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<sup>1</sup>From the point of view of the typical issues to be faced when mechanizing a formal system.

*shallow*

*deep vs.*

*concise/elegant/usable/etc.*

*how far*

*w.r.t*

*i.e. how close*

$\alpha$

*Synopsis.*

<:

Coq

Coq

2. A paradigmatic case study: System F

<:

*i.e.*  
*on paper*

<:

<:

*on purpose*

<: *well-scoping*

*shallow*

<:

*i.e.  $\alpha$*



In fact, the first task of the Challenge addresses the relationship between the two subtyping versions, as it consists to prove that the transitivity property (3) is a derivable property within the algorithmic system (the same is required for reflexivity (2), a goal which is less problematic, though).

The proof of the transitivity is challenging essentially in two respects: it has to be proved together with the narrowing property, and the whole proof requires a mutual and nested induction proof argument<sup>2</sup>.

Proposition 1 (Transitivity). Let be  $\Sigma \text{Env}$ , and  $S; Q; T; X; M; N; P \in \text{Type}$

- 1) If  $\vdash S < Q$  and  $\vdash Q < T$ , then  $\vdash S < T$ .
- 2) If  $\vdash X < Q$ ;  $\vdash M < N$  and  $\vdash P < Q$ , then  $\vdash X < P$ ;  $\vdash M < N$ .

Proof. 1), 2) are proved together, by induction on the structure of the type  $Q$ .

1) The proof for transitivity proceeds by an inner induction on the structure of the derivation  $\vdash S < Q$ , with a case analysis on the final rule of such a derivation and on that of the second hypothesis  $\vdash Q < T$ . We illustrate the crucial case when both the derivations end with an application of the (All) rule (where it holds  $S \text{ \textcircled{8} } X < :S_1:S_2$ ,  $Q \text{ \textcircled{8} } X < :Q_1:Q_2$ ,  $T \text{ \textcircled{8} } X < :T_1:T_2$ ):

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdash Q_1 < :S_1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdash X < :Q_1 \quad \vdash S_2 < :Q_2 \end{array}}{\vdash X < :S_1:S_2 < : \text{ \textcircled{8} } X < :Q_1:Q_2} \text{ (All)} \quad \frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdash T_1 < :Q_1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdash X < :T_1 \quad \vdash Q_2 < :T_2 \end{array}}{\vdash X < :Q_1:Q_2 < : \text{ \textcircled{8} } X < :T_1:T_2} \text{ (All)}$$

To conclude  $\vdash X < :S_1:S_2 < : \text{ \textcircled{8} } X < :T_1:T_2$  via the (All) rule, two premises are needed: first,  $\vdash T_1 < :S_1$  may be derived by induction hypothesis from the third and the first subderivations; however, the induction hypothesis cannot be applied to the second and fourth ones (to deduce  $\vdash X < :T_1 \quad \vdash S_2 < :T_2$ ), because their environments are different. Hence, the narrowing property, i.e., the outer induction hypothesis (being  $Q_1$  structurally smaller than  $Q$ ) has to be exploited, to derive  $\vdash X < :T_1 \quad \vdash S_2 < :Q_2$  from the second and the third subderivations. To construct the required derivation  $\vdash X < :T_1 \quad \vdash S_2 < :T_2$  from this last hypothesis and the fourth subderivation, it is necessary to apply again the outer induction hypothesis (i.e., the transitivity itself, with  $Q_2$  structurally smaller than  $Q$ ).

2) Similarly, the proof for narrowing proceeds by an inner induction on the structure of the derivation  $\vdash X < :Q$ ;  $\vdash M < :N$ , again with a case analysis on the final rule applied. The treatment of this "twin" property is even subtler when the last rule applied is (Trans), and  $M$  is exactly  $X$ :

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \vdash X < :Q; \quad \vdash Q < :N \end{array}}{\vdash X < :Q; \quad \vdash M \quad X < :N} \text{ (Trans)}$$

Now,  $\vdash X < :P$ ;  $\vdash Q < :N$  is derived by induction hypothesis, and  $\vdash X < :P$ ;  $\vdash P < :Q$  via a straightforward weakening property. This time, the outer induction

<sup>2</sup>The proof of transitivity is reported in [10, 22], albeit not in a fully detailed fashion.

with the same  $Q$

$$\boxed{X < P, \quad ' P < N} \quad , X < P \boxed{ \quad ' X < N \quad \square$$

2.2. System  $F_{<}$ : in sequent-style

scoping

<:

types  
subtyping

Coq

type environment  
 $\mathbf{hX, Ti}$

formally  
closure  
closed

$T$  w.r.t  
 $Type \ Env$   $\square$   $T$   $ok \ Env$

well-formedness  
 $\mathbf{hX, Ti}$   $T \quad T$   $\square \quad X$

w.r.t  $\square$   $fv \ T$   $2, \neq$   $w.r.t \quad T$

**Definition 1** . For  $Z \ \mathbf{hX_1, T_1i}, \dots, \mathbf{hX_n, T_ni} \in Env$ ,  $T \in Type$ , the  $ok$  of  $\square$  and the predicates  $dom$ ,  $ok \ pair$  are defined as follows:

$dom \ \triangleq \ \mathbf{fX_1, \dots, X_n\mathbf{g}} \quad closed \ T, \quad \triangleq \ \exists Y. Y \in fv \ T \ ) \ \exists U. \mathbf{hY, Ui} \in \square$

$$\frac{}{ok ; \quad ok ;} \quad \frac{ok \quad X \notin dom \quad closed \ T,}{ok \quad , \mathbf{hX, Ti}} \quad ok \ pair$$

$X \notin fv \ T$

$ok \ pair$

$' S < T \square$   $sub \quad , S, T$   
 $sub \quad Env \ Type \ Type$

**Definition 2** . Assume  $\square \in Env$ ,  $S, S_1, S_2, T, T_1, T_2, U \in Type$ . Then,

the predicate  $ok$  is defined by induction, as follows:

$$\frac{ok \quad closed \ S,}{sub \ ,S,Top} \quad top \quad \frac{ok \quad \ulcorner X,Ui \ 2 \ \urcorner}{sub \ ,X,X} \quad var$$

$$\frac{\ulcorner X,Ui \ 2 \ \urcorner \quad sub \ ,U,T}{sub \ ,X,T} \quad trs \quad \frac{sub \ ,T_1,S_1 \quad sub \ ,S_2,T_2}{sub \ ,S_1! \ S_2,T_1! \ T_2} \quad arr$$

$$\frac{sub \ ,T_1,S_1 \quad for \ all \ X, \ ok \ ,\ulcorner X,T_1 \urcorner \ ) \quad sub \ \ulcorner \ulcorner X,T_1 \urcorner \ ,S_2,T_2 \urcorner}{sub \ ,\exists X < S_1.S_2, \exists X < T_1.T_2} \quad all$$

sequent-style

i.e.  $sub \ ,S,T$  premises conclusions  $S < T$  derivation assertions

well-formedness formally  $same$  compatibility

**Lemma 1** . Let be  $\ulcorner 2Env$ , and  $S,T2Type$ :

- 1)  $sub \ ,S,T \ ) \ ok \ ;$
- 2)  $sub \ ,S,T \ ) \ closed \ S, \ \wedge \ closed \ T, \ .$

Proof.

$sub \ ,S,T$  □

**Theorem 1** . Let be  $\ulcorner 2Env$ , and  $S,T2Type$ :

$sub \ ,S,T$  if and only if  $\ulcorner \ ' \ S < T$ .

Proof. □

w.r.t

$\mid perm$

**Lemma 2** . Let be  $\ulcorner , \ 2Env$ , and  $X,P,Q,S,T2Type$ :

- 1) Well-formedness:  $ok \ ,\ulcorner X,Qi \ , \ \wedge \ sub \ ,P,Q \ ) \ ok \ ,\ulcorner X,Pi \ , \ ;$
- 2) Permutation:  $sub \ ,S,T \ \wedge \ ok \ perm \ ) \ sub \ perm \ ,S,T \ ;$
- 3) Weakening:  $sub \ ,S,T \ \wedge \ ok \ , \ ) \ sub \ \ulcorner \ ,S,T \ .$

Proof.

$sub \ ,S,T$   
 $sub \ ,S,T$  □





**Definition 3**. Assume  $S, S_1, S_2, T, T_1, T_2, X, U$   $\text{Type}$ . In the  $\text{all}_N$  rule below, let *fresh*  $X$  stand for the two conditions  $X \notin \text{fv } S_1 \cup \text{fv } T_1 \cup \text{fv } S_2 \cup \text{fv } T_2$  and there does not exist any  $V$   $\text{Type}$  different from  $T_1$  such that  $\text{book } X, V$ . Then, the predicate  $\text{sub}_N$  is defined by induction:

$$\frac{\text{closed}_N S}{\text{sub}_N S, \text{Top}} \text{top}_N \quad \frac{\text{book } X, U \quad \text{sub}_N U, T}{\text{sub}_N X, T} \text{trs}_N$$

$$\frac{\text{book } X, U}{\text{sub}_N X, X} \text{var}_N \quad \frac{\text{sub}_N T_1, S_1 \quad \text{sub}_N S_2, T_2}{\text{sub}_N S_1! S_2, T_1! T_2} \text{arr}_N$$

$$\frac{\text{fresh } X \wedge \text{book } X, T_1 \quad \vdots \quad \text{sub}_N T_1, S_1 \quad \text{sub}_N S_2, T_2}{\text{sub}_N \exists X < S_1.S_2, \exists X < T_1.T_2} \text{all}_N$$

*conditional*

**Lemma 3**. Let be  $S, T$   $\text{Type}$ :  $\text{sub}_N S, T \rightarrow \text{closed}_N S \wedge \text{closed}_N T$   
*Proof.*  $\text{sub}_N S, T$  □

Coq

w.r.t

### 3. A $\lambda$ ST encoding with explicit type environments

Coq  $\lambda$ ST  
*sequent-style*

#### 3.1. Higher-order representation of syntax and binders

$\alpha$  *weak HOAS*

$X \ Y$   $\lambda$ ST *variables*  $X \ Y$  *non-inductive*  $\text{Coq}$   $\text{Var}$

*inductive* Tp <sub>3</sub> <: *types*

Parameter Var: Set.  
 Inductive Tp: Set := var: Var -> Tp | top: Tp  
 | arr: Tp -> Tp -> Tp | fa : Tp -> (Var -> Tp) -> Tp.  
 Coercion var: Var >-> Tp.

*higher-order* <: 8 *fa*  
 Var  
 Tp  
 Coq X  
 $\exists X < S.T$  S S  
 T[X] T  
 X X  
 $\exists X < S.T$  (fa S (fun X:Var => T[X]))  
 X fun  
 $\alpha$  Coq

### 3.2. Type environments as lists of pairs

*type environments*  
*lists*

Var Tp

Definition envTp: Set := (list (Var \* Tp)).

*i.e*

*i.e*

*w.r.t*

isin notin

Inductive isin (X:Var): Tp -> Prop := isin\_var: isin X X  
 | isin\_arr: forall S T:Tp, isin X S \ / isin X T -> isin X (arr S T)  
 | isin\_fa : forall S:Tp, forall U:Var->Tp, isin X S \ /  
 (forall Y:Var, ~X=Y -> isin X (U Y)) -> isin X (fa S U).  
 Inductive notin (X:Var): Tp -> Prop := notin\_top: notin X top  
 | notin\_var: forall Y:Var, ~X=Y -> notin X Y  
 | notin\_arr: forall S T:Tp, notin X S -> notin X T -> notin X (arr S T)  
 | notin\_fa : forall S:Tp, forall U:Var->Tp, notin X S ->  
 (forall Y:Var, ~X=Y -> notin X (U Y)) -> notin X (fa S U).

<sup>3</sup>Notice that `var` is declared as a coercion operator, which avoids to type explicitly the constructor, where a variable should stand for a term of type `Tp`.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{X} \quad \text{T} \\
\text{X} \not\leq^{fv} T \\
\text{X} \not\leq^{fv} T \\
\text{notin\_ho} \quad \text{Tp} \quad \text{top} \quad \text{isin} \\
\text{notin} \quad \text{notin} \\
i.e.
\end{array}$$

```

Definition notin_ho:= fun X: Var => fun S: Var->Tp =>
  forall Y: Var, ~X=Y -> (notin X (S Y)).

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$$\text{X} \not\leq^{dom} \text{Gfresh} \quad \text{closed } T, \quad \text{Gclosed w.r.t} \quad \text{hX, Ti2} \square \text{ isinG}$$

```

Inductive Gfresh (X:Var): envTp -> Prop := GfVoid: Gfresh X nil
| GfGrow: forall G:envTp, forall Y:Var, forall T:Tp,
  Gfresh X G -> ~X=Y -> Gfresh X (cons (Y,T) G).
Inductive isinG (X:Var) (T:Tp): envTp -> Prop :=
  checkG: forall G:envTp, forall y:Var, forall U:Tp,
    (X=Y /\ T=U) \/ isinG X T G -> isinG X T (cons (Y,U) G).
Definition Gclosed (T:Tp) (G:envTp): Prop :=
  forall X:Var, (isin X T) -> exists U:Tp, isinG X U G.

```

```

Inductive okEnv: envTp -> Prop := okVoid: okEnv nil
| okGrow: forall G:envTp, forall x:Var, forall T:Tp, okEnv G ->
  Gfresh X G -> Gclosed T G -> okEnv (cons (X,T) G).

```

### 3.3. Encoding the subtyping system

*sub*

subG\_fa

```

Inductive subGTp: envTp -> Tp -> Tp -> Prop :=
  subG_top: forall G:envTp, forall S:Tp,
    okEnv G -> Gclosed S G -> subGTp G S top
| subG_var: forall G:envTp, forall X:Var, forall U:Tp,
  okEnv G -> isinG X U G -> subGTp G X X
| subG_trs: forall G:envTp, forall X:Var, forall U T:Tp,
  isinG X U G -> subGTp G U T -> subGTp G X T
| subG_arr: forall G:envTp, forall S1 S2 T1 T2:Tp,
  subGTp G T1 S1 -> subGTp G S2 T2 ->
  subGTp G (arr S1 S2) (arr T1 T2)
| subG_fa: forall G:envTp, forall S1 T1:Tp,
  forall S2 T2:Var->Tp, subGTp G T1 S1 ->
  (forall X:Var, okEnv (cons (X,T1) G) ->
    subGTp (cons (X,T1) G) (S2 X) (T2 X)) ->
  subGTp G (fa S1 S2) (fa T1 T2).

```

subG\_fa all

4

X

X T1

G X T1 X T<sub>1</sub> w.r.t

8X < T<sub>1</sub>. T<sub>2</sub> (fa T1 T2)

X

T2 S2 T2 X S2

#### 4. The Theory of Contexts

<: 8 Coq

*e.g* Var *i.e*

*exotic terms*<sup>5</sup>

Theory of Contexts

variable context<sup>6</sup>

*e.g* Coq context *i.e*

holes *e.g* M ! ! Top M X

M X X! X ! Top *i.e* M X

X M Var->T Var

T M X (M X)

*e.g* N 8 Y < T. ! ! ! Y N X Z

8Y < T. X! Z ! X! Y

N

Var->Var->T N X Z (N X Z)

<sup>4</sup>The freshness of X is granted by the scoping rules of Coq. This means that if, by chance, S2 or T2 should contain an occurrence of a free variable with the same name, the locally bound X would be automatically renamed by the system, in order to avoid captures. However, such notion of freshness, being delegated to the metalanguage, is not available at the object level. If we need it during our proof development activity, we must explicitly add some premises using the `notin/notin.ho` predicates (see, *e.g.*, the shallow encoding of the subtyping relation in Section 8.2 and, in particular, the encoding of the universal binder rule).

<sup>5</sup>Exotic terms are legal terms derivable in the LF at hand, which do not correspond to any entity of the object language. Hence, they hinder the adequacy of the encoding [3].

<sup>6</sup>Contexts are “terms with holes”, where the holes can be filled in by variables.

*Decidability of equality over variables.*

$$\frac{X \quad Y \quad X \neq Y}{\text{LEM}} \quad \text{Coq}$$

Axiom LEM\_Var: forall X Y:Var, X=Y  $\vee$  X<>Y.  
*Law of Excluded Middle*<sup>7</sup>

*Freshness/Unsaturation.*

$$\frac{M \quad X}{\text{Tp}} \quad \text{envbook}$$

Axiom unsat: forall T:Tp, exists X:Var, notin X T.  
 Axiom unsat': forall T U:Tp, exists X:Var,  
 notin X T  $\wedge$  notin X U  $\wedge$  envBook X U.

*Extensionality.*

$$\frac{M \quad X \quad N \quad X \quad X \neq fv \quad M \quad [ \quad fv \quad N \quad M \quad N ]}{\text{tp\_ext}}$$

Axiom tp\_ext: forall X:Var, forall S T:Var->Tp,  
 notin\_ho X S -> notin\_ho X T -> (S X)=(T X) -> S=T.  
 Axiom envTp\_ext: forall (x : Var) (G G' : Var -> envTp),  
 notin\_envTp\_ho x G -> notin\_envTp\_ho x G' ->  
 G x = G' x -> G = G'.

*$\beta$ -expansion.*

$$\frac{N \quad X \quad M \quad X \neq fv \quad N \quad M \quad X \quad N}{\beta} \quad \text{envbook}$$

Axiom tp\_exp: forall S:Tp, forall X:Var,  
 exists S': Var->Tp, notin\_ho X S'  $\wedge$  S=(S' X).  
 Axiom ho\_tp\_exp: forall S:Var->Tp, forall X:Var,  
 exists S': Var->Var->Tp,  
 notin\_ho X (fun Y:Var => (fa top (S' Y)))  $\wedge$  S=(S' X).

<sup>7</sup>This is the minimal classical flavor that we require to reason about (free) occurrences of variables. Such an assumption is very close to the common practice, “on paper”, with nominal systems like, e.g., process algebras or typing systems.

<sup>8</sup>In presence of binders, such a property is not derivable.

*fresh-renaming*

*$\beta$ -expansion    extensionality*

*structural induction over contexts  
monotonicity*

*isin*

Lemma *isin\_mono*: forall T:Var->Tp, forall X Y:Var, X<>Y ->  
  isin X (T Y) -> (forall Z: Var, X<>Z -> isin X (T Z)).

	T:Var->Tp	Coq		
	<i>i.e.</i>		(T Y)	
Y)	Y	T	T	(T

Lemma *pre\_isin\_mono*: forall n:nat, forall U:Tp,  
  lntp U n -> forall V:Var, forall T:Var->Tp,  
  notin\_ho V T -> U=(T V) ->  
  forall X Y:Var, X<>Y -> isin X (T Y) ->  
  forall Z:Var, X<>Z -> isin X (T Z).

lntp Tp

Inductive lntp: Tp -> nat -> Prop :=  
| lntp\_top: lntp top 1  
| lntp\_var: forall X:Var, lntp X 1  
| lntp\_arr: forall T T':Tp, forall n1 n2:nat,  
  lntp T n1 -> lntp T' n2 -> lntp (arr T T') (S (plus n1 n2))  
| lntp\_fa : forall T:Tp, forall U:Var->Tp, forall n1 n2:nat,  
  lntp T n1 -> (forall X:Var, lntp (U X) n2) ->  
  lntp (fa T U) (S (plus n1 n2)).

lntp

Coq Tp

*fresh renamings*

	(lntp U n)	U	n	
	Tp		<i>complete</i>	
n	pre.isin_mono	(lntp U n)	U' :Var->Tp	$\beta$
U			U=(U' V)	

<sup>9</sup>Their consistency has been proved in [16], starting from an idea of M. Hofmann [24].

$$\frac{V \quad T=U' \quad U' \quad U' \quad \lambda}{(lntp \ U \ 1) \quad U=(T \ U'=(fun \ X:Tp \ => \ top) \ (T \ V)=((fun \ X:Tp \ => \ top) \ T)) \ T=(fun \ X:Tp \ => \ top) \ i.e \ T}$$

5. A formal development of the metatheory of System F <: Coq  
i.e

5.1. Basic properties

Lemma Gclosed\_lemma: forall G:envTp, forall S T:Tp,  
subGTp G S T -> Gclosed S G /\ Gclosed T G.

$$\frac{(subGTp \ G \ S \ T) \ G \ S \ T}{unsatG \ w.r.t \ (subGTp \ G \ S \ T) \ G}$$

Lemma unsatG: forall G:envTp, exists X:Var, Gfresh X G.

$$\frac{unsat \ G \ (arr \ X_1 \ (arr \ \dots \ (arr \ X_n \ top) \ \dots \ )) \ (X_1, T_1) \ (X_n, T_n) \ G}{unsat \ G}$$

Lemma domGtoT\_notin: forall G:envTp, forall X:Var,  
notin X (domGtoT G) -> Gfresh X G.

domGtoT G

Fixpoint domGtoT (G:envTp):= match G with  
| nil => top | (X,T)::G' => (arr X (domGtoT G')) end.

domGtoT\_notin LEM\_Var G



5.2. Reflexivity, transitivity and narrowing

*reflexivity*  
*w.r.t*

Lemma reflexivity: forall T:Tp, forall G:envTp,  
okEnv G -> Gclosed T G -> subGTp G T T.

T

LEM\_Var

isin

Q

Theorem trans\_narrow: forall Q:Tp,  
(forall S:Tp, forall G:envTp,  
(subGTp G S Q) -> forall T:Tp, (subGTp G Q T) -> (subGTp G S T)) /\  
(forall G':envTp, forall M N:Tp,  
(subGTp G' M N) -> forall D G:envTp, forall X:Var, forall P:Tp,  
G'=(app D (cons (X,Q) G)) -> subGTp G P Q ->  
subGTp (app D (cons (X,P) G)) M N).

*transitivity* unsat

fa

(subGTp G S Q)

induction

*narrowing*

(subGTp G' M N) G' Coq (app D (cons (X,Q)

G)) *append* app LEM\_Var

subG\_var    subG\_trs *w.r.t*

Coq lists

Gfresh isinG Gclosed okEnv  
Coq

*permutations*

$\exists A, B \text{ Prop. } A \wedge A \rightarrow B \rightarrow A \wedge B$     A    B

*i.e*

subG\_trs  
*starting Q*

Q=top

## 6. Records in System F <:

record types i.e

Coq

### 6.1. Adding records on paper

Type  $S, T$   $fl_i T_i g^{i \in 1..n}$   $l_i$   $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\frac{fl_i g^{i \in 1..n} \text{ f } k_j g^{j \in 1..m} \quad k_j \ l_i \quad \square' \ S_j < T_i}{\square' \text{ f } k_j \ S_j g^{j \in 1..m} < fl_i \ T_i g^{i \in 1..n}} \square \square \square \square$$

<:

Type labels sub wt

Definition 4 . For  $Z \ \langle X_1, T_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle X_n, T_n \rangle \in Env, T \in Type$ , the predicate is defined by induction, as follows:

$$\frac{}{wt \ Top} \quad wt \ top \quad \frac{wt \ S \quad wt \ T}{wt \ S! \ T} \quad wt \ arr \quad \frac{wt \ S \quad wt \ T}{wt \ \delta X < S.T} \quad wt \ all$$

$$\frac{}{wt \ X} \quad wt \ var \quad \frac{distinct \ fl_1, \dots, l_n \ g \ \text{ for all } i \in 1..n, \ wt \ T_i}{wt \ fl_i \ T_i g^{i \in 1..n}} \quad wt \ red$$

Definition 5 . Assume  $\square \in Env, I \subseteq 1..n, J \subseteq 1..m, T_j, S_j \in Type \ \forall j \in J, i \in I$ . The predicate of Definition 2 is augmented with:

$$\frac{ok \quad closed \ S, \quad wt \ S \quad fl_i g^{i \in I} \text{ f } k_j g^{j \in J} \quad k_j \ l_i \ ) \ sub \ , S_j, T_i}{sub \ , S \text{ f } k_j \ S_j g^{j \in J}, T \text{ f } l_i \ T_i g^{i \in I}} \quad red$$

formal

w.r.t

with

S closed wt T

Lemma 4 . Let be  $\square \in Env, S \text{ f } k_j \ S_j g^{j \in J}, T \text{ f } l_i \ T_i g^{i \in I} \in Type$ :

- 1)  $wt \ S \wedge fl_i g^{i \in I} \text{ f } k_j g^{j \in J} \ ) \ wt \ T$  ;
- 2)  $fl_i g^{i \in I} \text{ f } k_j g^{j \in J} \wedge k_j \ l_i \ ) \ closed \ T_i, \ ) \ closed \ T$  .

Proof.

$T \quad \square$

w.r.t

**Proposition 3** . Let be  $\square, \quad 2Env, S, Q, T, X, M, N, P2Type:$

*Reflexivity:* ok  $\wedge$  closed  $S, \quad \wedge$  wt  $S$  )  $sub \quad , S, S$  .

*Transitivity:*  $sub \quad , S, Q \wedge sub \quad , Q, T$  )  $sub \quad , S, T$  .

*Narrowing:*  $sub \quad \square hX, Qi, \quad , M, N \wedge sub \quad , P, Q$  )  $sub \quad \square hX, Pi, \quad , M, N$  .

*Proof. (Reflexivity)*  $S$

and Narrowing)

$Q$

(Transitivity  
 $Q \text{ fl}_i T_i g^{i \in I}$   
 $sub \quad , S, Q$

$sub \quad \square hX, Qi, \quad , M, N$

$\square$

### 6.2. Encoding records and subtyping

$Tp$

Coq

Definition Lab := nat.

Inductive Tp: Set := ... | rcd: list (Lab \* Tp) -> Tp.

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i.e

lists  
 $Tp$

$Tp$

ignored<sup>10</sup>

Coq

$Tp$

mutual

Coq

$Tp$

$Tp\_rcd$

$Tp$

sub

<sup>10</sup>These types, occurring recursively in a list, are named *nested types* in the literature.

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Inductive subGTp: envTp -> Tp -> Tp -> Prop := ...
| subG_rcd: forall G: envTp, forall P Q: list (Lab*Tp),
  okEnv G -> Gclosed (rcd P) G ->
  NoDup (proj_lab P) -> incl (proj_lab Q) (proj_lab P) ->
  (forall p q:Lab*Tp, In p P /\ In q Q /\ (fst p = fst q) ->
    subGTp G (snd p) (snd q)) ->
  subGTp G (rcd P) (rcd Q).

```

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      subG_rcd
                NoDup
                  incl      set
                    In
                      fst    snd

```

proj\_lab

### 6.3. Proving reflexivity, transitivity and narrowing

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      Coq
                reflexivity
                i.e
                    Tp_rec
                    à la
                    Coq
                      Tp
Hypothesis Rcd_case: forall P: Tp->Prop, forall L: list (Lab*Tp),
  Rcd2Tp Lab Tp P L -> P (rcd L).
      P
      L
      Rcd2Tp
      (rcd L)
      P
      Tp
      Tp_rec
      Tp_rec_ext
      Rcd_case
      transitivity
      narrowing
      Q
      (rcd L)
      L
      Tp_rec_ext
      Tp_rec

```

## 7. Practical remarks

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      Coq
      Coq
      <:

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isin	notin

Table 1: Coq scripts statistics.

<: Coq

isin notin

*i.e*

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Coq

## 8. A second encoding with implicit type environments

Coq

### 8.1. The bookkeeping technique in Coq

*book*

Coq

Parameter envBook: Var -> Tp -> Prop.

*inductive* Var

envBook *open i.e non-*

$X_1 < T_1, \dots, X_n < T_n$

$X_i:Var \quad T_i:Tp$

Parameter d1:envBook X1 T1. ... Parameter dn:envBook Xn Tn.

*i.e* *closed*

Definition closed (T:Tp): Prop := forall X:Var,  
 isin X T -> exists U:Tp, envBook X U.

8.2. A shallow encoding of the subtyping system

sub<sub>N</sub>  
 subGTp

```

Inductive subTp: Tp -> Tp -> Prop :=
| sub_top: forall S:Tp, closed S -> subTp S top
| sub_var: forall X:Var, forall U:Tp, envBook X U -> subTp X X
| sub_trs: forall X:Var, forall U T:Tp,
  envBook X U -> subTp U T -> subTp X T
| sub_arr: forall S1 S2 T1 T2:Tp, subTp T1 S1 -> subTp S2 T2 ->
  subTp (arr S1 S2) (arr T1 T2)
| sub_fa : forall S1 T1:Tp, forall S2 T2:Var->Tp,
  forall L:list(Var), subTp T1 S1 ->
  (forall X:Var, (notin X S1) -> (notin X T1) ->
    (notin_list X L) ->
    (notin_ho X S2) -> (notin_ho X T2) ->
    (envBook X T1 -> subTp (S2 X) (T2 X))
  ) -> subTp (fa S1 S2) (fa T1 T2).
  
```

sub\_fa all<sub>N</sub> X

T1

envBook S1

*fresh w.r.t*

X X

*some* L L

notin\_list

T ∃X < S.T X

S<sub>2</sub> , T<sub>2</sub>

notin\_ho

S2 T2 X

9. Internal adequacy

*consistency*  
 (envBook X T)



only if  $X \ U \ G \quad (\text{envBook } X \ U) \quad \text{if and}$

### 9.1. Completeness

$\text{exp2imp}$   
 $(\text{subGTp } G \ S \ T)$   
 $\square \ S < T \quad \square$   
 $\text{forall } G \ S \ T, \text{ subGTp } G \ S \ T \rightarrow \text{okEnv } G$   
 $\text{Gclosed} \quad \text{w.r.t} \quad \text{closed} \quad \square$   
 $\text{forall } S \ G, \text{ Gclosed } S \ G \rightarrow$   
 $(\text{book2Prop } (\text{envTp2envBook } G)) \rightarrow \text{closed } S$   
 $\text{hX, Ui2} \square$   
 $X \quad U$   
 $\text{forall } G \ X \ U, \text{ isinG } X \ U \ G \rightarrow$   
 $(\text{book2Prop } (\text{envTp2envBook } G)) \rightarrow (\text{envBook } X \ U)$

### 9.2. Soundness

$\text{envBook } G \quad \text{Coq} \quad \text{imp2exp}$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \text{envBook} \quad (\text{subTp } S \ T)$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \text{envBook} \quad (\text{subGTp } G \ S \ T)$   
 $\text{renamings} \quad \text{complete} \quad \text{fresh variable-}$   
 $\quad \quad \quad \text{Coq} \quad \text{induction}$

Lemma Gfresh\_rw: forall G:envTp, forall G':Var->envTp,  
 forall Z:Var, notin\_envTp\_ho Z G' -> G=(G' Z) ->  
 forall X:Var, X<>Z -> Gfresh X G ->  
 forall Y:Var, X<>Y -> Gfresh X (G' Y).

$X \not\subseteq \text{dom} \quad \text{Gfresh\_rw} \quad Y \quad Z \not\subseteq Z \quad Z \quad ' \not\subseteq X \not\subseteq Z$   
 $X \not\subseteq \text{dom} \quad X \not\subseteq \text{dom} \quad X \not\subseteq Y \quad X \not\subseteq \text{dom} \quad ' Y \quad \text{i.e}$

Lemma isinG\_rw: forall G:envTp, forall U:Tp, forall G':Var->envTp,  
 forall X:Var, notin\_envTp\_ho X G' -> G=(G' X) -> isinG X U G ->  
 forall Y:Var,  
 X<>Y -> notin\_envTp\_ho Y G' -> exists U':Tp, isinG Y U' (G' Y).



isinG\_rw

$$\frac{X < U \quad \Box \quad Y \not\leq_{fv} U}{Y \not\leq_{fv} U'} \quad \frac{X \not\leq_{fv} U' \quad \Box \quad Z \not\leq X}{Y \not\leq U' \quad \Box \quad Y}$$

Lemma Gclosed\_rw: forall T:Tp, forall T':Var->Tp,  
forall G:envTp, forall G':Var->envTp,  
forall X:Var, notin\_ho X T' -> T=(T' X) ->  
notin\_envTp\_ho X G' -> G=(G' X) -> Gclosed T G ->  
forall Y: Var, X<>Y -> notin\_ho Y T' -> notin\_envTp\_ho Y G' ->  
Gclosed (T' Y) (G' Y).

$$\frac{\text{closed } T, \quad X \not\leq_{fv} U' \quad [fv \ T'] \quad \Box \quad Z \not\leq X \quad T \ T' \ X \quad \text{closed } T' \ Y,}{\Box \ Y \quad Y} \quad \frac{\text{closed } T' \ Y, \quad \Box \quad Z \not\leq X \quad T \ T' \ X \quad \text{closed } T' \ Y,}{Y \not\leq_{fv} U' \quad [fv \ T']}$$

Lemma okEnv\_rw: forall G:envTp, forall G':Var->envTp,  
forall X:Var, notin\_envTp\_ho X G' -> G=(G' X) ->  
forall Y:Var, X<>Y -> notin\_envTp\_ho Y G' ->  
okEnv G -> okEnv (G' Y).

okEnv\_rw

$$\frac{\Box \quad Y \quad \Box \quad X \not\leq_{fv} U' \quad \Box \quad Z \not\leq X}{\Box \ Y \quad Y} \quad \frac{\Box \quad X \not\leq_{fv} U' \quad \Box \quad Z \not\leq X}{X \not\leq_{fv} U' \quad \Box \quad Y}$$

Lemma subGtp\_rw: forall S T:Var->Tp, forall X:Var,  
forall U:Tp, forall G:envTp, notin\_ho X S -> notin\_ho X T ->  
subGtp ((X, U) :: G) (S X) (T X) ->  
forall Y:Var,  
X<>Y -> notin Y U -> notin\_ho Y S -> notin\_ho Y T -> Gfresh Y G ->  
subGtp ((Y, U) :: G) (S Y) (T Y).

subGtp\_rw

$$\frac{X \not\leq_{fv} S \quad [fv \ T] \quad \Box \quad \Box \quad X < U' \quad S \not\leq T \ X}{Y \quad X \not\leq_{fv} S \quad [fv \ T]} \quad \frac{\Box \quad \Box \quad X < U' \quad S \not\leq T \ X}{\Box \quad \Box \quad X < U' \quad S \not\leq T \ X}$$

Tp  
G Gfresh\_rw okEnv\_rw  
isinG\_rw Gclosed\_rw  
subGtp subGtp\_rw i.e

lntp

Coq

### 9.3. Deep vs. shallow

i.e Coq



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Lemma sampleDeep: forall Y Z:Var, Y <> Z ->
  subGTp ((Z,(var Y))::(Y,top)::nil)
    (fa top (fun X:Var => X)) (fa Z (fun X:Var => Y)).

```

*one*

*e.g*

$X < P$

$X < Q$

$P \not< Q$

(envBook X Q)      (envBook X P)

envBook

subTp

*i.e*

## 10. Conclusion

### 10.1. Related work

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*freshness*      Coq      *traditional*

Var      *i.e*

*exotic terms*

*i.e*

*validity judgment*

*i.e.*

*reify*

*i.e.*

*equivariance*<sup>13</sup>

Coq

*Parametric HOAS (PHOAS)*

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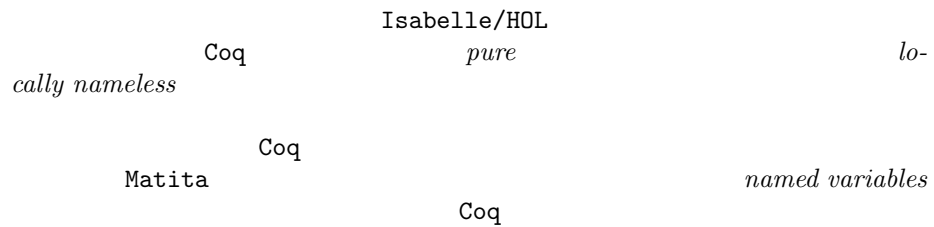
PTp 8V . tp V

tp V  
*w.r.t*

Var

Tp  
V

*The POPLmark Challenge.*




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<sup>13</sup>More precisely, equivariance is a property of sentences of the form  $\forall \vec{x}.\phi(\vec{x})$ , *i.e.*  $\forall \pi, \vec{x}.\phi(\vec{x}) \Leftrightarrow \phi(\pi \cdot \vec{x})$ , where  $\pi$  is a permutation action.

Coq

*nested abstract syntax*

*full HOAS*

Abella

8 <: all

ty type. top ty. arrow ty -> ty -> ty. all ty -> (ty->ty) -> ty.

ty

bound:ty->ty->o

ctx:olist->prop

<:

wfty:ty->prop

Twelf

<:

tp: type. ... forall: tp -> (tp->tp) -> tp.

assm:tp->tp->type

Abella

var:tp->type

ty tp

Abella

Twelf

<:

Var

Parameter Var: Set. Inductive Tp: Set := ... | fa: Tp -> (Var->Tp) -> Tp.

$\alpha$

Tp

Abella

Twelf

Coq

*types i.e*

Tp

Isabelle/HOL

*Nominal (Logic)*

atom decl *tyvrs*

nominal datatype *ty*

j *Tvar tyvrs* j *Top* j *Arrow ty ty* ! ,

j *Forall tyvrs ty ty*

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...

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