

COMP302 A5

Q3 AND Q4

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Q3

let S = fun x -> (fun y -> (fun z -> (x z) (y z)))

We see right away that S has three functions fun x-> fun y -> fun z.

set x: 'a, y: 'b, z: 'c, (x z): 'd, (y z): 'e

so x: 'b -> 'c -> 'd * 'e = 'a

So, take first (x z), you already know that x: 'a and z: 'c,

which means that (x z) : 'c -> 'd = 'a

(takes z type input returns an output (call it 'd) and this is equivalent to the type of the fun x as it is an x fun call)

so: 'a = 'c -> 'd



Take (y z), you already know that y: 'b and z: 'c

which means that (y z): 'c -> 'e = 'b

(takes z type input returns an output (call it 'e) and this is equivalent to the type of the fun y as it is an y fun call)

so: 'b = 'c -> 'e

Set ((x z) (y z)) : 'f, we already know that (x z) = 'd, (y z) = 'e

so: 'd = 'e -> 'f

(take (y z) type input returns an output (call it 'e) and this is equivalent to the type of the fun (x z) as it is an (x z) fun call)

Then,

x: 'c -> ('e -> 'f)

y: 'c -> 'e

z: 'c -> 'f

then val s: ('c -> ('e -> 'f)) -> ('c -> 'e) -> ('c -> 'f)

(*after compiling in F# we get:

val S : ('a -> 'b -> 'c) -> ('a -> 'b) -> 'a -> 'c

therefore, if 'c = 'a, 'e = 'b and 'f = 'c then the two matches.

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Q4

int is a subtype of float

int -> int is not a subtype of float -> float

because on the right hand side (float -> float side):

you are providing float and expect to return float

but on the left hand side (int -> int side):

you are providing int and expect to return int

but you said on the right hand side that

you are going to deliver float instead of int

so you don't know how to deal with it, the output isn't what was promised.

Thus, this doesn't work.