

Last time

$$\Gamma \vdash M : ?$$

# Polymorphic type inference and mutable state

```
let r = ref None in
  r := Some "boom";
match !r with
  None -> ()
  | Some f -> f ()
```

## The value restriction

Only generalize if M is a *syntactic value*

```
let x = M in N
```

## Relaxing the value restriction: variance

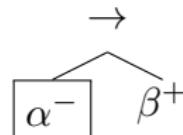
Variance describes the input/output behaviour of a type parameter:

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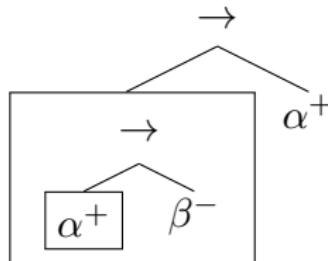
Parameters for input types are negative / contravariant

The positions of the parameter in the definition determine variance.

$'a \rightarrow 'b$



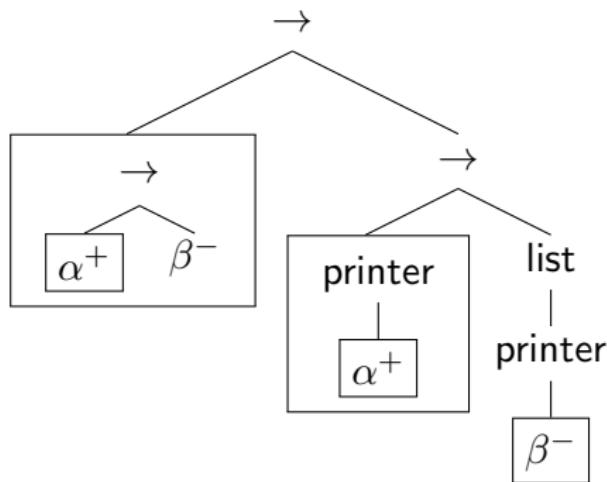
$('a \rightarrow 'b) \rightarrow 'a$



## Relaxing the value restriction: variance

```
type 'a printer = 'a -> string
```

```
('a -> 'b) -> 'a printer -> 'b printer list
```



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This time

$$\Gamma \vdash A$$

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$A \rightarrow B$

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$A \times B$

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What about first-order logic?

## Propositional vs predicate

**Propositional logic**

$$P \rightarrow Q$$

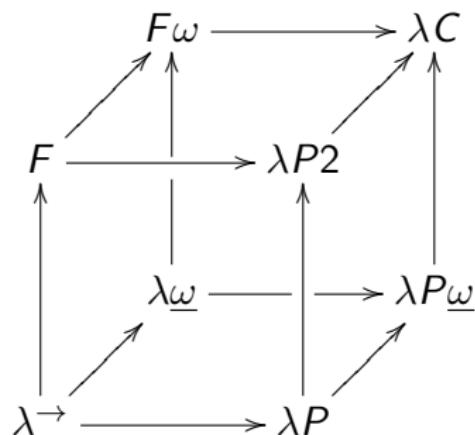
**Predicate logic (FOPL)**

$$P(x)$$

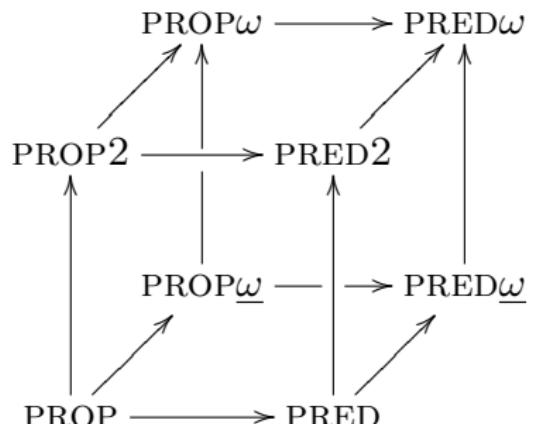
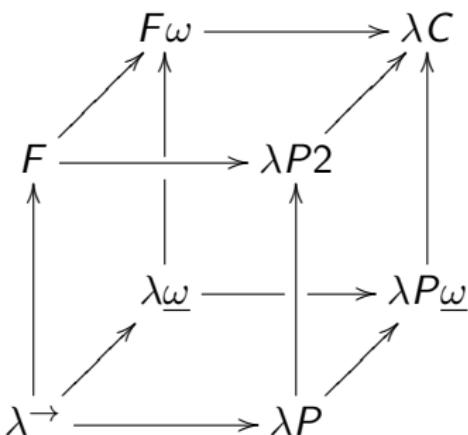
$$(\forall P. P \rightarrow P) \rightarrow (\exists Q. Q \rightarrow Q)$$

$$\forall x \in A. P(x)$$

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**Terms correspond to proofs**

## Inference rules for $\rightarrow$

$$\frac{x : A \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : A} \text{ tvar}$$

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$$\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash M : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x : A. M : A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow\text{-intro}$$

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## Inference rules for $\times$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A \quad \Gamma \vdash N : B}{\Gamma \vdash \langle M, N \rangle : A \times B} \times\text{-intro}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : A \times B}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fst } M : A} \times\text{-elim-1}$$

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# Classical vs intuitionistic logic

## Classical logic

Emphasis on **truth**

Truth values:  $\top, \perp$

$A \vee \neg A$  always holds

## Intuitionistic logic

Emphasis on **proof**

Proofs inhabit propositions

$A \vee \neg A$  doesn't hold in general

## Brouwer-Heyting-Kolmogorov (BHK) interpretation

A proof of  $A \rightarrow B$ :

a function that builds a proof of  $B$  from a proof of  $A$ .

A proof of  $A \wedge B$ :

a pair of a proof of  $A$  and a proof of  $B$ .

$\neg A$

means  $A \rightarrow \perp$

$\perp$

has no proof

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**Evaluation** *corresponds to proof simplification*

# Who should care?

## Language designers

e.g. *linear logic*: restrictions on structural rules

corresponds to a language with resource management guarantees

## Logicians

since results about programming languages transfer “for free”

e.g. strong normalization implies consistency

## Authors (and users) of proof assistants

e.g. Coq and other tools based on type theory

## Programmers?

## Logical equivalences

$$\forall \beta.(\forall \alpha.(P\alpha \rightarrow \beta)) \rightarrow \beta \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \exists \alpha.P\alpha$$

$$\forall \beta.(P \rightarrow \beta) \wedge (Q \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta \quad \leftrightarrow \quad P \vee Q$$

Proof: we must show

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$$\exists \alpha.P\alpha \vdash \forall \beta.(\forall \alpha.(P\alpha \rightarrow \beta)) \rightarrow \beta$$

etc.

# A proof

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$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Lambda \alpha. \lambda v : P\alpha. \text{pack } \alpha, v \text{ as } \exists \alpha. P\alpha : \forall \alpha. P\alpha \rightarrow \exists \alpha. P\alpha}{\dots} \forall\text{-intro}$$

Left subtree:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash H [\exists \alpha. V\alpha] : (\forall \alpha. P\alpha \rightarrow \exists \alpha. P\alpha) \rightarrow \exists \alpha. P\alpha}{\dots} \forall\text{-elim}$$

Finally:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash H [\exists \alpha. V\alpha] : (\forall \alpha. P\alpha \rightarrow \exists \alpha. P\alpha) \rightarrow \exists \alpha. P\alpha}{\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Lambda \alpha. \lambda v : P\alpha. \text{pack } \alpha, v \text{ as } \exists \alpha. P\alpha : \forall \alpha. P\alpha \rightarrow \exists \alpha. P\alpha}{\Gamma \vdash H [\exists \alpha. V\alpha] (\Lambda \alpha. \lambda v : P\alpha. \text{pack } \alpha, v \text{ as } \exists \alpha. P\alpha) : \exists \alpha. P\alpha}} \rightarrow\text{-elim}$$

## Is it useful?

$$\forall \beta. (P \rightarrow \beta) \wedge (Q \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta \quad \leftrightarrow \quad P \vee Q$$

These type equivalences can be useful in constructing programs.

The data type encodings we saw last week can be derived this way.

In the exercises: two ways of building an HTML renderer.

We'll revisit when we look at domain-specific languages.

## Closing thoughts

The correspondence suggests a way of thinking about programming  
— and a way of systematically constructing (some) programs

However, propositional logic is quite weak  
(and our types are often uninformative)

We'll have richer types available later (GADTs, monads),  
at which point we'll revisit the question of usefulness

Next time

## **Abstraction**