

# Relatively Complete Refinement Type System for Verification of Higher-Order Non-deterministic Programs

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# Background

- Recent advances in (semi-)automated methods for verifying higher-order functional programs
  - **safety** [Rondon+ '08; U. & Kobayashi '08,'09; Terauchi '10; Ong & Ramsay '11; Jhala+ '11; Kobayashi+ '11; U.+ '13; ...]
  - **termination** [Sereni & Jones '05; Giesl+ '11; Kuwahara+ '14; Vazou+ '14]
  - **non-termination** [Kuwahara+ '15; Hashimoto & U. '15]
  - **temporal properties** [Koskinen & Terauchi '14; Murase+ '16]
- **Different techniques** are used to verify the different classes of properties, and are **hard to combine in a unified framework**
  - dependent refinement types,
  - predicate abstraction for higher-order model checking,
  - program transformation for (binary) reachability analysis,...

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# Dependent Refinement Types $\tau$

- $\{x : \text{int} \mid x \geq 0\}$

Non-negative integers

predicates on  
program values

- $(x : \text{int}) \rightarrow \{r : \text{int} \mid r \geq x\}$

Functions that take an integer  $x$  and  
(if terminated) return  $r$  not less than  $x$

- ☺ A type system ensures that a type-checked expression behaves according to the type
- ☹ Only universal branching properties can be expressed

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- $Q_2 \in \{\forall, \exists\}$  (**partial/total** correctness) specifies whether:
  - $\tau$  holds **for all** value obtained ( $Q_2 = \forall$ ), or
  - **there exists** a final value for which  $\tau$  holds ( $Q_2 = \exists$ )



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  - the evaluation **diverges or**  $\tau$  is satisfied ( $Q_2 = \forall$ ), or
  - the evaluation **terminates and**  $\tau$  is satisfied ( $Q_2 = \exists$ )

# Examples: Qualified Types $\tau^{Q_1 Q_2}$

- $\vdash e : \{u : \text{int} \mid u > 0\}^{\forall\forall}$   
for any non-deterministic evaluation of  $e$ ,  
if any integer  $u$  is obtained, then  $u$  is positive
- $\vdash e : \{u : \text{int} \mid u > 0\}^{\exists\exists}$   
for some non-deterministic evaluation of  $e$ ,  
some integer  $u$  is obtained, and  $u$  is positive

# Typing Integer Constants

Rule:

Integer  
constant

$\Delta \vdash n : \{x : \text{int} \mid x = n\}^{\forall\exists}$

Type  
environment

Universal  
and Total

# Converting Qualified Types

Subtyping Rule:

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash \tau_1 <: \tau_2 \quad Q_1 Q'_1 \sqsubseteq Q_2 Q'_2}{\Delta \vdash \tau_1^{Q_1 Q'_1} <: \tau_2^{Q_2 Q'_2}}$$

Universal  
and Partial

$\forall \forall$

$\forall \exists$

Universal  
and Total

$\exists \forall$

$\exists \exists$

Existential  
and Total

$\exists \forall$

Existential  
and Partial

# Typing Let-Bindings

Rule:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \Delta \vdash e_1 : \tau_1^{Q_1 Q_2} \\ \Delta, x : \tau_1 \vdash e_2 : \tau_2^{Q_1 Q_2} \quad x \notin fvs(\tau_2) \end{array}}{\Delta \vdash \text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 : \tau_2^{Q_1 Q_2}}$$

# Typing Recursive Functions for **Partial** Correctness

Rule:

$$\frac{\Delta, x : \tau_1, f : (x : \tau_1) \rightarrow \tau_2^{Q\forall} \vdash e : \tau_2^{Q\forall}}{\Delta \vdash \text{rec}(f, x, e) : (x : \tau_1) \rightarrow \tau_2^{Q\forall}}$$

(recursive) function  
let rec  $f$   $x = e$

# Typing Recursive Functions for Total Correctness (cf. [Xi '01])

Well-founded relation witnessing the termination of  $f$ , as a recursion guard

Rule:

$$\frac{\begin{array}{l} \tau_{rec} = (x' : \tau_1') \rightarrow \phi \triangleright (\tau_2')^{Q\exists} =_{\alpha} (x : \tau_1) \rightarrow \tau_2^{Q\exists} \\ \Delta \models WF(\lambda(x, x'). \phi) \quad \Delta, x : \tau_1, f : \tau_{rec} \vdash e : \tau_2^{Q\exists} \end{array}}{\Delta \vdash \text{rec}(f, x, e) : (x : \tau_1) \rightarrow \tau_2^{Q\exists}}$$

Example:

$$(x' : \{x' \mid x' \geq 0\}) \rightarrow x > x' \geq 0 \triangleright \{y' \mid y' \geq x'\}^{\forall\exists}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x : \{x \mid x \geq 0\}, \text{sum} : \tau_{rec} \vdash \text{if } x = 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } \dots : \text{int}^{\forall\exists} \\ \quad \models WF(\lambda(x, x'). x > x' \geq 0) \end{array}$$

$$\vdash \text{rec}(\text{sum}, x, \text{if } x = 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } x + \text{sum}(x - 1)) : \tau$$

$$(x : \{x \mid x \geq 0\}) \rightarrow \text{int}^{\forall\exists}$$

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# Qualified Bindings $x:Q\tau$

- Occur in type environments and the argument of dependent function types
- $Q \in \{\forall, \exists\}$  specifies whether a certain fact must hold for:
  - **any** input  $x$  that satisfies  $\tau$  ( $Q = \forall$ ), or
  - **some** input  $x$  that satisfies  $\tau$  ( $Q = \exists$ )

# Examples: Qualified Bindings $x:Q\tau$

- $(x:\forall \text{int}) \rightarrow \{u : \text{int} \mid u > x\}^{\exists\forall}$   
functions that, **for any** integer  $x$  and  
for any run with the argument  $x$ ,  
return some integer  $u$ ,  
which is greater than  $x$
- $(x:\exists \text{int}) \rightarrow \{u : \text{int} \mid u > x\}^{\forall\exists}$   
functions that, **there exists** an integer  $x$ ,  
for any run with the argument  $x$ ,  
return some integer  $u$ ,  
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# Skolemizing Existential Bindings

Rule:

Skolemization Predicate

$$\Delta, x : \exists \tau \models \phi$$

Type environment  
consisting of only  
 $\forall$ -bindings

$$\frac{\Delta, x : \forall \tau, \phi, \Gamma \vdash e : \sigma}{\Delta, x : \exists \tau, \Gamma \vdash e : \sigma}$$

Type environment consisting  
of both  $\forall$ - and  $\exists$ -bindings

Example:

$$x : \forall \text{int}, y : \exists \text{int} \models y = -x$$

$$\frac{x : \forall \text{int}, y : \forall \text{int}, y = -x \vdash x + y : \{z \mid z = 0\}^{\exists \forall}}{x : \forall \text{int}, y : \exists \text{int} \vdash x + y : \{z \mid z = 0\}^{\exists \forall}}$$

# Typing Non-deterministic Choice

Rule:

$$\frac{\Delta, x:Q_1 \text{int} \vdash e : \tau^{Q_1 Q_2} \quad x \notin fvs(\tau)}{\Delta \vdash \text{let } x = * \text{ in } e : \tau^{Q_1 Q_2}}$$

Example:

$$\frac{x:\forall \text{int}, y:\exists \text{int} \vdash x + y : \{z \mid z = 0\}^{\exists\exists}}{x:\forall \text{int} \vdash \text{let } y = * \text{ in } x + y : \{z \mid z = 0\}^{\exists\exists}}$$

# Typing Function Applications (Universal Bindings)

Rule:

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash v_1 : (x : \forall \tau) \rightarrow \sigma \quad \Delta \vdash v_2 : \tau}{\Delta \vdash v_1 v_2 : [v_2/x]\sigma}$$

# Typing Function Applications (Existential Bindings)

Observational  
equivalence

Rule:

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash v_1 : (x : \exists \tau) \rightarrow \sigma \quad \Delta, x : \forall \tau, \Gamma \vDash x \sim v_2}{\Delta, \Gamma \vdash v_1 v_2 : [v_2/x]\sigma}$$

Example:

$$\frac{\frac{f : \forall \tau \vdash f : \tau \quad f : \forall \tau, x : \forall \text{int}, y : \exists \text{int} \vDash x = y}{f : \forall \tau, y : \exists \text{int} \vdash f y : \{z \mid \perp\}^{\exists \forall}}}{f : \forall \tau \vdash \text{let } y = * \text{ in } f y : \{z \mid \perp\}^{\exists \forall}}$$

$$(x : \exists \text{int}) \rightarrow \{z \mid \perp\}^{\exists \forall}$$

# Converting Function Types (1/4)

Subtyping Rule:

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash \tau_2 <: \tau_1 \quad \Delta, x : \forall \tau_2 \vdash \sigma_1 <: \sigma_2}{\Delta \vdash (x : \forall \tau_1) \rightarrow \sigma_1 <: (x : \forall \tau_2) \rightarrow \sigma_2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\vdash (x : \forall \text{int}) \rightarrow \{y \mid y = x\}^{\forall\exists} \\ &<: (x : \forall \{x \mid x \geq 0\}) \rightarrow \{y \mid y \geq 0\}^{\forall\exists} \end{aligned}$$

# Converting Function Types (2/4)

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# Converting Function Types (3/4)

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Example:

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# Converting Function Types (4/4)

## Subtyping Rule:

$$\Delta, x: \forall (\tau_1 \wedge \tau_2), y: \forall (\tau_1 \wedge \tau_2) \vDash x \sim y$$

$$\Delta, x: \forall (\tau_1 \wedge \tau_2) \vdash \sigma_1 <: \sigma_2$$

$$\Delta, x: \forall (\tau_1 \setminus \tau_2) \vdash \sigma_1 <: \perp$$

$$\Delta, x: \forall (\tau_2 \setminus \tau_1) \vdash \top <: \sigma_2$$

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$$\Delta \vdash (x: \exists \tau_1) \rightarrow \sigma_1 <: (x: \forall \tau_2) \rightarrow \sigma_2$$

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$$\vdash (x: \exists \{x \mid x = 0\}) \rightarrow \{y \mid y = 0\}^{\exists \forall}$$

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# Gödel Encoding of Function-Type Values

- Enables **predicates** of the underlying logic  $T$  (e.g., second-order arithmetic) to depend on **function-type arguments** encoded as  $T$ -objects
- $(f: \forall \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}^{\forall \exists}) \rightarrow (g: \forall \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}^{\forall \exists}) \rightarrow \{u \mid f \sim g\}^{\forall \forall}$   
Functions that, given two terminating functions  $f$  and  $g$ , always diverge if  $f$  is not observationally equivalent to  $g$

# Guarded Intersection Types

$$\bigwedge_i \left( \phi_i \triangleright \tau_i^{Q_i Q'_i} \right)$$

- Collectively express different behaviors of functions depending on the arguments

- $(x : \forall \text{int}) \rightarrow (x > 0 \triangleright \text{int}^{\forall \exists}) \wedge (x < 0 \triangleright \{y \mid \perp\}^{\forall \forall}) \wedge (x = 0 \triangleright \text{int}^{\exists \exists}) \wedge (x = 0 \triangleright \{y \mid \perp\}^{\forall \exists})$

Functions that, given the argument  $x$  :

- always terminate if  $x > 0$ ,
- always diverge if  $x < 0$ , and otherwise,
- non-deterministically terminate or diverge

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# Complement Types $\neg\sigma$

- Thanks to having both modes of non-determinism, the type complement operator  $\neg$  can be defined:

$$\begin{aligned}\neg(\tau^{Q_1 Q_2}) &\triangleq (\neg\tau)^{(\neg Q_1)(\neg Q_2)} \\ \neg\{x : \mathbf{int} \mid \phi\} &\triangleq \{x : \mathbf{int} \mid \neg\phi\} \\ \neg\left(\left(x :^Q \tau\right) \rightarrow \sigma\right) &\triangleq \left(x :^{\neg Q} \tau\right) \rightarrow \neg\sigma \\ \neg\forall &\triangleq \exists \quad \neg\exists &\triangleq \forall\end{aligned}$$

# Example: Complement Types $\neg\sigma$

- $\sigma \triangleq (x : \forall \text{int}) \rightarrow \{u : \text{int} \mid u = x\}^{\forall\forall}$   
functions that, **for any** integer  $x$  and **for any** run with the argument  $x$ , **diverge or** return an integer  $u = x$
- $\neg\sigma = (x : \exists \text{int}) \rightarrow \{u : \text{int} \mid u \neq x\}^{\exists\exists}$   
functions that, **for some** integer  $x$  and **for some** run with the argument  $x$ , **terminate and** return an integer  $u \neq x$



# Example: Combined Reasoning (Non-safety via Termination)

Goal: prove that

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violates

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1. Show that  $f$  is **conditionally** terminating:  
The well-founded relation  $\lambda((x, y), (x', y')).$   
 $x > x' \wedge y = y' \wedge x \geq y$   
witnesses that  $f$  has the type:  
 $(x : \text{int}) \rightarrow (y : \{y \mid y \leq x\}) \rightarrow \text{int}^{\forall\exists}$
2. Show that the actual call  $f\ 10^9\ 0$  always terminates  
by checking  $\models 0 \leq 10^9$
3. Show that, for any integer  $r$ ,  
we can choose an integer  $z$   
such that  $z + r \neq 0$

Q.E.D.

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# Closure of Types under Complement

For any type  $\sigma$  refining a simple type  $S$ ,

- $[[\sigma]] \cap [[\neg\sigma]] = \emptyset$  and
- $[[\sigma]] \cup [[\neg\sigma]] = [[S]]$

where

- $[[\sigma]]$ : the set of expressions that behave according to  $\sigma$
- $[[S]]$ : the set of expressions of the type  $S$

# Soundness

$\Gamma \vdash e : \sigma$  implies  $e \in \llbracket \Gamma \vdash \sigma \rrbracket$

the set of expressions  
that behave according to  
 $\sigma$  under any valuation  
conforming to  $\Gamma$

# Relative Completeness

$e \in \llbracket \Gamma \vdash \sigma \rrbracket$  implies  $\Gamma \vdash e : \sigma$

under the assumption that the underlying logic is sufficiently expressible

- to Gödel encode arbitrary functions definable in the target programming language
- to represent well-founded relations witnessing the termination of the definable functions

# Summary

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# Future Work

- Extensions with temporal specifications:
  - Temporal trace specs. (e.g., LTL)
  - Branching temporal specs. (e.g., CTL, modal- $\mu$ )
- Extensions with language features:
  - Recursive data structures
  - Linked data structures
  - Call-by-name evaluation
  - Probabilistic choice
- Automation of type checking and inference

# Towards Automation (Ongoing)

- Type Checking

- How to leverage off-the-shelf SMT solvers?

- Abstraction and counterexample guided refinement for the encoding of function-type values

- Type Inference

- How to synthesize inductive invariants, well-founded relations, and Skolemization predicates?

- Reduction to existentially-quantified Horn clause and well-foundedness constraints

- How to achieve scalable inference?

- Combination of universal and existential reasoning