

Efficient Type Checking

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A sub-type is isomorphic to propositions about existence of symbols in a free form grammar sentence, joined by \wedge and \vee . Since brute-force theorem proving in propositional logic has runtime complexity $O(2^N)$ for N propositions, I suggest using the following data structure for type checking (in Rust):

```
enum Adt {  
    Leaf(usize),  
    Prod(Vec<Adt>),  
    Sum(Vec<Adt>),  
}
```

The name `Adt` means “Abstract Data Type”.

Here, a leaf refers to some external symbol which operations might depend on context.

A product is ordered, such that the commutative property does not hold:

$$a \cdot b = b \cdot a \quad : \text{false}$$

A sum is unordered, such that the commutative property does hold:

$$a + b = b + a \quad : \text{true}$$

This means that one can prove things like:

$$a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$$

Since the product is ordered, one can reuse leaf indices, for example:

```
false := Leaf(0)  
true := Leaf(1)  
bool := Sum(false, true)  
  
none := Leaf(0)  
some(x) := Prod(Leaf(1), x)  
opt(x) := Sum(none, some(x))
```

The `none` leaf never collides with `false` leaf, because whenever `none` is used, it is known that the type is `opt[T]` instead of `bool` from the context.

For example, a union sub-type `bool | opt[T]` is defined as following:

$$\text{bool} \mid \text{opt}(x) := \text{Sum}(\text{Prod}(\text{Leaf}(0), \text{bool}), \text{Prod}(\text{Leaf}(1), \text{opt}(x)))$$