Type System for Metaprogramming



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Metaprogramming

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The art of generating, manipulating, and analyzing code

box(2 + 3)

A code fragment for code 2 + 3

let box(C) = box(2 + 3) in C

Execution of C to get 5

nth n =

if n <= 0 then

box(head xs)

else

let box(C) = nth (n - 1) in

box(let xs = tail xs in C)
```

Untyped Metaprogram to get nth item in a list with no type/scope checking

Typed Metaprogramming

```
nth : Int -> □ (List Int -> Int)
nth n =
  if n <= 0 then
    box(fun xs => head Int xs)
  else
    let box(C) = nth (n - 1) in
    box(fun xs => C (tail Int xs))
```

Typed Metaprogram to get nth item in an int list

Problem 1 — Well-typed Open Code Fragments

Problem 2 — Polymorphism

```
nth : (a' : Type) -> Int -> □ (List 'a -> 'a)
nth a' n =
  if n <= 0 then
    box(fun xs => head a' xs)
  else
    let box(C) = nth a' (n - 1) in
    box(fun xs => C (tail a' xs))
```

Ill-typed Metaprogram to get nth item in a list

Problem 3 — Pattern Matching on Code Fragments

Modal Logic

Contextual Modality

Levels (Opt)

Levels in Polymorphism

Levels in Pattern Matching

References