4.4 Formulating SMT Statements

So far we have described the inference rules and the subtyping rule. We have yet to describe an algorithm that can derive a valid type for a set of given subtyping rules.

Definition 4.1: Liquid Type Variable

We say $\mathcal{K} := \{ \kappa_i \mid i \in \mathbb{N} \}$ is the set of all *liquid type variables*.

Note that κ is a special character.

Definition 4.2: Template

We say \hat{T} is a $template :\Leftrightarrow$

 \hat{T} is of form $\{\nu : Int \mid [k]_S\}$ where $k \in \mathcal{K}$ and $S : \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}$ $\forall \hat{T}$ is of form $a : \{\nu : Int \mid [k]_S\} \rightarrow \hat{T}$ where $k \in \mathcal{K}, \hat{T}$ is a template and $S : \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}$.

We define $\mathcal{T}^? := \{\hat{T} \mid \hat{T} \text{ is a template}\}\$

A template will be used for a liquid type with unknown refinement. Note that the inference rule for function applications introduces a refinement substitution S. For templates this substitution is not defined and needs to be delayed until the corresponding liquid type has been derived. We will point out whenever the substitution $[k]_S$ will be applied.

Definition 4.3: Type Variable Context

Let $K := \{ [k]_S | k \in \mathcal{K} \land S : \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q} \}.$

We say $\Theta: \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow (\mathcal{Q} \cup K)$ is a type variable context.

Our algorithm will resolve a set of suptyping conditions:

Definition 4.4: Subtyping Condition

We say c is a Subtyping Condition : \Leftrightarrow

c is of form $\hat{T}_1 <:_{\Theta.\Lambda} \hat{T}_2$

where \hat{T}_1, \hat{T}_2 are a liquid types or templates, Θ is a type variable context and $\Lambda \subset \mathcal{Q}$.

We define $C := \{c \mid c \text{ is a subtyping condition}\}\$

We will also need a function to obtain the set of all liquid type variables of a template or subtyping condition.

Definition 4.5: Vars

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\operatorname{Vars}: (\mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{T}^?) \to \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{K})
\operatorname{Vars}(\{\nu \in \operatorname{Int}|r\}) = \{\}
\operatorname{Vars}(\{\nu \in \operatorname{Int}|\kappa_i\}) = \{\kappa_i\}
\operatorname{Vars}(a : \{\nu \in \operatorname{Int}|\kappa_i\} \to \hat{T}) = \{\kappa_i\} \cup \operatorname{Vars}(\hat{T})
\operatorname{Vars}: \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{K})
\operatorname{Vars}(\hat{T}_1 <:_{\Theta, \Lambda} \hat{T}_2) = \operatorname{Vars}(\hat{T}_1) \cup \operatorname{Vars}(\hat{T}_2)
\cup \{k|(\underline{\ \ \ \ \ }, q) \in \Theta \land q = [k]_S \text{ for } k \in \mathcal{K} \text{ and } S : \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}\}
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The main idea of the algorithm is to first generate a set of predicates and then exclude elements until all subtyping conditions are valid for the remaining predicates. By conjunction over all remaining predicates we result in a valid refinement.

We therefore need a function, depending on a set of variable Q, that will generate a set of predicates. Note that the resulting set should be finite and a subset of Q. If the generated set is too small, then our resulting subtyping conditions might be too weak.

$$Init : \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{V}) \to \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{Q})$$

$$Init(V) ::= \{0 < \nu\}$$

$$\cup \{a < \nu \mid a \in V\}$$

$$\cup \{\nu < 0\}$$

$$\cup \{\nu < a \mid a \in V\}$$

$$\cup \{\nu = a \mid a \in V\}$$

$$\cup \{\nu = 0\}$$

$$\cup \{a < \nu \lor \nu = a \mid a \in V\}$$

$$\cup \{\nu < a \lor \nu = a \mid a \in V\}$$

$$\cup \{0 < \nu \lor \nu = 0\}$$

$$\cup \{\nu < 0 \lor \nu = 0\}$$

$$\cup \{\neg(\nu = a) \mid a \in V\}$$

$$\cup \{\neg(\nu = 0)\}$$

We can always extend the realm of predicates if the resulting refinements are too weak.

4.4.1 The Inference Algorithm

$$\begin{split} & \text{Infer}: \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}) \to \ (\mathcal{K} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}) \\ & \text{Infer}(C) = \\ & \text{Let } V := \bigcup_{\hat{T}_1 < :_{\Theta,\Lambda} \hat{T}_2 \in C} \{a \mid (a,_) \in \Theta\} \\ & Q_0 := & Init(V), \\ & A_0 := \{(\kappa,Q_0) \mid \kappa \in \bigcup_{c \in C} \text{Var}(c)\}, \\ & A := & \text{Solve}(\bigcup_{c \in C} \text{Split}(c), A_0) \\ & \text{in } \{(\kappa,\bigwedge Q) \mid (\kappa,Q) \in A\} \end{split}$$

where $V \subseteq \mathcal{V}, Q_0, Q \subseteq \mathcal{Q}, A_0, A \in \mathcal{K} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}, \Theta$ be a type variable context and $\Lambda \subseteq \mathcal{Q}$.

We first split the subtyping conditions for functions into subtyping conditions for simpler templates:

$$\mathcal{C}^{-} := \{ \{ \nu : Int|q_1 \} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{ \nu : Int|q_2 \}$$

$$\mid (q_1 \in \mathcal{Q} \lor q_1 = [k_1]_{S_1} \text{ for } k_1 \in \mathcal{K}, S_1 \in \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q})$$

$$\land (q_2 \in \mathcal{Q} \lor q_2 = [k_2]_{S_2} \text{ for } k_2 \in \mathcal{K}, S_2 \in \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}) \}.$$

With this we can now define the Split function.

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Split}: \mathcal{C} \nrightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}^{-}) \\ & \operatorname{Split}(a: \{\nu: Int|q_{1}\} \rightarrow \hat{T}_{2} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} a: \{\nu: Int|q_{3}\} \rightarrow \hat{T}_{4}) = \\ & \{\{\nu: Int|q_{3}\} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{\nu: Int|q_{1}\}\} \cup \operatorname{Split}(\hat{T}_{2} <:_{\Theta \cup \{(a,q_{3})\},\Lambda} \hat{T}_{4}\}) \\ & \operatorname{Split}(\{\nu: Int|q_{1}\} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{\nu: Int|q_{2}\}) = \\ & \{\{\nu: Int|q_{1}\} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{\nu: Int|q_{2}\}\} \end{aligned}$$

Note that Split will result in an error, if the subtyping condition is not one of the two cases above.

We resolve the obtained subtyping conditions by repeatably checking if a subtyping condition is not valid and removing all predicates that contradict it. By removing the predicate we weaken the resulting refinement.

Solve:
$$\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}^-) \times (\mathcal{K} \to \mathcal{Q}) \to (\mathcal{K} \to \mathcal{Q})$$

Solve $(C,A) =$
Let $S := \{(k, \bigwedge \mathcal{Q}) \mid (k, \mathcal{Q}) \in A\}$.
If there exists $(\{v : Int \mid q_1\} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{v : Int \mid [k_2]_{S_2}\}) \in C$ such that $\neg(\forall i_1 \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{v : Int \mid r'_1\}), \dots, \forall i_n \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{v : Int \mid r'_n\}).$
 $\llbracket r_1 \land p \rrbracket_{\{(b_1,i_1),\dots,(b_n,i_n)\}} \Rightarrow \llbracket r_2 \rrbracket_{\{(b_1,i_1),\dots,(b_n,i_n)\}})$
for $r_2 := \bigwedge [S(\kappa_2)]_{S_2}, \ p := \bigwedge \Lambda$,
 $r_1 := \begin{cases} \bigwedge [S(k_1)]_{S_1} & \text{if } q_1 \text{ has the form } [k_1]_{S_1} \text{ for } k \in \mathcal{K} \text{ and } S_1 \in \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}, \\ q_1 & \text{if } q_1 \in \mathcal{Q} \end{cases}$
 $\Theta' := \{ (a,r)$
 $\mid r \text{ has the form } q \land (a,q) \in \Theta \land q \in \mathcal{Q}$
 $\lor r \text{ has the form } [k]_{S_1} s_0 \land (a,q) \in \Theta$
 $\land q \text{ has the form } [k]_{S_0} \land k \in \mathcal{K} \land S_0 \in \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}\}$
 $\{(b_1,r'_1),\dots,(b_n,r'_n)\} = \Theta'$
then Solve $(C, \text{Weaken}(c,A)) \text{ else } A$
where $k,k_2 \in \mathcal{K}, S : \mathcal{K} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}, Q, \Lambda \subseteq \mathcal{Q}, S_1, S_2 : \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}, q_1 \in \mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{Q}, \Theta$
 $\Theta \text{ be a type variable context}, r_1, p, r_2 \in \mathcal{Q}, a \in \mathcal{V}, \Theta' : \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}, r \in \mathcal{Q}, n \in \mathbb{N}, b_i \in \mathcal{V}, r_i \in \mathcal{Q} \text{ for } i \in \mathbb{N}_0^n \text{ and } [t]_A \text{ denotes the substitution for the term } t \text{ with a substitution } A.$

Note that we can use a SMT solver to validate

$$\neg(\forall i_1 \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu : Int|r'_1\}) \dots \forall i_n \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu : Int|r'_n\}).$$
$$\llbracket r_1 \land p \rrbracket_{\{(b_1,i_1),\dots,(b_n,i_n)\}} \Rightarrow \llbracket r_2 \rrbracket_{\{(b_1,i_1),\dots,(b_n,i_n)\}})$$

by deciding the satisfiablity of

$$(\bigwedge_{j=0}^{n} r_j') \wedge r_1 \wedge p \wedge \neg r_2$$

with free variables $b_i \in \mathbb{N}$ for $i \in \mathbb{N}_1^n$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Weaken}: \mathcal{C}^- \times (\mathcal{K} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}) \nrightarrow (\mathcal{K} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}) \\ & \text{Weaken}(\{\nu: Int|x\} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{\nu: Int|[k_2]_{S_2}\}, A) = \\ & \text{Let } S := \{(k, \bigwedge \mathcal{Q}) \mid (k, \mathcal{Q}) \in A\}, \\ & r_1 := \begin{cases} \bigwedge[S(k_1)]_{S_1} & \text{if } q_1 \text{ has the form } [k_1]_{S_1} \text{ for } k \in \mathcal{K} \text{ and } S_1 \in \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q} \\ q_1 & \text{if } q_1 \in \mathcal{Q} \end{cases}, \\ & p := \bigwedge\{[q]_S \mid q \in \Lambda\}, \\ & \Theta' := \{ (a, r) \\ & \mid r \text{ has the form } q \land (a, q) \in \Theta \land q \in \mathcal{Q} \\ & \lor r \text{ has the form } [[k]_S]_{S_0} \land (a, q) \in \Theta \\ & \land q \text{ has the form } [k]_{S_0} \land k \in \mathcal{K} \land S_0 \in \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}\} \\ & \{(b_1, r'_1), \dots, (b_n, r'_n)\} = \Theta' \\ & Q_2 := \{ q \\ & \mid q \in A(k_2) \land \text{wellFormed}(q, \{(b_1, \{\nu: Int|r'_1\}), \dots, (b_n, \{\nu: Int|r'_n\})\}) \\ & \land (\forall i_1 \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu: Int|r'_1\}), \dots, \forall i_n \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu: Int|r'_n\}). \\ & \mathbb{I}^{r_1} \land p \mathbb{I}_{\{(b_1, i_1), \dots, (b_n, i_n)\}} \Rightarrow \mathbb{I}[q]_{S_2} \mathbb{I}_{\{(b_1, i_1), \dots, (b_n, i_n)\}}) \} \\ & \text{in } \{(k, Q) \mid (k, Q) \in A \land k \neq k_2\} \cup \{(k_2, Q_2)\} \\ & \text{where } k, k_1 \in \mathcal{K}, Q, Q_2 \subseteq \mathcal{Q}, S: \mathcal{K} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}, r_1 \in \mathcal{Q}, p \in \mathcal{Q}, S_1, S_2: \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}, \Theta': \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{T}, a \in \mathcal{V}, T' \in \mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{T}^? n \in \mathbb{N}, b_i \in \mathcal{V}, T_i \in \mathcal{T} \text{ for } i \in \mathbb{N}_0^n \text{ and } [t]_A \text{ denotes the substitution for the term } t \text{ with a substitution } A. \end{aligned}$$

Note that we can use a SMT solver to validate

$$\forall i_1 \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu : Int | r'_1\}) \dots \forall i_n \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu : Int | r'_n\}).$$

 $[r_1 \land p]_{\{(b_1, i_1), \dots, (b_n, i_n)\}} \Rightarrow [[q]_{S_2}]_{\{(b_1, i_1), \dots, (b_n, i_n)\}}$

To do so, we first need to compute $r_2 := [q]_{S_2}$, with that we can now use a SMT solver to decide the satisfiablity of

$$\neg((\bigwedge_{j=0}^n r_j') \land r_1 \land p) \lor r_2$$

with free variables $b_i \in \mathbb{N}$ for $i \in \mathbb{N}_1^n$.

Example 4.1

Assume that we have given the following suptyping conditions:

$$\Theta := \{(a, \{Int | \kappa_1\}), (b, \{Int | \kappa_2\})\}
C_0 := \{\{\nu : Int | \nu = b\} <:_{\Theta, \{a < b\}} \{\nu : Int | \kappa_3\},
\{\nu : Int | \nu = a\} <:_{\Theta, \{\neg (a < b)\}} \{\nu : Int | \kappa_3\},
a : \{\nu : Int | \kappa_1\} \to b : \{\nu : Int | \kappa_2\} \to \{\nu : Int | \kappa_3\}
<:_{\{1\}, \{\}} a : \{\nu : Int | True\} \to b : \{\nu : Int | True\} \to \{\nu : Int | \kappa_4\}$$

Then $V := \{a, b\}$ and $A_0 := \{(\kappa_1, Init(V)), (\kappa_2, Init(V)), (\kappa_3, Init(V)), (\kappa_4, Init(V))\}.$

Splitting the conditions

We will only consider the last subtyping condition of C_0 , all other conditions do not need to be split.

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\begin{split} & \text{Split}(a:\{\nu:Int|\kappa_{1}\}\to b:\{\nu:Int|\kappa_{2}\}\to \{\nu:Int|\kappa_{3}\}\\ & <:_{\{\},\{\}}\ a:\{\nu:Int|True\}\to b:\{\nu:Int|True\}\to \{\nu:Int|\kappa_{4}\})\\ & = \text{Split}(a:\{\nu:Int|\kappa_{1}\}<:_{\{\},\{\}}\ a:\{\nu:Int|True\})\\ & \cup \text{Split}(b:\{\nu:Int|\kappa_{2}\}\to \{\nu:Int|\kappa_{3}\}\\ & <:_{\{(a,\{\nu:Int|True\})\},\{\}}\ b:\{\nu:Int|True\}\to \{\nu:Int|\kappa_{4}\})\\ & = \{a:\{\nu:Int|True\}<:_{\{\},\{\}}\ a:\{\nu:Int|\kappa_{1}\}\}\\ & \cup \text{Split}(b:\{\nu:Int|True\}<:_{\{(a,\{\nu:Int|True\})\},\{\}}\ b:\{\nu:Int|\kappa_{2}\})\\ & \cup \text{Split}(\{\nu:Int|\kappa_{3}\}<:_{\Theta,\{\}}\ \{\nu:Int|\kappa_{4}\})\\ & = \{\{\nu:Int|True\}<:_{\{(a,\{\nu:Int|True\})\},\{\}}\ \{\nu:Int|\kappa_{2}\},\\ & \{\nu:Int|\kappa_{3}\}<:_{\{\Theta,\{\}}\ \{\nu:Int|\kappa_{4}\}\}\\ & \\ & \{\nu:Int|\kappa_{3}\}<:_{\{\Theta,\{\}}\ \{\nu:Int|\kappa_{4}\}\}\\ \end{split}
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So in conclusion we have the following set of subtypings conditions:

$$C := \{ \{ \nu : Int | \nu = b \} <:_{\Theta, \{a < b\}} \{ \nu : Int | \kappa_3 \},$$

$$\{ \nu : Int | \nu = a \} <:_{\Theta, \{\neg(a < b)\}} \{ \nu : Int | \kappa_3 \},$$

$$\{ \nu : Int | True \} <:_{\{\}, \{\}} \{ \nu : Int | \kappa_1 \},$$

$$\{ \nu : Int | True \} <:_{\{(a, \{\nu : Int | True \})\}, \{\}} \{ \nu : Int | \kappa_2 \},$$

$$\{ \nu : Int | \kappa_3 \} <:_{\Theta, \{\}} \{ \nu : Int | \kappa_4 \} \}$$

We therefore now will go through each condition $c \in C$ and check its validity.

Iteration 1, Case $c = \{\nu : Int | \nu = b\} <:_{\Theta, \{a < b\}} \{\nu : Int | \kappa_3\}:$ We define $S := \{(\kappa_1, \bigwedge Init(V)), (\kappa_2, \bigwedge Init(V)), (\kappa_3, \bigwedge Init(V)), (\kappa_4, \bigwedge Init(V))\}.$ Init(V) contains $\nu = 0$ and $\neg \nu = 0$, so we know that $\bigwedge Init(V)$ can be simplified to False.

We now check if

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\forall a \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int|False\}).
\forall b \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int|False\}).
\forall \nu \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int|True\}).
\nu = b \land a < b
\models \forall a \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int|False\}).
\forall b \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int|False\}).
\forall \nu \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int|True\}).
False
```

is not valid.

We know that values_{}($\{\nu : False\}$) = {}, and therefore this can be simplified to $True \models True$, which is valid.

Iteration 1, Case
$$c = \{\nu : Int | \nu = a\} <:_{\Theta, \{\neg(a < b)\}} \{\nu : Int | \kappa_3\}:$$

The argument is analogously to the previous case.

Iteration 1, Case
$$c = \{\nu : Int | True\} <:_{\{\},\{\}} \{\nu : Int | \kappa_1\}:$$

We now check if

$$\forall \nu \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}). True \vDash \forall \nu \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}). False$$

is valid. This time we can ignore the quantifiers and thus it simplifies to $True \models False$, which is not valid.

We therefore will now weaken A_0 . To do so we compute all $q \in A_0(\kappa_1)$ such that wellFormed(q) and

$$\forall \nu \in \mathrm{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : \mathit{Int}|\mathit{True}\}).[\![\mathit{True}]\!]_{\{\}} \vDash \forall \nu \in \mathrm{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : \mathit{Int}|\mathit{True}\}).[\![q]\!]_{\{\}}.$$

There are only two values for q that are well formed: True and False.

The resulting set is $Q_2 := \{True\}$ and thus we replace A_0 with

$$A := \{(\kappa_1, \{True\}), (\kappa_2, Init(V)), (\kappa_3, Init(V)), (\kappa_4, Init(V))\}$$

Iteration 1, Case
$$c = \{\nu : Int | True\} < :_{\{(a,\{\nu:Int|True\})\},\{\}} \{\nu : Int | \kappa_2\}:$$

The argument is analogously to the previous case, resulting in the updated value for A:

$$A = \{(\kappa_1, \{True\}), (\kappa_2, \{True\}), (\kappa_3, Init(V)), (\kappa_4, Init(V))\}$$

Iteration 1, Case
$$c = \{\nu : Int | \kappa_3\} <:_{\Theta, \{\}} \{\nu : Int | \kappa_4\}\}:$$

The suptyping condition is valid, analogously to the first case of this iteration.

Iteration 2, Case $c = \{\nu : Int|\nu = b\} <:_{\Theta,\{a < b\}} \{\nu : Int|\kappa_3\}:$

We check the validity of

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\forall a \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
\forall b \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
\forall \nu \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
\nu = b \land a < b
\models \forall a \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
\forall b \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
\forall \nu \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
False.
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It is easy to see, that it is not valid.

Thus we now compute all $q \in A(\kappa_3)$ such that wellFormed(q) and

$$\forall a \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).$$

$$\forall b \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).$$

$$\forall \nu \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).$$

$$\nu = b \land a < b$$

$$\models \forall a \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).$$

$$\forall b \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).$$

$$\forall \nu \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).$$

$$q.$$

is valid. The resulting set Q_2 is the following.

$$Q_2 := \{ a < \nu, \nu = b, \neg (\nu = a), \nu < b \lor \nu = b, b < \nu \lor \nu = b, \nu < a \lor \nu = a, a < \nu \lor \nu = a \}$$

Therefore we update A:

$$A = \{ (\kappa_1, \{ \mathit{True} \}), (\kappa_2, \{ \mathit{True} \}), \\ (\kappa_3, \{ a < \nu, \nu = b, \neg (\nu = a), \nu < b \lor \nu = b, b < \nu \lor \nu = b, \nu < a \lor \nu = a, \\ a < \nu \lor \nu = a \}), \\ (\kappa_4, \mathit{Init}(V)) \}$$

Iteration 2, Case $c = \{\nu : Int | \nu = a\} <:_{\Theta, \{\neg (a < b)\}} \{\nu : Int | \kappa_3\}:$

We check the validity of

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\forall a \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
\forall b \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
\forall \nu \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
\nu = a \land \neg (a < b)
\vDash \forall a \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
\forall b \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
\forall \nu \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
a < \nu \land \nu = b \land \neg (\nu = a) \land \nu < b \lor \nu = b
\land b < \nu \lor \nu = b \land \nu < a \lor \nu = a \land a < \nu \lor \nu = a.
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It is not valid, because $\nu = a \land \neg (a < b) \vDash \nu = b$ is not valid.

Thus we compute all $q \in A(\kappa_3)$ such that wellFromed(q) and

$$\forall a \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).$$

$$\forall b \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).$$

$$\forall \nu \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).$$

$$\nu = a \land \neg (a < b)$$

$$\vDash \forall a \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).$$

$$\forall b \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).$$

$$\forall \nu \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).$$

$$q.$$

is valid. The resulting set Q_2 is the following.

$$Q_2 := \{ \nu < b \lor \nu = b, \nu < a \lor \nu = a \}$$

Thus we update A:

$$A = \{(\kappa_1, \{True\}), (\kappa_2, \{True\}), (\kappa_3, \{\nu < b \lor \nu = b, \nu < a \lor \nu = a\}), (\kappa_4, Init(V))\}$$

Iteration 2, Case $\{\nu : Int|True\} <:_{\{\},\{\}} \{\nu : Int|\kappa_1\}:$

Nothing has changed since the last iteration, therefore this case can be skipped.

Iteration 2, Case
$$\{\nu : Int|True\} <:_{\{(a,\{\nu:Int|True\})\},\{\}} \{\nu : Int|\kappa_2\}:$$

The argument is analogously to the previous case, therefore this case can be skipped.

Iteration 2, Case : $\{\nu : Int | \kappa_3\} <:_{\Theta, \{\}} \{\nu : Int | \kappa_4\}:$

We check the validity of

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\forall a \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
\forall b \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
\forall \nu \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
\{\nu < b \lor \nu = b \land \nu < a \lor \nu = a\}
\models \forall a \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
\forall b \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
\forall \nu \in \text{values}_{\{\}}(\{\nu : Int | True\}).
False.
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We see that this is not valid, therefore we derive the new set Q_2 . Note that $A(\kappa_3) \subseteq Init(V)$ and therefore $Q_2 = A(\kappa_3)$.

We update the corresponding entry in A:

$$A = \{ (\kappa_1, \{ \mathit{True} \}), (\kappa_2, \{ \mathit{True} \}), \\ (\kappa_3, \{ \nu < b \lor \nu = b, \nu < a \lor \nu = a \}), \\ (\kappa_4, \{ \nu < b \lor \nu = b, \nu < a \lor \nu = a \}) \}$$

Iteration 3:

In this iteration all subtyping conditions are valid, thus the algorithm stops. The resulting set of substitutions is therefore the following

$$\{(\kappa_1, True), (\kappa_2, True), \\ (\kappa_3, (\nu < b \lor \nu = b) \land (\nu < a \lor \nu = a)), \\ (\kappa_4, (\nu < b \lor \nu = b) \land (\nu < a \lor \nu = a))\}$$

4.4.2 Correctness

The algorithm that we described can fail if the subtyping conditions are not well-formed.

Definition 4.6: Wellformed Subtyping Condition

We say a subtyping condition c is well-formed if the following holds

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c \text{ has the form } \{\nu: Int|[k_1]_{S_1}\} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{\nu: Int|[k_2]_{S_2}\} \vee c \text{ has the form } \{\nu: Int|r\} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{\nu: Int|[k_2]_{S_2}\} \vee c \text{ has the form } \{\nu: Int|[k_1]_{S_1}\} \to \hat{T}_1 <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{\nu: Int|r\} \to \hat{T}_2 such that \hat{T}_1 <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \hat{T}_2 is well-formed.
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where $r \in \mathcal{Q}, k_1, k_2 \in \mathcal{K}, S_1, S_2 : \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{Q}, \Theta$ is a type variable context, $\Lambda \subset \mathcal{Q}$ and $T_1, T_2 \in (\mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{T}^?)$

Theorem 4.1

Let C be a set of well-formed conditions, $S:=\operatorname{Infer}(C)$ and $V:=\bigcup_{\hat{T}_1<:_{\Theta,\Lambda}\hat{T}_2\in C}\{a\mid (a,_)\in\Theta\}.$

For every subtyping condition $(\hat{T}_1 <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \hat{T}_2) \in C$, let

$$\Theta' := \{ (a, r) \\ | r \text{ has the form } q \land (a, q) \in \Theta \land q \in \mathcal{Q} \\ \lor r \text{ has the form } [[k]_S]_{S_0} \land (a, q) \in \Theta \\ \land q \text{ has the form } [k]_{S_0} \land k \in \mathcal{K} \land S_0 \in \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q} \}$$

and $\{(b_1, r'_1), \dots, (b_n, r'_n)\} := \Theta'$. Then we have the following correctness property:

$$\begin{split} & [\hat{T}_{1}]_{S} \in \mathcal{T} \wedge [\hat{T}_{2}]_{S} \in \mathcal{T} \\ & \wedge \ [\hat{T}_{1}]_{S} <:_{\Theta',\Lambda} [\hat{T}_{2}]_{S} \\ & \wedge \ \forall S' \in (\mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{Q}). (\forall a \in \mathcal{V}.S'(a) \text{ is well defined} \Rightarrow \exists Q \in Init(V).S'(a) = \bigwedge Q) \\ & \wedge [\hat{T}_{1}]_{S'} \in \mathcal{T} \wedge [\hat{T}_{2}]_{S'} \in \mathcal{T} \\ & \wedge ([\hat{T}_{1}]_{S'} <:_{\Theta',\Lambda} [\hat{T}_{2}]_{S'} \\ & \Rightarrow (\forall a \in \mathcal{V}.S(a) \text{ and } S'(a) \text{ are well defined} \\ & \Rightarrow (\forall i_{1} \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu : Int|r'_{1}\})....\forall i_{n} \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu : Int|r'_{n}\}). \\ & \mathbb{S}(a) \|_{(b_{1},i_{1}),...,(b_{n},i_{n})} \Rightarrow \mathbb{S}(a) \|_{(b_{1},i_{1}),...,(b_{n},i_{n})}))) \end{split}$$

The first post-condition states that $[\hat{T}_1]_S$ and $[\hat{T}_2]_S$ are not templates. The second condition states that S is a solution, meaning that $[\hat{T}_1]_S$ is a subtype of $[\hat{T}_2]_S$. The third condition states that S is the sharpest solution.

Proof. Let C be a set of well-formed conditions, S := Infer(C) and $V := \bigcup_{\hat{T}_1 <: \Theta, \Lambda} \hat{T}_2 \in C} \{a \mid (a, _) \in \Theta\}$. Let $Q_0 := Init(V)$, $A_0 := \{(\kappa, Q_0) \mid \kappa \in \bigcup_{c \in C} Var(c)\}$ and $C_1 := \bigcup_{c \in C} Split(c)$. Then by Theorem 4.2 $C_1 \subset C^-$ is a set of well-formed conditions. Let $A := Solve(C_1, A_0)$ and therefore $S = \{(\kappa, \bigwedge Q) \mid (\kappa, Q) \in A\}$. Then by Theorem 4.3 the conclusion holds.

Theorem 4.2

Let c is a well-formed condition and C := Split(c).

Then $C \subseteq \mathcal{C}^-$ and, for every $c \in C$, c is a well-formed condition.

Proof. Let c is a well-formed condition. Then $C := \mathrm{Split}(c)$ is well-defined. We prove the theorem by induction on well-formed conditions.

Case $c = \{\nu : Int|q\} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{\nu : Int|[k_2]_{S_2}\}: c \text{ is well-formed and } c \in C^-.$ Then C = c and therefore the conclusion holds.

Case $c = \{\nu : Int|[k_1]_{S_1}\} \to \hat{T}_1 <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{\nu : Int|r\} \to \hat{T}_2 \text{ such that } \hat{T}_1 <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \hat{T}_2 \text{ is well-formed: Let } C_0 := \mathrm{Split}(\hat{T}_1 <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \hat{T}_2).$ By the induction hypothesis $C_0 \subseteq \mathcal{C}^-$ and for every $c \in C_0$, c is a well-formed condition. Therefore, by appling Theorem ?? to each element in $C := \{\{\nu : Int|r\} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{\nu : Int|[k_1]_{S_1}\}\} \cup C_0$, the conclusion holds.

Theorem 4.3

Let $C \subseteq \mathcal{C}^-$ be a set of well-formed conditions, $A_1, A_2 : \mathcal{K} \to \mathcal{Q}$ and $V := \bigcup_{\hat{T}_1 < :_{\Theta, \Lambda} \hat{T}_2 \in C} \{a \mid (a, _) \in \Theta\}$. Let for all $a \in V$, $A_1(a)$ be well defined. Let $A_2 = \operatorname{Solve}(C, A_1)$ and $S = \{(\kappa, \Lambda Q) \mid (\kappa, Q) \in A_2\}$.

Then for every $a \in V$, $A_2(a) \subseteq A_1(a)$

For every subtyping condition $(\hat{T}_1 <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \hat{T}_2) \in C$, let

$$\Theta' := \{ (a, r) \\ | r \text{ has the form } q \land (a, q) \in \Theta \land q \in \mathcal{Q} \\ \lor r \text{ has the form } [[k]_S]_{S_0} \land (a, q) \in \Theta \\ \land q \text{ has the form } [k]_{S_0} \land k \in \mathcal{K} \land S_0 \in \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q} \}$$

and $\{(b_1, r'_1), \ldots, (b_n, r'_n)\} = \Theta'$. We then have the following correctness property.

$$\begin{split} & [\hat{T}_{1}]_{S} \in \mathcal{T} \wedge [\hat{T}_{2}]_{S} \in \mathcal{T} \\ & \wedge \quad [\hat{T}_{1}]_{S} <:_{\Theta',\Lambda} [\hat{T}_{2}]_{S} \\ & \wedge \quad \forall S' \in (\mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{Q}). (\forall a \in V. \exists \mathcal{Q} \in \mathcal{P}(A_{1}(a)).S'(a) = \bigwedge \mathcal{Q}) \\ & \wedge \quad [\hat{T}_{1}]_{S'} \in \mathcal{T} \wedge [\hat{T}_{2}]_{S'} \in \mathcal{T} \\ & \wedge ([\hat{T}_{1}]_{S'} <:_{\Theta',\Lambda} [\hat{T}_{2}]_{S'} \\ & \Rightarrow \forall a \in V. \forall i_{1} \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu : Int|r'_{1}\}).... \forall i_{n} \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu : Int|r'_{n}\}). \\ & \quad \quad [S(a)]_{(b_{1},i_{1}),...,(b_{n},i_{n})} \Rightarrow [S'(a)]_{(b_{1},i_{1}),...,(b_{n},i_{n})}) \end{split}$$

The post-condition is the same as for Infer.

Proof. Let $C \subseteq \mathcal{C}^-$ be a set of well-formed conditions, $A_1, A_2 : \mathcal{K} \to \mathcal{Q}$ and $V := \bigcup_{\hat{T}_1 < :_{\Theta,\Lambda} \hat{T}_2 \in C} \{a \mid (a,_) \in \Theta\}$. Let for all $a \in V$, $A_1(a)$ be well defined. Let $A_2 = \operatorname{Solve}(C, A_1)$ and $S = \{(\kappa, \bigwedge Q) \mid (\kappa, Q) \in A_2\}$.

Show that the precondition of $Solve(C, Weaken(c, A_1))$ holds.

By Theorem 4.4 $A_2(a)$ is defined for all a for which A_1 is defined, namely for all $a \in V$, thus the precondition holds.

Show that the then-branch ensures the postcondition

We know that $A_2 = \text{Solve}(C, \text{Weaken}(c, A_1))$. By the postcondition of $\text{Solve}(C, \text{Weaken}(c, A_1))$, we know that for every $a \in V$, $A_2(a) \subseteq \text{Weaken}(c, A_1)$. By Theorem 4.4 we also know that for every $a \in V$, $\text{Weaken}(c, A_1)(a) \subseteq A_1(a)$. Thus for every $a \in V, A_2(a) \subseteq A_1(a)$.

We have left to show that for every $a \in V$, if the sharpest solution is generated by subsets of $A_2(a)$, than it is also the sharpest solution over all subsets of $A_1(a)$.

By theorem 4.4 we know that for every $a \in V$, $A_2(a)$ contains the smallest subset of $A_1(a)$ such that the properies hold. Thus $A_2(a)$ is its definition the sharpest solution over all subsets of $A_1(a)$.

Show that the else-branch ensures the postcondition

Once the recursion is done, we can assume that for all $c \in C$, c has the form $(\{\nu : Int|q_1\} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{\nu : Int|[k_2]_{S_2}\})$ and the following holds:

$$(\forall i_1 \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu : Int|r'_1\})....\forall i_n \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu : Int|r'_n\}).$$
$$\llbracket r_1 \land p \rrbracket_{\{(b_1,i_1),...,(b_n,i_n)\}} \Rightarrow \llbracket r_2 \rrbracket_{\{(b_1,i_1),...,(b_n,i_n)\}})$$

for

$$\begin{split} r_2 &:= \bigwedge [S(\kappa_2)]_{S_2}, \ p := \bigwedge \Lambda, \\ r_1 &:= \begin{cases} \bigwedge [S(k_1)]_{S_1} & \text{if } q_1 \text{ has the form } [k_1]_{S_1} \text{ for } k \in \mathcal{K} \text{ and } S_1 \in \mathcal{V} \not\rightarrow \mathcal{Q} \\ q_1 & \text{if } q_1 \in \mathcal{Q} \end{cases}, \\ \Theta' &:= \{ \ (a,r) \\ & \mid r \text{ has the form } q \wedge (a,q) \in \Theta \wedge q \in \mathcal{Q} \\ & \vee r \text{ has the form } [[k]_S]_{S_0} \wedge (a,q) \in \Theta \\ & \wedge q \text{ has the form } [k]_{S_0} \wedge k \in \mathcal{K} \wedge S_0 \in \mathcal{V} \not\rightarrow \mathcal{Q} \} \\ \{ (b_1,r_1'), \ldots, (b_n,r_n') \} = \Theta'. \end{split}$$

where $k, k_2 \in \mathcal{K}, S : \mathcal{K} \to \mathcal{Q}, Q, \Lambda \subseteq \mathcal{Q}, S_1, S_2 : \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{Q}, q_1 \in \mathcal{K} \cup \mathcal{Q}, \Theta$ be a type variable context $, r_1, p, r_2 \in \mathcal{Q}, a \in \mathcal{V}, \Theta' : \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{Q}, r \in \mathcal{Q}, n \in \mathbb{N}, b_i \in \mathcal{V}, r_i \in \mathcal{Q}$ for $i \in \mathbb{N}_0^n$ and $[t]_A$ denotes the substitution for the term t with a substitution A. This is the same as saying $[\hat{T}_1]_S <:_{\Theta',\Lambda} [\hat{T}_2]_S$ if $[\hat{T}_1]_S \in \mathcal{T}$ and $[\hat{T}_2]_S \in \mathcal{T}$. We know by Theorem 4.4 that $A_2(a)$ is defined for all $a \in V$ and thus $[\hat{T}_1]_S \in \mathcal{T} \wedge [\hat{T}_2]_S \in \mathcal{T}$.

We still need to show that it is the sharpest solution. To do so, we will sketch a proof by contradiction. Assume there exists S' and $a \in V$ such that S'(a) is sharper then S(a). If S(a) = False then there can not exist a sharper refinement S'(a) and therefore this is a contradiction. If $S(a) \neq False$ then it must have been produced by calling Weaken. This is a contradiction, as by Theorem 4.4 we know that Weaken produces the sharpest solution therefore S'(a) = S(a).

Theorem 4.4

Let $c \in \mathcal{C}^-$ be a well-formed condition and therefore c has the form

$$\{\nu : Int|x\} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{\nu : Int|[k_2]_{S_2}\}$$

where x has the form $[k_1]_{S_1}$ or r. Let $A_1, A_2 : \mathcal{K} \to \mathcal{Q}$. Let for all $a \in V$, $A_1(a)$ be well defined and $A_2 = \text{Weaken}(c, A_1)$. Let

$$S := \{(k, \bigwedge Q) | (k, Q) \in A_2\}$$

$$r_1 := \begin{cases} \bigwedge [S(k_1)]_{S_1} & \text{if } q_1 \text{ has the form } [k_1]_{S_1} \text{ for } k \in \mathcal{K} \text{ and } S_1 \in \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{Q} \\ q_1 & \text{if } q_1 \in \mathcal{Q} \end{cases}$$

Then the following holds

$$(\forall k \neq k_2.A_1(k) = A_2(k))$$

$$\land A_2(k_2) \subseteq A_1(k_2)$$

$$\land [k_2]_S \in \mathcal{Q} \land \{\nu : Int | r_1\} <:_{\Theta, \Lambda} \{\nu : Int | [[k_2]_S]_{S_2}\}$$

$$\land \forall A'_2 : \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{Q}). (\forall k \neq k_2.A_1(k) = A'_2(k))$$

$$\land A'_2(k_2) \subseteq A_1(k_2)$$

$$\land \text{Let } S' := \{(k, \bigwedge \mathcal{Q}) | (k, \mathcal{Q}) \in A'_2\},$$

$$r'_1 := \begin{cases} \bigwedge[S(k_1)]_{S_1} & \text{if } q_1 \text{ has the form } [k_1]_{S_1} \text{ for } k \in \mathcal{K} \text{ and } S_1 \in \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{in } [k_2]_{S'} \in \mathcal{Q}$$

$$\land \{\nu : Int | r'_1\} <:_{\Theta, \Lambda} \{\nu : Int | [[k_2]_{S'}]_{S_2}\} \Rightarrow A'_2 \subseteq A_2$$

The first post-condition states that by updating A_1 to A_2 only the value for k_2 changes. The second condition states that the updated value $A_2(k_2)$ needs to be a subset of the old value $A_1(k_2)$. The third condition states that the resulting substitution S generates a refinement $[k_1]_S$ that makes the subtyping condition valid. The fourth condition states that the value $A_2(k_2)$ is the smallest subset of $A_1(k_2)$ such that the previous conditions hold.

Proof. Let $c \in \mathcal{C}^-$ be a well-formed condition and therefore c has the form $\{\nu : Int|x\} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{\nu : Int|[k_2]_{S_2}\}$ where x has the form $[k_1]_{S_1}$ or r. Let $A_1, A_2 : \mathcal{K} \to \mathcal{Q}$.

Let for all $a \in V$, $A_1(a)$ be well defined and $A_2 = \text{Weaken}(c, A_1)$. Let

$$S := \{(k, \bigwedge Q) | (k, Q) \in A_2\}$$

$$r_1 := \begin{cases} \bigwedge[S(k_1)]_{S_1} & \text{if } q_1 \text{ has the form } [k_1]_{S_1} \text{ for } k \in \mathcal{K} \text{ and } S_1 \in \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q} \\ q_1 & \text{if } q_1 \in \mathcal{Q} \end{cases}$$

$$p := \bigwedge\{[q]_S \mid q \in \Lambda\},$$

$$\Theta' := \{ (a, r) \\ \mid r \text{ has the form } q \land (a, q) \in \Theta \land q \in \mathcal{Q} \\ \lor r \text{ has the form } [[k]_S]_{S_0} \land (a, q) \in \Theta \\ \land q \text{ has the form } [k]_{S_0} \land k \in \mathcal{K} \land S_0 \in \mathcal{V} \nrightarrow \mathcal{Q}\}$$

$$\{(b_1, r'_1), \dots, (b_n, r'_n)\} = \Theta'$$

$$Q_2 := \{ q \\ \mid q \in A(k_2) \land \text{ wellFormed}(q, \{(b_1, \{\nu : Int | r'_1\}), \dots, (b_n, \{\nu : Int | r'_n\})\})$$

$$\land (\forall i_1 \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu : Int | r'_1\}), \dots, \forall i_n \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu : Int | r'_n\}).$$

$$\llbracket r_1 \land p \rrbracket_{\{(b_1, i_1), \dots, (b_n, i_n)\}} \Rightarrow \llbracket [q]_{S_2} \rrbracket_{\{(b_1, i_1), \dots, (b_n, i_n)\}}) \}$$

where $k, k_1 \in \mathcal{K}, Q, Q_2 \subseteq \mathcal{Q}, S : \mathcal{K} \to \mathcal{Q}, r_1 \in \mathcal{Q}, p \in \mathcal{Q}, S_1, S_2 : \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{Q}, \Theta' : \mathcal{V} \to \mathcal{T}, a \in \mathcal{V}, T' \in \mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{T}^? n \in \mathbb{N}, b_i \in \mathcal{V}, T_i \in \mathcal{T} \text{ for } i \in \mathbb{N}_0^n \text{ and } [t]_A \text{ denotes the substitution for the term } t \text{ with a substitution } A.$

Then

$$A_2 = \{(k, Q) \mid (k, Q) \in A \land k \neq k_2\} \cup \{(k_2, Q_2)\}$$

and therefore $\forall k \neq k_2.A_1(k) = A_2(k)$.

We know $A_2(k_2) = Q_2$ and $Q_2 \subseteq A_1(k_2)$ and therefore $A_2(k_2) \subseteq A_1(k_2)$.

We know by the definition of S that $S(k_2) = \bigwedge Q_2$. Therefore it is easy to see that $\{\nu : Int|r_1\} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{\nu : Int|[[k_2]_S]_{S_2}\}$ is true because by definiton of Q_2 it is true for all $q \in Q_2$, thus it is true for $\bigwedge Q_2$ as well.

We finish off by proving that the result is the sharpest, meaning that A_2 is the smallest subset such hat the premise holds. So let there exists a A_2' such that $\forall k \neq k_2.A_1(k) = A_2'(k), A_2'(k_2) \subseteq A_1(k_2), [k_2]_{S'} \in \mathcal{Q}, \{\nu : Int|r_1'\} <:_{\Theta,\Lambda} \{\nu : Int|[[k_2]_{S'}]_{S_2}\}$ and $A_2' \subseteq A_2$ for given S' and r_1 .

This means for every $q \in A'_2(k_2)$ that $q \in A_1(k_2)$ and by the definition of subtyping, wellFormed $(q, \{(b_1, \{\nu : Int|r'_1\}), \dots, (b_n, \{\nu : Int|r'_n\})\})$ and

$$\forall i_1 \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu : Int | r'_1\}).... \forall i_n \in \text{value}_{\Gamma}(\{\nu : Int | r'_n\}).$$

 $[r_1 \land p]_{\{(b_1, i_1), ..., (b_n, i_n)\}} \Rightarrow [[q]_{s_2}]_{\{(b_1, i_1), ..., (b_n, i_n)\}}.$

By the definition of A_2 , this means that $q \in A_2(k_2)$. Thus A_2 is the smallest subset.