

# Functional Programming

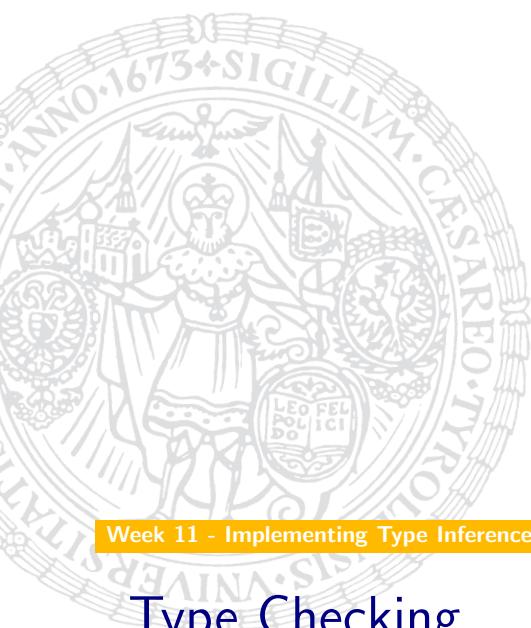
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## Type Checking

### Problem

$$\overbrace{E}^{\text{Environment}} \vdash \underbrace{e}_{\text{expression}} : \overbrace{\tau}^{\text{Type}}$$

Does  $e$  have type  $\tau$  under  $E$ ?

### Solution

A proof tree using the inference rules of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

# Type Inference

## Problem

$$E \triangleright e : \tau$$

*Is there a substitution  $\sigma$  such that  $E\sigma \vdash e : \tau\sigma$  holds?*

## Solution

1. Transform  $E \triangleright e : \tau$  into a unification problem using the inference rules of  $\mathcal{I}$ .
2. Solve the unification problem using the inference rules of  $\mathcal{U}$ .

## This Week

### Practice I

OCaml introduction, lists, strings, trees

### Theory I

lambda-calculus, evaluation strategies, induction, reasoning about functional programs

### Practice II

efficiency, tail-recursion, combinator-parsing

### Theory II

type checking, type inference

### Advanced Topics

lazy evaluation, infinite data structures, monads, ...

# Core ML

## Grammar

$$e ::= x \mid c \mid (e) \mid e \ e \mid \lambda x. e \mid \text{let } x = e \text{ in } e \mid \text{if } e \text{ then } e \text{ else } e$$

## Removing Left Recursion

$$\begin{aligned} e &::= xf \mid cf \mid (e)f \mid \lambda x. ef \mid \text{let } x = e \text{ in } ef \mid \text{if } e \text{ then } e \text{ else } ef \\ f &::= ef \mid \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

## Making Application Left Associative

$$\begin{aligned} e &::= gf \\ f &::= gf \mid \epsilon \\ g &::= x \mid c \mid (e) \mid \lambda x. e \mid \text{let } x = e \text{ in } e \mid \text{if } e \text{ then } e \text{ else } e \end{aligned}$$

# A Type for Core ML Expressions

```
type t =
| Var of Strng.t
| Con of Strng.t
| App of (t * t)
| Abs of (Strng.t * t)
| Let of (Strng.t * t * t)
| Ite of (t * t * t)
```

## Core ML Expressions from Strings

```
of_string : string -> t
```

# Recall

$$\frac{E, e : \tau_0 \triangleright e : \tau_1}{\tau_0 \approx \tau_1} \text{ (con)}$$

$$\frac{E \triangleright e_1 \ e_2 : \tau}{E \triangleright e_1 : \alpha \rightarrow \tau; E \triangleright e_2 : \alpha} \text{ (app)}$$

$$\frac{E \triangleright \lambda x. e : \tau}{E, x : \alpha_1 \triangleright e : \alpha_2; \tau \approx \alpha_1 \rightarrow \alpha_2} \text{ (abs)}$$

$$\frac{E \triangleright \mathbf{let} \ x = e_1 \ \mathbf{in} \ e_2 : \tau}{E \triangleright e_1 : \alpha; E, x : \alpha \triangleright e_2 : \tau} \text{ (let)}$$

$$\frac{E \triangleright \mathbf{if} \ e_1 \ \mathbf{then} \ e_2 \ \mathbf{else} \ e_3 : \tau}{E \triangleright e_1 : \text{bool}; E \triangleright e_2 : \tau; E \triangleright e_3 : \tau} \text{ (ite)}$$

# A Type for Types

## Grammar

$$\tau ::= \alpha \mid \tau \rightarrow \tau \mid g(\tau, \dots, \tau)$$

```
type typ = TVar of int
          | TFun of (typ * typ)
          | TCon of (Strng.t * typ list)
```

# Data Structures

## Input

- ▶ environment: `type env = (CoreML.t * typ) list`
- ▶ type inference problem:  
`type ip = (env * CoreML.t * typ)`

## Output

unification problem `type up = (typ * typ) list`

## Function

`to_up : ip -> up`

```

let to_up(env,e,t) =
  let i = Lst.foldr (fun (_,t) ->
    max (max_tvar t)) env (max_tvar t) in
  let rec to_up i eqs = function [] -> eqs | (env,e,t)::tips -> (
    match Lst.lookup e env with
    | Some t' -> to_up i ((t',t)::eqs) tips
    | None      -> match e with
      | App(e1,e2)-> to_up (i+1) eqs
        (((env,e1,tvar i @-> t)::(env,e2,tvar i)::tips))
      | Abs(x,e) -> to_up (i+2) (((t,tvar i @-> tvar(i+1)))::eqs)
        (((Var x,tvar i)::env,e,tvar(i+1))::tips)
      | Let(x,e1,e2) -> to_up (i+1) eqs
        (((env,e1,tvar i)::((Var x,tvar i)::env,e2,t)::tips))
      | Ite(e1,e2,e3) -> to_up i eqs
        (((env,e1,tbool)::(env,e2,t)::(env,e3,t)::tips))
      | Var x -> failwith("unknown " ^ Strng.to_string x ^ ""))
  )
  in
  to_up (i+1) [] [(env,e,t)]

```

## Recall

$$\frac{E_1; g(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \approx g(\tau'_1, \dots, \tau'_n); E_2}{E_1; \tau_1 \approx \tau'_1; \dots; \tau_n \approx \tau'_n; E_2} \text{ (d}_1\text{)}$$

$$\frac{E_1; \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2 \approx \tau'_1 \rightarrow \tau'_2; E_2}{E_1; \tau_1 \approx \tau'_1; \tau_2 \approx \tau'_2; E_2} \text{ (d}_2\text{)}$$

$$\frac{E_1; \alpha \approx \tau; E_2 \quad \alpha \notin \mathcal{TVar}(\tau)}{(E_1; E_2)\{\alpha/\tau\}} \text{ (v}_1\text{)}$$

$$\frac{E_1; \tau \approx \alpha; E_2 \quad \alpha \notin \mathcal{TVar}(\tau)}{(E_1; E_2)\{\alpha/\tau\}} \text{ (v}_2\text{)}$$

$$\frac{E_1; \tau \approx \tau; E_2}{E_1; E_2} \text{ (t)}$$

## Data Structures

### Input

unification problem `type up = (typ * typ) list`

### Output

substitution `type sub = (int * typ) list`

### Function

`unify : up -> sub`

```

let unify eqs =
  let rec unify s = function [] -> s | eq::eqs ->
    let (e,s') = step eq in
    unify (s' <*> s) (e @ Lst.map (fun(l,r) ->
      (sub s' l,sub s' r)) eqs)
  )
  in
  unify [] eqs

let (<*>) sub2 sub1 = (* sub2 after sub1 *)
  let d1 = dom sub1 in
  Lst.map (fun (a,t) -> (a,sub sub2 t)) sub1
  @ Lst.filter (fun (a,_) -> not(Lst.mem a d1)) sub2

```

```

let step = function
  | (s,t) when s = t           -> ([] ,[])
  | (TVar a,t) | (t,TVar a)   ->
    if St.mem a (tvars t) then failwith "occur $\sqcup$ check!"
      else ([] ,[(a,t)])
  | (TFun(s1,t1),TFun(s2,t2)) ->([(s1,s2);(t1,t2)],[])
  | (TCon(g,ss),TCon(h,ts))   ->
    if g = h then (Lst.zip2 ss ts,[])
      else failwith(
        "mismatch: $\sqcup$ "^(Strng.to_string g) $\sqcup$ vs. $\sqcup$ ""
          ^(Strng.to_string h) $\sqcup$ ""
      )

```

# Type Inference

```
let infer s =
  let e = CoreML.of_string s in
  let up = to_up(pmu,e,tvar 1) in
  let s = unify up in
  sub s (tvar 1)
```