Typechecking CS496

Types

- Types
 - Organize data and act as classifiers.
 - Constitute a form of documentation.
 - Provide an approximation of the behavior of an expression.
- ▶ A type can state that something is a number, a list, a character, a string, a procedure, etc.
- ► The type of a procedure declares the types of its arguments, and when a procedure is applied to arguments of the wrong type a type error occurs.

Types

- 1. Static vs dynamic typing
 - Compile time
 - ► Run time
- 2. Type checking vs type inference

Typed Languages

Define a set of types and when an expression e has type t, written

e::t

- ► A type analysis step is introduced into the language-processing model.
 - ▶ It tries to assign a type to each expression in the program.
 - ▶ It reports an error if it can't.

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 - If so, what should its type be?
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```
if 3 then 88 else 99 reject: 3 is not a boolean proc (x) (3 x)
```

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- It depends on the type of x
- ▶ For example, if x is a boolean, then its not well typed.
- But if x has the type of a function that consumes numbers, then it is well-typed
- We accept this procedure expression as typable because there is a type for x that makes its body typable

```
proc (f) proc (x) (f x)
```

```
proc (f) proc (x) (f x) accept

let x = 4 in (x 3)
```

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```

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in -(3, x) reject: non-integer argument to a diff-exp
```

```
(proc (x) -(3,x) zero?(0))
```

```
(proc (x) -(3,x)
zero?(0)) reject: same as preceding example

let f = 3
in proc (x) (f x)
```

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3)
```

```
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                            reject: same as preceding example
zero?(0))
let f = 3
in proc (x) (f x)
                            reject: non-proc-val rator
(proc (f) proc (x) (f x)
                            reject: same as preceding example
3)
letrec f(x) = (f -(x,-1))
in (f 1)
```

```
(proc (x) - (3,x)
                            reject: same as preceding example
zero?(0))
let f = 3
                            reject: non-proc-val rator
in proc (x) (f x)
(proc (f) proc (x) (f x)
                            reject: same as preceding example
3)
letrec f(x) = (f -(x,-1))
                            accept, nonterminating but safe
in (f 1)
```

Typable Expressions and Evaluation Safety

- ▶ If an expression can be assigned a type we say it is typable
- What guarantees do typable expressions give us at run-time?
 - ► They guarantee that evaluation (i.e. execution) is safe
- ► For example, that every evaluation of a variable varis found in the environment.
- We next give a definition of what it means for evaluation to be safe

Evaluation Safety

Evaluation is safe if and only if for every evaluation of a(n):

- 1. variable var, the variable is bound.
- 2. -(exp1,exp2), the values of exp1 and exp2 are both num-vals.
- 3. zero?(exp1), the value of *exp1* is a num-val.
- 4. if exp1 then exp2 else exp3, the value of exp1 is a bool-val.
- 5. (rator rand), the value of rator is a proc-val.

Evaluation of safe programs may fail: division by zero, car of the empty list, infinite loop, etc.

Concrete Syntax of Types

```
egin{array}{lll} \langle \textit{Type} 
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angle 
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angle) \end{array}
```

Examples of Values and Their Types

Recall that we write

e::t

if expression e has type t

- ▶ 3::int
- ► -(33,22)::int
- zero?(11)::bool
- ightharpoonup proc (x) -(x,11)::(int \rightarrow int)
- ▶ proc (x) let y = -(x,11) in -(x,y):: (int \rightarrow int)
- ▶ proc (x) if x then 11 else 22::(bool→int)

More Examples of Values and Their Types

- ▶ proc (x) if x then 11 else zero?(11) has no type.
- ▶ proc (x) proc (y) if y then x else 11 :: (int \rightarrow (bool \rightarrow int)).
- ▶ proc (f) if (f 3) then 11 else 22 :: ((int \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow int)
- ▶ proc (f) (f 3) :: ((int \rightarrow t) \rightarrow t), for any type t.
- ▶ proc (f) proc (x) (f (f x)) :: ((t \rightarrow t) \rightarrow (t \rightarrow t)), for any type t.

Typed Languages

Specifying the Behavior of the Type Checker

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- We need to know the types of the variables in order to determine the type of an expression
- ► A type environment tenv associates types to variables
 - ▶ E.g. $\{x \leftarrow bool, y \leftarrow int\}$

Typing Judgements

A typing judgement is an expression of the form

where

- ▶ tenv is a type environment
- e is an expression
- ▶ t is a type expression
- A typing system consists of typing rules

$$\frac{J_1 \dots J_n}{J}$$
 rule-name

- ▶ $J_1, ..., J_n, J$ are typing judgements
- ▶ When n = 0, the rule is also called an axiom

Typing Derivations

- ► Typing rules can be composed to form typing derivations
- ➤ A typing system determines a set of derivable typing judgements, namely those that are the root of a typing derivation
- ▶ If a judgement

is derivable, then we say that "e is typable with type t under typing environment tenv"

Preliminary Summary of Notions

► Typing judgement:

► Typing rule:

$$\frac{J_1 \dots J_n}{J}$$
 rule-name

- Typing derivation: Tree of typing judgements built from typing rules
- ► Derivable typing judgements: Those that are the root of a typing derivation

Typing Rules

Typing axioms and rules for expressions

Typing integers:

$$\frac{}{\text{tenv} \vdash n :: int}$$
 TConst

Typing variables:

$$\frac{\text{tenv}(x)=t}{\text{tenv} \vdash x :: t} TVar$$

Typing Rules

Typing zero?:

Typing diff:

$$\frac{\texttt{tenv} \vdash \texttt{e1} :: \texttt{int} \qquad \texttt{tenv} \vdash \texttt{e2} :: \texttt{int}}{\texttt{tenv} \vdash \neg (\texttt{e1}, \texttt{e2}) :: \texttt{int}} \textit{TDiff}$$

Typing rules – If

```
tenv | e1 :: bool

tenv | e2 :: t

tenv | e3 :: t

TIf
```

Exercise Before Continuing

- ▶ Show that if zero?(0) then 3 else 4 is typable
- ► For that, construct a typing derivation for the judgement empty-tenv if zero?(0) then 3 else 4::int
- Note that in a typing derivation
 - ▶ Each leaf of the tree is an instance of an axiom;
 - ▶ Each internal node is an instance of a typing rule; and
 - ► The root of the tree is empty-tenv if zero?(0) then 3 else 4::int

Typing rules – Let

Typing rules – Proc Application

```
\frac{\texttt{tenv} \vdash \texttt{rator} :: \texttt{t1} \rightarrow \texttt{t2} \quad \texttt{tenv} \vdash \texttt{rand} :: \texttt{t1}}{\texttt{tenv} \vdash (\texttt{rator} \; \texttt{rand}) :: \texttt{t2}} \; \textit{TProcApp}
```

Typing rules

Attempt at typing procedures

Motivating expression: proc (x) - (x,2)

$$\frac{[\text{var} = \text{t1}] \text{tenv} \vdash \text{e} :: \text{t2}}{\text{tenv} \vdash \text{proc} \text{ (var)} \text{ e} :: \text{t1} \rightarrow \text{t2}} TProc}$$

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- ▶ Where do we obtain t1 from?
- ► This specification is incomplete as it stands
- Two options:
 - 1. the missing type is supplied by the programmer (we choose this one for now!)
 - 2. the missing type is inferred from the source code

Typing proc

Failed attempt:

$$\frac{[\text{var} = \text{t1}] \text{tenv} \vdash \text{e} :: \text{t2}}{\text{tenv} \vdash \text{proc (var)} \text{ e} :: \text{t1} \rightarrow \text{t2}} TProc}$$

New typing rule:

$$\frac{[\text{var} = \text{t1}] \text{tenv} \vdash \text{e} :: \text{t2}}{\text{tenv} \vdash \text{proc} \text{ (var:t1)} \text{ e} :: \text{t1} \rightarrow \text{t2}} TProc}$$

Summary of Typing Rules

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- ▶ We now introduce CHECKED
- ▶ It is based on REC except that the programmer writes
 - ▶ the type of formal parameters in procedures, and
 - the type of parameters and results in letrec-bound variables.

Examples

```
proc (x:int) -(x,1)

proc (f:(bool -> int))
proc (n:int) (f zero?(n))
```

CHECKED: Concrete Syntax

One existing production (for now) is modified as follows

```
\langle Expression \rangle ::= proc (\langle Identifier \rangle : \langle Type \rangle) \langle Expression \rangle
```

We recall the syntax of types below:

```
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angle) \end{array}
```

CHECKED: Abstract Syntax

```
(define-datatype expression expression?
    (const-exp
      (num number?))
    (diff-exp
4
      (exp1 expression?)
5
      (exp2 expression?))
6
    (zero?-exp
7
      (exp1 expression?))
8
    (if-exp
9
      (exp1 expression?)
10
      (exp2 expression?)
      (exp3 expression?))
    (var-exp
13
      (var symbol?))
14
    (let-exp
15
      (var symbol?)
16
      (exp1 expression?)
17
      (body expression?))
18
```

The new variants for type annotated procs and letrec

```
(proc-exp
(var symbol?)
(type type?)
(body expression?))
(call-exp
(rator expression?)
(rand expression?))
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CHECKED: Abstract Syntax of Types

```
(define-datatype type?
(int-type)
(bool-type)
(proc-type
(src type?))
(tgt type?)))
```

Concrete vs Abstract Syntax

```
proc (f:(bool -> int))
proc (n:int) (f zero?(n))
```

```
(a-program
(proc-exp
'f
(proc-type (bool-type) (int-type))
(proc-exp 'n
(int-type)
(call-exp (var-exp 'f) (zero?-exp
(var-exp 'n))))))
```

Implementing a Type-Checker

We implement the following:

```
;; type-of-program :: program -> type
;; type-of :: {exp,typeEnv} -> type
```

- ▶ We use the specification as a guideline
- Type environments

Implementing a Type-Checker

▶ We make use of the following auxiliary function:

- ▶ report-unequal-types simply prints an error message
- when is an if without an else; returns #<void> if the condition is false

type-of-program

(init-tenv) is the type environment for the initial environment

Typing Integers

```
\frac{}{\text{tenv} \vdash n :: int} TConst
```

```
(define type-of
(lambda (exp tenv)
(cases expression exp
(const-exp (n) (int-type)))))
```

Typing Variable References

```
tenv(var)=t
tenv var :: t
```

```
(define type-of
(lambda (exp tenv)
(cases expression exp
...
(var-exp (var) (apply-tenv tenv var)))))
```

Typing the zero? Predicate

```
tenv ⊢ e :: int
tenv ⊢ zero?(e) :: bool
```

Typing Difference

```
tenv - e1 :: int tenv - e2 :: int tenv - e2 :: int tenv - (e1,e2) :: int
```

```
(define type-of
(lambda (exp tenv)
(cases expression exp
...
(diff-exp (e1 e2)
(let ((ty1 (type-of e1 tenv))
(ty2 (type-of e2 tenv)))
(check-equal-type! ty1 (int-type) e1)
(check-equal-type! ty2 (int-type) e2)
(int-type))))))
```

Typing let

```
tenv | e1 :: t1 [var=t1]tenv | e2 :: t2
tenv | let var=e1 in e2 :: t2
```

Typing the Conditional

```
tenv | e1 :: bool tenv | e2 :: t tenv | e3 :: t 

tenv | if e1 then e2 else e3 :: t
```

```
(define type-of
(lambda (exp tenv)
(cases expression exp
...
(if-exp (e1 e2 e3)
(let ((ty1 (type-of e1 tenv))
(ty2 (type-of e2 tenv))
(ty3 (type-of e3 tenv)))
(check-equal-type! ty1 (bool-type) e1)
(check-equal-type! ty2 ty3 exp)
ty2)))))
```

Typing Procedure Declaration

```
\frac{[\text{var} = \text{t1}] \text{tenv} \vdash \text{e} :: \text{t2}}{\text{tenv} \vdash \text{proc} \text{ (var:t1)} \text{ e} :: \text{t1} \rightarrow \text{t2}} TProc}
```

Typing Procedure Application

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```

```
(define type-of
   (lambda (exp tenv)
     (cases expression exp
4
       (call-exp (rator rand)
          (let ((rator-type (type-of rator tenv))
6
                (rand-type (type-of rand tenv)))
7
            (cases type rator-type
8
              (proc-type (arg-type result-type)
9
                (begin
                  (check-equal-type! arg-type rand-type rand)
                  result-type))
12
              (else
                (report-rator-not-a-proc-type rator-type
14
      rator))))))))
```

Testing CHECKED

- Code available from http://www.eopl3.com
- ▶ Directory chapter7/checked
- Open top.scm in Racket
- ▶ There are a number of tests in tests.scm
- ▶ You can type-check them using check-one. Eg.

```
1 > (check-one 'apply-a-proc-2-typed)
2 'int
```

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Typing Letrec

Letrec

CHECKED: Concrete Syntax

```
 \begin{split} &\langle \textit{Expression} \rangle ::= \texttt{proc} \; \left( \langle \textit{Identifier} \rangle : \langle \textit{Type} \rangle \right) \langle \textit{Expression} \rangle \\ &\langle \textit{Expression} \rangle ::= \texttt{letrec} \; \langle \textit{Type} \rangle \; \langle \textit{Identifier} \rangle \; \left( \langle \textit{Identifier} \rangle : \langle \textit{Type} \rangle \right) = \\ &\langle \textit{Expression} \rangle \; \text{in} \; \langle \textit{Expression} \rangle \end{split}
```

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9
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      (exp2 expression?)
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13
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14
    (let-exp
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16
      (exp1 expression?)
17
      (body expression?))
18
```

The new variant for type annotated letrec

```
(proc-exp
1
       (var symbol?)
2
       (type type?)
3
       (body expression?))
4
    (call-exp
5
       (rator expression?)
6
       (rand expression?))
7
    (letrec-exp
8
       (p-result-type type?)
9
       (p-name symbol?)
10
       (b-var symbol?)
       (p-var-type type?)
12
       (p-body expression?)
13
       (letrec-body expression?))
14
```

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6
       (rand expression?))
7
8
    (letrec-exp
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9
       (p-name symbol?)
10
       (b-var symbol?)
       (p-var-type type?)
12
       (p-body expression?)
13
       (letrec-body expression?))
14
```

Abstract Syntax for letrec

```
(a-program
   (letrec-exp
    (int-type)
    'double
    ' x
    (int-type)
6
    (if-exp
     (zero?-exp (var-exp 'x))
8
     (const-exp 0)
9
     (diff-exp (call-exp (var-exp 'double) (diff-exp
10
      (var-exp 'x) (const-exp 1))) (const-exp -2)))
    (var-exp 'double)))
11
```

Typing rule for letrec

Typing Letrec

```
(define type-of
    (lambda (exp tenv)
      (cases expression exp
4
       (letrec-exp (p-result-type p-name b-var b-var-type
      p-body letrec-body)
          (let ((tenv-for-letrec-body
6
7
                  (extend-tenv p-name
                    (proc-type b-var-type p-result-type)
8
                    tenv)))
9
            (let ((p-body-type
                    (type-of p-body
                      (extend-tenv b-var b-var-type
                        tenv-for-letrec-body))))
              (check-equal-type!
14
                p-body-type p-result-type p-body)
15
              (type-of letrec-body tenv-for-letrec-body)))))))
16
```