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Exercise Sheet 9

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Exercise 1 (Constraint Solving)

During type inference we generate type unification constraints between types of the form $\tau_1 \stackrel{?}{=} \kappa_1, \ldots, \tau_n \stackrel{?}{=} \kappa_n$. In order to solve these constraints, we want to find a substitution function σ such that $\sigma(\tau_i) = \kappa_i$ for $i \in \{1, \ldots, n\}$. For each of the following constraint systems, find such a substitution or justify that no such substitution exists. Additionally, give a λ -term that has the type $\sigma(\tau_0)$.

a)
$$\tau_0 \stackrel{?}{=} \tau_1 \to \tau_2, \ \tau_1 \stackrel{?}{=} \tau_2$$

b)
$$\tau_0 \stackrel{?}{=} \tau_1 \to \tau_2, \ \tau_2 \stackrel{?}{=} \tau_3 \to \tau_4, \ \tau_4 \stackrel{?}{=} \tau_1$$

c)
$$\tau_0 \stackrel{?}{=} \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$$
, $\tau_2 \stackrel{?}{=} \tau_3 \rightarrow \tau_4$, $\tau_1 \stackrel{?}{=} \tau_5 \rightarrow \tau_4$, $\tau_1 \stackrel{?}{=} \tau_3 \rightarrow \tau_5$

d)
$$\tau_0 \stackrel{?}{=} \tau_1 \to \tau_2, \ \tau_1 \stackrel{?}{=} \tau_3 \to \tau_2, \ \tau_3 \stackrel{?}{=} \tau_1$$



Exercise 2 (Type Inference in Haskell)

In this exercise, we will develop a type inference algorithm for the simply typed λ -calculus in Haskell. The general idea of the algorithm is to apply the type inference rules in a backward manner and to record equality constraints between types on the way. These constraints are then solved to obtain the result type.

- a) Take a look at the template provided on the website. We have provided definitions of terms and types in the simply typed λ -calculus, together with syntax sugar for input and printing. Moreover, you can find the type of substitutions and utility functions to work with substitutions, types and terms.
- b) The first component of the algorithm is unification on types. Given a list of equality constraints between types of the form $u_1 \stackrel{?}{=} t_1, \ldots, u_n \stackrel{?}{=} t_n$, we want to produce a suitable substitution ϕ such that $\phi(u_i) = t_i$ for all $1 \le i \le n$ or report that the given constraints do not have a solution. Fill in the remaining cases of the function solve that achieves this functionality.
- c) Now we want to apply the type inference rules and record the arising type constraints. Function *constraints* of type

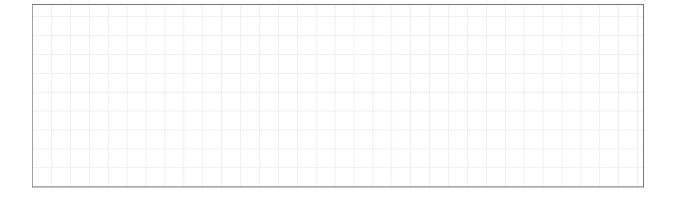
$$Term \rightarrow Type \rightarrow Env \rightarrow (Int, [(Type, Type)]) \rightarrow Maybe (Int, [(Type, Type)])$$

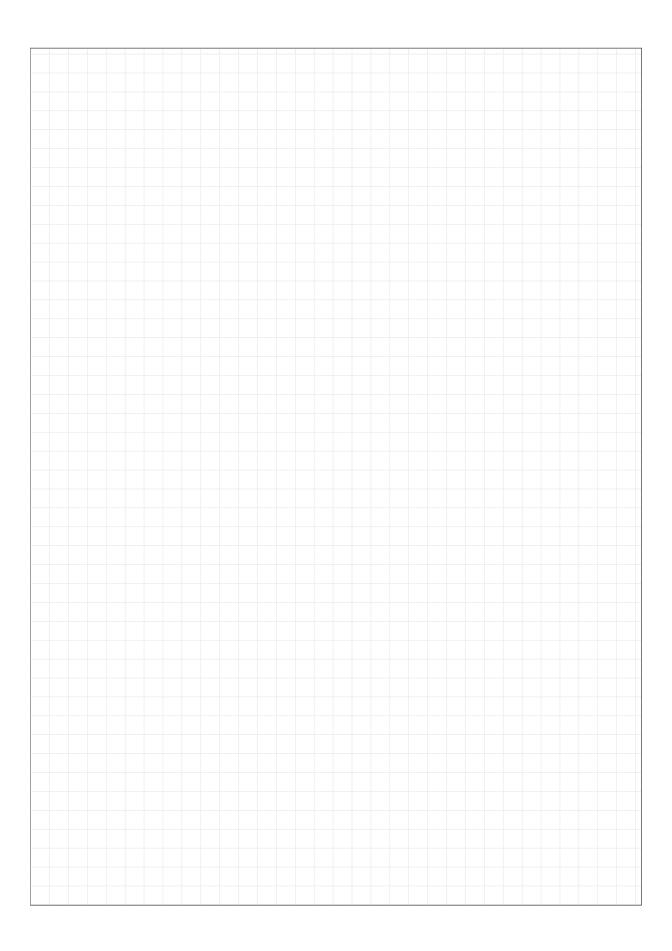
will achieve this functionality. Given a term t, a type τ , an environment Γ , and a pair (n, C), it will try to justify $\Gamma \vdash t : \tau$, adding the arising type constraints to C. The natural number n is used to keep track of the least variable index that is currently unused. This allows to easily generate fresh variable names. Complete the definition of *constraints*.

d) Define the function *infer* that infers the type of a term by combining *solve* and *constraints* and try it on a few examples.

Exercise 3 (Every Type is Applicative)

- a) Show that every type is *substitutive*.
- b) Show that every type is applicative.





Homework 4 (Types of Church Numerals)

a) Let τ be any type. Show that for the n-th Church numeral $\underline{\mathbf{n}}$, we have

$$[] \vdash \underline{\mathbf{n}} \colon (\tau \to \tau) \to \tau \to \tau$$

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b) Show that every term $t \in NF$ with $[] \vdash t : (\iota \to \iota) \to \iota \to \iota$, t is either id or a church numeral. Here ι is any elementary type.

Homework 5 (Completeness of T)

In this exercise, you will show the converse of Lemma 3.2.2, i.e.

$$\Downarrow t \Longrightarrow t \in T$$

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- a) Show that every λ -term has one of the following shapes:
 - $x r_1 \dots r_n$
 - $\lambda x. r$
 - $(\lambda x. \ r) s s_1 \ldots s_n$

Note that this gives rise to an alternative inductive definition for λ -terms and to a corresponding rule induction on λ -terms.

b) \downarrow gives rise to a wellfounded induction principle. To show

$$\forall t. \ \ \psi \ t \Longrightarrow P(t) \,,$$

it suffices to prove:

$$\forall t. \ (\forall t'. \ t \rightarrow_{\beta} t' \Longrightarrow P(t')) \Longrightarrow P(t).$$

Use this to prove:

$$\Downarrow t \Longrightarrow t \in T$$

Hint: Use (a) for an inner induction on terms.