# (Deep) Induction Rules for GADTs

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#### Abstract

Deep data types are those that are defined in terms of other such data types, including, possibly, themselves. In that case, they are said to be truly nested. Deep induction is an extension of structural induction that traverses all of the structure in a deep data type, propagating predicates on its primitive data throughout the entire structure. Deep induction can be used to prove properties of nested types, including truly nested types, that cannot be proved via structural induction. In this paper we show how to extend deep induction to deep GADTs that are not truly nested. We also show that deep induction cannot be extended to truly nested GADTs.

#### 1 Introduction

Induction is one of the most important techniques available for working with advanced data types, so it is both inevitable and unsurprising that it plays an essential role in modern proof assistants. In the proof assistant Coq [7], for example, functions and predicates over advanced types are defined inductively, and almost all non-trivial proofs of their properties are either proved by induction outright or rely on lemmas that are. Every time a new inductive type is declared in Coq an induction rule is automatically generated for it.

The inductive data types handled by Coq include (possibly mutually inductive) polynomial algebraic data types (ADTs), and the induction rules Coq generates for them are the expected ones for standard structural induction. It has long been understood, however, that these rules are too weak to be genuinely useful for deep ADTs [15], i.e., ADTs that are (possibly mutually inductively) defined in terms of (other) such ADTs. <sup>1</sup> The following data type of rose trees, here coded in Agda and defined in terms of the standard type List of lists (see Section 2), is a deep ADT:

data Rose : Set  $\rightarrow$  Set where empty :  $\forall \{A : Set\} \rightarrow Rose A$ node :  $\forall \{A : Set\} \rightarrow A \rightarrow List (Rose A) \rightarrow Rose A$ 

The induction rule Coq automatically generates for (the analogous Coq defintion of) rose trees is

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\forall (A : Set) (P : Rose A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow P empty \rightarrow (\forall (a : A) (ts : List (Rose A)) \rightarrow P (node a ts)) \rightarrow \forall (x : Rose A) \rightarrow Px
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Unfortunately, this is neither the induction rule we intuitively expect, nor is it expressive enough to prove even basic properties of rose trees that ought to be amenable to inductive proof. What is needed here is an enhanced notion of induction that, when specialized to rose trees, will propagate the predicate P through the outer list structure and to the rose trees sitting inside node's list argument. More generally, this enhanced notion of induction should traverse all of the layers present in a data structure, propagating suitable predicates to all of the data it contains. With data types becoming ever more advanced, and with deeply structured such types becoming increasingly ubiquitous in formalizations, it is critically important that proof assistants are able to automatically generate genuinely useful induction rules for data types that go well beyond traditional ADTs. Such data types include not just deep ADTs, but also (truly  $^2$ ) nested types [3], generalized algebraic data types (GADTs) [4,18,20,23], more richly indexed families [5], and deep variants of all of these.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A data type is *deep* if it is (possibly mutually inductively) defined in terms of other such data types (including, possibly, itself).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A truly nested type is a nested type that is defined over itself. The data type Bush in Section 2 provides a concrete example.

Deep induction [15] is a generalization of structural induction that fits this bill exactly. Whereas structural induction rules induct over only the top-level structure of data, leaving any data internal to the top-level structure untouched, deep induction rules induct over all of the structured data present. The key idea is to parameterize induction rules not just over a predicate over the top-level data type being considered, but also over additional custom predicates on the types of primitive data they contain. These custom predicates are then lifted to predicates on any internal structures containing these data, and the resulting predicates on these internal structures are lifted to predicates on any internal structures containing structures at the previous level, and so on, until the internal structures at all levels of the data type definition, including the top level, have been so processed. Satisfaction of a predicate by the data at one level of a structure is then conditioned upon satisfaction of the appropriate predicates by all of the data at the preceding level.

Deep induction was shown in [15] to deliver induction rules appropriate to deep nested types, including deep ADTs. For the deep ADT of rose trees, for example, it gives the following genuinely useful induction rule:

$$\forall (A : Set) (P : Rose A \rightarrow Set) (Q : A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow P \text{ empty } \rightarrow$$

$$(\forall (a : A) (ts : List (Rose A)) \rightarrow Q \text{ a } \rightarrow List^{\land} (Rose A) P \text{ ts } \rightarrow P \text{ (node a ts)}) \rightarrow$$

$$\forall (x : Rose A) \rightarrow Rose^{\land} A Q x \rightarrow P x$$

$$(1)$$

Here, List^ (resp., Rose^) lifts its predicate argument P (resp., Q) on data of type Rose A (resp., A) to a predicate on data of type List(Rose A) (resp., Rose A) asserting that P (resp., Q) holds for every element of its list (resp., rose tree) argument. Deep induction was also shown in [15] to deliver the first-ever induction rules — structural or otherwise — for the Bush data type [3] and other truly nested types. Deep induction for ADTs and nested types is reviewed in Section 2 below.

This paper shows how to extend deep induction to proper GADTs, i.e., to GADTs that are not simply nested types, and thus are not ADTs. A constructor for such a GADT G may, like a constructor for a nested type, take as arguments data whose types involve instances of G other than the one being defined — including instances that involve G itself. But if G is a proper GADT then at least one of its constructors will also have such a structured instance of G — albeit one not involving G itself — as its codomain. For example, the constructor pair for the GADT

data Seq : Set 
$$\rightarrow$$
 Set where  
const :  $\forall \{A : Set\} \rightarrow A \rightarrow Seq A$  (2)  
pair :  $\forall \{A : Set\} \rightarrow Seq A \rightarrow Seq B \rightarrow Seq (A \times B)$ 

of sequences <sup>4</sup> only constructs sequences of pairs, rather than sequences of arbitrary type, as does const. If one or more of the constructors for a GADT G return structured instances of G, then the GADT will have two distinct, but equally natural, semantics: a functorial semantics interpreting it as a left Kan extension [16], and a parametric semantics interpreting it as the interpretation of its Church encoding [1,22]. As detailed in [13], a key difference in the two semantics is that the former views GADTs as their functorial completions [14], and thus as containing more data than just those expressible in syntax. By contrast, the latter views them as what might be called syntax-only GADTs. Happily, these two views of GADTs coincide for those GADTs that are ADTs or other nested types. However, both they and their attendant properties differ greatly for proper GADTs. In fact, the functorial and parametric semantics for proper GADTs are sufficiently disparate that, by contrast with the semantics customarily given for ADTs and other nested types [2,9,12], it is not actually possible to define a functorial parametric semantics for them [13].

This observation seems, at first, to be a death knell for the prospect of extending deep induction to GADTs. Indeed, induction can be seen as unary parametricity, so we quickly realize that GADTs viewed as their functorial completions cannot possibly support induction rules. This makes sense intuitively: induction is a syntactic proof technique, so of course it cannot be used to prove properties of those elements of a GADT's functorial completion that are not expressible in syntax. All is not lost, however. As we show below, the syntax-only view of GADTs determined by their Church encodings does support induction rules — including deep induction rules — for GADTs. Indeed, this paper gives the first-ever induction rules — deep or otherwise — for proper GADTs. But it actually delivers far more: it gives a general framework for deriving deep induction rules for deep GADTs directly from their syntax. This framework can serve as a basis for extending modern proof assistants' automatic generation of structural induction rules for ADTs to automatic generation of deep induction rules for GADTs. In addition, as for ADTs and other nested types, the structural induction rule for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Predicate liftings such as List^ and Rose^ can either be supplied as primitives or generated automatically from their associated data type definitions as described in Section 2 below. The predicate lifting for a container type like List t or Roset simply traverses containers of that type and applies its predicate argument pointwise to the constituent data of type t.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The type of Seq is actually Set  $\rightarrow$  Set<sub>1</sub>, but to aid readability we elide the explicit tracking of Agda universe levels in this paper.

any GADT can be recovered from its deep induction rule simply by taking the custom predicates in its deep induction rule to be constantly True-valued (i.e., constantly T-valued) predicates.

Significantly, deep induction rules for GADTs cannot be derived by somehow extending the approach of [15] to syntax-only GADTs. Indeed, the approach taken there makes crucial use of the functoriality of data types interpretations from [14], and functoriality is precisely what interpreting GADTs as the interpretations of their Church encodings fails to deliver. Our approach is to instead first give a predicate lifting styled after those of [15], together with a (deep) induction rule, for the simplest — and arguably most important — GADT, namely the equality GADT. (See Section 4.1.) We then derive the deep induction rule for a more complex GADT G by i) using the equality GADT to represent G as its so-called Henry Ford encoding [4,10,17,19,20], and ii) using the predicate liftings for the equality GADT, and any other GADTs appearing in the definition of G, to appropriately thread the custom predicates for the primitive types appearing in G throughout G's structure. This two-step process delivers deep induction rules for a very general class of deep GADTs. In Section 3 we introduce a series of increasingly complex GADTs as running examples, and in Section 4 we derive a deep induction rule for each of them. In particular, we derive the deep induction rule for the Seq data type in (2) in Section 4.2. We present our general framework for deriving (deep) induction rules for (deep) GADTs in Section 5, and observe that the derivations in Section 4 are all instances of it. In Section 6 we show that, by contrast with truly nested types, which do have a functorial semantics, syntax-only GADTs' lack of functoriality means that it is not possible to extend induction — deep or otherwise — to truly nested GADTs. This does not appear to be much of a restriction, however, since GADTs defined over themselves do not, to our knowledge, appear in practice or in the literature. Section 7 comprises a case study in using deep induction. All of the deep induction rules appearing in this paper have been derived by instantiating our general framework. Our Agda code implementing them is available at [11].

Additional Related Work Various techniques for deriving induction rules for data types that go beyond ADTs have been studied. For example, Fu and Selinger [8] show, via examples, how to derive induction rules for arbitrary nested types. Unfortunately, however, their technique is rather ad hoc, so is unclear how to generalize it to nested types other than the specific ones studied there. Moreover, [8] actually derives induction rules for data types related to the original nested types rather than for the original nested types themselves, and it is unclear whether or not the derived rules are sufficiently expressive to prove all results about the original nested types that we would expect to be provable by induction. This latter point echoes the issue with Coq-derived induction rule for rose trees raised in Section 1, which has the unfortunate effect of forcing users to manually write induction (and other) rules for such types for use in that system. Tassi [21] derives induction rules for data type definitions in Coq using unary parametricity. His technique seems to be essentially equivalent to that of [14] for nested types, although he does not permit true nesting. More recently, Ullrich [24] has implemented a plugin in MetaCoq to generate induction rules for nested types. This plugin is also based on unary parametricity and true nesting still is not permitted. As far as we know, no attempts have been made to extend either implementation to truly nested types or proper GADTs or their deep variants. In fact, we know of no work other than that reported here that specifically addresses induction rules for such data types.

## 2 Deep induction for ADTs and nested types

A structural induction rule for a data type allows us to prove that if a predicate holds for every element inductively produced by the data type's constructors then it holds for every element of the data type. In this paper, we are interested in induction rules for proof-relevant predicates. A proof-relevant predicate on A:Set is a function  $P:A\to Set$  mapping each a:A to the set of proofs that Pa holds. For example, the structural induction rule for the list type

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\label{eq:data_list} \begin{split} \mathsf{data} \ \mathsf{List} : \mathsf{Set} \to \mathsf{Set} \ \mathsf{where} \\ \mathsf{nil} \quad : \ \forall \{\mathsf{A} : \mathsf{Set}\} \to \mathsf{List} \, \mathsf{A} \\ \mathsf{cons} : \ \forall \{\mathsf{A} : \mathsf{Set}\} \to \mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{List} \, \mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{List} \, \mathsf{A} \end{split} is \forall (\mathsf{A} : \mathsf{Set})(\mathsf{P} : \mathsf{List} \, \mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{Set}) \to \mathsf{P} \, \mathsf{nil} \to \big( \forall (\mathsf{a} : \mathsf{A})(\mathsf{as} : \mathsf{List} \, \mathsf{A}) \to \mathsf{P} \, \mathsf{as} \to \mathsf{P} \, (\mathsf{cons} \, \mathsf{a} \, \mathsf{as}) \big) \to \forall (\mathsf{as} : \mathsf{List} \, \mathsf{A}) \to \mathsf{P} \, \mathsf{as} \end{split}
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As in Coq's induction rule for rose trees, the data inside a structure of type List is treated monolithically (i.e., is ignored) by this structural induction rule. By contrast, the deep induction rule for lists is parameterized over a custom predicate Q on A. For List^ as described in the introduction the deep induction rule for lists is

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\forall (A : Set)(P : List A \rightarrow Set)(Q : A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow P \text{ nil} \rightarrow (\forall (a : A)(as : List A) \rightarrow Q \text{ a} \rightarrow P \text{ as} \rightarrow P (cons \text{ a} \text{ as})) \rightarrow (as : List A) \rightarrow List^{\land} A Q \text{ as} \rightarrow P \text{ as} \rightarrow P \text{ as})
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Structural induction can be extended to nested types, such as the following type of perfect trees [3]:

data PTree : Set  $\rightarrow$  Set where pleaf :  $\forall \{A : Set\} \rightarrow A \rightarrow PTree A$  pnode :  $\forall \{A : Set\} \rightarrow PTree (A \times A) \rightarrow PTree A$ 

Perfect trees can be thought of as lists constrained to have lengths that are powers of 2. In the above code, the constructor pnode uses data of type PTree (A × A) to construct data of type PTree A. Thus, it is clear that the instances of PTree at various indices cannot be defined independently, and that the entire inductive family of types must therefore be defined at once. This intertwinedness of the instances of nested types is reflected in their structural induction rules, which, as explained in [15], must necessarily involve polymorphic predicates rather than the monomorphic predicates appearing in structural induction rules for ADTs. The structural induction rule for perfect trees, for example, is

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 \forall (P : \forall (A : Set) \rightarrow PTree A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow (\forall (A : Set)(a : A) \rightarrow PA(pleafa)) \rightarrow (\forall (A : Set)(pp : PTree (A \times A)) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(p : PTree A) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(pp : PTree A) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(pp : PTree A) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(pp : PTree A) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(pp : PTree A) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(pp : PTree A) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(pp : PTree A) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(pp : PTree A) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(pp : PTree A) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(pp : PTree A) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(pp : PTree A) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(pp : PTree A) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(pp : PTree A) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(pp : PTree A) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(pp : PTree A) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp) \rightarrow PA(pnode pp)
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The deep induction rule for perfect trees similarly uses polymorphic predicates but otherwise follows the now-familiar pattern:

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\forall (P : \forall (A : Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow PTree A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow (\forall (A : Set)(Q : A \rightarrow Set)(a : A) \rightarrow Q \ a \rightarrow P \ A \ Q \ (pleaf \ a)) \rightarrow (\forall (A : Set)(Q : A \rightarrow Set)(pp : PTree \ (A \times A)) \rightarrow P \ (A \times A) \ (Pair^A \ A \ Q \ Q) \ pp \rightarrow P \ A \ Q \ (pnode \ pp)) \rightarrow (A : Set)(Q : A \rightarrow Set)(p : PTree \ A) \rightarrow PTree^A \ A \ Q \ p \rightarrow P \ A \ Q \ p
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Here,  $Pair^{\wedge}: \forall (A \ B: Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow A \times B \rightarrow Set$  lifts predicates  $Q_A$  on data of type A and  $Q_B$  on data of type B to a predicate on pairs of type  $A \times B$  in such a way that  $Pair^{\wedge}A \ B \ Q_A \ Q_B \ (a,b) = Q_A \ a \times Q_B \ b$ . Similarly,  $PTree^{\wedge}: \forall (A: Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow PTree \ A \rightarrow Set$  lifts a predicate Q on data of type A to a predicate on data of type  $PTree \ A$  asserting that Q holds for every element of type A contained in its perfect tree argument.

It is not possible to extend structural induction to truly nested types, i.e., to nested types whose recursive occurrences appear below themselves. The quintessential example of such a type is that of bushes  $^{5}$  [3]:

data Bush : Set  $\rightarrow$  Set where  $bnil : \forall \{A : Set\} \rightarrow Bush A$   $bcons : \forall \{A : Set\} \rightarrow A \rightarrow Bush (Bush A) \rightarrow Bush A$ 

Even defining a structural induction rule for bushes requires that we be able to lift the rule's polymorphic predicate argument to Bush itself. The more general observation that an induction rule for any truly nested type must therefore necessarily be a deep induction rule was, in fact, the original motivation for the development of deep induction in [15]. The deep induction rule for bushes is

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 \forall (P : \forall (A : Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow Bush A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow (\forall (A : Set) (Q : A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow PAQbnil) \rightarrow (\forall (A : Set)(Q : A \rightarrow Set)(a : A)(bb : Bush (Bush A)) \rightarrow Qa \rightarrow P(Bush A)(PAQ)bb \rightarrow PAQ(bcons a bb)) \rightarrow (A : Set)(Q : A \rightarrow Set)(b : Bush A) \rightarrow Bush^AQb \rightarrow PAQb
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Here,  $Bush^{\wedge}: \forall (A:Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow Bush A \rightarrow Set$  is the following lifting of a predicate Q on data of type A to a predicate on data of type Bush A asserting that Q holds for every element of type A contained in its argument bush:

$$Bush^{\wedge} A Q bnil = \top$$

$$Bush^{\wedge} A Q (bcons a bb) = Q a \times Bush^{\wedge} (Bush A) (Bush^{\wedge} A Q) bb$$

Although a truly nested type admits only a single induction rule, it is worth noting that for those nested types that do admit distinct structural induction and deep induction rules, the latter always generalize the former. Indeed, the structural induction rule for each such nested type is recoverable from its deep induction rule by taking the custom predicates on its data of primitive types to be constantly T-valued predicates. This instantiation ensures that the resulting induction rule only inspects the top-level structure of its argument, rather than the contents of that structure, which is exactly what structural induction should do.

 $<sup>^{5}</sup>$  To define truly nested types in Agda we must use the NO\_POSITIVITY\_CHECK flag. A similar flag is required in Coq.

## 3 (Deep) GADTs

While a data constructor for a nested type can take as arguments data whose types involve instances of that type at indices other than the one being defined, its return type must still be at the (variable) type instance being defined. For example, each of pleaf and pnode returns an element of type PTree A regardless of the instances of PTree appearing in the types of its arguments. GADTs relax this restriction, allowing their data constructors both to take as arguments and return as results data whose types involve instances other than the one being defined. That is, GADTs' constructors' return type instances can, like that of pair in (2), be structured.

GADTs are used in precisely those situations in which different behaviors at different instances of data types are desired. This is achieved by allowing the programmer to give the type signatures of the GADT's data constructors independently, and then taking advantage of pattern matching to force the desired type refinement. For example, the equality GADT

data Equal : Set 
$$\rightarrow$$
 Set  $\rightarrow$  Set where refl :  $\forall \{A : Set\} \rightarrow$  Equal A A

is parameterized by two type indices, but it is only possible to construct data elements of type Equal AB if A and B are instantiated at the same type. If the types A and B are syntactically identical then the type Equal AB contains the single data element refl. It contains no data elements otherwise.

The importance of the equality GADT lies in the fact that we can understand other GADTs in terms of it. For example, the GADT Seq from (2) comprises constant sequences of data of any type A and sequences obtained by pairing the data in two already existing sequences. This GADT can be rewritten as its Henry Ford encoding [4,10,17,19,20], which makes critical use of the equality GADT, as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{data Seq} : & \mathsf{Set} \to \mathsf{Set} \text{ where} \\ & \mathsf{const} : \ \forall \left\{ \mathsf{A} : \mathsf{Set} \right\} \to \mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{Seq} \, \mathsf{A} \\ & \mathsf{pair} \quad : \ \forall \left\{ \mathsf{A} : \mathsf{Set} \right\} \to \forall \left( \mathsf{BC} : \mathsf{Set} \right) \to \mathsf{Equal} \, \mathsf{A} \left( \mathsf{B} \times \mathsf{C} \right) \to \mathsf{Seq} \, \mathsf{B} \to \mathsf{Seq} \, \mathsf{C} \to \mathsf{Seq} \, \mathsf{A} \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Here, the requirement that pair produce data at an instance of Seq that is a product type is replaced with the requirement that pair produce data at an instance of Seq that is equal to a product type. As we will see in Section 4, this encoding in terms of the equality GADT is key to deriving deep induction rules for GADTs.

Neither Equal nor Seq is a deep GADT, but the following GADT LTerm, inspired by [6], is. It encodes terms of a simply typed lambda calculus. More robust variations on LTerm are, of course, possible, but this variation is rich enough to illustrate all essential aspects of deep GADTs — and later, in Section 4.3, their deep induction rules — while still being small enough to ensure clarity of exposition.

Types are either booleans, arrow types, or list types. They are represented by the Henry Ford GADT

data LType : Set  $\rightarrow$  Set where bool :  $\forall \{A : Set\} \rightarrow \forall (B : Set) \rightarrow \text{Equal A Bool} \rightarrow \text{LType A}$  arr :  $\forall \{A : Set\} \rightarrow \forall (B C : Set) \rightarrow \text{Equal A } (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow \text{LType B} \rightarrow \text{LType C} \rightarrow \text{LType A}$  list :  $\forall \{A : Set\} \rightarrow \forall (B : Set) \rightarrow \text{Equal A } (\text{List B}) \rightarrow \text{LType B} \rightarrow \text{LType A}$ 

Terms are either variables, abstractions, applications, or lists of terms. They are similarly represented by

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data LTerm : Set \rightarrow Set where  \text{var} \ : \ \forall \{A: \mathsf{Set}\} \rightarrow \mathsf{String} \rightarrow \mathsf{LType} \ A \rightarrow \mathsf{LTerm} \ A \\  \text{abs} \ : \ \forall \{A: \mathsf{Set}\} \rightarrow \forall (B \ C: \mathsf{Set}) \rightarrow \mathsf{Equal} \ A \ (B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow \mathsf{String} \rightarrow \mathsf{LType} \ B \rightarrow \mathsf{LTerm} \ C \rightarrow \mathsf{LTerm} \ A \\  \text{app} \ : \ \forall \{A: \mathsf{Set}\} \rightarrow \forall (B: \mathsf{Set}) \rightarrow \mathsf{LTerm} \ (B \rightarrow A) \rightarrow \mathsf{LTerm} \ B \rightarrow \mathsf{LTerm} \ A \\  \text{list} \ : \ \forall \{A: \mathsf{Set}\} \rightarrow \forall (B: \mathsf{Set}) \rightarrow \mathsf{Equal} \ A \ (\mathsf{List} \ B) \rightarrow \mathsf{List} \ (\mathsf{LTerm} \ B) \rightarrow \mathsf{LTerm} \ A
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The type parameter for LTerm tracks the types of simply typed lambda calculus terms. For example, LTerm A is the type of simply typed lambda terms of type A. Variables are tagged with their types by the data constructors var and abs, whose LType arguments ensure that their type tags are legal types. This ensures that all lambda terms produced by var, abs, app, and list are well-typed. We will revisit these GADTs in Sections 4 and 7.

## 4 (Deep) induction for GADTs

The equality constraints engendered by GADTs' data constructors makes deriving (deep) induction rules for them more involved than for ADTs and other nested types. Nevertheless, we show in this section how to do so. We first illustrate the key components of our approach by deriving deep induction rules for the three specific GADTs introduced in Section 3. Then, in Section 5, we abstract these to a general framework that can be applied to any deep GADT that is not truly nested. As hinted above, the predicate lifting for the equality GADT plays a central role in deriving both structural and deep induction rules for more general GADTs.

#### 4.1 (Deep) induction for Equal

To define the (deep) induction rule for any (deep) GADT G we first need to define a predicate lifting that maps a predicate on a type A to a predicate on GA. Such a predicate lifting Equal  $: \forall (AB:Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow Equal AB \rightarrow Set$  for Equal is defined by Equal : AAQQ' refl =  $\forall (a:A) \rightarrow Equal (Qa)(Q'a)$ . It takes two predicates on the same type as input and tests them for extensional equality. Next, we need to associate with each data constructor c of G an *induction hypothesis* asserting that, if the custom predicate arguments to a predicate P on G can be lifted to G itself, then c respects P, i.e., c constructs data satisfying the instance of P at those custom predicates. The following induction hypothesis dlndRefl is thus associated with the refl constructor for Equal:

$$\lambda(P: \forall (AB:Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow Equal AB \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow \\ \forall (C:Set)(QQ':C \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow Equal^{\land} CCQQ' refl \rightarrow PCCQQ' refl$$

The deep induction rule for G now states that, if all of G's data constructors respect a predicate P, then P is satisfied by every element of G to which the custom predicate arguments to P can be successfully lifted. The deep induction rule for Equal is thus

$$\forall (P: \forall (AB:Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow Equal \ AB \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow dIndRefl \ P \rightarrow \\ \forall (AB:Set)(Q_A:A \rightarrow Set)(Q_B:B \rightarrow Set)(e:Equal \ AB) \rightarrow Equal^{\land} \ ABQ_AQ_Be \rightarrow PABQ_AQ_Be$$
 (7)

To prove that this rule is sound we must provide a witness dlndEqual inhabiting the type in (7). By pattern matching, we need only consider the case where A = B and e = refl, so we can define dlndEqual by dlndEqual P crefl A A  $Q_A$   $Q'_A$  refl liftE = crefl A  $Q_A$   $Q'_A$  liftE. To recover Equal's structural induction rule

$$\forall (Q : \forall (AB : Set) \rightarrow Equal AB \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow (\forall (C : Set) \rightarrow QCCrefl) \rightarrow \forall (AB : Set)(e : Equal AB) \rightarrow QABe$$
 (8)

we define a term indEqual of the type in (8) by indEqual Q srefl A B refl = dIndEqual P srefl' A B  $K_{\tau}^{A}$   $K_{\tau}^{B}$  refl sliftE. Here, P:  $\forall$ (AB:Set)  $\rightarrow$  (A  $\rightarrow$  Set)  $\rightarrow$  (B  $\rightarrow$  Set)  $\rightarrow$  Equal AB  $\rightarrow$  Set is defined by P A B Q<sub>A</sub> Q<sub>B</sub> e = Q A B e,  $K_{\tau}^{A}$  and  $K_{\tau}^{B}$  are the constantly T-valued predicates on A and B, respectively, sliftE: Equal AB  $K_{\tau}^{A}$   $K_{\tau}^{B}$  refl is defined by sliftE a = refl: Equal TT for every a: A, and srefl':  $\forall$ (C:Set)(Q<sub>c</sub> Q'<sub>c</sub>:C  $\rightarrow$  Set)  $\rightarrow$  Equal CCQ<sub>c</sub> Q'<sub>c</sub> refl  $\rightarrow$  QCC refl is defined by srefl'CQ<sub>c</sub> Q'<sub>c</sub> liftE' = srefl C. The structural induction rule for any GADT G that is not truly nested can similarly be recovered from its deep induction rule by instantiating every custom predicate by the appropriate constantly T-valued predicate.

## 4.2 (Deep) induction for Seq

To derive the deep induction rule for the GADT Seq we use its Henry Ford encoding from (4). We first define its predicate lifting  $Seq^{\wedge}: \forall (A:Set) \rightarrow Seq A \rightarrow Set$  by

$$\begin{split} & \mathsf{Seq}^\wedge \mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{A} \, (\mathsf{const} \, \mathsf{a}) &= \, \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{a} \\ & \mathsf{Seq}^\wedge \, \mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{A} \, (\mathsf{pair} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{es}_\mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{s}_\mathsf{C}) \\ &= \, \exists [\, \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{B} \, ] \exists [\, \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{C} \, ] \, \mathsf{Equal}^\wedge \, \mathsf{A} \, (\mathsf{B} \, \times \, \mathsf{C}) \, \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{A} \, (\mathsf{Pair}^\wedge \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{C}) \, \mathsf{e} \, \times \, \mathsf{Seq}^\wedge \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{s}_\mathsf{B} \, \times \, \mathsf{Seq}^\wedge \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{s}_\mathsf{C} \end{split}$$

Here, a:A,  $Q_B:B\to Set$ ,  $Q_C:C\to Set$ ,  $e:Equal\,A\,(B\times C)$ ,  $s_B:Seq\,B$ ,  $s_C:Seq\,C$ , and  $\exists [x]\,F\,x$  is syntactic sugar for the type of dependent pairs (x,b), where x:A,  $b:F\,x$ , and  $F:A\to Set$ .

Next, let dIndConst be the induction hypothesis

$$\lambda(P: \forall (A:Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow Seq A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow \forall (A:Set)(Q_A:A \rightarrow Set)(a:A) \rightarrow Q_A a \rightarrow PAQ_A (consta)$$

associated with the constructor const, and let dlndPair be the induction hypothesis

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 \begin{array}{lll} \mathsf{LType}^{\wedge} \mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, (\mathsf{bool} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{e}) & = \, \exists [\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}}] \, \mathsf{Equal}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, \mathsf{K}^{\mathsf{Bool}}_{\mathsf{T}} \, \mathsf{e} \\ \mathsf{LType}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, (\mathsf{arr} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{e} \, \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{C}}) & = \, \exists [\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}}] \, \exists [\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{C}}] \, \mathsf{Equal}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \, (\mathsf{B} \, \to \, \mathsf{C}) \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, (\mathsf{Arr}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{C}}) \, \mathsf{e} \times \, \mathsf{LType}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{B}} \times \, \mathsf{LType}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{C}} \, \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{C}} \, \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{C}} \, \mathsf{C}_{\mathsf{C}} \\ \mathsf{LTerm}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, (\mathsf{list} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{e} \, \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{B}}) & = \, \exists [\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}}] \, \mathsf{Equal}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \, (\mathsf{List} \, \mathsf{B}) \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, (\mathsf{List}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}}) \, \mathsf{e} \times \, \mathsf{LType}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{B}} \\ \mathsf{LTerm}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, (\mathsf{abs} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Ces} \, \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{C}}) & = \, \exists [\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}}] \, \exists [\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{C}}] \, \mathsf{Equal}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \, (\mathsf{B} \, \to \, \mathsf{C}) \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, (\mathsf{Arr}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{C}}) \, \mathsf{e} \times \, \mathsf{LType}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{B}} \times \, \mathsf{LTerm}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{C}} \, \mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{C}} \\ \mathsf{LTerm}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, (\mathsf{abs} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Ces} \, \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{C}}) & = \, \exists [\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}}] \, \exists [\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{C}}] \, \mathsf{Equal}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \, (\mathsf{B} \, \to \, \mathsf{C}) \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, (\mathsf{Arr}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{C}}) \, \mathsf{e} \times \, \mathsf{LType}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{B}} \times \, \mathsf{LTerm}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{C}} \, \mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{C}} \\ \mathsf{LTerm}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, (\mathsf{abs} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Ces} \, \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{L}) & \exists [\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}}] \, \exists [\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{C}}] \, \mathsf{Equal}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \, (\mathsf{B} \, \to \, \mathsf{C}) \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, (\mathsf{Arr}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{C}}) \, \mathsf{e} \times \, \mathsf{LType}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{B}} \times \, \mathsf{LTerm}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{C}} \, \mathsf{C} \\ \mathsf{LTerm}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, (\mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{Ce} \, \mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{Ce} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}) \, \mathsf{Ce} \, \mathsf{C
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\begin{split} &\lambda(P:\forall(A:\mathsf{Set})\to(\mathsf{A}\to\mathsf{Set})\to\mathsf{Seq}\,\mathsf{A}\to\mathsf{Set})\to\\ &\forall(\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{C}:\mathsf{Set})(\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{A}:\mathsf{A}\to\mathsf{Set})(\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{B}:\mathsf{B}\to\mathsf{Set})(\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{C}:\mathsf{C}\to\mathsf{Set})(\mathsf{s}_\mathsf{B}:\mathsf{Seq}\,\mathsf{B})(\mathsf{s}_\mathsf{C}:\mathsf{Seq}\,\mathsf{C})(\mathsf{e}:\mathsf{Equal}\,\mathsf{A}\,(\mathsf{B}\times\mathsf{C}))\to\\ &\mathsf{Equal}^\wedge\mathsf{A}\,(\mathsf{B}\times\mathsf{C})\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{A}\,(\mathsf{Pair}^\wedge\,\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{C}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{C})\,\mathsf{e}\to\mathsf{P}\,\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{s}_\mathsf{B}\to\mathsf{P}\,\mathsf{C}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{C}\,\mathsf{s}_\mathsf{C}\to\mathsf{P}\,\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{A}\,(\mathsf{pair}\,\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{C}\,\mathsf{e}\,\mathsf{s}_\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{s}_\mathsf{C})\end{split}
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associated with the constructor pair. Then the deep induction rule for Seq is

$$\forall (P : \forall (A : Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow Seq A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow dIndConst P \rightarrow dIndPair P \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(Q_A : A \rightarrow Set)(s_A : Seq A) \rightarrow Seq^A Q_A s_A \rightarrow P A Q_A s_A$$

$$(9)$$

To prove that this rule is sound we provide a witness dlndSeq inhabiting the type in (9) as follows:

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dIndSeq P cconst cpair A Q_A (const a) liftA = cconst A Q_A a liftA dIndSeq P cconst cpair A Q_A (pair B C e s<sub>B</sub> s<sub>C</sub>) (Q_B, Q_C, liftE, liftB, liftC) = cpair A B C Q_A Q_B Q_C s<sub>B</sub> s<sub>C</sub> e liftE p<sub>B</sub> p<sub>C</sub>
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In the first clause, a:A,  $Q_A:A\to Set$ , and  $liftA:Seq^A Q_A$  (consta) =  $Q_A a$ . In the second clause we also have  $Q_B:B\to Set$ ,  $Q_C:C\to Set$ ,  $e:Equal\,A\,(B\times C)$ ,  $s_B:Seq\,B$ ,  $s_C:Seq\,C$ , liftE:  $Equal^A\,A\,(B\times C)\,Q_A\,(Pair^A\,B\,C\,Q_B\,Q_C)\,e$ , liftB:  $Seq^A\,B\,Q_B\,s_B$ , and liftC:  $Seq^A\,C\,Q_C\,s_C$  which together ensure that  $(Q_B,Q_C,liftE,liftB,liftC):Seq^A\,A\,Q\,(pair\,B\,C\,e\,s_B\,s_C)$  — and  $p_B=dlndSeq\,P\,cconst\,cpair\,B\,Q_B\,s_B\,liftB:P\,B\,Q_B\,s_B\,$  and  $p_C=dlndSeq\,P\,cconst\,cpair\,C\,Q_C\,s_C\,$  liftC: $P\,C\,Q_C\,s_C$ .

#### 4.3 (Deep) induction for LTerm

To derive the deep induction rule for the GADT LTerm we use its Henry Ford encoding from (5) and (6). We first define the predicate lifting Arr^:  $\forall$ (AB:Set)  $\rightarrow$  (A  $\rightarrow$  Set)  $\rightarrow$  (B  $\rightarrow$  Set)  $\rightarrow$  (A  $\rightarrow$  B)  $\rightarrow$  Set for arrow types, since arrow types appear in LType and LTerm. It is given by Arr^ABQAQBf =  $\forall$ (a:A)  $\rightarrow$  QAa  $\rightarrow$  QB(fa). The predicate liftings LType^:  $\forall$ (A:Set)  $\rightarrow$  (A  $\rightarrow$  Set)  $\rightarrow$  LType A  $\rightarrow$  Set for LType and LTerm^:  $\forall$ (A:Set)  $\rightarrow$  (A  $\rightarrow$  Set)  $\rightarrow$  LTerm A  $\rightarrow$  Set for LTerm are defined in Figure 1. There, s:String, QA:A  $\rightarrow$  Set, QB:B  $\rightarrow$  Set, QC:C  $\rightarrow$  Set, KTO is the constantly T-valued predicate on Bool, TA:LTypeA, TB:LTypeB, TC:LTypeC, tB:LTermB, tC:LTermC, and tBA:LTerm(B  $\rightarrow$  A). Moreover, e:EqualABool in the first clause, e:EqualA(B  $\rightarrow$  C) in the second, e:EqualA(ListB) in the third, e:EqualA(B  $\rightarrow$  C) in the fifth, and e:EqualA(ListB), ts:List(LTermB), and List^ is the predicate lifting for lists from (1) in the seventh.

With these liftings in hand we can define the induction hypotheses dIndVar, dIndAbs, dIndApp, and dIndList associated with LTerms's data constructors. These are, respectively,

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\begin{split} &\lambda(P:\forall(A:Set)\to(A\to Set)\to L\mathsf{Term}\,A\to Set)\to\\ &\forall(A:Set)(Q_A:A\to Set)(s:\mathsf{String})(\mathsf{T}_A:\mathsf{LType}\,A)\to \mathsf{LType}^\wedge\,A\,Q_A\,\mathsf{T}_A\to P\,A\,Q_A\,(\mathsf{var}\,\mathsf{s}\,\mathsf{T}_A)\\ &\lambda(P:\forall(A:Set)\to(A\to Set)\to \mathsf{LTerm}\,A\to Set)\to\\ &\forall(A\,B\,C:\mathsf{Set})(Q_A:A\to Set)(Q_B:B\to Set)(Q_C:C\to Set)(e:\mathsf{Equal}\,A\,(B\to C))(s:\mathsf{String})\to\\ &(\mathsf{T}_B:\mathsf{LType}\,B)\to(\mathsf{t}_C:\mathsf{LTerm}\,C)\to \mathsf{Equal}^\wedge\,A\,(B\to C)\,Q_A\,(\mathsf{Arr}^\wedge\,B\,C\,Q_B\,Q_C)\,e\to\\ &\mathsf{LType}^\wedge\,B\,Q_B\,\mathsf{T}_B\to P\,C\,Q_C\,\mathsf{t}_C\to P\,A\,Q_A\,(\mathsf{abs}\,B\,C\,e\,s\,\mathsf{T}_B\,\mathsf{t}_C) \end{split}
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\begin{aligned} &\mathsf{dIndLTerm}\,\mathsf{P}\,\mathsf{cvar}\,\mathsf{cabs}\,\mathsf{capp}\,\mathsf{clist}\,\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{A}\,(\mathsf{var}\,\mathsf{s}\,\mathsf{T}_\mathsf{A})\,\mathsf{lift}\mathsf{A} &= \mathsf{cvar}\,\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{s}\,\mathsf{T}_\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{lift}\mathsf{A} \\ &\mathsf{dIndLTerm}\,\mathsf{P}\,\mathsf{cvar}\,\mathsf{cabs}\,\mathsf{capp}\,\mathsf{clist}\,\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{A}\,(\mathsf{abs}\,\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{C}\,\mathsf{es}\,\mathsf{T}_\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{t}_\mathsf{C})\,(\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{B},\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{C},\mathsf{liftE},\mathsf{lift}_{\mathsf{T}_\mathsf{B}},\mathsf{lift}_{\mathsf{t}_\mathsf{C}}) &= \mathsf{cabs}\,\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{C}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{C}\,\mathsf{es}\,\mathsf{T}_\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{t}_\mathsf{C}\,\mathsf{liftE}\,\mathsf{lift}_{\mathsf{T}_\mathsf{B}}\,\mathsf{p}_\mathsf{C} \\ &\mathsf{dIndLTerm}\,\mathsf{P}\,\mathsf{cvar}\,\mathsf{cabs}\,\mathsf{capp}\,\mathsf{clist}\,\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{A}\,(\mathsf{app}\,\mathsf{B}\,\,\mathsf{t}_\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{t}_\mathsf{B})\,(\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{B},\mathsf{lift}_{\mathsf{t}_\mathsf{B}}) &= \mathsf{capp}\,\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{tg}_\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{tg}_\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{p}_\mathsf{B} \\ &\mathsf{dIndLTerm}\,\mathsf{P}\,\mathsf{cvar}\,\mathsf{cabs}\,\mathsf{capp}\,\mathsf{clist}\,\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{A}\,(\mathsf{list}\,\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{ets})\,(\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{B},\mathsf{liftE}',\mathsf{lift}_{\mathsf{List}}) &= \mathsf{clist}\,\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{ets}\,\mathsf{liftE}'\,\mathsf{p}_\mathsf{List} \\ &\mathsf{Fig.}\,\,2.\,\,\,\mathsf{dIndLTerm}\,\end{aligned}
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$$\begin{split} &\lambda(P:\forall (A:Set)\to (A\to Set)\to L\mathsf{Term}\,A\to Set)\to\\ &\forall (A\,B:Set)(Q_A:A\to Set)(Q_B:B\to Set)(t_{BA}:L\mathsf{Term}\,(B\to A))(t_B:L\mathsf{Term}\,B)\to\\ &P\,(B\to A)\,(Arr^\wedge\,B\,A\,Q_B\,Q_A)\,t_{BA}\to P\,B\,Q_B\,t_B\to P\,A\,Q_A\,(app\,B\,t_{BA}\,t_B)\\ &\lambda(P:\forall (A:Set)\to (A\to Set)\to L\mathsf{Term}\,A\to Set)\to\\ &\forall (A\,B:Set)(Q_A:A\to Set)(Q_B:B\to Set)(e:Equal\,A\,(List\,B))(ts:List\,(L\mathsf{Term}\,B))\to\\ ⩵^\wedge\,A\,(List\,B)\,Q_A\,(List^\wedge\,B\,Q_B)\,e\to List^\wedge\,(L\mathsf{Term}\,B)(P\,B\,Q_B)\,ts\to P\,A\,Q_A\,(list\,B\,e\,ts) \end{split}$$

The deep induction rule for LTerm is thus

$$\forall (P : \forall (A : Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow LTerm A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow dIndVar P \rightarrow dIndAbs P \rightarrow dIndApp P \rightarrow dIndList P \rightarrow \\ \forall (A : Set)(Q_A : A \rightarrow Set)(t_A : LTerm A) \rightarrow LTerm^A A Q_A t_A \rightarrow P A Q_A t_A$$
 (10)

To prove this rule is sound we define a witness dIndLTerm inhabiting the type in (10) as in Figure 2. There, s:String,  $Q_A:A\to Set$ ,  $Q_B:B\to Set$ ,  $Q_C:C\to Set$ ,  $T_A:LTypeA$ ,  $T_B:LTypeB$ ,  $t_C:LTermB$ ,  $t_C:LTermC$ ,  $t_{BA}:LTerm(B\to A)$ , liftA:LTerm^AQ\_A(varsT\_A)=LType^AQ\_AT\_A, liftE:Equal^A(B\to C)Q\_A(Arr^BCQ\_BQ\_C)e, lift\_B:LType^BQ\_BT\_B, lift\_C:LTerm^CQ\_CT\_C, lift\_{t\_BA}:LTerm^(B\to A)(Arr^BAQ\_BQ\_A)t\_{BA}, lift\_E:LTerm^BQ\_Bt\_B, liftE':Equal^A(ListB)Q\_A(List^BQ\_B)e, and lift\_List:List^(LTermB)(LTerm^BQ\_B)ts. Moreover,

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\begin{array}{ll} p_{C} &=& dIndLTerm\,P\,cvar\,cabs\,capp\,clist\,C\,Q_{C}\,t_{C}\,lift_{t_{C}}:P\,C\,Q_{C}\,t_{C}\\ p_{B} &=& dIndLTerm\,P\,cvar\,cabs\,capp\,clist\,B\,Q_{B}\,t_{B}\,lift_{t_{B}}:P\,B\,Q_{B}\,t_{B}\\ p_{BA} &=& dIndLTerm\,P\,cvar\,cabs\,capp\,clist\,(B\to A)\,(Arr^{\wedge}\,B\,A\,Q_{B}\,Q_{A})\,t_{BA}\,lift_{t_{BA}}:P\,(B\to A)\,(Arr^{\wedge}\,B\,A\,Q_{B}\,Q_{A})\,t_{BA}\\ p_{List} &=& liftListMap\,(LTerm\,B)\,(LTerm^{\wedge}\,B\,Q_{B})\,(P\,B\,Q_{B})\,p_{ts}\,ts\,lift_{List}:List^{\wedge}\,(LTerm\,B)\,(P\,B\,Q_{B})\,ts\\ p_{ts} &=& dIndLTerm\,P\,cvar\,cabs\,capp\,clist\,B\,Q_{B}:PredMap\,(LTerm\,B)\,(LTerm^{\wedge}\,B\,Q_{B})\,(P\,B\,Q_{B})\\ \end{array}
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where, in the final clause,  $PredMap: \forall (A:Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow Set$  is the type constructor producing the type of morphisms between predicates defined by  $PredMapAQQ' = \forall (a:A) \rightarrow Qa \rightarrow Q'a$  and  $liftListMap: \forall (A:Set) \rightarrow (QQ':A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow PredMapAQQ' \rightarrow PredMap(ListA)(List^AQ)(List^AQ')$ , which takes a morphism of predicates and produces a morphism of lifted predicates, is defined by liftListMapAQQ'mniltt = tt (since  $x:List^AQnil$  must necessarily be the sole inhabitant tt of tt), and by liftListMapAQQ'm(consal')(y,x') = (may, liftListMapAQQ'ml'x') (since tt:tt) must be of the form tt of tt), where tt is tt0.

### 5 The general framework

We can generalize the approach taken in Section 4 to a general framework for deriving deep induction rules for deep GADTs. We will treat deep GADTs of the form

data 
$$G : \operatorname{Set}^{\alpha} \to \operatorname{Set}$$
 where
$$c : \forall \{\overline{B} : \operatorname{Set}\} \to FG\overline{B} \to G(\overline{K\overline{B}})$$
(11)

For brevity and clarity we indicate only one constructor c in (11), even though a GADT can have any finite number of them, each with a type of the same form as c's. In (11), F and each K in  $\overline{K}$  are type constructors with signatures ( $\operatorname{Set}^{\alpha} \to \operatorname{Set}$ )  $\to \operatorname{Set}^{\beta} \to \operatorname{Set}$  and  $\operatorname{Set}^{\beta} \to \operatorname{Set}$ , respectively. If T is a type constructor with signature  $\operatorname{Set}^{\gamma} \to \operatorname{Set}$  then T has  $\operatorname{arity} \gamma$ . The overline notation denotes a finite list whose length is exactly the arity of the type constructor being applied to it. The number of type constructors in  $\overline{K}$  (resp.,  $\overline{B}$ ) is thus  $\alpha$  (resp.,  $\beta$ ). In addition, the type constructor F must be constructed inductively according to the following grammar:

$$\mathsf{F}\,\mathsf{G}\,\overline{\mathsf{B}}\,:=\,\mathsf{F}_1\,\mathsf{G}\,\overline{\mathsf{B}}\,\times\,\mathsf{F}_2\,\mathsf{G}\,\overline{\mathsf{B}}\,\,|\,\,\mathsf{F}_1\,\mathsf{G}\,\overline{\mathsf{B}}\,+\,\mathsf{F}_2\,\mathsf{G}\,\overline{\mathsf{B}}\,\,|\,\,\mathsf{F}_1\,\overline{\mathsf{B}}\,\to\,\mathsf{F}_2\,\mathsf{G}\,\overline{\mathsf{B}}\,\,|\,\,\mathsf{G}\,(\overline{\mathsf{F}_1\,\overline{\mathsf{B}}})\,\,|\,\,\mathsf{H}\,\overline{\mathsf{B}}\,\,|\,\,\mathsf{H}\,(\overline{\mathsf{F}_1\,\mathsf{G}\,\overline{\mathsf{B}}})$$

This grammar is subject to the following restrictions. In the third clause the type constructor  $F_1$  does not contain G. In the fourth clause, none of the  $\alpha$ -many type constructors in  $\overline{F_1}$  contains G. This prevents nesting, which would make it impossible to give an induction rule for G; see Section 6 below. In the fifth clause, H does not contain G. This clause therefore subsumes the cases in which  $F G \overline{B}$  is a closed type or one of the  $B_i$ . In the sixth clause,  $H: Set^{\gamma} \to Set$  does not contain G (although  $\overline{F_1} G \overline{B}$  can). Moreover, although H can construct any (truly) nested type, it must not construct a GADT. This ensures that H admits functorial semantics [15], and thus has an associated map function. From the map function for H we can also construct a map function

$$\mathsf{H}^{\wedge}\mathsf{Map}: \forall (\overline{\mathsf{A}}: \overline{\mathsf{Set}})(\overline{\mathsf{Q}} \ \underline{\mathsf{Q}}': \overline{\mathsf{A}} \to \overline{\mathsf{Set}}) \to \overline{\mathsf{PredMap}} \ \overline{\mathsf{A}} \ \overline{\mathsf{Q}} \ \overline{\mathsf{Q}}' \to \mathsf{PredMap} \ (\overline{\mathsf{H}} \ \overline{\mathsf{A}} \ \overline{\mathsf{Q}}) \ (\overline{\mathsf{H}}^{\wedge} \ \overline{\mathsf{A}} \ \overline{\mathsf{Q}}') \tag{12}$$

for  $H^{\wedge}$ . A concrete way to define  $H^{\wedge}Map$  is by induction on the structure of the type H, but we omit such details since they are not essential to the present discussion. A further requirement that applies to all of the type constructors appearing in the right-hand side of the above grammar, including those in  $\overline{K}$ , is that they must all admit predicate liftings. This is not an overly restrictive condition, though: all types constructed from sums, products, arrow types and type application admit predicate liftings, and so do GADTs constructed from the grammar. In fact, we have seen such liftings for products and type application in Section 4. A concrete way to define more general predicate liftings is, again, by induction on the structure of the types. We do not give a general definition of predicate liftings here, though, since that would require us to first design a full type calculus, which is beyond the scope of the present paper.

We assume in the development below that G is a unary type constructor, i.e., that  $\alpha=1$  in (11). Extending the argument to GADTs of arbitrary arity presents no difficulty other than heavier notation. In this case the type of G's single data constructor c can be rewritten as  $c: \forall (\overline{B}: \overline{Set}) \rightarrow \overline{Equal} \, A(K\,\overline{B}) \rightarrow F\,G\,\overline{B} \rightarrow G\,A$ . The predicate lifting  $G^{\wedge}: \forall (A: \overline{Set}) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow \overline{Set}) \rightarrow G\,A \rightarrow \overline{Set}$  for G is therefore

$$G^{\wedge}AQ_{A}(c\overline{B}ex) = \exists [\overline{Q_{B}}] Equal^{\wedge}A(K\overline{B})Q_{A}(K^{\wedge}\overline{B}\overline{Q_{B}})e \times F^{\wedge}G\overline{B}G^{\wedge}\overline{Q_{B}}x$$

where  $Q_A:A\to Set$ ,  $\overline{Q_B:B\to Set}$ ,  $e:Equal\,A\,(K\,\overline{B})$ , and  $x:F\,G\,\overline{B}$ . If we have predicate liftings  $F^\wedge:V(G:Set^\alpha\to Set)(\overline{B}:Set)\to (V(A:Set)\to (A\to Set)\to GA\to Set)\to (\overline{B}\to Set)\to F\,G\,\overline{B}\to Set$  for F and  $F^\wedge:V(B:Set)\to (B\to Set)\to K\,\overline{B}\to Set$  for F and  $F^\wedge:V(B:Set)\to K\,\overline{B}\to Set$  for F and F a

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathsf{dIndC} = \lambda(\mathsf{P} : \forall (\mathsf{A} : \mathsf{Set}) \to (\mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{Set}) \to \mathsf{G} \, \mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{Set}) \to \\ &\forall (\mathsf{A} : \mathsf{Set}) \, (\overline{\mathsf{B} : \mathsf{Set}}) \, (\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} : \mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{Set}) \, (\overline{\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}} : \mathsf{B} \to \mathsf{Set}}) \, (\mathsf{e} : \mathsf{Equal} \, \mathsf{A} \, (\mathsf{K} \, \overline{\mathsf{B}})) \, (\mathsf{x} : \mathsf{F} \, \mathsf{G} \, \overline{\mathsf{B}}) \to \\ &\mathsf{Equal}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \, (\mathsf{K} \, \overline{\mathsf{B}}) \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, (\mathsf{K}^{\wedge} \, \overline{\mathsf{B}} \, \overline{\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}}}) \, \mathsf{e} \to \mathsf{F}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{G} \, \overline{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{P} \, \overline{\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}}} \, \mathsf{x} \to \mathsf{P} \, \mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, (\mathsf{c} \, \overline{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{e} \, \mathsf{x}) \end{aligned}$$

and the induction rule for  $\mathsf{G}$  is

$$\forall (P : \forall (A : Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow GA \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow dIndCP \rightarrow \forall (A : Set)(Q_A : A \rightarrow Set)(y : GA) \rightarrow G^AQ_Ay \rightarrow PAQ_Ay \rightarrow$$

To prove that this rule is sound we define a witness dlndG inhabiting this type by

$$dIndGPccAQ_A(c\overline{B}ex)(\overline{Q}_B, liftE, liftF) = ccA\overline{B}Q_A\overline{Q}_BexliftE(pxliftF)$$

Here, cc: dIndCP,  $e: Equal A(K\overline{B})$ ,  $x: FG\overline{B}$ ,  $Q_A: A \to Set$ ,  $\overline{Q_B: B \to Set}$ ,  $liftE: Equal^A(K\overline{B})Q_A(K^{\overline{B}}\overline{Q_B})e$ , and  $liftF: F^{\overline{G}}\overline{B}G^{\overline{Q}}\overline{Q_B}x$ . As a result,  $(\overline{Q_B}, liftE, liftF): G^{\overline{A}}AQ_A(c\overline{B}ex)$  as expected. Finally, the morphism of predicates  $p: PredMap(FG\overline{B})(F^{\overline{G}}\overline{B}G^{\overline{Q}}\overline{Q_B})(F^{\overline{G}}\overline{B}P\overline{Q_B})$  is defined by structural induction on F as follows:

- If  $F G \overline{B} = F_1 G \overline{B} \times F_2 G \overline{B}$  then  $F \cap G \overline{B} P \overline{Q_B} = Pair \cap (F_1 G \overline{B}) (F_2 G \overline{B}) (F_1 \cap G \overline{B}) (F_2 \cap G \overline{B}) (F_2 \cap G \overline{B})$ . The induction hypothesis ensures morphisms of predicates  $p_1 : PredMap (F_1 G \overline{B}) (F_1 \cap G \overline$
- The case  $FG\overline{B} = F_1G\overline{B} + F_2G\overline{B}$  is analogous.
- If  $F G \overline{B} = F_1 \overline{B} \to F_2 G \overline{B}$  then  $F \cap G \overline{B} P \overline{Q_B} x = \forall (z : F_1 \overline{B}) \to F_1 \cap \overline{B} \overline{Q_B} z \to F_2 \cap G \overline{B} P \overline{Q_B} (xz)$ , where  $x : F G \overline{B}$ . The induction hypothesis ensures a morphism of predicates  $p_2 : PredMap (F_2 G \overline{B}) (F_2 \cap \overline{G} \overline{B} G \cap \overline{Q_B}) (F_2 \cap G \overline{B} P \overline{Q_B})$ . We define  $p \times liftF : F \cap G \overline{B} P \overline{Q_B} x$ , where liftF :  $F \cap G \overline{B} G \cap \overline{Q_B} x$ , to be  $p \times liftF z \mid liftF_1 = p_2 (xz) (liftFz \mid liftF_1)$  for  $z : F_1 \overline{B}$  and liftF<sub>1</sub> :  $F_1 \cap \overline{B} \overline{Q_B} z$ . Note that  $F_1$  not containing G is a necessary restriction since the proof relies on  $F \cap G \overline{B} G \cap \overline{Q_B} x$  and  $F \cap G \overline{B} P \overline{Q_B} x$  having the same domain  $F \cap G \overline{B} \overline{Q_B} z$ .

- If  $FG\overline{B} = G(F_1\overline{B})$  and  $F_1$  does not contain G, then  $F^{\wedge}G\overline{B}P\overline{Q_B} = P(F_1\overline{B})(F_1^{\wedge}\overline{B}\overline{Q_B})$  for all  $P: \forall (A:Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow GA \rightarrow Set$ . We therefore define  $p = dIndGPcc(F_1\overline{B})(F_1^{\wedge}\overline{B}\overline{Q_B})$ .
- If  $FG\overline{B} = H\overline{B}$  and H does not contain G, then  $F^{\wedge}G\overline{B}P\overline{Q_B} = H^{\wedge}\overline{Q_B}$  for all  $P: \forall (A:Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow GA \rightarrow Set$ . We therefore define  $p: PredMap(H\overline{B})(H^{\wedge}\overline{B}\overline{Q_B})(H^{\wedge}\overline{B}\overline{Q_B})$  to be the identity morphism on predicates.
- If  $FG\overline{B} = H(\overline{F_k}G\overline{B})$  and H does not contain G, then  $F^{\wedge}G\overline{B}P\overline{Q_B} = H^{\wedge}(\overline{F_k}G\overline{B})(\overline{F_k^{\wedge}G\overline{B}P\overline{Q_B}})$  for all  $P: \forall (A:Set) \to (A \to Set) \to GA \to Set$ . Since H is not a GADT,  $H^{\wedge}$  has a map function  $H^{\wedge}Map$  as in (12). The induction hypothesis ensures morphisms of predicates  $\overline{p_k} : PredMap(F_kG\overline{B})(F_k^{\wedge}G\overline{B}G^{\wedge}\overline{Q_B})(F_k^{\wedge}G\overline{B}P\overline{Q_B})$ . We therefore define  $p = H^{\wedge}Map(\overline{F_k}G\overline{B})(\overline{F_k^{\wedge}G\overline{B}G^{\wedge}\overline{Q_B}})(\overline{F_k^{\wedge}G\overline{B}P\overline{Q_B}})\overline{p_k}$ .

## 6 Truly Nested GADTs Need Not Admit Deep Induction Rules

In Sections 4 and 5 we derived deep induction rules for GADTs that are not truly nested. Since both nested types and GADTs without true nesting admit deep induction rules, we might expect truly nested GADTs to admit them as well. Surprisingly, however, they do not. That is, our results from the previous section are the strongest possible. Indeed, the induction rule for a data type generally relies on (unary) parametricity of the model interpreting it, and deep induction for a truly nested type or a truly nested GADT also relies on this interpretation being functorial. But, whereas ADTs and nested types both admit functorial parametric semantics, proper GADTs cannot admit both functorial and parametric semantics at the same time [13]. In this section we show how deep induction for truly nested GADTs goes wrong by analyzing the following very simple nested proper GADT:

data 
$$G : Set \rightarrow Set$$
 where  $c : \forall \{A : Set\} \rightarrow G(GA) \rightarrow G(A \times A)$ 

The constructor c can be rewritten as  $c: \forall (B:Set) \rightarrow Equal A(B \times B) \rightarrow G(GB) \rightarrow GA$ , so the predicate lifting  $G^{\wedge}: \forall (A:Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow GA \rightarrow Set$  for G is

$$G^{\wedge}AQ(cBex) = \exists [Q_A] Equal^{\wedge}A(B \times B) Q_A(Pair^{\wedge}BBQ_BQ_B) e \times G^{\wedge}(GB)(G^{\wedge}BQ_B)x$$

where  $Q_A: A \to Set$ ,  $Q_B: B \to Set$ ,  $e: Equal A (B \times B)$ , and x: G (GB). The induction hypothesis dlndC for c is

$$\lambda\left(\mathsf{P}:\forall\left(\mathsf{A}:\mathsf{Set}\right)\to\left(\mathsf{A}\to\mathsf{Set}\right)\to\mathsf{G}\,\mathsf{A}\to\mathsf{Set}\right)\to\\\forall\left(\mathsf{A}\;\mathsf{B}:\mathsf{Set}\right)\left(\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}}:\mathsf{A}\to\mathsf{Set}\right)\left(\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}}:\mathsf{B}\to\mathsf{Set}\right)\left(\mathsf{e}:\mathsf{Equal}\,\mathsf{A}\left(\mathsf{B}\times\mathsf{B}\right)\right)\left(\mathsf{x}:\mathsf{G}\left(\mathsf{G}\,\mathsf{B}\right)\right)\to\\\mathsf{Equal}^{\wedge}\,\mathsf{A}\left(\mathsf{B}\times\mathsf{B}\right)\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}}\left(\mathsf{Pair}^{\wedge}\,\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}}\,\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}}\right)\mathsf{e}\to\mathsf{P}\left(\mathsf{G}\,\mathsf{B}\right)\left(\mathsf{P}\,\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}}\right)\mathsf{x}\to\mathsf{P}\,\mathsf{A}\,\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}}\left(\mathsf{c}\,\mathsf{B}\,\mathsf{e}\,\mathsf{x}\right)$$

so the deep induction rule for  ${\sf G}$  is

$$\forall \ (P: \forall \ (A:Set) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow GA \rightarrow Set) \rightarrow dIndC\ P \rightarrow \forall \ (A:Set) \ (Q:A \rightarrow Set) \ (y:Ga) \rightarrow G^{\wedge} \ A \ Qy \rightarrow PA \ Qy \rightarrow PA$$

At a deeper level, the fundamental issue is that the Equal type does not have functorial semantics [13], so that having morphisms  $A \to A'$  and  $B \to B'$  (for any type A, A', B and B') and a proof that A' is equal to A' does not provide a proof that B is equal to B'. And not being able to define Equal^Map:  $\forall (AB:Set)(Q_A Q_A':A \to Set)(Q_B Q_B':B \to Set) \to PredMap A Q_A Q_A' \to PredMap B Q_B Q_B' \to PredMap (Equal AB) (Equal^A B Q_A Q_B) (Equal^A B Q_A' Q_B) of course makes it impossible to define <math>G^A$  map for more general G.

## 7 Case Study: Extracting Types of Lambda Terms

In this section we use deep induction for the LTerm GADT from (6) to extract the type from a lambda term. The following predicate either returns the type of its input lambda term if that type can be inferred or indicates that the type inference fails:

GetType : 
$$\forall$$
 (A : Set)  $\rightarrow$  LTerm A  $\rightarrow$  Set  
GetType A t = Maybe (LType A)

The predicate GetType uses the standard Maybe data type to represent failure of type inference. It is defined by:

We want to show that GetTypeAt is satisfied by every element t in LTermA, i.e., we want to prove:

$$getTypeProof : \forall (A : Set) (t : LTerm A) \rightarrow GetType At$$

This property can be proved with deep induction, which is used to apply the induction hypothesis to the individual terms in the list of terms that the data constructor list takes as an argument. Indeed, using the deep induction rule dlndLTerm from Section 4.3 we can define getTypeProof by

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getTypeProof A t = dIndLTerm P cvar cabs capp clist A K_T t (LTerm^{\wedge}KT A t)
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where  $t: \mathsf{LTerm}\, A$ , P is the polymorphic predicate  $\lambda$  ( $A: \mathsf{Set}$ ) ( $Q: A \to \mathsf{Set}$ ) ( $t: \mathsf{LTerm}\, A$ )  $\to \mathsf{Maybe}\, (\mathsf{LType}\, A)$ ,  $\mathsf{K}_\top$  is the constantly  $\top$ -valued predicate on A, and  $\mathsf{LTerm}^\wedge \mathsf{K} \mathsf{T}: \forall (A: \mathsf{Set}) \, (t: \mathsf{LTerm}\, A) \to \mathsf{LTerm}^\wedge \, A \, \mathsf{K}_\top \, t$  is a term, to be defined below, witnessing that  $\mathsf{K}_\top$  can be lifted to all terms. We also need the applications to P of each of the induction hypotheses from Section 4.3. These are:

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 \begin{aligned} \mathsf{cvar} & : \ \forall \ (\mathsf{A} : \mathsf{Set}) \ (\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} : \mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{Set}) \ (\mathsf{s} : \mathsf{String}) \ (\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{A}} : \mathsf{LType} \, \mathsf{A}) \to \mathsf{LType}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \, \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{A}} \to \mathsf{Maybe} \ (\mathsf{LType} \, \mathsf{A}) \\ \mathsf{cabs} & : \ \forall \ (\mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{C} : \mathsf{Set}) \ (\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} : \mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{Set}) \ (\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}} : \mathsf{B} \to \mathsf{Set}) \ (\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{C}} : \mathsf{C} \to \mathsf{Set}) \\ & (\mathsf{e} : \mathsf{Equal} \, \mathsf{A} \, (\mathsf{B} \to \mathsf{C})) \ (\mathsf{s} : \mathsf{String}) \ (\mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{B}} : \mathsf{LType} \, \mathsf{B}) \ (\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{C}} : \mathsf{LTerm} \, \mathsf{C}) \to \\ & \mathsf{Equal}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \, (\mathsf{B} \to \mathsf{C}) \ \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \ (\mathsf{Arr}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{C}}) \, \mathsf{e} \to \mathsf{LType}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}} \, \mathsf{T}_{\mathsf{B}} \to \mathsf{Maybe} \ (\mathsf{LType} \, \mathsf{C}) \to \mathsf{Maybe} \ (\mathsf{LType} \, \mathsf{A}) \\ \mathsf{capp} & : \ \forall \ (\mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{B} : \mathsf{Set}) \ (\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} : \mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{Set}) \ (\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}} : \mathsf{B} \to \mathsf{Set}) \ (\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{B}} : \mathsf{LTerm} \ (\mathsf{B} \to \mathsf{A})) \ (\mathsf{t}_{\mathsf{B}} : \mathsf{LTerm} \, \mathsf{B}) \to \\ & \mathsf{Maybe} \ (\mathsf{LType} \, \mathsf{B}) \to \mathsf{Maybe} \ (\mathsf{LType} \, \mathsf{B}) \to \mathsf{Maybe} \ (\mathsf{LType} \, \mathsf{A}) \\ \mathsf{clist} & : \ \forall \ (\mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{B} : \mathsf{Set}) \ (\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} : \mathsf{A} \to \mathsf{Set}) \ (\mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}} : \mathsf{B} \to \mathsf{Set}) \ (\mathsf{e} : \mathsf{Equal} \, \mathsf{A} \ (\mathsf{List} \, \mathsf{B})) \ (\mathsf{ts} : \mathsf{List} \ (\mathsf{LTerm} \, \mathsf{B})) \to \\ & \mathsf{Equal}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{A} \ (\mathsf{List} \, \mathsf{B}) \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{A}} \ (\mathsf{List}^{\wedge} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Q}_{\mathsf{B}}) \, \mathsf{e} \to \mathsf{List}^{\wedge} \ (\mathsf{LTerm} \, \mathsf{B}) \ (\mathsf{Get} \, \mathsf{Type} \, \mathsf{B}) \, \mathsf{ts} \to \mathsf{Maybe} \ (\mathsf{LType} \, \mathsf{A}) \end{aligned}
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In the first clause, cvar returns just  $T_A$ . In the second clause, cabs returns nothing if its final argument is nothing and cabs ABC  $Q_A Q_B Q_C es T_B t_C$  liftE lift $T_B$  (just  $T_C$ ) = just (arr BC e  $T_B T_C$ ) otherwise. In the third clause, capp AB  $Q_A Q_B t_{BA} t_A$  (just (arr BA refl  $T_B T_A$ )) mb = just  $T_A$  and capp returns nothing otherwise. In the fourth clause, we must use List^(LTerm B) (GetType B) ts to extract the type of the head of ts (from which we can deduce the type of the list). When ts = nil we define clist ABQQ'enil liftE lift\_ts = nothing, where liftE: Equal^A(ListB)Q(List^BQ')e, and lift\_ts: List^(LTerm B)(GetType B) ts. When ts = const ts' the type of list\_ts becomes List^(LTerm B)(GetType B) (const ts') = GetType Bt × List^(LTerm B)(GetType B) ts' = Maybe(LType B) × List^(LTerm B)(GetType B) ts'. We pattern match on the first component of the pair to define

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clist A B Q Q' e (constts') liftE (nothing, lift<sub>ts'</sub>) = nothing
clist A B Q Q' e (constts') liftE (just T', lift<sub>ts'</sub>) = just (list B e T')
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Here  $e : Equal A (List B), T' : LType B, and <math>lift_{ts'} : List^{\wedge} (LTerm B) (Get Type B) ts'$ .

To finish defining getTypeProof we still need a proof

$$LTerm^{\wedge}KT : \forall (A : Set) (t : LTerm A) \rightarrow LTerm^{\wedge} A K_{T} t$$

Since LTerm^ is defined in terms of LType^ and Arr^, and since LType^ is also defined in terms of List^, we need analogous functions LType^KT, Arr^KT and List^KT, respectively, for each of these liftings as well. We only give the definition of LTerm^KT here since LType^KT, Arr^KT, and List^KT are defined analogously. We have:

- If s : String and T : LType A we define  $LTerm^KTA(varsT) = LType^KTAT$ .
- If e: Equal A (B → C), s: String, T: LType B, and t': LTerm C we need to define LTerm^KT A (abs B Ces Tt') of type

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\begin{aligned} &\mathsf{LTerm}^\wedge \mathsf{A} \, \mathsf{K}_\top \, (\mathsf{abs} \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{es} \, \mathsf{T} \, \mathsf{t}') \\ &= \exists \big[ \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{B} \big] \, \big[ \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{C} \big] \, \mathsf{Equal}^\wedge \, \mathsf{A} \, \big( \mathsf{B} \to \mathsf{C} \big) \, \mathsf{K}_\top \, \big( \mathsf{Arr}^\wedge \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{C} \big) \, \mathsf{e} \times \, \mathsf{LType}^\wedge \, \mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{B} \, \mathsf{T} \times \, \mathsf{LTerm}^\wedge \, \mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{Q}_\mathsf{C} \, \mathsf{t}' \end{aligned}
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where  $K_{\tau}:A\to Set,\ Q_B:B\to Set,\ and\ Q_C:C\to Set.$  The only reasonable choice is to let both  $Q_B$  and  $Q_C$  be  $K_{\tau}$ , which means we need proofs of Equal^A (B  $\to$  C)  $K_{\tau}$  (Arr^BC  $K_{\tau}$ ) e, LType^B  $K_{\tau}$  T and LTerm^C  $K_{\tau}$  t'. We take LType^KTBT and LTerm^KTCt' for the latter two proofs. For the former we note that, since we are working with proof-relevant predicates, the lifting Arr^BC  $K_{\tau}$  of  $K_{\tau}$  to arrow types is not identical to  $K_{\tau}$  on arrow types but rather (extensionally) isomorphic. We discuss this issue in more detail at the end of the section, but for now we simply assume a proof Equal^ArrKT: Equal^A (B  $\to$  C)  $K_{\tau}$  (Arr^BC  $K_{\tau}$ ) e and define LTerm^KTA (abs BCesTt') =  $(K_{\tau}, K_{\tau}, Equal^ArrKT, LType^KTBT, LTerm^KTCt')$ .

- If  $t_1: LTerm(B \to A)$  and  $t_2: LTermB$  then, by the same reasoning as in the previous case, we need to define  $LTerm^{\wedge}KTA(appBt_1t_2): LTerm^{\wedge}(B \to A)(Arr^{\wedge}BAK_{\top}K_{\top})t_1 \times LTerm^{\wedge}BK_{\top}t_2$ . We define the second component of the pair to be  $LTerm^{\wedge}KTBt_2$ . We can define the first component from a proof of  $LTerm^{\wedge}(B \to A)K_{\top}t_1$  and the function  $LTerm^{\wedge}EqualMap: \forall (A:Set)(QQ':A \to Set) \to Equal^{\wedge}AAQQ'refl \to PredMap(LTermA)(LTerm^{\wedge}AQ)(LTerm^{\wedge}AQ')$  that takes two (extensionally) equal predicates with the same carrier and produces a morphism of predicates between their liftings. The definition of  $LTerm^{\wedge}EqualMap$  is straightforwardly given by pattern matching on the first two arguments to PredMap in its return type, using transitivity and symmetry of the type constructor Equal, together with the analogously defined functions  $LType^{\wedge}EqualMap$  and  $Arr^{\wedge}EqualMap$  in the cases when the first argument to PredMap is constructed using var and app, respectively. Taking  $L_{K_{\top}}: LTerm^{\wedge}(B \to A)K_{\top}t_1$  to be the proof  $L_{K_{\top}} = LTerm^{\wedge}KT(B \to A)t_1$  and taking  $LTerm^{\wedge}Arr: LTerm^{\wedge}(B \to A)(Arr^{\wedge}BAK_{\top}K_{\top})t_1$  to be the proof  $LTerm^{\wedge}Arr = LTerm^{\wedge}EqualMapK_{\top}(Arr^{\wedge}BAK_{\top}K_{\top})$   $Equal^{\wedge}ArrKTt_1L_{K_{\top}}$ , we define  $LTerm^{\wedge}KTA(appBt_1t_2) = (K_{\top}, LTerm^{\wedge}Arr, LTerm^{\wedge}KTBt_2)$ .
- If e: Equal A (List B) and ts: List (LTerm B) then, as above, we need to define  $LTerm^KTA (list B ets): Equal^A (List B) K_{\tau} (List^A B K_{\tau}) e \times List^A (LTerm B) (LTerm^B B K_{\tau}) ts$ . As in that case we assume a proof  $Equal^A List KT: Equal^A A (List B) K_{\tau} (List^A B K_{\tau}) e$  for the first component. We can define the second component using liftListMap from Section 4.3 to map a morphism  $PredMap (LTerm B) (K_{\tau}) (LTerm^A B K_{\tau})$  of predicates to a morphism  $PredMap (List (LTerm B)) (List^A (LTerm B) K_{\tau}) (LTerm^A B K_{\tau})$  of lifted predicates. Taking  $m_{K_{\tau}}: PredMap (LTerm B) (K_{\tau}) (LTerm^A B K_{\tau})$  to be the proof  $m_{K_{\tau}} t' tt = LTerm^A K T B t'$ , where t': LTerm B and tt is the single element of  $K_{\tau} t'$ , and taking  $L_{List^A LTerm^A KT}: List^A (LTerm B) (LTerm^B K_{\tau})$  ts to be the proof  $L_{List^A LTerm^A KT} = List^A (LTerm B) K_{\tau} (LTerm^B K_{\tau})$ , we define  $LTerm^A K T A (List B e ts) = (K_{\tau}, Equal^L List KT, L_{List^A LTerm^A KT})$ .

The above techniques can be used to define a function  $G^{\wedge}KT: \forall (A:Set)(x:GA) \to G^{\wedge}AK_{T} x$  for an arbitrary GADT G as defined in Section 5. To provide a proof of  $G^{\wedge}AK_{T} x$  for every term x:GA, we need to know that, if G has a constructor  $c:H(FG\overline{B}) \to G(K\overline{B})$ , then H cannot construct a GADT so the generalization  $H^{\wedge}Map$  of listLiftMap in the final bullet point above is guaranteed to exist. We also need to know that the lifting of  $K_{T}$  to types constructed by any nested type constructor F is extensionally equal to  $K_{T}$  on the types it constructs. For example, we might need a proof that  $Pair^{\wedge}ABK_{T}K_{T}$  is equal to  $K_{T}$  on  $A \times B$ . Given a pair  $(a,b):A \times B$ , we have that  $Pair^{\wedge}ABK_{T}K_{T}(a,b)=K_{T}a\times K_{T}b=T\times T$ , whereas  $K_{T}(a,b)=T$ . While these types are not equal, they are clearly isomorphic. Similar isomorphisms between  $F^{\wedge}AK_{T}$  and  $K_{T}$  hold for all other nested type constructors F as well. These isomorphisms can either be proved on an as-needed basis or, since  $F^{\wedge}AK_{T}=K_{T}$  is the unary analogue of the Identity Extension Lemma, be obtained at the meta-level as a consequence of unary parametricity. At the object level, our Agda code [11] simply postulates each isomorphism needed since an Agda implementation of full parametricity for some relevant calculus is beyond the scope of the present paper.

#### 8 Conclusion

This paper extends deep induction to deep GADTs that are not truly nested. It also shows that truly nested GADTs, deep or not, do not admit (deep) induction rules. Our development is implemented in Agda, as is a case study showing how deep induction can prove properties of GADTs that are not provable by structural induction.

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