

Design Principles of Programming Languages



# Metatheory of Recursive Types

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# Review: Iso-recursive Types

- What are the types of the following terms?
  - $\text{Hungry} = \mu A. \text{Nat} \rightarrow A$ ;
  - $h = \text{fix } (\lambda f: \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Hungry}. \lambda n: \text{Nat}. f)$ 
    - $h$  ?
    - $\text{fold}[\text{Hungry}] h$  ?
    - $\text{unfold}[\text{Hungry}] (h \ 1)$  ?



# Review: Iso-recursive Types

→  $\mu$

Extends  $\lambda_{\rightarrow}$  (9-1)

$t ::= \dots$ $\text{fold } [T] \ t$ $\text{unfold } [T] \ t$	<i>terms:</i> <i>folding</i> <i>unfolding</i>	$\frac{t_1 \rightarrow t'_1}{\text{fold } [T] \ t_1 \rightarrow \text{fold } [T] \ t'_1} \quad (\text{E-FLD})$
$v ::= \dots$ $\text{fold } [T] \ v$	<i>values:</i> <i>folding</i>	$\frac{t_1 \rightarrow t'_1}{\text{unfold } [T] \ t_1 \rightarrow \text{unfold } [T] \ t'_1} \quad (\text{E-UNFLD})$
$T ::= \dots$ $X$ $\mu X. T$	<i>types:</i> <i>type variable</i> <i>recursive type</i>	<p><i>New typing rules</i> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>\Gamma \vdash t : T</math></span></p> $\frac{U = \mu X. T_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash t_1 : [X \mapsto U]T_1}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fold } [U] \ t_1 : U} \quad (\text{T-FLD})$ $\frac{U = \mu X. T_1 \quad \Gamma \vdash t_1 : U}{\Gamma \vdash \text{unfold } [U] \ t_1 : [X \mapsto U]T_1} \quad (\text{T-UNFLD})$
<p><i>New evaluation rules</i> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"><math>t \rightarrow t'</math></span></p> $\text{unfold } [S] \ (\text{fold } [T] \ v_1) \rightarrow v_1$ <p style="text-align: right;">(E-UNFLDFLD)</p>		

Figure 20-1: Iso-recursive types ( $\lambda\mu$ )



# Equi-recursive approach

- Do not use explicit fold/unfold
- If type A can be constructed from type B by applying only fold and/or unfold, A and B are equal
- Example: the following three types are equal
  - Hungry
  - $\text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Hungry}$
  - $\text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Hungry}$



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- Alternative 2: use algorithms to determine the subtyping relations
  - An algorithm to determine if type  $A$  is a subtype of type  $B$
  - We do not need an algorithm to determine the equality of two types
    - It can be deduced from subtyping relations
      - $A <: B \wedge B <: A \rightarrow A = B$
    - It will never be used



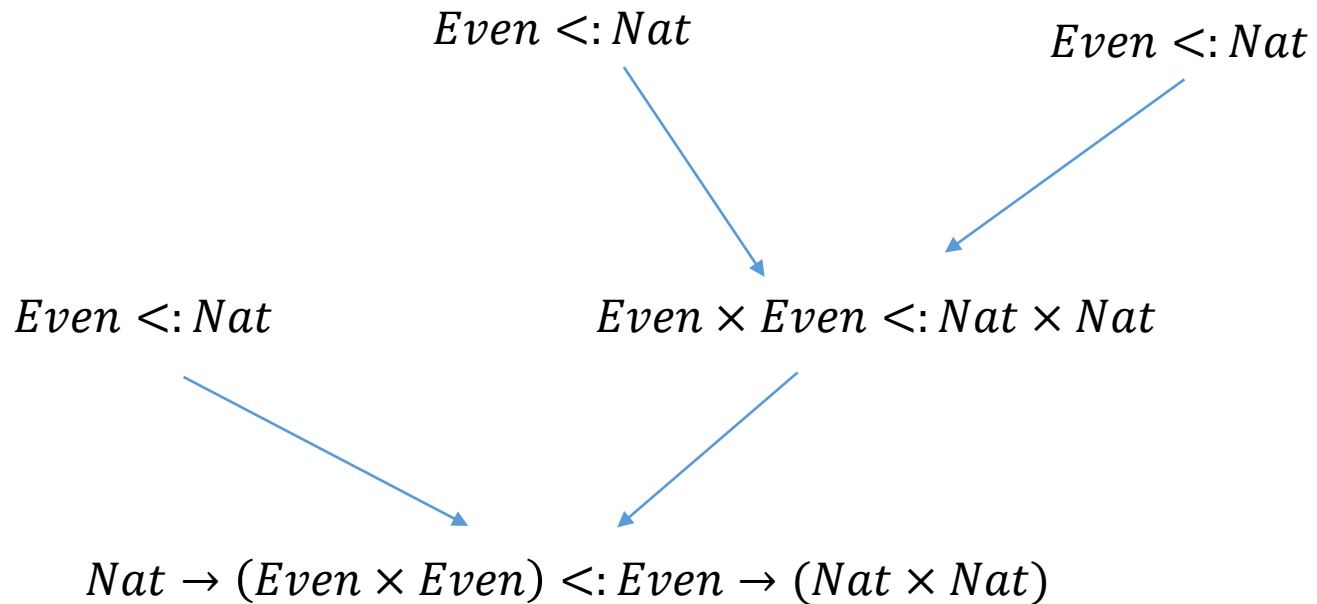
# Iso-recursive Subtyping

$$\overline{T <: \text{Top}}$$
$$\overline{\text{Even} <: \text{Nat}}$$
$$\frac{S_1 <: T_1 \quad S_2 <: T_2}{S_1 \times S_2 <: T_1 \times T_2}$$
$$\frac{T_1 <: S_1 \quad S_2 <: T_2}{S_1 \rightarrow S_2 <: T_1 \rightarrow T_2}$$
$$\frac{\Sigma, X <: Y \vdash S <: T}{\Sigma \vdash \mu X. S <: \mu Y. T}$$



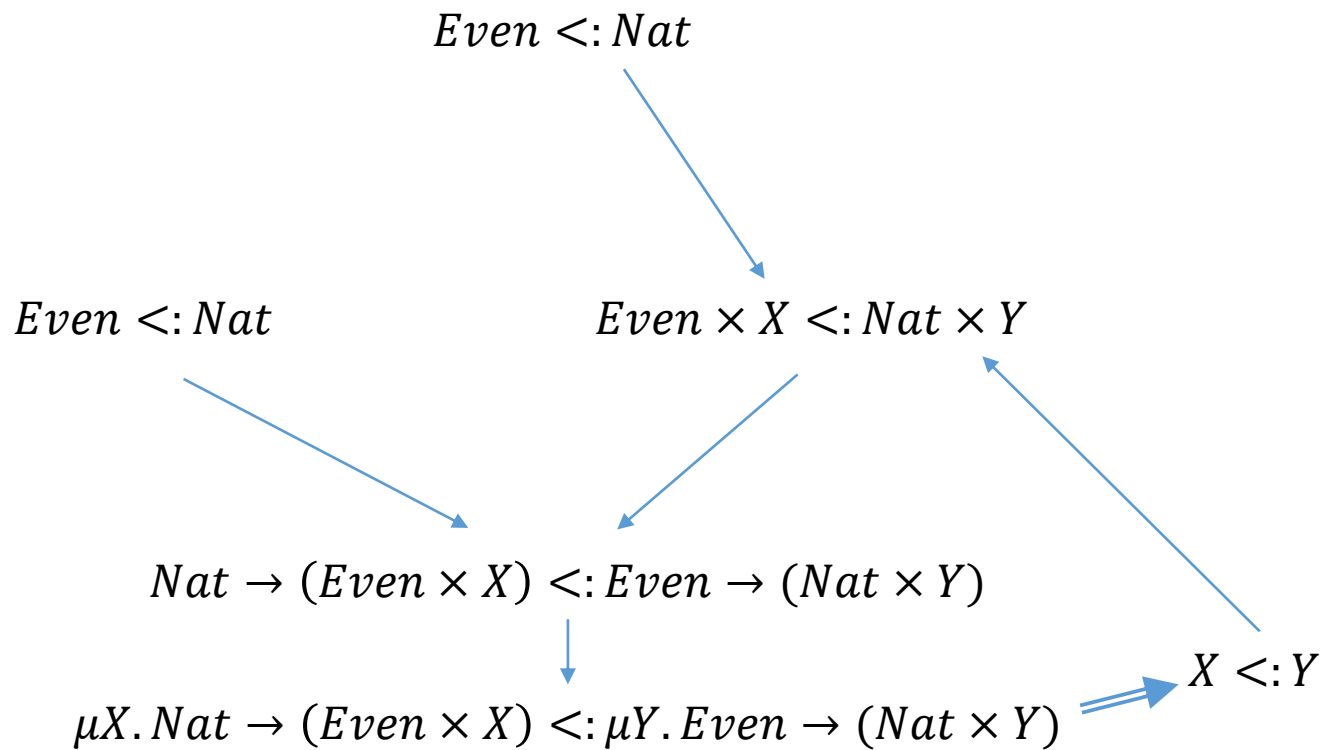


# Without the last rule: A Derivation Tree





# With the last rule: A Derivation Graph





# The premise function

- $premise(S \leq T) =$   
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \emptyset & \text{if } T = Top \vee (S = Even \wedge T = Nat) \\ \{S_1 \leq T_1, S_2 \leq T_2\} & \text{if } S = S_1 \times S_2 \wedge T = T_1 \times T_2 \\ \{T_1 \leq S_1, S_2 \leq T_2\} & \text{if } S = S_1 \rightarrow S_2 \wedge T = T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \\ \{S_1 \leq T_1\} & \text{if } S = \mu X.S_1 \wedge T = \mu X.T_1 \\ \uparrow & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$
- $premise(X) =$   
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \bigcup_{x \in X} premise(x) & \text{if } \forall x \in X. premise(x) \downarrow \\ \uparrow & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$



# The derivation function

- $derivation(S \prec T) = \begin{cases} \{S \prec T, X \prec Y\} & \text{if } S = \mu X.S_1 \wedge T = \mu Y.T_1 \\ \{S \prec T\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- $derivation(X) = \bigcup_{x \in X} derivation(x)$



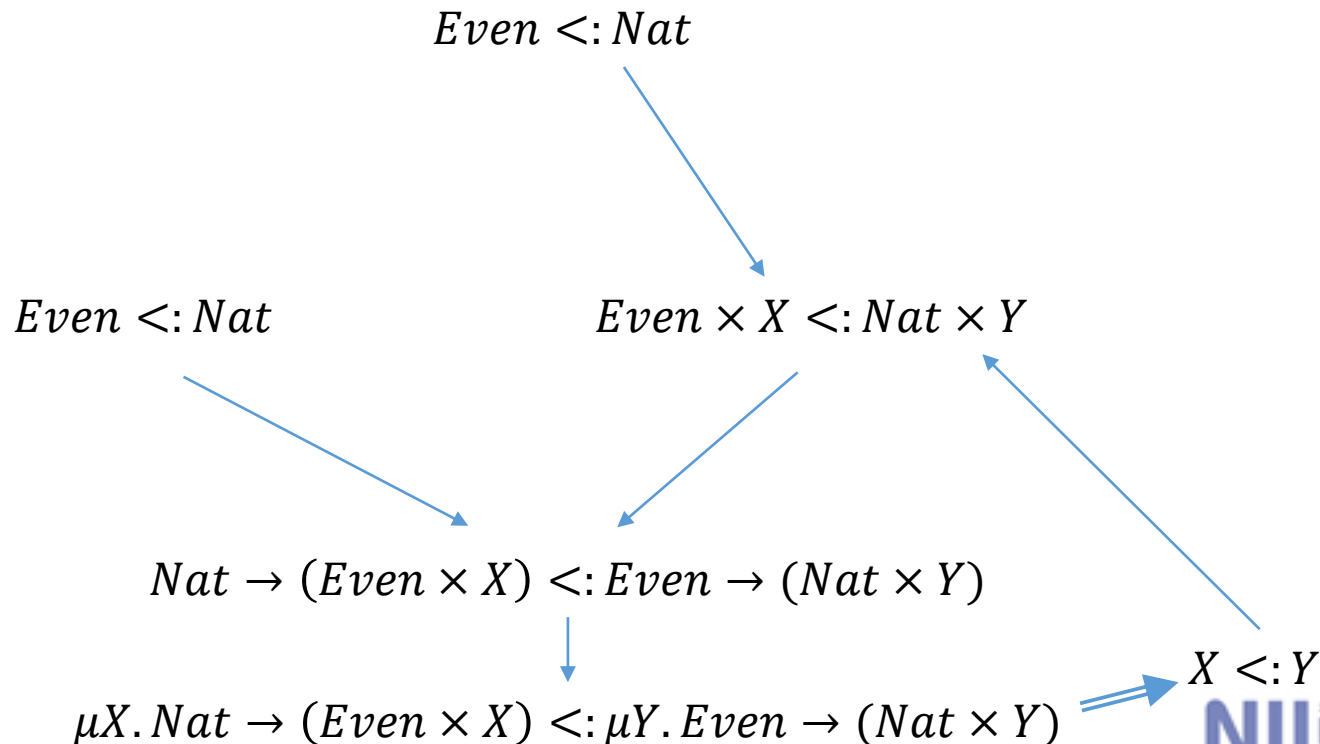
# The subtyping algorithm

- $\text{gfp}(X) = \text{if } \text{premise}(X) \uparrow \text{ then false}$   
    else  $\text{premise}(X) \subseteq \text{derivation}(X)$  then true  
    else  $\text{gfp}(\text{premise}(X) \cup X)$
- $\text{isSubtype}(S <: T) = \text{gfp}(\{S <: T\})$



# Termination

- X grows larger in every iteration
- Function premise() only produce subexpressions
  - subexpression: a sub tree in the AST
- There are finite number of subexpressions for a type





# Exercises

- Try to determine the following subtype relations using the algorithm
  - $\mu X. \mu Y. X \times Y <: \mu A. \mu B. A \times B$
  - $\mu X. X \rightarrow \text{Nat} <: \mu Y. Y \rightarrow \text{Nat}$
  - $\mu X. \text{Nat} \rightarrow (\text{Even} \times X) <: \text{Even} \rightarrow (\text{Nat} \times$



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  - $\mu X. \mu Y. X \times Y <: \mu A. \mu B. A \times B$ 
    - true
  - $\mu X. X \rightarrow Nat <: \mu Y. Y \rightarrow Nat$ 
    - false
    - the current algorithm allows only to unfold once
  - $\mu X. Nat \rightarrow (Even \times X) <: Even \rightarrow (Nat \times$





# Changing the typing rule

$$\frac{\Sigma, X <: Y \vdash S <: T}{\Sigma \vdash \mu X. S <: \mu Y. T}$$

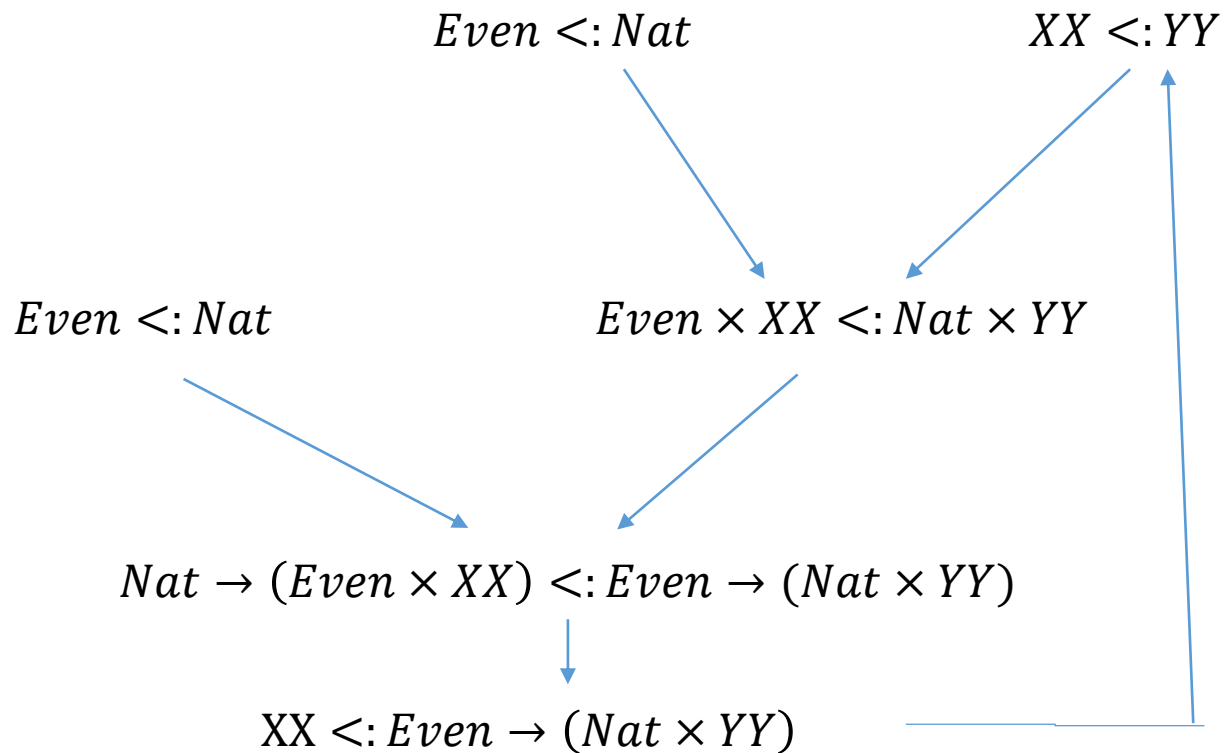
$$\frac{\Sigma, S <: \mu Y. T \vdash S <: [Y \rightarrow \mu Y. T]T}{\Sigma \vdash S <: \mu Y. T}$$

$$\frac{\Sigma, \mu X. S <: T \vdash [X \rightarrow \mu X. S]S <: T}{\Sigma \vdash \mu X. S <: T}$$

What is the derivation graph of  $XX <: \text{Even} \rightarrow (\text{Nat} \times YY)$ ?



# New Derivation Graph





# Support Function

•  $support_{S_m}(S <: T) =$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \emptyset & \text{if } T = Top \vee (S = Even \wedge T = Nat) \\ \{S_1 <: T_1, S_2 <: T_2\} & \text{if } S = S_1 \times S_2 \wedge T = T_1 \times T_2 \\ \{T_1 <: S_1, S_2 <: T_2\} & \text{if } S = S_1 \rightarrow S_2 \wedge T = T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \\ \{S <: [X \mapsto \mu X. T_1] T_1\} & \text{if } T = \mu X. T_1 \\ \{[X \mapsto \mu X. S_1] S_1 <: T\} & \text{if } S = \mu X. S_1 \wedge T \neq \mu X. T_1, T \neq Top \\ \uparrow & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$

•  $support_{S_m}(X) =$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \bigcup_{x \in X} support_{S_m}(x) & \text{if } \forall x \in X. support_{S_m}(x) \downarrow \\ \uparrow & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$



# The algorithm

$gfp(X)$  = if  $support(X) \uparrow$ , then *false*  
else if  $support(X) \subseteq X$ , then *true*  
else  $gfp(support(X) \cup X)$ .



# Termination

- $X$  grows larger in every iteration
- $S$  is a subexpression of  $T$  either
  - $S$  forms a sub tree in the AST of  $T$
  - $S$  forms a sub tree in the AST of  $[X \rightarrow \mu X. T_1]T_1$  if  $T = \mu X. T_1$
- All pairs produced by  $support_{S_m}()$  are subexpressions of the original one
- There is only a finite number of subexpressions



# Inversible Subtyping Rules

- Functions premise/support requires the subtyping rules are invertible:
  - There is only one set of premise for each conclusion
- The algorithm will be much more complex if the subtyping rules are not invertible
- Example: uninversible rules

$$\frac{S <: U \quad U <: T}{S <: T}$$

$$S <: \text{Top}$$

$$\frac{T_1 <: S_1 \quad S_2 <: T_2}{S_1 \rightarrow S_2 <: T_1 \rightarrow T_2}$$

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$$\frac{[X \rightarrow \mu X. S]S <: T \wedge T \neq \mu Y. T_1 \wedge T \neq \text{TOP}}{\mu X. S <: T}$$



# Exercise

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- $S = \mu X. Nat \times X$

- $T = \mu X. Nat \times (Nat \times X)$



# Fixpoints, Induction, and Coinduction



# Fixed points

- The fixed point of a function  $f:T \rightarrow T$ , is a value  $(\text{fix } f) \in T$  satisfying the following condition:
  - $\text{fix } f = f (\text{fix } f)$
- When  $T$  is a function type
  - $\text{fix } f$  is a recursive function
  - $Y$  and  $\text{fix}$  combinators produce such fixed point
- When  $T$  is not a function
  - $Y$  and  $\text{fix}$  combinators no longer work

# Review: Terms, by Inference Rules



The set of terms is defined by the following rules:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{true} \in \mathcal{T} & \text{false} \in \mathcal{T} & 0 \in \mathcal{T} \\ \frac{t_1 \in \mathcal{T}}{\text{succ } t_1 \in \mathcal{T}} & \frac{t_1 \in \mathcal{T}}{\text{pred } t_1 \in \mathcal{T}} & \frac{t_1 \in \mathcal{T}}{\text{iszero } t_1 \in \mathcal{T}} \\ \frac{t_1 \in \mathcal{T} \quad t_2 \in \mathcal{T} \quad t_3 \in \mathcal{T}}{\text{if } t_1 \text{ then } t_2 \text{ else } t_3 \in \mathcal{T}} \end{array}$$

Inference rules = Axioms + Proper rules



# Review: Terms, Concretely

For each natural number  $i$ , define a set  $S_i$  as follows:

$$S_0 = \emptyset$$

$$S_{i+1} = \begin{aligned} & \{\text{true, false, 0}\} \\ & \cup \{\text{succ } t_1, \text{pred } t_1, \text{iszero } t_1 \mid t_1 \in S_i\} \\ & \cup \{\text{if } t_1 \text{ then } t_2 \text{ else } t_3 \mid t_1, t_2, t_3 \in S_i\}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, let

$$S = \bigcup_i S_i.$$



# Generating Function

- $f(X) = \{\text{true}, \text{false}, 0\}$   
     $\cup \{\text{succ } t_1, \text{pred } t_1, \text{iszero } t_1 \mid t_1 \in X\}$   
     $\cup \{\text{if } t_1 \text{ then } t_2 \text{ else } t_3 \mid t_1, t_2, t_3 \in X\}$
- $S = \bigcup f^n(\emptyset)$
- We will show that  $S$  is the least fixed point of  $f$



# Monotone function and closed sets

- Monotone function:  $f : P(U) \rightarrow P(U)$  is monotone iff
  - $\forall X, Y: X \subseteq Y \Rightarrow f(X) \subseteq f(Y)$
- Let  $f: P(U) \rightarrow P(U)$ ,  $X$  is  $f$ -closed if  $f(X) \subseteq X$ .



# Knaster-Tarski Theorem

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- The intersection of all f-closed sets is the least fixed point of monotone function f, denoted  $lfp(f)$ .

- Proof:

- Let K be the intersection of all f-closed sets

- Let A be an arbitrary f-closed set

- $K \subseteq A \rightarrow f(K) \subseteq f(A) \rightarrow f(K) \subseteq A$

- Since A can be any f-closed set,  $f(K) \subseteq K$

- $f(K) \subseteq K \rightarrow f(f(K)) \subseteq f(K) \rightarrow f(K)$  is f-closed  $\rightarrow K \subseteq f(K)$

- Therefore  $f(K) = K$

- K is the least because any fixed point is f-closed





# Principle of Induction

- If  $X$  is  $f$ -closed, then  $lfp(f) \subseteq X$ .
- Proving  $S = \bigcup f^n(\emptyset) = lfp(f)$ 
  - $\emptyset \subseteq lfp(f) \rightarrow f^n(\emptyset) \subseteq lfp(f)$  for any  $n$
  - Thus,  $S \subseteq lfp(f)$
  - Let  $A \subseteq B$ , we have  $f(A \cup B) = f(A) \cup f(B)$
  - From  $\emptyset \subseteq f(\emptyset)$ , we have  $f^n(\emptyset) \subseteq f^{n+1}(\emptyset)$  for any  $n$
  - $f(S) = f(\bigcup f^n(\emptyset)) = \bigcup f^{n+1}(\emptyset) = S$ , e.g.,  $S$  is  $f$ -closed
  - $lfp(f) \subseteq S$

# Proving Mathematical Induction



- Mathematical induction
  1. Show  $P$  holds for case  $n=0$
  2. When  $P$  holds for case  $n=k$ , show  $P$  holds for case  $n=k+1$
  3.  $P$  holds for any natural number
- Let  $f(X) = \{0\} \cup \{i + 1 \mid i \in X\}$ . We have  $\text{lfp}(f)$  is the whole set of natural numbers
- Let  $PP$  be the set of natural number where  $P$  holds. We have
  - $0 \in PP \wedge i \in PP \rightarrow i + 1 \in PP$
  - $PP$  is  $f$ -closed
  - $\text{lfp}(f) \subseteq PP$



# Infinite Values

- Let  $f(X) = \{\text{nil}\} \cup \{\text{cons } i \ t \mid i \in \text{Nat}, t \in X\}$
- What is in  $\text{lfp}(X)$ ?



# Principle of Coinduction

- Let  $f: P(U) \rightarrow P(U)$ ,  $X$  is  $f$ -consistent if  $X \subseteq f(X)$ .
- The dual of Knaster-Tarski Theorem
  - The union of all  $f$ -consistent sets is the greatest fixed point of monotone function  $f$ , denoted  $gfp(f)$ .
    - Proof: By duality
- Principle of Coinduction
  - If  $X$  is  $f$ -consistent, then  $X \subseteq GFP(f)$ .
    - Proof: By duality



# Infinite Members and Greatest Fixed Point

- $gfp(f) = \bigcap f^n(U)$ ,  $n$  is any natural number is the greatest fixed point of the monotone function  $f$  and the universal set  $U$
- Let  $f(X) = \{\text{nil}\} \cup \{\text{cons } i \ t \mid i \in \text{Nat}, t \in X\}$ ,  $gfp(f)$  contains all finite and infinite lists



# Summary

- Rules can be represented as generating functions
- The least fixed point is the set of finite terms
- The greatest fixed point is the set of finite and infinite terms
- Principles of Induction and Coinduction are useful in proving theorems
  - See book for examples of using principles of coinduction



# Exercise

- Defining a generating function  $s$  for the subtyping relation, where  $\text{gfp}(s)$  is the set of all pairs of  $(A, B)$  where  $A <: B$

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$$\begin{aligned} s(R) = & \{ S <: \text{Top} \mid \text{for any type } S \} \\ & \cup \{ S_1 \times S_2 <: T_1 \times T_2 \mid S_1 <: T_1, S_2 <: T_2 \in R \} \\ & \cup \{ S_1 \rightarrow S_2 <: T_1 \rightarrow T_2 \mid T_1 <: S_1, S_2 <: T_2 \in R \} \\ & \cup \{ S <: \mu X. T \mid S <: [X \mapsto \mu X. T] T \in R \} \\ & \cup \{ \mu X. S <: T \mid [X \mapsto \mu X. T] S <: T \in R \} \end{aligned}$$





# Homework

- Choose a language with high-order function support, and investigate
  - (1) Whether and how this language supports recursive types,
  - (2) How this support differs from what we learned in the course, and
  - (3) Why this design is adopted for the language.
- Summarize the findings as a report.