

4 Liquid Types

4.1 Notion of Liquid Types

So-called refinement types exclude values from existing types by using a predicate (in this context also called a refinement). The definition of such a refinement can be chosen quite freely, but it's important to note that one will also need to provide some inference rules to validate such refinements. This motivates to use SMT Solvers and refinements tailored to the capabilities of specific solvers. Such a set of refinement types are for example *Liquid types* (**L**ogically **q**ualified **D**ata **T**ypes). We will now specify a version of liquid types.

We start by defining the syntax and semantic of valid refinements.

Definition 4.1: Logical Qualifier Expressions

We define the set of logical qualifier expression \mathcal{Q} as follows

$$\begin{aligned} IntExp = & \mathbb{Z} \\ & | IntExp + IntExp \\ & | IntExp * \mathbb{Z} \\ & | \nu \\ \mathcal{Q} = & True \\ & | False \\ & | IntExp \leq \nu \\ & | \nu < IntExp \\ & | \mathcal{Q} \wedge \mathcal{Q} \\ & | \mathcal{Q} \vee \mathcal{Q} \\ & | \neg \mathcal{Q} \end{aligned}$$

We also define

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{Q}^? = & True \\ & | False \\ & | (IntExp \cup \{?\}) \leq \nu \\ & | \nu < (IntExp \cup \{?\}) \\ & | \mathcal{Q} \wedge \mathcal{Q} \\ & | \mathcal{Q} \vee \mathcal{Q} \\ & | \neg \mathcal{Q} \end{aligned}$$

The symbol ? denotes a placeholder.

Definition 4.2: Well-Formed Logical Qualifier Expressions

Let $e \in \mathcal{Q}$. Let $\Theta : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$.

We say e is *well formed* with respect to Θ iff for all variables v in e , $\Theta(v)$ is well formed, meaning $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}. (v, n) \in \Theta$.

Definition 4.3: Semantic of Logical Qualifier Expressions

Let $\Theta : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$. Let $a, b \in \text{IntExp}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $v \in \mathbb{N}$ and $p, q \in \mathcal{Q}$. Let v be a symbol.

We define the semantic of arithmetic expressions *IntExp* as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket . \rrbracket &: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \\ \llbracket n \rrbracket &= n \\ \llbracket a + b \rrbracket &= \llbracket a \rrbracket + \llbracket b \rrbracket \\ \llbracket a \cdot n \rrbracket &= \llbracket a \rrbracket \cdot n \\ \llbracket v \rrbracket &= v \end{aligned}$$

Note that we assume that v as been bound to number.

We also define the semantic of logical qualifier expressions \mathcal{Q} as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket . \rrbracket &: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{Bool} \\ \llbracket \text{True} \rrbracket &= \lambda v. \text{True} \\ \llbracket \text{False} \rrbracket &= \lambda v. \text{False} \\ \llbracket a \leq \nu \rrbracket &= \lambda v. \llbracket a \rrbracket \leq v \\ \llbracket \nu < a \rrbracket &= \lambda v. \llbracket a \rrbracket < v \\ \llbracket p \wedge q \rrbracket &= \lambda v. \llbracket p \rrbracket(v) \wedge \llbracket q \rrbracket(v) \\ \llbracket p \vee q \rrbracket &= \lambda v. \llbracket p \rrbracket(v) \vee \llbracket q \rrbracket(v) \\ \llbracket \neg p \rrbracket &= \lambda v. \neg \llbracket p \rrbracket(v) \end{aligned}$$

Note that ν is a reserved symbol.

We will now extend the definition of types with the notion of refinement types. This extension is not very interesting, as refinement types don't behave different to their underlying type.

Definition 4.4: Extended Types

We define the following

T is a *mono type* with refinement types $:\Leftrightarrow$

- T is a type variable
- $\vee T$ is a type application
- $\vee T$ is an algebraic type
- $\vee T$ is a product type
- $\vee T$ is a function type
- $\vee T$ is a refinement type

T is a *poly type* with refinement types $:\Leftrightarrow$

$$T = \forall a. T'$$

where T' is a mono type with refinement types

or poly type with refinement types and a is a symbol.

T is a *type* with refinement types $:\Leftrightarrow$

- T is a mono type with refinement types
- $\vee T$ is a poly type with refinement types.

by using the predicates:

T is a *type variable* $:\Leftrightarrow T$ is a symbol.

T is a *type application* $:\Leftrightarrow T$ is of form $C T_1 \dots T_n$

where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, C is a symbol and the T_i are mono types with refinement types for all $i \in \mathbb{N}_1^n$.

T is a *algebraic type* $:\Leftrightarrow T$ is of form

$\mu C. C_1 T_{1,1} \dots T_{1,k(1)} \mid \dots \mid C_n T_{n,1} \dots T_{n,k(n)}$

such that $\exists i \in \mathbb{N}. \forall j \in \mathbb{N}_1^{k(i)}. T_{i,j} \neq C$

where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $k \in \mathbb{N}_1^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$, C is a symbol and

$T_{i,k(j)}$ is a mono type with refinement types

or $T_{i,k(j)} = C$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}_1^n$ and $j \in \mathbb{N}_1^{k(i)}$.

T is a *product type* $:\Leftrightarrow T$ is of form $\{l_1 : T_1, \dots, l_n : T_n\}$

where $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ and l_i are symbols and T_i are mono types with refinement types for all $i \in \mathbb{N}_1^n$.

T is a *function type* $:\Leftrightarrow T$ is of form $T_1 \rightarrow T_2$

where T_1 and T_2 are mono types with refinement types.

T is a *refinement type* $:\Leftrightarrow$

T is of form $\{\nu : T_0 \mid r\}$

where T_0 is a type with refinement type

and $r \in \mathcal{Q}$.

$\vee T$ is of form $a : T_1 \rightarrow T_2$

where $T_1 \in \mathcal{T}$, a is a symbol, T_2 is a refinement type

We define $\mathcal{T}_+ := \{T \mid T \text{ is a type with refinement types}\}$ as the set of all types extend with refinement types.

We will also need to redefine the definition of free variables and type substitution. The only change is the trivial addition of refinement types.

Definition 4.5: Bound, Free, Set of free variables

Let $r \in \mathcal{Q}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$, a be a type variable, T be a type, C be a symbol, $k \in \mathbb{N}_1^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$, T_i be a type, $T_{i,k(j)}$ be a type or a symbol and C_i be a symbol for all $i \in \mathbb{N}_1^n$ and $j \in \mathbb{N}_1^{k(i)}$.

We say

- a is *free* in $T :\Leftrightarrow a \in \text{free}(T)$
- a is *bound* in $T :\Leftrightarrow a \notin \text{free}(T)$ and a occurs in T .

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{free}(a) &:= \{a\} \\
\text{free}(C \ T_1 \dots T_n) &:= \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}_1^n} \text{free}(T_i) \\
\text{free} \left(\begin{array}{c} \mu C. \\ C_1 \ T_{1,1} \dots T_{1,k(1)} \\ \vdots \\ C_n \ T_{n,1} \dots T_{n,k(n)} \end{array} \right) &:= \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}_0^n} \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}_0^{k_i}} \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } T_{i,j} = C \\ \text{free}(T_{i,j}) & \text{else} \end{cases} \\
\text{free}(\{ _ : T_1, \dots, _ : T_n \}) &:= \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}_1^n} \text{free}(T_i) \\
\text{free}(T_1 \rightarrow T_2) &:= \text{free}(T_1) \cup \text{free}(T_2) \\
\text{free}(\forall a. T) &:= \text{free}(T) \setminus \{a\} \\
\text{free}(\{ \nu : T \mid r \}) &:= \text{free}(T) \\
\text{free}(a : T_1 \rightarrow T_2) &:= \text{free}(T_1) \cup \text{free}(T_2)
\end{aligned}$$

Definition 4.6: Type substitution

Let $r \in \mathcal{Q}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\Theta : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \{t \in \mathcal{T} \mid t \text{ is a mono type}\}$, $a \in \mathcal{V}$. Let T, T_1, T_2 , $k : \mathbb{N}_1^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ and $T_{i,k(j)} \in \mathcal{T}$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}_1^n$ and $j \in \mathbb{N}_1^{k_i}$.

We define the substitute of a type $[\cdot]_\Theta : \mathcal{T} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$ as

$$\begin{aligned}
[a]_\Theta &:= \begin{cases} S & \text{if } (a, S) \in \Theta \\ a & \text{else} \end{cases} \\
\left[\begin{array}{c} \mu C. \\ C_1 \ T_{1,1} \dots T_{1,k(1)} \\ \vdots \\ C_n \ T_{n,1} \dots T_{n,k(n)} \end{array} \right]_\Theta &:= \begin{array}{c} \mu C. \\ C_1 \ [T_{1,1}]_\Theta \dots [T_{1,k(1)}]_\Theta \\ \vdots \\ C_n \ [T_{n,1}]_\Theta \dots [T_{n,k(n)}]_\Theta \end{array} \\
[\{l_1 : T_1, \dots, l_n : T_n\}]_\Theta &:= \{l_1 : [T_1]_\Theta, \dots, l_n : [T_n]_\Theta\} \\
[T_1 \rightarrow T_2]_\Theta &:= [T_1]_\Theta \rightarrow [T_2]_\Theta \\
[\forall b. T]_\Theta &:= \begin{cases} [T]_\Theta & \text{if } \exists (b, S) \in \Theta \wedge S \notin \mathcal{V} \\ \forall S. [T]_\Theta & \text{if } \exists (b, S) \in \Theta \wedge S \in \mathcal{V} \\ \forall b. [T]_\Theta & \text{else.} \end{cases} \\
[\{\nu : T \mid r\}]_\Theta &:= [T]_\Theta \\
[a : T_1 \rightarrow T_2]_\Theta &:= [T_1]_\Theta \rightarrow [T_2]_\Theta
\end{aligned}$$

Θ is called the set of substitutions.

We will now redefine the notion of values. As mentioned before, liquid types exclude values that do not ensure a specific refinement.

Definition 4.7: Values

Let $r \in \mathcal{Q}$, \mathcal{S} the class of all finite sets, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\Theta : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}$, $a \in \mathcal{V}$, $T, T_1, T_2, S \in \mathcal{T}$, $k \in \mathbb{N}_1^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_0$ and $T_{i,k(j)} \in \mathcal{T}$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}_1^n$ and $j \in \mathbb{N}_1^n$. Let Γ be a type context.

We define

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{values}_\Gamma : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{S} \\
& \text{values}_\Gamma(a) := \text{values}_\Gamma(\Gamma(a)) \\
& \text{values}_\Gamma(C \ T_1 \ \dots \ T_n) := \text{values}_\Gamma(\overline{\Gamma(C)}(T_1, \dots, T_n)) \\
& \text{values}_\Gamma \left(\begin{array}{c} \mu C. \\ | C_1 \ T_{1,1} \dots \ T_{1,k(1)} \\ | \dots \\ | C_n \ T_{n,1} \dots \ T_{n,k(n)} \end{array} \right) := \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}_0} \text{rvalues}_\Gamma \left(i, \begin{array}{c} \mu C. \\ | C_1 \ T_{1,1} \dots \ T_{1,k(1)} \\ | \dots \\ | C_n \ T_{n,1} \dots \ T_{n,k(n)} \end{array} \right) \\
& \text{values}_\Gamma(\{l_1 : T_1, \dots, l_n : T_n\}) := \left\{ \{l_1 = t_1, \dots, l_n = t_n\} \right. \\
& \quad \left. \mid \forall i \in \mathbb{N}_1^n. t_i \in \text{values}_\Gamma(T_i) \right\} \\
& \text{values}_\Gamma(T_1 \rightarrow T_2) := \{f \mid f \in \text{values}_\Gamma(T_1) \rightarrow \text{values}_\Gamma(T_2)\} \\
& \text{values}_\Gamma(\forall a. T) := \lambda b. \text{values}_{\{(a,b)\} \cup \Gamma}(T) \text{ where the symbol } b \text{ does} \\
& \quad \text{not occur in } T. \\
& \text{values}_\Gamma(\{\nu : T \mid r\}) := \text{refinedValues}_{\Gamma, \Theta}(\{\nu : T \mid r\}) \\
& \text{values}_\Gamma(a : T_1 \rightarrow T_2) := \text{refinedValues}_{\Gamma, \Theta}(a : T_1 \rightarrow T_2)
\end{aligned}$$

using the following helper functions.

Let $l \in \mathbb{N}$, $T := \mu C. \mid C_1 \ T_{1,1} \dots \ T_{1,k(1)} \mid \dots \mid C_n \ T_{n,1} \dots \ T_{n,k(n)}$. We define:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{rvalues}_\Gamma(0, T) := \left\{ C_i \ v_1 \dots v_n \mid \begin{array}{l} i \in \mathbb{N}_1^n \\ \wedge \forall j \in \mathbb{N}_1^{k(i)}. T_{i,j} \neq C \wedge v_j \in \text{values}_\Gamma(T_{i,j}) \end{array} \right\} \\
& \text{rvalues}_\Gamma(l+1, T) := \left\{ C_i \ v_1 \dots v_n \mid \begin{array}{l} i \in \mathbb{N}_1^n \\ \wedge \forall j \in \mathbb{N}_1^{k(i)}. v_j \in \begin{cases} \text{rvalues}_\Gamma(l, T) & \text{if } T_{i,j} = C \\ \text{values}_\Gamma(T_{i,j}) & \text{else} \end{cases} \end{array} \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

Let $\Theta : \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$. We define:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{refinedValues}_{\Gamma, \Theta}(\{\nu : T \mid r\}) := \{b \in \text{values}_\Gamma(T) \\
& \quad \mid r \text{ is well formed with respect to } \Theta \\
& \quad \wedge \forall (a, X) \in \Theta. \forall a \in X. \llbracket r \rrbracket(b)\} \\
& \text{refinedValues}_{\Gamma, \Theta}(a : T_1 \rightarrow T_2) := \text{refinedValues}_{\Gamma, \Theta \cup \{a, \text{values}_\Gamma(T_1)\}}(T_2)
\end{aligned}$$