Local Type Inference for Polarised System F with Existentials

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1 INTRODUCTION

N = M

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2 OVERVIEW

3 DECLARATIVE SYSTEM

3.1 The Language

The types of F_{\exists}^{\pm} are given in fig. 1. They are stratified into two syntactic categories (polarities): positive and negative, similarly to the Call-By-Push-Value system [Levy 2006]. The negative types represent computations, and the positive types represent values:

- $-\alpha^{-}$ is a negative type variable, which can be taken from a context or introduced by \exists .
- a function $P \rightarrow N$ takes a value as input and returns a computation;
- a polymorphic abstraction $\forall \overrightarrow{\alpha^+}.N$ quantifies a computation over a list of positive type variables $\overrightarrow{\alpha^+}$. The polarities are chosen to follow the definition of functions.

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- a shift $\uparrow P$ allows a value to be used as a computation, which at the term-level corresponds to a pure computation **return** v.
- + α^+ is a positive type variable, taken from a context or introduced by \forall .
- $+ \exists \overrightarrow{\alpha}^{-}.P$, symmetrically to \forall , binds negative variables in a positive type P.
- + a shift $\downarrow N$, symmetrically to the up-shift, thunks a computation, which at the term-level corresponds to $\{c\}$.

Negative declarative types N, M, K ::= $\begin{vmatrix} \alpha^- \\ \uparrow P \\ \downarrow P \rightarrow N \\ \downarrow \forall \alpha^+. N \end{vmatrix}$

Fig. 1. Declarative Types of F_{\exists}^{\pm}

Definitional Equalities. For simplicity, we assume alpha-equivalent terms equal. This way, we assume that substitutions do not capture bound variables. Besides, we equate $\forall \overrightarrow{\alpha^+}, \forall \overrightarrow{\beta^+}. N$ with $\forall \overrightarrow{\alpha^+}, \overrightarrow{\beta^+}. N$, as well as $\exists \overrightarrow{\alpha^-}. \exists \overrightarrow{\beta^-}. P$ with $\exists \overrightarrow{\alpha^-}, \overrightarrow{\beta^-}. P$, and lift these equations transitively and congruently to the whole system.

- 4 ALGORITHM
- 5 PROOF
- 6 EXTENSIONS
- 7 CONCLUSION

[Botlan et al. 2003] [Dunfield et al. 2020]

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