# Technische Universität München Institut für Informatik

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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  $\sigma$  such that  $\sigma(\tau_i) = \sigma(\kappa_i)$  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  $\lambda$ -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  $\lambda$ -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 template is available as type\_inference.hs.

- a) Take a look at the template provided on the website. We have provided definitions of terms and types in the simply typed  $\lambda$ -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  $\phi$  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

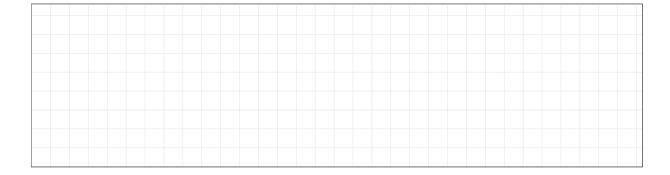
$$Term \rightarrow Type \rightarrow Env \rightarrow (Int, [(Type, Type)]) \rightarrow Maybe (Int, [(Type, Type)])$$

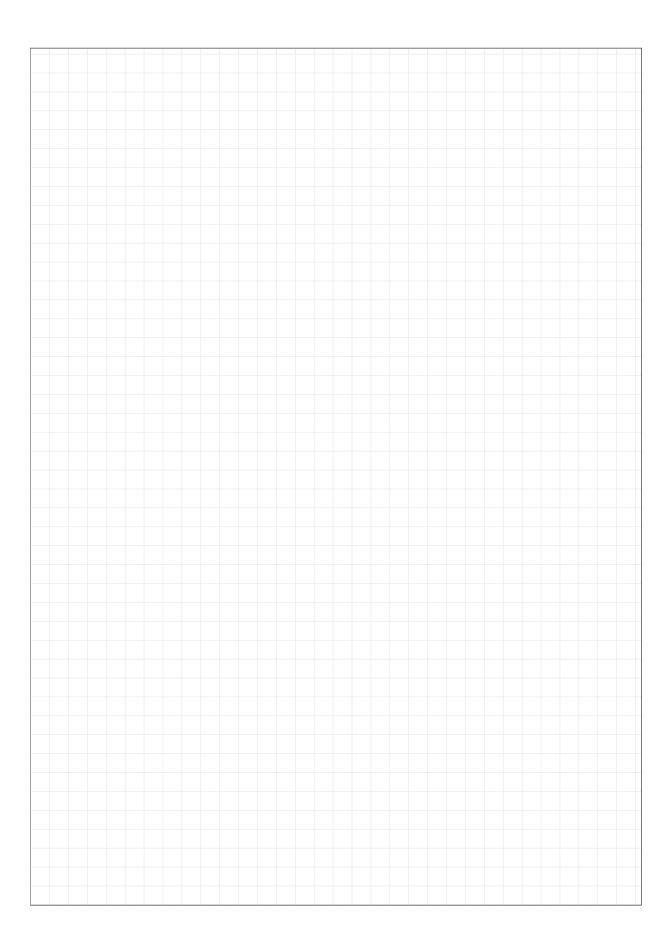
will achieve this functionality. Given a term t, a type  $\tau$ , an environment  $\Gamma$ , and a pair (n, C), it will try to justify  $\Gamma \vdash t : \tau$ , adding the arising type constraints to C. The natural number n is used to keep track of the least variable index that is currently unused. 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  $\tau$  be any type. Show that for the n-th Church numeral  $\underline{\mathbf{n}}$ , we have

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

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  $\iota$  is any elementary type.

## Homework 5 (Completeness of T)

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

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

a) Show that every  $\lambda$ -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  $\lambda$ -terms and to a corresponding rule induction on  $\lambda$ -terms.

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

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

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.