

Polarized Subtyping for Sized Types

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1 Applications of Subtyping

1.1 Type-Based Termination

Type-Based Termination

- Termination for higher-order functional programs.
- Recursive function definition:

$$\begin{aligned} f : \forall i. \text{List}^i A \rightarrow B \\ f(x : \text{List}^{i+1} A) = \dots (f : \text{List}^i A \rightarrow B)(e) \dots \\ \dots g(f : \text{List}^i A \rightarrow B) \dots \end{aligned}$$

- Sized type: $\text{List}^i A$ contains lists of length $< i$.
- Subtyping: $\text{List}^i A \leq \text{List}^{i+1} A \leq \dots \leq \text{List}^\infty A$.

1.2 Subtyping Collections

Subtyping for Collections

- When a Float is expected, an Int is acceptable.

$$\text{Int} \leq \text{Float}$$

- Read-only collections: a list of Ints passes for a list of Floats.

$$\frac{\text{Int} \leq \text{Float}}{\text{List Int} \leq \text{List Float}}$$

- Mutable collections: cannot store a Float into an Int cell.

$$\text{not } \frac{\text{Int} \leq \text{Float}}{\text{Array Int} \leq \text{Array Float}}$$

Unsound subtyping in JAVA

This code passes type-checking.

```
void init(Object[] a) {
    a[0] = new Object();
}

void main() {
    Integer[] a = new Integer[1];
    init(a);
    print(a[0].intValue());
}
```

But *throws* `ArrayStoreException`!

Subtyping and Variance

- Distinguish type constructors by their *variance*

Array	:	$* \overset{\circ}{\rightarrow} *$	mixed-variant
List	:	$* \overset{+}{\rightarrow} *$	covariant
Sink	:	$* \overset{-}{\rightarrow} *$	contravariant

- Subtyping applications:

$$\frac{F : * \overset{\circ}{\rightarrow} * \quad A = B}{F A \leq F B}$$

$$\frac{F : * \overset{+}{\rightarrow} * \quad A \leq B}{F A \leq F B} \quad \frac{F : * \overset{-}{\rightarrow} * \quad B \leq A}{F A \leq F B}$$

2 Polarized Subtyping

2.1 Types as λ -Expressions

Types as λ -Expressions

- Creating type constructors by *abstraction*:

$$\lambda X.F$$

- *Application* of a type constructor

$$F G$$

- Representation of $\forall A. A \rightarrow \text{List } A$

$$\forall (\lambda A. ((\rightarrow) A (\text{List } A)))$$

- Equations

$$(\beta) \quad (\lambda X.F) G = [G/X]F$$

$$(\eta) \quad \lambda X.(F X) = F \quad \text{if } X \text{ does not appear in } F$$

2.2 Kinds and Polarities

Polarized F^ω

- Type constructors

$$F, G ::= C \mid X \mid \lambda X.F \mid F G$$

- Kinds

$$\kappa ::= * \mid \kappa \xrightarrow{p} \kappa'$$

- Polarities

$$p ::= \circ \mid + \mid -$$

- Assign kinds, e.g., to constants C :

$$\begin{aligned} \times & : * \xrightarrow{+} * \xrightarrow{+} * \\ \rightarrow & : * \xrightarrow{-} * \xrightarrow{+} * \\ \forall_{\kappa} & : (\kappa \xrightarrow{\circ} *) \xrightarrow{+} * \end{aligned}$$

Polarized Kinding

- Polarized contexts

$$\Gamma ::= \diamond \mid \Gamma, X : p\kappa$$

- Polarized kinding

$$\Gamma \vdash F : \kappa$$

- E.g.,

$$\begin{array}{l} F : \circ(* \xrightarrow{+} *) \\ X : -* \\ Y : +* \end{array} \vdash F X \rightarrow F Y : *$$

2.3 Equality and Subtyping

Declarative Equality and Subtyping

- Judgements

$$\begin{array}{ll} \Gamma \vdash F = F' : \kappa & \beta\eta\text{-equality} \\ \Gamma \vdash F \leq F' : \kappa & \text{polarized subtyping} \end{array}$$

- Subtyping axioms, e.g., $\Gamma \vdash \text{Array} \leq \text{List} : * \xrightarrow{+} *$.
- Axioms for β and η .
- Reflexivity, transitivity, (anti)symmetry.
- Closure under abstraction and *application*.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \frac{\Gamma \vdash F : \kappa \xrightarrow{+} \kappa' \quad \Gamma \vdash G \leq G' : \kappa}{\Gamma \vdash F G \leq F G' : \kappa'} & \frac{\Gamma \vdash F : \kappa \xrightarrow{\circ} \kappa' \quad \Gamma \vdash G = G' : \kappa}{\Gamma \vdash F G = F G' : \kappa'} \end{array}$$

3 Algorithmic Subtyping

Algorithmic Subtyping

- Judgement for *algorithmic subtyping*

$$\Gamma \vdash F \leq F' \Leftarrow \kappa$$

- Steps

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{Array} \leq (\lambda X. \text{List } X) & \Leftarrow * \xrightarrow{+} * & \text{apply down to kind } * \\ \text{Array } Y \leq (\lambda X. \text{List } X) Y & \Leftarrow * & \text{weak head normalize:} \\ \text{Array } Y \leq \text{List } Y & \Leftarrow * & \text{compare heads (axiom):} \\ \text{Array} \leq \text{List} : * \xrightarrow{+} * & & \text{continue with arguments:} \\ Y \leq Y \Leftarrow * & & \end{array}$$

Kind-directed Algorithmic Subtyping

- Weak head normal forms

$$\begin{aligned} N & ::= C \vec{G} \mid X \vec{G} && \text{neutral (atomic)} \\ W & ::= N \mid \lambda X.F && \text{weak head normal} \end{aligned}$$

- Weak head evaluation (β -steps)

$$F \searrow W$$

- Kind-directed algorithmic subtyping

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \vdash F \leq F' \Leftarrow \kappa & \quad \text{checking mode} \\ \Gamma \vdash N \leq N' \Rightarrow \kappa & \quad \text{inference mode} \end{aligned}$$

Rules for Algorithmic Subtyping

- Checking mode

$$\frac{\Gamma, X : p\kappa \vdash F X \leq F' X \Leftarrow \kappa'}{\Gamma \vdash F \leq F' \Leftarrow p\kappa \rightarrow \kappa'}$$

$$\frac{F \searrow N \quad F' \searrow N' \quad \Gamma \vdash N \leq N' \Rightarrow *}{\Gamma \vdash F \leq F' \Leftarrow *}$$

- Inference mode: Axioms +

$$\frac{(X : p\kappa) \in \Gamma \quad p \in \{\circ, +\}}{\Gamma \vdash X \leq X \Rightarrow \kappa}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash N \leq N' \Rightarrow +\kappa \rightarrow \kappa' \quad \Gamma \vdash G \leq G' \Leftarrow \kappa}{\Gamma \vdash N G \leq N' G' \Rightarrow \kappa'}$$

4 Completeness through Cut-Elimination

Completeness of Algorithmic Subtyping

Show: 2 kinds of *cuts* are admissible.

1. Transitivity (easy inductive proof)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash F_1 \leq F_2 \Leftarrow \kappa \quad \Gamma \vdash F_2 \leq F_3 \Leftarrow \kappa}{\Gamma \vdash F_1 \leq F_3 \Leftarrow \kappa}$$

2. *Application* (non-trivial)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash F \leq F' \Leftarrow \kappa \xrightarrow{+} \kappa' \quad \Gamma \vdash G \leq G' \Leftarrow \kappa}{\Gamma \vdash F G \leq F' G' \Leftarrow \kappa}$$

3. Proof alternatives:

- (a) From strong normalization (Aspinall Hofmann 2005; Goguen 2005)
- (b) Kripke-Model (e.g., Harper Pfenning 2004)
- (c) *Direct, syntactically*

Towards a Direct Proof of Application

- Propositional sequent calculus: structural proof of cut elimination.
- Transfer to implicational natural deduction:
 1. Kinds = implicational propositions.
 2. Application of constructors = modus ponens.
 3. Substitution = cut elimination.

Adaption of Cut Elimination

Application is a direct consequence of:

Lemma 1 (Substitution). *If $\Gamma, X : +\kappa \vdash F \leq F' \Leftarrow \kappa'$ and $\Gamma \vdash G \leq G' \Leftarrow \kappa$, then $\Gamma \vdash [G'/X]F \leq [G'/X]F' \Leftarrow \kappa'$.*

Proof. By lexicographic induction on κ and size of the first derivation. □

5 Conclusion

Related Work

- Cut elimination for FOL
- Troelstra 1973: Syntactical normalization proof
- Joachimski Matthes 2003: λ + permutative conversions
- Hereditary substitutions:
 - Watkins Cervesato Pfenning Walker 2003: Concurrent LF
 - Nanevski Pfenning Pientka 2005: Contextual Modal Type Theory
 - Adams (PhD 2005): λ -free LF
- Goguen 1995-2005: Typed Operational Semantics

Conclusions

- Polarities arise naturally when subtyping constructors
- Idea of algorithm: apply down to base kind
- Direct and short completeness proof
- Next: extend to bounded quantification