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1 Introduction

1.1 Hello, World!

```
fn main -> void
    print_str("Hello, World!")
```

2 Typing System

Dromedar uses a static, strong and sound typing system – typing errors cannot happen at runtime. It knows primitive and reference types.

2.1 Primitives

There are four primitive types:

- int represents 64-bit 2's complement (signed) integers.
- flt represents 64-bit IEEE-754 standard floating point numbers.
- char represents 8-bit UTF-8 characters.
- bool represents a 1-bit value: true and false.

2.2 Reference Types

Reference types represent data structures that are laid over pointers to objects stored in the heap. References come in two types: Maybe-**null** and Definitely-not-**null** types. Operations like array subscript access are only possible with non-**null** types to ensure **null** safety.

With a non-null-type t, the type t? represents a reference type that allows **null** values. Primitives are non-nullable.

The following are reference types:

- **string** represents lists of characters.
- [t] represents an array with elements of type t.

Thus, e.g. [[int]?] represents a two-dimensional array of integers which is definitely non-null, whereas its rows may be null.

2.3 Mutability

In general, variables declared with the **let** keyword are immutable, whereas **mut** declarations create mutable variables

For references, Dromedar uses a different notion of mutability: Allowing the object to point to new objects is handled with the **mut** declaration. However, even immutable objects are allowed to call methods which alter their internal state – for example changing an array's element.

2.4 Subtyping

Generally, variables and objects can be assigned values of *subtypes*. Every type is a subtype of itself, and e.g. t is a subtype of t?. Generally, a subtype is a restricted value set of its supertype – any subtype expression can be assigned to a variable of its supertype.

3 Expressions

Because Dromedar has a strong type system, it generally disallows any operations with operands of a non-specified type unless they are explicitly cast to the correct type before. This means that integer and floating point numbers cannot be added, multiplied, etc.

The following table describes precedence and type of all operators:

Operator	Name	Prec.	Assoc.	Types
-	Unary Negation	100	non-assoc.	int -> int
1	Logical Negation			flt -> flt bool -> bool
•	Logical Negation			<u> </u>
**	Exponentiation	90	right	<pre>int,int -> int flt,flt -> flt int,flt -> flt</pre>
				flt,int -> flt
*	Multiplication	80	left	<pre>int,int -> int flt,flt -> flt int,flt -> flt flt,int -> flt</pre>
+,-	Addition Subtraction	70	left	<pre>int,int -> int flt,flt -> flt int,flt -> flt flt,int -> flt char,int -> char int,char -> char</pre>
<<,>>,>>>	Left Shift Logical Right Shift Arithmetic Right Shift	60	left	int,int -> int
&	Bitwise And	60	left	int,int -> int
٨	Bitwise Xor	50	left	int,int -> int
	Bitwise Or	40	left	int,int -> int
=,!=,>,<,>=,<=	Comparison	30	non-assoc.	<pre>[int/flt] -> bool [char/int] -> bool</pre>
&&	Logical And	20	left	bool,bool -> bool
П	Logical Or	10	left	bool,bool -> bool

Consider the following example:

The expression 1+18-18+'a' is well-typed (of type **char**) and gets parsed as ((1+18)-18)+'a' and evaluated to 'b'. 10 - 0.0 on the other hand is not well-typed as - cannot take an **int** and a **flt** operand as arguments

Comparison operators work differently to other (binary) operators: Instead of comparing just two expressions, Dromedar allows chaining expressions to create one final boolean value: For example, 1 < 2 != 5 >= 5 holds because every single sub-expression (1 < 2, 2 != 5 and 5 >= 5) holds. Every expression is only evaluated once for its side-effect.

Thus, A op B op C is not necessarily semantically equivalent to A op B && B op C.

4 Handling Whitespace

In order to keep the code simple and easy to look at, Dromedar uses significant whitespace: Blocks of code (such as bodies of **if**) statements, are denoted by adding a level of indentation.

Every line is either empty (this includes lines containing only comments), or it contains code.

If a line contains code, the level of its indentation is determined by its relationship to the previous line and its environment:

Two neighboring lines of code within the same block of code must have exactly matching whitespace characters before their respective code starts. If a following line has a deeper level of indentation, it must match the

whitespace characters of the previous line and then add a number of additional whitespace characters (space(s) and/or tab(s)).

A line of code can only have a deeper indentation level of one step compared to the previous line. The first line of code is always a global instruction and as such has the lowest level of indentation. If it is indented, this level of indentation corresponds to a baseline indentation that every line of code must share.

Consider this valid example:

Blocks with the same level of indentation can have different indentation strings, but they must still match their environments, as follows:

```
if <condition>
          BLOCK A
else
     BLOCK B
```

The two blocks have a different indentation level, but from context it is still clear that BLOCK A is a sub-block of the **if**-statement, whereas BLOCK B belongs to the **else**-statement.

5 Buildup of a Program

A program consists of a series of global statements – global variable declarations and function definitions.

5.1 Global Declarations

Global variables are all assigned a value at the point of their declaration. This value is evaluated statically – declaration expressions can only contain literals and global variables that were already declared previously.

Functions are also declared globally. They can call each other and themselves recursively within their respective function bodies.

5.2 Builtin Functions

The Dromedar standard library includes the following functions:

5.2.1 String Operations

String operations are always preceded by the Str library name.

Name	Type	Effect
Str.of_flt		transforms an integer into a string transforms a decimal number into a string concatenates two strings

5.2.2 I/O

Printing operations are always preceded by the IO library name.

Name	Type	Effect
<pre>IO.print_str IO.print_int IO.print_flt</pre>	int -> void	prints a string to the console prints an integer to the console prints a real number to the console

6 Garbage Collection

Dromedar uses an algorithm that combines the mark/sweep and reference counting approaches. It is a *precise* garbage collection algorithm, meaning that it is capable of collecting all non-reachable objects and it will only attempt to GC exactly these (as opposed to conservative GC algorithms like the Boehm-Demers-Weiser garbage collector for C/C++).

Internally, each reference object is stored in a central garbage collection table that counts the numbers of program references that can reach a program, as well as the set of its children.

When a garbage collection run is triggered, the collector will free all objects that are not reachable. An object is deemed **reachable** if either its count of program references is nonzero, or if it is the child of a reachable object.

7 Formal Typing Rules

A typing rule takes the following shape:

$$\frac{\text{Hypotheses}}{S, \cdots \vdash_{\text{type}} \text{grammar spec}} \ ^{\text{NAME}}$$

Here, S represents a stack of symbol definitions: $S \in (id \times type \times \{c, m\})^n$ for some block depth n at any given point. In global context, S has only one layer. id corresponds to the set of names that variables can have (related to the Lexer symbol %Identifier), type to the set of types in a given program (related to the Parser symbol Type), and $\{c, m\}$ to the mutability of the object: c represents an immutable value (as declared by **let**), and m a mutable one (declared by **mut**).

The symbol \in is defined as follows: $s \in S \Leftrightarrow s$ is contained in any layer of S, whereas \in_0 is true only if the symbol is at the top level of the symbol stack (i.e. defined in the same block). The operator \cup on S adds another binding to the top layer of the stack, whereas \cup adds another layer to the stack.

The following are the typing rules for Dromedar programs:

7.1 Subtyping Rules

7.1.1 Trivial Rule

$$\frac{}{\vdash_\mathsf{T} \mathsf{t} \preceq \mathsf{t}} \ \mathrm{SubTyTrivial}$$

7.1.2 References

$$\frac{\vdash_{\mathsf{T}} \mathsf{t1} \preceq \mathsf{t2}}{\vdash_{\mathsf{T}} \mathsf{t1} \prec \mathsf{t2?}} \; \mathsf{SUBTYREFS}, \;\; \frac{\vdash_{\mathsf{T}} \mathsf{t1} \preceq \mathsf{t2}}{\vdash_{\mathsf{T}} \mathsf{t1?} \prec \mathsf{t2?}} \; \mathsf{SUBTYREFS}$$

7.1.3 Arrays

$$\frac{\vdash_\mathsf{T} \mathsf{t1} \preceq \mathsf{t2}}{\vdash_\mathsf{T} [\mathsf{t1}] \preceq [\mathsf{t2}]} \ \mathrm{SubTyFuns}$$

7.1.4 Functions

$$\frac{\vdash_{\mathsf{T}} \mathsf{u} \mathsf{1} \preceq \mathsf{t} \mathsf{1}, \; \ldots, \; \vdash_{\mathsf{T}} \mathsf{u} \mathsf{n} \preceq \mathsf{t} \mathsf{n} \; \; \vdash_{\mathsf{T}} \mathsf{r} \mathsf{t} \preceq \mathsf{r} \mathsf{u}}{\vdash_{\mathsf{T}} (\mathsf{t} \mathsf{1}, \ldots, \mathsf{t} \mathsf{n}) \neg \mathsf{r} \mathsf{t} \preceq (\mathsf{u} \mathsf{1}, \ldots, \mathsf{u} \mathsf{n}) \neg \mathsf{r} \mathsf{u}} \; \text{SubTyFuncs}$$

7.1.5 Subtypes and Supertypes

The functions subtys and suptys of types $\to \mathcal{P}(types)$ compute the sub- and supertype set of the input type, respectively.

They are used – among others – in the EXPLITARR rule.

```
subtys := \begin{cases} & \textbf{int} & \mapsto & \{\textbf{flt}\} \\ & \textbf{char} & \mapsto & \{\textbf{char}\} \\ & \textbf{bool} & \mapsto & \{\textbf{bool}\} \\ & \textbf{string} & \mapsto & \{\textbf{string}\} \\ & t? & \mapsto & \{u,u? \mid u \in \textbf{subtys}(t)\} \\ & [t] & \mapsto & \{[u] \mid u \in \textbf{subtys}(t)\} \\ & (t1...tn) -> rt & \mapsto & \{(u1...un) -> st \mid u1...un \in \textbf{suptys}(t1...tn), st \in \textbf{subtys}(rt)\} \end{cases}
suptys := \begin{cases} & \textbf{int} & \mapsto & \{\textbf{int}\} \\ & \textbf{flt} & \mapsto & \{\textbf{flt}\} \\ & \textbf{char} & \mapsto & \{\textbf{char}\} \\ & \textbf{bool} & \mapsto & \{\textbf{bool}\} \end{cases}
string & \mapsto & \{\textbf{string}, \textbf{string}?\} \\ & t? & \mapsto & \{u? \mid u \in \textbf{suptys}(t)\} \\ & [t] & \mapsto & \{[u],[u]? \mid u \in \textbf{suptys}(t)\} \\ & (t1...tn) -> rt & \mapsto & \begin{bmatrix} \{(u1...un) -> st, ((u1...un) -> st)? \\ & |u1...un \in \textbf{subtys}(t1...tn), st \in \textbf{suptys}(rt)\} \end{cases}
```

Builtin Operators

Many builtin operators are overloaded, providing functionality for multiple input types.

7.2.1 Unary Operators

7.2.1.1 Arithmetic Negation

$$\overline{\vdash_{\text{O}} - :: \text{int->int}} \ ^{\text{TYUOPNEGINT}}, \ \overline{\vdash_{\text{O}} - :: \text{flt->flt}} \ ^{\text{TYUOPNEGINT}}$$

7.2.1.2 Logical Negation

$$\overline{\vdash_{\mathsf{O}} \, ! :: \mathsf{bool} {\mathsf{--}} \mathsf{bool}} \ \mathrm{TyUopNot}$$

7.2.2 Binary Operators

7.2.2.1 Power

7.2.2.2 Multiplication

$$\frac{\overline{\vdash_{0} \star :: (int,int) -> int}}{\vdash_{0} \star :: (int,flt) -> flt} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{TyBopMuLINTFLT}} \frac{\overline{\vdash_{0} \star :: (flt,flt) -> flt}}{\vdash_{0} \star :: (int,flt) -> flt} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{TyBopMuLINTFLT}} \frac{\overline{\vdash_{0} \star :: (flt,int) -> flt}}{\vdash_{0} \star :: (flt,int) -> flt}$$

7.2.2.3 Addition and Subtraction

TyBopSubInt,

---:: (int,int)->int

TyBopSubInt,

---:: (flt,flt)->flt

TyBopSubFlt,

---:: (flt,flt)->flt

TyBopSubFltInt

---:: (flt,int)->flt

TyBopSubChark,

---:: (char,int)->char

TyBopSubChark

7.2.2.4 Shift Operators

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$$\frac{1}{1}$$
 TyBopBitRShift

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7.2.2.5 Bitwise Operators

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7.2.2.6 Logical Operators

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7.2.2.7 Comparison Operators

7.3 Expressions

7.3.1 Subtyping Expression Rule

To reduce tree rules, we define the following rules:

$$\frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{exp} :: \mathsf{t1} \quad \vdash_{\mathsf{T}} \mathsf{t1} \preceq \mathsf{t}}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{ET}} \mathsf{exp} \unlhd \mathsf{t}} \ \operatorname{ExpSubLocal}, \ \frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{G}} \mathsf{exp} :: \mathsf{t1} \quad \vdash_{\mathsf{T}} \mathsf{t1} \preceq \mathsf{t}}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{GT}} \mathsf{exp} \unlhd \mathsf{t}} \ \operatorname{ExpSubGlobal}$$

7.3.2 Assignability

The rule \vdash_A defines when an expression can be assigned a value; \vdash_{AC} is equivalent to \vdash_A – except that it also allows immutable objects whose children (e.g. array elements) can still be modified.

$$\frac{(\mathrm{id},_,m) \in S}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{A}} \mathrm{id}} \ \mathrm{ExpAssnId} \ \frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{AC}} \mathrm{el}}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{A}} \mathrm{el}[\mathrm{e2}]} \ \mathrm{ExpAssnSub}$$

$$\frac{(\mathsf{id},_,_) \in S}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{AC}} \mathsf{id}} \ \mathrm{ExpAssnId}, \ \frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{AC}} \mathsf{el}}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{AC}} \mathsf{el}[\mathsf{e2}]} \ \mathrm{ExpAssnSub},$$

7.3.3 Global Expressions

The rule \vdash_G describes global expressions, which are restricted in a way that they can be computed at compile time. Global variables are also strictly non-**null**.

The following copied rules use \vdash_G instead of \vdash_E

7.3.3.1 Literals

• GEXPLITINT := EXPLITINT

• GEXPLITFLT := EXPLITFLT

• GEXPLITCHAR := EXPLITCHAR

• GEXPLITBOOL := EXPLITBOOL

7.3.3.2 Other Rules

• GEXPID := EXPID

• GEXPUOP := EXPUOP

• GEXPBOP := EXPBOP

• GEXPCMPLIST := EXPCMPLIST

Note that global variable declarations cannot feature function calls or **null** declarations.

7.3.4 Literals

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$$\frac{}{\vdash_{\mathsf{E}} n :: \mathsf{int}} \; \mathsf{ExpLitInt}$$

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$$\overline{\vdash_{\mathsf{E}} f :: \mathsf{flt}}$$
 ExpLitFlt

•

$$\frac{}{\vdash_{\mathsf{E}} c :: \mathsf{char}} \ ^{\mathsf{ExpLitChar}}$$

 $\frac{}{\vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{true} :: \mathsf{bool}} \ ^{\mathsf{ExpLitBoolTrue}}, \ \frac{}{\vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{false} :: \mathsf{bool}} \ ^{\mathsf{ExpLitBoolFalse}}$

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• In arrays, the typechecker looks for the common subtypes of all array literal elements and looks for the one type t that is a supertype of all elements and which is a subtype of all other such subtypes (the minimum of the subtypes given the ≤ relation on types).

$$\frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{e1} :: \mathsf{t1}, \; \dots, \; S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{en} :: \mathsf{tn} \; \; \mathsf{t} = \min_{\underline{\prec}}(\bigcap_{\mathsf{i}=1}^{\mathsf{n}} \mathsf{suptys}(\mathsf{ti}))}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} [\mathsf{e1}, \dots, \mathsf{en}] :: [\mathsf{t}]} \; \; _{\mathsf{EXPLITARR}}$$

Because the graph connecting types and subtypes is a forest of trees, if the intersection of supertypes is nonempty there is a unique solution **t**.

7.3.5 Null

t is a non-null ref. type
$$S \vdash_{\mathsf{F}} \mathsf{null} \mathsf{of} \mathsf{t} :: \mathsf{t}$$
?

7.3.6 Identifiers

$$\frac{(id,\mathsf{t},_) \in S}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{id} :: \mathsf{t}} \; \mathsf{ExpId}$$

7.3.7 Unary Operations

Unary and Binary Operations do not need to do subtype checking, as they operate only on primitives.

$$\frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{exp} :: \mathsf{t1} \quad \vdash_{\mathsf{O}} \mathsf{op} :: \mathsf{t1} \mathord{\rightarrow} \mathsf{t}}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{op} \ \mathsf{exp} :: \mathsf{t}} \ \mathrm{ExpUop}$$

7.3.8 Binary Operations

$$\frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{e1} :: \mathsf{t1} \quad S \vdash_{\mathsf{ET}} \mathsf{e2} :: \mathsf{t2} \quad \vdash_{\mathsf{O}} \mathsf{op} :: (\mathsf{t1}, \mathsf{t2}) \dashv \mathsf{t}}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{e1} \ \mathsf{op} \ \mathsf{e2} :: \mathsf{t}} \ \mathrm{ExpBop}$$

7.3.9 Function Calls

$$\frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{f} :: (\mathsf{t1}, \dots, \mathsf{tn}) \neg \mathsf{rt} \quad \mathsf{rt} \not\equiv \mathsf{void} \quad S \vdash_{\mathsf{ET}} \mathsf{e1} \unlhd \mathsf{t1}, \ \dots, \ S \vdash_{\mathsf{ET}} \mathsf{en} \unlhd \mathsf{tn}}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{f}(\mathsf{e1}, \dots, \mathsf{en}) :: \mathsf{rt}} \\ \\ \xrightarrow{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{f}(\mathsf{e1}, \dots, \mathsf{en}) :: \mathsf{rt}} \\ \\ \times \mathsf{ExpFunc}(\mathsf{e1}, \dots, \mathsf{en}) :: \mathsf{rt}(\mathsf{e1}, \dots, \mathsf{en}) :: \mathsf{e1}(\mathsf{e1}, \dots, \mathsf{$$

7.3.10 Subscript Access

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$$\frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{s} :: \mathbf{string} \ S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{i} :: \mathbf{int}}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{F}} \mathsf{s} \lceil \mathsf{i} \rceil :: \mathbf{char}} \ \mathrm{ExpArrSub}$$

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$$\frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{e} :: [\mathsf{t}] \quad S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{i} :: \mathsf{int}}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{F}} \mathsf{e}[\mathsf{i}] :: \mathsf{t}} \quad \text{ExpArrSub}$$

7.3.11 Comparison Lists

$$\frac{\vdash_{\mathsf{O}} \mathsf{op1} :: (\mathsf{t0},\mathsf{t1}) \neg \mathsf{>} \mathsf{t}, \ \ldots, \ \vdash_{\mathsf{O}} \mathsf{opn} :: (\mathsf{t}(\mathsf{n-1}),\mathsf{tn}) \neg \mathsf{>} \mathsf{t} \ S \vdash_{\mathsf{ET}} \mathsf{e0} \unlhd \mathsf{t0}, \ \ldots, \ S \vdash_{\mathsf{ET}} \mathsf{en} \unlhd \mathsf{tn}}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{e0} \ \mathsf{op1} \ \ldots \ \mathsf{opn} \ \mathsf{en} :: \mathsf{t}} \ \operatorname{ExpCmpList}$$

7.4 Statements

In the statement typing rules, a statement rule produces a tuple (S, r) where S stands for the newly updated context, and $r \in \{\bot, \top\}$, where \bot means that a statement might not return and \top means that a statement definitely returns.

To prevent potential mistakes, the typechecker prevents statements which are deemed unreachable at compile time. The logical operators \vee and \wedge operate as if $\perp \equiv 0$ and $\top \equiv 1$.

7.4.1 Local Variable Declarations

$$\frac{(\mathrm{id},_,_) \not\in_0 S \ S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{exp} :: \mathsf{t}}{S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{let} \ \mathsf{id} \ := \ \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow (S \cup (\mathsf{id}, \mathsf{t}, c)), \bot} \ \mathsf{STMTVDECLCONST}} \\ \frac{(\mathsf{id},_,_) \not\in_0 S \ S \vdash_{\mathsf{ET}} \mathsf{exp} \unlhd \mathsf{t}}{S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{let} \ \mathsf{id} \colon \mathsf{t} \ := \ \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow (S \cup (\mathsf{id}, \mathsf{t}, c)), \bot} \ \mathsf{STMTVTDECLCONST}} \\ \frac{(\mathsf{id},_,_) \not\in_0 S \ S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{exp} :: \mathsf{t}}{S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{mut} \ \mathsf{id} \ := \ \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow (S \cup (\mathsf{id}, \mathsf{t}, m)), \bot} \ \mathsf{STMTVDECLMUT}} \\ \frac{(\mathsf{id},_,_) \not\in_0 S \ S \vdash_{\mathsf{ET}} \mathsf{exp} \unlhd \mathsf{t}}{S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{mut} \ \mathsf{id} \colon := \ \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow (S \cup (\mathsf{id}, \mathsf{t}, m)), \bot} \ \mathsf{STMTVTDECLMUT}} \\ \mathcal{S}, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{mut} \ \mathsf{id} \colon := \ \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow (S \cup (\mathsf{id}, \mathsf{t}, m)), \bot} \ \mathsf{STMTVTDECLMUT}}$$

7.4.2 Assignments

$$\frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{A}} \mathsf{lhs} \ S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{lhs} :: \mathsf{t} \ S \vdash_{\mathsf{ET}} \mathsf{exp} \leq \mathsf{t}}{S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{lhs} := \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow S, \bot} \ \mathsf{STMTASSN}$$

7.4.3 Expression Statements

$$\frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{exp} :: \mathsf{t}}{S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow S, \bot} \; \text{StmtExpr} \; \; \frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} (\mathsf{t1}, \ldots, \mathsf{tn}) \to \mathsf{void}}{S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{exp}(\mathsf{a1}, \ldots, \mathsf{an}) \Rightarrow S, \bot} \; \text{StmtExprVoid}$$

7.4.4 If Statements

$$\frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{c} :: \mathsf{bool} \ S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{b1} \Rightarrow S_1, R_1 \ S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{b2} \Rightarrow S_2, R_2}{S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{if} \ \mathsf{c} \ \mathsf{b1} \ \mathsf{else} \ \mathsf{b2} \Rightarrow S, R_1 \land R_2} \ \mathsf{STMTIF}$$

7.4.5 While Statements

$$\frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{c} :: \mathbf{bool} \ S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{b} \Rightarrow S', R}{S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathbf{while} \ \mathsf{c} \ \mathsf{b} \Rightarrow S, \bot} \ \mathsf{StmtWhile}$$

7.4.6 Do-While Statements

$$\frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{c} :: \mathsf{bool} \quad S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{b} \Rightarrow S', R}{S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{do} \quad \mathsf{b} \quad \mathsf{while} \quad \mathsf{c} \Rightarrow S, R} \text{ } \mathsf{StmtDoWhile}$$

7.4.7 For Statements

$$\frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{estart} :: \mathsf{int} \ S \vdash_{\mathsf{E}} \mathsf{eend} :: \mathsf{int} \ S \cup \{(\mathsf{id}, \mathsf{int}, c)\}, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{b} \Rightarrow S', R}{S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{for} \ \mathsf{id} := \mathsf{estart} \ \%\mathsf{ForSpecifier} \ \mathsf{eend} \ \mathsf{b} \Rightarrow S, \bot} \ \mathsf{STMTForSpecifier}$$

7.4.8 Return Statements

$$\frac{S \vdash_{\mathsf{ET}} \mathsf{exp} \unlhd \mathsf{rt}}{S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{return} \ \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow S, \top} \ \mathsf{StmtReturnExp}, \quad \overline{S, \mathsf{void} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{return} \Rightarrow S, \top} \ \mathsf{StmtReturnExp},$$

7.4.9 Blocks

$$\frac{S \sqcup \{\}, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{s1} \Rightarrow S_1, \bot, \ S_1, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{s2} \Rightarrow S_2, \bot, \ \dots, \ S_{n-1}, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{sn} \Rightarrow S_n, R}{S, \mathsf{rt} \vdash_{\mathsf{S}} \mathsf{s1} \ \dots \ \mathsf{sn} \Rightarrow S_n, R} \text{ }_{\mathsf{STMTBLOCK}}$$

7.5 Global Statements

7.5.1 Global Function Declaration

$$\frac{S \sqcup \{(\mathsf{al},\mathsf{tl},c),\ldots,(\mathsf{an},\mathsf{tn},c)\},\mathsf{rt}\vdash_\mathsf{S}\mathsf{b}\Rightarrow S',\top \ (\mathsf{or}\ \mathsf{rt}\texttt{=}\mathsf{void})\ \mathsf{al},\ldots,\mathsf{an}\ \mathsf{distinct}}{S\vdash_\mathsf{G}\mathsf{fn}\ \mathsf{id}\ \mathsf{:}\ \mathsf{al}\texttt{:}\mathsf{tl},\ \ldots,\ \mathsf{an}\texttt{:}\mathsf{tn}\ \mathsf{-}} \ \mathsf{rt}\ \mathsf{b}\Rightarrow S} \ \mathsf{GStmtFDecl}$$

7.5.2 Global Variable Declaration

$$\frac{(\mathrm{id},_,_) \not\in S \quad S \vdash_{\mathsf{G}} \mathsf{exp} :: \mathsf{t} \quad \mathsf{t} \quad \mathsf{non}\text{-}\mathsf{null}}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{G}} \mathsf{global} \quad \mathsf{id} := \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow S \cup \{(\mathrm{id},\mathsf{t},c)\}} \quad \mathsf{GSTMTVDECLCONST}}$$

$$\frac{(\mathrm{id},_,_) \not\in S \quad S \vdash_{\mathsf{GT}} \mathsf{exp} \unlhd \mathsf{t} \quad \mathsf{t} \quad \mathsf{non}\text{-}\mathsf{null}}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{G}} \mathsf{global} \quad \mathsf{id} : \mathsf{t} := \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow S \cup \{(\mathrm{id},\mathsf{t},c)\}} \quad \mathsf{GSTMTVDECLCONST}}$$

$$\frac{(\mathrm{id},_,_) \not\in S \quad S \vdash_{\mathsf{G}} \mathsf{exp} :: \mathsf{t} \quad \mathsf{t} \quad \mathsf{non}\text{-}\mathsf{null}}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{G}} \mathsf{global} \quad \mathsf{mut} \quad \mathsf{id} := \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow S \cup \{(\mathrm{id},\mathsf{t},m)\}} \quad \mathsf{GSTMTVDECLMUT}}$$

$$\frac{(\mathrm{id},_,_) \not\in S \quad S \vdash_{\mathsf{GT}} \mathsf{exp} \unlhd \mathsf{t} \quad \mathsf{t} \quad \mathsf{non}\text{-}\mathsf{null}}{S \vdash_{\mathsf{G}} \mathsf{global} \quad \mathsf{mut} \quad \mathsf{id} :: = \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow S \cup \{(\mathrm{id},\mathsf{t},m)\}} \quad \mathsf{GSTMTVDECLMUT}}$$

7.5.3 Program

$$\frac{S_0 \vdash_{\mathsf{G}} \mathsf{gs1} \Rightarrow S_1, \ \dots, \ S_{n-1} \vdash_{\mathsf{G}} \mathsf{gsn} \Rightarrow S_n}{S_0 \vdash_{\mathsf{G}} \mathsf{gs1} \ \dots \ \mathsf{gsn} \Rightarrow S_n} \ \mathsf{GStmtProgram}$$

7.6 Context Buildup

7.6.1 Global Function Declarations

$$(\mathsf{id},_) \not\in S$$

$$\overline{S \vdash_{\mathsf{GCF}} \mathsf{fn}} \; \mathsf{id} \; \colon \mathsf{a1} \colon \mathsf{t1}, \; \ldots, \; \mathsf{an} \colon \mathsf{tn} \; \mathsf{->} \; \mathsf{rt} \; \mathsf{b} \Rightarrow S \cup (\mathsf{id}, (\mathsf{t1},\ldots,\mathsf{tn}) \mathsf{->} \mathsf{rt}, c)} \; \mathsf{GSTMTFCTXTFDECL}$$

$$\overline{S \vdash_{\mathsf{GCF}} \mathsf{global}} \; \mathsf{id} \; \colon \mathsf{=} \; \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow S \; \mathsf{GSTMTFCTXTVTDEcLCONST}$$

$$\overline{S \vdash_{\mathsf{GCF}} \mathsf{global}} \; \mathsf{id} \colon \mathsf{t} \; \colon \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow S \; \mathsf{GSTMTFCTXTVTDEcLMUT}$$

$$\overline{S \vdash_{\mathsf{GCF}} \mathsf{global}} \; \mathsf{mut} \; \mathsf{id} \; \colon \mathsf{=} \; \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow S \; \mathsf{GSTMTFCTXTVTDEcLMUT}$$

$$\overline{S \vdash_{\mathsf{GCF}} \mathsf{global}} \; \mathsf{mut} \; \mathsf{id} \colon \mathsf{t} \; \colon \mathsf{exp} \Rightarrow S \; \mathsf{GSTMTFCTXTVTDEcLMUT}$$

7.6.2 Program: Functions

$$\frac{S_0 \vdash_{\mathsf{GCF}} \mathsf{gs1} \Rightarrow S_1, \ \dots, \ S_{n-1} \vdash_{\mathsf{GCF}} \mathsf{gsn} \Rightarrow S_n}{S_0 \vdash_{\mathsf{GC}} \mathsf{gs1} \ \dots \ \mathsf{gsn} \Rightarrow S_n} \ \mathrm{GSTMTCTXTFUNCS}$$

7.7 Rule for Program Typechecking

Let S^* be the starting context which contains the builtin context. It looks as follows:

$$S^{\star} := \{\} \sqcup \left\{ \begin{array}{lll} (\mathsf{string_of_int}, & \mathsf{int} \to \mathsf{string}, & c), \\ (\mathsf{string_of_flt}, & \mathsf{flt} \to \mathsf{string}, & c), \\ (\mathsf{string_concat}, & (\mathsf{string_string}) & \to \mathsf{string}, & c), \\ (\mathsf{io_print}, & \mathsf{string} \to \mathsf{void}, & c) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\frac{S^{\star} \vdash_{\mathsf{GC}} \mathsf{prog} \Rightarrow S' \quad S' \vdash_{\mathsf{G}} \mathsf{prog} \Rightarrow S}{\vdash_{\mathsf{prog}}} \; _{\mathsf{PROG}}$$

8 Formal Grammar

8.1 Lexer Grammar

The Lexer Grammar is specified using **regular expressions**:

```
LiteralInt
            ::= /[1-9]\d*/
LiteralFlt ::= /\d+\.\d+/
LiteralChar ::= /'([^'\\]|(\\[\\nrt']))'/
LiteralBool ::= /true|false/
LiteralStr
            ::= /"([^"\\]|(\\[\\nrt"]))*"/
Identifier
           ::= /[a-zA-Z][a-zA-Z0-9_]*/
            ::= /global/
global
fn
            ::= /fn/
            ::= /let/
let
mut
            ::= /mut/
            ::= /int/
int
flt
           ::= /flt/
char
           ::= /char/
bool
           ::= /bool/
string
            ::= /string/
            ::= /void/
void
null
            ::= /null/
            ::= /of/
of
if
            ::= /if/
elif
            ::= /elif/
            ::= /else/
else
do
            ::= /do/
while
           ::= /while/
for
            ::= /for/
return
           ::= /return/
Dash
            ::= /\-/
            ::= /!/
Bang
Star
            ::= /\*/
Plus
            ::= /\+/
LShift
            ::= /<</
RShift
            ::= />>/
AShift
            ::= />>>/
Bitand
            ::= /&/
            ::= /\^/
Xor
Bitor
            ::= /\|/
            ::= /&&/
Logand
Logor
            ::= /\|\|/
Equal
            ::= /=/
NotEqual
            ::= /!=/
            ::= />/
Greater
            ::= /</
Less
            ::= />=/
GreaterEq
            ::= /<=/
LessEq
Assign
            ::= /:=/
Colon
            ::= /:/
```

```
Arrow
             ::= /\->/
Comma
             ::= /\,/
Dots
             ::= /\.\./
DotsPipe
             ::= /\.\.\/
PipeDots
             ::= /\|\.\./
PipeDotPipe ::= /\|\.\|/
LParen
             ::= /\(/
             ::= /\)/
RParen
LBrack
             ::= /\[/
RBrack
             ::= /\]/
QuestionMark ::= /\?/
8.2
    Parser Grammar
The following grammar specification uses a preceding % for lexer tokens.
Program
                  ::=
                  | GlobalStatement Program
GlobalStatement
                 ::=
                  | GVDeclaration
                  | GFDeclaration
GVDeclaration
                  ::=
                                 %Identifier
                                                          %Assign GlobalExpression
                  | %Global
                  | %Global
                                 %Identifier %Colon Type %Assign GlobalExpression
                  | %Global %Mut %Identifier
                                                          %Assign GlobalExpression
                  | %Global %Mut %Identifier %Colon Type %Assign GlobalExpression
GFDeclaration
                  ::=
                  | %Fn %Identifier
                                                       %Arrow ReturnType Block
                  | %Fn %Identifier %Colon FArguments %Arrow ReturnType Block
FArguments
                  | %Identifier %Colon Type
                  | %Identifier %Colon Type %Comma FArguments
ReturnType
                  ::=
                  | %Void
                  | Type
Block
                  ::=
                  | €
                  | Statement Block
Statement
                  ::=
                  | VDeclaration
                  | AssignStmt
                  | IfStmt
                  | WhileStmt
                   DoWhileStmt
                   ForStmt
                   ExprStmt
                  | ReturnStmt
```

VDeclaration

::=

| %Let %Identifier %Assign Expression | %Let %Identifier %Colon Type %Assign Expression | %Mut %Identifier %Assign Expression | %Mut %Identifier %Colon Type %Assign Expression AssignStmt ::= | LHS %Assign Expression IfStmt ::= | %If Expression Block ElifStmt ElifStmt | %Elif Expression Block ElifStmt | %Else Block | € WhileStmt ::= | %While Expression Block DoWhileStmt | %Do Block %While Expression ForStmt ::= | %For %Id %Assign Expr ForSpecifier Expr Block ForSpecifier ::= | %Dots | %DotsPipe | %PipeDots | %PipeDotPipe ExprStmt ::= | Expression | Expression %Colon FArgs ReturnStmt ::= | %Return | %Return Expression LHS ::= | %Identifier Type ::= | %Int %Flt | %Char | %Bool | RefType | RefType %QuestionMark RefType ::= | %Str | %LBrack Type %RBrack GlobalExpression ::= Expression* Expression | %Null %Of RefType | %LBrack %RBrack %Of Type

| ExprPrec30

ExprPrec20 ::= | ExprPrec30 | ExprPrec30 %Equal ExprPrec20 | ExprPrec30 %NotEqual ExprPrec20 | ExprPrec30 %Greater ExprPrec20 | ExprPrec30 %Less ExprPrec20 ExprPrec30 %GreaterEq ExprPrec20 ExprPrec20 | ExprPrec30 %LessEq ExprPrec30 ::= | ExprPrec40 | ExprPrec40 %Bitor ExprPrec30 ExprPrec40 ::= ExprPrec50 | ExprPrec50 %Xor ExprPrec40 ExprPrec50 ::= | ExprPrec60 | ExprPrec60 %Bitand ExprPrec50 ExprPrec60 ::= | ExprPrec70 | ExprPrec70 %LShift ExprPrec60 ExprPrec70 %RShift ExprPrec60 | ExprPrec70 %AShift ExprPrec60 ExprPrec70 | ExprPrec80 | ExprPrec80 %Plus ExprPrec70 | ExprPrec80 %Minus ExprPrec70 ExprPrec80 ::= | ExprPrec90 | ExprPrec90 %Star ExprPrec80 ExprPrec90 ::= | ExprPrec100 | ExprPrec100 %StarStar ExprPrec90 ExprPrec100 ::= | SimpleExpression %Dash ExprPrec100 | %Bang ExprPrec100 SimpleExpression ::= | BaseExpression Application | BaseExpression BaseExpression | %LParen Expression %RParen %LBrack CommaExpList %RBrack %LiteralInt %LiteralFlt | %LiteralChar | %LiteralBool %LiteralStr | %Identifier Application ::= | %LParen CommaExpListNE %RParen | %LBrack Expression %RBrack CommaExpList ::= | € | CommaExpListNE CommaExpListNE ::= | Expression | Expression %Comma CommaExpListNE