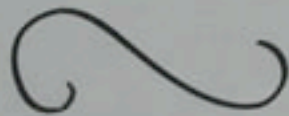


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# The polymorphic $\lambda$ -calculus, $\lambda 2$

Types ::=  $\exists$

type variables

$\sigma \rightarrow \tau$

arrow types

$\forall \alpha, \sigma$

abstraction (polymorphic types)

## Term rules:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ x : \tau \\ \vdots \\ N : \tau \rightarrow \sigma \quad M : \tau \end{array}}{NM : \sigma} \rightarrow E$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} [x : \tau] \\ \vdots \\ M : \sigma \end{array}}{\lambda x : \tau. M : \tau \rightarrow \sigma} \rightarrow I$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ M : \forall \alpha. \sigma \end{array}}{M \tau : \sigma[\tau/\alpha]} \forall E$$

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \Gamma \\ \vdots \\ M : \sigma \end{array}}{\forall \alpha. M : \forall \alpha. \sigma} \forall I$$

$(\alpha \notin FV(\Gamma))$

note: terms can depend on types!

# Example derivation

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{[f: \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha]}{f(\beta \rightarrow \alpha): (\beta \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha} \text{VE} \quad \frac{[f: \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha]}{f \alpha: \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha} \text{VE} \\
 \frac{f(\beta \rightarrow \alpha): (\beta \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha \quad [x: \alpha] \rightarrow E}{f \alpha x: \beta \rightarrow \alpha} \rightarrow E \\
 \frac{f(\beta \rightarrow \alpha)(f \alpha x): \beta \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha}{\lambda x: \alpha. f(\beta \rightarrow \alpha)(f \alpha x): \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha} \rightarrow I, x \\
 \frac{\lambda x: \alpha. f(\beta \rightarrow \alpha)(f \alpha x): \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha}{\forall \alpha. \lambda x: \alpha. f(\beta \rightarrow \alpha)(f \alpha x): \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha} \forall I \\
 \frac{\forall \alpha. \lambda x: \alpha. f(\beta \rightarrow \alpha)(f \alpha x): \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha}{\lambda f: \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha. \forall \alpha. \lambda x: \alpha. f(\beta \rightarrow \alpha)(f \alpha x):} \rightarrow I, f \\
 (\forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \alpha
 \end{array}$$

# Expressive power

Absurdity:  $\perp \triangleq \forall \alpha. \alpha$

$$\frac{M : \perp}{M : \perp} \perp; \quad (\forall E)$$

Conjunction:  $\tau \wedge \sigma \triangleq \forall \alpha. (\tau \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\perp : \tau \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \alpha}{\perp : \tau} M : \tau}{\exists M : \sigma \rightarrow \alpha} \quad N : \sigma}{\exists MN : \alpha}}{\lambda z. \exists MN : (\tau \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha}}{\wedge \alpha. \lambda z. \exists MN : \forall \alpha. (\tau \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha}$$
}  $\forall I$

$\parallel$   
 $\tau \wedge \sigma$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{P : \tau \wedge \sigma}{\sigma \wedge \tau : \perp}}{P \tau : (\tau \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \tau) \rightarrow \tau} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{[x : \tau]}{\lambda y : \sigma. x : \sigma \rightarrow \tau}}{\lambda x : \tau. \lambda y : \sigma. x : \tau \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \tau}}{\lambda x : \tau. \lambda y : \sigma. x : \tau}}{\tau : x : \sigma. \lambda x : \tau. \lambda y : \sigma. x : \tau}}$$
}  $\forall E_L$

Disjunction:

$$\tau \vee \sigma \triangleq \forall \alpha. (\tau \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (\sigma \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$$

Natural numbers:

$$\mathbb{N} \triangleq \forall \alpha. (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$

$$3 \triangleq \bigwedge \alpha. \lambda f: \alpha \rightarrow \alpha. \lambda x: \alpha. f(f(f x))$$

Lists:

$$\text{List } \alpha \triangleq \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow (\tau \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$$

Existential:

$$\exists \alpha. \sigma \triangleq \forall \beta. (\forall \alpha. \sigma \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta$$

⋮

Inductive types

# Second-order intuitionistic propositional logic

Usual rules plus:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi}{\forall p. \varphi} \text{VI} \quad (p \notin FV(\Gamma))$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \forall p. \varphi}{\varphi[\theta/p]} \text{VE}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \varphi[\theta/p]}{\exists p. \varphi} \text{IE}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \exists p. \varphi \quad \psi}{\psi} \text{EE} \quad (p \notin FV(\Gamma, \psi))$$

Semantics:

Soundness & completeness for

- complete 2nd-order Kripke models
- all valuations in all complete Heyting algebras

Thm It is undecidable whether a given formula has a proof.

# Properties of $\lambda_2$

Thm (Curry-Howard isomorphism)

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\lambda_2} M : \tau \iff \Gamma \upharpoonright \vdash \tau$$

↑  
( $\forall, \rightarrow$ )-fragment of  
2nd int. prop. logic

Thm The type inhabitation problem for  $\lambda_2$  is undecidable ( $\forall \tau \exists M : \tau$  closed term)

Thm  $\beta$ -reduction for  $\lambda_2$  is strongly normalizing.

Thm (Girard)

The class of functions  $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  definable in  $\lambda_2$  coincides with the class of provably recursive functions of second-order Peano Arithmetic.

## Church vs. Curry - style

erasure map  $| \cdot | : \lambda 2 \rightarrow \text{pure } \lambda\text{-calc}$

$$|x| = x$$

$$|MN| = |M| |N|$$

$$|\lambda x:\sigma. M| = \lambda x. |M|$$

$$|\Lambda_{\alpha}. M| = |M|$$

$$|M_{\tau}| = |M|$$

Prop:  $M \in \text{pure } \lambda\text{-calculus}$ :

$$\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$$

$\iff$

there exists  $\tilde{M} \in \lambda 2$  s.t.  $\Gamma \vdash \tilde{M} : \tau$ .

Thm Finding  $\tilde{M}$  given  $M$

is undecidable. (Wells, J: 1994)

Thm (Subject reduction): If  $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$ ,  
 $M$  pure,  $M \rightarrow_{\beta} M'$ , then  $\Gamma \vdash M' : \tau$

# The $\lambda$ cube (Barendregt)

