Chapter 26: Bounded Quantification

Polymorphism + subtyping Foundations of OO



Motivation

• Limitation of Subtyping

```
f = λx:{a:Nat}. x;
ra = {a=0};
rab = {a=0, b=true};
```

```
f ra;
▶ {a=0} : {a:Nat}|
```

f rab;

► {a=0, b=true} : {a:Nat}

by passing rab through the identity function, we have lost the ability to access its b field!



Motivation

Could polymorphism help?

```
do
f = \lambda x:\{a:Nat\}. x;
                                      abstraction
   \rightarrow fpoly = \lambda X. \lambda x: X. x;
ra = \{a=0\};
rab = {a=0, b=true};
    fpoly [{a:Nat, b:Bool}] rab;
 ► {a=0, b=true} : {a:Nat, b:Bool}
But what if we have the following function?
  f2 = \lambda x:\{a:Nat\}. \{orig=x, asucc=succ(x.a)\};
  f2poly = \lambda X. \lambda x:X. {orig=x, asucc=succ(x.a)};
► Error: Expected record type
```



Motivation

• Solution: Bounded Quantification

```
f2poly = \lambda X <: \{a:Nat\}. \lambda x: X. {orig=x, asucc=succ(x.a)}; 
 f2poly : \forall X <: \{a:Nat\}. X \rightarrow \{orig: X, asucc: Nat\}
```



```
Syntax
 t ::=
                                            terms:
                                          variable
         X
         λx:T.t
                                      abstraction
                                      application
         t t
         \lambda X <: T.t
                                 type abstraction
         t [T]
                                 type application
                                           values:
         λx:T.t
                                abstraction value
         \lambda X <: T.t
                          type abstraction value
```

```
T ::=
                                            types:
                                    type variable
        X
        Top
                                  maximum type
        T \rightarrow T
                                type of functions
        \forall X <: T.T
                                   universal type
Γ ::=
                                         contexts:
                                   empty context
        Γ, x:T
                          term variable binding
        Γ, X <: T
                           type variable binding
```



Evaluation

$$t \longrightarrow t'$$

$$\frac{\mathsf{t}_1 \longrightarrow \mathsf{t}_1'}{\mathsf{t}_1 \; \mathsf{t}_2 \longrightarrow \mathsf{t}_1' \; \mathsf{t}_2} \tag{E-APP1}$$

$$\frac{\mathsf{t}_2 \longrightarrow \mathsf{t}_2'}{\mathsf{v}_1 \; \mathsf{t}_2 \longrightarrow \mathsf{v}_1 \; \mathsf{t}_2'} \tag{E-APP2}$$

$$\frac{\mathsf{t}_1 \longrightarrow \mathsf{t}_1'}{\mathsf{t}_1 \ [\mathsf{T}_2] \longrightarrow \mathsf{t}_1' \ [\mathsf{T}_2]} \tag{E-TAPP}$$

$$(\lambda X <: T_{11} .t_{12}) [T_2] \rightarrow [X \mapsto T_2]t_{12}$$
(E-TAPPTABS)

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Subtyping
$$\Gamma \vdash S <: S \qquad (S-REFL)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash S <: U \qquad \Gamma \vdash U <: T}{\Gamma \vdash S <: T} \qquad (S-TRANS)$$

$$\Gamma \vdash S <: Top \qquad (S-TOP)$$

$$\frac{X <: T \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash X <: T} \qquad (S-TVAR)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \mathsf{T}_1 \mathrel{<:} \mathsf{S}_1 \qquad \Gamma \vdash \mathsf{S}_2 \mathrel{<:} \mathsf{T}_2}{\Gamma \vdash \mathsf{S}_1 \rightarrow \mathsf{S}_2 \mathrel{<:} \mathsf{T}_1 \rightarrow \mathsf{T}_2} \qquad (S-ARROW)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, X<: U_1 \vdash S_2 <: T_2}{\Gamma \vdash \forall X<: U_1.S_2 <: \forall X<: U_1.T_2}$$
 (S-ALL)



$$Typing \qquad \qquad \boxed{\Gamma \vdash t : T}$$

$$\frac{x : T \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : T} \qquad \qquad (T-VAR)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : T_1 \vdash t_2 : T_2}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x : T_1 \cdot t_2 : T_1 \rightarrow T_2} \qquad (T-ABS)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : T_{11} \rightarrow T_{12} \qquad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T_{11}}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 t_2 : T_{12}} \qquad (T-APP)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, X <: T_1 \vdash t_2 : T_2}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda X <: T_1 \cdot t_2 : \forall X <: T_1 \cdot T_2} \qquad (T-TABS)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : \forall X <: T_{11} \cdot T_{12} \qquad \Gamma \vdash T_2 <: T_{11}}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 [T_2] : [X \mapsto T_2] T_{12}} \qquad (T-TAPP)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : S \qquad \Gamma \vdash S <: T}{\Gamma \vdash t : T} \qquad (T-SUB)$$



Bounded and Unbounded Quantification

 F<: provides only bounded quantification, but it actually covers unbounded quantification of pure System F.

$$\forall X.T \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \forall X < : Top.T$$



Scoping of Type Variables

$$\Gamma \vdash \mathsf{t} : \mathsf{T}$$

```
\Gamma_1 = X<:Top, y:X\rightarrow Nat
\Gamma_2 = y:X\rightarrow Nat, X<:Top
\Gamma_3 = X<:\{a:Nat,b:X\}
\Gamma_4 = X<:\{a:Nat,b:Y\}, Y<:\{c:Bool,d:X\}
```

Whenever we mention a type T in a context, the free variables of T should be bound in the portion of the context to the left of where T appears.



Full F<:

New subtyping rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \mathsf{T}_1 \mathrel{<:} \mathsf{S}_1 \qquad \Gamma, \mathsf{X}\mathrel{<:} \mathsf{T}_1 \vdash \mathsf{S}_2 \mathrel{<:} \mathsf{T}_2}{\Gamma \vdash \forall \mathsf{X}\mathrel{<:} \mathsf{S}_1 \qquad \mathsf{S}_2 \mathrel{<:} \forall \mathsf{X}\mathrel{<:} \mathsf{T}_1 \qquad \mathsf{S}_2} \qquad \mathsf{(S-ALL)}$$



Encoding Products

Pair X Y =
$$\lambda$$
R. (X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow R) \rightarrow R

pair = λ X. λ Y. λ x:X. λ y:Y. λ R. λ p. p x y

fst = λ X. λ Y. λ p. p [X] (λ x. λ y \rightarrow x)

snd = λ X. λ Y. λ p. p [X] (λ x. λ y \rightarrow y)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \mathsf{S}_1 \mathrel{<:} \mathsf{T}_1 \qquad \Gamma \vdash \mathsf{S}_2 \mathrel{<:} \mathsf{T}_2}{\Gamma \vdash \mathsf{Pair} \; \mathsf{S}_1 \; \mathsf{S}_2 \mathrel{<:} \mathsf{Pair} \; \mathsf{T}_1 \; \mathsf{T}_2}$$



Encoding Records

```
\{T_i^{i \in 1..n}\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} Pair T_1 \text{ (Pair } T_2 \text{ .... (Pair } T_n \text{ Top)} \text{ ....)}.
\{t_i^{i \in 1..n}\} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} pair t_1 \text{ (pair } t_2 \text{ .... (pair } t_n \text{ top)} \text{ ....)},
```

$$\begin{array}{c} \Gamma \vdash {}^{i \in 1..n} \mathsf{S}_i <: \mathsf{T}_i \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash \{\mathsf{S}_i {}^{i \in 1..n+k}\} <: \{\mathsf{T}_i {}^{i \in 1..n}\} \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash {}^{i \in 1..n} \mathsf{t}_i : \mathsf{T}_i \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash \{\mathsf{t}_i {}^{i \in 1..n}\} : \{\mathsf{T}_i {}^{i \in 1..n}\} \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash \mathsf{t} : \{\mathsf{T}_i {}^{i \in 1..n}\} \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash \mathsf{t} : \{\mathsf{T}_i {}^{i \in 1..n}\} \end{array}$$



Church Encodings with Subtyping

CNat =
$$\forall X$$
. $(X \rightarrow X) \rightarrow X \rightarrow X$;



SNat =
$$\forall X <: Top. \ \forall S <: X. \ \forall Z <: X. \ (X \rightarrow S) \rightarrow Z \rightarrow X;$$



• Type Refinement (Subtype)

```
SNat = \forall X <: Top. \ \forall S <: X. \ \forall Z <: X. \ (X \rightarrow S) \rightarrow Z \rightarrow X;

SZero = \forall X <: Top. \ \forall S <: X. \ \forall Z <: X. \ (X \rightarrow S) \rightarrow Z \rightarrow Z;

SPos = \forall X <: Top. \ \forall S <: X. \ \forall Z <: X. \ (X \rightarrow S) \rightarrow Z \rightarrow S;
```

```
szero = \lambda X. \lambda S <: X. \lambda Z <: X. \lambda s : X \rightarrow S. \lambda z : Z. z;
```

► szero : SZero



Safety

Theorem [Preservation]: If $\Gamma \vdash t : T$ and $t \longrightarrow t'$, then $\Gamma \vdash t' : T$.

Theorem [Progress]: If t is a closed, well-typed $F_{<:}$ term, then either t is a value or else there is some t' with $t \to t'$.



Bounded Existential Types

New syntactic forms

types: existential type

New subtyping rules

$$\Gamma \vdash \mathsf{S} \mathrel{<:} \mathsf{T}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, X<: U \vdash S_2 <: T_2}{\Gamma \vdash \{\exists X<: U, S_2\} <: \{\exists X<: U, T_2\}}$$
 (S-SOME)



Bounded Existential Types



An Example

```
counterADT =
   {*Nat, {new = 1, get = \lambdai:Nat. i, inc = \lambdai:Nat. succ(i)}}
   as {∃Counter<:Nat,
        {new: Counter, get: Counter→Nat, inc: Counter→Counter}};
We can use this counter ADT exactly as we did before:
           let {Counter.counter} = counterADT in
           counter.get (counter.inc (counter.inc counter.new));
         ▶ 3 : Nat
We are now permitted to use Counter values directly as numbers:
             let {Counter, counter} = counterADT in
             succ (succ (counter.inc counter.new));
           ▶ 4 : Nat
 But we are not able to use numbers as Counters:
             let {Counter, counter} = counterADT in
             counter.inc 3;
```

► Error: parameter type mismatch

