

Lecture Types

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Types

have operations, representations, values.

[Abstract types - defined by the operations on the values]

[Concrete types - defined by how their values are represented]

[Primitive types - built into the language int]

[Constructed types - defined by programmer, using type constructors int[]]

- Comparing float, IEEE-754 floating point

Abstractly: operations - binary, unary, comparison, trunc, sqrt, format, etc

Concretely:

s	exponent	fraction
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$$-1 \leq e \leq 255 \rightarrow \pm 2^{e-127} \times 1.f$$

$$2^{-127} \cdot 1000/2 \text{ underflow, } a < b \quad b - a == 0?$$

$$2^{-127} \cdot 0.f \leftarrow \text{unnormalized (tiny)} \quad 0, -0, -0.0f == 0.0f$$

$$e=255, f=0 \rightarrow \infty$$

$$0.0/0.0 \text{ or } \infty - \infty \text{ Nan (not a number) } e=255, f \neq 0$$

Nan alt: throw an exception, don't need special vals. can enable trapping

- What are types good for? Debugging (type checking)

Abstraction/encapsulation (programs clearer)

Specify representation (in low level ops)

Compiler can generate faster code (optimization)

Annotation (useful for programmer, compiler)

Inference (useful for type checking)

- Type Checking

static Types checked & known before program is run [gen better code, type failures caught]
dynamic Types are not known until runtime. [flexibility, less bureaucratic]
none

Type Equivalence

Structural equivalence.

Ex. C: typedef int a, typedef int b

Name equivalence

Ex. C struct/class structure

Subtypes

ex: $\text{char}^* \subseteq \text{char const}^*$

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enum color \in RGB3 in C is an exposed type.

G is int (1). enumerated types by demand in Java.

Type polymorphism

↳ a function that accepts ^{args} types of varying types
ex overloading a method.

Ex complex operator + (complex, complex);

$a = b + c$ // b, c of type complex

$\equiv a = \text{fglooblebaz}(b, c)$

↑ implementation method → name mangling.

disadvantages: no standards (incompatibilities - sun, mstt, etc)

names might not be unique

Ex in C double cos(double);

cos(1) converted automatically by compiler.

to; runtime conversion too.
called coercion (implicit type conversion)

Ex unsigned u = anotherComplicatedFunction(); $\leftarrow 0$

int i = complicatedFunction(); $\leftarrow -1$

if (i < u) // from unsigned / signed comparison $2^{32}-1 < 0?$
print "negative"

sols a) compare w/ a wider int

b) reject @ compile time

c) do two comparisons

Ex ^{64 bit} long long int = (_);

double d = i;

print(i); print(d);

if (i < d) can fail from squashing int → double.

Lesson: Coercions that lose information are dangerous.

Duck Typing - obvious typing (used in Python) runtime type check

Parametric polymorphism - the type of a function isn't fully known at compile time. It has type parameters that are filled in later.

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