

# Explicitly-typed, polymorphic OCaml

## Concrete syntax:

*typeterm* → int | bool | *typeterm* → *typeterm* | *id*

*exp* → int | true | false | *id* | *exp exp* | fun *id* : *typeterm* → *exp*  
| let *id* : *typeterm* = *exp* in *exp* | *id*[*typeterm*]

## Abstract syntax:

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type typeterm = IntType | BoolType | Typevar of string  
                  | FunType of typeterm * typeterm
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type exp = Int of int | True | False | Var of string  
          | Operation of exp * binary_operation * exp  
          | App of exp * exp | Fun of string * typeterm * exp  
          | Let of exp * typeterm * exp  
          | Polyvar of string * typeterm
```

# Explicitly-typed, polymorphic OCaml examples

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let id:(alpha->alpha) = fun x:alpha -> x
in id[int->int] 4

let g:alpha->beta->alpha = fun a:alpha -> fun b:beta -> a
in let id:(gamma->gamma) = fun x:gamma -> x
  in g (id[int->int] 4) (id[bool->bool] true)
    [↑ int->bool -> int]
let incr:(int->int) = fun i:int -> i+1
in let double:((alpha->alpha))->(alpha->alpha)) =
  fun g:(alpha->alpha) -> fun x:alpha -> g (g x)
  in double[(int->int)->(int->int)] incr 4

let sub:(int->int->int) = fun i:int -> fun j:int -> i-j
in let reverse:((alpha->(beta->gamma))->(beta->(alpha->gamma))) =
  fun f:(alpha->(beta->gamma)) =
    fun x:alpha -> fun y:alpha -> f y x
  in reverse[(int->(int->int))->(int->(int->int))] sub 3 5
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# Explicitly-typed, polymorphic OCaml exercises

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(let id = fun x -> x in id id) 5
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$\lambda \text{id} : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha = \lambda x : \alpha \rightarrow x$   
 $\text{in } \text{id}[(\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}) \rightarrow (\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int})] \text{id}[\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}]$  ) 5

```
let g = fun a -> fun b -> a
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```
in let incr = fun x -> x+1 in g incr (incr 5)
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$\lambda g : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha = \lambda a : \alpha \rightarrow \lambda b : \beta \rightarrow a$   
 $\text{in } \lambda \text{incr} : \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int} = \lambda x : \text{int} \rightarrow x$   
 $\text{in } g[(\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}) \rightarrow \text{int} \rightarrow (\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int})] \text{incr}(\text{incr} 5)$

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let apply = fun g -> fun x -> g x
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in apply (fun x -> x) 3
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$\lambda \text{apply} : ((\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)) = \lambda g : (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \lambda x : \alpha \rightarrow g x$   
 $\text{in } \text{apply}[(\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}) \rightarrow (\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int})] (\lambda x : \text{int} \rightarrow x) 3$

# Explicit polymorphic type system

- $\Gamma$  is a map from variables to type schemes.  $\tau, \tau', \tau''$  are types.

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

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

( $\Gamma(a)$  a type)

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

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

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

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

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

(PolyVar)  $\Gamma \vdash a[\tau] : \tau \leq \Gamma(a)$   
( $\Gamma(a)$  a type scheme)

(Let)  $\Gamma \vdash \text{let } a:\tau = e \text{ in } e' : \tau'$   
 $\Gamma \vdash e : \tau$   
 $\Gamma[a:\text{GEN}_\Gamma(\tau)] \vdash e' : \tau'$

# Example

$\phi \vdash \text{let id:(alpha->alpha) = fun x:alpha -> x : int}$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \text{in id[int->int] 4}$

$\phi \vdash \text{fun x:alpha -> x : alpha -> alpha}$

$\{x:alpha\} \vdash x:alpha$

$\{\text{id:}\forall\alpha.\alpha\rightarrow\alpha\} \vdash \text{id[int}\rightarrow\text{int]} 4 : \text{int}$

$\{\text{id:}\forall\alpha.\alpha\rightarrow\alpha\} \vdash \text{id[int}\rightarrow\text{int]} : \text{int}\rightarrow\text{int}$

$(\text{int}\rightarrow\text{int} \leq \forall\alpha.\alpha\rightarrow\alpha)$

$\{\text{id:}\forall\alpha.\alpha\rightarrow\alpha\} \vdash 4:\text{int}$

# Example

$\frac{}{\text{let } g:\alpha\rightarrow\beta\rightarrow\alpha = \text{fun } a:\alpha \rightarrow \text{fun } b:\beta \rightarrow a} : \text{int}$   
 $\quad \text{in let id:(gamma}\rightarrow\text{gamma) = fun } x:\text{gamma} \rightarrow x$   
 $\quad \text{in } g[\text{int}\rightarrow\text{bool}\rightarrow\text{int}] (\text{id}[\text{int}\rightarrow\text{int}] 4) (\text{id}[\text{bool}\rightarrow\text{bool}] \text{ true})$

$$\frac{}{\begin{array}{c} \emptyset \vdash \text{fun } a:\alpha \rightarrow \text{fun } b:\beta \rightarrow a : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha \\ \{a:\alpha\} \vdash \text{fun } b:\beta \rightarrow a : \beta \rightarrow \alpha \\ \{a:\alpha, b:\beta\} \vdash a : \alpha \end{array}}$$

$$\Gamma_0 \frac{\{g:\forall \alpha \beta. \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha\} \vdash \text{let id:...} : \text{int}}{\Gamma_0 \vdash \text{fun } x:\gamma \rightarrow x : \gamma \rightarrow \gamma}$$

$$\Gamma_0 \frac{\Gamma_0[x:\gamma] \vdash x : \gamma}{}$$

$$\Gamma_1 \frac{\Gamma_0[\text{id}:\forall \gamma. \gamma \rightarrow \gamma] \vdash g[\text{int}\rightarrow\text{bool}\rightarrow\text{int}] ... : \text{int}}{}$$

(continued...)

- $\Gamma_1 \vdash g[\text{int} \rightarrow \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{int}] (\text{id}[\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}] 4) : \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{int}$   
 $\Gamma_1 \vdash g[\text{int} \rightarrow \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{int}] : \text{int} \rightarrow \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{int}$   
 $(\text{int} \rightarrow \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{int} \leq \forall \alpha. \rho. \alpha \rightarrow f \rightarrow \alpha)$   
 $\Gamma_1 \vdash \text{id}[\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}] 4 : \text{int}$   
 $\Gamma_1 \vdash \text{id}[\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}] : \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$   
 $(\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int} \leq \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha)$   
 $\Gamma_1 \vdash 4 : \text{int}$   
 $\Gamma_1 \vdash \text{id}[\lambda \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}] \text{ true} : \text{bool}$   
 $\Gamma_1 \vdash \text{id}[\text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}] : \text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}$   
 $(\text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool} \leq \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha)$   
 $\Gamma_1 \vdash \text{true} : \text{bool}$

# Example

$\emptyset \vdash \text{let } g: (\text{int} \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta = \text{fun } f: (\text{int} \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow f \ 0 : \beta$   
 $\quad \text{in } g[(\text{int} \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta] \ (\text{fun } x: \text{int} \rightarrow x > 0)$

$\emptyset \vdash \text{fun } f: \text{int} \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow f \ 0 : (\text{int} \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta$

$\{\{f: \text{int} \rightarrow \beta\}\} \vdash f \ 0 : \beta$

$\{\{f: \text{int} \rightarrow \beta\}\} \vdash f: \text{int} \rightarrow \beta$

$\{\{f: \text{int} \rightarrow \beta\}\} \vdash 0: \text{int}$

$\Gamma_0 \vdash \{\{g: \forall \beta. (\text{int} \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta\}\} + g[(\text{int} \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta] \dots : \beta$

$\Gamma_0 \vdash g[(\text{int} \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta] : (\text{int} \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta$

$(\text{int} \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta \leq \forall \beta. (\text{int} \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta$

$\Gamma_0 \vdash \text{fun } x: \text{int} \rightarrow x > 0 : \text{int} \rightarrow \beta$

$\Gamma_0[x: \text{int}] \vdash x > 0 : \beta$

$\Gamma_0[x: \text{int}] \vdash x: \text{int}$

$\Gamma_0[x: \text{int}] \vdash 0: \text{int}$

# Technicality #1: Generalization

- Ex: Prove this judgment (where incr has type  $\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$ ):

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 $\emptyset \vdash \text{let } f : (a \rightarrow a) = \text{fun } x : a \rightarrow$ 
 $\quad \text{let } g : ((a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow b) = \text{fun } y : (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow y \ x$ 
 $\quad \text{in } g[(\text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}) \rightarrow \text{int}] \text{ incr}$ 
 $\text{in } f[\text{bool} \rightarrow \text{bool}] \text{ true} \qquad \qquad \qquad : \text{bool}$ 
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This judgment is not provable.