{T_1 =^? U_1, T_2 =^? U_2\} \cup P$$

## ■ TVar-Ty

$$\{X =^? T\} \uplus P \xRightarrow{[X:=T]} P[X := T]$$

## Ty-TVar

$$\{T =^? X\} \uplus P \xRightarrow{[X:=T]} P[X := T]$$

both transformation only if  $X \notin \text{tv}(T)$

## ■ transform until you reach $\emptyset$ ; if stuck, no unifier

# Unifier

■ If  $\emptyset$  is reached you have a sequence:

$$P_1 \xrightarrow{\theta_1} P_2 \xrightarrow{\theta_2} \dots \xrightarrow{\theta_n} \emptyset$$

■ The (most general) unifier for the problem  $P_1$  is then

$$\theta = \theta_n \circ \dots \circ \theta_2 \circ \theta_1$$

■ Let's do two examples

■  $\{X \rightarrow X \rightarrow Y \stackrel{?}{=} Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow Y\}$

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# Homework

- Type into your favourite functional language:

```
let pair = λx.λy.λz. z x y in
  let x1 = λy.pair y y in
    let x2 = λy.x1 (x1 y) in
      let x3 = λy.x2 (x2 y) in
        let x4 = λy.x3 (x3 y) in
          let x5 = λy.x4 (x4 y) in
            x5 (λy.y)
```

and let it check what the type is.

# Possible Question

■ Given the language:

$e ::= x$	variables
$  e e$	applications
$  \lambda x.e$	lambda-abstractions
$  \text{let } x = e \text{ in } e$	lets

■ and the swapping operation:

$$(x y) \bullet z \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} y & \text{if } z = x \\ x & \text{if } z = y \\ z & \text{o'wise} \end{cases}$$

$$(x y) \bullet (e_1 e_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} ((x y) \bullet e_1) ((x y) \bullet e_2)$$

$$(x y) \bullet (\lambda z.e) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda((x y) \bullet z).((x y) \bullet e)$$

$$(x y) \bullet (\text{let } z = e_1 \text{ in } e_2) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{let } (x y) \bullet z = (x y) \bullet e_1 \text{ in } (x y) \bullet e_2$$

■ show by structural induction that  $(x y) \bullet (x y) \bullet e = e$ .

# More Next Week

## ■ Slides at the end of

<http://www4.in.tum.de/lehre/vorlesungen/types/WS0607/>

There is also an appraisal form where you can complain **anonymously**.

## ■ You can say whether the lecture was too easy, too quiet, too hard to follow, too chaotic and so on. You can also comment on things I should repeat.