

# Simple Static Typechecking

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# Type Checking

The idea is to *analyze* a program *statically* to find errors that might occur when you run the program. For example:

- Ensure that  $exp_1$  and  $exp_2$  are both type Int in every case of

$$exp_1 + exp_2$$

- Ensure that  $exp_1$  and  $exp_2$  are both type Bool in every case of

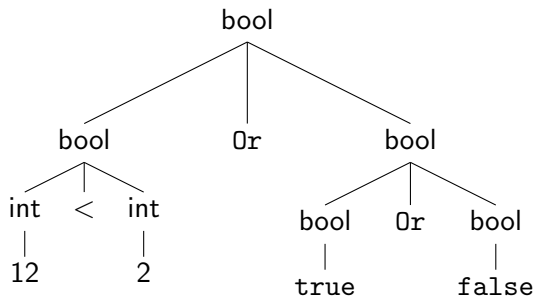
$$exp_1 \text{ Or } exp_2$$

- Ensure that  $exp_1$  is type Bool in every case of

$$\text{If } exp_1 \text{ Then } exp_2 \text{ Else } exp_3$$

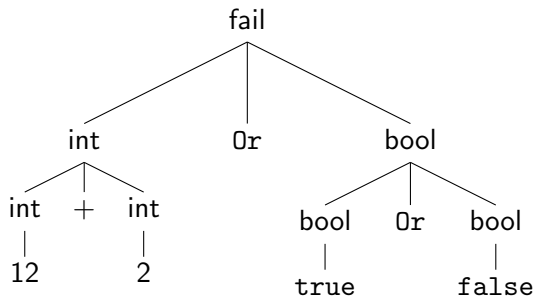
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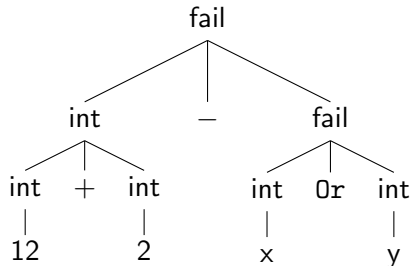
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$(12 + 2) - (x \text{ Or } y)$



# The language of Homework 5 has nothing to check!

- The **parser** ensures that only Bool expressions occur in IF and WHILE
- Only Int expressions can occur in assignments to variables
- Only numbers, variables and arithmetic operators can occur on the RHS of assignments
- No program with a type error can even be parsed!
- My original idea was to add boolean variables, but I got a much better idea.

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To do static recursive typechecking, we need **typed lambda expressions**.

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# Typed lambda expressions and applications in our language

```
f := \x:int {x+1};  x := [f 3]
```

```
g := [\x:int {\y:int {x+y}} 4];  x := [g 5]
```

```
j := \f:(int->int){\y:int{ [f y] };
```

```
k := [j \x:int { 2*x }];
```

```
x := [k 5]
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```
x := [[\x:int { \y:int {x + y} } 13] 12]
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y := [\x:int { [\y:int {x + y} 13] } 12]
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You will learn how to add lambdas to your interpreters very soon.

Today we'll just do a typechecker for them.

# Two new types of Arithmetic Expressions for Parsing

```
data AExp =  
    Var String  
  | Num Int  
  | Plus AExp AExp  
  | Times AExp AExp  
  | Neg AExp  
  | Div AExp AExp  
  | Lambda String Type AExp --NEW  
  | App AExp AExp           --NEW  
  deriving (Show, Eq)
```

- We won't talk about the parsing today.
- AExp are not always numbers anymore!

# Example typechecking

## Expressions

|                                                   |                       |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <code>[\x:int {99} 22] + 3</code>                 | <code>--accept</code> |
| <code>[\x:(int-&gt;int) {99} 22]</code>           | <code>--reject</code> |
| <code>[\x:(int-&gt;int) {[x 2]} 9]</code>         | <code>--reject</code> |
| <code>[\x:(int-&gt;int) {[x 2]} \x:int{9}]</code> | <code>--accept</code> |
| <code>[\x:(int-&gt;int) {x + 2} \x:int{9}]</code> | <code>--reject</code> |

## Programs

|                                                   |                       |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <code>x := \x:int{x+1};</code>                    |                       |
| <code>IF x &lt; 2 THEN y := 3 ELSE y := 4;</code> | <code>--reject</code> |
| <br><code>x := 3;</code>                          |                       |
| <code>z := [\y:int {x + y} 5];</code>             |                       |
| <code>w := x + y</code>                           | <code>--reject</code> |

# A type for types

```
data Type =  
    BoolType  
  | IntType  
  | LambdaType Type Type  
  | FailureType  
  deriving (Show, Eq)
```

```
type TypeStore = Map.Map VarName Type
```

```
x := 5; y := \x:int {x+x};  z := \x:(int->int) { [x 4] }
```

# Typechecking Statements

```
typeCheckStmt :: (Stmt AExp BExp) -> TypeStore
               -> (Bool, TypeStore)

typeCheckStmt program store =
  case program of
    ...
    Seq s1 s2 ->
      let (s1Good, store') = typeCheckStmt s1 store
      in if not s1Good
         then (False, store')
         else let (s2Good, store'') = typeCheckStmt s2 store'
              in (s2Good, store'')
    ...
```

```
x := 5; y := \w:int {x+w}; z := [y x]
```



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  If b s1 s2 ->
    let (bType, store') = findTypeBExp b store in
    if bType /= BoolType
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    else let (s1Good, store'') = typeCheckStmt s1 store' in
         if not s1Good
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              in (s2Good, store''')
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```

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                                   -> (Bool, TypeStore)

typeCheckStmt program store =
  case program of
    ...
    While b s ->
      let (bType, store') = findTypeBExp b store in
      if bType /= BoolType
      then (False, store')
      else let (sGood, store'') = typeCheckStmt s store' in
           (sGood, store'')
    ...
```

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```
typeCheckStmt :: (Stmt AExp BExp) -> TypeStore
                                   -> (Bool, TypeStore)

typeCheckStmt program store =
  case program of
    ...
    Assign x val ->
      let (valType, store') = findTypeAExp val store
      in if valType /= FailureType
         then (True, Map.insert x valType store')
         else (False, store)
    ...
```

# Typechecking Boolean Expressions

```
findTypeBExp :: (BExp AExp) -> TypeStore
              -> (Type, TypeStore)
findTypeBExp b store =
  case b of
    ...
    Bool x -> (BoolType, store)
    ...
```

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findTypeBExp b store =
  case b of
    ...
    Or x y ->
      let (t, store') = (findTypeBExp x store) in
      if t /= BoolType
      then (FailureType, store')
      else let (t', store'') = (findTypeBExp y store') in
           if t' /= BoolType
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    ...
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  case b of
    ...
    Lt x y ->
      let (t, store') = (findTypeAExp x store) in
      if t /= IntType
      then (FailureType, store')
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# Typechecking Arithmetic Expressions

```
findTypeAExp :: AExp -> TypeStore -> (Type, TypeStore)
findTypeAExp a store =
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    Num x -> (IntType, store)
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```
data AExp =
  ...
  Var String
```

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```
findTypeAExp :: AExp -> TypeStore -> (Type, TypeStore)
findTypeAExp a store =
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    Var x -> (Map.findWithDefault FailureType x store, store)
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```
data AExp =
  ... Plus AExp AExp
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```
data AExp = ... Lambda String Type AExp
```

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    Lambda s t a ->
      let (t', store') =
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      in (LambdaType t t', store)
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Next: What if it's a application of a function?

```
data AExp =
  ...
  App AExp AExp
```



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    App f x ->
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        case t of
          LambdaType t1 t2 ->
            let (t',store'') = (findTypeAExp x store) in
              if t1 == t'
              then (t2, store)
              else (FailureType, store)
          _ (FailureType, store)

      -- what about store' or store''?

    ...
```

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```
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Recursive typechecking will be one of your exercises today.

# Without typechecking, recursion totally unnecessary!

Recursive version:

```
f1 := \x { If x < 1 Then 1 Else x * [f1 (x-1)] End};  
[f1 5];
```

Doing the same thing without recursion:

```
f2 := \g {\x {If x < 1 Then 1 Else x * [[g g] (x-1)] End} };  
[[f2 f2] 5]
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Doing the same thing without recursion:

```
f2 := \g {\x {If x < 1 Then 1 Else x * [[g g] (x-1)] End} };  
[[f2 f2] 5]
```

This can actually be done in **Scheme**, which has no static typechecking. It cannot be done in Haskell. Why not?

# Your Turn!

Write typecheckers for these expressions and statements.

- ❶ IF  $x < 4$  THEN  $8 + x$  ELSE  $x + 9$  END
- ❷ LET  $x = 2 + 2$  IN  $x + x$  END
- ❸ REC  $f := \text{int } \backslash x:\text{int } \{ [f \ x+1] \}$
- ❹ REC  $f = \text{int } \backslash x:\text{int } \{ [f \ x+1] \}$  IN  $[f \ 3]$  END

I've done the parsing for you,  
just add clauses to the `findTypeAExp` and `typeCheckStmt` function.

```
data AExp = ...
  | Let String AExp AExp
  | IfExp (BExp AExp) AExp AExp
  | RecExp String Type String Type AExp AExp
  ...
data Stmt a b =
  | RecAssign VarName Type VarName Type a
  ...
```