

# CS 599 A1: Assignment 5

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Total: 100 pts

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This assignment is just programming! You will be implementing a session type checker and interpreter that will follow the typing and semantics rules respectively. Please follow the guidelines below to make sure your submission can be accepted by the instructor.

- The only languages you can use for this assignment are C++, Python, and OCaml.
- In this set of problems, you will be required to define several types and functions.
- Please make sure your submission is a zip file that contains the code file(s) that defines the required functions and types. You should submit the zip file containing the file(s) electronically on Gradescope by the due date.
- Your zip file must include a separate readme file that contains instructions for installing and executing the file(s) in your submission.
- You're welcome to modularize your code into multiple files. If you do so, please indicate in your instructions which file contains the functions and types for each problem.
- For all the following problems, you are welcome to define as many helper functions as needed. Please indicate in a comment what the function's purpose is.
- Begin coding!

## 1 Type Equality [20 pts]

Before we implement the type checker and interpreter, we will implement the type equality algorithm discussed in class. This algorithm will be implemented as a function that would take two types and return a boolean depending upon whether they are equal or not.

Recall the type syntax of the language.

$$\text{Types } A, B ::= \oplus\{\ell : A_\ell\}_{\ell \in L} \mid \&\{\ell : A_\ell\}_{\ell \in L} \mid A \otimes B \mid A \multimap B \mid \mathbf{1} \mid V$$

Note that there is an additional type in the type grammar denoted by  $V$ . This denotes type names like `nat` and `bin`.

**Problem 1 (3 pts)** Define a type called `tp` for types in the language. Also, define a type called `tp_def` to represent a type definition in the program. In general, type definitions have the form:

`type x = A`

For instance, for the following program:

```
type nat = +{succ : nat, zero : 1}
type bin = +{b0 : bin, b1 : bin, e : 1}
```

there are two type definitions: type `nat` maps to `+{succ : nat, zero : 1}` and type `bin` maps to `+{b0 : bin, b1 : bin, e : 1}`. The set of all type definitions are collected in a type called `environment`. This would be helpful in implementing the type equality algorithm.

**Problem 2 (15 pts)** Define a function called `eq_tp` with the following signature:

```
eq_tp: environment -> constraints -> tp -> tp -> bool
```

Here, `environment` should contain the set of all type definitions in the program. And `constraints` stores the equality constraints encountered so far (equivalent to  $\Theta$  in the class). Choose appropriate data structures for the types `environment` and `constraints`.

The function takes the environment, the constraints encountered, and two types as input and returns `true` if the types are equal and `false` otherwise.

**Problem 3 (2 pts)** Test out the `eq_tp` function defined above on the following types.

```
type nat = +{succ : nat, zero : 1}
type nat1 = +{succ : nat1, zero : 1}
type nat2 = +{succ : nat3, zero : 1}
type nat3 = +{succ : nat2, zero : 1}
type even = +{succ : odd, zero : 1}
type odd = +{succ : even}
type even1 = +{succ : +{succ : even1}, zero : 1}
type odd1 = +{succ : +{succ : odd1, zero : 1}}
```

Which two of these types are equal? Use an empty set of constraints to call the `eq_tp` function since we start without knowing which two of these types are equal.

## 2 Type Checker [40 pts]

Equipped with a type equality algorithm, we will now implement the type checker. First, we define a type for process expressions. Recall the process expression syntax of the language:

Expressions  $P ::= x.k; P \mid \text{case } x (\ell \Rightarrow P_\ell)_{\ell \in L} \mid y \leftarrow \text{recv } x; P \mid \text{send } x y; P \mid \text{wait } x; P \mid \text{close } x$   
 $\mid x \leftrightarrow y \mid x \leftarrow f \bar{y}; P$

**Problem 4 (3 pts)** Define a type called `exp` for expressions in the language.

**Problem 5 (2 pts)** Extend the type environment to contain process declarations and definitions. Remember that process declarations have the form

$$\text{decl } f : (x_1 : A_1), (x_2 : A_2), \dots (x_n : A_n) \vdash (x : A)$$

and process definitions have the form

$$\text{proc } x \leftarrow f \ x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_n = P$$

Now, we have completed the setup for implementing the type checker. Recall the typing judgment is expressed as follows:  $\Sigma; \Delta \vdash P :: (z : C)$  where

- $\Sigma$  is the environment containing all the type definitions, and process definitions and declarations.
- $\Delta$  is the typing context mapping channel names to session types.
- $P$  is the process expression.
- $z$  is the offered channel name.
- $C$  is the offered channel type.

**Problem 6 (35 pts)** Implement a function called `typecheck` with the following signature:

```
typecheck: environment -> context -> exp -> channel -> tp -> bool
```

Choose appropriate types for `context` and `channel` that represent  $\Delta$  and  $z$  respectively in the judgment. As is standard, the function returns `true` if the process is well-typed and `false` otherwise.

### 3 Interpreter [30 pts]

Finally, we will implement an interpreter that will follow the rules of the semantics. To express the semantics, we first need to define semantic objects:  $\text{proc}(c, P)$  and  $\text{msg}(c, M)$ . Recall the grammar for processes and messages.

Expressions  $P ::= x.k; P \mid \text{case } x (\ell \Rightarrow P_\ell)_{\ell \in L} \mid y \leftarrow \text{recv } x; P \mid \text{send } x y; P \mid \text{wait } x; P \mid \text{close } x$   
 $\mid x \leftrightarrow y \mid x \leftarrow f \bar{y}; P$   
 Messages  $M ::= x.k; x \leftrightarrow x' \mid x.k; x' \leftrightarrow x \mid \text{send } x y; x \leftrightarrow x' \mid \text{send } x y; x' \leftrightarrow x \mid \text{close } x$

**Problem 7 (5 pts)** Define a type *sem* that represents a semantic object: either a process or a message. Also, define a type *configuration* that represents a set of semantic objects.

**Problem 8 (15 pts)** Implement a function called *step* with the following signature:

```
step: environment -> configuration -> configuration
```

**Problem 9 (10 pts)** Demonstrate the progress theorem by defining the following functions:

```
poised_sem: sem -> bool
poised: configuration -> bool
```

The first function takes a semantic object (i.e., a process or a message) as input and returns whether it is poised or not. The second function applies the former pointwise to every object in the configuration because a configuration is poised when all its semantic objects are poised.

Recall the definition of *poised*: a process is poised if it is receiving on the channel it is offering. A message is poised if it is sending on the channel it is offering.

### 4 Testing [10 pts]

With all components implemented, we will now test out our language functions. For this, we need a way of executing a closed process. We will introduce a new declaration and add it to the environment. This is written as

```
exec f
```

which stands for executing process *f*.

**Problem 10 (1 pts)** Extend the type *environment* to account for process execution declarations. This declaration just contains a process name.

**Problem 11 (9 pts)** Consider the following program:

```
type nat = +{succ : nat, zero : 1}

decl two : . |- (x : nat)
proc x <- two = x.succ; x.succ; close x

decl plus : (x : nat) (y : nat) |- (z : nat)
proc z <- plus x y =
  case x (
    succ => z.succ ; z' <- plus x y ; z <-> z'
  | zero => wait x ; z <-> y
  )

decl ten : . |- (x : nat)
proc x <- ten =
  x2 <- two; y2 <- two;
  x4 <- plus x2 y2;
  x2 <- two; y2 <- two; z2 <- two;
```

```

y4 <- plus x2 y2;
x6 <- plus y4 z2;
x'  <- plus x4 x6;
x  <-> x'

```

exec ten

Write this program (by creating a value of type environment) in your language and print the output of executing the process ten. For this problem, you should define the following process

```
string_of_configuration: configuration -> string
```

and print out each intermediate configuration. Confirm that the final configuration is poised.

## A Type System, Type Equality, and Semantics

### Type System

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{(k \in L) \quad \Delta \vdash P :: (x : A_k)}{\Delta \vdash (x.k; P) :: (x : \oplus\{\ell : A_\ell\}_{\ell \in L})} \oplus R \quad \frac{(\forall \ell \in L) \quad \Delta, x : A_\ell \vdash Q_\ell :: (z : C)}{\Delta, x : \oplus\{\ell : A_\ell\}_{\ell \in L} \vdash (\text{case } x (\ell \Rightarrow Q_\ell)_{\ell \in L}) :: (z : C)} \oplus L \\
\\
\frac{(\forall \ell \in L) \quad \Delta \vdash P_\ell :: (x : A_\ell)}{\Delta \vdash (\text{case } x (\ell \Rightarrow P_\ell)_{\ell \in L}) :: (x : \&\{\ell : A_\ell\}_{\ell \in L})} \& R \quad \frac{(k \in L) \quad \Delta, x : A_k \vdash Q :: (z : C)}{\Delta, x : \&\{\ell : A_\ell\}_{\ell \in L} \vdash (x.k; Q) :: (z : C)} \& L \\
\\
\frac{\Delta \vdash P :: (x : B)}{\Delta, y : A \vdash (\text{send } x y; P) :: (x : A \otimes B)} \otimes R \quad \frac{\Delta, y : A, x : B \vdash Q :: (z : C)}{\Delta, x : A \otimes B \vdash (y \leftarrow \text{recv } x; Q) :: (z : C)} \otimes L \\
\\
\frac{\Delta, y : A \vdash P :: (x : B)}{\Delta \vdash (y \leftarrow \text{recv } x; P) :: (x : A \multimap B)} \multimap R \quad \frac{\Delta, x : B \vdash Q :: (z : C)}{\Delta, x : A \multimap B, y : A \vdash (\text{send } x y; Q) :: (z : C)} \multimap L \\
\\
\frac{}{\cdot \vdash (\text{close } x) :: (x : \mathbf{1})} \mathbf{1}R \quad \frac{\Delta \vdash Q :: (z : C)}{\Delta, x : \mathbf{1} \vdash (\text{wait } x; Q) :: (z : C)} \mathbf{1}L \quad \frac{}{x : A \vdash (y \leftrightarrow x) :: (y : A)} \text{id} \\
\\
\frac{\text{decl } f : \overline{y'} : \overline{A'} \vdash (x : A) \in \Sigma \quad \Delta, x : A \vdash Q :: (z : C)}{\Delta, \overline{y} : \overline{A'} \vdash (x \leftarrow f \overline{y}; Q) :: (z : C)} \text{def}
\end{array}$$

### Type Equality

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{L = M \quad (\forall \ell \in L) \Theta \vdash A_\ell \equiv B_\ell}{\Theta \vdash \oplus\{\ell : A_\ell\}_{\ell \in L} \equiv \oplus\{m : B_m\}_{m \in M}} \oplus \quad \frac{L = M \quad (\forall \ell \in L) \Theta \vdash A_\ell \equiv B_\ell}{\Theta \vdash \&\{\ell : A_\ell\}_{\ell \in L} \equiv \&\{m : B_m\}_{m \in M}} \& \\
\\
\frac{\Theta \vdash A_1 \equiv B_1 \quad \Theta \vdash A_2 \equiv B_2}{\Theta \vdash A_1 \otimes A_2 \equiv B_1 \otimes B_2} \otimes \quad \frac{\Theta \vdash A_1 \equiv B_1 \quad \Theta \vdash A_2 \equiv B_2}{\Theta \vdash A_1 \multimap A_2 \equiv B_1 \multimap B_2} \multimap \quad \frac{}{\Theta \vdash \mathbf{1} \equiv \mathbf{1}} \mathbf{1} \\
\\
\frac{(V \equiv B) \notin \Theta \quad \text{type } V = A \in \Sigma \quad \Theta, (V \equiv B) \vdash A \equiv B}{\Theta \vdash V \equiv B} \text{expdR} \\
\\
\frac{(V \equiv B) \notin \Theta \quad \text{type } V = A \in \Sigma \quad \Theta, (V \equiv B) \vdash B \equiv A}{\Theta \vdash B \equiv V} \text{expdL} \\
\\
\frac{(V \equiv B) \in \Theta}{\Theta \vdash V \equiv B} \text{defR} \quad \frac{(V \equiv B) \in \Theta}{\Theta \vdash B \equiv V} \text{defL}
\end{array}$$

Two types  $A$  and  $B$  are said to be equal iff we can derive  $\cdot \vdash A \equiv B$ .

## Semantics

- $(\oplus S)$   $\text{proc}(c, c.k; P) \mapsto \text{proc}(c', [c'/c]P), \text{msg}(c, c.k; c \leftrightarrow c')$  ( $c'$  fresh)
- $(\oplus C)$   $\text{msg}(c, c.k; c \leftrightarrow c'), \text{proc}(d, \text{case } c (\ell \Rightarrow Q_\ell)_{\ell \in L}) \mapsto \text{proc}(d, [c'/c]Q_k)$
- $(\& S)$   $\text{proc}(d, c.k; Q) \mapsto \text{msg}(c', c.k; c' \leftrightarrow c), \text{proc}(d, [c'/c]Q)$  ( $c'$  fresh)
- $(\& C)$   $\text{proc}(c, \text{case } c (\ell \Rightarrow Q_\ell)_{\ell \in L}), \text{msg}(c', c.k; c' \leftrightarrow c) \mapsto \text{proc}(c', [c'/c]Q_k)$
- $(\otimes S)$   $\text{proc}(c, \text{send } c \ e; P) \mapsto \text{proc}(c', [c'/c]P), \text{msg}(c, \text{send } c \ e; c \leftrightarrow c')$  ( $c'$  fresh)
- $(\otimes C)$   $\text{msg}(c, \text{send } c \ e; c \leftrightarrow c'), \text{proc}(d, x \leftarrow \text{recv } c; Q) \mapsto \text{proc}(d, [c', e/c, x]Q)$
- $(\multimap S)$   $\text{proc}(d, \text{send } c \ e; Q) \mapsto \text{msg}(c', \text{send } c \ e; c' \leftrightarrow c), \text{proc}(d, [c'/c]Q)$  ( $c'$  fresh)
- $(\multimap C)$   $\text{proc}(c, x \leftarrow \text{recv } c), \text{msg}(c', \text{send } c \ e; c' \leftrightarrow c) \mapsto \text{proc}(c', [c', d/c, x]P)$
- $(1S)$   $\text{proc}(c, \text{close } c) \mapsto \text{msg}(c, \text{close } c)$
- $(1C)$   $\text{msg}(c, \text{close } c), \text{proc}(d, \text{wait } c; Q) \mapsto \text{proc}(d, Q)$
- $(\text{def}C)$   $\text{proc}(d, x \leftarrow P_x \ \bar{y}; Q_x) \mapsto \text{proc}(c, [c/x]P_x), \text{proc}(d, [c/x]Q_x)$  ( $c$  fresh)
- $(\text{id}^+C)$   $\text{msg}(d, M), \text{proc}(c, c \leftrightarrow d) \mapsto \text{msg}(c, [c/d]M)$
- $(\text{id}^-C)$   $\text{proc}(c, c \leftrightarrow d), \text{msg}(e, M_c) \mapsto \text{msg}(e, [d/c]M_c)$