

# Programming Languages and Compiler Design

Lexical, Syntactic, and Type Analysis

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# Outline - Lexical, Syntactic, and Type Analysis

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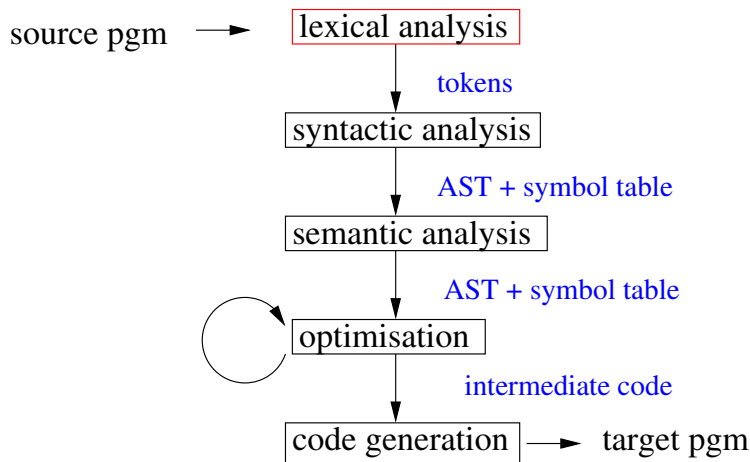
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# Lexical Analysis

## Regular languages

- ▶ regular Expressions – *language description*
- ▶ (Non-) Deterministic Finite State Automata – *language recognition*
- ▶ regular grammars – *language generation/description*

Thus, a lexical analyzer may be

- ▶ specified by regular expressions,
- ▶ implemented by a Deterministic Finite State Automaton.

# Lexical Analyzer Generator

LeX : from Regular expression to Finite State Automaton

LeX description

```
declarations
%%
rules
%%
procedures
```

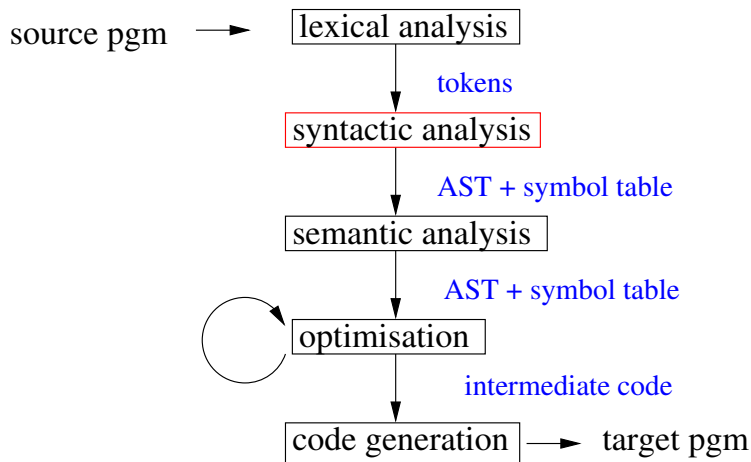
Example of declaration :

```
digit [0-9]
integer {digit}+
```

Example of rule description :

```
{integer} {val=atoi(yytext);return(Integer);}
```

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# Syntactic Analysis

## Context-free languages

- ▶ Push-down automata – *language recognition*
- ▶ Context-free grammar – *language generation/description*

Thus, an LR parser can be

- ▶ specified by a LR grammars
- ▶ implemented by a deterministic push-down automata

# Parser Generator

Yacc/Bison : from HC grammar to push-down automata

Yacc/Bison description

```
declarations
```

```
%%
```

```
rules
```

```
%%
```

```
procedures
```

Example of declaration :

```
%type <u_node> program
```

```
%type <u_node> e
```

Example of rule description :

```
e : e '+' t
```

```
{ $$=m_node(PLUS,$1,$3); }
```

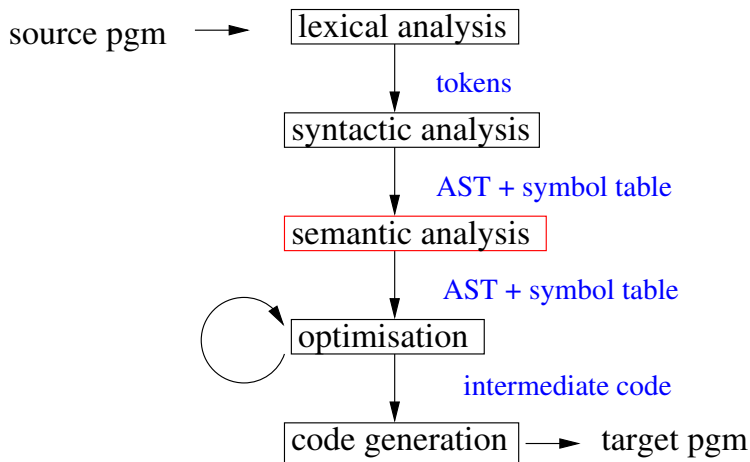
```
| t
```

```
{ $$=$1; }
```

```
;
```



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# Static Semantic Analysis

## Principles and purposes

**Input:** : Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)

**Output:** : enriched AST  
(with type information and/or type conversion indications)

Two main purposes:

- ▶ name identification:  $\rightarrow$  bind **use-def** occurrences
- ▶ type verification and/or type inference

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# About Types

## What is a type?

- ▶ It defines the set of **values** an expression can take at run-time.
- ▶ It defines the set of **operations** that can be applied to an identifier.
- ▶ It defines the **resulting type** of an expression after applying an operation.

**Objectives:** anticipate runtime errors.

## Example (Types)

int, float, unsigned int, signed int, string, array, list, ...

# What are Types Useful for?

## Program correctness

```
var x : kilometers ;  
var y : miles ;  
x := x + y ; -- typing error
```

## Program readability

```
var e : energy := ... ; -- partition over the variables  
var m : mass := ... ;  
var v : speed := ... ;  
e := 0.5 * (m*v*v) ;
```

## Program optimization

```
var x, y, z : integer ; -- and not real  
x := y + z ; -- integer operations are used
```

# Typed and Untyped Languages

## Typed languages

A **dedicated** type is associated to each identifier (and hence to each expression).

## Example (Typed languages)

Java, Ada, C, Pascal, CAML, etc.

**Remark** **strongly** typed vs **weakly** typed languages. . .



## Untyped languages

A **single** (universal) type is associated to each identifier (and hence to each expression).

## Example (Untyped languages)

Assembly language, shell-script, Lisp, etc.

# Typed languages and safe languages

*“Well-typed programs never go wrong. . . ”*

*(Robin Milner)*

Trapped errors vs untrapped errors.

Safe language = untrapped errors are not possible.

Using types in programming languages is a way to ensure safety but:

- ▶ it is not the only one (Lisp is considered safe),
- ▶ it is not sufficient (C is considered unsafe).



# Types and type constructions

## Basic types

integers, boolean, characters, etc.

## Type constructions

- ▶ cartesian product (structure)
- ▶ disjoint union
- ▶ arrays
- ▶ functions
- ▶ pointers
- ▶ recursive types
- ▶ ...

But also:

subtyping, polymorphism, overloading, inheritance, coercion, overriding, etc.

[see <http://lucacardelli.name/Papers/OnUnderstanding.A4.pdf>]

# Subtyping

Subtyping is a **preorder relation**  $\leq_T$  between types.

It defines a notion of **substitutability**:

If  $T_1 \leq_T T_2$ ,  
then elements of type  $T_2$  may be replaced with elements of type  $T_1$ .

## Sub-typing

- ▶ class inheritance in OO languages ;
- ▶  $\text{Integer} \leq_T \text{Real}$  (in several languages) ;
- ▶ Ada :

```
type Month is Integer range 1..12 ;  
-- Month is a subtype of Integer
```

# Type Checking vs Type inference

In a typed language, the set of “correct typing rules” is called the **type system**.

The static semantic analysis phase uses this type system in two ways:

## Type checking

Check whether “type annotations” are used in a consistent way throughout the program.

## Type inference

Compute a consistent type for each program fragments.

**Remark** In some languages (e.g., Haskell, CAML), there are/can be no type annotations at all (all types are/can be inferred). □

# Static checking vs dynamic checking

## Static checking

Verification performed at *compile-time*.

## Dynamic checking

Verification performed at *run-time*.

→ necessary to correctly handle:

- ▶ dynamic binding for variables or procedures
- ▶ polymorphism
- ▶ array bounds
- ▶ subtyping
- ▶ etc.

⇒ For most programming languages, both kinds of checks are used. . .

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# Getting the Intuition on Examples

- ▶ “ $2 + 3 = 6$ ” is well-typed
- ▶ “ $2 + \text{true} = \text{false}$ ” is not well-typed
- ▶ “ $x = \text{false}$ ” is well-typed  
if  $x$  is a (visible) Boolean variable
- ▶ “ $2 + x = y$ ” is well-typed  
if  $x$  and  $y$  are (visible) integer/real variables
- ▶ “let  $x = 3$  in  $x + y$ ” is well-typed  
if  $y$  is a (visible) integer/real variable

⇒ a term  $t$  can be type-checked  
under assumptions on its **free variables** ...

# How to Formalize a Type System?

► **Abstract syntax** describes **terms** (represented by ASTs).

► **Environment**  $\Gamma: \text{Name} \xrightarrow{\text{part.}} \text{Types}$ .

► **Judgment**  $\Gamma \vdash t : \tau$ .

*“In environment  $\Gamma$ , term  $t$  is well-typed and has type  $\tau$ .”*

(free variables of  $t$  belong to the domain of  $\Gamma$ )

► **Type system**

Inference rules	Axioms
$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash \mathcal{A}_1 \quad \dots \quad \Gamma_n \vdash \mathcal{A}_n}{\Gamma \vdash \mathcal{A}}$	$\Gamma \vdash \mathcal{A}$

**Remark** A type system is an inference system.



## Example: natural numbers

$$e \quad := \quad n \mid x \mid e_1 + e_2$$

Syntax

$$\frac{\Gamma(x) = \mathbf{Nat}}{\Gamma \vdash x : \mathbf{Nat}}$$

$x$  is of type **Nat** in environment  $\Gamma$  if  $\Gamma(x) = \mathbf{Nat}$ .

$$\overline{\Gamma \vdash n : \mathbf{Nat}}$$

The denotation  $n$  is of type **Nat**.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \mathbf{Nat} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \mathbf{Nat}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 + e_2 : \mathbf{Nat}}$$

$e_1 + e_2$  is of type **Nat** assuming that  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are of type **Nat**.



# Derivations in a Type System

A type-check is a **proof** in the type system, i.e., a *derivation tree* where:

- ▶ leaves are **axioms**,
- ▶ nodes are obtained by application of **inference rules**.

A judgment is **valid** iff it is the **root** of a derivation tree.

## Example

$$\frac{\emptyset \vdash 1 : \mathbf{Nat} \quad \emptyset \vdash 2 : \mathbf{Nat}}{\emptyset \vdash 1 + 2 : \mathbf{Nat}}$$

## Exercise

Prove that  $[x \rightarrow \mathbf{Nat}, y \rightarrow \mathbf{Nat}] \vdash x + 2 : \mathbf{Nat}$ .

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# Syntax of Language **While**

## Expressions

- ▶ same syntax for Boolean and integer expressions ( $e$ ).
- ▶ 3 kinds of (syntactically) distinct binary operators:  
arithmetic ( $\text{opa}$ ), boolean ( $\text{opb}$ ) and relational ( $\text{oprel}$ )

$$e ::= \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid n \mid x \mid e \text{ opa } e \mid e \text{ oprel } e \mid e \text{ opb } e$$

## Statements

$$S ::= x := e \mid \text{skip} \mid S ; S \mid \\ \text{if } e \text{ then } S \text{ else } S \text{ fi} \mid \text{while } e \text{ do } S \text{ od}$$

# Judgments

- ▶  $\Gamma \vdash S$   
“In environment  $\Gamma$ , statement  $S$  is well-typed”.
- ▶  $\Gamma \vdash e : t$   
“In environment  $\Gamma$ , expression  $e$  is of type  $t$ ”.

# Type System for Expressions

bool. constant	int. constant	int opbin
$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{true} : \mathbf{Bool}}$ $\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{false} : \mathbf{Bool}}$	$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash n : \mathbf{Int}}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \mathbf{Int} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \mathbf{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \text{ opa } e_2 : \mathbf{Int}}$

variables	bool. opbin	relational operators
$\frac{\Gamma(x) = t}{\Gamma \vdash x : t}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \mathbf{Bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \mathbf{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \text{ opb } e_2 : \mathbf{Bool}}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : t \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : t}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \text{ oprel } e_2 : \mathbf{Bool}}$

# Type system for Statements

Assignment	Skip
$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : t \quad \Gamma \vdash x : t}{\Gamma \vdash x := e}$	$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{skip}}$

Sequence	Iteration
$\frac{\Gamma \vdash S_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash S_2}{\Gamma \vdash S_1; S_2}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \mathbf{Bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash S}{\Gamma \vdash \text{while } e \text{ do } S \text{ od}}$

# Exercises

## Exercise: conditional statement

Complete the type system by providing a rule for *conditional statements*.

## Exercise: introducing reals and type conversion

Extend the type system for the expressions assuming that arithmetic types can be now either integer (**Int**) or real (**Real**).

Several solutions are possible:

1. Type conversions are never allowed.
2. Only explicit conversions (with a **cast** operator) are allowed.
3. (implicit) conversions are allowed.



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# Language Block

## Reminder

A new syntactic rule for **statements**:

$$S ::= \dots \mid \mathbf{begin} \ D_V \ ; \ S \ \mathbf{end}$$

And for **declarations**:

$$D_V ::= \mathbf{var} \ x := e \ ; \ D_V \mid \epsilon$$

The semantics is such that:

- ▶ one executes  $S$  in the state updated after evaluating variable declarations;
- ▶ (values of ) variables are restored after the execution of  $S$ .

# Extending the Type System

## Notations

- ▶  $DV(D_V)$  denotes the set of variables **declared** in  $D_V$ .
- ▶  $\Gamma[y \mapsto \tau]$  denotes the environment  $\Gamma'$  such that:
  - ▶  $\Gamma'(x) = \Gamma(x)$  if  $x \neq y$
  - ▶  $\Gamma'(y) = \tau$

## Judgments

- ▶  $\Gamma \vdash D_V \mid \Gamma_I$  means  
“declarations  $D_V$  update environment  $\Gamma$  into  $\Gamma_I$ ”
- ▶  $\Gamma \vdash S$  means  
“statement  $S$  is well-typed within environment  $\Gamma$ ”

# Extending the Type System

## Inference rule for Blocks

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash D_V \mid \Gamma_I \quad \Gamma_I \vdash S}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{begin} D_V ; S \mathbf{end}}$$

## Inference rules for declarations

### Sequential evaluation

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \epsilon \mid \Gamma} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : t \quad \Gamma[x \mapsto t] \vdash D_V \mid \Gamma_I \quad x \notin \text{DV}(D_V)}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{var} x := e ; D_V \mid \Gamma_I}$$

### Collateral evaluation

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \epsilon \mid \Gamma} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : t \quad \Gamma \vdash D_V \mid \Gamma_I \quad x \notin \text{DV}(D_V)}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{var} x := e ; D_V \mid \Gamma_I[x \mapsto t]}$$

# Some Alternatives for Variable Declarations

- ▶ explicitly typed variables:

`var x := e : t`

- ▶ uninitialized variables:

`var x : t`

- ▶ untyped variables(?)

`var x := e`

- ▶ uninitialized and untyped variables(???)

`var x`

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# Language **Proc**

Syntactic rules for **statements**:

$$S ::= \dots \mid \mathbf{begin} \ D_V \ ; \ D_P \ ; \ S \ \mathbf{end} \mid \mathbf{call} \ p$$

and for **declarations**:

$$D_P ::= \mathbf{proc} \ p \ \mathbf{is} \ S \ ; \ D_P \mid \epsilon$$

$DP(D_P)$  denotes the set of procedures **declared** in  $D_P$ .

The semantics depends on the kind of binding (static vs dynamic) one considers. . .

# Judgments

- ▶ Procedure environment  $\Gamma_P : \text{Name} \rightarrow \{\text{proc}\}$  (partial)
- ▶  $\Gamma_V \vdash D_V \mid \Gamma'_V$  means  
    *“Variable declarations  $D_V$  update variable environment  $\Gamma_V$  into  $\Gamma'_V$ ”.*
- ▶  $(\Gamma_V, \Gamma_P) \vdash D_P$  means  
    *“Procedure declarations  $D_P$  is well-typed within variable and procedure environments  $(\Gamma_V, \Gamma_P)$ .”*
- ▶  $(\Gamma_V, \Gamma_P) \vdash S$  means  
    *“Statement  $S$  is well-typed within variable and procedure environments  $(\Gamma_V, \Gamma_P)$ .”*



# Example : Static Binding for Procedures and Variables

## Example (Static binding for variables and procedures)

```
begin  var x := 0;
      proc p is x := x * 2;
      proc q is call p;
      begin var x := 5;
            proc p is x := x + 1;
            call q; y := x;
      end;
end
```

We need to:

- ▶ have some “memorization” of the current “procedure mapping” that “remembers the current procedure definitions when it has been defined”
- ▶ know the “memory location” currently designated by a variable name

↪ when we call *q* we call *p* and modify *x*

# Static Binding for Procedures and Variables

$$\text{Block} \quad \frac{\Gamma_V \vdash D_V \mid \Gamma'_V \quad (\Gamma'_V, \Gamma_P) \vdash D_P \quad (\Gamma'_V, \Gamma'_P) \vdash S}{(\Gamma_V, \Gamma_P) \vdash \mathbf{begin} D_V ; D_P ; S \mathbf{end}}$$

$$D_P \quad \frac{(\Gamma_V, \Gamma_P) \vdash S \quad (\Gamma_V, \Gamma_P[p \mapsto \mathbf{proc}]) \vdash D_P \quad p \notin DP(D_P)}{(\Gamma_V, \Gamma_P) \vdash \mathbf{proc} p \mathbf{is} S ; D_P}$$

$$\text{Call} \quad \frac{\Gamma_P(p) = \mathbf{proc}}{(\Gamma_V, \Gamma_P) \vdash \mathbf{call} p}$$

- ▶ where  $\Gamma'_P = \text{upd}(\Gamma_P, D_P)$
- ▶ with :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{upd}(\Gamma_P, \mathbf{proc} p \mathbf{is} S ; D_P) &= \text{upd}(\Gamma_P[p \mapsto \mathbf{proc}], D_P) \\ \text{upd}(\Gamma_P, \varepsilon) &= \Gamma_P \end{aligned}$$

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            proc  $p$  is  $x := x + 1$ ;  
            call  $q$ ;  $y := x$ ;  
      end;  
end
```

We need to have some “memorization” of the current “procedure mapping”

↪ when we call  $q$  we call  $p$

# Dynamic Binding for Procedures and Variables

$$\text{Block} \quad \frac{\Gamma_V \vdash D_V \mid \Gamma'_V \quad (\Gamma'_V, \Gamma'_P) \vdash S \quad \text{undef}(D_P)}{(\Gamma_V, \Gamma_P) \vdash \mathbf{begin} D_V ; D_P ; S \mathbf{end}}$$

$$\text{Call} \quad \frac{(\Gamma_V, \Gamma_P) \vdash S}{(\Gamma_V, \Gamma_P) \vdash \mathbf{call}_P \quad \Gamma_P(p) = S}$$

► where  $\Gamma'_P = \text{upd}(\Gamma_P, D_P)$

► with:

$$\text{upd}(\Gamma_P, \mathbf{proc} p \text{ is } S ; D_P) = \text{upd}(\Gamma_P[p \mapsto S], D_P)$$

$$\text{upd}(\Gamma_P, \varepsilon) = \Gamma_P$$

$$\text{undef}(\mathbf{proc} p \text{ is } S ; D_P) = \text{undef}(D_P) \wedge p \notin DP(D_P)$$

$$\text{undef}(\varepsilon) = \text{true}$$

**Remark** procedure environment  $\Gamma_P : \text{Name} \rightarrow \text{Stm}$  (partial)

□

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# A Small Functional Language

## Syntax of the language

$$\begin{aligned} e &::= n \mid r \mid \mathbf{true} \mid \mathbf{false} \mid x \mid \mathbf{fun} \ x : \tau. e \mid (e \ e) \mid (e \ , \ e) \\ \tau &::= \mathbf{Bool} \mid \mathbf{Int} \mid \mathbf{Real} \mid \tau \rightarrow \tau \mid \tau \times \tau \end{aligned}$$

## Example (Programs)

- ▶ 42
- ▶ ( $x$  12.5)
- ▶ ( $x$  , *true*)
- ▶ **fun**  $x : \mathbf{Bool}$ .  $x$
- ▶ ((**fun**  $x : \mathbf{Bool}$ .  $x$ ) 12)
- ▶ **fun**  $x : \mathbf{Int} \rightarrow \mathbf{Real}$ . ( $x$  12)

# Version 1: no polymorphism, explicit type annotations

## Judgment

$\Gamma \vdash e : \tau$  means “In environment  $\Gamma$ ,  $e$  is well-typed and of type  $\tau$ .”

## Type System

$$\overline{\Gamma \vdash n : \mathbf{Int}} \quad \overline{\Gamma \vdash r : \mathbf{Real}} \quad \overline{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{true} : \mathbf{Bool}} \quad \overline{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{false} : \mathbf{Bool}}$$

$$\overline{\Gamma \vdash x : \Gamma(x)} \qquad \frac{\Gamma[x \mapsto \tau_1] \vdash e : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{fun} \ x : \tau_1. e : \tau_1 \mapsto \tau_2}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash (e_1, e_2) : \tau_1 \times \tau_2} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \mapsto \tau_2 \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau_1}{\Gamma \vdash (e_1 \ e_2) : \tau_2}$$

## Extension: definition of identifiers

We add a new construct:

**let**  $x = e_1 : \tau_1$  **in**  $e_2$

Informal semantics:

*within  $e_2$ , each occurrence of  $x$  is replaced by  $e_1$*

## Extending the type system to handle identifiers

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \quad \Gamma[x \mapsto \tau_1] \vdash e_2 : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{let} \ x = e_1 : \tau_1 \ \mathbf{in} \ e_2 : \tau_2}$$



## Version 2: no polymorphism, no type annotations

### Syntax of the language

$$e ::= \dots \mid \mathbf{fun} \ x.e \mid \mathbf{let} \ x = e_1 \mathbf{in} \ e_2$$

### Modified type system

$$\frac{\Gamma[x \mapsto \tau_1] \vdash e : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{fun} \ x.e : \tau_1 \mapsto \tau_2}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \quad \Gamma[x \mapsto \tau_1] \vdash e_2 : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{let} \ x = e_1 \mathbf{in} \ e_2 : \tau_2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  a unique value for type  $\tau_1$  has to be inferred ...

# Examples

## Expressions that can be typed:

- ▶ `((fun x.x) 1) : Int`
- ▶ `((fun x.x) true) : Bool`
- ▶ `let x = 1 in ((fun y.y) x) : Int`
- ▶ `let f = fun x.x in (f 2) : Int`

## Expressions that cannot be typed

$\nexists(\Gamma, \tau)$  such that  $\Gamma \vdash e : \tau$

- ▶ `(1 2)`
- ▶ `fun x.(x x)`
- ▶ `let f = fun x.x in ((f 1) , (f true))`

# Polymorphism?

We introduce:

- ▶ **type variable**  $\alpha$
- ▶  $\forall\alpha.\tau$  means “ $\alpha$  can take any type within type expression  $\tau$ ”

## Example (Polymorphic expression)

**fun**  $x.x$  is of type  $\forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$

## Definition (Set of free type variables)

Given an environment  $\Gamma$ :

$$\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{Bool}) = \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{Int}) = \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{Real}) = \emptyset$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{D}(\alpha) &= \{\alpha\} \\ \mathcal{D}(\tau_1 \longrightarrow \tau_2) &= \mathcal{D}(\tau_1) \cup \mathcal{D}(\tau_2) \\ \mathcal{D}(\forall\alpha \cdot \tau) &= \mathcal{D}(\tau) \setminus \{\alpha\} \\ \mathcal{D}(\Gamma) &= \bigcup_{x \in \mathbf{dom}(\Gamma)} \mathcal{D}(\Gamma(x))\end{aligned}$$

# Polymorphism: the F system

## Definition (Rules for system F)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \tau \quad \alpha \notin \mathcal{D}(\Gamma)}{\Gamma \vdash e : \forall \alpha . \tau} \quad (\text{generalization})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \forall \alpha . \tau}{\Gamma \vdash e : \tau[\tau' \mapsto \alpha]} \quad (\text{instanciation})$$

## Example (Programs)

- ▶ **let**  $f = \mathbf{fun} \ x.x \mathbf{ in} \ ((f \ 1) , (f \ \mathbf{true}))$
- ▶ **fun**  $x.(x \ x)$

**Remark** Type inference is no longer **decidable** in this type system. . .  $\square$

# Polymorphism: the Hindley-Milner system

Type quantifiers may only appear “in front” of type expressions.

## Definition (New Syntax)

**Types**  $\tau ::= \mathbf{Bool} \mid \mathbf{Int} \mid \mathbf{Real} \mid \tau \longrightarrow \tau \mid \tau \times \tau \mid \alpha$   
**Type patterns**  $\sigma ::= \tau \mid \forall \alpha . \sigma.$

## Definition (New Rules for the Hindley-Milner system)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \sigma \quad \alpha \notin \mathcal{D}(\Gamma)}{\Gamma \vdash e : \forall \alpha . \sigma} \quad (\text{generalization})$$
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \forall \alpha . \sigma}{\Gamma \vdash e : \sigma[\tau \mapsto \alpha]} \quad (\text{instanciation})$$
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \sigma_1 \quad \Gamma[x \mapsto \sigma_1] \vdash e_2 : \sigma_2}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{let} \ x = e_1 \ \mathbf{in} \ e_2 : \sigma_2} \quad (\text{polymorph “let”})$$

## Example

**let**  $f = \mathbf{fun} \ x.x \ \mathbf{in} \ ((f \ 1) , (f \ \mathbf{true}))$

# Outline: Type Analysis

Types in Programming Languages

How to Formalize a Type System?

Type system for the **While** language and its extensions

Type System for a (small) Functional Language

Some Implementation Issues

# Reminder

Several issues to be handled during static semantic analysis:

1. type-check the input AST

- ▶ formal specification = a **type system**
- ▶ notion of **environment** (name binding), to be computed:

$$\Gamma_V : \text{Name} \rightarrow \text{Type}$$

$$\Gamma_P : \text{Name} \rightarrow \{\text{proc}\}$$

2. decorate this AST to prepare code generation

- ▶ give a type to intermediate nodes
- ▶ indicate implicit **type conversions**

⇒ How to go from type system to algorithms?

# Example

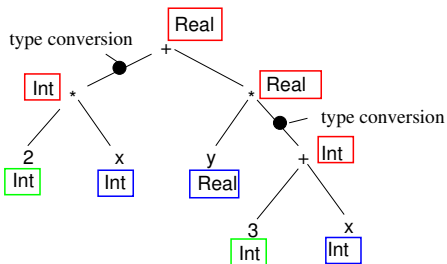
```
begin
  var x : Int ;
  var y : Real ;
  y := 2 * x + y * (3 + x) ;
end
```

Type indications provided by:

lexical analysis

environment

type checking



Final AST



# From a Type System to Algorithms?

⇒ recursive traversal of the AST...

## AST representation:

```
typedef struct tnode {  
    String string ; // lexical representation  
    kind elem ; // category (idf, binaop, while, etc.)  
    struct tnode *left, *right ; // children  
    Type type ; // type (Int, Real, Void, Bad, etc.)  
    ...  
} Node ;
```

## Type-checking function:

```
Type TypeCheck(* node) ;  
// checks the correctness of node, returns the result Type  
// and inserts type conversions when necessary
```

# Type Checking Algorithm for Arithmetic Expressions

DENOT	BINAOP	IDF
$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash n : \text{Int}}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_l : T_l \quad \Gamma \vdash e_r : T_r \quad T = \text{resType}(T_r, T_l)}{\Gamma \vdash e_l \text{ binaop } e_r : T}$	$\frac{\Gamma(x) = t}{\Gamma \vdash x : t}$

```

function Type typeCheck(Node *node) {
    switch node->elem {
        case DENOT: break ; // lexical analysis
        case IDF: node->type=Gamma(node->string); break; // environment
        case BINAOP: // type-checking
            Tl=typeCheck(node->left);
            Tr=typeCheck(node->right);
            node->type=resType(Tl, Tr);
            if (node->type != Tl) insConversion(node->left, node->type);
            if (node->type != Tr) insConversion(node->right, node->type);
            break ;
    }
    return node->type ;
}

function Type resType(Type t1, Type t2) {
    if (t1==Boolean) or (t2==Boolean) return Bad; else return Max(t1, t2);
}
    
```

# Type Checking Algorithm for Statements

Sequence	Iteration	Assignment
$\frac{\Gamma \vdash S_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash S_2}{\Gamma \vdash S_1; S_2}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \mathbf{Bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash S}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{while} \ e \ \mathbf{do} \ S}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash x : t \quad \Gamma \vdash e : t}{\Gamma \vdash x := e}$

```
function Type typeCheck(Node *node) {
    switch node->elem {
        case SEQUENCE:
            if (typeCheck(node->left) != Void) return BAD ;
            return typeCheck(node->right) ;
        case WHILE:
            if (typeCheck(node->left) != BOOL) return BAD ;
            return typeCheck(node->right) ;
        case ASSIGN:
            Tl=typeCheck(node->left);
            Tr=typeCheck(node->right);
            if (Tl != Tr) return BAD else return VOID ;
    }
}
```

# Environment Implementation and Name Binding?

- ▶ Associate a type to each identifier
  - ▶ each **use** occurrence  $\mapsto$  **decl** occurrence
  - ▶ info should be retrieved efficiently (no AST traversal)
- ▶ How can we handle nested declarations?

```
begin
  var x : Int ; var y : Real ;
  begin
    var x : Boolean ;
    x = y > 2.5 ;
  end
end
```

## Usual Solution: *symbol table*

- ▶ Store all **information** associated to an identifier:  
type, kind (var, param, proc), address (for code gen), etc.
- ▶ Built during traversals of the **declaration parts** of the AST
- ▶ Efficient **search** procedure: binary tree, hash table, etc.
- ▶ Two solutions for handling **nested blocks** ( $\Gamma[x \rightarrow \text{Bool}]$ )
  - ▶ a global table, with a **unique id** associated to each idf:  
 $\{((x, 1) : \text{Int}), ((y, 1) : \text{Real}), ((x, 1.1) : \text{Bool})\}$   
→ based on a **unique (hierarchical) numbering** of blocks
  - ▶ a dynamic **stack of local tables**, one local table per block:  
 $\{x:\text{Int}, y:\text{Real}\} \longrightarrow \{x:\text{Bool}\}$