

Types

A type system is a tool which produces an analysis of the behavior of programs before it is run.*

when?

What behavior?

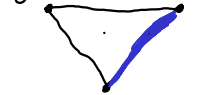
There is no perfect type system.

Complete

Call good programs "good"

Soundness

Call bad programs "bad"



Produces an answer in finite time

Decidability

Java, C, C++, TypeScript, Ocaml "static" type system

Java, Python, JavaScript, Ruby, Ocaml "dynamic" type system

C, C++ untyped

So far:

Grammar describes a set (usually of trees)

Inference rules to define a relation

* $e \Rightarrow v \quad (\Rightarrow) \subseteq (e \times v)$

$e \Rightarrow v$

$1+1 \Rightarrow 2$
 $1+2 \not\Rightarrow 4$

$\langle 1+1, 2 \rangle \in (\Rightarrow)$
 $\langle 1+2, 4 \rangle \notin (\Rightarrow)$

* $\langle S, e \rangle \Rightarrow \langle S, v \rangle \quad (\Rightarrow) \subseteq (S \times e \times S \times v)$

$\langle \emptyset, 1+1 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \emptyset, 2 \rangle$
 $\langle \{c_0 \mapsto 2\}, !c_0 \rangle \Rightarrow \langle \{c_0 \mapsto 2\}, 2 \rangle$
 $\langle \{c_0 \mapsto 3\}, !c_0 \rangle \not\Rightarrow \langle \emptyset, 3 \rangle$

Now: another grammar, another relation.

$\langle S, e \rangle \Rightarrow \langle S, v \rangle$

TFb

$e ::= v \mid e + e \mid e - e \mid \dots \mid \text{Let } x:\tau = e \text{ In } e$

$v ::= \mathbb{Z} \mid \text{True} \mid \text{False} \mid \text{Function } x:\tau \rightarrow e$

$\tau ::= \text{Int} \mid \text{Bool} \mid \tau \rightarrow \tau$

$$\frac{e_1 \Rightarrow v_1 \quad e_2 [v/x] \Rightarrow v_2}{\text{Let } x:\tau = e_1 \text{ In } e_2 \Rightarrow v_2}$$

types as sets of values*

Let $a:\text{Int} = 3+1$ In $a=4$

If True Then 4 Else False $\Rightarrow 4$
will not typecheck

Typing relation

gamma

$\Gamma \vdash e : \tau$

$\Gamma ::= \{x:\tau, \dots\}$

$\overline{\Gamma \vdash \text{True} : \text{Bool}} \quad \overline{\Gamma \vdash \text{False} : \text{Bool}} \quad \overline{\Gamma \vdash \mathbb{Z} : \text{Int}}$

$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{Int} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 + e_2 : \text{Int}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{Bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \text{ And } e_2 : \text{Bool}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau \quad \Gamma \{x:\tau\} \vdash e_2 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{Let } x:\tau = e_1 \text{ In } e_2 : \tau}$

$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{Bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash e_3 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{If } e_1 \text{ Then } e_2 \text{ Else } e_3 : \tau} \quad \frac{(x:\tau) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : \tau}$