# Nominal logic for reasoning about terms with variable bindings

(Logika dziedzinowa do wnioskowania o termach z wiązaniem zmiennych)

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# Abstract

We describe logic for reasoning about terms with variable bindings.

# Streszczenie Przedstawiamy logikę dziedzinową do wnioskowania o termach z wiązaniem zmiennych.

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# Introduction

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# Terms and constraints

In classical first-order logic, terms are built from variables and applications of functional symbols to other terms. In this work we expand terms with expressions closely resembling the syntax of lambda calculus, aiming to provide a flexible framework for reasoning about the lambda calculus and its derivations.

To this end we introduce an infinite set of *atoms* (denoted by lower-case letters), representing the bound variables in terms — i.e. the variables in the sense of lambda calculus. That set is disjount with the set of variables commonly found in first-order logic, which from now on we will call *variables* (and denote by uppper-case letters) as apposed to *atoms*.

Terms are given by the following grammar:

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\pi ::= id | (\alpha \alpha)\pi (permutations)

\alpha ::= \pi a (atom expressions)

t ::= \alpha \mid \pi X \mid \alpha . t \mid t t \mid s (terms)
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It is important to note that terms do not incorporate any inherent notions of computation, reduction, or binding. These expressions simply *look* like the lambda calculus but they lack the operational semantics of it. However, the intuitions associated with such expressions are not unfounded. We will observe their practical application in the sublogic of constraints that we define on top of terms to reason about notions of *freshness*, *variable binding* and *structural* order and its logical model.

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Constraints are given by the following grammar:
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c ::= \alpha \# t \mid t = t \mid t \sim t \mid t \prec t \quad \text{(constraints)}
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with following semantics:

 $\alpha \# t$  — atom  $\alpha$  is Fresh in term t, i.e. does not occur in t as a free variable

 $t_1 = t_2$  — terms  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are alpha-equivalent

 $t_1 \sim t_2$  — terms  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  possess an identical shape,

i.e. after erasing all atoms, terms  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  would be equal

 $t_1 \prec t_2$  — shape of term  $t_1$  is structurally smaller than the shape of term  $t_2$ , i.e. after erasing all atoms  $t_1$  would be equal to some subterm of  $t_2$ 

We use metavariable  $\Gamma$  for finite sets of constraints.

$$|A| =$$
\_  
 $|n| =$ \_  
 $|\$T| =$ \_. $|T|$   
 $1|T_1@T_2| = |T_1|@|T_2|$ 

$$\begin{split} \rho &\vDash t_1 = t_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad [\![t_1]\!]_\rho = [\![t_2]\!]_\rho \\ \rho &\vDash \alpha \# t \quad \text{iff} \quad [\![\alpha]\!]_\rho \notin \mathsf{FreeAtoms}([\![t]\!]_\rho) \\ \rho &\vDash t_1 \sim t_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad |\![t_1]\!]_\rho| = |\![t_2]\!]_\rho| \\ \rho &\vDash t_1 \prec t_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad |\![t_1]\!]_\rho| \text{ is a strict subshape of } |\![t_2]\!]_\rho| \end{split}$$

We write  $\rho \vDash \Gamma$  iff for all  $c \in \Gamma$  we have  $\rho \vDash c$ . We write  $\Gamma \vDash c$  iff for every  $\rho$  such that  $\rho \vDash \Gamma$  we have  $\rho \vDash c$ .

With this model in mind we will se that there exists a decidibile algorithm for determining whether  $C1,...,Cn \models C0$ , i.e. a deterministic way of checking if constraints c1, ..., cn imply c0. We present such algorithm in the next chapter.

### Constraint solver

Bird's eye view: Solver breaks down constraints (on both sides of the turnstile) to irreducible components that are solved easily.

At the core of our work lies the Solver — the algorithm of resolving the constraints. Given a list of assumptions  $c_1, \ldots, c_n$  it checks whether given goal  $c_0$  holds. In other words it is an algorithm that verifies whether, for every possible substitution of closed terms (in terms of variables, not atoms) for variables in  $c_0, c_1, \ldots, c_n$  such that the constraints  $c_1, \ldots, c_n$  are satisfied,  $c_0$  is also satisfied.

For convenience and effectiveness of implementation, the Solver works with constraints a little different constraints (although not more expressive) than those occurring in formulas and kinds, main difference being use of *shapes* instead of terms for shape constraints. Solver contraints and shapes are given by the following grammar:

$$\mathcal{C} ::= \alpha \# t \mid t = t \mid S \sim S \mid S \prec S$$
 (solver constraints) 
$$S ::= - \mid X \mid \_.S \mid S \mid s$$
 (shapes)

Solver erases atoms from terms in shape contstraints, effectively transforming them from *constraints* to *solver constraints*.

We add another environment  $\Delta$  to distinguish between the potentially-reducible assumptions in  $\Gamma$ . For convenience we will write  $a \neq \alpha$  instead of  $a \# \alpha$  as it gives good intuition of atom freshness implying inequality and for  $\alpha = \pi a$  we will write  $\alpha \# t$  meaning  $a \# \pi^{-1}t$ . Irreducible constraints are:

 $a_1 \neq a_2$  — atoms  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are different a # X — atom a is Fresh in variable X  $X_1 \sim X_2$  — variables  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  posses the same shape  $X \sim t$  — variable X has a shape of term t  $t \prec X$  — term t strictly subshapes variable X

After all the constraints are reduced to such simple constraints we reduce the

goal-constraint and repeat the reduction procedure on new assumptions and goal. We either arrive on a contradictory environment or all the assumptions and goal itself are reduced to irreducible constraints which is as simple as checking if the goal occurs on the left side of the turnstile.

$$\frac{\mathcal{C} \in \Delta}{\Gamma: \Delta \models \mathcal{C}}$$

Decidability of atom equality plays an important role in the reduce procedure:

$$\begin{array}{c} a\neq\alpha_1, a\neq\alpha_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash a=\alpha \\ \hline \Gamma; \Delta \vDash a=\pi^{-1}\alpha \\ \hline \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \pi a=\alpha \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} a=\alpha_1, a\neq\alpha_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \alpha_2=\alpha \\ \hline \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \pi a=\alpha \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} a=\alpha_1, a\neq\alpha_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \alpha_2=\alpha \\ \hline \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \pi a=\alpha \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} a=\alpha_1, a\neq\alpha_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \alpha_2=\alpha \\ \hline \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \pi a=\alpha \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \pi \text{ idempotent on } X \\ \hline \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \pi \text{ idempotent on } X \\ \hline \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \alpha_1\#t_2 \qquad \Gamma; \Delta \vDash t_1=(\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2)t_2 \\ \hline \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \alpha_1\#t_2 \qquad \Gamma; \Delta \vDash t_1=(\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2)t_2 \\ \hline \Gamma; \Delta \vDash a=a \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \Gamma; \Delta \vDash x_1=\pi_1^{-1}\pi_2X_2 \\ \hline \Gamma; \Delta \vDash x_1X_1=\pi_2X_2 \end{array}$$
 
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$$\frac{\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{a\#s,\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma;\{X_1 \sim X_2\} \cup \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{X_1 \sim X_2,\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \frac{\Gamma;\{X \sim S\} \cup \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{X \sim S,\ \Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{a_1 \sim a_2,\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \text{Other term constructors trivial}$$

$$\frac{t_1 \sim t_2,\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{-.t_1 \sim -.t_2,\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \text{Other term constructors trivial}$$

$$\frac{t_1 \sim t_2,\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{t_1t_1' \sim t_2t_2',\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \text{Other term constructors trivial}$$

$$\frac{t_1 \sim t_2,\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{t_1t_1' \sim t_2t_2',\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \text{Other term constructors trivial}$$

$$\frac{s_1 \neq s_2}{s_1 \sim s_2,\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \frac{s_1 \neq s_2}{s \sim s,\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \text{Other term constructors trivial}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma;\{t \prec X\} \cup \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{t_1 \prec X,\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}$$

$$\frac{t_1 \sim t_2,\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{t_1 \prec L_2,\Gamma;\Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}$$

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TODO: explain what is  $\{C\} \cup \Delta$  Additional rule for ariving in contradictory  $\Delta$ :

$$\overline{\Gamma; \not \downarrow \vDash \mathcal{C}}$$

Define state of the solver by triple  $(\Gamma, \Delta, C_0)$  and such ordering of the states:

- 1. Number of distinct variables in  $\Gamma$ ,  $\Delta$ , $\mathcal{C}_0$ .
- 2. Depth of  $\mathcal{C}_0$ .
- 3. Number of assumptions of given depth in  $\Gamma$  and  $\Delta$ .
- 4. Number of assumptions of given depth in  $\Gamma$ .

Then by analysing each rule we can see the reductions always arrive in a smaller state.

#### 3.1 Implementation

Environment  $\Delta$  is a quintuple  $(NeqAtoms_{\Delta}, Fresh_{\Delta}, VarShape_{\Delta}, Shape_{\Delta}, Subshape_{\Delta})$  where:

NegAtoms is a set of pairs of atoms that we know are different,

Fresh is a mapping from atoms to variables that we know the atom is Fresh in, VarShape is a mapping from variables to shape-representative variables (i.e. all variables that are mapped in VarShape to the same variable are of the same shape), Shape is a mapping from shape-representative variables to shape that we know this variable must have,

SubShape is a mapping from shape-representative variables to sets of shapes that we know this variable must supershape.

We can now define a way to compute the shape-representative variable:

$$X_{\Delta} := \begin{cases} X & \text{if } VarShape_{\Delta}(X) = \emptyset \\ X'_{\Delta} & \text{if } VarShape_{\Delta}(X) = X' \end{cases}$$

And shape-reconstruction:

$$|X|_{\Delta} := \begin{cases} |X'|_{\Delta} & \text{if } VarShape_{\Delta}(X) = X' \\ S & \text{if } Shape_{\Delta}(X) = S \\ X & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$|\_|_{\Delta} := \_$$

$$|\_.S|_{\Delta} := \_.|S|_{\Delta}$$

$$|S_1S_2|_{\Delta} := |S_1|_{\Delta}|S_2|_{\Delta}$$

$$|s|_{\Delta} := s$$

$$|t|_{\Delta} := ||t||_{\Delta}$$

Now we can easily check for irreducible constraints in  $\Delta$ :

$$(a_1 \neq a_2) \in \Delta := (a_1 \neq a_2) \in NeqAtoms_{\Delta}$$

$$(a \# X) \in \Delta := X \in Fresh_{\Delta}(a)$$

$$(X_1 \sim X_2) \in \Delta := |X_1|_{\Delta} = |X_2|_{\Delta}$$

$$(X \sim S) \in \Delta := S = Shape_{\Delta}(X_{\Delta})$$

$$(S \prec X) \in \Delta := S \in SubShape_{\Delta}(X_{\Delta})$$

Now we can define rules for the special occurs check:

$$\frac{X_{\Delta} \text{ occurs syntactically in } |S|_{\Delta}}{\Delta \vDash X \text{ occurs in } S}$$

$$\frac{X_{\Delta}' \text{ occurs syntactically in } |S|_{\Delta} \qquad (S' \prec X') \in \Delta \qquad \Delta \vDash X \text{ occurs in } S'}{\Delta \vDash X \text{ occurs in } S}$$

And finally the rules for  $\mathcal{C} \cup \Delta$ . Note that we are using meta-field of Assumptions to indicate that some of the assumptions in  $\Delta$  are no longer "simple" and escape from  $\Delta$  back to  $\Gamma$  to be broken up by the Solver.

$$\{a \,\#\, X\} \cup \Delta := \Delta[Fresh(a) \,+= X]$$
 
$$\{a \neq a'\} \cup \Delta := \begin{cases} \not \text{if } a = a' \\ \Delta[NeqAtoms \,+= \, (a \neq a')] & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\{X \sim X'\} \cup \Delta := \begin{cases} \Delta & \text{if } X_{\Delta} = X'_{\Delta} \\ \Delta & \text{if } |X|_{\Delta} = |X'|_{\Delta} \end{cases}$$

$$\{X \sim X'\} \cup \Delta := \begin{cases} \begin{cases} \mathcal{X} & \text{if } X_{\Delta} \text{ occurs in } |X'|_{\Delta} \\ \mathcal{X}' & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\forall \text{where } \Delta' = \Delta.Symbols\{X_{\Delta} \leadsto X'_{\Delta}\}$$

$$Subshapes\{X_{\Delta} \leadsto X'_{\Delta}\}$$

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$$TransferShape\{X_{\Delta} \leadsto X'_{\Delta}\}$$

$$[Shape -= (X_{\Delta})$$

$$SubShape -= (X_{\Delta})$$

$$SubShape += (X_{\Delta} \bowtie X'_{\Delta})$$

$$VarShape += (X_{\Delta} \bowtie X'_{\Delta})$$

$$\Delta.Symbols\{X\leadsto S\}:=\begin{cases} \Delta[Symbols\;-=X,Assumptions\;+=\;\mathrm{symbol}\;S] & \text{if }X_\Delta\in\Delta.Symbols\\ \Delta & \text{otherwise}. \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta.Shape\{X \leadsto S\} := \begin{cases} \Delta[Assumptions += (S \sim S')] & \text{if } Shape_{\Delta}(X_{\Delta}) = S' \\ \Delta[Shapes += (X \mapsto S)] & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta.SubShapes\{X\leadsto S\}:=\Delta[Assumptions \mathrel{+}= Subshapes_{\Delta}(X) \prec S]$$

$$\Delta.TransferShape\{X \leadsto X'\} := \begin{cases} \Delta.Shape\{termv' \leadsto S'\} & \text{if } Shape_{\Delta}(X_{\Delta}) = S \\ \Delta & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
 
$$\Delta\{X \mapsto t\} := \{X \sim |t|_{\Delta}\} \cup \Delta.Fresh\{X \mapsto t\}$$
 
$$\Delta.Fresh\{X \mapsto t\} := \Delta[Fresh.map(\text{fun } (a \# \mathbb{X}) \mapsto a \# (\mathbb{X} \backslash \{X\})] \cup \bigcup_{\substack{(a \# \mathbb{X}) \in Fresh_{\Delta} \\ X \in \mathbb{X}}} \{a \# t\}$$
 
$$\Delta\{a \mapsto a'\} := \Delta.Fresh\{a \mapsto a'\}.NeqAtoms\{a \mapsto a'\}]$$
 
$$\Delta.Fresh\{a \mapsto a'\} := \Delta[Fresh -= a][Fresh += \{a' \# \Delta.Fresh(a)\}]$$
 
$$\Delta.NeqAtoms\{a \mapsto a'\} := \Delta[NeqAtoms = \emptyset] \cup \bigcup_{\substack{(a_1 \neq a_2) \in NeqAtoms_{\Delta}}} \{a_1 \{a \mapsto a'\} \neq a_2 \{a \mapsto a'\}\}$$

# Higher Order Logic

On top of sublogic of constraints we build an higher order logic. Due to involvement of atoms, terms, binders and constraints, we introduce kinds to make sure the formulas we deal with *make sense*.

#### 4.1 Kinds

Notice that as constraints occur in kinds, we cannot simply give functions from atoms some kind  $Atom \to \kappa$ , but we must know which atom is bound there, to substitute for it in  $\kappa$  the same way we substitute that atom for an atom expression in the function body when applying it to the formula. The guarded kind  $[c]\kappa$  is most importantly used in kinding of the fixpoint formulas that we will explain in later sections.

#### 4.2 Subkinding

Kinding relation is relaxed through the *subkinding*, a relation that is naturally reflexive and transitive:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \kappa_1 <: \kappa_2 \qquad \Gamma \vdash \kappa_2 <: \kappa_3}{\Gamma \vdash \kappa_1 <: \kappa_3}$$

Universally quantified kinds only subkind if they are quantified over the same name:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \kappa_1 <: \kappa_2}{\Gamma \vdash \forall_A a. \ \kappa_1 <: \forall_A a. \ \kappa_2} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \kappa_1 <: \kappa_2}{\Gamma \vdash \forall_T X. \ \kappa_1 <: \forall_T X. \ \kappa_2}$$

Function kind is contravariant to the subkinding relation on the left argument:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \kappa_1' <: \kappa_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash \kappa_2 <: \kappa_2'}{\Gamma \vdash \kappa_1 \to \kappa_2 <: \kappa_1' \to \kappa_2'}$$

Constraints that are solved through  $\vDash$  relation can be dropped:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vDash c}{\Gamma \vdash [c]\kappa <: \kappa}$$

And constraints can be moved to the environment from the right-hand side:

$$\frac{\Gamma, c \vdash \kappa_1 <: \kappa_2}{\Gamma \vdash \kappa_1 <: [c] \kappa_2}$$

Note that there is no structural subkinding rule for guarded kinds like

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \kappa_1 <: \kappa_2}{\Gamma \vdash [c]\kappa_1 <: [c]\kappa_2} \times$$

Such a rule can be derived from both subkinding rules for guarded kind, transitivity, and weakening.

#### 4.3 Formulas

Formulas include standard connectives (of kind  $\star$ ):

$$\varphi ::= \bot | \top | \varphi \vee \varphi | \varphi \wedge \varphi | \varphi \rightarrow \varphi | \dots$$
 (formulas)

Quantification over atoms and terms (on formulas of kind  $\star$ ):

$$\varphi ::= \ldots \mid \forall_A a. \varphi \mid \forall_T X. \varphi \mid \exists_A a. \varphi \mid \exists_T X. \varphi \mid \ldots$$
 (formulas)

Constraints, guards, and propositional variables:

$$\varphi ::= \ldots \mid c \mid [c] \land \varphi \mid [c] \rightarrow \varphi \mid P \mid \ldots \text{ (formulas)}$$

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 $\varphi ::= \ldots \mid \lambda_A a. \varphi \mid \lambda_T X. \varphi \mid \lambda P :: \kappa. \varphi \mid \varphi \alpha \mid \varphi t \mid \varphi \varphi \mid \ldots$  (formulas)

Propositional variables, functions and applications:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi :: \kappa & \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi :: \kappa \\ \hline \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \lambda_A a. \varphi :: \forall_A a. \kappa & \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi :: \kappa \\ \hline \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi :: \forall_A a. \kappa & \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi :: \forall_T X. \kappa & \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1 :: \kappa' \to \kappa \\ \hline \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi \alpha :: \kappa \{a \mapsto \alpha\} & \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi t :: \kappa \{X \mapsto t\} & \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1 :: \kappa \\ \hline \end{array}$$

#### 4.4 Fixpoint

And finish the definition of formulas with *fixpoint* function:

$$\varphi ::= \dots \mid \text{fix } P(X) :: \kappa = \varphi \quad \text{(formulas)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Sigma, (P :: \forall_T Y. [Y \prec X] \kappa \{X \mapsto Y\}) \vdash \varphi :: \kappa}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash (\text{fix } P(X) :: \kappa = \varphi) :: \forall_T X. \kappa}$$

Fixpoint constructor allows us to express recursive predicates over terms, but only such that the recursive applications are on structurally smaller terms, which we express in the kinding rule through the kinding  $(P :: \forall_T Y. [Y \prec X] \kappa \{X \mapsto Y\})$ . To evaluate a fixpoint function applied on a term, simply substitute the bound variable with given term and recursive calls inside fixpoint's body with the fixpoint itself.

$$(\text{fix } P(X) :: \kappa = \varphi) \ t \equiv \varphi \{X \mapsto t\} \{P \mapsto (\text{fix } P(X) :: \kappa = \varphi)\}$$

Because the applied term is finite and we always recurse on structurally smaller terms, the final formula after all substitutions must also be finite — thanks to semantics of constraints and kinds.

To familiarize the reader with the fixpoint formulas we present how peans arithmetic can be modeled in our logic. Given symbols 0 and S for natural numbers construction one can write a predicate that a term models some natural number:

fix 
$$Nat(N) :: \star = (N = 0) \lor (\exists_T M. [N = S M] \land (Nat M))$$

Notice how the constraint (N = S M) guards the recursive call to Nat, ensuring that constraint  $(M \prec N)$  will be satisfied during kind checking of (Nat M) in the kind derivation of the whole formula  $(Nat :: \forall_T N. \star)$ .

Similarly, we can define addition:

fix 
$$PlusEq(N) :: \forall_T M. \forall_T K. \star = \lambda_T M. \lambda_T K.$$
  
 $([N=0] \land (M=K)) \lor (\exists_T N', K'. [N=S\ N'] \land [K=S\ K'] \land (PlusEq\ N'\ M\ K'))$   
TODO: Write how  $N$  is treated differently from  $M$  and  $K$ ?  
See more interesting examples of fixpoints usage in the chapter on STLC.

#### 4.5 Proof theory

Finally we can define proof-theoretic rules. Starting with inference rules for assumption, we can already define it's constraint-sublogic analogues that employ the solver. And while the  $\vdash$  relation we define is purely syntactic, we can still use semantic  $\models$  because of it's decidability.

$$\frac{\varphi \in \Theta}{\Gamma; \Theta \vdash \varphi} \quad (Assumption) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vDash c}{\Gamma; \Theta \vdash c} \quad (constr^i)$$

Again for  $ex\ falso$  we define analogic proof constructor for dealing with contradictory constraint evironment. Note that there are many constraints that can be used as  $\perp_c$ , i.e. constraints that are always false and solver will only prove them if we supply it with contradictory assumptions

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Theta \vdash \bot}{\Gamma; \Theta \vdash \varphi} \ (\bot^e) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vDash \bot_c}{\Gamma; \Theta \vdash \varphi} \ (constr^e)$$

Inference rules for implication are standard and the reason we present them here is not to bore the reader but to point the similarities to their constraint analogues.

$$\frac{\Gamma_{1};\Theta,\varphi_{1}\vdash\varphi_{2}}{\Gamma;\Theta\vdash\varphi_{1}\to\varphi_{2}} (\to^{i}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma_{1};\Theta_{1}\vdash\varphi_{1} \qquad \Gamma_{2};\Theta_{2}\vdash\varphi_{1}\to\varphi_{2}}{\Gamma_{1}\cup\Gamma_{2};\Theta_{2}\cup\Theta_{2}\vdash\varphi_{2}} (\to^{e})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma,c;\Theta\vdash\varphi}{\Gamma;\Theta\vdash[c]\to\varphi} ([\cdot]\to^{i}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma_{1};\Theta_{1}\vdash c \qquad \Gamma_{2};\Theta_{2}\vdash[c]\to\varphi}{\Gamma_{1}\cup\Gamma_{2};\Theta_{2}\cup\Theta_{2}\vdash\varphi} ([\cdot]\to^{e})$$

Notice that in the case constraint-and-guard the rule for elimination is restricted to only formulas of kind  $\star$ . This is due to nature of the guard — if we want to eliminate it, we can only do so with formulas that  $make\ sense$  on their own, without that c guard.

$$\frac{\Gamma_{1};\Theta_{1} \vdash \varphi_{1} \quad \Gamma_{2};\Theta_{2} \vdash \varphi_{2}}{\Gamma_{1} \cup \Gamma_{2};\Theta_{2} \cup \Theta_{2} \vdash \varphi_{1} \wedge \varphi_{2}} \quad (\wedge^{i}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi_{1} \wedge \varphi_{2}}{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi_{1}} \quad (\wedge^{e}_{1}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi_{1} \wedge \varphi_{2}}{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi_{2}} \quad (\wedge^{e}_{2})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vDash c \quad \Gamma,c;\Theta \vdash \varphi}{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash [c] \wedge \varphi} \quad ([\cdot]\wedge^{i}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash [c] \wedge \varphi}{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash c} \quad ([\cdot]\wedge^{e}_{1}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash [c] \wedge \varphi \quad \Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi : \star}{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi} \quad ([\cdot]\wedge^{e}_{2})$$

Inference rules for disjunction and quantifiers are rather straightforward. As one would expect we restrict generalized name to be *fresh* in the environment (it may not occur in any of the assumptions) and the names given to witnesses of existentential quantification must also be *fresh*. Rules for quantifiers always come in pairs — one for the atoms and one for the variables.

$$\frac{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi_{1}}{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi_{1} \lor \varphi_{2}} (\forall_{1}^{i}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi_{2}}{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi_{1} \lor \varphi_{2}} (\forall_{2}^{i}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi_{1} \lor \varphi_{2}}{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi_{1} \lor \varphi_{2}} (\forall_{2}^{i}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi_{1} \lor \varphi_{2}}{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \psi} (\forall^{e})$$

$$\frac{a \notin FV(\Gamma;\Theta) \qquad \Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi}{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \forall_{A}a. \varphi} (\forall_{A}.^{i}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \forall_{A}a. \varphi}{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi\{a \mapsto a'\}} (\forall_{A}.^{e})$$

$$\frac{X \notin FV(\Gamma;\Theta) \qquad \Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi}{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \forall_{T}X. \varphi} (\forall_{T}.^{i}) \qquad \frac{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \forall_{T}X. \varphi}{\Gamma;\Theta \vdash \varphi\{X \mapsto X'\}} (\forall_{T}.^{e})$$

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To make the framework more flexible we introduce a way for using equivalent formulas:

 $\frac{\Gamma; \Theta \vdash \psi \quad \Gamma; \Theta \vdash \psi \equiv \varphi}{\Gamma; \Theta \vdash \varphi} \quad (Equiv)$ 

And a way to substitute atoms for atomic expression and variables for terms, if the solver can prove their equality:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vDash a = \alpha \quad \Gamma; \Theta \vdash \varphi}{\Gamma\{a \mapsto \alpha\}; \Theta\{a \mapsto \alpha\} \vdash \varphi\{a \mapsto \alpha\}} \quad (\mapsto_A) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vDash X = t \quad \Gamma; \Theta \vdash \varphi}{\Gamma\{X \mapsto t\}; \Theta\{X \mapsto t\} \vdash \varphi\{X \mapsto t\}} \quad (\mapsto_T)$$

Finall we define induction over term structure, and thanks to the constraints sublogic we can easily define the notion of *smaller terms* for inductive hypothesis:

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Theta, (\forall_T X'. [X' \prec X] \to \varphi(X')) \vdash \varphi(X)}{\Gamma; \Theta \vdash \forall_T X. \varphi(X)}$$
 (Induction)

We also define some axioms about constraint sublogic:

1. Atoms can be compared in a deterministic fashion,

2. There are always exists a fresh atom,

$$\vdash \forall_T X. \ \exists_A a. \ (a \# X)$$
 (Axiom<sub>Fresh</sub>)

3. We can deduce the structure of a term.

$$\vdash \forall_T X. (\exists_A a. \ X = a) \lor (\exists_A a. \ \exists_T X'. \ X = a.X')$$

$$\lor (\exists_T X_1, \ X_2. \ X = a.X') \lor (symbol \ X)$$

The equivalence relation  $(\varphi_1 \equiv \varphi_2)$  is a bit complicated due to the presence of evironment with variable mapping, subkinding and formulas with fixpoints, functions, and applications. Nonetheless, it's simply that - an equivalence relation - and it behaves as expected. We will only highlighting the interesting parts.

$$\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1[X_1 \mapsto t_1] \equiv \varphi_2[X_2 \mapsto t_2]$$
  
$$\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash (\lambda_T X_1, \varphi_1) \ t_1 \equiv (\lambda_T X_2, \varphi_2) \ t_2$$

Otherwise we compute weak head normal form (up to some depth) and recurse on subformulas:

 $\frac{\Gamma; \Sigma; Sn \vdash (\text{fix } P(X) :: \kappa = \varphi) \ t}{\Gamma; \Sigma, P \mapsto \varphi; n \vdash \varphi[X \mapsto t]}$ 

Until we reach WHNF computation *depth* or cannot compute the formula further, we resort to *naive* checking:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vDash t_1 = t_2 \quad \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1 \equiv \varphi_2}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1 \ t_1 \equiv \varphi_2 \ t_2}$$

$$\frac{X \notin \text{FV}(\Gamma; \Sigma)}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1[X_1 \mapsto X] \equiv \varphi_2[X_2 \mapsto X]}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1[X_1 \mapsto X] \equiv \varphi_2[X_2 \mapsto X]}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \lambda_T X_1. \ \varphi_1 \equiv \lambda_T X_2. \ \varphi_2}$$

$$\frac{\kappa_1 <: \kappa_2}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1[P_1 \mapsto P] \equiv \varphi_2[P_2 \mapsto P]}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \lambda_T :: \kappa_1. \ \varphi_1 \equiv \lambda_T :: \kappa_2. \ \varphi_2}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \lambda_T :: \kappa_1. \ \varphi_1 \equiv \lambda_T :: \kappa_2. \ \varphi_2}$$

$$\frac{\kappa_1 <: \kappa_2 \quad P \notin \text{FV}(\Gamma; \Sigma) \quad X \notin \text{FV}(\Gamma; \Sigma)}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1[P_1 \mapsto P, X_1 \mapsto X] \equiv \varphi_2[P_2 \mapsto P, X_2 \mapsto X]}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \text{fix} \ P_1(X_1) :: \kappa_1 = \varphi_1 \equiv \text{fix} \ P_2(X_2) :: \kappa_2 = \varphi_2}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \text{fix} \ P_1(X_1) :: \kappa_1 = \varphi_1 \equiv \text{fix} \ P_2(X_2) :: \kappa_2 = \varphi_2}$$

Note that we allow different terms in equivalent formulas as long as constraints-environment  $\Gamma$  ensures their equality is provable. Quantifiers are handled the same way as function above — as they all a form of bind.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash c_1 \equiv c_2 \quad \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1 \equiv \varphi_2}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash [c_1] \land \varphi_1 \equiv [c_2] \land \varphi_2} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vDash a_1 = a_2 \quad \Gamma \vDash t_1 = t_2}{\Gamma \vdash (a_1 \# t_1) \equiv (a_2 \# t_2)}$$

To handle formulas with constraints we introduce constraint equivalence relation, which does nothing more than use solver to check that arguments and constructors of constraint are equal in the solver sense.

# Model

Definition of a model of our logic is bit involved, due to presence of subkinding relation. We will proceed in two steps. First, for each kind  $\kappa$  we define its *domain*  $\mathcal{D}_{\kappa}$ . Then we will interpret each kind as a predicate on elements of its domain. We fix some Heyting algebra  $\mathcal{H}$  in which we will interpret propositions. Then kind domains are defined in the following way.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \mathcal{D}_{\star} & = & \mathcal{H} \\ \\ \mathcal{D}_{\kappa_{1} \to \kappa_{2}} & = & \mathcal{D}_{\kappa_{1}} \to \mathcal{D}_{\kappa_{2}} \\ \\ \mathcal{D}_{\forall_{A} a. \, \kappa} & = & \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{D}_{\kappa} \\ \\ \mathcal{D}_{\forall_{T} X. \, \kappa} & = & \mathcal{T} \to \mathcal{D}_{\kappa} \\ \\ \mathcal{D}_{[c]\kappa} & = & \mathcal{D}_{\kappa} \end{array}$$

And kind interpretation like this:

And finally the kind derivation model:

$$\begin{split} & \left[\!\!\left[ \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \top : \star} \right]\!\!\right]_{\rho} \ = \ \top \\ & \left[\!\!\left[ \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash P : \Gamma(P)} \right]\!\!\right]_{\rho} \ = \ \rho(P) \\ & \left[\!\!\left[ \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash c : \star} \right]\!\!\right]_{\rho} \ = \ \text{if} \ \rho \vDash c \ \text{then} \ \top \ \text{else} \ \bot \end{split}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
D_1 : \Gamma \vdash \varphi_1 : \star \\
D_2 : \Gamma \vdash \varphi_2 : \star \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash \varphi_1 \land \varphi_2 : \star
\end{bmatrix}_{\rho} = [D_1]_{\rho} \land_{\mathcal{H}} [D_2]_{\rho}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
D_1 : \Gamma \vdash \varphi_1 : \star \\
D_2 : \Gamma \vdash \varphi_2 : \star \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash \varphi_1 \lor \varphi_2 : \star
\end{bmatrix}_{\rho} = [D_1]_{\rho} \lor_{\mathcal{H}} [D_2]_{\rho}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
D_1 : \Gamma \vdash \varphi_1 : \star \\
D_2 : \Gamma \vdash \varphi_2 : \star \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash \varphi_1 \Rightarrow \varphi_2 : \star
\end{bmatrix}_{\rho} = [D_1]_{\rho} \Rightarrow_{\mathcal{H}} [D_2]_{\rho}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
D : \Gamma \vdash \varphi : \star \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash \forall_T X. \varphi : \star
\end{bmatrix}_{\rho} = \bigwedge_{T \in Term} [D]_{\rho[X \mapsto T]}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
D : \Gamma \vdash \varphi : \star \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash \exists_T X. \varphi : \star
\end{bmatrix}_{\rho} = \bigvee_{T \in Term} [D]_{\rho[A \mapsto A]}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
D : \Gamma \vdash \varphi : \star \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash \exists_T X. \varphi : \star
\end{bmatrix}_{\rho} = \bigvee_{T \in Term} [D]_{\rho[A \mapsto A]}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
D : \Gamma \vdash \varphi : \star \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash \exists_T X. \varphi : \star
\end{bmatrix}_{\rho} = \bigvee_{A \in Atom} [D]_{\rho[A \mapsto A]}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} D:\Gamma,c\vdash\varphi:\star \\ \hline \Gamma\vdash[c]\land\varphi:\star \end{bmatrix}_{\rho} \;\;=\;\; \text{if}\;\; \rho\vDash c \;\; \text{then}\;\; \llbracket D\rrbracket_{\rho} \;\; \text{else}\;\; \bot \\ \begin{bmatrix} D:\Gamma,c\vdash\varphi:\star \\ \hline \Gamma\vdash[c]\Rightarrow\varphi:\star \end{bmatrix}_{\rho} \;\;=\;\; \text{if}\;\; \rho\vDash c \;\; \text{then}\;\; \llbracket D\rrbracket_{\rho} \;\; \text{else}\;\; \top$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} D: \Gamma \vdash \varphi : \kappa_2 \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash \lambda P. \ \varphi : \kappa_1 \Rightarrow \kappa_2 \end{bmatrix}_{\rho} = \lambda \ (Q: \llbracket \kappa_1 \rrbracket_{\rho}). \ \llbracket D \rrbracket_{\rho[P \mapsto Q]}$$
 
$$\begin{bmatrix} D: \Gamma \vdash \varphi : \kappa \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash \lambda a. \ \varphi : \forall_A a. \ \kappa \end{bmatrix}_{\rho} = \lambda \ (A: Atom). \ \llbracket D \rrbracket_{\rho[a \mapsto A]}$$
 
$$\begin{bmatrix} D: \Gamma \vdash \varphi : \kappa \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash \lambda X. \ \varphi : \forall_T X. \ \kappa \end{bmatrix}_{\rho} = \lambda \ (T: Term). \ \llbracket D \rrbracket_{\rho[X \mapsto T]}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
D_1: \Gamma \vdash \varphi_1 : \kappa' \Rightarrow \kappa \\
D_2: \Gamma \vdash \varphi_2 : \kappa' \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash \varphi_1 \varphi_2 : \kappa
\end{bmatrix}_{\rho} = [D_1]_{\rho} [D_2]_{\rho}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
D: \Gamma \vdash \varphi : \forall_A a. \kappa \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash \varphi(\alpha) : \kappa \{a \mapsto \alpha\}
\end{bmatrix}_{\rho} = [D]_{\rho} [\alpha]_{\rho}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
D: \Gamma \vdash \varphi : \forall_T X. \kappa \\
\hline
\Gamma \vdash \varphi(t) : \kappa \{X \mapsto t\}
\end{bmatrix}_{\rho} = [D]_{\rho} [X]_{\rho}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} D:\Gamma,X:\forall z.\ [z< X']\ \kappa\{z\mapsto X'\}\vdash\varphi:\kappa\\ \hline \Gamma\vdash\operatorname{fix}X(X')::\varphi=:\forall X'.\ \kappa \end{bmatrix}_{\rho} &= \lim_{n\to\infty}f_n \\ &\quad \text{where } f_0(t)=\bot\\ &\quad \text{and } f_{n+1}(t)=\llbracket D\rrbracket_{\rho[X\mapsto f_n,X'\mapsto t]}\\ \hline \begin{bmatrix} D:\Gamma,c\vdash\varphi:\kappa\\ \hline \Gamma\vdash\varphi:[c]\kappa \end{bmatrix}_{\rho} &= \text{ if } \rho\vDash c \text{ then } \llbracket D\rrbracket_{\rho} \text{ else "$\bot$"}\\ \hline \begin{bmatrix} D:\Gamma\vdash\varphi:\kappa'\\ \hline \Gamma\vdash\varphi:\kappa' \end{bmatrix}_{\rho} &= \llbracket D\rrbracket_{\rho} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### 5.1 Fundamental Theorem

For any formula  $\varphi$ , any kind  $\kappa$ , and any environment  $\Gamma$ , for any kind derivation  $D: \Gamma \vdash \varphi : \kappa$  under any interpretation  $\rho \in \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$ , we have that

$$[\![D]\!]_{\rho} \in [\![\kappa]\!]_{\rho}$$

In other words, each kind derivation D has a semantic witness that inhabits the semantic interpretation of  $\kappa$ .

# Proof assistant

All the stuff mentioned above has their implementation in OCaml, in modules Solver and SolverEnv, KindChecker and KindCheckerEnv, Proof and ProofEnv, respectively.

Constraints, kinds and formulas constructors mirror the grammars we defined in previous chapters. Atoms and variables are represented internally by integers (but still are disjount sets) — and their string *names* are kept in the environment and binders (quantifiers and functions).

Addionaly, we provide a *proof assistant* (in module Prover), that enables the user to conveniently work with *backwards* and incomplete proof — inspired by the HOL family of theorem provers. While simple it is also powerful and easy to use.

The interface to the Prover provides multiple *tactics* (functions that manipulate *prover state*) and ways to combine them:

We will use  $\bullet$  to indicate *holes* in the incomplete proofs:

intro 
$$\Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: [c] \rightarrow \varphi \qquad \qquad \Gamma, c; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: \varphi$$
 
$$\text{intro'} \quad \text{"x"}$$
 
$$\Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: \psi \rightarrow \varphi \qquad \qquad \Gamma; \Theta, \mathbf{x} :: \psi; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: \varphi$$
 
$$\Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: \psi \rightarrow \varphi \qquad \qquad \Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma, \mathbf{x} :: a \vdash \bullet :: \varphi$$
 
$$\Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: \forall_{T} X. \varphi \qquad \qquad \Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma, \mathbf{x} :: x \vdash \bullet :: \varphi$$
 
$$\text{apply_assm "H"}$$
 
$$\Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: \varphi \qquad \qquad \Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: \psi$$
 
$$\text{when} \quad (\mathsf{H} :: \psi) \in \Theta$$
 
$$\text{apply } (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$$
 
$$\Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: \varphi \qquad \qquad \Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: \psi$$
 
$$\Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: \varphi \qquad \qquad \Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: \psi$$
 
$$\Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: \varphi \qquad \qquad \Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: \bot$$
 
$$\text{by_solver}$$
 
$$\Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: \varphi \qquad \qquad \Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash c$$
 
$$\text{when} \quad \Gamma \vdash c$$
 
$$\text{compare\_atoms "a" "b"}$$

$$\Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: \varphi \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \Gamma; \Theta; \Sigma \vdash \bullet :: (a = a' \lor a \neq a') \to \varphi$$

$$\text{when} \quad (\mathbf{a} :: a) \in \Sigma \text{ and } (\mathbf{b} :: a') \in \Sigma$$

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# Conclusion and future work

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