

Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences — CS 152: Programming Languages  
**Products and Sums; Recursion; References; Polymorphism; Records; Subtyping**  
**Section and Practice Problems**

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## 1 Products and Sums

For these questions, use the lambda calculus with products and sums (Lecture 13§1.1).

- (a) Write a program that constructs two values of type  $\mathbf{int} + (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int})$ , one using left injection, and one using right injection.

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } a : \mathbf{int} + (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) &= \text{inl}_{\mathbf{int} + (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int})} \ 3 \ \text{in} \\ \text{inr}_{\mathbf{int} + (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int})} \ \lambda x : \mathbf{int}. \ 3 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Write a function that takes a value of type  $\mathbf{int} + (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int})$  and if the value is an integer, it adds 7 to it, and if the value is a function it applies the function to 42.

**Answer:**

$$\lambda a : \mathbf{int} + (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}). \ \text{case } a \ \text{of } \lambda y : \mathbf{int}. \ y + 7 \mid \lambda f : \mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}. \ f \ 42$$

- (c) Give a typing derivation for the following program.

$$\lambda p : (\mathbf{unit} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \times (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}). \ \lambda x : \mathbf{unit} + \mathbf{int}. \ \text{case } x \ \text{of } \#1 \ p \mid \#2 \ p$$

**Answer:** For brevity, let  $e_1 \equiv \lambda x : \mathbf{unit} + \mathbf{int}. \ \text{case } x \ \text{of } \#1 \ p \mid \#2 \ p$  and let  $\Gamma = \{p : (\mathbf{unit} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \times (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}), x : \mathbf{unit} + \mathbf{int}\}$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{T-VAR} \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash x : \mathbf{unit} + \mathbf{int}} \quad \text{T-LPROJ} \frac{\text{T-VAR} \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash p : (\mathbf{unit} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \times (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int})}}{\Gamma \vdash \#1 \ p : \mathbf{unit} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}} \quad \text{T-RPROJ} \frac{\text{T-VAR} \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash p : (\mathbf{unit} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \times (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int})}}{\Gamma \vdash \#2 \ p : \mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}} \\ \text{T-CASE} \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{case } x \ \text{of } \#1 \ p \mid \#2 \ p : \mathbf{int}} \\ \text{T-ABS} \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda p : (\mathbf{unit} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \times (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}). \ \lambda x : \mathbf{unit} + \mathbf{int}. \ \text{case } x \ \text{of } \#1 \ p \mid \#2 \ p : (\mathbf{unit} + \mathbf{int}) \rightarrow \mathbf{int}} \\ \text{T-ABS} \frac{}{\vdash \lambda p : (\mathbf{unit} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \times (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}). \ e_1 : ((\mathbf{unit} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \times (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int})) \rightarrow (\mathbf{unit} + \mathbf{int}) \rightarrow \mathbf{int}} \end{array}$$

- (d) Write a program that uses the term in part (c) above to produce the value 42.

**Answer:** We refer to the term in part (c) above as  $f$ .

$$f \ (\lambda x : \mathbf{unit}. \ 42, \lambda x : \mathbf{int}. \ 41) \ \text{inl}_{\mathbf{unit} + \mathbf{int}} \ ()$$

## 2 Recursion

- (a) Use the  $\mu x. e$  expression to write a function that takes a natural number  $n$  and returns the sum of all even natural numbers less than or equal to  $n$ . (You can assume you have appropriate integer comparison operators, and also a modulus operator.)

**Answer:**

$$\mu f. \lambda n. \text{if } n \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else if } (n \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } n + f(n - 2) \text{ else } f(n - 1)$$

- (b) Try executing your program by applying it to the number 5.

**Answer:** *The program executes correctly and returns 6. For brevity, we will refer to the expression from the answer above as  $F$ .*

$$\begin{aligned}
 & F\ 5 \\
 \rightarrow & (\lambda n. \text{if } n \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else if } (n \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } n + F(n - 2) \text{ else } F(n - 1))\ 5 \\
 \rightarrow & \text{if } 5 \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else if } (5 \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } 5 + F(5 - 2) \text{ else } F(5 - 1) \\
 \rightarrow & \text{if false then } 0 \text{ else if } (5 \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } 5 + F(5 - 2) \text{ else } F(5 - 1) \\
 \rightarrow & \text{if } (5 \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } 5 + F(5 - 2) \text{ else } F(5 - 1) \\
 \rightarrow & \text{if } 1 = 0 \text{ then } 5 + F(5 - 2) \text{ else } F(5 - 1) \\
 \rightarrow & \text{if false then } 5 + F(5 - 2) \text{ else } F(5 - 1) \\
 \rightarrow & F(5 - 1) \\
 \rightarrow & (\lambda n. \text{if } n \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else if } (n \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } n + F(n - 2) \text{ else } F(n - 1))\ (5 - 1) \\
 \rightarrow & (\lambda n. \text{if } n \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else if } (n \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } n + F(n - 2) \text{ else } F(n - 1))\ 4 \\
 \rightarrow & \text{if } 4 \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else if } (4 \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } 4 + F(4 - 2) \text{ else } F(4 - 1) \\
 \rightarrow & \text{if false then } 0 \text{ else if } (4 \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } 4 + F(4 - 2) \text{ else } F(4 - 1) \\
 \rightarrow & \text{if } (4 \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } 4 + F(4 - 2) \text{ else } F(4 - 1) \\
 \rightarrow & \text{if } 0 = 0 \text{ then } 4 + F(4 - 2) \text{ else } F(4 - 1) \\
 \rightarrow & \text{if true then } 4 + F(4 - 2) \text{ else } F(4 - 1) \\
 \rightarrow & 4 + F(4 - 2) \\
 \rightarrow & 4 + (\lambda n. \text{if } n \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else if } (n \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } n + F(n - 2) \text{ else } F(n - 1))\ (4 - 2) \\
 \rightarrow & 4 + (\lambda n. \text{if } n \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else if } (n \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } n + F(n - 2) \text{ else } F(n - 1))\ 2 \\
 \rightarrow & 4 + (\text{if } 2 \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else if } (2 \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } 2 + F(2 - 2) \text{ else } F(2 - 1)) \\
 \rightarrow & 4 + (\text{if false then } 0 \text{ else if } (2 \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } 2 + F(2 - 2) \text{ else } F(2 - 1)) \\
 \rightarrow & 4 + (\text{if } (2 \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } 2 + F(2 - 2) \text{ else } F(2 - 1)) \\
 \rightarrow & 4 + (\text{if } 0 = 0 \text{ then } 2 + F(2 - 2) \text{ else } F(2 - 1)) \\
 \rightarrow & 4 + (\text{if true then } 2 + F(2 - 2) \text{ else } F(2 - 1)) \\
 \rightarrow & 4 + (2 + F(2 - 2)) \\
 \rightarrow & 4 + (2 + (\lambda n. \text{if } n \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else if } (n \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } n + F(n - 2) \text{ else } F(n - 1))\ (2 - 2)) \\
 \rightarrow & 4 + (2 + (\lambda n. \text{if } n \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else if } (n \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } n + F(n - 2) \text{ else } F(n - 1))\ 0) \\
 \rightarrow & 4 + (2 + (\lambda n. \text{if } n \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else if } (n \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } n + F(n - 2) \text{ else } F(n - 1))\ 0) \\
 \rightarrow & 4 + (2 + (\text{if } 0 \leq 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else if } (0 \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } 0 + F(0 - 2) \text{ else } F(0 - 1))) \\
 \rightarrow & 4 + (2 + (\text{if true then } 0 \text{ else if } (0 \text{ mod } 2) = 0 \text{ then } 0 + F(0 - 2) \text{ else } F(0 - 1)))
 \end{aligned}$$

$\rightarrow 4 + (2 + (0))$   
 $\rightarrow^* 6$

(c) Give a typing derivation for the following program. What happens if you execute the program?

$\mu p : (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \times (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}). (\lambda n : \mathbf{int}. n + 1, \#1 p)$

**Answer:** For brevity, we write  $\tau_p$  for the type  $(\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \times (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int})$ .

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\text{T-VAR} \frac{}{p : \tau_p, n : \mathbf{int} \vdash n : \mathbf{int}}{} \quad \text{T-SUM} \frac{}{p : \tau_p, n : \mathbf{int} \vdash n + 1 : \mathbf{int}}{} \quad \text{T-INT} \frac{}{p : \tau_p, n : \mathbf{int} \vdash 1 : \mathbf{int}}{}}{p : \tau_p \vdash \lambda n : \mathbf{int}. n + 1 : \mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}}{\text{T-ABS} \frac{}{p : \tau_p \vdash \lambda n : \mathbf{int}. n + 1 : \mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}}}}{\text{T-PAIR} \frac{}{p : \tau_p \vdash (\lambda n : \mathbf{int}. n + 1, \#1 p) : \tau_p}} \quad \text{T-PROJ} \frac{}{p : \tau_p \vdash \#1 p : \mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}}}{\text{T-REC} \frac{}{\vdash \mu p : \tau_p. (\lambda n : \mathbf{int}. n + 1, \#1 p) : \tau_p}}$$

Now, if you actually tried to execute this expression under a Call-By-Value semantics, it would unfold the recursive expression to  $(\lambda n : \mathbf{int}. n + 1, \#1 P)$ , where  $P$  is the recursive expression  $\mu p : (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \times (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}). (\lambda n : \mathbf{int}. n + 1, \#1 p)$ . While the first element of the pair is a value, the second  $\#2 P$  is not, and so we would attempt to evaluate that expression. However, that requires evaluating the expression  $P \equiv \mu p : (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \times (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}). (\lambda n : \mathbf{int}. n + 1, \#1 p)$ .

So, under Call-by-Value semantics, the program will not terminate.

### 3 References

(a) Give a typing derivation for the following program.

let  $a : \mathbf{int} \mathbf{ref} = \mathbf{ref} \ 4$  in  
 let  $b : (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \mathbf{ref} = \mathbf{ref} \ \lambda x : \mathbf{int}. x + 38$  in  
 ! $b$  ! $a$

**Answer:** For brevity, we will write  $e$  for the expression above, and  $e_b$  for the subexpression let  $b : (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \mathbf{ref} = \mathbf{ref} \ \lambda x : \mathbf{int}. x + 38$  in ! $b$  ! $a$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\text{T-INT} \frac{}{\vdash 4 : \mathbf{int}}}{\text{T-ALLOC} \frac{}{\vdash \mathbf{ref} \ 4 : \mathbf{int} \mathbf{ref}}}} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\text{T-ABS} \frac{}{a : \mathbf{int} \mathbf{ref}, x : \mathbf{int} \vdash x + 38 : \mathbf{int}}{} \quad \text{T-ALLOC} \frac{}{a : \mathbf{int} \mathbf{ref} \vdash \lambda x : \mathbf{int}. x + 38 : \mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}}{} \quad \text{T-INT} \frac{}{a : \mathbf{int} \mathbf{ref}, b : (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \mathbf{ref} \vdash !b : \mathbf{int}}{} \quad \text{T-INT} \frac{}{a : \mathbf{int} \mathbf{ref}, x : \mathbf{int} \vdash 38 : \mathbf{int}}}{a : \mathbf{int} \mathbf{ref} \vdash \mathbf{ref} \ \lambda x : \mathbf{int}. x + 38 : (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \mathbf{ref}} \quad \text{T-LET} \frac{}{a : \mathbf{int} \mathbf{ref}, b : (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \mathbf{ref} \vdash !b !a : \mathbf{int}}}{\text{T-LET} \frac{}{\vdash e : \mathbf{int}}}}$$

The subderivation marked  $\vdash_1$  is:

$$\frac{\text{T-VAR} \frac{}{a : \mathbf{int} \mathbf{ref}, x : \mathbf{int} \vdash x : \mathbf{int}} \quad \text{T-INT} \frac{}{a : \mathbf{int} \mathbf{ref}, x : \mathbf{int} \vdash 38 : \mathbf{int}}}{\text{T-ADD} \frac{}{a : \mathbf{int} \mathbf{ref}, x : \mathbf{int} \vdash x + 38 : \mathbf{int}}}$$

The subderivation marked  $\dot{2}$  is:

$$\text{T-APP} \frac{\text{T-DEREF} \frac{\text{T-VAR} \frac{}{\Gamma_{ab} \vdash b : (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \mathbf{ref}}}{\Gamma_{ab} \vdash !b : \mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}}}{\Gamma_{ab} \vdash !b !a : \mathbf{int}} \quad \text{T-DEREF} \frac{\text{T-VAR} \frac{}{\Gamma_{ab} \vdash a : \mathbf{int} \mathbf{ref}}}{\Gamma_{ab} \vdash !a : \mathbf{int}}}{\Gamma_{ab} \vdash !b !a : \mathbf{int}}}$$

where  $\Gamma_{ab} = a : \mathbf{int} \mathbf{ref}, b : (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \mathbf{ref}$ .

- (b) Execute the program above for 4 small steps, to get configuration  $\langle e, \sigma \rangle$ . What is an appropriate  $\Sigma$  such that  $\emptyset, \Sigma \vdash e : \tau$  and  $\Sigma \vdash \sigma$ ?

**Answer:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \text{let } a : \mathbf{int} \mathbf{ref} = \text{ref } 4 \text{ in let } b : (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \mathbf{ref} = \text{ref } \lambda x : \mathbf{int}. x + 38 \text{ in } !b !a, \emptyset \rangle \\ \rightarrow & \langle \text{let } a : \mathbf{int} \mathbf{ref} = \ell_a \text{ in let } b : (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \mathbf{ref} = \text{ref } \lambda x : \mathbf{int}. x + 38 \text{ in } !b !a, [\ell_a \mapsto 4] \rangle \\ \rightarrow & \langle \text{let } b : (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \mathbf{ref} = \text{ref } \lambda x : \mathbf{int}. x + 38 \text{ in } !b !\ell_a, [\ell_a \mapsto 4] \rangle \\ \rightarrow & \langle \text{let } b : (\mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \mathbf{ref} = \ell_b \text{ in } !b !\ell_a, [\ell_a \mapsto 4, \ell_b \mapsto \lambda x : \mathbf{int}. x + 38] \rangle \\ \rightarrow & \langle !\ell_b !\ell_a, [\ell_a \mapsto 4, \ell_b \mapsto \lambda x : \mathbf{int}. x + 38] \rangle \end{aligned}$$

An appropriate store typing context is  $\Sigma = \ell_a \mapsto \mathbf{int}, \ell_b \mapsto \mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}$ .

- (c) Consider a store  $\sigma = [\ell_1 \mapsto 42, \ell_2 \mapsto \lambda n : \mathbf{int}. n + 1]$ . What is the domain of  $\sigma$ ?  
Now consider a store type  $\Sigma = [\ell_1 \mapsto \mathbf{int}, \ell_2 \mapsto \mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}]$ . Note that  $\text{dom}(\sigma) = \text{dom}(\Sigma)$ .  
Show that  $\emptyset, \Sigma \vdash \sigma$ .

**Answer:** The domain of  $\sigma$  (and of  $\Sigma$ ) is the set  $\{\ell_1, \ell_2\}$ .

$\emptyset, \Sigma \vdash \sigma$  holds if and only if  $\text{dom}(\sigma) = \text{dom}(\Sigma)$  and for all  $\ell \in \text{dom}(\sigma)$  we have  $\emptyset, \Sigma \vdash \sigma(\ell) : \tau$  where  $\Sigma(\ell) = \tau$ .  
Since  $\text{dom}(\sigma) = \text{dom}(\Sigma) = \{\ell_1, \ell_2\}$ , we need to show that:

- $\emptyset, \Sigma \vdash 42 : \mathbf{int}$  and
- $\emptyset, \Sigma \vdash \lambda n : \mathbf{int}. n + 1 : \mathbf{int} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}$

Both of these judgments hold, i.e., we can produce derivations for them (which we do not show here).

## 4 Parametric polymorphism

- (a) For each of the following System F expressions, is the expression well-typed, and if so, what type does it have? (If you are unsure, try to construct a typing derivation. Make sure you understand the typing rules.)

- $\Lambda A. \lambda x : A \rightarrow \mathbf{int}. 42$
- $\lambda y : \forall X. X \rightarrow X. (y [\mathbf{int}]) 17$
- $\Lambda Y. \Lambda Z. \lambda f : Y \rightarrow Z. \lambda a : Y. f a$
- $\Lambda A. \Lambda B. \Lambda C. \lambda f : A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C. \lambda b : B. \lambda a : A. f a b$

**Answer:**

- $\Lambda A. \lambda x: A \rightarrow \mathbf{int}. 42$  has type  $\forall A. (A \rightarrow \mathbf{int}) \rightarrow \mathbf{int}$
- $\lambda y: \forall X. X \rightarrow X. (y \ [\mathbf{int}])$  has type  $(\forall X. X \rightarrow X) \rightarrow \mathbf{int}$
- $\Lambda Y. \Lambda Z. \lambda f: Y \rightarrow Z. \lambda a: Y. f \ a$  has type  $\forall Y. \forall Z. (Y \rightarrow Z) \rightarrow Y \rightarrow Z$
- $\Lambda A. \Lambda B. \Lambda C. \lambda f: A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C. \lambda b: B. \lambda a: A. f \ a \ b$  has type  $\forall A. \forall B. \forall C. (A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C) \rightarrow B \rightarrow A \rightarrow C$

(b) For each of the following types, write an expression with that type.

- $\forall X. X \rightarrow (X \rightarrow X)$
- $(\forall C. \forall D. C \rightarrow D) \rightarrow (\forall E. \mathbf{int} \rightarrow E)$
- $\forall X. X \rightarrow (\forall Y. Y \rightarrow X)$

**Answer:**

- $\forall X. X \rightarrow (X \rightarrow X)$  is the type of  $\Lambda X. \lambda x: X. \lambda y: X. y$
- $(\forall C. \forall D. C \rightarrow D) \rightarrow (\forall E. \mathbf{int} \rightarrow E)$  is the type of  $\lambda f: \forall C. \forall D. C \rightarrow D. \Lambda E. \lambda x: \mathbf{int}. (f \ [\mathbf{int}] \ [E]) \ x$
- $\forall X. X \rightarrow (\forall Y. Y \rightarrow X)$  is the type of  $\Lambda X. \lambda x: X. \Lambda Y. \lambda y: Y. x$

## 5 Records and Subtyping

(a) Assume that we have a language with references and records.

(i) Write an expression with type

$$\{ \text{cell} : \mathbf{int \ ref}, \text{inc} : \mathbf{unit} \rightarrow \mathbf{int} \}$$

such that invoking the function in the field *inc* will increment the contents of the reference in the field *cell*.

**Answer:** *The following expression has the appropriate type.*

$$\mathit{let} \ x = \mathit{ref} \ 14 \ \mathit{in} \\ \{ \text{cell} = x, \text{inc} = \lambda u: \mathbf{unit}. x := (!x + 1) \}$$

- (ii) Assuming that the variable  $y$  is bound to the expression you wrote for part (i) above, write an expression that increments the contents of the cell twice.

**Answer:**

$$\text{let } z = y.\text{inc} () \text{ in } y.\text{inc} ()$$

- (b) The following expression is well-typed (with type **int**). Show its typing derivation. (Note: you will need to use the subsumption rule.)

$$(\lambda x : \{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}, \text{cats} : \mathbf{int}\}. x.\text{dogs} + x.\text{cats}) \{\text{dogs} = 2, \text{cats} = 7, \text{mice} = 19\}$$

**Answer:**

For brevity, let  $e_1 \equiv \lambda x : \{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}, \text{cats} : \mathbf{int}\}. x.\text{dogs} + x.\text{cats}$  and let  $e_2 \equiv \{\text{dogs} = 2, \text{cats} = 7, \text{mice} = 19\}$ . The derivation has the following form.

$$\text{T-APP} \frac{\frac{\vdots_1}{\vdash e_1 : \{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}, \text{cats} : \mathbf{int}\} \rightarrow \mathbf{int}}}{\vdash e_1 e_2 : \mathbf{int}} \quad \frac{\vdots_2}{\vdash e_2 : \{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}, \text{cats} : \mathbf{int}\}}}{\vdash e_1 e_2 : \mathbf{int}}$$

The derivation of  $e_1$  is straight forward:

The derivation of  $e_2$  requires the use of subsumption, since we need to show that  $e_2 \equiv \{dogs = 2, cats = 7, mice = 19\}$  has type  $\{dogs : \mathbf{int}, cats : \mathbf{int}\}$ .

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\vdash 2 : \mathbf{int}} \quad \frac{}{\vdash 7 : \mathbf{int}} \quad \frac{}{\vdash 19 : \mathbf{int}}}{\vdash \{dogs = 2, cats = 7, mice = 19\} : \{dogs : \mathbf{int}, cats : \mathbf{int}, mice : \mathbf{int}\}} \quad \frac{}{\{dogs : \mathbf{int}, cats : \mathbf{int}, mice : \mathbf{int}\} \leq \{dogs : \mathbf{int}, cats : \mathbf{int}\}}}{\vdash \{dogs = 2, cats = 7, mice = 19\} : \{dogs : \mathbf{int}, cats : \mathbf{int}\}}$$

(c) Suppose that  $\Gamma$  is a typing context such that

$$\Gamma(a) = \{dogs : \mathbf{int}, cats : \mathbf{int}, mice : \mathbf{int}\}$$

$$\Gamma(f) = \{dogs : \mathbf{int}, cats : \mathbf{int}\} \rightarrow \{apples : \mathbf{int}, kiwis : \mathbf{int}\}$$

Write an expression  $e$  that uses variables  $a$  and  $f$  and has type  $\{apples : \mathbf{int}\}$  under context  $\Gamma$ , i.e.,

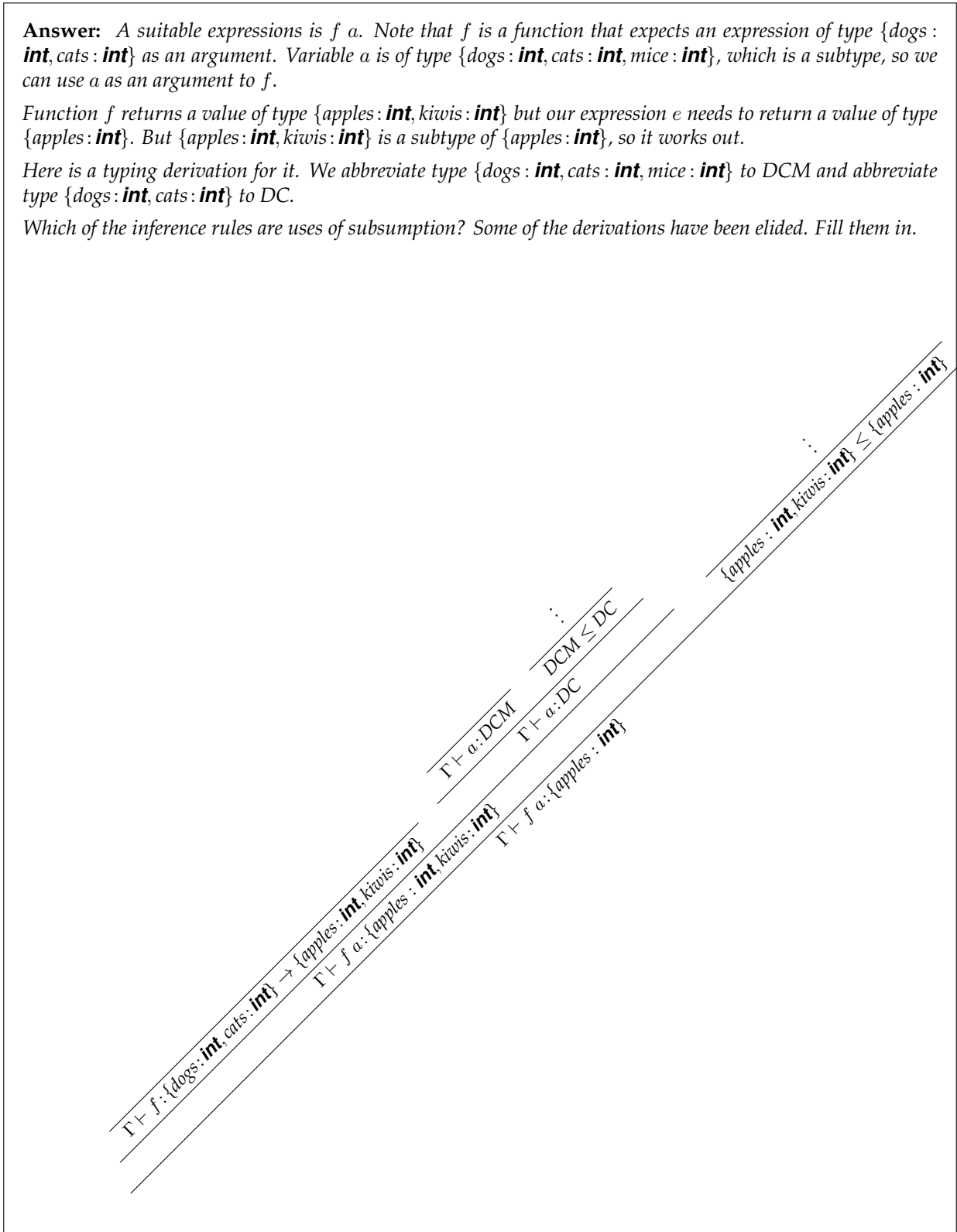
$\Gamma \vdash e : \{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\}$ . Write a typing derivation for it.

**Answer:** A suitable expressions is  $f a$ . Note that  $f$  is a function that expects an expression of type  $\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}, \text{cats} : \mathbf{int}\}$  as an argument. Variable  $a$  is of type  $\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}, \text{cats} : \mathbf{int}, \text{mice} : \mathbf{int}\}$ , which is a subtype, so we can use  $a$  as an argument to  $f$ .

Function  $f$  returns a value of type  $\{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}, \text{kiwis} : \mathbf{int}\}$  but our expression  $e$  needs to return a value of type  $\{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\}$ . But  $\{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}, \text{kiwis} : \mathbf{int}\}$  is a subtype of  $\{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\}$ , so it works out.

Here is a typing derivation for it. We abbreviate type  $\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}, \text{cats} : \mathbf{int}, \text{mice} : \mathbf{int}\}$  to DCM and abbreviate type  $\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}, \text{cats} : \mathbf{int}\}$  to DC.

Which of the inference rules are uses of subsumption? Some of the derivations have been elided. Fill them in.



(d) Which of the following are subtypes of each other?



- (a)  $\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}, \text{cats} : \mathbf{int}\} \rightarrow \{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\}$
- (b)  $\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}\} \rightarrow \{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\}$
- (c)  $\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}\} \rightarrow \{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}, \text{kiwis} : \mathbf{int}\}$
- (d)  $\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}, \text{cats} : \mathbf{int}, \text{mice} : \mathbf{int}\} \rightarrow \{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}, \text{kiwis} : \mathbf{int}\}$
- (e)  $(\{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\}) \mathbf{ref}$
- (f)  $(\{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}, \text{kiwis} : \mathbf{int}\}) \mathbf{ref}$
- (g)  $(\{\text{kiwis} : \mathbf{int}, \text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\}) \mathbf{ref}$

For each such pair, make sure you have an understanding of *why* one is a subtype of the other (and for pairs that aren't subtypes, also make sure you understand).

**Answer:** *Of the function types:*

- (b) is a subtype of (a)
- (c) is a subtype of (b)
- (c) is a subtype of (d)
- (c) is a subtype of (a)
- (d) is not a subtype of either (a) or (b), or vice versa

The key thing is that for  $\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$  to be a subtype of  $\tau'_1 \rightarrow \tau'_2$ , we must be contravariant in the argument type and covariant in the result type, i.e.,  $\tau'_1 \leq \tau_1$  and  $\tau_2 \leq \tau'_2$ .

Let's consider why (b) is a subtype of (a), i.e.,  $\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}\} \rightarrow \{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\} \leq \{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}, \text{cats} : \mathbf{int}\} \rightarrow \{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\}$ . Suppose we have a function  $f_b$  of type  $\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}\} \rightarrow \{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\}$ , and we want to use it somewhere that wants a function  $g_a$  of type  $\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}, \text{cats} : \mathbf{int}\} \rightarrow \{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\}$ . Let's think about how  $g_a$  could be used: it could be given an argument of type  $\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}, \text{cats} : \mathbf{int}\}$ , and so  $f_b$  had better be able to handle any record that has the fields *dogs* and *cats*. Indeed,  $f_b$  can be given any value of type  $\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}\}$ , i.e., any record that has a field *dogs*. So  $f_b$  can take any argument that  $g_a$  can be given. The other way that a function can be used is by taking the result of applying it. The result types of the functions are the same, so we have no problem there. Here is a derivation showing the subtyping relation:

$$\frac{\frac{\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}, \text{cats} : \mathbf{int}\} \leq \{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}\}}{\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}\} \rightarrow \{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\}} \quad \frac{\{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\} \leq \{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\}}{\{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\} \rightarrow \{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\}}}{\{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}\} \rightarrow \{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\} \leq \{\text{dogs} : \mathbf{int}, \text{cats} : \mathbf{int}\} \rightarrow \{\text{apples} : \mathbf{int}\}}$$

Let's consider why (d) is not a subtype of (a) and (a) is not a subtype of (d). (d) is not a subtype of (a) since they are not contravariant in the argument type (i.e., the argument type of (a) is not a subtype of the argument type of (d)). (a) is not a subtype of (d) since the result type of (a) is not a subtype of the result type of (d) (i.e., they are not covariant in the result type).

For the *ref* types:

- (f) is a subtype of (g) (and vice versa) assuming the more permissive subtyping rule for records that allows the order of fields to be changed.
- (e) is not a subtype of either (f) or (g), or vice versa.