

Dependent Types, Twelf and Its Application in Proof

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Motivation



- Dependent types are **type-valued functions**
 - Those functions which send *terms* to types
- Type family of vectors (one-dimensional arrays)

$\text{Vector} :: \text{Nat} \rightarrow *$

- **Kinding assertion:** Vector maps a $k:\text{Nat}$ to a type
 - type $\text{Vector } k$ contains vectors of length k of elements of some fixed type, say data
- **Initialization function:**

$\text{init} : \Pi n:\text{Nat}. \text{data} \rightarrow \text{Vector } n$

Motivation (cont.)



$\text{init} : \Pi n:\text{Nat}. \text{data} \rightarrow \text{Vector } n$

- Dependent **Product** Type (**Pi** type)

$\Pi x : S . T$

- Generalizes the **arrow type** of the simply typed λ -calculus

$S \rightarrow [x \mapsto s] T$

- The result type can **vary** according to the **argument** supplied
- Π -type is almost as old as the lambda calculus

Motivation (cont.)



- Another way of building up vectors (constructor)
 $\text{empty} : \text{Vector } 0$
 $\text{cons} : \prod n:\text{Nat}. \text{data} \rightarrow \text{Vector } n \rightarrow \text{Vector } (n+1)$
- Example
 $v : \text{Vector } 5, x : \text{data} \text{ then } \text{cons } 5 \ x \ v : \text{Vector } 6$

$\prod x : S . T$ (**Dependent Product Type**)

$S \rightarrow [x \mapsto s] T$

vs.

Universal Type $\forall X. T$ of System F

(If $t : \forall X. T$ and A is a type, then $t \ A : X \rightarrow [X \mapsto A] T$)

Motivation (cont.)



- Why dependent typing?
 - It reveals more information about the behavior of the term
 - More precious typing
 - Exclude more of the badly behaved terms in a type system
- We can type a function that returns the first element of a non-empty vector:

$\text{first} : \prod n:\text{Nat}. \text{Vector}(n+1) \rightarrow \text{data}$

- Non-emptiness is expressed within the type system itself!

Motivation (cont.)



- Another example: `printf`

`printf : $\Pi f:\text{Format}. \text{Data}(f) \rightarrow \text{String}$`

- `Format`: type of valid print formats
- `Data(f)`: type of data corresponding to format `f`

<code>Data([])</code>	<code>=</code>	<code>Unit</code>
<code>Data("%d" :: cs)</code>	<code>=</code>	<code>Nat * Data(cs)</code>
<code>Data("%s" :: cs)</code>	<code>=</code>	<code>String * Data(cs)</code>
<code>Data(c :: cs)</code>	<code>=</code>	<code>Data(cs)</code>

- Vectors are uniform, here is non-uniform
 - More challenging!

Curry-Howard Correspondence

- **Proposition-as-Type** (and **Proof-as-Term**)
 - A formula has a proof iff the corresponding type is inhabited
- **Example:**
$$((A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B \quad (\text{formula, type})$$
$$\lambda f. \lambda u. u (f u) \quad (\text{proof, term})$$
- **Constructive proof of $A \Rightarrow B$ should be understood as a procedure that transforms any given proof of A into a proof of B**
 - A proof of $A \Rightarrow B$ is simply any term of type $A \rightarrow B$

Curry-Howard Correspondence (cont.)

- Generalizing the correspondence to **first-order** predicate logic leads to **dependent types**
- A proof of the universal quantification $\forall x:A. B(x)$ is constructively a procedure that given an arbitrary element x of type A produces a proof of $B(x)$
- Identification of **universal quantification** with **dependent product**
 - A proof of $\forall x:A. B(x)$ is a member of $\Pi_{x:A}. B(x)$
- **Existential quantification** \equiv **Σ -types**
- **Equality** \equiv **Identity types**

Curry-Howard Correspondence (cont.)

- Application: freely mixing **propositions** and **types**

Example - indexing function

$\text{ith}(n) : \Pi n:\text{Nat}. \Pi l:\text{Nat}. \text{Lt}(l,n) \rightarrow \text{Vector}(n) \rightarrow T$

Example – type of binary, associative operations on some type T

$\Sigma m: T \rightarrow T \rightarrow T. \Pi x : T. \Pi y : T. \Pi z : T.$

$\text{Id } (m(x,m(y,z))) (m(m(x,y),z))$

- A proof of $\exists x:A. B(x)$ would consist of a member a of type A and a proof (a member) of $B(a)$
 - an element of $\Sigma a:A. B(a)$

Logical Frameworks

- Another application: representation of other type theories and formal systems
- Example – typechecker for simply typed λ -calculus

$Ty :: *$

$Tm :: Ty \rightarrow *$

$base : Ty$

$arrow : Ty \rightarrow Ty \rightarrow Ty$

$app : \Pi A:Ty. \Pi B:Ty. Tm(arrow\ A\ B) \rightarrow Tm\ A \rightarrow Tm\ B$

$lam : \Pi A:Ty. \Pi B:Ty. (Tm\ A \rightarrow Tm\ B) \rightarrow Tm(arrow\ A\ B)$

- Higher-order abstract syntax
- e.g. representation of identity term: $(A: Ty)$

$idA = lam\ A\ A\ (\lambda x: Tm\ A. x)$

Logical Frameworks (cont.)

- Definition: systems which provide mechanisms for representing syntax and proof systems
 - which makes up a logic
- It provides a means to define a logic as a “signature” in a higher-order type theory
 - Provability of a formula in the original logic reduces to a type inhabitation problem in the framework type theory
- To describe a logical framework, one must provide:
 - A characterization of the class of object-logics to be represented
 - An appropriate meta-language
 - A characterization of the mechanism by which object-logics are represented

Logical Frameworks (cont.)

- One approach: Edinburgh Logical Framework (LF)
 - Judgments-as-Types
 - Judgments: types
 - Derivations of judgments
 - Meta-language: dependently typed λ -calculus ($\lambda\Pi$ -calculus)
 - Three-level entities: terms, types, kinds
- Twelf is an implementation of the logical framework LF
 - Twelf code describes logical systems
 - written in Standard ML
 - write out a statement
 - use Twelf to write out a proof (justification of why that statement is true)
 - Twelf will check your proof, making sure that what you said actually is true!



Logical Frameworks (cont.)

- Twelf includes:
 - an implementation of the LF logical framework, which can be used to type check LF representations
 - a logic programming language based on LF
 - a metatheorem checker, which can be used to verify proofs of theorems about LF representations
- Other systems that will let you define logical systems and prove things with them:
 - ACL2, AUTOMATH, Coq, HOL, HOL Light, LEGO, Isabelle, MetaPRL, NuPRL PVS, and TPS
 - In Twelf: *programming languages* are also logical systems

Pure First-Order Dependent Types

- λ LF
 - Type system based on a simplified variant of the type system underlying LF
 - Generalizes simply typed λ -calculus by replacing the arrow type $S \rightarrow T$ with the dependent product type $\Pi x : S . T$ and by introducing type families
 - Pure
 - Only has Π -types
 - First-Order
 - Does not include higher-order type operators
 - Corresponds to \forall, \rightarrow -fragment of first-order predicate calculus

Pure First-Order Dependent Types (cont.)

λLF

Syntax

$t ::=$

x

$\lambda x:T.t$

$t\ t$

terms:

variable

abstraction

application

$T ::=$

X

$\Pi x:T.T$

$T\ t$

types:

type/family variable

dependent product type

type family application

$K ::=$

$*$

$\Pi x:T.K$

kinds:

kind of proper types

kind of type families

$\Gamma ::=$

\emptyset

$\Gamma, x:T$

$\Gamma, X::K$

contexts:

empty context

term variable binding

type variable binding

Well-formed kinds

$\Gamma \vdash *$

$\Gamma \vdash T :: *$

$\Gamma \vdash \Pi x:T.K$

$\Gamma \vdash K$

(WF-STAR)

(WF-PI)

Kinding

$\Gamma \vdash T :: K$

$X :: K \in \Gamma \quad \Gamma \vdash K$

$\Gamma \vdash X :: K$

(K-VAR)

$\Gamma \vdash T_1 :: * \quad \Gamma, x:T_1 \vdash T_2 :: *$

$\Gamma \vdash \Pi x:T_1.T_2 :: *$

(K-PI)

$\Gamma \vdash S :: \Pi x:T.K \quad \Gamma \vdash t : T$

$\Gamma \vdash S\ t : [x \mapsto t]K$

(K-APP)

$\Gamma \vdash T :: K \quad \Gamma \vdash K \equiv K'$

$\Gamma \vdash T :: K'$

(K-CONV)

Typing

$\Gamma \vdash t : T$

$x:T \in \Gamma \quad \Gamma \vdash T :: *$

$\Gamma \vdash x : T$

(T-VAR)

$\Gamma \vdash S :: * \quad \Gamma, x:S \vdash t : T$

$\Gamma \vdash \lambda x:S.t : \Pi x:S.T$

(T-ABS)

$\Gamma \vdash t_1 : \Pi x:S.T \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : S$

$\Gamma \vdash t_1\ t_2 : [x \mapsto t_2]T$

(T-APP)

$\Gamma \vdash t : T \quad \Gamma \vdash T \equiv T' :: *$

$\Gamma \vdash t : T'$

(T-CONV)

Pure First-Order Dependent Types (cont.)

λLF

Kind Equivalence

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash T_1 \equiv T_2 :: * \quad \Gamma, x:T_1 \vdash K_1 \equiv K_2}{\Gamma \vdash \Pi x:T_1. K_1 \equiv \Pi x:T_2. K_2} \text{ (QK-PI)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash K}{\Gamma \vdash K \equiv K} \text{ (QK-REFL)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash K_1 \equiv K_2}{\Gamma \vdash K_2 \equiv K_1} \text{ (QK-SYM)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash K_1 \equiv K_2 \quad \Gamma \vdash K_2 \equiv K_3}{\Gamma \vdash K_1 \equiv K_3} \text{ (QK-TRANS)}$$

Type Equivalence

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash S_1 \equiv T_1 :: * \quad \Gamma, x:T_1 \vdash S_2 \equiv T_2 :: *}{\Gamma \vdash \Pi x:S_1. S_2 \equiv \Pi x:T_1. T_2 :: *} \text{ (QT-PI)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash S_1 \equiv S_2 :: \Pi x:T. K \quad \Gamma \vdash t_1 \equiv t_2 : T}{\Gamma \vdash S_1 t_1 \equiv S_2 t_2 : [x \mapsto t_1]K} \text{ (QT-APP)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash T : K}{\Gamma \vdash T \equiv T :: K} \text{ (QT-REFL)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash T \equiv S :: K}{\Gamma \vdash S \equiv T :: K} \text{ (QT-SYM)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash S \equiv U :: K \quad \Gamma \vdash U \equiv T :: K}{\Gamma \vdash S \equiv T :: K} \text{ (QT-TRANS)}$$

Term Equivalence

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash S_1 \equiv S_2 :: * \quad \Gamma, x:S_1 \vdash t_1 \equiv t_2 : T}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x:S_1. t_1 \equiv \lambda x:S_2. t_2 : \Pi x:S_1. T} \text{ (Q-ABS)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 \equiv s_1 : \Pi x:S. T \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 \equiv s_2 : S}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 t_2 \equiv s_1 s_2 : [x \mapsto t_2]T} \text{ (Q-APP)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x:S \vdash t : T \quad \Gamma \vdash s : S}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda x:S. t) s \equiv [x \mapsto s]t : [x \mapsto s]T} \text{ (Q-BETA)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \Pi x:S. T \quad x \notin FV(t)}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x:T. t x \equiv t : \Pi x:S. T} \text{ (Q-ETA)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : T}{\Gamma \vdash t \equiv t : T} \text{ (Q-REFL)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t \equiv s : T}{\Gamma \vdash s \equiv t : T} \text{ (Q-SYM)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash s \equiv u : T \quad \Gamma \vdash u \equiv t : T}{\Gamma \vdash s \equiv t : T} \text{ (Q-TRANS)}$$

Strong Normalization

$$\frac{t_1 \rightarrow_{\beta} t'_1}{\lambda x:T_1. t_1 \rightarrow_{\beta} \lambda x:T_1. t'_1} \quad (\text{BETA-ABS})$$

$$\frac{t_1 \rightarrow_{\beta} t'_1}{t_1 \ t_2 \rightarrow_{\beta} t'_1 \ t_2} \quad (\text{BETA-APP1})$$

$$\frac{t_2 \rightarrow_{\beta} t'_2}{t_1 \ t_2 \rightarrow_{\beta} t_1 \ t'_2} \quad (\text{BETA-APP2})$$

$$(\lambda x:T_1. t_1) \ t_2 \rightarrow_{\beta} [x \mapsto t_2]t_1 \quad (\text{BETA-APPABS})$$

- Reduction does not go inside the type labels of λ abstractions
- Theorem - The relation \rightarrow_{β} is strongly normalizing on well-typed terms. More precisely, if $\Gamma \vdash t : T$ then there is no infinite sequence of terms $(t_i)_{i \geq 1}$ such that $t = t_1$ and $t_i \rightarrow_{\beta} t_{i+1}$ for $i \geq 1$.

Algorithmic Typing and Equality

- Needed to be formulated closer to an algorithm
 - Syntax-directed rules (going from premises to conclusions)
- It is shown that the typechecking algorithm is sound, complete, and terminates on all inputs
 - This also demonstrates the decidability of the original judgments
- Theorem (Preservation) – If $\Gamma \vdash t : T$ and $t \rightarrow_{\beta} t'$, then $\Gamma \vdash t' : T$.

Dependent Sum Types

- $\Sigma x : T_1 . T_2$ (Σ -types)
- Generalize ordinary product types ($T_1 \times T_2$)
- If x does not appear in T_2
 - $\Sigma x : T_1 . T_2 \equiv T_1 \times T_2$
 - $\Pi x : T_1 . T_2 \equiv T_1 \rightarrow T_2$
- $(t, t : \Sigma x : T . T)$
 - Typed pair (annotated explicitly)
 - If $S : T \rightarrow *$ and $x : T$ and $y : S\ x$, then the pair (x, y) could have both $\Sigma z : T. S\ z$ and $\Sigma z : T. S\ x$ as a type.

Dependent Sum Types (cont.)

Extends λLF (2-1 and 2-2)

New syntax

$t ::= \dots$ *terms:*
 $(t, t : \Sigma x : T. T)$ *typed pair*
 $t.1$ *first projection*
 $t.2$ *second projection*
 $T ::= \dots$ *types:*
 $\Sigma x : T. T$ *dependent sum type*

Kinding

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash S :: * \quad \Gamma, x : S \vdash T :: *}{\Gamma \vdash \Sigma x : S. T :: *} \quad (\text{K-SIGMA})$$

Typing

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Sigma x : S. T :: * \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : S \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : [x \mapsto t_1]T}{\Gamma \vdash (t_1, t_2 : \Sigma x : S. T) : \Sigma x : S. T} \quad (\text{T-PAIR})}{\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \Sigma x : S. T}{\Gamma \vdash t.1 : S} \quad (\text{T-PROJ1})}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \Sigma x : S. T}{\Gamma \vdash t.2 : [x \mapsto t.1]T} \quad (\text{T-PROJ2})$$

Term Equivalence

$$\boxed{\Gamma \vdash t_1 \equiv t_2 : T}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Sigma x : S. T :: * \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : S \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : [x \mapsto t_1]T}{\Gamma \vdash (t_1, t_2 : \Sigma x : S. T).1 \equiv t_1 : S} \quad (\text{Q-PROJ1})}{\Gamma \vdash \Sigma x : S. T :: *} \quad (\text{Q-PROJ2})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Sigma x : S. T :: * \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : S \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : [x \mapsto t_1]T}{\Gamma \vdash (t_1, t_2 : \Sigma x : S. T).2 \equiv t_2 : [x \mapsto t_1]T} \quad (\text{Q-PROJ2})}{\Gamma \vdash \Sigma x : S. T :: *} \quad (\text{Q-SURJPAIR})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \Sigma x : S. T}{\Gamma \vdash (t.1, t.2 : \Sigma x : S. T) \equiv t : \Sigma x : S. T} \quad (\text{Q-SURJPAIR})$$

The Calculus of Construction

- One of the most famous systems of dependent types
- A setting for all of constructive mathematics
- Simple and very expressive

Extends λ LF (2-1 and 2-2)

New syntax

$t ::= \dots$ *terms:*
 $\text{all } x:T.t$ *universal quantification*

$T ::= \dots$ *types:*
 Prop *propositions*
 Prf *family of proofs*

Kinding

$\Gamma \vdash \text{Prop} :: *$ (K-PROP)
 $\Gamma \vdash \text{Prf} :: \Pi x:\text{Prop}. *$ (K-PRF)

Typing

$\frac{\Gamma \vdash T :: * \quad \Gamma, x:T \vdash t : \text{Prop}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{all } x:T.t : \text{Prop}}$ (T-ALL) $\boxed{\Gamma \vdash t : T}$

Type Equivalence

$\frac{\Gamma \vdash T :: * \quad \Gamma, x:T \vdash t : \text{Prop}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{Prf } (\text{all } x:T.t) \equiv \Pi x:T. \text{Prf } t :: *}$ (QT-ALL) $\boxed{\Gamma \vdash S \equiv T :: K}$

The Calculus of Construction

Example –

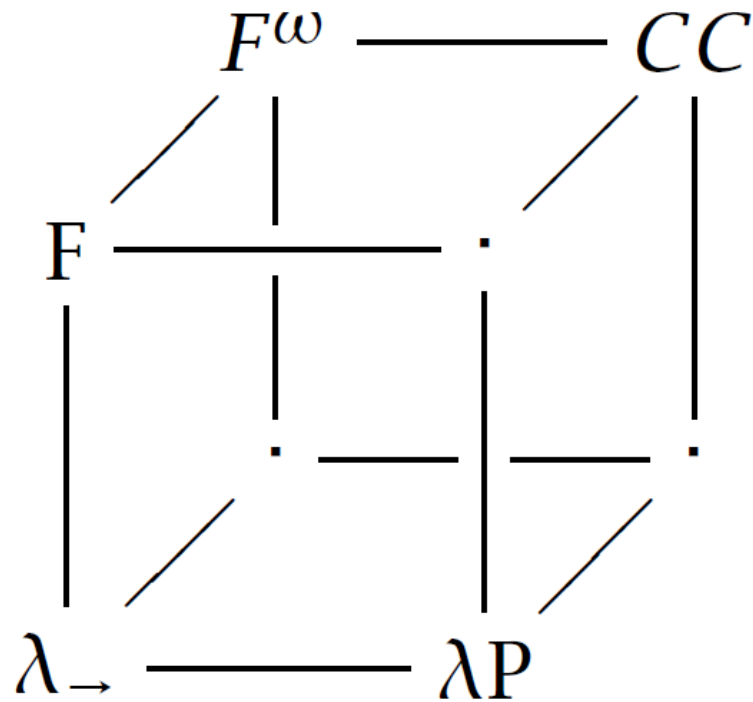
$\text{nat} = \text{all } a:\text{Prop}. \text{all } z:\text{Prf } a. \text{all } s: \text{Prf } a \rightarrow \text{Prf } a. a$
(nat is a member of type Prop)

$\text{zero} = \lambda a:\text{Prop}. \lambda z:\text{Prf } a. \lambda s:\text{Prf } a \rightarrow \text{Prf } a. z : \text{Prf } \text{nat}$

$\text{succ} = \lambda n:\text{Prf } \text{nat}. \lambda a:\text{Prop}. \lambda z:\text{Prf } a. \lambda s:\text{Prf } a \rightarrow \text{Prf } a.$
 $s (n \ a \ z \ s) : \text{Prf } \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{Prf } \text{nat}$

$\text{add} = \lambda m:\text{Nat}. \lambda n:\text{Nat}. m \ \text{nat} \ n \ \text{succ} : \text{Prf } \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{Prf } \text{nat} \rightarrow \text{Prf } \text{nat}$

Lambda Cube



Twelf in Practice

nat: type.

z: nat.

s: nat -> nat.

plus: nat -> nat -> nat -> type.

p-z: plus z N N.

p-s: plus (s N1) N2 (s N3)
 <- plus N1 N2 N3.

> 2+1=3 : plus (s (s z)) (s z) (s (s (s z))) = p-s (p-s p-z).

<http://twelf.plparty.org/live/>

Programming with Dependent Types

Languages: Pebble, Cardelli's Quest, Cayenne, [Dependent ML](#), Haskell, Agda

Example - a zip function which can only be applied to a pair of lists of the same length

```
datatype 'a list with nat =  
  nil(0)  
  | {n:nat} cons(n+1) 'a * 'a list(n)
```

The withtype clause is a type annotation supplied by the programmer.

```
fun zip ([], []) = []  
  | zip (x :: xs, y :: ys) = (x, y) :: zip (xs, ys)  
withtype {n:nat} => 'a list(n) * 'b list(n) -> ('a * 'b) list(n)
```

This leads to a safer and faster implementation of zip than a corresponding one in Standard ML.

Conclusion

- Dependent Types
 - Product Type and Sum Type
- Logical Framework LF and λ LF
- Algorithms for Typechecking
- Programming in Twelf and DML



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Any Questions?

