

Dependent Types

Hype for Types

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Safe Printing

Detypify

Consider these well typed expressions:

```
sprintf "nice"  
sprintf "%d" 5  
sprintf "%s,%d" "wow" 32
```

What is the type of `sprintf`? Well... it depends.

Types have types too

The type of `sprintf` *depends* on the value of the argument.
In order to compute the type of `sprintf`, we'll need to write a function that takes a string (char list), and returns a *type*!

```
(* sprintf s : char list -> formatType s *)  
  
val formatType : char list -> Type = fn  
  [] => char list  
  | "%"::"d"::cs => int -> formatType cs  
  | "%"::"s"::cs => string -> formatType cs  
  | _ :: cs      => formatType cs
```

Quantification

Ok, we can express the type of `sprintf s` for some argument `s`, but what's the type of `sprintf`?

Recall that when we wanted to express a type like "A \rightarrow A for some A", we introduced universal quantification over *types*: $\forall A. A \rightarrow A$.

What if we had universal quantification over *values*?

```
sprintf : (s : char list)  $\rightarrow$  formatType s
```

Curry-Howard Again

What kind of proposition does quantification over values correspond to?

$$(x : \tau) \rightarrow A \equiv \forall x : \tau. A$$

This type can also be written like so:

- 1 $\forall(x : \tau) \rightarrow A$
- 2 $\forall x : t. A$
- 3 $\prod_{x:\tau} A$

Question:

Do we need two kinds of arrow now?

One for dependent quantification and one normal?

Nope!

$$A \rightarrow B \equiv (_ : A) \rightarrow B$$

Some Rules

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \tau \vdash e : A \quad \Gamma, x : \tau \vdash A : \textit{Type}}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda(x : \tau)e : (x : \tau) \rightarrow A}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : (x : \tau) \rightarrow A \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 e_2 : [e_2/x]A}$$

Vectors Again

If we can write functions from values to types, can we define new types which depend on values?

```
type Vec : Type -> Nat -> Type =
  | Nil : (a : Type) -> Vec a 0
  | Cons : (a : Type) -> (n : Nat) ->
           a -> Vec a n -> Vec a (n+1)

val n = 1 + 2
val xs : Vec string n =
  Cons string 2 "hype" (
    Cons string 1 (Int.toString (n+1)) (
      Cons string 0 "types" (Nil string)))
```


Vectors are actually usable now!

```
val append : (a : Type) -> (n m : Nat) ->  
  Vec a n ->  
  Vec a m ->  
  Vec a (n + m)
```

```
val repeat : (a : Type) -> (n : nat) ->  
  a ->  
  Vec a n
```

```
val filter : (a : Type) -> (n : Nat) ->  
  (a -> bool) ->  
  Vec a n ->  
  Nat × Vec a ??
```

Duality

If we can quantify over the argument to a function, can we quantify over the left element of a tuple?

Yes!

$$(x : \tau) \times A \equiv \exists x : \tau. A$$

This type can also be written:

① $\{x : \tau \mid A\}$

② $\sum_{x:\tau} A$

As before, $A \times B \equiv (_ : A) \times B$

```
val filter : (a : Type) -> (n : Nat) ->
  (a -> bool) ->
  Vec a n ->
  (m : Nat) × Vec a m
```

More Rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : [e_1/x]A \quad \Gamma, x : \tau \vdash A : \text{Type}}{\Gamma \vdash (e_1, e_2) : (x : \tau) \times A}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : (x : \tau) \times A}{\Gamma \vdash \pi_1 e : \tau}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : (x : \tau) \times A}{\Gamma \vdash \pi_2 e : [\pi_1 e/x]A}$$

Ok, so what?

Contracts are actually pretty nice

A familiar frustration for 150 students and TAs:

```
(* REQUIRES : input sequence is sorted *)  
val search : int -> int seq -> int option  
  
> search 3 [5,4,3] ==> NONE  
> "search is broken!"  
> piazza post ensues
```

The 122 solution:

```
//@requires is_sorted(xs)
```

Nice, but only works at runtime. What if passing search a non-sorted list was *type error*?

A simpler example

```
(* REQUIRES : second argument is greater than zero *)  
val div : Nat -> Nat -> Nat
```

Comment contracts are not great, solutions?

```
val div : Nat -> Nat -> Nat option
```

Incurs runtime cost to check for zero, and you still have to fail if it happens.

```
val div : Nat -> (n : Nat) × (1 ≤ n) -> Nat
```

Dividing by zero is impossible! And we incur no runtime cost to prevent it.
What does a value of type $(n : \text{Nat}) \times (1 \leq n)$ look like?

(3, conceptsHW1.pdf) : $(n : \text{Nat}) \times (1 \leq n)$

Question:

What goes in the PDF?

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What constitutes a proof of $n \leq m$?

We just have to define what (\leq) means!

- 1 $\forall n. 0 \leq n$
- 2 $\forall m n. n \leq m \Rightarrow n + 1 \leq m + 1$

This looks familiar!

```
type (≤) : Nat -> Nat -> Type =  
  | LeqZ : (n : Nat) -> 0 ≤ n  
  | LeqS : (n : Nat) -> (m : Nat) ->  
            n ≤ m -> (n + 1) ≤ (m + 1)
```

LeqZ 3 : $0 \leq 3$

LeqZ 43 : $0 \leq 43$

LeqS 0 2 (LeqZ 2) : $1 \leq 3$

(3, LeqS 0 2 (LeqZ 2)) : $(n : \text{Nat}) \times (1 \leq n)$

Some Sort of Contract

```
type NatList : Type =
  | Nil : NatList
  | Cons : Nat -> NatList -> NatList

type Sorted : NatList -> Type =
  | NilSorted : Sorted Nil
  | SingSorted : (n : Nat) -> Sorted (Cons n Nil)
  | ConsSorted : (n m : Nat) -> (xs : NatList) ->
    n ≤ m ->
      Sorted (Cons m xs) ->
      Sorted (Cons n (Cons m xs))

val search : Nat ->
  (xs : NatList) ->
  Sorted xs ->
  Nat option
```


A Type for Term Equality

If we can express a relation like less than or equal, how about equality?

```
type Eq : (a : Type) -> a -> a -> Type =  
  | Refl : (a : Type) -> (x : a) -> Eq a x x
```

```
fun symm (a : Type) (x y : a) :  
  Eq a x y -> Eq a y x =  
  fn Refl A q => Refl A q
```

```
fun trans (a : Type) (x y z : a) :  
  Eq a x y -> Eq a y z -> Eq a x z =  
  fn Refl A q => fn Refl _ _ => Refl A q
```

```
val plus_comm : (n m : Nat) ->  
  Eq Nat (n + m) (m + n)  
val inf_primes : (n : nat) ->  
  (m : Nat) × ((m > n) × (Prime m))
```