

Featherweight Java

A Minimal Core Calculus for Java and GJ*

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Abstract

Several recent studies have introduced lightweight versions of Java: reduced languages in which complex features like threads and reflection are dropped to enable rigorous arguments about key properties such as type safety. We carry this process a step further, omitting almost all features of the full language (including interfaces and even assignment) to obtain a small calculus, Featherweight Java, for which rigorous proofs are not only possible but easy.

Featherweight Java bears a similar relation to full Java as the lambda-calculus does to languages such as ML and Haskell. It offers a similar computational “feel,” providing classes, methods, fields, inheritance, and dynamic typecasts, with a semantics closely following Java’s. A proof of type safety for Featherweight Java thus illustrates many of the interesting features of a safety proof for the full language, while remaining pleasingly compact. The syntax, type rules, and operational semantics of Featherweight Java fit on one page, making it easier to understand the consequences of extensions and variations.

As an illustration of its utility in this regard, we extend Featherweight Java with *generic classes* in the style of GJ (Bracha, Odersky, Stoutamire, and Wadler) and give a detailed proof of type safety. The extended system formalizes for the first time some of the key features of GJ.

1 Introduction

“Inside every large language is a small language struggling to get out...”

Formal modeling can offer a significant boost to the design of complex real-world artifacts such as programming languages. A formal model may be used to describe some aspect of a design precisely, to state and prove its properties, and to direct attention to issues that might otherwise be overlooked. In formulating a model, however, there is a tension between completeness and compactness: the more aspects the model addresses at the same time, the more unwieldy it becomes. Often it is sensible to choose a model that is

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less complete but more compact, offering maximum insight for minimum investment. This strategy may be seen in a flurry of recent papers on the formal properties of Java, which omit advanced features such as concurrency and reflection and concentrate on fragments of the full language to which well-understood theory can be applied.

We propose Featherweight Java, or FJ, as a new contender for a *minimal* core calculus for modeling Java’s type system. The design of FJ favors compactness over completeness almost obsessively, having just five forms of expression: object creation, method invocation, field access, casting, and variables. Its syntax, typing rules, and operational semantics fit comfortably on a single page. Indeed, our aim has been to omit as many features as possible – even assignment – while retaining the core features of Java typing. There is a direct correspondence between FJ and a purely functional core of Java, in the sense that every FJ program is literally an executable Java program.

FJ is only a little larger than Church’s lambda calculus [3] or Abadi and Cardelli’s object calculus [1], and is significantly smaller than previous formal models of class-based languages like Java, including those put forth by Drossopoulou, Eisenbach, and Khurshid [11], Syme [23], Nipkow and Oheimb [20], and Flatt, Krishnamurthi, and Felleisen [15, 16]. Being smaller, FJ lets us focus on just a few key issues. For example, we have discovered that capturing the behavior of Java’s cast construct in a traditional “small-step” operational semantics is trickier than we would have expected, a point that has been overlooked or underemphasized in other models.

One use of FJ is as a starting point for modeling languages that extend Java. Because FJ is so compact, we can focus attention on essential aspects of the extension. Moreover, because the proof of soundness for pure FJ is very simple, a rigorous soundness proof for even a significant extension may remain manageable. The second part of the paper illustrates this utility by enriching FJ with generic classes and methods *à la* GJ [7]. The model omits some important aspects of GJ (such as “raw types” and type argument inference for generic method calls). Nonetheless, it led to the discovery and fix of one bug in the GJ compiler and, more importantly, has been a useful tool in clarifying our thought. Because the model is small, it is easy to contemplate further extensions, and we have begun the work of adding raw types to the model; so far, this has revealed at least one corner of the design that was underspecified.

Our main goal in designing FJ was to make a proof of type soundness (“well-typed programs don’t get stuck”) as concise as possible, while still capturing the essence of the soundness argument for the full Java language. Any language feature that made the soundness proof *longer* without making it significantly *different* was a candidate for omission. As in previous studies of type soundness in Java, we don’t treat advanced features such as concurrency, inner classes, and reflection. Other Java features omitted from FJ include assignment, interfaces, overloading, messages to `super`, null pointers, base types (`int`, `bool`, etc.), abstract method declarations, shadowing of superclass fields by subclass fields, access control (`public`, `private`, etc.), and exceptions. The features of Java that we *do* model include mutually recursive class definitions, object creation, field access, method invocation, method override, method recursion through `this`, subtyping, and casting.

One key simplification in FJ is the omission of assignment. In essence, all fields and method parameters in FJ are implicitly marked `final`: we assume that an object’s fields are initialized by its constructor and never changed afterwards. This restricts FJ to a “functional” fragment of Java, in which many common Java idioms, such as use of enumerations, cannot be represented. Nonetheless, this fragment is computationally complete (it is easy to encode the lambda calculus into it), and is large enough to include many useful programs (many of the programs in Felleisen and Friedman’s Java text [13] use a purely functional style). Moreover, most of the tricky typing issues in both Java and GJ are independent of assignment. An important exception is that the type inference algorithm for generic method invocation in GJ has some twists imposed on it by the need to maintain soundness in the presence of assignment. This paper treats a simplified version of GJ without type inference.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 introduces the main ideas of Featherweight Java, presents its syntax, type rules, and reduction rules, and develops a type soundness proof. Section 3 extends Featherweight Java to Featherweight GJ, which includes generic classes and methods. Section 4 presents an erasure map from FGJ to FJ, modeling the techniques used to compile GJ into Java. Section 5 discusses related work, and Section 6 concludes.

2 Featherweight Java

In FJ, a program consists of a collection of class definitions plus an expression to be evaluated. (This expression corresponds to the body of the `main` method in full Java.) Here are some typical class definitions in FJ.

```
class A extends Object {
  A() { super(); }
}

class B extends Object {
  B() { super(); }
}

class Pair extends Object {
  Object fst;
  Object snd;
  Pair(Object fst, Object snd) {
    super(); this.fst=fst; this.snd=snd;
  }
  Pair setfst(Object newfst) {
    return new Pair(newfst, this.snd);
  }
}
```

For the sake of syntactic regularity, we always include the supertype (even when it is `Object`), we always write out the constructor (even for the trivial classes `A` and `B`), and we always write the receiver for a field access (as in `this.snd`) or a method invocation, even when the receiver is `this`. Constructors always take the same stylized form: there is one parameter for each field, with the same name as the field; the `super` constructor is invoked on the fields of the supertype; and the remaining fields are initialized to the corresponding parameters. In this example the supertype is always `Object`, which has no fields, so the invocations of `super` have no arguments. Constructors are the only place where `super` or `=` appears in an FJ program. Since FJ provides no side-effecting operations, a method body always consists of `return` followed by an expression, as in the body of `setfst()`.

In the context of the above definitions, the expression

```
new Pair(new A(), new B()).setfst(new B())
```

evaluates to the expression

```
new Pair(new B(), new B()).
```

There are five forms of expression in FJ. Here, `new A()`, `new B()`, and `new Pair(e1,e2)` are *object constructors*, and `e3.setfst(e4)` is a *method invocation*. In the body of `setfst`, the expression `this.snd` is a *field access*, and the occurrences of `newfst` and `this` are *variables*. (The syntax of FJ differs from Java in that `this` is a variable rather than a keyword.) The remaining form of expression is a *cast*. The expression

```
((Pair)new Pair(new Pair(new A(), new B()), new A()).fst).snd
```

evaluates to the expression

```
new B().
```

Here, `((Pair)e7)`, where `e7` is `new Pair(...).fst`, is a cast. The cast is required, because `e7` is a field access to `fst`, which is declared to contain an `Object`, whereas the next field access, to `snd`, is only valid on a `Pair`. At run time, it is checked whether the `Object` stored in the `fst` field is a `Pair` (and in this case the check succeeds).

In Java, one may prefix a field or parameter declaration with the keyword `final` to indicate that it may not be assigned to, and all parameters accessed from an inner class must be declared `final`. Since FJ

contains no assignment and no inner classes, it matters little whether or not `final` appears, so we omit it for brevity.

Dropping side effects has a pleasant side effect: evaluation can be easily formalized entirely within the syntax of FJ, with no additional mechanisms for modeling the heap. Moreover, in the absence of side effects, the order in which expressions are evaluated does not affect the final outcome, so we can define the operational semantics of FJ straightforwardly using a nondeterministic small-step reduction relation, following long-standing tradition in the lambda calculus. Of course, Java’s call-by-value evaluation strategy is subsumed by this more general relation, so the soundness properties we prove for reduction will hold for Java’s evaluation strategy as a special case.

There are three basic computation rules: one for field access, one for method invocation, and one for casts. Recall that, in the lambda calculus, the beta-reduction rule for applications assumes that the function is first simplified to a lambda abstraction. Similarly, in FJ the reduction rules assume the object operated upon is first simplified to a `new` expression. Thus, just as the slogan for the lambda calculus is “everything is a function,” here the slogan is “everything is an object.”

The following example shows the rule for field access in action:

$$\text{new Pair}(\text{new A}(), \text{new B}()).\text{snd} \longrightarrow \text{new B}()$$

Because of the stylized form for object constructors, we know that the constructor has one parameter for each field, in the same order that the fields are declared. Here the fields are `fst` and `snd`, and an access to the `snd` field selects the second parameter.

Here is the rule for method invocation in action (/ denotes substitution):

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{new Pair}(\text{new A}(), \text{new B}()).\text{setfst}(\text{new B}()) \\ \longrightarrow \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{new B}()/\text{newfst}, \\ \text{new Pair}(\text{new A}(), \text{new B}())/this \end{array} \right] \text{new Pair}(\text{newfst}, \text{this}.\text{snd}) \\ \text{i.e., new Pair}(\text{new B}(), \text{new Pair}(\text{new A}(), \text{new B}()).\text{snd}) \end{array}$$

The receiver of the invocation is the object `new Pair(new A(), new B())`, so we look up the `setfst` method in the `Pair` class, where we find that it has formal parameter `newfst` and body `new Pair(newfst, this.snd)`. The invocation reduces to the body with the formal parameter replaced by the actual, and the special variable `this` replaced by the receiver object. This is similar to the beta rule of the lambda calculus, $(\lambda x. e_0)e_1 \longrightarrow [e_1/x]e_0$. The key differences are the fact that the class of the receiver determines where to look for the body (supporting method override), and the substitution of the receiver for `this` (supporting “recursion through self”). Readers familiar with Abadi and Cardelli’s Object Calculus will see a strong similarity to their ζ reduction rule [1]. In FJ, as in the lambda calculus and the pure Abadi-Cardelli calculus, if a formal parameter appears more than once in the body this may lead to duplication of the actual, but since there are no side effects this causes no problems.

Here is the rule for a cast in action:

$$(\text{Pair})\text{new Pair}(\text{new A}(), \text{new B}()) \longrightarrow \text{new Pair}(\text{new A}(), \text{new B}())$$

Once the subject of the cast is reduced to an object, it is easy to check that the class of the constructor is a subclass of the target of the cast. If so, as is the case here, then the reduction removes the cast. If not, as in the expression `(A)new B()`, then no rule applies and the computation is *stuck*, denoting a run-time error.

There are three ways in which a computation may get stuck: an attempt to access a field not declared for the class, an attempt to invoke a method not declared for the class (“message not understood”), or an attempt to cast to something other than a superclass of an object’s run-time class. We will prove that the first two of these never happen in well-typed programs, and the third never happens in well-typed programs that contain no downcasts (and no “stupid casts”—a technicality explained below).

As usual, we allow reductions to apply to any subexpression of an expression. Here is a computation for the second example expression above, where the next subexpression to be reduced is underlined at each step.

$$\begin{array}{l} ((\text{Pair})\underline{\text{new Pair}(\text{new Pair}(\text{new A}(), \text{new B}())}, \text{new A}()).\text{fst}).\text{snd} \\ \longrightarrow ((\text{Pair})\underline{\text{new Pair}(\text{new A}(), \text{new B}())}. \text{snd}).\text{snd} \\ \longrightarrow \underline{\text{new Pair}(\text{new A}(), \text{new B}())}. \text{snd} \\ \longrightarrow \text{new B}() \end{array}$$

We will prove a type soundness result for FJ: if an expression e reduces to expression e' , and if e is well typed, then e' is also well typed and its type is a subtype of the type of e .

With this informal introduction in mind, we may now proceed to a formal definition of FJ.

2.1 Syntax

The syntax, typing rules, and computation rules for FJ are given in Figure 1, with a few auxiliary functions in Figure 2.

The metavariables A, B, C, D , and E range over class names; f and g range over field names; m ranges over method names; x ranges over parameter names; d and e range over expressions; CL ranges over class declarations; K ranges over constructor declarations; and M ranges over method declarations. We assume that the set of variables includes the special variable `this`, but that `this` is never used as the name of an argument to a method. Instead, it is considered to be implicitly bound in every method declaration. The evaluation rule for method invocation will have the job of substituting an appropriate object for `this` in addition to substituting the argument values for the parameters.

We write \bar{f} as shorthand for f_1, \dots, f_n (and similarly for $\bar{c}, \bar{x}, \bar{e}$, etc.) and write \bar{M} as shorthand for $M_1 \dots M_n$ (with no commas). We write the empty sequence as \bullet and denote concatenation of sequences using a comma. The length of a sequence \bar{x} is written $\#(\bar{x})$. We abbreviate operations on pairs of sequences in the obvious way, writing “ $\bar{C} \bar{f}$ ” for “ $C_1 f_1, \dots, C_n f_n$ ”, where n is the length of \bar{C} and \bar{f} , and similarly “ $\bar{C} \bar{f};$ ” as shorthand for the sequence of declarations “ $C_1 f_1; \dots C_n f_n;$ ” and “`this. $\bar{f}=\bar{f};$` ” as shorthand for “`this.f1=f1; ... ; this.fn=fn;`”. Sequences of field declarations, parameter names, and method declarations are assumed to contain no duplicate names.

The class declaration `class C extends D { $\bar{C} \bar{f}; K \bar{M}$ }` introduces a class named C with superclass D . The new class has fields \bar{f} with types \bar{C} , a single constructor K , and a suite of methods \bar{M} . The instance variables declared by C are added to the ones declared by D and its superclasses, and should have names distinct from these. (In full Java, instance variables of superclasses may be redeclared, in which case the redeclaration shadows the original in the current class and its subclasses. We omit this feature in FJ.) The methods of C , on the other hand, may either override methods with the same names that are already present in D or add new functionality special to C .

The constructor declaration `C($\bar{D} \bar{g}; \bar{C} \bar{f}$) {super(\bar{g}); this. $\bar{f}=\bar{f};$ }` shows how to initialize the fields of an instance of C . Its form is completely determined by the instance variable declarations of C and its superclasses: it *must* take exactly as many parameters as there are instance variables, and its body *must* consist of a call to the superclass constructor to initialize its fields from the parameters \bar{g} , followed by an assignment of the parameters \bar{f} to the new fields of the same names declared by C . (These constraints are actually enforced by the typing rule for classes in Figure 1.)

The method declaration `D m($\bar{C} \bar{x}$) {return e;}` introduces a method named m with result type D and parameters \bar{x} of types \bar{C} . The body of the method is the single statement `return e`. The variables \bar{x} are bound in e . The special variable `this` is also considered bound in e .

A class table CT is a mapping from class names C to class declarations CL . A program is a pair (CT, e) of a class table and an expression. To lighten the notation in what follows, we always assume a *fixed* class table CT .

The abstract syntax of FJ class declarations, constructor declarations, method declarations, and expressions is given at the top left of Figure 1. As in Java, we assume that casts bind less tightly than other forms of expression. We assume that the set of variables includes the special variable `this`, but that `this` is never used as the name of an argument to a method.

Every class has a superclass, declared with `extends`. This raises a question: what is the superclass of the `Object` class? There are various ways to deal with this issue; the simplest one that we have found is to take `Object` as a distinguished class name whose definition does *not* appear in the class table. The auxiliary functions that look up fields and method declarations in the class table are equipped with special cases for `Object` that return the empty sequence of fields and the empty set of methods. (In full Java, the class `Object` does have several methods. We ignore these in FJ.)

By looking at the class table, we can read off the subtype relation between classes. We write $C <: D$ when C is a subtype of D —i.e., subtyping is the reflexive and transitive closure of the immediate subclass relation

<p>Syntax:</p> <p>CL ::= class C extends C {\bar{C} \bar{f}; K \bar{M}}</p> <p>K ::= C(\bar{C} \bar{f}) {super(\bar{f}); this.\bar{f} = \bar{f};} M ::= C m(\bar{C} \bar{x}) {return e;} e ::= x e.f e.m(\bar{e}) new C(\bar{e}) (C)e</p> <hr/> <p>Subtyping:</p> $\frac{C <: C}{C <: D \quad D <: E} \quad C <: E$ $\frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C \text{ extends } D \{ \dots \}}{C <: D}$ <hr/> <p>Computation:</p> $\frac{fields(C) = \bar{C} \bar{f}}{(\text{new } C(\bar{e})) . f_i \rightarrow e_i} \quad (\text{R-FIELD})$ $\frac{mbody(m, C) = (\bar{x}, e_0)}{(\text{new } C(\bar{e})) . m(\bar{d}) \rightarrow [\bar{d}/\bar{x}, \text{new } C(\bar{e})/\text{this}]e_0} \quad (\text{R-INVK})$ $\frac{C <: D}{(D) (\text{new } C(\bar{e})) \rightarrow \text{new } C(\bar{e})} \quad (\text{R-CAST})$ <hr/> <p>Congruence:</p> $\frac{e_0 \rightarrow e_0'}{e_0 . f \rightarrow e_0' . f} \quad (\text{RC-FIELD})$ $\frac{e_0 \rightarrow e_0'}{e_0 . m(\bar{e}) \rightarrow e_0' . m(\bar{e})} \quad (\text{RC-INVK-RECV})$ $\frac{e_i \rightarrow e_i'}{e_0 . m(\dots, e_i, \dots) \rightarrow e_0 . m(\dots, e_i', \dots)} \quad (\text{RC-INVK-ARG})$	$\frac{e_i \rightarrow e_i'}{\text{new } C(\dots, e_i, \dots) \rightarrow \text{new } C(\dots, e_i', \dots)} \quad (\text{RC-NEW-ARG})$ $\frac{e_0 \rightarrow e_0'}{(C) e_0 \rightarrow (C) e_0'} \quad (\text{RC-CAST})$ <hr/> <p>Expression typing:</p> $\Gamma \vdash x \in \Gamma(x) \quad (\text{T-VAR})$ $\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_0 \in C_0 \quad fields(C_0) = \bar{C} \bar{f}}{\Gamma \vdash e_0 . f_i \in C_i} \quad (\text{T-FIELD})$ $\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_0 \in C_0 \quad mtype(m, C_0) = \bar{D} \rightarrow C \quad \Gamma \vdash \bar{e} \in \bar{C} \quad \bar{C} <: \bar{D}}{\Gamma \vdash e_0 . m(\bar{e}) \in C} \quad (\text{T-INVK})$ $\frac{fields(C) = \bar{D} \bar{f} \quad \Gamma \vdash \bar{e} \in \bar{C} \quad \bar{C} <: \bar{D}}{\Gamma \vdash \text{new } C(\bar{e}) \in C} \quad (\text{T-NEW})$ $\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_0 \in D \quad D <: C}{\Gamma \vdash (C) e_0 \in C} \quad (\text{T-UCAST})$ $\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_0 \in D \quad C <: D \quad C \neq D}{\Gamma \vdash (C) e_0 \in C} \quad (\text{T-DCAST})$ $\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_0 \in D \quad C \not<: D \quad D \not<: C \quad \text{stupid warning}}{\Gamma \vdash (C) e_0 \in C} \quad (\text{T-SCAST})$ <hr/> <p>Method typing:</p> $\frac{\bar{x} : \bar{C}, \text{this} : C \vdash e_0 \in E_0 \quad E_0 <: C_0 \quad CT(C) = \text{class } C \text{ extends } D \{ \dots \} \quad \text{override}(m, D, \bar{C} \rightarrow C_0)}{C_0 \text{ m } (\bar{C} \bar{x}) \{ \text{return } e_0; \} \text{ OK IN } C} \quad (\text{T-METHOD})$ <hr/> <p>Class typing:</p> $\frac{K = C(\bar{D} \bar{g}, \bar{C} \bar{f}) \{ \text{super}(\bar{g}); \text{this} . \bar{f} = \bar{f}; \} \quad fields(D) = \bar{D} \bar{g} \quad \bar{M} \text{ OK IN } C}{\text{class } C \text{ extends } D \{ \bar{C} \bar{f}; K \bar{M} \} \text{ OK}} \quad (\text{T-CLASS})$
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Figure 1: FJ: Main definitions

<p>Field lookup:</p> $\frac{\begin{array}{l} fields(\text{Object}) = \bullet \\ CT(C) = \text{class } C \text{ extends } D \{ \bar{C} \bar{f}; K \bar{M} \} \\ fields(D) = \bar{D} \bar{g} \end{array}}{fields(C) = \bar{D} \bar{g}, \bar{C} \bar{f}}$ <p>Method type lookup:</p> $\frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C \text{ extends } D \{ \bar{C} \bar{f}; K \bar{M} \} \quad B \ m \ (\bar{B} \ \bar{x}) \ \{\text{return } e;\} \in \bar{M}}{mtype(m, C) = \bar{B} \rightarrow B}$ $\frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C \text{ extends } D \{ \bar{C} \bar{f}; K \bar{M} \} \quad m \text{ is not defined in } \bar{M}}{mtype(m, C) = mtype(m, D)}$	<p>Method body lookup:</p> $\frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C \text{ extends } D \{ \bar{C} \bar{f}; K \bar{M} \} \quad B \ m \ (\bar{B} \ \bar{x}) \ \{\text{return } e;\} \in \bar{M}}{mbody(m, C) = (\bar{x}, e)}$ $\frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C \text{ extends } D \{ \bar{C} \bar{f}; K \bar{M} \} \quad m \text{ is not defined in } \bar{M}}{mbody(m, C) = mbody(m, D)}$ <p>Valid method overriding:</p> $\frac{mtype(m, D) = \bar{D} \rightarrow D_0 \text{ implies } \bar{C} = \bar{D} \text{ and } C_0 = D_0}{override(m, D, \bar{C} \rightarrow C_0)}$
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Figure 2: FJ: Auxiliary definitions

given by the `extends` clauses in CT . Formally, it is defined in the middle of the left column of Figure 1.

The given class table is assumed to satisfy some sanity conditions: (1) $CT(C) = \text{class } C \dots$ for every $C \in dom(CT)$; (2) `Object` $\notin dom(CT)$; (3) for every class name C (except `Object`) appearing anywhere in CT , we have $C \in dom(CT)$; and (4) there are no cycles in the subtype relation induced by CT – that is, the $<$: relation is antisymmetric. Note that the types defined by the class table *are* allowed to be recursive, in the sense that the definition of a class A may use the name A in the types of its methods and instance variables. Indeed, even mutual recursion between class definitions is allowed.

For the typing and reduction rules, we need a few auxiliary definitions, given in Figure 2. The fields of a class C , written $fields(C)$, is a sequence $\bar{C} \bar{f}$ pairing the class of each field with its name, for all the fields declared in class C and all of its superclasses. The type of the method m in class C , written $mtype(m, C)$, is a pair, written $\bar{B} \rightarrow B$, of a sequence of argument types \bar{B} and a result type B . Similarly, the body of the method m in class C , written $mbody(m, C)$, is a pair, written (\bar{x}, e) , of a sequence of parameters \bar{x} and an expression e . The predicate $override(m, \bar{C} \rightarrow C_0, D)$ judges whether a method m with argument types \bar{C} and a result type C_0 may be defined in a subclass of D . In case of overriding, if a method with the same name is declared in the superclass then it must have the same type.

2.2 Typing

The typing rules for expressions, method declarations, and class declarations are in the right column of Figure 1. An environment Γ is a finite mapping from variables to types, written $\bar{x} : \bar{C}$.

The typing judgment for expressions has the form $\Gamma \vdash e \in C$, read “in the environment Γ , expression e has type C .” The typing rules are syntax directed, with one rule for each form of expression, save that there are three rules for casts. The typing rules for constructors and method invocations check that each actual parameter has a type that is a subtype of the corresponding formal. We abbreviate typing judgments on sequences in the obvious way, writing $\Gamma \vdash \bar{e} \in \bar{C}$ as shorthand for $\Gamma \vdash e_1 \in C_1, \dots, \Gamma \vdash e_n \in C_n$ and writing $\bar{C} <: \bar{D}$ as shorthand for $C_1 <: D_1, \dots, C_n <: D_n$.

One technical innovation in FJ is the introduction of “stupid” casts. There are three rules for type casts: in an *upcast* the subject is a subclass of the target, in a *downcast* the target is a subclass of the subject, and in a *stupid* cast the target is unrelated to the subject. The Java compiler rejects as ill typed an expression containing a stupid cast, but we must allow stupid casts in FJ if we are to formulate type soundness as a subject reduction theorem for a small-step semantics. This is because a sensible expression may be reduced to one containing a stupid cast. For example, consider the following, which uses classes A and B as defined

as in the previous section:

$$(A) \underline{(\text{Object})\text{new } B()} \longrightarrow (A)\text{new } B()$$

We indicate the special nature of stupid casts by including the hypothesis *stupid warning* in the type rule for stupid casts (T-SCAST); an FJ typing corresponds to a legal Java typing only if it does not contain this rule. (Stupid casts were omitted from Classic Java [15], causing its published proof of type soundness to be incorrect; this error was discovered independently by ourselves and the Classic Java authors.)

The typing judgment for method declarations has the form $M \text{ OK IN } C$, read “method declaration M is ok when it occurs in class C .” It uses the expression typing judgment on the body of the method, where the free variables are the parameters of the method with their declared types, plus the special variable `this` with type C .

The typing judgment for class declarations has the form $CL \text{ OK}$, read “class declaration CL is ok.” It checks that the constructor applies `super` to the fields of the superclass and initializes the fields declared in this class, and that each method declaration in the class is ok.

The type of an expression may depend on the type of any methods it invokes, and the type of a method depends on the type of an expression (its body), so it behooves us to check that there is no ill-defined circularity here. Indeed there is none: the circle is broken because the type of each method is explicitly declared. It is possible to load the class table and define the auxiliary functions *mtype*, *mbody*, and *fields* before all the classes in it are checked, so long as each class is eventually checked.

2.3 Computation

The reduction relation is of the form $e \longrightarrow e'$, read “expression e reduces to expression e' in one step.” We write \longrightarrow^* for the reflexive and transitive closure of \longrightarrow .

The reduction rules are given in the bottom left column of Figure 1. There are three reduction rules, one for field access, one for method invocation, and one for casting. These were already explained in the introduction to this section. We write $[\bar{d}/\bar{x}, e/y]e_0$ for the result of replacing x_1 by d_1, \dots, x_n by d_n , and y by e in expression e_0 .

The reduction rules may be applied at any point in an expression, so we also need the obvious congruence rules (if $e \longrightarrow e'$ then $e.f \longrightarrow e'.f$, and the like), which also appear in the figure.

2.4 Properties

Formal definitions are fun, but the proof of the pudding is in... well, the proof. If our definitions are sensible, we should be able to prove a type soundness result, which relates typing to computation. Indeed we can prove such a result: if a term is well typed and it reduces to a normal form, then it is either a value of a subtype of the original term’s type, or an expression that gets stuck at a downcast. The type soundness theorem (Theorem 2.4.7) is proved by using the standard technique of subject reduction and progress theorems [25].

2.4.1 Theorem [Subject reduction]: If $\Gamma \vdash e \in C$ and $e \longrightarrow e'$, then $\Gamma \vdash e' \in C'$ for some $C' \prec C$.

Before giving the proof, we develop a number of required lemmas.

2.4.2 Lemma: If $mtype(m, D) = \bar{C} \rightarrow C_0$, then $mtype(m, C) = \bar{C} \rightarrow C_0$ for all $C \prec D$.

Proof: Straightforward induction on the derivation of $C \prec D$. Note that, whether m is defined in $CT(C)$ or not, $mtype(m, C)$ should be the same as $mtype(m, E)$ where $CT(C) = \text{class } C \text{ extends } E \{ \dots \}$. ■

2.4.3 Lemma [Term substitution preserves typing]: If $\Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{B} \vdash e \in D$, and $\Gamma \vdash \bar{d} \in \bar{A}$ where $\bar{A} \prec \bar{B}$, then $\Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e \in C$ for some $C \prec D$.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $\Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{B} \vdash e \in D$. The intuitions are exactly the same as for the lambda-calculus with subtyping (details vary a little, of course).

Case T-VAR: $e = x \quad D = \Gamma(x)$

If $x \notin \bar{x}$, then the conclusion is immediate since $[\bar{d}/\bar{x}]x = x$. On the other hand, if $x = x_i$ and $D = B_i$, then, since $[\bar{d}/\bar{x}]x = [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]x_i = d_i$, letting $C = A_i$ finishes the case.

Case T-FIELD: $e = e_0 . f_i \quad \Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{B} \vdash e_0 \in D_0$
 $fields(D_0) = \bar{C} \ \bar{f} \quad D = C_i$

By the induction hypothesis, there is some C_0 such that $\Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0 \in C_0$ and $C_0 <: D_0$. Then, it is easy to show that

$$fields(C_0) = fields(D_0), \bar{D} \ \bar{g}$$

for some $\bar{D} \ \bar{g}$. Therefore, by the rule T-FIELD, $\Gamma \vdash ([\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0) . f_i \in C_i$.

Case T-INVK: $e = e_0 . m(\bar{e}) \quad \Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{B} \vdash e_0 \in D_0 \quad mtype(m, D_0) = \bar{E} \rightarrow D$
 $\Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{B} \vdash \bar{e} \in \bar{D} \quad \bar{D} <: \bar{E}$

By the induction hypothesis, there are some C_0 and \bar{C} such that

$$\Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0 \in C_0 \quad C_0 <: D_0$$

$$\Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]\bar{e} \in \bar{C} \quad \bar{C} <: \bar{D}$$

By Lemma 2.4.2, $mtype(m, C_0) = \bar{E} \rightarrow D$. Moreover, $\bar{C} <: \bar{E}$ by the transitivity of $<:$. Therefore, by the rule T-INVK, $\Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0 . m([\bar{d}/\bar{x}]\bar{e}) \in D$.

Case T-NEW: $e = \text{new } D(\bar{e}) \quad fields(D) = \bar{D} \ \bar{f} \quad \Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{B} \vdash \bar{e} \in \bar{C} \quad \bar{C} <: \bar{D}$

By the induction hypothesis, there are \bar{E} such that $\Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]\bar{e} \in \bar{E}$ and $\bar{E} <: \bar{C}$. Moreover $\bar{E} <: \bar{D}$, by transitivity of $<:$. Therefore, by the rule T-NEW, $\Gamma \vdash \text{new } D([\bar{d}/\bar{x}]\bar{e}) \in D$.

Case T-UCAST: $e = (D)e_0 \quad \Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{B} \vdash e_0 \in C \quad C <: D$

By the induction hypothesis, there is some E such that $\Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0 \in E$ and $E <: C$. Moreover $E <: D$ by the transitivity of $<:$; this yields $\Gamma \vdash (D)([\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0) \in D$ by the rule T-UCAST.

Case T-DCAST: $e = (D)e_0 \quad \Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{B} \vdash e_0 \in C \quad D <: C \quad D \neq C$

By the induction hypothesis, there is some E such that $\Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0 \in E$ and $E <: C$. If $E <: D$ or $D <: E$, then $\Gamma \vdash (D)([\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0) \in D$ by the rule T-UCAST or T-DCAST, respectively. On the other hand, if both $D \not<: E$ and $E \not<: D$, then $\Gamma \vdash (D)([\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0) \in D$ (with a *stupid warning*) by the rule T-SCAST.

Case T-SCAST: $e = (D)e_0 \quad \Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{B} \vdash e_0 \in C \quad D \not<: C \quad C \not<: D$

By the induction hypothesis, there is some E such that $\Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0 \in E$ and $E <: C$. This means that $E \not<: D$. (To see this, note that each class in FJ has just one super class. It follows that, if both $E <: C$ and $E <: D$, then either $C <: D$ or $D <: C$.) So $\Gamma \vdash (D)([\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0) \in D$ (with a *stupid warning*), by T-SCAST. ■

2.4.4 Lemma [Weakening]: If $\Gamma \vdash e \in C$, then $\Gamma, x : D \vdash e \in C$.

Proof: Straightforward induction. ■

2.4.5 Lemma: If $mtype(m, C_0) = \bar{D} \rightarrow D$, and $mbody(m, C_0) = (x, e)$, then, for some D_0 with $C_0 <: D_0$, there exists $C <: D$ such that $\bar{x} : \bar{D}, \text{this} : D_0 \vdash e \in C$.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $mbody(m, C_0)$. The base case (where m is defined in C_0) is easy since m is defined in $CT(C_0)$ and $\bar{x} : \bar{D}, \text{this} : C_0 \vdash e \in C$ by T-METHOD. The induction step is also straightforward. ■

We are now ready to give the proof of the subject reduction theorem.

Proof of Theorem 2.4.1: By induction on a derivation of $e \longrightarrow e'$, with a case analysis on the reduction rule used.

Case R-FIELD: $e = (\text{new } C_0(\bar{e})) . f_i$ $e' = e_i$ $\text{fields}(C_0) = \bar{D} \bar{F}$

By rule T-FIELD, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \vdash \text{new } C_0(\bar{e}) \in D_0 \\ C = D_i \end{aligned}$$

for some D_0 . Again, by the rule T-NEW,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \vdash \bar{e} \in \bar{C} \\ \bar{C} <: \bar{D} \\ D_0 = C_0 \end{aligned}$$

In particular, $\Gamma \vdash e_i \in C_i$, finishing the case since $C_i <: D_i$.

Case R-INVK: $e = (\text{new } C_0(\bar{e})) . m(\bar{d})$
 $e' = [\bar{d}/\bar{x}, \text{new } C_0(\bar{e})/\text{this}]e_0$
 $mbody(m, C_0) = (\bar{x}, e_0)$

By the rules T-INVK and T-NEW, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma \vdash \text{new } C_0(\bar{e}) \in C_0 \\ \Gamma \vdash \bar{d} \in \bar{C} \\ \bar{C} <: \bar{D} \\ mtype(m, C_0) = \bar{D} \rightarrow C \end{aligned}$$

for some \bar{C} and \bar{D} . By Lemma 2.4.5, $\bar{x} : \bar{D}, \text{this} : D_0 \vdash e_0 \in B$ for some D_0 and B where $C_0 <: D_0$ and $B <: C$. By Lemma 2.4.4, $\Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{D}, \text{this} : D_0 \vdash e_0 \in B$. Then, by Lemma 2.4.3, $\Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}, \text{new } C_0(\bar{e})/\text{this}]e_0 \in E$ for some $E <: B$. By transitivity of $<:$, $E <: C$. Finally, letting $C' = E$ finishes this case.

Case R-CAST: $e = (D)(\text{new } C_0(\bar{e}))$ $C_0 <: D$ $e' = \text{new } C_0(\bar{e})$

The proof of $\Gamma \vdash (D)(\text{new } C_0(\bar{e})) \in C$ must end with the rule T-UCAST since the derivation ending with T-SCAST or T-DCAST contradicts the assumption $C_0 <: D$. By the rule T-UCAST, we have $\Gamma \vdash \text{new } C_0(\bar{e}) \in C_0$ and $D = C$, which finishes the case.

The cases for congruence rules are easy. We show just one:

Case RC-CAST: $e = (D)e_0$ $e' = (D)e_0'$ $e_0 \longrightarrow e_0'$

There are three subcases according to the last typing rule used.

Subcase T-UCAST: $\Gamma \vdash e_0 \in C_0$ $C_0 <: D$ $D = C$

By the induction hypothesis, $\Gamma \vdash e_0' \in C_0'$ for some $C_0' <: C_0$. By transitivity of $<:$, $C_0' <: C$. Therefore, by the rule T-UCAST, $\Gamma \vdash (C)e_0' \in C$ (without any additional *stupid warning*).

Subcase T-DCAST: $\Gamma \vdash e_0 \in C_0$ $D <: C_0$ $D = C \neq C_0$

By the induction hypothesis, $\Gamma \vdash e_0' \in C_0'$ for some $C_0' <: C_0$. If either $C_0' <: C$ or $C <: C_0'$, then $\Gamma \vdash (C)e_0' \in C$ by the rule T-UCAST or T-DCAST (without any additional *stupid warning*). On the other hand, if both $C_0' \not<: C$ and $C \not<: C_0'$, then, $\Gamma \vdash (C)e_0' \in C$ with *stupid warning* by the rule T-SCAST.

Subcase T-SCAST: $\Gamma \vdash e_0 \in C_0$ $D \not<: C_0$ $C_0 \not<: D$ $D = C$

By the induction hypothesis, $\Gamma \vdash e_0' \in C_0'$ for some $C_0' <: C_0$. Then, both $C_0' \not<: C$ and $C \not<: C_0'$ also hold following the same argument found in the proof of Lemma 2.4.3 (the case for T-SCAST). Therefore, $\Gamma \vdash (C)e_0' \in C$ with *stupid warning*. ■

We can also show that if a program is well typed, then the only way it can get stuck is if it reaches a point where it cannot perform a downcast.

2.4.6 Theorem [Progress]: Suppose e is a well-typed expression.

- (1) If e includes $\text{new } C_0(\bar{e}) . f$ as a subexpression, then $\text{fields}(C_0) = \bar{T} \bar{F}$ and $f \in \bar{F}$.
- (2) If e includes $\text{new } C_0(\bar{e}) . m(\bar{d})$ as a subexpression, then $mbody(m, C_0) = (\bar{x}, e_0)$ and $\#(\bar{x}) = \#(\bar{d})$.

Proof sketch: If e has $\text{new } C_0(\bar{e}).f$ as a subexpression, then, by well-typedness of the subexpression, it is easy to check that $\text{fields}(C_0)$ is well-defined and f appears in it. Similarly, if e has $\text{new } C_0(\bar{e}).m(\bar{d})$ as a subexpression, then, it is also easy to show $\text{mbody}(m, C) = (\bar{x}, e_0)$ and $\#(\bar{x}) = \#(\bar{d})$ from the fact that $\text{mtype}(m, C) = \bar{C} \rightarrow D$ where $\#(\bar{x}) = \#(\bar{C})$. ■

To state type soundness formally, we will give the definition of values, given by the following syntax:

$v ::= \text{new } C(\bar{v})$.

2.4.7 Theorem [FJ type soundness]: If $\Gamma \vdash e \in C$ and $e \longrightarrow^* e'$ with e' being a normal form, then e' is either a value v or an expression containing $(D)\text{new } C(\bar{e})$ where $C \not\prec D$.

Proof: Immediate from Theorems 2.4.1 and 2.4.6. ■

To state a similar property for casts, we say that an expression e is *safe* in Γ if the type derivations of the underlying CT and $\Gamma \vdash e \in C$ contain no downcasts or stupid casts (uses of rules T-DCAST or T-SCAST). In other words, a safe program includes only upcasts. Then we see that a safe expression always reduces to another safe expression, and, moreover, typecasts in a safe expression will never fail, as shown in the following pair of theorems.

2.4.8 Theorem [Reduction preserves safety]: If e is safe in Γ and $e \longrightarrow e'$, then e' is safe in Γ .

Proof sketch: Similar to the proof of Theorem 2.4.1. Note that, the derivation of e' will have additional *stupid warning* only if the derivation of e (and CT) uses the rules T-DCAST and/or T-SCAST. ■

2.4.9 Theorem [Progress of safe programs]: Suppose e is safe in Γ . If e has $(C)\text{new } C_0(\bar{e})$ as a subexpression, then $C_0 \prec C$.

Proof sketch: Easy from the fact that the subexpression $(C)\text{new } C_0(\bar{e})$ is given type C by the rule T-UCAST. ■

2.4.10 Theorem [Safe programs don't cause typecast errors]: If e is safe in Γ and $e \longrightarrow^* e'$ with e' being a normal form, then e' is a value v .

Proof: Immediate from Theorems 2.4.8 and 2.4.9. ■

3 Featherweight GJ

Just as GJ adds generic types to Java, Featherweight GJ (or FGJ, for short) adds generic types to FJ. Here is the class definition for pairs in FJ, rewritten with generic type parameters in FGJ.

```
class A extends Object {
  A() { super(); }
}
class B extends Object {
  B() { super(); }
}
class Pair<X extends Object, Y extends Object> extends Object {
  X fst;
  Y snd;
  Pair(X fst, Y snd) {
    super(); this.fst=fst; this.snd=snd;
  }
  <Z extends Object> Pair<Z,Y> setfst(Z newfst) {
    return new Pair<Z,Y>(newfst, this.snd);
  }
}
```

Both classes and methods may have generic type parameters. Here X and Y are parameters of the class, and Z is a parameter of the `setfst` method. Each type parameter has a *bound*; here X , Y , and Z are each bounded by `Object`.

In the context of the above definitions, the expression

```
new Pair<A,B>(new A(), new B()).setfst<B>(new B())
```

evaluates to the expression

```
new Pair<B,B>(new B(), new B())
```

If we were being extraordinarily pedantic, we would write $A\langle\rangle$ and $B\langle\rangle$ instead of A and B , but we allow the latter as an abbreviation for the former in order that FJ is a proper subset of FGJ.

In GJ, type parameters to generic method invocations are inferred. Thus, in GJ the expression above would be written

```
new Pair<A,B>(new A(), new B()).setfst(new B())
```

with no $\langle B \rangle$ in the invocation of `setfst`. So while FJ is a subset of Java, FGJ is not quite a subset of GJ. We regard FGJ as an intermediate language – the form that would result after type parameters have been inferred. While parameter inference is an important aspect of GJ, we chose in FGJ to concentrate on modeling other aspects of GJ.

The bound of a type variable may not be a type variable, but may be a type expression involving type variables, and may be recursive (or even, if there are several bounds, mutually recursive). For example, if $C\langle X \rangle$ and $D\langle Y \rangle$ are classes with one parameter each, one may have bounds such as $\langle X \text{ extends } C\langle X \rangle \rangle$ or even $\langle X \text{ extends } C\langle Y \rangle, Y \text{ extends } D\langle X \rangle \rangle$. For more on bounds, including examples of the utility of recursive bounds, see the GJ paper [7].

GJ and FGJ are intended to support either of two implementation styles. They may be implemented by *type-passing*, augmenting the run-time system to carry information about type parameters, or they may be implemented by *erasure*, removing all information about type parameters at run-time. This section explores the first style, giving a direct semantics for FGJ that maintains type parameters, and proving a type soundness theorem. Section 4 explores the second style, giving an erasure mapping from FGJ into FJ and showing a correspondence between reductions on FGJ expressions and reductions on FJ expressions. The second style corresponds to the current implementation of GJ, which compiles GJ into the Java Virtual Machine (JVM), which of course maintains no information about type parameters at run-time; the first style would correspond to using an augmented JVM that maintains information about type parameters.

3.1 Syntax

In what follows, for the sake of conciseness we abbreviate the keyword `extends` to the symbol \triangleleft and the keyword `return` to the symbol \uparrow .

The syntax, typing rules, and computation rules for FGJ are given in Figures 3 and 4, with a few auxiliary functions in Figure 5. The metavariables X , Y , and Z range over type variables; T , U , and V range over types; and N , O , P , and Q range over nonvariable types (types other than type variables). We write \bar{X} as shorthand for X_1, \dots, X_n (and similarly for \bar{T} , \bar{N} , etc.), and assume sequences of type variables contain no duplicate names.

The abstract syntax of FGJ is given at the top left of Figure 3. We allow $C\langle\rangle$ and $m\langle\rangle$ to be abbreviated as C and m , respectively.

As before, we assume a fixed class table CT , which is a mapping from class names C to class declarations CL , obeying the essentially same sanity conditions as given previously. (For the condition (4), we use the relation between class names, defined as the reflexive and transitive closure induced by the clause $C\langle\bar{X}\triangleleft\bar{N}\rangle\triangleleft D\langle\bar{T}\rangle$; we write $C\trianglelefteq D$ for it.)

<p>Syntax:</p> $\begin{aligned} \text{CL} &::= \text{class } C \langle \bar{X} \triangleleft \bar{N} \rangle \triangleleft N \{ \bar{T} \ \bar{f}; \ K \ \bar{M} \} \\ \text{K} &::= C(\bar{T} \ \bar{f}) \{ \text{super}(\bar{f}); \ \text{this}.\bar{f} = \bar{f}; \} \\ \text{M} &::= \langle \bar{X} \triangleleft \bar{N} \rangle \ T \ m \ (\bar{T} \ \bar{x}) \ \{ \uparrow e; \} \\ e &::= \begin{array}{l} x \\ \\ e.f \\ \\ e.m \langle \bar{T} \rangle (\bar{e}) \\ \\ \text{new } N(\bar{e}) \\ \\ (N)e \end{array} \\ \text{T} &::= \begin{array}{l} X \\ \\ N \end{array} \\ \text{N} &::= C \langle \bar{T} \rangle \end{aligned}$ <hr/> <p>Subtyping:</p> $\frac{}{\Delta \vdash T <: T} \quad (\text{S-REFL})$ $\frac{\Delta \vdash S <: T \quad \Delta \vdash T <: U}{\Delta \vdash S <: U} \quad (\text{S-TRANS})$ $\frac{}{\Delta \vdash X <: \Delta(X)} \quad (\text{S-VAR})$ $\frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C \langle \bar{X} \triangleleft \bar{N} \rangle \triangleleft N \{ \dots \}}{\Delta \vdash C \langle \bar{T} \rangle <: [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]N} \quad (\text{S-CLASS})$	<p>Computation:</p> $\frac{\text{fields}(N) = \bar{T} \ \bar{f}}{(\text{new } N(\bar{e})) . f_i \longrightarrow e_i} \quad (\text{GR-FIELD})$ $\frac{\text{mbody}(m \langle \bar{V} \rangle, N) = (\bar{x}, e_0)}{(\text{new } N(\bar{e})) . m \langle \bar{V} \rangle (\bar{d}) \longrightarrow [\bar{d}/\bar{x}, \text{new } N(\bar{e})/\text{this}]e_0} \quad (\text{GR-INVK})$ $\frac{\emptyset \vdash N <: ()}{() (\text{new } N(\bar{e})) \longrightarrow \text{new } N(\bar{e})} \quad (\text{GR-CAST})$ <p>Congruence:</p> $\frac{e_0 \longrightarrow e_0'}{e_0.f \longrightarrow e_0'.f} \quad (\text{GRC-FIELD})$ $\frac{e_0 \longrightarrow e_0'}{e_0.m \langle \bar{T} \rangle (\bar{e}) \longrightarrow e_0'.m \langle \bar{T} \rangle (\bar{e})} \quad (\text{GRC-INV-RECV})$ $\frac{e_i \longrightarrow e_i'}{e_0.m \langle \bar{T} \rangle (\dots, e_i, \dots) \longrightarrow e_0.m \langle \bar{T} \rangle (\dots e_i', \dots)} \quad (\text{GRC-INV-ARG})$ $\frac{e_i \longrightarrow e_i'}{\text{new } N(\dots, e_i, \dots) \longrightarrow \text{new } N(\dots e_i', \dots)} \quad (\text{GRC-NEW-ARG})$ $\frac{e_0 \longrightarrow e_0'}{(N)e_0 \longrightarrow (N)e_0'} \quad (\text{GRC-CAST})$
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Figure 3: FGJ: Main definitions (1)

<p>Well-formed types:</p> $\frac{}{\Delta \vdash \text{Object ok}} \quad (\text{WF-OBJECT})$ $\frac{X \in \text{dom}(\Delta)}{\Delta \vdash X \text{ ok}} \quad (\text{WF-VAR})$ $\frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C \langle \bar{X} \triangleleft \bar{N} \rangle \triangleleft N \{ \dots \} \quad \Delta \vdash \bar{T} \text{ ok} \quad \Delta \vdash \bar{T} \triangleleft: [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] \bar{N}}{\Delta \vdash C \langle \bar{T} \rangle \text{ ok}} \quad (\text{WF-CLASS})$ <hr/> <p>Expression typing:</p> $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash x \in \Gamma(x) \quad (\text{GT-VAR})$ $\frac{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0 \quad \text{fields}(\text{bound}_\Delta(T_0)) = \bar{T} \bar{f}}{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0.f_i \in T_i} \quad (\text{GT-FIELD})$ $\frac{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0 \quad \text{mtype}(m, \text{bound}_\Delta(T_0)) = \langle \bar{Y} \triangleleft \bar{O} \rangle \bar{U} \rightarrow U \quad \Delta \vdash \bar{V} \text{ ok} \quad \Delta \vdash \bar{V} \triangleleft: [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}] \bar{O} \quad \Delta; \Gamma \vdash \bar{e} \in \bar{S} \quad \Delta \vdash \bar{S} \triangleleft: [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}] \bar{U}}{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0.m \langle \bar{V} \rangle (\bar{e}) \in [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}] U} \quad (\text{GT-INVK})$ $\frac{\Delta \vdash N \text{ ok} \quad \text{fields}(N) = \bar{T} \bar{f} \quad \Delta; \Gamma \vdash \bar{e} \in \bar{S} \quad \Delta \vdash \bar{S} \triangleleft: \bar{T}}{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash \text{new } N(\bar{e}) \in N} \quad (\text{GT-NEW})$ $\frac{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0 \quad \Delta \vdash \text{bound}_\Delta(T_0) \triangleleft: N}{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash (N) e_0 \in N} \quad (\text{GT-UCAST})$	$\frac{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0 \quad \Delta \vdash N \text{ ok} \quad \Delta \vdash N \triangleleft: \text{bound}_\Delta(T_0) \quad N = C \langle \bar{T} \rangle \quad \text{bound}_\Delta(T_0) = D \langle \bar{U} \rangle \quad \text{dcast}(C, D)}{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash (N) e_0 \in N} \quad (\text{GT-DCAST})$ $\frac{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0 \quad \Delta \vdash N \text{ ok} \quad N = C \langle \bar{T} \rangle \quad \text{bound}_\Delta(T_0) = D \langle \bar{U} \rangle \quad C \not\triangleleft D \quad D \not\triangleleft C \quad \text{stupid warning}}{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash (N) e_0 \in N} \quad (\text{GT-SCAST})$ <hr/> <p>Method typing:</p> $\frac{\Delta = \bar{X} \triangleleft: \bar{N}, \bar{Y} \triangleleft: \bar{O} \quad \Delta \vdash \bar{T}, T, \bar{O} \text{ ok} \quad \Delta; \bar{x} : \bar{T}, \text{this} : C \langle \bar{X} \rangle \vdash e_0 \in S \quad \Delta \vdash S \triangleleft: T \quad CT(C) = \text{class } C \langle \bar{X} \triangleleft \bar{N} \rangle \triangleleft N \{ \dots \} \quad \text{override}(m, N, \langle \bar{V} \triangleleft \bar{O} \rangle \bar{T} \rightarrow T)}{\langle \bar{V} \triangleleft \bar{O} \rangle T m (\bar{T} \bar{x}) \{ \uparrow e_0; \} \text{ OK IN } C \langle \bar{X} \triangleleft \bar{N} \rangle} \quad (\text{GT-METHOD})$ <hr/> <p>Class typing:</p> $\frac{\bar{X} \triangleleft: \bar{N} \vdash \bar{N}, N, \bar{T} \text{ ok} \quad \text{fields}(N) = \bar{U} \bar{g} \quad \bar{M} \text{ OK IN } C \langle \bar{X} \triangleleft \bar{N} \rangle \quad K = C(\bar{U} \bar{g}, \bar{T} \bar{f}) \{ \text{super}(\bar{g}); \text{this}.\bar{f} = \bar{f}; \}}{\text{class } C \langle \bar{X} \triangleleft \bar{N} \rangle \triangleleft N \{ \bar{T} \bar{f}; K \bar{M} \} \text{ OK}} \quad (\text{GT-CLASS})$
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Figure 4: FGJ: Main definitions (2)

<p>Bound of type:</p> $\begin{aligned} bound_{\Delta}(X) &= \Delta(X) \\ bound_{\Delta}(N) &= N \end{aligned}$ <p>Field lookup:</p> $fields(\text{Object}) = \bullet \quad (\text{F-OBJECT})$ $\frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C\langle\bar{X}\langle\bar{N}\rangle\langle N \rangle\{\bar{S}\ \bar{f}; K\ \bar{M}\}\langle\bar{Y}\langle\bar{O}\rangle U\ m\ (\bar{U}\ \bar{x})\ \{\uparrow e_0;\}\in\bar{M}\}}{fields([\bar{T}/\bar{X}]N) = \bar{U}\ \bar{g}}$ <hr style="width: 100%;"/> $fields(C\langle\bar{T}\rangle) = \bar{U}\ \bar{g}, [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{S}\ \bar{f} \quad (\text{F-CLASS})$ <p>Method type lookup:</p> $\frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C\langle\bar{X}\langle\bar{N}\rangle\langle N \rangle\{\bar{S}\ \bar{f}; K\ \bar{M}\}\langle\bar{Y}\langle\bar{O}\rangle U\ m\ (\bar{U}\ \bar{x})\ \{\uparrow e;\}\in\bar{M}\}}{mtype(m, C\langle\bar{T}\rangle) = [\bar{T}/\bar{X}](\langle\bar{Y}\langle\bar{O}\rangle\bar{U}\rightarrow U)}$ <p style="text-align: right;">(MT-CLASS)</p> $\frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C\langle\bar{X}\langle\bar{N}\rangle\langle N \rangle\{\bar{S}\ \bar{f}; K\ \bar{M}\}\langle\bar{Y}\langle\bar{O}\rangle U\ m\ (\bar{U}\ \bar{x})\ \{\uparrow e;\}\in\bar{M}\}}{m\ \text{is not defined in } \bar{M}}$ <hr style="width: 100%;"/> $mtype(m, C\langle\bar{T}\rangle) = mtype(m, [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]N) \quad (\text{MT-SUPER})$	<p>Method body lookup:</p> $\frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C\langle\bar{X}\langle\bar{N}\rangle\langle N \rangle\{\bar{S}\ \bar{f}; K\ \bar{M}\}\langle\bar{Y}\langle\bar{O}\rangle U\ m\ (\bar{U}\ \bar{x})\ \{\uparrow e_0;\}\in\bar{M}\}}{mbody(m\langle\bar{V}\rangle, C\langle\bar{T}\rangle) = (\bar{x}, [\bar{T}/\bar{X}, \bar{V}/\bar{Y}]e_0)}$ <p style="text-align: right;">(MB-CLASS)</p> $\frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C\langle\bar{X}\langle\bar{N}\rangle\langle N \rangle\{\bar{S}\ \bar{f}; K\ \bar{M}\}\langle\bar{Y}\langle\bar{O}\rangle U\ m\ (\bar{U}\ \bar{x})\ \{\uparrow e;\}\in\bar{M}\}}{m\ \text{is not defined in } \bar{M}}$ <hr style="width: 100%;"/> $mbody(m\langle\bar{V}\rangle, C\langle\bar{T}\rangle) = mbody(m\langle\bar{V}\rangle, [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]N) \quad (\text{MB-SUPER})$ <p>Valid method overriding:</p> $\frac{mtype(m, N) = \langle\bar{Z}\langle\bar{P}\rangle\bar{U}\rightarrow U_0 \text{ implies } \bar{O}, \bar{T} = [\bar{Y}/\bar{Z}](\bar{P}, \bar{U}) \text{ and } \Delta \vdash T_0 \prec: [\bar{Y}/\bar{Z}]U_0}{override(m, N, \langle\bar{Y}\langle\bar{O}\rangle\bar{T}\rightarrow T_0)}$ <p>Valid downcast:</p> $\frac{dcast(C, D) \quad dcast(D, E)}{dcast(C, E)}$ $\frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C\langle\bar{X}\langle\bar{N}\rangle\langle D\langle\bar{T}\rangle\ \{\dots\}\langle\bar{Y}\langle\bar{O}\rangle U\ m\ (\bar{U}\ \bar{x})\ \{\uparrow e;\}\in\bar{M}\}}{\bar{X} = FV(\bar{T})}$ <hr style="width: 100%;"/> $dcast(C, D)$ <p style="text-align: right;">($FV(\bar{T})$ denotes the set of type variable in \bar{T}.)</p>
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Figure 5: FGJ: Auxiliary definitions

3.2 Typing

A type environment Δ is a finite mapping from type variables to nonvariable types, written $\bar{X} <: \bar{N}$, that takes each type variable to its bound.

Bounds of types

We write $bound_{\Delta}(T)$ for the upper bound of T in Δ , as defined in Figure 5. Unlike calculi such as F_{\leq} [9], this promotion relation does not need to be defined recursively: the bound of a type variable is always a nonvariable type.

Subtyping

The subtyping relation is defined in the left column of Figure 3. As before, subtyping is the reflexive and transitive closure of the `extends` relation. Type parameters are *invariant* with regard to subtyping (for reasons explained in the GJ paper), so $\bar{T} <: \bar{U}$ does *not* imply $C<\bar{T}> <: C<\bar{U}>$.

Well-formed types

If the declaration of a class C begins `class C< \bar{X} < \bar{N} >>`, then a type like $C<\bar{T}>$ is well formed only if substituting \bar{T} for \bar{X} respects the bounds \bar{N} , that is if $\bar{T} <: [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{N}$. We write $\Delta \vdash T$ ok if type T is well-formed in context Δ . The rules for well-formed types appear in Figure 4. Note that we perform a simultaneous substitution, so any variable in \bar{X} may appear in \bar{N} , permitting recursion and mutual recursion between variables and bounds.

A type environment Δ is well formed if $\Delta \vdash \Delta(X)$ ok for all X in $dom(\Delta)$. We also say that an environment Γ is well formed with respect to Δ , written $\Delta \vdash \Gamma$ ok, if $\Delta \vdash \Gamma(x)$ ok for all x in $dom(\Gamma)$.

Field and method lookup

For the typing and reduction rules, we need a few auxiliary definitions, given in Figure 5; these are fairly straightforward adaptations of the lookup rules given previously. The fields of a nonvariable type N , written $fields(N)$, are a sequence of corresponding types and field names, $\bar{T} \bar{f}$. The type of the method invocation m at nonvariable type N , written $mtype(m, N)$, is a type of the form $<\bar{X}<\bar{N}>\bar{U}>U$. In this form, the variables \bar{X} are bound in \bar{N} , \bar{U} , and U and we regard α -convertible ones as equivalent; application of type substitution $[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]$ is defined in the customary manner. When $\bar{X}<\bar{N}>$ is empty, we abbreviate $<>\bar{U}>U$ to $\bar{U}>U$. The body of the method invocation m at nonvariable type N with type parameters \bar{V} , written $mbody(m<\bar{V}>, N)$, is a pair, written (\bar{x}, e) , of a sequence of parameters \bar{x} and an expression e .

Typing rules

Typing rules for expressions, methods, and classes appear in Figure 4.

The typing judgment for expressions is of form $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e \in T$, read as “in the type environment Δ and the environment Γ , the expression e has type T .” Most of the subtleties are in the field and method lookup relations that we have already seen; the typing rules themselves are straightforward.

In the rule GT-DCAST, the last premise $dcast(C, D)$ ensures that the result of the cast will be the same at run time, no matter whether we use the high-level (type-passing) reduction rules defined later in this section or the erasure semantics considered in Section 4. Intuitively, when $C<\bar{T}> <: D<\bar{U}>$ holds, all the type arguments \bar{T} of C must “contribute” for the relation to hold. For example, suppose we have defined:

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class List<X<Object>><Object> { ... }
class LinkedList<X<Object>><List<X>> { ... }
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Now, if o has type `Object`, then the cast `(List<C>)o` is not permitted. (If, at run time, o is bound to `new List<D>()`, then the cast would fail in the type-passing semantics but succeed in the erasure semantics, since `(List<C>)o` erases to `(List)o` while both `new List<C>()` and `new List<D>()` erase to `new List()`.) On the other hand, if $c1$ has type `List<C>`, then the cast `(LinkedList<C>)c1` is permitted, since the type-passing and erased versions of the cast are guaranteed to either both succeed or both fail. The formal definition of $dcast(C, D)$ appears in Figure 5.

The typing rule for methods contains one additional subtlety. In FGJ (and GJ), unlike in FJ (and Java), covariant subtyping of method results is allowed. That is, the result type of a method may be a subtype of the result type of the corresponding method in the superclass, although the bounds of type variables and the argument types must be identical (modulo renaming of type variables).

As before, a class table is ok if all its class definitions are ok.

3.3 Reduction

The operational semantics of FGJ programs is only a little more complicated than what we had in FJ. The rules appear in the right column of Figure 3.

3.4 Properties

Type Soundness

FGJ programs enjoy subject reduction, progress properties, and thus a type soundness property exactly like programs in FJ (Theorems 3.4.13, 3.4.14, and 3.4.15). The basic structures of the proofs are similar to those of Theorems 2.4.1 and 2.4.6. For subject reduction, however, since we now have parametric polymorphism combined with subtyping, we need a few more lemmas. The main lemmas required are a term substitution lemma as before, plus similar lemmas about the preservation of subtyping and typing under *type* substitution. (Readers familiar with proofs of subject reduction for typed lambda-calculi like F_{\leq} [9] will notice many similarities). The required lemmas including three substitution lemmas, which are proved by straightforward induction on a derivation of $\Delta \vdash S <: T$ or $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e \in T$. In the following proof, the underlying class table is assumed to be ok. abbreviate the keyword

3.4.1 Lemma [Weakening]: Suppose $\Delta, \bar{X} <: \bar{N} \vdash \bar{N}$ ok and $\Delta \vdash U$ ok.

1. If $\Delta \vdash S <: T$, then $\Delta, \bar{X} <: \bar{N} \vdash S <: T$.
2. If $\Delta \vdash S$ ok, then $\Delta, \bar{X} <: \bar{N} \vdash S$ ok.
3. If $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e \in T$, then $\Delta; \Gamma, x : U \vdash e \in T$ and $\Delta, \bar{X} <: \bar{N}; \Gamma \vdash e \in T$.

Proof: Each of them is proved by straightforward induction on the derivation of $\Delta \vdash S <: T$ and $\Delta \vdash S$ ok and $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e \in T$. ■

3.4.2 Lemma: If $\Delta \vdash E < \bar{V} > <: D < \bar{U} >$ and $D \not\leq C$ and $C \not\leq D$, then $E \not\leq C$ and $C \not\leq E$.

Proof: It is easy to see that $\Delta \vdash E < \bar{V} > <: D < \bar{U} >$ implies $E \leq D$. The conclusions are easily proved by contradiction. (A similar argument is found in the proof of Lemma 2.4.3.) ■

3.4.3 Lemma: Suppose $dcast(C, D)$ and $\Delta \vdash C < \bar{T} > <: D < \bar{U} >$. If $\Delta \vdash C < \bar{T}' > <: D < \bar{U} >$, then $\bar{T}' = \bar{T}$.

Proof: The case where $dcast(C, D)$ because $dcast(C, E)$ and $dcast(E, D)$ is easy: note that, from every derivation of $\Delta \vdash C < \bar{T} > <: D < \bar{U} >$, we can also derive $\Delta \vdash C < \bar{T} > <: E < \bar{V} >$ and $\Delta \vdash E < \bar{V} > <: D < \bar{U} >$ for some \bar{V} . Finally, if D is the direct superclass of C , by the rule S-CLASS, $D < \bar{U} > = [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]D < \bar{V} >$ where $CT(C) = \text{class } C < \bar{X} < \bar{N} > < D < \bar{V} > \{ \dots \}$ for some \bar{V} . Since $FV(\bar{V}) = \bar{X}$, if $D < \bar{U} > = [\bar{T}'/\bar{X}]D < \bar{V} >$, then it must be the case that $\bar{T}' = \bar{T}$, finishing the proof. ■

3.4.4 Lemma: If $dcast(C, E)$ and $C \leq D \leq E$ with $C \neq D \neq E$, then $dcast(C, D)$ and $dcast(D, E)$.

Proof: Easy. ■

3.4.5 Lemma [Type substitution preserves subtyping]: If $\Delta_1, \bar{X} <: \bar{N}, \Delta_2 \vdash S <: T$ and $\Delta_1 \vdash \bar{U} <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{N}$ with $\Delta_1 \vdash \bar{U}$ ok and none of \bar{X} appearing in Δ_1 , then $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]S <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T$.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $\Delta_1, \bar{X} <: \bar{N}, \Delta_2 \vdash S <: T$.

Case S-REFL:

Trivial.

Case S-TRANS, S-CLASS:

Easy.

Case S-VAR: $S = X \quad T = (\Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2)(X)$

If $X \in \text{dom}(\Delta_1) \cup \text{dom}(\Delta_2)$, then the conclusion is immediate. On the other hand, if $X = X_i$, then, by assumption, we have $\Delta_1 \vdash U_i <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]N_i$. Finally, Lemma 3.4.1 finishes the case. ■

3.4.6 Lemma [Type substitution preserves type well-formedness]: If $\Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2 \vdash T$ ok and $\Delta_1 \vdash \bar{U} <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{N}$ with $\Delta_1 \vdash \bar{U}$ ok and none of \bar{X} appearing in Δ_1 , then $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T$ ok.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $\Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2 \vdash T$ ok, with a case analysis on the last rule used.

Case WF-OBJECT:

Trivial.

Case WF-VAR: $T = X \quad X \in \text{dom}(\Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2)$

The case $X \in X_i$ follows from $\Delta_1 \vdash \bar{U}$ ok and Lemma 3.4.1; otherwise immediate.

Case WF-CLASS: $T = C < \bar{T} > \quad \Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2 \vdash \bar{T}$ ok $\quad \Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2 \vdash \bar{T} <: [\bar{T}/\bar{Y}]\bar{P}$
 $CT(C) = \text{class } C < \bar{Y} < \bar{P} > < N \{ \dots \}$

By the induction hypothesis,

$$\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{T} \text{ ok.}$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 3.4.5, $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{T} <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}][\bar{T}/\bar{Y}]\bar{P}$. Since $\bar{Y} < \bar{P} \vdash \bar{P}$ by the rule GT-CLASS, \bar{P} does not include any of \bar{X} as a free variable. Thus, $[\bar{U}/\bar{X}][\bar{T}/\bar{Y}]\bar{P} = [[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{T}/\bar{Y}]\bar{P}$, and finally, we have $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash C < [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{T} >$ ok by WF-CLASS. ■

3.4.7 Lemma: Suppose $\Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2 \vdash T$ ok and $\Delta_1 \vdash \bar{U} <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{N}$ with $\Delta_1 \vdash \bar{U}$ ok and none of \bar{X} appearing in Δ_1 . Then, $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash \text{bound}_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2}([\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T) <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}](\text{bound}_{\Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2}(T))$.

Proof: The case where T is a nonvariable type is trivial. The case where T is a type variable X and $X \in \text{dom}(\Delta_1) \cup \text{dom}(\Delta_2)$ is also easy. Finally, if T is a type variable X_i , then $\text{bound}_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2}([\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T) = U_i$ and $[\bar{U}/\bar{X}](\text{bound}_{\Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2}(T)) = [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]N_i$; the assumption $\Delta_1 \vdash \bar{U} <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{N}$ and Lemma 3.4.1 finish the proof. ■

3.4.8 Lemma: If $\Delta \vdash S <: T$ and $\text{fields}(\text{bound}_{\Delta}(T)) = \bar{T} \bar{f}$, then $\text{fields}(\text{bound}_{\Delta}(S)) = \bar{S} \bar{g}$ and $S_i = T_i$ and $g_i = f_i$ for all $i \leq \#(\bar{f})$.

Proof: By straightforward induction on the derivation of $\Delta \vdash S <: T$.

Case S-REFL:

Trivial.

Case S-VAR:

Trivial because $\text{bound}_{\Delta}(S) = \text{bound}_{\Delta}(T)$.

Case S-TRANS:

Easy.

Case S-CLASS: $S = C < \bar{T} > \quad T = [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]N \quad CT(C) = \text{class } C < \bar{X} < \bar{N} > < N \{ \bar{S} \bar{g}; \dots \}$

By the rule F-CLASS, $\text{fields}(C < \bar{T} >) = \bar{U} \bar{f}$, $[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{S} \bar{g}$ where $\bar{U} \bar{f} = \text{fields}([\bar{T}/\bar{X}]N)$. ■

3.4.9 Lemma: If $\Delta \vdash T$ ok and $\text{mtype}(m, \text{bound}_{\Delta}(T)) = < \bar{Y} < \bar{P} > \bar{U} \rightarrow U_0$, then for any S such that $\Delta \vdash S <: T$ and $\Delta \vdash S$ ok, we have $\text{mtype}(m, \text{bound}_{\Delta}(S)) = < \bar{Y} < \bar{P} > \bar{U}' \rightarrow U_0'$ and $\Delta, \bar{Y} < \bar{P} \vdash U_0' <: U_0$.

Proof: By straightforward induction on the derivation of $\Delta \vdash S <: T$ with a case analysis by the last rule used.

Case S-REFL:

Trivial.

Case S-VAR:

Trivial because $bound_{\Delta}(S) = bound_{\Delta}(T)$.

Case S-TRANS:

Easy.

Case S-CLASS: $S = C \langle \bar{T} \rangle$ $T = [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]N$ $CT(C) = \text{class } C \langle \bar{X} \rangle \langle \bar{N} \rangle \langle N \{ \dots \bar{M} \}$

If \bar{M} do not include a declaration of m , it is easy to show the conclusion, since

$$mtype(m, bound_{\Delta}(S)) = mtype(m, bound_{\Delta}(T))$$

by the rule MT-SUPER.

On the other hand, suppose \bar{M} includes a declaration of m . By straightforward induction on the derivation of $mtype(m, T)$, we can show

$$mtype(m, T) = [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] \langle \bar{Y} \rangle \langle \bar{P}' \rangle \bar{U}' \rightarrow U_0''$$

where $\langle \bar{Y} \rangle \langle \bar{P}' \rangle \bar{U}' \rightarrow U_0'' = mtype(m, N)$. Without loss of generality, we can assume that \bar{X} and \bar{Y} are distinct and, in particular, that $[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]U_0'' = U_0$. By GT-METHOD, it must be the case that

$$\langle \bar{Y} \rangle \langle \bar{P}' \rangle W_0' \quad m \quad (\bar{U}' \quad \bar{x}) \quad \{ \dots \} \in \bar{M}$$

and

$$\bar{X} \langle \bar{N} \rangle, \bar{Y} \langle \bar{P}' \rangle \vdash W_0' \langle \cdot \rangle U_0''.$$

By Lemmas 3.4.5 and 3.4.1, we have

$$\Delta, \bar{Y} \langle \bar{P}' \rangle \vdash [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]W_0' \langle \cdot \rangle U_0.$$

Since $mtype(m, bound_{\Delta}(S)) = mtype(m, S) = [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] \langle \bar{Y} \rangle \langle \bar{P}' \rangle \bar{U}' \rightarrow W_0'$ by MT-CLASS, letting $U_0' = [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]W_0'$ finishes the case. \blacksquare

3.4.10 Lemma [Type substitution preserves typing]: If $\Delta_1, \bar{X} \langle \bar{N} \rangle, \Delta_2; \Gamma \vdash e \in T$ and $\Delta_1 \vdash \bar{U} \langle \cdot \rangle [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{N}$ where $\Delta_1 \vdash \bar{U}$ ok and none of \bar{X} appears in Δ_1 , then $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2; [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Gamma \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e \in S$ for some S such that $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash S \langle \cdot \rangle [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T$.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $\Delta_1, \bar{X} \langle \bar{N} \rangle, \Delta_2; \Gamma \vdash e \in T$ with a case analysis on the last rule used.

Case GT-VAR:

Trivial.

Case GT-FIELD: $e = e_0.f_i$ $\Delta_1, \bar{X} \langle \bar{N} \rangle, \Delta_2; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0$ $fields(bound_{\Delta_1, \bar{X} \langle \bar{N} \rangle, \Delta_2}(T_0)) = \bar{T} \quad \bar{f}$
 $T = T_i$

By the induction hypothesis, $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2; [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Gamma \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e_0 \in S_0$ and $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash S_0 \langle \cdot \rangle [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T_0$ for some S_0 . By Lemma 3.4.7,

$$\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash bound_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2}([\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T_0) \langle \cdot \rangle [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]bound_{\Delta_1, \bar{X} \langle \bar{N} \rangle, \Delta_2}(T_0).$$

Then, it is easy to show

$$\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash bound_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2}(S_0) \langle \cdot \rangle [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]bound_{\Delta_1, \bar{X} \langle \bar{N} \rangle, \Delta_2}(T_0).$$

By Lemma 3.4.8, $fields(bound_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2}(S_0)) = \bar{S} \quad \bar{g}$ and we have $f_j = g_j$ and $S_j = [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T_j$ for $j \leq \#(\bar{f})$. By the rule GT-FIELD, $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2; [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Gamma \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e_0.f_i \in S_i$. Letting $S = S_i (= [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T_i)$ finishes the case.

$$\begin{array}{l}
\text{Case GT-INVK:} \quad e = e_0 . m \langle \bar{V} \rangle (\bar{e}) \quad \Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0 \\
\quad \quad \quad mtype(m, bound_{\Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2}(T_0)) = \langle \bar{Y} \triangleleft \bar{P} \rangle \bar{W} \rightarrow W_0 \\
\quad \quad \quad \Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2 \vdash \bar{V} \text{ ok} \quad \Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2 \vdash \bar{V} <: [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{P} \\
\quad \quad \quad \Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2; \Gamma \vdash \bar{e} \in \bar{S} \quad \Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2 \vdash \bar{S} <: [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{W} \\
\quad \quad \quad T = [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]W_0
\end{array}$$

By the induction hypothesis,

$$\begin{array}{l}
\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2; [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Gamma \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e_0 \in S_0 \\
\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash S_0 <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T_0
\end{array}$$

and

$$\begin{array}{l}
\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2; [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Gamma \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{e} \in \bar{S}' \\
\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash \bar{S}' <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{S}.
\end{array}$$

By using Lemma 3.4.7, it is easy to show

$$\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash bound_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2}(S_0) <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]bound_{\Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2}(T_0).$$

Then, by Lemma 3.4.9,

$$\begin{array}{l}
mtype(m, bound_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2}(S_0)) = \langle \bar{Y} \triangleleft [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{P} \rangle [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{W} \rightarrow W_0' \\
\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, \bar{Y} <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{P} \vdash W_0' <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]W_0.
\end{array}$$

By Lemma 3.4.6,

$$\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{V} \text{ ok}$$

Without loss of generality, we can assume that \bar{X} and \bar{Y} are distinct and that none of \bar{Y} appear in \bar{U} ; then $[\bar{U}/\bar{X}][\bar{V}/\bar{Y}] = [[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{V}/\bar{Y}][\bar{U}/\bar{X}]$. By Lemma 3.4.5,

$$\begin{array}{l}
\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{V} <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}][\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{P} \quad (= [[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{V}/\bar{Y}][\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{P}) \\
\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{S} <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}][\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{W} \quad (= [[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{V}/\bar{Y}][\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{W}).
\end{array}$$

By the rule S-TRANS,

$$\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash \bar{S}' <: [[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{V}/\bar{Y}][\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{W}.$$

By Lemma 3.4.5, we have

$$\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]W_0' <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}][\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]W_0 \quad (= [[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{V}/\bar{Y}][\bar{U}/\bar{X}]W_0).$$

Finally, by the rule GT-INVK,

$$\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Gamma \vdash ([\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e_0) . m \langle [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{V} \rangle ([\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{d}) \in S$$

where $S = [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]W_0'$, finishing the case.

Case GT-NEW, GT-UCAST:

Easy.

$$\begin{array}{l}
\text{Case GT-DCAST:} \quad e = (N)e_0 \quad \Delta = \Delta_1, \bar{X} < \bar{N}, \Delta_2 \quad \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0 \quad \Delta \vdash N <: bound_{\Delta}(T_0) \\
\quad \quad \quad N = C \langle \bar{T} \rangle \quad bound_{\Delta}(T_0) = E \langle \bar{V} \rangle \quad dcast(C, E)
\end{array}$$

By the induction hypothesis, $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2; [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Gamma \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e_0 \in S_0$ for some S_0 such that $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash S_0 <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T_0$. Let $\Delta' = \Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2$. We have three subcases according to a relation between S_0 and N .

Subcase: $\Delta' \vdash bound_{\Delta'}(S_0) <: N$

By the rule GT-UCAST, $\Delta'; \Gamma \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}](N)e_0 \in [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]N$.

Subcase: $\Delta' \vdash N <: bound_{\Delta'}(S_0) \quad N \neq bound_{\Delta'}(S_0)$

By using Lemma 3.4.7 and the fact that $\Delta \vdash S <: T$ implies $\Delta \vdash bound_{\Delta}(S) <: bound_{\Delta}(T)$, we have $\Delta' \vdash bound_{\Delta'}(S_0) <: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]bound_{\Delta}(T_0)$. Then, $C \leq D \leq E$ where $bound_{\Delta'}(S_0) = D \langle \bar{W} \rangle$. If $C \neq D \neq E$, we have, by Lemma 3.4.4, $dcast(C, D)$; the rule GT-DCAST finishes the subcase. The case $C = D$ cannot happen since it implies $N = bound_{\Delta'}(S_0)$ and, the other case $D = E$ is trivial.

Subcase: $\Delta' \vdash N \not\prec bound_{\Delta'}(S_0) \quad \Delta' \vdash bound_{\Delta'}(S_0) \not\prec N$

By using Lemma 3.4.7 and the fact that $\Delta' \vdash S \prec T$ implies $\Delta' \vdash bound_{\Delta'}(S) \prec bound_{\Delta'}(T)$, we have $\Delta' \vdash bound_{\Delta'}(S_0) \prec [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]bound_{\Delta}(T_0)$.

Let $bound_{\Delta}(S_0) = D \langle \bar{W} \rangle$. We show below that, by contradiction, that neither $C \leq D$ nor $D \leq C$ holds. Suppose $C \leq D$. Then, there exist some \bar{V}' such that $\Delta' \vdash C \langle \bar{V}' \rangle \prec bound_{\Delta}(S_0)$. By Lemma 3.4.4, we have $dcast(C, D)$; it follows from Lemma 3.4.3 that $C \langle \bar{V}' \rangle = N$, contradicting the assumption $\Delta' \vdash N \prec bound_{\Delta'}(S_0)$; thus, $C \not\leq D$. On the other hand, suppose $D \leq C$. Since we have $\Delta' \vdash bound_{\Delta'}(S_0) \prec [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]bound_{\Delta}(T_0)$, we can have $C \langle \bar{V}' \rangle$ such that $\Delta' \vdash bound_{\Delta'}(S_0) \prec C \langle \bar{V}' \rangle$ and $\Delta' \vdash C \langle \bar{V}' \rangle \prec [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]bound_{\Delta}(T_0)$. Then, $N = C \langle \bar{V}' \rangle$ by Lemma 3.4.3, contradicting the assumption $\Delta' \vdash bound_{\Delta'}(S_0) \prec N$; thus, $D \not\leq C$.

Finally, by the rule GT-SCAST, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash [\bar{T}/\bar{X}](N)e_0 \in [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]N$ with *stupid warning*. \blacksquare

Case GT-SCAST:
$$\begin{array}{llll} e = (N)e_0 & \Delta = \Delta_1, \bar{X} \prec \bar{N}, \Delta_2 & \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0 & \\ N = C \langle \bar{T} \rangle & bound_{\Delta}(T_0) = E \langle \bar{V} \rangle & C \not\leq E & E \not\leq C \end{array}$$

By the induction hypothesis, $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2; [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Gamma \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e_0 \in S_0$ for some S_0 such that $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash S_0 \prec [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T_0$. Using Lemma 3.4.7, we have $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash bound_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2}(S_0) \prec [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]bound_{\Delta}(T_0)$. Let $bound_{\Delta}(S_0) = D \langle \bar{W} \rangle$. Since $[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]bound_{\Delta}(T_0) = E \langle [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{V} \rangle$, by Lemma 3.4.2, $D \not\leq C$ and $C \not\leq D$. By the rule GT-SCAST, $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2; [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Gamma \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}](N)e_0 \in [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]N$ with *stupid warning*, finishing the case.

3.4.11 Lemma [Term substitution preserves typing]: If $\Delta; \Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{T} \vdash e \in T$ and $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash \bar{d} \in \bar{S}$ where $\Delta \vdash \bar{S} \prec \bar{T}$, then $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e \in S$ for some S such that $\Delta \vdash S \prec T$.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $\Delta; \Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{T} \vdash e \in T$ with a case analysis on the last rule used.

Case GT-VAR: $e = x$

If $x \in dom(\Gamma)$, then the conclusion is immediate since $[\bar{d}/\bar{x}]x = x$. On the other hand, if $x = x_i$ and $T = T_i$, then letting $S = S_i$ finishes the case.

Case GT-FIELD: $e = e_0.f_i \quad \Delta; \Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{T} \vdash e_0 \in T_0 \quad fields(bound_{\Delta}(T_0)) = \bar{T} \bar{f} \quad T = T_i$

By the induction hypothesis, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0 \in S_0$ for some S_0 such that $\Delta \vdash S_0 \prec T_0$. By Lemma 3.4.8, $fields(bound_{\Delta}(S_0)) = \bar{S} \bar{g}$ such that $S_j = T_j$ and $f_j = g_j$ for all $j \leq \#(\bar{T})$. Therefore, by the rule GT-FIELD, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0.f_i \in T$

Case GT-INVK:
$$\begin{array}{llll} e = e_0.m \langle \bar{V} \rangle (\bar{e}) & \Delta; \Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{T} \vdash e_0 \in T_0 & mtype(m, bound_{\Delta}(T_0)) = \langle \bar{V} \rangle \bar{P} \bar{U} \rightarrow \bar{U} & \\ \Delta \vdash \bar{V} \text{ ok} & \Delta \vdash \bar{V} \prec [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{P} & \Delta; \Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{T} \vdash \bar{e} \in \bar{S} & \\ \Delta \vdash \bar{S} \prec [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{U} & T = [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{U} & & \end{array}$$

By the induction hypothesis, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0 \in S_0$ for some S_0 such that $\Delta \vdash S_0 \prec T_0$ and $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]\bar{e} \in \bar{W}$ for some \bar{W} such that $\Delta \vdash \bar{W} \prec \bar{S}$. By Lemma 3.4.9, $mtype(m, bound_{\Delta}(S_0)) = \langle \bar{V} \rangle \bar{P} \bar{U} \rightarrow \bar{U}'$ and $\Delta, \bar{V} \prec \bar{P} \vdash \bar{U}' \prec \bar{U}$. By Lemma 3.4.5, $\Delta \vdash [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{U}' \prec [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{U}$. By the rule GT-METHOD, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}](e_0.m \langle \bar{V} \rangle (\bar{e})) \in [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{U}'$. Letting $S = [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{U}'$ finishes the case.

Case GT-NEW, GT-UCAST:

Easy.

Case GT-DCAST:
$$\begin{array}{llll} e = (N)e_0 & \Delta; \Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{T} \vdash e_0 \in T_0 & \Delta \vdash N \prec bound_{\Delta}(T_0) & \\ N = C \langle \bar{U} \rangle & bound_{\Delta}(T_0) = E \langle \bar{V} \rangle & dcast(C, E) & \end{array}$$

By the induction hypothesis, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0 \in S_0$ for some S_0 such that $\Delta \vdash S_0 \prec T_0$. We have three subcases according to a relation between S_0 and N .

Subcase: $\Delta \vdash bound_{\Delta}(S_0) \prec N$

By the rule GT-UCAST, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}](N)e_0 \in N$.

Subcase: $\Delta \vdash N \prec bound_{\Delta}(S_0) \quad N \neq bound_{\Delta}(S_0)$

By using Lemma 3.4.7 and the fact that $\Delta \vdash S \prec T$ implies $\Delta \vdash bound_{\Delta}(S) \prec bound_{\Delta}(T)$, we have $\Delta \vdash bound_{\Delta}(S_0) \prec bound_{\Delta}(T_0)$. Then, $C \leq D \leq E$ where $bound_{\Delta}(S_0) = D \langle \bar{W} \rangle$. If $C \neq D \neq E$, we have, by Lemma 3.4.4, $dcast(C, D)$; the rule GT-DCAST finishes the subcase. The case $C = D$ cannot happen since it implies $N = bound_{\Delta}(S_0)$ and, the other case $D = E$ is trivial.

Subcase: $\Delta \vdash N \not\prec \text{bound}_\Delta(S_0) \quad \Delta \vdash \text{bound}_\Delta(S_0) \not\prec N$

Let $\text{bound}_\Delta(S_0) = D \langle \bar{w} \rangle$. We show that, by contradiction, that $C \not\leq D$ and $D \not\leq C$.

Suppose $C \leq D$. Then, we can have $C \langle \bar{u}' \rangle$ such that $\Delta \vdash C \langle \bar{u}' \rangle \prec D \langle \bar{w} \rangle$. By transitivity of \prec : and the fact that $\Delta \vdash S_0 \prec T_0$ implies $\Delta \vdash \text{bound}_\Delta(S_0) \prec \text{bound}_\Delta(T_0)$, we have $\Delta \vdash C \langle \bar{u}' \rangle \prec \text{bound}_\Delta(T_0)$. Thus, $\bar{u}' = \bar{u}$, contradicting the assumption $\Delta \vdash N \not\prec \text{bound}_\Delta(S_0) (= D \langle \bar{w} \rangle)$. On the other hand, suppose $D \leq C$. Since we have $\Delta \vdash \text{bound}_\Delta(S_0) \prec \text{bound}_\Delta(T_0)$, we can have $C \langle \bar{v}' \rangle$ such that $\Delta \vdash \text{bound}_\Delta(S_0) \prec C \langle \bar{v}' \rangle$ and $\Delta' \vdash C \langle \bar{v}' \rangle \prec \text{bound}_\Delta(T_0)$. Then, $N = C \langle \bar{v}' \rangle$ by Lemma 3.4.3, contradicting the assumption $\Delta \vdash \text{bound}_\Delta(S_0) \prec N$; thus, $D \not\leq C$.

Finally, by the rule GT-SCAST, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}](N) e_0 \in N$ with *stupid warning*. ■

Case GT-SCAST: $\Delta; \Gamma, \bar{x} : \bar{T} \vdash e_0 \in T_0 \quad N = C \langle \bar{u} \rangle \quad \text{bound}_\Delta(T_0) = E \langle \bar{v} \rangle$
 $C \not\leq E \quad E \not\leq C$

By the induction hypothesis, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e_0 \in S_0$ for some S_0 such that $\Delta \vdash S_0 \prec T_0$, which implies $\Delta \vdash \text{bound}_\Delta(S_0) \prec \text{bound}_\Delta(T_0)$. Let $\text{bound}_\Delta(S_0) = D \langle \bar{w} \rangle$. By Lemma 3.4.2, we have $D \not\leq C$ and $C \not\leq D$. Then, by the rule GT-SCAST, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}](N) e_0 \in N$ again with *stupid warning*.

3.4.12 Lemma: If $mtype(m, C \langle \bar{T} \rangle) = \langle \bar{Y} \triangleleft \bar{P} \rangle \bar{U} \rightarrow U$ and $mbody(m \langle \bar{V} \rangle, C \langle \bar{T} \rangle) = (\bar{x}, e_0)$ where $\Delta \vdash C \langle \bar{T} \rangle$ ok and $\Delta \vdash \bar{v}$ ok and $\Delta \vdash \bar{v} \prec: [\bar{v}/\bar{Y}] \bar{P}$, then there exist some N and S such that $\Delta \vdash C \langle \bar{T} \rangle \prec: N$ and $\Delta \vdash N$ ok and $\Delta \vdash S \prec: [\bar{v}/\bar{Y}]U$ and $\Delta \vdash S$ ok and $\Delta; \bar{x} : [\bar{v}/\bar{Y}] \bar{U}, \text{this} : N \vdash e_0 \in S$.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $mbody(m \langle \bar{V} \rangle, C \langle \bar{T} \rangle) = (\bar{x}, e)$ using Lemmas 3.4.5 and 3.4.10.

Case MB-CLASS: $CT(C) = \text{class } C \langle \bar{X} \rangle \triangleleft \bar{N} \rangle \triangleleft P \{ \dots \bar{M} \}$
 $\langle \bar{Y} \triangleleft \bar{Q} \rangle T_0 \quad m (\bar{S} \bar{x}) \{ \uparrow e; \} \in \bar{M}$

Let $\Gamma = \bar{x} : \bar{S}, \text{this} : C \langle \bar{X} \rangle$ and $\Delta' = \bar{x} \prec: \bar{N}, \bar{Y} \prec: \bar{Q}$. By the rules GT-CLASS and GT-METHOD, we have $\Delta'; \Gamma \vdash e \in S_0$ and $\Delta'; \Gamma \vdash S_0 \prec: T_0$ for some S_0 . Since $\Delta \vdash C \langle \bar{T} \rangle$ ok, we have $\Delta \vdash \bar{T} \prec: [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] \bar{N}$ by the rule WF-CLASS. By Lemmas 3.4.1, 3.4.5, and 3.4.10,

$$\Delta, \bar{Y} \prec: [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] \bar{Q} \vdash [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] S_0 \prec: [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] T_0$$

and

$$\Delta, \bar{Y} \prec: [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] \bar{Q}; \bar{x} : [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] \bar{S}, \text{this} : C \langle \bar{T} \rangle \vdash [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] e \in S_0'$$

where

$$\Delta, \bar{Y} \prec: [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] \bar{Q} \vdash S_0' \prec: [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] S_0.$$

Now, we can assume \bar{X} and \bar{Y} are distinct without loss of generality. By the rule MT-CLASS, we have

$$[\bar{T}/\bar{X}] \bar{Q} = \bar{P} \quad [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] \bar{S} = \bar{U} \quad [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] T_0 = U.$$

Again, by Lemmas 3.4.5 and 3.4.10,

$$\Delta \vdash [\bar{v}/\bar{Y}] S_0' \prec: [\bar{v}/\bar{Y}] U$$

and

$$\Delta; \bar{x} : [\bar{v}/\bar{Y}] \bar{U}, \text{this} : C \langle \bar{T} \rangle \vdash [\bar{v}/\bar{Y}] [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] e \in S_0''.$$

where

$$\Delta \vdash S_0'' \prec: [\bar{v}/\bar{Y}] S_0'.$$

Since we can assume that any of \bar{Y} does not occur in \bar{T} without loss of generality,

$$e_0 = [\bar{T}/\bar{X}, \bar{v}/\bar{Y}] e = [\bar{v}/\bar{Y}] [\bar{T}/\bar{X}] e.$$

Letting $N = C \langle \bar{T} \rangle$ and $S = S_0''$ finishes the case.

Case MB-SUPER: $CT(C) = \text{class } C \langle \bar{X} \rangle \langle \bar{N} \rangle \langle N \rangle \{ \dots \bar{M} \}$
 m is not defined in \bar{M} .

Immediate from the induction hypothesis and the fact that $\Delta \vdash C \langle \bar{T} \rangle \langle: [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]N$. \blacksquare

3.4.13 Theorem [Subject reduction]: If $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e \in T$ and $e \longrightarrow e'$, then $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e' \in T'$, for some T' such that $\Delta \vdash T' \langle: T$.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $e \longrightarrow e'$ with a case analysis on the reduction rule used. We will show main cases.

Case GR-FIELD: $e = \text{new } N(\bar{e}) . f_i$ $fields(N) = \bar{T} \bar{f}$ $e' = e_i$

By the rules GT-FIELD and GT-NEW, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta; \Gamma \vdash \text{new } N(\bar{e}) \in N \\ \Delta; \Gamma \vdash \bar{e} \in \bar{S} \\ \Delta \vdash \bar{S} \langle: \bar{T}. \end{aligned}$$

In particular, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_i \in S_i$ finishes the case.

Case GR-INVK: $e = \text{new } N(\bar{e}) . m \langle \bar{V} \rangle (\bar{d})$ $mbody(m \langle \bar{V} \rangle, N) = (\bar{x}, e_0)$
 $e' = [\bar{d}/\bar{x}, \text{new } N(\bar{e}) / \text{this}]e_0$

By the rules GT-INVK and GT-NEW, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta; \Gamma \vdash \text{new } N(\bar{e}) \in N & \quad mtype(m, bound_{\Delta}(N)) = \langle \bar{Y} \rangle \langle \bar{P} \rangle \bar{U} \rightarrow U \\ \Delta \vdash \bar{V} \text{ ok} & \quad \Delta \vdash \bar{V} \langle: [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{P} \\ \Delta; \Gamma \vdash \bar{d} \in \bar{S} & \quad \Delta \vdash \bar{S} \langle: [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{U} \\ T = [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]U & \quad \Delta \vdash N \text{ ok} \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.4.12, $\Delta; \bar{x} : [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{U}, \text{this} : P \vdash e_0 \in S$ for some P and S such that $\Delta \vdash N \langle: P$ where $\Delta \vdash P \text{ ok}$, and $\Delta \vdash S \langle: [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]U$ where $\Delta \vdash S \text{ ok}$. Then, by Lemmas 3.4.1 and 3.4.11, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}, \text{new } N(\bar{e}) / \text{this}]e_0 \in T_0$ for some T_0 such that $\Delta \vdash T_0 \langle: S$. By the rule S-TRANS, we have $\Delta \vdash T_0 \langle: T$. Finally, letting $T' = T_0$ finishes the case.

Case GR-CAST:

Easy.

Case GRC-FIELD: $e = e_0 . f$ $e' = e_0' . f$ $e_0 \longrightarrow e_0'$

By the rule GT-FIELD, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0 \\ fields(bound_{\Delta}(T_0)) = \bar{T} \bar{f} \\ T = T_i \end{aligned}$$

By the induction hypothesis, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0' \in T_0'$ for some T_0' such that $\Delta \vdash T_0' \langle: T_0$. By Lemma 3.4.8, $fields(bound_{\Delta}(T_0')) = \bar{T}' \bar{g}$ and, for $j \leq \#(\bar{f})$, we have $g_j = f_j$ and $T_i' = T_i$. Therefore, by the rule GT-FIELD, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0' . f \in T_i'$. Letting $T' = T_i'$ finishes the case.

Case GRC-INV-RECV: $e = e_0 . m \langle \bar{V} \rangle (\bar{e})$ $e' = e_0' . m \langle \bar{V} \rangle (\bar{e})$ $e_0 \longrightarrow e_0'$

By the rule GT-INVK, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0 & \quad mtype(m, bound_{\Delta}(T_0)) = \langle \bar{Y} \rangle \langle \bar{P} \rangle \bar{T} \rightarrow U \\ \Delta \vdash \bar{V} \text{ ok} & \quad \Delta \vdash \bar{V} \langle: [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{P} \\ \Delta \vdash \bar{e} \in \bar{S} & \quad \Delta \vdash \bar{S} \langle: [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{T} \\ T = [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]U \end{aligned}$$

By the induction hypothesis, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0' \in T_0'$ for some T_0' such that $\Delta \vdash T_0' \langle: T_0$. By Lemma 3.4.9, $mtype(m, bound_{\Delta}(T_0')) = \langle \bar{Y} \rangle \langle \bar{P} \rangle \bar{T} \rightarrow V$ and $\Delta, \bar{Y} \langle: \bar{P} \vdash V \langle: U$. By Lemma 3.4.5, $\Delta \vdash [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]V \langle: [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]U$. Then, by the rule GT-INVK, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0' . m \langle \bar{V} \rangle (\bar{e}) \in [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]V$. Letting $T_0' = [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]V$ finishes the case.

Case GRC-CAST: $e = (N)e_0 \quad e' = (N)e_0' \quad e_0 \longrightarrow e_0'$

There are three subcases according to the last typing rule GT-UCAST, GT-DCAST or GT-SCAST. These subcases are similar to the subcases in the case for GT-DCAST in the proof of Lemma 3.4.11.

Case GRC-INV-ARG, GRC-NEW-ARG:

Easy. ■

3.4.14 Theorem [Progress]: Suppose e is a well-typed expression.

- (1) If e includes $\text{new } N_0(\bar{e}).f$ as a subexpression, then $\text{fields}(N_0) = \bar{T} \bar{f}$ and $f \in \bar{f}$.
- (2) If e includes $\text{new } N_0(\bar{e}).m\langle\bar{v}\rangle(\bar{d})$ as a subexpression, then $\text{mbody}(m\langle\bar{v}\rangle, N_0) = (\bar{x}, e_0)$ and $\#(\bar{x}) = \#(\bar{d})$.

Proof: Similar to the proof of Theorem 2.4.6. ■

To state FGJ type soundness formally, we will give the definition of FGJ values, too, given by the following syntax:

$$w ::= \text{new } N(\bar{w}).$$

3.4.15 Theorem [FGJ type soundness]: If $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e \in T$ and $e \longrightarrow^* e'$ with e' being a normal form, then e' is either an FGJ value w or an expression containing $(P)\text{new } N(\bar{e})$ where $\emptyset \vdash N \not\prec P$.

Proof: Immediate from Theorems 3.4.13 and 3.4.14. ■

Backward compatibility

FGJ is backward compatible with FJ. Intuitively, this means that an implementation of FGJ can be used to typecheck and execute FJ programs without changing their meaning. In the following statements, we use subscripts FJ or FGJ to show which set of rules is used.

3.4.16 Lemma: If CT is an FJ class table, then $\text{fields}_{FJ}(C) = \text{fields}_{FGJ}(C)$ for all $C \in \text{dom}(CT)$.

3.4.17 Lemma: Suppose CT is an FJ class table. Then, $\text{mtype}_{FJ}(m, C) = \bar{C} \rightarrow C$ if and only if $\text{mtype}_{FGJ}(m, C) = \bar{C} \rightarrow C$.

3.4.18 Lemma: Suppose CT is an FJ class table. Then, $\text{mbody}_{FJ}(m, C) = (\bar{x}, e)$ if and only if $\text{mbody}_{FGJ}(m, C) = (\bar{x}, e)$.

Proof: All these lemmas are easy. Note that, in an FJ class table, all substitutions in the derivations are empty and there are no polymorphic methods. ■

We can show that a well-typed FJ program is always a well-typed FGJ program and that FJ and FGJ reduction correspond. (Note that it isn't quite the case that the well-typedness of an FJ program under the FGJ rules implies its well-typedness in FJ, because FGJ allows covariant overriding and FJ does not.)

3.4.19 Theorem [Backward compatibility]: If an FJ program (e, CT) is well typed under the typing rules of FJ, then it is also well-typed under the rules of FGJ. Moreover, for all FJ programs e and e' (whether well typed or not), $e \longrightarrow_{FJ} e'$ iff $e \longrightarrow_{FGJ} e'$.

Proof: The first half is shown by straightforward induction on the derivation of $\Gamma \vdash e \in C$ (using FJ typing rules), followed by an analysis of the rules T-METHOD and T-CLASS. In the proof of the second half, both directions are shown by induction on a derivation of the reduction relation, with a case analysis on the last rule used. ■

4 Compiling FGJ to FJ

We now explore the second implementation style for GJ and FGJ. The current GJ compiler works by translation into the standard JVM, which maintains no information about type parameters at run-time. We model this compilation in our framework by an *erasure* translation from FGJ into FJ. We show that this translation maps well-typed FGJ programs into well-typed FJ programs, and that the behavior of a program in FGJ matches (in a suitable sense) the behavior of its erasure under the FJ reduction rules.

A program is erased by replacing types with their erasures, inserting downcasts where required. A type is erased by removing type parameters, and replacing type variables with the erasure of their bounds. For example, the class `Pair<X,Y>` in the previous section erases to the following:

```
class Pair extends Object {
    Object fst;
    Object snd;
    Pair(Object fst, Object snd) {
        super(); this.fst=fst; this.snd=snd;
    }
    Pair setfst(Object newfst) {
        return new Pair(newfst, this.snd);
    }
}
```

Similarly, the field selection

```
new Pair<A,B>(new A(), new B()).snd
```

erases to

```
(B)new Pair(new A(), new B()).snd
```

where the added downcast (B) recovers type information of the original program. We call such downcasts inserted by erasure *synthetic*. A key property of the erasure transformation is that it satisfies a so-called *cast-iron guarantee*: if the FGJ program is well-typed, then no downcast inserted by the erasure transformation will fail at run-time. In the following discussion, we often distinguish synthetic casts from typecasts derived from original FGJ programs by superscripting typecast expression, writing $(C)^s$. Otherwise, they behave exactly the same as ordinary typecasts.

4.1 Erasure of Types

To erase a type, we remove any type parameters and replace type variables with the erasure of their bounds. Write $|T|_\Delta$ for the erasure of type T with respect to type environment Δ

$$|T|_\Delta = C$$

where $bound_\Delta(T) = C\langle\bar{T}\rangle$.

4.2 Field and Method Lookup

In FGJ (and GJ), a subclass may extend an instantiated superclass. This means that, unlike in FJ (and Java), the types of the fields and the methods in the subclass may not be identical to the types in the superclass. In order to specify a type-preserving erasure from FGJ to FJ, it is necessary to define additional auxiliary functions that look up the type of a field or method in the *highest* superclass in which it is defined.

For example, we previously defined the generic class `Pair<X,Y>`. We may declare a specialized subclass `PairOfA` as a subclass of the instantiation `Pair<A,A>`, which instantiates both X and Y to a given class A.

```
class PairOfA extends Pair<A,A> {
    PairOfA(A fst, A snd) {
        super(fst, snd);
    }
}
```

```

PairOfA setfst(A newfst) {
    return new PairOfA(newfst, this.snd);
}
}

```

Note that, in the `setfst` method, the argument type `A` matches the argument type of `setfst` in `Pair<A,A>`, while the result type `PairOfA` is a subtype of the result type in `Pair<A,A>`; this is permitted by FGJ's covariant subtyping, as discussed in the previous section. Erasing the class `PairOfA` yields the following:

```

class PairOfA extends Pair {
    PairOfA(Object fst, Object snd) {
        super(fst, snd);
    }
    Pair setfst(Object newfst) {
        return new PairOfA(newfst, this.snd);
    }
}

```

Here arguments to the constructor and the method are given type `Object`, even though the erasure of `A` is itself; and the result of the method is given type `Pair`, even though the erasure of `PairOfA` is itself. In both cases, the types are chosen to correspond to types in `Pair`, the highest superclass in which the fields and method are defined.

We define variants of the auxiliary functions that find the types of fields and methods in the highest superclass in which they are defined. The maximum field types of a class `C`, written $fieldsmax(C)$, is the sequence of pairs of a type and a field name defined as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 fieldsmax(\text{Object}) = \bullet \\
 \\
 \frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C\langle\bar{X}\langle\bar{N}\rangle\langle D\langle\bar{U}\rangle\rangle\{ \bar{T} \bar{f}; \dots \} \\
 \Delta = \bar{X}\langle\bar{N}\rangle \quad \bar{C} \bar{g} = fieldsmax(D)}{fieldsmax(C) = \bar{C} \bar{g}, |\bar{T}|_{\Delta} \bar{f}}
 \end{array}$$

The maximum method type of `m` in `C`, written $mtypemax(m, C)$, is defined as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C\langle\bar{X}\langle\bar{N}\rangle\langle D\langle\bar{U}\rangle\rangle\{ \dots \} \quad \langle\bar{Y}\langle\bar{O}\rangle\bar{T}\rangle\rightarrow T = mtype(m, D\langle\bar{U}\rangle)}{mtypemax(m, C) = mtypemax(m, D)} \\
 \\
 \frac{CT(C) = \text{class } C\langle\bar{X}\langle\bar{N}\rangle\langle D\langle\bar{U}\rangle\rangle\{ \dots \} \\
 mtype(m, D\langle\bar{U}\rangle) \text{ undefined} \\
 \langle\bar{Y}\langle\bar{O}\rangle\bar{T}\rangle\rightarrow T = mtype(m, C\langle\bar{X}\rangle) \quad \Delta = \bar{X}\langle\bar{N}\rangle, \bar{Y}\langle\bar{O}\rangle}{mtypemax(m, C) = |\bar{T}|_{\Delta}\rightarrow|T|_{\Delta}}
 \end{array}$$

We also need a way to look up the maximum type of a given field. If $fieldsmax(C) = \bar{D} \bar{f}$ then we set $fieldsmax(C)(f_i) = D_i$.

4.3 Erasure of Expressions

The erasure of an expression depends on the typing of that expression, since the types are used to determine which downcasts to insert. The erasure rules are optimized to omit casts when it is trivially safe to do so; this happens when the maximum type is equal to the erased type.

Write $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$ for the erasure of a well-typed expression `e` with respect to environment Γ and type environment Δ :

$$|x|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = x \quad (\text{E-VAR})$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0.f \in T \quad \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0 \quad \mathit{fieldsmax}(|T_0|_\Delta)(f) = |T|_\Delta}{|e_0.f|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = |e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma}.f} \quad (\text{E-FIELD}) \\
\\
\frac{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0.f \in T \quad \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0 \quad \mathit{fieldsmax}(|T_0|_\Delta)(f) \neq |T|_\Delta}{|e_0.f|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = (|T|_\Delta)^s |e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma}.f} \quad (\text{E-FIELD-CAST}) \\
\\
\frac{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0.m \langle \bar{V} \rangle (\bar{e}) \in T \quad \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0 \quad \mathit{mtypemax}(m, |T_0|_\Delta) = \bar{C} \rightarrow D \quad D = |T|_\Delta}{|e_0.m \langle \bar{V} \rangle (\bar{e})|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = |e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma}.m(|\bar{e}|_{\Delta, \Gamma})} \quad (\text{E-INVK}) \\
\\
\frac{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0.m \langle \bar{V} \rangle (\bar{e}) \in T \quad \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0 \quad \mathit{mtypemax}(m, |T_0|_\Delta) = \bar{C} \rightarrow D \quad D \neq |T|_\Delta}{|e_0.m \langle \bar{V} \rangle (\bar{e})|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = (|T|_\Delta)^s |e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma}.m(|\bar{e}|_{\Delta, \Gamma})} \quad (\text{E-INVK-CAST}) \\
\\
|\mathit{new} \ N(\bar{e})|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = \mathit{new} \ |N|_\Delta(|\bar{e}|_{\Delta, \Gamma}) \quad (\text{E-NEW}) \\
\\
|(N)e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = (|N|_\Delta) |e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \quad (\text{E-CAST})
\end{array}$$

(Strictly speaking, one should think of the erasure operation as acting on typing derivations rather than expressions. Since well-typed expressions are in 1-1 correspondence with their typing derivations, the abuse of notation creates no confusion.)

4.4 Erasure of Methods and Classes

The erasure of a method m with respect to type environment Δ in class C , written $|M|_{\Delta, C}$, is defined as follows:

$$\frac{\Gamma = \bar{x} : \bar{T}, \mathit{this} : C \langle \bar{X} \rangle \quad \Delta = \bar{X} \langle : \bar{N}, \bar{Y} \langle : \bar{O} \quad \mathit{mtypemax}(m, C) = \bar{D} \rightarrow D \quad e_i = \begin{cases} x_i' & \text{if } D_i = |T_i|_\Delta \\ (|T_i|_\Delta)^s x_i' & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}}{|\langle \bar{Y} \langle \bar{O} \rangle \ T \ m \ (\bar{T} \ \bar{x}) \ \{\uparrow e_0; \}_i|_{\bar{X} \langle : \bar{N}, C} = D \ m \ (\bar{D} \ \bar{x}') \ \{\uparrow [\bar{e}/\bar{x}] |e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma}; \}_i} \quad (\text{E-METHOD})$$

Remark: In GJ, the actual erasure is somewhat more complex, involving the introduction of bridge methods, so that one ends up with two overloaded methods: one with the maximum type, and one with the instantiated type. For example, the erasure of `PairOfA` would be:

```

class PairOfA extends Pair {
  PairOfA(Object fst, Object snd) {
    super(fst, snd);
  }
  Pair setfst(A newfst) {
    return new PairOfA(newfst, (A)this.snd);
  }
  Pair setfst(Object newfst) {
    return this.setfst((A)newfst);
  }
}

```

where the second definition of `setfst` is the bridge method, which overrides the definition of `setfst` in `Pair`. We don't model that extra complexity here, because it depends on overloading of method names, which is not modeled in FJ; here, instead, the rule E-METHOD merges two methods into one by inline-expand the body of the actual method into the body of the bridge method.

The erasure of constructors and classes is:

$$\begin{array}{l}
|C(\bar{U} \ \bar{g}, \ \bar{T} \ \bar{f}) \ \{\mathit{super}(\bar{g}); \ \mathit{this}.\bar{f} = \bar{f}; \}_i|_C \\
= C(\mathit{fieldsmax}(C)) \ \{\mathit{super}(\bar{g}); \ \mathit{this}.\bar{f} = \bar{f}; \} \quad (\text{E-CONSTRUCTOR})
\end{array}$$

$$\frac{\Delta = \bar{X} < \bar{N}}{|\text{class } C < \bar{X} \text{ extends } \bar{N} > \text{ extends } N \{ \bar{T} \bar{f}; K \bar{M} \}|} \quad (\text{E-CLASS})$$

$$= \text{class } C \text{ extends } |N|_{\Delta} \{ |T|_{\Delta} \bar{f}; |K|_C \ |M|_{\Delta, C} \}$$

We write $|CT|$ for the erasure of a class table CT , defined in the obvious way.

4.5 Properties of Compilation

Having defined erasure, we may investigate some of its properties. As in the discussion of backward compatibility, we often use subscripts FJ or FGJ to avoid confusion.

Preservation of Typing

First, a well-typed FGJ program erases to a well-typed FJ program, as expected; moreover, synthetic casts are not stupid.

4.5.1 Theorem [Erasure preserves typing]: If an FGJ class table CT is ok and $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} e \in T$, then $|CT|$ is ok using the FJ typing rules and $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash_{\text{FJ}} |e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \in |T|_{\Delta}$. Moreover, every synthetic cast in $|CT|$ and $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$ does not involve *stupid warning*.

First, we show that, if an expression is well-typed, then its type is well formed (Lemma 4.5.5). Note that we assume that the underlying GJ class table CT is ok.

4.5.2 Lemma: If $\Delta \vdash S <: T$ and $\Delta \vdash S$ ok for some well-formed type environment Δ , then $\Delta \vdash T$ ok.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $\Delta \vdash S <: T$ with a case analysis on the last rule used. The cases for S-REFL and S-TRANS are easy.

Case S-VAR: $S = X \quad T = \Delta(X)$

T must be well formed since Δ is well formed.

Case S-CLASS: $S = C < \bar{T} > \quad T = [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]N \quad CT(C) = \text{class } C < \bar{X} < \bar{N} > < N \{ \dots \}$
 $\Delta \vdash \bar{T}$ ok $\quad \Delta \vdash \bar{T} <: [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{N}$

Since $CT(C)$ is ok, we also have $\bar{X} < \bar{N} \vdash N$ ok by the rule GT-CLASS. Then, by Lemmas 3.4.1 and 3.4.6, $\Delta \vdash [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]N$ ok. ■

4.5.3 Lemma: If $\Delta \vdash N$ ok for some well-formed type environment Δ and $fields_{\text{FGJ}}(N) = \bar{U} \bar{f}$, then $\Delta \vdash \bar{U}$ ok.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $fields_{\text{FGJ}}(N)$ with a case analysis on the last rule used.

Case F-OBJECT:

Trivial.

Case F-CLASS: $N = C < \bar{T} > \quad CT(C) = \text{class } C < \bar{X} < \bar{N} > < P \{ \bar{S} \bar{f}; K \bar{M} \}$
 $\bar{U} \bar{g} = fields_{\text{FGJ}}([\bar{T}/\bar{X}]P), [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{S} \bar{f}$

Since $CT(C)$ is ok, by the rule GT-CLASS, $\bar{X} < \bar{N} \vdash P$ ok. By Lemmas 3.4.1 and 3.4.6, $\Delta \vdash [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]P$ ok. Then, by the induction hypothesis, $\Delta \vdash \bar{V}$ ok. Since $\Delta \vdash C < \bar{T} >$ ok, we have $\Delta \vdash \bar{T}$ ok and $\Delta \vdash \bar{T} <: [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{N}$ by the rule WF-CLASS. On the other hand, by the rule GT-CLASS, we have $\bar{X} < \bar{N} \vdash \bar{S}$ ok. Finally, by Lemmas 3.4.1 and 3.4.6, $\Delta \vdash [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{S}$ ok, finishing the case. ■

4.5.4 Lemma: If $\Delta \vdash N$ ok for some well-formed type environment Δ and $mtype_{\text{FGJ}}(m, N) = < \bar{Y} < \bar{P} > \bar{U} \rightarrow U_0$, then $\Delta, \bar{Y} < \bar{P} \vdash U_0$ ok.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $mtype_{\text{FGJ}}(m, N)$ with a case analysis on the last rule used.

Case MT-CLASS: $N = C \langle \bar{T} \rangle$
 $CT(C) = \text{class } C \langle \bar{X} \rangle \langle \bar{N} \rangle \langle P \{ \dots \bar{M} \}$
 $\langle \bar{Y} \rangle \langle \bar{Q} \rangle S_0 \text{ m } (\bar{S} \bar{x}) \{ \uparrow e_0; \} \in \bar{M}$
 $[\bar{T}/\bar{X}](\langle \bar{Y} \rangle \langle \bar{Q} \rangle \bar{S} \rightarrow S_0) = \langle \bar{Y} \rangle \langle \bar{P} \rangle \bar{U} \rightarrow U_0$

Without loss of generality, we can assume that \bar{X} and \bar{Y} are distinct and that $[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{Q} = \bar{P}$ and $[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]S_0 = U_0$. By the rule GT-METHOD, we have

$$\bar{X} \langle \bar{N} \rangle, \bar{Y} \langle \bar{Q} \rangle \vdash S_0 \text{ ok.}$$

By the rule WF-CLASS, we have $\Delta \vdash \bar{T}$ ok and $\Delta \vdash \bar{T} \langle \bar{N} \rangle$. Then, by Lemma 3.4.1 and 3.4.6,

$$\Delta, \bar{Y} \langle \bar{Q} \rangle \vdash [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{Q} \vdash [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]S_0 \text{ ok.}$$

finishing the case.

Case MT-SUPER:

Since $CT(C)$ is ok, by the rule GT-CLASS, $\bar{X} \langle \bar{N} \rangle \vdash P$ ok. By Lemmas 3.4.1 and 3.4.6, $\Delta \vdash [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]P$ ok. The induction hypothesis finishes the case. \blacksquare

4.5.5 Lemma: If $\Delta \vdash \Gamma$ ok and $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} e \in T$ for some well-formed type environment Δ , then $\Delta \vdash T$ ok.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} e \in T$ with a case analysis on the last rule used.

Case GT-VAR:

Immediate from the definition of well-formedness of Γ .

Case GT-FIELD: $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} e_0 \in T_0 \quad \text{fields}_{\text{FGJ}}(\text{bound}_{\Delta}(T_0)) = \bar{T} \bar{f}$

By the induction hypothesis, $\Delta \vdash T_0$ ok. Since Δ is well formed, $\Delta \vdash \text{bound}_{\Delta}(T_0)$ ok. Then, by Lemma 4.5.3, we have $\Delta \vdash \bar{T}$ ok, finishing the case.

Case GT-INVK: $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} e_0 \in T_0 \quad \text{mtype}_{\text{FGJ}}(\text{m}, \text{bound}_{\Delta}(T_0)) = \langle \bar{Y} \rangle \langle \bar{P} \rangle \bar{U} \rightarrow U_0$
 $\Delta \vdash \bar{V}$ ok $\Delta \vdash \bar{V} \langle \bar{Y} \rangle \bar{P}$
 $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} \bar{e} \in \bar{S} \quad \Delta \vdash \bar{S} \langle \bar{Y} \rangle \bar{U}$
 $T = [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]U_0$

By the induction hypothesis, $\Delta \vdash T_0$ ok. Since Δ is well formed, $\Delta \vdash \text{bound}_{\Delta}(T_0)$ ok. Then, by Lemma 4.5.4, $\Delta, \bar{V} \langle \bar{Y} \rangle \bar{P} \vdash U_0$ ok. Finally, by Lemma 3.4.6, we have $\Delta \vdash [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]U_0$ ok, finishing the case.

Case GT-UCAST: $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} e_0 \in T_0 \quad \Delta \vdash T_0 \langle N \rangle \quad N = T$

By the induction hypothesis, $\Delta \vdash T_0$ ok. By Lemma 4.5.2, $\Delta \vdash N$ ok, finishing the case.

Case GT-NEW, GT-DCAST, GT-SCAST:

Immediate from the fact that T is well formed by a premise of the rules. \blacksquare

After developing several lemmas about erasure, we prove Theorem 4.5.1. Note that, in the following discussions, the erased class table $|CT|$ is not assumed to be ok; even so, however, if CT is ok, then $|CT|$ is well defined and thus *fields*, *mtype*, *mbody*, and \leq are well defined with respect to $|CT|$.

4.5.6 Lemma: If $\Delta \vdash S \langle \cdot \rangle_{\text{FGJ}} T$, then $|S|_{\Delta} \langle \cdot \rangle_{\text{FJ}} |T|_{\Delta}$.

Proof: Straightforward induction on the derivation of $\Delta \vdash S \langle \cdot \rangle_{\text{FGJ}} T$. \blacksquare

4.5.7 Lemma: If $\Delta_1, \bar{X} \langle \bar{N} \rangle, \Delta_2 \vdash U$ ok where none of \bar{X} appear in Δ_1 , and $\Delta_1 \vdash \bar{T} \langle \cdot \rangle_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{N}$, then $|[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]U|_{\Delta_1}, |[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]U|_{\Delta_2} \langle \cdot \rangle_{\text{FJ}} |U|_{\Delta}$.

Proof: If U is nonvariable or a type variable $Y \notin \bar{X}$, then the result is trivial. If U is a type variable X_i , it's also easy since $[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]U = T_i$ and, by Lemma 4.5.6, $|T_i|_{\Delta_1}, |[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]U|_{\Delta_2} = |T_i|_{\Delta_1} \langle \cdot \rangle_{\text{FJ}} |[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]N_i|_{\Delta_1} = |N_i|_{\Delta} = |X_i|_{\Delta}$. \blacksquare

4.5.8 Lemma: If $\Delta \vdash C \langle \bar{U} \rangle$ ok and $\text{fields}_{\text{FGJ}}(C \langle \bar{U} \rangle) = \bar{V} \bar{f}$, then $\text{fieldsmax}(C) = \bar{D} \bar{f}$ and $|\bar{V}|_{\Delta} \langle \cdot \rangle_{\text{FJ}} \bar{D}$.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $fields_{FGJ}(C\langle\bar{U}\rangle)$ using Lemma 4.5.7 and the fact that $\Delta \vdash \bar{U} \prec: [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{N}$, where $CT(C) = \text{class } C\langle\bar{X}\rangle\langle\bar{N}\rangle \dots$, derived from the rule WF-CLASS. ■

4.5.9 Lemma: If $\Delta \vdash C\langle\bar{T}\rangle$ ok and $mtype_{FGJ}(m, C\langle\bar{T}\rangle) = \langle\bar{Y}\rangle\langle\bar{P}\rangle\bar{U} \rightarrow U_0$ where $\Delta \vdash \bar{V} \prec:_{FGJ} [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{P}$, then $mtype_{max}(m, C) = \bar{C} \rightarrow C_0$ and $||[\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{U}||_{\Delta} \prec:_{FJ} \bar{C}$ and $||[\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]U_0||_{\Delta} \prec:_{FJ} C_0$.

Proof: Since $\Delta \vdash C\langle\bar{T}\rangle$ ok, we can have a sequence of type \bar{S} such that $S_1 = C\langle\bar{T}\rangle$ and $S_n = \text{Object}$ and $\Delta \vdash S_i \prec:_{FGJ} S_{i+1}$ derived by the rule S-CLASS for any i . We prove by induction on the length n of the sequence.

Case: $n = 1$

Cannot happen.

Case: $n = 2$

It must be the case that

$$CT(C) = \text{class } C\langle\bar{X}\rangle\langle\bar{N}\rangle \langle \text{Object } \{ \dots \\ \langle\bar{Y}\rangle\langle\bar{Q}\rangle W_0 \text{ m } (\bar{W} \bar{X}) \{ \dots \} \dots \}.$$

By the definition of $mtype_{max}$, $\bar{C} = |\bar{W}|_{\bar{X}\langle\bar{N}\rangle, \bar{Y}\langle\bar{Q}\rangle}$ and $C_0 = |W_0|_{\bar{X}\langle\bar{N}\rangle, \bar{Y}\langle\bar{Q}\rangle}$. Without loss of generality, we can assume \bar{X} and \bar{Y} are distinct. By the definition of $mtype_{FGJ}$,

$$\begin{aligned} [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{Q} &= \bar{P} \\ [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{W} &= \bar{U} \\ [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]W_0 &= U_0, \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\Delta \vdash \bar{V} \prec:_{FGJ} [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}][\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{Q}.$$

Moreover, by the rule WF-CLASS, we have

$$\Delta \vdash \bar{T} \prec: [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{N} \quad (= [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}][\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{N} \text{ since } \bar{Y} \text{ do not appear in } [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{N}).$$

By Lemma 4.5.7, $||[\bar{V}/\bar{Y}][\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{W}||_{\Delta} \prec:_{FJ} \bar{C}$ and $||[\bar{V}/\bar{Y}][\bar{T}/\bar{X}]W_0||_{\Delta} \prec:_{FJ} C_0$, finishing the case.

Case: $n = k + 1$

Suppose

$$CT(C) = \text{class } C\langle\bar{X}\rangle\langle\bar{N}\rangle \langle N \{ \dots \}.$$

Note that $\Delta \vdash C\langle\bar{T}\rangle \prec:_{FGJ} [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{N}$ by the rule S-CLASS. Now, we have three subcases:

Subcase: $mtype_{FGJ}(m, [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{N})$ is not well defined.

The method m must be declared in C . Similarly for the base case above.

Subcase: $mtype_{FGJ}(m, [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{N})$ is well defined and m is defined in C .

By the rule GT-METHOD, it must be the case that

$$mtype_{FGJ}(m, [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{N}) = \langle\bar{Y}\rangle\langle\bar{P}\rangle\bar{U} \rightarrow U_0'$$

where $\Delta, \bar{Y}\langle\bar{P}\rangle \vdash U_0 \prec:_{FGJ} U_0'$. By Lemmas 3.4.5 and 4.5.6, $||[\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]U_0||_{\Delta} \prec:_{FJ} ||[\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]U_0'||_{\Delta}$. The induction hypothesis and transitivity of $\prec:_{FJ}$ finish the subcase.

Subcase: $mtype_{FGJ}(m, [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{N})$ is well defined and m is not defined in C .

It is easy because $mtype_{FGJ}(m, [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{N}) = mtype_{FGJ}(m, C\langle\bar{T}\rangle)$ by the rule MT-SUPER. The induction hypothesis finishes the subcase. ■

Proof of Theorem 4.5.1: We prove the theorem in two steps: first, it is shown that, if $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{FGJ} e \in T$, then $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash_{FJ} |e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \in |T|_{\Delta}$; and second, we show $|CT|$ is ok.

The first part is proved by induction on the derivation of $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{FGJ} e \in T$ with a case analysis on the last rule used.

Case GT-FIELD: $e = e_0.f_i \quad \Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} e_0 \in T_0 \quad \text{fields}_{\text{FGJ}}(\text{bound}_\Delta(T_0)) = \bar{T} \bar{f} \quad T = T_i$

By the induction hypothesis, we have $|\Gamma|_\Delta \vdash_{\text{FJ}} |e_0|_\Delta \in |T_0|_\Delta$. By Lemma 4.5.5, $\Delta \vdash T_0$ ok. Then, whether T_0 is a type variable or not, we have, by Lemma 4.5.8, $\text{fieldsmax}(|T_0|_\Delta) = \bar{C} \bar{f}$ and $|\bar{T}|_\Delta <: \bar{C}$. Note that, by definition, it is obvious that $\text{fields}_{\text{FJ}}(C) = \text{fieldsmax}(C)$. By the rule T-FIELD, we have $|\Gamma|_\Delta \vdash_{\text{FJ}} |e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma}.f_i \in C_i$.

If $|T_i|_\Delta = C_i$, then the equation $|e_0.f_i|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = |e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma}.f_i$ derived from the rule E-FIELD finishes the case. On the other hand, if $|T_i|_\Delta \neq C_i$, then

$$|e_0.f_i|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = (|T_i|_\Delta)^s |e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma}.f_i$$

by the rule E-FIELD-CAST and $|\Gamma|_\Delta \vdash_{\text{FJ}} (|T|_\Delta)^s |e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma}.f_i \in |T|_\Delta$ by the rule T-DCAST, finishing the case. Note that the synthetic cast is not stupid.

Case GT-INVK:

Similar to the case above.

Case GT-NEW, GT-UCAST, GT-DCAST, GT-SCAST:

Easy. Notice that the nature of the cast (up, down, or stupid) is also preserved.

The second part ($|CT|$ is ok) follows from the first part with examination of the rules GT-METHOD and GT-CLASS. We show that, if M OK IN $C \langle \bar{X} \triangleleft \bar{N} \rangle$, then $|M|_{\bar{X} \triangleleft \bar{N}, C}$ OK IN C . Suppose

$$\begin{aligned} M &= \langle \bar{Y} \triangleleft \bar{P} \rangle T \ m \ (\bar{T} \ x) \ \{\uparrow e_0; \} \\ |M|_{\bar{X} \triangleleft \bar{N}, C} &\text{ OK IN } C = D \ m \ (\bar{D} \ x') \ \{\uparrow e_0'; \} \\ \text{mtype}_{\text{max}}(m, C) &= \bar{D} \rightarrow D \\ \Gamma &= \bar{x} : \bar{T} \\ \Delta &= \bar{X} \triangleleft \bar{N}, \bar{Y} \triangleleft \bar{P} \\ e_i &= \begin{cases} x_i' & \text{if } D_i = |T_i|_\Delta \\ (|T_i|_\Delta)^s x_i' & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ e_0' &= [\bar{e}/\bar{x}] |e_0|_{\Delta, (\Gamma, \text{this}: C \langle \bar{X} \rangle)}. \end{aligned}$$

By the rule GT-METHOD, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \vdash \bar{T}, T, \bar{P} &\text{ ok} \\ \Delta; \Gamma, \text{this} : C \langle \bar{X} \rangle &\vdash_{\text{FGJ}} e_0 \in S \\ \Delta \vdash S &<:_{\text{FGJ}} T \\ \text{if } \text{mtype}_{\text{FGJ}}(m, N) &= \langle \bar{Z} \triangleleft \bar{Q} \rangle \bar{U} \rightarrow U, \text{ then } \bar{P}, \bar{T} = [\bar{Y}/\bar{Z}](\bar{Q}, \bar{U}) \text{ and } \Delta \vdash T <:_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{Y}/\bar{Z}]U \end{aligned}$$

where $CT(C) = \text{class } C \langle \bar{X} \triangleleft \bar{N} \rangle \triangleleft N \ \{ \dots \}$. We must show that

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x}' : D, \text{this} : C &\vdash_{\text{FJ}} e' \in E \\ E &<:_{\text{FJ}} D \\ \text{if } \text{mtype}_{\text{FJ}}(m, |N|_\Delta) &= \bar{E} \rightarrow D', \text{ then } \bar{E} = \bar{D} \text{ and } D' = D. \end{aligned}$$

for some E . By the result of the first part, $|\Gamma|_\Delta, \text{this} : C \vdash_{\text{FJ}} |e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \in |S|_\Delta$. Since, by Lemma 4.5.9, $|T_i|_\Delta <: D_i$, we have $x_i' : D_i \vdash e_i \in |T_i|_\Delta$. By Lemma 3.4.11,

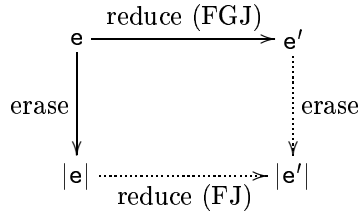
$$\bar{x}' : \bar{D}, \text{this} : C \vdash e_0' \in C_0$$

for some C_0 where $C_0 <:_{\text{FJ}} |S|_\Delta$. On the other hand, by Lemma 4.5.9, $|T|_\Delta <:_{\text{FJ}} D$. Since we have $|S|_\Delta <:_{\text{FJ}} |T|_\Delta$ by Lemma 4.5.6, $C_0 <:_{\text{FJ}} D$ by transitivity of $<:_{\text{FJ}}$. Let E be C_0 . Finally, suppose $\text{mtype}_{\text{max}}(m, |N|_\Delta)$ is well defined. Then, $\text{mtype}_{\text{FGJ}}(m, N)$ is also well defined. By definition, $\text{mtype}_{\text{max}}(m, |N|_\Delta) = \bar{D} \rightarrow D = \text{mtype}_{\text{FJ}}(m, |N|_\Delta)$.

It is easy to show that L OK in FGJ implies $|L|$ OK in FJ. ■

Preservation of Execution

More interestingly, we would intuitively expect that erasure from FGJ to FJ should also preserve the reduction behavior of FGJ programs:



Unfortunately, this is not quite true. For example, consider the FGJ expression

$$e = \text{new Pair}\langle A, B \rangle(a, b).fst,$$

where a and b are expressions of type A and B , respectively, and its erasure:

$$|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = (A)^s \text{new Pair}(|a|_{\Delta, \Gamma}, |b|_{\Delta, \Gamma}).fst$$

In FGJ, e reduces to a , while the erasure $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$ reduces to $(A)^s |a|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$ in FJ; it does not reduce to $|a|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$ when a is not a `new` expression. (Note that it is not an artifact of our nondeterministic reduction strategy: it happens even if we adopt a call-by-value reduction strategy, since, after method invocation, we may obtain an expression like $(A)^s e$ where e is not a `new` expression.) Thus, the above diagram does not commute even if one-step reduction (\longrightarrow) at the bottom is replaced with many-step reduction (\longrightarrow^*). In general, synthetic casts can persist for a while in the FJ expression, although we expect those casts will eventually turn out to be upcasts when a reduces to a `new` expression.

In the example above, an FJ expression d reduced from $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$ had *more* synthetic casts than $|e'|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$. However, this is not always the case: d may have *less* casts than $|e'|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$ when the reduction step involves method invocation. Consider the FGJ expression

$$e = \text{new Pair}\langle A, B \rangle(a, b).setfst\langle B \rangle(b')$$

and its erasure

$$|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = \text{new Pair}(|a|_{\Delta, \Gamma}, |b|_{\Delta, \Gamma}).setfst(|b'|_{\Delta, \Gamma}).$$

where a is an expression of type A and b and b' are of type B . In FGJ,

$$e \longrightarrow_{\text{FGJ}} \text{new Pair}\langle B, B \rangle(b', \text{new Pair}\langle A, B \rangle(a, b).snd).$$

In FJ, on the other hand,

$$|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \longrightarrow_{\text{FJ}} \text{new Pair}(|b'|_{\Delta, \Gamma}, \text{new Pair}(|a|_{\Delta, \Gamma}, |b|_{\Delta, \Gamma}).snd)$$

which has fewer synthetic casts than

$$\text{new Pair}(|b'|_{\Delta, \Gamma}, (B)^s \text{new Pair}(|a|_{\Delta, \Gamma}, |b|_{\Delta, \Gamma}).snd),$$

which is the erasure of the reduced expression in FGJ. The subtlety we observe here is that, when the erased term is reduced, synthetic casts may become “coarser” than the casts inserted when the reduced term is erased, or may be removed entirely as in this example. (Removal of downcasts can be considered as a combination of two operations: replacement of $(A)^s$ with the coarser cast $(\text{Object})^s$ and removal of the upcast $(\text{Object})^s$, which does not affect the result of computation.)

To formalize both of these observations, we define an auxiliary relation that relates FJ expressions differing only by the addition and replacement of some synthetic casts. Suppose $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{FJ}} e \in \mathcal{C}$. Let us call an expression d an *expansion* of e under Γ , written $\Gamma \vdash e \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} d$, if d is obtained from e by some combination of (1) addition of zero or more synthetic upcasts, (2) replacement of some synthetic casts $(D)^s$ with $(C)^s$, where C is a supertype of D , or (3) removal of some synthetic casts, and $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{FJ}} d \in \mathcal{D}$ for some \mathcal{D} .

4.5.10 Example: Suppose $\Gamma = x:A, y:B, z:B$ for given classes A and B. Then,

$$\Gamma \vdash x \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} (A)^s x$$

and

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{new Pair}(z, (B)^s \text{new Pair}(x, y) . \text{snd}) \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} \text{new Pair}(z, \text{new Pair}(x, y) . \text{snd}).$$

Then, reduction commutes with erasure modulo expansion:

4.5.11 Theorem [Erasure preserves reduction modulo expansion]: If $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e \in T$ and $e \rightarrow_{\text{FGJ}}^* e'$, then there exists some FJ expression d' such that $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |e'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} d'$ and $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \rightarrow_{\text{FJ}} d'$. In other words, the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 e & \xrightarrow{\text{reduce (FGJ)}^*} & e' \\
 \text{erase} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{erase} \\
 |e| & \xrightarrow{\text{reduce (FJ)}^*} & |e'| \\
 & & \downarrow \text{erase} \\
 & & d'
 \end{array}$$

Conversely, for the execution of an erased expression, there is a corresponded execution in FGJ semantics:

4.5.12 Theorem [Erased program reflects FGJ execution]: Suppose $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e \in T$ and $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} d$. If d reduces to d' with zero or more steps by reducing synthetic casts, followed by one step by other kinds of reduction, then $e \rightarrow_{\text{FGJ}}^* e'$ for some e' and $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |e'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} d'$. In other words, the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 e & \xrightarrow{\text{reduce (FGJ)}^*} & e' \\
 \text{erase} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{erase} \\
 |e| & & |e'| \\
 \Downarrow & & \downarrow \text{erase} \\
 d & \xrightarrow{\text{R-CAST}^*} \xrightarrow{\text{reduce (FJ)}^*} & d'
 \end{array}$$

As easy corollaries of these theorems, it can be shown that, if an FGJ expression e reduces to a “fully-evaluated expression,” then the erasure of e reduces to exactly its erasure and vice versa. Similarly, if FGJ reduction gets stuck at a stupid cast, then FJ reduction also gets stuck because of the same typecast and vice versa.

4.5.13 Corollary [Erasure preserves execution results]: If $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e \in T$ and $e \rightarrow_{\text{FGJ}}^* w$, then $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \rightarrow_{\text{FJ}}^* |w|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$. Similarly, if $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e \in T$ and $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \rightarrow_{\text{FJ}}^* v$, then there exists an FGJ value w such that $e \rightarrow_{\text{FGJ}}^* w$ and $|w|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = v$.

4.5.14 Corollary [Erasure preserves typecast errors]: If $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e \in T$ and $e \rightarrow_{\text{FGJ}}^* e'$, where e' has a stuck subexpression $(C\langle\bar{S}\rangle)\text{new } D\langle\bar{T}\rangle(\bar{e})$, then $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |e'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \rightarrow_{\text{FJ}}^* d'$ such that d' has a stuck subexpression $(C)\text{new } D(\bar{d})$, where \bar{d} are expansions of the erasures of \bar{e} , at the same position (modulo synthetic casts) as the erasure of e' . Similarly, if $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e \in T$ and $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \rightarrow_{\text{FJ}}^* e'$, where e' has a stuck subexpression $(C)\text{new } D\langle\bar{T}\rangle(\bar{e})$, then there exists an FGJ expression d such that $e \rightarrow_{\text{FGJ}}^* d$ and $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |d|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} e'$ and d has a stuck subexpression $(C\langle\bar{S}\rangle)\text{new } D\langle\bar{T}\rangle(\bar{d})$, where \bar{d} are expansions of the erasures of \bar{e} , at the same position (modulo synthetic casts) as e' .

In the rest of this section, we prove these theorems and corollaries; we first prove the required lemmas.

4.5.15 Lemma: If $\Gamma, \bar{x}:\bar{B} \vdash e \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} e'$ and $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{FJ}} \bar{d} \in \bar{A}$ where $\bar{A} <_{\text{FJ}} \bar{B}$, then $\Gamma \vdash [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} [\bar{d}/\bar{x}]e'$.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $\Gamma, \bar{x}:\bar{B} \vdash_{\text{FJ}} e \in \mathcal{C}$. ■

4.5.16 Lemma: Suppose $\text{dom}(\Gamma) = \text{dom}(\Gamma')$ and $\Delta = \Delta_1, \bar{X} <: \bar{N}, \Delta_2$ where none of \bar{X} appears in Δ_1 . If $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} e \in \mathcal{T}$ and $\Delta_1 \vdash \bar{U} <:_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{N}$ where $\Delta_1 \vdash \bar{U}$ ok, and $\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash \Gamma'(x) <:_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Gamma(x)$ for all $x \in \text{dom}(\Gamma)$, then $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$ is obtained from $|[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, \Gamma'}$ by some combination of replacements of some synthetic casts $(D)^s$ with $(C)^s$ where $D <: C$, or removals of some synthetic casts.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e \in \mathcal{T}$ with a case analysis on the last rule used.

Case GT-VAR:

Trivial.

Case GT-FIELD: $e = e_0.f \quad \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \in T_0 \quad \text{fields}_{\text{FGJ}}(\text{bound}_{\Delta}(T_0)) = \bar{T} \bar{f} \quad T = T_i$

By the induction hypothesis, $|e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$ is obtained from $|[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e_0|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, \Gamma'}$ by some combination of replacements of some synthetic casts $(D)^s$ with $(C)^s$ where $D <:_{\text{FJ}} C$, or removals of some synthetic casts. By Theorem 4.5.1, $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash_{\text{FJ}} |e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \in |T_0|_{\Delta}$. By Lemma 4.5.8, $\text{fieldsmax}(|T_0|_{\Delta}) = \bar{C} \bar{f}$ and $|\bar{T}|_{\Delta} <:_{\text{FJ}} \bar{C}$.

Now we have two subcases.

Subcase: $|T_i|_{\Delta} \neq C_i$

By the rule E-FIELD-CAST,

$$|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = (|T_i|_{\Delta})^s |e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma}.f_i.$$

Now we must show that $|[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, \Gamma'} = (D)^s |[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e_0|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, \Gamma'}.f_i$ for some $D <:_{\text{FJ}} |T|_{\Delta}$. By Lemmas 3.4.10 and 3.4.11,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2; \Gamma' \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e_0 \in S_0 \\ \Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash S_0 <:_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T_0. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemmas 3.4.7 and 3.4.8,

$$\text{fields}_{\text{FGJ}}(\text{bound}_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2}(S_0)) = [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{T} \bar{f}, \bar{T}' \bar{g}.$$

Then, by Lemma 4.5.7,

$$|[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T_i|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2} <:_{\text{FJ}} |T_i|_{\Delta}.$$

On the other hand,

$$\text{fieldsmax}(|S_0|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2}) = \bar{C} \bar{f}, \bar{D} \bar{g}.$$

Therefore, by the rule E-FIELD-CAST,

$$|[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, \Gamma'} = (|[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T_i|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2})^s |[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e_0|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, \Gamma'}.f_i.$$

finishing the subcase.

Subcase: $|T_i|_{\Delta} = C_i$

Similar to the subcase above.

Case GT-METHOD: $e = e_0.m <\bar{V}> (\bar{d}) \quad \Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} e_0 \in T_0$
 $\text{mtype}_{\text{FGJ}}(m, \text{bound}_{\Delta}(T_0)) = <\bar{V}> \bar{P} \bar{U} \rightarrow U_0$
 $\Delta \vdash \bar{V}$ ok $\quad \Delta \vdash \bar{V} <:_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{P}$
 $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} \bar{d} \in \bar{S} \quad \Delta \vdash \bar{S} <:_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{U}$
 $T = [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]U_0$

By the induction hypothesis, $|\bar{d}|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$ are obtained from $|[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{d}|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, \Gamma'}$ by some combination of replacements of some synthetic casts $(D)^s$ with $(C)^s$ where $D <:_{\text{FJ}} C$, or removals of some synthetic casts. By Theorem 4.5.1, $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash_{\text{FJ}} |e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \in |T_0|_{\Delta}$. By Lemma 4.5.9, $\text{mtypemax}(m, |T_0|_{\Delta}) = \bar{E} \rightarrow E_0$ and $|T|_{\Delta} <:_{\text{FJ}} E_0$.

Now we have two subcases:

Subcase: $|T|_{\Delta} \neq E_0$

By the rule E-INVK-CAST,

$$|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = (|T|_{\Delta})^s |e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \cdot m(|\bar{d}|_{\Delta, \Gamma}).$$

Now, we must show that

$$|[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, \Gamma'} = (D)^s |[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e_0|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, \Gamma'} \cdot m(|[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{d}|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, \Gamma'})$$

for some $D \prec_{\text{FJ}} |T|_{\Delta}$. By Lemmas 3.4.10 and 3.4.11,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2; \Gamma' \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e_0 \in S_0 \\ \Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash S_0 \prec_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T_0. \end{aligned}$$

Without loss of generality, we can assume \bar{X} and \bar{Y} are distinct. By Lemmas 3.4.7 and 3.4.9, we have

$$\begin{aligned} mtype_{\text{FGJ}}(m, bound_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2}(S_0)) = \langle \bar{Y} \triangleleft [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{P} \rangle [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{U} \rightarrow U_0' \\ \Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, \bar{Y} \triangleleft [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{P} \vdash U_0' \prec_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]U_0. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3.4.5,

$$\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{V} \prec_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{U}/\bar{X}][\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{P} \quad (= [[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]([\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{P}))$$

and by the same lemma,

$$\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2 \vdash [[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]U_0' \prec_{\text{FGJ}} [[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{V}/\bar{Y}][\bar{U}/\bar{X}]U_0 \quad (= [\bar{U}/\bar{X}][\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]U_0 = [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T).$$

Then, by Lemmas 4.5.6 and 4.5.7,

$$|[[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]U_0'|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2} \prec_{\text{FJ}} |[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2} \prec_{\text{FJ}} |T|_{\Delta}.$$

On the other hand, it is easy to show that

$$mtype_{\text{max}}(m, |S_0|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2}) = mtype_{\text{max}}(m, |[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]T_0|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2}) = \bar{E} \rightarrow E_0.$$

Then, by the rule E-INVK-CAST,

$$|[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, \Gamma'} = (|[[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]U_0'|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2})^s |[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]e_0|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, \Gamma'} \cdot m(|[\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\bar{d}|_{\Delta_1, [\bar{U}/\bar{X}]\Delta_2, \Gamma'})$$

finishing the subcase.

Subcase: $|T|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = E_0$

Similar to the subcase above.

Case GT-NEW, GT-UCAST, GT-DCAST, GT-SCAST:

Immediate from the induction hypothesis. ■

4.5.17 Lemma: Suppose

1. $mbody_{\text{FGJ}}(m \langle \bar{V} \rangle, C \langle \bar{T} \rangle) = (\bar{x}, e)$,
2. $mtype_{\text{FGJ}}(m, C \langle \bar{T} \rangle) = \langle \bar{V} \triangleleft \bar{P} \rangle \bar{U} \rightarrow U_0$,
3. $\Delta \vdash C \langle \bar{T} \rangle$ ok,
4. $\Delta \vdash \bar{V} \prec_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{P}$,
5. $\Delta \vdash \bar{W} \prec_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{U}$, and
6. $mbody_{\text{FJ}}(m, C) = (\bar{x}, e')$.

Then, $|\bar{x} : \bar{W}, \text{this} : C \langle \bar{T} \rangle|_{\Delta} \vdash |e|_{\Delta, \bar{x} : \bar{W}, \text{this} : C \langle \bar{T} \rangle} \xrightarrow{\text{exB}} e'$.

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $mbody_{\text{FGJ}}(m \langle \bar{V} \rangle, C \langle \bar{T} \rangle)$ with a case analysis on the last rule used.

Case MB-CLASS: $CT(C) = \text{class } C\langle\bar{X}\langle\bar{N}\rangle\langle N \{ \dots \} \rangle$
 $\langle\bar{Y}\langle\bar{Q}\rangle S_0 \text{ m } (\bar{S} \text{ x})\{\uparrow e_0;\}\}$
 $\overline{[\bar{T}/\bar{X}, \bar{V}/\bar{Y}]e_0} = e$
 $\overline{[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{Q}} = \bar{P}$
 $\overline{[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{S}} = \bar{U}$
 $\overline{[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]S_0} = U_0$

Let $\Delta' = \bar{X}\langle\bar{N}, \bar{Y}\langle\bar{P}\rangle$ and $\Gamma = \bar{x} : \bar{S}, \text{this} : C\langle\bar{X}\rangle$. By the rule WF-CLASS, $\Delta \vdash \bar{T} \langle:_{FGJ} [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{N} (= [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}][\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{N})$. By Lemma 4.5.16, $|e_0|_{\Delta', \bar{x}:\bar{S}, \text{this}:C\langle\bar{X}\rangle}$ is obtained from $|e|_{\Delta, \bar{x}:\bar{W}, \text{this}:C\langle\bar{T}\rangle}$ by some combination of replacements of some synthetic casts $(D)^s$ with $(C)^s$ where $D \langle:_{FJ} C$, or removals of some synthetic casts. By Theorem 4.5.1,

$$|\bar{x} : \bar{S}, \text{this} : C\langle\bar{X}\rangle|_{\Delta'} \vdash_{FJ} |e_0|_{\Delta', \bar{x}:\bar{S}, \text{this}:C\langle\bar{X}\rangle} \in |S_0|_{\Delta'}.$$

Now, let $mtypemax(m, C) = \bar{D} \rightarrow D$ and

$$e_i = \begin{cases} x_i & \text{if } D_i = |S_i|_{\Delta'} \\ (|S_i|_{\Delta'})^s x_i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

for $i = 1, \dots, \#(\bar{x})$. Since $e' = [\bar{e}/\bar{x}]e_0|_{\Delta', \Gamma}$ and $|\bar{W}|_{\Delta} \langle:_{FJ} |[\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]\bar{U}|_{\Delta} \langle:_{FJ} |\bar{S}|_{\Delta'}$ by Lemmas 4.5.6 and 4.5.7, each e_i is either a variable or a variable with an upcast under the environment $|\bar{x} : \bar{W}, \text{this} : C\langle\bar{T}\rangle|_{\Delta}$. Then, we have

$$|\bar{x} : \bar{W}, \text{this} : C\langle\bar{T}\rangle|_{\Delta} \vdash_{FJ} e' \in D$$

for some D such that $D \langle:_{FJ} |S_0|_{\Delta'}$ by Lemma 2.4.3. Therefore, we have

$$|\bar{x} : \bar{W}, \text{this} : C\langle\bar{T}\rangle|_{\Delta} \vdash |e|_{\Delta, \bar{x}:\bar{W}, \text{this}:C\langle\bar{T}\rangle} \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} e'$$

finishing the case.

Case MB-SUPER: $CT(C) = \text{class } C\langle\bar{X}\langle\bar{N}\rangle\langle D\langle\bar{S}\rangle \{ \dots \} \rangle$
 m is not defined in $CT(C)$.

By the induction hypothesis,

$$|\bar{x} : \bar{W}, \text{this} : [\bar{T}/\bar{X}]D\langle\bar{S}\rangle|_{\Delta} \vdash |e|_{\Delta, \bar{x}:\bar{W}, \text{this}:D\langle[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{S}\rangle} \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} e'.$$

By Lemma 4.5.15,

$$|\bar{x} : \bar{W}, \text{this} : C\langle\bar{T}\rangle|_{\Delta} \vdash |e|_{\Delta, \bar{x}:\bar{W}, \text{this}:D\langle[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{S}\rangle} \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} e'$$

Then, by Lemma 4.5.16, $|e|_{\Delta, \bar{x}:\bar{W}, \text{this}:D\langle[\bar{T}/\bar{X}]\bar{S}\rangle}$ is obtained from $|e|_{\Delta, \bar{x}:\bar{W}, \text{this}:C\langle\bar{T}\rangle}$ by some combination of replacements of some synthetic casts $(D)^s$ with $(C)^s$ where $D \langle:_{FJ} C$, or removals of some synthetic casts. On the other hand, by Lemma 2.4.3,

$$|\bar{x} : \bar{W}, \text{this} : C\langle\bar{T}\rangle|_{\Delta} \vdash_{FJ} e' \in E$$

for some E . Therefore,

$$|\bar{x} : \bar{W}, \text{this} : C\langle\bar{T}\rangle|_{\Delta} \vdash |e|_{\Delta, \bar{x}:\bar{W}, \text{this}:C\langle\bar{T}\rangle} \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} e',$$

finishing the case. ■

4.5.18 Lemma: If $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{FGJ} e \in T$ and $e \rightarrow_{FGJ} e'$, then there exists some FJ expression d' such that $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash_{FJ} |e'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} d'$ and $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \rightarrow_{FJ} d'$. In other words, the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 e & \xrightarrow{\text{reduce (FGJ)}} & e' \\
 \text{erase} \downarrow & & \downarrow \text{erase} \\
 |e| & \xrightarrow{\text{reduce (FJ)}} & |e'| \\
 & & \downarrow \text{erase} \\
 & & d'
 \end{array}$$

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $e \rightarrow_{\text{FGJ}} e'$ with a case analysis on the last reduction rule used. We show the main base cases.

Case GR-FIELD: $e = \text{new } N(\bar{e}) . f_i \quad \text{fields}_{\text{FGJ}}(N) = \bar{T} \bar{f} \quad e' = e_i$

We have two subcases depending on the last erasure rule used.

Subcase E-FIELD-CAST: $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = (D)^s (\text{new } C(|\bar{e}|_{\Delta, \Gamma}) . f_i)$

We have $|N|_{\Delta} = C$ by definition of erasure. Since $\text{fields}_{\text{FGJ}}(C) = \bar{c} \bar{f}$ for some \bar{c} , we have $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \rightarrow_{\text{FJ}} (D)^s |e_i|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$. On the other hand, by Theorem 3.4.13, $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} e_i \in T_i$ such that $\Delta \vdash T_i <_{\text{FGJ}} T$. By Theorem 4.5.1, $|T|_{\Delta} = D$ and $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash_{\text{FJ}} |e_i|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \in |T_i|_{\Delta}$. Since $|T_i|_{\Delta} <_{\text{FJ}} D$ by Lemma 4.5.6, $(D)^s |e_i|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$ is obtained by adding an upcast to $|e_i|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$.

Subcase E-FIELD: $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = \text{new } C(|\bar{e}|_{\Delta, \Gamma}) . f_i$

Follows from the induction hypothesis.

Case GR-INVK: $e = \text{new } C\langle \bar{T} \rangle (\bar{e}) . m\langle \bar{V} \rangle (\bar{d}) \quad \text{mbody}_{\text{FGJ}}(m\langle \bar{V} \rangle, C\langle \bar{T} \rangle) = (\bar{x}, e_0)$
 $e' = [\bar{d}/\bar{x}, \text{new } C\langle \bar{T} \rangle (\bar{e}) / \text{this}]e_0$

We have two subcases depending on the last erasure rule used.

Subcase E-INVK-CAST: $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = (D)^s (\text{new } C(|\bar{e}|_{\Delta, \Gamma}) . m(|\bar{d}|_{\Delta, \Gamma}))$

Since $\text{mbody}_{\text{FGJ}}(m\langle \bar{V} \rangle, C\langle \bar{T} \rangle)$ is well defined, $\text{mbody}_{\text{FJ}}(m, C)$ is also well defined. Let $\text{mbody}_{\text{FJ}}(m, C) = (\bar{x}, e_0')$ and $\Gamma' = \bar{x} : \bar{u}, \text{this} : C\langle \bar{T} \rangle$ where \bar{u} are types of \bar{d} . Then, by Lemma 4.5.17,

$$|\Gamma'|_{\Delta} \vdash |e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma'} \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} e_0'.$$

By Lemma 4.5.15,

$$|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |e'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} [|\bar{d}|_{\Delta, \Gamma}/\bar{x}, |\text{new } C\langle \bar{T} \rangle (\bar{e})|_{\Delta, \Gamma}/\text{this}]e_0'.$$

Note that $|e'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = [|\bar{d}|_{\Delta, \Gamma}/\bar{x}, |\text{new } C\langle \bar{T} \rangle (\bar{e})|_{\Delta, \Gamma}/\text{this}]e_0|_{\Delta, \Gamma'}$. By Theorems 3.4.13 and 4.5.1,

$$|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash_{\text{FJ}} |e'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \in |T'|_{\Delta}$$

for some T' such that $\Delta \vdash T' <_{\text{FGJ}} T$. By Lemma 4.5.6, $|T'|_{\Delta} <_{\text{FJ}} D$. Thus,

$$|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |e'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} (D)^s |e'|_{\Delta, \Gamma}.$$

Finally,

$$|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |e'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} (D)^s [|\bar{d}|_{\Delta, \Gamma}/\bar{x}, |\text{new } C\langle \bar{T} \rangle (\bar{e})|_{\Delta, \Gamma}/\text{this}]e_0'.$$

Subcase E-INVK:

Similarly to the subcase above.

Case GR-CAST:

Easy. ■

4.5.19 Lemma: If $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{FJ}} e \in C$ and $e \rightarrow_{\text{FJ}} e'$ and $\Gamma \vdash e \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} d$, then there exists some FJ expression d' such that $\Gamma \vdash e' \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} d'$ and $d \rightarrow_{\text{FJ}}^* d'$. In other words, the following diagram commutes.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 e & \xrightarrow{\text{reduce (FJ)}} & e' \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 d & \xrightarrow{\text{reduce (FJ)}}^* & d'
 \end{array}$$

Proof: By induction on the derivation of $e \rightarrow_{\text{FJ}} e'$ with a case analysis on the last reduction rule used.

Case R-FIELD: $e = \text{new } C(\bar{e}).f_i$ $fields_{FJ}(C) = \bar{C} \bar{F}$ $e' = e_i$

The expansion d must have a form of $((D_1)^s \cdots (D_n)^s \text{new } C(\bar{d})).f_i$ where $\Gamma \vdash \bar{e} \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} \bar{d}$ and $C \prec_{FJ} D_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ because each D_i is introduced as an upcast. Thus, $d \xrightarrow{FJ} \text{new } C(\bar{d}).f_i \xrightarrow{FJ} d_i$.

The other base cases are similar and the cases for induction steps are straightforward. \blacksquare

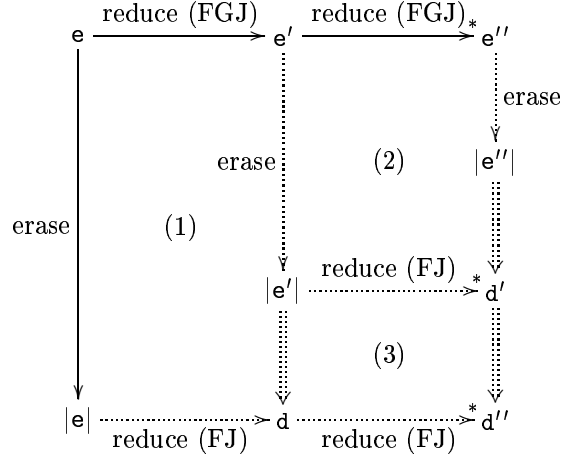
Proof of Theorem 4.5.11: By induction on the length n of reduction sequence $e \xrightarrow{FGJ} e'$.

Case: $n = 0$

Trivial.

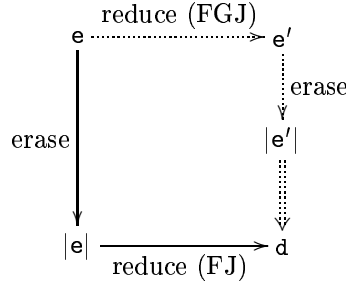
Case: $e \xrightarrow{FGJ} e' \xrightarrow{FGJ} e''$

We have the following commuting diagram.



Commutation (1) is proved by Lemma 4.5.18, (2) by the induction hypothesis and (3) by Lemma 4.5.19. \blacksquare

4.5.20 Lemma: Suppose $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{FGJ} e \in T$. If $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \xrightarrow{FJ} d$, then $e \xrightarrow{FGJ} e'$ for some e' and $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |e'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \xrightarrow{\text{exp}} d$. In other words, the following diagram commutes:



Proof: By induction on the derivation of $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \xrightarrow{FJ} d$ with a case analysis by the last rule used.

Case RC-CAST:

We have two subcases according to whether the cast is synthetic ($|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = (C)^s e_0$) or not ($|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = (C) e_0$). The latter case follows from the induction hypothesis. We show the former case where

$$\begin{aligned}
 |e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} &= (C)^s e_0 \\
 e_0 &\xrightarrow{FJ} d_0 \\
 d &= (C)^s d_0
 \end{aligned}$$

Then e_0 must be either a field access or a method invocation. We have another case analysis with the last reduction rule for the derivation of $e_0 \xrightarrow{FJ} d_0$. The cases for RC-FIELD, RC-INVK-RECV and RC-INVK-ARG are omitted since they follow from the induction hypothesis.

Subcase R-FIELD: $e_0 = \text{new } D(\bar{e}) . f_i$
 $d_0 = e_i$
 $fields_{\text{FJ}}(D) = \bar{C} \bar{F}$

By inspecting the derivation of $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$, it must be the case that

$$\begin{aligned} e &= \text{new } D\langle\bar{T}\rangle(\bar{e}') . f_i \\ |\bar{e}'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} &= \bar{e} \\ fields_{\text{max}}(D) &= \bar{C} \bar{F} \\ |T|_{\Delta} &= C \neq C_i. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorems 3.4.14 and 3.4.13, we have $e \rightarrow_{\text{FGJ}} e_i'$ and $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} e_i' \in S$ and $\Delta \vdash S <:_{\text{FGJ}} T$. By Theorem 4.5.1, $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash_{\text{FJ}} |e_i'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \in |S|_{\Delta}$. By Lemma 4.5.6, $|S|_{\Delta} <:_{\text{FJ}} |T|_{\Delta}$. Then, $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash e_i \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} (|T|_{\Delta})e_i$, finishing the case.

Subcase R-INVK: $e_0 = \text{new } D(\bar{d}) . m(\bar{e})$
 $d_0 = [\bar{e}/\bar{x}, \text{new } D(\bar{d})/\text{this}]e_m$
 $mbody_{\text{FJ}}(m, D) = (\bar{x}, e_m)$

By inspecting the derivation of $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$, it must be the case that

$$\begin{aligned} e &= \text{new } D\langle\bar{T}\rangle(\bar{d}') . m\langle\bar{V}\rangle(\bar{e}') \\ |\bar{d}'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} &= \bar{d} \\ |\bar{e}'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} &= \bar{e} \\ mtype_{\text{FGJ}}(m, D\langle\bar{T}\rangle) &= \langle\bar{V} \triangleleft \bar{P}\rangle \bar{U} \rightarrow U_0 \\ [\bar{V}/\bar{Y}]U_0 &= T \\ mtypemax(m, D) &= \bar{C} \rightarrow C_0 \\ |T|_{\Delta} &= C \neq C_0. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorems 3.4.14 and 3.4.13, $e \rightarrow_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{e}'/\bar{x}, \text{new } D\langle\bar{T}\rangle(\bar{d}')/\text{this}]e_m'$ where $mbody_{\text{FGJ}}(m\langle\bar{V}\rangle, D\langle\bar{T}\rangle) = (\bar{x}, e_m')$ and $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} [\bar{e}'/\bar{x}, \text{new } D\langle\bar{T}\rangle(\bar{d}')/\text{this}]e_m' \in S$ for some S such that $\Delta \vdash S <: T$. By Theorem 4.5.1 and the fact that

$$|[\bar{e}'/\bar{x}, \text{new } D\langle\bar{T}\rangle(\bar{d}')/\text{this}]e_m'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} = |[\bar{e}/\bar{x}, \text{new } D(\bar{d})/\text{this}]e_m'|_{\Delta, \bar{x}:\bar{w}, \text{this}:D\langle\bar{T}\rangle}$$

where \bar{w} are the types of \bar{e}' , we have

$$|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash_{\text{FJ}} |[\bar{e}/\bar{x}, \text{new } D(\bar{d})/\text{this}]e_m'|_{\Delta, \bar{x}:\bar{w}, \text{this}:D\langle\bar{T}\rangle} \in |S|_{\Delta}.$$

Since $|S|_{\Delta} <:_{\text{FJ}} |T|_{\Delta}$ by Lemma 4.5.6,

$$\begin{aligned} |\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |[\bar{e}/\bar{x}, \text{new } D(\bar{d})/\text{this}]e_m'|_{\Delta, \bar{x}:\bar{w}, \text{this}:D\langle\bar{T}\rangle} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} (|T|_{\Delta})^s |[\bar{e}/\bar{x}, \text{new } D(\bar{d})/\text{this}]e_m'|_{\Delta, \bar{x}:\bar{w}, \text{this}:D\langle\bar{T}\rangle}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 4.5.17,

$$|\bar{x} : \bar{w}, \text{this} : D\langle\bar{T}\rangle|_{\Delta} \vdash |e_m'|_{\Delta, \bar{x}:\bar{w}, \text{this}:D\langle\bar{T}\rangle} \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} e_m.$$

By Lemma 4.5.15,

$$|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |[\bar{e}/\bar{x}, \text{new } D(\bar{d})/\text{this}]e_m'|_{\Delta, \bar{x}:\bar{w}, \text{this}:D\langle\bar{T}\rangle} \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} |[\bar{e}/\bar{x}, \text{new } D(\bar{d})/\text{this}]e_m|.$$

Then,

$$|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash (|T|_{\Delta})^s |[\bar{e}/\bar{x}, \text{new } D(\bar{d})/\text{this}]e_m'|_{\Delta, \bar{x}:\bar{w}, \text{this}:D\langle\bar{T}\rangle} \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} (|T|_{\Delta})^s |[\bar{e}/\bar{x}, \text{new } D(\bar{d})/\text{this}]e_m|.$$

Finally, we have, by the fact that $C = |T|_{\Delta}$ and transitivity of the expansion relation,

$$|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |[\bar{e}'/\bar{x}, \text{new } D\langle\bar{T}\rangle(\bar{d}')/\text{this}]e_m'|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} (C) |[\bar{e}/\bar{x}, \text{new } D(\bar{d})/\text{this}]e_m'|.$$

Case R-FIELD:

Similar to the subcase for R-FIELD in the case for RC-CAST above.

Case R-INVK:

Similar to the subcase for R-INVK in the case for RC-CAST above.

The other cases for induction steps are straightforward. \blacksquare

4.5.21 Lemma: Suppose $\Delta; \Gamma \vdash_{\text{FGJ}} e \in \mathbb{T}$ and $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} d$. If d reduces to d' with zero or more steps by reducing synthetic casts, followed by one step by other kinds of reduction, then $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \rightarrow_{\text{FJ}} e'$ and $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash e' \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} d'$. In other words, the following diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \text{reduce (FJ)} & \\
 |e| & \xrightarrow{\quad \quad \quad} & e' \\
 \Downarrow & & \Downarrow \\
 d & \xrightarrow{\text{R-CAST}^*} & d' \\
 & \text{reduce (FJ)} &
 \end{array}$$

Proof: By induction on the derivation of the last reduction step with a case analysis by the last rule used.

Case R-FIELD: $d \rightarrow_{\text{FJ}}^* \text{new } C(\bar{e}) . f_i \quad \text{fields}_{\text{FJ}}(C) = \bar{C} \bar{F} \quad d' = e_i$

The expression d must be of the form $((D_1)^s \dots (D_n)^s \text{new } C(\bar{e}')) . f_i$ where $C <: D_i$ for any i and each e_i' reduces to e_i by reducing upcasts (in several steps). In other words, $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash \bar{e}' \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} \bar{e}$. Moreover, since $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} d$, the expression $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$ must be of the form, either $\text{new } C(\bar{e}'') . f_i$ or $(D)^s \text{new } C(\bar{e}'') . f_i$, where $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash \bar{e}'' \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} \bar{e}'$. Therefore, $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \rightarrow_{\text{FJ}} e_i''$ or $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \rightarrow_{\text{FJ}} (D)^s e_i''$. It is easy to see

$$|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash (D)^s e_i'' \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} e_i$$

and

$$|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash e_i'' \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} e_i.$$

Other base cases are similar; induction steps are straightforward. \blacksquare

Proof of Theorem 4.5.12: Follows from Lemmas 4.5.20 and 4.5.21. \blacksquare

Proof of Corollary 4.5.13: Theorem 4.5.11, we have an FJ expression d such that $|e|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \rightarrow_{\text{FJ}}^* d$ and $|\Gamma|_{\Delta} \vdash |w|_{\Delta, \Gamma} \xrightarrow{\text{exR}} d$. Since the FJ value $|w|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$ does not include any typecasts, d is obtained only by adding some (synthetic) upcasts. Therefore, d reduces to $|w|_{\Delta, \Gamma}$.

The second part follows from a similar argument using Theorem 4.5.12. \blacksquare

Proof of Corollary 4.5.14: Similar to the proof of Corollary 4.5.13. \blacksquare

5 Related Work

Core calculi for Java. There are several known proofs in the literature of type soundness for subsets of Java. In the earliest, Drossopoulou and Eisenbach [11] (using a technique later mechanically checked by Syme [23]) prove soundness for a fairly large subset of sequential Java. Like us, they use a small-step operational semantics, but they avoid the subtleties of “stupid casts” by omitting casting entirely. Nipkow and Oheimb [20] give a mechanically checked proof of soundness for a somewhat larger core language. Their language does include casts, but it is formulated using a “big-step” operational semantics, which sidesteps the stupid cast problem. Flatt, Krishnamurthi, and Felleisen [15, 16] use a small-step semantics and formalize a language with both assignment and casting. Their system is somewhat larger than ours (the syntax, typing, and operational semantics rules take perhaps three times the space), and the soundness proof, though correspondingly longer, is of similar complexity. Their published proof of subject reduction in the earlier version is slightly flawed — the case that motivated our introduction of stupid casts is not handled properly — but the problem can be repaired by applying the same refinement we have used here.

Of these three studies, that of Flatt, Krishnamurthi, and Felleisen is closest to ours in an important sense: the goal there, as here, is to choose a core calculus that is as *small* as possible, capturing just the features of Java that are relevant to some particular task. In their case, the task is analyzing an extension of Java with Common Lisp style mixins – in ours, extensions of the core type system. The goal of the other two systems, on the other hand, is to include as *large* a subset of Java as possible, since their primary interest is proving the soundness of Java itself.

Other class-based object calculi. The literature on foundations of object-oriented languages contains many papers formalizing class-based object-oriented languages, either taking classes as primitive (e.g., [24, 8, 6, 5]) or translating classes into lower-level mechanisms (e.g., [14, 4, 1, 22]). Some of these systems (e.g. [22, 8]) include generic classes and methods, but only in fairly simple forms.

Generic extensions of Java. A number of extensions of Java with generic classes and methods have been proposed by various groups, including the language of Agesen, Freund, and Mitchell [2]; PolyJ, by Myers, Bank, and Liskov [19]; Pizza, by Odersky and Wadler [21]; GJ, by Bracha, Odersky, Stoutamire, and Wadler [7]; and NextGen, by Cartwright and Steele [10]. While all these languages are believed to be typesafe, our study of FGJ is the first to give rigorous proof of soundness for a generic extension of Java. We have used GJ as the basis for our generic extension, but similar techniques should apply to the forms of genericity found in the rest of these languages.

Recently, Duggan [12] has proposed a technique to translate monomorphic classes to parametric classes by inferring type argument information. He has also defined a polymorphic extension of Java, slightly less expressive than GJ (for example, polymorphic methods are not allowed and a subclass must have the same number of type arguments as its superclass). Type soundness theorem of the language is mentioned but stupid cast problem is not taken into account.

6 Discussion

We have presented Featherweight Java, a core language for Java modeled closely on the lambda-calculus and embodying many of the key features of Java's type system. FJ's definition and proof of soundness are both concise and straightforward, making it a suitable arena for the study of ambitious extensions to the type system, such as the generic types of GJ. We have developed this extension in detail, stated some of its fundamental properties, and given their proofs.

It was pleasing to discover that FGJ could be formulated as a straightforward extension of FJ, giving us additional confidence that the design of GJ was on the right track. Our investigation of FGJ led us to uncover one bug in the compiler, involving a subtle relation between subtyping and raw types. Most importantly, however, FGJ has given us useful vocabulary and notation for thinking about the design of GJ.

FJ itself is not quite complete enough to model some of the interesting subtleties found in GJ. In particular, the full GJ language allows some parameters to be instantiated by a special "bottom type" $*$, using a delicate rule to avoid unsoundness in the presence of assignment. Capturing the relevant issues in FGJ requires extending it with assignment and `null` values (both of these extensions seem straightforward, but cost us some of the pleasing compactness of FJ as it stands). Another subtle aspect of GJ that is not accurately modeled in FGJ is the use of bridge methods in the compilation from GJ to JVM bytecodes. To treat this compilation exactly as GJ does, we would need to extend FJ with overloading.

Our formalization of GJ also does not include *raw types*, a unique aspect of the GJ design that supports compatibility between old, unparameterized code and new, parameterized code. We are currently experimenting with an extension of FGJ with raw types. A preliminary result [17, Chap. 5] has already uncovered that, unfortunately, the currently implemented typing system of raw types is unsound; the fixed type system is proved to be sound.

Formalizing generics has proven to be a useful application domain for FJ, but there are other areas where its extreme simplicity may yield significant leverage. For example, work is under way on formalizing Java 1.1's *inner classes* using FJ [18].

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