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Type and effect systems - Introduction

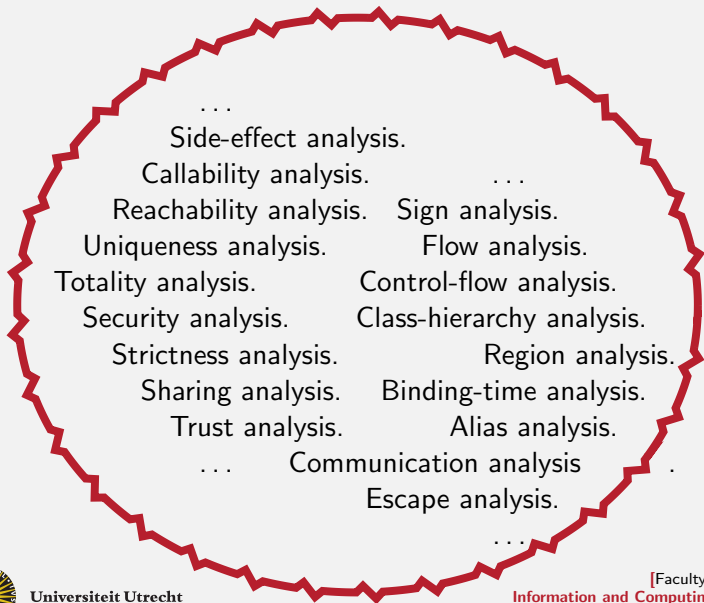


Type-based approaches to static program analysis

- ▶ Static program analysis: **compile-time** techniques for **approximating** the set of values or behaviours that arise at run-time when a program is executed.
- ▶ Applications: **verification**, **optimization**.
- ▶ Different approaches: data-flow analysis, constraint-based analysis, abstract interpretation, **type-based analysis**.
- ▶ Type-based analysis: equipping a programming language with a **nonstandard type system** that keeps track of some properties of interest.
- ▶ Advantages: reuse of **tools**, **techniques**, and **infrastructure** (polymorphism, subtyping, type inference, ...).
- ▶ Focus: **accuracy** vs. **modularity**.

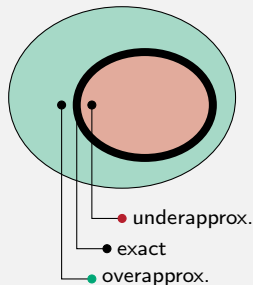


Examples



Accuracy

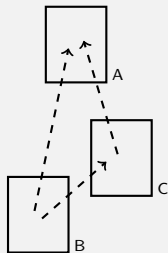
- ▶ Establishing nontrivial properties of programs is in general **undecidable** (halting problem, Rice's theorem).
- ▶ In static analysis we have to settle for “useful” **approximations** of properties.
- ▶ “Useful” means: **sound** (“erring at the safe side”) and **accurate** (as precise as possible).



Modularity

- ▶ Breaking up a (large) program in smaller units or **modules** is generally considered good programming style.
- ▶ **Separate compilation**: compile each module in isolation.
- ▶ Advantage: only modules that have been edited need to be **recompiled**.
- ▶ To facilitate separate compilation, each unit of compilation needs to be analysed in isolation, i.e., without knowledge of how it's **used** from within the rest of the program.

👉 Tension between **accuracy** and **modularity**: whole-program analysis typically yields more precise results.



1. Introduction to usage analysis



- ▶ Usage analysis: determining which objects in a (functional) program are **guaranteed to be used at most once** and—dually— which objects **may be used more than once**.
- ▶ Two flavours: **uniqueness analysis** (a.k.a. uniqueness typing) and **sharing analysis**.
- ▶ Hage et al. (ICFP 2007): A generic usage analysis with subeffect qualifiers.



“Sharing analysis and uniqueness typing are static analyses that aim at determining which of a program’s objects are to be used at most once. There are many commonalities between these two forms of usage analysis. We make their connection precise by developing an expressive generic analysis that can be instantiated to both sharing analysis and uniqueness typing. The resulting system, which combines **parametric polymorphism** with **effect subsumption**, is specified within the general framework of **qualified types**, so that readily available tools and techniques can be used for the development of implementations and metatheory.”



- ▶ An important property of pure functional languages is **referential transparency**: a given expression will yield one and the same value each time it is evaluated.
- ▶ Referential transparency enables **equational reasoning**.
- ▶ But some operations are **destructive** by nature: for example, altering the contents of a file.
- ▶ Such destructive operations **break** referential transparency.



Simple I/O interface:

```
readFile :: String → File  
fPutChar :: Char → File → File
```

For example:

```
let f = readFile "DATA"  
in (fPutChar '0' f, fPutChar 'K' f)
```

☞ What is the meaning of this program? (Assume lazy evaluation.)



Idea: referential transparency can be recovered if we restrict destructive updates to operations that hold the **only reference** to the object that is to be destructed.

Example:

```
let f = readFile "DATA"  
in (fPutChar 'K' ∘ fPutChar 'O') f
```

👉 Each file handle is used at most once.



- ▶ Lazy evaluation is typically implemented by means of **self-updating closures**.
- ▶ For example:

$$(\lambda x \rightarrow x + x) (2 + 3)$$

- ▶ A **closure** is created for the expression $(2 + 3)$ and associated with x .
- ▶ When x is first accessed, the closure evaluates its expression and **updates** itself with the result (5).
- ▶ For the second access of x , the closure can **immediately** produce the value 5.
- ▶ The update **avoids re-evaluation** of $(2 + 3)$.



Another example:

$$(\lambda x \rightarrow 2 * x) (2 + 3)$$

- ☞ Now, the update of the closure is **unnecessary**, because x is accessed only once.



Uniqueness analysis:

- ▶ Determines which objects have at most one reference.
- ▶ Application: **destructive updates** that are “safe” w.r.t. referential transparency.
- ▶ Used in **Clean** as an alternative to monads.

Sharing analysis:

- ▶ Determines which function arguments are accessed at most once.
- ▶ Application: avoiding **unnecessary closure updates**.
- ▶ For other applications, see Turner et al. (FPCA 1995), Wansbrough and Peyton Jones (POPL 1999), and Gustavsson and Sands (ENTCS 26).



- ▶ Both uniqueness analysis and sharing analysis aim at keeping track of **objects that are used at most once**.
- ▶ If we forget about modularity and settle for little accuracy, we can use a single nonstandard type system for both analyses.
- ▶ For more realistic requirements, we can still define a single **parameterized** type system that can be instantiated to uniqueness analysis as well as sharing analysis.



2. The underlying type system



- ▶ It would be impractical to define the analysis for a full-fledged language like Haskell or Clean.
- ▶ Instead, we use a small toy language.

n	\in	Num	numerals
x	\in	Var	variables
t	\in	Tm	terms
v	\in	Val \subset Tm	values

$$\begin{aligned} t &::= n \mid x \mid \lambda x. t_1 \mid t_1 t_2 \mid \mathbf{let\ } x = t_1 \mathbf{\ in\ } t_2 \mathbf{\ ni} \\ &\quad \mid t_1 + t_2 \\ v &::= n \mid \lambda x. t_1 \end{aligned}$$


- ▶ The meaning of programs is defined by means of a so-called big-step or **natural semantics**.
- ▶ **Evaluation** relation: judgements of the form $t \longrightarrow v$.
- ▶ Rules are given in **natural deduction style**:

$$\frac{hyp_1 \quad \dots \quad hyp_n}{concl}$$



Numerals and abstractions are already values:

$$\frac{}{n \longrightarrow n}$$

$$\frac{}{\lambda x. t_1 \longrightarrow \lambda x. t_1}$$



Beta-reduction:

$$\frac{t_1 \longrightarrow \lambda x. t_{11} \quad [x \mapsto t_2]t_{11} \longrightarrow v}{t_1 t_2 \longrightarrow v}$$

- ☞ $[x \mapsto t_2]t_{11}$ means
“replace each free occurrence of x in t_{11} by t_2 ”.
- ☞ **Lazy** evaluation: arguments are passed unevaluated.



Local definitions are also evaluated by means of beta-reduction:


$$\frac{[x \mapsto t_1] t_2 \longrightarrow v}{\mathbf{let } x = t_1 \mathbf{ in } t_2 \mathbf{ ni } \longrightarrow v} \text{ [e-let]}$$

☞ Local definitions are evaluated as if
 $\mathbf{let } x = t_1 \mathbf{ in } t_2 \quad \equiv \quad (\lambda x. t_2) t_1.$



Addition is **strict**, i.e., it first evaluated both its operands:

$$\frac{t_1 \longrightarrow n_1 \quad t_2 \longrightarrow n_2 \quad n_1 \oplus n_2 = n}{t_1 + t_2 \longrightarrow n}$$

 \oplus denotes “ordinary” addition of natural numbers.



- ▶ Types are built from the type *Nat* of natural numbers and the function-type constructor \rightarrow .
- ▶ Type environments map variables to types.

τ	\in	Ty	types
Γ	\in	TyEnv	type environments

τ	$::=$	<i>Nat</i>		$\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$
Γ	$::=$	$[\]$		$\Gamma_1[x \mapsto \tau]$

- ▶ We write $\Gamma(x) = \tau$ if the **rightmost** binding for x in Γ associates to τ .



- ▶ We approximate the set of “well-behaved” programs by means of a **type system**.
- ▶ **Typing** relation: judgements of the form $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{UL}} t : \tau$.
- ▶ “In type environment Γ , the term t can be assigned the type τ .”
- ▶ Γ is supposed to contain types for the free variables of t .
- ▶ The subscript UL is used to distinguish the judgements of this **underlying type system** from the (nonstandard) type systems we will consider later on.



- ▶ Each numeral denotes a natural number:

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{UL}} n : \text{Nat}}$$

- ▶ The type of a variable should be made available through the type environment Γ :

$$\frac{\Gamma(x) = \tau}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{UL}} x : \tau}$$



- ▶ To type a lambda-abstraction, we “guess” a type for its parameter and extend the type environment accordingly:

$$\frac{\Gamma[x \mapsto \tau_1] \vdash_{\text{UL}} t_1 : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{UL}} \lambda x. t_1 : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2}$$

- ▶ For a function application to be well-typed, the type of the argument needs to match the domain of the function.
- ▶ The type of the application is then determined by the codomain of the function.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{UL}} t_1 : \tau_2 \rightarrow \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\text{UL}} t_2 : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{UL}} t_1 t_2 : \tau}$$



To type the body of a local definition, we extend the type environment with the type of the defined value:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{UL}} t_1 : \tau_1 \quad \Gamma[x \mapsto \tau_1] \vdash_{\text{UL}} t_2 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{UL}} \mathbf{let} \ x = t_1 \ \mathbf{in} \ t_2 \ \mathbf{ni} : \tau}$$

☞ Local definitions are typed as if

$$\mathbf{let} \ x = t_1 \ \mathbf{in} \ t_2 \quad \equiv \quad (\lambda x. t_2) t_1.$$



Addition requires that both operands are natural numbers. The result is a natural number as well.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{UL}} t_1 : \text{Nat} \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\text{UL}} t_2 : \text{Nat}}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{UL}} t_1 + t_2 : \text{Nat}}$$



3. Polymorphism



- ▶ The evaluation and typing rules constitute **logics**.
- ▶ The rules are used to construct **proofs** of judgements of the forms $t \longrightarrow v$ and $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{UL}} t : \tau$.



$$2 \longrightarrow 2$$

$$2 + 1 \longrightarrow 3$$

$$[x \mapsto 2](x + 1) \longrightarrow 3$$

$$\lambda x. x + 1 \longrightarrow \lambda x. x + 1$$

$$(\lambda x. x + 1) 2 \longrightarrow 3$$



$$[] \vdash_{\text{UL}} 2 : \text{Nat}$$
$$[] \vdash_{\text{UL}} 2 + 1 : \text{Nat}$$
$$[x \mapsto \text{Nat}] \vdash_{\text{UL}} x + 1 : \text{Nat}$$
$$[] \vdash_{\text{UL}} \lambda x. x + 1 : \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}$$
$$[] \vdash_{\text{UL}} (\lambda x. x + 1) 2 : \text{Nat}$$


$$\frac{\frac{\lambda x. x + 1 \longrightarrow \lambda x. x + 1}{\lambda x. x + 1 \longrightarrow \lambda x. x + 1} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\overline{2 \longrightarrow 2} \quad \overline{1 \longrightarrow 1}}{2 \oplus 1 = 3}}{[x \mapsto 2](x + 1) \longrightarrow 3}}{(\lambda x. x + 1) 2 \longrightarrow 3}}$$



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\vdots

$$\frac{\frac{[x \mapsto \mathit{Nat}](x) = \mathit{Nat}}{[x \mapsto \mathit{Nat}] \vdash_{\text{UL}} x : \mathit{Nat}}}{[] \vdash_{\text{UL}} \lambda x. x : \mathit{Nat} \rightarrow \mathit{Nat}}$$

 \vdots

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{[x \mapsto \mathit{Nat} \rightarrow \mathit{Nat}](x) = \mathit{Nat} \rightarrow \mathit{Nat}}{[x \mapsto \mathit{Nat} \rightarrow \mathit{Nat}] \vdash_{\text{UL}} x : \mathit{Nat} \rightarrow \mathit{Nat}}}{[] \vdash_{\text{UL}} \lambda x. x : (\mathit{Nat} \rightarrow \mathit{Nat}) \rightarrow \mathit{Nat} \rightarrow \mathit{Nat}}}$$

 \vdots 

- ▶ Which type makes sense for $id = \lambda x. x$ depends on the context in which it is used.
 - ▶ For $id\ 2$ it is $Nat \rightarrow Nat$.
 - ▶ For $id\ (\lambda x. x + 1)\ 2$ it is $(Nat \rightarrow Nat) \rightarrow Nat \rightarrow Nat$.
 - ▶ What about $id\ 2 + id\ (\lambda x. x + 1)\ 2$?
- ▶ To type id independent from its context, we assign it a **polymorphic** type: $\forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$.
- ▶ Polymorphic types are obtained by **generalizing** from concrete types.
- ▶ Polymorphic types can be **instantiated** to concrete, monomorphic types.
- ▶ Instantiating α to Nat in $\forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ yields $Nat \rightarrow Nat$.
- ▶ Instantiating α to $Nat \rightarrow Nat$ in $\forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ yields $(Nat \rightarrow Nat) \rightarrow Nat \rightarrow Nat$.



- ▶ **Let-polymorphism** à la Damas and Milner is on a sweet spot in the design space of typed languages.
- ▶ It allows for **modularity** by assigning polymorphic types to terms.
- ▶ Still, all types can be **inferred**, i.e., derived by the compiler without any help from the programmer.
 - ▶ Peyton Jones et al: the sweet spot may have turned sour.
- ▶ If a term is typeable, it has a **principal type**: a most general (i.e., most polymorphic) type.
- ▶ All assignable concrete types can be obtained from the principal type by **instantiateion**.



$\alpha \in \mathbf{TyVar}$ type variables
 $\sigma \in \mathbf{TyScheme}$ type schemes

$\tau ::= \alpha \mid \mathit{Nat} \mid \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$
 $\sigma ::= \tau \mid \forall \alpha. \sigma_1$
 $\Gamma ::= [] \mid \Gamma_1[x \mapsto \sigma]$



- ▶ A Damas-Milner style polymorphic type system can be obtained from our previous, monomorphic type system by adapting the rules for **variables** and **local definitions** adding rules for **generalization** and **instantiation**.
- ▶ The judgements of the typing relation are now of the form $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{DM}} t : \sigma$.



Type environments map to type schemes now:

$$\frac{\Gamma(x) = \sigma}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{DM}} x : \sigma}$$

Definitions can be assigned polymorphic types:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{DM}} t_1 : \sigma_1 \quad \Gamma[x \mapsto \sigma_1] \vdash_{\text{DM}} t_2 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{DM}} \mathbf{let} \ x = t_1 \ \mathbf{in} \ t_2 \ \mathbf{ni} : \tau}$$

☞ In all other rules, just replace \vdash_{UL} by \vdash_{DM} .



Generalization:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{DM}} t : \sigma_1 \quad \alpha \notin \text{ftv}(\Gamma)}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{DM}} t : \forall \alpha. \sigma_1}$$

Instantiation:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{DM}} t : \forall \alpha. \sigma_1}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{DM}} t : [\alpha \mapsto \tau_0] \sigma_1}$$

👉 $\text{ftv}(\Gamma)$ retrieves all **free variables** from Γ .



$$\frac{\frac{\frac{[x \mapsto \alpha](x) = \alpha}{[x \mapsto \alpha] \vdash_{\text{DM}} x : \alpha}}{[] \vdash_{\text{DM}} \lambda x. x : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha} \quad \alpha \notin \text{ftv}([])}{[] \vdash_{\text{DM}} \lambda x. x : \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha}$$



Let $\Gamma = [id \mapsto \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha]$:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma(id) = \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{DM}} id : \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha}}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{DM}} id : \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{DM}} 2 : \text{Nat}}}{\Gamma \vdash_{\text{DM}} id \ 2 : \text{Nat}}$$



Give a proof tree for

$[] \vdash_{\text{DM}} \mathbf{let } id = \lambda x. x \mathbf{ in } id \ 2 + id \ (\lambda x. x + 1) \ 2 \ \mathbf{ni} : \mathit{Nat}$



4. The analysis



$$(\lambda x. x + 1) 2$$

2 is used at most once.

$$(\lambda x. x + x) 2$$

2 is used more than once.

$$(\lambda x. \lambda y. x) 2 3$$

2 is used at most once; 3 is used at most once.

$$(\lambda f. \lambda x. f x) (\lambda y. y + y) 2$$

2 is used more than once.



- ▶ Our usage analysis will be specified as an **annotated type system**.
- ▶ We extend the Damas-Milner type system by annotating types, type environments, and typing judgements with information on how often a term is used.
- ▶ Two annotations: 1 and ω .
- ▶ 1 : the term is guaranteed to be used **at most once**.
- ▶ ω : the term may be used **more than once**.
- ▶ Judgements have the form $\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} t :^{\varphi} \hat{\sigma}$.
- ▶ φ ranges over **annotations**.
- ▶ $\hat{\Gamma}$ ranges over **annotated type environments**.
- ▶ $\hat{\sigma}$ ranges over **annotated type schemes**.



φ	\in	\mathbf{Ann}	annotations
$\hat{\tau}$	\in	$\widehat{\mathbf{Ty}}$	annotated types
$\hat{\sigma}$	\in	$\widehat{\mathbf{TyScheme}}$	annotated type schemes
$\hat{\Gamma}$	\in	$\widehat{\mathbf{TyEnv}}$	annotated type environments

φ	$::=$	$1 \mid \omega$
$\hat{\tau}$	$::=$	$\alpha \mid Nat \mid \hat{\tau}_1^{\varphi_1} \rightarrow \hat{\tau}_2^{\varphi_2}$
$\hat{\sigma}$	$::=$	$\hat{\tau} \mid \forall \alpha. \hat{\sigma}_1$
$\hat{\Gamma}$	$::=$	$[\] \mid \hat{\Gamma}_1[x \mapsto^{\varphi} \hat{\sigma}]$

- ▶ We write $\hat{\Gamma}(x) =^{\varphi} \hat{\sigma}$ if the **rightmost** binding for x in $\hat{\Gamma}$ associates to φ and $\hat{\sigma}$.
- ▶ We write $\hat{\Gamma} \setminus x$ for the environment obtained by **removing** all bindings for x from $\hat{\Gamma}$.



It depends on the context of a numeral whether it used at most once:

$$\frac{}{\widehat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} n :^1 \text{Nat}}$$

—or possibly more than once:

$$\frac{}{\widehat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} n :^\omega \text{Nat}}$$

Merging the two rules:

$$\frac{}{\widehat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} n :^\varphi \text{Nat}}$$



To analyse a variable, we look it up in the environment:

$$\frac{\widehat{\Gamma}(x) =_{\varphi} \widehat{\sigma}}{\widehat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} x :_{\varphi} \widehat{\sigma}}$$



An annotated type environment should reflect how often the free variables of a term are used:

$$[x \mapsto^1 \text{Nat}] \vdash_{\text{UA}} x + 1 :^{\varphi} \text{Nat}$$

should be valid.

$$[x \mapsto^1 \text{Nat}] \vdash_{\text{UA}} x + x :^{\varphi} \text{Nat}$$

should **not** be valid.

$$[x \mapsto^{\omega} \text{Nat}] \vdash_{\text{UA}} x + 1 :^{\varphi} \text{Nat}$$

should be valid.

$$[x \mapsto^{\omega} \text{Nat}] \vdash_{\text{UA}} x + x :^{\varphi} \text{Nat}$$

should be valid.



- ▶ **Idea:** for every possible branch in a term's control-flow graph (for example a function application or an addition), we **split** the type environment in a left and a right part:
 $\hat{\Gamma} \sim_{\text{UA}} \hat{\Gamma}_1 \bowtie \hat{\Gamma}_2.$
- ▶ Bindings for **l**-annotated variables go either **left** or **right**.
- ▶ Bindings for **ω** -annotated variables may go **both ways**.



$$\overline{[] \sim_{\text{UA}} [] \bowtie []}$$

$$\frac{\widehat{\Gamma}_1 \sim_{\text{UA}} \widehat{\Gamma}_{11} \bowtie \widehat{\Gamma}_{12}}{\widehat{\Gamma}_1[x \mapsto^{\varphi} \widehat{\sigma}] \sim_{\text{UA}} \widehat{\Gamma}_{11}[x \mapsto^{\varphi} \widehat{\sigma}] \bowtie \widehat{\Gamma}_{12} \setminus x}$$

$$\frac{\widehat{\Gamma}_1 \sim_{\text{UA}} \widehat{\Gamma}_{11} \bowtie \widehat{\Gamma}_{12}}{\widehat{\Gamma}_1[x \mapsto^{\varphi} \widehat{\sigma}] \sim_{\text{UA}} \widehat{\Gamma}_{11} \setminus x \bowtie \widehat{\Gamma}_{12}[x \mapsto^{\varphi} \widehat{\sigma}]}$$

$$\frac{\widehat{\Gamma}_1 \sim_{\text{UA}} \widehat{\Gamma}_{11} \bowtie \widehat{\Gamma}_{12}}{\widehat{\Gamma}_1[x \mapsto^{\omega} \widehat{\sigma}] \sim_{\text{UA}} \widehat{\Gamma}_{11}[x \mapsto^{\omega} \widehat{\sigma}] \bowtie \widehat{\Gamma}_{12}[x \mapsto^{\omega} \widehat{\sigma}]}$$



$$\frac{\hat{\Gamma} \sim_{\text{UA}} \hat{\Gamma}_1 \bowtie \hat{\Gamma}_2 \quad \hat{\Gamma}_1 \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_1 : \varphi^1 \text{ Nat} \quad \hat{\Gamma}_2 \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_2 : \varphi^2 \text{ Nat}}{\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_1 + t_2 : \varphi \text{ Nat}}$$

- ☞ If a variable is used in both t_1 and t_2 , context splitting guarantees that it is ω -annotated in $\hat{\Gamma}$.



$$\frac{\frac{\widehat{\Gamma}_{11}(x) =^{\omega} \text{Nat}}{\widehat{\Gamma}_{11} \vdash_{\text{UA}} x :^{\omega} \text{Nat}} \quad \frac{\widehat{\Gamma}_{12}(y) =^1 \text{Nat}}{\widehat{\Gamma}_{12} \vdash_{\text{UA}} y :^1 \text{Nat}} \quad \frac{\widehat{\Gamma}_2(x) =^{\omega} \text{Nat}}{\widehat{\Gamma}_2 \vdash_{\text{UA}} x :^{\omega} \text{Nat}}}{\widehat{\Gamma}_1 \vdash_{\text{UA}} x + y :^1 \text{Nat}}}{[x \mapsto^{\omega} \text{Nat}, y \mapsto^1 \text{Nat}, z \mapsto^1 \text{Nat}] \vdash_{\text{UA}} (x + y) + x :^1 \text{Nat}}$$

(context splits omitted)

$$\widehat{\Gamma}_1 = [x \mapsto^{\omega} \text{Nat}, y \mapsto^1 \text{Nat}, z \mapsto^1 \text{Nat}]$$

$$\widehat{\Gamma}_{11} = [x \mapsto^{\omega} \text{Nat}, \quad \quad \quad z \mapsto^1 \text{Nat}]$$

$$\widehat{\Gamma}_{12} = [x \mapsto^{\omega} \text{Nat}, y \mapsto^1 \text{Nat} \quad \quad \quad]$$

$$\widehat{\Gamma}_2 = [x \mapsto^{\omega} \text{Nat} \quad \quad \quad]$$



$$\frac{\hat{\Gamma} \sim_{\text{UA}} \hat{\Gamma}_1 \bowtie \hat{\Gamma}_2 \quad \hat{\Gamma}_1 \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_1 : \varphi^1 \hat{\sigma}_1 \quad \hat{\Gamma}_2[x \mapsto \varphi^1 \hat{\sigma}_1] \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_2 : \varphi \hat{\tau}}{\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} \mathbf{let } x = t_1 \mathbf{ in } t_2 \mathbf{ ni } : \varphi \hat{\tau}}$$



$$\frac{\hat{\Gamma} \sim_{\text{UA}} \hat{\Gamma}_1 \bowtie \hat{\Gamma}_2 \quad \hat{\Gamma}_1 \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_1 : \varphi_1 \hat{\tau}_2^{\varphi_2} \rightarrow \hat{\tau}^{\varphi} \quad \hat{\Gamma}_2 \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_2 : \varphi_2 \hat{\tau}_2}{\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_1 t_2 : \varphi \hat{\tau}}$$

- ▶ Domain and domain annotation should match type and usage of argument.
- ▶ Result type and usage of application are retrieved from codomain and codomain annotation.



$$\frac{\widehat{\Gamma}[x \mapsto^{\varphi^1} \widehat{\tau}_1] \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_1 :^{\varphi^2} \widehat{\tau}_2}{\widehat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} \lambda x. t_1 :^{\varphi} \widehat{\tau}_1^{\varphi^1} \rightarrow \widehat{\tau}_2^{\varphi^2}}$$

For example:

$$[] \vdash_{\text{UA}} \lambda x. x + 1 :^1 \text{Nat}^1 \rightarrow \text{Nat}^1$$

$$[] \vdash_{\text{UA}} \lambda x. x + x :^1 \text{Nat}^\omega \rightarrow \text{Nat}^1$$



```
let f = λx. λy. x + y
in let g = f (2 + 3)
    in g 7 + g 11
    ni
ni
```

- ▶ How often is g used?
- ▶ How often is $(2 + 3)$ used?
- ▶ $Nat^1 \rightarrow (Nat^1 \rightarrow Nat^1)^\omega$ is a valid type for f .
Should it be?



- ▶ **Containment:** an object is potentially used as least as often as an object it is contained in.

```
let f = λx. λy. x + y
in let g = f (2 + 3)
   in g 7 + g 11
   ni
ni
```

- ▶ The binding of x to $(2 + 3)$ is contained in the partial application g .
- ▶ The partial application is used more than once: hence, so is $(2 + 3)$.



$$\frac{\widehat{\Gamma}[x \mapsto \varphi^1 \widehat{\tau}_1] \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_1 : \varphi^2 \widehat{\tau}_2}{\widehat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} \lambda x. t_1 : \varphi \widehat{\tau}_1 \varphi^1 \rightarrow \widehat{\tau}_2 \varphi^2}$$

- ▶ **Problem:** the free variables of the abstraction could be used as least as often as the abstraction itself.
- ▶ The usage of the free variables is reflected by $\widehat{\Gamma}$.
- ▶ The usage of the abstraction is reflected by φ .
- ▶ **Solution:** If $\varphi \equiv \omega$, then all bindings in $\widehat{\Gamma}$ that are used in the typing of t_1 should also be ω .



$$\frac{\widehat{\Gamma} \triangleright^{\varphi} \widehat{\Gamma}_{11} \quad \widehat{\Gamma}_{11}[x \mapsto^{\varphi_1} \widehat{\tau}_1] \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_1 :^{\varphi_2} \widehat{\tau}_2}{\widehat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} \lambda x. t_1 :^{\varphi} \widehat{\tau}_1^{\varphi_1} \rightarrow \widehat{\tau}_2^{\varphi_2}}$$

$\widehat{\Gamma} \triangleright^{\varphi} \widehat{\Gamma}_{11}$:

- ▶ $\widehat{\Gamma}_{11}$ is a **subenvironment** of $\widehat{\Gamma}$;
- ▶ if $\varphi \equiv \omega$, then all bindings in $\widehat{\Gamma}_{11}$ are annotated with ω .



$$\overline{[] \triangleright^{\varphi} []}$$

$$\frac{\widehat{\Gamma}_{11} \triangleright^{\varphi} \widehat{\Gamma}_2}{\widehat{\Gamma}_{11}[x \mapsto^{\varphi_0} \widehat{\sigma}] \triangleright^{\varphi} \widehat{\Gamma}_2}$$

$$\frac{\widehat{\Gamma}_{11} \triangleright^1 \widehat{\Gamma}_2}{\widehat{\Gamma}_{11}[x \mapsto^{\varphi_0} \widehat{\sigma}] \triangleright^1 \widehat{\Gamma}_2[x \mapsto^{\varphi_0} \widehat{\sigma}]}$$

$$\frac{\widehat{\Gamma}_{11} \triangleright^{\omega} \widehat{\Gamma}_2}{\widehat{\Gamma}_{11}[x \mapsto^{\omega} \widehat{\sigma}] \triangleright^{\omega} \widehat{\Gamma}_2[x \mapsto^{\omega} \widehat{\sigma}]}$$




```

let f = λx. λy. x + y
in let g = f (2 + 3)
    in g 7 + g 11
    ni
ni
    
```

$$\frac{\frac{\vdots}{[x \mapsto^{\omega} \text{Nat}] \triangleright^{\omega} [x \mapsto^{\omega} \text{Nat}]} \quad \frac{\vdots}{[x \mapsto^{\omega} \text{Nat}, y \mapsto^1 \text{Nat}] \vdash_{\text{UA}} x + y :^1 \text{Nat}}}{[x \mapsto^{\omega} \text{Nat}] \vdash_{\text{UA}} \lambda y. x + y :^{\omega} \text{Nat}^1 \rightarrow \text{Nat}^1}$$



- ▶ An annotated type system for usage analysis.
- ▶ Judgements of the form $\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} t :^{\varphi} \hat{\sigma}$.
- ▶ Auxiliary judgement for context splitting: $\hat{\Gamma} \sim_{\text{UA}} \hat{\Gamma}_1 \bowtie \hat{\Gamma}_2$.
- ▶ Auxiliary judgement for containment: $\hat{\Gamma} \triangleright^{\varphi} \hat{\Gamma}_{11}$.



- ▶ Verification: type checking destructive updates (uniqueness typing).
- ▶ Optimization: avoiding unnecessary closure updates (sharing analysis).



5. Type checking destructive updates



- ▶ To demonstrate how the analysis can be used to perform uniqueness typing, we extend the language with a simple construct for **destructive updates**.

$$t ::= \dots \mid x@t$$

- ▶ Meaning: update x with t .
- ▶ Can be formalized with a semantics that explicitly models memory usage.
- ▶ See Hage and Holdermans (PEPM 2008).



- ▶ Require that updated object is **unique**.

$$\frac{\widehat{\Gamma}(x) =^1 \widehat{\sigma}_0 \quad \widehat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} t :^{\varphi} \widehat{\sigma}}{\widehat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} x@t :^{\varphi} \widehat{\sigma}}$$

- ▶ Then: show that a program with updates has the same meaning as the same program with all updates removed.



6. Avoiding unnecessary closure updates



- ▶ To avoid unnecessary closure updates, we compile to a target language that distinguishes between closures that can be used **at most once** and closures that can be used **more than once**.
- ▶ For each **let-binding** we indicate what kind of closure needs to be constructed.
- ▶ We make sure that closures are **only** created at let-bindings.

$\hat{t} \in \widehat{\mathbf{Tm}}$ annotated terms

$\hat{t} ::= \dots \mid \hat{t}_1 x \mid \mathbf{let} x =^{\varphi} \hat{t}_1 \mathbf{in} \hat{t}_2 \mathbf{ni} \mid \dots$

- ▶ We equip the target language with a semantics that makes memory usage explicit and renders use-once closures **inaccessible** after their first use.




```
let  $z =^1 2 + 3$   
in  $(\lambda x. x + 1) z$   
ni
```

```
let  $z =^\omega 2 + 3$   
in  $(\lambda x. x + x) z$   
ni
```



- ▶ We write $\mathcal{T} :: \hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} t :^{\varphi} \hat{\sigma}$ to indicate that \mathcal{T} is a proof tree for $\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} t :^{\varphi} \hat{\sigma}$.
- ▶ Next, we define a **translation** $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ from proof trees to target terms.
- ▶ For example:

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{T}_0 :: \hat{\Gamma} \sim_{\text{UA}} \hat{\Gamma}_1 \bowtie \hat{\Gamma}_2 \\ \mathcal{T}_1 :: \hat{\Gamma}_1 \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_1 :^{\varphi_1} \hat{\sigma}_1 \\ \mathcal{T}_2 :: \hat{\Gamma}_2[x \mapsto^{\varphi_1} \hat{\sigma}_1] \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_2 :^{\varphi} \hat{\tau} \\ \hline \hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} \text{let } x = t_1 \text{ in } t_2 \text{ ni} :^{\varphi} \hat{\tau} \end{array} \right] = \text{let } x =^{\varphi_1} \llbracket \mathcal{T}_1 \rrbracket \text{ in } \llbracket \mathcal{T}_2 \rrbracket \text{ ni}$$

- ▶ Then, show that each translated program evaluates to the value of the original program.



7. Subeffecting



```
let x = 2 + 3
in (λx. x + 1) x
ni
```

 $x :^1 \text{Nat}$

```
let x = 2 + 3
in (λx. x + x) x
ni
```

 $x :^\omega \text{Nat}$

☞ Use of x in body determines its usage annotation.



```
let id = λx. x
in let y = 2 + 3
    in let z = 5
        in id y + id z + z
    ni
ni
```

- ▶ z is used more than once: hence, $z :^{\omega} \text{Nat}$.
- ▶ id is applied to z : hence, $id :^{\omega} \text{Nat}^{\omega} \rightarrow \text{Nat}^{\omega}$.
(Or $id :^{\omega} \forall \alpha. \alpha^{\omega} \rightarrow \alpha^{\omega}$.)
- ▶ id is applied to y : hence, $y :^{\omega} \text{Nat}$.
- ▶ But y is used **only once!!**



- ▶ Recall the rule for function application:

$$\frac{\hat{\Gamma} \sim_{\text{UA}} \hat{\Gamma}_1 \bowtie \hat{\Gamma}_2 \quad \hat{\Gamma}_1 \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_1 : \varphi_1 \quad \hat{\Gamma}_2 \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_2 : \varphi_2 \quad \hat{\Gamma}_2 \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_2 : \varphi_2 \quad \hat{\tau}_2}{\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}} t_1 t_2 : \varphi \quad \hat{\tau}}$$

- ▶ Argument annotation φ_2 should **match** the annotation on the function domain.
- ▶ But in **uniqueness typing**, it's safe to bind a **1**-annotated argument to an ω -annotated function parameter.
- ▶ Likewise, in **sharing analysis**, it's safe to bind an ω -annotated argument to a **1**-annotated function parameter.



Partial order on **Ann** with $1 \sqsubseteq \omega$:

$$\overline{1 \sqsubseteq \varphi}$$

$$\overline{\varphi \sqsubseteq \omega}$$



- ▶ From our generic usage analysis we can derive a system that is specific for **uniqueness typing**.
- ▶ Judgements of the form $\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UT}} t : \varphi \hat{\sigma}$.
- ▶ Same rules as before.
- ▶ New rule for **subeffecting**:

$$\frac{\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UT}} t : \varphi_0 \hat{\sigma} \quad \varphi_0 \sqsubseteq \varphi}{\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UT}} t : \varphi \hat{\sigma}}$$



- ▶ Let $\widehat{\Gamma} = [f \mapsto^1 (Nat^\omega \rightarrow Nat^1), x \mapsto^1 Nat]$.
- ▶ For example: $f = \lambda x. x + x$ and $x = 2 + 3$.

$$\frac{\widehat{\Gamma} \sim_{\text{UA}} \widehat{\Gamma}_1 \bowtie \widehat{\Gamma}_2 \quad \frac{\widehat{\Gamma}_1(f) =^1 Nat^\omega \rightarrow Nat^1 \quad \widehat{\Gamma}_1 \vdash_{\text{UT}} f :^1 Nat^\omega \rightarrow Nat^1}{\widehat{\Gamma}_1 \vdash_{\text{UT}} f :^1 Nat^\omega \rightarrow Nat^1} \quad \frac{\widehat{\Gamma}_2(x) =^1 Nat \quad \widehat{\Gamma}_2 \vdash_{\text{UT}} x :^1 Nat}{\widehat{\Gamma}_2 \vdash_{\text{UT}} x :^1 Nat} \quad 1 \sqsubseteq \omega}{\widehat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UT}} f x :^1 Nat}$$

$$\widehat{\Gamma}_1 = [f \mapsto^1 (Nat^\omega \rightarrow Nat^1)] \text{ and } \widehat{\Gamma}_2 = [x \mapsto^1 Nat]$$



- ▶ We can also derive a system that is specific for **sharing analysis**.
- ▶ Judgements of the form $\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{SA}} t : \varphi \hat{\sigma}$.
- ▶ Same rules as in the generic analysis.
- ▶ Again, a new rule for **subeffecting**:

$$\frac{\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UT}} t : \varphi_0 \hat{\sigma} \quad \varphi \sqsubseteq \varphi_0}{\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UT}} t : \varphi \hat{\sigma}}$$



- ▶ Let $\hat{\Gamma} = [f \mapsto^1 (Nat^1 \rightarrow Nat^1), x \mapsto^\omega Nat]$.
- ▶ For example: $f = \lambda x. x + 1$ and $x = 2 + 3$.

$$\frac{\hat{\Gamma} \sim_{UA} \hat{\Gamma}_1 \bowtie \hat{\Gamma}_2 \quad \frac{\hat{\Gamma}_1(f) =^1 Nat^1 \rightarrow Nat^1 \quad \hat{\Gamma}_1 \vdash_{SA} f :^1 Nat^1 \rightarrow Nat^1}{\hat{\Gamma}_1 \vdash_{SA} f :^1 Nat^1 \rightarrow Nat^1} \quad \frac{\hat{\Gamma}_2(x) =^\omega Nat \quad \hat{\Gamma}_2 \vdash_{SA} x :^\omega Nat}{\hat{\Gamma}_2 \vdash_{SA} x :^1 Nat} \quad 1 \sqsubseteq \omega}{\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{SA} f x :^1 Nat}$$

$$\hat{\Gamma}_1 = [f \mapsto^1 (Nat^1 \rightarrow Nat^1), x \mapsto^\omega Nat] \text{ and } \hat{\Gamma}_2 = [x \mapsto^\omega Nat]$$



- ▶ Define the inverse partial order $(\mathbf{Ann}, \sqsupseteq)$ with $\omega \sqsupseteq 1$.
- ▶ Let \diamond range over the two partial orders:

$\diamond \in \mathbf{Ord} = \{\sqsubseteq, \sqsupseteq\}$ partial orders

- ▶ Parameterize the judgements of the generic analysis with a partial order \diamond :

$$\frac{\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\mathbf{UA}}^{\diamond} t : \varphi_0 \quad \hat{\sigma} \quad \varphi_0 \diamond \varphi}{\hat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\mathbf{UA}}^{\diamond} t : \varphi \quad \hat{\sigma}}$$



Uniqueness typing:

$$\frac{\widehat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}}^{\sqsubseteq} t : \varphi \widehat{\sigma}}{\widehat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UT}} t : \varphi \widehat{\sigma}}$$

Sharing analysis:

$$\frac{\widehat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{UA}}^{\sqsupseteq} t : \varphi \widehat{\sigma}}{\widehat{\Gamma} \vdash_{\text{SA}} t : \varphi \widehat{\sigma}}$$



8. Polyvariance



- ▶ Idea: independent from its use sites, can we assign each function its “most flexible” type:
- ▶ For uniqueness analysis:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda x. x + 1 & :^{\omega} \text{Nat}^{\omega} \rightarrow \text{Nat}^1 \\ \lambda x. x & :^{\omega} \text{Nat}^{\omega} \rightarrow \text{Nat}^{\omega}\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ For sharing analysis:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda x. x + 1 & :^{\omega} \text{Nat}^1 \rightarrow \text{Nat}^{\omega} \\ \lambda x. x & :^{\omega} \text{Nat}^{??} \rightarrow \text{Nat}^{??}\end{aligned}$$



- ▶ Allow types to be **polymorphic** in their annotations.
- ▶ For uniqueness analysis:

$$\begin{array}{l} \lambda x. x + 1 :^{\omega} \forall \beta_1. \forall \beta_2. \text{Nat}^{\beta_1} \rightarrow \text{Nat}^{\beta_2} \\ \lambda x. x \quad :^{\omega} \forall \beta. \quad \text{Nat}^{\beta} \rightarrow \text{Nat}^{\beta} \end{array}$$

- ▶ For sharing analysis:

$$\begin{array}{l} \lambda x. x + 1 :^{\omega} \forall \beta_1. \forall \beta_2. \text{Nat}^{\beta_1} \rightarrow \text{Nat}^{\beta_2} \\ \lambda x. x \quad :^{\omega} \forall \beta. \quad \text{Nat}^{\beta} \rightarrow \text{Nat}^{\beta} \end{array}$$



9. Subeffect qualifiers



In uniqueness typing (with subeffecting):

$$\lambda x. x :^{\omega} \forall \alpha. \alpha^1 \rightarrow \alpha^1$$

$$\lambda x. x :^{\omega} \forall \alpha. \alpha^1 \rightarrow \alpha^{\omega}$$

$$\lambda x. x :^{\omega} \forall \alpha. \alpha^{\omega} \rightarrow \alpha^{\omega}$$

In sharing analysis (with subeffecting):

$$\lambda x. x :^{\omega} \forall \alpha. \alpha^1 \rightarrow \alpha^1$$

$$\lambda x. x :^{\omega} \forall \alpha. \alpha^{\omega} \rightarrow \alpha^1$$

$$\lambda x. x :^{\omega} \forall \alpha. \alpha^{\omega} \rightarrow \alpha^{\omega}$$

Which polyvariant type captures all valid types?

$$\forall \alpha. \forall \beta. \alpha^{\beta} \rightarrow \alpha^{\beta} \quad (\text{not general enough})$$

$$\forall \alpha. \forall \beta_1. \forall \beta_2. \alpha^{\beta_1} \rightarrow \alpha^{\beta_2} \quad (\text{too general})$$



```
let h = λf. λx. λy. f x + f y
in let g = λz. z + 1
    in let u = 2 + 3
        in let v = 5 + 7
            in h g u v + v
        ni
    ni
ni
```

- ▶ Let $h : ^1 \forall \beta. (Nat^\beta \rightarrow Nat^1)^\omega \rightarrow (Nat^\beta \rightarrow (Nat^\beta \rightarrow Nat^1)^1)^1$.
- ▶ v is used more than once, hence: $v : ^\omega Nat$.
- ▶ But then, in the call to h , β is instantiated to ω .
- ▶ For **sharing analysis**, this means that $u : ^\omega Nat$.
- ▶ But u is used **only once!!**



- ▶ To gain accuracy, we can store subeffecting conditions in type schemes.
- ▶ **Qualified types** are a generalization of Haskell's type classes that allow constraints to be incorporated in types.
- ▶ Elegant and well-established theory: see Jones (ESOP 1992).

$$\lambda x. x :^{\omega} \forall \alpha. \forall \beta_1. \forall \beta_2. \beta_1 \diamond \beta_2 \Rightarrow \alpha^{\beta_1} \rightarrow \alpha^{\beta_2}$$



```
let h = λf. λx. λy. f x + f y
in let g = λz. z + 1
    in let u = 2 + 3
        in let v = 5 + 7
            in h g u v + v
        ni
    ni
ni
```

- ▶ Sharing analysis.
- ▶ Let $h :^1 \forall \beta_1 \beta_2 \beta_3. \beta_2 \sqsupseteq \beta_1 \Rightarrow \beta_3 \sqsupseteq \beta_1 \Rightarrow (\text{Nat}^{\beta_1} \rightarrow \text{Nat}^1)^\omega \rightarrow (\text{Nat}^{\beta_2} \rightarrow (\text{Nat}^{\beta_3} \rightarrow \text{Nat}^1)^1)^1$.
- ▶ v is used more than once, hence: $v :^\omega \text{Nat}$.
- ▶ So, in the call to h , β_3 is instantiated to ω .
- ▶ Still, the constraints are satisfied if $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = 1$.
- ▶ Hence, we can have $u :^1 \text{Nat}$.



Most general types can sometimes be a bit intimidating.

$$\lambda f. \lambda x. \lambda y. f x + f y :$$
$$\forall \alpha. \forall \beta_1. \forall \beta_2. \forall \beta_3. \forall \beta_4. \forall \beta_5. \forall \beta_6. \forall \beta_7. \forall \beta_8.$$
$$\beta_3 \diamond \beta_1 \Rightarrow \beta_4 \diamond \beta_1 \Rightarrow \beta_7 \sqsubseteq \beta_3 \Rightarrow$$
$$(\alpha^{\beta_1} \rightarrow \mathit{Nat}^{\beta_2})^\omega \rightarrow (\alpha^{\beta_3} \rightarrow (\alpha^{\beta_4} \rightarrow \mathit{Nat}^{\beta_5})^{\beta_7})^{\beta_8}$$


10. Properties of type systems (Metatheory)



- ▶ If an expression has type τ , then the value it evaluates to also has type τ .
- ▶ **Type preservation** is a bit weaker: every evaluation step keeps the result well-typed.
 - ▶ But the types may change



- ▶ If a program can be typed, then it can be analyzed.
- ▶ If a program can be analyzed, erasing the annotations from the proof tree gives the proof tree for the type system.



- ▶ In the underlying type system: well-typed programs do not go wrong.
- ▶ In the annotated type system: acting on the optimisations implied by the annotations does not make evaluation go wrong.
- ▶ Usually, the semantics must be changed slightly to observe this.
- ▶ In the case of usage analysis:
 - ▶ Distinguish between 1-annotated and w -annotated thunks.
 - ▶ Remove the 1-annotated thunks from the heap when they have been used (once).
 - ▶ Show that you do never need to access something that was removed from the heap.



- ▶ Only with respect to small-step semantics.
- ▶ Evaluation of a well-typed term never gets stuck.



- ▶ Usually the analysis is not complete
 - ▶ Some never-go-wrong expressions cannot be typed.
 - ▶ Static analysis is approximate.
- ▶ Still, we do sometimes establish completeness.
- ▶ Consider an analysis that generates constraints to capture the analysis.
- ▶ And build a solver to find a solution to the constraints.
- ▶ We want that solver to be
 - ▶ sound: the solution it computes is a solution
 - ▶ complete: if a set of constraints has a solution, the solver should find it (or a better solution).



- ▶ We prefer the analysis to provide a best solution,
- ▶ from which all other solutions can be derived.
- ▶ Depends very much on the expressivity of your types: $\lambda x. x$ may have type $Nat \rightarrow Nat$ or $Bool \rightarrow Bool$ if we do not allow type variables in types.
- ▶ Neither is better than the other.
- ▶ Principality allows to solve constraints, have the result be a principal type, and forget the constraints from then on.
- ▶ There is never a need to re-analyze: the principal type says all.
- ▶ Not to be confused with **principal typings**.

