

Type-Based Synthesis and the Inhabitation Problem

Lecture 1: Typed λ -Calculus and Combinatory Logic

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Untyped, pure λ -calculus

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- Computation means *substitution* of arguments for the λ -abstracted variable of the function operator in a redex. For example:

$$((\lambda x.x + 1) 2) \rightarrow_{\beta} (x + 1)[x := 2] \equiv 2 + 1$$



λ -terms

Let \mathcal{V} denote a denumerable set of λ -variables, v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots

Let x, y, z, \dots denote a denumerable set of *metavariables* ranging over \mathcal{V} .

Definition 1

The set Λ of λ -terms, ranged over by M, N, P, Q, \dots , is defined inductively by:

- $x \in \mathcal{V} \Rightarrow x \in \Lambda$ (variables)
- $M, N \in \Lambda \Rightarrow (MN) \in \Lambda$ (application)
- $M \in \Lambda, x \in \mathcal{V} \Rightarrow (\lambda x M) \in \Lambda$ (abstraction)



Notation 1

We may abbreviate $((FM_1)M_2) \cdots M_n$ by

$$FM_1M_2 \cdots M_n$$

for $n \geq 0$.

We may abbreviate $(\lambda x_1(\lambda x_2(\cdots(\lambda x_n M) \cdots)))$ by

$$\lambda x_1.\lambda x_2.\cdots \lambda x_n.M$$

for $n \geq 0$.

And further, $\lambda x_1.\lambda x_2.\cdots \lambda x_n.M$ by $\lambda x_1x_2.\cdots x_n.M$.



Definition 2 (Free and bound variables)

The set of *free variables* of M , denoted $FV(M)$, is defined by induction on M :

$$\begin{aligned}FV(x) &= \{x\} \\FV(MN) &= FV(M) \cup FV(N) \\FV(\lambda x.M) &= FV(M) \setminus \{x\}\end{aligned}$$

A variable $x \in FV(M)$ is called *bound* in $\lambda x.M$ (by that λ). A term $M \in \Lambda$ is called *closed*, if $FV(M) = \emptyset$.



Definition 3 (Syntactic identity)

We write $M \equiv N$ to denote that M and N are the same term under renaming of bound variables (α -conversion). For example,

$$\begin{aligned}(\lambda x.x)z &\equiv (\lambda x.x)z \\(\lambda x.x)z &\equiv (\lambda y.y)z \\(\lambda x.x)x &\equiv (\lambda y.y)x \\(\lambda x.x)z &\not\equiv (\lambda x.y)z \quad (\text{provided } x \neq y)\end{aligned}$$

Note that $x \equiv y$ is possible, unless we have stipulated that $x \neq y$.



Definition 4 (Substitution)

Let $M[x := N]$ denote the result of substituting N for the free occurrences of x in M , defined by induction on M :

$$\begin{aligned}x[x := N] &\equiv N \\y[x := N] &\equiv y, \text{ if } x \neq y \\(PQ)[x := N] &\equiv (P[x := N]Q[x := N]) \\(\lambda y.P)[x := N] &\equiv \lambda y.P[x := N], \text{ if } x \neq y \\(\lambda x.P)[x := N] &\equiv \lambda x.P\end{aligned}$$



Lemma 5 (Substitution lemma)

Assume $x \neq y$ and $x \notin \text{FV}(P)$. Then

$$M[x := N][y := P] \equiv M[y := P][x := N[y := P]]$$

Exercise 1

Prove Lemma 5 by induction on M .



Notion of reduction

Definition 6

A *notion of reduction* on a set \mathbf{D} is a binary relation $\triangleright \subseteq \mathbf{D} \times \mathbf{D}$.

Definition 7 (Notion of β -reduction)

The notion of β -reduction is the relation $\triangleright_\beta \subseteq \Lambda \times \Lambda$ defined by

$$(\lambda x.M)N \triangleright_\beta M[x := N]$$

for all $M, N \in \Lambda$. An expression of the form $(\lambda x.M)N$ is called a *redex*.



Contexts

Contexts C over Λ are expressions of the form

$$C ::= \square \mid (CM) \mid (MC) \mid \lambda x.C$$

We think of \square as a hole and of C as a term with a hole in it.

If C is a context and M a term then $C[M]$ is the term which arises from exchanging \square with M (“hole-filling”).

For example, if $C \equiv \lambda x.\lambda y.y\square$, then

$$C[\lambda z.(xz)] \equiv \lambda x.\lambda y.y(\lambda z.(xz))$$

Note that variable capture can happen through hole-filling.



β -reduction

Definition 8

A notion of reduction $\triangleright \subseteq \Lambda \times \Lambda$ satisfying

$$\forall C. M \triangleright N \Rightarrow C[M] \triangleright C[N]$$

is called a *reduction relation*. The smallest reduction relation containing \triangleright is called the *reduction relation induced by \triangleright* (sometimes also called the compatible closure of \triangleright).

Definition 9 (β -reduction)

The relation \rightarrow_{β} (β -reduction) is the reduction relation induced by \triangleright_{β} .

If $M \rightarrow_{\beta} N$, then N is called a *reduct* of M .

A *normal form* is a term with no redex.



β -reduction

Definition 10 (Multi-step β -reduction)

The relation $\twoheadrightarrow_{\beta}$ is the reflexive transitive closure of \rightarrow_{β} .

Definition 11 (β -conversion)

The relation $=_{\beta}$ (β -conversion) is the reflexive symmetric transitive closure of \rightarrow_{β} .

If $M =_{\beta} N$, we say that M and N are β -equivalent.



λ -calculus combinators

A λ -calculus *combinator* is a closed λ -term.

Some interesting combinators are:

$$\mathbf{I} \equiv \lambda x.x, \mathbf{K} \equiv \lambda xy.x, \mathbf{K}^* \equiv \lambda xy.y, \mathbf{S} \equiv \lambda xyz.(xz)(yz)$$

$$\omega \equiv \lambda x.xx, \Omega \equiv \omega\omega$$

$$\mathbf{Y} \equiv \lambda f.(\lambda x.f(xx))(\lambda x.f(xx)), \Theta \equiv (\lambda x.\lambda y.(y(xxy)))(\lambda x.\lambda y.(y(xxy)))$$

Exercise 2

Show that, for all terms F , we have $\mathbf{Y}F =_{\beta} F(\mathbf{Y}F)$ and $\Theta F \rightarrow_{\beta} F(\Theta F)$.



Confluence

Theorem 12 (Church-Rosser, confluence)

For every $M, P_1, P_2 \in \Lambda$, if $M \rightarrow_{\beta} P_1$ and $M \rightarrow_{\beta} P_2$, then there exists $Q \in \Lambda$ such that $P_1 \twoheadrightarrow_{\beta} Q$ and $P_2 \twoheadrightarrow_{\beta} Q$.

Corollary 13 (Uniqueness of normal forms)

If N_1 and N_2 are normal forms such that $M \twoheadrightarrow_{\beta} N_1$ and $M \twoheadrightarrow_{\beta} N_2$, then $N_1 \equiv N_2$. If $P =_{\beta} Q$, then P and Q have the same normal form if any.

Exercise 3

Prove Corollary 13, by using Theorem 12.



Church numerals

For $P, M \in \Lambda$, define $P^n(M)$ by induction on $n \geq 0$:

- $P^0(M) \equiv M$
- $P^{n+1}(M) \equiv P(P^n(M))$

The *Church numerals* $\mathbf{c}_0, \mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{c}_2, \dots$ are defined by $\mathbf{c}_n \equiv \lambda f. \lambda x. f^n(x)$.

Define $\mathbf{A}_+ \equiv \lambda xypq. xp(ypq)$, $\mathbf{A}_\times \equiv \lambda xyz. x(yz)$, $\mathbf{A}_e \equiv \lambda xy. yx$. Then one can prove:

$$\mathbf{A}_+ \mathbf{c}_n \mathbf{c}_m =_\beta \mathbf{c}_{n+m},$$

$$\mathbf{A}_\times \mathbf{c}_n \mathbf{c}_m =_\beta \mathbf{c}_{n \times m},$$

$$\mathbf{A}_e \mathbf{c}_n \mathbf{c}_m =_\beta \mathbf{c}_{n^m} \quad (m > 0).$$



Turing completeness

A numerical function $f : \mathbb{N}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is called λ -definable if there exists a combinator P_f such that

$$P_f \mathbf{c}_{n_1} \dots \mathbf{c}_{n_k} =_{\beta} \mathbf{c}_{f(n_1, \dots, n_k)}$$

Theorem 14 (Kleene)

Every recursive function is λ -definable.



Typed λ -Calculus

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$$\{\text{strlen} : \text{string} \rightarrow \text{int}, s : \text{string}\} \vdash \text{strlen}(s) : \text{int}$$



Simple types

Definition 15 (Simple types)

Let \mathbb{V} denote a denumerable set of *type variables*, ranged over by metavariables $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots$, and let \mathbb{B} range over a set \mathbb{B} of *type constants*. The set \mathbb{T} of *simple types*, ranged over by $\tau, \sigma, \rho, \dots$, is defined inductively by:

- $\alpha \in \mathbb{V} \Rightarrow \alpha \in \mathbb{T}$
- $b \in \mathbb{B} \Rightarrow b \in \mathbb{T}$
- $\tau \in \mathbb{T}, \sigma \in \mathbb{T} \Rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \sigma \in \mathbb{T}$

Type variables and type constants are referred to as *atoms*. We write $\tau \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \rho$ for $\tau \rightarrow (\sigma \rightarrow \rho)$.

A *type environment* is a finite set Γ of *type assumptions* of the form $\Gamma = \{(x_1 : \tau_1), \dots, (x_n : \tau_n)\}$ with $x_i \not\equiv x_j$ for $i \neq j$. We let $\text{Dm}(\Gamma) = \{x \in \mathcal{V} \mid \exists \tau \in \mathbb{T}. (x : \tau) \in \Gamma\}$. We write $\Gamma, x : \tau$ for $\Gamma \cup \{(x : \tau)\}$.



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Since such a derivation can be constructed for arbitrary τ we can see that

$$\emptyset \vdash \lambda x. x : \tau \rightarrow \tau, \text{ for all } \tau$$

is a meta-theorem of the system.



Explicit typing

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$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \tau \vdash^* M : \sigma}{\Gamma \vdash^* \lambda x : \tau. M : \tau \rightarrow \sigma} (\rightarrow\text{I})$$

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Exercise 4

Show by induction on M : if $\Gamma \vdash^* M : \sigma$ and $\Gamma \vdash^* M : \tau$, then $\sigma \equiv \tau$.



Basis lemma

Let $\Gamma \downarrow_V = \{(x : \tau) \in \Gamma \mid x \in V\}$.

Lemma 16

- If $\Gamma \subseteq \Gamma'$ then $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$ implies $\Gamma' \vdash M : \tau$,
- If $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$, then $FV(M) \subseteq Dm(\Gamma)$,
- If $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$, then $\Gamma \downarrow_{FV(M)} \vdash M : \tau$.

Exercise 5

Prove Lemma 16.



Inversion

Lemma 17 (Generation lemma)

Suppose that $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$.

- 1 If $M \equiv x$, then $\Gamma = \Gamma', x : \tau$,
- 2 If $M \equiv \lambda x.N$, then $\tau \equiv \rho \rightarrow \sigma$ and $\Gamma, x : \rho \vdash N : \sigma$,
- 3 If $M \equiv PQ$, then $\Gamma \vdash P : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$ and $\Gamma \vdash Q : \sigma$ for some σ .

Proof.

Immediate by inspection of the last rule used in the derivation of $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$. □

Exercise 6

Call a term M *typable*, if $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$ for some Γ and τ .

Show that every subterm of a typable term is typable.



Substitutivity

A *type substitution* is a map $S : \mathbb{V} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$, and it is lifted homomorphically to a map $S : \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$. Let $S(\Gamma) = \{(x : S(\tau)) \mid (x : \tau) \in \Gamma\}$.

Lemma 18 (Substitution)

- 1 If $\Gamma, x : \tau \vdash M : \sigma$ and $\Gamma \vdash N : \tau$, then $\Gamma \vdash M[x := N] : \sigma$.
- 2 If $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$, then $S(\Gamma) \vdash M : S(\tau)$, for any type substitution S .

Exercise 7

Prove Lemma 18 by induction on derivations.



Subject reduction

Theorem 19 (Subject Reduction)

If $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$ and $M \rightarrow_{\beta} N$, then $\Gamma \vdash N : \tau$.

Proof.

(Sketch) First prove the statement for the case when M is a redex and N its reduct, using the substitution lemma. Then prove the statement when $M \rightarrow_{\beta} N$ by reduction of a redex R in M , by induction on C where $M \equiv C[R]$. Then prove the statement by induction in the length of the reduction $M \rightarrow_{\beta} N$. □

Exercise 8

Complete the proof sketch of Theorem 19.



Strong normalization

Definition 20

A λ -term M is called *strongly normalizing*, if every β -reduction sequence starting from M is finite (i.e., leading to a normal form), and *weakly normalizing*, if there exists some reduction sequence to normal form starting from M .

Theorem 21

Every typable term in λ^{\rightarrow} is strongly normalizing.

Proof.

See lecture notes.





Combinators

Let \mathcal{C} be a set of *combinator symbols*, ranged over by X, Y, Z . The set $\Xi_{\mathcal{C}}$ of *combinatory expressions*, ranged over by F, G, H are defined inductively by:

- $X \in \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow X \in \Xi_{\mathcal{C}}$,
- $x \in \mathcal{V} \Rightarrow x \in \Xi_{\mathcal{C}}$,
- $F, G \in \Xi_{\mathcal{C}} \Rightarrow (FG) \in \Xi_{\mathcal{C}}$

Consider the set $\text{SKI} = \{\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{I}\}$ of combinator symbols (referred to as a *combinatory base*) and define the notion of *weak reduction* \triangleright_w on Ξ_{SKI} by setting, for all $X, Y, Z \in \Xi_{\text{SKI}}$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{I}F &\triangleright_w F \\ \mathbf{K}FG &\triangleright_w F \\ \mathbf{S}FGH &\triangleright_w (FH)(GH)\end{aligned}$$

Let \rightarrow_w and \twoheadrightarrow_w be the reduction relations on Ξ_{SKI} induced by \triangleright_w , by closing \triangleright_w under contexts $C ::= [] \mid (CF) \mid (FC)$, ($F \in \Xi_{\text{SKI}}$).



Combinatory bases

By choosing different sets $\mathfrak{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ of combinators (such as $\mathfrak{B} = SKI = \{\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{I}\}$) we can study different combinatory calculi, since in each case we can consider a \mathfrak{B} -calculus generated from the combinators in \mathfrak{B} . In such cases, we refer to the set \mathfrak{B} as a *combinatory base*.

Exercise 9

Show that the combinator \mathbf{I} can be coded in terms of \mathbf{S} and \mathbf{K} . Hint: Notice that $(\mathbf{K}F)(\mathbf{K}F) \rightarrow_w F$.

In other words, the base $SKI = \{\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{I}\}$ is redundant. Or, in yet other words, the base $SK = \{\mathbf{S}, \mathbf{K}\}$ is complete with respect to SKI -calculus. For this reason, one also talks about SK -calculus.



Combinatory bases

Schönfinkel used, in addition to **S** and **K**, the combinators **B** and **C** with the definitions

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{B}FGH &\triangleright_B FGH \\ \mathbf{C}FGH &\triangleright_C FHG\end{aligned}$$

But they are not strictly needed, for we can take

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{B} &\equiv \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{K}\mathbf{S})\mathbf{K} \\ \mathbf{C} &\equiv \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{K}\mathbf{S})\mathbf{K}))\mathbf{S})(\mathbf{K}\mathbf{K})\end{aligned}$$



Combinatory bases

Exercise 10 (One point basis)

Define the combinator \mathbf{X} by the rule

$$(\mathbf{X}F) \triangleright_X ((FS)\mathbf{K})$$

Show that $(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}) \rightarrow_X \mathbf{S}\mathbf{K}(\mathbf{K}\mathbf{K})$.

Show that $\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X})) \rightarrow_X \mathbf{K}$.

Show that $\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}))) \rightarrow_X \mathbf{S}$.

Conclude that $\{\mathbf{X}\}$ is complete with respect to SKI-calculus.

 $\Xi_{\text{SKI}} \mapsto \Lambda$

Define the map $(-)_{\Lambda} : \Xi_{\text{SKI}} \rightarrow \Lambda$ by induction on expressions in Ξ_{SKI} :

$$\begin{aligned}(x)_{\Lambda} &\equiv x, \text{ for } x \in \mathcal{V} \\ (\mathbf{I})_{\Lambda} &\equiv \lambda x.x \\ (\mathbf{K})_{\Lambda} &\equiv \lambda xy.x \\ (\mathbf{S})_{\Lambda} &\equiv \lambda xyz.(xz)(yz) \\ (FG)_{\Lambda} &\equiv (F)_{\Lambda}(G)_{\Lambda}\end{aligned}$$

Proposition 1

If $F \rightarrow_w G$, then $(F)_{\Lambda} \rightarrow_{\beta} (G)_{\Lambda}$.

Exercise 11

Prove Proposition 1 by induction on the length of $F \rightarrow_w G$.

 $\Lambda \mapsto \Xi_{\text{SKI}}$

Define, for each $x \in \mathcal{V}$, the “bracket abstraction” map $[x] : \Xi_{\text{SKI}} \rightarrow \Xi_{\text{SKI}}$ by induction on expressions in Ξ_{SKI} :

$$\begin{aligned} [x]x &\equiv \mathbf{I} \\ [x]F &\equiv \mathbf{K}F, \text{ if } x \notin \text{FV}(F) \\ [x](FG) &\equiv \mathbf{S}([x]F)([x]G), \text{ otherwise} \end{aligned}$$

Proposition 2 (Combinatory completeness)

- 1 $\forall F \in \Xi_{\text{SKI}}. \forall G \in \Xi_{\text{SKI}}. ([x]F)G \rightarrow_w F[x := G]$
- 2 $\forall F \in \Xi_{\text{SKI}}. ([x]F)_\Lambda \rightarrow_\beta \lambda x. (F)_\Lambda$
- 3 $\forall x \in \mathcal{V}. \forall F \in \Xi_{\text{SKI}}. \exists H \in \Xi_{\text{SKI}}. \forall G \in \Xi_{\text{SKI}}. HG \rightarrow_w F[x := G]$

Exercise 12

Prove Proposition 2.



$$\Lambda \mapsto \Xi_{SKI}$$

Define the map $(-)_{\Xi} : \Lambda \rightarrow \Xi_{SKI}$ by induction on λ -terms:

$$\begin{aligned}(x)_{\Xi} &\equiv x, \text{ for } x \in \mathcal{V} \\ (MN)_{\Xi} &\equiv (M)_{\Xi}(N)_{\Xi} \\ (\lambda x.M)_{\Xi} &\equiv [\lambda x](M)_{\Xi}\end{aligned}$$

Proposition 3

For all $M \in \Lambda$, one has $((M)_{\Xi})_{\Lambda} \rightarrow_{\beta} M$.

Exercise 13

Prove Proposition 3.



Combinatory logic SKI

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$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{SKI}} \mathbf{S} : (\tau \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \rho) \rightarrow (\tau \rightarrow \sigma) \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \rho} (\mathbf{S})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{SKI}} F : \tau \rightarrow \sigma \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\text{SKI}} G : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{SKI}} (FG) : \sigma} (\rightarrow\text{E})$$

Notice that variables x have fixed, *monomorphic types*, whereas combinators \mathbf{S} , \mathbf{K} , \mathbf{I} have infinitely many types (their types are *schematic* or *polymorphic*). We shall return to this important point in Lecture 5.



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Lemma 22 (Deduction theorem for SKI)

If $\Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash_{\text{SKI}} F : \tau$, then $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{SKI}} [x]F : \sigma \rightarrow \tau$.

Proposition 4

- 1 If $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{SKI}} F : \tau$, then $\Gamma \vdash_{\Lambda} (F)_{\Lambda} : \tau$.
- 2 If $\Gamma \vdash_{\Lambda} M : \tau$, then $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{SKI}} (M)_{\Xi} : \tau$.

Exercise 14

Prove Proposition 4. Hint: The first statement is proven by induction on the derivation of $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{SKI}} F : \tau$. The second statement is proven by induction on the derivation of $\Gamma \vdash_{\Lambda} M : \tau$ using Lemma 22.



Decision problems

- *Type checking* ($\Gamma \vdash M : \tau?$). Given Γ , M and τ , does $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$ hold?
- *Typability* ($? \vdash M : ?$). Given M , are there Γ and τ such that $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$?
- *Inhabitation* ($\Gamma \vdash ? : \tau$). Given Γ and τ , does there exist a term (“inhabitant”) M such that $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$?

Type checking and typability for λ^{\rightarrow} are linear time solvable.

Inhabitation for λ^{\rightarrow} is PSPACE-complete. See Lecture 2.

Inhabitation can be seen as a program synthesis problem:

- Construct *program* M satisfying *specification* τ .



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