

Recitation Session, October 18 2017

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Variance and Pattern Matching

This week, we will work on the idea of variance, and on pattern matching. Recall that

- Lists are covariant in their only type parameter.
- Functions are contravariant in the argument, and covariant in the result.

Ex 1. Consider the following hierarchies:

```
abstract class Fruit
class Banana extends Fruit
class Apple extends Fruit
abstract class Liquid
class Juice extends Liquid
```

Consider also the following typing relationships for A, B, C, D:

A <: B and C <: D.

Fill in the subtyping relation between the types below. Bear in mind that it might be that neither type is a subtype of the other.

List[Banana]		List[Fruit]
List[A]		List[B]
Banana => Juice		Fruit => Juice
Banana => Juice		Banana => Liquid
A => C		B => D
List[Banana => Liquid]		List[Fruit => Juice]
List[A => D]		List[B => C]
(Fruit => Juice) => Liquid		(Banana => Liquid) => Liquid
(B => C) => D		(A => D) => D
Fruit => (Juice => Liquid)		Banana => (Liquid => Liquid)
B => (C => D)		A => (D => D)

Ex 2. The following data types represent simple arithmetic expressions:

```
abstract class Expr
  case class Number(x: Int) extends Expr
  case class Var(name: String) extends Expr
  case class Sum(e1: Expr, e2: Expr) extends Expr
  case class Prod(e1: Expr, e2: Expr) extends Expr
```

Define a function `deriv(expr: Expr, v: String): Expr` returning the expression that is the partial derivative of `expr` with respect to the variable `v`.

```
def deriv(expr: Expr, v: String): Expr = ???
```

Here's an example run of the function:

```
> deriv(Sum(Prod(Var("x"), Var("x")), Var("y")), "x")
Sum(Sum(Prod(Var("x"), Number(1)), Prod(Number(1), Var("x"))), Number(0))
```

Ex 3. Write an expression simplifier that applies some arithmetic simplifications to an expression. For example, it would turn the above monstrous result into the following expression:

```
Prod(Var("x"), Number(2))
```