

# Subtyping

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For subtyping: create a relation of form  $\tau <: \tau'$ .

Meaning:  $\tau_1 <: \tau_2$  means "anywhere  $\tau_2$  is expected,  $\tau_1$  can be used"

Reflexive:  $\tau <: \tau$

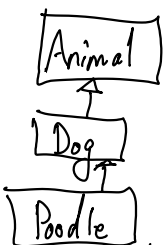
Transitive:  $\frac{\tau_1 <: \tau_2 \quad \tau_2 <: \tau_3}{\tau_1 <: \tau_3}$

Record:  $\frac{\tau_1 <: \tau'_1 \quad \dots \quad \tau_n <: \tau'_n}{\{l_1: \tau_1, \dots, l_n: \tau_n\} <: \{l_1: \tau'_1, \dots, l_n: \tau'_n\}}$

Function:  $\frac{\tau'_1 <: \tau_1 \quad \tau_2 <: \tau'_2}{\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2 <: \tau'_1 \rightarrow \tau'_2}$

$\{a: Int, b: Bool\}$   
 $\swarrow$   
 $\{a=5, b=True\}$

$\{a: Int\}$   
 $\swarrow$   
 Function  $x \rightarrow x.a + 1$



Animal  $\supset$  Dog  
 Dog  $<$  Animal

$\tau \rightarrow \tau'$   
 $\forall v \in \tau. \exists v' \in \tau'. \text{this function takes } v \text{ and returns } v'$

have  $f: Dog \rightarrow Dog$   
 want Animal  $\rightarrow$  Dog (f myCat)  
 X

have Dog  $\rightarrow$  Animal  
 wants Dog  $\rightarrow$  Dog  
 X

have  $f: Animal \rightarrow Dog$   
 want Dog  $\rightarrow$  Dog (f myDog)  
 ✓

have Dog  $\rightarrow$  Dog  
 want Dog  $\rightarrow$  Animal  
 ✓

Dog  $\rightarrow$  Dog  $<$  Dog  $\rightarrow$  Animal

function subtyping is  
covariant on output  
contravariant on input

as a function becomes a subtype, output moves toward subtype and input moves toward a supertype

Animal  $\rightarrow$  Poodle  $<$  Dog  $\rightarrow$  Dog  $<$  Poodle  $\rightarrow$  Animal

Animal  $\rightarrow$  Poodle  $<$  Poodle  $\rightarrow$  Animal

# Type Inference

Equational constraints to infer types of Fb expressions.

OCaml  
TFb  
EFb

fun x → x + 1 : int → int  
Function x: Int → x + 1 : Int → Int  
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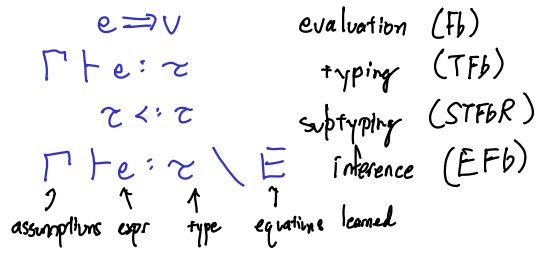
fun x → x : 'a → 'a

EFb is an extension of Fb.

e grammar is the same  
v grammar is the same.

$\tau ::= \text{Int} \mid \text{Bool} \mid \tau \rightarrow \tau \mid \alpha$   
 $\alpha ::= 'a \mid 'b \mid \dots$   
 $E ::= \{ \tau = \tau, \dots \}$

type variable



Int  $\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbb{Z} : \text{Int} \setminus \emptyset}$

True  $\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{True} : \text{Bool} \setminus \emptyset}$

Plus  $\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \setminus E_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau_2 \setminus E_2}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 + e_2 : \text{Int} \setminus E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \{ \tau_1 = \text{Int}, \tau_2 = \text{Int} \}}$

Equality  $\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \setminus E_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau_2 \setminus E_2}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 = e_2 : \text{Bool} \setminus E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \{ \tau_1 = \text{Int}, \tau_2 = \text{Int} \}}$

Function  $\frac{\Gamma, x: \alpha \vdash e : \tau \setminus E \quad \alpha \text{ fresh}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{Function } x \rightarrow e : \alpha \rightarrow \tau \setminus E}$

Var  $\frac{x: \tau \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : \tau \setminus \emptyset}$

Var Plus  $\frac{\{ n: 'a \} \vdash n : 'a \setminus \emptyset \quad \text{Int} \{ n: 'a \} \vdash 1 : \text{Int} \setminus \emptyset}{\{ n: 'a \} \vdash n + 1 : \text{Int} \setminus \{ 'a = \text{Int}, \text{Int} = \text{Int} \}}$   
Fun  $\frac{}{\emptyset \vdash \text{Function } n \rightarrow n + 1 : 'a \rightarrow \text{Int} \setminus \{ 'a = \text{Int}, \text{Int} = \text{Int} \}}$

## Doing type inference in EFb

1. Build an inference proof to get a type and some equations
2. Deductively close equation set
3. Check consistency
4. Generate output type

## Section 6.6

Int  $\frac{}{\emptyset \vdash 1 : \text{Int} \setminus \emptyset}$  True  $\frac{}{\emptyset \vdash \text{True} : \text{Bool} \setminus \emptyset}$   
Plus  $\frac{}{\emptyset \vdash 1 + \text{True} : \text{Int} \setminus \{ \text{Int} = \text{Int}, \text{Bool} = \text{Int} \}}$

"1 + True has type Int if Int = Int and Bool = Int"