

Explicit substitution.

Note: using de Bruijn indices to avoid names.

1. Syntax.

$$e ::= 0 \mid e_1 e_2 \mid \lambda e \mid e[\sigma]$$

$$\sigma ::= \text{id} \mid \uparrow \mid \sigma, e \mid \sigma \circ \tau$$

- Substitutions.

id: the identity. $e[\text{id}] = e$. $i \mapsto i$.

\uparrow : the weakening. $i \mapsto i+1$.

$-, -$: the extension. $(\sigma, e)(i) = \begin{cases} e & \text{if } i=0 \\ \sigma(i) & \text{if } i=i+1 \end{cases}$

$- \circ -$: the composition. $e[\sigma \circ \tau] = (e[\sigma])[\tau]$.

Hence, $(\sigma \circ \tau)(i) = \sigma(i)[\tau]$.

Note: the n^{th} de Bruijn index can be represented by $0[\uparrow^n]$.

- Calculus.

$$\uparrow, 0 = \text{id}. \quad \uparrow \circ (\sigma, e) = \sigma. \quad (\sigma, e) \circ t = \sigma \circ t, e[t].$$

$$(\sigma \circ \tau) \circ \rho = \sigma \circ (\tau \circ \rho). \quad 0[\sigma, t] = t. \quad \text{id} \circ \sigma = \sigma = \sigma \circ \text{id}.$$

Note: $\uparrow \circ \sigma$ is like "taking the tail of σ ". 0 is the head of σ .

$- \circ -$ is associative, and it distributes over $-, -$.

Hence, we have

$$\underbrace{\uparrow \circ \sigma}_{\text{tail}} \circ \underbrace{0[\sigma]}_{\text{head}} = \underbrace{\sigma}_{\text{the original}}$$

2. Evaluate substitutions.

$$0[\sigma, e] = e$$

$$(e[\sigma])[\tau] = e[\sigma \circ \tau]$$

$$(e_1 \cdot e_2)[\sigma] = e_1[\sigma] \cdot e_2[\sigma]$$

$$\cdot \lambda (e)[\sigma] = \lambda (e[\sigma \circ \uparrow, 0])$$

β -reduction:

$$(\lambda e_1) e_2 = e_1[\text{id}, e_2]$$

We have to weaken the substitution, since we're now one-abstraction deeper.

We must avoid substituting the 0^{th} index, since it is bounded.

3. Simple types.

Note: of course, we have $\Gamma, A \vdash 0 : A$

* Judgement: $\boxed{\Gamma \vdash \sigma \triangleright \Gamma'}$

Meaning: σ is a list of terms for substitutions.

Γ' is a list of types.

$\Gamma \vdash \sigma \triangleright \Gamma'$ means, ~~that~~ the list of terms in σ has ~~that~~ the list of types in Γ' .

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{id} \triangleright \Gamma} \text{ (id)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : A \quad \Gamma \vdash \sigma \triangleright \Gamma'}{\Gamma \vdash \sigma.e \triangleright \Gamma', A} (-, -)$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, A \vdash \uparrow \triangleright \Gamma} (\uparrow)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \sigma \triangleright \Gamma' \quad \Gamma'' \vdash \tau \triangleright \Gamma}{\Gamma'' \vdash \sigma \circ \tau \triangleright \Gamma'} (- \circ -)$$

• Type judgement for substitution.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \sigma \triangleright \Gamma' \quad \Gamma' \vdash e : A}{\Gamma \vdash e[\sigma] : A} \text{ (subst)}$$

• Intuition.

- A substitution is "well-typed" if it provides an interpretation of the free variables in the context.

In the rule (subst), e has fvs in Γ' ; which might be $\{x : A_1, \dots, 1 : A_1, 0 : A_0\}$.
 σ is a list of terms that matches the types of fvs in Γ' .

Hence, this substitution is well-typed, and the result now lives in σ 's context, Γ .

- A composition of substitutions is well-typed if every component $\sigma_i[\tau_i]$ is well-typed.

We know that, $\Gamma \vdash \sigma \triangleright \Gamma'$, so $\Gamma \vdash \sigma_i : \Gamma'_i$. Substitutions doesn't change types. So, we are looking for:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \sigma_i : \Gamma'_i \quad \Gamma'' \vdash \tau \triangleright \Gamma}{\Gamma'' \vdash \sigma_i[\tau] : \Gamma'_i}$$

and this Γ'' can be any context.

That is why we say $\Gamma'' \vdash \tau \triangleright \Gamma$ in the ~~premises~~ ^{premises} of rule (-o-).

4. Dependent types.

Things are more-or-less the same, but more tricky.

• The syntax is standard. The equations for substitutions still hold.

• Judgements. $\boxed{\Gamma \vdash \sigma \triangleright \Gamma'}$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \text{id} \triangleright \Gamma} \text{(id)}$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, A \vdash \uparrow \triangleright \Gamma} \text{(\uparrow)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \sigma \triangleright \Gamma' \quad \Gamma' \vdash \tau \triangleright \Gamma''}{\Gamma \vdash \sigma \tau \triangleright \Gamma''} \text{(-o-)}$$

The above three rules are unchanged. Note the extension rule.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : A[\sigma] \quad \Gamma \vdash \sigma : \Gamma'}{\Gamma \vdash \sigma, e : \Gamma', A} \text{(-, \rightarrow)}$$

To have this, we must have $\Gamma' \vdash A : \text{Set}_i$.
 Hence the type of e is $A[\sigma]$, as $\Gamma \vdash A[\sigma] : \text{Set}_i$.
 If we set the type of e be A , then there's no way to get some $\Gamma' \vdash A' : \text{Set}_i$ from $\Gamma \vdash A : \text{Set}_i$.

$$\boxed{\Gamma \vdash e : A}$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, A \vdash 0 : A[\uparrow]} \text{(o)}$$

Note that we have to weaken A .
 E.g. the counterpart of $\vdots, \text{Set } A : \text{Set}, x : A \vdash x : A$
 is $\vdots, \text{Set}, 0 \vdash 0 : 1$, not $\dots \vdash 0 : 0$.

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash e : B}{\Gamma \vdash \pi e : \Pi A B} \text{(\pi)}$$

This is the same as usual.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \Pi A B \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : A}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 e_2 : B[\text{id}, e_2]} \text{(app)}$$

Same as usual, except using explicit substitutions.

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : A \quad \Gamma' \vdash \sigma \triangleright \Gamma}{\Gamma' \vdash e[\sigma] : A[\sigma]} \text{(subst)}$$

Note that we have to substitute into the type of e as well.