# 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 constructed from variables and applications of functional symbols to other terms. This work introduces an extension to terms with expressions closely resembling the syntax of lambda calculus. The aim is to create a flexible framework for reasoning about the lambda calculus and its derivations.

To achieve this goal, we introduce an infinite set of *atoms* (represented by lowercase letters) which correspond to the bound variables in terms, analogous to the variables in lambda calculus. This set is disjoint from the set of variables commonly used in first-order logic, which we will refer to as *variables* (denoted by uppercase letters).

Terms are defined by the following grammar:

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\begin{array}{lll} \pi & ::= & \operatorname{id} \mid (\alpha \ \alpha) \pi \\ \alpha & ::= & \pi \ a \\ t & ::= & \alpha \mid \pi \ X \mid \alpha.t \mid t \ t \mid s \end{array}
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It's important to note that terms do not inherently incorporate notions of computation, reduction, or binding. These expressions closely resemble lambda calculus syntax but lack its operational semantics. However, the intuitions associated with these expressions are not baseless. Their practical application is observed in the sublogic of constraints defined on top of terms, used to reason about concepts such as freshness, variable binding, and structural order, as well as their logical model.

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:

lpha # t — atom lpha 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  $\Gamma$  to represent finite sets of constraints.

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

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

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  $\rho \vDash c$ .

Within this model, we establish the existence of a decidible algorithm for determining whether  $C_1, \ldots, C_n \models C_0$ , meaning there is a deterministic way to check whether constraints  $C_1, \ldots, C_n$  imply  $C_0$ . This algorithm is presented in the following chapter.

# Constraint solver

At the heart of our work lies the Solver, an algorithm designed to resolve constraints. A high level perspective of the Solver is that it dissects constraints on both sides of the turnstile into irreducible components that are solved easily.

Given a set of assumptions  $c_1, \ldots, c_n$ , it verifies whether a given goal  $c_0$  holds. Technically, the Solver determines whether, every possible substitution of variables into closed terms in  $c_0, c_1, \ldots, c_n$ , such that  $c_1, \ldots, c_n$  are satisfied, will also satisfy  $c_0$ .

For the sake of convenience and implementation efficiency, the Solver operates on slightly different constraints compared to those found in formulas and kinds. The key distinction lies in the use of *shapes* in shape constraints rather than terms.

Solver constraints and shapes are defined by the following grammar:

$$\begin{array}{llll} \mathcal{C} & ::= & \alpha \,\#\, t \mid t = t \mid S \sim S \mid S \prec S & \text{(solver constraints)} \\ S & ::= & \_ \mid X \mid \_.S \mid S S \mid s & \text{(shapes)} \\ \end{array}$$

Solver erases atoms from terms in shape constraints, 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 a clear intuition of atom freshness implying inequality. Additionally, when  $\alpha = \pi a$ , we will denote  $\alpha \# t$  to mean  $a \# \pi^{-1}t$ .

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 at 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:

$$\frac{\mathcal{C}'' \in \Delta''}{\cdots}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma'; \Delta' \vDash \mathcal{C}' \quad \cdots}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}$$

And now for the solving procedure we start with the most simple equality check:

$$\frac{\Gamma;\Delta\vDash a=a}{\Gamma;\Delta\vDash a=a} \qquad \frac{\Gamma;\Delta\vDash t_1=t_2}{\Gamma;\Delta\vDash X=X} \qquad \frac{\Gamma;\Delta\vDash t_1=t_2}{\Gamma;\Delta\vDash t_1'=t_2'}$$

Checking equality of abstraction terms requires that the left side's argument is fresh in the whole right side's term (either arguments are the same or left's argument doesn't occur in right's body) and that left body is equal to the right body with right argument swapped for the left one:

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash \alpha_1 \# \alpha_2.t_2 \qquad \Gamma; \Delta \vDash t_1 = (\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2)t_2}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash \alpha_1.t_1 = \alpha_2.t_2}$$

To compare a *pure* atom with permuted one, we employ the decidability of atom equality to strip the right hand-side permutation through applying the outermost swap on the left side, while adding to assumption. There's three possible ways:

- 1. a is different from both  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$ , so the swap doesn't change the goal,
- 2. a is equal to  $\alpha_1$  but different from  $\alpha_2$ , so the swap substitutes it for  $\alpha_2$ ,
- 3. a is equal to  $\alpha_2$ , so the swap substitutes it for  $\alpha_1$ .

Notice that it is impossible for any two of these assumption to be valid at the same time — the contradictory branches will resolve through absurd environment.

$$a \neq \alpha_1, a \neq \alpha_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash a = \alpha$$
$$a = \alpha_1, a \neq \alpha_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \alpha_2 = \alpha \qquad a = \alpha_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \alpha_1 = \alpha$$
$$\Gamma; \Delta \vDash a = (\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2)\alpha$$

If the left-hand side's term is permuted we simply move the permutation to the right-hand side:

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash a = \pi^{-1} \alpha}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash \pi a = \alpha} \qquad \frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash X_1 = \pi_1^{-1} \pi_2 X_2}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash \pi_1 X_1 = \pi_2 X_2}$$

Variables can be equal to their permuted selves if that permutation is idempotent:

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash \pi \text{ idempotent on } X}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash X = \pi X} \qquad \frac{\forall a \in \pi. \ \Gamma; \Delta \vDash a = \pi a \ \lor \ \Gamma; \Delta \vDash a \# X}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash \pi \text{ idempotent on } X}$$

Freshness is checked through the  $\Delta$  environment and freshness in symbols is trivial:

$$\frac{a_1 \neq a_2 \in \Delta}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash a_1 \# a_2} \qquad \frac{a \# X \in \Delta}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash a \# X} \qquad \frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash a \# s}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash a \# s}$$

Similarly we recurse on the term structure, assuming checked atom is different than abstraction argument — otherwise it would be trivially true:

$$\frac{a \neq \alpha, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash a \# t}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash a \# \alpha.t} \qquad \frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash a \# t_1 \qquad \Gamma; \Delta \vDash a \# t_2}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash a \# t_1 t_2}$$

Again when faced with swap on the right side, we apply it on the left side:

$$\frac{a \neq \alpha_1, a \neq \alpha_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash a \# \alpha}{a = \alpha_1, a \neq \alpha_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \alpha_1 \# \alpha} = \frac{a = \alpha_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \alpha_2 \# \alpha}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash a \# (\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2) \alpha}$$

$$\frac{a \neq \alpha_1, a \neq \alpha_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash a \# \pi X}{a = \alpha_1, a \neq \alpha_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \alpha_1 \# \pi X} \qquad a = \alpha_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \alpha_2 \# \pi X}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash a \# (\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2) \pi X}$$

All atoms have the same shape, while only equal symbols have equal shape:

$$\overline{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash \_ \sim \_} \qquad \overline{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash s \sim s}$$

Variables can share shape and be shape-substituted through  $\Delta$ :

$$\frac{X_1 \sim X_2 \in \Delta}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash X_1 \sim X_2} \qquad \frac{X \sim S' \in \Delta \qquad \Gamma; \Delta \vDash S' \sim S}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash X \sim S}$$

Shape equality is naturally structural:

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \sim S_2}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash .S_1 \sim .S_2} \qquad \frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \sim S_2}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 S_1' \sim S_2 S_2'}$$

Solving subshape recurses through right-hand side shape's structure to find a shapeequal sub-shape:

$$\begin{split} \frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \sim S_2}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \prec \_.S_2} & \frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \prec S_2}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \prec \_.S_2} \\ \frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \sim S_2}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \sim S_2} & \frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \sim S_2'}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \prec S_2 S_2'} & \frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \prec S_2}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \prec S_2 S_2'} & \frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \prec S_2}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \prec S_2 S_2'} \end{split}$$

Environment  $\Delta$  keeps track of all shapes that given variable subshapes:

$$\frac{S_2 \prec X \in \Delta \qquad \Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_2 \sim X}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \prec X} \qquad \frac{S_2 \prec X \in \Delta \qquad \Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_2 \prec X}{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash S_1 \prec X}$$

And that finishes solving rules that recurse on the goal. In mathematical jargon, the Solver must first reduce all assumptions in the  $\Gamma$  environment before it starts reducing the goal. Luckily, most of the assumption reducing rules are similar to the goal reducing analogues.

For variables equal to some term, we first deal with permutation by moving it to the right-hand side.

$$\frac{X = \pi^{-1}t, \Gamma; \Delta \ vDash\mathcal{C}}{\pi X = t, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}$$

Once again, we consider the special case where a variable is equal to itself when permuted. While the assumption of the permutation being idempotent might appear to multiply the number of assumptions exponentially based on the number of atoms in the given permutation, it's worth noting that this number is unlikely to be very high, as permutations rarely consist of more than a few swaps.

In practice, the solver implementation will initially check whether the permutation is idempotent with an empty set of assumptions. Only if this initial check fails, will it proceed to examine the permutation atom by atom.

$$\frac{\pi \text{ idempotent on } X, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{X = \pi X, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \frac{\vDash \text{ idempotent on } X \qquad \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{\pi \text{ idempotent on } X, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}$$
$$\frac{(\forall a \in \pi. \ \Gamma; \Delta \vDash a = \pi a \ \lor \ \Gamma; \Delta \vDash a \# X), \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{\pi \text{ idempotent on } X, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}$$

Otherwise we just substitute the variable for the equal term, and while substitution over the environment  $\Gamma$  and goal  $\mathcal{C}$  is indeed a simple term substitution, substituting in  $\Delta$  is a more involved process that we will describe in the section on implementation.

$$\frac{\Gamma\{X \mapsto t\}; \Delta\{X \mapsto t\} \vDash \mathcal{C}\{X \mapsto t\}}{X = t, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}$$

With atom equality, we either arrive at a contradiction with  $\Delta$  or update the environment accordingly — merging the now equal atoms into one through substitution:

$$\frac{a_1 \neq a_2 \in \Delta}{a_1 = a_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \frac{\Gamma\{a_1 \mapsto a_2\}; \Delta\{a_1 \mapsto a_2\} \vDash \mathcal{C}\{a_1 \mapsto a_2\}}{a_1 = a_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}$$

Just like in reduction on the goal, we deal with permutations through moving it to the right-hand side and then reducing it swap by swap through the left-hand side:

$$\frac{a \neq \alpha_{1}, a \neq \alpha_{2}, a = \alpha, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{a = \alpha, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \frac{a = \alpha_{1}, a \neq \alpha_{2}, \alpha_{2} = \alpha, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{a = \alpha_{1}, a \neq \alpha_{2}, \alpha_{2} = \alpha, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \frac{a = \alpha_{1}, a \neq \alpha_{2}, \alpha_{2} = \alpha, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{a = (\alpha_{1} \ \alpha_{1})\alpha, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}$$

If the constructors of the term don't match, then we arrive at a contradiction and consider the judgement solved:

$$\overline{a = t_1 t_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \overline{a = \alpha.t, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \overline{a = s, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}$$

To save some ink, from now on we will simply write that other constructors are trivial and not consider all the contradictory possibilities in writing. Other rules mirror the ones we defined for the goal reduction:

$$\frac{\alpha_1 \# \alpha_2.t_2, \ t_1 = (\alpha_1 \ \alpha_2)t_2, \ \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{\alpha_1.t_1 = \alpha_2.t_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \text{Other term constructors trivial}$$
 
$$\frac{t_1 = t_2, \ t_1' = t_2', \ \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{t_1t_1' = t_2t_2', \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \text{Other term constructors trivial}$$
 
$$\frac{s_1 \neq s_2}{s_1 = s_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{s = s, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \text{Other term constructors trivial}$$

Atom inequality and freshness in variable simply contradict or extend the  $\Delta$  enviroment:

$$\frac{\Gamma; \{a_1 \neq a_2\} \cup \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{a_1 \neq a_2, \ \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \frac{\Gamma; \{a \# X\} \cup \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{a \# X, \ \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}$$

Otherwise it's a recursion on the right-hand side with the already established rules for dealing with permutations:

$$\begin{array}{c} a\neq\alpha_{1}, a\neq\alpha_{2}, a\#\alpha, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C} \\ \underline{a=\alpha_{1}, a\neq\alpha_{2}, \alpha_{2}\#\alpha, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \quad a=\alpha_{2}, \alpha_{1}\#\alpha, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C} \\ \hline a\#(\alpha_{1}\alpha_{1})\alpha, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C} \\ \\ \underline{a\neq\alpha_{1}, a\neq\alpha_{2}, a\#\pi X, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \\ \underline{a=\alpha_{1}, a\neq\alpha_{2}, \alpha_{2}\#\pi X, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \quad a=\alpha_{2}, \alpha_{1}\#\pi X, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C} \\ \underline{a\#(\alpha_{1}\alpha_{1})\pi X, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \\ \underline{a\#(\alpha_{1}\alpha_{1})\pi X, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \\ \underline{a\#\alpha, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \quad a\#\alpha, a\#t, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C} \\ \underline{a\#\alpha, t, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \\ \underline{a\#t_{1}, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \quad a\#t_{2}, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C} \\ \underline{a\#t_{2}, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \\ \underline{a\#s, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \end{array}$$

Variable being the same shape as other term is added to the  $\Delta$  environment:

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

Otherwise shape assumptions recurse on the shape structure:

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{a_1 \sim a_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \text{Other term constructors trivial}$$
 
$$\frac{t_1 \sim t_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{\_.t_1 \sim \_.t_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \text{Other term constructors trivial}$$
 
$$\frac{t_1 \sim t_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{t_1 \sim t_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \text{Other term constructors trivial}$$
 
$$\frac{t_1 \sim t_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{t_1 t_1' \sim t_2 t_2', \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \text{Other term constructors trivial}$$
 
$$\frac{s_1 \neq s_2}{s_1 \sim s_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \frac{s_1 \neq s_2}{s_1 \sim s_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \qquad \text{Other term constructors trivial}$$

Again,  $\Delta$  keeps track of terms that subshape given variable:

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

Otherwise subshape assumptions recurse on the shape structure:

$$\begin{split} \frac{t_1 \sim t_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C} & t_1 \prec t_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{t_1 \prec \_.t_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \\ \frac{t_1 \sim t_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C} & t_1 \prec t_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{t_1 \sim t_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \\ \frac{t_1 \sim t_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C} & t_1 \prec t_2, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{t_1 \prec t_2 t_2', \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \\ \frac{t_1 \prec \alpha, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}}{t \prec \alpha, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} & \overline{t_1 \prec s, \Gamma; \Delta \vDash \mathcal{C}} \end{split}$$

In the next section we will explaining the semantics of environment extension ( $\{C\}$   $\cup$   $\Delta$ ), which can fail by arriving at contradictory environment  $\xi$ , which short-cuircuts the procedure:

$$\overline{\Gamma; \not z \models \mathcal{C}}$$

And that finishes the Solver's rules description. Now the curious reader should feel obliged to ask themselves an important question: does that procedure always stop?

To answer that question, we define the Solver's state by triple  $(\Gamma, \Delta, \mathcal{C})$  and introduce an ordering of the states by:

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

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

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

And finally, the rules for  $\mathcal{C} \cup \Delta$ . Note that we are using the 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.

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

$$\{X \sim S\} \cup \Delta := \begin{cases} \not\{ & \text{if } \Delta \vDash X \text{ occurs in } S \\ \Delta' & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
 where  $\Delta' = \Delta.Symbols\{X_{\Delta} \leadsto |S|_{\Delta}\}$  
$$.Subshapes\{X_{\Delta} \leadsto |S|_{\Delta}\}$$
 
$$.Shape\{X_{\Delta} \leadsto |S|_{\Delta}\}$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# Higher Order Logic

On top of the sublogic of constraints, we build a higher-order logic. Due to the involvement of atoms, terms, binders, and constraints, we introduce kinds to ensure that 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, which we will explain in later sections.

#### 4.2 Subkinding

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

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

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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Propositional variables, functions and applications:

$$\varphi ::= \dots \mid \lambda_{A}a. \varphi \mid \lambda_{T}X. \varphi \mid \lambda P :: \kappa. \varphi \mid \varphi \alpha \mid \varphi t \mid \varphi \varphi \mid \dots \text{ (formulas)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi :: \kappa}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \lambda_{A}a. \varphi :: \forall_{A}a. \kappa} \qquad \frac{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi :: \forall_{A}a. \kappa}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi \alpha :: \kappa \{a \mapsto \alpha\}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi :: \kappa}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \lambda_{T}X. \varphi :: \forall_{T}X. \kappa} \qquad \frac{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi :: \forall_{T}X. \kappa}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi t :: \kappa \{X \mapsto t\}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi :: \kappa_{1} \vdash \varphi :: \kappa_{2}}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \lambda P :: \kappa_{1} \cdot \varphi :: \kappa_{1} \rightarrow \kappa_{2}} \qquad \frac{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_{1} :: \kappa' \rightarrow \kappa}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_{2} :: \kappa}$$

#### 4.4 Fixpoint

And finish the definition of formulas with fixpoint function:

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

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

The 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 to a term, simply substitute the bound variable with the given term and replace recursive calls inside the 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 the semantics of constraints and kinds.

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

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

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 its 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 its 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 an analogous proof constructor for dealing with a contradictory constraint environment. Note that there are many constraints that can be used as  $\perp_c$ , i.e. constraints that are always false, and the 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 out the similarities to their constraint analogues.

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

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

Notice that in the case of constraint-and-guard, the rule for elimination is restricted to only formulas of kind  $\star$ . This is due to the 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 the generalized name to be *fresh* in the environment (it may not occur in any of the assumptions), and the names given to witnesses of existential quantification must also be *fresh*. Rules for quantifiers always come in pairs — one for the atoms and one for the variables.

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

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

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

$$\frac{\Gamma_{1}; \Theta_{1} \vdash \exists_{A} a. \varphi}{\Gamma_{2}; \Theta_{2}, \varphi \{a \mapsto a'\} \vdash \psi} \quad (\exists_{A}.^{e})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{1}; \Theta_{1} \vdash \exists_{A} a. \varphi}{\Gamma_{1}; \Theta_{1} \vdash \exists_{A} a. \varphi} \quad (\exists_{A}.^{e})$$

$$\frac{A' \notin FV(\Gamma_{1} \cup \Gamma_{2}; \Theta_{2} \cup \Theta_{2})}{\Gamma_{1} \cup \Gamma_{2}; \Theta_{2} \cup \Theta_{2} \vdash \psi} \quad (\exists_{A}.^{e})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{1}; \Theta_{1} \vdash \exists_{T} X. \varphi}{\Gamma_{2}; \Theta_{2}, \varphi \{X \mapsto X'\} \vdash \psi} \quad (\exists_{A}.^{e})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{1}; \Theta_{1} \vdash \exists_{T} X. \varphi}{\Gamma_{2}; \Theta_{2}, \varphi \{X \mapsto X'\} \vdash \psi} \quad (\exists_{T}.^{e})$$

$$\frac{X' \notin FV(\Gamma_{1} \cup \Gamma_{2}; \Theta_{2} \cup \Theta_{2})}{\Gamma_{1} \cup \Gamma_{2}; \Theta_{2} \cup \Theta_{2} \vdash \psi} \quad (\exists_{T}.^{e})$$

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:

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

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

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

We also define some axioms about constraint sublogic:

1. Atoms can be compared in a deterministic fashion,

2. There always exists a *fresh* atom,

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

3. We can always deduce the structure of a term.

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

Equivalence checking procedure starts by computing weak head normal form (up to some depth denoted by n):

After we've reached WHNF computation depth  $(n \leq 0)$  or cannot reduce the formula further, we can progress naively:

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1 \equiv \varphi_2 \quad \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \psi_1 \equiv \psi_2}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1 \equiv \varphi_2 \rightarrow \psi_2} \qquad \frac{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1 \equiv \varphi_2 \quad \Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \psi_1 \equiv \psi_2}{\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1 \land \psi_1 \equiv \varphi_2 \land \psi_2} \qquad \cdots$$

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

Note that we allow different terms in equivalent formulas as long as constraints-environment  $\Gamma$  ensures their equality is provable. For functions, we simply substitute the arguments of both left and right side to the same, fresh name.

$$X \notin FV(\Gamma; \Sigma)$$

$$\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1[X_1 \mapsto X] \equiv \varphi_2[X_2 \mapsto X]$$

$$\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \lambda_T X_1. \ \varphi_1 \equiv \lambda_T X_2. \ \varphi_2$$

$$\kappa_1 <: \kappa_2$$

$$\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_1[P_1 \mapsto P] \equiv \varphi_2[P_2 \mapsto P]$$

$$\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \lambda P_1 :: \kappa_1. \ \varphi_1 \equiv \lambda P_2 :: \kappa_2. \ \varphi_2$$

$$\kappa_{1} <: \kappa_{2} \qquad P \notin FV(\Gamma; \Sigma) \qquad X \notin FV(\Gamma; \Sigma)$$
  

$$\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \varphi_{1}[P_{1} \mapsto P, X_{1} \mapsto X] \equiv \varphi_{2}[P_{2} \mapsto P, X_{2} \mapsto X]$$
  

$$\Gamma; \Sigma \vdash \text{fix } P_{1}(X_{1}) :: \kappa_{1} = \varphi_{1} \equiv \text{fix } P_{2}(X_{2}) :: \kappa_{2} = \varphi_{2}$$

Quantifiers are handled the same way as function above — as they all are a form of bind. To handle formulas with constraints we introduce *constraint equivalence* relation, which does nothing more than use the Solver to check that the constructors of constraint are the same and that arguments are equal to each other in the Solver's sense, analogusly as with terms above.

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

## 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 disjoint sets) — and their string *names* are kept in the environment and binders (quantifiers and functions).

Additionally, 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:

Additionally, we allow conjunction and disjunction to have more than two arguments and the arguments to be labeled by names - which gives the user an easy way to select the desired branch while writing proofs.

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Naturally, we also provide a pretty-printer (written using library EasyFormat) and a parser (written using parser combinator library Angstrom) for terms, constraints, kinds and formulas. See how Nat and PlusEq predicates can be written using "programming" syntax:

```
1 let fix Nat(n) : * =
_{2} zero: (n = 0)
3
  succ: (\exists m : term. [n = S m] \land Nat m)
_{6} let fix PlusEq(n) : \forall m k : term. * = fun m k : term \rightarrow
  zero: ([n = 0] \land [m = k])
_{9} succ: (\exists n' k':term. [n = S n'] \land [k = S k'] \land PlusEq n' m k')
  And a short proof that 1 is a natural number:
1 let nat_1_thm = arith_thm
      Nat {S 0}
2
4 let nat_1 =
    proof' nat_1thm (* goal: Nat {S 0} *)
    |> case "succ" (* goal: ∃ m :term. [S 0 = S m] ∧ Nat m *)
    |> exists "0" (* goal: [S 0 = S 0] \( \text{Nat 0 *} \)
   |> by_solver
                     (* goal: Nat 0 *)
    |> case "zero" (* goal: 0 = 0 *)
   |> by_solver (* finished *)
    |> qed
```

Another example theorem could be the symmetry of addition:

```
let plus_symm_thm = arith_thm \forall x y z :term. (IsNum x) \Longrightarrow (IsNum y) \Longrightarrow (PlusEq x y z) \Longrightarrow (PlusEq y x z)
```

The proof of which is included in the examples subdirectory of the project, together with the case study from the next chapter.

# Case study: Progress and Preservation of STLC

The ultimate goal of our work is to create a logic for dealing with variable binding, and there's no better way to put it to work than to prove some things about lambda calculus.

We will take a look at simply typed lambda calculus and examine proofs of its two major properties of *type soundness: progress* and *preservation*. But before we delve into the proofs, let's first establish the needed relations:

```
10 let fix Type(t): * =
   base: (t = base)
12
   arrow: (\exists t1 t2 : term. [t = arrow t1 t2] \land (Type t1) \land (Type t2))
15 let fix InEnv(env): \forall a :atom. \forall t :term. \star = fun (a :atom) (t :term) \rightarrow
   current: (∃ env': term. [env = cons a t env'])
17
   next: (\exists b : atom. \exists s env': term.
18
              [env = cons b s env'] \wedge [a =/= b] \wedge (InEnv env' a t))
19
20
let fix Typing(e): \forall env t :term. \star = fun env t :term \rightarrow
   var: (\exists a : atom. [e = a] \land (InEnv env a t))
22
23
    lam: (\exists a : atom. \exists e' t1 t2 : term.
24
            [e = lam (a.e')] \wedge [t = arrow t1 t2]
25
              ∧ (Type t1) ∧ (Typing e' {cons a t1 env} t2))
26
27
   app: (\exists e1 e2 t2 :term.
28
            [e = app e1 e2]
29
               ∧ (Typing e1 env {arrow t2 t}) ∧ (Typing e2 env t2))
30
```

For the proof of *progress*, we will naturally need the predicate that a term is *progressive*, and a lemma about *canonical forms*, which states that all values in the empty environment are of *arrow* type and can be *inversed* into an abstraction term (since we did not consider any true base types like Bool or Int). Other lemmas are unimportant boilerplate.

```
1 let Value :: \forall e :term.* = fun e :term \rightarrow
   var: (exists a :atom. [e = a])
    lam: (exists a :atom. \exists e' : term. [e = lam (a.e')] \land (Term e'))
_{6} let fix Steps(e): \forall e':term.* = fun e':term \rightarrow
    app_l: (\exists e1 e1' e2 : term. [e = app e1 e2]
               \land [e' = app e1' e2] \land (Steps e1 e1') )
8
9
    app_r: (\exists v e2 e2' : term. [e = app v e2]
10
               \land [e' = app v e2'] \land (Value v) \land (Steps e2 e2') )
11
12
    app: (\exists a : atom. \exists e_a v : term. [e = app (lam (a.e_a)) v]
13
            ∧ (Value v) ∧ (Sub e_a a v e') )
14
16 let Progressive :: \forall e :term.* = fun e:term \rightarrow
   value: (Value e)
18
    steps: (exists e' :term. Steps e e')
19
20
21 let canonical_form_thm = lambda_thm
     \forall v :term. (Value v) \Longrightarrow
     \forall t :term. (Typing v nil t) \Longrightarrow
         (\exists a : atom. \exists e : term. [v = lam (a.e)] \land (Term e))
```

```
(\exists t1 t2 : term. [t = arrow t1 t2])
26
28 let progress_thm = lambda_thm
    \forall e t :term. (Typing e nil t) \implies (Progressive e)
30
31 let empty_contradiction_thm = lambda_thm
     \forall a :atom. \forall t :term. (InEnv nil a t) \Longrightarrow false
32
33
34 let typing_terms_thm = lambda_thm
     \forall e env t : term. (Typing e env t) \Longrightarrow (Term e)
36
37 let subst_exists_thm = lambda_thm
    \forall a :atom.
    \forall v :term. (Value v) \Longrightarrow
    \forall e :term. (Term e) \Longrightarrow
40
       ∃ e' :term. (Sub e a v e')
  Otherwise the proof is a simple induction over Typing derivation:
1 let progress =
    proof' progress_thm
    |> by_induction "e0" "IH" %> intro
1 Unfinished:
2 [ ]
_3 [ IH : \forall e0 : term. [e0 \prec e] \Longrightarrow \forall t'1 : term.
            (Typing \{e0\} \{nil\} \{t'1\}) \implies Progressive \{e0\} ]
5 \vdash (Typing \{e\} \{nil\} \{t\}) \implies Progressive \{e\}
  To analyze all the possible branches of the Typing predicate, we simply use de-
  str_intro tactic to destruct the assumption into multiple branches.
1 |> destr_intro
  First one is that e is a variable - which contradicts with empty environment:
     |> intros' ["contra"; "a"; ""]
        %> ex_falso
        %> apply_thm_specialized empty_contradiction ["a"; "t"]
        %> assumption
  Next, e is a lambda abstraction - so a value.
     |> intros' ["Hlam"; "a"; "e_a"; "t1"; "t2"; ""; ""]
        %> case "value"
3 Unfinished:
4 [ e = lam (a.e_a) ; t = arrow t1 t2 ]
5
    Hlam_2 : Typing {e_a} {cons a t1 nil} {t2} ;
    Hlam_1 : Type {t1} ;
8
```

9 ]

10 ⊢ Value {e}

```
%> case "lam"
       %> exists' ["a"; "e_a"]
       %> by_solver
       %> apply_thm_specialized typing_terms ["e_a"; "cons a t1 nil"; "t2"]
      %> assumption
    |> intros' ["Happ"; "e1"; "e2"; "t2"; ""; ""]
     (* e is an application - steps *)
    |> add_assumption_parse "He1" "Progressive e1"
    |> add_assumption_parse "He2" "Progressive e2"
9
    |> destruct_assm "He1"
       %> intros ["Hv1"]
11
       %> destruct_assm "He2"
12
       %> intros ["Hv2"] (* Value e1, Value e2 *)
13
       %> ( add_assumption_thm_specialized "Hellam" canonical_form' ["el";
      "t2"; "t"]
          (* Hellam: [e1 = lam (a.e_a)] $\wedge$ (Term e_a) *)
15
          %> apply_in_assm "He1lam" "Hv1"
16
          %> apply_in_assm "He1lam" "Happ_1"
          %> destruct_assm' "Hellam" ["a"; "e_a"; ""] )
18
      %> ( add_assumption_thm_specialized "He_a" subst_exists ["a"; "e2";
      "e_a"]
          %> apply_in_assm "He_a" "Hv2"
20
          %> apply_in_assm "He_a" "He1lam"
21
          %> destruct_assm' "He_a" ["e_a'"] (* He_a: Sub e_a a e2 e_a' *) )
22
       %> case "steps"
23
       %> exists "e_a'"
       %> case "app"
25
       %> exists' ["a"; "e_a"; "e2"]
       %> by_solver
27
       %> destruct_goal
       %> apply_assm "Hv2"
29
       %> apply_assm "He_a"
30
    |> intros' ["Hs2"; "e2'"] (* Value e1, Steps e2 e2' *)
31
       %> case "steps"
       %> exists "app e1 e2'"
33
       %> case "app_r"
34
       %> exists' ["e1"; "e2"; "e2'"]
       %> by_solver
37
       %> by_solver
       %> destruct_goal
38
       %> apply_assm "Hv1"
39
       %> apply_assm "Hs2"
40
    |> intros' ["Hs1"; "e1'"] (* Steps e1 *)
41
       %> case "steps"
42
       %> exists "app e1' e2"
       %> case "app_l"
       %> exists' ["e1"; "e1'"; "e2"]
45
       %> by_solver
46
       %> by_solver
47
       %> apply_assm "Hs1"
48
    |> apply_assm_specialized "IH" ["e2"; "t2"] %> by_solver
49
      %> apply_assm "Happ_2" (* Progressive e2 *)
50
    |> apply_assm_specialized "IH" ["e1"; "arrow t2 t"] %> by_solver
```

To prove *Preservation*, we will need some more relations and lemmas:

1. Substitution lemma: if term e has a type t in environment  $cons\ a\ ta\ env$ , then we can substitute a for any value v of type ta in e without breaking the typing.

```
1 let sub_lemma_thm = lambda_thm
2  ∀ e env t :term.
3  ∀ a : atom. ∀ ta :term.
4  ∀ v e' :term.
5  (Typing v env ta) ⇒
6  (Typing e {cons a ta env} t) ⇒
7  (Sub e a v e') ⇒
8  (Typing e' env t)
```

2. Swap lemma: If we have a typing of e in env then we can swap a with  $(fresh\ enough)\ b$  in both e and env without breaking the typing. This is particularly useful for mainipulating the abstraction terms — we can have any atom we want in the argument position while preserving typing. !!! TODO: Is this an example of a property that should be true in nominal logic by the law of permuting predicates?

3. Weakening lemma: for any environment  $env_1$ , we can use larger environment  $env_2$  without breaking the typing.

Now to the proof:

```
1 let preservation =
    let contra_var = intros' ["contra"; "_"; ""] %> discriminate in
    let contra_app = intros' ["contra"; "_e1"; "_e2"; "_t2"; ""] %>
      discriminate in
    let deduce_app_typing =
      destruct_assm "Htyp"
      %> (intros' ["contra"; "_"; ""] %> discriminate)
6
      %> (intros' ["contra"; "_"; "e_"; "t1"; "t2"; ""] %> discriminate)
      %> intros' ["Happ"; "e_1"; "e_2"; "t2"; ""; ""]
    proof' preservation_thm
10
    |> by_induction "e0" "IH"
    |> intro %> intro %> intro %> intros ["Htyp"; "Hstep"]
12
    |> destruct_assm "Hstep"
13
    |> intros' ["He1"; "e1"; "e1'"; "e2"; ""; ""]
14
      (* e = app e1 e2, Steps e1 e1' *)
15
       %> deduce_app_typing
16
       %> case "app"
17
       %> exists' ["e1'"; "e2"; "t2"]
18
       %> by_solver
19
       %> destruct_goal
20
       %> apply_assm_specialized "IH" ["e1"; "e1'"; "env"; "arrow t2 t"]
21
       (* Typing e1 env {arrow t2 t} $\implies$
22
              Steps e1 e1' $\implies$ Typing e1' env {arrow t2 t} *)
23
       %> by_solver
24
       %> apply_assm "Happ_1"
25
       %> apply_assm "He1"
26
       (* Typing e2 env t2 *)
27
       %> apply_assm "Happ_2"
    |> intros' ["He2"; "v1"; "e2"; "e2'"; ""; ""; ""]
29
       (* e = app v1 e2, Value e1, Steps e2 e2' *)
30
31
       %> deduce_app_typing
       %> case "app"
32
       %> exists' ["v1"; "e2'"; "t2"]
33
       %> by_solver
34
       %> destruct_goal
35
       (* Typing e1 env {arrow t2 t} *)
       %> apply_assm "Happ_1"
37
       (* Typing e2 env t2 $\implies$ Steps e2 e2' $\implies$ Typing e2'
38
      env t2*)
       %> apply_assm_specialized "IH" ["e2"; "e2'"; "env"; "t2"]
39
       %> by_solver
40
       %> apply_assm "Happ_2"
41
       %> apply_assm "He2_2"
42
    |> intros' ["Hbeta"; "a"; "e_a"; "v"; ""]
43
       (* e = app (lam (a.e_a)) v, Value v *)
44
       %> deduce_app_typing
45
       %> destruct_assm "Happ_1"
46
       %> contra_var (* e_1 =/= var *)
47
       %> intros' ["Hlam"; "b"; "e_b"; "t1b"; "t2b"; ""; ""; ""] (* e_1 = b
      .e_b *)
       %> apply_thm_specialized sub_lemma ["e_a"; "env"; "t"; "a"; "t2"; "v
      "; "e'"]
```

```
(* Typing v env t2 $\implies$ Typing e_a {cons a t2 env} t $\
      implies$
              Sub e_a a v e' $\implies$ Typing e' env t *)
51
      %> apply_assm "Happ_2" (* Typing v env t2 *)
       %> compare_atoms "a" "b" (* Typing e_a cons a t2 env t *)
53
      %> destr_intro
55
       (* a = b *) %> apply_assm "Hlam_2"
     %> destr_intro (* a =/= b *)
       (* [a # b e_b] $\implies$ Typing e_b {cons b t2 env} t $\implies$
57
              Typing {[b a]e_b} {cons a t2 env} t *)
       %> apply_thm_specialized
59
          swap_lambda_typing ["e_b"; "env"; "t"; "b"; "a"; "t2"]
      %> by_solver
61
      %> apply_assm "Hlam_2"
63
       %> apply_assm "Hbeta_2" (* Sub e_a a v e' *)
      %> contra_app (* e_1 =/= app _ _ *)
65 |> qed
```

# Conclusion and future work

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