

# Scopes as Types

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Scope graphs are a promising generic framework for modeling the binding structures of programming languages, bridging formalization and implementation, supporting the definition of type checkers and the automation of type safety proofs. However, previous work on scope graphs has been limited to simple, nominal type systems. In this paper, we show that viewing *scopes as types* enables us to model the internal structure of types in a range of non-simple type systems (including structural records and generic classes) using the generic representation of scopes. Further, we show that relations between such types can be expressed in terms of generalized scope graph queries. We extend scope graphs with scoped relations and queries. We introduce Statix, a new domain-specific meta-language for the specification of static semantics, based on scope graphs and constraints. We evaluate the scopes as types approach and the Statix design in case studies of the simply-typed lambda calculus with records, System F, and Featherweight Generic Java.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Language workbenches aim to support easy construction of programming tools such as language-aware editors, type checkers, and compilers from high-level language definitions [Erdweg et al. 2015]. A longer term goal in the development of language workbenches is to integrate support for mechanized meta theory in order to (automatically) verify properties of language definitions [Visser et al. 2014]. That requires meta-languages for language definitions that are amenable to verification as well as implementation. Scope graphs were designed to provide a central component in such a framework.

Scope graphs were introduced by Néron et al. [2015a] as a general model for name resolution in programming languages that is suitable for formalization as well as implementation. A scope graph captures the binding structure of a program. A generic, language-independent resolution algorithm interprets a scope graph to resolve references to declarations of names. Thus, to express the binding rules of a programming language, one defines the mapping from abstract syntax tree to scope graph. A generic resolution engine takes care of resolving names. Scope graphs cover a wide range of binding structures, including *lexical binding structures* such as variations of let bindings, function parameters, and local variables in blocks, and *non-lexical binding structures* such as (cyclic) module imports and class inheritance. The framework allows language-independent definition of operations such as alpha equivalence and safe renaming of programs.

Van Antwerpen et al. [2016] embed scope graphs in a constraint language. The static semantics of a programming language is defined as a mapping from abstract syntax trees to a set of name and type constraints, which are solved by a language-independent constraint solver. The combination with type constraints allows declarative definition of *type-dependent name resolution* in cases where type analysis and name resolution are mutually dependent, such as in resolving a field access to an object instantiating a record or class.

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In addition to serving as a model for name resolution, scope graphs provide a language-independent model for run-time memory. Poulsen et al. [2016] define a framework in which *scopes describe frames*. A frame is a run-time unit of memory allocation that corresponds one-to-one to a scope in a scope graph. This provides the basis for language-independent invariants about the well-typedness of memory (the store), which are used by Poulsen et al. [2018] in a technique for automating the type safety proofs of definitional interpreters by incorporating object-language types and bindings in the types of abstract syntax trees.

Thus, scope graphs are the basis for a promising approach to the definition of the static semantics of programming languages that serves the implementation of tools such as type checkers, as well as the verification of language properties such as type safety. However, the adoption of scope graphs is inhibited by its limitation to simple type systems. As a model that ties information to *names*, scope graphs appear to be limited in expressiveness. The works above cover languages with simple, nominal type systems, and their future work calls for extension to more sophisticated type systems. In particular, it is not clear how scope graphs can be used to describe *structural types*, in which types are not identified by names, and *generic types*, in which types are parameterized by types.

In this paper, we demonstrate how scope graphs can be used to model type systems with more sophisticated forms of type equality, such as for structural and parametric types, by using *scopes as types*. Scopes provide a uniform representation for types with rich structure that cannot easily be captured in syntactic terms. Similarly to how relations over syntactic terms are defined in terms of pattern matching, do we define relations over these rich scope types using resolution queries. Furthermore, we present *Statix*, a new constraint-based language for static semantics specification based on this approach. We make the following technical contributions:

- We show that viewing *scopes as types* enables us to model the internal structure of types in a range of non-simple type systems (including structural records and generic classes) using the generic representation of scopes. Further, we show that relations between such types can be expressed in terms of generalized scope graph queries. We extend scope graphs with scoped relations and queries.
- We extend the scope graph model with *scoped relations* to model the association of types with declarations and explicit substitutions in the instantiation of parameterized types. We generalize name resolution in scope graph from resolution from references to declarations to general *queries* for scoped relations. This enables flexible definition of queries for reachable or visible declarations and other properties, such as the visible record fields in the definition of subtyping of structural record types.
- We extend the *visual notation* of scope graph diagrams with scoped relations, which provides a useful language for explaining patterns of names and types in programming languages. We also extend the visual notation with unresolved (constraint) nodes for illustrating the resolution process.
- We introduce *Statix*, a declarative, language for specifying type systems. The language provides simple guarded rules for definition of user-defined constraints with unification and scope graph construction and resolution as built-in theories. We provide a declarative and an operational semantics of Statix.
- We *simplify* the resolution calculus and algorithm of Néron et al. [2015a] and Van Antwerpen et al. [2016] by not including imports as a primitive. We demonstrate how imports (and other name- and type-dependent name resolution schemas) can be encoded using the scopes as types approach. We discuss how these patterns depend on *resolution in incomplete scope graphs*, and how the algorithm guarantees soundness of resolution in incomplete graphs. We further generalize resolution by namespace/query-specific parameterization with visibility policies instead of global policies.

- We have evaluated the Statix language in three case studies: the simply-typed lambda calculus with records [Pierce 2002] (STLC-REC), System F [Girard 1972; Reynolds 1974], and Featherweight Generic Java [Igarashi et al. 2001].

*Outline.* We proceed as follows. In the next section we review scope graphs, extend scope graphs with scoped relations, and illustrate the concepts using lexical bindings, modules with imports, and type-dependent name resolution in record types. In Section 3 we demonstrate that using scopes as types, we can model sophisticated type systems with structural types and parameterized types. In Section 4 we introduce the Statix language by means of examples. In Section 5 we discuss generalized and simplified name resolution calculus and algorithm. In Section 6 we define the syntax and semantics of Statix. We discuss related work in Section 7. In the appendices we provide further technical discussion, including the operational semantics of Statix (Appendix B), and the specifications in Statix of STLC-REC, System F, and FGJ.

## 2 SCOPES WITH TYPES

In this section we revisit scope graphs as introduced by Néron et al. [2015a] and Van Antwerpen et al. [2016] and illustrate their application to modeling simple nominal type systems. We extend scope graphs with scoped relations to include type annotations *within* scope graph models. We end with an analysis of the limitations of scope graphs to model more sophisticated type systems. In this section and the next we use the visual notation of scope graph diagrams to illustrate the concepts. In Section 5 and Section 6 we give a formal account.

### 2.1 Scope Graphs

Fig. 1 shows an example program with lexical binding and its corresponding scope graph. The program consists of a sequential let, binding identifiers  $x_1$  and  $f_2$ , which are used in a function application. To distinguish different occurrences of the same name, names in programs are subscripted with their position in the program. Thus,  $x_1$ ,  $x_3$ ,  $x_4$ , and  $x_6$  are different occurrences of the same name  $x$ .

A *scope graph* is a directed graph, consisting of scopes, references and declarations, connected by labeled edges. A *scope* corresponds to a region in the program that behaves uniformly with respect to name resolution. Scopes are depicted by round nodes, labeled with a number, such as ①. For example, scope ③ is the scope of the body of the let and scope ② is the scope of the function.

An *edge* between two scopes is depicted as ②  $\xrightarrow{p}$  ① and denotes that scope ① is *reachable* from scope ②. The edge label  $\xrightarrow{p}$  denotes that scope ① is a *lexical parent* of scope ②. Labels are used to control *visibility* of (declarations in) scopes. We illustrate visibility policy examples later.

An *occurrence*  $x_i$  corresponds to a name  $x$  occurring at position  $i$  in a program. Occurrences are depicted by rectangular nodes in the graph, labeled with the name and position, such as  $x_i$ .

A *declaration* is an occurrence that introduces a name. A declaration is depicted using an arrow from a scope to an occurrence, such as  $(i) \rightarrow x_j$ . For example,  $x_1$  is a declaration in scope ①, and  $f_2$  is a declaration in scope ③. (Note that the declaration  $f_2$  is not related to scope ②,

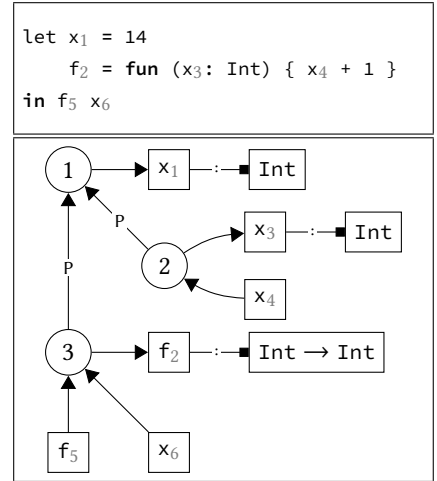


Fig. 1. Scope graph modeling lexical scoping of variables with types.

which is the scope of the body of the function bound to  $\boxed{f_2}$ ; the parameters and local variables of a function are not accessible from outside.)

A *reference* is an occurrence that refers to a declared name. A reference is depicted by an arrow going from an occurrence to a scope, such as  $\boxed{x_j} \rightarrow \textcircled{j}$ . For example,  $\boxed{x_4}$  is a reference in scope  $\textcircled{2}$ , and  $\boxed{f_3}$  is a reference in scope  $\textcircled{3}$ .

## 2.2 Name Resolution

The name binding structure of a program is defined by a language-specific mapping from (the abstract syntax tree of) a program to a scope graph. A language-independent algorithm resolves the names in the scope graph. Name resolution is defined in terms of *reachable* and *visible* declarations.

A declaration is *reachable* from a reference if there is a *path* from the reference through scope-to-scope edges ending in a matching declaration. For example, in Fig. 1  $\boxed{x_1}$  is reachable from  $\boxed{x_6}$  as witnessed by the path  $\boxed{x_6} \rightarrow \textcircled{3} \xrightarrow{P} \textcircled{1} \rightarrow \boxed{x_1}$ . It is possible that there are multiple reachable declarations for a reference. For example, the reference  $x_4$  reaches  $x_3$  through path  $\boxed{x_4} \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \rightarrow \boxed{x_3}$  and  $x_1$  through path  $\boxed{x_4} \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \xrightarrow{P} \textcircled{1} \rightarrow \boxed{x_1}$ .

A *visibility* policy determines which path to choose in case of an ambiguity. First, the set of reachable paths can be reduced by means of a path *well-formedness* predicate that defines *valid* paths. Typically such a predicate is expressed as a regular expression over path labels. For example, the regular expression  $P^*I^*$  expresses that paths may first follow zero or more lexical parent edges and then zero or more import edges. That is, following parent edges after import edges is not allowed. Second, from the remaining set of reachable paths, the most specific path is chosen using a partial order on edge labels and the end-of-path label  $\$$ . *Lexical shadowing*, where the closest identifier is visible, is achieved using the order  $\$ < P$ . Thus, path  $\boxed{x_4} \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \rightarrow \boxed{x_3}$  is more specific than path  $\boxed{x_4} \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \xrightarrow{P} \textcircled{1} \rightarrow \boxed{x_1}$ , which entails that  $\boxed{x_4}$  resolves to  $\boxed{x_3}$ .

Thus, *name resolution* is defined as finding all paths to *visible declarations* that match the reference.

## 2.3 Scoped Relations

Van Antwerpen et al. [2016] define a constraint language for static semantics including constraints for declaring scope graphs and name resolution. The types of declarations are defined using constraints of the form  $d : t$ . These constraints are not integrated in the scope graph model. As a result declaration typings are a global property of a constraint set, and lack a scoping discipline. Furthermore, typings are not integrated in the *visual notation* of scope graphs, making awkward presentations combining scope graph diagrams with textual constraints.

In this paper we extend the representation of scope graphs with scoped relations and introduce a visual syntax for these relations. A *scoped relation* is a relation  $\textcircled{i} \xrightarrow{l} \boxed{t}$  associating a scope with a tuple  $t$  of data items labeled with the name  $l$  of the relation. A special case is a *declaration property*  $\textcircled{i} \xrightarrow{r} \boxed{\dots}$ , which is a short-hand for a declaration  $\textcircled{i} \rightarrow \boxed{x_j}$  and a relation  $\textcircled{i} \xrightarrow{r} \boxed{(x_j, \dots)}$ . For example, we use the “:” label for relation mapping declarations to types. Thus, in Fig. 1 we have  $\textcircled{2} \xrightarrow{:} \boxed{x_3} \rightarrow \boxed{\text{Int}}$  to indicate that the type of  $x_3$  is  $\text{Int}$ .

## 2.4 Non-Lexical Bindings

So far in this section we used scope graphs to model *lexical bindings*, which are modeled by scope edges from inner scopes to enclosing scopes, and path specificity to handle shadowing. This covers a large class of binding patterns including functional abstraction, local variable declarations, block structure, loop iterator variables, and flavors of let bindings such as sequential let, recursive let, and parallel let. [Néron et al. 2015a,b] show encodings of such binding patterns using scope graphs.

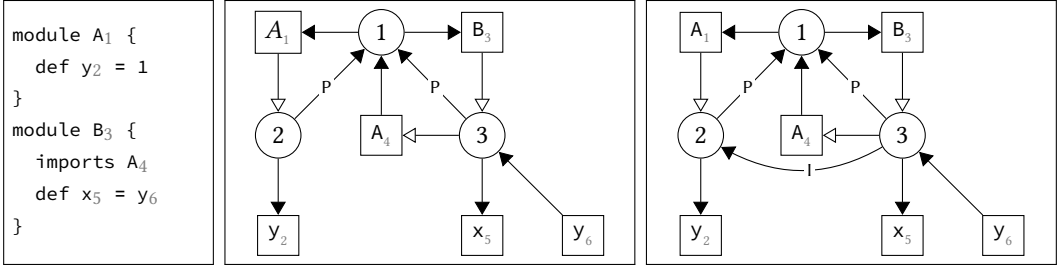


Fig. 2. Modules with imports

However, names cannot always be resolved in the lexical scope. Another class of bindings can be characterized as ‘name-dependent name resolution’. That is, to resolve a name, we first need to resolve another name. Typical examples are modules with imports, access to modules or packages through qualified names, and super class declarations in object-oriented languages. Scope graphs support this kind of binding pattern using associated scopes and imports.

An *associated scope edge*  $\boxed{d_i} \rightarrow (s)$  associates a scope  $(s)$  with a declaration  $\boxed{d_i}$ . For example, in Fig. 2 scope 2 representing the body of module A is associated with its declaration:  $(1) \rightarrow \boxed{A_1} \rightarrow (2)$ . An *import edge*  $(s) \rightarrow \boxed{r_i}$  entails the import into scope  $(s)$  of all declarations of the scope that is associated with the declaration to which the reference  $\boxed{r_i}$  resolves. For example, in Fig. 2, scope 3 representing the body of module B has an import edge  $(3) \rightarrow \boxed{A_4}$ . The reference itself is a regular reference  $\boxed{A_4} \rightarrow (1)$ , referring to a declaration with a matching name.

Resolving through an import is a two stage process. To resolve  $\boxed{y_6}$  in Fig. 2, first the import reference is resolved to a declaration with an associated scope:  $(3) \rightarrow \boxed{A_4} \rightarrow (1) \rightarrow \boxed{A_1} \rightarrow (2)$ . This gives rise to an edge  $(3) \xrightarrow{I} (2)$  from the importing scope to the associated scope of the declaration, which enables resolving the reference with the path  $\boxed{y_6} \rightarrow (3) \xrightarrow{I} (2) \rightarrow \boxed{y_2}$ .

## 2.5 Type-Dependent Name Resolution

Another form of indirect name resolution is *type-dependent name resolution*, where it is necessary to perform type analysis before being able to resolve a name. The prototypical example is access to the named members of a class or record. Resolving the reference to field  $f$  in a field projection expression  $e.f$  requires resolving the type of the sub-expression  $e$ .

We illustrate the modeling of type-dependent name resolution using scope graphs with nominal record types for a language with record type declarations in Fig. 3. The example program in Fig. 3 defines a new record type  $P$ , creates an instance  $p$  of that record type, and accesses the field  $y$  of the instance. The unresolved scope graph in Fig. 3 includes the constraints (dashed boxes and arrows) that need to be resolved.

The record type is identified by the declaring occurrence  $\boxed{P_1}$ . The declarations of fields of the record type are defined in a separate scope  $(2)$ , which is associated with the record type. This scope is not reachable from other scopes, other than through the association of the record type.

The type of variable  $p_4$  is defined as  $\text{Rec } P_5$ , a record type with a reference to a record type declaration. In the unresolved scope graph this is represented with a constraint variable  $\boxed{d_k}$ , which is a placeholder for the type declaration, and used in the type of the declaration  $p_4$ . In the graph, we use term graph notation, where the edge  $\xrightarrow{i}$  denotes the  $i$ th child of the constructor.





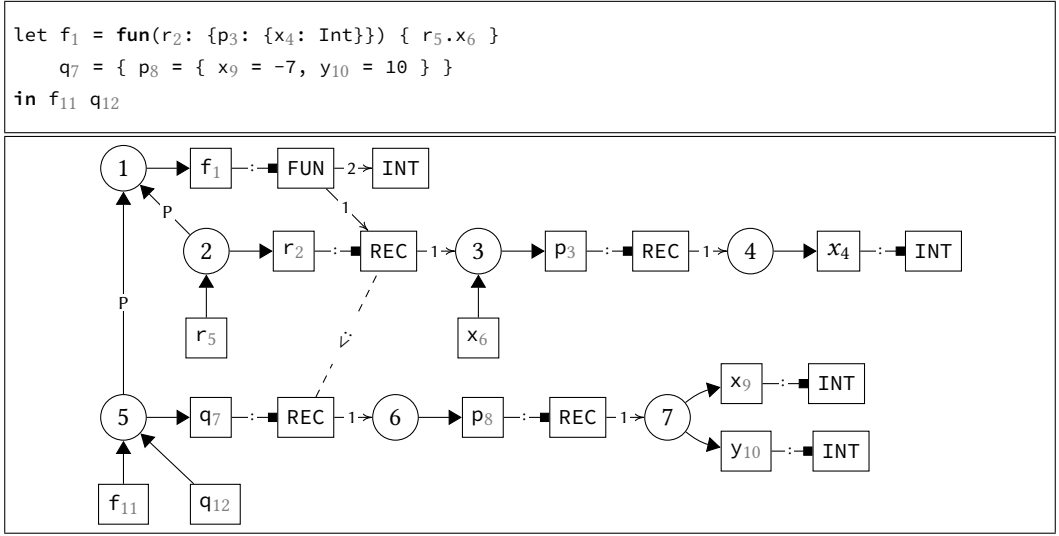


Fig. 4. Structural subtyping

Following [Cardelli and Wegner \[1985\]](#), there are two approaches to universal polymorphism: *inclusion polymorphism* (also called *subtype polymorphism*) characterizes and identifies different structures as being inter-changeable and inter-convertible; and *parametric polymorphism* characterizes structures that are parametric in other types or structures. Scope graphs expose the structure needed to define both kinds of polymorphic type disciplines. In contrast to traditional approaches to modeling polymorphism, the approach that we present in this section is based on a language-independent representation: the scope graph. This makes the framework well-suited for characterizing, studying, specifying, and implementing type systems for programming languages at large.

### 3.1 Structural Records with Structural Subtyping

We illustrate how to define a simple language with structural records by using a scope to define the type of a record, and how this definition of types affords a generic characterization of structural subtyping.

Fig. 4 defines an example program with structural record subtyping. The first line defines a function  $f$  whose parameter is typed by a nested record type where the innermost record has a single `Int` typed field  $x$ . The second line defines a nested record  $q$  whose innermost record has two fields,  $x$  and  $y$ . The third line applies  $f$  to  $q$ . In the scope graph in Fig. 4 we use a scope to define the type of records. For example, the  $r_2$  declaration is typed as  $\text{REC}(\textcircled{3})$ , i.e., a record type that references the scope  $\textcircled{3}$  that defines the structure of the record type in the parameter of the  $f$  function. Similarly, the  $q_7$  declaration is typed as a record whose structure is defined by scope  $\textcircled{6}$ .

*Structural subtyping* is an approach to inclusion polymorphism based on structural comparison. A record type  $\{x: A\}$  (for some type  $A$ ) is the super type of all record types that provide *at least* a field  $x: B$  where  $B$  is a subtype of  $A$ . By using scopes to identify types we can formulate structural subtyping in terms of the scope graph. For example, the record type given by scope  $\textcircled{6}$  is a structural subtype of the record type given by scope  $\textcircled{3}$  because there is a similarly-named and compatibly-typed declaration in scope  $\textcircled{6}$  for every declaration in scope  $\textcircled{3}$ . In other words, a

structural subtyping discipline is characterized by a query over the scope graph of a program: for each declaration in the scope of the super type there is a compatibly-named and compatibly-typed declaration in the sub type. This characterization closely matches the traditional notion of structural record subtyping [Pierce 2002]; but using scopes as types makes the definition independent of the particular (abstract) syntax of languages.

### 3.2 Classes and Nominal Subtyping

*Nominal subtyping* is an alternative approach to inclusion polymorphism. Nominal subtyping identifies and relates types via a subtype ordering between names. The nominal subtype ordering for a given program is usually assumed to have been computed a priori by an ad hoc pre-processor. Using scope graphs, the subtype ordering between names is apparent from the scope graph itself. Thus scope graphs alleviate the need for ad hoc pre-processing by exposing the essential structure of programs and types. To illustrate, let us consider a Java-like example language with classes.

Fig. 5 shows a program with three classes, and the scope graph of this program. Each class has a name that is typed as a  $\text{CLASS}(\textcircled{s})$  where  $\textcircled{s}$  is the scope of (the body of) the class. Class scopes have a declaration for each member of the class. For example,  $\boxed{A_1}$  is associated with the class scope that has a single declaration  $\boxed{f_2}$  of type  $\text{T}$  for the single class member of A. Class scopes are connected to the scope of their super class via an edge labeled S (for super) which makes the class members in super classes reachable via name resolution. S edges are the result of resolving the *extends* clauses of classes. For example, the class scope for B is connected to the class scope of A because  $A_4$  in the program resolves to  $\boxed{A_1}$ . (For brevity we have omitted the extends clause references from the scope graph.) Thus scopes directly represent and expose the inheritance structure of classes.

Nominal subtyping for Java entails that we can use a named sub-class where one of its super classes is expected. For example, the Java cast expression  $((A)\text{new } C())$  is well-typed when A is a super type of C. The scope graph affords a straightforward characterization of this subtype relationship: any class member declaration that is reachable from the class scope  $\textcircled{1}$  of A is also reachable from the inheriting class scope of C  $\textcircled{3}$ , because  $\textcircled{1}$  is reachable from  $\textcircled{3}$ . In other words, a nominal subtyping discipline is characterized by (1) type identity, which corresponds to scope identity, and (2) a query over the scope graph of a program: a type that references a scope  $\textcircled{s}$  is the super type of all types that reference a scope from which  $\textcircled{s}$  can be reached through a chain of S edges in the scope graph.

Thus, using scopes as types exposes the structure needed to define and characterize inclusion polymorphism. Next, we consider how to model parametric polymorphism.

### 3.3 Generic Classes and Parametric Polymorphism

We present an approach to parametric polymorphism that uses the scope graph to record delayed explicit substitutions. To illustrate, let us again consider the Java-like example language but with *generics*. Fig. 6 shows a program with a class definition A with a type parameter  $x$  and with a single field  $f$  typed with the type parameter  $x$ . The program also contains two instantiations

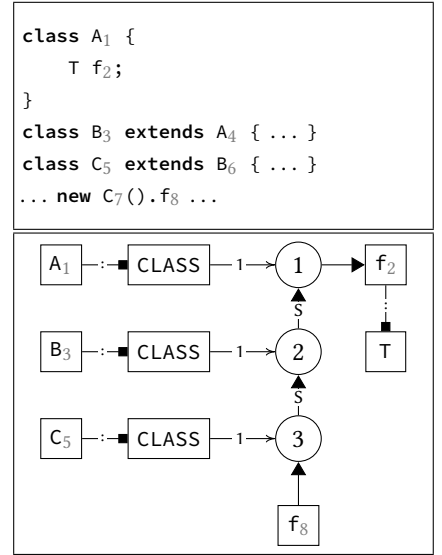


Fig. 5. Subtyping of classes



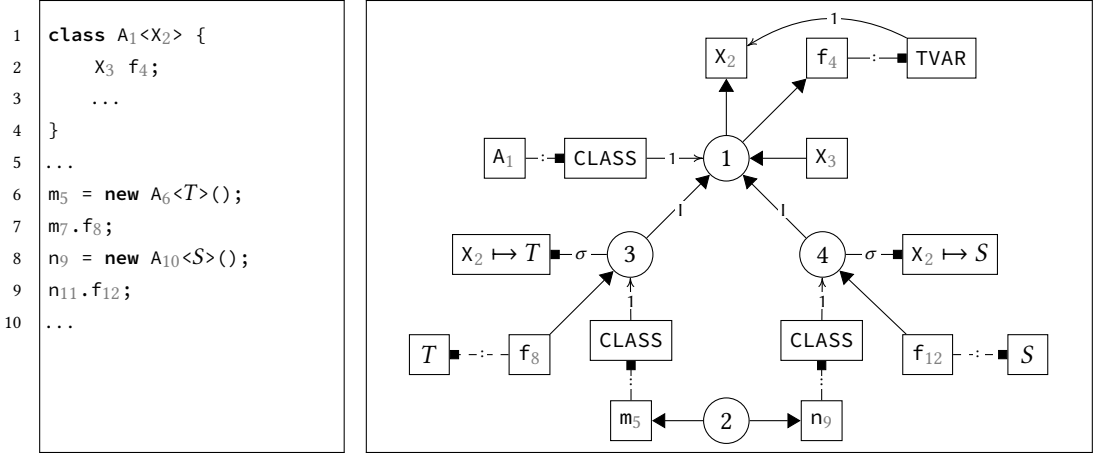


Fig. 6. Generic class with two instantiations. Resolution of field projections on instantiations applies the substitution in their instantiation scope.

of  $A$ :  $m = \text{new } A<T>()$  and  $n = \text{new } A<S>()$ . The field accesses  $m.f$  and  $n.f$  both resolve to the declaration of the field in  $A$ . However, their type should be considered relative to the specific instantiation of the type parameter. That is,  $m.f$  has type  $T$  and  $n.f$  has type  $S$ .

The scope graph in Fig. 6 illustrates how generic class instantiation (i.e., parametric polymorphism) is modeled using scope graphs: each generic class instantiation is modeled as an *instantiation scope*. For example, the instantiation  $m = \text{new } A<T>()$  gives rise to the instantiation scope (3) which contains a delayed and explicit substitution as a  $\sigma$ -labeled edge between (3) and  $x \mapsto T$ . Delayed substitutions are only applied to field types once a *field is accessed*, as opposed to eagerly when the class is initialized. By delaying the substitution as an instantiation scope we save having to duplicate the entire class scope when we instantiate the generic class  $A$  with a different generic type argument  $S$ .

The type of a generic class instance is represented by an instantiation scope, which refines the original class scope with a substitution. For example, the generic class instantiation  $m_5 = \text{new } A_6<T>()$  has type  $\text{CLASS}(\textcircled{3})$ . The class members of the class scope (1) for  $A$  are reachable through the  $I$ -labeled instantiation edge between (3) and (1). Generic type parameter substitution works by enforcing the following reference resolution policy: after resolving a reference to a declaration and its type, we *normalize* the yielded type by applying each explicit substitution from each of the instantiation scopes that we encountered in the resolution path. This resolution policy is enforced for the field access expression  $m_7.f_8$  as follows: resolving  $f_8$  to  $f_4$  yields the type  $\text{TVAR}(x_2)$  which is then normalized by applying the delayed substitution  $x_2 \mapsto T$  which makes  $T$  the result type of the field access expression.

The example in Fig. 6 illustrates how parametric polymorphism can be characterized, specified, and implemented using scope graphs. In general, parametric polymorphism allows program fragments to be typed by using variables in place of actual types, and then instantiating with actual types as needed. The way to instantiate parametric types in general is (some form of) substitution. To model parametric polymorphism in scope graphs, we make such substitutions explicit and delayed, reminiscent of the *explicit substitutions* approach due to Abadi et al. [1991], but here adapted to scope graphs. There are, of course, other ways to model such substitutions. A naive alternative is to use a substitution function that traverses a scope graph and applies substitution, similarly to

how substitution functions for the  $\lambda$ -calculus are often defined. Naive substitution is unattractive because: (i) substitution functions usually reside on a different meta-level from the scope graph itself which is conceptually unsatisfying; and (ii) substitution would *duplicate* parts of the scope graph, causing a scope graph size explosion proportional to the number of uses of parametric types. By making substitutions explicit, we avoid these problems. Scope graphs with explicit substitutions provide a model for parametric polymorphism in a way that the scope graph provides a uniform model and data structure for representing and inspecting programs after resolution.

## 4 STATIX: SPECIFICATION WITH SCOPES AND CONSTRAINTS

In the previous section we saw that viewing scopes as types allows us to model sophisticated type systems using a generic framework. In this section we describe the design of *Statix*, a new language for the specification of the static semantics of programming languages that incorporates these ideas.

### 4.1 Requirements

Viewing *scopes as types* relies on a generalized notion of scope graphs. In this section we analyze the consequences of this generalization on the constraint language of Van Antwerpen et al. [2016], which we will refer to as CLA, by lack of an official name. First, we highlight the key points of constraint-based type checking. Then, we discuss the main aspects of CLA, and discuss its limitations with respect to the patterns introduced in Section 3.

*Constraint-Based Type Checking.* Type checkers verify the well-formedness of programs with respect to a type system. This involves resolving references to declarations, checking type equality or subtyping, and possibly inferring implicit types. If the program is well-formed, the type checker assigns types to all expressions in the program. If the program is incorrect, the type checker should report any inconsistencies it found.

Specifying and implementing type checkers using constraints is a well established technique [e.g., Odersky et al. 1999; Pottier and Rémy 2005; Simonet and Pottier 2007; Sulzmann and Stuckey 2008; Vytiniotis et al. 2011]. The key point of constraint-based type checking is to reduce the problem of program well-formedness to a constraint problem. Satisfiability of the constraint problem implies well-formedness of the program. This approach has many benefits. It separates the object language from the type language, by splitting object language dependent constraint generation from type language dependent constraint solving. The constraint language can be simpler than the object language, which benefits reasoning about soundness and completeness of the solver. There is also the possibility of reuse of the constraint language and solver for different object languages. An important aspect of constraints is that they are generally order independent. The constraints specify the relations between different types, and the solver determines resolution order.

One aspect that is under developed in many approaches is the treatment of name resolution. Mostly it is considered part of the constraint generation phase. When it is part of the constraint language [e.g., Pottier and Rémy 2005], the constraints mimic the (lexical) binding structure from the object language. This is problematic if the object language contains type-dependent names, such as record fields or class methods. Name resolution is now type-dependent and non-lexical, and stratification does not work anymore.

*Name Resolution Constraints.* CLA addresses this problem by making name resolution part of the constraint language. A standard constraint language of type equalities is extended with constraints to resolve names, as well as assumptions about the binding structure. The binding structure is represented with scope graphs [Néron et al. 2015a], which are object language independent and come with a formal resolution principle.

The key idea underlying CLA is that the order independence of constraints enables interaction between the name resolution and type constraints. The crucial insight is that some name resolution is possible in an incomplete graph, without losing soundness of resolution. That is, any resolved reference resolves as it would in the (possibly extended) final scope graph.

Specifically, an incomplete scope graph contains edges whose targets are represented by unification variables, and thus unknown until a substitution is found. A constraint generator produces both the scope graph and the type constraints for a program, which allows sharing of unification variables between them. During constraint solving, the graph is instantiated when equalities are resolved, which gradually makes more references resolvable. The approach is declarative since it does not require the language designer to stratify resolution; the resolution engine finds an order.

*Limitations.* The patterns discussed in Section 3 rely on a generalized model of scope graphs, as well as on scoped relations, which were not expressible in CLA. We highlight some important limitations of CLA and illustrate them with examples.

- The resolution policy (path well-formedness and ordering) is a global property, which applies to all namespaces. However, in Java-like languages different kinds of identifiers have different policies. For example, type variables are only visible in the lexical scope of a class (path matches  $P^*$ ), but fields are also visible in subclasses (path matches  $P^*S^*$ ).
- The only way to query the graph is by resolving a reference to a single declaration. A few built-in queries are available, such as all visible declarations, but there is no general mechanism to describe such queries. A query to get all methods in super classes (path has at least one  $S$ -step) – useful to check overloading or overriding – cannot be defined.
- The scope graph can only contain scopes and declarations, and declarations can exist in one scope only. Types can be associated with declarations only as a global property, i.e. without the option of local (scoped) refinements. Storing a substitution for our generic class example is not possible.
- The user-defined constraint generation function defines a relation between programs and types. It is not possible to define relations between types. Type comparisons that are not syntactic equality, such as structural subtyping cannot be defined.
- The full edge structure of the scope graph is required before resolution in an incomplete graph is possible. When using scopes as types, in a language where type normalization requires the creation of new scopes as we saw in Section 3, this is too prohibitive.

*Statix.* We have designed *Statix*, a new language for static semantics specification, to generalize over CLA, retaining its benefits, while addressing the limitations outlined above. In the rest of this section we introduce *Statix* by means of examples. In subsequent sections we formalize the design.

## 4.2 Declarations and References

We introduce constraint rules and simple name resolution using the example in Fig. 7, which shows the program, its scope graph, and the corresponding *Statix* specification. The program consists of a let binding  $x_1$  to an integer literal, and a variable reference  $x_2$  in the body. The scope graph consists of a program scope 1, and a scope 2 introduced by the let. The let scope contains the declaration and the reference. The reference is expected to resolve to some declaration  $x_j$ , which in turn is expected to have a type  $T$ . The double dashed lines indicate the nodes that are unified during resolution. The *Statix* specification on the right defines how the scope graph and constraint patterns are derived from the program. The abstract syntax trees of programs are represented using term notation.

*Constraint Rules.* In *Statix*, typing rules are defined by means of constraint rules for user-defined constraints. For example, the typing rule for integer literals is defined as

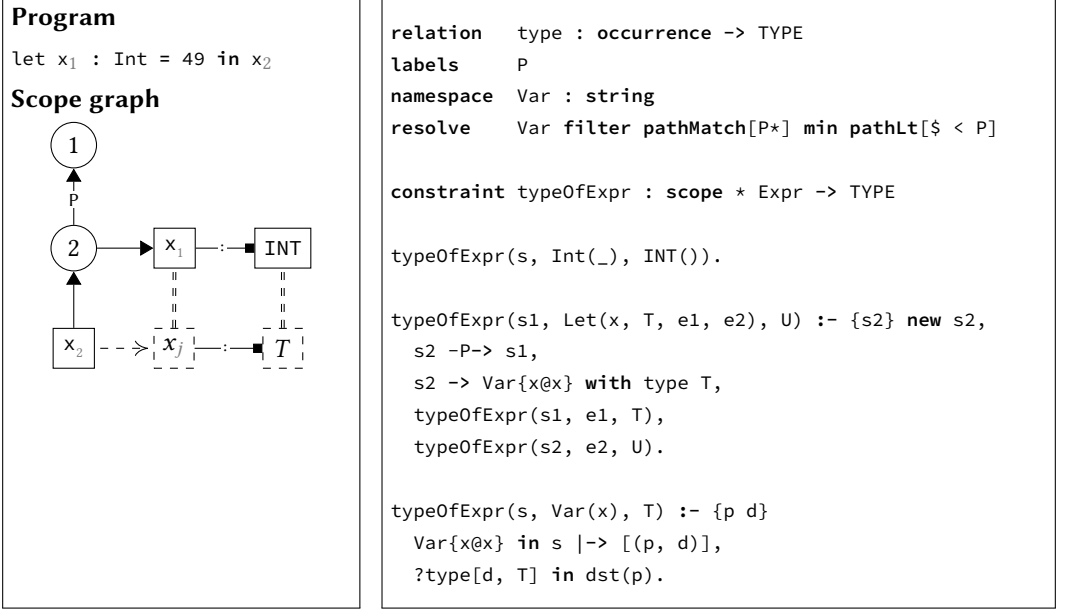


Fig. 7. Declarations and references

typeOfExpr(s, Int(i), INT()).

This rule is one of multiple rules for the typeOfExpr constraint, which is defined with signature

**constraint** typeOfExpr : scope \* Expr -> TYPE

The signature specifies that a typeOfExpr constraint takes three arguments: a scope, an expression, and a type. The arrow -> separates input arguments on the left from output arguments on the right. Input and output arguments are treated differently when inline patterns are used in the head of the rule. The normal form of the rule above is

typeOfExpr(s, e, T) | e == Int(i) :- T == INT().

The head typeOfExpr(s, e, T) matches on variables only. Patterns for input arguments become equalities in the guard (between the bar and the turnstile | C :-), while patterns for output arguments become equalities in the body (after the turnstile :- C).

Statix constraint rules are interpreted as simplification rules. Constraints are resolved by simplifying them to the basic built-in constraints of the language. These constraint are then solved using built-in solvers. For example, the equality constraint  $T == INT()$  is resolved using unification. If multiple rules are defined for a constraint, such as is the case for typeOfExpr, the rule guards are used to determine which rule is used for simplification. If a guard holds, the constraint is replaced by the body of that rule. If the constraints in the body are not satisfiable, no other rules are tried (no back-tracking). If none of the guards are satisfiable, the constraint is considered unsatisfiable. In general, a constraint is considered satisfiable if it can be completely reduced to built-in constraints, and the built-in constraints are satisfiable according to their specific solvers.

The rule for let introduces a new scope for the body (**new** s2), and connects it to the surrounding lexical scope by declaring a scope edge (s2 -P-> s1). The declaration and type edges for the let

variable are introduced by the constraint  $s2 \rightarrow \text{Var}\{x@x\} \text{ with type } T$ , where  $\text{Var}\{x@x\}$  represents the occurrence of the variable in the program with its name, its position (which is derived from the token), and its namespace.

The type is associated with the scope through the *type* relation, which is a functional relation, indicated by the arrow  $\rightarrow$  in its signature. This means that at most one type can be associated with an occurrence, and that the type may contain unification variables. For non-functional relations, all elements in the tuples of the relation must be ground. The constraint that introduces the declaration and its type is a short form that can be used for any functional relation of type **occurrence**  $\rightarrow \dots$ . It can also be written as two more basic constraints  $s2 \rightarrow \text{Var}\{x@x\}, !\text{type}[\text{Var}\{x@x\}, T] \text{ in } s2$ . A constraint  $s \rightarrow \text{Ns}\{\dots\}$  introduces a declaration. A constraint  $!\text{rel}[\dots] \text{ in } s2$  adds a value to the relation, and can be used for relations of any type.

*Resolution.* The rule for variables uses the constraint  $\text{Var}\{x@x\} \text{ in } s \mid \rightarrow [(p, d)]$  to resolve the occurrence  $\text{Var}\{x@x\}$  in scope  $s$  to a single pair of a path and a declaration. The variables  $p$  and  $d$  are local variables, introduced in the  $\{p \ d\}$  block after the turnstile. Local variables are turned into fresh constraint variables during simplification. The policy for resolving the reference is defined as

```
resolve Var filter pathMatch[P*] min pathLt[$ < P]
```

It specifies a well-formedness predicate using the **pathMatch** constraint, which matches path labels against a regular expression. Shadowing is specified using a **pathLt** constraint that compares two paths based on their labels and the given label order.

Finally, the type of the variable is related to the type of the resolved declaration using the relation constraint  $?\text{type}[d, T] \text{ in } p.\text{dst}$ , which takes as argument a tuple of terms and the scope in which the relation is checked. This form only considers relation tuples that are declared in that exact scope. During simplification, the constraint can be resolved when all terms corresponding to types before the  $\rightarrow$  are ground. The constraint is then simplified to equality constraints between the remaining terms and the terms found in the relation.

### 4.3 Queries and Resolution Policies

We illustrate rich queries on the scope graph using the structural subtyping example in Fig. 8. The example program defines a function  $x_2$  over records with field  $x$ , and a record literal  $r_3$  with fields  $x$  and  $y$ . The scope graph is a fragment showing the record types of the function parameter and the record literal. Record types are represented by scopes. The type of the function argument corresponds to scope 1, and the type of the literal to scope 2. The Statix specification on the right shows the constraints and rules that express structural subtyping over record types.

The subtype constraint is defined as a binary predicate with signature  $\text{subType}: \text{TYPE} * \text{TYPE}$ . Subtyping of integer types is defined by the reflective rule

```
subType(INT(), INT()).
```

The committed-choice nature of constraint resolution requires rules to have non-overlapping guards. Therefore we list all cases here, even though some would obviously fall under a general reflexivity rule, such as

```
subType(T1, T2) | T1 == T2. // problem: guard overlaps with REC rule
```

*Scope Graph Queries.* The rule for record subtyping is defined in terms of a query over record fields of the supertype

```
query decl filter pathMatch[e] and { Fld{ @_ } }
min pathLt[] and { Fld{x@_}, Fld{y@_} } in s2 |-> flds2
```

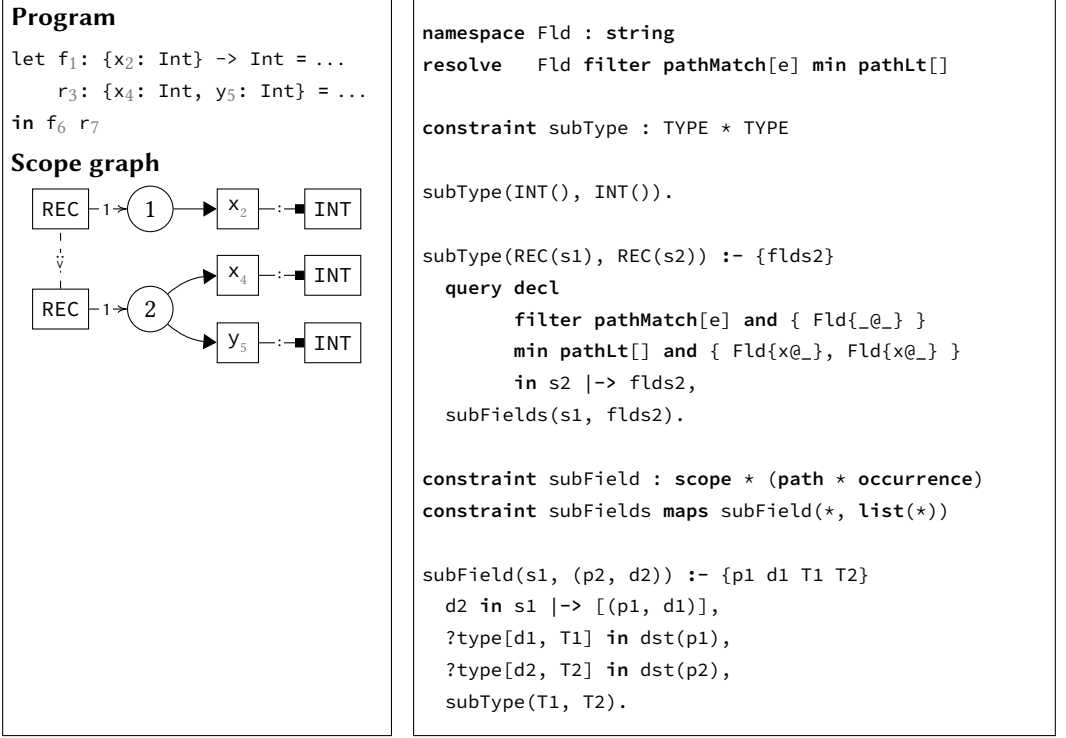


Fig. 8. Scope graph queries

The query is a more general version of the resolution policies for namespaces. The query queries the relation `decl`, a built-in relation for declarations. The `filter` and `min` parameters specify constraints on the resolved declarations. The `filter` parameter takes two constraints as arguments. The first matches the path with a regular expression, while the second matches element from the relation. In this case, we are only interested in fields. The match `{ Fld{[_@_]} }` is an anonymous constraint matching field occurrences. It can also be written with an explicit body, as `{ d :- d == Fld{[_@_]} }`. The parameters for `min` define the ordering used for disambiguation and follow a similar pattern. The first parameter specifies the order with which paths are compared. The second specifies which elements from the relation shadow each other. In this case, fields with the same name `x` shadow each other. Disambiguation works on pairs of paths, where the path comparison determines shadowing if the two terms are comparable according to the given constraint.

Subtyping requires that all fields from the supertype are present in the subtype. This is expressed with the `subField` constraint. It resolves a field from the supertype in the subtype scope, and requires that the field types are subtypes. The types are looked up in the declaration scope using the projection `p.dst`, which projects the final scope from a resolution path.

*Other Constraints as Queries.* With this general syntax for queries, we can express some of the constraints in terms of queries. The resolution constraint `Var{x@x} in s |-> ps` can be expressed as

```
query decl filter pathMatch[P*] and { d :- d == Var{x@_} }
  min pathLt[$ < P] and true in s |-> ps
```

The path match and comparison are taken from the namespace resolution policy in the signature. The matching constraints are standard for each namespace. The filter constraint matches all



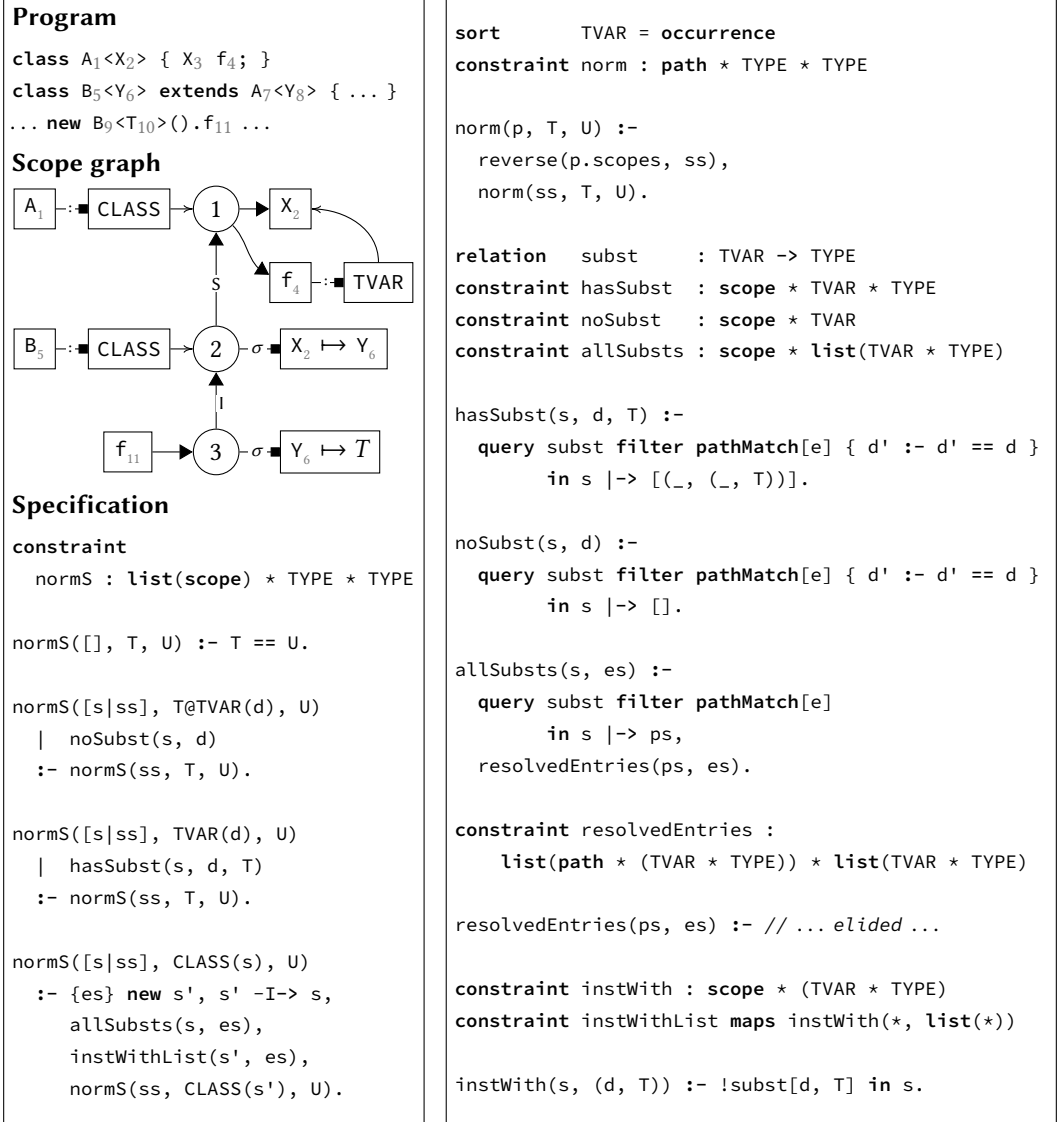


Fig. 9. Path driven type normalization

arguments except the position of the declaration with the arguments of the reference. The order constraint is always true, since we match only declarations with the same name to begin with.

Similarly, we can express the relation constraint  $?type[d, T] \text{ in } s$  in terms of a query as follows

```
query type filter pathMatch[e] and { (d', T) :- d' == d } in s to [(_, T)]
```

The query only considers the given scope because of the empty regular expression  $e$ , and matches on the exact given declaration. The result should be one tuple, there the first component is the given declaration, and the second the type  $T$ .

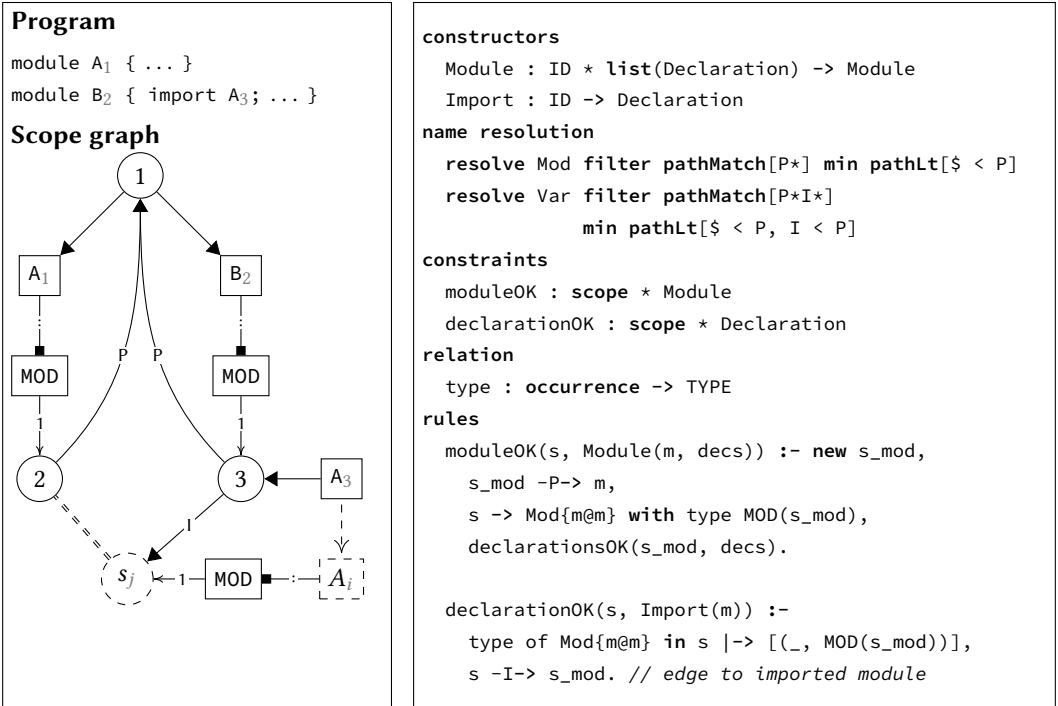


Fig. 10. Encoding imports as name-dependent name resolution. The import edge from  $s_3$  to  $s_j$  becomes an edge to  $s_2$  after resolution of the import reference  $A_3$  and its types are resolved. References in module B can now be resolved to declarations in module A.

## 4.4 Substitution and Type Normalization

Using scoped relations, we can define the type normalization required for generic classes. Fig. 9 shows an example with two generic classes, class  $A_1$  with type parameter  $x_2$ , class  $B_5$  with type parameter  $y_6$ , which extends class  $A_1$ , and an instantiation of class  $B_5$ . The scope graph shows the class scopes, the inheritance structure using S-edges, and the instantiation using an I-edge. Scope 2 of class  $B_5$  contains the substitution for  $x_2$ , scope 3 of the instantiation the substitution for  $y_6$ . The reference  $f_{11}$  resolves to the field  $f_4$ . However, the correct type, is a normalized version of the type  $\text{TVar}(x_2)$  of the field. Normalization corresponds to the application of all substitutions along the resolution path.

The constraint  $\text{norm}(p, \tau, u)$  relates a type  $T$  to its normalized type  $U$  relative to the resolution path  $p$ . Since the substitutions should be applied top-to-bottom, it is defined in terms of a helper constraint  $\text{normS}(ss, \tau, u)$  that normalizes over the reversed lists of scopes (projected with  $p.\text{scopes}$ ). The base case, where the scope list is empty, simply equates the type with the normalized type. For the case that the scope list is not empty, different rules are defined for the different types.

*Substitution of Variables.* Two rules deal with normalization of variables. The rules are guarded to distinguish between the case where the head scope contains a substitution for the variable ( $\text{hasSubst}(s, d, \tau)$ ), and the case where the scope does not substitute the variable ( $\text{noSubst}(s, d)$ ). These guard constraints are defined in terms of queries over the  $\text{subst}$  relation, differing only in the expected result. In both cases the result type is the normalized type with respect to the remaining

substitution scopes. If the variable was substituted, the substituted type is used for the remaining normalization, otherwise the variable is used unchanged.

*Lazy Substitution on Classes.* While the rules for variables may look similar to traditional substitution, the case for classes is different. Classes are represented by their class scopes, and we cannot simply rely on term substitution. However, we can use the idea of lazy substitution as it is represented in the inheritance structure for normalized types. Instead of eagerly instantiating types in the class, requiring duplication of class definitions, we create a new instantiation scope ( $\text{new } s'$ ), and connect it to the current class scope ( $s' \rightarrow s$ ). All substitution entries defined in the current substitution scope ( $\text{allSubsts}(s, \text{es})$ ) are added to the new instantiation ( $\text{instWithList}(s', \text{es})$ ). These constraints are defined using the usual relation and query constraints. The normalized type  $U$  is related the new class type, relative to the remaining substitution scopes.

#### 4.5 Imports

Using type-dependent name resolution, we can define nominal imports à la CLA. Fig. 10 shows an example with two modules,  $A_1$  and  $B_2$ , where module  $B_2$  imports module  $A_1$ . Module scope 3 has an edge to its lexical parent, scope 1, and an edge to the imported scope. The target of this edge is a unification variable. Resolving the import reference gives us the module declaration, its type, and thus the module scope.

Module declarations are introduced with a type that contains the (fresh) module scope, using the constraint  $s \rightarrow \text{Mod}\{m@em\} \text{ with type } \text{MOD}(s_{\text{mod}})$ . Module imports resolve the module reference to its type, and declare a scope edge from the importing module scope  $s$  to the scope  $s_{\text{mod}}$  of the imported module.

How does resolution proceed in this scenario? After all, the import reference is resolved in the scope where the import edge is added. This is taken care of using the resolution policy. Module references can only be resolved in the lexical context (via  $P$  edges). The resolution algorithm determines that the import edge with label  $I$  is inconsequential for the resolution of the module reference. Variable references inside the module may use a resolution policy like  $P^*I^*$  to resolve in the lexical context and via imports.

#### 4.6 Case Studies

We have defined Statix specifications for several known calculi: A structural record calculus with width and depth subtyping [Pierce 2002]; Featherweight Generic Java [Igarashi et al. 2001]; System F [Girard 1972; Reynolds 1974]. We include the specifications as appendices.

### 5 GENERALIZED AND SIMPLIFIED NAME RESOLUTION

In this section we present a calculus for name resolution in scope graphs and a corresponding name resolution algorithm. On the one hand, our definition simplifies previous definitions by omitting imports, which complicated the calculus and algorithm. In the previous section we saw that imports can be expressed using scoped relations and constraints. On the other hand, we generalize previous definitions by generalizing declarations to scoped relations.

#### 5.1 Resolution Calculus

Fig. 11 presents our modified name resolution calculus, which defines paths, reachability, and visibility in scope graphs. The calculus is defined with respect to an implicit scope graph consisting of labeled edges between scopes ( $s_1 \xrightarrow{l} s_2$ ) and edges between scopes and data ( $s \xrightarrow{l} t$ ). There is a *path*  $p$  between scope  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  if  $\vdash p : s_1 \rightarrow s_2$ . A path is a sequence of the form  $s_1 \cdot l_1 \cdot \dots \cdot s_n$  marking the scopes and edge labels traversed. A datum  $t$  is *reachable* from scope  $s$  if  $\vdash (p, t) : s \xrightarrow{p} t$ ,

which is the case according to rule (NR-Rel) if there is a path  $p$  from scope  $s$  to some scope  $s'$ ,  $t$  is a datum in  $s'$ , and the path and datum are well-formed. Finally, a datum  $t$  is *visible* from scope  $s$  if  $\vdash (p, t) : s \xrightarrow{r} t$ , which is the case if  $t$  is reachable through path  $p$ , and that path is the ‘smallest’ reachable path according to the ordering  $<$ .

The differences with respect to the resolution calculus of Néron et al. [2015a]; van Antwerpen et al. [2016] are: (1) The resolution judgement has been generalized to support queries in the scope graph. Queries may resolve to declarations, as before, but also to data items, and may produce sets of such results. (2) Imports and associated scopes (as illustrated in Fig. 2) have been removed as built-in features. As we saw in Section 4.5, those features can be encoded using scopes as types, type edges, and edges with constraint variables. Leaving out imports simplifies the calculus since there is no need to carry along ‘seen imports’ to avoid cyclic imports. (3) Well-formedness and ordering predicates are defined *per resolution query* instead of globally (for a language definition). This makes these predicates a run-time parameter of the algorithm.

## 5.2 Resolution in Incomplete Graphs

We introduced the use of constraint variables for endpoints of scope graph edges. These edges only become concrete after name and/or type resolutions. This is crucial to the approach since it allows modeling of name-dependent and type-dependent name resolution for binding patterns such as module imports, class inheritance, and record/object field access. However, the question is how to do sound resolution in such incomplete scope graphs.

Consider the concrete scenario depicted by the scope graph in Fig. 12. Reference  $A_3$  can be resolved to declaration  $A_1$  through path  $\boxed{A_3} \rightarrow \textcircled{3} \xrightarrow{p} \textcircled{1} \rightarrow \boxed{A_1}$ , and this resolution can then be used to instantiate constraint variables  $A_i$  and  $s$  such that the Q edge from scope  $\textcircled{3}$  gets scope  $\textcircled{2}$  as its target. Now the scope graph has changed, and we can reconsider the resolution of reference  $A_3$ . In addition to the path above we now also have the path  $\boxed{A_3} \rightarrow \textcircled{3} \xrightarrow{q} \textcircled{2} \rightarrow \boxed{A_2}$ . If we decide that this new resolution shadows the first (the path is more specific), then we have a new result for the resolution of  $A_3$ . But then the Q edge targets scope  $\textcircled{4}$ , and  $A_2$  is no

### Definitions

scope graph	$\mathcal{G}$
projections	scopes, edges, labels
scopes	$s \in \mathcal{S}$
edge labels	$l \in \mathcal{L}$
relations	$r \in \mathcal{R}$
paths	$p := s \mid s \cdot l \cdot p$
well-formed	$\text{WF}(p) := \text{labels}(p) \in \mathcal{E}$ $\text{WF}(t)$ over terms in $r$
label regexp	$\mathcal{E}$ on $\mathcal{L}$
path order	$p_1 < p_2 := (p_1, p_2) \in \mathcal{O}$
label partial order	$\mathcal{O}$ on $\mathcal{L} \cup \{\$\}$
datum match	$t_1 \approx t_2$ on terms in $r$

### Resolution calculus

	$\frac{(\text{NR-Id})}{\vdash s : s \rightarrow s}$
(NR-Trans)	$\frac{s_1 \xrightarrow{l} s_2 \quad \vdash p : s_2 \rightarrow s_3 \quad s_1 \notin \text{scopes}(p)}{\vdash s_1 \cdot l \cdot p : s_1 \rightarrow s_3}$
(NR-Rel)	$\frac{\vdash p : s \rightarrow s' \quad \text{WF}(p) \quad s' \xrightarrow{r} t \quad \text{WF}(t)}{\vdash (p, t) : s \xrightarrow{r} t}$
(NR-Vis)	$\frac{\vdash (p, t) : s \xrightarrow{r} t \quad \nexists p' t'. \left( \vdash p' : s \xrightarrow{r} t' \wedge t \approx t' \implies p' < p \right)}{\vdash (p, t) : s \xrightarrow{r} t}$

Fig. 11. Name resolution calculus

longer reachable, and therefore resolution flips back to  $A_1$ . The result is not only unsound, but also unstable!

Whether  $A_2$  does indeed shadow  $A_1$  depends on the visibility policy of the resolution. To see what may happen here, we consider the two ingredients used to resolve  $A_3$ : the well-formedness predicate and the path order. For each scenario, we consider whether we can safely resolve  $A_3$ . The following table summarizes all scenarios with in the rows the well-formedness predicate and in the columns the path order:

	$P < Q$	$P \not< Q$
$P.p$	Yes: cannot resolve via Q	Yes: cannot resolve via Q
$Q.p$	Yes: cannot resolve via P	Yes: cannot resolve via P
$(P Q).p$	Yes: resolve via Q cannot shadow via P	No: resolve via Q complements or shadows via P

The first column shows that if we prefer P paths over Q paths, we will always prefer the resolution to  $A_1$ , and the initial resolution is not affected by the discovery of the Q edge. The first two rows of the second column show that if we can only resolve via either a P edge or a Q edge, there is still no problem. (In the latter case  $A_3$  cannot be resolved to  $A_1$  and the Q edge does not emerge,  $A_3$  cannot be resolved at all. But that is fine.) Finally, the last row in the second column shows the problematic scenario, where we allow resolution through P and Q edges, and P paths are not preferred over Q paths. Then the unsound and unstable scenario arises. Note that there would be no problem if scope ② would not have a declaration with name A.

Thus, incomplete scope graphs do not lead to unsound resolution in all scenarios. We should prevent attempting to resolve a reference when it is clear that this may result in unsound resolution. Considering the initial scope graph in Fig. 12 and the resolution policy for reference  $A_3$ , we should determine whether it is safe to attempt resolution, i.e. in all cases but the lower right cell in the table. This reduces to the question whether it is safe to do resolution from scope ③ through the P edge, since it also has an edge to an unresolved scope. That is, is the scope *complete for resolution through label P*? If we know from the resolution policy that completion of the incomplete edge cannot lead to shadowing of resolutions through the complete edge, then it is safe to do so. Thus, while ③ is incomplete, it is *complete enough*. This property is used by the resolution algorithm that we describe next to ensure sound name resolution. See Appendix A for a technical discussion of l-completeness.

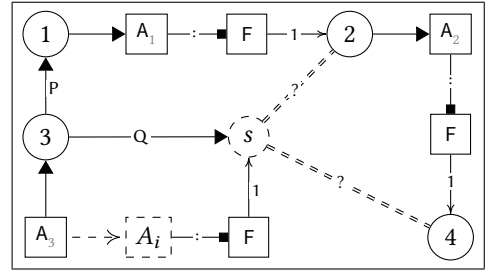


Fig. 12. Resolution in incomplete scope graph

### 5.3 Resolution Algorithm

Fig. 13 defines a resolution algorithm that implements the resolution calculus of Fig. 11. That is,  $(p, t) \in \text{Res}^r(s)$  iff  $(p, t) : s \vdash t$ . The definition of the algorithm follows [Van Antwerpen et al. 2016], applying the generalization and simplification of the calculus. Following the generalization of the calculus, the resolution algorithm supports resolution of relations instead of just name declarations. Following the simplification of the calculus, the algorithm does not support imports. This simplifies the algorithm since it no longer needs to keep track of seen imports. Since paths now include the scopes traversed, checking for cycles is done by checking the path in the definition of  $\text{RES}_{re}^r$ . Thus, the algorithm also does not have to keep track of seen scopes separately.

**Definitions**

$$s \uparrow l \quad s \text{ incomplete in } l$$

**Resolution algorithm**

$$\text{RES}^r(s) := \text{RES}_{\mathcal{E}}^r(s)$$

$$\text{RES}_{re}^r(p \cdot s) := \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } s \in \text{scopes}(p) \text{ or } re = \emptyset \\ \text{RES}_{\mathcal{L} \cup \{\$, re\}}^r(p \cdot s) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{RES}_{L, re}^r(p \cdot s) := \bigcup_{l \in \max(L)} \left( \text{RES}_{\{l' \in L \mid l' < l\}, re}^r(p \cdot s) \triangleleft \text{RES}_{l, re}^r(p \cdot s) \right)$$

$$\text{RES}_{\$, re}^r(p \cdot s) := \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } \epsilon \notin re \\ \perp & \text{if } \epsilon \in re \wedge (s \uparrow r \vee \exists t. (s \xrightarrow{r} t \wedge \text{WF}(t) = \perp)) \\ \{(p \cdot s, t) \mid s \xrightarrow{r} t \wedge \text{WF}(t)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{RES}_{l, re}^r(p \cdot s) := \begin{cases} \perp & \text{if } s \uparrow l \\ \bigcup \text{RES}_{(\partial_l re)}^r(p') & \text{otherwise} \\ p' \in \{p \cdot s \cdot l \cdot s' \mid s \xrightarrow{l} s'\} \end{cases}$$

with the following auxiliary definitions:

$$\partial_l re \quad \text{Brzozowski [1964] derivative w.r.t. label } l$$

$$\max(L) := \{l \in L \mid \nexists l' \in L. l < l'\}$$

and the shadowing and union operators on environments

$$E_1 \triangleleft E_2 := \begin{cases} E_1 & \text{if } E_1 \neq \perp \wedge E_1 \neq \emptyset \wedge (\simeq) \equiv \top \\ E_1 \cup (E_2 \ominus E_1) & \text{if } E_1 \neq \perp \wedge E_2 \neq \perp \wedge (\simeq) \neq \top \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E_1 \ominus E_2 \triangleq \begin{cases} \perp & \text{if } \exists t_1, t_2. (t_1 \simeq t_2 = \perp) \\ \{(p_1, t_1) \in E_1 \mid \nexists (p_2, t_2) \in E_2. t_1 \simeq t_2\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\bigcup_{i \in I} E_i := \begin{cases} \perp & \text{if } \exists i \in I. E_i = \perp \\ \bigcup_{i \in I} E_i & \end{cases}$$

Fig. 13. Name resolution algorithm

The algorithm returns  $\perp$  in case of resolution through a scope  $s$  that is incomplete for a label  $l$ . This indicates to the constraint solver (Appendix B) that resolution is not (yet) possible.

## 6 SYNTAX AND SEMANTICS OF STATIX

In this section we describe the syntax and a declarative semantics for Statix, in terms of a constraint satisfaction relation. Fig. 14 defines the syntax of Statix in a mathematical notation that is convenient and concise for the definition of the semantics. The declarative semantics, shown in Fig. 15, defines a constraint satisfaction relation that specifies whether a constraint  $C$  is satisfied relative to a model,



user-defined sorts	$u \in \mathcal{U}$
term sorts	$\sigma := u \mid \text{SCOPE} \mid \text{OCCURRENCE} \mid \text{PATH}$
term function symbols	$f, g \in \mathcal{T}$
type mapping	$\text{type} : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\sigma_1 \times \dots \times \sigma_n \rightarrow u)$
unification variable atoms	$v \in \mathcal{V}$
occurrences	$r, d := x_i$
term variables	$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$
terms	$t := \alpha \mid f(\vec{t}) \mid v \mid s$
type mapping	$\text{type} : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\sigma_1 \times \dots \times \sigma_i \rightarrow \sigma_j \times \dots \times \sigma_n)$
constraint symbols	$c \in \mathcal{C}$
type mapping	$\text{type} : \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\sigma_1 \times \dots \times \sigma_n)$
constraints	$C := \mathbf{t} \mid \mathbf{f} \mid C \wedge C \mid c(\vec{t}) \mid t \equiv t \mid t \not\equiv t$ $\mid t \xrightarrow{l} t \mid t \xrightarrow{r} t \mid \mathbf{q}(re, c, ord, c) \rightarrow s \xrightarrow{r} ps$
program	$P := \text{rule}^*$
rules	$\text{rule} := c(\vec{\alpha}) \mid \exists \vec{\beta}. C_G \vdash \nabla \vec{\gamma}. C_B$

Fig. 14. Syntax of Statix

consisting of a scope graph  $\mathcal{G}$  and a substitution  $\varphi$ . The semantics is defined in terms of a program  $P$ , syntactic equality and substitution, and the resolution calculus from Section 5. We explain how we deal with freshness of unification variables and scopes, completeness and minimality of the scope graph, and the definition of the name resolution parameters.

*Freshness.* Constraint rules introduce fresh unification variables ( $\exists\beta$ ) and fresh scopes ( $\nabla\vec{\gamma}$ ). The problem of freshness is that this is a global property, stating that the fresh value is not used as a fresh value anywhere else. This property is modeled in the semantics using the notion of support [Gabbay and Pitts 2002]. The satisfaction relation is parametrized by a set of variables and a set of scopes, which indicate which values are consumed. We look at the two important cases, user constraints and conjunction. According to rule (DS-C), a user constraint is satisfied if the program contains a rule for the constraint, for which the guard and body of the rule are satisfied. The fresh values picked are added to the support, while we ensure that they are not consumed for the recursive check. Satisfaction of conjunction, defined in rule (DS-Conj) is expressed in terms of satisfaction of the left and right conjuncts. Freshness is enforced by disallowing the conjuncts to consume the same values. The support of the conjunction itself is the union of the disjoint supports of the conjuncts.

*Completeness and Minimality.* We are often interested in establishing whether the scope graph in the model is minimal with respect to the given constraints. Therefore, the satisfaction relation is also parametrized by a set  $E$  of edges. This set is simply the union of all edges that are specified in the constraint. Using the sets  $S$  and  $E$ , the criterion for a minimal model is as follows:

$$\mathcal{G}, \varphi \models_{\langle V, S, E \rangle} C \implies S \subseteq \text{scopes}(\mathcal{G}) \wedge E \subseteq \text{edges}(\mathcal{G})$$

*Entailment.* Name resolution parameters, such as the well-formedness predicate on data, are defined in terms of constraint entailment. Constraint entailment states that the constraint is satisfiable in some model that is an extension of the given model. This extended model cannot

**Definitions**

substitution	$\varphi, \theta$	$\mathcal{V} \rightarrow t$
variable support	$V$	$\subseteq \mathcal{V}$
scope support	$S$	$\subseteq \mathcal{S}$
edge support	$E$	$\subseteq \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{S}$

**Constraint satisfaction**

$$\boxed{\mathcal{G}, \varphi \models_{\langle V, S, E \rangle} C}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{(DS-True)} \frac{}{\mathcal{G}, \varphi \models_{\langle V, S, E \rangle} \mathbf{t}} \\
\\
\text{(DS-Conj)} \frac{\mathcal{G}, \varphi \models_{\langle V_1, S_1, E_1 \rangle} C_1 \quad \mathcal{G}, \varphi \models_{\langle V_2, S_2, E_2 \rangle} C_2 \quad V_1 \cap V_2 = \emptyset \quad S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset}{\mathcal{G}, \varphi \models_{\langle V_1 \cup V_2, S_1 \cup S_2, E_1 \cup E_2 \rangle} C_1 \wedge C_2} \\
\\
\text{(DS-C)} \frac{\begin{array}{l} \text{“}c(\vec{\alpha}) \mid \exists \vec{\beta}. C_G \vdash \nabla \vec{\gamma}. C_B\text{”} \in P \quad \vec{v} \subseteq \mathcal{V} \setminus V \quad \vec{n} \subseteq \mathcal{S} \setminus S \quad \theta = [\vec{t}/\vec{\alpha}, \vec{v}/\vec{\beta}, \vec{n}/\vec{\gamma}] \\ \mathcal{G}, \varphi \Vdash_{\langle V, S \rangle} C_G \theta \quad \mathcal{G}, \varphi \models_{\langle V, S, E \rangle} (C_G \wedge C_B) \theta \end{array}}{\mathcal{G}, \varphi \models_{\langle V \cup \{\vec{v}\}, S \cup \{\vec{n}\}, E \rangle} c(\vec{t})} \\
\\
\text{(DS-Eq)} \frac{t_1 \varphi = t_2 \varphi}{\mathcal{G}, \varphi \models_{\langle V, S, E \rangle} t_1 \equiv t_2} \quad \text{(DS-Ineq)} \frac{t_1 \varphi \neq t_2 \varphi}{\mathcal{G}, \varphi \models_{\langle V, S, E \rangle} t_1 \not\equiv t_2} \\
\\
\text{(DS-Edge)} \frac{s_1 = t_1 \varphi \quad s_2 = t_2 \varphi \quad (s_1 \xrightarrow{l} s_2) \in \text{edges}(\mathcal{G})}{\mathcal{G}, \varphi \models_{\langle V, S, E \cup \{(s_1, l, s_2)\} \rangle} t_1 \xrightarrow{l} t_2} \\
\\
\text{(DS-Rel)} \frac{n = t \varphi \quad (n \xrightarrow{r} \blacksquare (t_1, \dots, t_n) \varphi) \in \text{edges}(\mathcal{G})}{\mathcal{G}, \varphi \models_{\langle V, S, E \cup \{(s_1, r, s_2)\} \rangle} t \xrightarrow{r} \blacksquare (t_1, \dots, t_n)} \\
\\
\text{(DS-Resolve)} \frac{\begin{array}{l} s_1 = t_1 \varphi \quad [(p_1, t'_1), \dots, (p_n, t'_n)] = t_2 \varphi \\ \forall i \in \{1..n\}. \left( \left[ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{E} \triangleq re \quad \text{WF}(t) \triangleq \mathcal{G}, \varphi \Vdash_{\langle V, S \rangle} c_1(t) \\ \mathcal{O} \triangleq ord \quad t_1 < t_2 \triangleq \mathcal{G}, \varphi \Vdash_{\langle V, S \rangle} c_2(t_1, t_2) \end{array} \right] \mathcal{G} \vdash p'_i : s_1 \xrightarrow{r} t'_i \right) \end{array}}{\mathcal{G}, \varphi \models_{\langle V, S, E \rangle} \mathbf{q}(re, c_1, ord, c_2) \rightarrow t_1 \xrightarrow{r} t_2}
\end{array}$$

**Entailment**

$$\begin{array}{l}
\mathcal{G}, \varphi \Vdash C \triangleq \exists \mathcal{G}', \varphi'. (\mathcal{G}', \varphi' \models_{\langle V', S', E' \rangle} C \wedge \mathcal{G} \Vdash \mathcal{G}' \wedge \varphi \Vdash \varphi' \\
\quad \wedge \text{vars}(\varphi) \cap V' = \emptyset \wedge \text{scopes}(\mathcal{G}) \cap S' = \emptyset) \\
\\
\mathcal{G} \Vdash \mathcal{G}' \triangleq \text{edges}^+(\mathcal{G})|_S = \text{edges}^+(\mathcal{G}', s)|_S \quad \text{where } S = \text{scopes}(\mathcal{G}) \\
\\
\varphi \Vdash \varphi' \triangleq \varphi =_{\alpha} \varphi'|_{\text{dom}(\varphi)}
\end{array}$$

Fig. 15. Declarative Semantics of Statix

restrict the given model in any way, which is captured in the entailment definitions for substitutions and scope graphs. The substitution necessary for entailment must be equal to the given substitution on its domain, modulo renaming of variables. The extended scope graph must match outgoing edges on all scopes that are in the given scope graph.

*Operational Semantics.* In Appendix B we define an operational semantics for Statix.

## 7 RELATED WORK

Statically-typed programming languages let us reason about how programs are structured, and how programs pass around (structured) data. Previous work on scope graphs has shown that scope graphs are a conceptually attractive approach to defining the structure of programs. The observation that we make in this paper is that scopes are also the *types* of the structured data that programs pass around. We have argued that this observation facilitates the characterization, study, specification, and implementation of type systems for programming languages. The facilitation of these goals is an activity that has been widely pursued in the literature, and remains an active and important area of research. We have already discussed how our work relates to previous work throughout the paper. Here we discuss other related work.

*Type systems, declaratively.* Ott [Sewell et al. 2010] is a tool for formally specifying programming languages with name binding. Ott can automatically generate data types and substitution functions for different proof assistant back-ends. Lem [Mulligan et al. 2014] provides similar support. Needle and Knot [Keuchel et al. 2016] is inspired by Ott, but focuses specifically on name binding, and provides more flexible and extensive support than Ott for declaratively specifying name binding and generating substitution functions *and* lemmas about these for proof assistant back-ends. Statix does not (yet) support generating infrastructure in proof assistants, although scope graphs have been formalized in both Coq [Poulsen et al. 2016] and Agda [Poulsen et al. 2018]. Ott, Lem, and Needle and Knot are specification languages that focus on *defining* a language. In contrast, Statix is a language designed to support execution of declarative type checkers. There are many other languages for semantic specification, including PLT Redex [Klein et al. 2012], the K Framework [Rosu and Serbanuta 2010], and funcons [Churchill et al. 2014]. These frameworks also provide ways of declaratively specifying (static) semantics and obtaining prototype implementations from the declarative specification, but they do not provide integrated support for name binding, and specifications typically rely on language specific encodings and representations of name binding, structured types, and polymorphism.

*Type systems, algorithmically.* Type systems are often specified using inference rules that abstract from the details of how to implement the type system. There are many approaches to bridging the divide between declarative theory and practical implementation. Pierce [2002] uses *algorithmic typing rules*. A popular approach for specifying a type system in a way that the specification devises an implementation strategy is *bidirectional type checking* [Pierce and Turner 2000] which mixes *type synthesis* (inference) and *type checking*. Type inference is classically based on unification [Damas and Milner 1982; Hindley 1969; Milner 1978]. Logic programming languages in the Prolog and Datalog family provide built-in support for unification, but controlling the order in which unification happens can become unwieldy; not least due to back-tracking and the untyped nature of many logic programming languages. Approaches using *Constraint handling rules* (CHR) [Frühwirth 2009] translate a type checking problem into a constraint satisfaction problem, often solved by using unification. In the presence of type system features like parametric polymorphism, care must be taken that constraints are solved in an order that constraint variables are safely generalized and specialized (substituted). Statix is a language that borrows and combines ideas from many of these approaches: it is a typed logic programming languages (akin to Mercury [Somogyi et al. 1996]) with intentionally-limited support for back-tracking; it is based on constraint solving like CHR; and, being based on constraint solving and unification, Statix supports both type synthesis and type checking, like bidirectional typing.

*Type systems with structured types.* A recent example of an expressive type discipline which inspired the work that we describe in this paper, is dependent object types (DOT) [Amin et al. 2016; Amin and Rompf 2017]. The DOT calculus is an idealized version of Scala, and the type system of DOT is far removed from how one could implement a type system for Scala. There appears to have been made recent progress [Nieto 2017] on formulating algorithmic typing rules for DOT, but those rules still use substitution to model type parameter instantiation, just like Featherweight Generic Java [Igarashi et al. 2001] models generic type parameter instantiation using substitution. As we argued earlier in Section 3.3, substitution causes duplication which is both conceptually and practically unsatisfactory. We conjecture that scope graphs provide a good model for specifying and implementing type systems for languages with structured types like DOT.

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## A L-COMPLETENESS

In Section 5 we discussed resolution in an incomplete scope graph. Here we give formal definitions related to  $l$ -completeness and sound name resolution.

We say a graph  $\mathcal{G}'$  extends  $\mathcal{G}$ , written as  $\mathcal{G} \sqsubseteq \mathcal{G}'$ , if

$$\text{scopes}(\mathcal{G}) \subseteq \text{scopes}(\mathcal{G}') \wedge \text{edges}(\mathcal{G}) \subseteq \text{edges}(\mathcal{G}')$$

Given scope graphs  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{G}'$  such that  $\mathcal{G} \sqsubseteq \mathcal{G}'$ , we say scope  $s$  is  $l$ -complete in  $\mathcal{G}$  with respect to  $\mathcal{G}'$ , written as  $\mathcal{G} \downarrow_s^l \mathcal{G}'$  if

$$\forall s'. (s \xrightarrow{l} s') \in \text{edges}(\mathcal{G}) \iff (s \xrightarrow{l} s') \in \text{edges}(\mathcal{G}')$$

and similarly for relations  $\mathcal{G} \downarrow_s^r \mathcal{G}'$  if

$$\forall t. (s \xrightarrow{r} t) \in \text{edges}(\mathcal{G}) \iff (s \xrightarrow{r} t) \in \text{edges}(\mathcal{G}')$$

Given scope graphs  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{G}'$  such that  $\mathcal{G} \sqsubseteq \mathcal{G}'$ , then resolution of  $r$  in  $s$  in  $\mathcal{G}$  is sound with respect to  $\mathcal{G}'$

$$\mathcal{G} \vdash p : s \mapsto^r t \implies \mathcal{G}' \vdash p : s \mapsto^r t$$

and it is complete if

$$\forall t. \left( \mathcal{G}' \vdash p : s \mapsto^r t \implies \mathcal{G} \vdash p : s \mapsto^r t \right)$$

We conjecture that the resolution algorithm is sound and complete

$$\forall t. \left( (p, t) \in \text{RES}^r(s) \iff \mathcal{G} \vdash p : s \mapsto^r t \right)$$

Given scope graphs  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{G}'$  such that  $\mathcal{G} \sqsubseteq \mathcal{G}'$ , we conjecture that the resolution algorithm is sound up to  $l$ -completeness

$$\mathcal{G} \vdash \text{RES}_{re}^r(s) = \perp \vee \mathcal{G} \vdash \text{RES}_{re}^r(s) = \mathcal{G}' \vdash \text{RES}_{re}^r(s)$$

## B OPERATIONAL SEMANTICS OF STATIX

In Section 6 we defined a declarative semantics of Statix, which specifies whether a solution to a constraint problem is correct. In this appendix we describe an operational semantics of Statix, which defines how to compute solutions to constraint problems. We define the semantics as a rewrite relation on configurations of constraints and partial solutions. The rewrite relations takes care of generating fresh unification variables and scopes; entailment checking and constraint simplification; unification; scope graph construction and resolution. We also define a relation that specifies if scopes are complete with respect to a constraint, which is used to implement the safety predicate for scope graph resolution.

*Rewrite Rules.* The operational semantics in Fig. 16 and Fig. 17 is defined as a rewrite relation on configurations of the form  $\langle C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle$ , consisting of a constraint stack  $C \mid D$ , a scope graph  $\mathcal{G}$ , a unifier  $\varphi$ , a set of unification variables  $V$ , and a set of scope variables  $S$ . When type checking a program we start with a constraint and empty components. However, we can start from any well-formed state, which is a state where  $\text{vars}(\varphi, \mathcal{G}) \subseteq V \wedge \text{scopes}(\mathcal{G}) \subseteq S$ . This is useful for evaluating queries in an existing scope graph.

*Freshness.* The algorithm needs to pick fresh values for scopes and unification variables, when applying constraint rules. Two sets  $V$  and  $S$  represent unification variables and scopes that are already used. Fresh values are selected from the domain, excluding the values that are already present in these sets.

*Entailment.* Simplifying a rule, as specified in rule (RS-C-Simp), requires that its guard constraints  $C_G$  are satisfied before the constraint is replaced by the body constraints  $C_B$ . Entailment checking  $\langle D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \Vdash C$  is implemented by reducing the guard constraint. If the constraint reduces to  $\mathbf{t}$ , we check if the resulting components do not restrict the initial configuration that we started with. This means that scopes were not extended with new outgoing edges (although new ones may have been introduced) and that unification variables were not instantiated (although they may have been renamed). If the constraint reduces to  $\mathbf{f}$ , entailment does not hold. If the reduction got stuck, we must delay this check. This can be the case if a scope is not complete yet, so a resolution constraint cannot be resolved. Because of entailment, the rewrite relation is defined over a constraint stack, instead of a simple constraint. Only the first component of the stack is reduced. The rest of the stack represents the context in which the constraint is reduced. The safety of name resolution depends on the constraint as well as the context. We check for the whole stack to see if a scope is complete.

*Unification.* Unification uses a standard unification algorithm.

*Scope Extension.* Fig. 18 defines the relation  $C \xrightarrow{l} s$  to check if a scope may be extended with an  $l$ -edge by a constraint  $C$ , which is passed to the resolution algorithm to determine whether resolution is safe in a scope.

We also use this relation to impose some static restrictions on specifications, to rule out situations that would prevent any progress to be made. For any rule we require

$$\forall ("c(\vec{\alpha}) \mid \exists \vec{\beta}. C_G \vdash \nabla \vec{\gamma}. C_B" \in P) \nexists l. \left( C_G \xrightarrow{l} \alpha \vee (C_G \wedge C_B) \xrightarrow{l} \beta \right)$$

The definition of the scope extension relation here is simple. It is not defined for scopes wrapped in other terms. This technique can be extended to work for these cases as well, by using projections into terms instead of top-level positions (i.e., the  $i$  in  $\alpha_i$ ). However, to keep the presentation compact, and because it does not add anything fundamental to the principle, we omit those details here.

Rewrite relation	$\langle C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \longrightarrow \langle C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle$
(RS-True)	$\frac{}{\langle \mathbf{t} \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \longrightarrow \langle C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle}$
(RS-False)	$\frac{}{\langle \mathbf{f} \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \longrightarrow \perp}$
(RS-Eq)	$\frac{\text{unify}(t_1, t_2) = \theta}{\langle t_1 \equiv t_2 \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \longrightarrow \langle C\theta \mid D\theta; \mathcal{G}\theta; \varphi\theta; V, S \rangle}$
(RS-NotEq)	$\frac{\text{unify}(t_1, t_2) = \perp}{\langle t_1 \equiv t_2 \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \longrightarrow \langle \mathbf{f} \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle}$
(RS-Ineq)	$\frac{\text{unify}(t_1, t_2) = \perp}{\langle t_1 \not\equiv t_2 \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \longrightarrow \langle C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle}$
(RS-C-Simp)	$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \text{"}c(\vec{\alpha}) \mid \exists \vec{\beta}. C_G \vdash \nabla \vec{\gamma}. C_B \text{"} \in P \\ \vec{v} \subseteq \mathcal{V} \setminus V \quad \vec{s} \subseteq \mathcal{S} \setminus S \quad \theta = [\vec{t}/\vec{\alpha}, \vec{v}/\vec{\beta}, \vec{s}/\vec{\gamma}] \\ V' = V \cup \{\vec{v}\} \quad S' = S \cup \{\vec{s}\} \\ \langle C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V', S' \rangle \Vdash_{C_G} \theta \end{array}}{\langle c(\vec{t}) \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \longrightarrow \langle (C_G \wedge C_B)\theta \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V', S' \rangle}$
(RS-C-NoSimp)	$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \forall (\text{"}c(\vec{\alpha}) \mid \exists \vec{\beta}. C_G \vdash \nabla \vec{\gamma}. C_B \text{"} \in P). \\ \left( \vec{v} \subseteq \mathcal{V} \setminus V \quad \vec{s} \subseteq \mathcal{S} \setminus S \quad \theta = [\vec{t}/\vec{\alpha}, \vec{v}/\vec{\beta}, \vec{s}/\vec{\gamma}] \right. \\ \left. V' = V \cup \{\vec{v}\} \quad S' = S \cup \{\vec{s}\} \right. \\ \left. \langle C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V', S' \rangle \not\Vdash_{C_G} \theta \right) \end{array}}{\langle c(\vec{t}) \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \longrightarrow \langle \mathbf{f} \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle}$
<b>Entailment</b>	
	$\longrightarrow^* \triangleq \text{transitive closure over } \longrightarrow$
	$\langle D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \Vdash C \triangleq \begin{cases} \mathcal{G} \Vdash \mathcal{G}' \wedge \varphi' \Vdash \varphi & \text{if } C' = \mathbf{t} \\ \perp & \text{if } C' \neq \mathbf{f} \end{cases}$
	$\langle C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \longrightarrow^* \langle C' \mid D'; \mathcal{G}'; \varphi'; V', S' \rangle$

Fig. 16. Operational Semantics of Statix (Constraints &amp; Unification)

We conjecture that the  $C \xrightarrow{l} s$  relation is sound, that is, given

$$\langle C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; S, V \rangle \longrightarrow^* \langle C' \mid D'; \mathcal{G}'; \varphi'; S', V' \rangle \implies \mathcal{G} \sqsubseteq \mathcal{G}'$$

and

$$s \uparrow l \triangleq C \wedge D \xrightarrow{l} s \vee \exists v. C \wedge D \xrightarrow{l} v$$

Rewrite relation	$\langle C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \longrightarrow \langle C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle$
(RS-Edge)	$\frac{\text{fv}(s_1) \cup \text{fv}(s_2) = \emptyset}{\langle s_1 \xrightarrow{l} s_2 \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \longrightarrow \langle C \mid D; \mathcal{G} \cup \{s_1 \xrightarrow{l} s_2\}; \varphi; V, S \rangle}$
(RS-Rel-1)	$\frac{\begin{array}{l} r : \sigma_1 \times \dots \times \sigma_i \rightarrow \sigma_j \times \dots \times \sigma_n \quad \text{fv}(s) = \emptyset \quad \text{fv}(t_1) \cup \dots \cup \text{fv}(t_i) = \emptyset \\ s \xrightarrow{r} \blacksquare (t_1, \dots, t_i, t'_j, \dots, t'_n) \notin \mathcal{G} \quad \mathcal{G}' = \mathcal{G} \cup \{s \xrightarrow{r} \blacksquare (t_1, \dots, t_n)\} \end{array}}{\langle s \xrightarrow{r} \blacksquare (t_1, \dots, t_n) \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \longrightarrow \langle C \mid D; \mathcal{G}'; \varphi; V, S \rangle}$
(RS-Rel-N)	$\frac{\begin{array}{l} r : \sigma_1 \times \dots \times \sigma_i \rightarrow \sigma_j \times \dots \times \sigma_n \quad \text{fv}(s) = \emptyset \quad \text{fv}(t_1) \cup \dots \cup \text{fv}(t_i) = \emptyset \\ s \xrightarrow{r} \blacksquare (t_1, \dots, t_i, t'_j, \dots, t'_n) \in \mathcal{G} \end{array}}{\langle s \xrightarrow{r} \blacksquare (t_1, \dots, t_n) \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \longrightarrow \langle t_j \equiv t'_j \wedge \dots \wedge t_n \equiv t'_n \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle}$
(RS-Query)	$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \text{fv}(s) = \emptyset \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{E} \triangleq \text{re} \quad \text{WF}(t) \triangleq \langle C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \Vdash c_1(t) \\ \mathcal{O} \triangleq \text{ord} \quad t_1 < t_2 \triangleq \langle C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \Vdash c_2(t_1, t_2) \\ l \uparrow s \triangleq (C \wedge D \xrightarrow{l} s) \vee \exists v \in V. \left( C \wedge D \xrightarrow{l} v \right) \end{array} \right] \text{RES}^r(s) = E \end{array}}{\langle \mathbf{q}(\text{re}, c_1, \text{ord}, c_2) \rightarrow s \xrightarrow{r} t \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle \longrightarrow \langle t \equiv E \wedge C \mid D; \mathcal{G}; \varphi; V, S \rangle}$

Fig. 17. Operational Semantics of Statix (Scope Graph &amp; Queries)

Scope extension relation	
(SE-Conj-1)	(SE-Conj-2)
(SE-C-Head)	(SE-C-Var)
(SE-Edge)	(SE-Rel)

Fig. 18. Scope Extension

it holds that

$$\forall l, s. \neg(s \uparrow l) \implies \mathcal{G} \downarrow_s^l \mathcal{G}'$$

## C SIMPLY-TYPED LAMBDA CALCULUS WITH RECORDS IN STATIX

In this appendix we define the simply-typed lambda calculus with structural records [Pierce 2002] in Statix.

```
module statics // Static semantics of STLCrec using scopes-as-types
```

```
signature
```

```
sorts ID = string           // $x$
sorts BinOp                 // $op$
```

```
sorts Exp constructors      // $e$ :=
  Num    : int -> Exp       //      | $n$
  Plus   : Exp * Exp -> Exp //      | $e$ + $e$
  Fun    : ID * TypeExp * Exp -> Exp //      | fun ($x$ : $te$) { $e$ }
  Var    : ID -> Exp        //      | $x$
  App    : Exp * Exp -> Exp  //      | $e$ $e$
  Rec    : list(FldInit) -> Exp //      | { $finit^ast$ }
  FAccess : Exp * ID -> Exp  //      | $e$. $x$
  FExtend : Exp * list(FldInit) -> Exp //      | { $e$ with $finit^ast$ }
  TypeLet : ID * TypeExp * Exp -> Exp //      | type $x$ = $te$ in $e$
  Let     : ID * Exp * Exp -> Exp  //      | type $x$ = $e$ in $e$
  TAS     : Exp * TypeExp -> Exp  //      | $e$ : $te$
```

```
sorts FldInit constructors // $finit$ :=
  FldInit : ID * Exp -> FldInit //      | $x$ = $e$
```

```
sorts TypeExp constructors // $te$ :=
  NumType : TypeExp //      | num
  FunType : TypeExp * TypeExp -> TypeExp //      | $te$ -> $te$
  RecType : list(FldType) -> TypeExp //      | { $ftype^ast$ }
  ERecType : TypeExp * list(FldType) -> TypeExp //      | $te$ with { $ftype^ast$ }
  TypeRef : ID -> TypeExp //      | $x$
```

```
sorts FldType constructors // $ftype$ :=
  FldType : ID * TypeExp -> FldType //      | $x$ : $te$
```

```
sorts Type constructors
  NUM    : Type
  FUN    : Type * Type -> Type
  REC    : scope -> Type
```

```
sorts Bool constructors
  True   : Bool
  False  : Bool
```

```
relations
```

```
typeOfDecl : occurrence -> Type
```

**namespaces**

```

  Var  : string
  Fld  : string
  Type : string

```

**name-resolution**

```

  labels P R
  resolve Var filter pathMatch[P*] min pathLt[$ < P]
  resolve Fld filter pathMatch[R*] min pathLt[$ < R]

```

**rules**

```

programOK : Exp
programOK(e) :- {s T}
  new s,
  typeOfExp(s, e) == T.

```

**rules**

```

typeOfExp : scope * Exp -> Type

typeOfExp(s, Num(_)) = NUM().

typeOfExp(s, Plus(e1, e2)) = NUM() :-
  typeOfExp(s, e1) == NUM(),
  typeOfExp(s, e2) == NUM().

typeOfExp(s, Fun(x, te, e)) = FUN(S, T) :- {s_fun}
  typeOfTypeExp(s, te) == S,
  new s_fun, s_fun -P-> s,
  s_fun -> Var{x@x} with typeOfDecl S,
  typeOfExp(s_fun, e) == T.

typeOfExp(s, Var(x)) = T :-
  typeOfDecl of Var{x@x} in s |-> [(_, (_, T))].

typeOfExp(s, App(e1, e2)) = T :- {S U}
  typeOfExp(s, e1) == FUN(S, T),
  typeOfExp(s, e2) == U,
  subType(U, S).

typeOfExp(s, Rec(finites)) = REC(rs) :-
  new rs, fieldInitsOK(s, finites, rs).

typeOfExp(s, FExtend(e, finites)) = REC(rs2) :- {rs1}
  typeOfExp(s, e) == REC(rs1),
  new rs2, rs2 -R-> rs1,
  fieldInitsOK(s, finites, rs2).

```



```

typeOfExp(s, FAccess(e, x)) = T :- {rs d}
  typeOfExp(s, e) == REC(rs),
  typeOfDecl of Fld{x@x} in rs |-> [(_, (_, T))].

typeOfExp(s, TypeLet(x, te, e)) = S :- {s_let}
  new s_let, s_let -P-> s,
  s_let -> Type{x@x} with typeOfDecl typeOfTypeExp(s, te),
  typeOfExp(s_let, e) == S.

typeOfExp(s, Let(x, e1, e2)) = S :- {s_let}
  new s_let, s_let -P-> s,
  s_let -> Var{x@x} with typeOfDecl typeOfExp(s, e1),
  typeOfExp(s_let, e2) == S.

typeOfExp(s, TAS(e, te)) = T :- {S}
  typeOfExp(s, e) == S,
  typeOfTypeExp(s, te) == T,
  subType(S, T).

```

#### rules

```

fieldInitOK : scope * FldInit * scope
fieldInitsOK maps fieldInitOK(*, list(*), *)

fieldInitOK(s, FldInit(x, e), rs) :- {T}
  rs -> Fld{x@x} with typeOfDecl typeOfExp(s, e),
  unique(x, rs) == True().

unique : ID * scope -> Bool
unique(x, s) = isSingleton(ps) :-
  Fld{x@x} in s |-> ps.

isSingleton : list((path * occurrence)) -> Bool
isSingleton([_]) = True().
isSingleton(x) = False() | x != [_].

```

#### rules

```

typeOfTypeExp : scope * TypeExp -> Type

typeOfTypeExp(s, NumType()) = NUM().

typeOfTypeExp(s, FunType(te1, te2)) = FUN(typeOfTypeExp(s, te1), typeOfTypeExp(s, te2)).

typeOfTypeExp(s, RecType(ftypes)) = REC(rs) :-
  new rs, fieldTypesOK(s, ftypes, rs).

```

```

typeOfTypeExp(s, ERecType(te, ftypes)) = REC(rs2) :- {rs1}
  typeOfTypeExp(s, te) == REC(rs1),
  new rs2, rs2 -R-> rs1,
  fieldTypesOK(s, ftypes, rs2).

```

```

typeOfTypeExp(s, TypeRef(x)) = T :-
  typeOfDecl of Type{x@x} in s |-> [(_, (_, T))].

```

#### rules

```

fieldTypeOK : scope * FldType * scope
fieldTypesOK maps fieldTypeOK(*, list(*), *)

```

```

fieldTypeOK(s, FldType(x, te), rs) :-
  rs -> Fld{x@x} with typeOfDecl typeOfTypeExp(s, te).

```

#### rules

```

subType : Type * Type
subField : scope * (path * occurrence)
subFields maps subField(*, list(*))

```

```

subType(NUM(), NUM()).

```

```

subType(FUN(S1, T1), FUN(S2, T2)) :- subType(S2, S1), subType(T1, T2).

```

```

subType(REC(s_sub), REC(s_sup)) :- subFields(s_sub, allFields(s_sup)).

```

```

subField(s_sub, (p_sup, d_sup)) :- {S T}
  ?typeOfDecl[d_sup, S] in dst(p_sup),
  typeOfDecl of d_sup in s_sub |-> [(_, (_, T))],
  subType(T, S).

```

```

allFields: scope -> list((path * occurrence))
allFields(s) = ps :-
  query decl filter pathMatch[R*] and { Fld{[_@_]} }
    min pathLt[$ < R] and { Fld{x@_}, Fld{x@_} }
    in s |-> ps.

```

## D SYSTEM F IN STATIX

In this appendix we define System F [Girard 1972; Reynolds 1974] in Statix.

```

module statics // Static semantics of System F using scopes-as-types

signature
  sorts ID = string

  sorts Exp constructors                                // $e$ :=
    Num      : ID -> Exp                                //      | $n$
    Fun      : ID * TypeExp * Exp -> Exp                 //      | \($x$ : $te$) { $e$ }
    Var      : ID -> Exp                                //      | $x$
    App      : Exp * Exp -> Exp                         //      | $e$ $e$
    TFun     : ID * Exp -> Exp                         //      | /\($X$) { $e$ }
    TApp     : Exp * TypeExp -> Exp                    //      | $e$[$te$]
    Let      : ID * Exp * Exp -> Exp                   //      | let $x$ = $e$ in $e$
    LetT     : ID * TypeExp * Exp -> Exp               //      | let $x$ : $te$ = $e$ in $e$
    TAS      : Exp * TypeExp -> Exp                   //      | $e$ : $t$

  sorts TypeExp constructors                            // $te$ :=
    NumType  : TypeExp                                //      | num
    FunType  : TypeExp * TypeExp -> TypeExp             //      | $te$ -> $te$
    AllType  : ID * TypeExp -> TypeExp                 //      | $X$ => $te$
    VarType  : ID -> TypeExp                          //      | $te$

  namespaces
    Var      : string
    TVar     : string

  sorts Type constructors // variables: T, S, U
    NUM      : Type
    FUN      : Type * Type -> Type
    ALL      : scope -> Type
    TVAR     : occurrence -> Type

    PROJ     : scope * occurrence -> Type
    PL       : scope -> Type

  relations
    typeOfDecl : occurrence -> Type

  name-resolution
    labels
      P // Parent (lexical)
      I // Instantiation

    resolve TVar filter lexicalPathMatch min lexicalPathOrd
    resolve Var  filter lexicalPathMatch min lexicalPathOrd

```

**rules** // *Reference resolution for type variables, variables*

```
lexicalPathMatch : list(label)
lexicalPathOrd   : label * label

lexicalPathMatch(p)   :- pathMatch[P*](p).
lexicalPathOrd(p1, p2) :- pathLt[$ < P](p1, p2).
```

**rules**

```
programOK : Exp
programOK(e) :- {s T}
  new s,
  typeOfExp(s, e, T).
```

**rules**

```
typeOfExp: scope * Exp -> Type

typeOfExp(s, Num(_)) = NUM().

typeOfExp(s, Fun(x, t_arg, e)) = FUN(U, T) :- {s_fun}
  typeOfTypeExp(s, t_arg) == U,
  new s_fun, s_fun -P-> s,
  s_fun -> Var{x@x} with typeOfDecl U,
  typeOfExp(s_fun, e) == T.

typeOfExp(s, Var(x)) = T :-
  typeOfDecl of Var{x@x} in s |-> [(_, (_, T))].

typeOfExp(s, App(e1, e2)) = T :- {S U}
  strict(typeOfExp(s, e1)) == FUN(S, T),
  typeOfExp(s, e2) == U,
  typeEq(S, U).

typeOfExp(s, TFun(x, e)) = T :- {s_all d}
  new s_all, s_all -P-> s,
  d == TVar{x@x},
  s_all -> d with typeOfDecl TVAR(d),
  all(s_all, x, typeOfExp(s_all, e)) == T.

typeOfExp(s, TApp(e, t)) = T :- {s_all}
  strict(typeOfExp(s, e)) == ALL(s_all),
  body(instWith(s_all, paramOf(s_all), typeOfTypeExp(s, t))) == T.

typeOfExp(s, Let(x, e1, e2)) = S :- {s_let}
  new s_let, s_let -P-> s,
```

```
s_let -> Var{x@x} with typeOfDecl typeOfExp(s, e1),
typeOfExp(s_let, e2) == S.
```

```
typeOfExp(s, LetT(x, t, e)) = S :- {s_let}
  new s_let, s_let -P-> s,
  s_let -> TVar{x@x} with typeOfDecl typeOfTypeExp(s, t),
  typeOfExp(s_let, e) == S.
```

```
typeOfExp(s, TAS(e, t)) = T :- {S}
  typeOfExp(s, e) == S,
  typeOfTypeExp(s, t) == T,
  typeEq(S, T).
```

#### rules

```
typeOfTypeExp: scope * TypeExp -> Type
```

```
typeOfTypeExp(s, NumType()) = NUM().
```

```
typeOfTypeExp(s, FunType(t1, t2)) = FUN(typeOfTypeExp(s, t1), typeOfTypeExp(s, t2)).
```

```
typeOfTypeExp(s, AllType(x, t)) = T :- {s_all d}
  new s_all, s_all -P-> s,
  d == TVar{x@x},
  s_all -> d with typeOfDecl TVAR(d),
  T == all(s_all, x, typeOfTypeExp(s_all, t)).
```

```
typeOfTypeExp(s, VarType(x)) = T :-
  typeOfDecl of TVar{x@x} in s |-> [(_, (T))].
```

#### rules

```
typeEq: Type * Type
```

```
typeEq(NUM(), NUM()).
```

```
typeEq(FUN(T_arg, T_ret), FUN(S_arg, S_ret)) :-
  typeEq(T_arg, S_arg),
  typeEq(T_ret, S_ret).
```

```
typeEq(S@PROJ(_, _), T) :- typeEq(strict(S), T).
```

```
typeEq(S, T@PROJ(_, _)) | S != PROJ(_, _) :- typeEq(S, strict(T)).
```

```
typeEq(PL(s1), PL(s2)) | s1 == s2.
```

```
typeEq(ALL(s_all1), ALL(s_all2)) :- {d_fresh}
  new d_fresh,
```

```

    typeEq(
      body(instWith(s_all1, paramOf(s_all1), PL(d_fresh)))
    , body(instWith(s_all2, paramOf(s_all2), PL(d_fresh)))
    ).

typeEq(TVAR(d1), TVAR(d2)) | d1 == d2. // Should not occur in programs with no free type variables

rules // Abbreviation for resolving a parameter via a reference

paramOf: scope -> occurrence
paramOf(s) = d :-
  query typeOfDecl filter instantiationPathMatch and { TVAR{[_@]} }
  in s |-> [(_, (_, TVAR(d)))].

rules

namespace TBody :
resolve TBody filter instantiationPathMatch min instantiationPathOrd

body: scope -> Type
body(s) = PROJ(s, TBody{@-}).

all: scope * ID * Type -> Type
all(s_all, x, T) = ALL(s_all) :-
  !typeOfDecl[TBody{@x}, T] in s_all.

rules // Reference resolution for body

instantiationPathMatch : list(label)
instantiationPathOrd   : label * label

instantiationPathMatch(p)   :- pathMatch[I*](p).
instantiationPathOrd(p1, p2) :- pathLt[I < $](p1, p1). // longest path

////////////////////////////////////
// SUBSTITUTION & NORMALIZATION //
////////////////////////////////////

rules

relation subst : occurrence -> Type

instWith: scope * occurrence * Type -> scope
instWith(s, d, T) = s_inst :-
  new s_inst, s_inst -I-> s, !subst[d, T] in s_inst.

rules // forces normalization of a postponed projection

```

```

strict : Type -> Type

strict(PROJ(s, r)) = T :- {p S}
  typeOfDecl of r in s |-> [(p, (_, S))],
  norm(scopes(p), S) == T.

strict(T) = T' | T != PROJ(_, _) :- T == T'.

rules // type normalization

norm: list(scope) * Type -> Type
norm([], T) = T.
norm(ss@[_], T) = normR(reverseScopes(ss), T).

normR: list(scope) * Type -> Type
normR([], T) = T.

normR([_], NUM()) = NUM().

normR(ss@[_], FUN(S, T)) = FUN(normR(ss, S), normR(ss, T)).

normR([s|ss], TVAR(d_tvar)) = normVar(s, ss, d_tvar).

normR(ss@[_], S@PROJ(_, _)) = normR(ss, strict(S)).

normR([s|ss], ALL(s_all)) = normAll(s, ss, s_all).

normR([_], T@PL(_)) = T.

normAll: scope * list(scope) * scope -> Type
normAll2: list((path * (occurrence * Type))) * list(scope) * scope -> Type

normAll(s, ss, s_all) = U :- {PDTs}
  query subst filter { p :- pathMatch[e](p) }
    in s |-> PDTs,
  normAll2(PDTs, ss, s_all, U).

normAll2([(_, (d, S))], ss, s_all) = normR(ss, ALL(instWith(s_all, d, S))).
normAll2([], ss, s_all) = normR(ss, ALL(s_all)).

// assumes that there is only one substitution in each scope;
// safe for single-argument type binders in System F
// add an instantiation scope; i.e., delay the substitution; no expansion

```



```

normVar: scope * list(scope) * occurrence -> Type
normVar2: list(Type) * list(scope) * occurrence -> Type

normVar(s, ss, d_tvar) = U :- {Ts}
  substV(s, d_tvar, Ts),
  normVar2(Ts, ss, d_tvar, U).

normVar2([T], ss, d_tvar) = normR(ss, T).
normVar2([], ss, d_tvar) = normR(ss, TVAR(d_tvar)).

```

**rules** // reverse list of scopes

```

reverseScopes : list(scope) -> list(scope)
reverseScopes(ss) = reverseScopesR(ss, []).

reverseScopesR : list(scope) * list(scope) -> list(scope)
reverseScopesR([], ss) = ss.
reverseScopesR([s|ss], ss') = reverseScopesR(ss, [s|ss']).

```

**rules** // substitution

```

substV : scope * occurrence -> list(Type)

substV(s, d) = substPs2Vs(ps) :-
  query subst filter { p :- pathMatch[e](p) } and { d' :- d' == d }
  in s |-> ps.

substP2V : (path * (occurrence * Type)) -> Type
substPs2Vs maps substP2V(list(*)) = list(*)

substP2V((_, (_, T))) = T' :- T == T'.

```

## E FEATHERWEIGHT GENERIC JAVA IN STATIX

In this appendix we define Featherweight Generic Java [Igarashi et al. 2001] in Statix.

```
module statics // Static semantics of Featherweight Generic Java
```

```
signature
```

```
sorts ID = string
```

```
sorts Program constructors
```

```
  Program : list(ClassDecl) -> Program
```

```
  Let      : list(ClassDecl) * Exp -> Program
```

```
// prog :=
```

```
//      | L*
```

```
//      | let L* in e
```

```
sorts ClassDecl constructors
```

```
  ClassDecl : ID * list(TVarDecl) * /*N*/TypeExp *
```

```
            list(FieldDecl) * CtorDecl * list(MethodDecl) -> ClassDecl
```

```
// L :=
```

```
//      | class C<V*> <
```

```
sorts TVarDecl constructors
```

```
  TVarDecl : ID * /*N*/TypeExp -> TVarDecl
```

```
// V :=
```

```
//      | X <: N
```

```
sorts FieldDecl constructors
```

```
  FieldDecl : TypeExp * string -> FieldDecl
```

```
// F :=
```

```
//      | T f;
```

```
sorts CtorDecl constructors
```

```
  CtorDecl : ID * list(Param) * list(Exp) * list(FieldInit) -> CtorDecl
```

```
// K :=
```

```
//      | C(P*) { super
```

```
sorts FieldInit constructors
```

```
  FieldInit : ID * Exp -> FieldInit
```

```
// finit :=
```

```
//      | this.f = e
```

```
sorts MethodDecl constructors
```

```
  MethodDecl : list(TVarDecl) * TypeExp * ID *
```

```
            list(Param) * Exp -> MethodDecl
```

```
// M :=
```

```
//      | <V*> T m(P*) .
```

```
sorts Param constructors
```

```
  Param : TypeExp * ID -> Param
```

```
// P :=
```

```
//      | T x
```

```
sorts Exp constructors
```

```
  Var      : ID -> Exp
```

```
  Fld      : Exp * ID -> Exp
```

```
  Call     : Exp * list(TypeExp) * ID * list(Exp) -> Exp
```

```
  New      : /*N*/TypeExp * list(Exp) -> Exp
```

```
  Cast     : TypeExp * Exp -> Exp
```

```
  Ascribe  : Exp * TypeExp -> Exp
```

```
// e :=
```

```
//      | x
```

```
//      | e.f
```

```
//      | e.<T*>m(e*)
```

```
//      | new N(e*)
```

```
//      | (T)e
```

```
//      | e:T
```

```
sorts TypeExp constructors
```

```
  ClassT : ID * list(TypeExp) -> /*N*/TypeExp
```

```
  TVar   : ID -> TypeExp
```

```
// T :=
```

```
//      | C<T*>
```

```
//      | X
```

**sorts TYPE constructors**

```

TVAR   : occurrence -> TYPE
CLASS  : scope -> TYPE
CTOR   : list(TYPE) -> TYPE
METHOD : scope -> TYPE
MTY    : TYPE * list(TYPE) -> TYPE

PROJ   : scope * occurrence -> TYPE // delayed projection

```

**namespaces**

```

Var      : string
TVar     : string
Field    : string
Method   : string
MType    :
Ctor     :
Class    : string

```

**relations**

```

typeOfDecl      : occurrence -> TYPE
tparamsOfClass : -> list(occurrence)

```

**name-resolution**

```

labels P    // lexical parent
          S    // super class
          I    // instantiation

```

```

resolve Class filter lexicalPathMatch min lexicalPathOrd
resolve TVar  filter lexicalPathMatch min lexicalPathOrd
resolve Var   filter lexicalPathMatch min lexicalPathOrd
resolve Ctor  filter pathMatch[I*]    min subtypePathOrd
resolve MType filter pathMatch[I*]    min subtypePathOrd
resolve Field filter subtypePathMatch min subtypePathOrd
resolve Method filter subtypePathMatch min subtypePathOrd

```

**rules**

```

lexicalPathMatch : list(label)
lexicalPathOrd   : label * label

lexicalPathMatch(p)    :- pathMatch[I*P*](p).
lexicalPathOrd(p1, p2) :- pathLt[$ < P, $ < I](p1, p2).

```

**rules**

```

programOK : Program

programOK(Program(cdecls)) :- {s}

```

```

new s,
object(s),
classesOK(s, cdecls).

```

```

programOK(Let(cdecls, e)) :- {s}
  new s,
  object(s),
  classesOK(s, cdecls),
  strict(typeOfExp(s, e)) == _.

```

**object : scope**

```

object(s) :- {d_class s_class s_ctor}
  // class
  d_class == Class{"Object"@-},
  new s_class, s_class -P-> s,
  s -> d_class with typeOfDecl CLASS(s_class),
  // type parameters
  !tparamsOfClass[][] in s_class,
  // constructor
  new s_ctor, s_ctor -P-> s_class,
  s_class -> Ctor{@-} with typeOfDecl CTOR([]).

```

**rules**

```

classOK : scope * ClassDecl
classesOK maps classOK(*, list(*))

```

```

classOK(s, ClassDecl(x, tvars, te_super, fields, ctor, methods)) :- {d_class s_class Xs T_super}
  d_class == Class{x@x},
  new s_class, s_class -P-> s, // class scope
  s -> d_class with typeOfDecl CLASS(s_class), // class declaration and type
  classTParamsOK(s_class, tvars) == Xs,
  classSuperOK(s_class, te_super),
  fieldDeclsOK(s_class, fields), // assumed to be distinct
  ctorOK(s_class, d_class, ctor),
  methodsOK(s_class, methods). // assumed to be distinct

```

```

classTParamsOK: scope * list(TVarDecl) -> list(occurrence)

```

```

classTParamsOK(s_class, tvars) = Xs :-
  typesOfTParams(s_class, tvars) == Xs,
  !tparamsOfClass[Xs] in s_class.

```

```

classSuperOK : scope * TypeExp

```

```

classSuperOK(s_class, ClassT(x, tes)) :- {r p d s_super Xs Ts Us}

```

```

typeOfDecl of Class{x@x} in s_class |-> [(_ , (_ , CLASS(s_super)))], // type of super
typesOfTypeExps(s_class, tes) == Ts,           // type arguments
s_class -S-> s_super,                           // connect to super scope
?tparamsOfClass[Xs] in s_super,                // type parameters
instWithA(s_class, Xs, Ts),                     // super class type variable instantiation
boundsOfTParams(s_super, Xs) == Us,            // super class type variable bounds
subTypes(s_class, Ts, Us),                      // bounds subtype validity
notExtends(s_super, s_class).                   // prevent cyclic inheritance

```

#### rules

```

fieldDeclOK : scope * FieldDecl
fieldDeclsOK maps fieldDeclOK(*, list(*))

fieldDeclOK(s_class, FieldDecl(ty, x)) :- {T}
  typeOfTypeExp(s_class, ty) == T,           // field type
  s_class -> Field{x@x} with typeOfDecl T.    // field declaration

```

#### rules

```

ctorOK : scope * occurrence * CtorDecl

ctorOK(s_class, Class{x@_}, CtorDecl(y, params, es, finits)) :- {s_ctor s_super d_super CT Us Ts Ss}
  x == y,                                     // constructor name corresponds to class name
  new s_ctor, s_ctor -P-> s_class,             // ctor body scope
  typesOfParams(s_ctor, params) == Ts,        // ctor param types
  s_class -> Ctor{@x} with typeOfDecl CTOR(Ts), // ctor declaration
  superClassCtorType(s_class) == CTOR(Ss),    // constructor type with instantiated type variab
  typesOfExps(s_ctor, es) == Us,              // argument types
  subTypes(s_ctor, Us, Ss),                   // valid arguments
  initsOK(s_ctor, finits).

```

#### rules

```

initOK : scope * FieldInit
initsOK maps initOK(*, list(*))

initOK(s, FieldInit(x, e)) :- {T U}
  query typeOfDecl filter lexicalPathMatch and { Field{x'@_} :- x' == x }
    in s |-> [(_ , (_ , T))],                // field type
  typeOfExp(s, e) == U,                       // expr type
  subType(s, U, T).

```

#### rules

```

methodOK : scope * MethodDecl
methodsOK maps methodOK(*, list(*))

```

```

relation tparamsOfMethod : -> list(occurrence)

methodOK(s_class, MethodDecl(tvars, ty, x, params, e)) :- {d s_method Xs T Ts U s_mtype}
  d == Method{x@x},                                // method declaration
  !decl[d] in s_class,

  new s_method, s_method -P-> s_class,                // scope of method body

  typesOfTParams(s_method, tvars) == Xs,              // type parameters

  typesOfParams(s_method, params) == Ts,              // method parameters
  methodThisOK(s_method, s_class, d),                 // declare this
  typeOfTypeExp(s_method, ty) == T,                   // return type
  typeOfExp(s_method, e) == U,                        // body type
  subType(s_method, U, T),                            // body type is subtype of return type

  new s_mtype,
  s_mtype -> MType{@x} with typeOfDecl MTY(T, Ts),    //
  !tparamsOfMethod[Xs] in s_mtype,                  // type parameters
  !typeOfDecl[d, METHOD(s_mtype)] in s_class,          // method type

  overrideOK(s_method, d, T, Ts).

methodThisOK : scope * scope * occurrence

methodThisOK(s_method, s_class, d@Method{@x}) :- {s_inst}
  new s_inst, s_inst -I-> s_class,
  s_method -> Var{"this"@x} with typeOfDecl CLASS(s_inst).

overrideOK : scope * occurrence * TYPE * list(TYPE)
overrideOK2 : scope * list((path * occurrence)) * TYPE * list(TYPE)

overrideOK(s, d@Method{x@_}, T, Ts) :- {ps}
  overrides(s, d, ps), overrideOK2(s, ps, T, Ts).

overrideOK2(s, [], T, Ts).

overrideOK2(s, [(_, d')], T, Ts) :- {U Us MT s_mtype}
  strict(PROJ(s, d')) == METHOD(s_mtype),
  strict(PROJ(s_mtype, MType{@-})) == MTY(T, Ts),
  subType(s, U, T),
  typesEq(Us, Ts).

overrides : scope * occurrence -> list((path * occurrence))
overrides(s_class, Method{x@_}) = ps :-
  query decl filter pathMatch[S S*] and { d :- d == Method{x@_} }
  min subtypePathOrd
  in s_class |-> ps.

```

**rules**

```

typeOfParam: scope * Param -> TYPE
typesOfParams maps typeOfParam(*, list(*)) = list(*)

typeOfParam(s, Param(ty, x)) = T :- {d}
  typeOfTypeExp(s, ty) == T,           // param type
  s -> Var{x@x} with typeOfDecl T.     // param declaration

```

**rules**

```

typeOfTParam : scope * TVarDecl -> occurrence
typesOfTParams maps typeOfTParam(*, list(*)) = list(*)

typeOfTParam(s, TVarDecl(x, ty)) = d :-
  d == TVar{x@x},
  s -> d with typeOfDecl typeOfTypeExp(s, ty). // t is upper bound of type parameter

boundsOfTParams: scope * list(occurrence) -> list(TYPE)
boundsOfTParams(s, []) = [].
boundsOfTParams(s, [X|Xs]) = [PROJ(s, X) | boundsOfTParams(s, Xs)].

promoteType: scope * TYPE -> TYPE
promoteTypes maps promoteType(*, list(*)) = list(*)

promoteType(s, TVAR(d)) = strict(PROJ(s, d)). // bound projection
promoteType(s, T)       = T | T != TVAR(_).

```

**rules**

```

typeOfTypeExp : scope * TypeExp -> TYPE
typesOfTypeExps maps typeOfTypeExp(*, list(*)) = list(*)

typeOfTypeExp(s, TVar(x)) = TVAR(d) :-
  TVar{x@x} in s |-> [(_, d)]. // type var reference

typeOfTypeExp(s, ClassT(x, tes)) = CLASS(s_inst) :- {s_class Xs Ts Us}
  typeOfDecl of Class{x@x} in s |-> [(_, (_, CLASS(s_class)))], // class type
  typesOfTypeExps(s, tes) == Ts, // type arguments
  ?tparamsOfClass[Xs] in s_class, // type parameters
  instWith(s_class, Xs, Ts) == s_inst, // super class type variable instantiation
  boundsOfTParams(s_inst, Xs) == Us, // super class type variable bounds
  subTypes(s, Ts, Us). // bounds subtype validity

```

**rules**

```

typeOfExp : scope * Exp -> TYPE

```

```

typesOfExps maps typeOfExp(*, list(*)) = list(*)

typeOfExp(s, Var(x)) = T :- {r p d}
  typeOfDecl of Var{x@x} in s |-> [(p, (d, T))].

typeOfExp(s, Fld(e, x)) = S :- {s_inst}
  promoteType(s, strict(typeOfExp(s, e))) == CLASS(s_inst),    // receiver type
  PROJ(s_inst, Field{x@x}) == S.                                // field reference

typeOfExp(s, Call(e, tys, x, es)) = U :- {S s_cls Ts m_inst Xs s_mtype s_minst Us Ss p}
  promoteType(s, strict(typeOfExp(s, e))) == CLASS(s_cls),
  typeOfDecl of Method{x@x} in s_cls |-> [(p, (_, METHOD(s_mtype)))],
  typesOfTypeExps(s, tys) == Ts,
  ?tparamsOfMethod[Xs] in s_mtype,
  instWith(s_mtype, Xs, Ts) == s_minst,
  norm(scopes(p), PROJ(s_minst, MType{@-})) == MTY(U, Us),
  typesOfExps(s, es) == Ss,
  subTypes(s, Ss, Us).

typeOfExp(s, New(te, es)) = T :- {s_inst Ts Us}
  strict(typeOfTypeExp(s, te)) == T@CLASS(s_inst), // class type scope
  strict(PROJ(s_inst, Ctor{@-})) == CTOR(Ts),      // project constructor type
  typesOfExps(s, es) == Us,                        // argument types
  subTypes(s, Us, Ts).

typeOfExp(s, Ascribe(e, te)) = T :- {S}
  strict(typeOfExp(s, e)) == S,
  strict(typeOfTypeExp(s, te)) == T,
  subType(s, S, T).

typeOfExp(s, Cast(te, e)) = T_as :- {s_as s_act}
  promoteType(s, strict(typeOfTypeExp(s, te))) == CLASS(s_as), // cast type
  promoteType(s, strict(typeOfExp(s, e))) == CLASS(s_act),     // expression type
  castOK(s_act, s_as).

castOK : scope * scope
castOK2 : list(path) * list(path)

castOK(s_act, s_as) :- {p1 p2}
  extendsQ(s_act, s_as, p1),
  extendsQ(s_as, s_act, p2),
  castOK2(p1, p2).

castOK2([], []).
castOK2([], []).
castOK2([], []).

```

**rules**



```

typesEq maps typeEq(list(*), list(*))

typeEq : TYPE * TYPE

typeEq(TVAR(d), TVAR(d)).

// two class types are equal if
// - they are instantiations of the same class as identified by its scope
// - the instantiations of the type parameter of the class are equal

typeEq(CLASS(s1), CLASS(s2)) :- {p1 d1 p2 d2}
  classScope(s1) == p1,          // sub class scope
  classScope(s2) == p2,          // super class scope
  classInstEq(p1, p2).

typeEq(T@PROJ(_, _), S) :- typeEq(strict(T), S).
typeEq(T, S@PROJ(_, _)) | T != PROJ(_, _) :- typeEq(T, strict(S)).

```

#### rules

```

// subType(s, S, T) : S is a subtype of T wrt scope s

subType : scope * TYPE * TYPE
subTypeA : scope * TYPE * TYPE
subTypes maps subType(*, list(*), list(*))

subType(s, S, T) :- {S' T'}
  strict(S, S'), strict(T, T'),
  subTypeA(s, S', T').

subTypeA(s, T@TVAR(_, U) | U == T.

subTypeA(s, T@TVAR(d), U) | U != T :-
  subType(s, PROJ(s, d), U).

subTypeA(s, CLASS(s1), CLASS(s2)) :- {p1 p2 Xs Ts Us}
  classScope(s2) == p2,          // super class scope
  extends(s1, dst(p2)) == p1,    // subtype instance of super type
  classInstEq(p1, p2).

```

#### rules

```

classScope : scope -> path // path to class corresponding to instance
classScope(s_inst) = p :-
  query () filter pathMatch[I*]
    min pathLt[I < $] and true // longest path, shadow shorter paths
    in s_inst -> [p].

```

```

extends      : scope * scope -> path
notExtends   : scope * scope
extendsQ     : scope * scope -> list(path)

extends(s, s_class) = p :- extendsQ(s, s_class, [p]).
notExtends(s, s_class) :- extendsQ(s, s_class, []).

extendsQ(s, s_class) = ps :-
  query () filter subtypePathMatch and { s :- s == s_class }
    min subtypePathOrd
  in s |-> ps.

subtypePathMatch : list(label)
subtypePathOrd   : label * label

subtypePathMatch(p)    :- pathMatch[I* S*](p).
subtypePathOrd(p1, p2) :- pathLt[$ < I, $ < S](p1, p2).

classInstEq : path * path
classInstEq(p1, p2) :- {s_class Xs TVs Ts Us}
  s_class@dst(p1) == dst(p2),
  ?tparamsOfClass[Xs] in s_class,           // type parameters of super type
  declsToTVARs(Xs, TVs),
  norms(scopes(p1), TVs) == Ts,             // normalize type params w.r.t. subtype
  norms(scopes(p2), TVs) == Us,             // normalize type params w.r.t. super type
  typesEq(Ts, Us).                          // equal argument types

rules // abbreviation

superClassCtorType : scope -> TYPE

superClassCtorType(s) = norm(scopes(p), T) :-
  query typeOfDecl filter pathMatch[S] and { d :- d == Ctor{@_} }
    in s |-> [(p, (_, T))].

declToTVAR : occurrence -> TYPE
declsToTVARs maps declToTVAR(list(*)) = list(*)

declToTVAR(d) = TVAR(d).

//////////
// SUBSTITUTION & NORMALIZATION //
//////////

rules // forces normalization of a postponed projection

```

```

strict : TYPE -> TYPE
strict(PROJ(s, r)) = T :- {p d S}
  typeOfDecl of r in s |-> [(p, (d, S))],
  norm(scopes(p), S) == T.

strict(T) = T | T != PROJ(_, _).

rules // normalize types

norm: list(scope) * TYPE -> TYPE
norms maps norm(*, list(*)) = list(*)

norm([], T) = T.
norm(ss@[_], T) = normR(reverseScopes(ss), T).

normR: list(scope) * TYPE -> TYPE
normsR maps normR(*, list(*)) = list(*)

normR([], T) = T.

normR([s|ss], METHOD(s_mtype)) = T :- {ps Xs Ts}
  query subst filter pathMatch[e] in s |-> ps,
  unzipPDTs(ps) == (Xs, Ts),
  normR(ss, METHOD(instWith(s_mtype, Xs, Ts))) == T.

normR(ss@[_], MTY(T, Ts)) = MTY(normR(ss, T), normsR(ss, Ts)).

normR([s|ss], TVAR(d_tvar)) = normVar(s, ss, d_tvar).

normR(ss@[_], S@PROJ(_, _)) = normR(ss, strict(S)).

normR([s|ss], CLASS(s1)) = T :- {ps Xs Ts}
  query subst filter pathMatch[e] in s |-> ps,
  unzipPDTs(ps) == (Xs, Ts),
  normR(ss, CLASS(instWith(s1, Xs, Ts))) == T.

normR(ss@[_], CTOR(Ts)) = CTOR(normsR(ss, Ts)).

normVar : scope * list(scope) * occurrence -> TYPE
normVar2 : scope * list(scope) * occurrence * list(TYPE) -> TYPE

normVar(s, ss, d_tvar) = U :- {Ts}
  hasSubst(s, d_tvar) == Ts, normVar2(s, ss, d_tvar, Ts) == U.

normVar2(s, ss, d_tvar, [T]) = normR(ss, T).
normVar2(s, ss, d_tvar, []) = normR(ss, TVAR(d_tvar)).

rules // reverse list of scopes

```

```

reverseScopes: list(scope) -> list(scope)
reverseScopes(ss) = reverseScopesR(ss, []).

reverseScopesR: list(scope) * list(scope) -> list(scope)
reverseScopesR([], ss) = ss.
reverseScopesR([s|ss], ss') = reverseScopesR(ss, [s|ss']).

```

**rules** // *unzip path+declaration+type pairs*

```

unzipPDTs: list((path * (occurrence * TYPE))) -> list(occurrence) * list(TYPE)

unzipPDTs([]) = ([], []).
unzipPDTs([(X, T)|PDTs]) = ([X|Xs], [T|Ts]) :-
  unzipPDTs(PDTs) == (Xs, Ts).

```

**rules**

```

relation subst : occurrence -> TYPE

instWith : scope * list(occurrence) * list(TYPE) -> scope
instWith(s, [], []) = s.
instWith(s, Xs@[_|_], Ts@[_|_]) = s_inst :-
  new s_inst, s_inst -I-> s, instWithA(s_inst, Xs, Ts).

instWithA: scope * list(occurrence) * list(TYPE)
instWithA(_, [], []).
instWithA(s, [X|Xs], [T|Ts]) :- !subst[X, T] in s, instWithA(s, Xs, Ts).

```

**rules** // *substitution*

```

hasSubst: scope * occurrence -> list(TYPE)

hasSubst(s, d) = substValues(ps) :-
  query subst filter pathMatch[e] and { d' :- d' == d } in s |-> ps.

substValue : (path * (occurrence * TYPE)) -> TYPE
substValues maps substValue(list(*)) = list(*)
substValue((_, (_, T))) = T' :- T == T'.

```