

# A Dynamic Dependent Type Theory with Type-in-Type and Recursion

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## 1 type soundness or blame

The proof follows the standard structure:

- All judgments respect weakening and well typed substitution
- Most judgments are marked with types to make subject reduction obvious (assuming the substitution lemma)
- definitional equality is defined in terms par-reductions, which (via confluence)
  - gives transitivity to equality
  - means that type constructors are unique
- for preservation, function elimination is the only interesting case
  - the stack of casts is inspected, all casts are values (usually either  $\star$  or  $\Pi$  )
    - \* if all casts are  $\Pi$  then coersions can be calculated and a reduction can step
    - \* if any casts are not  $\Pi$  there is a specific source location and observation to blame

### 1.1 Structural Properties

#### 1.1.1 Weakening

For any derivation of  $H \vdash A : \star$  the following rules are admissible:

$$\frac{H, H' \vdash}{H, x : A, H' \vdash}$$
$$\frac{H, H' \vdash b : B}{H, x : A, H' \vdash b : B}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{H, H' \vdash e : \bar{\star}}{H, x : A, H' \vdash e : \bar{\star}} \\
\frac{H, H' \vdash b \equiv b' : B}{H, x : A, H' \vdash b \equiv b' : B} \\
\frac{H, H' \vdash b \Rightarrow_* b' : B}{H, x : A, H' \vdash b \Rightarrow_* b' : B} \\
\frac{H, H' \vdash b \Rightarrow b' : B}{H, x : A, H' \vdash b \Rightarrow b' : B} \\
\frac{H, H' \vdash e \Rightarrow e' : \bar{\star}}{H, x : A, H' \vdash e \Rightarrow e' : \bar{\star}} \\
\frac{H, H' \vdash o \Rightarrow o'}{H, x : A, H' \vdash o \Rightarrow o'}
\end{array}$$

## 1.2 Substitution

### 1.2.1 $\Rightarrow$ is reflexive

The following rules are admissible:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{H \vdash a : A}{H \vdash a \Rightarrow a : A} \\
\frac{H \vdash e : \bar{\star}}{H \vdash e \Rightarrow e' : \bar{\star}} \\
\frac{H \vdash}{H \vdash o \Rightarrow o}
\end{array}$$

by mutual induction

### 1.2.2 $\sim$ is reflexive

The following rule is admissible:

$$\frac{}{a \sim a} \sim\text{-refl}$$

by induction

### 1.2.3 $\equiv$ is reflexive

The following rule is admissible:

$$\frac{H \vdash a : A}{H \vdash a \equiv a : A} \equiv\text{-refl}$$

by  $\Rightarrow$  \*-refl and  $\sim$ -refl

### 1.2.4 Context substitution

For any derivation of  $H \vdash a : A$  the following rules are admissible:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{H, x : A, H' \vdash}{H, H' [x := A] \vdash} \\
\\
\frac{H, x : A, H' \vdash b : B}{H, H' [x := a] \vdash b [x := a] : B [x := a]} \\
\\
\frac{H, x : A, H' \vdash e : \bar{\star}}{H, H' [x := a] \vdash e [x := a] : \bar{\star}} \\
\\
\frac{H, x : A, H' \vdash e : \bar{\star}}{H, H' [x := a] \vdash e [x := a] : \bar{\star}} \\
\\
\frac{H, x : A, H' \vdash b \equiv b' : B}{H, H' [x := a] \vdash b [x := a] \equiv b' [x := a] : B [x := a]} \\
\\
\frac{H, x : A, H' \vdash b \Rightarrow_* b' : B}{H, H' [x := a] \vdash b [x := a] \Rightarrow_* b' [x := a] : B [x := a]} \\
\\
\frac{H, x : A, H' \vdash b \Rightarrow b' : B}{H, H' [x := a] \vdash b [x := a] \Rightarrow b' [x := a] : B [x := a]} \\
\\
\frac{H, x : A, H' \vdash e \Rightarrow e' : \bar{\star}}{H, H' [x := a] \vdash e [x := a] \Rightarrow e' [x := a] : \bar{\star}} \\
\\
\frac{H, x : A, H' \vdash o \Rightarrow o'}{H, H' [x := a] \vdash o [x := a] \Rightarrow o' [x := a]} \\
\\
\frac{H, x : A, H' \vdash b \sim b' : B}{H, H' [x := a] \vdash b [x := a] \sim b' [x := a] : B [x := a]} \\
\\
\frac{H, x : A, H' \vdash e \sim e' : \bar{\star}}{H, H' [x := a] \vdash e [x := a] \sim e' [x := a] : \bar{\star}} \\
\\
\frac{e \text{Elim}_{\Pi y} : e_A . e_B}{e [x := a] \text{Elim}_{\Pi y} : e_A [x := a] . e_B [x := a]} \\
\\
\frac{e \text{Elim}_{\star}}{e [x := a] \text{Elim}_{\star}}
\end{array}$$

by mutual induction on the derivations with reflexivity lemmas.

## 1.3 Computation

### 1.3.1 $\Rightarrow \text{Elim}_{\star}$

if  $e \text{Elim}_{\star}$  and  $e \Rightarrow e'$  then  $e' \text{Elim}_{\star}$   
by induction on  $\text{Elim}_{\star}$

### 1.3.2 $\Rightarrow Elim_{\Pi}$

if  $e Elim_{\Pi} x : e_A.e_B$  and  $e \Rightarrow e'$  then  $e' Elim_{\Pi} x : e'_A.e'_B$ ,  $e_A \Rightarrow e'_A$ ,  $e_B \Rightarrow e'_B$   
by induction on  $Elim_{\Pi}$

### 1.3.3 $\Rightarrow$ -substitution

The following rules are admissible:

$$\frac{H, x : A, H' \vdash b \Rightarrow b' : B \quad H \vdash a \Rightarrow a' : A}{H, H' [x := a] \vdash b [x := a] \Rightarrow b' [x := a'] : B [x := a]}$$

$$\frac{H, x : A, H' \vdash e \Rightarrow e' : \bar{\star} \quad H \vdash a \Rightarrow a' : A}{H, H' [x := a] \vdash e [x := a] \Rightarrow e' [x := a'] : \bar{\star}}$$

$$\frac{e [x := a] Elim_{\Pi} x : e_A [x := a].e_B [x := a] \quad H \vdash a \Rightarrow a' : A}{e [x := a'] Elim_{\Pi} x : e_A [x := a'].e_B [x := a']}$$

by mutual induction on the  $\Rightarrow$  derivations

### 1.3.4 def of $-^*$

there is a maximal par-reduction step that can be computed for every syntactic form defined:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \star^* & = \star & a^* \rightarrow a \\ (\Pi x : A.B)^* & = \Pi x : A^*.B^* & \\ (a_h :: e)^* & = a_h^* :: e^* & \\ ((\text{fun } f. y.b) :: e a)^* & = (b^* [f := (\text{fun } f. x.b^*), x := a^* :: e_A^*] :: e_B^* [x := a^*]) \text{ if } e Elim_{\Pi} x : e_A.e_B & a_h^* \rightarrow a \\ (b a)^* & = b^* a^* \text{ otherwise} & \\ x^* & = x & \\ (\text{fun } f. x.b)^* & = \text{fun } f. x.b^* & \\ (e =_{l,o} A)^* & = e^* =_{l,o^*} A^* & e^* \rightarrow e \\ .^* & = . & o^* \rightarrow o \\ (o.arg)^* & = o^*.arg & \\ (o.bod[b])^* & = o^*.bod[b^*] & \end{array}$$

### 1.3.5 $-^* Elim_{\star}$

if  $e Elim_{\star}$  then  $e^* Elim_{\star}$   
by induction on  $Elim_{\star}$

### 1.3.6 $-^* Elim_{\Pi}$

if  $e Elim_{\Pi} x : e_A.e_B$  then  $e^* Elim_{\Pi} x : e_A^*.e_B^*$   
by induction on  $Elim_{\Pi}$

### 1.3.7 $-^*$ is maximal

- if  $a \Rightarrow a'$  then  $a' \Rightarrow a^*$
- if  $e \Rightarrow e'$  then  $e' \Rightarrow e^*$
- if  $o \Rightarrow o'$  then  $o' \Rightarrow o^*$

by mutual induction on  $\Rightarrow$  relations, interesting cases include

- $\Pi C \Rightarrow$  since if  $e \text{ Elim}_{\Pi} x : e_A.e_B$  then  $e^* \text{ Elim}_{\Pi} x : e_A^*.e_B^*$
- $\Pi E \Rightarrow$ ,  $b a \Rightarrow b' a'$ 
  - if the elimination is not possible with  $b$ , follows from induction
  - if the elimination is possible with  $b$ , it will still be possible with  $b'$  since, by induction  $b \Rightarrow b'$

### 1.3.8 $\Rightarrow$ is confluent

if  $H \vdash a \Rightarrow b : A$  and  $H \vdash a \Rightarrow b' : A$  then there exists  $c$  such that

$H \vdash b \Rightarrow c : A$  and  $H \vdash b' \Rightarrow c : A$   
by the maximality of  $-^*$

### 1.3.9 $\Rightarrow_*$ is transitive

The following rule is admissible:

$$\frac{H \vdash a \Rightarrow_* b : A \quad H \vdash b \Rightarrow_* c : A}{H \vdash a \Rightarrow_* c : A} \Rightarrow_*\text{-trans}$$

by induction

### 1.3.10 $\Rightarrow$ preserves type in destination

$$\frac{H \vdash a \Rightarrow a' : A}{H \vdash a' : A}$$

Since the apparent type of  $a$  will at most  $H \vdash A \Rightarrow A' : \star$  so  $H \vdash A \equiv A' : \star$ , and it follows from conversion

### 1.3.11 $\Rightarrow_*$ preserves type

The following rule is admissible:

$$\frac{H \vdash a \Rightarrow_* a' : A}{H \vdash a : A}$$

by induction

$$\frac{H \vdash a \Rightarrow_* a' : A}{H \vdash a' : A}$$

by induction

### 1.3.12 $\Rightarrow_*$ is confluent

if  $H \vdash a \Rightarrow_* b : A$  and  $H \vdash a \Rightarrow_* b' : A$  then there exists  $c$  such that  
 $H \vdash b \Rightarrow_* c : A$  and  $H \vdash b' \Rightarrow_* c : A$

Follows from  $\Rightarrow_*$ -trans and the confluence of  $\Rightarrow$  using standard techniques

### 1.3.13 $\sim$ Equivalence

The following rules are admissible:

$$\frac{}{a \sim a'}$$

$$\frac{a \sim a'}{a' \sim a}$$

$$\frac{a \sim a' \quad a' \sim a''}{a \sim a''}$$

each by induction

### 1.3.14 $\sim$ preserves type

The following rules are admissible:

$$\frac{H \vdash a : A \quad a \sim a'}{H \vdash a' : A}$$

by induction

### 1.3.15 $\sim$ commutes with $\Rightarrow, \Rightarrow_*$

The following rules are admissible:

$$\frac{H \vdash a \Rightarrow a' : A \quad a \sim b}{H \vdash b \Rightarrow b' : A \quad a' \sim b'}$$

$$\frac{H \vdash a \Rightarrow_* a' : A \quad a \sim b}{H \vdash b \Rightarrow_* b' : A \quad a' \sim b'}$$

both by induction

### 1.3.16 $\equiv$ is symmetric

The following rule is admissible:

$$\frac{H \vdash a \equiv a' : A}{H \vdash a' \equiv a : A} \equiv\text{-sym}$$

by  $\sim$ Equivalence

**1.3.17  $\equiv$  is transitive**

$$\frac{H \vdash a \equiv b : A \quad H \vdash b \equiv c : A}{H \vdash a \equiv c : A} \equiv\text{-trans}$$

by the confluence of  $\Rightarrow_*$  and  $\sim$  commutativity

**1.3.18  $\equiv$  preserves type**

The following rules are admissible:

$$\frac{H \vdash a \equiv a' : A}{H \vdash a : A}$$

$$\frac{H \vdash a \equiv a' : A}{H \vdash a' : A}$$

by the def of  $\Rightarrow_*$

**1.3.19  $\rightsquigarrow$  preserves type**

For any derivations of  $H \vdash a : A$ ,  $a \rightsquigarrow a'$ ,

$$H \vdash a' : A$$

since  $\rightsquigarrow$  implies  $\Rightarrow$  and  $\Rightarrow$  preserves types

## 1.4 Type constructors

**1.4.1 Type constructors are stable**

- if  $H \vdash * \Rightarrow A : B$  then  $A$  is  $*$
- if  $H \vdash * :: e \Rightarrow A_h :: e' : B$  then  $A_h$  is  $*$
- if  $H \vdash * \Rightarrow_* A : B$  then  $A_h$  is  $*$
- if  $H \vdash * :: e \Rightarrow_* A_h :: e' : B$  then  $A_h$  is  $*$
- if  $H \vdash \Pi x : A.B \Rightarrow C : D$  then  $C$  is  $\Pi x : A'.B'$  for some  $A', B'$
- if  $H \vdash \Pi x : A.B :: e \Rightarrow C_h :: e' : D$  then  $C_h$  is  $\Pi x : A'.B'$  for some  $A', B'$
- if  $H \vdash \Pi x : A.B \Rightarrow_* C : D$  then  $C$  is  $\Pi x : A'.B'$  for some  $A', B'$
- if  $H \vdash \Pi x : A.B :: e \Rightarrow_* C_h :: e' : D$  then  $C_h$  is  $\Pi x : A'.B'$  for some  $A', B'$

by induction on the respective relations

### 1.4.2 Type constructors definitionally unique

There are no derivations of

- $H \vdash * \sim \Pi x : A.B : C$
- $H \vdash * :: e \sim \Pi x : A.B : C$
- $H \vdash * \sim \Pi x : A.B :: e : C$
- $H \vdash * :: e \sim \Pi x : A.B :: e' : C$
- $H \vdash * \equiv \Pi x : A.B : C$
- $H \vdash * :: e \equiv \Pi x : A.B : C$
- $H \vdash * \equiv \Pi x : A.B :: e : C$
- $H \vdash * :: e \equiv \Pi x : A.B :: e' : C$

for any  $H, A, B, C, e, e'$   
from constructor stability

### 1.5 Canonical forms

if  $\Diamond \vdash v_h : \Pi x : A.B$ , then  $v_h$  is  $\text{fun } f. x.b$ , since it is the only applicable rule

### 1.6 Type simplification

To minimize bookkeeping, when  $\Diamond \vdash v_{eq} : \bar{\star}$

- $\star :: v_{eq}$  can be said to simplify to  $\star$  if each  $v_{eq}$  simplifies to  $\star$  (if it does not simplify there is a source of blame)
- $\Pi x : A.B :: v_{eq}$  can be said to simplify to  $\Pi x : A.B$  if each  $v_{eq}$  simplifies to  $\star$  (if it does not simplify there is a source of blame)

### 1.7 Progress

$\Diamond \vdash c : A$  implies that  $c$  is a value, there exists  $c'$  such that  $c \rightsquigarrow c'$ , or a static location can be blamed. and  $\Diamond \vdash e : \bar{\star}$  implies that  $e$  is a value, there exists  $e'$  such that  $e \rightsquigarrow e'$ , or a static location can be blamed

By mutual induction on the typing derivations with the help of the canonical forms lemma

Explicitly:  
cast typing

- $eq - ty - 1$  by **induction**
- $eq - ty - 2$  by **induction**

term typing



- $c$  is typed by type-in-type.  $c$  is  $\star$ , a value
- $c$  is typed by  $\Pi - ty$ .  $a$  is a value
- $c$  is typed by the conversion rule, then by **induction**
- $c$  is typed by the *apparent* rule, then  $c$  is  $a_h :: e$  by each head typing. By induction  $e$  is a value, there exists  $e'$  such that  $e \rightsquigarrow e'$ . If there is blame that blame can be used, if  $e \rightsquigarrow e'$  perform the step. otherwise  $e$  is a value:
  - $a_h$  cannot be typed by the variable rule in the empty context
  - $a_h$  is typed by type-in-type.  $a$  is  $\star$ .
  - $a_h$  is typed by  $\Pi - ty$ .  $a$  is a value
  - $a_h$  is typed by  $\Pi - fun - ty$ .  $a$  is a value
  - $a_h$  is typed by  $\Pi - app - ty$ . Then  $a_h$  is  $ba$ , and there are derivations of  $\Diamond \vdash b : \Pi x : A.B$ , and  $\Diamond \vdash a : A$  for some  $A$  and  $B$ . By **induction**  $a$  is a value, there exists  $a'$  such that  $a \rightsquigarrow a'$ , or blame and  $b$  is a value or there exists  $b'$  such that  $b \rightsquigarrow b'$  or blame.
    - \* if  $b$  and  $a$  are values, then  $b$  is  $b_h :: v_{eq}$ , where  $v_{eq} \uparrow$  is  $\Pi x : A_\uparrow.B_\uparrow$  (or  $v_{eq} \uparrow$  is  $\Pi x : A_\uparrow.B_\uparrow :: e$ , and by simplification  $\Pi x : A_\uparrow.B_\uparrow$  or blame can be produced) (by **stability**)
      - if  $v_{eq} \text{Elim}_\Pi x : e_A.e_B$  then  $v_{eq} \downarrow$  is  $\Pi x : A_\downarrow.B_\downarrow$  (or  $\Pi x : A_\downarrow.B_\downarrow :: e$ , and by simplification  $\Pi x : A_\downarrow.B_\downarrow$  or blame can be produced) by **Canonical forms**  $b_h$  is  $(\text{fun } f.x.b')$  and the step is  $((\text{fun } f.x.b) :: v_{eq} v) :: v'_{eq} \rightsquigarrow (b[f := (\text{fun } f.x.b), x := v :: e_A] :: e'_B[x := v])$  (implicitly uses that  $\text{Elim}_\Pi$  is deterministic in its first argument)
      - if  $v_{eq} \text{Elim}_\Pi$  then there must exist  $[\mathbb{N} =_{l,o} \Pi x : A''.B''] \in v_{eq}$  (with simplification) and  $l,o$  can be blamed
    - \* if  $b$  or  $a$  can construct blame then  $ba$  can use that blame
    - \* if  $b$  is a value and  $a \rightsquigarrow a'$  then  $ba \rightsquigarrow ba'$
    - \* if  $b \rightsquigarrow b'$  then  $ba \rightsquigarrow b'a$

## 1.8 Type Soundness

For any well typed term in an empty context, no sequence of small step reductions will cause a computation to “get stuck” without blame. Either a final value will be reached, further reductions can be taken, or blame is omitted. This follows by iterating the progress and preservation lemmas.

## 2 Elaboration Embeds Typing

$\vdash m : M, \vdash M \text{Elab}_{\star,l} A$ , and  $\vdash m \text{Elab}_{A,l} a$  then  $\vdash a : A$

Sketch (the Surface type system has slight but pervasive changes to the language described in the “baselanguage” folder),

- strengthen the hypothesis to  $\Gamma \text{Elab } H, \Gamma \vdash m : M, H \vdash M \text{Elab}_{\star, l} A$ , and  $H \vdash m \text{Elab}_{A, l} a$  then  $H \vdash a : A$
- follows by mutual induction

### 3 Computation resulting in blame cannot be typed in the surface language

$\vdash a : A$  and  $a$  blame then there is no  $\vdash m : M$  such that  $\vdash M \text{Elab}_{\star, l} A$ , and  $\vdash m \text{Elab}_{A, l'} a$

Sketch: if  $\vdash m : M$  then  $\vdash a : A$  are elaborated without source labels ( $l, l'$  are superfluous) therefore blame is impossible to construct

### 4 Computation in the cast language respects computation in the surface language

$\vdash A : *$  and  $\vdash M \text{Elab}_{\star, l} A$  then

1. if  $A \rightsquigarrow_{\star} *$  then  $M \rightsquigarrow_{\star} *$
2. if  $A \rightsquigarrow_{\star} \Pi x : B.C$  then  $M \rightsquigarrow_{\star} \Pi x : N.P$

Sketch: evaluation is designed to be “correct by construction” . Casts and cast evaluation steps can be completely removed, resulting in exactly the small steps of the surface language