Algebraic subtyping for algebraic effects and handlers

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Algebraic effects and handlers benefit from a custom type-&-effect system, a type system that also tracks which effects can happen in a program. Several such type-&-effect systems have been proposed in the literature, but all are unsatisfactory. Recently, Stephen Dolan (University of Cambridge, UK) presented a novel type system that combines subtyping and parametric polymorphism in a particulary attractive and elegant fashion. A cornerstone of his design are the algebraic properties that the subtyping relation should respect. In this work, a type-&-effect system is derived that extends Dolan's elegant type system with effect information. This type-&-effect system inherits Dolan's harmonious combination of subtyping (in our case induced by a lattice structure on the effect information) with parametric polymorphism and preserves all of its desirable properties (both low-level algebraic properties and high-level meta-theoretical properties like type soundness and the existence of principal types).

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1 INTRODUCTION

The specification for a type-&-effect system with algebraic subtyping for algebraic effects and handlers is given in this document. The formal properties of this system are studied in order to find which properties are satisfied compared to other type-&-effect systems. The proposed type-&-effect system builds on two very recent developments in the area of programming language theory.

Algebraic subtyping. In his December 2016 PhD thesis, Stephen Dolan (University of Cambridge, UK), has presented a novel type system that combines subtyping and parametric polymorphism in a particulary attractive and elegant fashion. A cornerstone of his design are the algebraic properties that the subtyping relation should respect.

Algebraic effects and handlers. These are a new formalism for formally modelling side-effects (e.g. mutable state or non-determinism) in programming languages, developed by Matija Pretnar (University of Ljubjana) and Gordon Plotkin (University of Edinburgh). This approach is gaining a lot of traction, not only as a formalism but also as a practical feature in actual programming languages (e.g. the Koka language developed by Microsoft Research). We are collaborating with Matija Pretnar on the efficient implementation of one such language, called Eff. Axel Faes has contributed to this collaboration during a project he did for the Honoursprogramme of the Faculty of Engineering Science.

1.1 Motivation

Algebraic effects and handlers benefit from a custom type-&-effect system, a type system that also tracks which effects can happen in a program. Several such type-&-effect systems have been proposed in the literature, but all are unsatisfactory. We attribute this to the lack of the elegant properties of Dolan's type system. Indeed the existing type-&-effect systems are not only theoretically unsatisfactory, but they are also awkward to implement and use in practice.

Research questions.

- How can Dolan's elegant type system be extended with effect information?
- Which properties are preserved and which aren't preserved?
- What advantages are there to an type-&-effect system based on Dolan's elegant type system?

1.2 Goals

The goal of this thesis is to derive a type-&-effect system that extends Dolan's elegant type system with effect information. This type-&-effect system should inherit Dolan's harmonious combination of subtyping (in our case induced by a lattice structure on the effect information) with parametric polymorphism and preserve all of its desirable properties (both low-level algebraic properties and high-level meta-theoretical properties like type soundness and the existence of principal types). The following approach is taken:

- (1) Study of the relevant literature and theoretical background.
- (2) Design of a type-&-effect system derived from Dolan's, that integrates effects.
- (3) Proving the desirable properties of the proposed type-&-effect system: type soundness, principal typing, ...

- (4) Time permitting: Design of a type inference algorithm that derives the principal types of programs without type annotations and proving its correctness.
- (5) Time permitting: Implementation of the algorithm and comparing it to other algorithms (such as row polymorphism based type-&-effect systems).

1.3 Results

Describe what the resulting product is and how it is useful or provides an advantage over other solutions.

2 SIMPLY TYPED LAMBDA CALCULUS

2.1 Programming language theory

The field of programming language theory is a branch of computer science that describes how to formaly define complete programming languages and programming language features, such as algebraic effect handlers.

The work described in this thesis uses several aspects from programming language theory. An important subdiscipline that is extensively used is type theory. Type theory is used to formaly describe type systems. A type system is a set of rules that are used to define the shape of meaningful programs. The *simply typed lambda calculus* will be used to show and explain the necessary background that is required for further chapters. The *simply typed lambda calculus* is the simplest and most elementary form of all typed languages.

2.2 Types and terms

Terms. Figure 1 shows the three sorts of terms of the *simply typed lambda calculus*. A variable by itself is already a term. The abstraction of some variable x from a certain term t is called a function. Finally, an application is a term. The terms define the syntax of a programming language, but it does not place any constraints on how these terms can be composed. A wanted constraint could for example be that an application t_1 t_2 should only be valid if t_1 is a function. This shows that only having terms is not enough to describe a programming language.

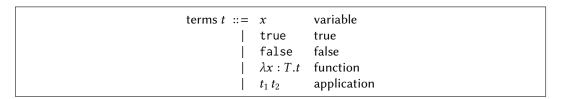


Fig. 1. Terms of simply typed lambda calculus

Types. Since the *simply typed lambda calculus* is being used, types are needed. As seen in figure 2, there are two types, the base type and the function type. In a valid and meaningful program, every term has a type. A term is called well typed or typable if there is a type for that term.

```
\begin{array}{rcl} \text{type } T & ::= & bool & \text{base type} \\ & | & T \rightarrow T & \text{function type} \end{array}
```

Fig. 2. Types of simply typed lambda calculus

2.3 Typing rules

As stated above, a method is needed to place constraints on the programming language. This is done with typing rules or types judgements. The typing rules for the *simply typed lambda calculus* are given in figure 3.

Fig. 3. Typing of simply typed lambda calculus

The first rules to take note of are the True and False rules. These are facts and state that the terms true and false have type *bool*. A *Fact* states that, under the assumption of Γ , t has type T. The context, Γ , is a mapping of the free variables of t to their types. It is called a fact since the rule always holds.

The context, Γ , is a (possibly empty) collection of variables mapped to their types. The VAR rule states that, if the context contains a mapping for a variable, that variable is also a valid term with that type. The APP rule defines the usage of a function. When there are two terms t_1 and t_2 with types $T_1 \to T_2$ and T_1 , then the application $t_1 t_2$ will have the type T_2 .

An inference rule can be read in multiple ways. It can be read top-down or bottom-up. Reading it top-down gives the above described reasoning. Given some expressions and some constraints, another expression can be constructed with a specific type. The bottom-up approach states that, given an expression such as the function application, there is a specific way the different parts of the expression can be typed. In the APP rule, a function expression has type T_2 . Therefor, both t_1 and t_2 must follow a specific set of constraints. It is known that a function needs to exist of type $T_1 \rightarrow T_2$ and an expression that matches the argument of the function, T_1 needs to exist.

Finally, there is the Fun rule. This rule is also called a function abstraction or simply an abstraction. It shows how a function can be constructed. The interesting part of this rule is Γ , $x:T_1 \vdash t:T_2$. This states that t is only entailed by some context and a variable of type T_1 .

2.4 Other extensions

Now, a full specification of the *simply typed lambda calculus* is given. However, there are many extensions that can be added onto this language. In the next chapter, EFF will be discussed. EFF is a language which can be described as a modification of the *simply typed lambda calculus* with algebraic effects and handlers. EFF is also uses subtyping rules, this concept will also be further explained in the next chapter. After this, algebraic subtyping will be added to the language.

Of course, just a specification does not have much meaning. Certain aspects or properties could be proved in order to show that they do (or do not) hold in the given language. Type inference is another aspect which is not talked about in this chapter. Type inference revolves around the automatic detection (or inference) of the types of terms. Both proofs and a type inference algorithm are given in later chapters.

3 ALGEBRAIC EFFECTS AND HANDLERS (EFF)

Algebraic effect handling is a very active area of research. Implementations of algebraic effect handlers are becoming available.

The type-&-effect system that is used in Eff is based on subtyping and algebraic effect handlers [1]. The SIMPLY TYPED LAMBDA CALCULUS is used as a basis for Eff.

3.1 Types and terms

Terms. Figure 4 shows the two types of terms in EFF. There are values v and computations c. Computations are terms that can contain effects. Effects are denoted as operations Op which can be called.

```
variable
value v := x
               true
                                                true
                false
                                                false
                                                function
                \lambda x.c
                                                handler
                                                   return case
                    return x \mapsto c_r,
                   [\mathsf{Op}\,y\,k\mapsto c_{\mathsf{Op}}]_{\mathsf{Op}\in O}
                                                   operation cases
                                                application
\mathsf{comp}\; c \; ::= \; v_1 \, v_2
                do x \leftarrow c_1 ; c_2
                                                sequencing
                if e then c_1 else c_2
                                                conditional
                                                rec definition
                let rec f x = c_1 in c_2
                return v
                                                returned val
                                                operation call
                0pv
                handle c with v
                                                handling
```

Fig. 4. Terms of Eff

Types. Figure 5 shows the types of EFF. There are two main sorts of types. There are (pure) types A, B and dirty types $\underline{C}, \underline{D}$. A dirty type is a pure type A tagged with a finite set of operations Δ , which we call dirt, that can be called. This finite set Δ is an over-approximation of the operations that are actually called. The type $\underline{C} \Rightarrow \underline{D}$ is used for handlers because a handler takes an input computation \underline{C} , handles the effects in this computation and outputs computation \underline{D} as the result.

```
(pure) type A, B ::= bool bool type A \mapsto C function type A \mapsto C \mapsto D handler type dirty type A \mapsto C \mapsto C \mapsto D dirt A \mapsto C \mapsto C \mapsto C
```

Fig. 5. Types of Eff

3.2 Type System

3.2.1 Subtyping. The dirty type $A ! \Delta$ is assigned to a computation returning values of type A and potentially calling operations from the set Δ . This set Δ is always an over-approximation of the actually called operations, and may safely be increased, inducing a natural subtyping judgement $A ! \Delta \leq A ! \Delta'$ on dirty types. As dirty types can occur inside pure types, we also get a derived subtyping judgement on pure types. Both judgements are defined in Figure 6. Observe that, as usual, subtyping is contravariant in the argument types of functions and handlers, and covariant in their return types.

Subtyping			
Sub-bool	$S \cup B - \longrightarrow$ $A' \leqslant A \qquad \underline{C} \leqslant \underline{C}'$	$\begin{array}{cc} Sub - \Rightarrow \\ \underline{C'} \leqslant \underline{C} & \underline{D} \leqslant \underline{D'} \end{array}$	SUB-! $A \leqslant A'$ $\Delta \subseteq \Delta'$
bool ≤ bool	$\overline{A \to \underline{C} \leqslant A' \to \underline{C'}}$	$\underline{C \Rightarrow \underline{D} \leqslant \underline{C'} \Rightarrow \underline{D'}}$	$A ! \Delta \leqslant A' ! \Delta'$

Fig. 6. Subtyping for pure and dirty types of Eff

3.2.2 *Typing rules.* Figure 7 defines the typing judgements for values and computations with respect to a standard typing context Γ .

Values. The rules for subtyping, variables, and functions are entirely standard. For constants we assume a signature Σ that assigns a type A to each constant k, which we write as $(k : A) \in \Sigma$.

A handler expression has type $A ! \Delta \cup O \Rightarrow B ! \Delta$ iff all branches (both the operation cases and the return case) have dirty type $B ! \Delta$ and the operation cases cover the set of operations O. Note that the intersection $\Delta \cap O$ is not necessarily empty. The handler deals with the operations O, but in the process may re-issue some of them (i.e., $\Delta \cap O$).

When typing operation cases, the given signature for the operation $(0p: A_{0p} \to B_{0p}) \in \Sigma$ determines the type A_{0p} of the parameter x and the domain B_{0p} of the continuation k. As our handlers are deep, the codomain of k should be the same as the type $B ! \Delta$ of the cases.

Computations. With the following exceptions, the typing judgement $\Gamma \vdash c : \underline{C}$ has a straightforward definition. The return construct renders a value v as a pure computation, i.e., with empty dirt. An operation invocation $\operatorname{Op} v$ is typed according to the operation's signature, with the operation itself as its only operation. Finally, rule With shows that a handler with type $\underline{C} \Rightarrow \underline{D}$ transforms a computation with type \underline{C} into a computation with type \underline{D} .

Fig. 7. Typing of Eff

4 CORE LANGUAGE (EFFCORE)

EFFCORE is a language with row-based effects, intersection and union types and effects and is subtyping based.

Define your problem very clearly. Provide a formal definition if possible, using mathematical definitions.

4.1 Types and terms

Terms. Figure 8 shows the two types of terms in EffCore. There are values v and computations v. Computations are terms that can contain effects. Effects are denoted as operations v0 which can be called. The function term is explicitly annotated with a type and type abstraction and type application has been added to the language. These terms only work on pure types.

```
value v := x
                                                 λ-variable
                                                 let-variable
                 â
                                                 true
                 true
                 false
                                                 false
                                                 function
                 \lambda x.c
                                                 handler
                                                    return case
                     return x \mapsto c_r,
                     [\operatorname{Op} y \, k \mapsto c_{\operatorname{Op}}]_{\operatorname{Op} \in O}
                                                    operation cases
                                                 application
comp c ::= v_1 v_2
                 do \hat{\mathbf{x}} = c_1; c_2
                                                 sequencing
                  let \hat{\mathbf{x}} = v in c
                                                 let
                  if e then c_1 else c_2
                                                 conditional
                                                 returned val
                  return v
                                                 operation call
                 \sigma q0
                  handle c with v
                                                 handling
```

Fig. 8. Terms of EffCore

Types. Figure 9 shows the types of EffCore. There are two main sorts of types. There are (pure) types A, B and dirty types C, D. A dirty type is a pure type A tagged with a finite set of operations A, which we call dirt, that can be called. It can also be an union or intersection of dirty types. In further sections, the relations between dirty intersections or unions and pure intersections or unions are explained. The finite set A is an over-approximation of the operations that are actually called. Row variables are introduced as well as intersection and unions. The A is used to close rows that do not end with a row variable. The type A is used for handlers because a handler takes an input computation A0, handles the effects in this computation and outputs computation A0 as the result.

4.2 Type system

4.3 Typing rules

Figure 15 defines the typing judgements for values and computations with respect to a standard typing context Γ .

Values. The rules for subtyping, variables, type abstraction, type application and functions are entirely standard. For constants we assume a signature Σ that assigns a type A to each constant k, which we write as $(k:A) \in \Sigma$.

A handler expression has type $A ! \Delta \cup O \Rightarrow B ! \Delta$ iff all branches (both the operation cases and the return case) have dirty type $B ! \Delta$ and the operation cases cover the set of operations O. Note that the intersection $\Delta \cap O$ is not necessarily empty (with \cap being the intersection of the

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typing contexts \Gamma ::= \epsilon \mid \Gamma, x : A \mid \Gamma, \hat{\mathbf{x}} : \forall \bar{\alpha}.B
monomorphic typing contexts \Xi ::= \epsilon \mid \Xi, x : A
 polymorphic typing contexts \Pi ::= \epsilon \mid \Pi, \hat{\mathbf{x}} : [\Xi]A
                        (pure) type A, B ::= bool
                                                                                                 bool type
                                                        A \rightarrow C
                                                                                                 function type
                                                        C \Rightarrow D
                                                                                                 handler type
                                                                                                 type variable
                                                                                                 recursive type
                                                        \mu\alpha.A
                                                        Т
                                                                                                 top
                                                        \perp
                                                                                                 bottom
                                                        A \sqcap B
                                                                                                 intersection
                                                       A \sqcup B
                                                                                                 union
                         dirty type \underline{C}, \underline{D} ::= A ! \Delta
                                       dirt \Delta ::= Op
                                                                                                 operation
                                                        δ
                                                                                                 dirt variable
                                                                                                 empty dirt
                                                        \Delta_1 \sqcap \Delta_2
                                                                                                 intersection
                                                        \Delta_1 \sqcup \Delta_2
                                                                                                 union
                       All operations \Omega ::= \bigcup Op_i | Op_i \in \Sigma
```

Fig. 9. Types of EffCore

$$A_{1} \leqslant A_{2} \leftrightarrow A_{1} \sqcup A_{2} \equiv A_{2}$$

$$A_{1} \leqslant A_{2} \leftrightarrow A_{1} \equiv A_{1} \sqcap A_{2}$$

$$\Delta_{1} \leqslant \Delta_{2} \leftrightarrow \Delta_{1} \sqcup \Delta_{2} \equiv \Delta_{2}$$

$$\Delta_{1} \leqslant \Delta_{2} \leftrightarrow \Delta_{1} \equiv \Delta_{1} \sqcap \Delta_{2}$$

$$\underline{C}_{1} \leqslant \underline{C}_{2} \leftrightarrow \underline{C}_{1} \sqcup \underline{C}_{2} \equiv \underline{C}_{2}$$

$$\underline{C}_{1} \leqslant \underline{C}_{2} \leftrightarrow \underline{C}_{1} \equiv \underline{C}_{1} \sqcap \underline{C}_{2}$$

Fig. 10. Relationship between Equivalence and Subtyping

operations, not to be confused with the \sqcap type). The handler deals with the operations O, but in the process may re-issue some of them (i.e., $\Delta \cap O$).

When typing operation cases, the given signature for the operation $(0p : A_{0p} \to B_{0p}) \in \Sigma$ determines the type A_{0p} of the parameter x and the domain B_{0p} of the continuation k. As our handlers are deep, the codomain of k should be the same as the type $B ! \Delta$ of the cases.

Computations. With the following exceptions, the typing judgement $\Gamma \vdash c : \underline{C}$ has a straightforward definition. The return construct renders a value v as a pure computation, i.e., with empty dirt. In this case, this is defined as a set with the .(DOT) as the only element. An operation

$$A \sqcup A \equiv A$$

$$A \sqcap A \equiv A$$

$$A_1 \sqcup A_2 \equiv A_2 \sqcup A_1$$

$$A_1 \sqcap A_2 \equiv A_2 \sqcap A_1$$

$$A_1 \sqcup (A_2 \sqcup A_3) \equiv (A_1 \sqcup A_2) \sqcup A_3$$

$$A_1 \sqcap (A_2 \sqcap A_3) \equiv (A_1 \sqcap A_2) \equiv A_1$$

$$A_1 \sqcap (A_1 \sqcup A_2) \equiv A_1$$

$$A_1 \sqcap (A_1 \sqcup A_2) \equiv A_1$$

$$A_1 \sqcap (A_1 \sqcup A_2) \equiv A_1$$

$$A_1 \sqcap A \equiv A$$

$$A_1 \sqcup A \equiv A$$

Fig. 11. Equations of distributive lattices for types

$$(A_1 \to \underline{C}_1) \sqcup (A_2 \to \underline{C}_2) \equiv (A_1 \sqcap A_2) \to (\underline{C}_1 \sqcup \underline{C}_2)$$

$$(A_1 \to \underline{C}_1) \sqcap (A_2 \to \underline{C}_2) \equiv (A_1 \sqcup A_2) \to (\underline{C}_1 \sqcap \underline{C}_2)$$

$$(A_1 \Rightarrow \underline{C}_1) \sqcup (A_2 \Rightarrow \underline{C}_2) \equiv (A_1 \sqcap A_2) \Rightarrow (\underline{C}_1 \sqcup \underline{C}_2)$$

$$(A_1 \Rightarrow \underline{C}_1) \sqcap (A_2 \Rightarrow \underline{C}_2) \equiv (A_1 \sqcup A_2) \Rightarrow (\underline{C}_1 \sqcup \underline{C}_2)$$

$$(\underline{C}_1 \sqcup \underline{C}_2) \equiv (A_1 ! \Delta_1 \sqcup A_2 ! \Delta_2) \equiv (A_1 \sqcup A_2) ! (\Delta_1 \sqcup \Delta_2)$$

$$(\underline{C}_1 \sqcap \underline{C}_2) \equiv (A_1 ! \Delta_1 \sqcap A_2 ! \Delta_2) \equiv (A_1 \sqcap A_2) ! (\Delta_1 \sqcap \Delta_2)$$

Fig. 12. Equations for function, handler and dirty types

invocation Op v is typed according to the operation's signature, with the operation itself as its only operation. Finally, rule With shows that a handler with type $\underline{C} \Rightarrow \underline{D}$ transforms a computation with type C into a computation with type D.

4.4 Reformulated typing rules

$$\Delta \sqcup \Delta \equiv \Delta \qquad \qquad \Delta \sqcap \Delta \equiv \Delta$$

$$\Delta_1 \sqcup \Delta_2 \equiv \Delta_2 \sqcup \Delta_1 \qquad \qquad \Delta_1 \sqcap \Delta_2 \equiv \Delta_2 \sqcap \Delta_1$$

$$\Delta_1 \sqcup (\Delta_2 \sqcup \Delta_3) \equiv (\Delta_1 \sqcup \Delta_2) \sqcup \Delta_3 \qquad \qquad \Delta_1 \sqcap (\Delta_2 \sqcap \Delta_3) \equiv (\Delta_1 \sqcap \Delta_2) \sqcap \Delta_3$$

$$\Delta_1 \sqcup (\Delta_1 \sqcap \Delta_2) \equiv \Delta_1 \qquad \qquad \Delta_1 \sqcap (\Delta_1 \sqcup \Delta_2) \equiv \Delta_1$$

$$\emptyset \sqcup \Delta \equiv \Delta \qquad \qquad \emptyset \sqcap \Delta \equiv \emptyset$$

$$\Omega \sqcup \Delta \equiv \Omega \qquad \qquad \Omega \sqcap \Delta \equiv \Delta$$

$$\Delta_1 \sqcup (\Delta_2 \sqcap \Delta_3) \equiv (\Delta_1 \sqcup \Delta_2) \sqcap (\Delta_1 \sqcup \Delta_3)$$

$$\Delta_1 \sqcap (\Delta_2 \sqcup \Delta_3) \equiv (\Delta_1 \sqcap \Delta_2) \sqcup (\Delta_1 \sqcap \Delta_3)$$

Fig. 13. Equations of distributive lattices for dirts

Subtyping of dirts
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Sub-!-Row-Row} \\ & n \geq 0 \quad m \geq 0 \quad p \geq 0 \\ & \underbrace{\{Op_1,...,Op_n,Op_{n+m+1},...,Op_{n+m+p},\delta_1\} \leqslant \quad \{Op_1,...,Op_n,Op_{n+1},...,Op_{n+m},\delta_2\}} \\ & \underbrace{\{\delta_1\} \leqslant \{Op_{n+1},...,Op_{n+m},\delta_3\} \quad \{\delta_3\} = \{Op_{n+m},...,Op_{n+m+p},\delta_2\}} \\ & \text{Sub-!-Dot-Row} \\ & n \geq 0 \quad m \geq 0 \quad p \geq 0 \\ & \underbrace{\{Op_1,...,Op_n,Op_{n+m+1},...,Op_{n+m+p},.\} \leqslant \quad \{Op_1,...,Op_n,Op_{n+1},...,Op_{n+m},\delta_2\}} \\ & \underbrace{\{Op_{n+1},...,Op_{n+m+p},\delta_3\} \quad \{\delta_3\} = \{Op_{n+m},...,Op_{n+m+p},\delta_2\}} \\ & \text{Sub-!-Row-Dot} \\ & n \geq 0 \quad m \geq 0 \quad \{Op_1,...,Op_n,\delta_1\} \leqslant \{Op_1,...,Op_n,Op_{n+1},Op_{n+m},.\} \\ & \underbrace{\{\delta_1\} \leqslant \{Op_{n+1},Op_{n+m},.\}} \\ & \underbrace{\{Op_{n+1},Op_{n+m},.\}} \\ & \underbrace{\{Op_{n+1},$$

Fig. 14. Subtyping for dirts of EffCore

Fig. 15. Typing of EffCore

$$\Xi \mathsf{Def} \\ \Xi \operatorname{contains} \operatorname{free} \lambda \operatorname{-bound} \operatorname{variables} \\ \mathsf{SubScheme} \\ [\Xi_2]A_2 \leqslant [\Xi_1]A_1 \leftrightarrow A_2 \leqslant A_1, \Xi_1 \leqslant \Xi_2 \\ \mathsf{SubInst} \\ [\Xi_2]A_2 \leqslant^{\forall} [\Xi_1]A_1 \leftrightarrow \rho([\Xi_2]A_2) \leqslant [\Xi_1]A_1 \text{for some substitution } \rho \\ \operatorname{(instantiate type + dirt vars)} \\ \mathsf{Inter} \\ dom(\Xi_1 \sqcap \Xi_2) = dom(\Xi_1) \cup dom(\Xi_2) \\ (\Xi_1 \sqcap \Xi_2)(x) = \Xi_1(x) \sqcap \Xi_2(x), \operatorname{interpreting} \Xi_i(x) = \top \operatorname{if} x \in dom(\Xi_i) \text{ (for } i \in \{1,2\}) \\ \overline{\Xi_1} \text{ and } \Xi_2 \text{ have greatest lower bound: } \Xi_1 \sqcap \Xi_2 \\ \mathsf{SubstEq} \\ \rho([\Xi]A) \equiv [\rho(\Xi)]\rho(A) \\ \mathsf{Eq} \\ [\Xi_2]A_2 \equiv^{\forall} [\Xi_1]A_1 \leftrightarrow [\Xi_2]A_2 \leqslant^{\forall} [\Xi_1]A_1, [\Xi_1]A_1 \leqslant^{\forall} [\Xi_2]A_2 \\ \mathsf{WeakeningMono} \\ \Xi_2 \leqslant^{\forall} \Xi_1 \leftrightarrow dom(\Xi_2) \supseteq dom(\Xi_1), \Xi_2(x) \leqslant^{\forall} \Xi_1(x) \mid x \in dom(\Xi_1) \\ \mathsf{WeakeningPoly} \\ \Pi_2 \leqslant^{\forall} \Pi_1 \leftrightarrow dom(\Pi_2) \supseteq dom(\Pi_1), \Pi_2(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \leqslant^{\forall} \Pi_1(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \mid \hat{\mathbf{x}} \in dom(\Pi_1) \\ \mathsf{WeakeningPoly} \\ \Pi_2 \leqslant^{\forall} \Pi_1 \leftrightarrow dom(\Pi_2) \supseteq dom(\Pi_1), \Pi_2(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \leqslant^{\forall} \Pi_1(\hat{\mathbf{x}}) \mid \hat{\mathbf{x}} \in dom(\Pi_1) \\ \mathsf{VeakeningPoly} \\ \mathsf{In} \in \mathsf{Volume}$$

Fig. 16. Definitions for typing schemes and reformulated typing rules

Fig. 17. Reformulated typing rules of EffCore

5 PROOFS

Todo: Big part todo in second semester

- 5.1 Instantiation
- 5.2 Weakening
- 5.3 Substitution
- 5.4 Soundness
- **6 TYPE INFERENCE**
- 6.1 Polar types

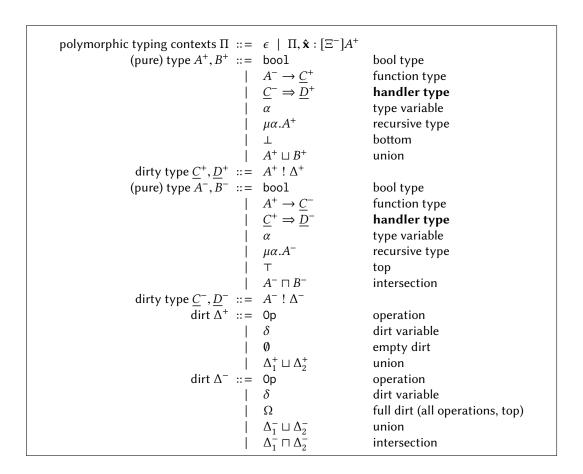


Fig. 18. Polar types of EffCore

6.2 Unification

To operate on polar type terms, we generalise from substitutions to bisubstitutions, which map type variables to a pair of a positive and a negative type term. The definitions for bisubstitions are given in Figure 19.

BISUBSTITUTION
$$\xi = [A^+/\alpha^+, A^-/\alpha^-, \Delta^+/\delta^+, \Delta^-/\delta^-]$$

$$\xi'(\alpha^+) = \alpha \qquad \xi'(\alpha^-) = \alpha \qquad \xi'(\delta^+) = \delta \qquad \xi'(\delta^-) = \delta \qquad \xi'(_) = _$$

$$\xi(\underline{C}^+) \equiv \xi(A^+ ! \Delta^+) \equiv \xi(A^+) ! \xi(\Delta^+) \qquad \xi(\underline{C}^-) \equiv \xi(A^- ! \Delta^-) \equiv \xi(A^-) ! \xi(\Delta^-)$$

$$\xi(\Delta_1^+ \sqcup \Delta_2^+) \equiv \xi(\Delta_1^+) \sqcup \xi(\Delta_2^+) \qquad \xi(\Delta_1^- \sqcap \Delta_2^-) \equiv \xi(\Delta_1^-) \sqcap \xi(\Delta_2^-)$$

$$\xi(0p) \equiv 0p \qquad \qquad \xi(\Delta_1^- \sqcup \Delta_2^-) \equiv \xi(\Delta_1^-) \sqcup \xi(\Delta_2^-)$$

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$$\xi(A_1^+ \sqcup A_2^+) \equiv \xi(A_1^+) \sqcup \xi(A_2^+) \qquad \qquad \xi(0p) \equiv 0p$$

$$\xi(A_1^- \sqcup A_2^-) \equiv \xi(A_1^-) \sqcup \xi(A_2^-)$$

$$\xi(0ool) \equiv bool \qquad \qquad \xi(1) \equiv 1 \qquad \qquad$$

Fig. 19. Bisubstitutions

The presence of explicit type application in F, F_{ω} and CoC makes the exact parameterisation of a polymorphic type relevant. Conversely, in ML, the parameterisation is irrelevant and all that matters is the set of possible instances.

$$\forall \alpha \forall \beta. \alpha \to \beta \to \alpha \qquad \forall \beta \forall \alpha. \alpha \to \beta \to \alpha$$

$$\{\alpha \to \beta \to \alpha \mid \alpha, \beta \text{types}\} \qquad \{\alpha \to \beta \to \alpha \mid \beta, \alpha \text{types}\}$$

Fig. 20. Parameterisation and typing

Thus, when manipulating constraints, an ML type checker need only preserve equivalence of the set of instances, and not equivalence of the parameterisation. This freedom is not much used in plain ML, since unification happens to preserve equivalence of the parameterisation. However, this freedom is what allows MLsub to eliminate subtyping constraints.

For all positive type terms A+ and variables, there exist positive type terms A^+_α and A^+_g such that $A^+_\alpha \in \bot, \alpha, \alpha$ is guarded in A^+_g , and A^+ is equivalent to $A^+_\alpha \sqcup A^+_g$.

For all negative type terms A- and variables, there exist negative type terms A_{α}^- and A_g^- such that $A_{\alpha}^- \in \top$, α , α is guarded in A_g^- , and A^- is equivalent to $A_{\alpha}^- \cap A_g^-$.

$$\mu^+\alpha.A^+ = \mu\alpha.A_g^+ \qquad \mu^-\alpha.A^- = \mu\alpha.A_g^-$$

Fig. 21. Polar recursive type

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Constructed (predicate): constructed(A) constructed(A \to \underline{C}) constructed(\underline{C} \Rightarrow \underline{D}) constructed(bool)
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Fig. 22. Constructed types

6.3 Principal Type Inference

We introduce a judgement form $\Pi \triangleright e : [\Xi^-]A^+$, stating that $[\Xi^-]A^+$ is the principal typing scheme of e under the polar typing context Π .

Fig. 23. Constraint solving

Subi (partial function):
$$\begin{aligned} & \text{subi}(A^+ \leqslant A^-) = C, \text{subi}(\Delta^+ \leqslant \Delta^-) = C, \text{subi}(\underline{C}^+ \leqslant \underline{C}^-) = C \\ & \text{subi}(A^+ ! \Delta^+ \leqslant A^- ! \Delta^-) = \{A^+ \leqslant A^-, \Delta^+ \leqslant \Delta^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(A_1^- \to \underline{C}_1^+ \leqslant A_2^+ \to \underline{C}_2^-) = \{A_2^+ \leqslant A_1^-, \underline{C}_1^+ \leqslant \underline{C}_2^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(\underline{C}_1^- \to \underline{D}_1^+ \leqslant \underline{C}_2^+ \to \underline{D}_2^-) = \{\underline{C}_2^+ \leqslant \underline{C}_1^-, \underline{D}_1^+ \leqslant \underline{D}_2^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(bool \leqslant bool) = \{\} \\ & \text{subi}(\mu\alpha.A^+ \leqslant A^-) = \{[\mu\alpha.A^+/\alpha](A^+) \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(A^+ \leqslant \mu\alpha.A^-) = \{A^+ \leqslant [\mu\alpha.A^-/\alpha]A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(A_1^+ \sqcup A_2^+ \leqslant A^-) = \{A_1^+ \leqslant A^-, A_2^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(A^+ \leqslant A_1^- \sqcap A_2^-) = \{A^+ \leqslant A_1^-, A^+ \leqslant A_2^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(A^+ \leqslant T) = \{\} \\ & \text{subi}(\Delta^+ \leqslant T) = \{\} \\ & \text{subi}(Op \leqslant Op) = \{\} \\ & \text{subi}(Op \leqslant Op \sqcup \Delta^-) = \{\} \\ & \text{subi}(Op \leqslant \Delta^- \sqcup Op) = \{\} \\ & \text{subi}(Op^+ \leqslant Op^- \sqcup \Delta^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant \Delta^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(Op^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant \Delta^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(Op^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup A_2^-) = \{A^+ \leqslant A_1^-, A^+ \leqslant A_2^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(Op^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(Op^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(Op^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-\} \\ & \text{subi}(O^+ \leqslant A^- \sqcup Op^-) = \{Op^+ \leqslant A$$

Fig. 24. Constraint decomposition

Binunify(History, ContraintSet) = substitution
$$START \\ biunify(C) = biunify(\emptyset; C)$$

$$EMPTY \\ biunify(H; \epsilon) = 1$$

$$\frac{c \in H}{biunify(H; c :: C) = biunify(H; C)}$$

$$ATOMIC \\ atomic(c) = \theta_c \\ \hline biunify(H; c :: C) = biunify(\theta_c(H \cup \{c\}); \theta_c(C)) \cdot \theta_c$$

$$DECOMPOSE \\ subi(c) = C' \\ \hline biunify(H; c :: C) = biunify(H \cup \{c\}; C' + C)$$

Fig. 25. Biunification algorithm

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{monomorphic typing contexts }\Xi^- ::= \epsilon \mid \Xi^-, x : A^- \\ \text{polymorphic typing contexts }\Pi ::= \epsilon \mid \Pi, \hat{\mathbf{x}} : [\Xi^-]A^+ \end{array} \\ \hline \textbf{Expressions} \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} \forall \mathsf{AR-\Xi} \\ \hline \Pi \triangleright x : [x : \alpha]\alpha \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \forall \mathsf{AR-II} \\ (\hat{\mathbf{x}} : [\Xi^-]A^+) \in \Pi \\ \hline \Pi \triangleright \hat{\mathbf{x}} : [\Xi^-]A^+ \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{TRUE} \\ \hline \Pi \triangleright \mathsf{true} : []bool \end{array} & \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{False} \\ \hline \Pi \triangleright \mathsf{false} : []bool \end{array} \\ \hline \\ HAND \\ \hline \Pi \Vdash c_r : [\Xi_r^-](B^+ ! \Delta^+) & \begin{bmatrix} (\mathsf{Op} : A_\mathsf{Op}^+ \to B_\mathsf{Op}^-) \in \Sigma & \Pi \Vdash c_\mathsf{Op} : [\Xi_\mathsf{Op}^-](C_\mathsf{Op}^+) \end{bmatrix}_{\mathsf{Op} \in O} \\ \hline \Pi \Vdash \{\mathsf{return} \ x \mapsto c_r, [\mathsf{Op} \ y \ k \mapsto c_\mathsf{Op}]_{\mathsf{Op} \in O}\} : [\Xi_r^- \sqcap (\prod \Xi_\mathsf{Op}^-|\mathsf{Op} \in O)](\alpha_1 \ ! \ \delta_1 \sqcup O \Rightarrow \alpha_2 \ ! \ \delta_2) \\ \hline \\ \xi = biunify \\ \begin{cases} B^+ \ ! \ \Delta^+ \leqslant \alpha_2 \ ! \ \delta_2 \\ \alpha_1 \leqslant \Xi_r^-(x) \\ \delta_1 \leqslant \delta_2 \\ A_\mathsf{Op}^+ \leqslant \Xi_\mathsf{Op}^-(y) \\ B_\mathsf{Op}^- \to C_\mathsf{Op}^+ \leqslant \Xi_\mathsf{Op}^-(k) \\ C_\mathsf{Op}^+ \leqslant \alpha_2 \ ! \ \delta_2 \\ \end{cases} \\ \\ \\ C_\mathsf{Op}^+ \leqslant \alpha_2 \ ! \ \delta_2 \\ \end{bmatrix}_{\mathsf{Op} \in O} \\ \end{array} \right)$$

Fig. 26. Type inference algorithm for expressions

Fig. 27. Type inference algorithm for computations

7 IMPLEMENTATION

Todo: describe implementation (language, size, ...)

Describe the approach itself, in such detail that a reader could also implement this approach if s/he wished to do that.

8 EVALUATION

Todo: second semester, after experiments Novel approaches to problems are often evaluated empirically. Describe the evaluation process in such detail that a reader could reproduce the results. Describe in detail the setup of an experiment. Argue why this experiment is useful, and what you could learn from it. Be precise about what you want to measure, or about the hypothesis that you are testing. Discuss and interpret the results in terms of your experimental questions. Summarize the conclusions of the experimental evaluation.

9 CONCLUSION

Todo: second semester

Briefly recall what the goal of the work was. Summarize what you have done, summarize the results, and present conclusions. Conclusions include a critical assessment: where the original goals reached? Discuss the limitations of your work. Describe how the work could possibly be extended in the future, mitigating limitations or solving remaining problems.

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