

Syntax

Lambda calculus syntax

$$t, t' ::= x \mid \lambda x.t \mid t t'$$

Syntax

variables | functions | function application

$t, t' ::= x$	$\mid \backslash x \rightarrow t$	$\mid t t'$	Haskell
$t, t' ::= x$	$\mid \text{fun } (x) \rightarrow t$	$\mid t t'$	OCaml
$t, t' ::= X$	$\mid \text{fun } (X) \Rightarrow t \text{ end}$	$\mid t(t')$	Erlang
$t, t' ::= x$	$\mid x \rightarrow t$	$\mid t.\text{apply}(t)$	

Java

Typing rules

Typing syntax and relation

Church syntax

adds a type “signature”

$$t ::= x \mid \lambda(x : A).t \mid t t$$

Type syntax $A, B ::= A \rightarrow B$

cf Haskell: $\mathbf{t} \rightarrow \mathbf{t}'$

$\mid \mathbf{Int} \mid \mathbf{Bool} \mid \dots$

In a full language we'd want more...

Typing lets us relate expressions to types, e.g.

$$\lambda(x : A).x : A \rightarrow A$$

Cf.: $\mathbf{id} :: \mathbf{a} \rightarrow \mathbf{a}$
 $\mathbf{id} = \backslash \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}$

Quick exercise:



Q: What is the type of this lambda term?

$$\lambda(x : A).\lambda(y : B).x$$

A:

$$\lambda(x : A).\lambda(y : B).x : A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A)$$

Cf.:

const :: a -> b -> a
const x y = x

Q: What is the type of this lambda term?

$$\lambda(x : A).y$$

A: *It depends!*

Typing syntax and relation

Typing *judgement* with *assumptions* about variable types

$$y : B \vdash \lambda(x : A).y : A \rightarrow B$$

Assumptions

Term

Type

Syntax of assumptions

$$\Gamma ::= \Gamma, x : A \mid \emptyset$$

Typing *judgement* form: $\Gamma \vdash t : A$

Typing rules

Defined inductively

Base case:

conclusions

Inductive step:

premises (inductive hypotheses)

conclusions

$$\text{var} \frac{(x : A) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : A}$$

A term which is just one variable,
takes its type from the context

$$\text{abs} \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash t : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda(x : A). t : A \rightarrow B}$$

Binds a variable out of the context

$$\text{app} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : A}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 \ t_2 : B}$$

Shares the context between two sub terms

Example

$\lambda(x : A).\lambda(y : A \rightarrow B).y \ x :$???

Example

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{var } \frac{}{x : A \vdash x : A} \quad \text{var } \frac{}{y : A \rightarrow B \vdash y : A \rightarrow B} \\ \text{app } \frac{}{x : A, y : A \rightarrow B \vdash y \ x : B} \\ \text{abs } \frac{}{x : A \vdash \lambda(y : A \rightarrow B).y \ x : (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B} \\ \text{abs } \frac{}{\emptyset \vdash \lambda(x : A).\lambda(y : A \rightarrow B).y \ x : A \rightarrow ((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B)} \end{array}$$

PCF

Programming Computable Functions

Dana Scott / Gordon Plotkin 1977

$t, t' ::= x \mid \lambda x.t \mid t t'$

Syntax

$\mid \text{zero} \mid \text{succ } t \mid \text{fix } t$

$\mid \text{case } t \text{ of zero} \rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{succ } x \rightarrow t_2$

$A, B ::= A \rightarrow B \mid \text{nat}$

Types

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{zero} : \text{nat}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \text{nat}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{succ } t : \text{nat}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : A \rightarrow A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fix } t : A}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \text{nat} \quad \Gamma \vdash t_1 : A \quad \Gamma, y : \text{nat} \vdash t_2 : A}{\Gamma \vdash \text{case } t \text{ of zero} \rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{succ } y \rightarrow t_2 : A}$$

$$t \rightsquigarrow t'$$

$$(\text{case } t \text{ of zero} \rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{succ } y \rightarrow t_2) \rightsquigarrow (\text{case } t' \text{ of zero} \rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{succ } y \rightarrow t_2)$$

$$(\text{case zero of zero} \rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{succ } y \rightarrow t_2) \rightsquigarrow t_1$$

$$(\text{case succ } t \text{ of zero} \rightarrow t_1 \mid \text{succ } y \rightarrow t_2) \rightsquigarrow t_2[t/y]$$

$$t \rightsquigarrow t'$$

$$\text{succ } t \rightsquigarrow \text{succ } t'$$

$$\text{fix } t \rightsquigarrow t (\text{fix } t)$$