

#### Semantic Subtyping with an SMT Solver

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# Refinement Types + Type-test

- Microsoft's "M" language has two very interesting features
  - General refinement types (x:T where e)
    - The subtype containing all values that satisfy a Boolean expression
  - Dynamic type tests e in T
    - Boolean expression testing whether expression belongs to a type
- Each useful in isolation
  - Refinement types can express pre-/post-conditions + invariants
- Combination very powerful

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## The Big Promise

- Union types
- Intersection types
- Negation types
- Sum types
- Dependent pairs
- Recursive types

- $T \mid U \stackrel{\triangle}{=} (x : \text{Any where } (x \text{ in } T) \mid | (x \text{ in } U))$
- $T \& U \stackrel{\triangle}{=} (x : Any where (x in T) \& \& (x in U))$

$$!T \stackrel{\triangle}{=} (x : \text{Any where } !(x \text{ in } T))$$

$$T + U \stackrel{\triangle}{=} ([\mathsf{true}] * T) \mid ([\mathsf{false}] * U)$$

 $(\Sigma x : T. U) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} (p : T * Any where let x = p.fst in (p.snd in U))$ 

$$\mu X.T \stackrel{\triangle}{=} (y : \text{Any where } P(y))$$
  
 
$$P(y : \text{Any}) : \text{Logical } \{y \text{ in } T[(y : \text{Any where } P(y))/X]\}$$

- Algebraic datatypes  $List_T = \mu X.((T * X) + unit)$
- Expresivity: very simple core calculus that can encode: all these typing idioms (and more) + all essential features of M

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## The Big Challenge

- Q: Is  $(y.\ell) + 42$  well-typed (safe) when y has type ...?
  - y: Text NO! y is a string
  - y: Any **NO!** y could be a string
  - $y : \{\ell : \text{Integer}\} \text{ YES! } y \text{ is a record (entity) with (at least) integer field } \ell$
  - $y: (x: Any where x in \{\ell: Integer\})$  YES! the same as above
  - $y: (x: \{\ell : Any\}$  where  $x.\ell$  in Integer) YES! the same as above
  - $y: \{\ell : (x : Any where x == 7)\}$  **YES!**  $y.\ell$  is always the integer 7
  - *y* : (*x* : Any where false) YES! vacuously
  - $y: (x: \{\ell: Any\}$  where  $!(x.\ell \text{ inText}) \&\& !(x.\ell \text{ in Logical}) \&\& ...)$  YES!

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  - $y: \{\ell: (x: Any where x =$
  - y: (x: Any where false)
  - $(x \cdot f(x)) = appear in f$

#### Expressivity

**Statically** type-checking even toy examples becomes hard in this setting.

Type information can be hidden deep inside arbitrarily complicated refinements

Such "strange" types (just much larger) do appear in practice: e.g. all our encodings

 $y: (x: \{\ell: Any\}$  where  $!(x.\ell \text{ in Text})$  &&  $!(x.\ell \text{ in Logical})$  && ...) YES!

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#### Observation: it's all about subtyping!

- But structural subtyping simply can't handle this
  - $\mathsf{Text} <: \{\ell:\mathsf{Integer}\}$

Any <:  $\{\ell : \mathsf{Integer}\}$ 

 $\{\ell:\mathsf{Integer}\}<:\{\ell:\mathsf{Integer}\}$ 

 $(x: Any where x in \{\ell: Integer\}) <: \{\ell: Integer\}$ 

 $(x: \{\ell: Any\} \text{ where } x.l \text{ in Integer}) <: \{\ell: Integer\}$ 

 $\{\ell : (x : \text{Any where } x == 7)\} <: \{\ell : \text{Integer}\}$ 

 $(x: Any \text{ where false}) <: \{\ell: Integer\}$ 

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# **Our Solution**

#### We use semantic subtyping

- Types are interpreted as FOL formulas  $\mathbf{F}[[T]](y)$ 

• For instance:

 $\mathbf{F}[[(x : Any where false)]](y) = true \land false$ 

 $\mathbf{F}[\![\{\ell : \mathsf{Integer}\}]\!](y) = \mathsf{is}_{\mathsf{E}}(y) \land \mathsf{v}_{\mathsf{has}_{\mathsf{f}}}\mathsf{field}(\ell, y) \land \mathsf{In}_{\mathsf{Integer}}(\mathsf{v}_{\mathsf{dot}}(\ell, y))$ 

Subtyping is defined logical implication

 $T <: U \text{ iff } \models \forall y. \mathbf{F}[[T]](y) \Longrightarrow \mathbf{F}[[U]](y)$ 

• So clearly:

 $(x: Any where false) <: \{\ell: Integer\}$ 

We use an SMT solver to discharge such proof obligations

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#### **DMINOR: THE CORE OF M**

#### **Dminor Calculus**

S, T, U ::=Any Integer | Text | Logical T\* $\{\ell: T\}$ (x: T where e)e ::= $x \mid c$  $\oplus(e_1,\ldots,e_n)$  $e_1?e_2:e_3$ let  $x = e_1$  in  $e_2$ e in Te:T $\{\ell_i \Rightarrow e_i \stackrel{i \in 1..n}{=}\}$ e.l  $\{v_1,\ldots,v_n\}$  $e_1 :: e_2$ from x in  $e_1$  let  $y = e_2$  accumulate  $e_3$  $f(e_1,\ldots,e_n)$ 

type the top type scalar type collection type record/entity type (single; open) refinement type expression variable or constant operator application conditional let-expression dynamic type-test type ascription record/entity field selection collection (multiset; unordered) adding element  $e_1$  to collection  $e_2$ fold over collection function application

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### Accumulate example

```
NullableInt \stackrel{\triangle}{=} Integer | [null]
removeNulls(xs : NullableInt*) : Integer* {
from x in xs
let a = {} : Integer*
accumulate (x!=null) ? (x :: a) : a
}
```

 $\mathsf{removeNulls}(\{1, \mathbf{null}, 42, \mathbf{null}\} \rightarrow^* \{1, 42\} = \{42, 1\}$ 

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# Purity

- Dminor side-effects: non-termination and non-determinism
- Expressions in refinement types have to be "pure" (and Logical)  $\frac{E, x: T \vdash e: \text{Logical} \quad e \text{ pure}}{E \vdash (x: T \text{ where } e)}$
- Pure expressions are terminating and have unique normal form
- Checking expression purity:
  - $f(e_1, ..., e_n)$  is pure only if f terminates on all inputs
    - Syntactic termination condition enforces that recursive calls are made only on structurally smaller arguments
  - from x in  $e_1$  let y =  $e_2$  accumulate  $e_3$  should converge (" $\lambda x y. e_3$ " needs to be associative and commutative)

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# Singleton + "OK" types

- We have seen encodings for: union, intersection, negation, sum, dependent pair, recursive, algebraic types
- Singleton types

$$[e:T] \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \begin{cases} (x:T \text{ where } x == e) & \text{if } e \text{ pure} \\ T & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• "OK" types

$$Ok(e) \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \begin{cases} (x: Any \text{ where } e) & \text{if } e \text{ pure} \\ Any & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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### Declarative type system

(Exp Subsum)	(Exp Singleton)	(Exp Test)
$\underline{E \vdash e: T  E \vdash T <: T'}$	$\underline{E \vdash e:T}$	$E \vdash e$ : Any $E \vdash T$
$E \vdash e: T'$	$E \vdash e : [e : T]$	$E \vdash e \text{ in } T$ : Logical

$$\frac{(\operatorname{Exp} \operatorname{Cond})}{E \vdash e_1 : \operatorname{Logical} \quad E_{,-} : \operatorname{Ok}(e_1) \vdash e_2 : T \quad E_{,-} : \operatorname{Ok}(!e_1) \vdash e_3 : T}{E \vdash (e_1 ? e_2 : e_3) : T} \qquad \frac{(\operatorname{Exp} \operatorname{Dot})}{E \vdash e : \{\ell : T\}}$$

- **Sound**: well-typed expressions don't cause typing errors
- **Declarative**: uses magic non-determinism; specifies what, not how



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## Bidirectional typing rules

- Two additional algorithmic judgments
  - Type synthesis:  $E \vdash e \rightarrow T$  (computes the "strongest" type for e)
  - Type checking:  $E \vdash e \leftarrow T$  (tests whether *e* has type *T*)

(Swap)(Synth Test)
$$E \vdash e \rightarrow T$$
 $E \vdash [e:T] <: T'$  $E \vdash e \leftarrow Any$  $E \vdash T$  $E \vdash e \leftarrow T'$  $E \vdash e \leftarrow n T \rightarrow Logical$ (Check Dot) $E \vdash e \leftarrow \{\ell : T\}$  $E \vdash e.\ell \leftarrow T$ 

Expressivity strikes [us] again!

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## Semantic subtyping

- Types interpreted as FOL formulas  $\mathbf{F}[[T]](x)$
- Subtyping is just implication between interpretations

(Subtype)  

$$\frac{E \vdash T \quad E \vdash T' \quad \models (\mathbf{F}\llbracket E \rrbracket \implies (\forall x. \mathbf{F}\llbracket T \rrbracket(x) \implies \mathbf{F}\llbracket T' \rrbracket(x)))}{E \vdash T <: T'}$$

- These formulas interpreted in specific FOL model
  - We formalized this model in Coq (once and for all, ~2000LOC)
    - FOL sort  $\rightarrow$  Coq type
    - FOL function symbol  $\rightarrow$  Coq function
  - We feed properties of the model as "axioms" to the SMT solver

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# **Logical Semantics**

We define three mutually recursive translations

- $\mathbf{F}[[T]](x)$  formula: is value x in type T?
- $\mathbf{R}[[e]]$  term: the result of evaluating pure e (a value or Error)
- $\mathbf{W}[[T]](x)$  formula: does checking whether x is in T go wrong?
- This error-tracking semantics is fully abstract, but complicated

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## **Optimized Logical Semantics**

• **Observation**: we only care about well-formed types and well-typed (+ pure) expressions

(Subtype)  

$$\underbrace{E \vdash T \quad E \vdash T' \quad \models (\mathbf{F}'[[E]] \implies (\forall x. \mathbf{F}'[[T]](x) \implies \mathbf{F}'[[T']](x))}_{E \vdash T <: T'}$$

• We don't need to track errors, which simplifies things a lot

$$\mathbf{F}'[[T]](x) \leftarrow x \text{ in } T$$

$$(x:T \text{ where } e) \rightarrow \mathbf{V}[[e]]$$

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#### **Optimized Semantics of Types:** $\mathbf{F}'[[T]](t)$

 $\mathbf{F}'[[\operatorname{Any}]](v) = \mathbf{true}$   $\mathbf{F}'[[\operatorname{Integer}]](v) = \operatorname{In\_Integer}(v)$   $\mathbf{F}'[[\operatorname{Text}]](v) = \operatorname{In\_Text}(v)$   $\mathbf{F}'[[\operatorname{Logical}]](v) = \operatorname{In\_Logical}(v)$   $\mathbf{F}'[[\{\ell:T\}]](v) = \operatorname{is\_E}(v) \land v\_\operatorname{has\_field}(\ell, v) \land \mathbf{F}'[[T]](v\_\operatorname{dot}(v, \ell))$   $\mathbf{F}'[[T*]](v) = \operatorname{is\_C}(v) \land (\forall x.v\_\operatorname{mem}(x, v) \Rightarrow \mathbf{F}'[[T]](x)) \quad x \notin fv(T, v)$ 

 $\mathbf{F}'[[(x:T \text{ where } e)]](v) = \mathbf{F}'[[T]](v) \land \text{let } x = v \text{ in } \mathbf{V}[[e]] = \text{true}$ 

#### **Optimized Semantics of Pure Typed Expressions:** V[[e]]

```
V[\![\oplus(e_1, \dots, e_n)]\!] = O_{\oplus}(V[\![e_1]\!], \dots, V[\![e_n]\!])
V[\![e_1?e_2:e_3]\!] = (if x = true then V[\![e_2]\!] else V[\![e_3]\!])
V[\![let x = e_1 in e_2]\!] = let x = V[\![e_1]\!] in V[\![e_2]\!]
V[\![e in T]\!] = v\_logical(F'[\![T]\!](V[\![e]\!]))
V[\![e:T]\!] = V[\![e]\!]
V[\![\ell_i \Rightarrow e_i^{i\in1..n}\}\!] = \{\ell_i \Rightarrow V[\![e_i]\!]^{i\in1..n}\}
V[\![e.\ell]\!] = v\_dot(V[\![e]\!],\ell)
V[\![e_1::e_2]\!] = v\_add(V[\![e_1]\!], V[\![e_2]\!])
V[\![from x in e_1 let y = e_2 \text{ accumulate } e_3]\!] = v\_accumulate((fun x y \rightarrow V[\![e_3]\!]), V[\![e_1]\!], V[\![e_2]\!])_{17}
```

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## Axiomatizing Model in SMT-LIB

- FOL with the following (combination of) standard theories
  - equality + uninterpreted function symbols
  - integer arithmetic (not necessarily linear)
  - algebraic datatypes (Z3-specific extension.to.SMT-LIB)
  - extensional arrays (Z3-specific extension.to.SMT-LIB)
- Main concerns:
  - tradeoff between performance and completeness
  - finding the right quantifier patterns

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### Implementation

- Around 2700 lines of F#
- Uses Z3 SMT solver (Microsoft Research)
  - Really amazing, gets 1s per proof obligation by default
    - But it usually solves 150 POs/s
  - Much ongoing research on SMT, solvers always getting faster
- Type-checking really fast: 1-3s (tested on 130 files)
- Released under the Microsoft Research License: <u>http://research.microsoft.com/~adg/dminor.html</u>
- Private demos available on request ... also see the screencast

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#### Bonuses

1. Precise counterexamples to type-checking foo(n : PosInt, m : PosInt) : PosInt { 42 + n + m - n \* m Can't convert (((42+n)+m)-(n\*m)) to type PosInt. For instance if n->2, m->325 expression evaluates to 281 that does not have type PosInt.

2. Finding elements of types + highlighting empty types

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#### Bonuses

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(x : Integer where x \* x + 42 < 0) + 100 < 42)Inhabited (e.g. -4)

**3.** Constraint programming in Dminor elementof *T* 

GenerateAllGoodMachines(avoid : GoodMachine\*) : GoodMachine\* {
 let m = elementof (x : GoodMachine where !(x in avoid)) in
 (m == null) ? {} : (m :: (GenerateAllGoodMachines(m :: avoid)))

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Executing (let g=GenerateAllGoodMachines({}) in (let b=GenerateAllBadMachines({} ) in {GoodMachinesCount=>(g.Count); GoodMachines=>g; BadMachinesCount=>(g.Count) ; BadMachines=>b; }))...

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## Conclusions

- The first study of [refinement types + dynamic type-case]
- Combination yields great expressivity, but hard to type-check
- Semantic subtyping
  - subtyping is logical implication between the semantics of types
- Type system
  - specified by declarative rules; implemented by bidirectional ones
- Proof obligations discharged using SMT solver (Z3)
  - Bonus: can exploit counterexamples produced by SMT solver
- ... and it works: <a href="http://research.microsoft.com/~adg/dminor.html">http://research.microsoft.com/~adg/dminor.html</a>

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# **Related Work**

			Refinement	Type-test	Subtyping
1983	Nordström/Petersson	Subset types	{x:A   B(x)}	no	no
1986	Rushby/Owre/Shankar	Predicate subtyping	predicate subtype	no	limited
1989	Cardelli et al	Modula-3 Report	no	on references	structural
1991	Pfenning/Freeman	Refinement types	refined sorts	no	no
1993	Aiken and Wimmers	Type inclusion	no	no	semantic
1999	Pfenning/Xi	DML	{x: General   e}	no	no
1999	Buneman/Pierce	Unions for SSD	no	yes, as pattern	structural
2000	Hosoya/Pierce	XDuce	no	yes, as pattern	semantic, ad hoc
2006	Flanagan et al	SAGE	{x: T   e}	no (but has cast)	structural, SMT
2006	Fisher et al	PADS	{x:T   e}	no	structural
2007	Frisch/Castagna	CDuce	no	e in T	semantic, ad hoc
2007	Sozeau	Russell	{x:T   e}	no	structural
2008	Bhargavan/Fournet/G	F7/RCF	{x: T   C} (formula C)	no	structural, SMT
2008	Rondon/Jhala	Liquid Types	{x: General   e}	no	structural, SMT
2010	Bierman/G/H/L	M/Dminor	{x: T   e}	e in T	semantic, SMT

### Other types we can encode

- We already did: union, intersection, negation, singleton, sum, variant, recursive and algebraic types ... so what else is left? <sup>(C)</sup>
- Multi-field entity types  $\{\ell_i: T_i; i \in 1..n\} \stackrel{\triangle}{=} \{\ell_1: T_1\} \& \dots \& \{\ell_n: T_n\}$
- Closed entity types

 $\mathbf{closed}\{\ell_i: T_i; \ ^{i\in 1..n}\} \stackrel{\triangle}{=} (x: \{\ell_i: T_i; \ ^{i\in 1..n}\} \text{ where } x == \{\ell_i \Rightarrow x.\ell_i, \ ^{i\in 1..n}\})$ 

Pair types

 $T * U = closed \{ fst : T; snd : U; \}$ 

Variant types

$$< \ell_1: T_1; \ldots; \ell_n: T_n > \stackrel{\bigtriangleup}{=} ([\ell_1] * T_1) \mid \ldots \mid ([\ell_n] * T_n)$$

Self types

 $\operatorname{Self}(s:T)U \stackrel{\triangle}{=} (s:T \text{ where } s \text{ in } U)$ 

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## Formalizing Dminor Model in Coq

FOL sort → math set – Coq type

**Inductive** RawValue : Type :=  $| G : General \rightarrow RawValue$  $| E : list (string * RawValue) \rightarrow RawValue$ 

 $\mid$  C : list RawValue  $\rightarrow$  RawValue.

**Definition** Value :=  $\{x : RawValue | Normal x\}$ .

• FOL function symbol  $\rightarrow$  total function – Coq function

Program Definition v\_has\_field (s : string) (v : Value) : bool :=
 match TheoryList.assoc eq\_str\_dec s (out\_E v) with
 | Some v ⇒ true
 | None ⇒ false
 end.

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## First-order theories

- Semantics given with respect to a particular logical model
- We use SMT-LIB (+Z3 extensions) to axiomatize this model
- Sorted first-order logic +
  - + Integers: build-in sort Int + arithmetic operations
     :formula (forall (x Int) (= (+ 0 x) x)) ; Z3: valid
  - + Algebraic datatypes:
    - :datatypes((VList
      - Nil

(Cons (out\_Head Value) (out\_Tail VList))))

+ "Arrays" - updatable functions with finite support
 :define\_sorts ((VArray (array Int Value)) ; C arrays
 (VBag (array Value Int)) ; M collections
 (VMap (array String Value))) ; M entities

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## Axiomatizing model

```
    The semantic domain of values
        :datatypes (
                (Value
                    (G (out_G General)) ;; scalar values
                    (E (out_E (array String Value)) ;; entities
                    (C (out_C (array Value Int))) ;; collections
                    )
```

```
Axiomatization of function and predicate symbols
:extrafuns((v_tt Value)(v_int Int Value)(0_Sum Value Value
Value))
:assumption (= v_tt (G(G_Logical true)))
:assumption (forall (n Int) (= (v_int n) (G(G_Integer n)))
:pat { (v_int n) } :pat { (G(G_Integer n)) }
:assumption (forall (i1 Int) (i2 Int)
    (= (0_Sum (v_int i1) (v_int i2)) (v_int (+ i1 i2)))
    :pat { (0_Sum (v_int i1) (v int i2)) })
```

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## Axiomatizing collections

- Finiteness of bags

   assumption (forall (a (array Value Int))
   (iff (Finite a) (= (default a) 0)))
- Only positive indices in bags

   :assumption (forall (a (array Value Int))
   (iff (Positive a) (forall (v Value) (>= (select a v) 0))
- Collections are finite bags with positive indices

   :assumption (forall (v Value)
   (iff (In\_C v)
   (and (is\_C v)
   (Finite (out\_C v))
   (Positive (out\_C v))))))
- Collection membership

   assumption (forall (v Value) (a (array Value Int))
   (iff (v\_mem v (C a)) (> (select a v) 0)))

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#### **THE END**