

## 1 Language, Reduction Relation, and Types

$s$  := constant strings  
 $n$  := numbers  
 $a$  :=  $v \mid \mathbf{err}$   
 $v$  :=  $s \mid n \mid \mathbf{null} \mid \mathbf{undefined} \mid \mathbf{func} (x:T) \{e\} \mid \{s:v, \dots\}$   
 $e$  :=  $\mathbf{let} x = e \mathbf{in} e \mid e(e) \mid e[e] \mid e[e := e] \mid \{str:e, \dots\}$   
 $E$  :=  $\mathbf{let} x = E \mathbf{in} e \mid E(e) \mid v(E) \mid E[e] \mid v[E]$   
 $\mid E[e := e] \mid v[E := e] \mid \{s:v, \dots, s:E, \dots, s:e\}$

$$\frac{}{\mathbf{func}(x:T) \{e\}(v) \hookrightarrow e[x/v]} \quad (\mathbf{E}\text{-}\beta)$$

$$\frac{}{\mathbf{let} x = v \mathbf{in} e \hookrightarrow e[x/v]} \quad (\mathbf{E}\text{-LET})$$

$$\frac{s_i = s_f}{\{s_1:v_1, \dots, s_i:v_i, \dots, s_{i+1}:v_{i+1}, \dots\}[s_f] \hookrightarrow v_i} \quad (\mathbf{E}\text{-FOUND})$$

$$\frac{s_f \notin (s_1, \dots, s_i, \dots) \quad v_p \neq \mathbf{null}}{\{s_1:v_1, \dots, \text{"\_proto\_"}:v_p, s_i:v_i, \dots\}[s_f] \hookrightarrow v_p[s_f]} \quad (\mathbf{E}\text{-PROTO})$$

$$\frac{s_f \notin (s_1, \dots, s_i, \dots)}{\{s_1:v_1, \dots, \text{"\_proto\_"}:\mathbf{null}, s_i:v_i, \dots\}[s_f] \hookrightarrow \mathbf{undefined}} \quad (\mathbf{E}\text{-PROTO}\mathbf{NULL})$$

$$\frac{s_i = s_f}{\{s_1:v_1, \dots, s_i:v_i, \dots, s_{i+1}:v_{i+1}, \dots\}[s_f := v_f] \hookrightarrow \{s_1:v_1, \dots, s_i:v_f, \dots, s_{i+1}:v_{i+1}, \dots\}[s_f := v_f]} \quad (\mathbf{E}\text{-UPDATE})$$

$$\frac{s_f \notin (s_1, \dots)}{\{s_1:v_1, \dots\}[s_f := v_f] \hookrightarrow \{s_f:v_f, s_1:v_1, \dots\}[s_f := v_f]} \quad (\mathbf{E}\text{-ADD})$$

$$\frac{v_f \text{ is not a string or } v_o \text{ is not an object}}{v_o[v_f := v] \hookrightarrow \mathbf{err}} \quad (\mathbf{E}\text{-UPDATEERR})$$

$$\frac{v_f \text{ is not a string or } v_o \text{ is not an object}}{v_o[v_f] \hookrightarrow \mathbf{err}} \quad (\mathbf{E}\text{-LOOKUPERR})$$

$$\frac{v_f \text{ is not a function}}{(v_f)(v) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{err}} \quad (\mathbf{E}\text{-}\beta\mathbf{ERR})$$

$$\frac{e \hookrightarrow e'}{E\langle e \rangle \rightarrow E\langle e' \rangle} \quad (\mathbf{E}\text{-COMPAT})$$

$$E\langle \mathbf{err} \rangle \rightarrow \mathbf{err} \quad (\mathbf{E}\text{-ERR})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
T &:= \text{Num} \mid \text{Str} \mid \text{Undef} \mid \text{Null} \mid T \rightarrow T \mid T \cup T \\
&\quad \mid \{\star : F, \text{proto} : T, s : F, \dots\} \\
&\quad \mid (f, \dots)^+ \mid (f, \dots)^- \\
F &:= T \mid \text{Absent} \\
\Gamma &:= \cdot \mid \Gamma, x : T
\end{aligned}$$

Figure 1: Types

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{T-STRINGSET} \\
\Gamma \vdash \text{str} : (\text{str})^+ \\
\\
\frac{\Gamma \vdash v_p : T_p \quad \forall i : s_i \in (\text{fld}_1, \dots). \Gamma \vdash v_i : T_i \quad \forall i : s_i \notin (\text{fld}_1, \dots). \Gamma \vdash v_i : T_\star}{\Gamma \vdash \{s_1 : v_1, \dots, \text{"\_proto\_"} : v_p\} : \{\star : T_\star, \text{proto} : T_p, \text{fld}_1 : T_1, \dots\}} \text{(T-OBJECT)}
\end{array}$$

Figure 2: Typing objects and strings

$\{\star\}$  is shorthand for  $\{\star : F_\star, \text{proto} : T_p, f_1 : F_1, \dots\}$

$$\text{fields}_\star(\{\star\}, S) = \begin{cases} F_\star & : S_\star \neq \emptyset \text{ and } F_\star \neq \text{Absent} \\ \perp & : \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $S_\star = S - (f_1, \dots)^+$

$$\text{fields}_p(\{\star\}, S) = \begin{cases} \text{Undef} & : T_p = \text{Null} \\ \text{fields}(T_p, S_p) & : S_p \neq \emptyset \\ \perp & : \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $S_p = S - (f_i \mid F_i \neq \text{Absent})^+$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{fields}(\{\star\}, S) &= \{T_i \mid f_i \in S \text{ and } F_i = T_i\} \cup \text{fields}_\star(\{\star\}, S) \cup \text{fields}_p(\{\star\}, S) \\
\text{fields}(T_1 \cup T_2, S) &= \text{fields}(T_1, S) \cup \text{fields}(T_2, S) \\
\text{fields}(T, S) &= \perp \text{ when } T \in (\text{Str}, \text{Num}, \text{Null}, \text{Undef}, \text{Bool}) \\
\text{fields}(T, \emptyset) &= \perp
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_o : T_o \quad \Gamma \vdash e_f : S \quad S <: \text{Str} \quad T_{res} = \text{fields}(T_o, S)}{\Gamma \vdash e_o[e_f] : T_{res}} \text{(T-LOOKUP)}$$

Figure 3: Object Lookup

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{objects}(\{\star\}) &= \{\star\} \\
\text{objects}(T_1 \cup T_2) &= \text{objects}(T_1) \cup \text{objects}(T_2) \\
\text{objects}(T) &= \perp \text{ otherwise}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\forall\{F_i \mid f_i \in S \wedge F_i \neq \text{Absent}\}, T_v <: F_i \quad S \cap \{f_i \mid F_i = \text{Absent}\} = \emptyset \quad S - \{f_i \mid F_i \neq \text{Absent}\} = \emptyset \vee T_v <: T_\star}{\text{okupdate}(\{\star : T_\star, \text{proto} : T_p, \text{code} : T_c, f_1 : F_1, \dots\}, S, T_v)} \text{(OKUPDATE1)}$$

$$\frac{\text{okupdate}(T_1, S, T_v) \quad \text{okupdate}(T_2, S, T_v)}{\text{okupdate}(T_1 \cup T_2, S, T_v)} \text{(OKUPDATE2)}$$

$$\frac{T \in (\text{Undef}, \text{Str}, \text{Bool}, \text{Num}, \text{Null})}{\text{okupdate}(T, S, T_v)} \text{(OKUPDATE3)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_o : T_o \quad \Gamma \vdash e_f : S \quad S <: \text{Str} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_v : T_v \quad \text{okupdate}(T_o, S, T_v)}{\Gamma \vdash e_o[e_f = e_v] : \text{objects}(T_o)} \text{(T-UPDATE)}$$

Figure 4: Typing update

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{ST-UNION} & \text{ST-ELIM} & \text{ST-TRANS} \\
\frac{S <: T_1 \text{ or } S <: T_2}{S <: T_1 \cup T_2} & \frac{S_1 <: T \quad S_2 <: T}{S_1 \cup S_2 <: T} & \frac{S <: T \quad T <: U}{S <: U} \\
\\
\text{ST-REFL} & \text{T-SUB} & \\
\frac{}{S <: S} & \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : S \quad S <: T}{\Gamma \vdash e : T} & \\
\\
\frac{F_1 <: F_\star \quad F_1 \neq \text{Absent} \quad F_1 \neq \text{Ⓜ}}{\{\star : F_\star, \text{proto} : T_p, f_1 : F_1, f_2 : F_2, \dots\} <: \{\star : F_\star, \text{proto} : T_p, f_2 : F_2, \dots\}} \text{(ST-WIDTH)}
\end{array}$$

Figure 5: Subtyping

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{ST-STRINGSET}^+ \\
\frac{\forall f \in (f_1, \dots), f \in (s_1, \dots)}{(f_1, \dots)^+ <: (s_1, \dots)^+} \\
\\
\text{ST-STRING}^+ \\
(f_1, \dots)^+ <: \text{Str} \\
\\
(f_1, \dots)^+ - (s_1, \dots)^+ = \forall f_i \notin (s_1, \dots), (f_i, \dots)^+ \\
(f_1, \dots)^- - (s_1, \dots)^+ = (f_1, \dots, s_1, \dots)^- \\
\\
f \in (f_1, \dots)^+ : \exists f_1. f = f_1 \\
f \in (f_1, \dots)^- : \forall f_1. f \neq f_1
\end{array}
\qquad
\begin{array}{c}
\text{ST-STRINGSET}^- \\
\frac{\forall f \in (f_1, \dots), f \notin (s_1, \dots)}{(f_1, \dots)^+ <: (s_1, \dots)^-} \\
\\
\text{ST-STRING}^- \\
(f_1, \dots)^- <: \text{Str} \\
\\
\text{EQUIV-STR} \\
\text{Str} \equiv ()^-
\end{array}$$

Figure 6: String sets and subtyping

## 2 Preservation

**Theorem 1 (Preservation)** *If  $\Gamma \vdash e : T$ , then either  $e \rightarrow e'$  such that  $\Gamma \vdash e' : T$ , or  $e \rightarrow \text{err}$ .*

If  $e \rightarrow e'$ , then by case analysis of  $E$ ,  $e$ ,  $ae$ , and the reduction relation, there exists an  $E$ ,  $ae$ , and  $e''$  such that  $\sigma E\langle ae \rangle \rightarrow \sigma E\langle e'' \rangle$ ,  $ae \hookrightarrow e''$ , and  $E\langle e'' \rangle = e'$ . There is some subdeduction  $\Gamma \vdash ae : U$  of the original proof. We proceed by case analysis on  $ae$  to show that the  $ae \hookrightarrow e''$  step preserves the type  $U$ :

- **let  $x = v$  in  $e$**  and  $v_f(v_a)$ —These follow by straightforward use of substitution.
- $v_o[v_f]$ —By inversion,  $\Gamma \vdash v_o : T_o$ ,  $\Gamma \vdash v_f : S$ ,  $S <: \text{Str}$ ,  $\text{fields}(T_o, S) <: U$ , and there is some object type  $T'_o <: T_o$  and  $T_o = \{\star : F_\star, \text{proto} : T_p, f_1 : F_1, \dots\}$ . By Canonical Forms,  $v_o$  is an object  $\{s_i : v_i, \dots\}$  and  $v_f$  is a string. One of three rules applies:

– E-LOOKUP: Further By E-LOOKUP and Canonical Forms,  $v_f = s_i$  for some  $s_i$ , and one of the following is true:

- \*  $F_\star$  is **Absent**, and there exists  $f_i : T_i$  in  $T_o$  with  $f_i = s_i$ , and  $\cdot \vdash v_i : T_i$
- \*  $F_\star$  is not **Absent**, there exists  $f_i : T_i$  in  $T_o$  with  $f_i = s_i$ , and  $\cdot \vdash v_i : T_i \cup F_\star$
- \*  $F_\star$  is not **Absent**, there does not exist  $f_i : T_i$  in  $T_o$  with  $f_i = s_i$ , and  $\cdot \vdash v_i : F_\star$ .

In the first case, the result of  $\text{fields}(T'_o, (s_i)^+)$  is just  $T_i$ ,  $\cdot \vdash v_i : T_i$ , and  $T_i <: U$ . In the second case, the  $\text{fields}$  has the same result. In the third,  $f_i$  is **Absent** in  $T'_o$ , so  $\cdot \vdash v_i : F_\star$ , which is a subtype of  $U$  by lemmas 4 and 5. Since  $e'' = v_i$  by E-LOOKUP, this completes the proof.

- E-PROTO: From Inversion and Canonical Forms,  $fields(T_p, S - (f_i \mid F_i \neq \text{Absent})^+) <: fields(T_o, S)$ . From E-PROTO and Canonical Forms,  $v_o$  is an object  $\{s_1:v_1, \dots, \text{"\_proto\_"}:v_p\}$ ,  $v_f$  is a string,  $v_f \notin (s_1, \dots)^+$ ,  $v_p : T_p$ , and  $e'' = v_p[v_f]$ . We can use T-LOOKUP to type this new expression, whose result is a subtype of  $fields(T_p, S - (f_i \mid F_i \neq \text{Absent})^+)$ , which completes the proof.
- E-PROTONULL This follows from Inversion and Canonical forms, by a similar argument as for E-PROTO.
- $v_o[v_f = v]$ —By inversion,  $\Gamma \vdash v_o : T_o$ ,  $\Gamma \vdash v_f : S$ ,  $S <: \text{Str}$ ,  $\Gamma \vdash v : T_v$ , there exists an object type  $T_o = \{\star : F_\star, proto : T_p, f_1 : F_1, \dots\}$  with  $T'_o <: T_o$ ,  $okupdate(T'_o, S, T_v)$ , and  $T_o <: U$ . By Canonical Forms,  $v_o$  is an object  $\{s_i:v_i, \dots\}$ ,  $v_f$  is a string, and  $v_f \in S$ . One of two rules applies:
  - E-UPDATE: In this case, the new expression  $e''$  is an object  $v'_o = \{s_1 : v_1, \dots, v_f : v, \dots, s_n, v_n\}$ . By  $okupdate$ , either  $\Gamma \vdash v <: F_i$  for some  $f_i : F_i$  in  $T'_o$ , or  $\Gamma \vdash v <: F_\star$ . Either case combined with canonical forms, satisfies the precedent of a use of T-OBJECT that can be used to type the new object expression  $e''$  with the same type  $T'_o <: U$ .
  - E-ADD: This case follows the same argument as for E-UPDATE.

If none of these rules apply, then one of the error relations applies, and by E-COMPAT and E-ERR, the whole computation results in **err**. ■

**Definition 1 (Active Expressions)** *Active expressions ae are:*

- $v(v)$
- **let**  $x = v$  **in**  $e$
- $v[v=v]$
- $v[v]$

**Lemma 2 (Canonical Forms)** *If  $\cdot \vdash v : T$ , then if  $T$  is:*

- A string set type  $S$  of the form  $(s_1, \dots)^+$  or  $(s_1, \dots)^-$ , then  $v$  is a string  $s$  and  $s \in S$ .
- An object type  $T_o = \{\star : F_\star, proto : T_p, f_1 : F_1, \dots\}$ , then
  1.  $v$  is an object  $\{s_1:v_1, \dots\}$ ,
  2. one of the following is true:
    - $F_\star$  is **Absent**, and for each  $s_i, v_i$  there exists  $f_i : T_i$  in  $T_o$  with  $f_i = s_i$ , and  $\cdot \vdash v_i : T_i$
    - $F_\star$  is not **Absent**, and for each  $s_i, v_i$  there exists  $f_i : T_i$  in  $T_o$  with  $f_i = s_i$ , and  $\cdot \vdash v_i : T_i \cup F_\star$
    - $F_\star$  is not **Absent**, and for each  $s_i, v_i$  there does not exist  $f_i : T_i$  in  $T_o$  with  $f_i = s_i$ , and  $\cdot \vdash v_i : F_\star$ .

**Proof** By inspection of the typing and subtyping rules for objects and strings.

**Lemma 3 (Inversion)** *If  $\Gamma \vdash e : T$  then:*

- *if  $e = e_o[e_f]$ , then  $\Gamma \vdash e_f : S$ ,  $S <: \text{Str}$ ,  $\Gamma \vdash e_o : T_o$ , and  $\text{fields}(T_o, S) <: T$ . Further, if  $T \neq \perp$ , then there exists a  $T'_o <: T_o$  with  $T'_o = \{\star : F_\star, \text{proto} : T_p, \text{code} : T_c, f_1 : F_1, \dots\}$ ,  $S \neq \emptyset$ , and each of the following is true:*
  - *If  $S - (f_1, \dots) \neq \emptyset$  and  $F_\star \neq \text{Absent}$ , then  $F_\star <: T$ ,*
  - *For each  $f_i \in S$ , if  $F_i \neq \text{Absent}$ , then  $F_i <: T$ ,*
  - *$\text{fields}(T_p, S - (f_i | F_i \neq \text{Absent})^+) <: T$*
- *if  $e = e_o[e_f = e_v]$ , then  $\Gamma \vdash e_f : S$ ,  $S <: \text{Str}$ ,  $\Gamma \vdash e_o : T_o$ ,  $\Gamma \vdash e_v : T_v$ ,  $T_o = T$ , and there exists a  $T'_o <: T_o$  such that  $T_o$  is an object type and  $\text{okupdate}(T'_o, S, T_v)$ .*

**Proof**

- If  $e = e_o[e_f]$ : The expression was typed either by T-SUB or T-LOOKUP. If by T-LOOKUP, the conclusion follows directly. If by T-SUB, then by induction the expression types to some  $T'$  using T-LOOKUP,  $T' <: T$ , and in that use of T-LOOKUP,  $\text{fields}(T_o, S) = T'$ . Further, by inspection of  $\text{fields}$ , if  $T \neq \perp$ , then there exists a  $T'_o$  with  $T'_o <: T_o$  such that  $T'_o$  is an object type,  $S \neq \emptyset$ , and by inspection of  $\text{fields}$ , all of the above conclusions must hold.
- If  $e = e_o[e_f = e_v]$ : The expression was typed either by T-SUB or T-UPDATE. If by T-UPDATE, then this follows directly. If by T-SUB, then by induction there is some use of T-UPDATE where the expression types to  $T'$  and  $T' <: T$ .  $T'$  is either an object type or a union of object types, by inspection  $\text{objects}$ , so there is an object type  $T'' <: T'$  such that  $\text{okupdate}(T'', S, T_v)$  holds. ■

**Lemma 4 (Fields and Object Types)** *If  $\text{fields}(T_o, S) = T$ , and  $T_o <: T'_o$ , then  $T <: \text{fields}(T'_o, S)$ .*

**Proof**  $T'_o$  can be a subtype of  $T_o$  by either ST-REFL, ST-UNION, or ST-WIDTH. The first case is trivial, and the second is obvious from the structure of  $\text{fields}$ . If by ST-WIDTH, the field  $f : F$  that is no longer present in the object literal satisfies  $F <: F_\star$ . The name  $f$  will not be included in the first clause of the union in  $\text{fields}(\{\star\}, S)$ , but will be included in  $\text{fields}_\star(\{\star\}, S)$ . By ST-UNION, there is a new proof that shows  $T <: \text{fields}(T'_o, S)$ . ■

**Lemma 5** *If  $S <: \text{Str}$ ,  $\text{fields}(T_o, S) = T$ , and  $S <: S'$ , then  $T <: \text{fields}(T_o, S')$ , or  $\text{fields}(T_o, S')$  is undefined.*

**Proof** If  $S = \emptyset$  or there is no object type  $T'_o$  such that  $T'_o <: T_o$ , then  $T = \perp$  and the result follows trivially.

By lemma 6, for all  $f \in S$ ,  $f \in S'$ . Therefore, in the first cast of  $fields$ , strictly more fields will be included in the union. If any of these fields are  $\text{skull}$ , then  $fields$  is undefined. Otherwise, by ST-UNION, the new type resulting from  $\{T_i \mid f_i \in S' \text{ and } F_i = T_i\}$  is a subtype of  $\{T_i \mid f_i \in S \text{ and } F_i = T_i\}$ .

Let  $S'_\star = S' - (f_1, \dots)^+$  and  $S'_p = S' - (f_i \mid F_i \neq \text{Absent})$  for some string type  $(f_1, \dots)$ . By lemma 7,  $S_\star <: S'_\star$  and  $S_p <: S'_p$ . By induction,  $fields(T_p, S'_p) <: fields(T_p, S_p)$ . Thus,  $fields_\star(T_o, S) <: fields_\star(T_o, S')$  and  $fields_p(T_p, S) <: fields_p(T_p, S')$ . By ST-UNION, we complete the proof.  $\blacksquare$

**Lemma 6** *If  $S <: Str$ ,  $S <: S'$ , and  $s \in S$ , then  $s \in S'$ .*

**Proof**  $S$  can be a subtype of  $S'$  by ST-STRINGSET<sup>+</sup>, ST-STRINGSET<sup>-</sup>, ST-STRINGUNION, ST-STRING<sup>+</sup>, ST-STRING<sup>-</sup>, or ST-REFL. The result follows by inspection of these rules and the definition of  $\in$  for string set types.

**Lemma 7** *If  $S_1 <: Str$ ,  $S_2 <: Str$ ,  $S_1 <: S'_1$ ,  $T = S_1 - S_2$ ,  $T <: S'_1 - S_2$ .*

**Proof**  $S_1$  can be a subtype of  $S'_1$  by ST-STRINGSET<sup>+</sup>, ST-STRINGSET<sup>-</sup>, ST-STRINGUNION, ST-STRING<sup>+</sup>, ST-STRING<sup>-</sup>, or ST-REFL. The result follows by inspection of these rules and the definitions of  $-$  for string set types.