

Semantic Analysis Typechecking in ChocoPy

Lectures 9-11

Outline

- The role of semantic analysis in a compiler
 - A laundry list of tasks
- Scope
- Types

The Compiler So Far

- Lexical analysis
 - Detects inputs with illegal tokens
- Parsing
 - Detects inputs with ill-formed parse trees
- Semantic analysis
 - Last “front end” phase
 - Catches more errors

Errors

- Example 1

```
def f(y: int) -> int:  
    return x + 3
```

- Example 2

```
y: str = "abc"  
print (y%3)
```

Why a Separate Semantic Analysis?

- Parsing cannot catch some errors
- Some language constructs are not context-free
 - Example: All used variables must have been declared (i.e. scoping)
 - Example: A method must be invoked with arguments of proper type (i.e. typing)

What Does Semantic Analysis Do?

- Checks of many kinds . . . ChocoPyc checks:
 1. All identifiers are declared
 2. Types
 3. Inheritance relationships
 4. Classes defined only once
 5. Attributes and Methods in a class defined only once
 6. Reserved identifiers are not misusedAnd others . . .
- The requirements depend on the language

Scope

- Matching identifier declarations with uses
 - Important semantic analysis step in most languages
 - Including ChocoPy !

Scope (Cont.)

- The scope of an identifier is the portion of a program in which that identifier is accessible
- The same identifier may refer to different things in different parts of the program
 - Different scopes for same name don't overlap
- An identifier may have restricted scope

Static vs. Dynamic Scope

- Most languages have static scope
 - Scope depends only on the program text, not run-time behavior
 - ChocoPy has static scope
- A few languages are dynamically scoped
 - Lisp, Perl
 - Lisp has changed to mostly static scoping
 - Scope depends on execution of the program

Static Scoping Example

```
x: bool = False
w: str = ""
u: int = 0
# global y # error
# nonlocal z # error
# global x # error
def f(x: int) -> int:
    global u
    y: int = 1
# print(w) # error
def g(x: int) -> int:
```

```
    nonlocal y
    global u
    # nonlocal x #error
    y = 9
    print (u)
    print (x)

    print(x)
    print (y)

f(1)
print (x)
print (y)
```

Scope in ChocoPy

- ChocoPy identifier names are introduced by
 - Class declarations
 - Attribute definitions
 - Method definitions
 - Variable declarations
 - Function definitions
 - Formal parameters

Namespace of attributes and methods is different from the rest

Implementing the Most-Closely Nested Rule

- Much of semantic analysis can be expressed as a recursive descent of an AST
 - Process an AST node n
 - Process the children of n
 - Finish processing the AST node n

Implementing . . . (Cont.)

- Example: the scope of **parameter** bindings is one subtree

def f(x: int) -> object: block

- **x** can be used in subtree **block**

Symbol Tables

- Consider again: `def f(x: int) -> object: block`
- Idea:
 - Before processing `block`, add definition of `x` to current definitions, overriding any other definition of `x`
 - After processing `block`, remove definition of `x` and restore old definition of `x`
- A *symbol table* is a data structure that tracks the current bindings of identifiers

Scope in ChocoPy (Cont.)

- Not all kinds of identifiers follow the most-closely nested rule
- For example, class definitions in ChocoPy
 - Cannot be nested
 - Are *globally visible* throughout the program
- In other words, a class name can be used before it is defined
 - except when you inherit
 - If B inherits A, then A must defined before B

Example: Use Before Definition

```
class Foo (object):
```

```
    x: "Bar" = None
```

```
class Bar (object):
```

```
    ...
```


More Scope (Cont.)

- Method and attribute names have complex rules
- A method need not be defined in the class in which it is used, but in some parent class
- Methods may be redefined (overridden)
 - If they have the same signature in the subclass (except the type of the first parameter)
- Attributes cannot be redefined in a subclass

Class Definitions

- Class names can be used before being defined
- We can't check this property
 - using a symbol table
 - or even in one pass
- Solution
 - Pass 1: Gather all class names
 - Pass 2: Do the checking
- Semantic analysis requires multiple passes
 - Probably more than two

Scopes - Summary

- Scoping rules match uses of identifiers with their declarations
 - Static scoping is the most common form
- Scoping rules can be implemented using symbol tables
 - In one or more passes over the AST

Semantic checks

- Variable, attribute, function, method, and formal parameter names in a scope cannot conflict with each other
- All class names are distinct, and any such name cannot conflict with any other identifier
- nonlocal x: make sure x is defined in an outer scope other than the global scope
- global x: make sure x is defined in the global scope
- If a class A is inherited by B, then A must be defined before B
- If you assign to a variable or use it as the ID in a for loop, then the variable must either be annotated with global or nonlocal, or must be declared explicitly as a local variable in the current scope
- Type int, str, or bool cannot be superclass of any class

Semantic checks

- If a variable is not declared locally, or is not global or nonlocal, then the variable cannot be assigned
- All paths in a method or function must have at most one return statement
 - If a path does not have a return statement, assume that it returns None
 - In a `__init__` method, all paths must return None implicitly or explicitly
- A class cannot override an attribute defined in any of its superclass
- The first parameter of any method in a class `C` must have the type `C`
- If a method, say `m1`, overrides a method, say `m2`, in a super class, then both methods must have the same signature except for the type of the first parameter
- `__init__` method must have exactly one formal parameter

Semantic checks

- No return statement unless you are in the body of a method or function

Types

- What is a type?
 - The notion varies from language to language
- Consensus
 - A set of values
 - A set of operations on those values
- Classes are one instantiation of the modern notion of type

Types and Operations

- Most operations are legal only for values of some types
 - It doesn't make sense to add a function pointer and an integer in C
 - It does make sense to add two integers
 - But both have the same assembly language implementation!

Type Systems

- A language's type system specifies which operations are valid for which types
- The goal of type checking is to ensure that operations are used with the correct types
 - Enforces intended interpretation of values, because nothing else will!
- Type systems provide a concise formalization of the semantic checking rules

Type Checking Overview

- Three kinds of languages:
 - *Statically typed*: All or almost all checking of types is done as part of compilation (C, Java, ChocoPy)
 - *Dynamically typed*: Almost all checking of types is done as part of program execution (Scheme, Python)
 - *Untyped*: No type checking (machine code)

The Type Wars

- Competing views on static vs. dynamic typing
- Static typing proponents say:
 - Static checking catches many programming errors at compile time
 - Avoids overhead of runtime type checks
- Dynamic typing proponents say:
 - Static type systems are restrictive
 - Rapid prototyping easier in a dynamic type system

The Type Wars (Cont.)

- In practice, most code is written in statically typed languages with an “escape” mechanism
 - Unsafe casts in C, native methods in Java, unsafe modules in Modula-3

Type Checking in ChocoPy

Outline

- Type concepts in ChocoPy
- Notation for type rules
 - Logical rules of inference
- ChocoPy type rules
- General properties of type systems

ChocoPy Types

- The types are:
 - Class names
 - object, int, str, and bool are builtin class names
 - List of a type
 - Note: there are no base types (as int in Java)
- The user declares types for all identifiers
- The compiler infers types for expressions
 - Infers a type for *every* sub-expression

Type Inference

- Type Checking is the process of checking that the program obeys the type system
- Often involves inferring types for parts of the program
 - Some people call the process type inference when inference is necessary

Rules of Inference

- We have seen two examples of formal notation specifying parts of a compiler
 - Regular expressions (for the lexer)
 - Context-free grammars (for the parser)
- The appropriate formalism for type checking is logical rules of inference

Why Rules of Inference?

- Inference rules have the form
If Hypothesis is true, then Conclusion is true
- Type checking computes via reasoning
If E_1 and E_2 have certain types, then E_3 has a certain type
- Rules of inference are a compact notation for “If-Then” statements

From English to an Inference Rule

- The notation is easy to read (with practice)
- Start with a simplified system and gradually add features
- Building blocks
 - Symbol \wedge is “and”
 - Symbol \Rightarrow is “if-then”
 - $x:T$ is “ x has type T ”

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$(e_1: \text{int} \wedge e_2: \text{int}) \Rightarrow e_1 + e_2: \text{int}$

From English to an Inference Rule (3)

The statement

$$(e_1: \text{int} \wedge e_2: \text{int}) \Rightarrow e_1 + e_2: \text{int}$$

is a special case of

$$(\text{Hypothesis}_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \text{Hypothesis}_n) \Rightarrow \text{Conclusion}$$

This is an inference rule

Notation for Inference Rules

- By tradition inference rules are written

$$\frac{\vdash \text{Hypothesis}_1 \quad \dots \quad \vdash \text{Hypothesis}_n}{\vdash \text{Conclusion}}$$

- ChocoPy type rules have hypotheses and conclusions of the form:

$$\vdash e : T$$

- \vdash means “we can prove that e has type T ”

Two Rules

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$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdash e_1 : \text{int} \\ \vdash e_2 : \text{int} \end{array}}{\vdash e_1 + e_2 : \text{int}} \quad [\text{add}]$$

Two Rules (Cont.)

- These rules give templates describing how to type integers and $+$ expressions
- By filling in the templates, we can produce complete typings for expressions
- Example: $1+2$

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$$\frac{\frac{}{\vdash 1 : \text{int}} \quad \frac{}{\vdash 2 : \text{int}}}{\vdash 1 + 2 : \text{int}}$$

Soundness

- A type system is sound if
 - Whenever $\vdash e : T$
 - Then e evaluates to a value of type T
- We only want sound rules
 - But some sound rules are better than others:

$$\frac{}{\vdash i : \text{object}} \quad (i \text{ is an integer constant})$$

Type Checking Proofs

- Type checking proves facts $e : T$
 - One type rule is used for each kind of expression
- In the type rule used for a node e :
 - The hypotheses are the proofs of types of e 's subexpressions
 - The conclusion is the proof of type of e

Rules for Constants

$\frac{}{\vdash \text{False} : \text{bool}}$	[bool-false]	
$\frac{}{\vdash \text{True} : \text{bool}}$	[bool-true]	
$\frac{}{\vdash s : \text{str}}$	[str]	(s is a string constant)
$\frac{}{\vdash i : \text{int}}$	[int]	(i is an integer constant)
$\frac{}{\vdash \text{None} : \text{object}}$	[none]	

Arithmetic operations

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \vdash e_1 : \text{int} \\ \vdash e_2 : \text{int} \end{array}}{\vdash e_1 + e_2 : \text{int}} \quad [\text{add}]$$

Same for other operators $*, -, //, \%$

$$\frac{\vdash e : \text{int}}{\vdash -e : \text{int}} \quad [\text{negate}]$$

Comparison operations

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \vdash e_1 : \text{int} \\ \vdash e_2 : \text{int} \end{array}}{\vdash e_1 < e_2 : \text{bool}} \quad [\text{less}]$$

Same for \geq , \leq , $<$, $>$, $==$, $!=$

Boolean operations

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \vdash e_1 : \text{bool} \\ \vdash e_2 : \text{bool} \end{array}}{\vdash e_1 \text{ and } e_2 : \text{bool}} \quad [\text{and}]$$

Same for `or`, `==`, `!=`

$$\frac{\vdash e : \text{bool}}{\vdash \text{not } e : \text{bool}} \quad [\text{not}]$$

String operations

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \vdash e_1 : \text{str} \\ \vdash e_2 : \text{str} \end{array}}{\vdash e_1 + e_2 : \text{str}} \quad [\text{str-concat}]$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \vdash e_1 : \text{str} \\ \vdash e_2 : \text{int} \end{array}}{\vdash e_1[e_2] : \text{str}} \quad [\text{str-select}]$$

String operations

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdash e_1 : \text{str} \\ \vdash e_2 : \text{str} \end{array}}{\vdash e_1 == e_2 : \text{bool}} \quad [\text{str-compare}]$$

$$\frac{\vdash e : \text{str}}{\vdash \text{len}(e) : \text{int}} \quad [\text{str-len}]$$

Comparison operations non int, str, or bool

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdash e_1 : T_1 \\ \vdash e_2 : T_2 \\ T_1, T_2 \text{ are not int, str, or bool} \end{array}}{\vdash e_1 \text{ is } e_2 : \text{bool}} \quad [\text{is}]$$

Rule for New (will revisit later)

If T is a class, $T()$ produces an object of type T

$$\frac{}{\vdash T() : T} \quad [\text{new}]$$

Notation for Inference Rules for Statements

- By tradition inference rules are written

$$\frac{\vdash \text{Hypothesis}_1 \quad \dots \quad \vdash \text{Hypothesis}_n}{\vdash \text{Conclusion}}$$

- ChocoPy statements have no type, but they should type check:

$\vdash s$

- means “we can prove that s type checks”

If-Then-Else Rule

$\vdash e_0 : \text{bool}$

$\vdash b_0$

$\vdash e_1 : \text{bool}$

$\vdash b_1$

.

.

$\vdash b_n$

[if-elif-else]

$\vdash \text{if } e_0 : b_0 \text{ elif } e_1 : b_1 \dots \text{ else: } b_n$

While Rule

$\vdash e : \text{bool}$

$\vdash b$

[while]

$\vdash \text{while } e : b$

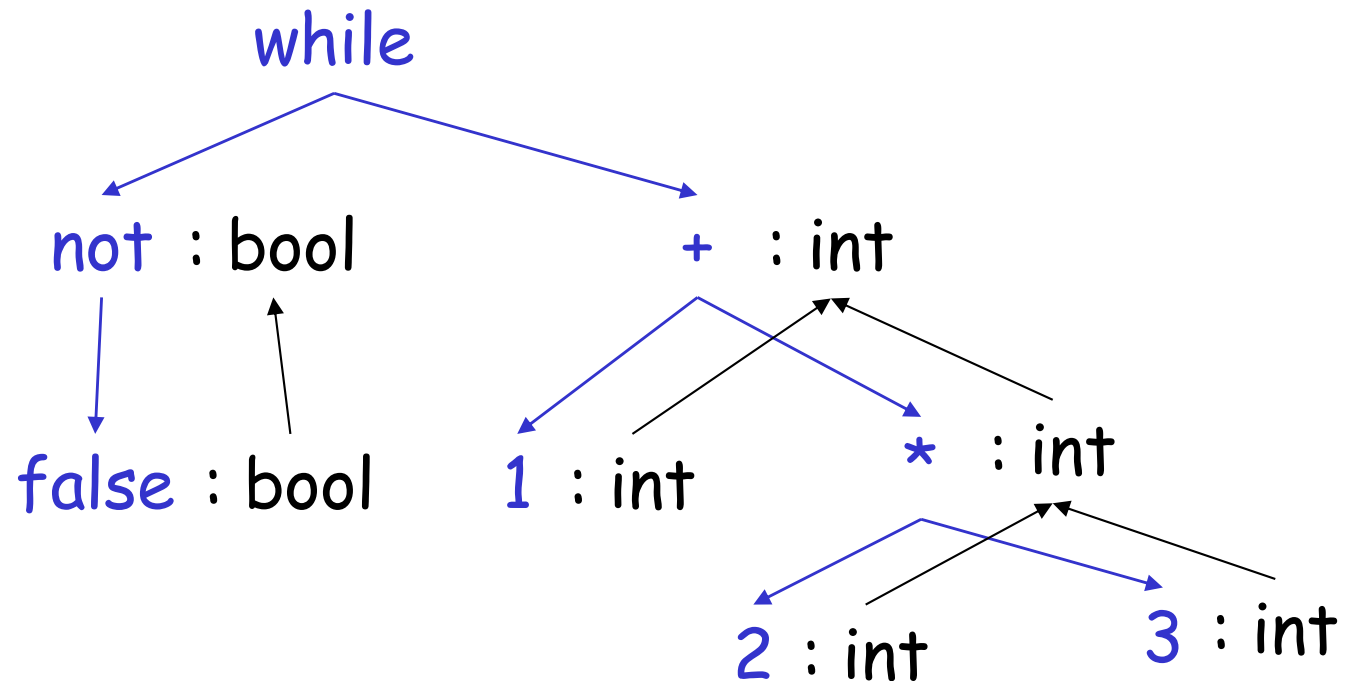
Consider the Rules

$$\frac{\vdash e : \text{bool}}{\vdash \text{not } e : \text{bool}} \quad [\text{not}]$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdash e_1 : \text{bool} \\ \vdash b \end{array}}{\vdash \text{while } e_1 : b} \quad [\text{while}]$$

Typing: Example

- Typing for `while not False: 1 + 2 * 3`



Typing Derivations

- The typing reasoning can be expressed as an inverted tree:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\vdash \text{False} : \text{bool}}}{\vdash \text{not False} : \text{bool}} \quad \frac{\frac{}{\vdash 1 : \text{int}} \quad \frac{\frac{\vdash 2 : \text{int} \quad \vdash 3 : \text{int}}{\vdash 2 * 3 : \text{int}}}{\vdash 1 + 2 * 3 : \text{int}}}{\vdash \text{while not False: } 1 + 2 * 3}$$

- The root of the tree is the statement
- Each node is an instance of a typing rule
- Leaves are the rules with no hypotheses

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- This rule does not have enough information to give a type.
 - We need a hypothesis of the form “*we are in the scope of a declaration of x with type T* ”)

A Solution: Put more information in the rules!

- *A type environment gives types for free variables*
 - A type environment is a mapping from Identifiers to Types
 - A variable is free in an expression if:
 - The expression contains an occurrence of the variable that refers to a declaration outside the expression
 - E.g. in the expression “*x*”, the variable “*x*” is free
 - E.g. in “*def f(x : int) -> int: return x + f(y)*” only “*y*” is free, but “*x*” and “*f*” are not

Type Environments and Modified Type Judgement (expressions)

Let O be a function from Identifiers to Types

The sentence $O \vdash e : T$

is read: Under the assumption that variables in the current scope have the types given by O , it is provable that the expression e has the type T

Modified Type Judgement (statements)

Let O be a function from **Identifiers** to **Types**

The sentence $O \vdash s$

is read: Under the assumption that variables in the current scope have the types given by O , it is provable that s type checks

The Variable Read Rule

$$\frac{O(id) = T \quad [var-read]}{O \vdash id : T}$$

Modified Rules

The type environment is added to the earlier rules:

$$\frac{}{O \vdash i : \text{int}} \quad [\text{int}] \quad (i \text{ is an integer})$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} O \vdash e_1 : \text{int} \\ O \vdash e_2 : \text{int} \end{array}}{O \vdash e_1 + e_2 : \text{int}} \quad [\text{add}]$$

While Rule

$O \vdash e : \text{bool}$

$O \vdash b$

$O \vdash \text{while } e : b$

[while]

The Variable Assignment Rule

$$\begin{array}{l} O(\text{id}) = T \\ O \vdash e_1 : T \end{array}$$

$$O \vdash \text{id} = e_1 : T$$

[var-assign]

Weak rule for assignment

- Consider the example:

```
class C (P):
```

```
    ...
```

```
    x : P = None
```

```
    x = C()
```

```
    ...
```

- The previous rule does not allow this code
 - We say that the rule is too weak

Subtyping

- Define a relation $X \leq Y$ on classes to say that:
 - An object of type X could be used when one of type Y is acceptable, or equivalently
 - X conforms with Y
 - In ChocoPy this means that X is a subclass of Y
- Define a relation \leq on classes
 - $X \leq X$
 - $X \leq Y$ if X inherits from Y
 - $X \leq Z$ if $X \leq Y$ and $Y \leq Z$

Expressiveness of Static Type Systems

- A static type system enables a compiler to detect many common programming errors
- The cost is that some correct programs are disallowed
 - Some argue for dynamic type checking instead
 - Others argue for more expressive static type checking
- But more expressive type systems are also more complex

Dynamic And Static Types

- The dynamic type of an object is the class C that is used in the “ $C()$ ” expression that creates the object
 - A run-time notion
 - Even languages that are not statically typed have the notion of dynamic type
- The static type of an expression is a notation that captures all possible dynamic types the expression could take
 - A compile-time notion

Dynamic and Static Types. (Cont.)

- In early type systems the set of static types correspond directly with the dynamic types
- Soundness theorem: for all expressions E
$$\text{dynamic_type}(E) = \text{static_type}(E)$$

(in all executions, E evaluates to values of the type inferred by the compiler)
- This gets more complicated in advanced type systems

Dynamic and Static Types in ChocoPy

```
class A:
    ...
class B (A):
    ...
x: A = None;
x = A();
...
x = B ();
...
```

x has static type A

Here, x's value has dynamic type A

Here, x's value has dynamic type B

- A variable of static type **A** can hold values of static type **B**, if $B \leq A$

Dynamic and Static Types

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Why is this Ok?

- For E , compiler uses $\text{static_type}(E)$ (call it C)
- All operations that can be used on an object of type C can also be used on an object of type $C' \leq C$
 - Such as fetching the value of an attribute
 - Or invoking a method on the object
- Subclasses can only add attributes or methods
- Methods can be redefined but with same type !

The Variable Assignment Rule

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} O(\text{id}) = T \\ O \vdash e_1 : T_1 \\ T_1 \leq T \end{array}}{O \vdash \text{id} = e_1 : T_1} \quad [\text{var-assign}]$$

The Variable Init Rule

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} O(\text{id}) = T \\ O \vdash e_1 : T_1 \\ T_1 \leq T \end{array}}{O \vdash \text{id} : T = e_1} \quad [\text{var-init}]$$

For Rule

$$O \vdash e : [T_1]$$
$$O(\text{id}) = T$$
$$O \vdash b$$

[for-other]

$$T_1 \leq T$$

$$O \vdash \text{for id in } e : b$$

For Rule for str

$$O \vdash e : \text{str}$$
$$O(\text{id}) = T$$
$$O \vdash b$$

[for-str]

$$\text{str} \leq T$$

$$O \vdash \text{for id in } e : b$$

List operations

$$\frac{\vdash e : [T]}{\vdash \text{len}(e) : \text{int}} \quad [\text{list-len}]$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \vdash e_1 : [T] \\ \vdash e_2 : \text{int} \end{array}}{\vdash e_1[e_2] : T} \quad [\text{list-select}]$$

List assignment

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \vdash e_1 : [T] \\ \vdash e_2 : \text{int} \\ \vdash e_3 : T_1 \\ T_1 \leq T \end{array}}{\vdash e_1[e_2] = e_3 : T_1} \quad [\text{list-assign}]$$

List operations

 $\vdash e_1 : T_1$ $\vdash e_2 : T_2$ \dots $\vdash e_n : T_n$

[list-literal]

 $\vdash [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n] : [???$ $\vdash e_1 : [T_1]$ $\vdash e_2 : [T_2]$

[list-concat]

 $\vdash e_1 + e_2 : [???$

Least Upper Bounds

- $\text{lub}(X, Y)$, the least upper bound of X and Y , is Z if
 - $X \leq Z \wedge Y \leq Z$
 Z is an upper bound
 - $X \leq Z' \wedge Y \leq Z' \Rightarrow Z \leq Z'$
 Z is least among upper bounds
- In ChocoPy, the least upper bound of two types is their least common ancestor in the inheritance tree

List operations

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdash e_1 : T_1 \\ \vdash e_2 : T_2 \\ \dots \\ \vdash e_n : T_n \end{array}}{\vdash [e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n] : [\text{lub}(T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n)]} \quad [\text{list-literal}]$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdash e_1 : [T_1] \\ \vdash e_2 : [T_2] \end{array}}{\vdash e_1 + e_2 : [\text{lub}(T_1, T_2)]} \quad [\text{list-concat}]$$

Function Invocation

- The type information about a function is stored in the type environment O

$$O(f) = \{\$ret:T_0, x_1:T_1, \dots, x_n:T_n, v_1:T'_1, \dots, v_m:T'_m\}$$

- means function f is of the form

$$f(x_1:T_1, \dots, x_n:T_n) \rightarrow T_0: \dots$$

- v_1, \dots, v_m being the local variables and functions bound in the local scope of f

The Function Invocation Rule

$$O \vdash e_1 : T''_1$$

$$O \vdash e_2 : T''_2$$

...

$$O \vdash e_n : T''_n$$

$$O(f) = \{\$ret:T_0, x_1:T_1, \dots, x_n:T_n, v_1:T'_1, \dots, v_m:T'_m\}$$

$$\text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n: T''_i \leq T_i$$

[invoke]

$$O \vdash f(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) : T_0$$

Function Definition Rule

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} O(f) = \{\$ret:T_0, x_1:T_1, \dots, x_n:T_n, v_1:T'_1, \dots, v_m:T'_m\} \\ O[T_1/x_1] \dots [T_n/x_n][T'_1/v_1] \dots [T'_m/v_m] \vdash b \end{array}}{O \vdash \text{def } f(x_1:T_1, \dots, x_n:T_n) \rightarrow T_0 : b} \quad [\text{fun-def}]$$

$O[T_0/x]$ means “ O modified to map x to T_0 and behaving as O on all other arguments”:

$$\begin{array}{l} O[T_0/x](x) = T_0 \\ O[T_0/x](y) = O(y) \end{array}$$

Function Rules: Examples

- Consider the following ChocoPy class definitions

```
class A (object): def a(self: A) -> int: return 0  
class B (A): def b(self: B) -> int: return 1
```

- An instance of **B** has methods “a” and “b”
- An instance of **A** has method “a”
 - A type error occurs if we try to invoke method “b” on an instance of **A**

Wrong Function Invocation Rule (I)

- Now consider another hypothetical rule:

$$\begin{array}{c} O \vdash e_1 : T''_1 \\ O(f) = \{\$ret:T_0, x_1:T_1\} \\ T_1 \leq T''_1 \end{array}$$

$$O \vdash f(e_1) : T_0$$

[invoke]

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[invoke]

- How is it different from the correct rule?
- The following bad program is well typed

```
def f(x : B) -> int: x.b()  
f(A())
```

- Why is this program bad?

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- The following good program does not typecheck

`def f(x : int) -> int: return x + 1`

Comments

- The typing rules use very concise notation
- They are very carefully constructed
- Virtually any change in a rule either:
 - Makes the type system unsound
(bad programs are accepted as well typed)
 - Or, makes the type system less usable
(good programs are rejected)
- But some good programs will be rejected anyway
 - The notion of a good program is undecidable

Return Statement Rule

$O \vdash e : T$

???

$O \vdash \text{return } e$ [return]

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Function Definition Rule

$$O(f) = \{\$ret:T_0, x_1:T_1, \dots, x_n:T_n, v_1:T'_1, \dots, v_m:T'_m\}$$
$$O[T_1/x_1, \dots, T_n/x_n, T'_1/v_1, \dots, T'_m/v_m], T_0 \vdash b$$

$$O, R \vdash \text{def } f(x_1:T_1, \dots, x_n:T_n) \rightarrow T_0 : b$$

[fun-def]

Return Statement Rule

$$O, R \vdash e : T$$
$$T \leq R$$

$$O, R \vdash \text{return } e$$
$$[\text{return-}e]$$

The Variable Assignment Rule for None

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} O(id) = T \\ T \text{ is not int, str, or bool} \end{array}}{O, R \vdash id = \text{None} : T} \quad [\text{var-assign-none}]$$

The Variable Init Rule for None

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} O(id) = T \\ T \text{ is not int, str, or bool} \end{array}}{O, R \vdash id: T = \text{None}} \quad [\text{var-init-none}]$$

List assignment with None

$O, R \vdash e_1 : [T]$

$O, R \vdash e_2 : \text{int}$

T is not `int`, `str`, or `bool`

$O, R \vdash e_1[e_2] = \text{None} : T$ [list-assign-none]

The Function Invocation Rule with None

$$O, R \vdash e_1 : T'_1$$

$$O, R \vdash e_2 : T'_2$$

...

$$O, R \vdash e_n : T'_n$$

$$O(f) = \{\$ret:T_0, x_1:T_1, \dots, x_n:T_n, v_1:T'_1, \dots, v_m:T'_m\}$$

for $1 \leq i \leq n$:

$$T'_i \leq T_i \text{ or } (e_i = \text{None and } T_i \text{ is not int, str, or bool)}$$

[invoke]

$$O \vdash f(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) : T_0$$

Return Statement Rule

$$\begin{array}{c} O, R \vdash e : T \\ T \leq R \end{array}$$

$$O, R \vdash \text{return } e$$

[return-e]

$$R \text{ is not int, str, or bool}$$

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[return-none]

$$R \text{ is not int, str, or bool}$$

$$O, R \vdash \text{return}$$

[return]

The Variable Assignment Rule for []

$$O(id) = [T]$$

$$\frac{}{O, R \vdash id = [] : [T]} \quad [\text{var-assign-nil}]$$

List assignment with []

$O, R \vdash e_1 : [[T]]$

$O, R \vdash e_2 : \text{int}$

$O, R \vdash e_1[e_2] = [] : [T]$ [list-assign-nil]

The Function Invocation Rule with None and []

$$O, R \vdash e_1 : T'_1$$
$$O, R \vdash e_2 : T'_2$$
$$\dots$$
$$O, R \vdash e_n : T'_n$$
$$O(f) = \{\$ret:T_0, x_1:T_1, \dots, x_n:T_n, v_1:T'_1, \dots, v_m:T'_m\}$$

for $1 \leq i \leq n$:

$T''_i \leq T_i$ or $(e_i = \text{None and } T_i \text{ is not int, str, or bool})$ or \cdot [invoke]

$(e_i = [] \text{ and } T_i \text{ is a list type})$

$$O, R \vdash f(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) : T_0$$

Return Statement Rule

$$O, R \vdash e : T$$
$$T \leq R$$

$$O, R \vdash \text{return } e$$

[return-e]

$$O, [T] \vdash \text{return } []$$

[return-none]

Method Dispatch

- In ChocoPy, methods and attributes live in different name spaces than variable identifiers, class names, and function names
- In the type rules, this is reflected by a separate mapping M for method signatures and attribute types

$$M(C, f) = \{\$ret:T_0, x_1:T_1, \dots, x_n:T_n, v_1:T'_1, \dots, v_m:T'_m\}$$

- means in class C there is a method f
- $f(x_1:T_1, \dots, x_n:T_n) \rightarrow T_0: \dots$
- v_1, \dots, v_m being the local variables and functions defined in the top-level scope of f

$$M(C, a) = T$$

- means in class C there is an attribute a of type T

An Extended Typing Judgment

- Now we have two environments O and M
- The form of the typing judgment for expressions is

$$O, M, C, R \vdash e : T$$

read as: “with the assumption that the variable identifiers have types as given by O and the method/attribute identifiers have signatures as given by M , the expression e occurring in the body of class C and method/function whose return type is R has type T ”

- The form of the typing judgment for statements is

$$O, M, C, R \vdash s$$

read as: “with the assumption that the variable identifiers have types as given by O and the method/attribute identifiers have signatures as given by M , the statement s occurring in the body of C and method/function whose return type is R type checks”

The Method/Attribute Environment

- The method/attribute environment must be added to all rules
- In most cases, M is passed down but not actually used
 - Example of a rule that does not use M :

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} O, M, C, R \vdash e_1 : \text{int} \\ O, M, C, R \vdash e_2 : \text{int} \end{array}}{O, M, C, R \vdash e_1 + e_2 : \text{int}} \quad [\text{add}]$$

- Only the dispatch and attribute related rules use M

The Attribute Read Rule

$$O, M, C, R \vdash e_1 : T_1$$
$$M(T_1, \text{id}) = T_0$$

[attr-read]

$$O, M, C, R \vdash e_1.\text{id} : T_0$$

The Attribute Init Rule

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} M(C, \text{id}) = T \\ O, M, C, R \vdash e_1 : T_1 \\ T_1 \leq T \end{array}}{O, M, C, R \vdash \text{id} : T = e_1} \quad [\text{attr-init}]$$

Similarly add rules for None

The Attribute Assignment Rule

$$O, M, C, R \vdash e_0 : T_0$$
$$M(T_0, \text{id}) = T$$
$$O, M, C, R \vdash e_1 : T_1$$
$$T_1 \leq T$$

[attr-assign]

$$O, M, C, R \vdash e_0.\text{id} = e_1 : T_1$$

Similarly add rules for None

The Method Dispatch Rule

$$O, M, C, R \vdash e_1 : T''_1$$
$$O, M, C, R \vdash e_2 : T''_2$$
$$\dots$$
$$O, M, C, R \vdash e_n : T''_n$$
$$M(T''_1, f) = \{\$ret:T_0, x_1:T_1, \dots, x_n:T_n, v_1:T'_1, \dots, v_m:T'_m\}$$
$$T''_1 \leq T_1$$

[dispatch]

for $2 \leq i \leq n$:

$$T''_i \leq T_i \text{ or } (e_i = \text{None and } T_i \text{ is not int, str, or bool)}$$

$$O, M, C, R \vdash e_1.f(e_2, \dots, e_n) : T_0$$

Method Definition Rule

$$\begin{array}{c} M(C, f) = \{\$ret:T_0, x_1:T_1, \dots, x_n:T_n, v_1:T'_1, \dots, v_m:T'_m\} \\ O[T_1/x_1, \dots, T_n/x_n, T'_1/v_1, \dots, T'_m/v_m], M, C, T_0 \vdash b \\ C = T_1 \end{array}$$

$$O, M, C, R \vdash f(x_1:T_1, \dots, x_n:T_n) \rightarrow T_0 : b$$

[method-def]

__init__ Definition Rule

$$\begin{aligned} M(C, \text{__init__}) &= \{\$ret:T_0, x_1:T_1, v_1:T'_1, \dots, v_m:T'_m\} \\ O[T_1/x_1, T'_1/v_1, \dots, T'_m/v_m], M, C, C &\vdash b \\ C &= T_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$O, M, C, R \vdash \text{def } \text{__init__}(x_1:T_1) \rightarrow C : b$$

[init-def]

Type Systems

- The rules in these lecture were ChocoPy-specific
 - Other languages have very different rules
- General themes
 - Type rules are defined on the structure of expressions
 - Types of variables are modeled by an environment
- Types are a play between flexibility and safety