

Types 2005 - Paper 9 Question 10 (AMP)

A PLC type for representing lists:

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \text{list}_\alpha \triangleq \forall \alpha' (\alpha' \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha') \rightarrow \alpha')$$

Constructors:

$$2 \quad \text{Nil} \triangleq \Lambda \alpha, \alpha' (\lambda x' : \alpha', f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha' (x'))$$

$$2 \quad \text{Cons} \triangleq \Lambda \alpha (\lambda x : \alpha, l : \text{list}_\alpha (\Lambda \alpha' (\lambda x' : \alpha', f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha' (f x (l \alpha' x' f)))))$$

Iteration function:

$$2 \quad \text{iter} \triangleq \Lambda \alpha, \alpha' (\lambda x' : \alpha', f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha' (\lambda l : \text{list}_\alpha (l \alpha' x' f)))$$

Types of these expressions:

$$1 \quad (1) \vdash \text{Nil} : \forall \alpha (\text{list}_\alpha)$$

$$1 \quad (2) \vdash \text{Cons} : \forall \alpha (\alpha \rightarrow \text{list}_\alpha \rightarrow \text{list}_\alpha)$$

$$1 \quad (3) \vdash \text{iter} : \forall \alpha, \alpha' (\alpha' \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha') \rightarrow \text{list}_\alpha \rightarrow \alpha')$$

Proof of (1):

$$\begin{array}{l} \overline{\{x' : \alpha', f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha'\} \vdash x' : \alpha'} \text{ (var)} \\ \overline{\{x' : \alpha'\} \vdash \lambda f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha' (x') : (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha') \rightarrow \alpha} \text{ (fn)} \\ \overline{\vdash \lambda x' : \alpha', f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha' (x') : \alpha' \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha') \rightarrow \alpha} \text{ (fn)} \\ \overline{\vdash \Lambda \alpha (\lambda x' : \alpha', f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha' (x')) : \text{list}_\alpha} \text{ (gen)} \\ \vdash \text{Nil} : \forall \alpha (\text{list}_\alpha) \text{ (gen)} \end{array}$$

Proof of (2):

Writing $\Gamma = \{x:\alpha, l:\text{list}_\alpha, x':\alpha', f:\alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha'\}$,
we have

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash l:\text{list}_\alpha} \text{(var)} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash l\alpha':\alpha' \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha') \rightarrow \alpha'} \text{(spec)} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash x':\alpha'} \text{(var)} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash f:\alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha'} \text{(var)}$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash l\alpha'x':(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha') \rightarrow \alpha'} \text{(app)}$$

$$\textcircled{a} \quad \Gamma \vdash l\alpha'x'f:\alpha'$$

and $\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash f:\alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha'} \text{(var)} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash x:\alpha} \text{(var)}$

$$\textcircled{b} \quad \Gamma \vdash fx:\alpha' \rightarrow \alpha'$$

so

$$\frac{\textcircled{b} \quad \textcircled{a}}{} \text{(app)}$$

$$\Gamma \vdash fx(l\alpha'x'f):\alpha'$$

$$\frac{}{\{x:\alpha, l:\text{list}_\alpha\} \vdash \lambda\alpha'(\lambda x'f(fx(l\alpha'x'f))):\text{list}_\alpha} \text{(fn)}^2 \text{(gen)}$$

$$\vdash \text{Cons}:\forall\alpha(\alpha \rightarrow \text{list}_\alpha \rightarrow \text{list}_\alpha) \quad \text{(fn)}^2 \text{(gen)}$$

Proof of (3):

Writing $\Gamma' = \{x':\alpha', f:\alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha', l:\text{list}_\alpha\}$, as in
the proof of \textcircled{a} above, we have

$$\Gamma' \vdash l\alpha'x'f:\alpha'$$

and then applying $(\text{fn})^3(\text{gen})^2$ we get

$$\vdash \text{iter}:\forall\alpha\alpha'(\alpha' \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha') \rightarrow \text{list}_\alpha \rightarrow \alpha').$$

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β -conversion properties of iter:

- 1 (4) $\text{iter } \alpha \alpha' x' f (\text{Nil } \alpha) =_{\beta} x'$
1 (5) $\text{iter } \alpha \alpha' x' f (\text{Cons } \alpha x l) =_{\beta} f x (\text{iter } \alpha \alpha' x' f l)$

Proof of (4):

$$\text{iter } \alpha \alpha' x' f (\text{Nil } \alpha)$$

$$\rightarrow^{(5)} (\text{Nil } \alpha) \alpha' x' f \quad \text{by def. of iter}$$

$$\rightarrow^{(4)} x' \quad \text{" " " Nil}$$

Proof of (5):

$$\text{iter } \alpha \alpha' x' f (\text{Cons } \alpha x l)$$

$$\rightarrow^{(5)} (\text{Cons } \alpha x l) \alpha' x' f \quad \text{by def. of iter}$$

$$\rightarrow^{(6)} f x (l \alpha' x' f) \quad \text{" " " Cons}$$

and

$$f x (\text{iter } \alpha \alpha' x' f l)$$

⑤ $\rightarrow^{(5)} f x (l \alpha' x' f) \quad \text{by def. of iter}$

Commentary

This material is book work, covered in lecture 7.