

Foundations of Certified Programming Language and Compiler Design

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2			Functional programming
3		Syntax and Semantics	
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- At first, we have a look at an important second-order type system.
- Then, we resolve all long-standing mysteries of data types and
- introduce type-level computation to
- finally express “more interesting” propositions
- (and prove them).

From First to Second-order



- If we remove the top-level restriction for quantification, we
 - enter second-order logic ,i.e.,
 - we allow to quantify over predicates.
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- The system that we arrive when doing so is called *System F/Polymorphic Lambda Calculus*.
 - System F is the foundation for the rich and powerful type system of Haskell.



Syntax:

t	$::=$	terms:	T	$::=$	types:
	x	variable		X	type variable
	$\lambda x : T. t$	abstraction		$T \rightarrow T$	type of functions
	$t \ t$	application		$\forall X. T$	universal type
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	$t \ [T]$	type application		\emptyset	empty context
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System F/Polymorphic Lambda Calculus

History



1972 – Jean-Yves Girard , a logician, discovers *System F* in the context of proof theory.

1974 – John Reynolds , a computer scientist, discovers the *polymorphic lambda calculus* that has a type system with the same expressive power.

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- System F implements *impredicative* polymorphism.
- $T = \forall X. X \rightarrow X$ ranges over all types, even T itself!



- Haskell implements System FC^1 , an extension of system F .
- Haskell has all the described features, even visible type applications, ...
- ...and still provides type inference based on an extension of $HM!$ ²

¹Martin Sulzmann et al. "System F with type equality coercions". In: *Proceedings of the 2007 ACM SIGPLAN international workshop on Types in languages design and implementation*. 2007.

²Richard A. Eisenberg, Stephanie Weirich, and Hamidhasan G. Ahmed. "Visible Type Application". In: *Programming Languages and Systems*. Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 2016.

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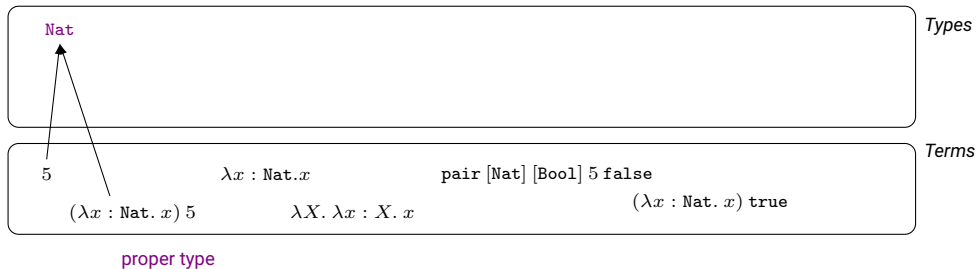
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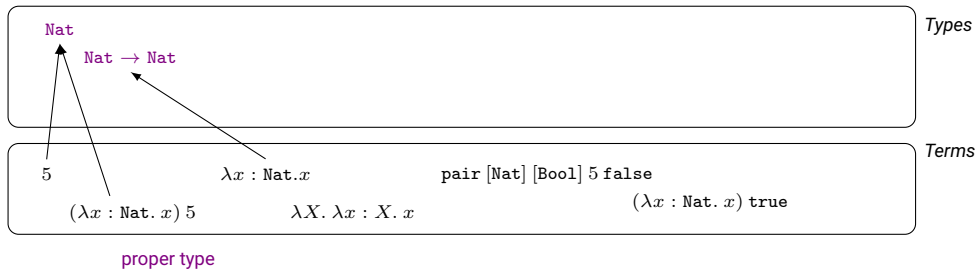
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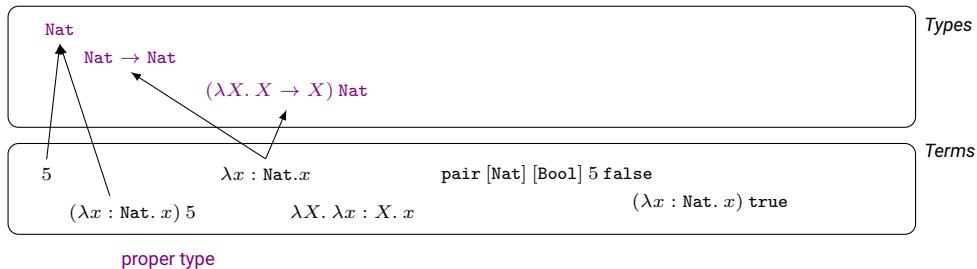
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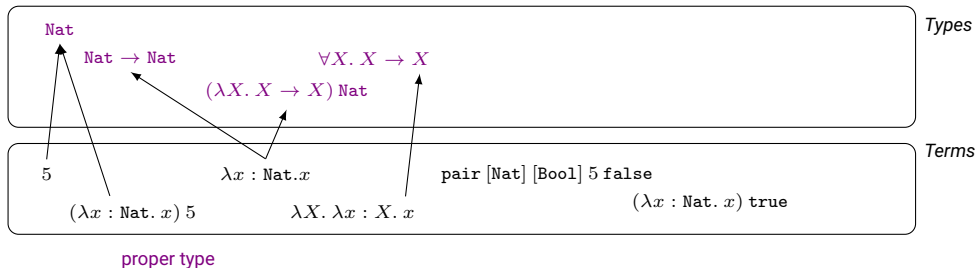
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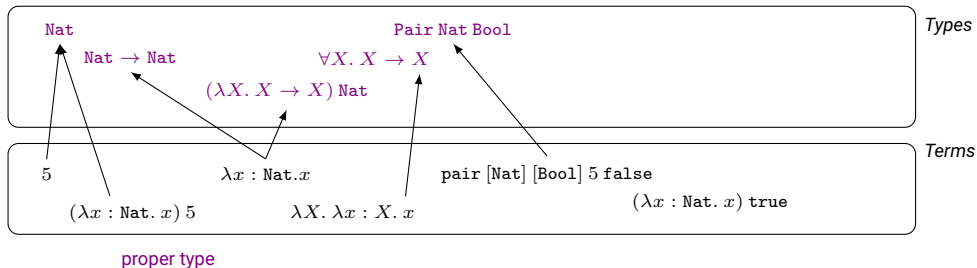
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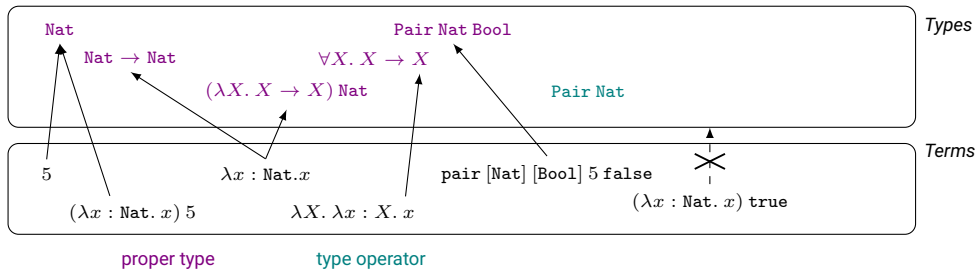
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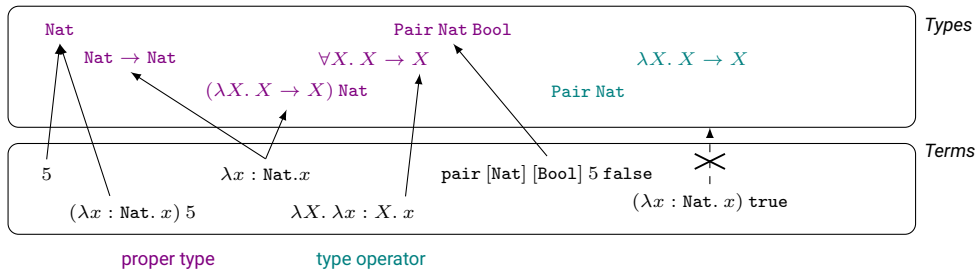
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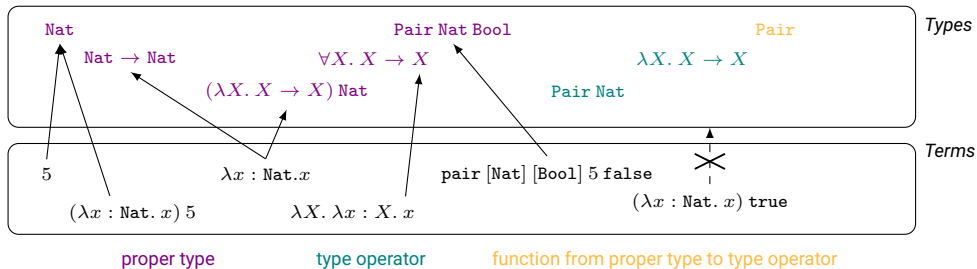
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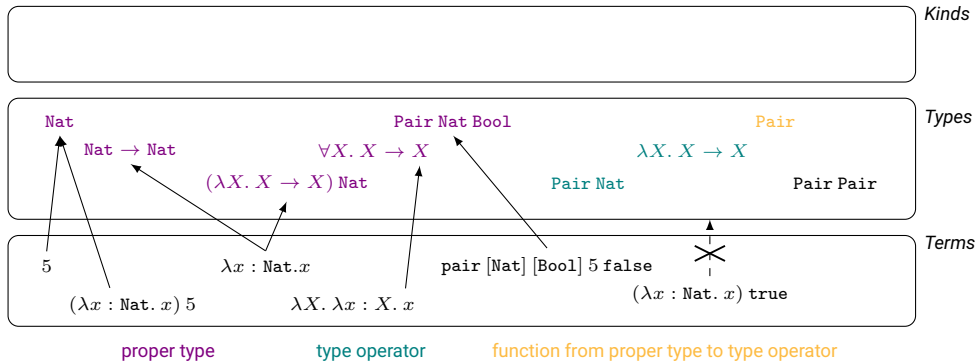
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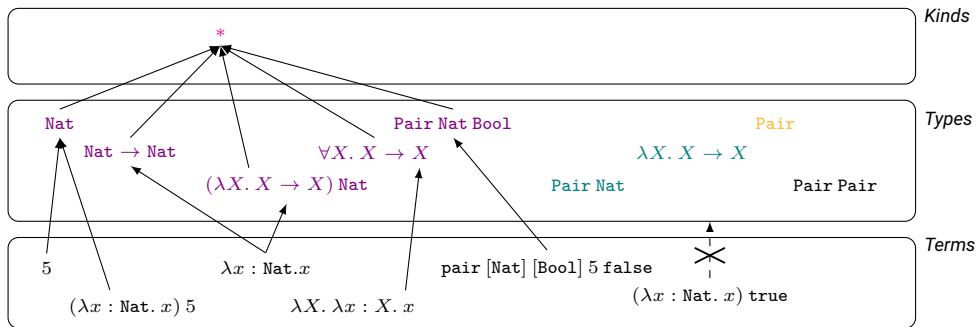
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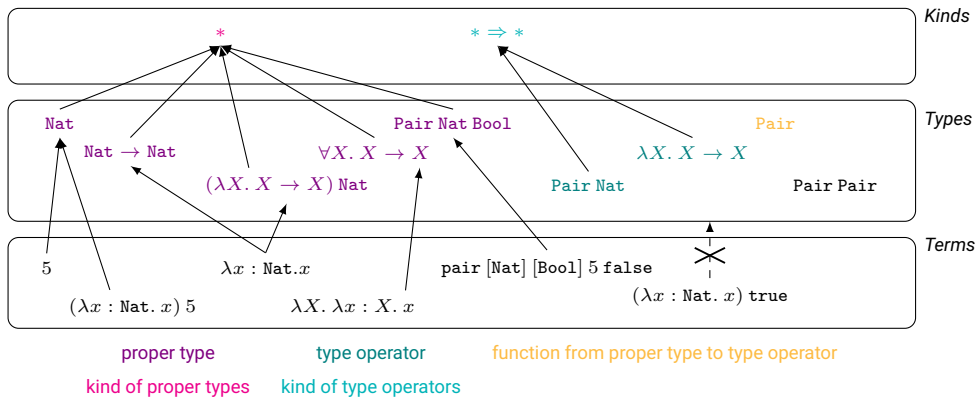


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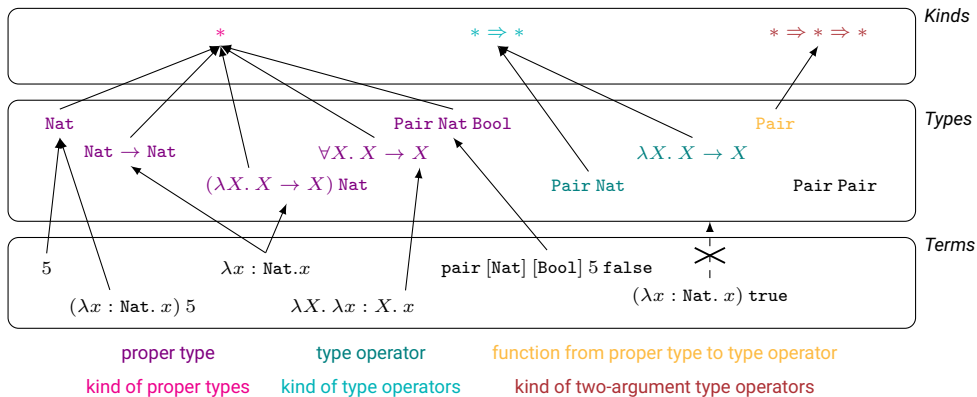
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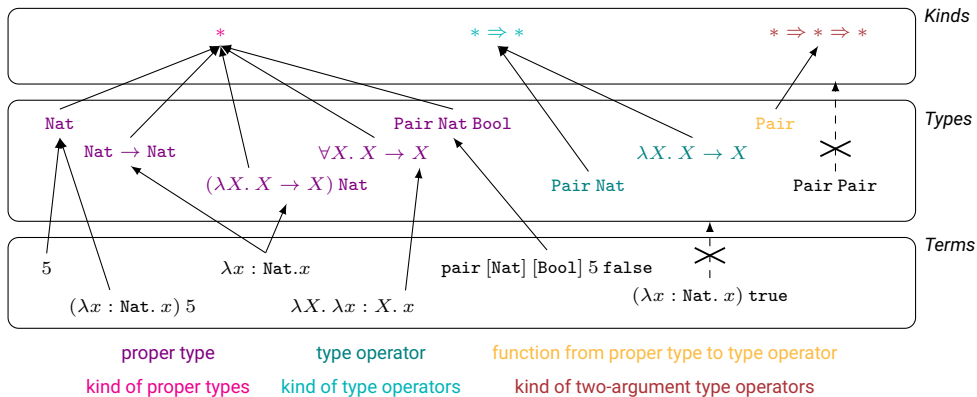
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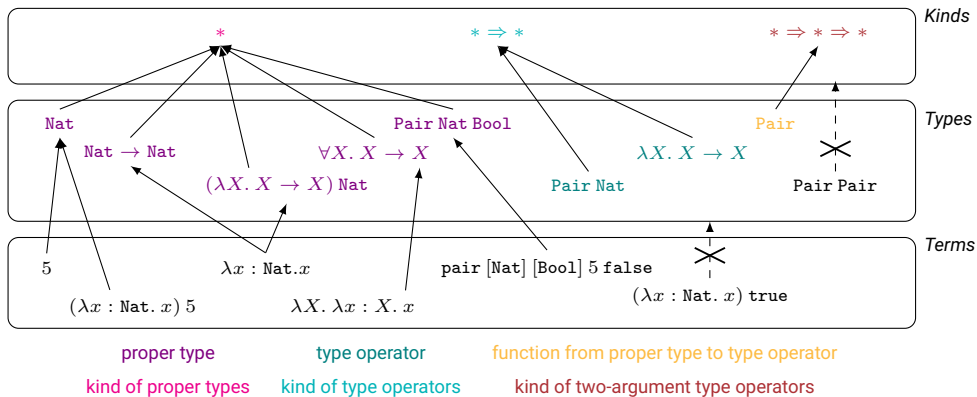
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K	$::=$	$*$ $K \Rightarrow K$	kinds: kind of proper types kind of operators

- For conciseness, we will not assume base kinds. But we will kinds later.



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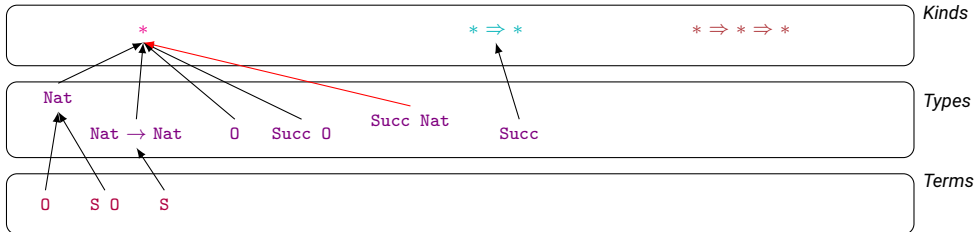


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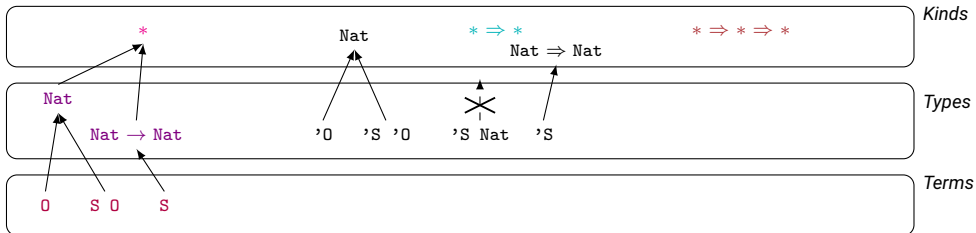


- Data types abstract over the concrete data constructors.
- But for type-level programming, we actually need this information. How else would we express something like $1 + 0$, i.e., $S\ 0$?
- Let's create some unique (uninhabited) types.



Promoted Data Types and Type Families in Haskell

- The language extension `{# LANGUAGE DataKinds #}` ...
- promotes (data) types to the kind-level and
- constructors to the type-level.¹

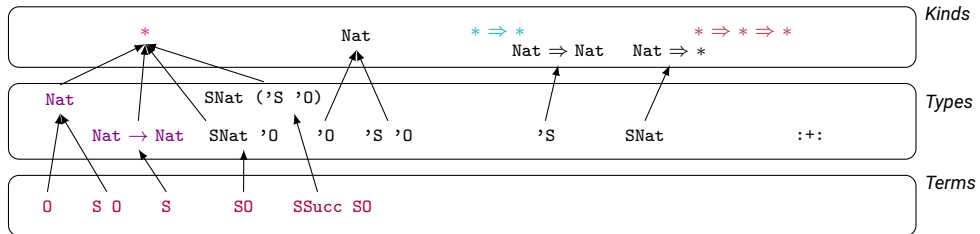


¹Brent A Yorgey et al. "Giving Haskell a promotion". In: *Proceedings of the 8th ACM SIGPLAN Workshop on Types in Language Design and Implementation*. 2012, pp. 53–66.



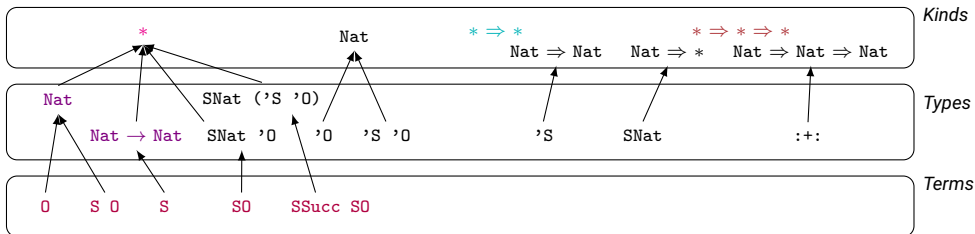
Promoted Data Types and Type Families in Haskell

- Remember: proofs are programs!
- Hence, we need to connect terms and types.
- We need a term-level representation for every type: `'0`, `'S '0`, `'S ('S '0)`, ...
- We do this by creating a *singleton* data type, i.e., a type that is index by the types of kind `Nat`.



Promoted Data Types and Type Families in Haskell

- Language extension: `{# LANGUAGE TypeFamilies #}`
- Promoting *closed* data types, i.e., ADTs and GADTs, enables
- closed type families.¹
- (Where “closed” here means: not extensible.)



¹Richard A Eisenberg et al. “Closed type families with overlapping equations”. In: *ACM SIGPLAN Notices* (2014).

Further Reading on Dependently-Typed Programming in Haskell



Hasochism describes the benefits and pain points of dependent programming in Haskell.¹

Singletons a library-based approach to create singleton types and promote term-level functions to the type-level.²

Stitch describes a very elegant implementation of a language and its compiler in Haskell that promotes all the type-checking of the implemented language into GHCs type system.³

DH Make sure to stay tuned for Dependently-typed Haskell.⁴

¹Sam Lindley and Conor McBride. "Hasochism: The Pleasure and Pain of Dependently Typed Haskell Programming". In: *SIGPLAN Not.* (2013).

²Richard A Eisenberg and Stephanie Weirich. "Dependently typed programming with singletons". In: *ACM SIGPLAN Notices* (2012).

³Richard A Eisenberg. "Stitch: the sound type-indexed type checker (functional pearl)". In: *Proceedings of the 13th ACM SIGPLAN International Symposium on Haskell*. 2020, pp. 39–53.

⁴Stephanie Weirich, Justin Hsu, and Richard A Eisenberg. "Towards dependently typed Haskell: System FC with kind equality". In: *Proceedings of the 18th ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Functional Programming, ICFP*.

What we have learned



- This lecture marks the end of our path towards understanding the type system of Haskell.
- We have learned that
 - kinds are types of the types and
 - most importantly that proofs are just programs (that produce a proof witness for their result type, i.e., their proposition)!
- Type-level functions provide the possibility to
 - express powerful propositions and
 - in Haskell translate them into adding equations for the HM type inference algorithm.