

# TAFAE – TRFAE with Algebraic Data Types

## 1 INTRODUCTION

TAFAE is a toy language for the [COSE212](#) course at Korea University. TAFAE stands for an extension of the [TRFAE](#) language with **algebraic data types**, and it supports the following features:

- **number (integer) values**
- **boolean values** (true and false)
- **arithmetic operators**: negation (-), addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (\*), division (/), and modulo (%)
- **arithmetic comparison operators**: equality (== and !=) and relational (<, >, <=, and >=)
- **first-class functions**
- **recursive functions** (def)
- **conditionals** (if-else)
- **logical operators**: conjunction (&&), disjunction (||), and negation (!)
- **static type checking**
- **algebraic data types** (enum) and **pattern matching** (match)

This document is the specification of TAFAE. First, Section 2 describes the concrete syntax, and Section 3 describes the abstract syntax with the desugaring rules. Then, Section 4 describes the type system. Finally, Section 5 describes the big-step operational (natural) semantics of TAFAE.

## 2 CONCRETE SYNTAX

The concrete syntax of TAFAE is written in a variant of the extended Backus–Naur form (EBNF). The notation `<nt>` denotes a nonterminal, and `"t"` denotes a terminal. We use `?` to denote an optional element and `+` (or `*`) to denote one or more (or zero or more) repetitions of the preceding element. We use **butnot** to denote a set difference to exclude some strings from a producible set of strings. We omit some obvious terminals using the ellipsis (`...`) notation.

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// basic elements
<digit>    ::= "0" | "1" | "2" | ... | "9"
<number>   ::= "-"? <digit>+
<alphabet> ::= "A" | "B" | "C" | ... | "Z" | "a" | "b" | "c" | ... | "z"
<idstart>  ::= <alphabet> | "_"
<idcont>   ::= <alphabet> | "_" | <digit>
<keyword>  ::= "true" | "false" | "def" | "if" | "else"
<id>       ::= <idstart> <idcont>* butnot <keyword>

// expressions
<expr> ::= <number> | "true" | "false" | <uop> <expr> | <expr> <bop> <expr>
        | "(" <expr> ")" | "{" <expr> "}"
        | "val" <id> "=" <expr> ";"? <expr> | <id> | <params> "=" <expr>
        | "def" <id> <params> ":" <type> "=" <expr> ";"? <expr>
        | <expr> "(" " " ")" | <expr> "(" <expr> [ ", " <expr> ]* ")"
        | "if" "(" <expr> ")" <expr> "else" <expr>
        | "enum" <id> "{" [ <variant> ";"? ]+ "}"
        | <expr> "match" "{" [ <mcase> ";"? ]+ "}"
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// operators
<uop> ::= "-" | "!"
<bop> ::= "+" | "-" | "*" | "/" | "%" | "&&" | "||"
        | "==" | "!=" | "<" | "<=" | ">" | ">="

// function parameters
<params> ::= "(" ">" | "(" <param> [ ",", <param> ]* ">"
<param> ::= <id> ":" <type>

// variants
<variant> ::= <id> "(" ">" | <id> "(" <type> [ ",", <type> ]* ">"

// match cases
<mcase> ::= "case" <id> "(" ">" "=>" <expr>
        | "case" <id> "(" <id> [ ",", <id> ]* ">" "=>" <expr>

// types
<type> ::= "(" <type> ">" | "Number" | "Boolean" | <type> "=>" <type> | <id>

```

For types, the arrow ( $\Rightarrow$ ) operator is right-associative. For expressions, the precedence and associativity of operators are defined as follows:

Description	Operator	Precedence	Associativity
Unary	$-, !$	1	right
Multiplicative	$*, /, \%$	2	left
Additive	$+, -$	3	
Relational	$<, <=, >, >=$	4	
Equality	$==, !=$	5	
Logical Conjunction	$\&\&$	6	
Logical Disjunction	$  $	7	
Pattern Matching	match	8	

### 3 ABSTRACT SYNTAX

The abstract syntax of TFAAE is defined as follows:

Expressions	$\mathbb{E} \ni e ::= n$	(Num)	val $x = e; e$	(Val)
	$b$	(Bool)	$x$	(Id)
	$e + e$	(Add)	$\lambda([x:\tau]^*).e$	(Fun)
	$e \times e$	(Mul)	def $x([x:\tau]^*): \tau = e; e$	(Rec)
	$e \div e$	(Div)	$e(e^*)$	(App)
	$e \bmod e$	(Mod)	if $(e) e$ else $e$	(If)
	$e = e$	(Eq)	enum $t \{ [case\ x(\tau^*)]^* \}; e$	(TypeDef)
	$e < e$	(Lt)	$e \text{ match } \{ [case\ x(x^*) \Rightarrow e]^* \}$	(Match)
Types	$\mathbb{T} \ni \tau ::= \text{num}$	(NumT)	Numbers	$n \in \mathbb{Z}$ (BigInt)
	bool	(BoolT)	Identifiers	$x \in \mathbb{X}$ (String)
	$(\tau^*) \rightarrow \tau$	(ArrowT)	Booleans	$b \in \mathbb{B} = \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$ (Boolean)
	$t$	(VarT)		

The types or semantics of the remaining cases are defined with the following desugaring rules:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{D}[-e] &= \mathcal{D}[e] * (-1) & \mathcal{D}[e_1 \neq e_2] &= \mathcal{D}[\neg (e_1 == e_2)] \\
\mathcal{D}[\neg e] &= \text{if } (\mathcal{D}[e]) \text{ false else true} & \mathcal{D}[e_1 \leq e_2] &= \mathcal{D}[(e_1 < e_2) \vee (e_1 == e_2)] \\
\mathcal{D}[e_1 - e_2] &= \mathcal{D}[e_1] + \mathcal{D}[-e_2] & \mathcal{D}[e_1 > e_2] &= \mathcal{D}[\neg (e_1 \leq e_2)] \\
\mathcal{D}[e_1 \&\& e_2] &= \text{if } (\mathcal{D}[e_1]) \mathcal{D}[e_2] \text{ else false} & \mathcal{D}[e_1 \geq e_2] &= \mathcal{D}[\neg (e_1 < e_2)] \\
\mathcal{D}[e_1 \vee e_2] &= \text{if } (\mathcal{D}[e_1]) \text{ true else } \mathcal{D}[e_2]
\end{aligned}$$

The omitted cases recursively apply the desugaring rule to sub-expressions.

#### 4 TYPE SYSTEM

This section explains type system of TAF AE, and we use the following notations:

$$\text{Type Environments} \quad \Gamma \in \mathbb{X} \xrightarrow{\text{fin}} \mathbb{T} \quad (\text{TypeEnv})$$

In the type system, type checking is defined with the following typing rules:

$$\boxed{\Gamma \vdash e : \tau}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \tau\text{-Num} \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash n : \text{num}} & \tau\text{-Bool} \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash b : \text{bool}} \\
& \tau\text{-Add} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{num} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{num}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 + e_2 : \text{num}} & \tau\text{-Mul} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{num} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{num}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \times e_2 : \text{num}} \\
& \tau\text{-Div} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{num} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{num}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \div e_2 : \text{num}} & \tau\text{-Mod} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{num} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{num}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \text{ mod } e_2 : \text{num}} \\
& \tau\text{-Eq} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{num} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{num}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 = e_2 : \text{bool}} & \tau\text{-Lt} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{num} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{num}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 < e_2 : \text{bool}} \\
& \tau\text{-Val} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \quad \Gamma[x : \tau_1] \vdash e_2 : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \text{val } x = e_1; e_2 : \tau_2} & \tau\text{-Id} \frac{x \in \text{Domain}(\Gamma)}{\Gamma \vdash x : \Gamma(x)} \\
& \tau\text{-Fun} \frac{\Gamma \vdash \tau_1 \quad \dots \quad \Gamma \vdash \tau_n \quad \Gamma[x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n] \vdash e : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda(x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n).e : (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rightarrow \tau} \\
& \tau\text{-Rec} \frac{\Gamma[x_0 : (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rightarrow \tau, x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n] \vdash e : \tau \quad \Gamma[x_0 : (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rightarrow \tau] \vdash e' : \tau'}{\Gamma \vdash \text{def } x_0(x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n) : \tau = e; e' : \tau'} \\
& \tau\text{-App} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_0 : (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \quad \dots \quad \Gamma \vdash e_n : \tau_n}{\Gamma \vdash e_0(e_1, \dots, e_n) : \tau} \\
& \tau\text{-If} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_0 : \text{bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{if } (e_0) e_1 \text{ else } e_2 : \tau}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\tau\text{-TypeDef} \frac{\Gamma' = \Gamma[t = x_1(\tau_{1,1}, \dots, \tau_{1,m_1}) + \dots + x_n(\tau_{n,1}, \dots, \tau_{n,m_n})] \quad \Gamma' \vdash \tau_{1,1} \quad \dots \quad \Gamma' \vdash \tau_{n,m_n} \quad \Gamma'[x_1 : (\tau_{1,1}, \dots, \tau_{1,m_1}) \rightarrow t, \dots, x_n : (\tau_{n,1}, \dots, \tau_{n,m_n}) \rightarrow t] \vdash e : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{enum } t \{ \text{case } x_1(\tau_{1,1}, \dots, \tau_{1,m_1}); \dots; \text{case } x_n(\tau_{n,1}, \dots, \tau_{n,m_n}); e : \tau }$$

$$\tau\text{-Match} \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : t \quad \Gamma(t) = x_1(\tau_{1,1}, \dots, \tau_{1,m_1}) + \dots + x_n(\tau_{n,1}, \dots, \tau_{n,m_n}) \quad \Gamma[x_{1,1} : \tau_{1,1}, \dots, x_{1,m_1} : \tau_{1,m_1}] \vdash e_1 : \tau \quad \dots \quad \Gamma[x_{n,1} : \tau_{n,1}, \dots, x_{n,m_n} : \tau_{n,m_n}] \vdash e_n : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash e \text{ match } \{ \text{case } x_1(x_{1,1}, \dots, x_{1,m_1}) \Rightarrow e_1; \dots; \text{case } x_n(x_{n,1}, \dots, x_{n,m_n}) \Rightarrow e_n \} : \tau}$$

with the following rules for well-formedness:

$$\boxed{\Gamma \vdash \tau}$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{num}} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{bool}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \tau_1 \quad \dots \quad \Gamma \vdash \tau_n \quad \Gamma \vdash \tau}{\Gamma \vdash (\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n) \rightarrow \tau}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma(t) = x_1(\tau_{1,1}, \dots, \tau_{1,m_1}) + \dots + x_n(\tau_{n,1}, \dots, \tau_{n,m_n})}{\Gamma \vdash t}$$

## 5 SEMANTICS

We use the following notations in the semantics:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{Environments} & \sigma \in \mathbb{X} \xrightarrow{\text{fin}} \mathbb{V} & (\text{Env}) \\ \\ \text{Values} & \mathbb{V} \ni v ::= n & (\text{NumV}) \quad | \langle x \rangle \quad (\text{ConstrV}) \\ & | b & (\text{BoolV}) \quad | x(v^*) \quad (\text{VariantV}) \\ & | \langle \lambda x. (e, \dots, e), \sigma \rangle & (\text{CloV}) \end{array}$$

The big-step operational (natural) semantics of TFAE is defined as follows:

$$\boxed{\sigma \vdash e \Rightarrow v}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Num} \frac{}{\sigma \vdash n \Rightarrow n} & \text{Bool} \frac{}{\sigma \vdash b \Rightarrow b} \\ \\ \text{Add} \frac{\sigma \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad \sigma \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow n_2}{\sigma \vdash e_1 + e_2 \Rightarrow n_1 + n_2} & \text{Mul} \frac{\sigma \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad \sigma \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow n_2}{\sigma \vdash e_1 \times e_2 \Rightarrow n_1 \times n_2} \\ \\ \text{Div} \frac{\sigma \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad \sigma \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow n_2 \quad n_2 \neq 0}{\sigma \vdash e_1 \div e_2 \Rightarrow n_1 \div n_2} & \text{Mod} \frac{\sigma \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad \sigma \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow n_2 \quad n_2 \neq 0}{\sigma \vdash e_1 \bmod e_2 \Rightarrow n_1 \bmod n_2} \\ \\ \text{Eq} \frac{\sigma \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad \sigma \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow n_2}{\sigma \vdash e_1 = e_2 \Rightarrow n_1 = n_2} & \text{Lt} \frac{\sigma \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow n_1 \quad \sigma \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow n_2}{\sigma \vdash e_1 < e_2 \Rightarrow n_1 < n_2} \\ \\ \text{Val} \frac{\sigma \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow v_1 \quad \sigma[x \mapsto v_1] \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow v_2}{\sigma \vdash \text{val } x = e_1; e_2 \Rightarrow v_2} & \text{Id} \frac{x \in \text{Domain}(\sigma)}{\sigma \vdash x \Rightarrow \sigma(x)} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{Fun} \frac{}{\sigma \vdash \lambda(x_1:\tau_1, \dots, x_n:\tau_n).e \Rightarrow \langle \lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n).e, \sigma \rangle} \\
\\
\text{Rec} \frac{\sigma' = \sigma[x_0 \mapsto \langle \lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n).e, \sigma' \rangle] \quad \sigma' \vdash e' \Rightarrow v'}{\sigma \vdash \text{def } x_0(x_1:\tau_1, \dots, x_n:\tau_n):\tau = e; e' \Rightarrow v'} \\
\\
\text{App}_\lambda \frac{\sigma \vdash e_0 \Rightarrow \langle \lambda(x_1, \dots, x_n).e, \sigma' \rangle \quad \sigma \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow v_1 \quad \dots \quad \sigma \vdash e_n \Rightarrow v_n \quad \sigma'[x_1 \mapsto v_1, \dots, x_n \mapsto v_n] \vdash e \Rightarrow v}{\sigma \vdash e_0(e_1, \dots, e_n) \Rightarrow v} \\
\\
\text{App}_{\langle - \rangle} \frac{\sigma \vdash e_0 \Rightarrow \langle x \rangle \quad \sigma \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow v_1 \quad \dots \quad \sigma \vdash e_n \Rightarrow v_n}{\sigma \vdash e_0(e_1, \dots, e_n) \Rightarrow x(v_1, \dots, v_n)} \\
\\
\text{If}_T \frac{\sigma \vdash e_0 \Rightarrow \text{true} \quad \sigma \vdash e_1 \Rightarrow v_1}{\sigma \vdash \text{if } (e_0) e_1 \text{ else } e_2 \Rightarrow v_1} \quad \text{If}_F \frac{\sigma \vdash e_0 \Rightarrow \text{false} \quad \sigma \vdash e_2 \Rightarrow v_2}{\sigma \vdash \text{if } (e_0) e_1 \text{ else } e_2 \Rightarrow v_2} \\
\\
\text{TypeDef} \frac{\sigma[x_1 \mapsto \langle x_1 \rangle, \dots, x_n \mapsto \langle x_n \rangle] \vdash e \Rightarrow v}{\sigma \vdash \text{enum } t \{ \text{case } x_1(\tau_{1,1}, \dots, \tau_{1,m_1}); \dots; \text{case } x_n(\tau_{n,1}, \dots, \tau_{n,m_n}) \}; e \Rightarrow v} \\
\\
\text{Match} \frac{1 \leq i \leq n \quad \sigma \vdash e \Rightarrow x_i(v_i, \dots, v_{m_i}) \quad \sigma[x_{i,1} \mapsto v_1, \dots, x_{i,m_i} \mapsto v_{m_i}] \vdash e_i \Rightarrow v}{\sigma \vdash e \text{ match } \{ \text{case } x_1(x_{1,1}, \dots, x_{1,m_1}) \Rightarrow e_1; \dots; \text{case } x_n(x_{n,1}, \dots, x_{n,m_n}) \Rightarrow e_n \} \Rightarrow v}
\end{array}$$