

CST II Types

2002, Paper 7, question 13

(a)

$$2 \quad (\text{let}) \quad \frac{\begin{cases} A \cup A', \Gamma \vdash M : \tau \\ A', \Gamma[x \mapsto \forall A(\tau)] \vdash M' : \tau' \end{cases}}{A', \Gamma \vdash \text{let } x = M \text{ in } M' : \tau'}$$

provided

$$A \cap A' = \emptyset$$

$$x \notin \text{dom}(\Gamma)$$

(where $\Gamma[x \mapsto \forall A(\tau)]$ maps x to $\forall A(\tau)$ and otherwise acts like Γ .)

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(b) Consider the case when

$$M = \lambda y. (y)$$

$$M' = x x$$

Claim that

$$1 \quad \{\alpha\}, \emptyset \vdash \text{let } x = \lambda y. (y) \text{ in } x x : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$

3 Proof uses typing rules for λ -abstraction, application, and variables:

$$(\text{fn}) \quad \frac{A, \Gamma[x \mapsto \tau] \vdash M : \tau'}{A, \Gamma \vdash \lambda x(M) : \tau \rightarrow \tau'} \quad \text{if } x \notin \text{dom}(\Gamma)$$

$$(app) \frac{\begin{cases} A, \Gamma \vdash M_1 : \tau \rightarrow \tau' \\ A, \Gamma \vdash M_2 : \tau \end{cases}}{A, \Gamma \vdash M_1 M_2 : \tau'}$$

(Var >) $A, \Gamma \vdash x : \tau$ if $ftv(\Gamma) \subseteq A$
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 & for some $x \in \text{dom}(\Gamma)$,
 with $\Gamma(x) = \sigma$ say,
 $\sigma > \tau$.

Then we have

- (1) $\{\alpha, \beta\}, [y \mapsto \beta] \vdash y : \beta$ by (var >)
- (2) $\{\alpha, \beta\}, \emptyset \vdash \lambda y(y) : \beta \rightarrow \beta$ by (fn) on (1)
- (3) $\{\alpha\}, [x \mapsto \forall \{\beta\}(\beta \rightarrow \beta)] \vdash x : (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha)$
by (var >)
- (4) $\{\alpha\}, [x \mapsto \forall \{\beta\}(\beta \rightarrow \beta)] \vdash x : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ by (var >)
- (5) $\{\alpha\}, [x \mapsto \forall \{\beta\}(\beta \rightarrow \beta)] \vdash x x : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ by (app) on (3) & (4)
- (6) $\{\alpha\}, \emptyset \vdash \text{let } x = \lambda y(y) \text{ in } x x : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ by (let) on (2) & (5)

1 and note that this occurrence of x has implicit type $(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha)$ (cf. line (3)), whereas this one has implicit type $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ (cf. line (4)).

So the let-bound variable x occurs polymorphically.

(c)

(unit) $A, \Gamma \vdash () : \text{unit}$
provided $\text{ftv}(\Gamma) \subseteq A$

(ref) $\frac{A, \Gamma \vdash M : \tau}{A, \Gamma \vdash \text{ref } M : \tau \text{ ref}}$

(get) $\frac{A, \Gamma \vdash M : \tau \text{ ref}}{A, \Gamma \vdash !M : \tau}$

(set) $\frac{A, \Gamma \vdash M : \tau \text{ ref} \quad A, \Gamma \vdash M' : \tau}{A, \Gamma \vdash M := M' : \text{unit}}$

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(d) Consider the expression

$M = \text{let } r = \text{ref } \lambda x(x) \text{ in}$
 $\quad \text{let } u = (r := \lambda y(\text{ref}(!y))) \text{ in}$
 $\quad (!r)()$

If we try to evaluate this expression, we first create a fresh storage location (r) containing $\lambda x(x)$, then update it to contain $\lambda y(\text{ref}(!y))$, then apply this contents to $()$; this application simplifies to evaluating $\text{ref}(!())$, which results in trying to evaluate $!()$, which fails because $()$ is not a storage location.

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However, even though evaluation of M goes wrong, it is typeable:

$$\Phi, \Psi \vdash M : \text{unit}$$

2 follows from (let) on

$$(7) \quad \{\alpha\}, \Phi \vdash \text{ref } \lambda x(x) : (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \text{ref}$$

$$\& (8) \quad \Phi, [\Gamma \vdash \forall \{\alpha\} ((\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \text{ref})] \vdash (\text{let } u = (r := \lambda y (\text{ref} (!y))) \text{ in } (!r)()) : \text{unit}$$

(7) holds by (ref) on

$$\{\alpha\}, \Phi \vdash \lambda x(x) : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$

which is proved by (var \rightarrow) & (fn); and

(8) holds by (let) on

$$(9) \quad \Phi, \Gamma \vdash r := \lambda y (\text{ref} (!y)) : \text{unit}$$

$$(10) \quad \Phi, \Gamma [u \mapsto \text{unit}] : (!r)() : \text{unit}$$

where we write Γ for $[\Gamma \vdash \forall \{\alpha\} ((\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \text{ref})]$.

The proof of (9) is by (set) on

$$\Phi, \Gamma \vdash r : (\alpha \text{ref} \rightarrow \alpha \text{ref}) \text{ref} \quad \text{by (var}\rightarrow\text{)}$$

$$\& \quad \Phi, \Gamma \vdash \lambda y (\text{ref} (!y)) : \alpha \text{ref} \rightarrow \alpha \text{ref} \quad \text{by (var}\rightarrow\text{), (get) \& (ref)}.$$

The proof of (10) is by (app) on

$$\Phi, \Gamma [u \mapsto \text{unit}] \vdash !r : \text{unit} \rightarrow \text{unit} \quad \text{by (var}\rightarrow\text{) \& (get)}$$

$$\Phi, \Gamma [u \mapsto \text{unit}] \vdash () : \text{unit} \quad \text{by (unit)}.$$

Revised ML modifies the rule (let) by imposing the side condition

" $A = \phi$ or M is a value" ($::= x \mid \lambda x(M) \mid () \mid \dots$)

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To which parts of the lecture course does this question refer?

- (a) A definition given in lecture 2.
- (b) Examples of this phenomenon were given in lectures 2 & 3.
- (c) & (d) are bookwork from lecture 5.