

## **Recap on Exceptions**



#### **Recapitulation:** Errors



→ error			Extends $\lambda_{\rightarrow}$ (9-1)
New syntactic forms t ::= error	terms: run-time error	<i>New typing rules</i> Γ⊢error:T	$\Gamma \vdash t : T$ (T-ERROR)
New evaluation rules	$t \longrightarrow t'$		
error $t_2 \rightarrow error$	(E-APPERR1)		
$v_1 \text{ error} \longrightarrow \text{ error}$	(E-AppErr2)		

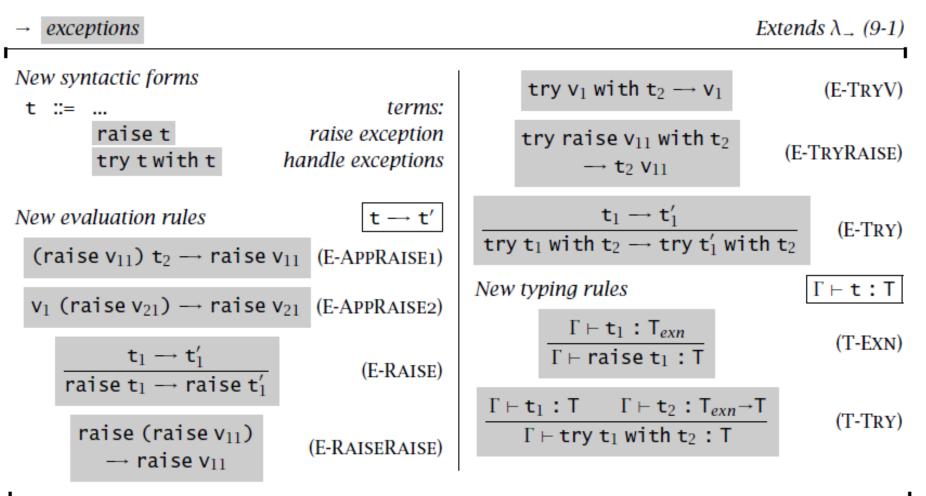


#### Recapitulation: Error handling

$\rightarrow error try$		Extends $\lambda_{\rightarrow}$ wit	th errors (14-1)
New syntactic forms t ::= try t with t	terms: trap errors	$\frac{\texttt{t}_1 \rightarrow \texttt{t}_1'}{\texttt{try}\texttt{t}_1\texttt{with}\texttt{t}_2} \\ \rightarrow \texttt{try}\texttt{t}_1'\texttt{with}\texttt{t}_2$	(E-TRY)
New evaluation rules	$\textbf{t} \rightarrow \textbf{t}'$	New typing rules	$\Gamma \vdash t:T$
$\texttt{try}  \texttt{v}_1  \texttt{with}  \texttt{t}_2 \longrightarrow \texttt{v}_1$	(E-TRYV)	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : T \qquad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T}{\Gamma}$	(T-TRY)
$\begin{array}{c} \text{try error with } \textbf{t}_2 \\ \longrightarrow \textbf{t}_2 \end{array}$	(E-TRYERROR)	$\Gamma \vdash try t_1 with t_2 : T$	



#### Recapitulation: Exceptions carrying values





#### **Recapitulation:** Type safety



The preservation theorem requires no changes when we add error: if a term of type T reduces to error, that's fine, since error has every type T.

Progress, though, requires a little more care.



#### **Recapitulation: Progress**



First, we do *not* plan to extend the set of values to include error, since this would make our new rule for propagating errors through applications.

 $v_1 \text{ error} \longrightarrow \text{error}$  (E-AppErr2)

overlap with our existing computation rule for applications:

 $(\lambda x:T_{11}.t_{12}) v_2 \longrightarrow [x \mapsto v_2]t_{12}$  (E-APPABS)

e.g, the term

 $(\lambda x: Nat. 0)$  error could evaluate to either 0 (which would be wrong) or error (which is what we intend).



#### **Recapitulation: Progress**



Instead, we keep error as a *non-value normal form*, and refine the statement of progress to explicitly mention the possibility that terms may evaluate to error instead of to a value.

Theorem [Progress]: *Suppose* **t** *is a closed, well-typed normal form. Then either* **t** *is a value or* 

t = error.



#### Recapitulation



- Raising exception is more than an error mechanism: it's a programmable control structure
  - Sometimes a way to quickly escape from the computation
- E.g., Exceptions are used in OCaml as a *control mechanism*, either to signal errors, or to control the flow of execution. When an exception is raised, the current execution is aborted, and control is thrown to the most recently entered active exception handler, which may choose to handle the exception, or pass it through to the next exception handler.





## Recap on Subtyping





#### Subsumption

Some types *are better* than others, in the sense that a value of one can *always safely be used* where a value of the other is expected.

Which can be formalized as by introducing:

- **1**. a *subtyping* relation between types, written S <: T
- 2. a *rule of subsumption* stating that, if S <: T, then any value of type S can also be regarded as having type T

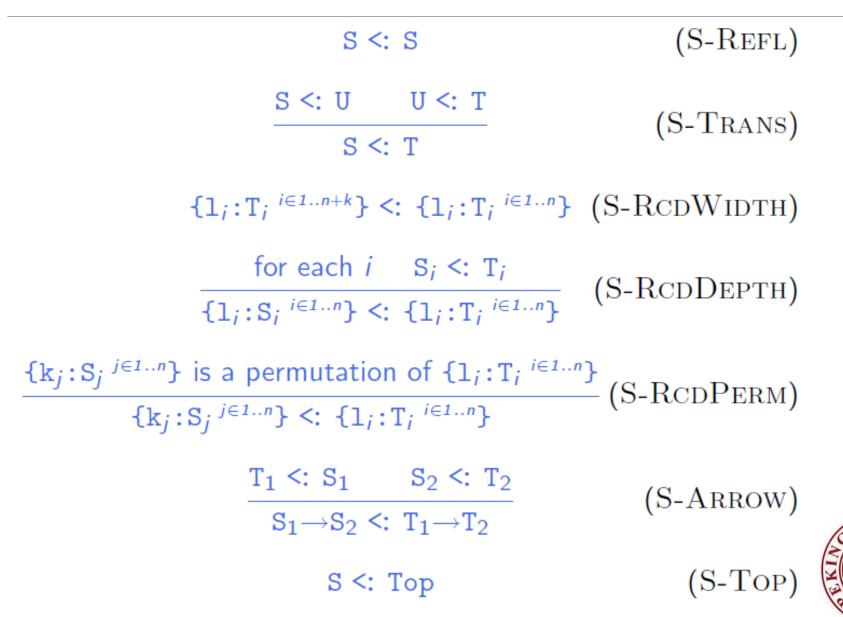
 $\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : S \quad S <: T}{\Gamma \vdash t : T}$ (T-SUB)

Principle of safe substitution





#### Subtype Relation



→ <:	Тор		Based	on $\lambda_{\rightarrow}$ (9-1)
Syntax		terms:	Subtyping	S <: T
	x	variable	S <: S	(S-REFL)
	λx:T.t tt	abstraction application	S <: U U <: T S <: T	(S-TRANS)
V ::=	λx:T.t	values: abstraction value	S <: Top	(S-TOP)
T ::=	Тор	types: maximum type	$\frac{T_1 \mathrel{<:} S_1 \qquad S_2 \mathrel{<:} T_2}{S_1 \mathop{\rightarrow} S_2 \mathrel{<:} T_1 \mathop{\rightarrow} T_2}$	(S-ARROW)
	T→T	type of functions	Typing	$\Gamma \vdash t:T$
Г ::=	Ø	contexts: empty context	$\frac{\mathbf{x}: \mathbf{T} \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{x} : \mathbf{T}}$	(T-VAR)
	Г, х:Т	term variable binding	$\frac{\Gamma, \mathbf{x}: T_1 \vdash t_2 : T_2}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda \mathbf{x}: T_1 \cdot t_2 : T_1 \rightarrow T_2}$	(T-ABS)
Evalua	tion $\frac{\mathbf{t}_1 \longrightarrow \mathbf{t}'_1}{\mathbf{t}_1 \mathbf{t}_2 \longrightarrow \mathbf{t}'_1}$	$\frac{t \rightarrow t'}{(E-APP1)}$	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{t}_1 : T_{11} \rightarrow T_{12} \qquad \Gamma \vdash \mathbf{t}_2 : T_{11}}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{t}_1 : t_2 : T_{12}}$	(Т-АРР)
(λ <b>x</b> :	$\frac{\mathbf{t}_2 \longrightarrow \mathbf{t}_2'}{\mathbf{v}_1 \ \mathbf{t}_2 \longrightarrow \mathbf{v}_1}$		$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \texttt{t:S}  \texttt{S} <: \texttt{T}}{\Gamma \vdash \texttt{t:T}}$	(T-SUB)



#### Safety

Statements of progress and preservation theorems are unchanged from  $\lambda_{\rightarrow}$ .

*Proofs* become a bit more involved, because the typing relation is no longer *syntax directed*.

Given a derivation, we don't always know what rule was used in the last step. The rule T-SUB could appear anywhere.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : S \qquad S <: T}{\Gamma \vdash t : T}$$
(T-SUB)



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(T-ASCRIBE)

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#### Subtyping and Variants

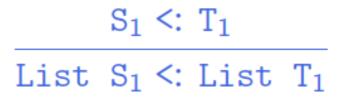


 $<1_i:T_i \xrightarrow{i \in 1..n} <: <1_i:T_i \xrightarrow{i \in 1..n+k}$ (S-VARIANTWIDTH) for each  $i = S_i \leq T_i$ (S-VARIANTDEPTH)  $<1_i:S_i \xrightarrow{i \in 1..n} <: <1_i:T_i \xrightarrow{i \in 1..n}$  $\langle k_i: S_i \rangle > is a permutation of \langle l_i: T_i \rangle > is permutation of \langle l_i: T_i \rangle > i$  $< k_i : S_i \xrightarrow{j \in 1..n} <: < l_i : T_i \xrightarrow{i \in 1..n} >$ (S-VARIANTPERM)  $\Gamma \vdash t_1 : T_1$ (T-VARIANT)  $\Gamma \vdash <l_1=t_1> : <l_1:T_1>$ 



#### Subtyping and Lists







#### i.e., List is a covariant type constructor.



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 $\frac{S_1 <: T_1 \qquad T_1 <: S_1}{\text{Ref } S_1 <: \text{Ref } T_1}$ 

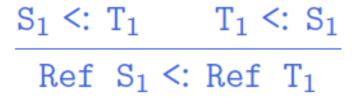
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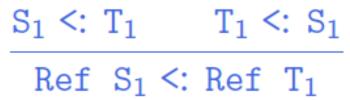
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- When a reference is *written*, the context provides a  $T_1$ and if the actual type of the reference is Ref S<sub>1</sub>, someone else may use the  $T_1$  as an S<sub>1</sub>. So we need  $T_1 <: S_1$ .

#### References again



Observation: a value of type Ref T can be used in two different ways: as a *source* for values of type T and as a *sink* for values of type T.

Idea: Split Ref T into three parts:

- Source T: reference cell with "read capability"
- Sink T: reference cell with "write capability"
- Ref T: cell with both capabilities



#### **Subtyping and Arrays**



Similarly...

$$\frac{S_1 <: T_1 \qquad T_1 <: S_1}{Array S_1 <: Array T_1} \qquad (S-ARRAY)$$

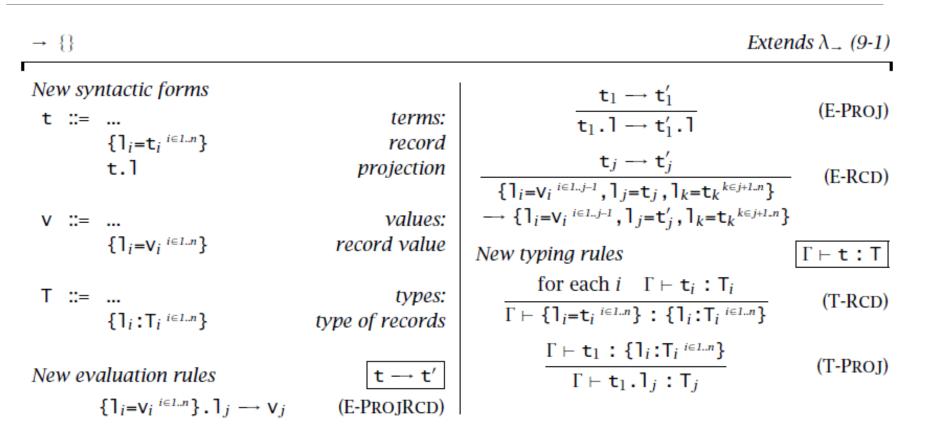
$$\frac{S_1 <: T_1}{Array S_1 <: Array T_1} \qquad (S-ARRAYJAVA)$$

This is regarded (even by the Java designers) as a mistake in the design.



→ <:	Тор			Rased on λ→ (9-1)
Syntax			Subtyping	S <: T
t ::=		terms:	S <: S	(S-REFL)
	x λx:T.t	variable abstraction	5 . 5	(J-KEFL)
	tt	application	S <: U U <: T S <: T	(S-TRANS)
∨ ::=	λx:T.t	values: abstraction value	S <: Top	(S-TOP)
T ::=	Ton	types:	$\frac{T_1 \mathrel{<:} S_1 \qquad S_2 \mathrel{<:} T_2}{S_1 \rightarrow S_2 \mathrel{<:} T_1 \rightarrow T_2}$	(S-ARROW)
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	$\begin{array}{c} t_1 \ t_2 \longrightarrow t_1' \ t\\ \\ \mathbf{t}_2 \longrightarrow t_2'\\ \hline v_1 \ t_2 \longrightarrow v_1 \ t\end{array}$	2	$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t: S  S <: T}{\Gamma \vdash t: T}$	(T-SUB)
(λx:T		$\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{v}_2 \mathbf{t}_{12}$ (E-APPABS)		.1898.

#### Records

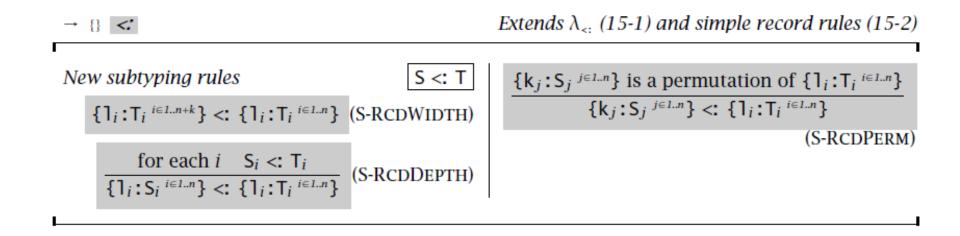






#### **Records & Subtyping**









## Chap 16 Metatheory of Subtyping

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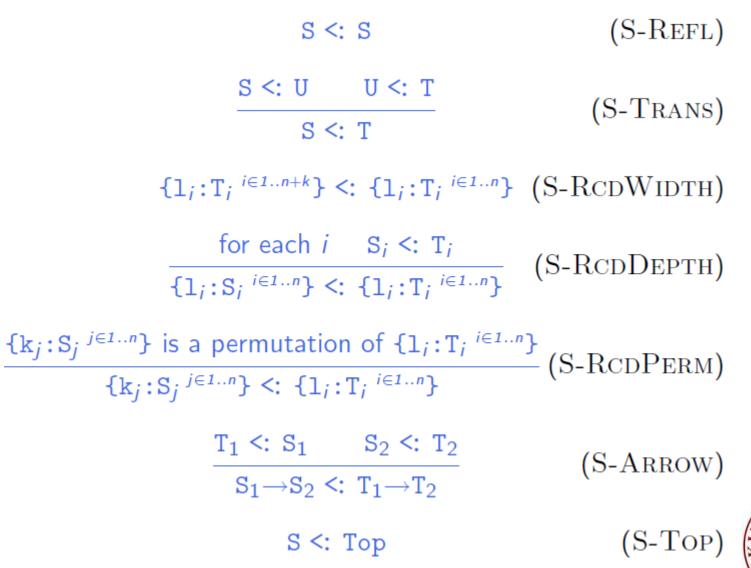


# Developing an algorithmic subtyping relation



#### Subtype Relation







#### **Issues in Subtyping**



For a *given subtyping statement*, there are *multiple rules* that could be used in a derivation.

- The conclusions of S-RcdWidth, S-RcdDepth, and S-RcdPerm overlap with each other.
- 2. S-REFL and S-TRANS overlap with every other rule.





We'll turn the *declarative version* of subtyping into the *algorithmic version*.

The problem was that we don't have an algorithm to decide when  $S \leq T$  or  $\Gamma \vdash t : T$ .

Both sets of rules are not *syntax-directed*.



#### Syntax-directed rules



In the simply typed lambda-calculus (without subtyping), each rule can be "*read from bottom to top*" in a straightforward way.

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If we are given some  $\Gamma$  and some t of the form  $t_1$   $t_2,$  we can try to find a type for t by

- 1. finding (recursively) a type for  $t_1$
- 2. checking that it has the form  $T_{11} \rightarrow T_{12}$
- 3. finding (recursively) a type for  $t_2$
- 4. checking that it is the same as  $T_{11}$



#### Syntax-directed rules



Technically, the reason this works is that we can divide the "positions" of the typing relation into *input positions* ( $\Gamma$  and t) and *output positions* (T).

- For the input positions, all metavariables appearing in the *premises* also appear in the *conclusion* (so we can calculate inputs to the *"subgoals"* from the subexpressions of inputs to the main goal)
- For the output positions, all metavariables appearing in the conclusions also appear in the premises (so we can calculate outputs from the main goal from the outputs of the subgoals)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \mathtt{t}_1 : \mathtt{T}_{11} \rightarrow \mathtt{T}_{12} \qquad \Gamma \vdash \mathtt{t}_2 : \mathtt{T}_{11}}{\Gamma \vdash \mathtt{t}_1 \ \mathtt{t}_2 : \mathtt{T}_{12}}$$

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(T-APP

### Syntax-directed sets of rules

The second important point about the simply typed lambda-calculus is that the set of typing rules is syntaxdirected, in the sense that, for every "input"  $\Gamma$  and t, there one rule that can be used to derive typing statements involving t.

E.g., if t is an *application*, then we must proceed by trying to use T-App. If we succeed, then we have found a type (indeed, the unique type) for t. If it fails, then we know that t is not typable.

 $\Rightarrow$  no backtracking!



### Non-syntax-directedness of typing

When we extend the system with *subtyping*, **both** aspects of syntax-directedness get broken.

1. The set of typing rules now includes *two* rules that can be used to give a type to terms of a given shape (the old one plus T-SUB)



2. Worse yet, the new rule T-SUB itself is not syntax directed: the inputs to the left-hand subgoal are exactly the same as the inputs to the main goal!

(Hence, if we translated the typing rules naively into a typechecking function, the case corresponding to T-SUB would cause divergence.)





Moreover, the *subtyping relation* is *not syntax directed* either.

- 1. There are *lots* of ways to derive a given subtyping statement.
- 2. The transitivity rule

S <: U U <: T S <: T

(S-TRANS)

is badly non-syntax-directed: the premises contain a *metavariable* (in an "input position") that does *not appear at all in the conclusion*.

To implement this rule naively, we'd have to guess and value for U!



#### What to do?

 Observation: We don't *need* lots of ways to prove a given typing or subtyping statement — one is enough.

→ Think more carefully about the typing and subtyping systems to see where we can get rid of excess flexibility

- Use the resulting intuitions to formulate new "algorithmic" (i.e., syntax-directed) typing and subtyping relations.
- 3. Prove that the algorithmic relations are "*the same as*" the original ones in an appropriate sense.





## **Algorithmic Subtyping**





How do we change the rules deriving S <: T to be syntax-directed?

There are lots of ways to derive a given subtyping statement S <: T.

The general idea is to change this system so that there is *only one way* to derive it.



# Step 1: simplify record subtyping

Idea: combine all three record subtyping rules into one "macro rule" that captures all of their effects

$$\frac{\{1_i^{i\in 1..n}\}\subseteq \{k_j^{j\in 1..m}\} \quad k_j = 1_i \text{ implies } S_j <: T_i \\ \{k_j: S_j^{j\in 1..m}\} <: \{1_i: T_i^{i\in 1..n}\}$$
(S-RCD)



#### Simpler subtype relation



 $S \le S \qquad (S-REFL)$   $\frac{S \le U \qquad U \le T}{S \le T} \qquad (S-TRANS)$ 

$$\frac{\{\mathbf{l}_{i} \stackrel{i \in 1..n}{}\} \subseteq \{\mathbf{k}_{j} \stackrel{j \in 1..m}{}\} \qquad \mathbf{k}_{j} = \mathbf{l}_{i} \text{ implies } \mathbf{S}_{j} <: \mathbf{T}_{i}}{\{\mathbf{k}_{j} : \mathbf{S}_{j} \stackrel{j \in 1..m}{}\} <: \{\mathbf{l}_{i} : \mathbf{T}_{i} \stackrel{i \in 1..n}{}\}} \qquad (S-RCD)$$

$$\frac{\mathbf{T}_{1} <: \mathbf{S}_{1} \qquad \mathbf{S}_{2} <: \mathbf{T}_{2}}{\mathbf{S}_{1} \rightarrow \mathbf{S}_{2} <: \mathbf{T}_{1} \rightarrow \mathbf{T}_{2}} \qquad (S-ARROW)$$

S <: Top



## Step 2: Get rid of reflexivity



Observation: S-Refl is unnecessary.

Lemma: S <: S can be derived for every type S without using S-REFL.



## Even simpler subtype relation

$$\frac{S <: U \qquad U <: T}{S <: T} \qquad (S-TRANS)$$

$$\frac{\{1_{i} \stackrel{i \in 1..n}{}\} \subseteq \{k_{j} \stackrel{j \in 1..m}{}\} \quad k_{j} = 1_{i} \text{ implies } S_{j} <: T_{i}}{\{k_{j} : S_{j} \stackrel{j \in 1..m}{}\} <: \{1_{i} : T_{i} \stackrel{i \in 1..n}{}\}} \quad (S-RCD)$$

$$\frac{T_{1} <: S_{1} \quad S_{2} <: T_{2}}{S_{1} \rightarrow S_{2} <: T_{1} \rightarrow T_{2}} \quad (S-ARROW)$$

$$S <: Top \quad (S-TOP)$$



# Step 3: Get rid of transitivity

Observation: S-Trans is unnecessary.

Lemma: If S <: T can be derived, then it can be derived without using S-Trans .



## "Algorithmic" subtype relation

$$[ \underbrace{\mathbb{S}}_{i} \mathbb{S} \le \mathbb{T}_{OP} )$$

$$\underbrace{\stackrel{}{\vdash} \mathbb{T}_{1} \le \mathbb{S}_{1}}_{\stackrel{}{\mapsto} \mathbb{S}_{2} \le \mathbb{T}_{2}}$$

$$\underbrace{\mathbb{S}}_{1} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}}_{2} \le \mathbb{T}_{1} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{S}}_{2} \le \mathbb{T}_{1} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{T}}_{2}$$

$$\underbrace{\{\mathbb{1}_{i} \stackrel{i \in 1...n}{\mathbb{S}}\} \subseteq \{\mathbb{k}_{j} \stackrel{j \in 1...m}{\mathbb{S}}\} \quad \text{for each } \mathbb{k}_{j} = \mathbb{1}_{i}, \stackrel{\stackrel{}{\mapsto} \mathbb{S}_{j} \le \mathbb{T}_{i}}_{\stackrel{}{\mapsto} \mathbb{S}_{i} \le \mathbb{S}_{j} \stackrel{i \in 1...m}{\mathbb{S}} \le \mathbb{T}_{i} }$$

$$\underbrace{\{\mathbb{S}}_{i} \mathbb{S}_{j} \stackrel{j \in 1...m}{\mathbb{S}} \le \mathbb{S}_{i} \stackrel{i \in 1...m}{\mathbb{S}}$$



## Soundness and completeness

#### Theorem: S <: T iff $\mapsto$ S <: T

Terminology:

- The algorithmic presentation of subtyping is sound with respect to the original if → S <: T implies S <: T.</li>
   (Everything validated by the algorithm is actually true.)
- The algorithmic presentation of subtyping is complete with respect to the original if S <: T implies  $\mapsto$  S <: T. (Everything true is validated by the algorithm.)





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Note that, for now, we are saying absolutely nothing about *computability*.





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Of course, we want a decision procedure to be a *procedure*.

A decision procedure for a relation  $R \subseteq U$  is a computable total function p from U to {true, false} such that p(u) = true iff  $u \in R$ .



#### Example



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The function

$$p(x,y) = if x = 2 and y = 3 then true$$
  
else if  $x = 1 and y = 2 then true$   
else false

whose graph is

{ ((1, 2), true), ((2, 3), true), ((1, 1), false), ((1, 3), false), ((2, 1), false), ((2, 2), false), ((3, 1), false), ((3, 2), false), ((3, 3), false)}

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 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{if } T &= \text{Top, then } true \\ \text{else if } S &= S_1 \rightarrow S_2 \text{ and } T &= T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \\ \text{then } subtype(T_1,S_1) \wedge subtype(S_2,T_2) \\ \text{else if } S &= \{k_j: \ S_j^{j \in 1..m}\} \text{ and } T &= \{l_i: \ T_i^{i \in 1..n}\} \\ \text{then } \{l_i^{i \in 1..n}\} \subseteq \{k_j^{j \in 1..m}\} \\ \text{ } \Lambda \text{ for all } i \in 1..n \text{ there is some } j \in 1..m \text{ with } k_j = l_i \\ \text{ } \text{ and } subtype(S_j,T_i) \\ \text{else } false. \end{array}$ 



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To show this, we need to prove:

- 1. that it returns *true* whenever S <: T, and
- 2. that it returns either *true* or *false* on all inputs.





## Algorithmic Typing



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Given a context  $\Gamma$  and a term t, how do we determine its type T, such that  $\Gamma \vdash t : T$ ?





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*Nowhere else*! Uses of subsumption to help typecheck applications are the only interesting ones.





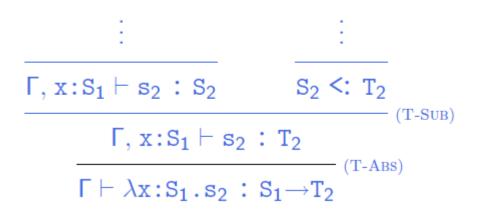
#### Plan

- Investigate how subsumption is used in typing derivations by *looking at examples* of how it can be "pushed through" other rules
- 2. Use the intuitions gained from this exercise to design a new, algorithmic typing relation that
  - Omits subsumption
  - Compensates for its absence by enriching the application rule
- 3. Show that the algorithmic typing relation is essentially equivalent to the original, declarative one



#### Example (T-ABS)

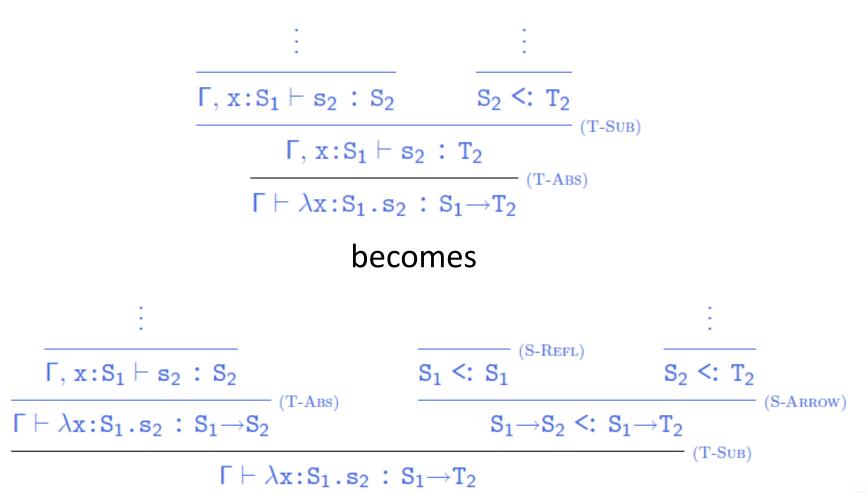






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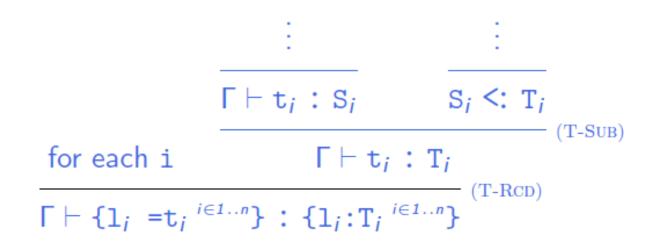






#### Example (T-Sub with T-Rcd)







### Intuitions



These examples show that we do not need T-SUB to "enable" T-ABS or T-RCD: given any typing derivation, we can construct a derivation *with the same conclusion* in which T-SUB is never used immediately before T-ABS or T-RCD.

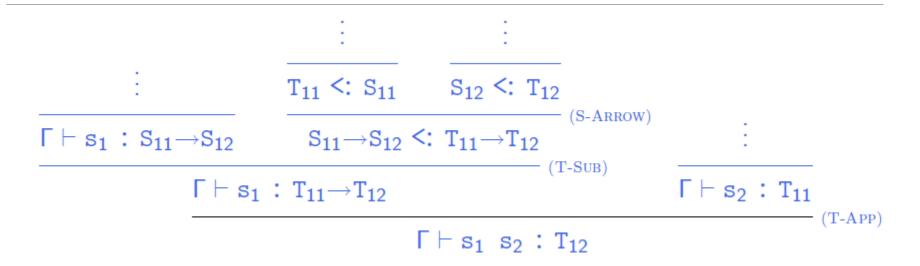
#### What about T-APP?

We've already observed that T-SUB is required for typechecking some *applications*. So we expect to find that we *cannot* play the same game with T-APP as we've done with T-ABS and T-RCD.

Let's see why.

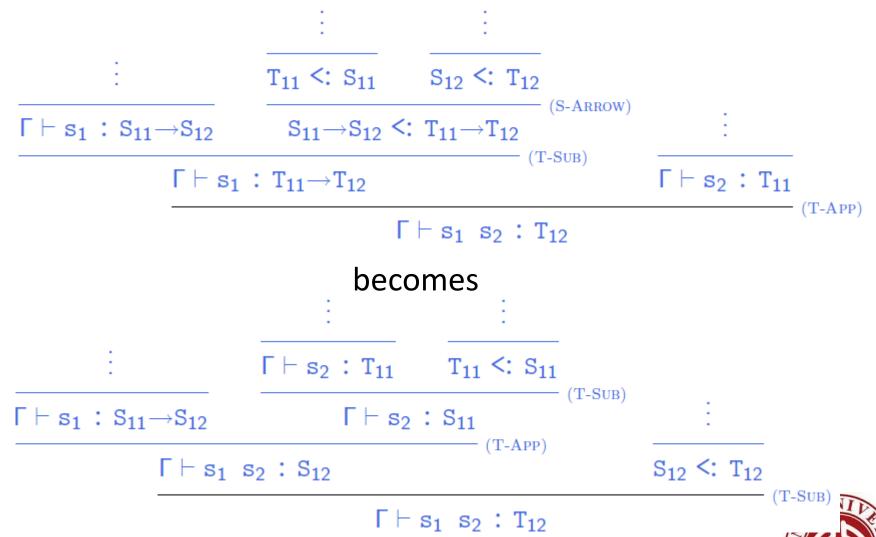


## Example (T–Sub with T-APP on the left)



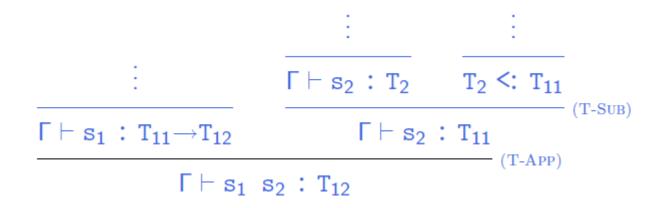


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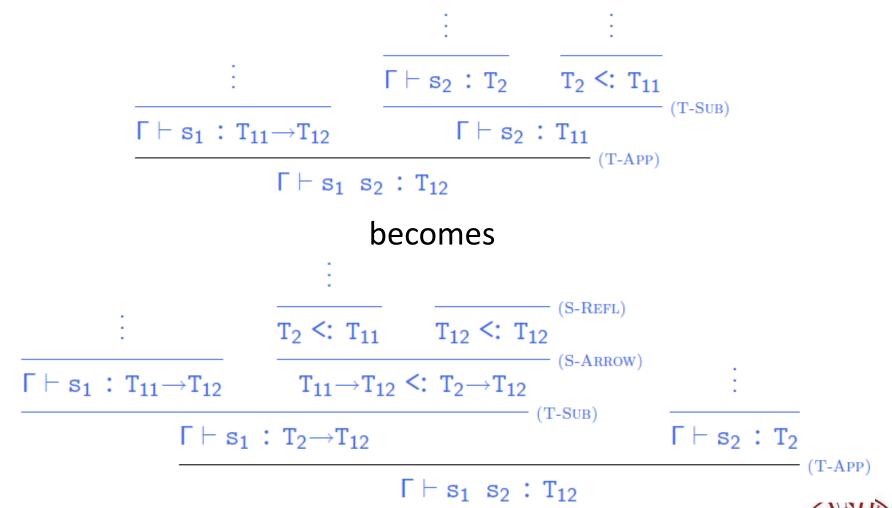


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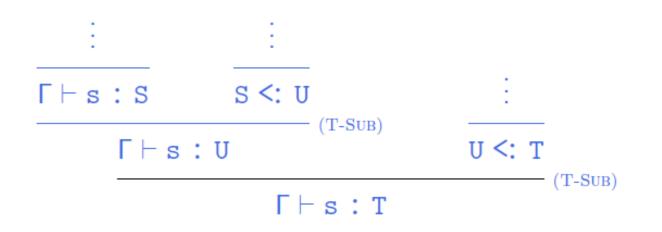
#### **Observations**



So we've seen that uses of subsumption can be "*pushed*" from one of immediately before T-APP's premises to the other, but *cannot be completely eliminated*.

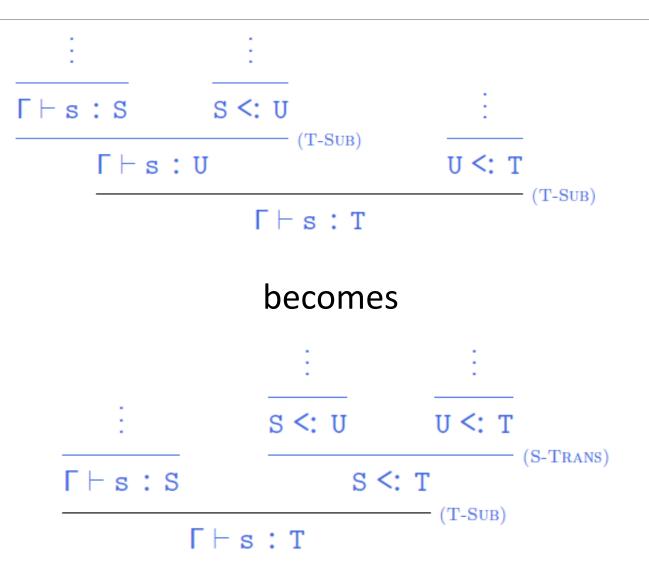


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- This suggests a notion of "normal form" for typing derivations, in which there is
  - exactly one use of T-Sub before each use of T-App
  - one use of T-Sub at the very end of the derivation
  - no uses of T T-Sub anywhere else.



# Algorithmic Typing



The next step is to "build in" the use of subsumption in application rules, by changing the T-App rule to incorporate a subtyping premise.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : T_{11} \rightarrow T_{12} \qquad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T_2 \qquad \vdash T_2 <: T_{11}}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 \ t_2 : T_{12}}$$

Given any typing derivation, we can now

- normalize it, to move all uses of subsumption to either just before applications (in the right-hand premise) or at the very end
- 2. replace uses of T-App with T-SUB in the right-hand premise by uses of the extended rule above

This yields a derivation in which there is just *one* use of subsumption, at the very end!



## Minimal Types



But... if subsumption is only used at the very end of derivations, then it is actually *not needed* in order to show that any term is typable!

It is just used to give *more* types to terms that have already been shown to have a type.

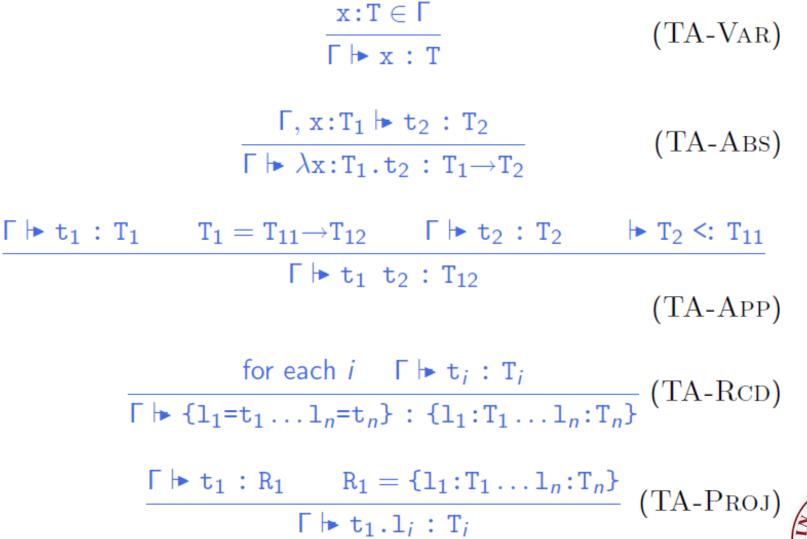
In other words, if we dropped subsumption completely (after refining the application rule), we would still be able to give types to exactly the same set of terms — we just would not be able to give as many types to some of them.

If we drop subsumption, then the remaining rules will assign a *unique, minimal* type to each typable term.

For purposes of building a typechecking algorithm, this is enough.



# Final Algorithmic Typing Rules







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(N.b.: All the messing around with transforming derivations was just to build intuitions and *decide what algorithmic rules* to write down and *what property* to prove: the proof itself is a straightforward induction on typing derivations.)





#### **Meets and Joins**



## **Adding Booleans**



Suppose we want to add *booleans* and *conditionals* to the language we have been discussing.

For the declarative presentation of the system, we just add in the appropriate syntactic forms, evaluation rules, and typing rules.

 $\begin{array}{c} \label{eq:constraint} \Gamma \vdash \texttt{true} : \texttt{Bool} & (\text{T-TRUE}) \\ \Gamma \vdash \texttt{false} : \texttt{Bool} & (\text{T-FALSE}) \\ \hline \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash \texttt{t}_1 : \texttt{Bool} & \Gamma \vdash \texttt{t}_2 : \texttt{T} & \Gamma \vdash \texttt{t}_3 : \texttt{T} \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \Gamma \vdash \texttt{if} \ \texttt{t}_1 \ \texttt{then} \ \texttt{t}_2 \ \texttt{else} \ \texttt{t}_3 : \texttt{T} \end{array} \end{array} \tag{T-IF}$ 





For the algorithmic presentation of the system, however, we encounter a little difficulty.

What is the minimal type of

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*if true then*  $\{x = true, y = false\}$  *else*  $\{x = true, z = ture\}$ 



# The Algorithmic Conditional Rule

More generally, we can use subsumption to give an expression

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Q: Does such a type exist for every  $T_2$  and  $T_3$ ??



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**Theorem**: For every pair of types **S** and **T**, there is a type **J** such that

- 1. S <: J
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i.e., J is the smallest type that is a supertype of both S and T.

How to prove it?





#### Examples

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- 6. Top  $\rightarrow$  {x: Bool} and Top  $\rightarrow$  {y: Bool}?
- 7.  $\{x: Bool\} \rightarrow Top and \{y: Bool\} \rightarrow Top?$





#### Meets

To calculate joins of arrow types, we also need to be able to calculate meets (greatest lower bounds)!

Unlike joins, meets do not necessarily exist.

E.g.,  $Bool \rightarrow Bool$  and  $\{\}$  have no common subtypes, so they certainly don't have a greatest one!

However...



### **Existence of Meets**



**Theorem**: For every pair of types S and T, if there is any type N such that  $N \le S$  and  $N \le T$ , then there is a type M such that

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Jargon: In the simply typed lambda calculus with subtyping, records, and booleans...

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### **Calculating Joins**



$$S \lor T = \begin{cases} Bool & \text{if } S = T = Bool \\ M_1 \rightarrow J_2 & \text{if } S = S_1 \rightarrow S_2 & T = T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \\ S_1 \land T_1 = M_1 & S_2 \lor T_2 = J_2 \\ \{j_I: J_I \stackrel{i \in 1..q}{}\} & \text{if } S = \{k_j: S_j \stackrel{j \in 1..m}{}\} \\ T = \{l_i: T_i \stackrel{i \in 1..n}{}\} \\ \{j_I \stackrel{l \in 1..q}{}\} = \{k_j \stackrel{j \in 1..m}{}\} \cap \{l_i \stackrel{i \in 1..n}{}\} \\ S_j \lor T_i = J_I & \text{for each } j_I = k_j = l_i \\ \text{Top} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



### **Calculating Meets**



S	$\wedge T =$		
	S	if $T = Top$	
<	Т	if $S = Top$	
	Bool	if $S = T = Bool$	
	$J_1 {\longrightarrow} M_2$	$\text{if } S = S_1 {\rightarrow} S_2 \qquad T = T_1 {\rightarrow} T_2$	
		$\mathtt{S_1} \lor \mathtt{T_1} = \mathtt{J_1}  \mathtt{S_2} \land \mathtt{T_2} = \mathtt{M_2}$	
	$\{m_{I}: M_{I} \stackrel{I \in 1q}{\to} \}$	$if S = \{k_j: S_j \stackrel{j \in 1m}{}\}$	
		$\mathbf{T} = \{1_i : \mathbf{T}_i^{i \in 1n}\}$	
		$\{\mathbf{m}_{i} \stackrel{i \in 1q}{=} \{\mathbf{k}_{j} \stackrel{j \in 1m}{=} \cup \{\mathbf{l}_{i} \stackrel{i \in 1n}{=} \}$	
		$S_j \wedge T_i = M_l$ for each $m_l = k_j = l_i$	
		$M_l = S_j$ if $m_l = k_j$ occurs only in S	
		$M_I = T_i$ if $m_I = l_i$ occurs only in T	
	fail	otherwise	
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#### Homework<sup>©</sup>

- Read chapter 16 & 17
- HW#1: 16.2.6, 16.3.2
- HW#2: Based on the codes of chap 17 and fulfill the exercise of 17.3.1

