

Blame for All

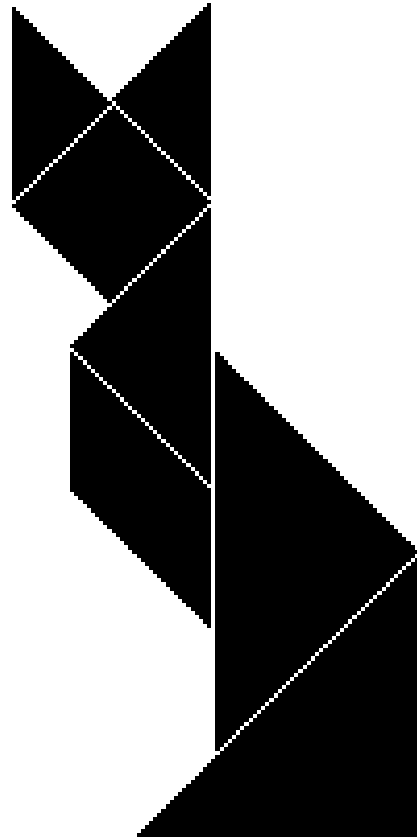
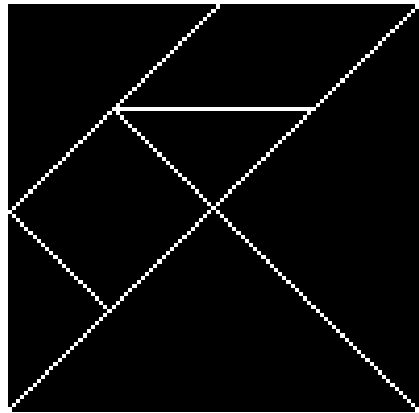
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A repeated theme

Henglein (1994):
Dynamic typing

Findler and Felleisen (2002):
Contracts

Siek and Taha (2006):
Gradual types

Tobin-Hochstadt and Felleisen (2006):
Migratory types

Flanagan (2006):
Hybrid types

A repeated theme

Javascript 4.0

Perl 6.0

C# 4.0

Visual Basic 9.0

Part I

Blame

Syntax

base type B

type $S, T ::= B \mid S \rightarrow T \mid *$

cast $C, D ::= B \mid C \rightarrow D \mid *$

ground $G, H ::= B \mid * \rightarrow *$

blame label p, q

term $s, t, u ::= x \mid \lambda x : S. t \mid t s \mid \langle D \Leftarrow C \rangle^p s$

Typing

$$\boxed{\Gamma \vdash t : T}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash s : S \quad S \sim T}{\Gamma \vdash \langle T \Leftarrow S \rangle^p s : T}$$

Compatibility

$$\boxed{S \sim T}$$

$$\overline{S \sim *} \quad \overline{* \sim T} \quad \overline{B \sim B}$$

$$\frac{S \sim S' \quad T \sim T'}{S \rightarrow T \sim S' \rightarrow T'}$$

Typing

$$\boxed{\Gamma \vdash t : T}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash s : |C| \quad C \triangleleft D}{\Gamma \vdash \langle D \Leftarrow C \rangle^p s : |D|}$$

Compatibility

$$\boxed{C \triangleleft D}$$

$$\overline{C \triangleleft *} \quad \overline{* \triangleleft D} \quad \overline{B \triangleleft B}$$

$$\frac{C' \triangleleft C \quad D \triangleleft D'}{C \rightarrow D \triangleleft C' \rightarrow D'}$$

Erasure

$$\boxed{|C| = T}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |B| &= B \\ |C \rightarrow D| &= |C| \rightarrow |D| \\ |*| &= * \end{aligned}$$

Syntax

ground $G, H ::= B \mid * \rightarrow *$

value $v, w ::= \lambda x. t \mid \langle * \Leftarrow G \rangle^p v$

Reductions

$s \longrightarrow t$

$$(\lambda x. t) v \longrightarrow t[x := v]$$
$$\langle C' \rightarrow D' \Leftarrow C \rightarrow D \rangle^p v \longrightarrow \lambda x. \langle D' \Leftarrow D \rangle^p v (\langle C \Leftarrow C' \rangle^{\bar{p}} x)$$
$$\langle * \Leftarrow * \rangle^p v \longrightarrow v$$
$$\langle B \Leftarrow B \rangle^p v \longrightarrow v$$
$$\langle * \Leftarrow C \rightarrow D \rangle^p v \longrightarrow \langle * \Leftarrow * \rightarrow * \rangle^p \langle * \rightarrow * \Leftarrow C \rightarrow D \rangle^p v$$
$$\langle C \rightarrow D \Leftarrow * \rangle^p v \longrightarrow \langle C \rightarrow D \Leftarrow * \rightarrow * \rangle^p \langle * \rightarrow * \Leftarrow * \rangle^p v$$
$$\langle G \Leftarrow * \rangle^q \langle * \Leftarrow G \rangle^p v \longrightarrow v$$
$$\langle H \Leftarrow * \rangle^q \langle * \Leftarrow G \rangle^p v \longrightarrow \text{blame } q, \quad \text{if } G \neq H$$

Part II

Blame for all

Syntax

base type B

type $S, T ::= B \mid S \rightarrow T \mid * \mid X \mid \forall X. T$

cast $C, D ::= B \mid C \rightarrow D \mid * \mid X \mid \forall X. C \mid k(T)$

ground $G, H ::= B \mid * \rightarrow * \mid k(T)$

term $s, t, u ::= x \mid \lambda x : S. t \mid t s \mid \langle D \Leftarrow C \rangle^p s$
 $\lambda X. t \mid t S \mid s i s^p G$

Typing

$$\boxed{\Gamma \vdash t : T}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash s : |C| \quad C \triangleleft D}{\Gamma \vdash \langle D \Leftarrow C \rangle^p s : |D|}$$

Compatibility

$$\boxed{C \triangleleft D}$$

$$\overline{X \triangleleft X} \quad \overline{k(T) \triangleleft k(T)}$$

$$\frac{C[X := *] \triangleleft D}{\forall X. C \triangleleft D} \quad \frac{C \triangleleft D}{C \triangleleft \forall X. D} X \notin C$$

Erasure

$$\boxed{|C| = T}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |X| &= X \\ |\forall X. C| &= \forall X. |C| \\ |k(T)| &= T \end{aligned}$$

Compatibility is reflexive

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{C \triangleleft D}{C[X := *] \triangleleft D}}{\forall X. C \triangleleft D}}{\forall X. C \triangleleft \forall X. D} \quad X \notin \forall X. C$$

Reduction

$$K; s \longrightarrow t; K'$$

$$\begin{aligned} K; (\Lambda X. t) S &\longrightarrow t[X := k(S)]; K \cup \{k\}, \quad \text{if } k \notin K \\ \langle D \Leftarrow \forall X. C \rangle^p v &\longrightarrow \langle D \Leftarrow C[X := *] \rangle^p (v *) \\ \langle \forall X. D \Leftarrow C \rangle^p v &\longrightarrow \Lambda X. \langle D \Leftarrow C \rangle^p v, \quad \text{if } X \notin C, v \end{aligned}$$

Reduction, continued

$$\begin{aligned}(\langle * \Leftarrow G \rangle^p v) \text{ is}^q G &\longrightarrow \text{true, if } G \neq k(T) \\(\langle * \Leftarrow G \rangle^p v) \text{ is}^q H &\longrightarrow \text{false, if } G \neq H, k(T) \\(\langle * \Leftarrow k(T) \rangle^p v) \text{ is}^q H &\longrightarrow \text{blame } q\end{aligned}$$

Part III

Subtyping

Subtype

$$C <: D$$

$$\frac{C <: G}{C <: *} \quad \frac{}{* <: *}$$
$$\frac{}{B <: B} \quad \frac{C' <: C \quad D <: D'}{C \rightarrow D <: C' \rightarrow D'}$$

Positive subtype

$$C <:^+ D$$

$$\frac{}{C <:^+ *}$$
$$\frac{}{B <:^+ B}$$
$$\frac{C' <:^- C \quad D <:^+ D'}{C \rightarrow D <:^+ C' \rightarrow D'}$$

Negative subtype

$$C <:^- D$$

$$\frac{C <:^- G}{C <:^- D}$$
$$\frac{}{* <:^- D}$$
$$\frac{}{B <:^- B}$$
$$\frac{C' <:^+ C \quad D <:^- D'}{C \rightarrow D <:^- C' \rightarrow D'}$$

Naive subtype

$$C <:{}_n D$$

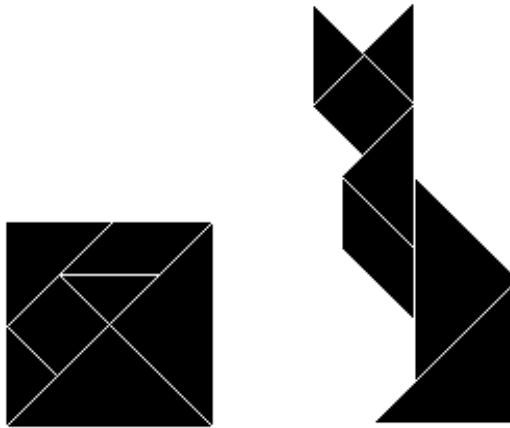
$$\frac{}{C <:{}_n *}$$
$$\frac{}{B <:{}_n B}$$
$$\frac{C <:{}_n C' \quad D <:{}_n D'}{C \rightarrow D <:{}_n C' \rightarrow D'}$$

Examples

$$* \rightarrow I \prec : I \rightarrow *$$

$$I \rightarrow I \prec :_n * \rightarrow *$$

Tangram theorems



$C \prec_n D$ iff $C \prec_n^+ D$ and $C \prec_n^- D$

$C \prec_n^+ D$ iff $C \prec_n^+ D$ and $D \prec_n^- C$

Safety

$$\frac{C <:^+ D \quad s \text{ sf } p}{\langle D \Leftarrow C \rangle^p s \text{ sf } p}$$

$$\frac{C <:^- D \quad s \text{ sf } p}{\langle D \Leftarrow C \rangle^{\bar{p}} s \text{ sf } p}$$

$$\frac{q \neq p, \bar{p} \quad s \text{ sf } p}{\langle D \Leftarrow C \rangle^q s \text{ sf } p}$$

$$\frac{}{x \text{ sf } p}$$

$$\frac{t \text{ sf } p}{\lambda x. t \text{ sf } p}$$

$$\frac{t \text{ sf } p \quad s \text{ sf } p}{t s \text{ sf } p}$$

Blame theorem

Preservation

If $s \text{ sf } p$ and $s \longrightarrow t$ then $t \text{ sf } p$

Progress

If $t \text{ sf } p$ then $t \not\rightarrow \text{blame } p$

Part IV

Subtyping for all

Subtype

$$C <: D$$

$$\overline{X <: X} \quad \overline{k(T) <: k(T)}$$

Positive subtype

$$C <:^+ D$$

$$\overline{X <:^+ X} \quad \overline{k(T) <:^+ k(T)}$$

Negative subtype

$$C <:^- D$$

$$\overline{X <:^- X} \quad \overline{k(T) <:^- k(T)}$$

Naive subtype

$$C <:{}_n D$$

$$\overline{X <:{}_n X} \quad \overline{k(T) <:{}_n k(T)}$$

Subtype

$$C <: D$$

$$\frac{C[X := *] <: D}{\forall X. C <: D}$$

$$\frac{C <: D}{C <: \forall X. D} X \notin C$$

Positive subtype

$$C <:^+ D$$

$$\frac{C[X := *] <:^+ D}{\forall X. C <:^+ D}$$

$$\frac{C <:^+ D}{C <:^+ \forall X. D} X \notin C$$

Negative subtype

$$C <:^- D$$

$$\frac{C[X := *] <:^- D}{\forall X. C <:^- D}$$

$$\frac{C <:^- D}{C <:^- \forall X. D} X \notin C$$

Naive subtype

$$C <:{}_n D$$

$$\frac{C[X := *] <:{}_n D}{\forall X. C <:{}_n D}$$

$$\frac{C <:{}_n D}{C <:{}_n \forall X. D} X \notin C$$

Subtyping is *not* reflexive

$$\frac{C <: D}{C[X := *] <: D} \text{ incorrect!}$$
$$\frac{\forall X. C <: D}{\forall X. C <: \forall X. D} X \notin \forall X. C$$

Blame theorem still holds

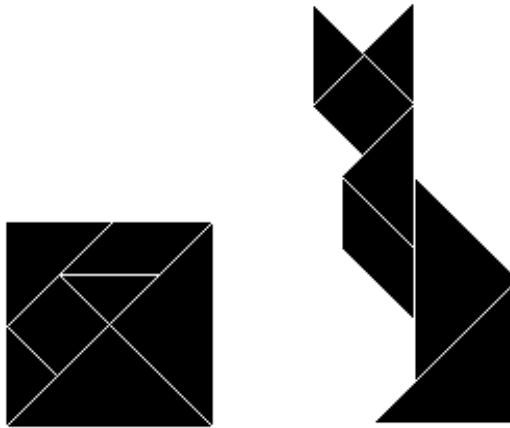
Preservation

If $s \text{ sf } p$ and $s \longrightarrow t$ then $t \text{ sf } p$

Progress

If $t \text{ sf } p$ then $t \not\rightarrow \text{blame } p$

Tangram theorems still hold



$$C <: D \text{ iff } C <:^+ D \text{ and } C <:^- D$$

$$C <:{}_n D \text{ iff } C <:^+ D \text{ and } D <:^- C$$

Second Tangram Theorem requires two lemmas

Lemma 1:

Assume $X \notin D$

$D <:- C[X := *]$ iff $D <:- C$

$C[X := *] <:+ D$ iff $C <:+ D$

Lemma 2:

$C <:+ D$ and $X \notin C$ implies $X \notin D$

$C <:- D$ and $X \notin D$ implies $X \notin C$

Better subtyping

$$C <: D$$

$$\frac{C <: G}{C <: *} \quad \frac{}{* <: *} \quad \frac{}{B <: B}$$

$$\frac{C' <: C \quad D <: D'}{C \rightarrow D <: C' \rightarrow D'}$$

$$\frac{}{X <: X} \quad \frac{}{k(T) <: k(T)}$$

$$\frac{C[X := T] <: D}{\forall X. C <: D} \quad \frac{C <: D}{C <: \forall X. D} \quad X \notin C$$

Maybe ordinary subtyping is of some use after all ...

The end

Bonus material

Counterexample

It is tempting to take

$$\frac{C[X := T] <:^+ D}{\forall X. C <:^+ D}$$

but that would be wrong, since

$$\frac{\frac{* <:^- I \quad I <:^+ I}{I \rightarrow I <:^+ * \rightarrow I}}{\forall X. X \rightarrow X <:^+ * \rightarrow I}$$

and

$(\langle * \rightarrow \mathbb{I} \Leftarrow \forall X. X \rightarrow X \rangle^p \text{id}) \text{ true}$

→

$(\langle * \rightarrow \mathbb{I} \Leftarrow * \rightarrow * \rangle^p \text{id } *) \text{ true}$

→

$\langle \mathbb{I} \Leftarrow * \rangle^p \text{id } * (\langle * \Leftarrow * \rangle^{\bar{p}} \text{ true})$

→

$\langle \mathbb{I} \Leftarrow * \rangle^p \text{ true}$

→

blame p

Proof of tiling theorem (one case)

Assume $X \notin D$

$$\forall X. C \prec_n D$$

iff (def'n subtyping, inversion)

$$C[X := *] \prec_n D$$

iff (inductive hypothesis)

$$C[X := *] \prec^+ D \text{ and } D \prec^- C[X := *]$$

iff (Lemma 1)

$$C[X := *] \prec^+ D \text{ and } D \prec^- C$$

iff (def'n subtyping, inversion)

$$\forall X. C \prec^+ D \text{ and } D \prec^- \forall X. C$$

Proof of tangle theorem (another case)

Assume $X \notin C$

$$C <:_n \forall X. D$$

iff (def'n subtyping, inversion)

$$C <:_n D$$

iff (inductive hypothesis)

$$C <:_+ D \text{ and } D <:_- C$$

iff (Lemma 2, $X \notin D$ implies $D = D[X := *]$)

$$C <:_+ D \text{ and } D[X := *] <:_- C$$

iff (def'n subtyping, inversion)

$$C <:_+ \forall X. D \text{ and } \forall X. D <:_- C$$