

Monomorphic, explicitly-typed OCaml

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type type = IntType | BoolType | FunType of type * type
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type exp = Int of int | True | False | Var of string  
         | App of exp * exp | Fun of string * type * exp  
         | Operation of exp * binary_operation * exp
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Type rules (where Γ is a mapping from variables to types, and each binary operation \oplus is assumed to have a given type $\tau \rightarrow \tau' \rightarrow \tau''$):

(Const) $\Gamma \vdash \text{Int } i : \text{int}$

(Var) $\Gamma \vdash a : \Gamma(a)$

(Fun) $\Gamma \vdash \text{fun } a:\tau \rightarrow e : \tau \rightarrow \tau'$
 $\Gamma[a:\tau] \vdash e : \tau'$

(δ) $\Gamma \vdash e \oplus e' : \tau''$
 $\Gamma \vdash e : \tau$
 $\Gamma \vdash e' : \tau'$

(App) $\Gamma \vdash e e' : \tau'$
 $\Gamma \vdash e : \tau \rightarrow \tau'$
 $\Gamma \vdash e' : \tau$

(True) $\Gamma \vdash \text{true} : \text{bool}$

(False) $\Gamma \vdash \text{false} : \text{bool}$

Examples

$\emptyset \vdash \text{fun } x:\text{int} \rightarrow x+1 : \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$ (Fun)
 $\{x:\text{int}\} \vdash x+1 : \text{int}$ (S)
 $\{x:\text{int}\} \vdash x : \text{int}$ (Var)
 $\{x:\text{int}\} \vdash 1 : \text{int}$ (Const)

$\emptyset \vdash \text{fun } f:(\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}) \rightarrow f \ 3 : (\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}) \rightarrow \text{int}$ (Fun)
 $\{f:\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}\} \vdash f \ 3 : \text{int}$ (App)
 $\{f:\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}\} \vdash f : \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$ (Var)
 $\{f:\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}\} \vdash 3 : \text{int}$ (Const)

Examples (cont.)

$\emptyset \vdash \text{fun } f:(\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}) \rightarrow \text{fun } x:\text{int} \rightarrow f (f x)$ (Fun)
: $(\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}) \rightarrow (\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int})$

$\{ f:\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int} \} \vdash \text{fun } x:\text{int} \rightarrow f (f x) : \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$ (Fun)

$\Gamma \mid \{ f:\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}, x:\text{int} \} \vdash f (f x) : \text{int}$ (App)

$\Gamma \vdash f : \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$ (Var)

$\Gamma \vdash f x : \text{int}$ (App)

$\Gamma \vdash f : \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$ (Var)

$\Gamma \vdash x : \text{int}$ (Var)

Informal example of type inference

$$\emptyset \vdash (\text{fun } x_{\alpha} \rightarrow (x+1)_{\text{int}})_{\beta}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\alpha &= \text{int} \\ \beta &= \alpha \rightarrow \text{int} \\ \therefore \beta &= \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}\end{aligned}$$

$$\emptyset \vdash (\text{fun } f_{\alpha} \rightarrow (1 + (f\ 3)_{\beta})_{\gamma})_{\epsilon}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma &= \text{int} \\ \alpha &= \text{int} \rightarrow \beta \\ \epsilon &= \alpha \rightarrow \gamma \\ \beta &= \text{int} \\ \therefore \gamma &= \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}\end{aligned}$$

$$\emptyset \vdash (\text{fun } f_{\alpha} \rightarrow (f\ 3_{\beta})_{\gamma})_{\epsilon}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\beta &= \text{int} \\ \alpha &= \beta \rightarrow \gamma \\ \epsilon &= \alpha \rightarrow \gamma \\ \therefore \epsilon &= (\text{int} \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow \gamma\end{aligned}$$

Type inference, formally

- Generate a set E of equations, or *constraints*, of the form $\alpha = \tau$, as follows: Start with $E = \emptyset$. For every subexpression t' of t , add constraints to E , depending upon the form of t' :

$(\text{Int } i)_{\alpha}$:	$\{ \alpha = \text{int} \}$
true_{α} or false_{α} :	$\{ \alpha = \text{bool} \}$
$(e_{\alpha} \oplus e'_{\beta})_{\gamma}$:	$\{ \alpha = \tau, \beta = \tau', \gamma = \tau'' \}$ (where \oplus has type $\tau \rightarrow \tau' \rightarrow \tau''$)
$(\text{fun } x_{\alpha} \rightarrow e_{\beta})_{\gamma}$:	$\{ \gamma = \alpha \rightarrow \beta \}$
$(e_{\alpha} e'_{\beta})_{\gamma}$:	$\{ \alpha = \beta \rightarrow \gamma \}$

Example of generating E

$\emptyset \vdash \text{fun } f \rightarrow f (f 3)$

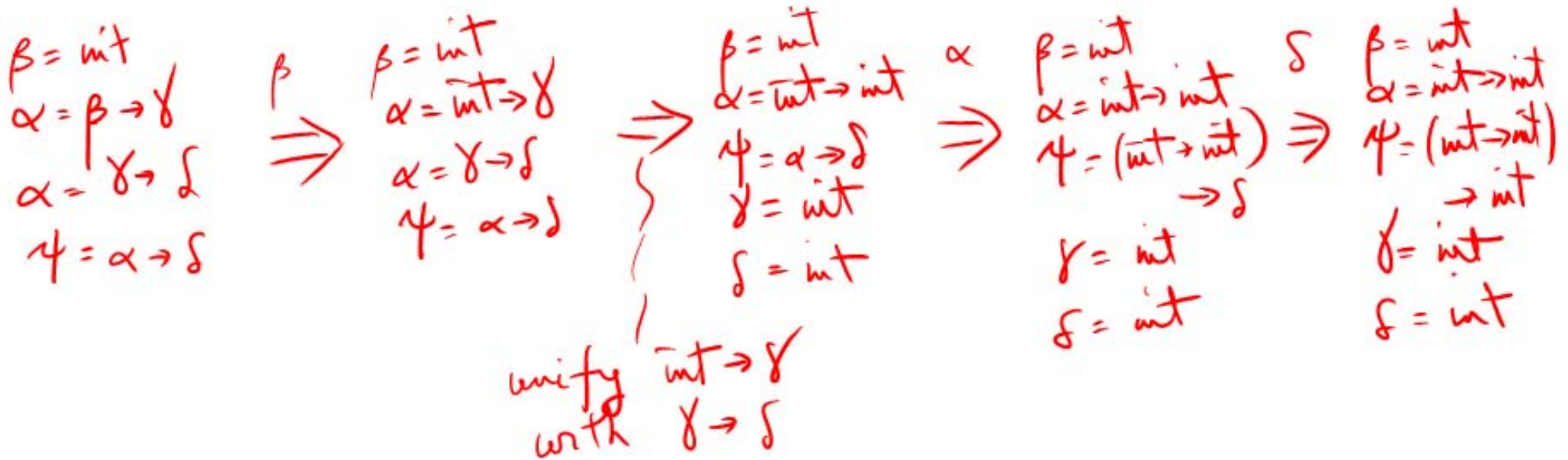
Annotated: $(\text{fun } f_\alpha \rightarrow (f_\alpha (f_\alpha 3_\beta)_\gamma)_\delta)_\psi$

Constraints:

$\beta = \text{int}$
 $\alpha = \beta \Rightarrow \gamma$
 $\alpha = \gamma \Rightarrow \delta$
 $\psi = \alpha \Rightarrow \delta$

Solving E (informally)

- Start from the constraints generated in the previous example:



- (Note how we had to make two type expressions match up — this is called **unification**.)

Unification examples

- Will present algorithm for unification later. These are examples to be solved by inspection.

$\text{unify}(\alpha \rightarrow \beta, \text{int} \rightarrow \gamma)$

$$\begin{array}{l} \alpha \mapsto \text{int} \\ \beta \mapsto \gamma \end{array} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{array}{l} \alpha \mapsto \text{int} \\ \gamma \mapsto \beta \end{array}$$

$\text{unify}(\alpha \rightarrow (\text{int} \rightarrow \beta), (\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}) \rightarrow \gamma)$

$$\begin{array}{l} \alpha \mapsto \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int} \\ \gamma \mapsto \text{int} \rightarrow \beta \end{array}$$