# CS 335: Type Systems

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#### Type Error in Python

```
def add(x):
    return x + 1

class A(object):
    pass

a = A()
add(a)
```

```
Traceback (most recent call last):
    File "type-error.py", line 8, in <module>
        add1(a)
    File "type-error.py", line 2, in add1
        return x + 1
TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +:
    'A' and 'int'
```

It is great that compilers help detect such errors

What is Gradual Typing

## What is a Type?

#### Set of values and operations allowed on those values

- Integer is any whole number in the range  $-2^{31} \le i < 2^{31}$  and examples of allowed operations are +, -, \*, and /
- Booleans have true and false values and examples operations are &&, ||, and !

Few types are predefined by the programming language

#### Additional types can be defined by a programmer

• E.g., declaration of a structure in C

### What is a Type?

#### Pascal

• If both operands of the arithmetic operators of addition, subtraction, and multiplication are of type integer, then the result is of type integer

#### C

• The result of the unary & operator is a pointer to the object referred to by the operand. If the type of operand is X, the type of the result is a pointer to X.

Each expression has a type associated with it

#### The Meaning of Type

#### Denotational

- A type is a set of values
- A value has a given type if it belongs to the set

#### Structural

 A type is either from a collection of built-in types or a composite type created by applying a type constructor to built-in types

#### Abstractionbased

• A type is an interface consisting of a set of operations with well-defined and mutually consistent semantics

#### Type System

- The type of a language construct is denoted by a type expression (e.g., basic types like int and float)
- The **set of types and rules to** associate type expressions to different parts of a program (e.g., variables, expressions, and functions) are collectively called a type system
  - Type systems include rules for type equivalence, type compatibility, and type inference
  - Goal is to reduce sources of bugs due to type errors
- Different type systems may be used by different compilers for the same language
  - Pascal includes the index set of arrays in the type information of a function
  - Compiler implementations allow the index set to be unspecified

# Type Checking

- Ensure that valid operations are invoked on variables and expressions
  - E.g., && operator in Java expects two operands of type boolean
- Includes both type inferencing and identifying type-related errors
  - A **type error** or type clash is an error that occurs when we attempt an operation on a value for which that operation is not defined
  - Can catch errors, so needs to have a notion for error recovery
  - Errors like arithmetic overflow (is a run time error, not a type clash) is outside the scope of type systems

A type checker implements a type system

## Type Safety

- A program is type-safe if it is known to be free of type errors
- A language is type-safe if the only operations that can be performed on data in the language are those allowed by the type of the data
  - All legal programs in that language are type safe
- Type-safe languages do not allow operations or conversions that violate the rules of the type system
- Java, Smalltalk, Scheme, Haskell, Ruby, and Ada are examples of typesafe languages, while Fortran and C are not type-safe

## Catching Type Errors

- Can a type checker predict that a type error will occur when a particular program is run?
  - Impossible to build a type checker that can predict which programs will result in type errors
- Type checkers make a conservative approximation of what will happen during execution
  - Raises error for anything that might cause a type error

```
class A {
  int add(int x) {
    return x + 1;
  public static void main(
                 String args[]) {
    A a = new A();
    if (false) { add(a); }
TypeError.java:9: error: incompatible
types: A cannot be converted to int
             add(a);
```

#### Categories of Type Systems

- Strongly typed every expression can be assigned an unambiguous type
- Weakly typed Allows a value of one type to be treated as another
  - Errors may go undetected at compile time and even at run time
- Untyped Allows any operation to be performed on any data
  - No type checking is done (e.g., assembly, Tcl, BCPL)

#### Categories of Type Systems

- Statically typed every expression can be typed during compilation (e.g., C, C++, Java, and Rust)
- Dynamically typed Types are associated with run-time values rather than expressions (e.g., Lisp, Perl, Python, Javascript, and Ruby)
  - Type errors cannot be detected until the code is executed

```
Python

>>> if False:
...    1 + "two" # This line never runs, so no TypeError is raised
... else:
...    1 + 2
...
3

>>> 1 + "two" # Now this is type checked, and a TypeError is raised
TypeError: unsupported operand type(s) for +: 'int' and 'str'
```

**Manifest Typing** 

What is the difference between statically typed and dynamically typed languages?

### Static vs Dynamic Typing

#### **Static**

- Can find errors at compile time
- Low cost of fixing bugs
- Improved reliability and performance of compiled code
- Effectiveness depends on the strength of the type system

#### **Dynamic**

- Allows fast compilation
- Type of a variable can depend on runtime information
- Can load new code dynamically
- Allows constructs that static checkers would reject

What is Gradual Typing

### Categories of Type Systems

- Manifest (or explicit) typing requires explicitly identifying the type of a variable during declaration (e.g., Pascal and Java)
- Type is deduced from context in latent (or implicit) typing (e.g., Standard ML and OCaml)

```
int main() {
  float x = 0.0;
  int y = 0;
  ...
}
```

```
let val s = "Test"
    val x = 0.0
    val y = 0
...
```

**Manifest Typing** 

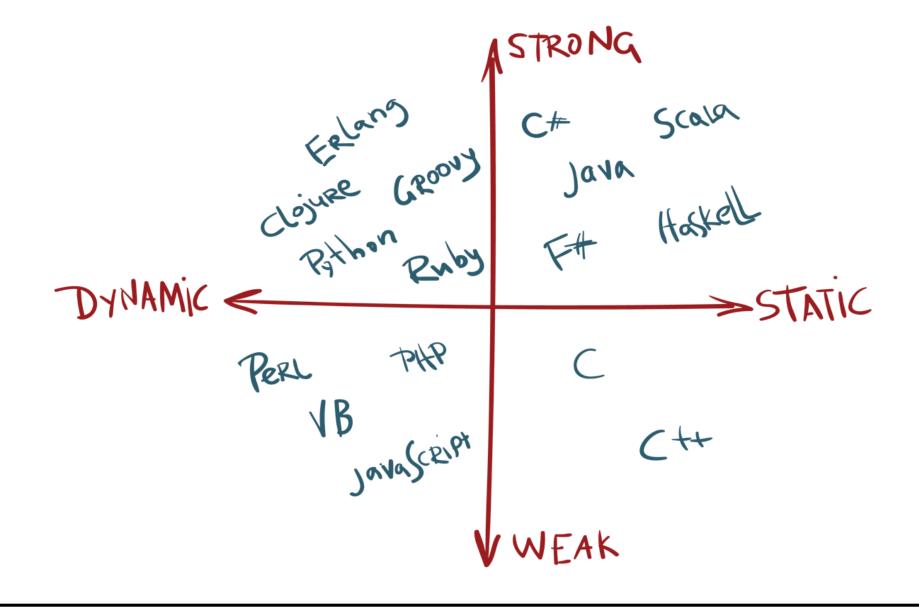
Type systems: nominal vs. structural, explicit vs. implicit

#### Categorization of Programming Languages

|                | Statically Typed          | Dynamically Typed |
|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Strongly Typed | ML, Haskell, Java, Pascal | Lisp, Scheme      |
| Weakly Typed   | C, C++                    | Perl, PHP         |

- C is weakly and statically typed
- C++ is statically typed with optional dynamic type casting
- Some languages allow both static and dynamic typing
  - Java is both statically and dynamically typed (allows downcasting to subtypes)
- Python is strongly and dynamically typed

Is Python strongly typed?



Magic lies here - Statically vs Dynamically Typed Languages
Comparison of programming languages by type system

# Type Checking

- All checking can be implemented dynamically
- A sound type system ensures that the type of the value computed from an expression matches the expression's static type, and thus avoids the need for dynamic checking
- A compiler can implement a statically typed language with dynamic checking

## Gradual Typing

- Allows parts of a program to be either dynamically typed or statically typed
- Programmer controls the typing with annotations
  - Unannotated variables have unknown type, check type at run time
  - Static type checker considers every type to be compatible with unknown
  - E.g., Typescript and cperl

```
Type Hints in Python v3.5+ (PEP 484)
```

No type checking will happen at run time

## Are these types same?

```
struct Tree {
  struct Tree* left;
  struct Tree* right;
  int value;
}
```

```
struct STree {
   struct STree* left;
   struct STree* right;
   int value;
}
```

### Nominal and Structural Typing

 Nominal typing requires that object is exactly of the given type (by name) or is a subtype of that type (e.g., C++, Java, and Swift)

```
class Foo {
  method(input: string): number { ... }
}

class Bar {
  method(input: string): number { ... }
}

let foo: Foo = new Bar(); // ERROR!!
```

• Structural typing requires that an object supports a given set of operations even if some of them may not be used (e.g, Ocaml, Haxe, and Haskell)

```
class Foo {
  method(input: string): number { ... }
}

class Bar {
  method(input: string): number { ... }
}

let foo: Foo = new Bar(); // Okay.
```

Type Systems: Structural vs. Nominal typing explained Duck Typing vs Structural Typing vs Nominal Typing

### Nominal and Structural Typing

#### Nominal

```
function greet(person) {
    if (!(person instanceof Person))
        throw TypeError
    alert("Hello, " + person.Name);
}
```

#### Structural

Is it possible to have a dynamically typed language without duck typing?

If it walks like a duck and it quacks like a duck, then it must be a duck

## Duck Typing

• An object's validity is determined by the presence of **certain** methods and properties, rather than the type of the object itself

```
class Duck:
   def fly(self):
      print("Duck flying")

class Sparrow:
   def fly(self):
      print("Sparrow flying")
```

```
class Whale:
    def swim(self):
        print("Whale swimming")

for animal in Duck(), Sparrow(), Whale():
    animal.fly()
```

## TypeScript Example

```
interface Person {
    Name: string;
   Age : number;
function greet(person : Person) {
    console.log("Hello, " +
                person.Name);
                               no Age
                               property
greet({ Name: "svick" → );
```

- Compilation error implies
   TypeScript uses static structural typing
- Code still compiles to JavaScript
  - Makes use of dynamic duck typing

Is it possible to have a dynamically typed language without duck typing?

# Benefits with Types

#### Usefulness of Types

- Type systems help specify precise program behavior
  - Hardware does not distinguish interpretation of a sequence of bits
  - Assigning type to a data variable, called typing, gives meaning to a sequence of bits

**Abstraction** – Enables thinking in terms of primitive or composite data structures

**Safety** – Disallows meaningless computations, limits the set of operations in a semantically valid program

**Optimizations** – Static type checking may allow a compiler to use specialized instructions for data types

**Documentation** – Clarifies the intent of the programmer on the nature of the computation

Helps reduce bugs

#### Ensure Runtime Safety

- Well-designed type system helps the compiler detect and avoid runtime errors by identifying misinterpretations of data values
- Type inference compiler infers a type for each name and expression

| Result Types for Addition in Fortran 77 |         |         |         |         |  |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--|
|                                         | integer | real    | double  | complex |  |
| integer                                 | integer | real    | double  | complex |  |
| real                                    | real    | real    | double  | complex |  |
| double                                  | double  | double  | double  | illegal |  |
| complex                                 | complex | complex | illegal | complex |  |

#### Enhanced Expressiveness

- Strong type systems can support other features
  - Operator overloading gives context-dependent meaning to an operator
    - A symbol that can represent different operations in different contexts is overloaded
  - Many operators are overloaded in typed languages
  - In untyped languages, lexically different operators are required

- Strong type systems allow generating efficient code
  - Perform compile-time optimizations, no run-time checks are required
  - Otherwise, compiler needs to maintain type metadata along with value

### Implementing Addition

#### **Strongly Typed System**

• integer ← integer + integer

$$IADD R_a, R_b \Rightarrow R_{a+b}$$

• double ← integer + double

$$\begin{aligned} \text{I2D}\,R_a &\Rightarrow R_{ad} \\ \text{DADD}\,R_{ad}, R_b &\Rightarrow R_{ad+b} \end{aligned}$$

#### **Weakly Typed System**

```
if type_md(a) == integer
  if type_md(b) == integer
    value(c) = value(a) + value(b)
    type_md(c) = integer
  else if type_md(b) == float
    temp = convert_to_float(a)
    value(c) = temp + value(b)
    type_md(c) = float
  else ...
else ...
```

# Classification of Types

#### Components of a Type System

- i. Basic (or built-in) types
- ii. Rules for constructing new types from basic types
- iii. Method for checking equivalence of two types
- iv. Rules to infer the type of a source language expression

#### Base Types

- Modern languages include types for operating on numbers, characters, and Booleans
  - Similar to operations supported by the hardware
- Individual languages may add additional types
  - Exact definitions and types vary across languages
  - C does not have the string type
- There are two additional basic types
  - void: no type value
  - type\_error: error during type checking

#### Constructed Types

- Programs often involve ADT concepts like graphs, trees, and stacks
  - Each component of an ADT has its own type
- Constructed (also called non-scalar) types are created by applying a type constructor to one or more base types
  - Examples are arrays, strings, enums, structures, and unions
  - Lists in Lisp are constructed type: A list is either nil or (cons first rest)
- Constructed types can allow high-level operations (e.g., assign one structure variable to another variable)

#### Constructed Types

#### **Structure**

```
struct Node {
   struct Node* next;
   int value;
};
```

Type of Node may be (Node\*) x int

#### Union

```
union Data {
  int i;
  float f;
  char str[16];
};
```

Type of Data may be int U float U char[]

#### Type Constructors

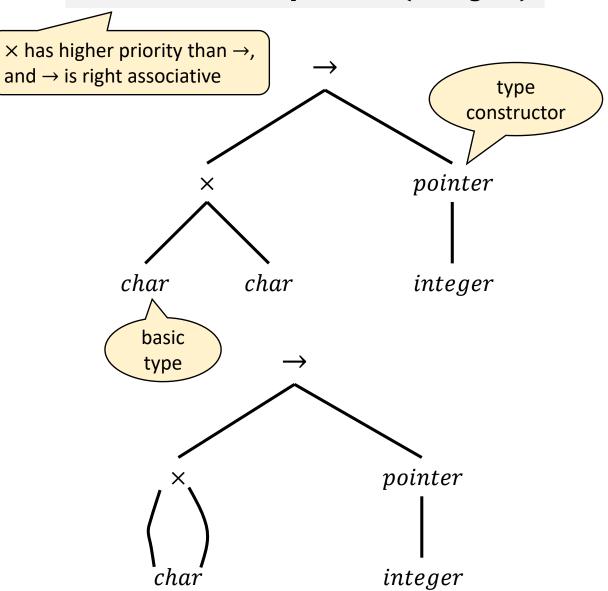
- If T is a type expression then array(I,T) is a type expression denoting the type of an array with elements of type T and index set I
  - *I* is often a range of integers

- A can have type expression array(0...9, integer)
  - C uses equivalent of int\* as the array type
- If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are type expressions, then the Cartesian product  $T_1 \times T_2$  is a type expression

#### Type Constructors

- Function maps domain set to a range set denoted by type expression D → R
  - Type of function int\* f(char a, char b) is denoted by char × char → int\*
- Type signature is a specification of the types of the formal parameters and return value(s) of a function
  - filter:  $(\alpha \rightarrow boolean) \times list$  of  $\alpha \rightarrow list$  of  $\alpha$

 $char \times char \rightarrow pointer(integer)$ 



#### Pointer Types

• If T is a type expression then pointer(T) is a type expression denoting type pointer to an object of type T

- Type safety with pointers assumes addresses correspond to typed objects
- Ability to construct new pointers complicates reasoning about pointer-based computations
  - Some languages allow manipulating pointers
  - Autoincrement and autodecrement constructs new pointers

#### Other Classifications

- Scalar and compound types
  - Scalar indicates a single value, also called simple types
  - Example of compound types are arrays, maps, sets, and structs
  - String in Perl is scalar while it is a compound type in C
- Primitive and reference types
  - Is this directly a value, or is it a reference to something that contains the real value?

# Polymorphism

## Polymorphism

- Use a single interface for entities of multiple types
  - Applicable to both data and functions
  - A function that can operate on arguments of different types is a polymorphic function
  - Built-in operators for indexing arrays, applying functions, and manipulating pointers are usually polymorphic

#### Ad hoc and Coercion Polymorphism

- Ad hoc polymorphism refers to functions of same name whose behavior depend on the type of the arguments
  - E.g., function and operator overloading
- Coercion polymorphism occurs when primitives or objects are cast to other types

```
String fruits = "Apple" + "Orange";
int a = b + c;
                    Explicitly specifies the set
                    of types at compile time
int(43.2)
double dnum = Double.valueOf(inum);
```

#### Parametric Polymorphism

- Code takes type or set of types as parameter, either explicitly or implicitly
- Parametric polymorphism does not specify the exact types
  - Type of the result is a function of the argument types
- Explicit parametric polymorphism is called generics or templates
  - Used mostly in statically-typed languages

```
class List<T> {
  class Node<T> {
    T elem;
    Node<T> next;
  Node<T> head;
List<B> map(Func<A, B> f, List<A> x) {
```

## Subtype Polymorphism

- Used in object-oriented languages to access derived class objects through base class pointers
  - Code is designed to work with values of some specific type T
  - Programmer can define extensions of T to work with the code

```
abstract class Animal {
     abstract String talk();
class Cat extends Animal {
     String talk() {
          return "Meow!";
class Dog extends Animal {
     String talk() {
          return "Woof!";
void main(String[] args) {
    (new Cat()).talk();
    (new Dog()).talk();
```

#### Static and Dynamic Polymorphism

- Static polymorphism which method to invoke is determined at compile time by checking the method signatures (method overloading)
  - Usually used with ad hoc and parametric polymorphism
- Dynamic polymorphism wait until run time to determine the type of the object pointed to by the reference to decide the appropriate method invocation by method overriding
  - Usually used with subtype polymorphism

#### Are these definitions the same?

- Should the reversal of the order of the fields change type?
  - Some languages (e.g., ML) say no, most languages say yes

```
type R1 = record
a, b : integer
end;
```

```
type R2 = record
a : integer
b : integer
end;
```

```
type R3 = record
b: integer
c: integer
end;
```

```
type str = array [1...10] of char;
```

type str = array [0...9] of char;

Mechanism to decide the equivalence of two types

- Two approaches
  - Nominal equivalence two type expressions are same if they have the same name (e.g., C++, Java, and Swift)
  - Structural equivalence two type expressions are equivalent if
    - i. Either both are the same basic types, or
    - ii. Are formed by applying same type constructor to equivalent types
    - E.g., OCaml and Haskell

#### **Nominal**

```
class Foo {
 method(input: string): number {
class Bar {
 method(input: string): number {
let foo: Foo = new Bar(); // ERROR let foo: Foo = new Bar(); // Okay
```

#### Structural

```
class Foo {
  method(input: string): number {
class Bar {
 method(input: string): number {
```

Type Systems: Structural vs. Nominal typing explained

#### **Nominal**

- Equivalent if same name
  - Identical names can be intentional
  - Can avoid unintentional clashes
  - Difficult to scale for large projects

#### Structural

- Equivalent only if same structure
  - Assumes interchangeable objects can be used in place of one other
  - Problematic if values have special meanings

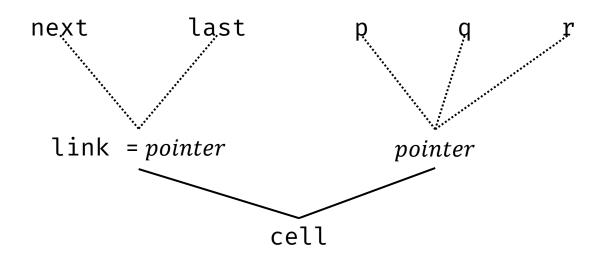
#### Compilers build trees to represent types

 Construct a tree for each type declaration and compare tree structures to test for equivalence

#### Type Graph

Two type expressions are equivalent if they are represented by the **same node** in the type graph

```
type link = 1 cell;
var next : link;
  last : link;
  p : 1 cell;
q, r : 1 cell;
```

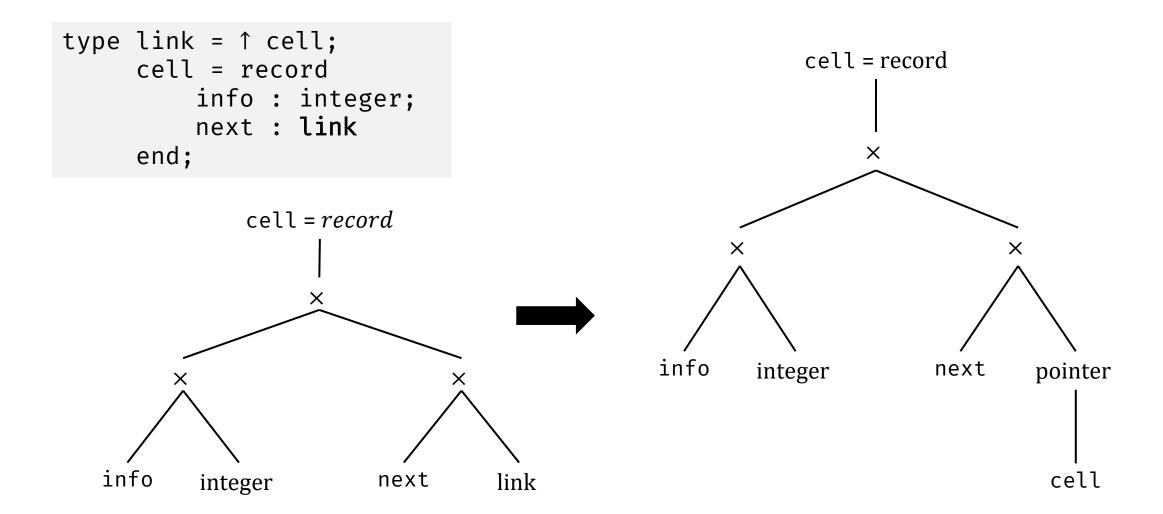


- Under nominal equivalence, next and last, and p, q, and r are of same type
- Under structural equivalence, all the variables are of same type
- An alternate policy is to assign implicit type names every time a type name appears in declarations
  - Type expressions of p and q will then have different implicit names

#### Testing for Structural Equivalence

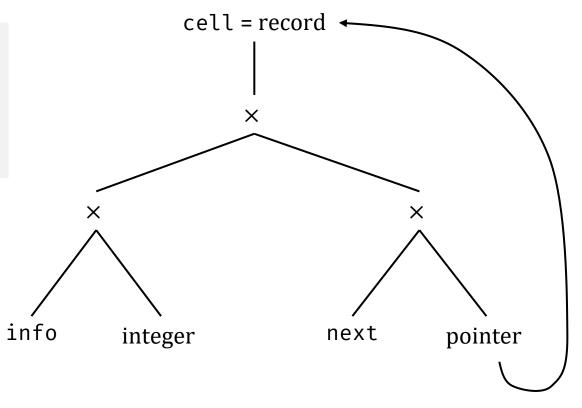
```
boolean struc_equiv(type s, type t)
  if s and t are the same basic type then
    return true
  else if s = array(s_1, s_2) and t = array(t_1, t_2) then
    return struc_equiv(s_1, t_1) and struc_equiv(s_2, t_2)
                                                                 can also ignore
  else if s = s_1 \times s_2 and t = t_1 \times t_2 then
                                                                  array bounds
    return struc_equiv(s_1, t_1) and struc_equiv(s_2, t_2)
  else if s = pointer(s_1) and t = pointer(t_1) then
    return struc_equiv(s_1, t_1)
  else if s = s_1 \rightarrow s_2 and t = t_1 \rightarrow t_2 then
    return struc_equiv(s_1, t_1) and struc_equiv(s_2, t_2)
  else
    return false
```

## Representing Recursively-defined Types



#### Cycles in Representations of Types

```
type link = 1 cell;
  cell = record
      info : integer;
      next : link
  end;
```



 C uses structural equivalence for scalar types, and uses nominal equivalence for structs int \*p, \*q, \*r;
typedef int \* pint;
pint start, end;

- Language in which aliased types are distinct is said to have strict name equivalence
  - Loose name equivalence implies aliased types are considered equivalent

| Variable | Type Expression         |
|----------|-------------------------|
| р        | <pre>pointer(int)</pre> |
| q        | <pre>pointer(int)</pre> |
| r        | <pre>pointer(int)</pre> |
| start    | pint                    |
| end      | pint                    |

#### Efficient Encoding of Type Expressions

- Bit vectors can be used to encode type expressions more efficiently than graph representations
  - pointer(t) denotes a pointer to type t
  - array(t) denotes an array of elements of type t
  - func(t) denotes a function that returns an object of type t

| Type Constructor | Encoding |  |
|------------------|----------|--|
| pointer          | 01       |  |
| array            | 10       |  |
| func             | 11       |  |

| Basic Type | Encoding |
|------------|----------|
| boolean    | 0000     |
| char       | 0001     |
| integer    | 0010     |
| real       | 0011     |

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| Type Expression            | Encoding    |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| char                       | 000000 0001 |
| func(char)                 | 000011 0001 |
| pointer(func(char))        | 000111 0001 |
| array(pointer(func(char))) | 100111 0001 |
|                            |             |

Six bits used because there are 3 type constructors

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| integer    | 0010     |

Encoding saves space and also tracks the order of the type constructors in type expressions

| char                                  | 000000 0001 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| func(char)                            | 000011 0001 |
| pointer(func(char))                   | 000111 0001 |
| <pre>array(pointer(func(char)))</pre> | 100111 0001 |

## Type Compatibility

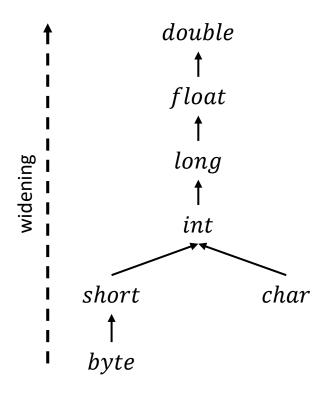
- Most languages do not require equivalence of types in every context
- Type compatibility determines when an object of a certain type can be used in a certain context
- Definitions vary greatly from language to language

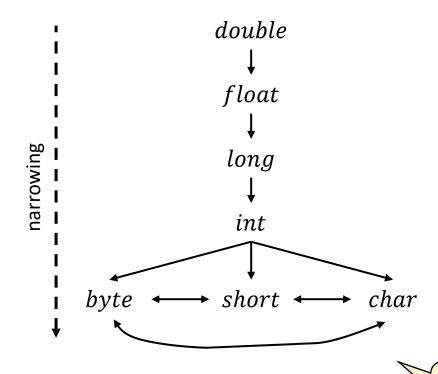
#### Type Inference Rules

- Specifies, for each operator, the mapping between the operand types and the result type
  - Type of the LHS of an assignment must be same as the RHS
  - In Java, example, adding two integer types of different precision produces a result of the more precise type
- Some languages require the compiler to perform implicit conversions
  - Internal representations of integers and floats are different in a computer
  - Recognize mixed-type expressions and insert appropriate conversions
  - Implicit type conversion done by the compiler is called type coercion
    - It is limited to the situations where no information is lost

#### Type Conversion

```
\{ \text{ if } (E_1. type == integer \text{ and } E_2. type == integer) \textit{ E. type} = integer \\ \text{else if } (E_1. type == float \text{ and } E_2. type == integer) \textit{ E. type} = float \\ \dots \}
```

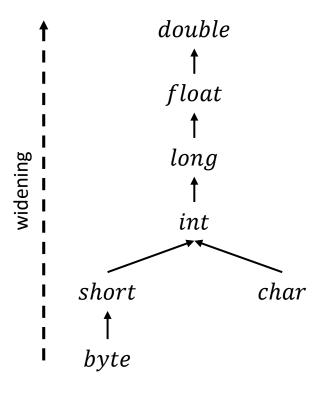




according to precision rules in Java

#### Type Conversion

```
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```



Assume two helper functions:

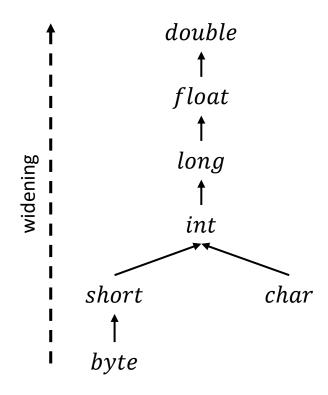
•  $\max(t_1, t_2)$  – return the maximum (or least common ancestor) of the two types in the hierarchy

• widen(a, t, w) – widen a value of type t at address a into a value of type w

```
Addr widen(Addr a, Type t, Type w)
  if (t == w) return a;
  else if (t = integer and w = float) {
    temp = new Temp();
    gen(temp '=' '(float)' a);
    return temp;
  } else
  error;
}
```

#### Type Conversion

```
\{E.type = \max(E_1.type, E_2.type); \ a_1 = widen(E_1.addr, E_1.type, E.type); \\ a_2 = widen(E_2.addr, E_2.type, E.type); \\ E.addr = new Temp(); \ gen(E.addr = a_1 "+" a_2); \}
```



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## Type Synthesis for Overloaded Functions

- Suppose f is a function
- f can have type  $s_i \to t_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ , where  $s_i \ne s_j$  for  $i \ne j$

- x has type  $s_k$  for some  $1 \le k \le n$ 
  - $\longrightarrow$  Expression f(x) has type  $t_k$

# Type Checking

# Type Checking Rules for Coercion from Integer to Real

| Production                     | Semantic Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $E \rightarrow num$            | E.type = integer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| $E \rightarrow num$ . $num$    | E.type = real                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| $E \rightarrow id$             | E.type = lookup(id.entry)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| $E \rightarrow E_1 \ op \ E_2$ | if $E_1$ . $type = integer$ and $E_2$ . $type = integer$ then $E$ . $type = integer$ else if $E_1$ . $type = integer$ and $E_2$ . $type = real$ then $E$ . $type = real$ else if $E_1$ . $type = real$ and $E_2$ . $type = integer$ then $E$ . $type = real$ else if $E_1$ . $type = real$ and $E_1$ . $type = real$ then $E$ . $type = real$ |

Implicit conversion of constants at compile time can reduce run time

## Type Checking

- Some languages allow different levels of checking to apply to different regions of code
- The use strict directive in Javascript and Perl applies stronger checking

Type checking has also been used for checking for system security

#### Type Checking of Expressions

- Idea: build a parse tree, assign a type to each leaf element, assign a type to each internal node with a postorder walk
- Types should be matched for all function calls from within an expression
  - Possible ideas
    - i. Require the complete source code
    - ii. Make it mandatory to provide type signatures of functions as function prototype
    - iii. Defer type checking until linking or run-time

## Specification of a Simple Type Checker

- Consider a language where each identifier must be declared before use
- Design a type checker that can handle statements, functions, arrays, and pointers

```
P \rightarrow D; E
D \rightarrow D; D \mid \text{id} : T
T \rightarrow \text{char} \mid \text{integer} \mid \text{array} [\text{num}] \text{ of } T \mid \uparrow T
E \rightarrow \text{literal} \mid \text{num} \mid \text{id} \mid E \text{ mod } E \mid E \mid E \mid E \mid E \uparrow
```

key: integer;
key mod 1999

## SDT for Manipulating Symbol Table

| Production                                                | Semantic Action                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| $P \rightarrow D; E$                                      |                                             |
| $D \rightarrow D; D$                                      |                                             |
| $D \rightarrow id : T$                                    | { addtype(id.entry, T.type) }               |
| $T \rightarrow \text{char}$                               | $\{T.type = char\}$                         |
| $T \rightarrow \text{integer}$                            | $\{T.type = integer\}$                      |
| $T \rightarrow \text{array} [\text{num}] \text{ of } T_1$ | $\{T.type = array(1 num. val, T_1. type)\}$ |
| $T \rightarrow \uparrow T_1$                              | $\{T.type = pointer(T_1.type)\}$            |

## Type Checking of Expressions

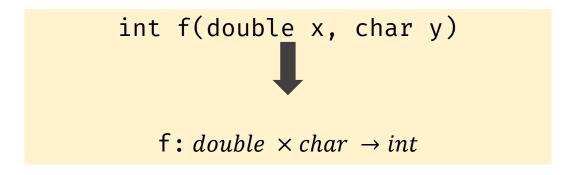
| Production                   | Semantic Action                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $E \rightarrow literal$      | ${E.type = char}$                                                                                                        |
| $E \rightarrow \mathbf{num}$ | ${E.type = integer}$                                                                                                     |
| $E \rightarrow id$           | ${E.type = lookup(id.entry)}$                                                                                            |
| $E \rightarrow E_1 \mod E_2$ | { if $E_1$ . $type = integer$ and $E_2$ . $type = integer$ then $E$ . $type = integer$ else $E$ . $type = type\_error$ } |
| $E \rightarrow E_1[E_2]$     | { if $E_2$ . $type = integer$ and $E_1$ . $type = array(s, t)$ then $E$ . $type = t$ else $E$ . $type = type\_error$ }   |
| $E \rightarrow E_1 \uparrow$ | { if $E_1$ . $type = pointer(t)$ then $E$ . $type = t$ else $E$ . $type = type\_error$ }                                 |

## Type Checking of Statements

• Statements do not have values, use the special basic type void

| Production                                     | Semantic Action                                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $S \rightarrow id = E$                         | { if id. type = E. type then S. type = void else S. type = type_error }                                         |
| $S \rightarrow \text{if } E \text{ then } S_1$ | { if $E.type = boolean$ then $S.type = S_1.type$ else $S.type = type\_error$ }                                  |
| $S \rightarrow$ while $E$ do $S_1$             | { if $E.type = boolean$ then $S.type = S_1.type$ else $S.type = type\_error$ }                                  |
| $S \rightarrow S_1; S_2$                       | { if $S_1$ . $type = void$ and $S_2$ . $type = void$ then $S$ . $type = void$ else $S$ . $type = type\_error$ } |

## Type Checking of Functions



| Production       | Semantic Action                                                                                                      |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $E \to E_1(E_2)$ | { if $E_2$ . $type = s$ and $E_1$ . $type = s \rightarrow t$ then $E$ . $type = t$ else $E$ . $type = type\_error$ } |

#### Storage Layout for Local Variables

#### **Production**

 $T \rightarrow BC$ 

 $B \rightarrow \text{int}$ 

 $B \rightarrow \mathsf{float}$ 

 $C \rightarrow \epsilon$ 

 $C \rightarrow [\text{num}] C_1$ 

Determine amount of allocation in a declaration

#### Computing Types and Their Widths

#### **Production**

 $T \rightarrow BC$ 

 $B \rightarrow \text{int}$ 

 $B \rightarrow \mathsf{float}$ 

 $C \rightarrow \epsilon$ 

 $C \rightarrow [\text{num}] C_1$ 

#### **Semantic Action**

```
T \rightarrow B \{ t = B. type; w = B. width; \}
C \{ T. type = C. type; T. width = C. width; \}
B \rightarrow \text{int} \{ B. type = integer; B. width = 4; \}
B \rightarrow \text{float} \{ B. type = float; B. width = 8; \}
C \rightarrow \epsilon \{ C. type = t; C. width = w; \}
C \rightarrow [\text{num}] C_1 \{ C. type = array(\text{num}. val, C_1. type);
C. width = num. val \times C_1. width; \}
```

#### SDT for Array Type

#### **Production**

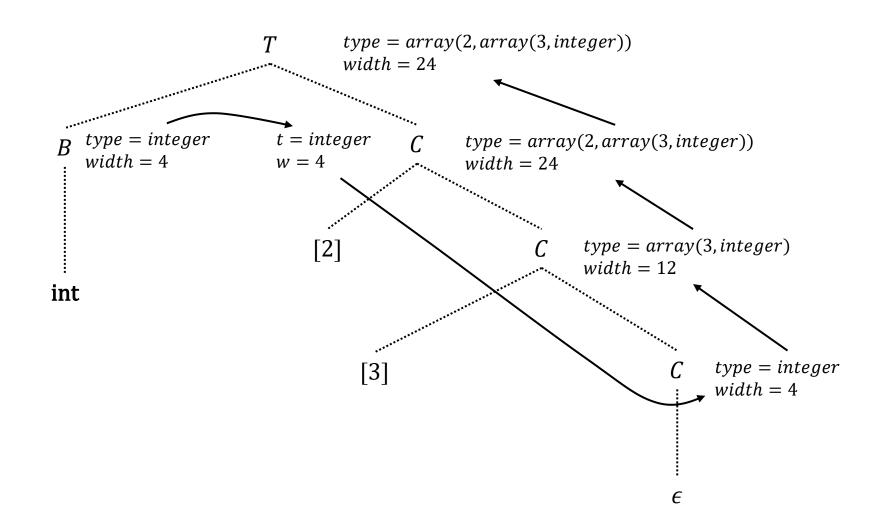
 $T \rightarrow BC$ 

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