

# Hindley-Milner Type Inference

CSE340 Fall 2019

HW 5 Solution

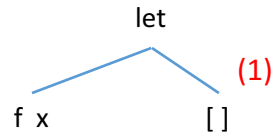
**Problem 1.** let f x = []

Visiting (1):  $T_{(1)} = T$  List where T is not constrained.

$T_f = T_x \rightarrow T_{(1)} = T_x \rightarrow T$  list

$T_x$  is not constrained because there is no constraint that involves  $T_x$

T is not constrained



**Problem 2.** let f x = [[x]]

Visiting (1):  $T_{(1)} = T_{(2)}$  list

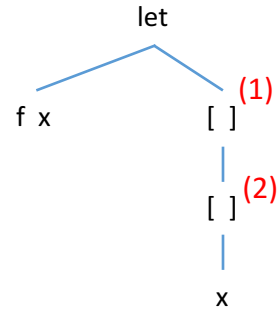
Visiting (2):  $T_{(2)} = T_x$  list

So,  $T_{(1)} = (T_x \text{ list})$  list

There is no constraint involving  $T_x$ , so

$T_f = T_x \rightarrow T_{(1)} = T_x \rightarrow (T_x \text{ list})$  list

$T_x$  is not constrained



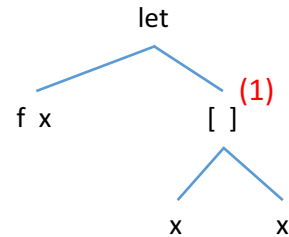
**Problem 3.** let f x = [ x ; x ]

Visiting (1):  $T_{(1)} = T_x$  list

$T_x = T_x$  ✓

$T_f = T_x \rightarrow T_{(1)} = T_x \rightarrow T_x$  list

$T_x$  is not constrained. The only constraint involving  $T_x$  is  $T_x = T_x$  which is always satisfied for any type



**Problem 4.** let f x l = x::l

Visiting (1):  $T_{(1)} = T_x$  list

$T_l = T_x$  list

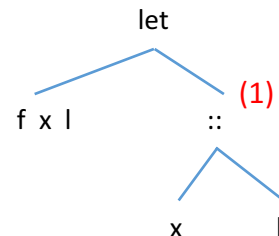
$T_x$  is not constrained

So,

$T_f = T_x \rightarrow T_l \rightarrow T_{(1)} = T_x \rightarrow T_x \text{ list} \rightarrow T_x \text{ list}$

$T_x$  is not constrained

$T_l = T_x$  list



**Problem 5.** let f g a b = if a (a g) then b else b + 1

Visiting (4):  $T_{(4)} = T_b = \text{type of } 1 = \text{int}$

Visiting (1):  $T_{(1)} = T_b = T_{(4)} = \text{int}$

$T_{(2)} = \text{bool}$

Visiting (2):  $T_a = T_{(3)} \rightarrow T_{(2)} = T_{(3)} \rightarrow \text{bool}$

Visiting (3):  $T_a = T_g \rightarrow T_{(3)}$ , but we know that

$T_a = T_{(3)} \rightarrow \text{bool}$ , so

$T_g = T_{(3)}$  and  $T_{(3)} = \text{bool}$ , it follows

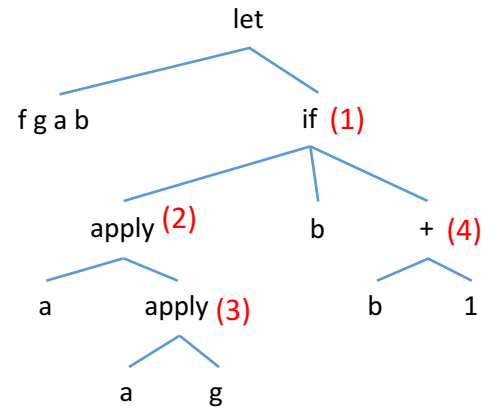
that  $T_g = T_{(3)} = \text{bool}$ , and  $T_a = \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}$

$T_a = \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}$

$T_g = \text{bool}$

$T_g = \text{int}$

$T_f = T_g \rightarrow T_a \rightarrow T_b \rightarrow T_{(1)} = \text{bool} \rightarrow (\text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}) \rightarrow \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$



**Problem 6.** let f a b i = if a.(i) b then b i else b (i+1)

Visiting (6):  $T_{(6)} = T_i = \text{type of } 1 = \text{int}$

Visiting (4):  $T_b = T_{(6)} \rightarrow T_{(4)} = \text{int} \rightarrow T_{(4)}$

Visiting (3):  $T_b = T_i \rightarrow T_{(3)} = \text{int} \rightarrow T_{(3)}$

it follows that  $T_{(3)} = T_{(4)}$

Visiting (1):  $T_{(1)} = T_{(3)} = T_{(4)}$

$T_{(2)} = \text{bool}$

$T_{(3)} = T_{(4)}$  is consistent with

constraint above (established when visiting (3))

Visiting (2):  $T_{(5)} = T_b \rightarrow T_{(2)} = (\text{int} \rightarrow T_{(4)}) \rightarrow \text{bool}$

Visiting (5):  $T_a = T_{(5)}$  array and  $T_i = \text{int}$

so  $T_a = ((\text{int} \rightarrow T_{(4)}) \rightarrow \text{bool})$  array

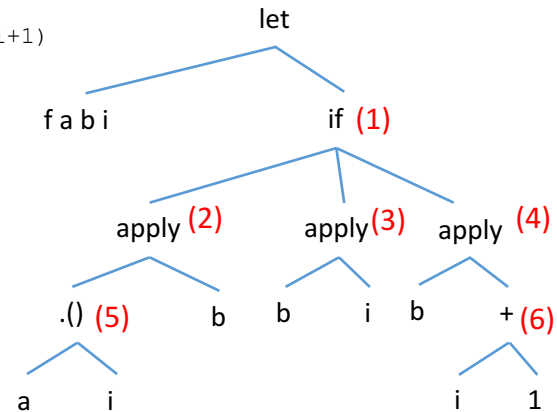
$T_a = (\text{int} \rightarrow T_{(4)}) \rightarrow \text{bool}$  array

$T_b = \text{int} \rightarrow T_{(4)}$

$T_i = \text{int}$

$T_f = T_a \rightarrow T_b \rightarrow T_i \rightarrow T_{(1)} = ((\text{int} \rightarrow T_{(4)}) \rightarrow \text{bool})$  array  $\rightarrow (\text{int} \rightarrow T_{(4)}) \rightarrow \text{int} \rightarrow T_{(4)}$

where  $T_{(4)}$  is not constrained



**Problem 7.** let f a b c i = if a c then (if b then i else i+1) else c

Visiting (4):  $T_{(4)} = T_i = \text{type of } 1 = \text{int}$

Visiting (3):  $T_{(3)} = T_i = T_{(4)} = \text{int}$

$T_b = \text{bool}$

Visiting (1):  $T_{(1)} = T_c = T_{(3)} = \text{int}$

$T_{(2)} = \text{bool}$

Visiting (2):  $T_a = T_c \rightarrow T_{(2)} = \text{int} \rightarrow \text{bool}$

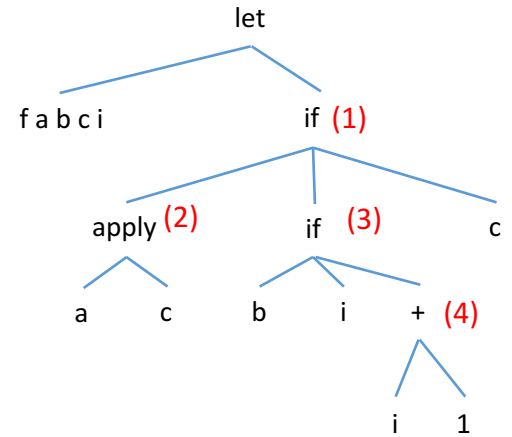
$T_a = \text{int} \rightarrow \text{bool}$

$T_b = \text{bool}$

$T_c = \text{int}$

$T_i = \text{int}$

$T_f = T_a \rightarrow T_b \rightarrow T_c \rightarrow T_i \rightarrow T_{(1)} = (\text{int} \rightarrow \text{bool}) \rightarrow \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$



**Problem 8.** let rec max l = match l with

    []       -> None   (\* max is not defined for empty list \*)

  | h::l1   -> if h > max l1 then h else max l1

Visiting (2):  $T_{(2)} = T_l \text{ list}$

    where  $T_l$  is unconstrained

Visiting (4):  $T_{(4)} = T_2 \text{ option}$

    where  $T_2$  is unconstrained

Visiting (1):  $T_i = T_{(1)} = T_{(2)} = T_{(3)} = T_l \text{ List}$

$T_{(4)} = T_{(5)} = T_2 \text{ option}$

Visiting (3):  $T_{(3)} = T_{l1} = T_h \text{ list}$

    so  $T_h = T_l$

Visiting (5):  $T_{(5)} = T_h = T_{(7)} = T_2 \text{ option}$

$T_{(6)} = \text{bool}$

    so  **$T_1 = T_2 \text{ option}$**

$T_1 = T_l \text{ List} = T_2 \text{ option list}$

Visiting (6):  $T_h = T_{(8)}$

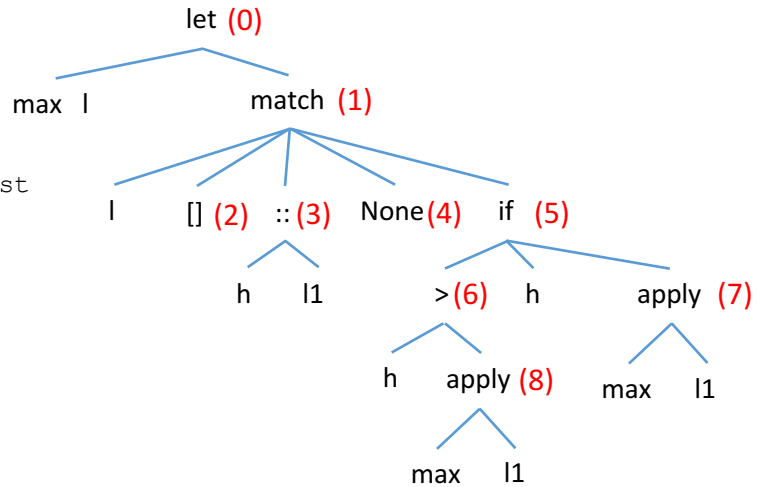
$T_{(6)} = \text{bool} \checkmark$

    so  $T_{(8)} = T_2 \text{ option}$

Visiting (8):  $T_{\text{max}} = T_{l1} \rightarrow T_{(8)} = T_2 \text{ option list} \rightarrow T_2 \text{ option}$

Visiting (8):  $T_{\text{max}} = T_{l1} \rightarrow T_{(7)} = T_2 \text{ option list} \rightarrow T_2 \text{ option} \checkmark$

Visiting (0):  $T_{\text{max}} = T_1 \rightarrow T_{(1)} = T_2 \text{ option list} \rightarrow T_2 \text{ option} \checkmark$



$T_1 = T_2 \text{ option list}$     and  $T_{\text{max}} = T_2 \text{ option list} \rightarrow T_2 \text{ option}$

**Problem 9.** let rec f l g = match l with (\* this is a map-reduce function \*)

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[] -> 0
| h::l1 -> (g h) + (f l1 g)

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(\* apply g to the head of l and f  
 \* to l1 (and g) and add the  
 \* results. The net effect is to  
 \* apply a to all the elements  
 \* and to sum the results up  
 \*)

Visiting (2):  $T_{(2)} = T_l$  list  
 where  $T_l$  is unconstrained

Visiting (1):  $T_1 = T_{(2)} = T_{(3)} = T_l$  list  
 $T_{(4)} = \text{type of } 0 = \text{int}$

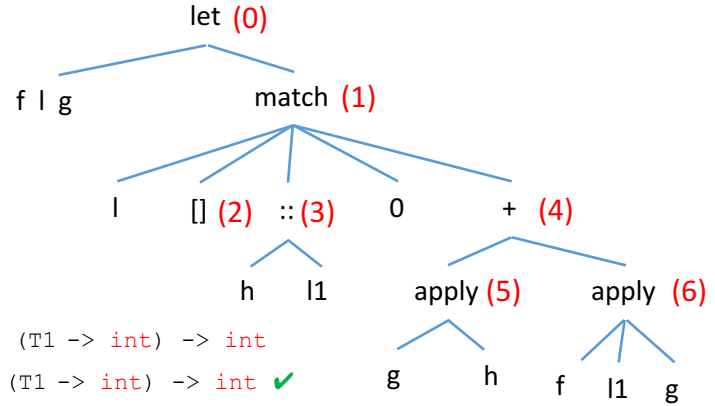
Visiting (3):  $T_{(3)} = T_{l1} = T_h$  list  
 so  $T_h = T_l$

Visiting (4):  $T_{(5)} = T_{(6)} = T_{(4)} = \text{int}$

Visiting (5):  $T_g = T_h \rightarrow T_{(5)} = T_l \rightarrow \text{int}$

Visiting (6):  $T_f = T_{l1} \rightarrow T_g \rightarrow T_{(6)} = T_l \text{ List} \rightarrow (T_l \rightarrow \text{int}) \rightarrow \text{int}$

Visiting (0):  $T_f = T_l \rightarrow T_g \rightarrow T_{(1)} = T_l \text{ list} \rightarrow (T_l \rightarrow \text{int}) \rightarrow \text{int} \checkmark$



$T_g = T_l \rightarrow \text{int}$

$T_l = T_l \text{ List}$

$T_f = T_l \text{ List} \rightarrow (T_l \rightarrow \text{int}) \rightarrow \text{int}$

**Problem 10.** let rec mll l = match l with

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[] -> []
| h::l1 -> [h]::(mll l1)

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Visiting (2):  $T_{(2)} = T_l$  list  
 where  $T_l$  is unconstrained

Visiting (3):  $T_{(3)} = T_{l1} = T_h$  list  
 where  $T_h$  is not constrained

Visiting (4):  $T_{(4)} = T_2$  list  
 where  $T_2$  is unconstrained

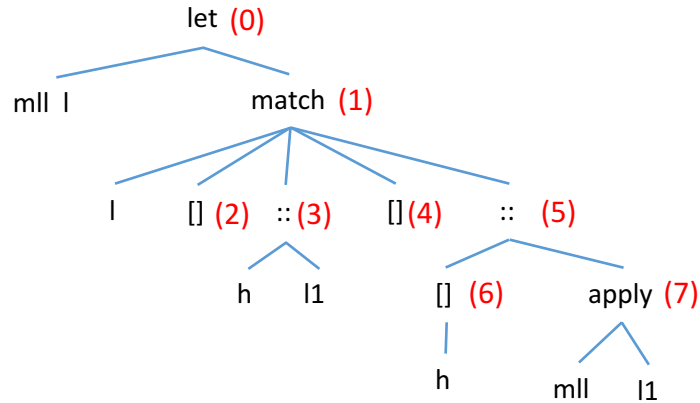
Visiting (1):  $T_1 = T_{(2)} = T_{(3)} = T_h$  list  
 $T_{(5)} = T_{(4)} = T_2$  list

Visiting (6):  $T_{(6)} = T_h$  list

Visiting (5):  $T_{(5)} = T_{(7)} = T_{(6)} \text{ list} = T_h \text{ list list}$

Visiting (7):  $T_{mll} = T_{l1} = T_{(7)} = T_h \text{ list} \rightarrow T_h \text{ list list}$

Visiting (0):  $T_{mll} = T_l \rightarrow T_{(1)} = T_h \text{ list} \rightarrow T_h \text{ list list} \checkmark$



$T_l = T_h \text{ list}$

$T_{mll} = T_h \text{ list} \rightarrow T_h \text{ list list}$

where  $T_h$  is not constrained

**Problem 11.** let  $f\ a\ b\ c = \text{if } a\ b\ c \text{ then } c \text{ else } a\ c\ b$

Visiting (1):  $T_{(1)} = T_c = T_{(3)}$

$T_{(2)} = \text{bool}$

Visiting (2):  $T_a = T_b \rightarrow T_c \rightarrow \text{bool}$

Visiting (3):  $T_a = T_c \rightarrow T_b \rightarrow T_{(3)}$

It follows that  $T_b = T_c$  and  $T_c = T_b$  and  $T_{(3)} = \text{bool}$

but  $T_c = T_{(3)}$ , so  $T_c = \text{bool}$  and since  $T_c = T_b$ ,  $T_b = \text{bool}$

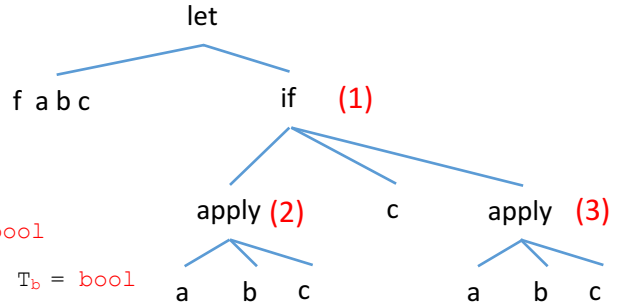
also,  $T_{(1)} = T_c$ ,  $T_{(1)} = \text{bool}$

$T_a = \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}$

$T_b = \text{bool}$

$T_c = \text{bool}$

$T_f = T_a \rightarrow T_b \rightarrow T_c \rightarrow T_{(1)} = (\text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}) \rightarrow \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}$



**Problem 12.** let  $f\ a\ b\ c = \text{if } a\ (b\ c) \text{ then } a \text{ else } b$

Visiting (1):  $T_{(1)} = T_a = T_b$

$T_{(2)} = \text{bool}$

Visiting (2):  $T_a = T_{(3)} \rightarrow T_{(2)} = T_{(3)} \rightarrow \text{bool}$

Visiting (3):  $T_b = T_c \rightarrow T_{(3)}$

but  $T_a = T_b$ , so  $T_c \rightarrow T_{(3)} = T_{(3)} \rightarrow \text{bool}$

It follows that  $T_{(3)} = \text{bool}$  and  $T_c = T_{(3)} = \text{bool}$

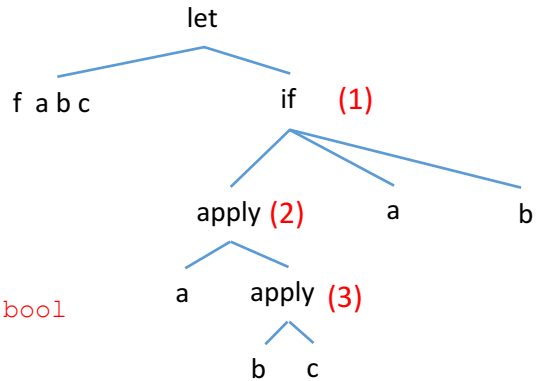
and  $T_a = T_b = \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}$

$T_a = \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}$

$T_b = \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}$

$T_c = \text{bool}$

$T_f = T_a \rightarrow T_b \rightarrow T_c \rightarrow T_{(1)} = (\text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}) \rightarrow (\text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}) \rightarrow \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}$



**Problem 13.** let  $f\ a\ b\ c = \text{if } a\ b \text{ then } a\ c \text{ else } b\ c$

Visiting (1):  $T_{(1)} = T_{(3)} = T_{(4)}$   
 $T_{(2)} = \text{bool}$

Visiting (2):  $T_a = T_b \rightarrow T_{(2)} = T_b \rightarrow \text{bool}$

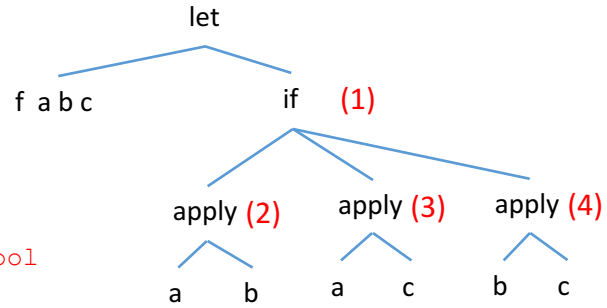
Visiting (3):  $T_a = T_c \rightarrow T_{(3)}$

it follows that  $T_c = T_b$  and  $T_{(3)} = T_{(2)} = \text{bool}$

so  $T_{(1)} = T_{(3)} = T_{(4)} = \text{bool}$

Visiting (4):  $T_b = T_c \rightarrow T_{(4)} = T_c \rightarrow \text{bool}$

but  $T_c = T_b$  so it follows that  $T_b = T_b \rightarrow \text{bool}$  **TYPE MISMATCH**



**Problem 14.** let  $f\ a\ b = \text{if } a\ (b\ (a\ b)) \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } 2$

Visiting (1):  $T_{(1)} = \text{type of } 1 = \text{type of } 2 = \text{int}$   
 $T_{(2)} = \text{bool}$

Visiting (2):  $T_a = T_{(3)} \rightarrow T_{(2)} = T_{(3)} \rightarrow \text{bool}$

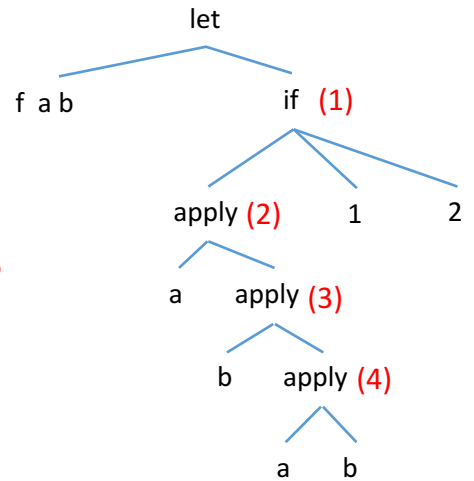
Visiting (4):  $T_a = T_b \rightarrow T_{(4)}$

but  $T_a = T_{(3)} \rightarrow \text{bool}$  and it follows that  $T_b = T_{(3)}$

and  $T_{(4)} = \text{bool}$

Visiting (3):  $T_b = T_{(4)} \rightarrow T_{(3)}$

so  $T_b = \text{bool} \rightarrow T_b$  **TYPE MISMATCH**



**Problem 15.** let  $f\ a\ b\ c = \text{if } a\ b\ c \text{ then } c + 1 \text{ else } a\ c\ b$

Visiting (1):  $T_{(1)} = T_{(3)} = T_{(4)}$   
 $T_{(2)} = \text{bool}$

Visiting (3):  $T_{(3)} = T_c = \text{Type of } 1 = \text{int}$   
it follows that  $T_{(4)} = \text{int}$

Visiting (2):  $T_a = T_b \rightarrow T_c \rightarrow T_{(2)} = T_b \rightarrow \text{int} \rightarrow \text{bool}$

Visiting (4):  $T_a = T_c \rightarrow T_b \rightarrow T_{(4)} = \text{int} \rightarrow T_b \rightarrow \text{int}$

It follows that  $T_b = T_c = \text{int}$

and  $\text{bool} = \text{int}$  **TYPE MISMATCH**

