

Proving with Computer Assistance, 2IMF15

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Exercises on Simple Type Theory à la Curry: assigning types to untyped terms, principal type algorithm

On simple type theory à la Church

1. Consider the following types

$$A_1 = ((\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$$

$$A_2 = ((\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta$$

$$A_3 = ((\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta$$

Pick one of these types A_i and construct a closed term M of type A_i . Give a typing derivation of $M : A_i$.

2. In case you haven't done these yet:

(a) Find a term of type $(\delta \rightarrow \delta \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow (\delta \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \delta \rightarrow \gamma$

(b) Find two terms of type $(\delta \rightarrow \delta \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (\gamma \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \delta \rightarrow \gamma \rightarrow \beta$

(c) Find a term of type $((\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha$

(d) Find a term of type $((\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta$ (Hint: use the previous exercise.)

On simple type theory à la Curry

1. Determine the most general unifiers of

(a) $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \gamma$ and $\alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \gamma$

(b) $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \gamma$ and $\gamma \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \beta$

2. Compute the principal type of $\mathbf{S} := \lambda x. \lambda y. \lambda z. x z(y z)$.

3. Which of the following terms is typable? If it is, determine the *principal type*; if it isn't, show that the typing algorithm fails.

(a) $\lambda z x. z(x(\lambda y. y x))$

(b) $\lambda z x. z(x(\lambda y. y z))$

4. Consider the following two terms

• $\lambda x. x(\lambda y. y(\lambda z. x))$

• $\lambda x. x(\lambda y. x(\lambda z. z))$

For each of these terms, compute its principal type, if it exists. (Give the end result and show your computation; if the term has no principal type, show how your computation yields 'fail'.)

5. Compute the principal type of $M := \lambda x.\lambda y.x(y(\lambda z.x z z))(y(\lambda z.x z z))$.
6. For each of the following two terms, compute its principal type, if it exists.
- $\lambda x.(\lambda y.x (x y)) (\lambda u v.u)$
 - $\lambda y.(\lambda x.x (x y)) (\lambda u v.u)$

Give the end result and show your computation; if the term has no principal type, show how your computation yields ‘fail’.