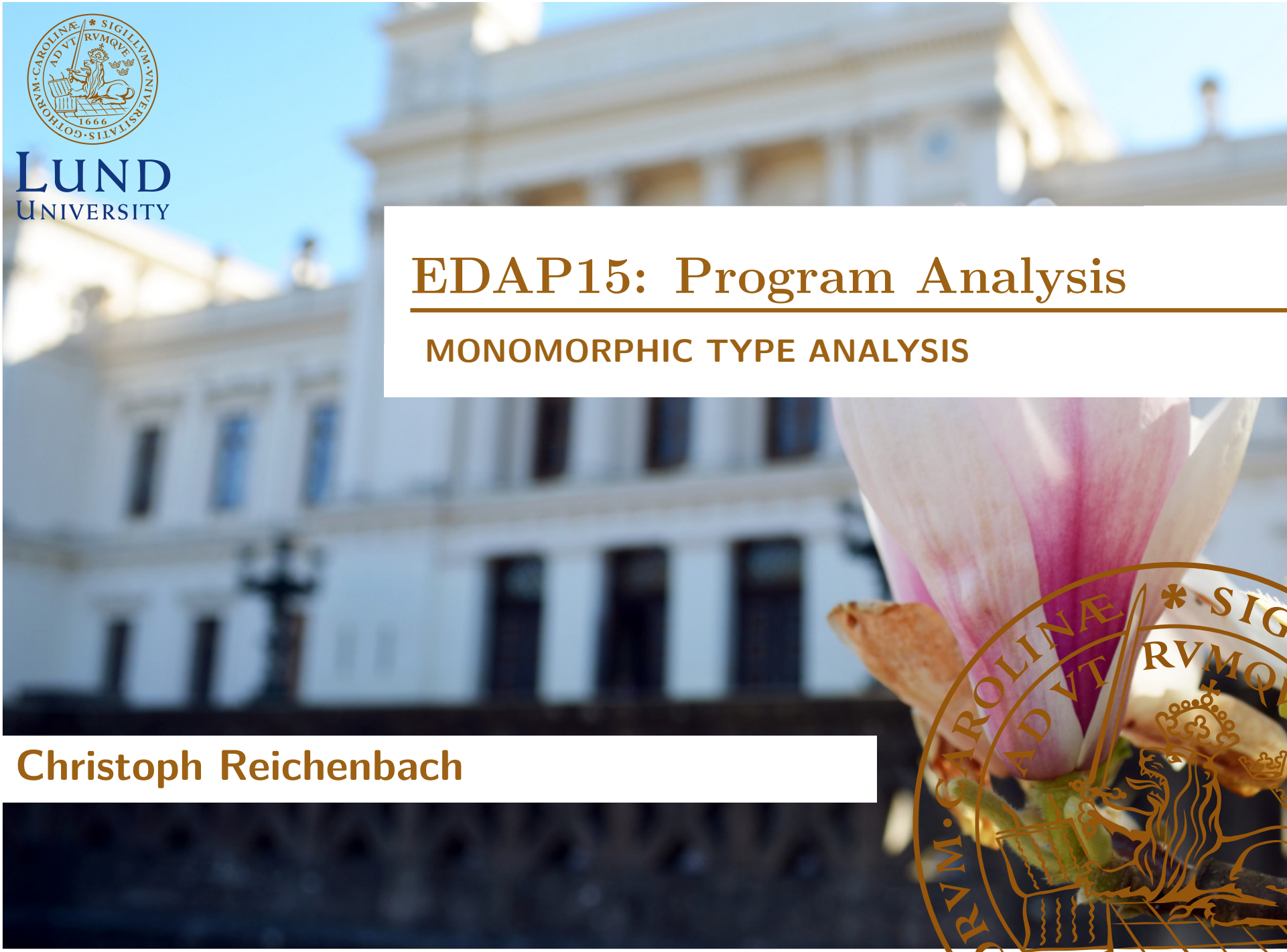

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EDAP15: Program Analysis

MONOMORPHIC TYPE ANALYSIS

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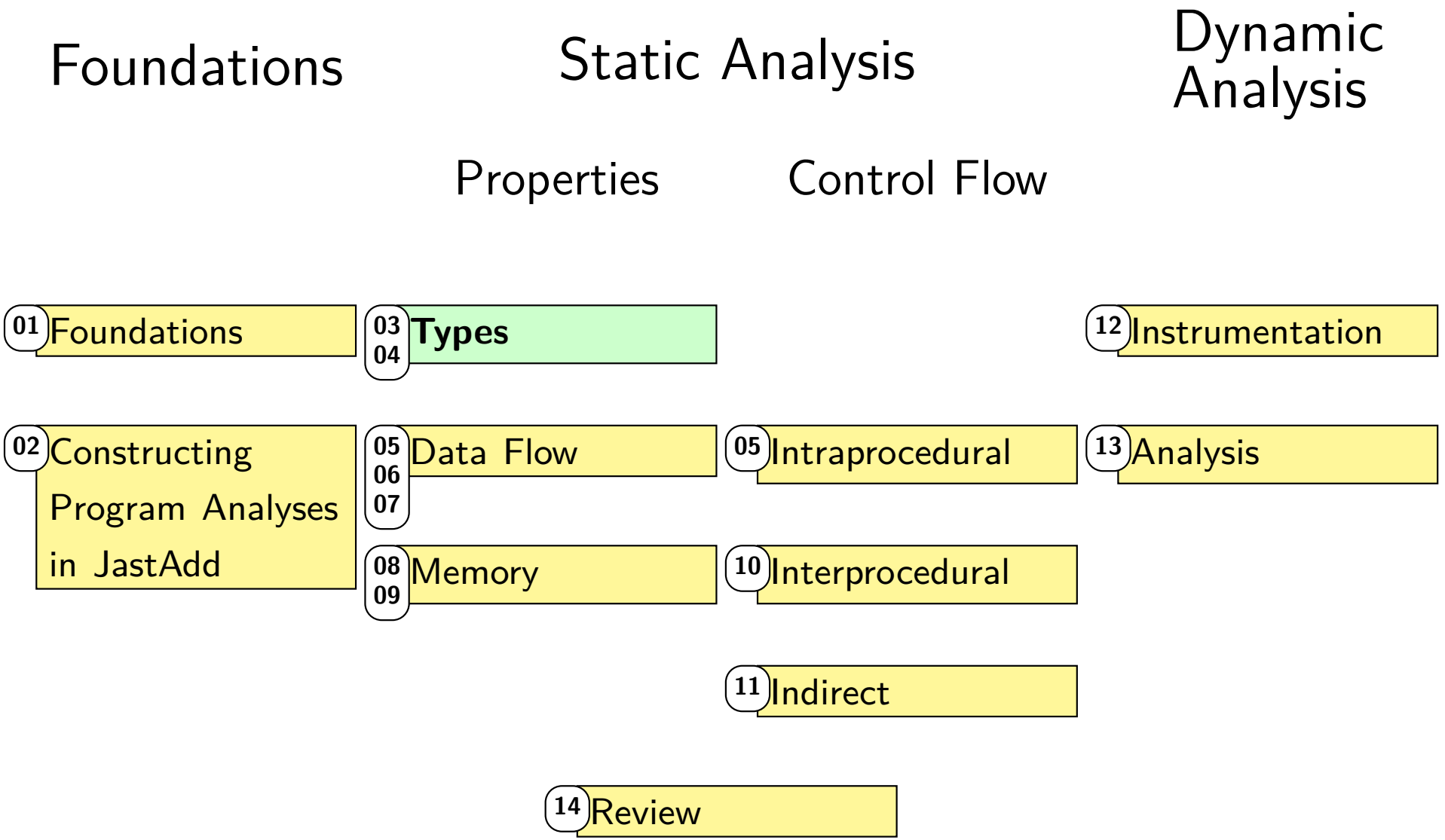
Lecture Overview



Notation Warning

JastAdd BNF Grammar

```
// start symbol:
Program ::= Expr;

abstract Expr;
IntConstant :  Expr ::= <Val:int>;
NullConstant :  Expr;
AddExpr :  Expr ::= L:Expr R:Expr;
SubExpr :  Expr ::= L:Expr R:Expr;
```

Compact BNF Grammar

$$
\begin{array}{lcl}
\textit{expr} & ::= & \langle \textit{int} \rangle \\
 & | & \texttt{null} \\
 & | & \langle \textit{expr} \rangle \ \texttt{+} \ \langle \textit{expr} \rangle \\
 & | & \langle \textit{expr} \rangle \ \texttt{-} \ \langle \textit{expr} \rangle \\
 & & \\
\textit{int} & ::= & 0 \\
 & | & 1 \mid \texttt{-1} \\
 & | & 2 \mid \texttt{-2} \\
 & | & \ldots
\end{array}
$$

- For brevity, we will also use the compact BNF notation above
  - Equivalent to JastAdd Abstract Grammar notation
  - No production names
  - Instead, use terminal symbols to distinguish production rules

Types

Java

```
int v;
```

Haskell

```
v :: Int
```

ML

```
val v : int
```

- Types describe:
  - Set of posssible results
  - Possible *side effects*
    (e.g., Java's `f() throws IOException`, Haskell's **IO** monad)
- *Type analysis* deals with:
  - *Checking*: Do the types agree?
  - *Inference*: What types are possible?
- We focus on *static type analysis*

Types and Programs: Two Languages

Language $\mathcal{V}$:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \textit{val} & ::= & \mathsf{true} \\ & | & \mathsf{false} \\ & | & \langle \textit{nat} \rangle \end{array}$$

$$\textit{nat} \quad ::= \quad 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \mid 3 \mid 4 \mid \ldots$$

Language $\mathbb{T}_{\mathcal{V}}$:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \textit{type} & ::= & \textsc{Bool} \\ & | & \textsc{Int} \end{array}$$

- For program analysis, best to consider types and programs *separate* languages
  - Target language's type system may not match our needs
  - Language $\mathcal{V}$ entirely lacks type system
- Abstract over $\mathcal{V}$ with $\mathbb{T}_{\mathcal{V}}$:

$$23 : \textsc{Int} \qquad\qquad \mathsf{true} : \textsc{Bool}$$

- "has-type-of" is a binary relation:

$$(:) \subseteq \mathcal{V} \times \mathbb{T}_{\mathcal{V}}$$

Uses of Type Analysis

- Types abstractly model program behaviour
- "Traditionally":
  - Set of possible computational results
  - Set of possible behaviours of computational result
- We can model other behaviour as types:
  - Uncaught exceptions
  - Use of shared memory regions
  - File or network access
  - Dependencies
  - Race conditions in concurrent memory access

  ...

Two Types of Applications

Given program p: analyse $p : \tau$

Type Checking

- Assume τ is *given*
- Test: **Is $p : \tau$ true?**
- Can *use* type inference

Type Inference

- Assume τ is *not given*
- Find all τ s.th. $p : \tau$
  - Found None: *Type Error* (?)
  - Found Multiple: *Type Error* (?)

Program Analysis Designer's View

- *Checking* τ requires specification
- Examples:
  - User spec: "no exceptions"
  - Language spec: "no side effects allowed here"
- *Inferring* τ may yield 0, 1, or more results
  - Some analyses allow this
  - Example: τ describes type of exception that might be raised

Summary

- Types abstractly *model* some aspect of a program
- For a given analysis, the language of *types* and *programs* might be distinct
- Type analysis examines:
  - **Type Checking** Does this program have some specific type?
  - **Type Inference** Which types can this program have?
- Standard notation: the binary **typing relation** (:) relates programs p and their types τ:

$$p : \tau$$

A Simple Language: IGA

$$
\begin{array}{lcl}
\mathit{expr} & ::= & \langle \mathit{val} \rangle \\
& | & \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle \text{ plus } \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle \\
& | & \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle >= \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle \\
& | & \text{if } \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle \text{ then } \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle \text{ else } \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle \\
\\
\mathit{val} & ::= & \langle \mathit{nat} \rangle \\
& | & \text{true} \mid \text{false} \\
\\
\mathit{nat} & ::= & 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \mid 3 \mid 4 \mid \ldots
\end{array}
$$

- Semantics mostly straightforward:
- plus operates only on *nat*
- $>=$ requires *nat* arguments and returns true or false
- **if** e_1 **then** e_2 **else** e_3:
  - If e_1 evaluates to true: computes e_2
  - If e_1 evaluates to false: computes e_3

The Typing Relation

- We the set of types of IGA, $\mathbb{T}_{iga} = \{\textsc{Bool}, \textsc{Int}\}$:
  - $\textsc{Bool}$: Type of booleans (true, false)
  - $\textsc{Int}$: Type of natural numbers (0, 1, 2, ...)
- We can now type values:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \text{true} & : & \textsc{Bool} \\ 23 & : & \textsc{Int} \end{array}$$

- Thus:

$$(:) \subseteq \mathit{val} \times \mathbb{T}_{iga}$$

Types for Values

- To analyse all of IGA, we extend (:) to expressions:

$$(:) \subseteq \mathit{expr} \times \mathbb{T}_{\mathit{iga}}$$

- We want to type e.g.:

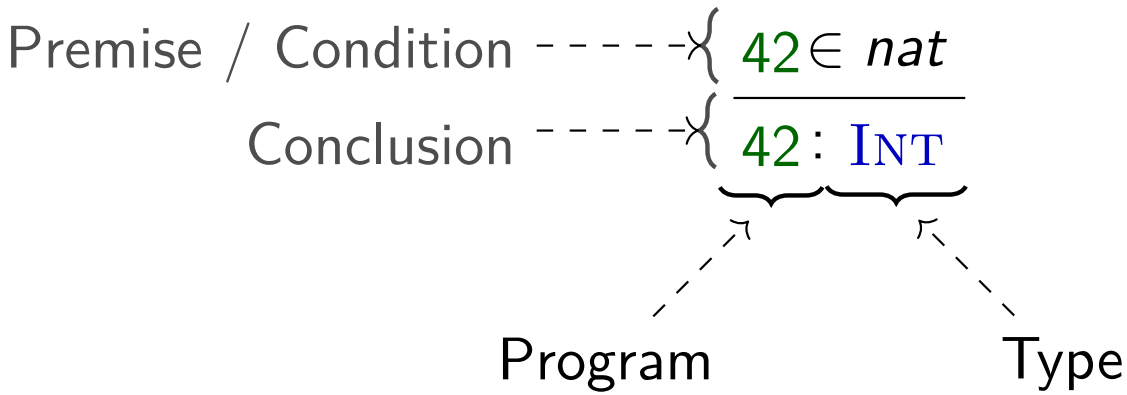
$$39 \text{ plus } 3 \quad : \quad \textsc{Int}$$

For clarity, we will write this formally

Types for Expressions

$$\frac{}{\mathsf{true} : \textsc{Bool}}\ (\textit{t-true}) \qquad \frac{}{\mathsf{false} : \textsc{Bool}}\ (\textit{t-false}) \qquad \frac{v \in \textit{nat}}{v : \textsc{Int}}\ (\textit{t-nat})$$

Conditional Typing Rules



If $42 \in \mathit{nat}$ holds, then so does $42 : \textsc{Int}$

- v is a *Metavariable*
- We can replace v by *anything*
  - One restriction: we must do so *everywhere in the rule at once*

$\Rightarrow$ "*Substitution*"

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$$\frac{e_1 : \textsc{Int} \quad e_2 : \textsc{Int}}{e_1\ \mathsf{plus}\ e_2 : \textsc{Int}}\ (\textit{t-plus})$$

Recursive Typing Rules

$$\frac{e_1 : \textsc{Int} \quad e_2 : \textsc{Int}}{e_1 \text{ plus } e_2 : \textsc{Int}} \; (\textit{t-plus})$$

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$$\frac{e_1 : \textsc{Int} \quad e_2 : \textsc{Int}}{e_1 \text{ plus } e_2 : \textsc{Int}} \; (\textit{t-plus}) \left[\begin{array}{lcl} e_1 & \mapsto & 1 \\ e_2 & \mapsto & 2 \text{ plus } 3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$1 \text{ plus } 2 \text{ plus } 3 : \textsc{Int}$$

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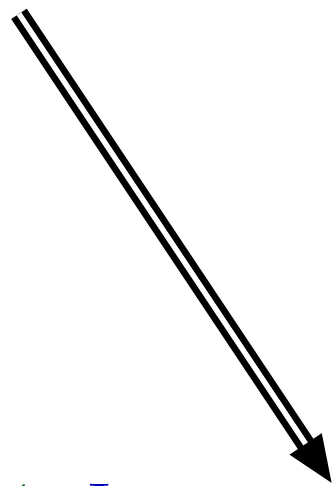

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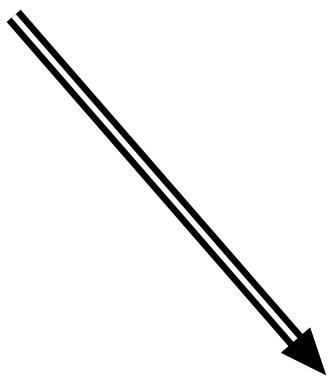

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$[v \mapsto 1]$ $[v \mapsto 2]$ $[v \mapsto 3]$

$$\frac{1 \in \textit{nat}}{1 : \textsc{Int}} \; (\textit{t-nat}) \qquad \frac{2 \in \textit{nat}}{2 : \textsc{Int}} \; (\textit{t-nat}) \qquad \frac{3 \in \textit{nat}}{3 : \textsc{Int}} \; (\textit{t-nat})$$

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(*t-if*) rule summarises (*t-if-nat*) and (*t-if-bool*) via *metavariable*

Checking Types

- With $e : \tau$, we can have:
  1. Exactly one τ fits (we've computed a type):

     $$2 \text{ plus } 3 : \textsc{Int}$$

  2. No τ fits (type error):

     $$\text{true plus } 0 \textit{ has type error}$$

  3. Multiple τ fit: can't happen in this type system

Inferring Types

- Checking explores "*is everything consistent?*"
- Inferring explores "*what is possible?*"
- In program analysis, we often want the latter. Recall:

$$\frac{e_1 : \textsc{Bool} \quad e_2 : \tau \quad e_3 : \tau}{\textbf{if } e_1 \textbf{ then } e_2 \textbf{ else } e_3 : \tau} \; (\textit{t-if})$$

Summary

- *Type systems* relate expressions to types:

$$(:) \subseteq \mathit{expr} \times \mathbb{T}_{\mathit{iga}}$$

- We use *inference rules* to compactly describe the type system

$$\frac{e_1 : \textsc{Bool} \quad e_2 : \tau \quad e_3 : \tau}{\textbf{if } e_1 \textbf{ then } e_2 \textbf{ else } e_3 : \tau} \; (\textit{t-if})$$

- No type matches $\Rightarrow$ type error
- We will focus on type *checking* for now

Question

How would we implement this kind of type analysis in JastAdd?

$$\frac{v \in nat}{v : \textsc{Int}}\ (t\text{-}nat) \qquad \frac{e_1 : \textsc{Bool} \quad e_2 : \tau \quad e_3 : \tau}{\textbf{if } e_1 \textbf{ then } e_2 \textbf{ else } e_3 : \tau}\ (t\text{-}if)$$

JastAdd BNF Grammar

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TrueConstant :  Expr;
FalseConstant :  Expr;
IfThenElseExpr :  Expr ::= Cond:Expr True:Expr False:Expr;
```

Adding Variables: The language INGA

$$
\begin{array}{lcll}
\mathit{expr} & ::= & \langle \mathit{val} \rangle & \\
& | & \mathit{id} & \textbf{new!} \\
& | & \text{let } \mathit{id} = \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle \text{ in } \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle & \textbf{new!} \\
& | & \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle \text{ plus } \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle & \\
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\end{array}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{lcl}
\mathit{val} & ::= & \mathit{nat} \\
& | & \text{true} \mid \text{false}
\end{array}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{lcl}
\mathit{nat} & ::= & 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \mid 3 \mid 4 \mid \ldots \\
\mathit{id} & ::= & \underline{x} \mid \underline{y} \mid \underline{z} \mid \ldots
\end{array}
$$

- Adds (locally scoped) variable bindings
- let $\underline{x} = 1$ plus 2 in $\underline{x} + 3$ evaluates to 6
- let $\underline{x} = 1$ in (let $\underline{x} = 2$ in $\underline{x}$) + $\underline{x}$ evaluates to 3

Typing Variables

$$\frac{}{\text{true} : \textsc{Bool}}\ (t\text{-}true) \qquad \frac{}{\text{false} : \textsc{Bool}}\ (t\text{-}false) \qquad \frac{v \in nat}{v : \textsc{Int}}\ (t\text{-}nat)$$

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- Same types as before: $\mathbb{T}_{inga} = \{\textsc{Bool}, \textsc{Int}\}$
- Need new typing rules for let and variables:

$$\frac{}{x : \tau}\ (t\text{-}var)$$

$$\frac{e_1 : \tau_1 \quad e_2 : \tau_2}{\text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 : \tau_2}\ (t\text{-}let)$$

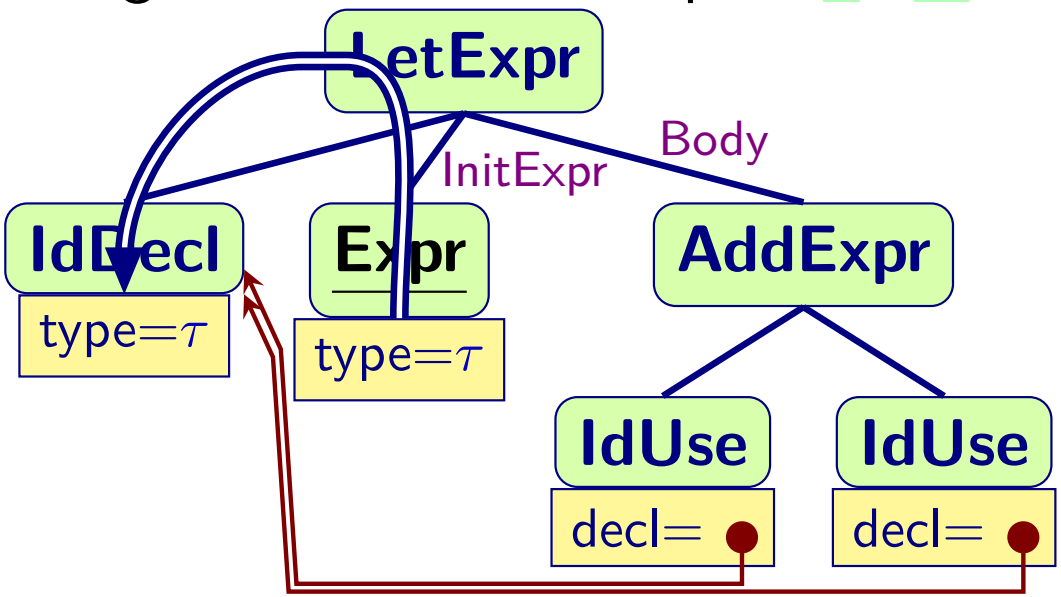
How do we connect τ_1 and τ and τ_2 ?

Connecting Variables and Types

$$\frac{e_1 : \tau_1 \quad e_2 : \tau_2}{\text{let } \underline{x} = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 : \tau_2}\ (t\text{-}let) \quad \overset{?}{\longleftrightarrow} \quad \frac{}{\underline{x} : \tau}\ t\text{-}var$$

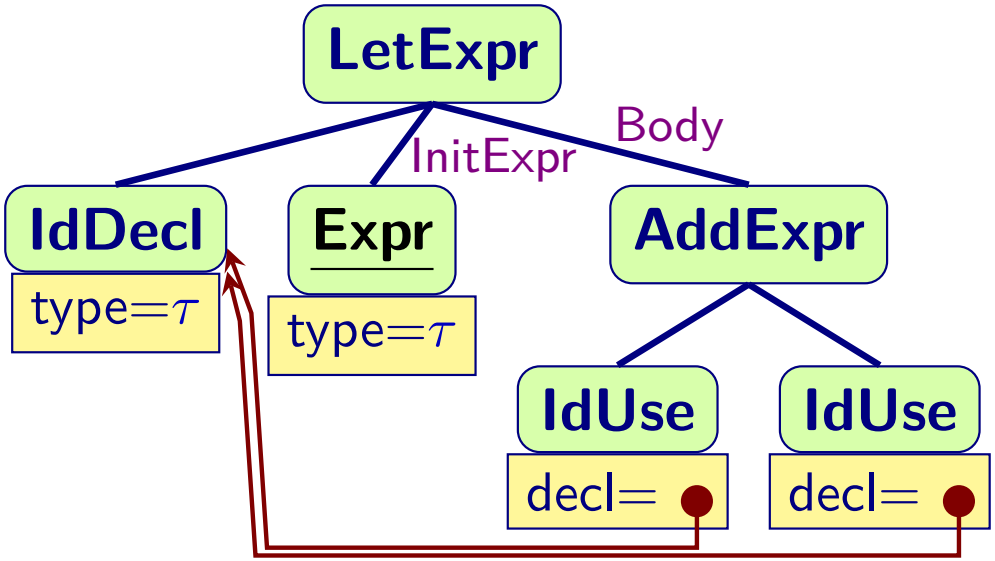
Example: let x = 1 in 1 + 1

- Using RAGs, we can compute $\underline{x} : \tau_1$ before analysing e_2:



1. **LetExpr** requests type of `InitExpr`
2. Passes type to **IdDecl** (via inherited attribute)
3. Any **IdUse** can now obtain type via `decl().type()`

Simple RAG Solution: Limitations



1. **LetExpr**: use `InitExpr.type()`
2. **IdDecl**: obtain `type()` from **LetExpr** via inherited attribute
3. **IdUse**: `decl().type()`

- Is this always well-defined?Limitations:
  - **Name analysis must not depend on type analysis**
    - True for C, Pascal, Teal-0, ...
    - *Not true* for Java, C++, ...
  - **Expr**'s type must not depend on **IdDecl**'s type
    - No recursive definitions allowed!
    - True for *let val* in SML/OCaml, ...
    - Not true for most imperative languages (neither for Haskell, nor for *let rec* in SML/OCaml, ...)

We will only look at this case

Variables and Types, Formally

$$\frac{e_1 : \tau_1 \quad e_2 : \tau_2}{\text{let } \underline{x} = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 : \tau_2}\ \textit{t-let} \quad \overset{?}{\longleftrightarrow} \quad \frac{}{\underline{x} : \tau}\ \textit{t-var}$$

- Assume: name analysis does not depend on type analysis
  $\Longrightarrow$ Can identify each name by its declaration (`decl()`)
- Formalising
- Write $\boxed{\Delta(\underline{x}) = \tau}$ to *assert* type of $\underline{x}$
- Semantics:
  - Treat $\Delta(\underline{x})$ as attribute on $\underline{x}$
  - For each $\underline{x}$:
    - Must have at least one type assertion
    - Each $\Delta(\underline{x}) = \tau$ must assert same type τ

$\Rightarrow$ *Collection Attribute*, cf. upcoming videos

Typing INGA

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$\boxed{\Delta(\underline{x}) = \textsc{Int}}$

$$\frac{\dfrac{1 \in nat}{1 : \textsc{Int}}\ (t\text{-}nat) \qquad \Delta(\underline{x}) = \textsc{Int} \qquad \dfrac{\dfrac{\Delta(\underline{x}) = \textsc{Int}}{\underline{x} : \textsc{Int}}\ (t\text{-}var) \quad \dfrac{\Delta(\underline{x}) = \textsc{Int}}{\underline{x} : \textsc{Int}}\ (t\text{-}var)}{\underline{x} \text{ plus } \underline{x} : \textsc{Int}}\ (t\text{-}plus)}{\text{let } \underline{x} = 1 \text{ in } \underline{x} \text{ plus } \underline{x} : \textsc{Int}}\ (t\text{-}let)$$

Summary

- Type analysis of realistic programs requires name analysis
- Distinguish if name analysis $\leftrightarrow$ type analysis dependency and/or recursive definitions allowed:
  1. name $\not\leftrightarrow$ type analysis, no recursive definitions:
     $\Longrightarrow$ Straightforward (see earlier slides)
  2. name $\not\leftrightarrow$ type analysis, allow recursive definitions:
     $\Longrightarrow$ Requires *collecting constraints*, using Δ
  3. name $\leftrightarrow$ type analysis:
     $\Longrightarrow$ More complex approaches (not covered here)
- General approach: for each name, collect all type constraints
  - For now: assume constraints on same variable must be identical
- Other approaches:
  - Instead of $\Delta(\underline{x}) = \tau$, can collect arbitrarily complex constraints
  - Instead of Δ, can use *environments* Γ
    - Original formalisation (Hindley/Damas/Milner)
    - More complex: must recursively "thread" Γ through typing rules
    - suitable for name analysis $\leftrightarrow$ type analysis dependency

Adding Lists: The Language LINGA

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\begin{array}{lcll}
\mathit{expr} & ::= & \langle \mathit{val} \rangle & \\
& | & \mathit{id} & \\
& | & \text{let } \mathit{id} = \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle \text{ in } \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle & \\
& | & \text{nil} & \textbf{new!} \\
& | & \text{cons } (\langle \mathit{expr} \rangle, \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle) & \textbf{new!} \\
& | & \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle \text{ plus } \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle & \\
& | & \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle >= \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle & \\
& | & \text{if } \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle \text{ then } \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle \text{ else } \langle \mathit{expr} \rangle & \\
\\
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& | & \text{true} \mid \text{false} &
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$$

- nil is the empty list
- cons(v, ℓ) takes list ℓ and prepends v
- Can express list [0, 1, 2] as:

$$\text{cons}(0, \text{cons}(1, \text{cons}(2, \text{nil})))$$

The Type of Lists

The language of types $\mathbb{T}_{linga}$ has one new production:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} ty & ::= & \textsc{Int} \\ & | & \textsc{Bool} \\ & | & \textsc{List}\ [\langle ty \rangle] \end{array}$$

Example types:

- cons(true, nil) : $\textsc{List}[\textsc{Bool}]$
- cons(1, cons(2, nil)) : $\textsc{List}[\textsc{Int}]$
- cons(1, cons(false, nil)) : *type error*
- cons(cons(1, nil), nil) : $\textsc{List}[\textsc{List}[\textsc{Int}]]$
- nil : $\textsc{List}[\textsc{Int}]$
  $\textsc{List}[\textsc{Bool}]$
  $\textsc{List}[\textsc{List}[\textsc{Int}]]$
  $\textsc{List}[\ldots, \textsc{List}[\textsc{Bool}], \ldots]$

First attempt at typing rules:

$$\frac{\tau \in \mathbb{T}_{linga}}{\text{nil} : \textsc{List}[\tau]}\ (t\text{-}nil)$$

$$\frac{e_1 : \tau \quad e_2 : \textsc{List}[\tau]}{\text{cons}(e_1, e_2) : \textsc{List}[\tau]}\ (t\text{-}cons)$$

nil has infinitely many of the types in $\mathbb{T}_{linga}$

Principal Types

- $\texttt{p} : \tau$ may have infinitely many τ, can't process all
- One instance of more general problem:
  Having too many such τ makes analysis inefficient
- General approach: Find **Principal Type**
  - *Single* type that subsumes all other possible
- Various approaches:
  - *Parametric Polymorphism*, using parametric types
  - Subtype Polymorphism
  - Type Classes

  ...
- Here: use **Parametric Types** with **Type Variables**:
  - $\textsc{List}[\alpha]$ summarises $\textsc{List}[\textsc{Int}]$, $\textsc{List}[\textsc{Bool}]$, $\textsc{List}[\textsc{List}[\ldots]]$

Type Variables

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\begin{array}{lcl}
\mathit{ty} & ::= & \textsc{Int} \\
 & \mid & \textsc{Bool} \\
 & \mid & \textsc{List}\ [\langle \mathit{ty} \rangle] \\
 & \mid & \mathit{tyvar}
\end{array}
$$

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\mathit{tyvar} \quad ::= \quad \alpha \mid \beta \mid \gamma \mid \ldots
$$

- Working with infinitely many types is impractical
- Summarise types by introducing **type variables** into $\mathbb{T}_{\mathit{linga}}$
- Can now define **parametric type** of nil:

$$
\frac{}{\mathsf{nil} : \textsc{List}[\alpha]}\ (\mathit{t\text{-}nil})
$$

- Still needs some tweaking, as we will see in the next lecture

Parametric Types can compactly summarise infinitely many types

Summary

- Precise analyses often need to know parameterise types with other types
  - $\textsc{List}[\textsc{List}[\textsc{Int}]]$
- Naïve *Recursive Types* are difficult to work with:
  - If we *don't* know a 'component type', we have potentially infinitely many types to remember
- **Parametric Types**:
  - $\textsc{List}[\alpha]$
  - Use **Type Variable** α to express that we know the type only *partially*
- **Principal Types**:
  - τ is *principal* for `e` if it *subsumes* all τ' with `e` : τ' (meaning of "subsumes" varies by type system/analysis)

Three Languages With Variables

Meta-Language

- Describes *Object Language*(s)
- Variables refer to object language concepts:
  - LINGA programs
  - $\mathbb{T}_{linga}$ types

Programs: LINGA

- "Object Language" #1
- Variables refer to input programs
- Example: $\underline{x}$ in

$$\text{let } \underline{x} = 1 \text{ in } \underline{x}$$

Types: $\mathbb{T}_{linga}$

- "Object Language" #2
- Variables refer to unknown types
- Example: α in

$$\textsc{List}[\alpha]$$

Meta-Variables Can Reference Object-Language Variables

Meta-Variable references	**Example**	**Meta-Variable Notation**
Program	1 plus 2	e
Type	$\textsc{List}[\textsc{Bool}]$	τ
Program variable	$\underline{\text{foo}}$	$\underline{x}$
Type Variable	α	α

Outlook

- Wednesday: Polymorphic Type Analysis
- Partly flipped lecture, videos up soon

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