Formal Proof of Type Preservation of the Dictionary Passing Transform for System F

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Type Classes in Haskell

Overloading Equality in Haskell

```
class Eq \alpha where
  eq :: \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow Bool
instance Eq Nat where
  eq x y = x \stackrel{.}{=} y
instance Eq \alpha \Rightarrow Eq [\alpha] where
  eq [] = True
  eq (x : xs) (y : ys) = eq x y && eq xs ys
.. eq 42 0 .. eq [42, 0] [42, 0] ..
```

Desugaring Type Classes

Overloading Equality in System Fo

Dictionary Passing Transform

Overloading Equality in System F_O decl eq in inst eq : Nat \rightarrow Nat \rightarrow Bool = λx . λy . . . in inst eq : $\forall \alpha$. [eq : $\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow$ Bool] \Rightarrow [α] \rightarrow [α] \rightarrow Bool = λx . λy . . . in . . eq 42 0 . . eq Nat [42, 0] [42, 0] . .

System F_O Transformed to System F

```
let eq<sub>1</sub> : Nat \rightarrow Nat \rightarrow Bool

= \lambda x. \lambda y. .. in

let eq<sub>2</sub> : \forall \alpha. (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow Bool) \rightarrow [\alpha] \rightarrow [\alpha] \rightarrow Bool

= \Lambda \alpha. \lambdaeq<sub>1</sub>. \lambda xs. \lambda ys. .. in

.. eq<sub>1</sub> 42 0 .. eq<sub>2</sub> Nat eq<sub>1</sub> [42, 0] [42, 0] ..
```

Agda Formalization of System F₀

Syntax Representation in Agda

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Context

```
data Ctx : Sorts → Set where
\emptyset : Ctx []
\_ \blacktriangleright \_ : Ctx S → Term S (item-of s) → Ctx (S ▷ s)
\_ \blacktriangleright \_ : Ctx S → Cstr S → Ctx S
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Constraint Solving

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\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{data} \ [\_] \in \_ \ : \ \mathsf{Cstr} \ S \to \mathsf{Ctx} \ S \to \mathsf{Set} \ \mathsf{where} \\ \mathsf{here} \ : \ [\ (' \ o : \tau) \ ] \in \ (\varGamma \blacktriangleright (' \ o : \tau)) \\ \mathsf{under-bind} \ : \ \{I : \ \mathsf{Term} \ S \ (\mathsf{item-of} \ s')\} \to \\ \ [\ (' \ o : \tau) \ ] \in \ \varGamma \to \ [\ (' \ \mathsf{there} \ o : \ \mathsf{wk} \ \tau) \ ] \in \ (\varGamma \blacktriangleright I) \\ \mathsf{under-inst} \ : \ [\ c \ ] \in \ \varGamma \to \ [\ c \ ] \in \ (\varGamma \blacktriangleright c') \end{array}
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The Dectionary Passing Transform

Fun Lemmas on Our Way to Type Preservation

