The Core Wyvern Language

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1 The Simplest Core Language

This language is a simply typed lambda calculus (chapter 9) with records and recursion (chapter 11), references (chapter 13), subtyping (chapter 15), and iso-recursive types (chapters 20 and 21). This is completely standard, using rules straight from Pierce. Type semantics are iso-recursive, with explicit fold/unfold constructs. In practice we will fold automatically on record creation, and unfold automatically on field access; this will be handled when compiling higher-level languages down to this language. Finally, the soundness proofs and required lemmas need to be written out but should be straightforward. Note that we avoided the need for Unit Type by making the type of assignment match the type of the expression being assigned and the value of the assignment execution to be the value being assigned.

Definition 1 (Store Typing). A store S is well-typed, written $\Gamma|\Sigma \vdash S$ iff $dom(\Sigma) = dom(S)$ and $\forall l \in dom(S) : \Gamma|\Sigma \vdash S(l) : \Sigma(l)$.

Theorem 1 (Preservation). *If* $\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash e : \tau$ *and* $\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash S$ *and* $e | S \leadsto e' | S'$, *then* $\exists \Sigma' \supseteq \Sigma$ *such that* $\Gamma | \Sigma' \vdash e' : \tau$ *and* $\Gamma | \Sigma' \vdash S'$.

Proof. [TODO: Should be straightforward from Pierce. Requires subsumption and other lemmas.]

Theorem 2 (Progress). Suppose e is a closed, well-typed term (that is, $\emptyset | \Sigma \vdash e:\tau$ for some τ and Σ). Then either e is a value or else, for any store S such that $\emptyset | \Sigma \vdash S$, there is some e' and S' with $e | S \leadsto e' | S'$.

Proof. [TODO: Should be straightforward from Pierce.]

Figure 1: Lambda Calculus with Extensions

$$\frac{M \vdash \tau <: \tau}{M \vdash \tau <: \tau} \; S\text{-Refl} \; \frac{M \vdash \tau_1 <: \tau_2 \quad M \vdash \tau_2 <: \tau_3}{M \vdash \tau_1 <: \tau_3} \; S\text{-Trans}$$

$$\frac{M \vdash \tau_3 <: \tau_1 \quad M \vdash \tau_2 <: \tau_4}{M \vdash \tau_1 \to \tau_2 <: \tau_3 \to \tau_4} \; S\text{-Arrow}$$

$$\frac{M \vdash \{f_i : \tau_i^{i \in 1 \dots n + k}\} <: \{f_i : \tau_i^{i \in 1 \dots n}\}}{M \vdash \{f_i : \tau_i^{i \in 1 \dots n}\}} \; S\text{-RcdWidth}$$

$$\frac{\text{for each } i \; M \vdash \tau_i <: \tau'_i}{M \vdash \{f_i : \tau_i^{i \in 1 \dots n}\} <: \{f_i : \tau_i'^{i \in 1 \dots n}\}} \; S\text{-RcdDepth}$$

$$\frac{\{f_j : \tau_j^{j \in 1 \dots n}\} \text{ is a permutation of } \{f'_i : \tau_i'^{i \in 1 \dots n}\}}{M \vdash \{f_j : \tau_j^{j \in 1 \dots n}\} <: \{f'_i : \tau_i'^{i \in 1 \dots n}\}} \; S\text{-RcdPerm}$$

$$\frac{M \vdash \tau <: \tau' \quad M \vdash \tau' <: \tau}{M \vdash \text{ref } \tau <: \text{ref } \tau'} \; S\text{-Ref}$$

$$\frac{M, t <: t' \vdash \tau <: \tau'}{M \vdash \mu t . \tau <: \mu t' . \tau'} \; S\text{-Amber} \; \frac{t <: t' \in M}{M \vdash t <: t'} \; S\text{-Assumption}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \mid \Sigma \vdash e : \tau' \quad \emptyset \vdash \tau' <: \tau}{\Gamma \mid \Sigma \vdash e : \tau} \; T\text{-Sub}$$

Figure 2: Subtyping Rules

$$\frac{x : \tau \in \Gamma}{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash x : \tau} \ T\text{-}Var$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \tau_1 | \Sigma \vdash e_2 : \tau_2}{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash \lambda x : \tau_1 . e_2 : \tau_1 \to \tau_2} \ T\text{-}Abs \ \frac{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash e_1 : \tau_{11} \to \tau_{12} \quad \Gamma | \Sigma \vdash e_2 : \tau_{11}}{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash e_1 (e_2) : \tau_{12}} \ T\text{-}App$$

$$\frac{\text{for each } i \quad \Gamma | \Sigma \vdash e_i : \tau_i}{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash \{f_i = e_i \mid i \in 1...n\}} \ T\text{-}Rcd \ \frac{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash e_1 : \{f_i : \tau_i \mid i \in 1...n\}}{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash e_1 : f_j : \tau_j} \ T\text{-}Proj$$

$$\frac{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \quad \Gamma, x : \tau_1 | \Sigma \vdash e_2 : \tau_2}{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash \text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 : \tau_2} \ T\text{-}Let \ \frac{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \to \tau_1}{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash \text{fix } e_1 : \tau_1} \ T\text{-}Fix$$

$$\frac{\Sigma(l) = \tau}{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash l : \text{ref } \tau} \ T\text{-}Loc \ \frac{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash e : \tau}{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash \text{alloc } e : \text{ref } \tau} \ T\text{-}Alloc \ \frac{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash e : \text{ref } \tau}{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash l : \tau} \ T\text{-}Deref$$

$$\frac{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash e_1 : \text{ref } \tau}{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash e_1 : e_2 : \tau} \ T\text{-}Assign$$

$$\frac{\tau = \mu t . \tau_1 \quad \Gamma | \Sigma \vdash e : [t \mapsto \tau] \tau_1}{\Gamma | \Sigma \vdash \text{fold}[\tau] \ e : \tau} \ T\text{-}Unfold$$

Figure 3: Typing Rules (Static Semantics)

$$\frac{e_1|S \leadsto e'_1|S'}{e_1(e_2)|S \leadsto e'_1(e_2)|S'} \ E\text{-}App1 \quad \frac{e_2|S \leadsto e'_2|S'}{v_1(e_2)|S \leadsto v_1(e'_2)|S'} \ E\text{-}App2$$

$$\overline{(\lambda x : \tau.e) v |S \leadsto [x \mapsto v]e|S} \ E\text{-}AppAbs$$

$$\frac{e_j|S \leadsto e'_j|S'}{\{f_i = v_i \stackrel{i \in 1...j-1}{i \in 1..j-1}, f_j = e_j, f_k = e_k \stackrel{k \in j+1...n}{k \in j+1...n}\}|S|} \ E\text{-}Rcd$$

$$\leadsto \{f_i = v_i \stackrel{i \in 1...j-1}{i \in 1..j-1}, f_j = e'_j, f_k = e_k \stackrel{k \in j+1...n}{k \in j+1...n}\}|S'$$

$$\frac{e|S \leadsto e'|S'}{e.f|S \leadsto e'.f|S'} \ E\text{-}Proj \quad \overline{\{f_i = v_i \stackrel{i \in 1...n}{i \in 1...n}\}.f_j|S \leadsto v_j|S}} \ E\text{-}ProjRcd$$

$$\overline{\text{let } x = v \text{ in } e|S \leadsto [x \mapsto v]e|S} \ E\text{-}LetV \quad \overline{\text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2|S \leadsto \text{let } x = e'_1 \text{ in } e_2|S}} \ E\text{-}Let$$

$$\overline{\text{fix}(\lambda : \tau_1.e_2)|S \leadsto [x \mapsto (\text{fix}(\lambda : \tau_1.e_2)]e_2|S} \ E\text{-}FixBeta \quad \frac{e|S \leadsto e'|S'}{\text{fix } e|S \leadsto \text{fix } e'|S'} \ E\text{-}Fix$$

$$\frac{l \notin dom(S)}{\text{alloc } v|S \leadsto l|(S, l \mapsto v)} \ E\text{-}AllocV \quad \overline{\text{alloc } e|S \leadsto \text{e'}|S'}} \ \overline{\text{fix } e|S \leadsto \text{fix } e'|S'} \ E\text{-}Alloc$$

$$\frac{S(l) = v}{|t|S \leadsto v|S} \ E\text{-}DerefLoc \quad \frac{e|S \leadsto e'|S'}{|e|S \leadsto |e'|S'} \ E\text{-}Deref \quad \overline{l} := v|S \leadsto v|[l \mapsto v]S} \ E\text{-}Assign$$

$$\frac{e_1|S \leadsto e'_1|S'}{e_1 := e_2|S \leadsto e'_1 := e_2|S'} \ E\text{-}Assign1 \quad \frac{e_2|S \leadsto e'_2|S'}{e_1 := e_2|S \leadsto e'_1 := e'_2|S'} \ E\text{-}Assign2$$

$$\frac{e|S \leadsto e'|S'}{\text{fold}[\tau] \ e'|S'} \ E\text{-}Fold \quad \overline{\text{unfold}[\tau] \ e'|S'} \ E\text{-}Unfold$$

$$\overline{\text{unfold}[\tau](\text{fold}[\tau_1] \ v)|S \leadsto v|S} \ E\text{-}UnfoldFold}$$

Figure 4: Evaluation Rules (Dynamic Semantics)

2 A Method-Based Language

This language is the lambda calculus with iso-recursive types and mutable objects. It enforces the uniform access principle. It also encapsulates state within objects. The differences vs. the core language are as follows:

Contribution: OO language that is closest to lambda calculus, while enforcing the uniform access principle and encapsulating state.

- Distinguishes the "internal" type of a receiver that is known within a
 method, which contains both methods and mutable fields, from types
 that can be written in the external language, which only contain methods.
- Encodes references as mutable fields.
- Uses different operations for field dereference vs. method call

justify lazy eval: otherwise m acts as a field, we want computation and the uniform access principle

In the rules below, the context Δ contains types and their signatures. The context Γ contains variables and their types. The judgement Δ ; Γ ; $\sigma \vdash e : \tau$ states that from the type context Δ , the variable context Γ and the surrounding type σ , we deduce that e is of type τ .

T-new probably needs to change to fold the result type.

Note: recursively bound occurrences in an internal type (σ) are of an external type. That is, the language does not support a "thistype".

[TODO: Ligia: Give translation rules to core 1. Need T-type rule. Need store and store type. Need subtyping. Where is μ used in the typing rules? show off: classes are first class(but point out distinction from smalltalk)- write one example, enforces uniform access principle; related work]

Figure 5: Featherweight Wyvern Syntax

2.1 Example Program in the Method-Based Language

The code below uses **val** for readability; assume **val** x = e1; e2 is equivalent to (**fn** x => e2) (e1). We also use **fn** x: **type** => e in place of $\lambda x:\tau.e$, and we write **rec** for μ .

2.2 Translation of the Program to the Core Language

We assume global type abbreviations because the translated code would be unintelligible without thenm. They can be eliminated by capture-avoiding substitution. We also assume val declarations, which can be encoded with

$$\frac{x:\tau\in\Gamma}{\Gamma\vdash x:\tau}\ T\text{-}varx$$

$$\frac{\Delta;\Gamma;x:\tau\vdash e:\tau_1}{\Delta;\Gamma\vdash \lambda x:\tau e::\tau\to\tau_1}\ T\text{-}abs$$

$$\frac{\Delta;\Gamma\vdash e:\tau_1\to\tau_2}{\Delta;\Gamma\vdash e(e_1):\tau_2}\ T\text{-}appl$$

$$\frac{\Gamma;\sigma\vdash\overline{d}:\overline{\sigma_d}\ \sigma=\{\overline{\sigma_d}\}\ \overline{\tau_d}\subseteq\overline{\sigma_d}\ T\text{-}new}{\Gamma\vdash new\ \sigma\{\overline{d}\}:\{\overline{\tau_d}\}}\ T\text{-}new$$

$$\frac{\Delta;\Gamma\vdash e:\sigma\ \sigma=\{\mathbf{var}\ f:\tau_1,\ldots\}}{\Delta;\Gamma\vdash e.f:\tau_1}\ T\text{-}field$$

$$\frac{\Delta;\Gamma\vdash e:\sigma\ \sigma=\{\mathbf{var}\ f:\tau_1=e_1,\ldots\}\ \Delta;\Gamma\vdash e_2:\tau_1\ T\text{-}assign}{\Delta;\Gamma\vdash e.f:\tau=e_2:\tau_1}\ T\text{-}assign}$$

$$\frac{\Delta;\Gamma\vdash e:\tau\ \tau=\{\ldots\text{meth}\ m:\tau_1=e_1,\ldots\}}{\Delta;\Gamma\vdash e.m:\tau_1}\ T\text{-}meth2$$

$$\frac{\Delta;\Gamma\vdash e:\tau\ \Delta;\Gamma\vdash d}{\Delta;\Gamma;\sigma\vdash \mathbf{var}\ f:\tau=e::\mathbf{var}\ f:\tau;d}\ DT\text{-}var$$

$$\frac{\Delta;\Gamma;this:\sigma\vdash e:\tau\ \Delta;\Gamma\vdash d}{\Delta;\Gamma;\sigma\vdash \mathbf{meth}\ m:\tau=e::\mathbf{meth}\ m:\tau;d}\ DT\text{-}meth$$

$$\frac{\Delta;\Gamma\vdash e:t1\ \Delta;\Gamma;t:\{\overline{\tau_d},t1\}\vdash d\ t1:\{\overline{\tau_d}\}\ DT\text{-}typedef}{\Delta;\Gamma\vdash \mathbf{type}\ t=\{\overline{\tau_d},\mathbf{attributes}=e\};d}\ DT\text{-}typedef$$

$$\frac{\Gamma\vdash [\tau/t]d}{\Gamma\vdash \mathbf{type}\ t=\{\tau\};d}\ DT\text{-}typeabbrev}{T\text{-}pemeth}$$

Figure 6: Static Semantics Rules Core 2

$$\frac{\tau_1 <: \tau_2 \quad \tau_2 <: \tau_3}{\tau_1 <: \tau_3} \quad T\text{-}trans}$$

$$\frac{\tau_1 <: \tau_2 \quad \tau_2 <: \tau_3}{\tau_1 <: \tau_3} \quad T\text{-}trans}$$

$$\frac{\{\text{meth } m_i : \tau_i^{i \in 1..n+k}\} <: \{\text{meth } m_i : \tau_i^{i \in 1..n}\}}{\{\text{meth } m_i : \tau_i^{i \in 1..n}\}} \quad T\text{-}RcdWidth}$$

$$\frac{\{\text{meth } m_i : \tau_i^{i \in 1..n}\} <: \{\text{meth } m_i : \tau_i^{i \in 1..n}\}}{\{\text{meth } m_j : \tau_j^{j \in 1..n}\}} \quad \text{sea permutation of } \{\text{meth } m'_i : \tau_i^{i \in 1..n}\}}{\{\text{meth } m_j : \tau_j^{j \in 1..n}\} <: \{\text{meth } m'_i : \tau_i^{i \in 1..n}\}} \quad T\text{-}RcdPerm}$$

$$\frac{\tau_3 <: \tau_1 \quad \tau_2 <: \tau_4}{\tau_1 \to \tau_2 <: \tau_3 \to \tau_4} \quad T\text{-}Arrow}$$

$$\frac{\tau_1 <: \tau_2}{\text{meth } m : \tau_1 <: \text{meth } m : \tau_2} \quad T\text{-}SubMeth}$$

$$\frac{\tau_1 <: \tau_1}{\text{var} f : \tau_1 <: \text{var} f : \tau_1} \quad T\text{-}SubVar}$$

$$\frac{\sigma_1 <: \sigma_2}{\text{new} \sigma_1 \{\overline{d_1}\} <: \text{new} \sigma_2 \{\overline{d_2}\}} \quad T\text{-}SubNew}$$

Figure 7: Subtyping Rules Core 2

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\begin{array}{rcl} trans(\mathbf{meth}\ m:\tau) &\equiv & m:\mathbf{unit} \to \tau \\ trans(\mathbf{var}\ f:\tau) &\equiv & f:\mathbf{ref}\ \tau \\ trans(\mathbf{meth}\ m:\tau=e;\overline{d}) &\equiv & m:\tau=\pmb{\lambda}_{-}:\mathbf{unit}.trans(e); \\ trans(\overline{d}) &\equiv & f:\tau:=\mathbf{alloc}\ trans(e); \\ trans(e) &\equiv & (\mathbf{unfold}\ trans(e)).m() \\ trans(\mathbf{new}\ \{\overline{d}\}) &\equiv & (\mathbf{unfold}\ trans(e)).m() \\ trans(\mathbf{new}\ \{\overline{d}\}) &\equiv & (\mathbf{trans}(\overline{d})\} \\ &\qquad &\qquad & (\mathbf{trans}(\overline{d})\} \\ &\qquad &\qquad &\qquad & (\mathbf{trans}(e)) &\equiv & (\mathbf{trans}(e)).f \\ trans(e) &\equiv & trans(e).f = trans(e_1) \\ trans(\mathbf{type}\ t=\{\overline{\tau_d}\};\overline{d}) &\equiv & trans([\pmb{\mu}t.trans(\overline{\tau_d})/t]\overline{d}) \\ \end{array}
```

Figure 8: Translation from Featherweight Wyvern to the Extended Lambda Calculus

functions and function calls.

```
1 type unit = {} //standard prelude
2 type t { add : int -> t }
4 type ti { f : ref int
      add : int -> t }
7 val 0 =
     letrec this : ti = {
       add = fn _ : unit => fn x : int =>
         this.f = !this.f + x
10
         fold[t] this
11
       f = alloc 1
12
     } in fold[t] this
13
14
15 val o3 = (unfold[t] o).add()(2)
   Tasks:
```

- write a rewriting rule for new expressions, translating methods to lambdas, translating types appropriately, and translating vars to refs
- give complete rewriting rules (R*) to the core language

- prove that well-typed source programs translate to well-typed core programs. Is it possible to prove a property related to the uniform access principle and/or state encapsulation?
- argue this is OO in the sense of Cook. Since the body of a method is evaluated on every access to an object, it seems to qualify.

3 Example Factorial

```
1 type t { meth factorial : int -> t }
2 type ti { var f : int
     meth factorial : int -> t }
 val o : t = new ti
    var f : int = 1
   type t3 { int -> t }
   meth factorial : t3 =
    fn x : int =>
                  if x>1
            this.f = x * (factorial(x-1)).f
10
                 else
11
                      this.f = 1
12
       this
```

Figure 9: Syntax of Featherweight Wyvern with Classes

4 A Class-Based Language

This version adds classes and shows how to rewrite them in terms of more primitive constructs. It is a true subset of the real Wyvern language.

Note that {} are used in the abstract syntax as an abbreviation for an indented block.

Figure 10: Static Semantics Rules Core 3

```
trans(\mathbf{class}\ c\ \{\overline{cd};\overline{d}\}) \equiv \mathbf{type}\ c = \tau_i;\ \mathbf{var}\ c:\tau_c = e where \tau_c = \{\overline{\mathbf{meth}\ m:\tau}\} where \mathbf{meth}\ m:\tau \in \tau_c iff \mathbf{class}\ \mathbf{meth}\ m:\tau = e \in \overline{cd} \tau_i = \{\overline{\mathbf{meth}\ m:\tau}\} where \mathbf{meth}\ m:\tau = e\} \{\overline{\mathbf{meth}\ m:\tau} = e \in \overline{d}_{cl}\} where \mathbf{meth}\ m:\tau = e \in \overline{d}_{cl}\} where \mathbf{meth}\ m:\tau = e \in \overline{d}_{cl}\} iff \mathbf{class}\ \mathbf{meth}\ m:\tau = e \in \overline{cd}\} and \mathbf{var}\ f:\tau = e \in \overline{cd}\} iff \mathbf{class}\ \mathbf{var}\ f:\tau = e \in \overline{cd}\} \{\overline{d'_{cl}} = [\mathbf{new}\ \{\overline{d}\ \oplus \overline{d'}\}\ /\ \mathbf{new}\ \{\overline{d'}\}\}] \overline{d'_{cl}} = trans(\overline{d'_{cl}}) e = \mathbf{new}\{\overline{d''_{cl}}\}
```

Figure 11: Translation of a Class from FWC to FW

```
1 class Option
    var quantity : int = 0
    var price : int = 0
    meth exercise : int =
       this.quantity * this.price
    class var totalQuantityIssued : int = 0
    class meth issue : int -> int -> Option =
       fn q : int =>
         fn p : int =>
10
           totalQuantityIssued =
11
              totalQuantityIssued + q
12
13
             var quantity : int = q
14
              var price : int = p
15
var optn : Option = Option.issue(100, 50)
18 var ret : int = optn.exercise
```

Figure 12: An Option Class in Featherweight Wyvern with Classes

4.1 Example Program and Translation by Darya

```
1 type Option =
    meth exercise : int
4 type OptionC =
    meth issue : int -> int -> Option
7 var Option : OptionC =
    new
       var totalQuantityIssued : int = 0
       meth issue : int -> int -> Option =
10
         fn q : int =>
11
            fn p : int =>
12
              totalQuantityIssued =
                totalQuantityIssued + q
14
              new
                var quantity : int = q
16
                var price : int = p
17
                meth exercise : int =
18
                  this.quantity * this.price
21 var optn : Option = Option.issue(100, 50)
var ret : int = optn.exercise
```

Figure 13: Option Class Translated to Featherweight Wyvern

```
1 type t
    meth add : int -> t
    meth get : int
5 class C
    var f : int
7 meth add : int -> c =
      fn x : int =>
         this.f = this.f + x
         this
10
meth get : int
meth equals : c -> bool =
      fn other : c =>
13
         this.f == other.get // cannot access other.f in type c
14
                     // because this core doesn't support ADTs
15
class var nc : int = 1
    class meth make : int -> c =
17
      fn x:int =>
18
        nc = nc + 1
19
        new
20
            var f:int = x
21
           meth get : int = this.f
22
23
val o : c = c.make(4)
25 val o2 : t = o.add(2)
26 var x6 : int = o.get
```

Figure 14: Example Program in Featherweight Wyvern

4.2 Example Program in the Class-Based Language (By Jonathan)

4.3 Translation of the Program to the Core Method-Based Language (By Jonathan)

Limitations: this language only supports objects, not ADTs. For ADTs we need bounded type members.

```
type t = rec t2.
     meth add : int -> t2
     meth get : int
5
  type c = rec c2.
     meth add : int -> c2
     meth get : int
     meth equals : c2 -> bool
  type c_internal = rec ci2. // not necessary, but a convenient abbreviation
11
     var f : int
     meth add : int -> c
     meth get : int
13
     meth equals : c -> bool
14
15
  type c_class = rec cl2. // not necessary
16
     meth make : int -> c
17
18
  type c_class_internal = rec cli2. // not necessary
19
     var nc : int
20
     meth make : int -> c
21
22
  val c : c_class
23
     = new c_class_internal
24
       var nc : int = 1
       meth make : int -> c =
26
          fn x:int =>
27
            nc = nc + 1
28
            new c_internal
               var f : int = x
30
31
               meth get : int = this.f
               meth add : int -> c =
32
                  fn x : int =>
33
                    this.f = this.f + x
34
                    this
35
               meth equals : c -> bool =
                  fn other : c =>
37
                    this.f == other.get // cannot access other.f in type c
40 val o : c = c.make(4)
41 val o2 : t = o.add(2)
42 var x6 : int = o.get
```

Figure 15: Example Program in FW Translated to OO Core without Classes

4.4 Tasks

- write some examples!
- define stripClass, rewriteNew, and a way of computing τ_i
- add lots of conveniences as sugar
- in rule R-class, meth c needs to return the same object each time, so cache it in a field.
- give complete rewriting rules (R*) to the core language
- give complete typing rules, and prove that well-typed source programs translate to well-typed core programs. Is it possible to prove a property related to the uniform access principle and/or state encapsulation?
- consider "class type t = ..."
- no abstract class members
- no class class members because a class is always a class member; if you want a class in an object use a val + type

Figure 16: Featherweight Wyvern Module Syntax

5 Module System

This language extends the method-based language with a simple module system.

6 Example

WRITE ME!!!

7 Next Steps

Things to add, in approximate order:

- 1. prop in types, and field syntax for dereference/assignment of properties (sugar; easy)
- 2. classes, class members, and letrec (mostly sugar, but letrec will need to be added to the core as it cannot be done by translation—or can it? may need to stop and implement type members and type parameters)
- 3. type members and type parameters (affects core; requires pure methods)
- 4. option types (sugar)
- 5. abstract types, with and without type bounds; class members in types (as sugar)

Longer-term considerations, in approximate order:

- 1. tags, pattern matching, and tag tests (need singleton types affects core)
- 2. modules (design not yet clear)
- 3. inheritance, delegation, or another reuse mechanism (design not yet clear)
- 4. formalizing the concrete syntax, and translation into abstract syntax (indentation)