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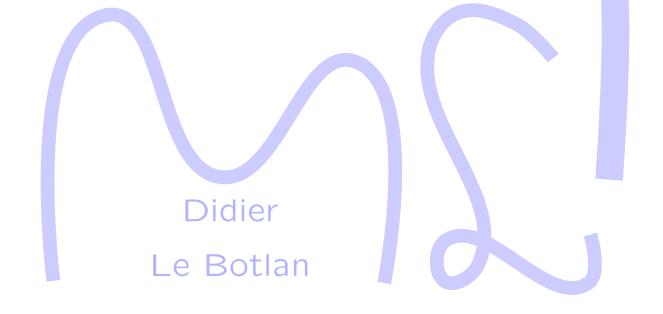
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A Fully Graphical Presentation of ML^F

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Motivations

The original ML^F

- ▶ It is *intuitively* simple, but
- ▶ Its *purely syntactic* presentation is *technically* involved.

Is it the right definition?

(It is sound, indeed, but where there other better choices?)

No, it is not quite right!

We now have the right definition, twice:

- ▶ "Semantically", in Recasting MLF (work with Didier Le Botlan)
- Graphically, in this work

A new fully graphical presentation of Full ML^F

We build on previous work

A Graphical presentation of ML^F types (TLDI 06)

Types and the instance relation are either well-known or simple operations on graphs. Allows for an efficient unification algorithm.

We

- enrich types with type constraints.
- solve type constraints by reducing them to unification problems.
- express type inference as typing constraints
- obtain a type-inference algorithm about as efficient as the one for ML
- show type soundness by reasoning on graphical typing constraints.

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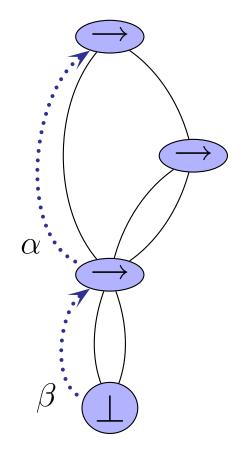
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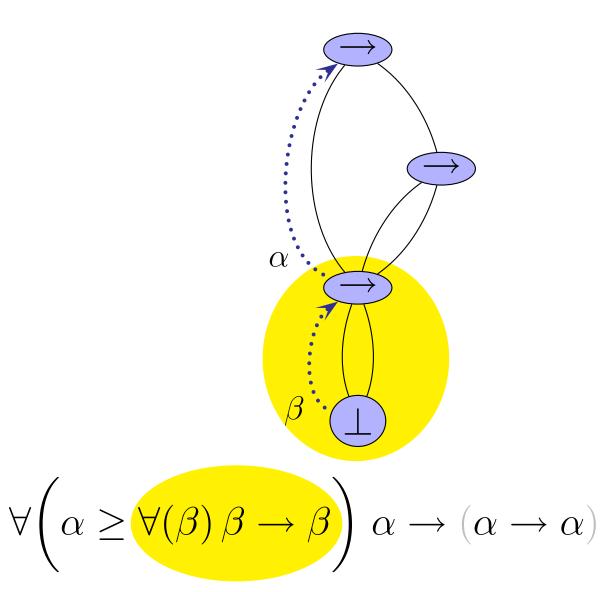
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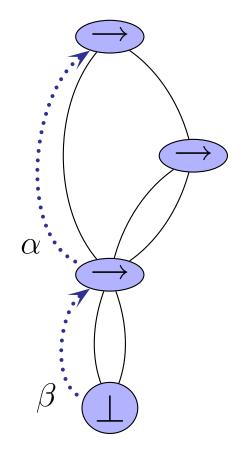
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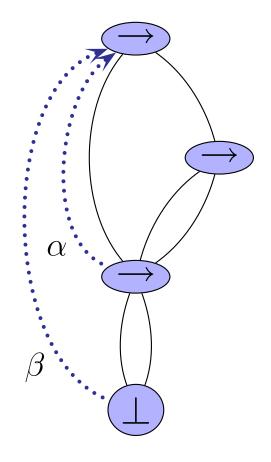


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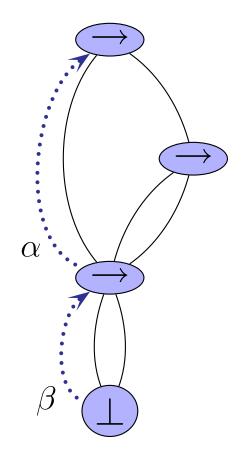




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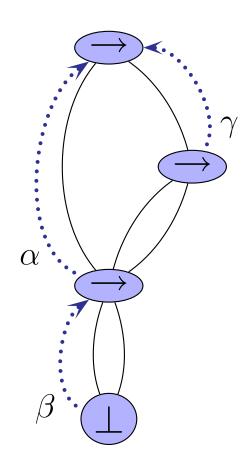


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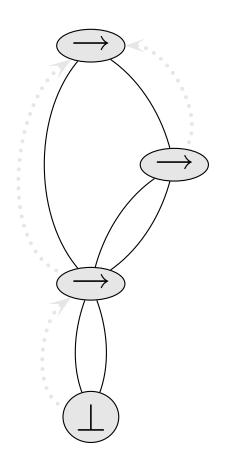


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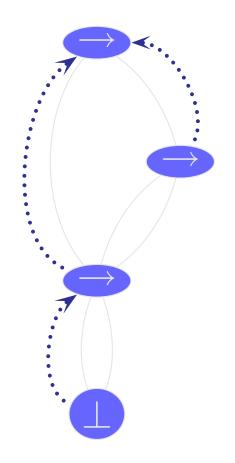
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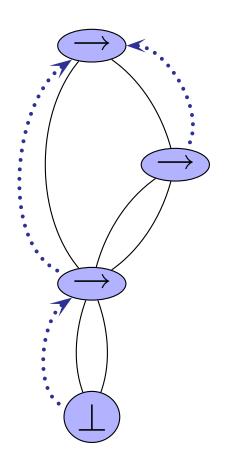


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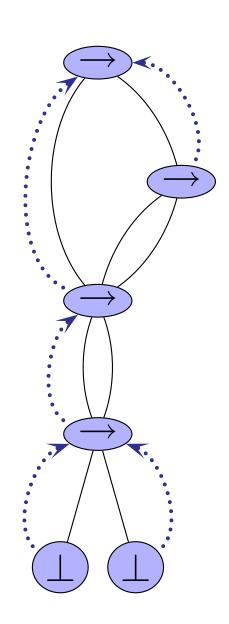


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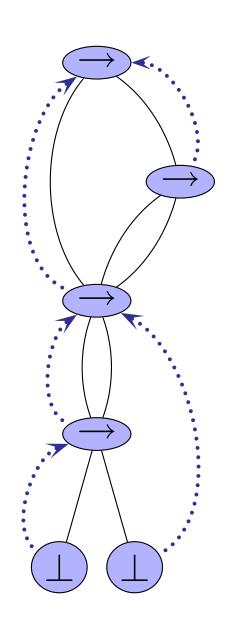
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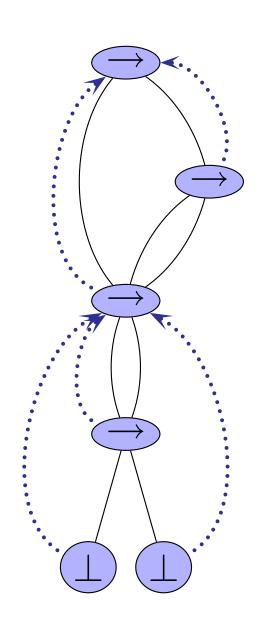
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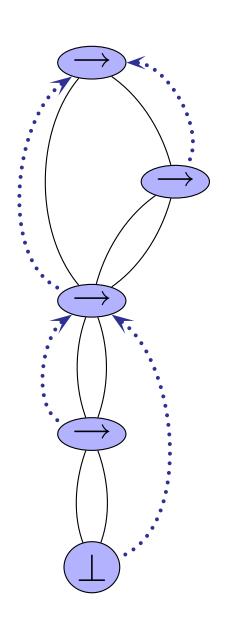
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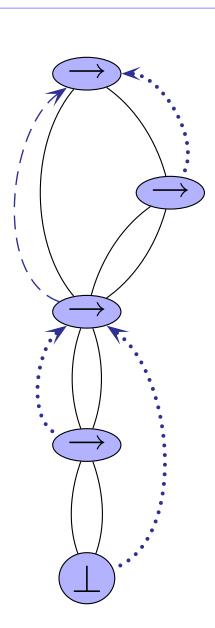


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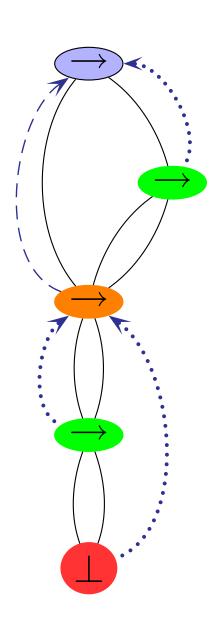
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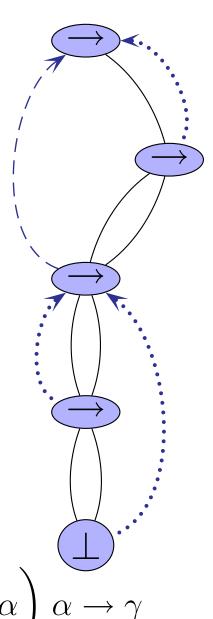
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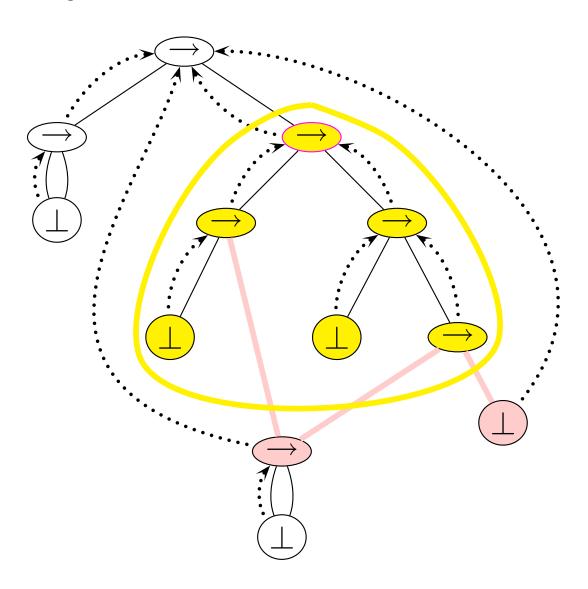
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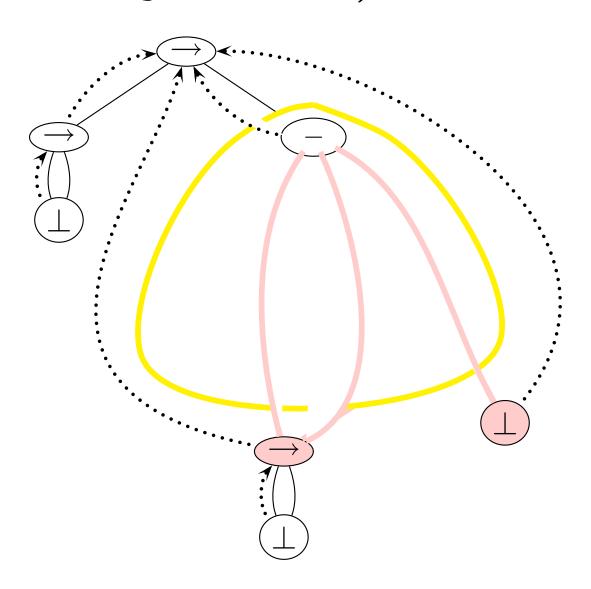


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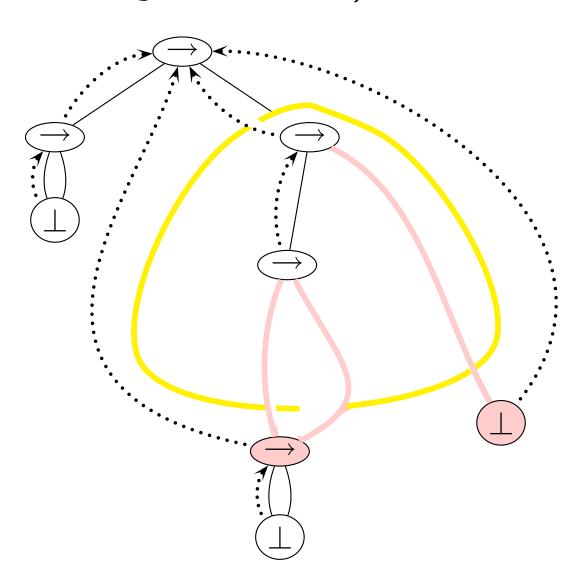
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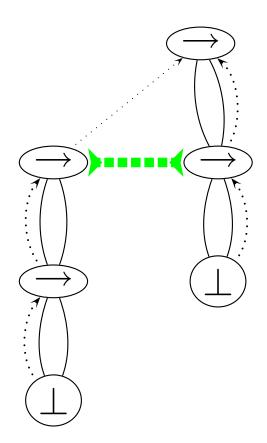


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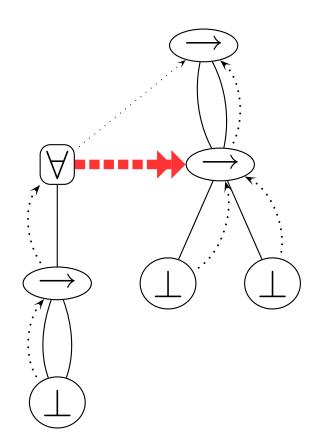
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2) Type schemes and instantiation edges



Use sorts Scheme and Type to constraint formation of edges

General picture

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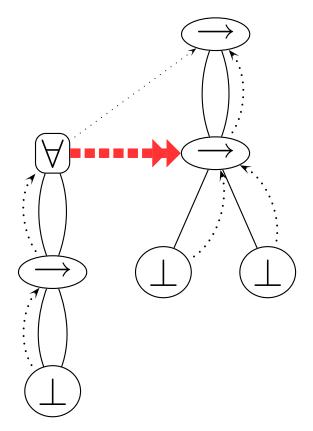
- A presolution of a constraint χ is an instance of χ in which all constraint edge are solved.
- \blacktriangleright A solution of χ is of a the **projection of** a presolution of χ

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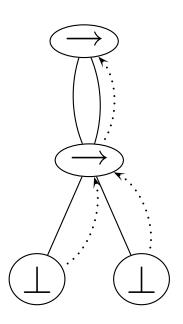
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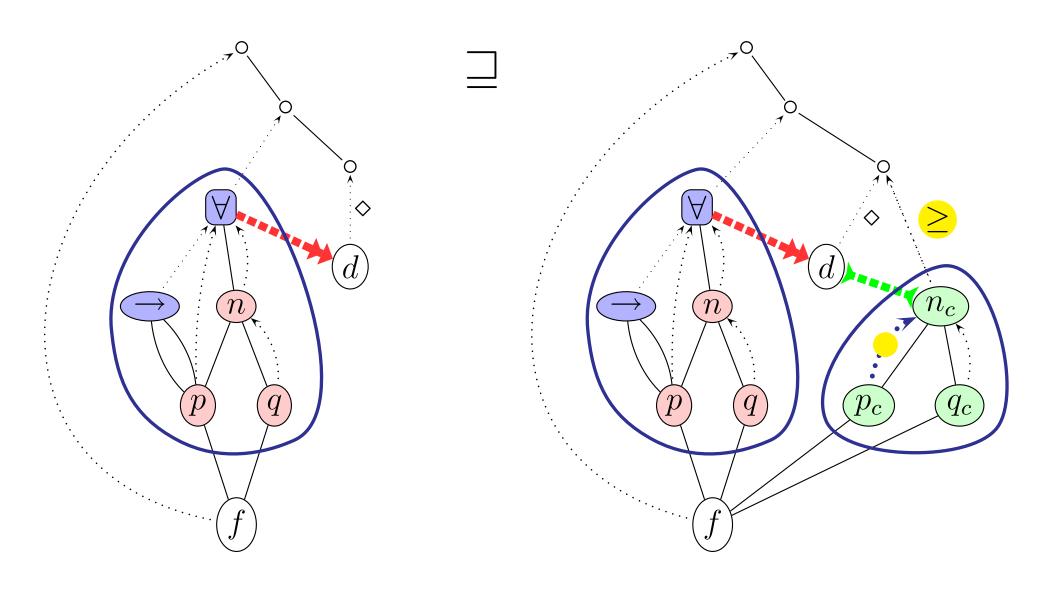
Unification edges are solved by unification :-)

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A key property

A solvable constraint has a principal presolution,

i.e. an instance of the original constraint that is a presolution and of which all other presolutions are instances.

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In particular $\chi \Vdash \chi'$ whenever $\chi' \sqsubseteq \chi$ (χ') is more constrained than χ .)

However, interesting entailments are not along \sqsubseteq .

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Sound and complete transformations

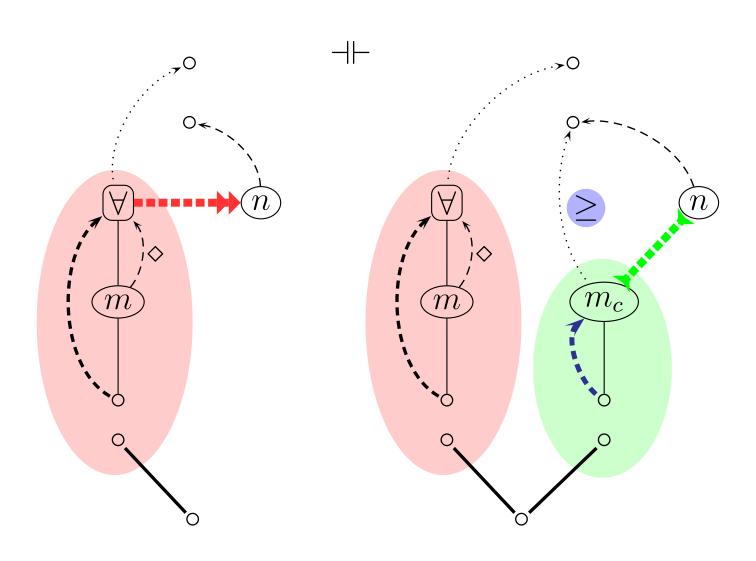
Unif-Elim

Solving unification edges

Exists-Elim

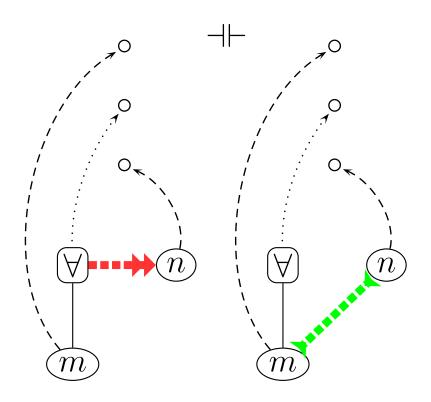
Elimination of existential nodes without inner constraints

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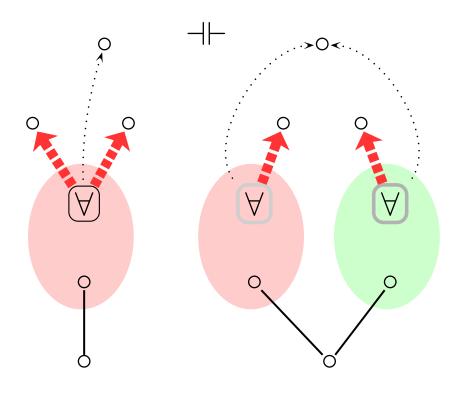
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Inst-Elim-Mono (Degenerate case



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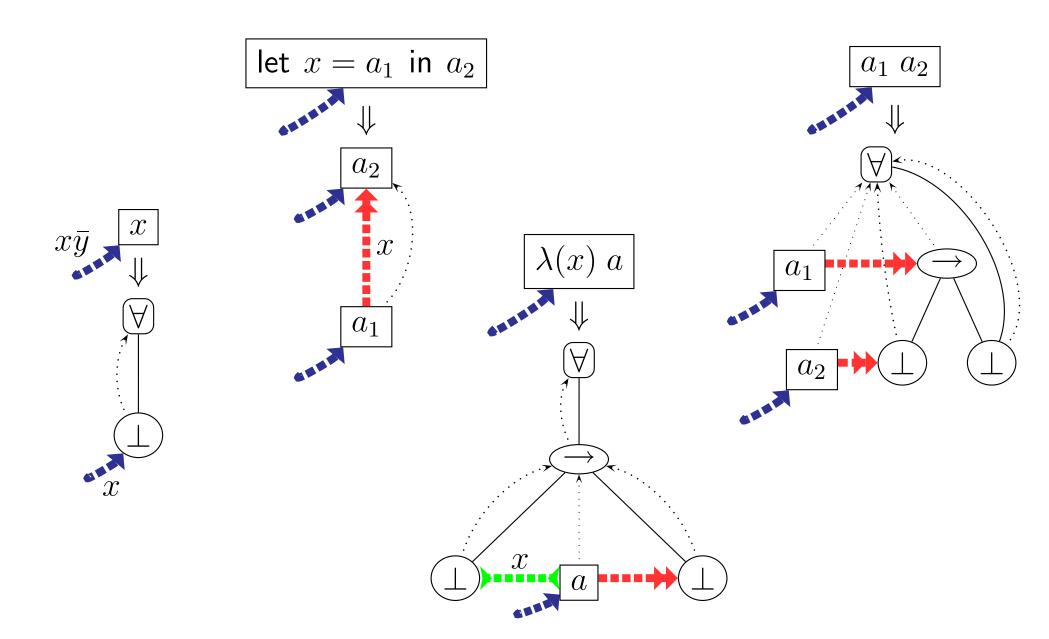


s_1 depends on s_2 if $s_2 \longrightarrow n$ and n is inner s_1 .

A constraint χ is admissible if the dependency relation is acyclic. (Except for pathological cases, other cases do not have solutions).

Strategy for solving admissible constraints

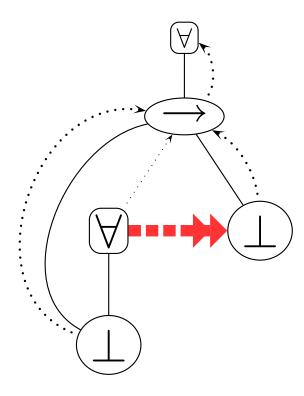
- ▶ Independent schemes may be solved first, by Inst-Elim-Poly
- ▶ The unification edge that is introduced may be solved immediately.
- This way, no constaint edge is ever duplicated.

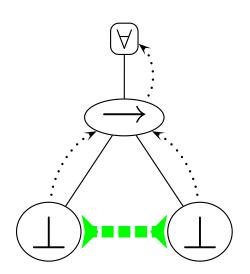


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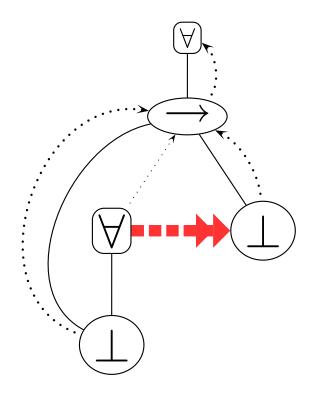
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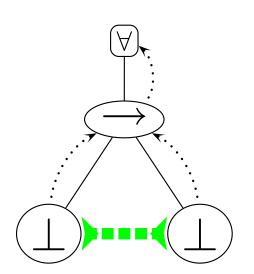




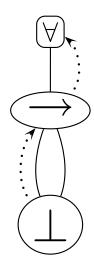












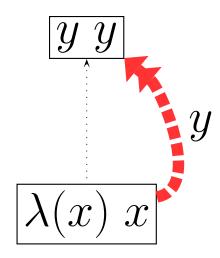
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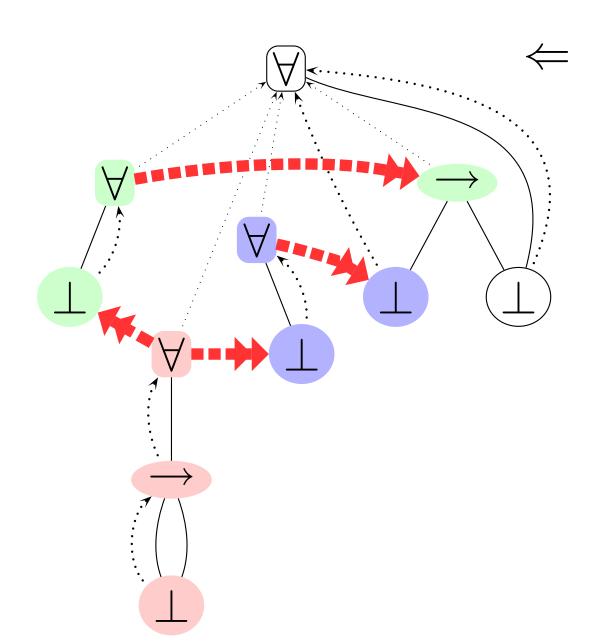
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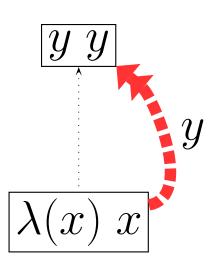
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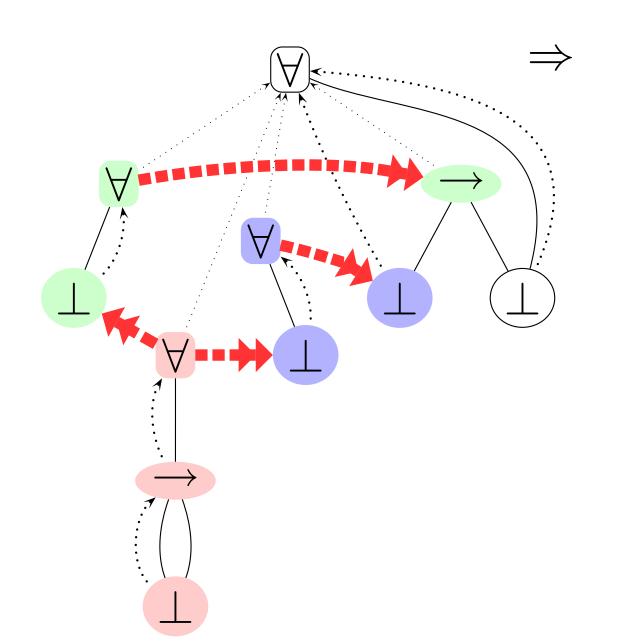


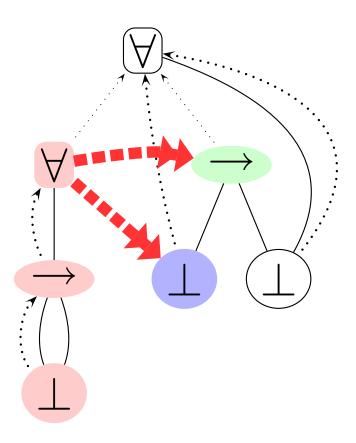
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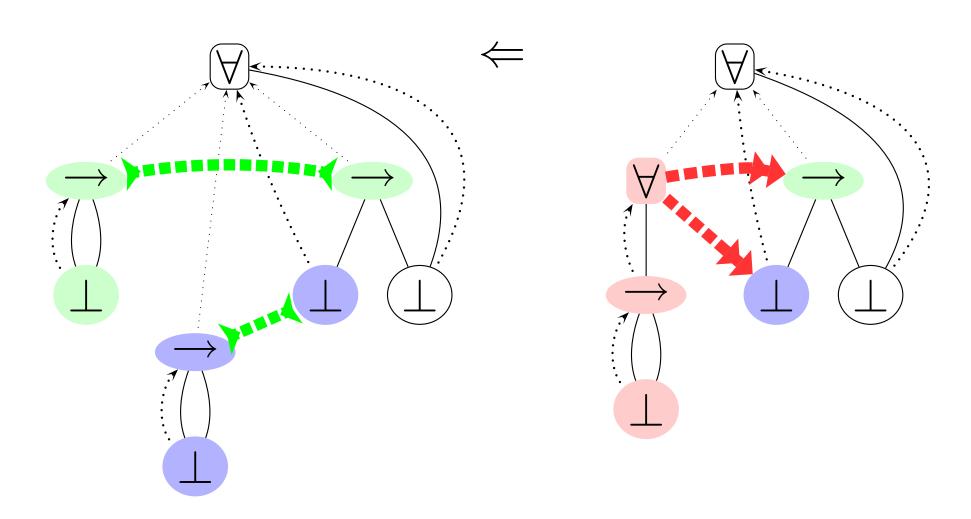




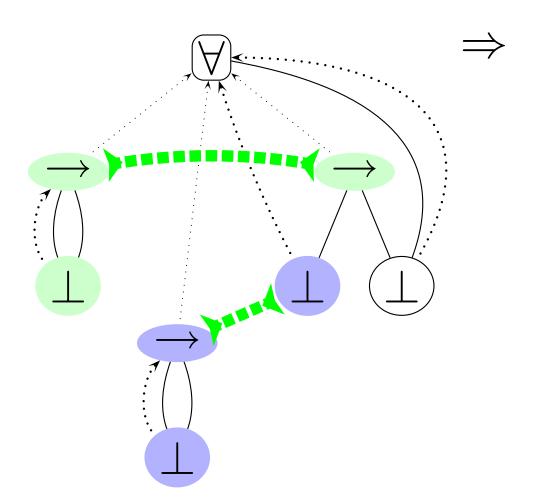
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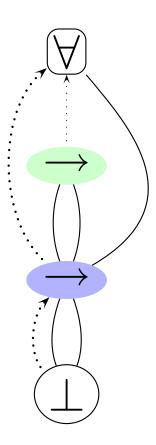


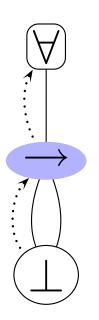




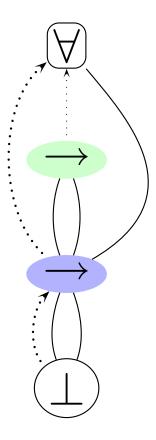
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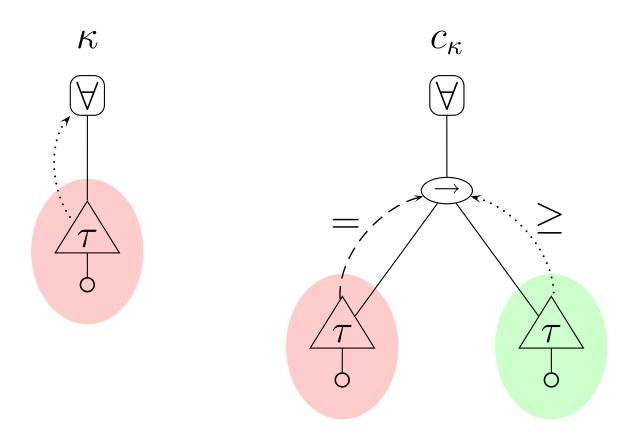




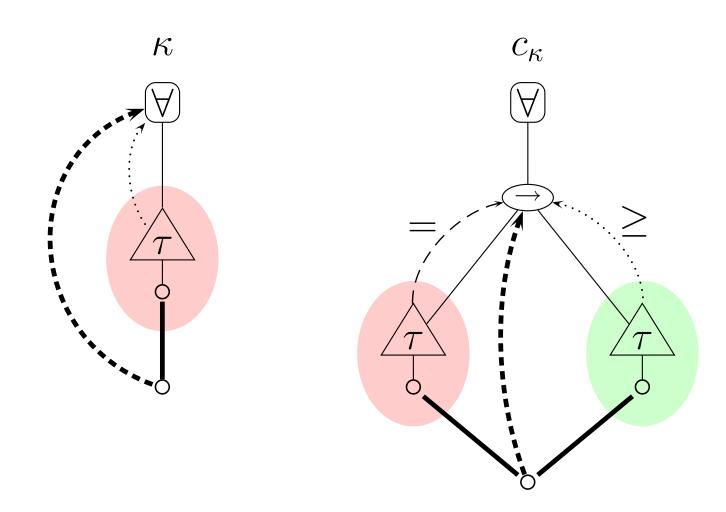


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Coercions: $(a : \kappa)$ is typed as c_{κ} a



$$\forall (\alpha) \tau$$
 $\forall (\gamma = \forall (\alpha) \tau) \forall (\gamma' > \forall (\alpha) \tau) \gamma \rightarrow \gamma'$



$$\exists \bar{\beta} \forall (\alpha) \, \tau \qquad \forall (\bar{\beta}) \, \forall (\gamma = \forall (\alpha) \, \tau) \, \forall (\gamma' > \forall (\alpha) \, \tau) \, \gamma \to \gamma'$$

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 XML^F is defined as IML^F , replacing \sqsubseteq by \sqsubseteq^{\boxminus} everywhere where \sqsubseteq^{\boxminus} is $(\sqsubseteq \cup \sqsupset)^*$

No type inference and no principal types in IML^F

This changes the semantics of contraints, which have more solutions. Entailment is incomparable.

Transformations rules of XML^F are not not complete or not sound in IML^F

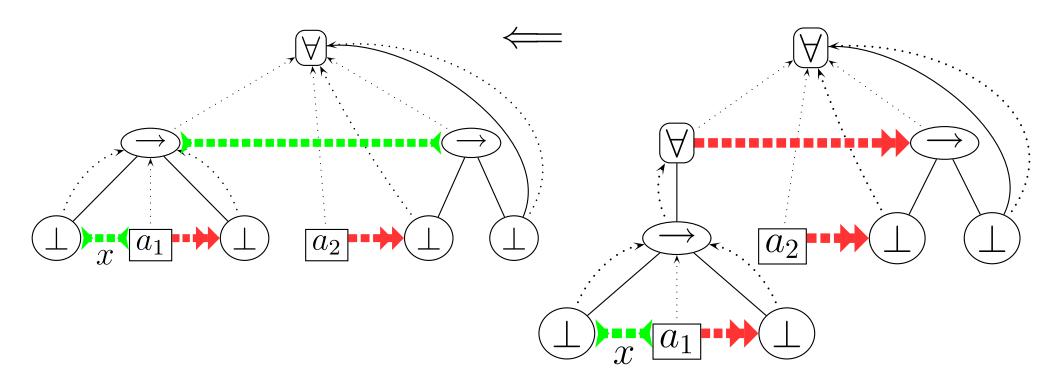
Subject reduction means that \rightarrow is a subrelation of $\boxdot \Vdash \boxdot$.

We show that $\boxdot \Vdash \boxdot$ satisfies the rules defining \rightarrow .

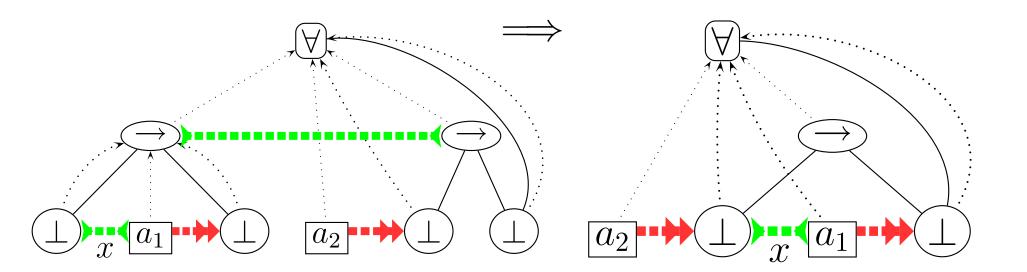
Progress is easy.

$$|(\lambda(x) \ a_1) \ a_2|$$

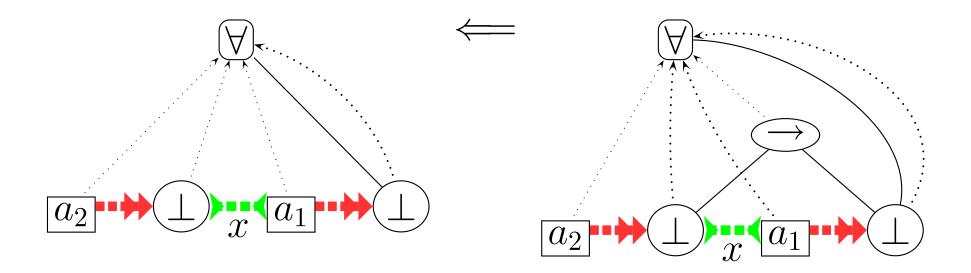
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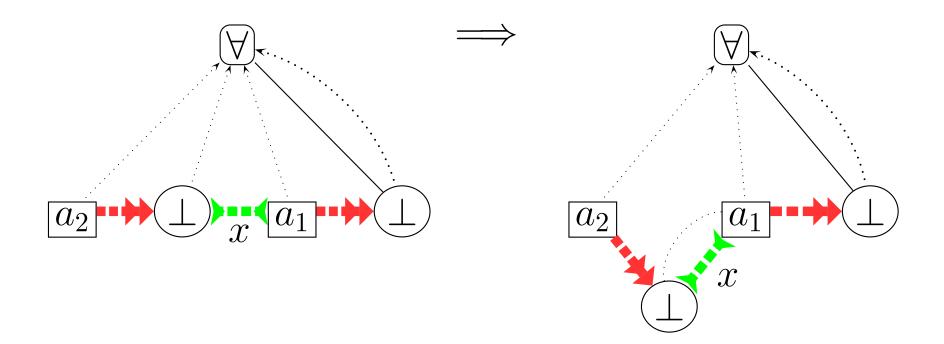
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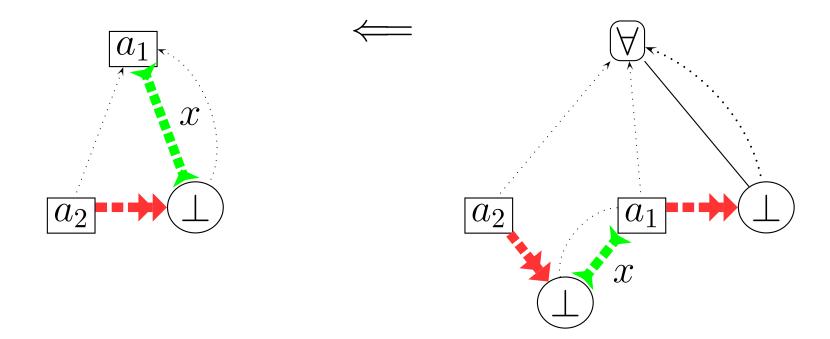
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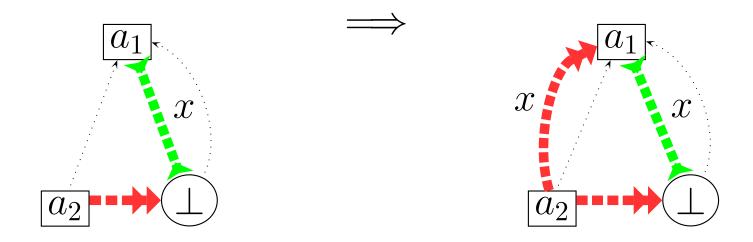
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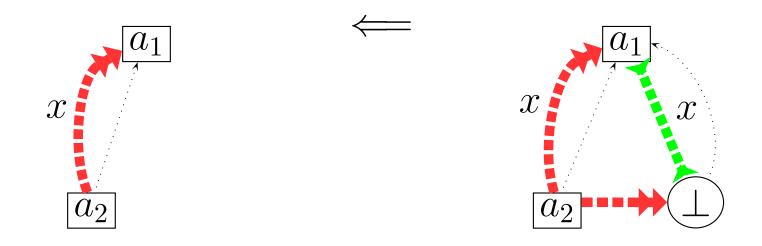
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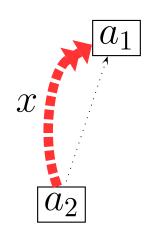
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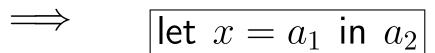


Equivalence, decomposition of \sqsubseteq^{\boxminus}

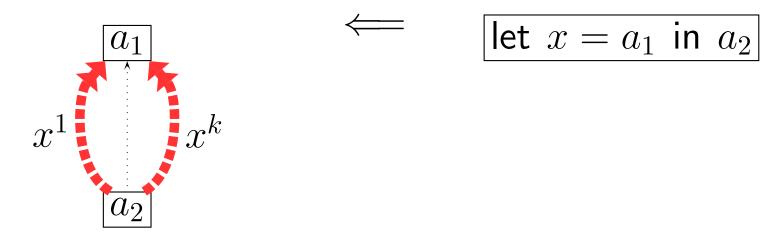


Entailment, just dropping constraints

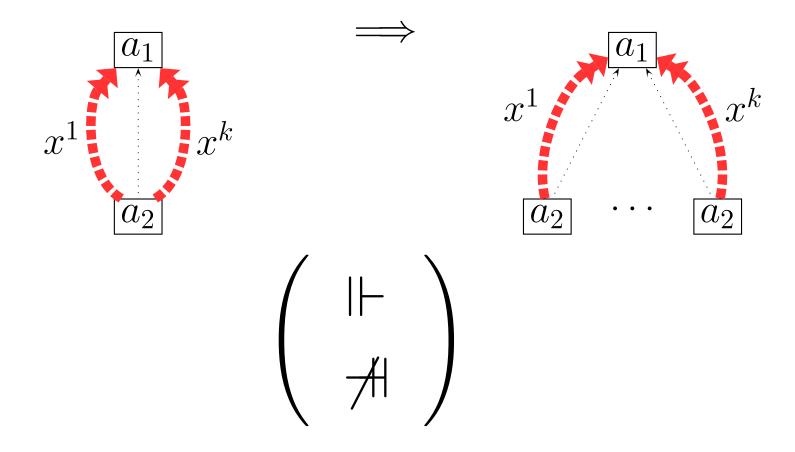




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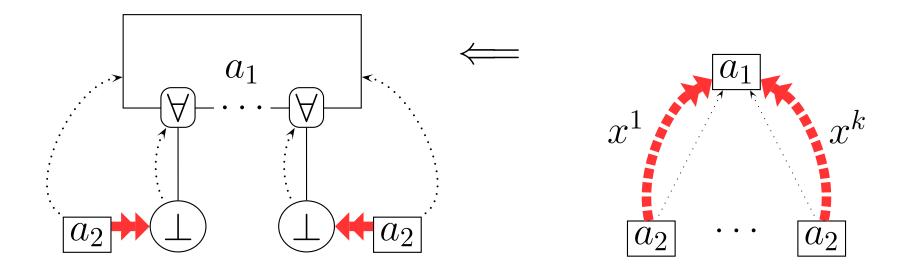


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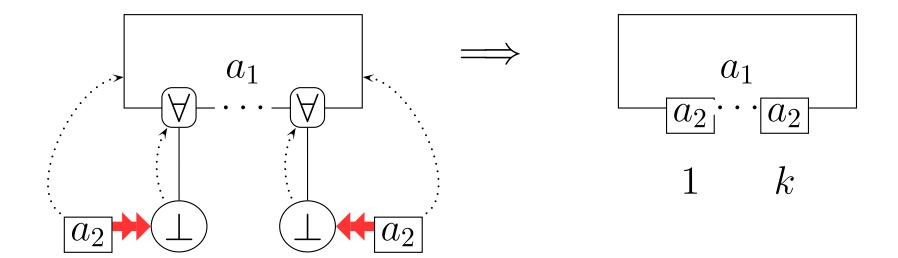


Entailment, by Inst-Copy, †

β preserves typings



Equivalence, zooing on details.



Entailment, by Inst-Bot

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\end{array}$$

Equivalence, by definition,

- ► Simpler, canonical definition of ML^F.
- Efficient, scalable type inference.
- Generalizing type constraint for ML.
 Makes type inference independent of the underlying language.
- ► Good basis for further extensions: higher-order types, recusive types, existential types, ...
- ► Also to be explored: semi-unification problem for ML^F types.

See http://gallium.inria.fr/~remy/mlf/

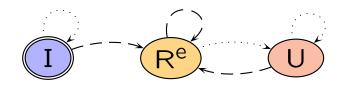
Appendices

Nodes/contexts are *partitioned* into four categories:

- I irreversible
- R^e explicitly reversible
- Rⁱ implicitly reversible
- U unsafe.

They are uniquely determined by the binding tree.

- Rⁱ-nodes are non-bottom nodes whose incoming binding edges all originate from other Rⁱ-nodes.
- ► The remaining nodes are further classified by looking at the sequence of labels obtained from following their binding edges in the inverse direction (starting from the root) in the automaton drawn here.



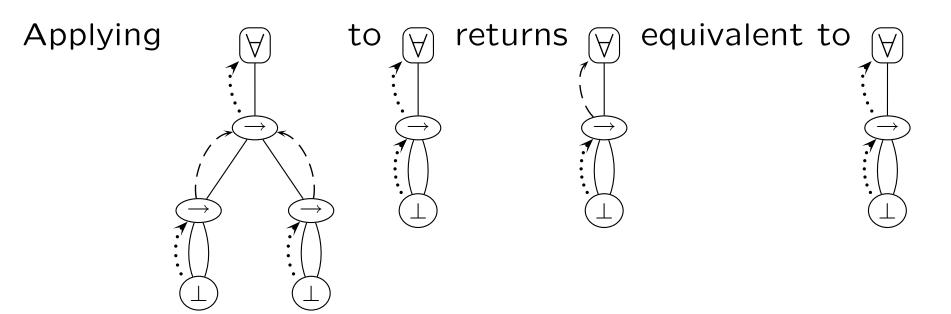
Relations

		Grafting	Merging	Raising	Weakening
Instance		I	I, R	I, R	I
Abstraction	E	_	R	R	_
Similarity		_	R ⁱ	R ⁱ	_

Decompositions

We may always treat types up to \leq , since $(\sqsubseteq \cup \gt)^* = (\sqsubseteq; \gt)$

We may also (sometimes) treat types up to \sqsubseteq , since $(\sqsubseteq \cup \exists)^* = (\sqsubseteq; \exists)$



Similarly, equivalent to

See Gen typing rule.

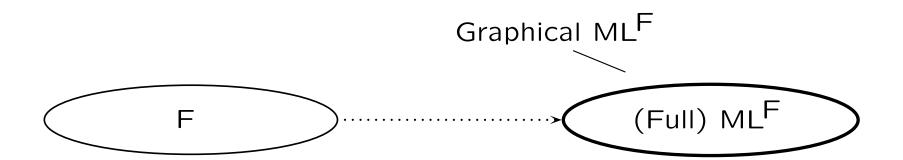
Recasting ML

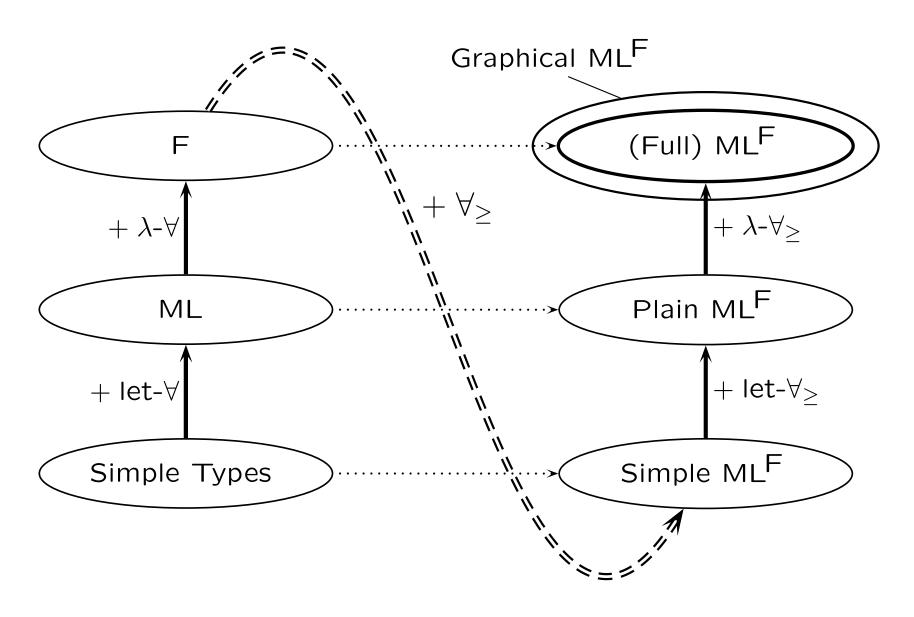
A revisited syntactic presentation of ML^F , with an interpretation of types as sets of System-F types.

- ▶ It justifies the choice of types and type instance.
- We exhibit a correspondance with implicitly typed and explicitly typed versions of ML^F
- ► We encodes ML^F into F^{let} (an extension of F with intersection types)

The instance relation is (slightly) enhanced by correcting artifacts of the syntactic definition in the original relation.

However, this presentation is restricted to Plain ML^F (types are stratified).





Standard $\forall \alpha$.

Flexible $\forall (\alpha > \sigma)$

Type Equivalence

Eq-Refl

$$(Q) \sigma \equiv \sigma$$

Eq-Trans

$$(Q) \ \sigma_1 \equiv \sigma_2$$
$$(Q) \ \sigma_2 \equiv \sigma_3$$

$$(Q) \ \sigma_1 \equiv \sigma_3$$

Eq-Context-R

$$(Q, \alpha \diamond \sigma) \ \sigma_1 \equiv \sigma_2$$

$$(Q) \ \forall (\alpha \diamond \sigma) \ \sigma_1 \equiv \forall (\alpha \diamond \sigma) \ \sigma_2$$

Eq-Context-L

$$(Q)\ \sigma_1 \equiv \sigma_2$$

$$(Q) \ \forall (\alpha \diamond \sigma_1) \ \sigma \equiv \forall (\alpha \diamond \sigma_2) \ \sigma$$

Eq-Free

$$\alpha \notin \mathsf{ftv}(\sigma_1)$$

$$(Q) \ \forall (\alpha \diamond \sigma) \ \sigma_1 \equiv \sigma_1$$

Eq-Comm

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \alpha_1 \notin \mathsf{ftv}(\sigma_2) & \alpha_2 \notin \mathsf{ftv}(\sigma_1) \\ \hline (Q) \ \forall (\alpha_1 \diamond_1 \sigma_1) \ \forall (\alpha_2 \diamond_2 \sigma_2) \ \sigma \\ \equiv \ \forall (\alpha_2 \diamond_2 \sigma_2) \ \forall (\alpha_1 \diamond_1 \sigma_1) \ \sigma \end{array}$$

Eq-Var

$$(Q) \ \forall (\alpha \diamond \sigma) \ \alpha \equiv \sigma$$

Eq-Mono

$$\frac{(\alpha \diamond \sigma_0) \in Q \qquad (Q) \ \sigma_0 \equiv \tau_0}{(Q) \ \tau \equiv \tau [\tau_0/\alpha]}$$

Type Abstraction

A-Equiv

$$(Q) \ \sigma_1 \equiv \sigma_2$$

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A-Trans

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(Q) $\sigma_1 \in \sigma_2$ A-Context-R

$$(Q) \ \sigma_1 \equiv \sigma_2 \qquad (Q) \ \sigma_2 \sqsubseteq \sigma_3 \qquad (Q, \alpha \diamond \sigma) \ \sigma_1 \sqsubseteq \sigma_2 \qquad (\alpha_1 = \sigma_1) \in Q$$

$$\overline{(Q) \; \forall (\alpha \diamond \sigma) \; \sigma_1 \; \vdash \; \forall (\alpha \diamond \sigma) \; \sigma_2}$$

A-Hyp

$$(\alpha_1 = \sigma_1) \in Q$$

$$(Q) \ \sigma_1 \equiv \alpha_1$$

A-Context-L

$$(Q) \ \sigma_1 \equiv \sigma_2$$

$$(Q) \ \sigma_1 \sqsubseteq \sigma_2 \qquad (Q) \ \sigma_1 \sqsubseteq \sigma_3 \qquad (Q) \ \forall (\alpha \diamond \sigma) \ \sigma_1 \sqsubseteq \forall (\alpha \diamond \sigma) \ \sigma_2 \qquad \qquad (Q) \ \sigma_1 \sqsubseteq \alpha_1 \qquad \qquad (Q) \ \forall (\alpha = \sigma_1) \ \sigma \sqsubseteq \forall (\alpha = \sigma_2) \ \sigma_1 \sqsubseteq \alpha_1 \qquad \qquad (Q) \ \forall (\alpha = \sigma_1) \ \sigma \sqsubseteq \forall (\alpha = \sigma_2) \ \sigma_2 = (Q) \ \sigma_1 \sqsubseteq \sigma_2 = (Q) \ \sigma_2 = (Q) \ \sigma_1 \sqsubseteq \sigma_2 = (Q) \ \sigma_2 = (Q) \$$

Type Instance

I-Abstract

$$(Q) \ \sigma_1 \equiv \sigma_2$$

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I-Trans

$$(Q) \ \sigma_1 \leqslant \sigma_2$$

$$(Q) \ \sigma_2 \leqslant \sigma_3$$

$$\overline{(Q) \ \sigma_1 \leqslant \sigma_2} \qquad \overline{(Q) \ \sigma_1 \leqslant \sigma_3}$$

I-Context-R

$$(Q, \alpha \diamond \sigma) \ \sigma_1 \leqslant \sigma_2 \qquad (\alpha_1 \ge \sigma_1) \in Q$$

$$(Q) \ \forall (\alpha \diamond \sigma) \ \sigma_1 \leqslant \forall (\alpha \diamond \sigma) \ \sigma_2$$

I-Hyp

$$(\alpha_1 \ge \sigma_1) \in Q$$

$$(Q) \ \sigma_1 \leqslant \alpha_1$$

I-Context-L

$$(Q) \ \sigma_1 \leqslant \sigma_2$$

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I-Bot

$$(Q) \perp \leqslant \sigma$$

I-Rigid

$$(Q) \ \forall (\alpha > \sigma_1) \ \sigma \leqslant \forall (\alpha = \sigma_1) \ \sigma$$

Type Equivalence

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Eq-Free
$$\frac{\alpha \notin \mathsf{ftv}(\sigma_1)}{(Q) \; \forall (\alpha \diamond \sigma) \, \sigma_1 \equiv \sigma_1}$$

Eq-Comm
$$\frac{\alpha_{1} \notin \mathsf{ftv}(\sigma_{2}) \qquad \alpha_{2} \notin \mathsf{ftv}(\sigma_{1})}{(Q) \ \forall (\alpha_{1} \diamond_{1} \sigma_{1}) \ \forall (\alpha_{2} \diamond_{2} \sigma_{2}) \ \sigma}$$

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A-Context-R

$$(Q, \alpha \diamond \sigma) \ \sigma_1 \sqsubseteq \sigma_2$$

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A-Hyp

$$(\alpha_1 = \sigma_1) \in Q$$

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A-Context-L

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I-Bot

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I-Rigid

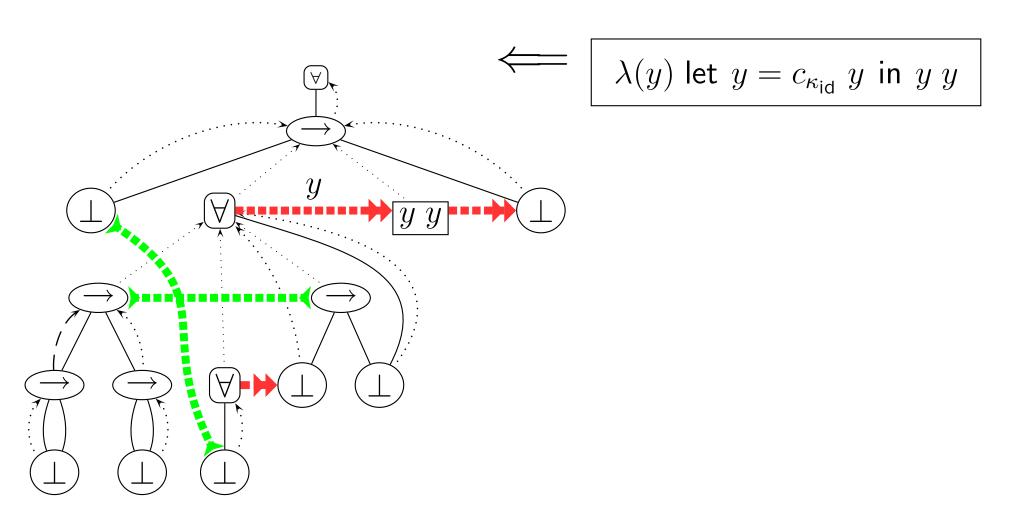
$$(Q) \ \forall (\alpha > \sigma_1) \ \sigma \leqslant \forall (\alpha = \sigma_1) \ \sigma$$

$$\lambda(y:\forall(\alpha)\,\alpha\to\alpha)\,y\,y$$

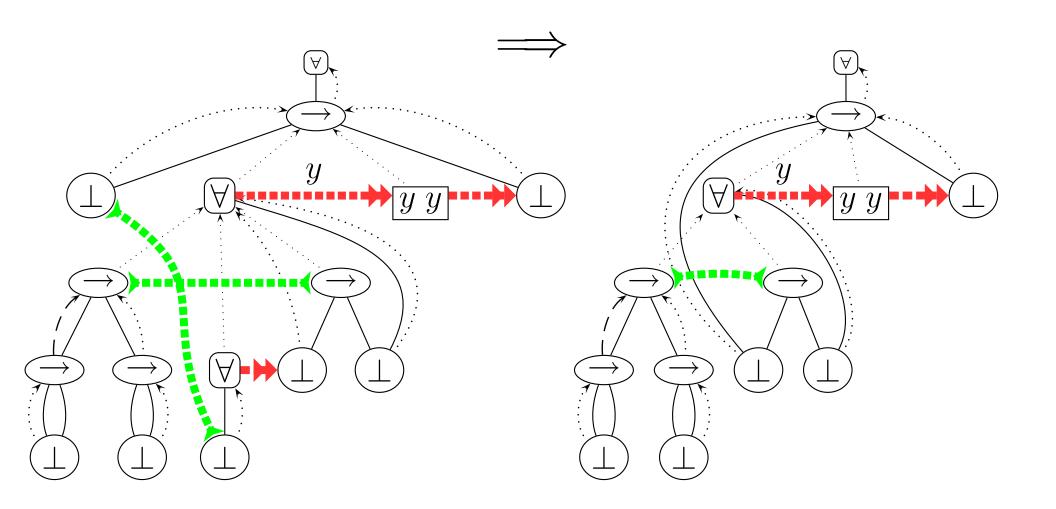
$$\lambda(y:\forall(\alpha)\,\alpha\to\alpha)\,y\,y$$

$$\implies | \lambda(y) \text{ let } y = c_{\kappa_{id}} y \text{ in } y y$$

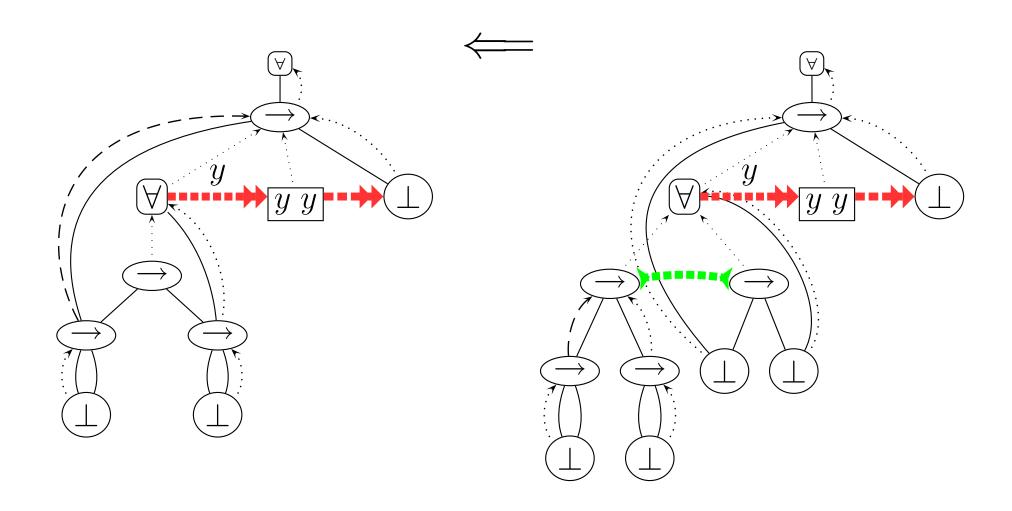
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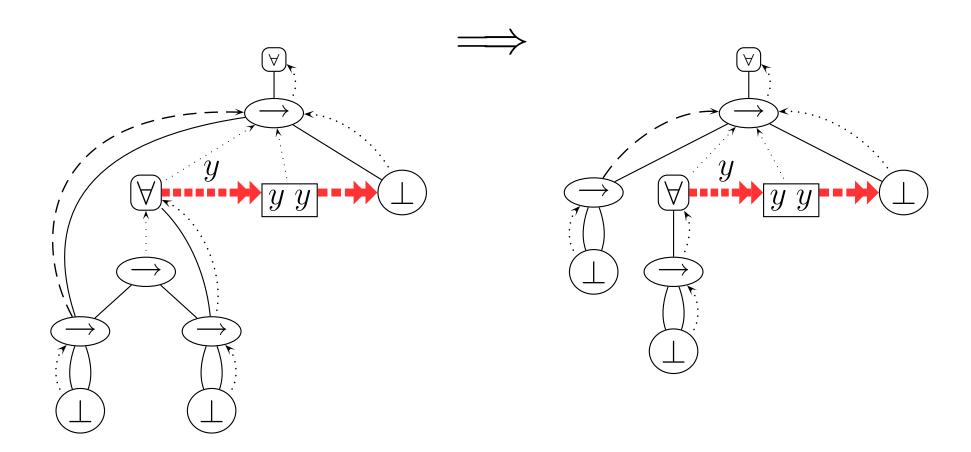
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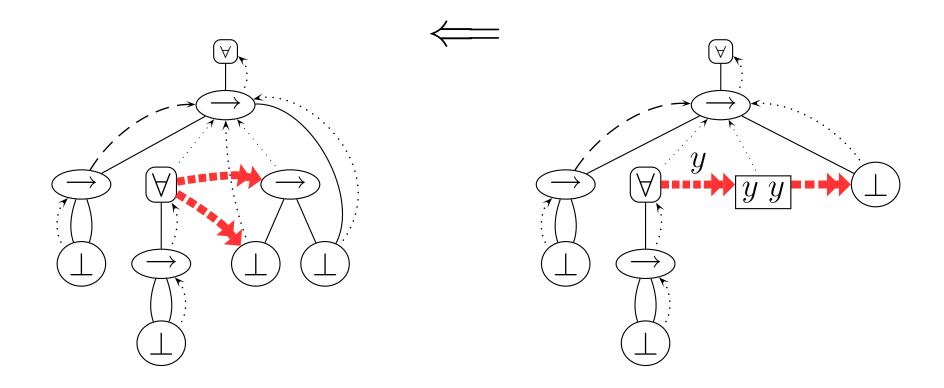


(3) unification

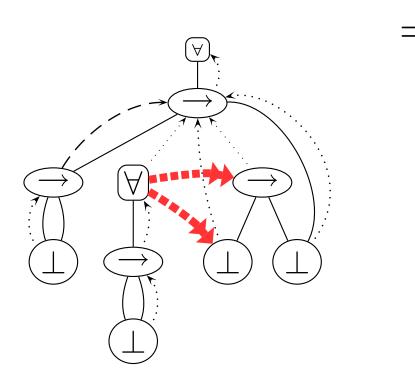


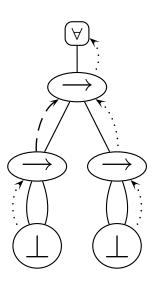
(4) existential elimination





(6) by definition





(7) many steps

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