

# CST II 2000. Paper 7, q 11

## Types

(var)  $A, \Delta \vdash x : \tau$  if  $(x : \tau) \in \Delta$

(abs)  $\frac{A, \Delta, x : \tau \vdash M : \tau'}{A, \Delta \vdash \lambda x. M : \tau \rightarrow \tau'}$  if  $x \notin \text{dom}(\Delta)$

(app)  $\frac{A, \Delta \vdash M_1 : \tau \rightarrow \tau' \quad A, \Delta \vdash M_2 : \tau}{A, \Delta \vdash M_1 M_2 : \tau'}$

(a) Define  $S(\tau_1)$  by recursion on its structure

$S(\alpha) \triangleq$  the type in  $\text{Typ}(A')$  which  $S$  maps  $\alpha$  to

$S(\tau \rightarrow \tau') \triangleq S(\tau) \rightarrow S(\tau')$

(b)  $TS$  is the function mapping  $\alpha \in A$  to  $T(S(\alpha))$ , using (a).

(c)  $S$  unifies  $\tau_1$  &  $\tau_2$  if  $S(\tau_1) = S(\tau_2)$

(d)  $S$  is a mgu for  $\tau_1$  &  $\tau_2$  if

(i) it unifies  $\tau_1$  &  $\tau_2$

(ii) if  $S : A \rightarrow \text{Typ}(A'')$  is any unifier for  $\tau_1$  &  $\tau_2$  then there is some  $T : A' \rightarrow \text{Typ}(A'')$  with  $S' = TS$ .

(e)  $(S, \tau')$  is a typing for  $A, \Delta \vdash M : ?$

if  $A', S \Delta \vdash M : \tau'$

is derivable from  $(var) + (abs) + (app)$ .

Here  $S \Delta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x_1 : S(\tau_1), \dots, x_n : S(\tau_n)\}$

if  $\Delta$  is  $\{x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n\}$ .

(2)

(f)  $(S, \tau')$  is a principal typing for

$A, \Delta \vdash M : ?$  if

(i) it is a typing, and

(ii) for any typing  $(S', \tau'')$  of  $A, \Delta \vdash M : ?$ ,  
with  $S' : A \rightarrow \text{Typ}(A'')$  &  $\tau'' \in \text{Typ}(A'')$  say,  
then there is some  $T : A' \rightarrow \text{Typ}(A'')$   
with

$$S' = TS$$

and  $\tau'' = T(\tau')$

(3)

$M_1 \triangleq \lambda x. x$  has typing  $(S, \alpha \rightarrow \alpha)$  where  
 $S : \emptyset \rightarrow \text{Typ}(\{\alpha\})$  is unique. For

$$\{\alpha\}, \emptyset \vdash \lambda x. x : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$

holds by applying  $(abs)$  to

$$\{\alpha\}, \{x : \alpha\} \vdash x : \alpha$$

which holds by  $(var)$ .

1  $M_2 \triangleq \lambda x. (xx)$  has no typing. For suppose it did — ~~strong~~ then we'd have

(1)  $A', \emptyset \vdash \lambda x. (xx) : \tau'$   
derivable, for some  $A'$  and  $\tau' \in \text{Typ}(A')$ .  
The proof of (1) has to look like

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \textcircled{2} \frac{}{A', x:\tau_1 \vdash x:\tau_3} \text{ (var)} \quad \textcircled{3} \frac{}{A', x:\tau_1 \vdash x:\tau_4} \text{ (var)} \\
 \textcircled{4} \frac{}{} \text{ (app)} \\
 \textcircled{5} \frac{A', x:\tau_1 \vdash xx:\tau_2}{A', \emptyset \vdash \lambda x. (xx) : \tau'} \text{ (abs)}
 \end{array}$$

for some  $\tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_4$  satisfying

$\textcircled{2} \tau_1 = \tau_3$

$\textcircled{3} \tau_1 = \tau_4$

$\textcircled{4} \tau_3 = \tau_4 \rightarrow \tau_2$

$\textcircled{5} \tau' = \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2.$

Hence  $\tau_1 \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} \tau_3 \stackrel{\textcircled{4}}{=} \tau_4 \rightarrow \tau_2 \stackrel{\textcircled{3}}{=} \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$

making  $\tau_1$  a proper subexpression of itself — which is impossible.

So no such typing exists.

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 $\textcircled{1}$  Yes, if a partial typing judgement has a typing, it has a principal one (special case of the Hindley-Damas-Milner theorem).