

CSE-505: Programming Languages

Lecture 27 — Higher-Order Polymorphism

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System F with Recursive and Existential Types

$e ::= c \mid x \mid \lambda x:\tau. e \mid e e \mid$
 $\Lambda \alpha. e \mid e [\tau] \mid$
 $\text{pack}_{\exists \alpha. \tau}(\tau, e) \mid \text{unpack } e \text{ as } (\alpha, x) \text{ in } e \mid$
 $\text{roll}_{\mu \alpha. \tau}(e) \mid \text{unroll}(e)$
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$e \rightarrow_{\text{cbv}} e'$

$$\frac{}{(\lambda x:\tau. e_b) v_a \rightarrow_{\text{cbv}} e_b[v_a/x]} \quad \frac{e_f \rightarrow_{\text{cbv}} e'_f}{e_f e_a \rightarrow_{\text{cbv}} e'_f e_a} \quad \frac{e_a \rightarrow_{\text{cbv}} e'_a}{v_f e_a \rightarrow_{\text{cbv}} v_f e'_a}$$

$$\frac{}{(\Lambda \alpha. e_b) [\tau_a] \rightarrow_{\text{cbv}} e_b[\tau_a/\alpha]} \quad \frac{e_f \rightarrow_{\text{cbv}} e'_f}{e_f [\tau_a] \rightarrow_{\text{cbv}} e'_f [\tau_a]}$$

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Looking back, looking forward

Have defined System F.

- ▶ Metatheory (what properties does it have)
- ▶ What (else) is it good for
- ▶ How/why ML is more restrictive and implicit
- ▶ Recursive types (also use type variables, but differently)
- ▶ Existential types (dual to universal types)

Next:

- ▶ Type operators and type-level “computations”

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System F with Recursive and Existential Types

$\tau ::= \text{int} \mid \tau \rightarrow \tau \mid \alpha \mid \forall \alpha. \tau \mid \exists \alpha. \tau \mid \mu \alpha. \tau$
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 $\Gamma ::= \cdot \mid \Gamma, x:\tau$

$\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e : \tau$

$$\frac{}{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash c : \text{int}} \quad \frac{\Gamma(x) = \tau}{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash x : \tau}$$

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$$\frac{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_a : \tau[(\mu \alpha. \tau)/\alpha]}{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash \text{roll}_{\mu \alpha. \tau}(e_a) : \mu \alpha. \tau} \quad \frac{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_a : \mu \alpha. \tau}{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash \text{unroll}(e_a) : \tau[(\mu \alpha. \tau)/\alpha]}$$

Goal

Understand what this interface means and why it matters:

```

type 'a list
val empty   : 'a list
val cons    : 'a -> 'a list -> 'a list
val unlist  : 'a list -> ('a * 'a list) option
val size    : 'a list -> int
val map     : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a list -> 'b list

```

Story so far:

- ▶ Recursive types to define list data structure
- ▶ Universal types to keep element type abstract in library
- ▶ Existential types to keep list type abstract in client

But, “cheated” when abstracting the list type in client: considered just `intlist`.

(Integer) List Library with \exists

List library is an existential package:

```

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          map : (int  $\rightarrow$  int)  $\rightarrow L \rightarrow L$ ;
          ...}

```

The witness type is integer lists: $\mu\xi$. **unit** + (**int** * ξ).

The existential type variable L represents integer lists.

List operations are monomorphic in element type (**int**).

The **map** function only allows mapping integer lists to integer lists.

(Polymorphic?) List Library with \forall/\exists

List library is a type abstraction that yields an existential package:

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The witness type is α lists: $\mu\xi$. **unit** + (α * ξ).

The existential type variable L represents α lists.

List operations are monomorphic in element type (α).

The **map** function only allows mapping α lists to α lists.

Type Abbreviations and Type Operators

Reasonable enough to provide list type as a (*parametric*) *type abbreviation*:

$$\mathbf{L} \alpha = \mu\xi$$
. **unit** + (α * ξ)

- ▶ replace occurrences of $\mathbf{L} \tau$ in programs with $(\mu\xi$. **unit** + (α * ξ))[τ/α]

Gives an *informal* notion of functions at the type-level.

But, doesn't help with with list library, because this exposes the definition of list type.

- ▶ How “modular” and “safe” are libraries built from `cpp` macros?

Type Abbreviations and Type Operators

Instead, provide list type as a *type operator*:

- ▶ a function from types to types

$$\mathbf{L} = \lambda\alpha. \mu\xi. \mathbf{unit} + (\alpha * \xi)$$

Gives a *formal* notion of functions at the type-level.

- ▶ abstraction and application at the type-level
- ▶ equivalence of type-level expressions
- ▶ well-formedness of type-level expressions

List library will be an existential package that hides a *type operator*, (rather than a *type*).

Type-level Expressions

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Require a typing rule to exploit types that are the same:

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Admits “wrong/bad/meaningless” types:

... **$\text{bool } \text{int}$** **$(\text{Id } \text{bool}) \text{ int}$** **$\text{bool } (\text{Id } \text{int})$** ...

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Require a “type system” for types:

$$\Delta \vdash \tau :: \kappa$$

$$\dots \quad \frac{\Delta \vdash \tau_f :: \kappa_a \Rightarrow \kappa_r \quad \Delta \vdash \tau_a :: \kappa_a}{\Delta \vdash \tau_f \tau_a :: \kappa_r} \quad \dots$$

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Kinds $\kappa ::= * \mid \kappa \Rightarrow \kappa$

- ▶ kind of proper types $*$ classify the types (that are the same as the types) that classify terms
- ▶ arrow kinds $\kappa \Rightarrow \kappa$ classify the types (that are the same as the types) that are type abstractions

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 \Delta &::= \cdot \mid \Delta, \alpha::\kappa \\
 \kappa &::= \star \mid \kappa \Rightarrow \kappa
 \end{aligned}$$

New things:

- ▶ Types: type abstraction and type application
- ▶ Kinds: the “types” of types
 - ▶ \star : kind of proper types
 - ▶ $\kappa_a \Rightarrow \kappa_r$: kind of type operators

System F_ω : Operational Semantics

Small-step, *call-by-value (CBV)*, left-to-right operational semantics:

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- ▶ *Unchanged!* All of the new action is at the type-level.

System F_ω : Type System, part 1

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$$\boxed{\Delta \vdash \tau :: \kappa}$$

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Should look familiar:

the typing rules of the Simply-Typed Lambda Calculus “one level up”

System F_{ω} : Type System, part 2

Definitional Equivalence of τ and τ' :

$$\tau \equiv \tau'$$

$$\frac{}{\tau \equiv \tau} \quad \frac{\tau_2 \equiv \tau_1}{\tau_1 \equiv \tau_2} \quad \frac{\tau_1 \equiv \tau_2 \quad \tau_2 \equiv \tau_3}{\tau_1 \equiv \tau_3}$$

$$\frac{\tau_{a1} \equiv \tau_{a2} \quad \tau_{r1} \equiv \tau_{r2}}{\tau_{a1} \rightarrow \tau_{r1} \equiv \tau_{a2} \rightarrow \tau_{r2}} \quad \frac{\tau_{r1} \equiv \tau_{r2}}{\forall \alpha :: \kappa_{\alpha}. \tau_{r1} \equiv \forall \alpha :: \kappa_{\alpha}. \tau_{r2}}$$

$$\frac{\tau_{b1} \equiv \tau_{b2}}{\lambda \alpha :: \kappa_{\alpha}. \tau_{b1} \equiv \lambda \alpha :: \kappa_{\alpha}. \tau_{b2}} \quad \frac{\tau_{f1} \equiv \tau_{f2} \quad \tau_{a1} \equiv \tau_{a2}}{\tau_{f1} \tau_{a1} \equiv \tau_{f2} \tau_{a2}}$$

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the full reduction rules of the Lambda Calculus “one level up”

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System F_{ω} : Type System, part 3

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Syntax and type system easily extended with recursive and existential types.

Polymorphic List Library with higher-order \exists

List library is an existential package:

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pack( $\lambda\alpha::\star. \mu\xi::\star. \mathbf{unit} + (\alpha * \xi), list\_library$ )
as  $\exists L::\star \Rightarrow \star. \{\mathbf{empty} : \forall\alpha::\star. L \alpha;$ 
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     $\mathbf{unlist} : \forall\alpha::\star. L \alpha \rightarrow \mathbf{unit} + (\alpha * L \alpha);$ 
     $\mathbf{map} : \forall\alpha::\star. \forall\beta::\star. (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow L \alpha \rightarrow L \beta;$ 
     $\dots\}$ 
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The witness *type operator* is poly.lists : $\lambda\alpha::\star. \mu\xi::\star. \mathbf{unit} + (\alpha * \xi)$.

The existential *type operator* variable L represents poly. lists .

List operations are polymorphic in element type.

The **map** function only allows mapping α lists to β lists.

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Other Kinds of Kinds

Kinding systems for checking and tracking properties of type expressions:

- ▶ Record kinds
 - ▶ records at the type-level; define systems of mutually recursive types
- ▶ Polymorphic kinds
 - ▶ kind abstraction and application in types; System F “one level up”
- ▶ Dependent kinds
 - ▶ dependent types “one level up”
- ▶ Row kinds
 - ▶ describe “pieces” of record types for record polymorphism
- ▶ Power kinds
 - ▶ alternative presentation of subtyping
- ▶ Singleton kinds
 - ▶ formalize module systems with type sharing

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- If $\cdot; \cdot \vdash v : \forall \alpha::\kappa_a. \tau_r$, then $v = \Lambda \alpha::\kappa_a. e_b$.
- Complicated by typing derivations that end with:

$$\frac{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e : \tau \quad \tau \equiv \tau' \quad \Delta \vdash \tau' :: \star}{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e : \tau'}$$

(just like with subtyping and subsumption).

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$$\frac{\tau_b \Rightarrow \tau'_b \quad \tau_a \Rightarrow \tau'_a}{(\lambda \alpha::\kappa_a. \tau_b) \tau_a \Rightarrow \tau'_b[\alpha/\tau'_a]}$$

A more “computational” relation.

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After weeks of thinking about type systems, kinding seems natural;
 but kinding is not required for type safety!

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Check that free type variables of τ are in Δ , but nothing else.

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- ▶ E.g., to show that the “natural” type of the function expression in an application is equivalent to an arrow type:

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- ▶ $\tau \equiv \tau'$ is a non-syntax-directed relation

One non-issue:

- ▶ $\Delta \vdash \tau :: \kappa$ is a syntax-directed relation (STLC “one level up”)

Type Checking for System F_ω

Remove non-syntax-directed rules and relations:

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Going Further

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