

# Introduction to Type Theory

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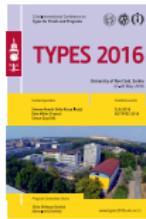
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Untyped lambda calculus

Simply lambda calculus

Intersection types

"a ground", "a plea", "an opinion", "an expectation", "a word", "a speech", "an account", "a reason".

- ▶ Aristotle: Organon, syllogisms 24, 4th BC
- ▶ Stoic logic: syllogisms, deductive logic
- ▶ Euclid: Elements
- ▶ Roman period
- ▶ Middle Age: Scholastic Thomas Aquinas, 12th AD
- ▶ Renesanse: Francis Bacon, inductive logic, scientific method
- ▶ Gotfrid Leibnitz: logic as a universal language
- ▶ Emanuel Kant: "laws of thinking"

- ▶ George Boole: "The Laws of Thought"
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- ▶ Bertrand Russell:
  - ▶ Principia Mathematicae
  - ▶ paradox:  $x \notin x$
  - ▶ **Theory of Types**
- ▶ Alonzo Church:
  - ▶ theory of functions - formalisation of mathematics (inconsistent),
  - ▶ successful model for computable functions
  - ▶ **Simply typed  $\lambda$ -calculus**
- ▶ Per Martin-Löf: **Type Theory**
- ▶ HoTT - Homotopy Type Theory

- ▶ David Hilbert:
  - ▶ problem of **consistency, completeness, decidability**  
(Entscheidungsproblem)
  - ▶ program: to provide secure foundations of all mathematics
- ▶ Luitzen Egbertus Jan Brouwer, Andrey Kolmogorov:
  - ▶ intuitionism, constructivism
- ▶ Gerhard Gentzen:
  - ▶ proof theory
- ▶ Kurt Gödel:
  - ▶ incompleteness theorems (PA is not complete)

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What are the **type** of  $f$

$$f : A \rightarrow B$$

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# Informal syntax

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1. variables:  $x, y, z, z_1, \dots$ 
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# Syntax - more formal

## Definition

The set  $\Lambda$  of  $\lambda$ -terms is generated by a countable set of variables  $V = \{x, y, z, x_1, \dots\}$  using application and abstraction:

$x \in V$  then  $x \in \Lambda$

$M, N \in \Lambda$  then  $(MN) \in \Lambda$

$M \in \Lambda, x \in V$  then  $(\lambda x.M) \in \Lambda$

Conventions for minimizing the number of the parentheses:

- ▶  $M_1 M_2 M_3 \dots M_n$  stands for  $((((M_1)M_2)M_3)\dots M_n)$ ;
- ▶  $\lambda x. M_1 M_2 \dots M_n \equiv \lambda x. (M_1 M_2 \dots M_n)$ ;
- ▶  $\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. M \equiv \lambda x_1. (\lambda x_2. (\dots (\lambda x_n. M) \dots))$ .

$$M ::= x \mid MM \mid \lambda x. M$$

# Running example

$xyzx$

$\lambda x.zx$

$I = \lambda x.x$

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$Y = \lambda f.(\lambda x.f(xx))(\lambda x.f(xx))$

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# Free and bound variables

## Definition

- (i) The set  $FV(M)$  of **free** variables of  $M$  is defined inductively:

$$FV(x) = \{x\}$$

$$FV(MN) = FV(M) \cup FV(N)$$

$$FV(\lambda x.M) = FV(M) \setminus \{x\}$$

A variable in  $M$  is **bound** if it is not free.

- (ii)  $M$  is a **closed**  $\lambda$ -term (or *combinator*) if  $FV(M) = \emptyset$ .  
 $\Lambda^o$  denotes the set of closed  $\lambda$ -terms.

## Example

- ▶ In  $\lambda x.zx$ , variable  $z$  is free.
- ▶ Term  $\lambda xy.xxy$  is closed.

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"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet"

William Shakespeare, "Romeo and Juliet"

## $\beta$ -reduction

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### Example

$$(\lambda x.x + 42)5 \longrightarrow_{\beta} 5 + 42 \rightarrow 47$$

# Substitution

Implicit substitution, meta notion

$$x[x := M] = M$$

$$y[x := M] = y$$

$$(PN)[x := M] = P[x := M] \ N[x := M]$$

$$(\lambda x.N)[x := M] = \lambda x.N$$

$$(\lambda y.N)[x := M] = \lambda y.(N[x := M]), \ y \notin FV(M)$$

$$(\lambda y.N)[x := M] = (\lambda z.N[y := z])[x := M], \\ y \in FV(M) \wedge z \notin FV(M)$$

$\lambda$ -calculus with explicit substitution.

# $\eta$ -conversion

## Definition

$\eta$ -reduction:

$$\lambda x.(Mx) \longrightarrow_{\eta} M, \quad x \notin FV(M)$$

- ▶ This rule identifies two functions that always produce equal results if taking equal arguments.

## Example

$$\lambda x.\mathbf{add}x \longrightarrow_{\eta} \mathbf{add}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} Y &\rightarrow \lambda f.\textcolor{red}{f}((\lambda x.f(xx))(\lambda x.f(xx))) \\ &\rightarrow \lambda f.\textcolor{red}{ff}((\lambda x.f(xx))(\lambda x.f(xx))) \end{aligned}$$

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$\Omega \rightarrow \Omega \rightarrow \Omega \rightarrow \Omega \rightarrow \dots$

## Properties - Confluence

- ▶ **Church-Rosser (CR) theorem:** If  $M \rightarrow N$  and  $M \rightarrow P$ , then there exists  $S$  such that  $N \rightarrow S$  and  $P \rightarrow S$  (*confluence*).

The proof is deep and involved.

- ▶ The corollaries of CR theorem:
  - ▶ the order of the applied reductions is arbitrary and always leads to the same result (contractum);
  - ▶ every  $\lambda$ -term has at most one normal form (uniqueness of NF);
  - ▶ reductions can be executed in parallel (parallel computing).

# Properties - Normalisation theorem

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- (i)  $\lambda$ -term is in the *head normal form* if its form is:

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- ▶ **Normalisation theorem:** If  $M$  has normal form, then the **leftmost strategy** (the sequence of left  $\beta$ - and  $\eta$ -reductions, is terminating, and the result is the normal form of  $M$ .

# Properties - Fixed point theorems

- ▶ **Fixedpoint theorem:** There is a fixed point combinator

$$\mathbf{Y} \equiv \lambda f.(\lambda x.f(xx))(\lambda x.f(xx))$$

such that  $\forall F, F(\mathbf{Y}F) = \mathbf{Y}F, F \in \Lambda$ .

- ▶ **Multiple fixedpoint theorem:** Let  $F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n \in \Lambda$ . There exist  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  such that

$$X_1 = F_1 X_1 X_2 \dots X_n, \dots, X_n = F_n X_1 X_2 \dots X_n.$$

- ▶ These properties enable the representation of the recursive functions in  $\lambda$ -calculus.

# Logic, conditionals, pairs

- ▶ Propositional logic in  $\lambda$ -calculus:

$$\begin{aligned}\top &:= \lambda xy.x, & \perp &:= \lambda xy.y, & \neg &:= \lambda x.x\top\perp, \\ \wedge &:= \lambda xy.xy\perp, & \vee &:= \lambda xy.x\top y\end{aligned}$$

## Example

$$\top \vee A \longrightarrow (\lambda xy.x\top y)(\lambda zu.z)A \longrightarrow (\lambda zu.z)\top A \longrightarrow \top$$

- ▶ Conditionals and pairs in  $\lambda$ -calculus:

$$\begin{aligned}(E \rightarrow M_1 | M_2) &:= MM_1M_2, \\ \mathbf{fst} &:= \lambda x.x\top, \quad \mathbf{snd} := \lambda x.x\perp, \quad (M_1, M_2) := \\ &\quad \lambda x.xM_1M_2\end{aligned}$$

## Example

$$(\top \rightarrow M_1 | M_2) \longrightarrow \top M_1 M_2 \longrightarrow (\lambda xy.x)M_1 M_2 \longrightarrow M_1$$

# Arithmetic

- ▶ Church's numerals (arithmetics on the Nat set):

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{0} &:= \lambda f x. x, \\ \underline{1} &:= \lambda f x. f x, \\ \underline{n} &:= \lambda f x. f^n x, \\ \mathbf{succ} &:= \lambda n f x. n f(f x), \\ \mathbf{add} &:= \lambda m n f x. m f(n f x), \\ \mathbf{iszero} &:= \lambda n. n(\lambda x. \perp) \top, \\ \mathbf{pre} &:= \lambda n f x. \mathbf{snd}(n(\mathbf{prefn}\ f)(\top, x)) \\ \mathbf{mult} &:= \mathbf{Y}\ \mathbf{multifn} \end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $\mathbf{multifn} := \lambda f m n. (\mathbf{iszero}\ m \rightarrow 0 \mid \mathbf{add}\ n\ (f\ (\mathbf{pre}\ m)\ n))$
- ▶  $\mathbf{add}\ \underline{n}\ \underline{m} =_{\beta} \underline{n + m}$
- ▶  $\mathbf{mult}\ \underline{n}\ \underline{m} =_{\beta} \underline{n \times m}$

# Properties - Expressiveness

In the mid 1930s

- ▶ **(Kleene)** Equivalence of  $\lambda$ -calculus and recursive functions.
- ▶ **(Turing)** Equivalence of  $\lambda$ -calculus and Turing machines.
- ▶ **(Curry)** Equivalence of  $\lambda$ -calculus and Combinatory Logic.

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# Motivation

- ▶ “Disadvantages” of the untyped  $\lambda$ -calculus:
  - ▶ infinite computation - there exist  $\lambda$ -terms without a normal form
  - ▶ meaningless applications - it is allowed to create terms like **sin log**
- ▶ **Types** are syntactical objects that can be assigned to  $\lambda$ -terms.
  - ▶ Reasoning with types present in the early work of Church on untyped lambda calculus.
- ▶ two typing paradigms:
  - ▶  $\text{à la}$  Curry - implicit type assignment  
*(lambda calculus with types);*
  - ▶  $\text{à la}$  Church - explicit type assignment  
*(typed lambda calculus).*

# Simply typed $\lambda$ -calculus - syntax of types

## Definition

- ▶ The alphabet consists of
  - ▶  $V = \{\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \alpha_1, \dots\}$ , a countable set of type variables
  - ▶  $\rightarrow$ , a type forming operator
  - ▶  $), ($  auxiliary symbols
- ▶ The language is the set of types  $T$  defined as follows
  - ▶ If  $\alpha \in V$  then  $\alpha \in T$
  - ▶ If  $\sigma, \tau \in T$  then  $(\sigma \rightarrow \tau)$  in  $T$ .
- ▶ The abstract grammar that generates the language

$$\sigma ::= \alpha \mid \sigma \rightarrow \sigma$$

Conventions for minimizing the number of the parentheses:

- ▶  $\sigma_1 \rightarrow \sigma_2 \rightarrow \dots \sigma_{n-1} \rightarrow \sigma_n$  stands for  $(\sigma_1 \rightarrow (\sigma_2 \rightarrow \dots (\sigma_{n-1} \rightarrow \sigma_n) \dots))$ ;

# $\lambda \rightarrow$ - the language

$M : \sigma$

## Definition

- ▶ **Type assignment** is an expression of the form  $M : \sigma$ , where  $M$  is a  $\lambda$ -term and  $\sigma$  is a type.
- ▶ **Declaration**  $x : \sigma$  is type assignment in which the term is a variable.
- ▶ **Basis (environment)**  $\Gamma = \{x_1 : \sigma_1, \dots, x_n : \sigma_n\}$  is a set of declarations in which every variable is assigned as most one type.

# $\lambda \rightarrow$ - the type system

- ▶ Axiom

(Ax1)

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash x : \sigma}$$

- ▶ Rules

( $\rightarrow_{elim}$ )

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \sigma \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash N : \sigma}{\Gamma \vdash MN : \tau}$$

( $\rightarrow_{intr}$ )

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash M : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. M : \sigma \rightarrow \tau}$$

## Running example

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- ▶ Intuitionistic propositional logic  $L\!I$  is consistent, complete and decidable.
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# Curry-Howard paradigm

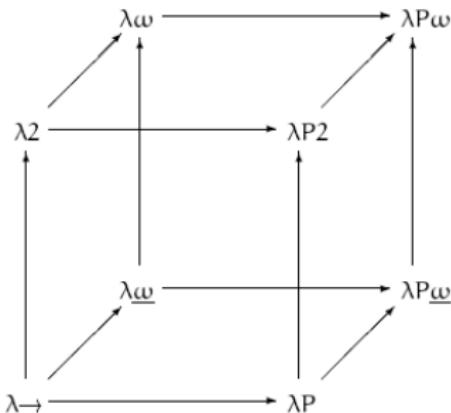
"If, in some cataclysm, all of scientific knowledge were to be destroyed, and only one sentence passed on to the next generation of creatures, what statement would contain the most information in the fewest words?

I believe it is the atomic hypothesis that  
all things are made of atoms." - Richard Feynman

In this domain, proposal:

Logical deduction and computation embody each other

# Lambda cube



## Theorem

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- More type systems: intersection types, recursive types

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There is no perfect world

In  $\lambda$  →

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Untyped lambda calculus

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Introduced in the 1980s, to overcome the limitations of simple types

- ▶ Coppo, Dezani
- ▶ Pottinger
- ▶ Sallé
  
- ▶ Intersection types do not correspond to intuitionistic conjunction

$$\sigma \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \sigma \cap \tau$$

intuitionistically provable, but not inhabited in  $\lambda\cap$

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# Intersection types - Inhabitation

- ▶ Inhabitation is undecidable - 1996 P. Urzyczyn, J. Turin

? :  $\sigma$

- ▶ Automated theorem proving
- ▶ Program synthesis
- ▶ Fragments of intersection types with decidable inhabitation
  - J. Rehof
- ▶ Complexity

# Intersection types - models of $\lambda$ -calculus

Filter models built by means of intersection types, enable to prove **completeness** of type assignment.

## Theorem

$$\Gamma \vdash M : \sigma \iff \Gamma \models M : \sigma$$

Filter models became powerful tool for proving completeness of type assignment in different framework.

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## Take away

- ▶ Types have gained an important role in the analysis of formal systems.
- ▶ A type system
  - ▶ splits elements of the language (**terms**)
  - ▶ into sets (**types**)
  - ▶ proves absence of certain undesired behaviours.
- ▶ Formal calculi: subject reduction (type preservation under reduction, characterization of reduction).
- ▶ Programming languages: types represent a well-established technique to ensure program correctness.
- ▶ Concurrent systems: types have become a powerful means for security and access control and privacy issues.