CSCI 3155: Lab Assignment 4

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The primary purpose of this lab to understand the interplay between type checking and evaluation. Concretely, we will extend JAVASCRIPTY with immutable objects and extend our small-step interpreter from Lab 3. Unlike all prior language constructs, object expressions do not have an *a priori* bound on the number of sub-expressions because an object can have any number of fields. To represent objects, we will use collections from the Scala library and thus will need to get used to working with the Scala collection API.

You will work on this assignment in pairs. However, note that **each student needs to submit a write-up** and are individually responsible for completing the assignment.

You are welcome to talk about these questions in larger groups. However, we ask that you write up your answers in pairs. Also, be sure to acknowledge those with which you discussed, including your partner and those outside of your pair.

Recall the evaluation guideline from the course syllabus. Try to make your code as concise and clear as possible. Challenge yourself to find the most crisp, concise way of expressing the intended computation. This may mean using ways of expression computation currently unfamiliar to you. Finally, make sure that your file compiles and runs (using Scala 2.9.2). A program that does not compile will *not* be graded.

Submission Instructions. First, submit your .scala file to the auto-testing system to get instant feedback on your code. You may submit as many times as you want, but please submit at least once before the deadline. We will only look at your last submission.

Getting Started. Download the code template Lab3.scala from the assignment page. Be sure to also write your name, your partner, and collaborators there.

- 1. **Feedback**. Complete the survey after completing this assignment. Any non-empty answer will receive full credit.
- 2. Warm-Up: Collections. To implement our interpreter for JAVASCRIPTY with objects, we will need to make use of collections from Scala's library. One of the most fundamental operations that one needs to perform with a collection is to iterate over the elements of the collection. Like many other languages with first-class functions (e.g., Python, ML), the Scala library provides various iteration operations via higher-order functions. Higher-order functions are functions that take functions as parameters. The function

parameters are often called *callbacks*, and for collections, they typically specify what the library client wants to do for each element.

In this question, we practice both writing such higher-order functions in a library and using them as a client.

(a) Implement a function

```
def compressRec[A](1: List[A]): List[A]
```

that eliminates consecutive duplicates of list elements. If a list contains repeated elements they should be replaced with a single copy of the element. The order of the elements should not be changed.

Example:

```
scala> compressRec(List(1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3))
res0: List[Int] = List(1, 2, 3)
```

This test has been provided for you in the template.

For this exercise, implement the function by direct recursion (e.g., pattern match on 1 and call compressRec recursively). Do not call any List library methods.

This exercise is from Ninety-Nine Scala Problems:

```
http://aperiodic.net/phil/scala/s-99/ .
```

Some sample solutions are given there, which you are welcome to view. However, it is strongly encouraged that you first attempt this exercise before looking there. The purpose of the exercise is to get some practice for the later part of this homework. Note that the solutions there do not satisfy the requirements here (as they use library functions). If at some point you feel like you need more practice with collections, the above page is a good resource.

- (b) Re-implement the compress function from the previous part as compressFold using the foldRight method from the List library. The call to foldRight has been provided for you. Do not call compressFold recursively or any other List library methods.
- (c) Implement a higher-order recursive function

```
\operatorname{def} \operatorname{mapFirst}[A](f: A => \operatorname{Option}[A])(1: \operatorname{List}[A]): \operatorname{List}[A]
```

that finds the first element in 1 where f applied to it returns a Some(a) for some value a. It should replace that element with a and leave 1 the same everywhere else.

Example:

```
scala> mapFirst((i: Int) => if (i < 0) Some(-i) else None)(List(1,2,-3,4,-5)) res0: List[Int] = List(1, 2, 3, 4, -5)
```

(d) Consider again the binary search tree data structure from Lab 1:

```
sealed abstract class Tree {
    def insert(n: Int): Tree = this match {
        case Empty => Node(Empty, n, Empty)
        case Node(1, d, r) =>
            if (n < d) Node(1 insert n, d, r) else Node(1, d, r insert n)
    }

    def foldLeft[A](z: A)(f: (A, Int) => A): A = {
        def loop(acc: A, t: Tree): A = t match {
            case Empty => throw new UnsupportedOperationException
            case Node(1, d, r) => throw new UnsupportedOperationException
        }
        loop(z, this)
    }
}
case object Empty extends Tree
case class Node(1: Tree, d: Int, r: Tree) extends Tree
```

Here, we have implement the binary search tree insert as a method of Tree. For this exercise, complete the higher-order method foldLeft. This method performs an in-order traversal of the input tree this calling the callback f to accumulate a result. Suppose the in-order traversal of the input tree yields the following sequence of data values: d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_n . Then, foldLeft yields

$$f(\cdots(f(f(z,d_1),d_2))\cdots),d_n)$$
.

We have provided a test client sum that computes the sum of all of the data values in the tree using your foldLeft method.

(e) Implement a function

```
def strictlyOrdered(t: Tree): Boolean
```

as a client of your foldLeft method that checks that the data values of t as an in-order traversal are in strictly accending order (i.e., $d_1 < d_2 < \cdots < d_n$).

Example:

```
scala> strictlyOrdered(treeFromList(List(1,1,2)))
res0: Boolean = false
```

3. JavaScripty Type Checker

As we have seen in the prior labs, dealing conversions and checking for dynamic type errors complicate the interpreter implementation. Some languages restrict the possible programs that it will execute to ones that it can guarantee will not result in a dynamic type error. This restriction of programs is enforced with an analysis phase after parsing known as type checking. Such languages are called strongly, statically-typed. In this lab, we will implement a strongly, statically-typed version of JAVASCRIPTY. We will not permit any type conversions and will guarantee the absence of dynamic type errors.

In this lab, we extend JAVASCRIPTY with types, multi-parameter functions, and objects/records (see Figure 1). We have a language of types τ and annotate function parameters

```
e := x \mid n \mid b \mid undefined \mid uop e_1 \mid e_1 bop e_2 \mid e_1 ? e_2 : e_3
expressions
                                               | const x = e_1; e_2 | jsy.print(e_1)
                                               str \mid \mathbf{function} \ p(\overline{x} : \overline{\tau})tann \ e_1 \mid e_0(\overline{e})
                                              | \{ f_1 : e_1, \dots, f_n : e_n \} | e_1.f
                                       v := n \mid b \mid \mathbf{undefined} \mid str \mid \mathbf{function} \ p(\overline{x : \tau}) tann \ e_1
values
                                              | \{ f_1: v_1, \ldots, f_n: v_n \} 
                                   uop ::= - | !
unary operators
                                   bop ::= \text{, } | + | - | * | / | === | !== | < | <= | > | >= | && | | |
binary operators
                                       \tau ::= \mathbf{number} \mid \mathbf{bool} \mid \mathbf{string} \mid \mathbf{Undefined} \mid (\overline{x : \tau}) \Rightarrow \tau' \mid \{\, f_1 : \tau_1; \ldots; f_n : \tau_n \,\}
types
variables
                                       x
numbers (doubles)
                                      n
booleans
                                       b := \mathbf{true} \mid \mathbf{false}
strings
                                       p ::= x \mid \varepsilon
function names
field names
                                  tann ::= : \tau \mid \varepsilon
type annotations
                                      \Gamma ::= \cdot \mid \Gamma[x \mapsto \tau]
type environments
```

Figure 1: Abstract Syntax of JAVASCRIPTY

with types. Functions can now take any number of parameters. We write a sequence of things using either an overbar or dots (e.g., \overline{e} or e_1, \ldots, e_n for a sequence of expressions). An object literal

```
\{f_1: e_1, \ldots, f_n: e_n\}
```

is a comma-separted sequence of field names with initialization expressions surrounded by braces. Objects in this lab are more like records or C-structs as opposed to JavaScript objects, as we do not have any form of dynamic dispatch. Our objects in this lab are also immutable. The field read expression $e_1.f$ evaluates e_1 to an object value and then looks up the field named f. An object value is a sequence of field names associated with values. The type language τ includes base types for numbers, booleans, strings, and **undefined**, as well as constructed types for functions $(\overline{x}:\overline{\tau}) \Rightarrow \tau'$ and objects $\{f_1:\tau_1;\ldots;f_n:\tau_n\}$.

As an aside, we have chosen syntax that is compatible with the TypeScript language that adds typing to JavaScript. TypeScript aims to be fully compatible with JavaScript, so it is not as strictly typed as JAVASCRIPTY in this lab.

In Figure 2, we show the updated and new AST nodes. We update Function and Call for multiple parameters/arguments. Object literals and field read expressions are represented by Object and GetField, respectively.

In this lab, we implement a type checker that is very similar to a big-step interpreter. Instead of computing the value of an expression by recursively computing the value of each sub-expression, we infer the type of an expression, by recursively inferring the type of each sub-expression. An expression is well-typed if we can infer a type for it.

Given its similarity to big-step evaluation, we can formalize a type inference algorithm in

```
/* Functions */
case class Function(p: Option[String], params: List[(String,Typ)], tann: Option[Typ],
                       e1: Expr) extends Expr
  Function (p, \overline{(x,\tau)}, tann, e_1) function p(\overline{x:\tau})tann e_1
case class Call(e1: Expr, args: List[Expr]) extends Expr
  Call(e_1, \overline{e}) e_1(\overline{e})
/* Objects */
case class Obj(fields: Map[String, Expr]) extends Expr
  Object(\overline{f:e}) {\overline{f:e}}
case class GetField(e1: Expr, f: String) extends Expr
  GetField(e_1, f) e_1.f
/* Types */
case class TFunction(params: List[(String, Typ)], tret: Typ) extends Typ
  TFunction(\overline{x:\tau}, \tau') (\overline{x:\tau}) \Rightarrow \tau'
case class TObj(tfields: Map[String, Typ]) extends Typ
  T0bj(\overline{f}:\overline{\tau}) {\overline{f}:\overline{\tau}}
```

Figure 2: Representing in Scala the abstract syntax of JAVASCRIPTY. After each case class or case object, we show the correspondence between the representation and the concrete syntax.

a similar way. In Figure 3, we define the judgment form $\Gamma \vdash e : \tau$ which says informally, "In type environment Γ , expression e has type τ ." We will implement a function

```
def typeInfer(env: Map[String,Typ], e: Expr): Typ
```

that corresponds directly to this judgment form. It takes as input a type environment env (Γ) and an expression e (e) returns a type Typ (τ) . It is informative to compare these rules with the big-step operational semantics from Lab 3.

The TypeEquality is slightly informal in stating

```
\tau has no function types.
```

We intend this statement to say that the structure of τ has no function types. The helper function hasFunctionTyp is intended to return true if a function type appears in the input and false if it does not, so this statement can be checked by taking the negation of a call to hasFunctionTyp.

To signal a type error, we will use a Scala exception

```
class StaticTypeError(tbad: Typ, esub: Expr, e: Expr) extends Exception
```

where tbad is the type that is inferred sub-expression esub of input expression e. These arguments are used to construct a useful error message. We also provide a helper function err to simplify throwing this exception.

We suggest the following step-by-step order to complete typeInfer.

```
\Gamma \vdash e : \tau
```

```
TypeSeq
                                           TypeNeg
                                                                                                     TypeNot
  TypeVar
                                                                                                                                                    \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \qquad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 , e_2 : \tau_2}
                                             \Gamma \vdash e_1 : \mathbf{number}
                                                                                                     \Gamma \vdash e_1 : \mathbf{bool}
  \Gamma \vdash x : \Gamma(x)
                                           \Gamma \vdash -e_1 : \mathbf{number}
                                                                                                    \overline{\Gamma \vdash ! e_1 : \mathbf{bool}}
                                    TypeArith
                                    \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \mathbf{number} \qquad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \mathbf{number} \qquad \mathit{bop} \in \{+, -, *, /\}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \ \mathit{bop} \ e_2 : \mathbf{number}}
                                                                 TypePlusString
                                                                                                    \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \mathbf{string}
                                                                 \Gamma \vdash e_1 : \mathbf{string}
                                                                                \Gamma \vdash e_1 + e_2 : \mathbf{string}
                              TypeInequalityNumber
                                                                             \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_2 : \mathbf{number}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \ bop \ e_2 : \mathbf{bool}}
                               \Gamma \vdash e_1 : \mathbf{number}
                                   TypeInequalityString
                                                                             \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_2 : \mathbf{string} \qquad bop \in \{<, <=, >, >=\}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \ bop \ e_2 : \mathbf{bool}}
                                   \Gamma \vdash e_1 : \mathbf{string}
                   TYPEEQUALITY
                                           \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau has no function types bop \in \{===,!==\}
                   \Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau
                                                                                 \Gamma \vdash e_1 \ bop \ e_2 : \mathbf{bool}
                                                                                                                                   TypePrint
     TypeAndOr
     \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \mathbf{bool} \qquad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \mathbf{bool} \qquad bop \in \{\&\&, ||\}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \ bon \ e_2 : \mathbf{bool}}
                                                                                                                                    \Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1
                                                                                                                                   \overline{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{jsy.print}(e_1)} : \overline{\mathbf{U}}\mathbf{ndefined}
                                     \Gamma \vdash e_1 \ bop \ e_2 : \mathbf{bool}
           TypeIf
           \frac{\Gamma \vee \text{PEIF}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{bool}} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 ? e_2 : e_3 : \tau} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_3 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1} \frac{\Gamma[x \mapsto \tau_1] \vdash e_2 : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \text{const } x = e_1; e_2 : \tau_2}
                                                                                                                         TypeConst
                           TypeCall
                           \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : (x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n) \Rightarrow \tau \qquad \Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \qquad \cdots \qquad \Gamma \vdash e_n : \tau_n}{\Gamma \vdash e(e_1, \dots, e_n) : \tau}
\frac{\text{TypeObject}}{\Gamma \vdash e_i : \tau_i \quad \text{(for all } i)} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \{ \ldots, f : \tau, \ldots \}}{\Gamma \vdash e : \{ \ldots, f : \tau, \ldots \}} \frac{\text{TypeGetField}}{\Gamma \vdash e : \{ \ldots, f : \tau, \ldots \}} \frac{\text{TypeNumber}}{\Gamma \vdash n : \text{number}}
                                                                                                                                                                         \overline{\Gamma \vdash n : \mathbf{number}}
                 TypeBool
                                                                  TypeString
                                                                                                                           TypeUndefined
                                                                  \overline{\Gamma \vdash str : \mathbf{string}}
                 \Gamma \vdash b : \mathbf{bool}
                                                                                                                           \Gamma \vdash undefined : Undefined
                              TypeFunction
                              \frac{\Gamma[x_1 \mapsto \tau_1] \cdots [x_n \mapsto \tau_n] \vdash e : \tau \qquad \tau' = (x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n) \Rightarrow \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \quad \mathbf{function} \ (x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n) \ e \qquad : \tau'}
                              TYPEFUNCTIONANN
                              \frac{\Gamma[x_1 \mapsto \tau_1] \cdots [x_n \mapsto \tau_n] \vdash e : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{function } (x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n) \Rightarrow \tau}
```

TypeRecFunction

- 1. First, complete the cases for the basic expressions excluding Function, Call, Obj, and GetField.
- 2. Then, work on these remaining cases. These cases use collections, so be sure to complete the previous question before attempting these cases. You can also work on step before finishing typeInfer. Hints: Helpful library methods here include map, foldLeft, zipped, foreach, and mapValues. You may want to use zipped in the Call case to match up formal parameters and actual arguments.

4. JavaScripty Small-Step Interpreter

In this question, we update substitute and step from Lab 3 for multi-parameter functions and objects. Because of type checking, the step cases can simplified greatly. We eliminate the need to perform conversions and should no longer throw DynamicTypeError.

We introduce another Scala exception type

class StuckError(e: Expr) extends Exception

that should be thrown when there is no possible next step. This exception looks a lot like DynamicTypeError except that the intent is that it should never be raised. It is intended to signal a coding error in our interpreter rather than an error in the JAVASCRIPTY test input.

In particular, if the JAVASCRIPTY expression e passed into step is closed and well-typed (i.e., judgment $\cdot \vdash e : \tau$ holds meaning inferType(e) does not throw StaticTypeError), then step should never throw a StuckError. This property of JAVASCRIPTY is known as $type\ safety$.

A small-step operational semantics is given in Figure 4. This semantics no longer has conversions compared to Lab 3. It is much simpler because of type checking (e.g., even with the addition of objects, it fits on one page).

As specified, SearchObject is non-deterministic. As we view objects as an unordered set of fields, it says an object expression takes can take a step by stepping on any of its component fields. To match the reference implementation, you should make the step go on the first non-value as given by the left-to-right iteration of the collection using Map.find.

We suggest the following step-by-step order to complete substitute and step.

- 1. First, complete the basic expression cases not given in the template (e.g., DoMinus, DoIfTrue).
- 2. Then, work on the object cases. These are actually simpler than the function cases. **Hint**: Note that field names are different than variable names. Object expressions are not variable binding constructs—what does that mean about **substitute** for them?
- 3. Then, work on the function cases. **Hints**: You might want to use your mapFirst function from the warm-up question. Helpful library methods here include map, foldRight, zipped, and forall,

$$e \longrightarrow e'$$

Figure 4: Small-step operational semantics of JAVASCRIPTY