

Implement a dependently typed core language in Haskell

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Introduction

- **Dependent type** is a type that depends on a value: $\text{Vec } \alpha \ n$
- Used in some proof assistants: Coq, Agda
- Dependent types make the implementation complex: type checking $\text{Vec } \alpha \ 2$ and $\text{Vec } \alpha \ (1 + 1)$
- Incremental development of the core language: from λ_{\rightarrow} to λ_{Π}

λ_{\rightarrow} : Abstract syntax

Types

$$\begin{array}{lll} \tau & ::= & \alpha \quad \text{base type} \\ & | & \tau \rightarrow \tau' \quad \text{function type} \end{array}$$

Terms

$$\begin{array}{lll} e & ::= & x \quad \text{variable} \\ & | & e \ e' \quad \text{application} \\ & | & \lambda x. e \quad \text{lambda abstraction} \end{array}$$

λ_{\rightarrow} : Typing rules

T-Var

$$\frac{(x : \tau) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : \tau}$$

T-App

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \tau \rightarrow \tau' \quad \Gamma \vdash e' : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash e e' : \tau'}$$

T-Lam

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \tau \vdash e : \tau'}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. e : \tau \rightarrow \tau'}$$

How to implement the rule T-Lam?

T-Lam

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \tau \vdash e : \tau'}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. e : \tau \rightarrow \tau'}$$

Pseudocode

```
type ctx (Lam x e) =  
  case (type ((x, ???) :: ctx) e) of  
    Some t' => Some (Fun ??? t')  
    None    => None
```

How do we decide the type as the ??? placeholder?

- Explicitly typed completely, i.e. use the Church-style λ -calculus:
 $\lambda x : \tau. e$
- Partially annotated and use the **bidirectional type inference**

Bidirectional type inference

- Separate expressions into two categories, **checkable** and **inferable**
- Separate judgments:
 - ▶ Given a type τ , verify a **checkable** expression e has that type: $\Gamma \vdash e \Downarrow \tau$
 - ▶ Deduce the type of an **inferable** expression e as a result of τ : $\Gamma \vdash e \Uparrow \tau$
- Make typing rules **syntax-directed**
 - Pros** allowing many type annotations to be inferred automatically from the context of a term
 - Cons** having more typing rules, and some type annotations must be written explicitly

Bidirectional style λ_{\rightarrow}

Inferable Terms

e_{\uparrow}	$::=$	$e_{\downarrow} : \tau$	annotated term
		x	variable
		$e_{\uparrow} e'_{\downarrow}$	application

Checkable Terms

e_{\downarrow}	$::=$	e_{\uparrow}	inferable term
		$\lambda x. e_{\downarrow}$	abstraction

T-Ann

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e \downarrow \tau}{\Gamma \vdash (e : \tau) \uparrow \tau}$$

T-Var

$$\frac{(x : \tau) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x \uparrow \tau}$$

T-Chk

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e \uparrow \tau}{\Gamma \vdash e \downarrow \tau}$$

T-App

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e \uparrow \tau \rightarrow \tau' \quad \Gamma \vdash e' \downarrow \tau}{\Gamma \vdash e e' \uparrow \tau'}$$

T-Lam

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \tau \vdash e \downarrow \tau'}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. e \downarrow \tau \rightarrow \tau'}$$

Representation of variables

- *Absolute references* (i.e. names) for **free** variables in terms
- *De Bruijn indices* for **bound** variables:
 - ▶ Use **numbers** to indicate how many binders occur between its binder and the occurrence
 - ▶ Variables never need to be renamed, i.e. α -equality of terms reduces to **syntactic equality** of terms

Examples

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda xy.x &\rightarrow \lambda \lambda 1 \\ \lambda xyz.xz(yz) &\rightarrow \lambda \lambda \lambda 2\ 0\ (1\ 0)\end{aligned}$$

Data types

data Term_↑
= *Ann* Term_↓ Type
| *Bound* Int
| *Free* Name
| Term_↑ :@: Term_↓
deriving (*Show*, *Eq*)

data Type
= *TFree* Name
| *Fun* Type Type
deriving (*Show*, *Eq*)

data Term_↓
= *Inf* Term_↑
| *Lam* Term_↓
deriving (*Show*, *Eq*)

data Value
= *VLam* (Value → Value)
| *VNeutral* Neutral

data Name
= *Global* String
| *Local* Int
| *Quote* Int
deriving (*Show*, *Eq*)

data Neutral
= *NFree* Name
| *NApp* Neutral Value

Evaluation

data Term_↑
= Ann Term_↓ Type
| Bound Int
| Free Name
| Term_↑ :@: Term_↓
deriving (Show, Eq)

data Term_↓
= Inf Term_↑
| Lam Term_↓
deriving (Show, Eq)

data Value
= VLam (Value → Value)
| VNeutral Neutral

data Neutral
= NFree Name
| NApp Neutral Value

type Env = [Value]

*eval*_↑ :: Term_↑ → Env → Value

*eval*_↑ (Ann *e* _) *d* = *eval*_↓ *e* *d*

*eval*_↑ (Free *x*) *d* = *vfree* *x*

*eval*_↑ (Bound *i*) *d* = *d* !! *i*

*eval*_↑ (*e* :@: *e'*) *d* = *vapp* (*eval*_↑ *e* *d*) (*eval*_↓ *e'* *d*)

vapp :: Value → Value → Value

vapp (VLam *f*) *v* = *f* *v*

vapp (VNeutral *n*) *v* = VNeutral (NApp *n* *v*)

*eval*_↓ :: Term_↓ → Env → Value

*eval*_↓ (Inf *i*) *d* = *eval*_↑ *i* *d*

*eval*_↓ (Lam *e*) *d* = VLam (λ*x* → *eval*_↓ *e* (*x* : *d*))

Substitution and Quotation

$subst_{\uparrow} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Term}_{\uparrow} \rightarrow \text{Term}_{\uparrow} \rightarrow \text{Term}_{\uparrow}$	$quote_0 :: \text{Value} \rightarrow \text{Term}_{\downarrow}$
$subst_{\uparrow} i r (Ann e \tau) = Ann (subst_{\downarrow} i r e) \tau$	$quote_0 = quote\ 0$
$subst_{\uparrow} i r (Bound j) = \text{if } i == j \text{ then } r \text{ else } Bound\ j$	$quote :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Value} \rightarrow \text{Term}_{\downarrow}$
$subst_{\uparrow} i r (Free y) = Free\ y$	$quote\ i\ (VLam\ f) = Lam\ (quote\ (i + 1)\ (f\ (vfree\ (Quote\ i))))$
$subst_{\uparrow} i r (e :@: e') = subst_{\uparrow} i r e :@: subst_{\downarrow} i r e'$	$quote\ i\ (VNeutral\ n) = Inf\ (neutralQuote\ i\ n)$
$subst_{\downarrow} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Term}_{\uparrow} \rightarrow \text{Term}_{\downarrow} \rightarrow \text{Term}_{\downarrow}$	$neutralQuote :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Neutral} \rightarrow \text{Term}_{\uparrow}$
$subst_{\downarrow} i r (Inf\ e) = Inf\ (subst_{\uparrow} i r e)$	$neutralQuote\ i\ (NFree\ x) = boundfree\ i\ x$
$subst_{\downarrow} i r (Lam\ e) = Lam\ (subst_{\downarrow} (i + 1)\ r\ e)$	$neutralQuote\ i\ (NApp\ n\ v) = neutralQuote\ i\ n :@: quote\ i\ v$

Type checking

```
data Kind = Star  
    deriving (Show)  
  
data Info  
    = HasKind Kind  
    | HasType Type  
    deriving (Show)  
  
type Context = [(Name, Info)]
```

For inferable terms

$\text{type}_{\uparrow} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Context} \rightarrow \text{Term}_{\uparrow} \rightarrow \text{Result Type}$

For checkable terms

$\text{type}_{\downarrow} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Context} \rightarrow \text{Term}_{\downarrow} \rightarrow \text{Type} \rightarrow \text{Result ()}$

Type checking for inferable terms

T-Ann

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e \downarrow \tau}{\Gamma \vdash (e : \tau) \uparrow \tau}$$

T-Var

$$\frac{(x : \tau) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x \uparrow \tau}$$

T-App

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e \uparrow \tau \rightarrow \tau' \quad \Gamma \vdash e' \downarrow \tau}{\Gamma \vdash e e' \uparrow \tau'}$$

```
type↑ i Γ (Ann e τ)
  = do kind↓ Γ τ Star
      type↓ i Γ e τ
      return τ
type↑ i Γ (Free x)
  = case lookup x Γ of
      Just (HasType τ) → return τ
      Nothing          → throwError "unknown identifier"
type↑ i Γ (e :: e')
  = do σ ← type↑ i Γ e
      case σ of
          Fun τ τ' → do type↓ i Γ e' τ
                      return τ'
          _        → throwError "illegal application"
```

Type checking for checkable terms

T-Chk

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e \uparrow \tau}{\Gamma \vdash e \downarrow \tau}$$

T-Lam

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \tau \vdash e \downarrow \tau'}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. e \downarrow \tau \rightarrow \tau'}$$

```
type↓ i Γ (Inf e) τ
  = do τ' ← type↑ i Γ e
    unless (τ == τ') (throwError "type mismatch")
type↓ i Γ (Lam e) (Fun τ τ')
  = type↓ (i + 1) ((Local i, HasType τ) : Γ)
    (subst↓ 0 (Free (Local i)) e) τ'
type↓ i Γ _ _
  = throwError "type mismatch"
```

Extend λ_{\rightarrow} with dependent types

- Polymorphic functions allow types to abstract over **types**:

$$\begin{aligned} id &:: \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \\ id &= \lambda \alpha : \star. x : \alpha. x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} id \text{ Bool } True &: \text{Bool} \\ id \text{ Int } 42 &: \text{Int} \end{aligned}$$

- Dependent types allow types to abstract over **values**:

$$\begin{aligned} id &:: \Pi(\alpha : \star). \Pi(n : \text{Nat}). \Pi(v : \text{Vec } \alpha \ n). \text{Vec } \alpha \ n \\ &\equiv \Pi(\alpha : \star). \Pi(n : \text{Nat}). \text{Vec } \alpha \ n \rightarrow \text{Vec } \alpha \ n \end{aligned}$$

Everything is a term

- Allowing values to appear freely in types breaks the separation of terms, types, and kinds: 0 , Nat and \star now are all terms

$0 : \text{Nat}, \text{Nat} : \star$

- We can have abstraction and application of types and kinds

Inferable Terms

$e_{\uparrow} ::=$	$e_{\downarrow} : \tau$	annotated term
	x	variable
	\star	type of types
	$\Pi x : e.e'$	dependent fun.
	$e_{\uparrow} e'_{\downarrow}$	application

Checkable Terms

$e_{\downarrow} ::=$	e_{\uparrow}	checkable term
	$\lambda x.e_{\downarrow}$	abstraction

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\Gamma \vdash \rho ::_{\downarrow} * \quad \rho \Downarrow \tau}{\Gamma \vdash e ::_{\downarrow} \tau} \text{ (ANN)} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash * ::_{\uparrow} *} \text{ (STAR)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \rho ::_{\downarrow} * \quad \rho \Downarrow \tau \quad \Gamma, x :: \tau \vdash \rho' ::_{\downarrow} *}{\Gamma \vdash \forall x :: \rho.\rho' ::_{\uparrow} *} \text{ (PI)} \\
 \\
 \frac{\Gamma(x) = \tau}{\Gamma \vdash x ::_{\uparrow} \tau} \text{ (VAR)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e ::_{\uparrow} \forall x :: \tau.\tau' \quad \Gamma \vdash e' ::_{\downarrow} \tau \quad \tau'[x \mapsto e'] \Downarrow \tau''}{\Gamma \vdash e e' ::_{\uparrow} \tau''} \text{ (APP)} \\
 \\
 \frac{\Gamma \vdash e ::_{\uparrow} \tau}{\Gamma \vdash e ::_{\downarrow} \tau} \text{ (CHK)} \quad \frac{\Gamma, x :: \tau \vdash e ::_{\downarrow} \tau'}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x \rightarrow e ::_{\downarrow} \forall x :: \tau.\tau'} \text{ (LAM)}
 \end{array}$$

λ_{Π} : Change of data types

```
data Term↑
= Ann Term↓ Term↓
| Star
| Pi Term↓ Term↓
| Bound Int
| Free Name
| Term↑ :@: Term↓
deriving (Show, Eq)

data Value
= VLam (Value → Value)
| VStar
| VPi Value (Value → Value)
| VNeutral Neutral

type Type = Value
type Context = [(Name, Type)]
```

λ_{Π} : Change of eval, subst and quote

$$\text{eval}_{\uparrow} \text{Star} \quad d = \text{VStar}$$

$$\text{eval}_{\uparrow} (\text{Pi } \tau \ \tau') \ d = \text{VPi } (\text{eval}_{\downarrow} \ \tau \ d) \ (\lambda x \rightarrow \text{eval}_{\downarrow} \ \tau' \ (x : d))$$

$$\text{subst}_{\uparrow} \ i \ r \ (\text{Ann } e_{\downarrow} \ \tau) = \text{Ann } (\text{subst}_{\downarrow} \ i \ r \ e_{\downarrow}) \ (\text{subst}_{\downarrow} \ i \ r \ \tau)$$

$$\text{subst}_{\uparrow} \ i \ r \ \text{Star} = \text{Star}$$

$$\text{subst}_{\uparrow} \ i \ r \ (\text{Pi } \tau \ \tau') = \text{Pi } (\text{subst}_{\downarrow} \ i \ r \ \tau) \ (\text{subst}_{\downarrow} \ (i + 1) \ r \ \tau')$$

$$\text{quote } i \ \text{VStar} = \text{Inf Star}$$

$$\text{quote } i \ (\text{VPi } v \ f)$$

$$= \text{Inf } (\text{Pi } (\text{quote } i \ v) \ (\text{quote } (i + 1) \ (f \ (\text{vfree } (\text{Quote } i))))))$$

λ_{Π} : Change of \uparrow typing rules

```
type↑ i  $\Gamma$  (Ann e  $\rho$ )  
  = do type↓ i  $\Gamma$   $\rho$  VStar  
      let  $\tau$  = eval↓  $\rho$  []  
      type↓ i  $\Gamma$  e  $\tau$   
      return  $\tau$ 
```

```
type↑ i  $\Gamma$  Star
```

```
  = return VStar
```

```
type↑ i  $\Gamma$  (Pi  $\rho$   $\rho'$ )
```

```
  = do type↓ i  $\Gamma$   $\rho$  VStar
```

```
      let  $\tau$  = eval↓  $\rho$  []
```

```
      type↓ (i + 1) ((Local i,  $\tau$ ) :  $\Gamma$ )
```

```
      (subst↓ 0 (Free (Local i))  $\rho'$ ) VStar
```

```
      return VStar
```

```
type↑ i  $\Gamma$  (e :@: e')
```

```
  = do  $\sigma$   $\leftarrow$  type↑ i  $\Gamma$  e
```

```
      case  $\sigma$  of
```

```
        VPi  $\tau$   $\tau'$   $\rightarrow$  do type↓ i  $\Gamma$  e'  $\tau$ 
```

```
                      return ( $\tau'$  (eval↓ e' []))
```

```
        _  $\rightarrow$  throwError "illegal application"
```

λ_{Π} : Change of \downarrow typing rules

```
type↓ i  $\Gamma$  (Inf e) v  
  = do v'  $\leftarrow$  type↑ i  $\Gamma$  e  
    unless (quote0 v == quote0 v') (throwError "type mismatch")  
type↓ i  $\Gamma$  (Lam e) (VPi  $\tau$   $\tau'$ )  
  = type↓ (i + 1) ((Local i,  $\tau$ ) :  $\Gamma$ )  
    (subst↓ 0 (Free (Local i)) e) ( $\tau'$  (vfree (Local i)))
```

λ_{Π} : Demo of polymorphism

```
>> let id = ( $\lambda \alpha$   $x \rightarrow x$ ) ::  $\forall (\alpha :: *) . \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$   
id ::  $\forall (x :: *) (y :: x) . x$   
>> assume (Bool :: *) (False :: Bool)  
>> id Bool  
 $\lambda x \rightarrow x$  ::  $\forall x :: \text{Bool} . \text{Bool}$   
>> id Bool False  
False :: Bool
```

Add data types into λ_{Π}

- $foldNat :: \forall \alpha :: *. \alpha \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow Nat \rightarrow \alpha$
- $natElim :: \forall m :: Nat \rightarrow *. \quad m \text{ Zero}$
 $\quad \rightarrow (\forall l :: Nat. m \ l \rightarrow m \ (Succ \ l))$
 $\quad \rightarrow \forall k :: Nat. m \ k$
- $foldr :: \forall \alpha :: *. \forall m :: *. m \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow m \rightarrow m) \rightarrow [\alpha] \rightarrow m$
- $vecElim :: \forall \alpha :: *. \forall m :: *. (\forall k :: Nat. Vec \ \alpha \ k \rightarrow *).$
 $\quad m \text{ Zero } (Nil \ \alpha)$
 $\quad \rightarrow (\forall l :: Nat. \forall x :: \alpha. \forall xs :: Vec \ \alpha \ l.$
 $\quad \quad m \ l \ xs \rightarrow m \ (Succ \ l) \ (Cons \ \alpha \ l \ x \ xs))$
 $\quad \rightarrow \forall k :: Nat. \forall xs :: Vec \ \alpha \ k. m \ k \ xs$

Implement plus and append

```
» let plus = natElim ( $\lambda\_ \rightarrow \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}$ )  
    ( $\lambda n \rightarrow n$ )  
    ( $\lambda k \text{ rec } n \rightarrow \text{Succ } (\text{rec } n)$ )
```

• $\text{plus} :: \forall (x :: \text{Nat}) (y :: \text{Nat}). \text{Nat}$

```
» let append =  
    ( $\lambda \alpha \rightarrow \text{vecElim } \alpha$   
        ( $\lambda m\_ \rightarrow \forall (n :: \text{Nat}). \text{Vec } \alpha \ n \rightarrow \text{Vec } \alpha \ (\text{plus } m \ n)$ )  
        ( $\lambda\_ v \rightarrow v$ )  
        ( $\lambda m \ v \ \text{vs } \text{rec } n \ w \rightarrow \text{Cons } \alpha \ (\text{plus } m \ n) \ v \ (\text{rec } n \ w)$ ))  
    ::  $\forall (\alpha :: *) (m :: \text{Nat}) (v :: \text{Vec } \alpha \ m) (n :: \text{Nat}) (w :: \text{Vec } \alpha \ n).$   
     $\text{Vec } \alpha \ (\text{plus } m \ n)$ 
```

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λ_{Π} : Demo of dependent types




```
» assume ( $\alpha :: *$ ) ( $x :: \alpha$ ) ( $y :: \alpha$ )  
» append  $\alpha$  2 (Cons  $\alpha$  1  $x$  (Cons  $\alpha$  0  $x$  (Nil  $\alpha$ )))  
    1 (Cons  $\alpha$  0  $y$  (Nil  $\alpha$ ))  
Cons  $\alpha$  2  $x$  (Cons  $\alpha$  1  $x$  (Cons  $\alpha$  0  $y$  (Nil  $\alpha$ ))) :: Vec  $\alpha$  3
```

Link: <https://www.fpccomplete.com/user/linusyang/types>

Summary and future work

- Bidirectional typing inference helps the implementation of the core language
- Incremental development can simplify the process of adding functions into the core language
- The current language is still rather small and even *unsound*. Consider to add subtyping, recursive types into the type system

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Questions?

Thank you!