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

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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 -> A for all A", we introduced universal quantification over types: \forall A.A -> A.

What if we had universal quantification over values?

```
sprintf : (s : char list) -> formatType s
```

Curry-Howard Again

What kind of proposition does quantification over values correspond to?

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

This type can also be written like so:

- \bigcirc $\forall x: t.A$

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

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

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

Vectors Again

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

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```
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 \times Vec a ??
```

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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** $\{x : \tau \mid A\}$
- $\Sigma_{x:\tau}A$

As before, $A \times B \equiv (\underline{\ } : A) \times B$

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More Rules

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

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

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) \times (1 \le n) -> Nat
```

Dividing by zero is impossible! And we incur no runtime cost to prevent it.

What does a value of type $(n : Nat) \times (1 \le n)$ look like?

$$(3, conceptsHW1.pdf) : (n : Nat) \times (1 \le n)$$

Question:

What goes in the PDF?

15-151 Refresher

What constitutes a proof of $n \le m$? We just have to define what (\le) means!

- $\mathbf{0} \quad \forall n. \ 0 \leq n$

This looks familiar!

Some Sort of Contract

```
datatype NatList : Type =
  | Nil : NatList
  l Cons : Nat -> NatList -> NatList
datatype Sorted : NatList -> Type =
  | NilSorted : Sorted Nil
  | SingSorted : (n : Nat) -> Sorted (Cons n Nil)
  | ConsSorted : (n m : Nat) -> (xs : NatList) ->
                   n < m \rightarrow
                   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?

```
datatype Eq : (a : Type) -> a -> a -> Type =
  | Refl : (a : Type) \rightarrow (x : a) \rightarrow Eq a x x
fun symm (a : Type) (x y : a) :
    Eq a x y \rightarrow Eq a y x =
    fn Refl A q => Refl A q
fun trans (a : Type) (x y z : a) :
    Eq a x y \rightarrow Eq a y z \rightarrow 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) \times ((m > n) \times (Prime m))
```