Elements of Programming Languages
Tutorial 5: Modules and Objects
Week 7 (October 28–November 1, 2024)

Exercises marked $\star$ are more advanced. Please try all unstarred exercises before the tutorial meeting.

1. **Typing derivations**

   Construct typing derivations for the following expressions, or argue why they are not well-formed:

   (a) $\Lambda A.\lambda x{:}A.x + 1$

   (b) ($\star$) $\Lambda A.\lambda x{:}A \times A.\texttt{if fst } x == \texttt{ snd } x \texttt{ then fst } x \texttt{ else snd } x$ (and how does its well-formedness depend on the typing rule for equality?)

2. **Evaluation derivations**

   Construct evaluation derivations for the following expressions, or explain why they do not evaluate:

   (a) $(\Lambda A.\lambda x{:}A.x + 1)[\texttt{int}]\ 42$

   (b) $(\Lambda A.\lambda x{:}A.x + 1)[\texttt{bool}]\ \texttt{true}$

3. ($\star$) **Lists and polymorphism**

   Recall the proposed rules for lists from the previous tutorial.

   $$\begin{array}{lcl} e & ::= & \cdots \mid \texttt{nil} \mid e_1 :: e_2 \mid \texttt{case}_{\texttt{list}}\ e\ \texttt{of}\ \{\texttt{nil} \Rightarrow e_1\ ;\ x :: y \Rightarrow e_2\} \\ v & ::= & \cdots \mid \texttt{nil} \mid v_1 :: v_2 \\ \tau & ::= & \cdots \mid \texttt{list}[\tau] \end{array}$$

   Define $\mathsf{L}_{\mathsf{List}}$ to be $\mathsf{L}_{\mathsf{Poly}}$ extended with the above constructs.

   (a) Write a polymorphic function map that has this type:

   $$\forall A.\forall B.(A \to B) \to (\texttt{list}[A] \to \texttt{list}[B])$$

   so that $map(f)(l)$ is the function that traverses a list of A's and, for each element x in l, applies the function f to it.

   (b) Write out a typing derivation tree for the expression

   $$map[\texttt{int}][\texttt{int}](\lambda x.x + 1)(2 :: \texttt{nil})$$

   assuming that map has the type given above.

   (c) Are lists and their associated operations definable in $\mathsf{L}_{\mathsf{Poly}}$ already? Why or why not?

4. **Modules and Interfaces in Scala**

   Consider the following Scala object definition.

```
object A {
  type T = Int
  val c: T = 1
  val d: T = 2
  def f(x: T, y:T): T = x + y
}
object B {
  type T = String
  val c: T = "abcd"
  val d: T = "1234"
  def f(x: T, y: T) = x + y
}
```

   (a) Write expressions showing how to access each of the elements of `A` and `B`.

   (b) Suppose we execute the import statements

```
import A._
import B._
```

   after finishing the declaration of `A`. What does unqualified identifier `d` refer to after that? What if we import in the opposite order?

   (c) (⋆) Construct a Scala trait `ABlike` defining bindings for all of the components of `A` and `B`, and so that we can assert that both `A` and `B` extend `ABlike`.

   (d) (⋆) Define a function `g` taking an argument `x: ABlike` that applies `f` to `c` and `d`. Apply it to both instances of `ABlike` above. What is its return type?

   (e) (⋆) Create an anonymous instance of `ABlike` with `T = Boolean` and call the function `g` on it.

5. (⋆) **Ad hoc polymorphism**

   Traits can also accommodate overloading and reuse of the same name for operations on different types. An operation such as `size` can be defined as part of a trait as follows:

```
trait HasSize { def size(): Int }
```

   (a) Modify the definition of `List[A]` above so that it extends `HasSize`, and define an appropriate size method for it.

   (b) Modify the definition of `Tree[A]` so that it extends `HasSize` and define its `size` operation.

   (c) Write a function `sameSize` that takes two values of type `HasSize` and checks whether they have the same size.

   (d) Call this function on a `List[Int]` and a `Tree[String]` to verify that the correct implementations of `size` are called for different types.