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1 Grammar

x is a identifier and n an integer.

Currently, in the syntaxe $x\langle A, B, \ldots, \rangle$, x should be a named type, and not a type variable. Furthermore, x should be the name of a type of the form $\forall y_1, \ldots, \forall y_n, T$ in order for $x\langle A_1, \ldots, A_n \rangle$ to be a type.

2 Typing

2.1 Subtyping

Subtyping is the relation A <: B, ich means that A can be used wherever B is needed. It is the smallest preorder that satisfies the following relations :

$$\overline{! <: A}$$

$$\overline{|A|} < A$$

$$\underline{A'} < A \quad B < B'$$

$$\overline{A} \rightarrow B < A' \rightarrow B'$$

$$\forall 1 \leq i \leq n \quad A_i < B_i$$

$$\overline{A_1 * \cdots * A_n} < B_1 * \cdots * B_n$$

$$\forall 1 \leq i \leq n \quad A_i < B_i$$

$$\overline{A_1 + \cdots + A_n} < B_1 + \cdots + B_n$$

$$\underline{A} < B$$

$$\overline{\mu x . A} < \mu x . B$$

$$\overline{A} < B$$

$$\forall x . A < \forall x . B$$

2.2 Pattern typing

We say that a pattern P can match a type T and bind variables $x_1:T_1,\ldots,x_n:T_n$ if one can derives $x_1:T_1,\ldots,x_n:T_1\vdash P\prec T$ from the following relations:

$$\frac{\forall 1 \leq i \leq n \ x_{i,1}, \dots, x_{i,n_i} \vdash P_i \prec T_i \quad \forall 1 \leq i < j \leq n \ \{x_{i,k} \mid 1 \leq k \leq n_i\} \cap \{x_{j,k} \mid 1 \leq k \leq n_j\} = \varnothing}{x_{1,1} : T_{1,1}, \dots, x_{1,n_1} : T_{1,n_1}, \dots, x_{k,n_k} : T_{k,n_k} \vdash P_1, \dots, P_k \prec T_1 * \dots * T_k} \\ \frac{x_1 : T_1, \dots, x_k : T_n \vdash P \prec A_i \quad 1 \leq i \leq n}{x_1, \dots, x_k \vdash \texttt{inj} \ i \ P \prec A_1 + \dots + A_n}$$

2.3 Irrefutable patterns

A pattern is said to be irrefutable if it cannot fail to match. Such patterns are :

- Discarding
- Binding to a variable
- A tuple of irrefutable patterns (the empty tuple is such a tuple)
- An injection of a sum type of size 1 and an irrefutable pattern inside (this should probably not happen)

In let bindings or in function arguments, patterns that may appear should be irrefutable.

2.4 Pattern matching