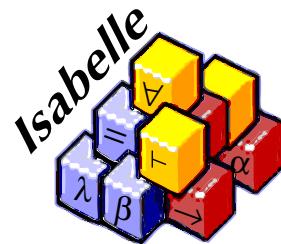


A solution to the POPLMARK challenge in Isabelle/HOL

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Motivation

Many proofs about programming languages are ...

- ... long and tedious, with few interesting cases (“write-only”)
- ... straightforward with pencil and paper, but ...
- ... still “rocket science” when it comes to mechanization [Greg Morrisett]

Main problems when formalizing programming languages

- Management of many details
- Danger of small mistakes or overlooked cases
- Poor scalability: hard to keep definitions and proofs consistent
- Reuse of work
- Ensuring tight relationships between theory and implementations

The POPLMARK Challenge [Benjamin Pierce et al., TPHOLs 2005]

Task: Formalize basic properties of polymorphic λ -calculus (System F $<:$)

Idea behind challenge

- Assess “state-of-the-art” in the area of proof assistants
- Suitability of theorem provers for proofs about programming languages
- **Vision:** Papers submitted to conferences like
 - POPL (Principles of Programming Languages) or
 - ICFP (International Conference on Functional Programming)should be accompanied by machine-checkable proof scripts

Requirements for proof assistants

- Reasonably small technological overhead
- Notation close to “usual” conventions
- Easy to learn
- Proofs and specifications should be reusable
- Possibility to generate executable prototypes

Parts of the challenge

- **1A:** Transitivity of Subtyping
- **1B:** Transitivity of Subtyping with Records
- **2A:** Type Safety for Pure $F_{<:}$
- **2B:** Type Safety with Records and Pattern Matching
- **3:** Testing and Animating with Respect to the Semantics

Complete solutions to the challenge

Author	System	Encoding	LOCs
Jerome Vouillon	Coq	De Bruijn	2700
Karl Crary & Robert Harper	Twelf	HOAS	5000
S. B.	Isabelle/HOL	De Bruijn	2500

Other (partial) solutions by Xavier Leroy, Aaron Stump, Christian Urban, ...

Syntax of System $F_{<:}$

Types

```
datatype type =
  TVar nat
  | Top
  | Fun type type  (infixr → 200)
  | TyAll type type (( $\exists \forall <:-.$  / -) [0, 10] 10)
```

Terms

```
datatype trm =
  Var nat
  | Abs type trm  (( $\lambda :-.$  / -) [0, 10] 10)
  | TABs type trm (( $\lambda <:-.$  / -) [0, 10] 10)
  | App trm trm   (infixl • 200)
  | TApp trm type  (infixl • $_\tau$  200)
```

Example

“Pen and paper” version (with names)

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda A <: Top. \lambda B <: Top. \lambda C <: Top. \lambda f:A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C. \\ & \lambda g:(\forall D <: Top. D \rightarrow D). \lambda x:A. \lambda y:B. \\ & \quad f \cdot (g \cdot_{\tau} A \cdot x) \cdot (g \cdot_{\tau} B \cdot y) \end{aligned}$$

De Bruijn version

$$\begin{aligned} & \lambda <: Top. \lambda <: Top. \lambda <: Top. \lambda : TVar\ 2 \rightarrow TVar\ 1 \rightarrow TVar\ 0. \\ & \lambda : (\forall <: Top. TVar\ 0 \rightarrow TVar\ 0). \lambda : TVar\ 4. \lambda : TVar\ 4. \\ & \quad Var\ 3 \cdot (Var\ 2 \cdot_{\tau} TVar\ 6 \cdot Var\ 1) \cdot (Var\ 2 \cdot_{\tau} TVar\ 5 \cdot Var\ 0) \end{aligned}$$

Notation

$\Gamma \vdash S <: T$ Type S is subtype of T in context Γ

$\Gamma \vdash t : T$ Term t has type T in context Γ

$\Gamma \vdash_{wf}$ Context Γ is well-formed

$\Gamma \vdash_{wf} T$ Type T is well-formed in context Γ

Contexts

List of bindings for term and type variables

datatype $binding = VarB\ type \mid TVarB\ type$

types $env = binding\ list$

- Variable with index i corresponds i -th element of list (denoted by $\Gamma\langle i \rangle$)
- Types in Γ may refer to type variables “further to the right”
- New elements are appended to the left using $b \# \Gamma$
- Concatenation of contexts using $\Delta @ \Gamma$

Lifting and Substitution

$\uparrow_\tau n k T$	Increment free variables $\geq k$ in type T by n
$\uparrow n k t$	Increment free variables $\geq k$ in term t by n
$\uparrow_e n k \Gamma$	Increment free variables $\geq k$ in environment Γ by n
$T[k \mapsto_\tau S]_\tau$	Substitute type S for type variable with index k in type T
$t[k \mapsto_\tau S]$	Substitute type S for type variable with index k in term t
$t[k \mapsto s]$	Substitute term s for term variable with index k in term t
$\Gamma[k \mapsto_\tau T]_e$	Substitute type T for type variable with index k in environment Γ

Some equations

$$\uparrow n k (\text{Var } i) = (\text{if } i < k \text{ then Var } i \text{ else Var } (i + n))$$

$$\uparrow n k (\lambda:T. t) = (\lambda:\uparrow_\tau n k T. \uparrow n (k + 1) t)$$

$$(\text{Var } i)[k \mapsto s] = (\text{if } k < i \text{ then Var } (i - 1) \text{ else if } i = k \text{ then } \uparrow k 0 s \text{ else Var } i)$$

$$(\lambda:T. t)[k \mapsto s] = (\lambda:T[k \mapsto_\tau \text{Top}]_\tau. t[k+1 \mapsto s])$$

$$[] [k \mapsto_\tau T]_e = []$$

$$(B \# \Gamma)[k \mapsto_\tau T]_e = \text{map}B (\lambda U. U[k + \|\Gamma\| \mapsto_\tau T]_\tau) B \# \Gamma[k \mapsto_\tau T]_e$$

Well-formedness of Types and Contexts

Intuition:

- A type is **well-formed** in a context, if all its free variables appear in the context.
- A context is **well-formed**, if all types only refer to type variables “further to the right”

$$\frac{\Gamma \langle i \rangle = \lfloor TVarB \; T \rfloor}{\Gamma \vdash_{wf} TVar \; i} \quad \Gamma \vdash_{wf} Top$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{wf} T \quad \Gamma \vdash_{wf} U}{\Gamma \vdash_{wf} T \rightarrow U}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{wf} T \quad TVarB \; T \; \# \; \Gamma \vdash_{wf} U}{\Gamma \vdash_{wf} (\forall <: T. \; U)}$$

$$[] \vdash_{wf} \frac{\Gamma \vdash_{wf} type-ofB \; B \quad \Gamma \vdash_{wf}}{B \; \# \; \Gamma \vdash_{wf}}$$

Important property:

All terms and contexts involved in (sub)typing judgements are **well-formed**, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{if } \Gamma \vdash S <: T, \text{ then } \Gamma \vdash_{wf}, \Gamma \vdash_{wf} S, \Gamma \vdash_{wf} T \\ &\text{if } \Gamma \vdash t : T, \text{ then } \Gamma \vdash_{wf}, \Gamma \vdash_{wf} T \end{aligned}$$

Subtyping Relation

“Pen and paper” version (with names)

$$\frac{X <: U \in \Gamma \quad \Gamma \vdash U <: T}{\Gamma \vdash X <: T}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash T_1 <: S_1 \quad \Gamma, X <: T_1 \vdash S_2 <: T_2}{\Gamma \vdash (\forall X <: S_1. S_2) <: (\forall X <: T_1. T_2)}$$

De Bruijn version

$$\frac{\Gamma \langle i \rangle = \lfloor TVarB \ U \rfloor \quad \Gamma \vdash \uparrow_\tau (Suc \ i) \ 0 \ U <: T}{\Gamma \vdash TVar \ i <: T}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash T_1 <: S_1 \quad TVarB \ T_1 \ # \ \Gamma \vdash S_2 <: T_2}{\Gamma \vdash (\forall <: S_1. S_2) <: (\forall <: T_1. T_2)}$$

Subtyping Relation

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{wf} \Gamma \vdash_{wf} S}{\Gamma \vdash S <: Top}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{wf} \Gamma \vdash_{wf} TVar\ i}{\Gamma \vdash TVar\ i <: TVar\ i}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \langle i \rangle = \lfloor TVarB\ U \rfloor \quad \Gamma \vdash \uparrow_\tau (Suc\ i) \ 0\ U <: T}{\Gamma \vdash TVar\ i <: T}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash T_1 <: S_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash S_2 <: T_2}{\Gamma \vdash S_1 \rightarrow S_2 <: T_1 \rightarrow T_2}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash T_1 <: S_1 \quad TVarB\ T_1 \# \Gamma \vdash S_2 <: T_2}{\Gamma \vdash (\forall <: S_1. S_2) <: (\forall <: T_1. T_2)}$$

Typing relation

“Pen and paper” version (with names)

$$\frac{\Gamma, \textcolor{red}{X} <: T_1 \vdash t_2 : T_2}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda \textcolor{red}{X} <: T_1. \ t_2) : (\forall \textcolor{red}{X} <: T_1. \ T_2)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : (\forall \textcolor{red}{X} <: T_{11}. \ T_{12}) \quad \Gamma \vdash T_2 <: T_{11}}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 \cdot_\tau T_2 : T_{12}[\textcolor{red}{X} \mapsto_\tau T_2]_\tau}$$

De Bruijn version

$$\frac{TVarB \ T_1 \ \# \ \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T_2}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda <: T_1. \ t_2) : (\forall <: T_1. \ T_2)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : (\forall <: T_{11}. \ T_{12}) \quad \Gamma \vdash T_2 <: T_{11}}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 \cdot_\tau T_2 : T_{12}[0 \mapsto_\tau T_2]_\tau}$$

Typing relation

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{wf} \Gamma \langle i \rangle = \lfloor VarB \ U \rfloor \quad T = \uparrow_\tau (Suc \ i) \ \theta \ U}{\Gamma \vdash Var \ i : T}$$

$$\frac{VarB \ T_1 \ # \ \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T_2}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda : T_1. \ t_2) : T_1 \rightarrow T_2[\theta \mapsto_\tau Top]_\tau}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : T_{11} \rightarrow T_{12} \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T_{11}}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 \cdot t_2 : T_{12}}$$

$$\frac{TVarB \ T_1 \ # \ \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T_2}{\Gamma \vdash (\lambda <: T_1. \ t_2) : (\forall <: T_1. \ T_2)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : (\forall <: T_{11}. \ T_{12}) \quad \Gamma \vdash T_2 <: T_{11}}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 \cdot_\tau T_2 : T_{12}[\theta \mapsto_\tau T_2]_\tau}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : S \quad \Gamma \vdash S <: T}{\Gamma \vdash t : T}$$

Evaluation relation

Evaluation can take place ...

- ... at the **root** of a term
- ... inside **subterms** (e.g. in **operator** or **operand** of an application)

Two ways of modelling evaluation in subterms

- Add extra **congruence rules** to definition of evaluation relation
- Introduce **evaluation contexts** as separate concept
 - Context \approx term with “hole”, i.e. function $term \Rightarrow term$
 - Expected to lead to more scalable formalizations
 - Not directly executable (needs computational content of “decomposition theorem”)

Evaluation relation – using congruence rules

Values

$$(\lambda:T. \ t) \in \text{value}$$

$$(\lambda<:T. \ t) \in \text{value}$$

Evaluation rules

$$\frac{v_2 \in \text{value}}{(\lambda:T_{11}. \ t_{12}) \cdot v_2 \mapsto t_{12}[\theta \mapsto v_2]}$$

$$(\lambda<:T_{11}. \ t_{12}) \cdot_{\tau} T_2 \mapsto t_{12}[\theta \mapsto_{\tau} T_2]$$

Congruence rules

$$\frac{t \mapsto t'}{t \cdot u \mapsto t' \cdot u} \quad \frac{v \in \text{value} \quad t \mapsto t'}{v \cdot t \mapsto v \cdot t'}$$

$$\frac{t \mapsto t'}{t \cdot_{\tau} T \mapsto t' \cdot_{\tau} T}$$

Evaluation relation – using contexts

Evaluation contexts

$$(\lambda t. \ t) \in ctxt$$

$$\frac{E \in ctxt}{(\lambda t. \ E \ t \cdot u) \in ctxt} \quad \frac{v \in value \quad E \in ctxt}{(\lambda t. \ v \cdot E \ t) \in ctxt}$$

$$\frac{E \in ctxt}{(\lambda t. \ E \ t \cdot_{\tau} T) \in ctxt}$$

Evaluation rules

$$\frac{t \mapsto t' \quad E \in ctxt}{E \ t \mapsto E \ t'}$$

$$\frac{v_2 \in value}{(\lambda : T_{11}. \ t_{12}) \cdot v_2 \mapsto t_{12}[\theta \mapsto v_2]}$$

$$(\lambda <: T_{11}. \ t_{12}) \cdot_{\tau} T_2 \mapsto t_{12}[\theta \mapsto_{\tau} T_2]$$

Important properties

Weakening

$$\Gamma \vdash t : T \implies \Delta @ \Gamma \vdash_{wf} \implies \Delta @ \Gamma \vdash \uparrow \|\Delta\| \theta t : \uparrow_\tau \|\Delta\| \theta T$$

Substitution lemma

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta @ VarB U \# \Gamma \vdash t : T &\implies \Gamma \vdash u : U \implies \\ &\quad \Delta[\theta \mapsto_\tau Top]_e @ \Gamma \vdash t[\|\Delta\| \mapsto u] : T[\|\Delta\| \mapsto_\tau Top]_\tau \\ \Delta @ TVarB Q \# \Gamma \vdash S <: T &\implies \Gamma \vdash P <: Q \implies \\ &\quad \Delta[\theta \mapsto_\tau P]_e @ \Gamma \vdash S[\|\Delta\| \mapsto_\tau P]_\tau <: T[\|\Delta\| \mapsto_\tau P]_\tau \end{aligned}$$

Type safety

$$t \mapsto t' \implies \Gamma \vdash t : T \implies \Gamma \vdash t' : T$$

Preservation / Subject Reduction

$$\emptyset \vdash t : T \implies t \in value \vee (\exists t'. t \mapsto t')$$

Progress

Properties of evaluation contexts

Decomposition

$$\boxed{\cdot} \vdash t : T \implies t \in \text{value} \vee (\exists E t_0 t_0'. E \in \text{ctxt} \wedge t = E t_0 \wedge t_0 \longmapsto t_0')$$

Typing

$$\Gamma \vdash E t : T \implies E \in \text{ctxt} \implies (\bigwedge T_0. \Gamma \vdash t : T_0 \implies \Gamma \vdash t' : T_0) \implies \Gamma \vdash E t' : T$$

Tricky proofs by induction

Simultaneous goals

lemma *subtype-trans*:

$$\Gamma \vdash S <: Q \implies \Gamma \vdash Q <: T \implies \Gamma \vdash S <: T$$

$$\Delta @ TVarB Q \# \Gamma \vdash M <: N \implies \Gamma \vdash P <: Q \implies$$

$$\Delta @ TVarB P \# \Gamma \vdash M <: N$$

using *wf-measure-size*

proof (*induct Q fixing: Γ S T Δ P M N rule: wf-induct-rule*)

...

Expressions of a certain form (local definition)

lemma *substT-type*:

assumes $H: \Delta @ TVarB Q \# \Gamma \vdash t : T$

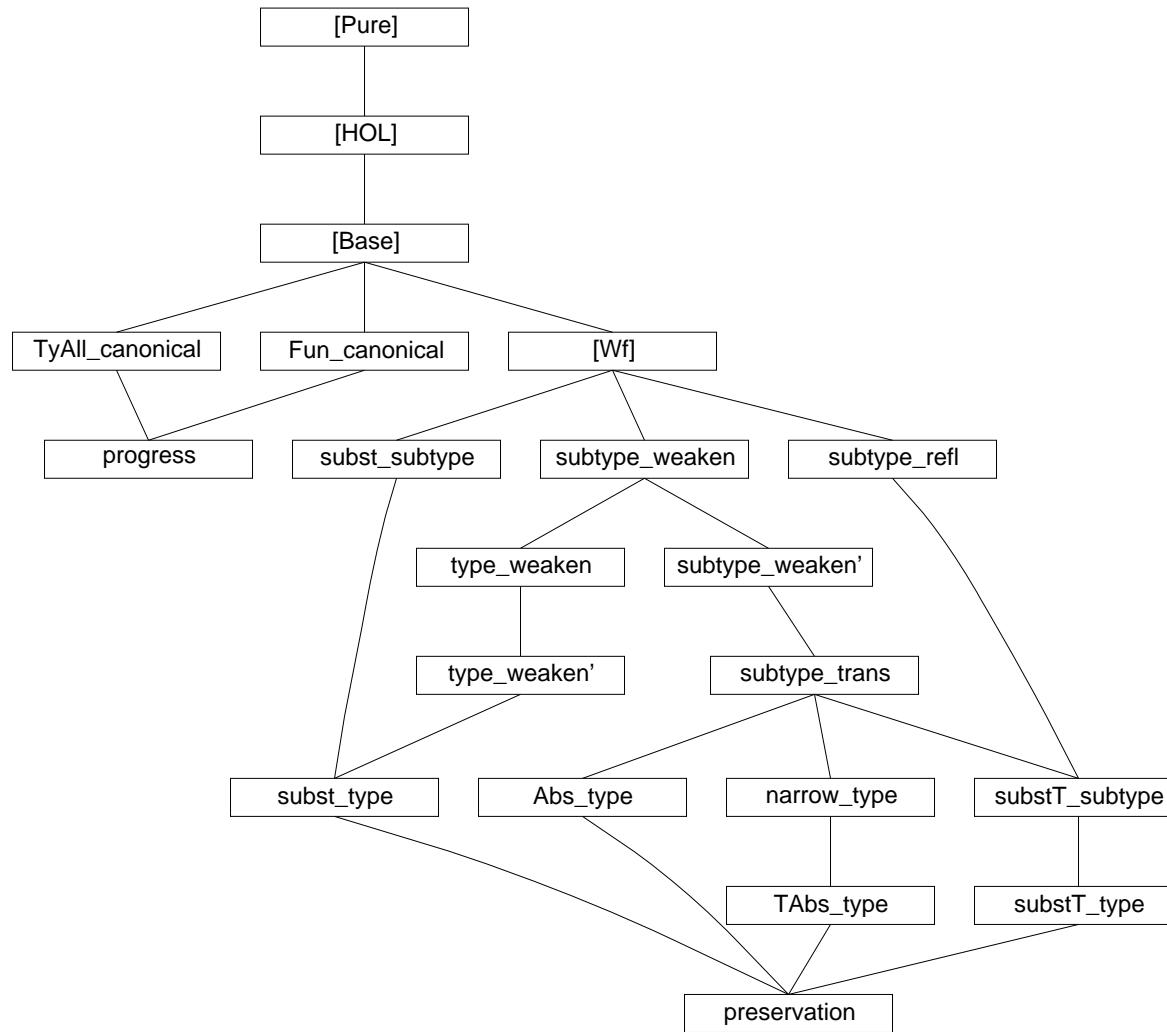
shows $\Gamma \vdash P <: Q \implies$

$$\Delta[\theta \mapsto_{\tau} P]_e @ \Gamma \vdash t[\|\Delta\| \mapsto_{\tau} P] : T[\|\Delta\| \mapsto_{\tau} P]_{\tau} \text{ using } H$$

proof (*induct Γ' ≡ Δ @ TVarB Q # Γ t T fixing: Δ*)

...

Theorem dependencies



Executability

Idea

- Translate PROLOG-style **inductive definitions** to **functional program** (e.g. in ML) yielding sequence of possible outputs for a given input [B., Nipkow, TYPES 2000]
- Implementation using **list monad**

```
:-> : 'a Seq.seq -> ('a -> 'b Seq.seq) -> 'b Seq.seq
fun s :-> f = Seq.flat (Seq.map f s);
```

```
fun eval inp =
  Seq.single inp :-
    (fn (App (Abs (T_1_1, t_1_2), v_2)) =>
     value (v_2) :-> (fn () => Seq.single (subst t_1_2 0 v_2))
     | _ => Seq.empty) ++
  Seq.single inp :-
    (fn (TApp (TAbs (T_1_1, t_1_2), T_2)) => Seq.single (substT t_1_2 0 T_2)
     | _ => Seq.empty) ++
  Seq.single inp :-
    (fn (App (t, u)) => eval (t) :-> (fn (t') => Seq.single (App (t', u)))
     | _ => Seq.empty) ++ ...
```

Records

- Records are modelled as association lists mapping field names to terms
types $rcd = (name \times trm) \ list$
- Record types are modelled as association lists mapping field names to types
types $rcdT = (name \times type) \ list$
- *LET* expressions can be treated like nested abstractions

$$\begin{aligned} LET \{l_1 = x_1 : T_1, \dots, l_n = x_n : T_n\} &= \{l_1 = v_1, \dots, l_n = v_n\} \ IN \ t \\ &\approx \\ (\lambda x_1 : T_1, \dots, x_n : T_n. \ t) \cdot v_1 \cdot \dots \cdot v_n \end{aligned}$$

- Pattern typing judgement $\vdash p : T \Rightarrow \Delta$
yields context assigning types to variables bound in pattern
- Pattern matching judgement $\vdash p \triangleright t \Rightarrow ts$
yields list of terms bound to variables in pattern

New constructors for records

Types

datatype $type =$

...

| $RcdT \ (name \times type) \ list$

Patterns

datatype $pat = PVar \ type \mid PRcd \ (name \times pat) \ list$

Terms

datatype $trm =$

...

| $Rcd \ (name \times trm) \ list$

| $Proj \ trm \ name \ ((\dots) \ [90, \ 91] \ 90)$

| $LET \ pat \ trm \ trm \ ((LET \ (- \ =/ \ -)) / \ IN \ (-)) \ 10$

Well-formedness and subtyping of record types

Well-formedness

$$\frac{\text{unique } fs \quad \forall (l, T) \in \text{set } fs. \Gamma \vdash_{wf} T}{\Gamma \vdash_{wf} RcdT fs}$$

Subtyping

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{wf} \Gamma \vdash_{wf} RcdT fs \quad \text{unique } fs' \quad \forall (l, T) \in \text{set } fs'. \exists (k, S) \in \text{set } fs. k = l \wedge \Gamma \vdash S <: T}{\Gamma \vdash RcdT fs <: RcdT fs'}$$

Additional typing rules for records

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : T_1 \quad \vdash p : T_1 \Rightarrow \Delta \quad \Delta @ \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T_2}{\Gamma \vdash (\text{LET } p = t_1 \text{ IN } t_2) : \downarrow_{\tau} \|\Delta\| \circ T_2}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash fs [:] fTs}{\Gamma \vdash Rcd fs : RcdT fTs} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash t : RcdT fTs \quad fTs\langle l \rangle? = \lfloor T \rfloor}{\Gamma \vdash t..l : T}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash wf}{\Gamma \vdash [] [:] []}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : T \quad \Gamma \vdash fs [:] fTs \quad fs\langle l \rangle? = \perp}{\Gamma \vdash (l, t) \# fs [:] (l, T) \# fTs}$$

Pattern typing

$$\vdash PVar T : T \Rightarrow [VarB T] \qquad \frac{\vdash fps [:] fTs \Rightarrow \Delta}{\vdash PRcd fps : RcdT fTs \Rightarrow \Delta}$$

$$\vdash [] [:] [] \Rightarrow [] \qquad \frac{\vdash p : T \Rightarrow \Delta_1 \quad \vdash fps [:] fTs \Rightarrow \Delta_2 \quad fps\langle l \rangle? = \perp}{\vdash (l, p) \# fps [:] (l, T) \# fTs \Rightarrow \uparrow_e \|\Delta_1\| \circ \Delta_2 @ \Delta_1}$$

Additional evaluation rules for records

$$\frac{v \in \text{value} \quad \vdash p \triangleright v \Rightarrow ts}{(\text{LET } p = v \text{ IN } t) \longmapsto t[0 \mapsto_s ts]}$$

$$\frac{fs\langle l \rangle? = \lfloor v \rfloor \quad v \in \text{value}}{Rcd fs..l \longmapsto v}$$

Contexts

$$\frac{E \in ctxt}{(\lambda t. E t..l) \in ctxt}$$

$$\frac{E \in rctxt}{(\lambda t. Rcd (E t)) \in ctxt}$$

$$\frac{E \in ctxt}{(\lambda t. \text{LET } p = E t \text{ IN } u) \in ctxt}$$

$$\frac{E \in ctxt}{(\lambda t. (l, E t) \# fs) \in rctxt}$$

$$\frac{v \in \text{value} \quad E \in rctxt}{(\lambda t. (l, v) \# E t) \in rctxt}$$

Matching

$$\vdash PVar T \triangleright t \Rightarrow [t] \quad \frac{\vdash fps [\triangleright] fs \Rightarrow ts}{\vdash PRcd fps \triangleright Rcd fs \Rightarrow ts}$$

$$\vdash [] [\triangleright] fs \Rightarrow [] \quad \frac{fs\langle l \rangle? = \lfloor t \rfloor \quad \vdash p \triangleright t \Rightarrow ts \quad \vdash fps [\triangleright] fs \Rightarrow us}{\vdash (l, p) \# fps [\triangleright] fs \Rightarrow ts @ us}$$

Additional theorems for records

Matched patterns preserve types

$$\begin{aligned}\vdash p : T_1 \Rightarrow \Delta &\Rightarrow \\ \Gamma_2 \vdash t_1 : T_1 &\Rightarrow \\ \Gamma_1 @ \Delta @ \Gamma_2 \vdash t_2 : T_2 &\Rightarrow \\ \vdash p \triangleright t_1 \Rightarrow ts &\Rightarrow \downarrow_e \|\Delta\| \ 0 \ \Gamma_1 @ \Gamma_2 \vdash t_2[\|\Gamma_1\| \mapsto_s ts] : \downarrow_\tau \|\Delta\| \ \|\Gamma_1\| \ T_2\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vdash fps [:] fTs \Rightarrow \Delta &\Rightarrow \\ \Gamma_2 \vdash fs [:] fTs &\Rightarrow \\ \Gamma_1 @ \Delta @ \Gamma_2 \vdash t_2 : T_2 &\Rightarrow \\ \vdash fps [\triangleright] fs \Rightarrow ts &\Rightarrow \downarrow_e \|\Delta\| \ 0 \ \Gamma_1 @ \Gamma_2 \vdash t_2[\|\Gamma_1\| \mapsto_s ts] : \downarrow_\tau \|\Delta\| \ \|\Gamma_1\| \ T_2\end{aligned}$$

Well-typed pattern matching is defined

$$\vdash p : T \Rightarrow \Delta \Rightarrow [] \vdash t : T \Rightarrow t \in value \Rightarrow \exists ts. \vdash p \triangleright t \Rightarrow ts$$

$$\begin{aligned}\vdash fps [:] fTs \Rightarrow \Delta &\Rightarrow \\ [] \vdash fs [:] fTs &\Rightarrow \forall (l, t) \in set fs. \ t \in value \Rightarrow \exists us. \vdash fps [\triangleright] fs \Rightarrow us\end{aligned}$$

Conclusion

- Complete and executable formalization of System $F_{<:}$
- Formalized evaluation relation using both evaluation contexts and congruence rules (including proof of equivalence)
- Use of evaluation contexts did not shorten the formalization (but rendered the specification non-executable)
- Use of de Bruijn indices not too much of a heavy burden (technical lemmas from simply-typed λ -calculus could be reused)
- Extension with records increased size of formalization by about factor 2

Future work

- Formalize more complex properties of System $F_{<:}$, e.g. **strong normalization** (see Thorsten Altenkirch's Ph.D.)
- Use **nominal syntax** to formalize bound variables (work in progress, together with Christian Urban)

Further information

<http://www.in.tum.de/~berghofe/papers/Poplmark/>