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Mechanized  
Type Soundness Proofs  
using Definitional Interpreters

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## Abstract

Type soundness is a property of a typed programming language stating that a program's type faithfully describes the program's runtime behavior. The statement and proof structure of a type soundness theorem depend not only on the features of the programming language, but also on how the semantics is formalized. While formalizations using a small-step semantics are reasonably well explored, big-step semantics have received less attention, as they do not allow reasoning about non-terminating programs. However, this property can be regained by augmenting the big-step semantics with a simple step-counter, leading to a concise representation as a monadic definitional interpreter.

This master's thesis examines the use of step-indexed definitional interpreters as semantics for mechanized type soundness proofs. The general approach to the problem is briefly presented, followed by 5 case studies covering the simply typed lambda calculus and its extensions with mutable references, substructural types, subtyping, and parametric polymorphism. Each case study presented in this thesis is accompanied by a corresponding mechanization using the Coq proof assistant. The mechanizations can be found at <https://github.com/mOrpHism/definitional>.

## Zusammenfassung

Type Soundness ist eine Eigenschaft von getypten Programmiersprachen die aussagt, dass der Typ eines Programms auch wirklich das Laufzeitverhalten des Programms beschreibt. Die Formulierung und Beweisstruktur eines Type Soundness-Theorems sind nicht nur von den Merkmalen der Programmiersprache abhängig, sondern auch davon wie die Semantik formalisiert wird. Während Formalisierungen mit Small-Step Semantiken bereits ausgiebig erforscht sind, haben Big-Step Semantiken weniger Aufmerksamkeit erhalten, da diese es nicht erlauben Aussagen über nicht-terminierende Programme zu treffen. Diese Eigenschaft kann aber zurückgewonnen werden indem man die Big-Step Semantik um einen einfachen Schritt-Zähler erweitert, was sich zu einer präzisen Repräsentation als Monadic Definitional Interpreter eignet.

Diese Masterarbeit untersucht die Benutzung von schritt-indizierten Definitional Interpretern als Semantik für mechanisierte Type Soundness-Beweise. Der allgemeine Ansatz wird kurz präsentiert, gefolgt von 5 Fallstudien. Diese umfassen den Simply Typed Lambda Calculus und seine Erweiterungen mit Mutable References, Substructural Types, Subtyping und parametrischem Polymorphismus. Zu jeder Fallstudie, die in dieser Arbeit vorgestellt wird, gibt es eine entsprechende Mechanisierung mit dem Coq Beweisassistenten. Die Mechanisierungen sind verfügbar unter <https://github.com/mOrpHism/definitional>.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Motivation

The type system of a statically typed programming language is supposed to serve two purposes:

- it rules out certain classes of ill-formed programs, allowing implementations to avoid unnecessary runtime checks without risking undefined behavior; and
- it classifies the well-formed programs by certain aspects of their runtime behavior, allowing the programmer to rule out programs that exhibit well-defined but unintended behavior.

For both purposes, it is vital that the type system faithfully describes the runtime behavior of programs.

As an example, consider a language supporting basic operations on strings and integer numbers. In such a language one can formulate well-formed expressions like `2 + 3`, but also ill-formed expressions like `2 + "foo"`.

Without a type system, both forms are valid, so an implementation of the language would either have to dynamically check if the arguments to `+` are indeed integers, causing a runtime error for `2 + "foo"`, or assume that the arguments of `+` are always integers, causing undefined behavior for `2 + "foo"`, potentially leading to violated memory safety and security risks.

With a type system, we can rule out such ill-formed expressions, by giving the addition function `+` the type `Int × Int → Int`, but `"foo"` the type `String`. As the implementation has to deal only with well-typed programs, it can omit the runtime checks for `+` without risking undefined behavior.

However, this relies crucially on the fact that a well-typed program can only exhibit the runtime behavior expected of its type: if the type system would permit giving `"foo"` the type `Int`, even though it evaluates to a non-integral value, then both purposes would be violated.

### 1.2 Type Soundness

Statically typed programming languages are usually formalized by their syntax, semantics, and type system. The syntax describes the structure of programs,

the semantics describes how programs can be evaluated in a specific environment, and the type system categorizes programs without assuming a specific environment.

A type system is sometimes also called *static semantics*[6], stressing that the types it assigns to a program are intended to capture aspects of the program's semantics that are valid for all possible environments.

However, there is no inherent connection between type systems and semantics, that makes the assigned types automatically describe the semantics of a program. This correspondence has to be proved first and is called *type soundness*.

Wright and Felleisen[18] describe type soundness in the context of a partial evaluation function

$$\text{eval} : \text{Programs} \rightarrow \text{Answers} \cup \{\text{wrong}\}$$

that maps erroneous programs (type errors) to **wrong**, and is undefined for non-terminating programs. Given a typing relation  $\triangleright e : t$ , they state two forms of type soundness:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{WEAKSOUNDNESS} \\ \frac{\triangleright e : t}{\text{eval}(e) \neq \text{wrong}} \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \text{STRONGSOUNDNESS} \\ \frac{\triangleright e : t \quad \text{eval}(e) = v}{v \in V^t} \end{array}$$

- weak soundness asserts that if a program  $e$  has a type  $t$ , then evaluating  $e$  does not lead to a type error; and
- strong soundness asserts that if a program  $e$  has a type  $t$ , and evaluating  $e$  does terminate, then the result is not only not **wrong**, but also belongs to the set of values related to type  $t$ .

When the term *type soundness* is used unqualified, it usually refers to strong type soundness. Note, that specifying a type soundness theorem, does also require to specify the form of type errors by giving the semantics, and the form of well typed results by defining  $V^t$ , the set of values of type  $t$ .

For an implementation, weak type soundness means, that well-typed programs do not evaluate to **wrong**, so there's no need to generate code that dynamically checks for **wrong**. Note, that this does not rule out runtime errors in general: checked runtime errors can still be added to the semantics, they just have to use another encoding than **wrong**.

### 1.3 Influence of Semantics

The statement and proof structure of a type soundness theorem strongly depend on how the semantics of the language is formalized. In this section, we formalize the language fragment from Section 1.1 using different forms of semantics and examine the influence on the statement of a type soundness theorem.

We start by formalizing the syntax of program expressions:

```
Inductive Exp : Type :=
| e_num : ℕ → Exp
| e_str  : String → Exp
| e_add  : Exp → Exp → Exp.
```

An expression  $e : \text{Exp}$  is defined to be either

- a number literal  $e\_num\ n$  for some number  $n$ ;
- a string literal  $e\_str\ s$  for some string  $s$ ; or
- the addition  $e\_add\ e1\ e2$  of two subexpressions  $e1, e2$ .

For example, we can represent the ill-formed term  $2 + \text{"foo"}$  from the previous chapter as the expression  $e\_add\ (e\_num\ 2)\ (e\_str\ \text{"foo"})$ .

We give the syntax of types as

```
Inductive Typ : Type :=  
| t_nat : Typ  
| t_str  : Typ.
```

i.e. a type  $t : \text{Typ}$  is defined to be either the type of natural numbers  $t\_nat$ , or the type of strings  $t\_str$ .

Next we formulate the type system, where  $\text{ExpTyp}\ e\ t$  stands for  $\triangleright e : t$ :

```
Inductive ExpTyp : Exp → Typ → Prop :=  
| et_num :  
  ∀ n, ExpTyp (e_num n) t_nat  
| et_str  :  
  ∀ s, ExpTyp (e_str s) t_str  
| et_add  :  
  ∀ e1 e2,  
  ExpTyp e1 t_nat →  
  ExpTyp e2 t_nat →  
  ExpTyp (e_add e1 e2) t_nat.
```

Each constructor corresponds to a typing rule, and we have one constructor for each kind of expression:

- $et\_num$  states that for any number  $n$  the expression  $e\_num\ n$  has type  $t\_nat$ ;
- $et\_str$  states that for any string  $s$  the expression  $e\_str\ s$  has type  $t\_str$ ;
- $et\_add$  states that an addition expression  $e\_add\ e1\ e2$  has type  $t\_nat$ , if both  $e1$  and  $e2$  have type  $t\_nat$ .

For example, we can use the  $et\_add$  and  $et\_num$  constructors to derive

```
et_add _ _ (et_num 1) (et_num 2)  
  : ExpTyp (e_add (e_num 1) (e_num 2)) t_nat
```

but no combination of constructors is able to derive

```
ExpTyp (e_add (e_num 1) (e_str "foo")) t
```

for any type  $t$ .



### 1.3.1 Small-Step Semantics

Small-step semantics describe evaluation through a binary relation  $- \leftrightarrow -$  between expressions and a notion of when an expression is considered a value.

The statement  $e_1 \leftrightarrow e_2$  denotes that  $e_2$  can be obtained from  $e_1$  in a single evaluation step. The evaluation of an expression  $e$  is then viewed as the repeated application of the relation

$$e \leftrightarrow e_1 \leftrightarrow e_2 \leftrightarrow \dots$$

Either the chain never stops - then  $e$  is considered non-terminating - or the chain stops at an expression  $e_n$  for some  $n$ . In the latter case, either  $e_n$  is considered a value, then the evaluation succeeds with that value, or the evaluation is stuck, representing a type error.

For our example language, we would expect such a relation to evaluate the expression  $(1 + 2) + 3$  in two steps to the value 6

$$(1 + 2) + 3 \leftrightarrow 3 + 3 \leftrightarrow 6$$

whereas we would expect the ill-formed expression  $2 + \text{"foo"}$  to be directly stuck.

We formally define the semantics, by giving two relations `IsValue` and `Step`:

```
Inductive IsValue : Exp → Prop :=  
| iv_num : ∀ n, IsValue (e_num n)  
| iv_str  : ∀ s, IsValue (e_str s).
```

We consider `e_num n` and `e_str s` expressions as values, but not addition `e_add e1 e2`, as such an expression represents an unfinished computation.

```
Inductive Step : Exp → Exp → Prop :=  
| s_add :  
  ∀ n1 n2,  
  Step (e_add (e_num n1) (e_num n2)) (e_num (n1 + n2)).  
| s_add1 :  
  ∀ e1 e2 e1',  
  Step e1 e1' →  
  Step (e_add e1 e2) (e_add e1' e2)  
| s_add2 :  
  ∀ e1 e2 e2',  
  IsValue e1 →  
  Step e2 e2' →  
  Step (e_add e1 e2) (e_add e1 e2')
```

We define the semantics relation by three rules related to addition:

- the `s_add` rule states that an addition of two number values can be evaluated by simply adding the numbers;
- the `s_add1` rule states that `e_add e1 e2`, can be evaluated to `e_add e1' e2`, if `e1` can be evaluated to `e1'`; and
- the `s_add2` rule states that `e_add e1 e2`, can be evaluated to `e_add e1 e2'`, if `e1` is already a value and `e2` can be evaluated to `e2'`.

To be able to talk about sequences of evaluation steps, we define the reflexive, transitive closure  $\text{Multi } R$  of a binary relation  $R$  as

**Inductive**  $\text{Multi } \{X : \text{Type}\} (R : X \rightarrow X \rightarrow \text{Prop}) : X \rightarrow X \rightarrow \text{Prop} :=$   
 $\quad | \text{m\_refl} : \forall x, \text{Multi } R \ x \ x$   
 $\quad | \text{m\_step} : \forall x \ y \ z, \text{Multi } R \ x \ y \rightarrow R \ y \ z \rightarrow \text{Multi } R \ x \ z.$

This allows us to write  $\text{Multi Step } e \ e'$  to denote that  $e$  can be evaluated to  $e'$  in zero or more steps.

Wright and Felleisen[18] introduced the standard approach of proving soundness via small-step semantics with two lemmas:

**Lemma 1.1** (Preservation).

$$\forall e1 \ e2 \ t, \text{ExpTyp } e1 \ t \rightarrow \text{Step } e1 \ e2 \rightarrow \text{ExpTyp } e2 \ t.$$

**Lemma 1.2** (Progress).

$$\forall e1 \ t, \text{ExpTyp } e1 \ t \rightarrow \text{IsValue } e1 \vee \exists e2, \text{Step } e1 \ e2.$$

The first lemma states that typing is preserved under evaluation, i.e. that if an expression  $e1$  has type  $t$ , and  $e1$  evaluates in one step to  $e2$ , then  $e2$  also has type  $t$ .

The second lemma states that typed expressions are not type errors, i.e. that if an expression  $e$  has a type  $t$ , then either  $e$  is a value or it can be further reduced to some expression  $e2$ .

Together, they lead towards a syntactic soundness theorem:

**Theorem 1.1** (Syntactic Type Soundness).

$$\forall e \ t, \\ \text{ExpTyp } e \ t \rightarrow \\ \text{Diverges } e \vee \exists v, \text{IsValue } v \wedge \text{Multi Step } e \ v \wedge \text{ExpTyp } v \ t.$$

where  $\text{Diverges } e$  is defined as

**Definition**  $\text{Diverges } (e : \text{Exp}) : \text{Prop} :=$   
 $\quad \forall e', \text{Multi Step } e \ e' \rightarrow \exists e'', \text{Step } e' \ e''.$

The Syntactic Type Soundness theorem is close to Wright and Felleisen's statement of strong soundness. However, in most mechanizations with small-step semantics only the preservation and progress lemma are proved, but not a syntactic soundness theorem.

Wright and Felleisen describe the type soundness proofs via preservation and progress lemmas as “lengthy but simple, requiring only basic inductive techniques” [18].

### 1.3.2 Big-Step Semantics

Big-step semantics describe evaluation through a binary relation  $\Downarrow$  directly between expressions and the values they evaluate to.

For example, in our language we would expect  $(1 + 2) + 3 \Downarrow 6$  to hold.

To formally describe the big-step semantics, we first give a notion of value. In contrast to small-step semantics, values are not a sub-class of expressions, but a separate syntactic entity. In our simple language, the only values are numbers and strings:

**Inductive** Val : Type :=  
 | v\_num :  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{Val}$   
 | v\_str : String  $\rightarrow \text{Val}$ .

We then define the semantics relation with one constructor for each kind of expression:

**Inductive** BigStep : Exp  $\rightarrow \text{Val} \rightarrow \text{Prop} :=$   
 | bs\_num :  
    $\forall n,$   
   BigStep (e\_num n) (v\_num n)  
 | bs\_str :  
    $\forall s,$   
   BigStep (e\_str s) (v\_str s)  
 | bs\_add :  
    $\forall e1\ e2\ n1\ n2,$   
   BigStep e1 (v\_num n1)  $\rightarrow$   
   BigStep e2 (v\_num n2)  $\rightarrow$   
   BigStep (e\_add e1 e2) (v\_num (n1 + n2)).

- bs\_num states that a number expression e\_num n evaluates to the number value v\_num n;
- bs\_str states that a string expression e\_str s evaluates to the string value v\_str s; and
- bs\_add states that an addition expression e\_add e1 e2 evaluates to v\_num (n1 + n2) if e1 evaluates to v\_num n1 and e2 evaluates to v\_num n2.

Before we come to type soundness, we need to specify a typing relation between values and types, as values are now a separate syntactic entity. The typing relation simply states, that any number or string value has a number or string type, respectively:

**Inductive** ValTyp : Val  $\rightarrow \text{Typ} \rightarrow \text{Prop} :=$   
 | vt\_num :  $\forall n,$  ValTyp (v\_num n) t\_nat  
 | vt\_str :  $\forall s,$  ValTyp (v\_str s) t\_str .

There are now two obvious choices for trying to formulate type soundness, which are unfortunately both insufficient:

$$\frac{\text{ExpTyp } e\ t}{\exists v \quad \text{BigStep } e\ v \quad \text{ValTyp } v\ t} \qquad \frac{\text{ExpTyp } e\ t \quad \text{BigStep } e\ v}{\text{ValTyp } v\ t}$$

The left theorem states, that if an expression e has type t, then e evaluates to some value v of type t. While correct for our simple language, this statement is too strong in general: as soon as we have well-typed, non-terminating expressions, it is not true anymore that BigStep e v holds for all well-typed expressions.

The right theorem states, that if an expression e has type t and e evaluates to value v, then v has type t. While correct, this statement is too weak in general: it only guarantees the absence of type errors for terminating programs. For non-terminating programs, the assumption BigStep e v can not be satisfied, so type errors are not proved impossible in those cases.

### 1.3.3 Definitional Interpreter

The problem with big-step semantics is, that to formulate a type soundness theorem of the right strength, it is necessary to distinguish between non-terminating programs and type errors.

While we could change the semantics relation, such that it is still undefined for non-terminating programs, but returns a special value **wrong** for type errors, and **right v** for regular values, this would lead to ugly artifacts in the formalization of the semantics, as a lot of rules would have to be added, just to propagate **wrong** through subexpressions.

A cleaner representation can be achieved by encoding the semantics relation directly as a definitional interpreter in Coq, which allows the propagation of type errors to be hidden behind a monad.

As Coq is a total meta language, it is not possible to implement a definitional interpreter for languages that are not strongly normalizing as a regular Coq-function. However, this can be worked around by extending the interpreter with a step-counter, that restricts the maximal recursive depth of the interpreter.

We represent the error and non-termination conditions each through the **Maybe** type:

```
Inductive Maybe (X : Type) : Type :=
| none : Maybe X
| some : X → Maybe X.
```

To increase readability, we use the following notations:

```
CanTimeout ≡ Maybe      timeout ≡ none      done ≡ some
CanErr ≡ Maybe          error ≡ none        noerr ≡ some
```

We then state the definitional interpreter as a Coq function

```
eval : ℕ → Exp → CanTimeout (CanErr Val)
```

such that `eval n e` corresponds to trying to evaluate the expression `e` in `n` steps, returning

- `timeout` if the number of steps `n` was too small;
- `done error` if the evaluation caused a type error; and
- `done (noerr v)` if the evaluation succeeded with value `v`.

Our first definition of the interpreter is without monadic notation:

```
Fixpoint eval (n : ℕ) (e : Exp) : CanTimeout (CanErr Val) :=
match n with
| 0 ⇒ timeout
| S n ⇒
  match e with
  | e_num n ⇒ done (noerr (v_num n))
  | e_str s ⇒ done (noerr (v_str s))
  | e_add e1 e2 ⇒
    match eval n e1 with
    | done (noerr (v_num n1)) ⇒
```

```

      match eval n e2 with
      | done (noerr (v_num n2)) =>
        done (noerr (v_num (n1 + n2)))
      | done _ => done error
      | timeout => timeout
      end
    | done _ => done error
    | timeout => timeout
  end
end
end.

```

The interpreter first checks if there are any steps  $n$  left to perform. If this is not the case, evaluation is stopped by returning `timeout`. Otherwise, evaluation proceeds by pattern matching on the expression  $e$ : If  $e$  is a number or string literal, then the corresponding value is returned, requiring no further steps. If  $e$  is the addition `e.add e1 e2` of two other expressions, then we try to evaluate both subexpressions in at most  $n-1$  steps. If both subexpressions evaluated successfully to number values `v_num`, then the evaluation of the addition succeeds by returning the sum of the number values. However, if one of the subexpressions fails to evaluate, then evaluation of the addition has to fail accordingly, causing a lot of noise through branches for simple error propagation.

To hide the propagation of the `timeout` and `error` cases, we introduce a notation for the monadic sequencing of the `CanTimeout`  $\circ$  `CanErr` monad:

**Notation** "' p  $\leftarrow$  e1 ; e2" :=  
 (`match e1 with`  
 | `done (noerr p)`  $\Rightarrow$  `e2`  
 | `done _`  $\Rightarrow$  `done error`  
 | `timeout`  $\Rightarrow$  `timeout`  
`end`)  
 (right associativity , at level 60, p pattern).

Note, that  $p$  is specified as a pattern parameter, so if  $p$  fails to match, then `done error` is returned, similar to Haskell's `MonadFail` concept.

We can now reformulate the interpreter in a much more concise way:

```

Fixpoint eval (n :  $\mathbb{N}$ ) (e : Exp) : CanTimeout (CanErr Val) :=
  match n with
  | 0 => timeout
  | S n =>
    match e with
    | e_num n => done (noerr (v_num n))
    | e_str s => done (noerr (v_str s))
    | e.add e1 e2 =>
      ' v_num n1  $\leftarrow$  eval n e1;
      ' v_num n2  $\leftarrow$  eval n e2;
      done (noerr (v_num (n1 + n2)))
    end
  end.

```

Finally, we state the type soundness theorem:

**Theorem 1.2** (Type Soundness).

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall n \ e \ mv \ t, \\ & \text{eval } n \ e = \text{done } mv \rightarrow \\ & \text{ExpTyp } e \ t \rightarrow \\ & \exists v, \ mv = \text{noerr } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } v \ t. \end{aligned}$$

This theorem is closely related to Wright and Felleisen’s strong soundness. The only difference is the step index  $n$ .

Similar to Wright and Felleisen’s approach for small-step semantics, the type soundness proofs using step-indexed definitional interpreters require only basic inductive proof techniques.

In contrast to small-step semantics, it’s straightforward to derive an implementation from the semantics: it suffices to omit the step-index from the definitional interpreter, such that it runs as much steps as needed.

## 1.4 Related Work

Milner famously gave an informal definition of type soundness in 1978: “Well-typed programs cannot go wrong” [7].

Wright and Felleisen’s seminal paper from 1994 restated this as: “Well-typed programs do not get stuck”, and coined the usage of preservation and progress for type soundness with small-step semantics that’s widely used until today [18].

The approach with step-indexed definitional interpreters was recently used in 2015 for Coq mechanizations of type soundness proofs related to Scala’s Dot Calculus [13] and second-class values [8]. The formalization of the Dot Calculus with a definitional interpreter, instead of a small-step semantics, brings the benefit that no workaround for a *substitution preserves typing* lemma is necessary, which doesn’t hold for the Dot Calculus in general. The technique of step-indexing a definitional interpreter was presented in two blog posts by Siek [15, 16], who dates it back to a book by Ernst [5] from 2006.

The simply typed lambda calculus with small step semantics and many of its extensions have been proved sound in the foundational books [9, 10, 6, 11].

SML has been proved type sound, up to unsafe system operations provided by the implementations [4].

Rust’s core has been proved type sound [17].

Java’s and Scala’s type systems have been proved unsound [14, 1]. The second paper derives a Java function that can coerce any type to any other type, without making use of type casting. Fortunately, the soundness hole only leads to a runtime exception in the Java Virtual Machine.

## 1.5 Outline & Contributions

The rest of this thesis is structured according to Figure 1.1:

- Chapter 2 presents a small foundational framework for definitional interpreters on which the formalizations in the subsequent chapters are based. The framework contains definitions of and lemmas about basic data structures like lists, natural numbers, and the `Maybe` type;

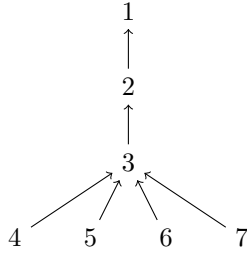


Figure 1.1: Dependencies between chapters

- Chapter 3 presents a formalization of the simply typed lambda calculus with a step-indexed definitional interpreter, and states and proves the corresponding type soundness theorem. A big-step semantics is formalized and proved equivalent to the definitional interpreter. The type soundness theorem requires only a single lemma, which is part of the framework;
- Chapter 4 extends the formalization of the simply typed lambda calculus with subtyping;
- Chapter 5 extends the formalization of the simply typed lambda calculus with substructural types, such that lambda abstractions with both affine and unrestricted multiplicities are supported;
- Chapter 6 extends the formalization of the simply typed lambda calculus with mutable references; and
- Chapter 7 extends the formalization of the simply typed lambda calculus with parametric polymorphism à la System F. The formalization is inspired by the mechanization of System F<sub><</sub> by Rompf and Amin[13].

The formalizations are presented using actual Coq code, but the proofs are presented informally, as Coq’s tactic scripts are very hard to read without an interactive support system. To help the reader to relate the presentations in this thesis to the actual Coq mechanizations, we use the same names for definitions, lemmas, and variables as in the actual Coq files.

To the best of our knowledge, the soundness theorems for subtyping, substructural types, and System F have not been proved with definitional interpreters before.

As an additional contribution, not presented in this thesis, we have also created an alternative version to Rompf and Amin’s System F<sub><</sub> proof, which proves the equivalence between the logical and the algorithmic subtyping of System F<sub><</sub>, instead of using a workaround with ”transitivity pushback”. While this equivalence has been proved before[9], it hasn’t been proved in the context of definitional interpreters, where the subtyping relation for values has to incorporate a type equivalence modulo environments, which causes non-trivial complications. We choose not to present the formalization, as it would exceed the bounds of a master’s thesis.

## Chapter 2

# Framework

In this chapter, we introduce a set of general definitions and lemmas, that are helpful for the formalizations presented in all subsequent chapters. Those are pretty standard and should be largely included in the standard libraries of most proof assistants.

### 2.1 Maybe Monad

As we have already covered the `Maybe` monad in Section 1.3.3, we only repeat the definitions for completeness, and introduce one new definition: the `map` function.

The `Maybe` type is given by

```
Inductive Maybe (X : Type) : Type :=  
  | none : Maybe X  
  | some : X → Maybe X.
```

We use the following notations in the context of definitional interpreters:

```
CanTimeout ≡ Maybe      timeout ≡ none      done ≡ some  
CanErr ≡ Maybe          error ≡ none        noerr ≡ some
```

The monadic sequencing of the `CanTimeout`  $\circ$  `CanErr` monad is given by:

```
Notation "' p ← e1 ; e2" :=  
  (match e1 with  
    | done (noerr p) ⇒ e2  
    | done _        ⇒ done error  
    | timeout       ⇒ timeout  
  end)  
  (right associativity , at level 60, p pattern).
```



The map operation is given by

**Definition**  $\text{mmap} \{X\ Y : \text{Type}\} (f : X \rightarrow Y) (mx : \text{Maybe } X) : \text{Maybe } Y :=$   
**match**  $mx$  **with**  
| none  $\Rightarrow$  none  
| some  $x \Rightarrow$  some  $(f\ x)$   
**end.**

## 2.2 Natural Numbers

The systems covered in this thesis require a notion of variables. In most presentations, the precise definition of variables is left opaque, and instead the existence of some countably infinite set is assumed, together with a notion of decidable equality on its elements.

We choose to identify this set of variables simply with the natural numbers:

**Inductive**  $\mathbb{N} : \text{Set} :=$   
| O :  $\mathbb{N}$   
| S :  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ .

To define a decidable equality, we make use of the booleans

**Inductive**  $\mathbb{B} : \text{Set} :=$   
| true :  $\mathbb{B}$   
| false :  $\mathbb{B}$ .

We use a standard decision procedure to decide equality of natural numbers:

$\text{beq\_nat} : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$

and a corresponding reflection principle:

$\text{beq\_eq\_iff} : \forall (x\ y : \mathbb{N}), \text{beq\_nat } x\ y = \text{true} \leftrightarrow x = y$

## 2.3 Lists

Working with languages that provide variables or memory locations, requires defining our relations with respect to the types and values of those variables or memory locations.

As we are going to represent variables and memory locations as natural numbers, it is natural to represent environments, e.g. mappings from variables to values, as lists of values indexed by their variables.

Hence, we introduce a list data type with a few basic operations and lemmas about them.

**Inductive**  $\text{List } (X : \text{Type}) : \text{Type} :=$   
| nil :  $\text{List } A$   
| cons :  $A \rightarrow \text{List } A \rightarrow \text{List } A$

We use the notation  $[]$  for nil, and  $x :: xs$  for cons  $x\ xs$ .

### 2.3.1 Basic Operations

The `length` function computes the number of elements in the list.

```
Fixpoint length {X : Type} (xs : List X) : ℕ =
match xs with
| [] ⇒ 0
| _ :: xs ⇒ S (length xs)
end.
```

The `indexr` function retrieves the  $n$ -th element counting from the right of the list, e.g. `indexr 0 (x :: y :: []) = some y`.

```
Fixpoint indexr {X : Type} (n : ℕ) (xs : List X) : Maybe X :=
match xs with
| [] ⇒ none
| x :: xs' ⇒ if beq_nat n (length xs') then some x else indexr n xs'
end.
```

The `append` function concatenates two lists. We use the notation `xs1 ++ xs2` to denote `append xs1 xs2`.

```
Fixpoint append {X : Type} (xs1 xs2 : List X) : List X :=
match xs1 with
| [] ⇒ xs2
| x :: xs1 ⇒ x :: append xs1 xs2
end.
```

The `update` function replaces the  $n$ -th element counting from the right of the list, e.g. `update 0 y' (x :: y :: []) = x :: y' :: []`.

```
Fixpoint update {X : Type} (n : ℕ) (x' : X) (xs : List X) : List X :=
match xs with
| [] ⇒ []
| x :: xs ⇒ if beq_nat n (length xs)
then x' :: xs
else x :: update n x' xs
end.
```

Next, we proof two lemmas related to `indexr`:

**Lemma 2.1** (`indexr_max`).

$$\forall X (xs : List X) (n : ℕ) (x : X),$$

$$\text{indexr } n \text{ xs} = \text{some } x \rightarrow$$

$$n < \text{length } xs.$$

*Proof.* Straightforward induction over `xs`, followed by a case analysis on  $n$  in the `cons` case. □

**Lemma 2.2** (`indexr_extend`).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall X \text{ xs } n \text{ x}' (x : X), \\ &\text{indexr } n \text{ xs} = \text{some } x \rightarrow \\ &\text{indexr } n (x' :: \text{xs}) = \text{some } x. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Straightforward reasoning using Lemma 2.1.  $\square$

### 2.3.2 Forall2

When we represent values and types of variables as lists of values and types, then we often need to state that a binary relation  $R$  holds between the value and type of each variable.

We cover this scenario generally by introducing the `Forall2 R xs ys` type, which states that the binary relation  $R : X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \text{Prop}$  holds between each pair of the zipping of the two lists `xs` and `ys`, i.e.  $R \ x_1 \ y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge R \ x_n \ y_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} &\textbf{Inductive} \text{ Forall2 } \{X \ Y : \text{Type}\} (R : X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \text{Prop}) : \text{List } X \rightarrow \text{List } Y \rightarrow \\ &\quad \text{Prop} := \\ &| \text{fa2\_nil} : \\ &\quad \text{Forall2 } R \ [] \ [] \\ &| \text{fa2\_cons} : \\ &\quad \forall (x : X) (y : Y) (xs : \text{List } X) (ys : \text{List } Y), \\ &\quad R \ x \ y \rightarrow \\ &\quad \text{Forall2 } R \ \text{xs} \ \text{ys} \rightarrow \\ &\quad \text{Forall2 } R \ (x :: \text{xs}) \ (y :: \text{ys}). \end{aligned}$$

If two lists are related by `Forall2 R xs ys`, then by construction they have the same length:

**Lemma 2.3** (`fa2_length`).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall \{X \ Y\} \{R : X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \text{Prop}\} \{\text{xs } \text{ys}\}, \\ &\text{Forall2 } R \ \text{xs} \ \text{ys} \rightarrow \\ &\text{length } \text{xs} = \text{length } \text{ys}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Straightforward induction over the evidence for `Forall2 R xs ys`.  $\square$

While the next lemma is intuitively obvious, it will be essential in the variable cases of all type soundness theorems presented in this thesis:

**Lemma 2.4** (`fa2_indexr`).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall \{X \ Y\} \{R : X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \text{Prop}\} \{\text{xs } \text{ys}\} \{y\} \{n\}, \\ &\text{Forall2 } R \ \text{xs} \ \text{ys} \rightarrow \\ &\text{indexr } n \ \text{ys} = \text{some } y \rightarrow \\ &\exists x, \text{indexr } n \ \text{xs} = \text{some } x \wedge R \ x \ y. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We start by induction over `Forall2 R xs ys`:

- **Case** `fa2_nil`. By definition of `fa2_nil`, we have `ys = []`, so by definition of `indexr`, the assumption `indexr n ys = some t` reduces to `none = some t`, so we can discard this case by contradiction.

- **Case fa2\_cons.** By definition of `fa2_cons`, we have some  $xs'$ ,  $ys'$ ,  $x'$ ,  $y'$  such that

$$xs = x' :: xs' \quad ys = y' :: ys' \quad \text{Forall2 } R \text{ } xs' \text{ } ys' \quad R \text{ } x' \text{ } y'$$

We proceed by case analysis on the index  $n$ :

- **Case 0.** By definition of `indexr`, we have

$$\text{indexr } 0 \text{ } xs = \text{some } x' \quad \text{indexr } 0 \text{ } ys = \text{some } y' = \text{some } y$$

so we choose  $x = x'$ , and are done by assumptions.

- **Case  $n+1$ .** By definition of `indexr`, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{indexr } (n + 1) \text{ } xs &= \text{indexr } n \text{ } xs' \\ \text{indexr } (n + 1) \text{ } ys &= \text{indexr } n \text{ } ys' = \text{some } y \end{aligned}$$

so we apply the induction hypothesis to conclude the goal. □

We prove a similar lemma using `update` instead of `indexr`, which will be used by the formalization of mutable references presented in Chapter 6:

**Lemma 2.5** (`fa2_update_l`).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall \{X\ Y\} (R : X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \text{Prop}) \\ & (xs : \text{List } X) (ys : \text{List } Y) (n : \mathbb{N}) (x : X) (y : Y), \\ & \text{indexr } n \text{ } ys = \text{some } y \rightarrow \\ & \text{Forall2 } R \text{ } xs \text{ } ys \rightarrow \\ & R \text{ } x \text{ } y \rightarrow \\ & \text{Forall2 } R \text{ } (\text{update } n \text{ } x \text{ } xs) \text{ } ys. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Very similar structure to `fa2_indexr`. □

### 2.3.3 Suffixes

When we come to the formalization of mutable references in Chapter 6, we need to state what it means for a list to be the suffix of another list.

We define the suffix-relation by stating that a list `xs1` is the suffix of a list `xs2`, if there exists some list `xs` such that appending `xs` to `xs1` results in `xs2`:

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathbf{Definition} \text{ } \text{IsSuffixOf } \{X\} (xs1 \text{ } xs2 : \text{List } X) : \text{Prop} := \\ & \exists \text{ } xs, \text{ } xs \text{ } ++ \text{ } xs1 = \text{ } xs2. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we prove that the suffix-relation is reflexive and transitive:

**Lemma 2.6** (`suffix_refl`).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall \{X\} \{xs : \text{List } X\}, \\ & \text{IsSuffixOf } xs \text{ } xs. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Immediate by choosing `[]` for the existential variable from `IsSuffix`. □

**Lemma 2.7** (suffix\_trans).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall \{X\} \{xs1\ xs2\ xs3 : \text{List } X\}, \\ &\text{lsSuffixOf } xs1\ xs2 \rightarrow \\ &\text{lsSuffixOf } xs2\ xs3 \rightarrow \\ &\text{lsSuffixOf } xs1\ xs3. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Straightforward reasoning using associativity of `append`. □

The next lemma states that if `xs1` is a suffix of `xs2`, then right-indexing the lists at their common entry yields common results:

**Lemma 2.8** (indexr\_suffix).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall \{X\} n (xs1\ xs2 : \text{List } X) (x : X), \\ &\text{indexr } n\ xs1 = \text{some } x \rightarrow \\ &\text{lsSuffixOf } xs1\ xs2 \rightarrow \\ &\text{indexr } n\ xs2 = \text{some } x. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Straightforward induction over `xs2`, followed by a case analysis on `n` in the `cons` case, and an application of Lemma 2.1. □

## Chapter 3

# Simply Typed Lambda Calculus

In this chapter, we give a formalization of the Simply Typed Lambda Calculus (STLC) with the empty base type using a stepped definitional interpreter semantics, and then state and prove the corresponding type soundness theorem. This chapter forms the basis on which all formalizations and proofs from later chapters build on.

### 3.1 Syntax

The syntax of the STLC is usually given by a grammar like

$$\begin{aligned} t &::= \emptyset \mid t \rightarrow t && \text{(Types)} \\ e &::= x \mid \lambda x : t.e \mid e e && \text{(Expressions)} \end{aligned}$$

stating that

- a type  $t$  is either the void type  $\emptyset$ ; or a function type  $t_1 \rightarrow t_2$  between two other types  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ ; and
- an expression  $e$  is either a variable  $x$ ; a lambda abstraction  $\lambda x : t.e$  binding a variable  $x$  of type  $t$  in body  $e$ ; or a lambda application  $e_1 e_2$  applying  $e_1$  to argument  $e_2$ .

In our formalization, we make two changes to this representation:

- we use a nameless representation of variables as DeBruijn Levels[3]; and
- we omit the type annotation in lambda abstractions, as those play no role for type soundness.

The variable representation as DeBruijn Levels encodes variables as natural numbers  $n$  referring to the  $n$ -th outmost lambda abstraction. This makes the variable names in the binders of lambda abstractions redundant, as the variables themselves state to which binder they belong. For example, the lambda term  $\lambda f. \lambda x. f x$  has the DeBruijn Level encoding  $\lambda. \lambda. 0 \ 1$ .

While nameless variable representations enjoy many interesting properties, like  $\alpha$ -equivalence being the same as syntactic equality, those properties are only relevant in our last case study of parametric polymorphism. For the simply typed lambda calculus, the choice is irrelevant to the proof structure of type soundness, as we will discuss in Section 3.7. The reason, why we still choose this representation, is that it allows us to present all case studies in a uniform manner, and to reuse various basic lemmas for different language features.

Thus, we formalize the syntax as

```
Inductive Typ : Type :=
| t_void : Typ
| t_arr  : Typ → Typ → Typ.
```

```
Inductive Exp : Type :=
| e_var : ℕ → Exp
| e_app : Exp → Exp → Exp
| e_abs : Exp → Exp.
```

The lambda term  $\lambda f. \lambda x. f x$  is then encoded as

```
e_abs (e_abs (e_app (e_var 0) (e_var 1))).
```

## 3.2 Type System

In this section, we specify the type system of the STLC.

In Section 1.3, we specified the type system of our example language as a binary relation  $\triangleright e : t$ , stating that expression  $e$  has type  $t$ . If we try the same for the STLC, we run into problems with the variable case: a variable `e_var x` hasn't a fixed type by itself, but instead has a type determined by the variable's context.

To solve this problem, we specify the type system as a tertiary relation between expressions, types, and a so called type environment, that records the types of variables. The basic idea is then, that the typing relation extends the type environment when it goes inside an abstraction, such that the contained variables can refer to the type environment for their type.

As we represent variables as DeBruijn Levels, we define type environments simply as lists of types, which are indexed by variables:

```
Definition TypEnv := List Typ.
```

We then define the type system by giving one constructor for each expression:

```
Inductive ExpTyp : TypEnv → Exp → Typ → Prop :=
| et_var :
  ∀ x te t,
  indexr x te = some t →
  ExpTyp te (e_var x) t
| et_app :
  ∀ te e1 e2 t1 t2,
  ExpTyp te e1 (t_arr t1 t2) →
  ExpTyp te e2 t1 →
  ExpTyp te (e_app e1 e2) t2
```

| `et_abs` :  
 $\forall te\ e\ t1\ t2,$   
 $\text{ExpTyp } (t1 :: te)\ e\ t2 \rightarrow$   
 $\text{ExpTyp } te\ (e\_abs\ e)\ (t\_arr\ t1\ t2).$

- The `et_var` constructor states that a variable `e_var x` has type `t`, if the type environment `te` records that `x` has indeed type `t`;
- The `et_abs` constructor states that a lambda abstraction `e_abs e` has type `t_arr t1 t2`, if its body `e` has type `t2` in type environment `t1 :: te`, i.e. in the type environment `te` that now also records that the variable bound by the abstraction has type `t1`; and
- The `et_app` constructor states that a lambda application `e_app e1 e2` has type `t2`, if `e1` has a function type `t_arr t1 t2`, and `e2` has the corresponding argument type `t1`.

### 3.3 Big-Step Semantics

In this section, we specify the big-step semantics of the STLC. While we don't need the big-step semantics for our formalization of type soundness, which will be strictly in terms of a definitional interpreter, we still define the big-step semantics for comparison and to state an equivalence theorem with respect to the definitional interpreter in the next section.

When we try to state the big-step semantics as a binary relation, as we did in Section 1.3, we run into the same problems as for the type system: just like the type of a variable depends on the variable's context, so does its value.

Hence, we use the same strategy as before and introduce the semantics relation as a tertiary relation between expressions, values, and value environments.

Similar to type environments, we represent value environments simply as lists of values indexed by variables:

**Definition** `ValEnv` := `List Val`.

The only values we have are closures resulting from the evaluation of lambda abstractions:

**Inductive** `Val` :=  
| `v_abs` (`ve` : `ValEnv`) (`e` : `Exp`).

In contrast to a lambda abstraction, which only carries its body `e`, a closure also carries the value environment `ve` in which the original lambda abstraction was evaluated. The reason for this is, that lambda abstractions may capture variables from the outside. If we then apply such an abstraction later to an argument, we need to access the values of those captured variables to evaluate the body of the abstraction.



We are now equipped to specify the semantics relation:

```

Inductive BigStep : ValEnv → Exp → Val → Prop :=
| bs_var :
  ∀ ve x v,
  index x ve = some v →
  BigStep ve (e_var x) v
| bs_abs :
  ∀ ve e,
  BigStep ve (e_abs e) (v_abs ve e)
| bs_app :
  ∀ ve e1 e2 ve' e' v2 v,
  BigStep ve e1 (v_abs ve' e') →
  BigStep ve e2 v2 →
  BigStep (v2 :: ve') e' v →
  BigStep ve (e_app e1 e2) v.

```

- the `bs_var` constructor states that a variable `e_var x` evaluates to a value `v`, if the value environment `ve` maps `x` to that value;
- the `bs_abs` constructor states that a lambda abstraction `e_abs e` evaluates to its closure `v_abs ve e` in the current environment `ve`; and
- the `bs_app` constructor states that a lambda application `e_app e1 e2` evaluates to a value `v`, if `e1` evaluates to a closure `v_abs ve' e'`, `e2` evaluates to some value `v2`, and the closure's body `e1'` evaluates to `v` in its captured environment `ve'` extended by the argument value `v2` for the closure's variable.

### 3.4 Definitional Interpreter

In this section, we derive a monadic definitional interpreter for the STLC from the big-step semantics presented in the previous section.

Compared to the definitional interpreter from Subsection 1.3.3, our interpreter function now requires an additional argument for the value environment.

The translation from the big-step semantics is straightforward:

```

Fixpoint eval (n : ℕ) (ve : ValEnv) (e : Exp) : CanTimeout (CanErr Val)
:=
match n with
| 0 ⇒ none
| S n ⇒
  match e with
  | e_var x ⇒ done (indexr x ve)
  | e_abs e ⇒ done (noerr (v_abs ve e))
  | e_app e1 e2 ⇒
    ' v_abs ve1' e1' ← eval n ve e1;
    ' v2 ← eval n ve e2;
    eval n (v2 :: ve1') e1'
  end
end.

```

- variables `e_var x` are evaluated in one step that is successful exactly if the value environment `ve` contains some value for `x`, i.e. `indexr x ve = some v`;
- abstractions `e_abs e` are always evaluated successfully in one step to their closure `v_abs ve e` in the current environment; and
- applications `e_app e1 e2` are evaluated successfully in `n+1` steps, if both their arguments and the closure body evaluate successfully in `n` steps to values of the expected form. If one of the evaluations of the subexpressions timeouts or fails, then the monadic sequencing ensures that the whole computation timeouts or fails as expected.

It's straightforward to prove, that the big-step semantics is equivalent to the definitional interpreter, in the sense that the big-step semantics evaluates an expression to a value if and only if the definitional interpreter evaluates the expression to the same value in some number of steps:

**Theorem 3.1** (`sem_eq`).

$$\forall ve e v, \text{BigStep } ve e v \leftrightarrow (\exists n, \text{eval } n ve e = \text{done } (\text{noerr } v)).$$

*Proof.* We choose to omit the proof from the presentation, as this equivalence is not central to this thesis. It's a simple proof using only induction in both directions. The interested reader can refer to the Coq mechanization in the accompanied file `Chap_3_STLC_SemEq.v`.  $\square$

### 3.5 Type Soundness

Before we state a type soundness theorem, we have to specify the value typing. Our only kind of values is closures `v_abs ve e`, which result from lambda abstractions `e_abs e`. Hence, the value typing of closures is similar to the expression typing of abstractions, but has to additionally take care of the value environment `ve`. For each value of the captured variables from `ve`, we need a witness that the value indeed has the variable's type in the type environment `te` of the closure's body `e`. To model this well-formedness relationship between value and type environments, we make use of the `Forall2` type from Chapter 2

**Definition** `WfEnv` : `ValEnv`  $\rightarrow$  `TypEnv`  $\rightarrow$  `Prop` :=  
`Forall2 ValTyp`.

and state the value typing as

**Inductive** `ValTyp` : `Val`  $\rightarrow$  `Typ`  $\rightarrow$  `Prop` :=  
| `vt_abs` :  
 $\forall ve te e t1 t2,$   
`Forall2 ValTyp ve te`  $\rightarrow$   
`ExpTyp (t1 :: te) e t2`  $\rightarrow$   
`ValTyp (v_abs ve e) (t_arr t1 t2)`.

The `vt_abs` constructor states, that a closure `v_abs ve e` has type `t_arr t1 t2`, if there is some type environment `te`, such that the values of `ve` have their corresponding type in `te`, and the closure's body `e` has type `t2` in `te` extended by `t1`.

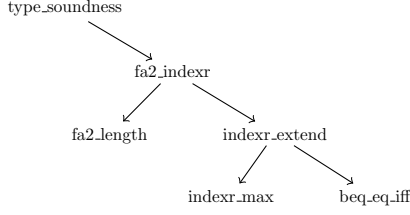


Figure 3.1: Proof Graph for STLC Soundness

We are now equipped to state type soundness as

**Theorem** (Type Soundness).

$$\begin{aligned}
& \forall (n : \mathbb{N}) (e : \text{Exp}) (mv : \text{CanErr Val}) (t : \text{Typ}), \\
& \text{eval } n \ [] \ e = \text{done } mv \rightarrow \\
& \text{ExpTyp } [] \ e \ t \rightarrow \\
& \exists v, mv = \text{noerr } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } v \ t.
\end{aligned}$$

While correct, this formulation does not give us a suitable induction hypothesis. The evaluation of an application  $e_{\text{app}} \ e1 \ e2$  requires us to reason about the body of the closure value resulting from the evaluation of  $e1$ . This body is typed and evaluated in environments that are different from  $[]$ .

Hence, we strengthen the theorem as follows (changes are marked red):

**Theorem** (Type Soundness).

$$\begin{aligned}
& \forall (n : \mathbb{N}) (e : \text{Exp}) \ (\text{te} : \text{TypEnv}) \ (\text{ve} : \text{ValEnv}) \ (mv : \text{CanErr Val}) \\
& \quad (t : \text{Typ}), \\
& \text{eval } n \ \text{ve} \ e = \text{done } mv \rightarrow \\
& \text{ExpTyp } \text{te} \ e \ t \rightarrow \\
& \text{WfEnv } \text{ve} \ \text{te} \rightarrow \\
& \exists v, mv = \text{noerr } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } v \ t.
\end{aligned}$$

### 3.6 Type Soundness Proof

Figure 3.1 shows the proof graph of the type soundness theorem. The proof of the theorem itself requires only a single lemma, which is used in the variable case. As we have already proved this lemma in the framework as Lemma 2.4, we start directly with the proof of the type soundness theorem:

**Theorem 3.2** (Type Soundness).

$$\begin{aligned}
& \forall (n : \mathbb{N}) (e : \text{Exp}) (\text{te} : \text{TypEnv}) (\text{ve} : \text{ValEnv}) (mv : \text{CanErr Val}) \\
& \quad (t : \text{Typ}), \\
& \text{eval } n \ \text{ve} \ e = \text{done } mv \rightarrow \\
& \text{ExpTyp } \text{te} \ e \ t \rightarrow \\
& \text{WfEnv } \text{ve} \ \text{te} \rightarrow \\
& \exists v, mv = \text{noerr } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } v \ t.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We start by induction over the number of steps  $n$ :

- **Case 0.** By definition of  $\text{eval}$ , the assumption  $\text{eval } 0 \ \text{ve} \ e = \text{done } mv$  reduces to  $\text{timeout} = \text{done } mv$ , so we can discard this case by contradiction.
- **Case  $n + 1$ .** We proceed by case analysis on the typing derivation  $\text{ExpTyp } \text{te} \ e \ t$ :

– **Case et\_var.** By definition of `et_var`, we have some `x` such that

$$e = e\_var\ x \quad \text{indexr}\ x\ te = \text{noerr}\ t.$$

By definition of `eval`, the assumption `eval (n + 1) ve (e_var x) = done mv` reduces to

$$\text{done}\ (\text{indexr}\ x\ ve) = \text{done}\ mv$$

Thus, by substituting `indexr x ve` for `mv`, we are left to prove

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{WfEnv}\ ve\ te \rightarrow \\ & \text{indexr}\ x\ te = \text{noerr}\ t \rightarrow \\ & \exists v, \text{indexr}\ x\ ve = \text{noerr}\ v \wedge \text{ValTyp}\ v\ t \end{aligned}$$

which is an instance of Lemma 2.4 (`fa2_indexr`).

– **Case et\_abs.** By definition of `et_abs`, we have some `e'`, `t1`, `t2` such that

$$e = e\_abs\ e' \quad t = t\_arr\ t1\ t2 \quad \text{ExpTyp}\ (t1 :: te)\ e'\ t2$$

By definition of `eval`, the assumption `eval (n + 1) ve (e_abs e') = done mv` reduces to

$$\text{done}\ (\text{noerr}\ (v\_abs\ ve\ e')) = \text{done}\ mv$$

Thus, by substituting for `mv`, we are left to prove

$$\exists v, v\_abs\ ve\ e' = v \wedge \text{ValTyp}\ v\ (t\_arr\ t1\ t2)$$

so we choose `v = v_abs ve e'` and construct the value typing from our assumptions:

$$\frac{\text{WfEnv}\ ve\ te \quad \text{ExpTyp}\ (t1 :: te)\ e'\ t2}{\text{ValTyp}\ (v\_abs\ ve\ e')\ (t\_arr\ t1\ t2)} \text{VT\_ABS}$$

– **Case et\_app.** By definition of `et_app`, we have some `e1`, `e2`, `t1`, `t2` such that

$$e = e\_app\ e1\ e2 \quad t = t2 \quad \text{ExpTyp}\ te\ e1\ (t\_arr\ t1\ t2) \quad \text{ExpTyp}\ te\ e2\ t1$$

By definition of `eval`, the assumption

$$\text{eval}\ (n + 1)\ ve\ (e\_app\ e1\ e2) = \text{done}\ mv$$

reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} & ' v\_abs\ ve'\ e1' \leftarrow \text{eval}\ n\ ve\ e1; \\ & ' v2 \leftarrow \text{eval}\ n\ ve\ e2; \\ & \text{eval}\ n\ (v2 :: ve')\ e1' = \text{done}\ mv \end{aligned}$$

Next, we observe that there must be some `mv1` and `mv2` such that

$$\text{eval}\ n\ ve\ e1 = \text{done}\ mv1 \quad \text{eval}\ n\ ve\ e2 = \text{done}\ mv2$$

because otherwise our definition of monadic sequencing would cause the whole left hand side to evaluate to `timeout`, leading to the contradiction `timeout = done mv`.

We are now equipped to apply our induction hypothesis to the evaluation of both subexpressions:

$$\frac{\text{eval } n \text{ ve } e1 = \text{done } mv1 \quad \text{ExpTyp } te \ e1 \ (t\_arr \ t1 \ t2) \quad \text{WfEnv } ve \ te}{\exists v1, mv1 = \text{noerr } v1 \wedge \text{ValTyp } v1 \ (t\_arr \ t1 \ t2)} \text{ IH}$$

$$\frac{\text{eval } n \text{ ve } e2 = \text{done } mv2 \quad \text{ExpTyp } te \ e2 \ t1 \quad \text{WfEnv } ve \ te}{\exists v2, mv2 = \text{noerr } v2 \wedge \text{ValTyp } v2 \ t1} \text{ IH}$$

By inversion of the value typing  $\text{ValTyp } v1 \ (t\_arr \ t1 \ t2)$ , we find some  $te', ve', e1'$  such that

$$v1 = v\_abs \ ve' \ e1' \quad \text{ExpTyp } (t1 :: te') \ e1' \ t2 \quad \text{WfEnv } ve' \ te'$$

By substituting for  $mv1$ ,  $mv2$ , and  $v1$ , we now know

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eval } n \text{ ve } e1 &= \text{done } (\text{noerr } (v\_abs \ ve' \ e1')) \\ \text{eval } n \text{ ve } e2 &= \text{done } (\text{noerr } v2) \end{aligned}$$

so the monadic sequencing in our assumption about `eval` lets us deduce

$$\text{eval } n \ (v2 :: ve') \ e1' = \text{done } mv$$

To conclude the proof, we want to apply the induction hypothesis again

$$\frac{\text{eval } n \ (v2 :: ve') \ e1' = \text{done } mv \quad \text{ExpTyp } (t1 :: te') \ e1' \ t2 \quad \text{WfEnv } (v2 :: ve') \ (t1 :: te')}{\exists v, mv = \text{noerr } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } v \ t} \text{ IH}$$

but we are still missing the well-formedness of the extended environment. We derive this last missing piece by

$$\frac{\text{WfEnv } ve' \ te' \quad \text{ValTyp } v2 \ t1}{\text{WfEnv } (v2 :: ve') \ (t1 :: te')} \text{ FA2\_CONS}$$

□

## 3.7 Variable Representations

Although we used DeBruijn Indices to model variables, the proof of the soundness theorem has exactly the same structure for DeBruijn Levels and named variables. The only difference concerns the sublemmas of Lemma 2.4 (`fa2.indexr`), which for DeBruijn levels require additional lemmas to compensate for missing definitional equalities.

The reader is encouraged to compare the Coq formalizations via the `diff` tool for more information:

- the file `Chap_3_STLC_VarIndices.v` uses DeBruijn Indices;
- the file `Chap_3_STLC_VarLevels.v` uses DeBruijn Levels; and
- the file `Chap_3_STLC_VarNames.v` uses explicit names in binders.

# Chapter 4

## Subtyping

Subtyping introduces a binary relation  $\sqsubseteq$  between types, such that if  $t \sqsubseteq t'$ , then any expression of type  $t$  can also be given type  $t'$ .

Subtyping is characteristically used in object-oriented languages, where it plays a central part of class inheritance. For example, if a class `Circle` inherits from a class `Shape`, then `Circle` is also considered a subtype of `Shape`, which allows `Circles` to be used in place of `Shapes`, e.g. in Java

```
Shape s = new Circle();
```

In this chapter, the formalization of the simply typed lambda calculus from Chapter 3 is extended with subtyping. For a minimalistic scenario, the types are only extended by the top type - the common supertype of all other types.

### 4.1 Syntax

The extension to the syntax is straightforward. All we need is to add a new type `t_top` to the type syntax:

```
Inductive Typ : Type :=  
| t_top : Typ  
| t_arr : Typ → Typ → Typ.
```

```
Inductive Exp : Type :=  
| e_var : ℕ → Exp  
| e_app : Exp → Exp → Exp  
| e_abs : Exp → Exp.
```

### 4.2 Type System

To extend the type system, we first need to define the subtyping relation:

```
Inductive ExpSubTyp : Typ → Typ → Prop :=  
| est_top :  
  ∀ t,  
  ExpSubTyp t t_top
```

```

| est_arr :
  ∀ t11 t12 t21 t22,
  ExpSubTyp t21 t11 →
  ExpSubTyp t12 t22 →
  ExpSubTyp (t_arr t11 t12) (t_arr t21 t22).

```

- the `est_top` constructor states that any type `t` is a subtype of `t_top`;
- the `est_arr` constructor states that a function type `t_arr t11 t12` is the subtype of another function type `t_arr t21 t22`, if `t21` is a subtype of `t11`, and `t12` is a subtype of `t22`.

We then extend the typing relation by adding a new constructor for subtyping:

**Definition** `TypEnv := List Typ`.

**Inductive** `ExpTyp : TypEnv → Exp → Typ → Prop :=`

```

| et_var :
  ∀ x te t1,
  indexr x te = some t1 →
  ExpTyp te (e_var x) t1
| et_app :
  ∀ te e1 e2 t1 t2,
  ExpTyp te e1 (t_arr t1 t2) →
  ExpTyp te e2 t1 →
  ExpTyp te (e_app e1 e2) t2
| et_abs :
  ∀ te e t1 t2,
  ExpTyp (t1 :: te) e t2 →
  ExpTyp te (e_abs e) (t_arr t1 t2)
| et_sub :
  ∀ te e t1 t2,
  ExpTyp te e t1 →
  ExpSubTyp t1 t2 →
  ExpTyp te e t2 .

```

The `et_sub` constructor states that subtyping preserves the typing relation, i.e. that if an expression `e` has type `t1`, and `t1` is a subtype of `t2`, then `e` has also type `t2`.



### 4.3 Semantics

The semantics is precisely the same as for the STLC from Chapter 3:

**Inductive** Val : Type :=  
 | v\_abs : List Val → Exp → Val.

**Definition** ValEnv := List Val.

**Fixpoint** eval (n : ℕ) (ve : ValEnv) (e : Exp) : CanTimeout (CanErr Val)  
 :=  
**match** n **with**  
 | 0 ⇒ timeout  
 | S n ⇒  
   **match** e **with**  
   | e\_var x ⇒ done (indexr x ve)  
   | e\_abs e ⇒ done (noerr (v\_abs ve e))  
   | e\_app e1 e2 ⇒  
     ' v\_abs ve1' e1' ← eval n ve e1;  
     ' v2 ← eval n ve e2;  
     eval n (v2 :: ve1') e1'  
   **end**  
**end**.

### 4.4 Type Soundness

As subtyping allows expressions to be evaluated to values, which have a subtype of the expression's type, we extend the value typing, such that closures now not only can have their arrow type  $t_{\text{arr}} t_1 t_2$ , but also any larger type  $t$ :

**Inductive** ValTyp : Val → Typ → Prop :=  
 | vt\_abs :  
    $\forall$  ve te e t1 t2 t ,  
   Forall2 ValTyp ve te →  
   ExpTyp (t1 :: te) e t2 →  
   ExpSubTyp (t\_arr t1 t2) t →  
   ValTyp (v\_abs ve e) t .

**Definition** WfEnv : ValEnv → TypEnv → Prop :=  
 Forall2 ValTyp.

The statement of the actual soundness theorem stays the same:

**Theorem** (Type Soundness).

$\forall$  n e te ve res t,  
 eval n ve e = some res →  
 ExpTyp te e t →  
 WfEnv ve te →  
 $\exists$  v, res = some v  $\wedge$  ValTyp v t.



$$\begin{aligned} & \text{ExpTyp } (t1' :: te') \ e1' \ t2' \ \wedge \\ & \text{ExpSubTyp } t1 \ t1' \ \wedge \\ & \text{ExpSubTyp } t2' \ t2 \end{aligned}$$

This leads to problems in the last proof step, where we want to prove well-formedness of the extended closure environment:

$$\frac{\text{WfEnv } ve' \ te' \quad \text{ValTyp } v2 \ t1'}{\text{WfEnv } (v2 :: ve') \ (t1' :: te')} \text{FA2\_CONS}$$

Due to the subtyping, the environment is now extended by a subtype  $t1'$  of  $t1$  instead of  $t1$  itself. This in turn requires us to prove  $\text{ValTyp } v2 \ t1'$  instead of just  $\text{ValTyp } v2 \ t1$ , which we would have already known. We introduce Lemma 4.1 (`vt.widen`) to show that

$$\frac{\text{ValTyp } v2 \ t1 \quad \text{ExpSubTyp } t1 \ t1'}{\text{ValTyp } v2 \ t1'} \text{VT\_WIDEN}$$

– **Case `et.sub`.** By definition of `et.sub`, we have some  $t'$  such that

$$\text{ExpSubTyp } t' \ t \qquad \text{ExpTyp } te \ e \ t'$$

Our goal is to show

$$\exists v : \text{Val}, \text{mv} = \text{noerr } v \ \wedge \ \text{ValTyp } v \ t$$

We apply the inner induction hypothesis to our assumptions:

$$\frac{\text{eval } (S \ n) \ ve \ e = \text{done } mv \quad \text{WfEnv } ve \ te}{\exists v, \text{mv} = \text{noerr } v \ \wedge \ \text{ValTyp } v \ t'} \text{IH'}$$

We conclude by using Lemma 4.1 (`vt.widen`):

$$\frac{\text{ValTyp } v \ t' \quad \text{ExpSubTyp } t' \ t}{\text{ValTyp } v \ t} \text{VT\_WIDEN}$$

□

We first prove that value typing is preserved under subtyping:

**Lemma 4.1** (vt\_widen).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall v \ t1 \ t2, \\ &\text{ValTyp } v \ t1 \rightarrow \\ &\text{ExpSubTyp } t1 \ t2 \rightarrow \\ &\text{ValTyp } v \ t2. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* By inverting and reassembling the value typing using Lemma 4.3 (est\_trans) to extend the contained subtyping relations.  $\square$

We then prove that subtyping is both reflexive and transitive. As the proofs are not specific to the definitional interpreter semantics, we only outline them.

**Lemma 4.2** (est\_refl).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall t, \\ &\text{ExpSubTyp } t \ t. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Straightforward induction over the type  $t$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.3** (est\_trans).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall t1 \ t2 \ t3, \\ &\text{ExpSubTyp } t1 \ t2 \rightarrow \\ &\text{ExpSubTyp } t2 \ t3 \rightarrow \\ &\text{ExpSubTyp } t1 \ t3. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Straightforward induction over the sum of the sizes of both subtyping derivation trees.  $\square$

## Chapter 5

# Substructural Types

Substructural type systems impose restrictions on how often variables are allowed to be used.

The most common classes of substructural type systems are

- *unrestricted*, allowing variables to be used arbitrarily often;
- *linear*, requiring variables to be used exactly once;
- *affine*, requiring variables to be used at most once; and
- *relevant*, requiring variables to be used at least once.

Those restrictions, especially linear and affine types, turn out to be useful in a variety of API's, where certain steps of a protocol are not allowed to happen multiple times, e.g. freeing memory, closing of a file handle, etc.

Rust is probably the most famous example of a real world language employing substructural typing. In Rust, affine types are used to model ownership, and unrestricted types are used for references[17].

In this chapter, the formalization of the simply typed lambda calculus from Chapter 3 is extended with substructural typing, such that both unrestricted and affine lambda abstractions are possible.

### 5.1 Syntax

The syntax extension is straightforward: both `t_arr` and `e_abs` are annotated by a multiplicity `Mul`, which can be either `affine` or `unrestricted`.

```
Inductive Mul : Type :=  
| aff : Mul  
| unr : Mul.
```

```
Inductive Typ : Type :=  
| t_void : Typ  
| t_arr  : Mul → Typ → Typ → Typ.
```

```
Inductive Exp : Type :=  
| e_var : ℕ → Exp
```

```

| e_app : Exp → Exp → Exp
| e_abs : Mul → Exp.

```

## 5.2 Type System

The type system extensions are relatively subtle, as the form of the typing relation remains the same, and we have no new syntactic forms to care for.

However, the restriction on variable usage raises two new concerns:

- when typing applications `e_app e1 e2`, then it is no longer correct to simply propagate the type environment to both sub-expressions, as this would allow both `e1` and `e2` to make use of the same variable that might be restricted.
- when typing unrestricted abstractions `e_abs unr e`, then it is no longer correct to simply capture the whole environment, as the environment may contain restricted variables, which may be used multiple times, as the unrestricted abstraction is allowed to be called multiple times.

To cover the first concern, we introduce the `Split` ting of type environments, such that the `et_app` constructor can be stated as

```

| et_app :
  ∀ te te1 te2 e1 e2 t1 t2 m,
  Split te te1 te2 →
  ExpTyp te1 e1 (t_arr m t1 t2) →
  ExpTyp te2 e2 t1 →
  ExpTyp te (e_app e1 e2) t2

```

To cover the second concern, we introduce a `restrict` function that removes all affine variables from the type environment.

We define `Split` and `restrict` , such that entries are not actually removed from the type environment, but rather marked as inaccessible. This greatly simplifies the proofs, as variables keep their meaning as DeBruijn Levels under splitting and restriction, and thus do not need to be renamed.

### 5.2.1 Type Environments

We define a type environment to be a list of types annotated with multiplicity and accessibility:

```

Inductive Acc : Type :=
| here : Acc
| gone : Acc.

Inductive Bind : Type :=
| bind : Acc → Mul → Typ → Bind.

```

**Definition** TypEnv := List Bind.

## 5.2.2 Splitting Type Environments

We define the splitting of the type environment as a tertiary relation between the input environment and two output environments:

```

Inductive Split : TypEnv → TypEnv → TypEnv → Prop :=
| sp_nil :
  Split [] [] []
| sp_gone :
  ∀ bs bs1 bs2 t m,
  Split bs bs1 bs2 →
  Split (bind gone m t :: bs)
  (bind gone m t :: bs1) (bind gone m t :: bs2)
| sp_left :
  ∀ bs bs1 bs2 t,
  Split bs bs1 bs2 →
  Split (bind here aff t :: bs)
  (bind here aff t :: bs1) (bind gone aff t :: bs2)
| sp_right :
  ∀ bs bs1 bs2 t,
  Split bs bs1 bs2 →
  Split (bind here aff t :: bs)
  (bind gone aff t :: bs1) (bind here aff t :: bs2)
| sp_both :
  ∀ bs bs1 bs2 t,
  Split bs bs1 bs2 →
  Split (bind here unr t :: bs)
  (bind here unr t :: bs1) (bind here unr t :: bs2).

```

- the `sp_nil` constructor states that the empty environment can be split into two empty environments;
- the `sp_gone` constructor states that if an entry is marked as `gone`, then it stays `gone` in both output environments;
- the `sp_left` and `sp_right` constructors state that if an entry is marked as affine, then it can be split into one of the output environments, but must be marked `gone` in the other; and
- the `sp_both` constructor states that if an entry is marked as unrestricted, then it may appear in both output environments.

## 5.2.3 Restricting Type Environments

We define the restriction of a type environment to simply mark all entries, that have affine multiplicity, as `gone`:

```

Definition restrict_entry (b : Bind) : Bind :=
match b with
| bind here aff t ⇒ bind gone aff t
| b               ⇒ b
end.

```

**Definition** `restrict (m : Mul) (bs : TypEnv) : TypEnv :=`  
**match** `m` **with**  
| `unr`  $\Rightarrow$  `map restrict_entry bs`  
| `aff`  $\Rightarrow$  `bs`  
**end.**

## 5.2.4 Typing Relation

We first define a kinding relation that relates types with their multiplicities:

**Inductive** `TypKind : Typ  $\rightarrow$  Mul  $\rightarrow$  Prop :=`  
| `tk_void` : `TypKind t_void unr`  
| `tk_arr` :  $\forall m\ t1\ t2$ , `TypKind (t_arr m t1 t2) m`.

- the `tk_void` constructor states that the `t_void` type is of unrestricted kind; and
- the `tk_arr` constructor states that an arrow type `t_arr m t1 t2` has the multiplicity of its annotation `m` as its kind.

We then extend the typing relation from the STLC as follows:

**Inductive** `ExpTyp : TypEnv  $\rightarrow$  Exp  $\rightarrow$  Typ  $\rightarrow$  Prop :=`  
| `et_var` :  
 $\forall x\ te\ t\ m$ ,  
`indexr x te = some (bind here m t)  $\rightarrow$`   
`ExpTyp te (e_var x) t`  
| `et_app` :  
 $\forall te\ te1\ te2\ e1\ e2\ t1\ t2\ m$ ,  
`Split te te1 te2  $\rightarrow$`   
`ExpTyp te1 e1 (t_arr m t1 t2)  $\rightarrow$`   
`ExpTyp te2 e2 t1  $\rightarrow$`   
`ExpTyp te (e_app e1 e2) t2`  
| `et_abs` :  
 $\forall te\ e\ t1\ t2\ m\ m1$ ,  
`TypKind t1 m1  $\rightarrow$`   
`ExpTyp (bind here m1 t1 :: restrict m te) e t2  $\rightarrow$`   
`ExpTyp te (e_abs m e) (t_arr m t1 t2)`.

- the `et_var` constructor remains the same, except that the type environment entries now contain additional, irrelevant information;
- the `et_app` constructor now requires the type environment `te` to be split between both subderivations; and
- the `et_abs` constructor now forbids the use of affine variables in unrestricted abstractions by restricting the type environment accordingly.



## 5.3 Semantics

The semantics remains identical to the STLC, except that closure values now also carry their multiplicity:

**Inductive** Val : Type :=  
 | v\_abs : List Val → Mul → Exp → Val.

**Definition** ValEnv := List Val.

**Fixpoint** eval (n : ℕ) (ve : ValEnv) (e : Exp) : CanTimeout (CanErr Val)  
 :=  
 match n with  
 | 0 ⇒ timeout  
 | S n ⇒  
 match e with  
 | e\_var x ⇒ done (indexr x ve)  
 | e\_abs m e ⇒ done (noerr (v\_abs ve m e))  
 | e\_app e1 e2 ⇒  
 ' v\_abs env1' m' e1' ← eval n ve e1;  
 ' v2 ← eval n ve e2;  
 eval n (v2 :: env1') e1'  
 end  
 end.

## 5.4 Type Soundness

The extension to the value typing is straightforward: closures and function types are now both annotated with multiplicities that have to match. As the structure of type environments has changed, we also need to make small changes to ignore the annotations, for which we define a function `bind_typ` that extracts the `Typ` of an annotated type environment entry.

**Definition** bind\_typ (b : Bind) : Typ :=  
 match b with  
 | bind a m t ⇒ t  
 end.

**Inductive** ValTyp : Val → Typ → Prop :=  
 | vt\_abs :  
 ∀ ve te e t1 t2 m m1,  
 Forall2 (λ v b ⇒ ValTyp v (bind\_typ b)) ve te →  
 TypKind t1 m1 →  
 ExpTyp (bind here m1 t1 :: te) e t2 →  
 ValTyp (v\_abs ve m e) (t\_arr m t1 t2).

**Definition** WfEnv : ValEnv → TypEnv → Prop :=  
 Forall2 (λ v b ⇒ ValTyp v (bind\_typ b)) .

The statement of type soundness remains unchanged:

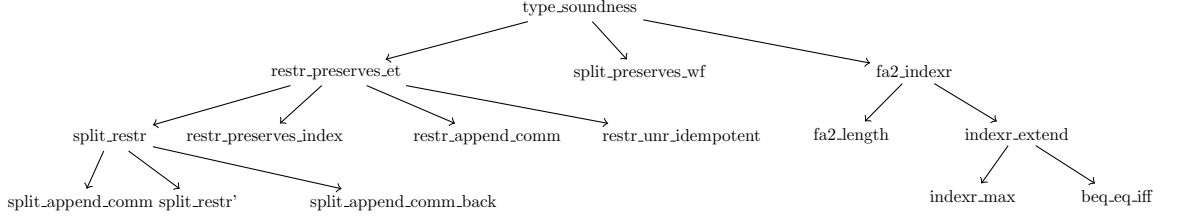


Figure 5.1: Proof Graph for STLC with Substructural Types Soundness

**Theorem** (Type Soundness).

$$\begin{aligned}
& \forall n \ e \ te \ ve \ res \ t, \\
& \text{eval } n \ ve \ e = \text{some } res \rightarrow \\
& \text{ExpTyp } te \ e \ t \rightarrow \\
& \text{WfEnv } ve \ te \rightarrow \\
& \exists v \ a, \ res = \text{some } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } v \ t.
\end{aligned}$$

## 5.5 Type Soundness Proof

Figure 5.1 shows the proof graph for the type soundness theorem. The only dependencies not covered in the framework from Chapter 2 are:

- `split_preserves_wf`, which is used in the `e_abs` case, and states that if well-formed environments `WfEnv ve te` are split, then both halves are again well-formed; and
- `restr_preserves_et`, which is used in the `e_app` case, and states that if an expression has a typing in an restricted type environment `restrict te`, then it has the same type in `te`.

We start with the type soundness proof to motivate the lemmas:

**Theorem 5.1** (Type Soundness).

$$\begin{aligned}
& \forall n \ e \ te \ ve \ res \ t, \\
& \text{eval } n \ ve \ e = \text{some } res \rightarrow \\
& \text{ExpTyp } te \ e \ t \rightarrow \\
& \text{WfEnv } ve \ te \rightarrow \\
& \exists v \ a, \ res = \text{some } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } v \ t.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We start by induction over the number of steps  $n$ :

- **Case 0.** Contradiction; same as for the STLC.
- **Case  $n + 1$ .** We proceed by case analysis on the typing derivation `ExpTyp te e t`:
  - **Case `et_var`.** Same as for the STLC.
  - **Case `et_abs`.** In contrast to the STLC, the construction of the value typing with `vt_abs` now requires a proof for

$$\frac{\text{ExpTyp } (\text{bind here } m1 \ t1 \ :: \ \text{restrict } m \ te) \ e \ t2}{\text{ExpTyp } (\text{bind here } m1 \ t1 \ :: \ te) \ e \ t2}$$

instead of having the conclusion already as an assumption.

This is due to the type system changes in `et_abs`.

We cover this case with Lemma 5.2 (`restr_preserves_typing`).

The rest of the proof remains the same.

- **Case `et_app`.** In contrast to the STLC, `et_app` now splits the type environment `te` between both subexpressions `e1` and `e2`:

$$\text{Split } te \text{ } te1 \text{ } te2 \quad \text{ExpTyp } te1 \text{ } e1 \text{ } (t\_arr \text{ } t1 \text{ } t2) \quad \text{ExpTyp } te2 \text{ } e2 \text{ } t1$$

To apply the induction hypothesis to both subexpressions, we now need `WfEnv` evidence with respect to `te1` and `te2`:

$$\frac{\text{eval } n \text{ } ve \text{ } e1 = \text{done } mv1 \quad \text{ExpTyp } te1 \text{ } e1 \text{ } (t\_arr \text{ } t1 \text{ } t2) \quad \text{WfEnv } ve \text{ } te1}{\exists v1, mv1 = \text{noerr } v1 \wedge \text{ValTyp } v1 \text{ } (t\_arr \text{ } t1 \text{ } t2)} \text{ IH}$$

$$\frac{\text{eval } n \text{ } ve \text{ } e2 = \text{done } mv2 \quad \text{ExpTyp } te2 \text{ } e2 \text{ } t1 \quad \text{WfEnv } ve \text{ } te2}{\exists v2, mv2 = \text{noerr } v2 \wedge \text{ValTyp } v2 \text{ } t1} \text{ IH}$$

We get the missing `WfEnv` evidence from Lemma 5.1 (`split_preserves_wf`).

$$\frac{\text{WfEnv } ve \text{ } te \quad \text{Split } te \text{ } te1 \text{ } te2}{\text{WfEnv } ve \text{ } te1 \quad \text{WfEnv } ve \text{ } te2} \text{ SPLIT\_PRESERVES\_WF}$$

The rest of the proof remains the same. □

### 5.5.1 Splitting of Environments

Proving that environment splitting preserves well-formedness is simple, requiring no further sub-lemmas:

**Lemma 5.1** (`split_preserves_wf`).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall ve \text{ } te \text{ } te1 \text{ } te2, \\ &\text{WfEnv } ve \text{ } te \rightarrow \\ &\text{Split } te \text{ } te1 \text{ } te2 \rightarrow \\ &\text{WfEnv } ve \text{ } te1 \wedge \text{WfEnv } ve \text{ } te2. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Straightforward induction over the environment splitting. □

### 5.5.2 Restricted Typing

While it is intuitively clear, that undeleting entries from the type environment preserves the typing relation, the mechanization requires 4 lemmas. As their proofs are not very interesting, we merely outline them for reference.

**Lemma 5.2** (`restr_preserves_typing`).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall m \text{ } e \text{ } t \text{ } te \text{ } te', \\ &\text{ExpTyp } (te' \text{ } ++ \text{restrict } m \text{ } te) \text{ } e \text{ } t \rightarrow \\ &\text{ExpTyp } (te' \text{ } ++ te) \text{ } e \text{ } t. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We start by case analysis on  $m$ :

- **Case aff.** Immediate, as `restrict aff` is just the identity.
- **Case unr.** We proceed by induction over the typing derivation:
  - **Case et\_var.** Follows from Lemma 5.3 (`restr_preserves_indexr`).
  - **Case et\_abs.** Follows from Lemma 5.4 (`restr_unr_idempotent`) and Lemma 5.5 (`restr_append_comm`).
  - **Case et\_app.** Follows from Lemma 5.6 (`split_restr`). □

**Lemma 5.3** (`restr_preserves_indexr`).

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall (te\ te' : \text{TypEnv})\ (i : \mathbb{N})\ m\ t , \\ & \text{indexr } i\ (te' ++ \text{restrict unr } te) = \text{some } (\text{bind here } m\ t) \rightarrow \\ & \text{indexr } i\ (te' ++ te) = \text{some } (\text{bind here } m\ t). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Straightforward induction over  $te'$ . □

**Lemma 5.4** (`restr_unr_idempotent`).

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall (te : \text{TypEnv})\ m, \\ & \text{restrict } m\ (\text{restrict unr } te) = \text{restrict unr } te. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Case analysis on  $m$ , followed by induction on  $te$  in the affine case. □

**Lemma 5.5** (`restr_append_comm`).

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall (te1\ te2 : \text{TypEnv})\ m, \\ & \text{restrict } m\ (te1 ++ te2) = \text{restrict } m\ te1 ++ \text{restrict } m\ te2. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Case analysis on  $m$ , followed by induction on  $te1$  in the affine case. □

**Lemma 5.6** (`split_restr`).

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall (i1\ i2\ l\ r : \text{TypEnv}), \\ & \text{Split } (i1 ++ \text{map } \text{restrict\_entry } i2)\ l\ r \rightarrow \\ & \exists l1\ r1\ l2\ r2, \\ & \text{Split } (i1 ++ i2)\ (l1 ++ l2)\ (r1 ++ r2) \wedge \\ & l1 ++ \text{map } \text{restrict\_entry } l2 = l \wedge \\ & r1 ++ \text{map } \text{restrict\_entry } r2 = r. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We first apply Lemma 5.7 (`split_append_comm`), then Lemma 5.9 (`split_restr`), and finally Lemma 5.8 (`split_append_comm_back`). □

**Lemma 5.7** (`split_append_comm`).

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall (i1\ i2\ l\ r : \text{TypEnv}), \\ & \text{Split } (i1 ++ i2)\ l\ r \rightarrow \\ & \exists l1\ r1\ l2\ r2, \\ & \text{Split } i1\ l1\ r1 \wedge \\ & \text{Split } i2\ l2\ r2 \wedge \\ & l1 ++ l2 = l \wedge \\ & r1 ++ r2 = r. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Straightforward induction over  $te1$ . □

**Lemma 5.8** (`split_append_comm_back`).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall (i1\ l1\ r1\ i2\ l2\ r2 : \text{TypEnv}), \\ &\text{Split } i1\ l1\ r1 \rightarrow \\ &\text{Split } i2\ l2\ r2 \rightarrow \\ &\text{Split } (i1\ ++\ i2)\ (l1\ ++\ l2)\ (r1\ ++\ r2). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Straightforward induction over  $te1$ . □

**Lemma 5.9** (`split_restr'`).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall (te\ te1\ te2 : \text{TypEnv}), \\ &\text{Split } (\text{map } \text{restrict\_entry } te)\ te1\ te2 \rightarrow \\ &\exists te1'\ te2', \\ &\quad \text{Split } te\ te1'\ te2' \wedge \\ &\quad \text{map } \text{restrict\_entry } te1' = te1 \wedge \\ &\quad \text{map } \text{restrict\_entry } te2' = te2. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Straightforward induction over  $te$ . □

# Chapter 6

## Mutable References

In this chapter, the formalization of the simply typed lambda calculus from Chapter 3 is extended with mutable references.

This extension allows for the creation, observation, and mutation of so called locations, i.e. values representing references to other values. As such, mutable references are at the core of any imperative programming language.

### 6.1 Syntax

We extend the syntax as follow:

```
Inductive Typ : Type :=  
| t_void : Typ  
| t_arr  : Typ → Typ → Typ  
| t_unit : Typ  
| t_ref  : Typ → Typ.
```

```
Inductive Exp : Type :=  
| e_var : ℕ → Exp  
| e_app : Exp → Exp → Exp  
| e_abs : Exp → Exp  
| e_ref : Exp → Exp  
| e_get : Exp → Exp  
| e_set : Exp → Exp → Exp.
```

There are three new forms of expressions:

- `e_ref e` introduces a new reference to the value of `e`;
- `e_get e` retrieves the value of a reference `e`;
- `e_set e1 e2` reassigns a reference `e1` the value of `e2`.

There are two new forms of types:

- `t_unit` is the type with only a single inhabitant, and used as a return type for `e_set`; and
- `t_ref t` is the type of references to values of type `t` created through `e_ref`.

## 6.2 Type System

Extending the type system with mutable references is straightforward. The typing relation keeps its form as a tertiary relation between type environments, expressions, and types, and the rules for the old expressions remain the same. For each of the three new expressions, we add one new rule to the typing relation:

**Definition**  $\text{TypEnv} := \text{List Typ}$ .

**Inductive**  $\text{ExpTyp} : \text{TypEnv} \rightarrow \text{Exp} \rightarrow \text{Typ} \rightarrow \text{Prop} :=$

```

| et_var :
  ∀ x te t1,
  indexr x te = some t1 →
  ExpTyp te (e_var x) t1
| et_app :
  ∀ te e1 e2 t1 t2,
  ExpTyp te e1 (t_arr t1 t2) →
  ExpTyp te e2 t1 →
  ExpTyp te (e_app e1 e2) t2
| et_abs :
  ∀ te e t1 t2,
  ExpTyp (t1 :: te) e t2 →
  ExpTyp te (e_abs e) (t_arr t1 t2)
| et_ref :
  ∀ te e t,
  ExpTyp te e t →
  ExpTyp te (e_ref e) (t_ref t)
| et_get :
  ∀ te e t,
  ExpTyp te e (t_ref t) →
  ExpTyp te (e_get e) t
| et_set :
  ∀ te e1 e2 t,
  ExpTyp te e1 (t_ref t) →
  ExpTyp te e2 t →
  ExpTyp te (e_set e1 e2) t_unit .

```

- The `et_ref` constructor states that if an expression `e` has type `t`, then the reference `e_ref e` to the value of `e` has type `t_ref t`.
- The `et_get` constructor states that if an expression `e` has type `t_ref t`, then extracting the referenced value via `e_get e` has type `t`.
- The `et_set` constructor states that if an expression `e1` has type `t_ref t`, and an expression `e2` has type `t`, then updating the reference value from `e1` to point to the value from `e2` via `e_set e1 e2` has type `Unit`, i.e. is welltyped, but does not return any interesting result, as all that is supposed to happen is the sideeffect of the store update.

## 6.3 Semantics

We start by adding two new forms of values:

```
Inductive Val :=
| v_abs  : List Val → Exp → Val
| v_unit : Val
| v_loc  : ℕ → Val.
```

- `v_unit` is the single inhabitant of the `t_unit` type; and
- `v_loc n` represents the reference cell created by the  $n$ -th use of `e_ref`.

To evaluate an expression `e_get e`, where `e` evaluates to some location `v_loc n`, we need to be able to access the value referenced by that location. Hence, we parameterize the semantics with a so called value store, that records the values referenced by location values. Analogously to value environments, we represent that store as a list of values indexed by their location:

**Definition** ValEnv := List Val.

**Definition** ValStore := List Val.

The definitional interpreter is extended with a value store as an additional argument and return value, allowing the value store to be threaded through the evaluation of subexpressions:

```
Fixpoint eval (n : ℕ) (ve : ValEnv) (vs : ValStore) (e : Exp) :
  CanTimeout (CanErr (Val * ValStore ))
:=
match n with
| 0 ⇒
  timeout
| S n ⇒
  match e with
  | e_var x ⇒
    done ( mmap (λ v ⇒ (v, vs)) (indexr x ve) )
  | e_abs e ⇒
    done (noerr (v_abs ve e, vs ))
  | e_app e1 e2 ⇒
    '(v_abs ve1' e1', vs ) ← eval n ve vs e1;
    '(v2, vs ) ← eval n ve vs e2;
    eval n (v2 :: ve1') vs e1'
  | e_ref e ⇒
    '(v, vs) ← eval n ve vs e;
    done (noerr (v_loc (length vs), v :: vs))
  | e_get e ⇒
    '(v_loc l, vs) ← eval n ve vs e;
    done (mmap (λ v ⇒ (v, vs)) (indexr l vs))
  | e_set e1 e2 ⇒
    '(v_loc l, vs) ← eval n ve vs e1;
    '(v2, vs) ← eval n ve vs e2;
    done (noerr (v_unit, update l v2 vs))
```



**end**  
**end.**

- the old cases are only adjusted to propagate the value store through the evaluation: in the `e_var` and `e_abs` cases, the value store is simply returned unmodified, and in the `e_app` case, the value store is threaded through the evaluation of both subexpressions;
- expressions of form `e_ref e` are evaluated by extending the value store by the value of `e`, and returning the location of that value. Recall, that we use right-indexing to access a value store `vs`, as we did for DeBruijn Levels, so the value `v` can be accessed by the largest list index `length vs`.
- expressions of form `e_get e` are evaluated by first evaluating `e` to some location `v_loc l` and new store `vs`, and then returning the value referenced by `l`.
- expressions of form `e_set e1 e2` are evaluated by first evaluating `e1` to some location `v_loc l` and `e2` to some value `v2`, and then updating the store such that `l` references `v2`.

## 6.4 Type Soundness

We start by extending the value typing. To assign a type to a location `v_loc l`, we need to know the type of the value referenced by `l`.

For this purpose, we introduce a type store as a list of types, analogously to type environments:

**Definition** `TypStore := List Typ`.

We then extend the value typing as follows:

**Inductive** `ValTyp : TypStore → Val → Typ → Prop :=`  
`| vt_abs :`  
 $\forall ts\ ve\ te\ e\ t1\ t2,$   
`Forall2 (ValTyp ts ) ve te →`  
`ExpTyp (t1 :: te) e t2 →`  
`ValTyp ts (v_abs ve e) (t_arr t1 t2)`  
`| vt_unit :`  
 $\forall ts,$   
`ValTyp ts v_unit t_unit`  
`| vt_loc :`  
 $\forall ts\ l\ t,$   
`indexr l ts = some t →`  
`ValTyp ts (v_loc l) (t_ref t).`

**Definition** `WfEnv (ve : ValEnv) (te : TypEnv) (ts : TypStore) : Prop :=`  
`Forall2 (ValTyp ts ) ve te.`

- the `vt_abs` constructor remains independent from the type store, and only propagates the type store to the typing of the captured environment;

- the `vt_unit` constructor simply states that `v_unit` has type `t_unit`; and
- the `vt_loc` constructor states that a location `v_loc l` has type `t` if the type store recorded that this is the case.

Next, we state a well-formedness relation between value stores and type stores, as we did with `WfEnv` for environments:

**Definition** `WfStore` (`vs : ValStore`) (`ts : TypStore`) : Prop :=  
`Forall2 (ValTyp ts) vs ts`.

As the type stores used in the value typing get larger during evaluation, we need to state when a type store `ts1` is a substore of another type store `ts2`, in the sense that all locations present in `ts1`, have the same type in both `ts1` and `ts2`. We define this relation simple as the list-suffix-relation from Chapter 2:

**Notation** `SubStore` := `IsSuffixOf`.

We are now equipped to state type soundness:

**Theorem** (Type Soundness).

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall n e te ve vs ts mv t, \\ & \text{eval } n \text{ ve } vs e = \text{done } mv \rightarrow \\ & \text{ExpTyp } te e t \rightarrow \\ & \text{WfStore } vs ts \rightarrow \\ & \text{WfEnv } ve te ts \rightarrow \\ & \exists v vs' ts' , \\ & mv = \text{noerr } (v, vs') \wedge \\ & \text{WfStore } vs' ts' \wedge \\ & \text{SubStore } ts ts' \wedge \\ & \text{ValTyp } ts' v t. \end{aligned}$$

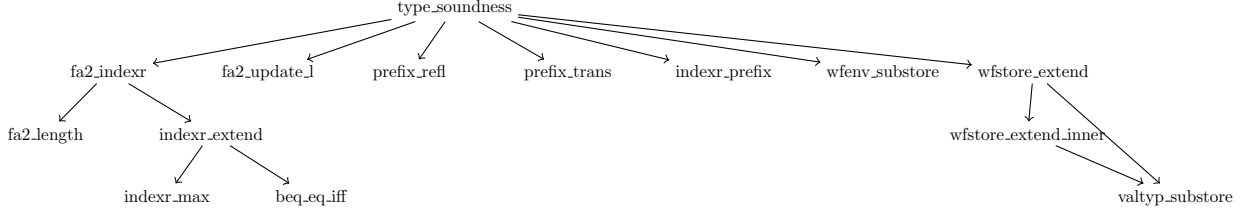


Figure 6.1: Proof Graph for STLC + Mutable References Soundness

## 6.5 Type Soundness Proof

Figure 6.1 shows the proof graph for the type soundness theorem. The only dependencies not covered in the framework from Chapter 2 are:

- `wfenv_substore`, which states that well-formed environments  $\text{WfEnv } ve \text{ te } ts1$  stay well-formed, if  $ts1$  is replaced by a larger store  $ts2$ ; and
- `wfstore_extend`, which states that a well-formed store  $\text{WfStore } vs \text{ ts}$  can be extended by a value typing  $\text{ValTyp } ts \ v \ t$  to  $\text{WfStore } (v :: vs) \ (t :: ts)$ .

We start with the type soundness proof to motivate the lemmas:

**Theorem 6.1** (Type Soundness).

$$\begin{aligned}
& \forall n \ e \ te \ ve \ vs \ ts \ mv \ t, \\
& \text{eval } n \ ve \ vs \ e = \text{done } mv \rightarrow \\
& \text{ExpTyp } te \ e \ t \rightarrow \\
& \text{WfStore } vs \ ts \rightarrow \\
& \text{WfEnv } ve \ te \ ts \rightarrow \\
& \exists v \ vs' \ ts', \\
& \quad mv = \text{noerr } (v, vs') \wedge \\
& \quad \text{WfStore } vs' \ ts' \wedge \\
& \quad \text{SubStore } ts \ ts' \wedge \\
& \quad \text{ValTyp } ts' \ v \ t.
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We start by induction over the number of steps  $n$ :

- **Case 0.** Contradiction; same as for the STLC.
- **Case  $n + 1$ .** We proceed by case analysis on the typing derivation  $\text{ExpTyp } te \ e \ t$ :
  - **Case `et_var`.** By definition of `et_var`, we have some  $x$  such that

$$e = \text{e\_var } x \qquad \text{indepr } x \ te = \text{noerr } t.$$

As before, this allows us to apply Lemma 2.4 (`fa2_indepr`)

$$\frac{\text{WfEnv } ts \ ve \ te \quad \text{indepr } x \ te = \text{noerr } t}{\exists v, \text{indepr } x \ ve = \text{noerr } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } ts \ v \ t} \text{FA2\_INDEPR}$$

By definition of `eval` and `mmap`, and substitution of `noerr v` for `indepr x ve`, the assumption `eval (n + 1) ve vs (e_var x) = done mv` reduces to

$$\text{done } (\text{noerr } (v, vs)) = \text{done } mv$$

so we substitute for  $mv$ , instantiate the existential variables of our goal with  $v := v, vs' := vs, ts' := ts$  and are left to prove

$$\text{WfStore } vs \ ts \ \wedge \ \text{SubStore } ts \ ts \ \wedge \ \text{ValTyp } ts \ v \ t$$

The first and last conjuncts follow by assumption and as the conclusion from `fa2_indexr`. The second conjunct follows directly from Lemma 2.6 (`suffix_refl`).

- **Case `et_abs`.** Same as for the STLC. As in the `et_var` case, the value store doesn't change, so we use `suffix_refl` to establish `Substore ts ts`.

By definition of `et_abs`, we have some `e'`, `t1`, `t2` such that

$$e = e.\text{abs } e' \quad t = t.\text{arr } t1 \ t2 \quad \text{ExpTyp } (t1 :: te) \ e' \ t2$$

By definition of `eval`, the assumption `eval (n + 1) ve vs (e.abs e')` = `done mv` reduces to

$$\text{done } (\text{noerr } (v.\text{abs } ve \ e', \ vs)) = \text{done } mv$$

Thus, by substituting for `mv`, we are left to prove

$$\exists v, v.\text{abs } ve \ e' = v \ \wedge \ \text{ValTyp } v \ (t.\text{arr } t1 \ t2)$$

so we choose `v = v.abs ve e'` and construct the value typing from our assumptions:

$$\frac{\text{WfEnv } ve \ te \quad \text{ExpTyp } (t1 :: te) \ e' \ t2}{\text{ValTyp } (v.\text{abs } ve \ e') \ (t.\text{arr } t1 \ t2)} \text{VT\_ABS}$$

- **Case `et_app`.** By definition of `et_app`, we have some `e1`, `e2`, `t1`, `t2` such that

$$e = e.\text{app } e1 \ e2 \quad t = t2 \quad \text{ExpTyp } te \ e1 \ (t.\text{arr } t1 \ t2) \quad \text{ExpTyp } te \ e2 \ t1$$

By definition of `eval`, the assumption

$$\text{eval } (n + 1) \ ve \ vs \ (e.\text{app } e1 \ e2) = \text{done } mv$$

reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} & ' (v.\text{abs } ve' \ e1', \ vs) \leftarrow \text{eval } n \ ve \ vs \ e1; \\ & ' (v2, \ vs) \leftarrow \text{eval } n \ ve \ vs \ e2; \\ & \text{eval } n \ (v2 :: ve') \ vs \ e1' \quad = \text{done } mv \end{aligned}$$

As before, we observe that there must be some `mv1` and `mv2` such that

$$\text{eval } n \ ve \ e1 = \text{done } mv1 \quad \text{eval } n \ ve \ e2 = \text{done } mv2$$

We are now equipped to apply our induction hypothesis to the evaluation of both subexpressions:

$$\frac{\text{eval } n \ ve \ vs \ e1 = \text{done } mv1 \quad \text{ExpTyp } te \ e1 \ (t.\text{arr } t1 \ t2) \quad \text{WfStore } vs \ ts \quad \text{WfEnv } ts \ ve \ te}{\exists v1 \ vs1 \ ts1, \quad \text{mv1} = \text{noerr } (v1, \ vs1) \quad \text{WfStore } vs1 \ ts1 \quad \text{SubStore } ts \ ts1 \quad \text{ValTyp } ts1 \ v1 \ (t.\text{arr } t1 \ t2)} \text{IH}$$

$$\frac{\text{eval } n \text{ ve vs1 } e2 = \text{done } mv2 \quad \frac{\text{ExpTyp } te \ e2 \ t1 \quad \text{WfStore } vs1 \ ts1 \quad \text{WfEnv } ts1 \ ve \ te}{\exists v2 \ vs2 \ ts2, \quad mv2 = \text{noerr } (v2, vs2) \quad \text{WfStore } vs2 \ ts2} \text{IH}}{\text{SubStore } ts1 \ ts2 \quad \text{ValTyp } ts2 \ v2 \ t2}$$

For the second application, we get the  $\text{WfEnv } ts1 \ ve \ te$  from  $\text{WfEnv } ts \ ve \ te$  and  $\text{SubStore } ts \ ts1$  using Lemma 6.4 ( $\text{wfenv\_substore}$ ).

$$\frac{\text{WfEnv } ts \ ve \ te \quad \text{SubStore } ts \ ts1}{\text{WfEnv } ts1 \ ve \ te} \text{WFENV\_SUBSTORE}$$

By inversion of the value typing  $\text{ValTyp } ts1 \ v1 \ (t\_arr \ t1 \ t2)$ , we find some  $te', ve', e1'$  such that

$$v1 = v\_abs \ ve' \ e1' \quad \text{ExpTyp } (t1 :: te') \ e1' \ t2 \quad \text{WfEnv } ve' \ te'$$

By substituting for  $mv1$ ,  $mv2$ , and  $v1$ , we now know

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eval } n \ ve \ e1 &= \text{done } (\text{noerr } (v\_abs \ ve' \ e1')) \\ \text{eval } n \ ve \ e2 &= \text{done } (\text{noerr } v2) \end{aligned}$$

so the monadic sequencing in our assumption about  $\text{eval}$  lets us deduce

$$\text{eval } n \ (v2 :: ve') \ e1' = \text{done } mv$$

To conclude the proof, we want to apply the induction hypothesis again

$$\frac{\text{eval } n \ (v2 :: ve') \ e1' = \text{done } mv \quad \text{ExpTyp } (t1 :: te') \ e1' \ t2 \quad \text{WfEnv } (v2 :: ve') \ (t1 :: te')}{\exists v, \ mv = \text{noerr } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } v \ t} \text{IH}$$

but we are still missing the well-formedness of the extended environment. We derive this last missing piece by

$$\frac{\text{WfEnv } ve' \ te' \quad \text{ValTyp } v2 \ t1}{\text{WfEnv } (v2 :: ve') \ (t1 :: te')} \text{FA2\_CONS}$$

– **Case**  $\text{et\_ref}$ . By definition of  $\text{et\_ref}$ , we have some  $e', t'$  such that

$$e = e\_ref \ e' \quad t = t\_ref \ t' \quad \text{ExpTyp } te \ e' \ t'$$

By definition of  $\text{eval}$ , the assumption

$$\text{eval } (n + 1) \ ve \ vs \ (e\_ref \ e') = \text{done } mv$$

reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} &v' \ (v', vs') \leftarrow \text{eval } n \ ve \ vs \ e'; \\ &\text{done } (\text{noerr } (v\_loc \ (\text{length } vs'), v' :: vs')) = \text{done } mv \end{aligned}$$

As before, we observe that there must be some  $mv'$  such that

$$\text{eval } n \text{ ve vs } e' = \text{done } mv'$$

so we can apply the induction hypothesis as

$$\frac{\text{eval } n \text{ ve vs } e' = \text{done } mv' \quad \text{ExpTyp } te \ e' \ t' \quad \text{WfStore } vs \ ts \quad \text{WfEnv } ts \ ve \ te}{\exists v' \ vs' \ ts', \quad mv' = \text{noerr } (v', \ vs') \quad \text{WfStore } vs' \ ts' \quad \text{SubStore } ts \ ts' \quad \text{ValTyp } ts' \ v' \ t'} \text{IH}$$

By substituting for  $mv'$ , the assumption about evaluation further reduces to

$$\text{done } (\text{noerr } (v.\text{loc } (\text{length } vs'), \ v' :: vs')) = \text{done } mv$$

By substituting for  $mv$ , and instantiating the existential variables of our goal with  $v := v.\text{loc } (\text{length } vs')$ ,  $vs' := v' :: vs'$ ,  $ts' := t' :: ts'$ , we are left to prove

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{WfStore } (v' :: vs') \ (t' :: ts') \wedge \\ & \text{SubStore } ts \ (t' :: ts') \wedge \\ & \text{ValTyp } (t' :: ts') \ v' \ (t.\text{ref } t') \end{aligned}$$

The first conjunct is proved via Lemma 6.1 (`wfstore_extend`):

$$\frac{\text{WfStore } vs' \ ts' \quad \text{ValTyp } ts' \ v' \ t'}{\text{WfStore } (v' :: vs') \ (t' :: ts')} \text{WFSTORE\_EXTEND}$$

The second conjunct follows via Lemma 2.7 (`suffix_trans`) from the assumptions.

The third conjunct follows via Lemma 2.3 (`fa2_length`).

– **Case `et_get`.** By definition of `et_ref`, we have some  $e'$  such that

$$e = e.\text{get } e' \quad \text{ExpTyp } te \ e' \ (t.\text{ref } t)$$

By definition of `eval`, the assumption

$$\text{eval } (n + 1) \text{ ve vs } (e.\text{get } e') = \text{done } mv$$

reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} & ' (v', \ vs') \leftarrow \text{eval } n \ \text{ve } \ \text{vs } \ e'; \\ & \text{done } (\text{noerr } (v.\text{loc } (\text{length } vs'), \ v' :: vs)) = \text{done } mv \end{aligned}$$

As before, we observe that there must be some  $mv'$  such that

$$\text{eval } n \ \text{ve } \ \text{vs } \ e' = \text{done } mv'$$

so we can apply the induction hypothesis as

$$\frac{\text{eval } n \ \text{ve } \ \text{vs } \ e' = \text{done } mv' \quad \text{ExpTyp } te \ e' \ (t.\text{ref } t) \quad \text{WfStore } vs \ ts \quad \text{WfEnv } ts \ ve \ te}{\exists v' \ vs' \ ts', \quad mv' = \text{noerr } (v', \ vs') \quad \text{WfStore } vs' \ ts' \quad \text{SubStore } ts \ ts' \quad \text{ValTyp } ts' \ v' \ (t.\text{ref } t)} \text{IH}$$

By inversion of the value typing  $\text{ValTyp } ts' \ v' \ (\text{t.ref } t)$ , we find some  $n$  such that

$$v' = v.\text{loc } n \quad \text{indexr } n \ ts' = \text{some } t$$

We then apply Lemma 2.4 on the second result, yielding

$$\frac{\text{WfStore } vs' \ ts' \quad \text{indexr } n \ ts' = \text{some } t}{\exists v, \text{indexr } n \ vs' = \text{some } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } ts' \ v \ t} \text{FA2\_INDEXR}$$

By substituting for  $v$ , the assumption about evaluation reduces further to

$$\text{done } (\text{noerr } (v, vs')) = \text{done } mv$$

and after substituting and instantiating we are left to prove

$$\text{WfStore } vs' \ ts' \wedge \text{SubStore } ts \ ts' \wedge \text{ValTyp } ts' \ v \ t$$

which we have already done.

– **Case**  $\text{et.set}$ . By definition of  $\text{et.set}$ , we have some  $e1, e2, t'$  such that

$$e = \text{e.set } e1 \ e2 \quad t = \text{Unit} \quad \text{ExpTyp } te \ e1 \ (\text{t.ref } t') \quad \text{ExpTyp } te \ e2 \ t'$$

By definition of  $\text{eval}$ , the assumption

$$\text{eval } (n + 1) \ ve \ vs \ (\text{e.set } e1 \ e2) = \text{done } mv$$

reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} & ' (v.\text{loc } l, vs) \leftarrow \text{eval } n \ ve \ vs \ e1; \\ & ' (v2, vs) \leftarrow \text{eval } n \ ve \ vs \ e2; \\ & \text{done } (\text{noerr } (v.\text{unit}, \text{update } l \ v2 \ vs)) = \text{done } mv \end{aligned}$$

As before, we observe that there must be some  $mv1$  and  $mv2$  such that

$$\text{eval } n \ ve \ vs \ e1 = \text{done } mv1 \quad \text{eval } n \ ve \ vs \ e2 = \text{done } mv2$$

We are now equipped to apply our induction hypothesis to the evaluation of both subexpressions:

$$\frac{\text{eval } n \ ve \ vs \ e1 = \text{done } mv1 \quad \text{ExpTyp } te \ e1 \ (\text{t.ref } t') \quad \text{WfStore } vs \ ts \quad \text{WfEnv } ts \ ve \ te}{\exists v1 \ vs1 \ ts1, \quad \text{mv1} = \text{noerr } (v1, vs1) \quad \text{WfStore } vs1 \ ts1} \text{IH}$$

$$\frac{}{\text{SubStore } ts \ ts1 \quad \text{ValTyp } ts1 \ v1 \ (\text{t.ref } t')}$$

$$\frac{\text{eval } n \ ve \ vs1 \ e2 = \text{done } mv2 \quad \text{ExpTyp } te \ e2 \ t' \quad \text{WfStore } vs1 \ ts1 \quad \text{WfEnv } ts1 \ ve \ te}{\exists v2 \ vs2 \ ts2, \quad \text{mv2} = \text{noerr } (v2, vs2) \quad \text{WfStore } vs2 \ ts2} \text{IH}$$

$$\frac{}{\text{SubStore } ts1 \ ts2 \quad \text{ValTyp } ts2 \ v2 \ t'}$$

For the second application, we get the  $\text{WfEnv } \text{ts1 } \text{ve } \text{te}$  from  $\text{WfEnv } \text{ts } \text{ve } \text{te}$  and  $\text{SubStore } \text{ts } \text{ts1}$  using Lemma 6.4 ( $\text{wfenv\_substore}$ ).

$$\frac{\text{WfEnv } \text{ts } \text{ve } \text{te} \quad \text{SubStore } \text{ts } \text{ts1}}{\text{WfEnv } \text{ts1 } \text{ve } \text{te}} \text{WFENV\_SUBSTORE}$$

By inversion of the value typing  $\text{ValTyp } \text{ts1 } \text{v1 } (\text{t\_ref } \text{t}')$ , we find some  $l$  such that

$$\text{v1} = \text{v\_loc } l \quad \text{indexr } l \text{ ts1} = \text{some } \text{t}'$$

By substituting for  $\text{mv1}$ ,  $\text{mv2}$ , and  $\text{v1}$ , we now know

$$\begin{aligned} \text{eval } n \text{ ve } \text{e1} &= \text{done } (\text{noerr } (\text{v\_loc } l)) \\ \text{eval } n \text{ ve } \text{e2} &= \text{done } (\text{noerr } \text{v2}) \end{aligned}$$

so the monadic sequencing in our assumption about  $\text{eval}$  lets us deduce

$$\text{done } (\text{noerr } (\text{v\_unit}, \text{update } l \text{ v2 } \text{vs2})) = \text{done } \text{mv}$$

By substituting for  $\text{mv}$  and instantiating  $\text{v} := \text{v\_unit}$ ,  $\text{vs}' := \text{update } l \text{ v2 } \text{vs2}$ ,  $\text{ts}' := \text{ts2}$ , we are left to prove

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{WfStore } (\text{update } l \text{ v2 } \text{vs2}) \text{ ts2} \wedge \\ &\text{SubStore } \text{ts } \text{ts2} \wedge \\ &\text{ValTyp } \text{ts2 } \text{v\_unit } \text{t\_unit} \end{aligned}$$

To prove the first conjunct  $\text{WfStore } (\text{update } l \text{ v2 } \text{vs2}) \text{ ts2}$ , we use Lemma 2.5 ( $\text{fa2\_update\_l}$ ) and Lemma 2.8 ( $\text{indexr\_suffix}$ ).

The second conjunct  $\text{SubStore } \text{ts } \text{ts2}$  follows simply from Lemma 2.7 ( $\text{suffix\_trans}$ ) applied to  $\text{SubStore } \text{ts } \text{ts1}$  and  $\text{SubStore } \text{ts1 } \text{ts2}$  which resulted from the induction hypotheses.

The third conjunct  $\text{ValTyp } \text{ts2 } \text{v\_unit } \text{t\_unit}$  follows directly from the  $\text{vt\_unit}$  constructor.

□



**Lemma 6.1** (`wfstore_extend`).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall (v : \text{Val}) (vs : \text{ValStore}) (t : \text{Typ}) (ts : \text{TypStore}), \\ &\text{WfStore } vs \ ts \rightarrow \\ &\text{ValTyp } ts \ v \ t \rightarrow \\ &\text{WfStore } (v :: vs) (t :: ts). \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Follows directly from Lemma 6.3 (`valtype_substore`) and Lemma 6.2 (`wfstore_extend_inner`).  $\square$

**Lemma 6.2** (`wfstore_extend_inner`).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall (ts \ ts' : \text{TypStore}) (vs : \text{ValStore}) (t : \text{Typ}), \\ &\text{Forall2 } (\text{ValTyp } ts') \ vs \ ts \rightarrow \\ &\text{Forall2 } (\text{ValTyp } (t :: ts')) \ vs \ ts. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Straightforward induction over the `Forall2` evidence using Lemma 6.3 (`valtype_substore`).  $\square$

The remaining two lemmas state that value typings `ValTyp` and well-formed environments `WfEnv` persist to hold for larger `TypStores`:

**Lemma 6.3** (`valtype_substore`).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall (v : \text{Val}) (t : \text{Typ}) (ts1 \ ts2 : \text{TypStore}), \\ &\text{ValTyp } ts1 \ v \ t \rightarrow \\ &\text{SubStore } ts1 \ ts2 \rightarrow \\ &\text{ValTyp } ts2 \ v \ t. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 6.4** (`wfenv_substore`).

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall (te : \text{TypEnv}) (ve : \text{ValEnv}) (ts1 \ ts2 : \text{TypStore}), \\ &\text{WfEnv } ve \ te \ ts1 \rightarrow \\ &\text{SubStore } ts1 \ ts2 \rightarrow \\ &\text{WfEnv } ve \ te \ ts2. \end{aligned}$$

As `ValTyp` and `WfEnv` have a mutually inductive structure, we need to prove both lemmas together<sup>1</sup>:

*Proof.* Straightforward mutual induction over the `WfEnv` evidence from `wfenv_substore` together with the `ValType` evidence from `valtype_substore`. The case of a location value `v_loc l` requires Lemma 2.8 (`indexr_suffix`) from the framework.  $\square$

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<sup>1</sup>In our Coq formalization, we were not able to derive the correct mutual induction schemes with a definition of `WfEnv` based on `Forall2`. We worked around this issue by representing `WfEnv` with a more specialized, but structurally isomorphic type. See the implementation for more details.

## Chapter 7

# Parametric Polymorphism

In this chapter, the formalization of the simply typed lambda calculus from Chapter 3 is extended with parametric polymorphism resulting in a formalization of System F[12], also known as *the second-order lambda calculus* or *Girard-Reynolds polymorphic lambda calculus*.

Just as the simply typed lambda calculus allows to introduce variables ranging over values, the parametric polymorphism in System F allows to introduce variables ranging over types. For example, we can write a polymorphic identity function as

$$\Lambda\alpha.\lambda(x : \alpha).x : \forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha,$$

and instantiate it to a given type  $\tau$  as

$$(\Lambda\alpha.\lambda(x : \alpha).x)[\tau] \equiv \lambda(x : \tau).x : \tau \rightarrow \tau.$$

While still being strongly normalizing, System F is much more expressive than the simply typed lambda calculus, allowing to encode many other language features[9].

The formalization of System F is significantly more complex than the other case studies we have seen so far. We specify the semantics of a type application  $e[\tau]$  not by substituting  $\tau$  for the type variable in  $e$ , but instead by pushing  $\tau$  into the value environment, leaving the variable in  $e$  intact. As a consequence, we need to introduce a type equivalence, that relates types with respect to their value environments. For example, a type  $\tau$  with respect to the empty environment is equivalent to a type variable  $\alpha$  with respect to the environment that maps  $\alpha$  to  $\tau$ . Thus, the core lemmas of the soundness theorem are about the interaction of type equivalence with substitution used in the type system.

## 7.1 Syntax

The syntax of types is extended by universal quantification and variables. In our formalization, we represent type variables using a special form of the locally nameless encoding[2], that requires three different kinds of variables:

```
Inductive Typ : Type :=  
| t_arr (t1 t2 : Typ)  
| t_all (t : Typ)  
| t_var_b (x : ℕ)  
| t_var_c (x : ℕ)  
| t_var_a (x : ℕ) .
```

- the `t_all t` is a universal type quantifying over a type variable in body `t`;
- the `t_var_b` variable represents a variable that's bound by a universal type;
- the `t_var_c` variable represents a free variable, caused by a type application;
- the `t_var_a` variable represents a free variable, that's used if the type equivalence relation goes under a binder.

The syntax of expressions is extended by two new forms:

```
Inductive Exp : Type :=  
| e_var (x : ℕ)  
| e_abs (e : Exp)  
| e_app (e1 e2 : Exp)  
| e_tabs (e : Exp)  
| e_tapp (e : Exp) (t : Typ) .
```

- the `e_tabs e` expression represents a type abstraction with body `e`; and
- the `e_tapp e t` expression represents a type application of type `t` to expression `e`.

## 7.2 Type System

We start by adjusting the definition of type environments. Instead of assigning a type to a variable referring to a regular value, an entry in the type environment can now also state, that the variable refers to a type value, which itself has no type.

```
Inductive TypBind : Type :=  
| bind_exp : Typ → TypBind  
| bind_typ : TypBind .
```

**Definition** TypEnv := List TypBind.

Next, we define a relation `HasVars`, such that `HasVars b a c t` states that type `t` has at most `b` bound variables `t_var_b` that are not under a binder, at most `a` free variables `t_var_a` from the type equivalence relation, and at most `c` free variables `t_var_c` caused by type applications:

```

Inductive HasVars :  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{Typ} \rightarrow \text{Prop} :=
| hv\_arr :
   $\forall b\ a\ c\ t1\ t2,$ 
  HasVars  $b\ a\ c\ t1 \rightarrow$ 
  HasVars  $b\ a\ c\ t2 \rightarrow$ 
  HasVars  $b\ a\ c\ (t\_arr\ t1\ t2)$ 
| hv\_all :
   $\forall b\ a\ c\ t2,$ 
  HasVars  $(S\ b)\ a\ c\ t2 \rightarrow$ 
  HasVars  $b\ a\ c\ (t\_all\ t2)$ 
| hv\_var\_c :
   $\forall b\ a\ c\ x,$ 
   $c > x \rightarrow$ 
  HasVars  $b\ a\ c\ (t\_var\_c\ x)$ 
| hv\_var\_a :
   $\forall b\ a\ c\ x,$ 
   $a > x \rightarrow$ 
  HasVars  $b\ a\ c\ (t\_var\_a\ x)$ 
| hv\_var\_b :
   $\forall b\ a\ c\ x,$ 
   $b > x \rightarrow$ 
  HasVars  $b\ a\ c\ (t\_var\_b\ x).$$ 
```

To specify the typing of a type application  $e\_tapp\ e\ t'$ , we need to substitute the type variable bound by the universal type of  $e$  with  $t'$ . For this purpose we define what it means to open a bound type variable  $b'$  with type  $t'$  in type  $t$ :

```

Fixpoint open_rec (b' :  $\mathbb{N}$ ) (t' : Typ) (t : Typ) : Typ :=
match t with
| t\_arr t1 t2  $\Rightarrow$  t\_arr (open_rec b' t' t1) (open_rec b' t' t2)
| t\_all t2  $\Rightarrow$  t\_all (open_rec (S b') t' t2)
| t\_var\_c c  $\Rightarrow$  t\_var\_c c
| t\_var\_a a  $\Rightarrow$  t\_var\_a a
| t\_var\_b b  $\Rightarrow$  if beq_nat b' b then t' else t\_var\_b b
end.

```

**Definition** open t' t := open\_rec 0 t' t.

The typing relation is then extended as follows:

```

Inductive ExpTyp : TypEnv  $\rightarrow$  Exp  $\rightarrow$  Typ  $\rightarrow$  Prop :=
| et\_var :
   $\forall x\ te\ t,$ 
  HasVars 0 0 (length te) t  $\rightarrow$ 
  indexr x te = some (bind_exp t)  $\rightarrow$ 
  ExpTyp te (e_var x) t
| et\_app :
   $\forall te\ e1\ e2\ t1\ t2,$ 
  ExpTyp te e1 (t_arr t1 t2)  $\rightarrow$ 
  ExpTyp te e2 t1  $\rightarrow$ 
  ExpTyp te (e_app e1 e2) t2
| et\_abs :

```

```

    ∀ te e t1 t2,
    HasVars 0 0 (length te) (t_arr t1 t2) →
    ExpTyp (bind_exp t1 :: te) e t2 →
    ExpTyp te (e_abs e) (t_arr t1 t2)
  | et_tapp :
    ∀ te e t1 t2,
    HasVars 0 0 (length te) t1 →
    ExpTyp te e (t_all t2) →
    ExpTyp te (e_tapp e t1) (open t1 t2)
  | et_tabs :
    ∀ te e t2,
    HasVars 0 0 (length te) (t_all t2) →
    ExpTyp (bind_typ :: te) e (open (t_var_c (length te)) t2) →
    ExpTyp te (e_tabs e) (t_all t2) .

```

- the old constructors remain the same, except that we require `HasVars 0 0 (length te) t` evidence at multiple places. The purpose of this evidence, is to exclude ill-formed types from the typing relation, that result from our variable encoding. The evidence ensures, that types have no bound variables that are not actually under any binder, and also no free variables related to type equivalence, as we are not in a situation, where the type equivalence has gone under a binder;
- the `et_tapp` constructor states that a type application `e_tapp e t` has type `open t1 t2`, if `e` has a universal type `t_all t2`, and `t1` is a well-formed type, as witnessed by `HasVars`; and
- the `et_tabs` constructor states that a type abstraction `e_tabs e t` has type `t_all t2`, if `t_all t2` is a well-formed type, i.e. `t2` has only a single `t_var_b` that is not yet bound, and if its body `e` has the type of `t2`, where the yet unbound variable of `t2` is opened by a free variable `t_var_c`.

### 7.3 Semantics

The extension to the semantics is straightforward. We have two new forms of values:

```

Inductive Val :=
  | v_abs   : List Val → Exp → Val
  | v_tabs  : List Val → Exp → Val
  | v_typ   : List Val → Typ → Val.

```

- a type abstraction closure `v_tabs ve t` results from evaluating a type abstraction, just like a regular closure results from evaluating a lambda abstraction; and
- a type closure `v_typ ve t` occurs in the evaluation of a type application, and represents a type `t` that may have free `t_var_c` occurrences referring to other type closures in `ve`.

The value environment remains the same:

**Definition** ValEnv := List Val.

The definitional interpreter is extended by two new cases for the new expression forms:

```

Fixpoint eval (n : ℕ) (ve : ValEnv) (t : Exp) : CanTimeout (CanErr Val)
:=
  match n with
  | 0 => timeout
  | S n =>
    match t with
    | e_var x => done (indexr x ve)
    | e_abs e => done (noerr (v_abs ve e))
    | e_tabs e => done (noerr (v_tabs ve e))
    | e_app e1 e2 =>
      ' v2 ← eval n ve e2;
      ' v_abs ve' e1' ← eval n ve e1;
      eval n (v2 :: ve') e1'
    | e_tapp e t =>
      ' v_tabs ve' e' ← eval n ve e;
      eval n (v_typ ve t :: ve') e'
    end
  end.

```

- a type abstraction `e_tabs e` is evaluated to a closure `v_tabs ve e`, just like a regular abstraction; and
- a type application `e_tapp e t` is evaluated by first evaluating `e` to a closure `v_tabs ve' e'`, and then evaluating the closure's body `e'` in its captured environment `ve'` extended by the argument type `t` closed in the current environment `ve`.

## 7.4 Type Soundness

As the type application puts the argument type as a type closure in the value environment, we need to define a type equivalence relation, which relates types with respect to their value environment. The type equivalence between universal types is defined in terms of the type equivalence of their bodys. For this purpose the bound variable is opened with a free variable `t_var_a` specific to the type equivalence relation. To count those variables, we introduce an environment `AbsEnv` as a list of `Unit` values:

**Definition** AbsEnv := List Unit.

We then state the type equivalence `TEq`, where `TEq ve1 t1 ve2 t2 ae` states that the type `t1` is in value environment `ve1` equivalent to type `t2` in value environment `ve2`, where both types make use of at most `length ae` variables of form `t_var_a`. When we use the type equivalence outside of its own definition, we only need to compare types that have no `t_var_a` variables.

**Inductive** TEq : ValEnv → Typ → ValEnv → Typ → AbsEnv → Prop :=

- | teq\_arr :
  - ∀ ve1 ve2 t1 t2 t1' t2' ae,
  - TEq ve1 t1 ve2 t2 ae →
  - TEq ve1 t1' ve2 t2' ae →
  - TEq ve1 (t\_arr t1 t1') ve2 (t\_arr t2 t2') ae
- | teq\_all :
  - ∀ ve1 ve2 t1 t2 x ae,
  - x = length ae →
  - HasVars 1 (length ae) (length ve1) t1 →
  - HasVars 1 (length ae) (length ve2) t2 →
  - TEq ve1 (open (t\_var\_a x) t1) ve2 (open (t\_var\_a x) t2) (tt :: ae)
    - 
    - TEq ve1 (t\_all t1) ve2 (t\_all t2) ae
- | teq\_var\_c1 :
  - ∀ ve1 ve2 ve1' t1' x t2 ae,
  - indexr x ve1 = some (v\_typ ve1' t1') →
  - HasVars 0 0 (length ve1') t1' →
  - TEq ve1' t1' ve2 t2 ae →
  - TEq ve1 (t\_var\_c x) ve2 t2 ae
- | teq\_var\_c2 :
  - ∀ ve1 ve2 ve2' t2' x t1 ae,
  - indexr x ve2 = some (v\_typ ve2' t2') →
  - HasVars 0 0 (length ve2') t2' →
  - TEq ve1 t1 ve2' t2' ae →
  - TEq ve1 t1 ve2 (t\_var\_c x) ae
- | teq\_var\_c12 :
  - ∀ ve1 ve2 v x1 x2 ae,
  - indexr x1 ve1 = some v →
  - indexr x2 ve2 = some v →
  - TEq ve1 (t\_var\_c x1) ve2 (t\_var\_c x2) ae
- | teq\_var\_a12 :
  - ∀ ve1 ve2 x ae,
  - indexr x ae = some tt →
  - TEq ve1 (t\_var\_a x) ve2 (t\_var\_a x) ae.

- the `teq_arr` constructor states, that two arrow types are equivalent if their components are equivalent in the same environments;
- the `teq_all` constructor states, that two universal types are equivalent if their bodys are equivalent, after opening them with the same free variable `t_var_a x`, and extending the abstract environment `ae` by another unit value `tt` to witness the new free variable;
- the `teq_var_c1` constructor states, that a free type variable `t_var_c x` in environment `ve1`, is equivalent to some other type `t1` in environment `ve2`, if `x` is mapped to another type closure `v_typ ve1' t1'`, that's equivalent to `t1` in environment `ve2`;
- the `teq_var_c2` constructor is symmetric to `teq_var_c1`;

- the `teq_var_c12` constructor covers the case where both sides are variables of form `teq_var_c`. If the variables are syntactically equal, then no other evidence for equivalence is required; and
- the `teq_var_a12` constructor is analogous to `teq_var_c12`, but for free variables introduced by the `teq_all` constructor. As those variables are abstract, i.e. do not relate to any concrete type from a value environment, syntactic equality is the only meaningful way to compare them.

For subtyping in Chapter 4, we extended the value typing, such that any value can be given any supertype of its actual type. For System F, we extend the value typing similarly, but with respect to type equivalence instead of subtyping. A value typing `ValTyp ve v t` now states that value `v` has a type that's equivalent to `t` in value environment `ve`. The additional `ve` index of `ValTyp` prevents the use of `Forall2` to model the well-formedness of value and type environments. We thus define `WfEnv` from scratch, together with `ValTyp` as mutually inductive types:

```

Inductive WfEnv : ValEnv → TypEnv → Prop :=
| wfe_nil :
  WfEnv nil nil
| wfe_cons :
  ∀ v t ve te,
  ValTyp (v :: ve) v t →
  WfEnv ve te →
  WfEnv (v :: ve) (t :: te)
with ValTyp : ValEnv → Val → TypBind → Prop :=
| vt_abs :
  ∀ ve1 ve2 te2 e t1 t2 t ,
  WfEnv ve2 te2 →
  ExpTyp (bind_exp t1 :: te2) e t2 →
  TEq ve2 (t_arr t1 t2) ve1 t [] →
  ValTyp ve1 (v_abs ve2 e) (bind_exp t)
| vt_tabs :
  ∀ ve1 ve2 te2 e t2 t,
  WfEnv ve2 te2 →
  ExpTyp (bind_typ :: te2) e (open (t_var_c (length ve2)) t2) →
  TEq ve2 (t_all t2) ve1 t [] →
  ValTyp ve1 (v_tabs ve2 e) (bind_exp t)
| vt_ty :
  ∀ ve1 ve2 te2 t,
  WfEnv ve2 te2 →
  ValTyp ve1 (v_typ ve2 t) bind_typ .

```

- the `vt_abs` constructor previously stated, that a lambda closure `v_abs ve2 e` simply has the arrow type `t_arr t1 t2` corresponding to its body. For System F, the arrow type `t_arr t1 t2` may contain type variables referring to type closures in the captured value environment `ve2`. Hence, the closure can now be given any type `t` in value environment `ve1`, such that `t` in `ve1` is equivalent to `t_arr t1 t2` in `ve2`;



- the `vt_tabs` constructor states the typing of type abstraction closures `v_tabs ve2 e`. It is completely analogous to `vt_abs`, requiring the a typing of body `e` as stated by the type system; and
- the `vt_typ` constructor states a type closure `v_typ ve2 t` is well-formed, if it's captured value environment `ve2` is well-formed with respect to some type environment `te2`.

The statement of type soundness remains unchanged:

**Theorem** (Type Soundness).

$$\begin{aligned}
& \forall n \ e \ te \ ve \ mv \ t, \\
& \text{eval } n \ ve \ e = \text{done } mv \rightarrow \\
& \text{ExpTyp } te \ e \ t \rightarrow \\
& \text{WfEnv } ve \ te \rightarrow \\
& \exists v, \ mv = \text{noerr } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } ve \ v \ (\text{bind\_exp } t).
\end{aligned}$$

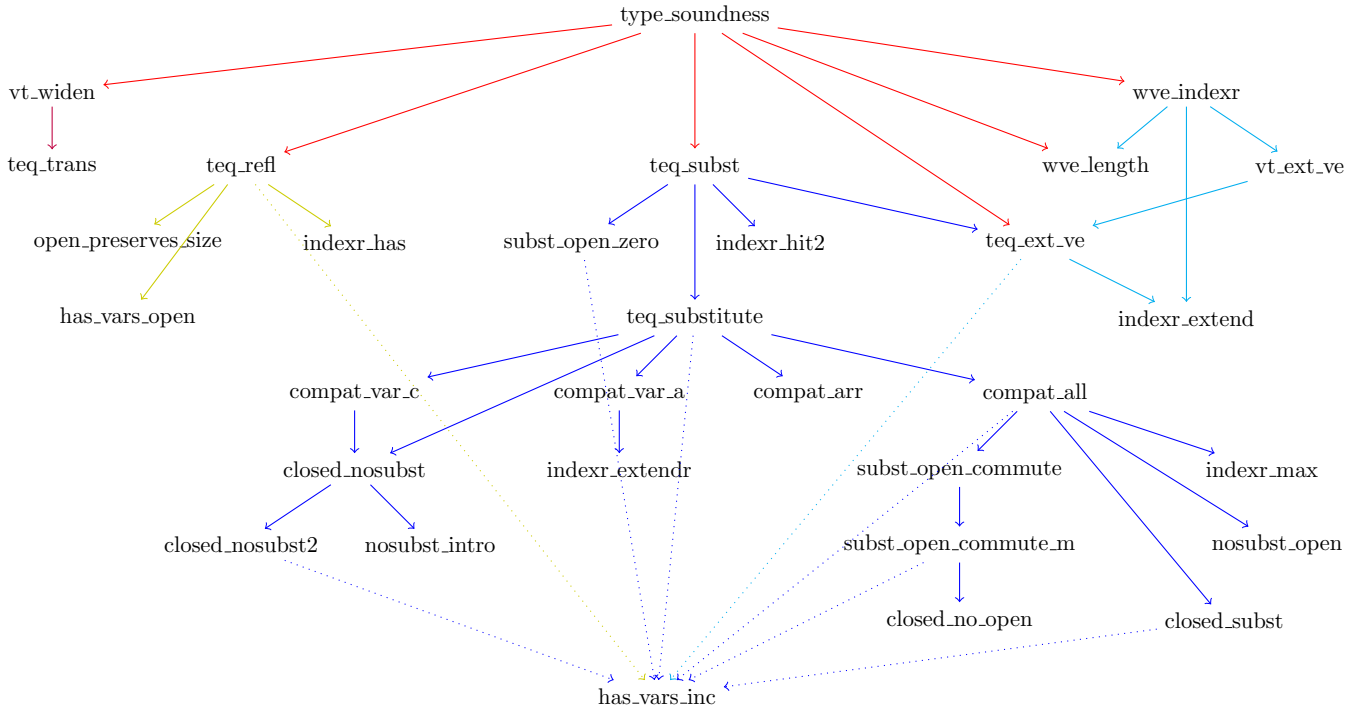


Figure 7.1: Proof Graph for System F Soundness

## 7.5 Type Soundness Proof

Figure 7.1 shows the proof graph of the type soundness theorem. As the full formal proof is rather lengthy, we only cover the theorem and its direct sublemmas in detail, and refer to the implementation for the complete proof:

- Similar to subtyping, we need a lemma `vt_widen`, that allows to transfer a value typing  $\text{ValTyp } ve \ v \ t$  along a type equivalence  $\text{TEq } ve \ t \ ve' \ t'$ , yielding  $\text{ValTyp } ve' \ v \ t'$ . The lemma is used in the cases of lambda and type applications to relate the value typing from our goal to the value typing of the closure values produced by the induction hypothesis for the closure body.
- Similar to subtyping, we need a lemma `teq_refl`, that states the reflexivity of the type equivalence  $\text{TEq}$ . The lemma is used in the cases of lambda and type abstractions to build the value typing in the current environment.
- The `teq_subst` lemma is used in the type application case. It states the type equivalence between the direct type substitution performed by the type system and the delayed type substitution performed by the semantics through extending the value environment with a type closure. Proving this lemma requires a fair amount of extra machinery as witnessed by the proof graph.

- The `teq_ext_ve` lemma is used in the lambda application case. It states that type equivalence is preserved, if one of the involved value environments is extended by a new entry.
- The `wve_indexr` and `wve_length` lemmas are used in the variable case, and correspond to Lemma 2.4 (`fa2_indexr`) and Lemma 2.3 (`fa2_length`).

We start by proving the type soundness theorem:

**Theorem 7.1** (Type Soundness).

$$\begin{aligned}
& \forall n \ e \ te \ ve \ mv \ t, \\
& \text{eval } n \ ve \ e = \text{done } mv \rightarrow \\
& \text{ExpTyp } te \ e \ t \rightarrow \\
& \text{WfEnv } ve \ te \rightarrow \\
& \exists v, mv = \text{noerr } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } ve \ v \ (\text{bind\_exp } t).
\end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We start by induction over the number of steps  $n$ :

- **Case 0.** Contradiction; same as for the STLC.
- **Case  $n + 1$ .** We proceed by case analysis on the typing derivation `ExpTyp te e t`:
  - **Case `et_var`.** Same as for the STLC.
  - **Case `et_abs`.** Same as for the STLC, except that to construct the value typing for the closure, we now have to proof reflexivity of type equivalence, similar as it was the case with subtyping in Chapter 4.
  - **Case `et_tabs`.** Same as the `et_abs` case.
  - **Case `et_app`.** Same as for the STLC, until we apply the induction hypothesis to both subexpressions `e1` and `e2`, and then invert the resulting value typing `ValTyp ve v1 (t_arr t1 t2)`.

Whereas for the STLC, the inversion of the value typing revealed that the body `e1'` of the closure value is related directly to types `t1` and `t2`:

$$v1 = v\_abs \ ve' \ e1' \ \text{WfEnv } ve' \ te' \ \text{ExpTyp } (t1 :: te') \ e1' \ t2$$

It is now the case, that the body `e1'` relates to some `t1'` and `t2'`, such that `t_arr t1 t2` is in the current value environment `ve` equivalent to `t_arr t1' t2'` in the closure's value environment `ve'`:

$$\begin{aligned}
v1 &= v\_abs \ ve' \ e1' \ \text{WfEnv } ve' \ te' \ \text{ExpTyp } (\text{bind\_exp } t1' :: te') \ e1' \ t2' \\
&\text{TEq } ve \ (t\_arr \ t1 \ t2) \ ve' \ (t\_arr \ t1' \ t2') \ []
\end{aligned}$$

Next, we apply the induction hypothesis to the closure body:

$$\frac{\begin{aligned} & \text{eval } n \ (v2 :: ve') \ e1' = \text{done } mv \\ & \text{WfEnv } (v2 :: ve') \ (\text{bind\_exp } t1' :: te') \\ & \text{ExpTyp } (\text{bind\_exp } t1' :: te') \ e1' \ t2' \end{aligned}}{\exists v, mv = \text{noerr } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } (v2 :: ve') \ v \ (\text{bind\_exp } t2')} \text{IH}$$

We prove the missing `WfEnv` evidence in three steps:

\* we use the `wfe_cons` constructor on the `WfEnv ve' te'` evidence from the closure inversion, requiring us to proof a value typing:

$$\frac{\text{WfEnv } ve' te' \quad \text{ValTyp } (v2 :: ve') v2 (\text{bind\_exp } t1')}{\text{WfEnv } (v2 :: ve') (\text{bind\_exp } t1' :: te')} \text{WFE\_CONS}$$

\* we proof the value typing using Lemma 7.1 (`vt_widen`) on the value typing that resulted from the induction hypothesis, requiring us to proof a type equivalence:

$$\frac{\text{ValTyp } ve v2 (\text{bind\_exp } t1) \quad \text{TEq } ve t1 (v2 :: ve1) t1' []}{\text{ValTyp } (v2 :: ve') v2 (\text{bind\_exp } t1')} \text{VT\_WIDEN}$$

\* we proof the type equivalence using Lemma 7.2 (`teq_ext_ve`) on the type equivalence we retrived from the closure inversion:

$$\frac{\text{TEq } ve t1 ve1 t1' []}{\text{TEq } ve t1 (v2 :: ve1) t1' []} \text{TEQ\_EXT\_VE}$$

In contrast to the STLC, the application of the induction hypothesis to the closure body didn't directly solve our goal

$$\exists v, mv = \text{noerr } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } ve v (\text{bind\_exp } t2)$$

but instead produced

$$\exists v, mv = \text{noerr } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } (v2 :: ve') v (\text{bind\_exp } t2')$$

We use Lemma 7.1 (`vt_widen`) to instead proof that the types are equivalent in their environments, and Lemma 7.2 (`teq_ext_ve`) to build the type equivalence from a result of the closure inversion:

$$\frac{\text{ValTyp } ve v (\text{bind\_exp } t2) \quad \frac{\text{TEq } ve t2 ve' t2'}{\text{TEq } ve t2 (v2 :: ve') t2'} \text{TEQ\_EXT\_VE}}{\text{ValTyp } (v2 :: ve') v (\text{bind\_exp } t2')} \text{VT\_WIDEN}$$

– **Case `et_tapp`.** By definition of `et_tapp`, we have some `t1`, `t2`, `e1` such that

$$e = \text{e\_tapp } e1 t \quad t = \text{open } t1 t2 \quad \text{ExpTyp } te e1 (t\_all t2) \\ \text{HasVars } 0 0 (\text{length } te) t1.$$

By definition of `eval`, the assumption

$$\text{eval } (n + 1) ve (\text{e\_tapp } e1 t) = \text{done } mv$$

reduces to

$$v\_tabs ve' e' \leftarrow \text{eval } n ve e1; \\ \text{eval } n (v\_typ ve t :: ve') e' = \text{done } mv$$

As before, we observe that there must be some  $mv1$  such that

$$\text{eval } n \text{ ve } e1 = \text{done } mv1$$

and then apply our induction hypothesis accordingly

$$\frac{\text{eval } n \text{ ve } e1 = \text{done } mv1 \quad \text{WfEnv } ve \text{ te} \\ \text{ExpTyp } te \text{ e1 } (t.all \ t2)}{\exists v1, mv1 = \text{noerr } v1 \wedge \text{ValTyp } ve \text{ v1 } (\text{bind\_exp } (t.all \ t2))} \text{IH}$$

By inversion of the value typing of  $v1$ , we find that  $v1$  has to be a type abstraction closure with a body of type  $t2'$ , such that  $t2'$  in the captured environment  $ve'$  is equivalent to  $t2$  in the current environment  $ve$ , i.e. there are some  $te'$ ,  $ve'$ ,  $e1'$ ,  $t2'$  such that

$$v1 = v.tabs \ ve' \ e1' \quad \text{WfEnv } ve' \ te' \quad \text{TEq } ve' \ (t.all \ t2') \ ve \ (t.all \ t2) \\ \text{ExpTyp } (\text{bind\_typ} :: te') \ e1' \ (\text{open } (t.var\_c \ (\text{length } ve')) \ t2')$$

By substituting for  $mv1$ , and  $v1$ , we find that

$$\text{eval } n \text{ ve } e1 = \text{done } (\text{noerr } (v.tabs \ ve' \ e1'))$$

so the monadic sequencing in our assumption about  $\text{eval}$  lets us deduce

$$\text{eval } n \ (v.typ \ ve \ t :: ve') \ e1' = \text{done } mv$$

We are now almost ready to apply the induction hypothesis to the closure body:

$$\frac{\text{eval } n \ (v.typ \ ve \ t :: ve') \ e1' = \text{done } mv \\ \text{ExpTyp } (\text{bind\_typ} :: te') \ e1' \ (\text{open } (t.var\_c \ (\text{length } ve')) \ t2') \\ \text{WfEnv } (v.typ \ ve \ t :: ve') \ (\text{bind\_typ} :: te')}{\exists v, mv = \text{noerr } v \wedge \\ \text{ValTyp } (v.typ \ ve \ t :: ve') \ v \ (\text{open } (t.var\_c \ (\text{length } ve')) \ t2')} \text{IH}$$

all that's missing is the  $\text{WfEnv}$  evidence which we simply construct from our assumptions:

$$\frac{\text{WfEnv } ve' \ te' \quad \frac{\text{WfEnv } ve \ te \\ \text{ValTyp } (v.typ \ ve \ t :: ve') \ (v.typ \ ve \ t) \ \text{bind\_typ}}{\text{ValTyp } (v.typ \ ve \ t :: ve') \ v \ (\text{open } (t.var\_c \ (\text{length } ve')) \ t2')} \text{VT\_TYP}}{\text{WfEnv } (v.typ \ ve \ t :: ve') \ (\text{bind\_typ} :: te')} \text{WFENV\_CONS}$$

Whereas in the  $\text{e\_app}$  case of the STLC, the application of the induction hypothesis to the closure body directly proved our goal, we now have a mismatch:

$$\frac{\text{ValTyp } (v.typ \ ve \ t :: ve') \ v \ (\text{open } (t.var\_c \ (\text{length } ve')) \ t2')}{\text{ValTyp } ve \ v \ (\text{bind\_exp } (\text{open } t1 \ t2))} ?$$

We use the `vt_widen` Lemma to instead proof the type equivalence

$$\text{TEq } (v\_typ \text{ ve } t1 :: \text{ve1}) \text{ (open (t\_var\_c (length ve1)) } t2') \\ \text{ve (open } t1 \text{ } t2) \quad []$$

which by the `teq_subst` Lemma requires only the type equivalence we already extracted from the closure's value typing

$$\text{TEq } \text{ve}' \text{ (t\_all } t2') \text{ ve (t\_all } t2)$$

□

**Lemma 7.1** (`vt_widen`).

$$\forall \text{vf } H1 \text{ } H2 \text{ } t1 \text{ } t2, \\ \text{ValTyp } H1 \text{ vf (bind\_exp } t1) \rightarrow \\ \text{TEq } H1 \text{ } t1 \text{ } H2 \text{ } t2 \quad [] \rightarrow \\ \text{ValTyp } H2 \text{ vf (bind\_exp } t2).$$

*Proof.* Identical to the proof of Lemma 4.1 (`vt_widen`) for subtyping, but using transitivity of type equivalence instead of subtyping. □

**Lemma 7.2** (`teq_ext_ve`).

$$\forall (v : \text{Val}) (\text{ve1 } \text{ve2} : \text{ValEnv}) (t1 \text{ } t2 : \text{Typ}) \text{ ae}, \\ \text{TEq } \quad \text{ve1 } \text{ } t1 \quad \text{ve2 } \text{ } t2 \text{ } \text{ae} \rightarrow \\ \text{TEq } (v :: \text{ve1}) \text{ } t1 \quad \text{ve2 } \text{ } t2 \text{ } \text{ae} \wedge \\ \text{TEq } \quad \text{ve1 } \text{ } t1 \text{ } (v :: \text{ve2}) \text{ } t2 \text{ } \text{ae}.$$

*Proof.* Straightforward induction over the `TEq` evidence, using 2 minor, technical lemmas. □

**Lemma 7.3** (`teq_refl`).

$$\forall \text{ae } (\text{ve} : \text{ValEnv}) (t : \text{Typ}), \\ \text{HasVars } 0 \text{ (length ae) (length ve) } t \rightarrow \\ \text{TEq } \text{ve } t \text{ ve } t \text{ ae}.$$

*Proof.* Induction over the size of `t` using minor, technical lemmas. □

**Lemma 7.4** (`teq_subst`).

$$\forall (t1 \text{ } t2 \text{ } t2' : \text{Typ}) (\text{ve } \text{ve}' : \text{ValEnv}), \\ \text{HasVars } 0 \text{ } 0 \text{ (length ve) } t1 \rightarrow \\ \text{TEq } \text{ve } \text{ (t\_all } t2) \\ \quad \text{ve}' \text{ (t\_all } t2') \quad [] \rightarrow \\ \text{TEq } \text{ve} \quad \text{(open } t1 \text{ } t2) \\ \quad (v\_typ \text{ ve } t1 :: \text{ve}') \text{ (open (t\_var\_c (length ve')) } t2') \quad [].$$

*Proof.* The main proof is by induction over the type equivalence, but a lot of auxiliary definitions and lemmas are required. □

**Lemma 7.5** (wve\_indexr).

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall ve\ te\ x\ t, \\ & \text{WfEnv } ve\ te \rightarrow \\ & \text{indexr } x\ te = \text{some } t \rightarrow \\ & \exists v, \text{ indexr } x\ ve = \text{some } v \wedge \text{ValTyp } ve\ v\ t. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Similar to Lemma 2.4 (fa2\_indexr), but now the value typing retrieved for older variables, relates to a suffix of  $ve$ , so we use Lemma 7.2 (teq\_ext\_ve) to extend the value typing accordingly.  $\square$

**Lemma 7.6** (wve\_length).

$$\begin{aligned} & \forall ve\ te, \\ & \text{WfEnv } ve\ te \rightarrow \\ & \text{length } ve = \text{length } te. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* Identical to Lemma 2.3 (fa2\_length),  $\square$

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