



Programming Languages and Compilers (CS 421)

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Objectives for Today

- Last week, we covered **type checking** as it interacted with **polymorphism**
- This week, we will continue to **type inference**



Questions from last week?



Type Inference



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$(\text{fun } x \rightarrow \text{fun } f \rightarrow f (f x))$

- **Assign a type variable** and then look at the way the term is constructed

- Trying to find an α such that:

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Nothing is known about ϕ yet,
but we'll learn more soon.

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Variable rule

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By **unification** (which we will learn about soon), we get that $\zeta \equiv \epsilon$ and $\phi \equiv \epsilon$.

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 \frac{}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon} \text{VAR} \qquad \frac{}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash x : \zeta} \text{VAR} \\
 \frac{}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f x : \phi} \text{APP} \\
 \frac{}{\{f : \delta ; x : \beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \varepsilon} \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{}{\{x : \beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma} \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{}{\{\} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \alpha} \text{APP}
 \end{array}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$; $\gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon)$; $\zeta \equiv \varepsilon$; $\phi \equiv \varepsilon$

*Substituted: $\{\delta \equiv \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon\}$

Example

Type Inference - Example

Apply substitution
(since the LHS is done)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\{f:\Phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \Phi \rightarrow \varepsilon} \text{VAR} \quad \frac{}{\{f:\Phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash x : \zeta} \text{VAR} \\
 \frac{}{\{f:\Phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f x : \Phi} \text{APP} \\
 \frac{}{\{f:\delta; x:\beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \varepsilon} \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{}{\{x:\beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma} \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{}{\{\} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \alpha} \text{APP}
 \end{array}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$; $\gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon)$; $\zeta \equiv \varepsilon$; $\Phi \equiv \varepsilon$

*Substituted: $\{\delta \equiv \Phi \rightarrow \varepsilon\}$

Example

Type Inference - Example

Apply substitution
(since the LHS is done)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon} \text{VAR} \qquad \frac{}{\{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash x : \varepsilon} \text{VAR} \\
 \frac{}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon} \text{VAR} \qquad \frac{\{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon \quad \{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash x : \varepsilon}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f x : \phi} \text{APP} \\
 \frac{}{\{f:\delta; x:\beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \varepsilon} \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{\{x:\beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma}{\{x:\beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma} \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{}{\{\} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \alpha} \text{APP}
 \end{array}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$; $\gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon)$

*Substituted: $\{\zeta \equiv \varepsilon, \phi \equiv \varepsilon\} \circ \{\delta \equiv \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon\}$

Example

Type Inference - Example

Compose substitutions

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \quad \{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\}}{\text{VAR}} \\
 \frac{}{\{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon} \quad \frac{}{\vdash X : \varepsilon} \\
 \frac{\{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon}{\text{VAR}} \quad \frac{\vdash X : \varepsilon}{\text{APP}} \\
 \frac{}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon} \quad \frac{}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f X : \phi} \\
 \frac{}{\{f:\delta ; x:\beta\} \vdash f (f X) : \varepsilon} \quad \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{}{\{x:\beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f X)) : \gamma} \quad \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{}{\{\} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> fun } f \text{ -> } f (f X)) : \alpha}
 \end{array}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$; $\gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon)$

*Substituted: $\{\zeta \equiv \varepsilon, \phi \equiv \varepsilon\} \circ \{\delta \equiv \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon\}$

Example

Type Inference - Example

Compose substitutions

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \quad \{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\}} \text{VAR} \\
 \frac{}{\vdash f : \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon} \text{VAR} \quad \frac{}{\vdash X : \varepsilon} \text{APP} \\
 \frac{\{f: \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon}{\{f: \delta ; x : \beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \varepsilon} \text{APP} \quad \frac{}{\{f: \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f x : \phi} \text{APP} \\
 \frac{\{f : \delta ; x : \beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \varepsilon}{\{x : \beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma} \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{\{x : \beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma}{\{\} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \alpha} \text{FUN}
 \end{array}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$; $\gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon)$

*Substituted: $\{\zeta \equiv \varepsilon, \phi \equiv \varepsilon, \delta \equiv \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon\}$

Example

Type Inference - Example

Recursively find substitution

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\}} \text{VAR} \quad \frac{\text{???}}{\{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\}} \\
 \frac{}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon} \text{VAR} \quad \frac{\vdash f : \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon \quad \vdash x : \varepsilon}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f x : \phi} \text{APP} \\
 \frac{}{\{f : \delta ; x : \beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \varepsilon} \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{}{\{x : \beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma} \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{}{\{\} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \alpha}
 \end{array}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$; $\gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon)$

*Substituted: $\{\zeta \equiv \varepsilon, \phi \equiv \varepsilon, \delta \equiv \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon\}$

Example

Type Inference - Example

Variable rule

Decompose the expression into components

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\}} \text{VAR} \qquad \frac{}{\{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\}} \text{VAR} \\
 \frac{}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon} \text{VAR} \qquad \frac{\vdash f : \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon \quad \vdash x : \varepsilon}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f x : \phi} \text{APP} \\
 \frac{}{\{f : \delta ; x : \beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \varepsilon} \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{}{\{x : \beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma} \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{}{\{\} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \alpha} \text{APP}
 \end{array}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma); \gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon)$

* Substituted: $\{\zeta \equiv \varepsilon, \phi \equiv \varepsilon, \delta \equiv \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon\}$

Example

Type Inference - Example

Variable rule

Generate constraints
using the typing rule

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\}} \text{VAR} \qquad \frac{}{\{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\}} \text{VAR} \\
 \frac{}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon} \text{VAR} \qquad \frac{\vdash f : \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon \quad \vdash x : \varepsilon}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f x : \phi} \text{APP} \\
 \frac{\{f:\delta ; x:\beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \varepsilon}{\{x:\beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma} \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{\{x:\beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma}{\{\} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \alpha} \text{FUN}
 \end{array}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$; $\gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon)$; $\varepsilon \equiv \beta$

*Substituted: $\{\zeta \equiv \varepsilon, \phi \equiv \varepsilon, \delta \equiv \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon\}$

Example



Questions so far?

Type Inference - Example

Variable rule

Generate constraints
using the typing rule

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\}} \text{VAR} \qquad \frac{}{\{f:\varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\}} \text{VAR} \\
 \frac{}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon} \text{VAR} \qquad \frac{\vdash f : \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon \quad \vdash x : \varepsilon}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\} \vdash f x : \phi} \text{APP} \\
 \frac{\{f:\delta ; x:\beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \varepsilon}{\{x:\beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma} \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{\{x:\beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma}{\{\} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \alpha} \text{FUN}
 \end{array}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$; $\gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon)$; $\varepsilon \equiv \beta$

*Substituted: $\{\zeta \equiv \varepsilon, \phi \equiv \varepsilon, \delta \equiv \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon\}$

Example

Type Inference - Example

Apply substitution
(since the RHS is done)

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{VAR} \quad \text{VAR} \\
 \frac{}{\{f: \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x: \beta\}} \quad \frac{}{\{f: \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon; x: \beta\}} \\
 \frac{}{\{f: \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x: \beta\} \vdash f : \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon} \quad \frac{}{\vdash f : \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon \quad \vdash x : \varepsilon} \\
 \text{VAR} \quad \text{APP} \\
 \frac{}{\{f: \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x: \beta\} \vdash f : \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon} \quad \frac{}{\{f: \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x: \beta\} \vdash f x : \phi} \\
 \text{APP} \\
 \frac{}{\{f: \delta ; x : \beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \varepsilon} \\
 \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{}{\{x : \beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \rightarrow f (f x)) : \gamma} \\
 \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{}{\{\} \vdash (\text{fun } x \rightarrow \text{fun } f \rightarrow f (f x)) : a}
 \end{array}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$; $\gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon)$; $\varepsilon \equiv \beta$

* Substituted: $\{\zeta \equiv \varepsilon, \phi \equiv \varepsilon, \delta \equiv \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon\}$

Example

Type Inference - Example

Apply substitution
(since the RHS is done)

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 \frac{}{\{f: \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x: \beta\} \vdash f : \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon} \text{VAR}
 }{\{f: \beta \rightarrow \beta; x: \beta\} \vdash f : \beta \rightarrow \beta} \text{VAR}
 }{\{f: \beta \rightarrow \beta; x: \beta\} \vdash x : \beta} \text{VAR}
 }{\{f: \beta \rightarrow \beta; x: \beta\} \vdash f x : \phi} \text{APP}
 }{\{f: \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x: \beta\} \vdash f x : \phi} \text{APP}
 }{\{f : \delta ; x : \beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \varepsilon} \text{FUN}
 }{\{x : \beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \rightarrow f (f x)) : \gamma} \text{FUN}
 }{\{ \} \vdash (\text{fun } x \rightarrow \text{fun } f \rightarrow f (f x)) : \alpha} \text{FUN}
 }$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma); \gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon)$

Substituted: $\{\varepsilon \equiv \beta\} \circ \{\zeta \equiv \varepsilon, \phi \equiv \varepsilon, \delta \equiv \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon\}$ Example

Type Inference - Example

Compose substitutions

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\text{VAR}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}{\vdash f : \beta \rightarrow \beta}}{\text{VAR}}}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\}} \vdash f : \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon}}{\text{VAR}}}{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\text{VAR}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}{\vdash x : \beta}}{\text{VAR}}}{\{f:\phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x:\beta\}} \vdash f x : \phi}}{\text{APP}}}{\text{APP}}}{\text{FUN}}}{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\text{FUN}}{\{f:\delta; x:\beta\}} \vdash f(fx) : \varepsilon}}{\text{FUN}}}{\{x:\beta\}} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f(fx)) : \gamma}}{\text{FUN}}}{\{ \} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> fun } f \text{ -> } f(fx)) : \alpha}}{\text{FUN}}}
 \end{array}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$; $\gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon)$

Substituted: $\{\varepsilon \equiv \beta\} \circ \{\zeta \equiv \varepsilon, \phi \equiv \varepsilon, \delta \equiv \varepsilon \rightarrow \varepsilon\}$ Example

Type Inference - Example

Compose substitutions

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{\frac{}{\text{VAR}} \{f: \beta \rightarrow \beta; x: \beta\}}{\text{VAR}} \vdash f : \beta \rightarrow \beta \quad \frac{}{\text{VAR}} \{f: \beta \rightarrow \beta; x: \beta\}}{\text{VAR}} \vdash x : \beta}{\text{APP}} \{f: \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x: \beta\} \vdash f x : \phi}{\text{APP}} \{f: \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon; x: \beta\} \vdash f : \phi \rightarrow \varepsilon \\
 \frac{\frac{\frac{}{\text{FUN}} \{f : \delta ; x : \beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \varepsilon}{\text{FUN}} \{x : \beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma}{\text{FUN}} \{ \} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \alpha
 \end{array}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$; $\gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon)$

Substituted: $\{\varepsilon \equiv \beta, \zeta \equiv \beta, \phi \equiv \beta, \delta \equiv \beta \rightarrow \beta\}$ Example

Type Inference - Example

Done with that, so back down one more layer **apply substitution** there

$$\begin{array}{c}
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 \frac{}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \beta \rightarrow \beta} \\
 \text{VAR} \\
 \frac{}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\} \vdash x : \beta} \\
 \text{APP} \\
 \frac{\frac{}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \beta \rightarrow \beta} \quad \frac{}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\} \vdash x : \beta}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\} \vdash f x : \beta} \\
 \text{APP} \\
 \frac{\frac{}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \beta \rightarrow \beta} \quad \frac{}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\} \vdash f x : \beta}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \beta} \\
 \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{\frac{}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \beta} \quad \frac{}{\{x:\beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma}}{\{x:\beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma} \\
 \text{FUN} \\
 \frac{}{\{\} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \alpha}
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$; $\gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon)$

*Substituted: $\{\varepsilon \equiv \beta, \zeta \equiv \beta, \phi \equiv \beta, \delta \equiv \beta \rightarrow \beta\}$ Example

Type Inference - Example

Done with that, so back down one more layer **apply substitution** there

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\text{VAR}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}}{\vdash f : \beta \rightarrow \beta}}{\text{VAR}}}{\{f: \beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}}{\vdash f : \beta \rightarrow \beta}}{\text{VAR}}}{\{f: \beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}}{\vdash f : \beta \rightarrow \beta} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\text{VAR}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}}{\vdash x : \beta}}{\text{VAR}}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}}{\vdash x : \beta}}{\text{APP}}}{\text{APP}}}{\{f: \beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\} \vdash f x : \beta}}{\text{APP}}}{\{f : \delta ; x : \beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \varepsilon}}{\text{FUN}}}{\{x : \beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma}}{\text{FUN}}}{\{ \} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \alpha}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma); \gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \varepsilon)$

*Substituted: $\{\varepsilon \equiv \beta, \zeta \equiv \beta, \phi \equiv \beta, \delta \equiv \beta \rightarrow \beta\}$ Example

Type Inference - Example

Done with that, too, so back down one more layer **apply substitution** there

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\text{VAR}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}{\vdash f:\beta \rightarrow \beta}}{\text{VAR}}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}{\vdash f:\beta \rightarrow \beta}}{\text{VAR}}}{\vdash f:\beta \rightarrow \beta} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\text{VAR}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}{\vdash x:\beta}}{\text{VAR}}}{\vdash x:\beta}}{\text{APP}}}{\vdash f x:\beta}}{\text{APP}}}{\vdash f(f x):\epsilon}}{\text{FUN}}}{\vdash (\text{fun } f \rightarrow f(f x)):\gamma}}{\text{FUN}}}{\vdash (\text{fun } x \rightarrow \text{fun } f \rightarrow f(f x)):\alpha}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma); \gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \epsilon)$

*Substituted: $\{\epsilon \equiv \beta, \zeta \equiv \beta, \phi \equiv \beta, \delta \equiv \beta \rightarrow \beta\}$ Example

Type Inference - Example

Done with that, too, so back down one more layer **apply substitution** there

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 \frac{}{\text{VAR}} \{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}
 }{\text{VAR}} \{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}
 }{\text{APP}} \frac{\vdash f : \beta \rightarrow \beta}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\} \vdash f : \beta \rightarrow \beta}
 }{\text{APP}} \frac{\vdash x : \beta}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\} \vdash f x : \beta}
 }{\text{FUN}} \frac{\{f : \beta \rightarrow \beta ; x : \beta\} \vdash f (f x) : \beta}
 }{\text{FUN}} \frac{\{x : \beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \gamma}
 }{\{ \} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \alpha}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma); \gamma \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \epsilon)$

* Substituted: $\{\epsilon \equiv \beta, \zeta \equiv \beta, \phi \equiv \beta, \delta \equiv \beta \rightarrow \beta\}$ Example

Type Inference - Example

Done once more, so back down one more layer **apply substitution** there

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\text{VAR}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}{\text{VAR}} \quad \frac{\frac{}{\text{VAR}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}{\text{VAR}}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}} \vdash f : \beta \rightarrow \beta} \quad \frac{\frac{}{\text{VAR}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}} \quad \frac{}{\text{VAR}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}} \vdash x : \beta} \text{APP} \quad \frac{\frac{}{\text{VAR}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}} \quad \frac{}{\text{VAR}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}} \vdash f x : \beta} \text{APP}}{\frac{}{\text{VAR}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}} \vdash f (f x) : \beta} \text{FUN}}{\frac{}{\text{VAR}}{\{x:\beta\}} \vdash (\text{fun } f \rightarrow f (f x)) : \mathbf{\Upsilon}} \text{FUN}} \text{FUN}}{\frac{}{} \vdash (\text{fun } x \rightarrow \text{fun } f \rightarrow f (f x)) : \mathbf{a}} \text{FUN}}
 \end{array}$$

Constraints: $\mathbf{a} \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$; $\mathbf{\Upsilon} \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \epsilon)$

*Substituted: $\{\epsilon \equiv \beta, \zeta \equiv \beta, \phi \equiv \beta, \delta \equiv \beta \rightarrow \beta\}$ Example

Type Inference - Example

Done once more, so back down one more layer **apply substitution** there

$$\frac{\displaystyle \frac{\displaystyle \frac{\displaystyle \frac{\text{VAR}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}} \vdash f:\beta \rightarrow \beta}{\text{VAR}} \quad \frac{\text{VAR}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}} \vdash x:\beta}{\text{APP}}}{\text{APP}}}{\text{FUN}} \frac{\text{FUN}}{\{x:\beta\} \vdash (\text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \Upsilon}}{\text{FUN}} \frac{\text{FUN}}{\{\} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> } \text{fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : \alpha}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \Upsilon)$; $\Upsilon \equiv (\delta \rightarrow \epsilon)$

*Substituted: $\{\epsilon \equiv \beta, \zeta \equiv \beta, \phi \equiv \beta, \delta \equiv \beta \rightarrow \beta\}$ Example

Type Inference - Example

Done once more, so back down one more layer **apply substitution** there

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\text{VAR}} \quad \frac{}{\text{VAR}} \\
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 \frac{}{\text{VAR}} \quad \frac{}{\text{APP}} \\
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 \frac{}{\text{FUN}} \\
 \frac{}{\text{FUN}} \\
 \frac{}{\text{FUN}}
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{}{\text{VAR}}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}{\vdash f:\beta \rightarrow \beta}}{\text{VAR}}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}}{\vdash f:\beta \rightarrow \beta}}{\text{VAR}} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{}{\text{VAR}}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}{\vdash x:\beta}}{\text{VAR}}}{\text{APP}}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}{\vdash f x:\beta}}{\text{APP}}}{\{f:\beta \rightarrow \beta; x:\beta\}}{\vdash f(fx):\beta}}{\text{FUN}}}{\{x:\beta\}}{\vdash (\text{fun } f \rightarrow f(fx)):\gamma}}{\text{FUN}}}{\{\}}{\vdash (\text{fun } x \rightarrow \text{fun } f \rightarrow f(fx)):\alpha}}{\text{FUN}}$$

Constraints: $\alpha \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$; $\gamma \equiv ((\beta \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta)$

*Substituted: $\{\varepsilon \equiv \beta, \zeta \equiv \beta, \phi \equiv \beta, \delta \equiv \beta \rightarrow \beta\}$ Example

Type Inference - Example

Done once more, so back down one more layer **apply substitution** there

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\text{VAR}} \quad \frac{}{\text{VAR}} \\
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 \frac{}{\text{APP}} \quad \frac{}{\text{FUN}} \\
 \frac{}{\text{FUN}} \\
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 \{ \} \vdash (\text{fun } x \text{ -> fun } f \text{ -> } f (f x)) : a
 \end{array}$$

Constraints: $a \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$

Substituted: $\{\gamma \equiv ((\beta \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta), \varepsilon \equiv \beta, \dots, \delta \equiv \beta \rightarrow \beta\}$ Example

Type Inference - Example

Back to the very start.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\text{VAR}} \quad \frac{}{\text{VAR}} \\
 \frac{}{\text{VAR}} \quad \frac{}{\text{APP}} \quad \frac{}{\text{APP}} \\
 \frac{}{\text{FUN}} \quad \frac{}{\text{FUN}} \\
 \frac{}{\text{FUN}}
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{}{\text{VAR}} \quad \frac{}{\text{VAR}}$$

$$\frac{}{\text{VAR}} \quad \frac{}{\text{APP}} \quad \frac{}{\text{APP}}$$

$$\frac{}{\text{FUN}} \quad \frac{}{\text{FUN}}$$

$$\frac{}{\text{FUN}}$$

Constraints: $\mathbf{a} \equiv (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)$

Substituted: $\{\gamma \equiv ((\beta \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \beta), \varepsilon \equiv \beta, \dots, \delta \equiv \beta \rightarrow \beta\}$ Example

Type Inference - Example

Back to the very start.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\text{VAR}} \quad \frac{}{\text{VAR}} \\
 \frac{}{\text{VAR}} \quad \frac{}{\text{APP}} \quad \frac{}{\text{APP}} \\
 \frac{}{\text{FUN}} \quad \frac{}{\text{FUN}} \\
 \frac{}{\text{FUN}}
 \end{array}$$

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