

The algorithm

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unify(a: MonoType, b: MonoType) → Substitution:
  if a is a type variable:
    if b is the same type variable:
      return {}
    if b contains a:
      throw error "occurs check failed, cannot create infinite type"
    return { a ↦ b }

  if b is a type variable:
    return unify(b, a)

  if a and b are both type function applications:
    if a and b have different type functions:
      throw error "failed to unify, different type functions"
    let S = {}
    for i in range(number of type function arguments):
      S = combine(S, unify(S(a.arguments[i]), S(b.arguments[i])))
    return S
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Output:

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main()
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Enter the first expression  
knows(f(x),y)  
Enter the second expression  
knows(J,John)  
The substitutions are:  
['J / f(x)', 'John / y']
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main()
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Enter the first expression  
Student(x)  
Enter the second expression  
Teacher(Rose)  
Cannot be unified as the predicates do not match!  
The substitutions are:  
[]
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main()
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```
Enter the first expression  
knows(John,x)  
Enter the second expression  
knows(y,Mother(y))  
The substitutions are:  
['John / y', 'Mother(y) / x']
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main()
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Enter the first expression  
like(A,y)  
Enter the second expression  
like(K,g(x))  
A and K are constants. Cannot be unified  
The substitutions are:  
[]
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