

Types of Java

Types: Types A , B , C are:

- primitive **types** (boolean, int, double, ...)
- classes, interfaces
- Null, void
- If A is a **type**, $A \neq \text{Null}$ and $A \neq \text{void}$, then $A[]$ is a **type**.

Reference types: classes, interfaces, Null, array types

Subtype relation for reference types: $A \preceq B$ is the least **reflexive** and **transitive** relation with:

- If $A \prec_d B$, then $A \preceq B$.
- If A is a reference type, then $\text{Null} \preceq A$ and $A \preceq \text{Object}$.
- $A[] \preceq \text{Cloneable}$ and $A[] \preceq \text{Serializable}$.
- If $A \preceq B$ and A, B are reference types, then $A[] \preceq B[]$.

Properties of the subtype relation

- $A \preceq A$ [reflexive]
- $A \preceq B$ and $B \preceq C \implies A \preceq C$ [transitive]
- $A \preceq B$ and $B \preceq A \implies A = B$ [anti-symmetric]

For classes and interfaces A, B :

- $A \preceq B \iff A \preceq_h B$ or $B = \text{Object}$

Binary operators for references

Bop	Operand types	Result type	Operation
+	A or B is <code>String</code>	<code>String</code>	String concatenation
==	$A \preceq B$ or $B \preceq A$	boolean	equal (references)
!=	$A \preceq B$ or $B \preceq A$	boolean	not equal (references)

Syntax of Java

Exp ::= ... | null | this | *Exp.Field* | super.*Field*
| *Exp* instanceof *Class* | (*Class*)*Exp*

Asgn ::= ... | *Exp.Field* = *Exp* | super.*Field* = *Exp*

Invk ::= ... | new *Class*(*Exps*) | *Exp.Meth*(*Exps*) | super.*Meth*(*Exps*)

Constructor declarations in class *A*

```
⟨public | protected | private⟩ A(B1 loc1, ..., Bn locn) cbody  
cbody := block | {this(exps); bstm ...} | {super(exps); bstm ...}
```

Default constructor: `A() {super();}`

Example:

```
class A {  
    private int x;  
    private int y = 17;  
    static int z = 3;  
  
    A(int x) {  
        this.x = x;  
    }  
}
```

Compiler:

```
A(int x) {  
    super();  
    y = 17;  
    this.x = x;  
}  
  
static { z = 3; }
```

Instance field access expressions in class A

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathit{exp}.\mathit{field} \\ \mathit{super}.\mathit{field} \\ \mathit{field} \end{array} \right\} \Longrightarrow \mathit{exp}.C/\mathit{field} \quad [\text{Compiler}]$$

Case 1: If $B = \mathcal{T}(\mathit{exp})$ and C is unique with

- field is declared in C
- C/field is visible in B and accessible from A with respect to B

Case 2: If $A \prec_d B$ and C is unique with

- field is declared in C
- C/field is visible in B and accessible from A

Case 3: Similar to `this.field`, if field is not in the scope of a local variable declaration of field .

Syntaxerror: field is not static in C . (?)

Instance method invocation expressions in class A

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \alpha(\beta \text{exp.meth}^\gamma(\text{exps})) \\ \alpha \text{super.meth}^\gamma(\text{exps}) \\ \alpha \text{meth}^\gamma(\text{exps}) \end{array} \right\} \Longrightarrow \alpha(\beta \text{exp.D/m}^\gamma(\text{exps})) \quad [\text{Compiler}]$$

Let $\text{msig} = \text{meth}(\mathcal{T}(\gamma))$.

Case 1: Let $C = \mathcal{T}(\beta)$. Then $D/m \in \text{app}(\alpha)$ iff

1. C/msig is **more specific** than D/m
2. D/m is **visible** in C and **accessible** from A with respect to C
3. if D is an interface, then C does not **implement** m

Case 2: Let $A \prec_d C$. $D/m \in \text{app}(\alpha)$ iff

1. C/msig is **more specific** than D/m
2. D/m is **visible** in C and **accessible** from A
3. if D is an interface, then C does not **implement** m

Case 3: Similar to $\alpha(\beta \text{this.meth}^\gamma(\text{exps}))$.

Method invocation expressions (continued)

Constraint: D/m must be the most specific method in $app(\alpha)$.

Invocation mode: $CallKind := Virtual \mid Special \mid Super$

Case 1:

$$callKind(\alpha) := \begin{cases} Special, & \text{if } m \text{ is private in } D; \\ Virtual, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Case 2: β_{exp} is β_{this} and $callKind(\alpha) := Super$

Case 3: Similar to Case 1, if m is not static in D .

$Virtual \implies$ dynamic method lookup (late binding)

$Special \implies$ direct call (early binding)

$Super \implies$ dynamic method lookup starting in C

Example: Applicable methods

```
interface I { void m(int i); }
class A {
    public void m(int i) { }
}
class B extends A implements I {
    void test(int i) {
         $\alpha$ m(i);
    }
}
```

Remark: The method $I/m(\text{int})$ is not applicable at α .

Remark: $A/m(\text{int})$ is **not** more specific than $I/m(\text{int})$.

Example: Ambiguity?

```
interface I {
    void m(J x);
}
interface J extends I {
    void m(I x);
}
abstract class A implements J {
    void test(J x) {
        this.m(x);
        ((A)x).m(x);
        x.m(x);
    }
}
```

JDK 1.3

```
javac A.java
```

```
abstract class I {
    abstract void m(J x);
}
abstract class J extends I {
    abstract void m(I x);
}
abstract class A extends J {
    void test(J x) {
        this.m(x);
        ((A)x).m(x);
        x.m(x);
    }
}
```

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javac A.java
```

```
reference to m is ambiguous: this.m(x);
reference to m is ambiguous: ((A)x).m(x);
reference to m is ambiguous: x.m(x);
3 errors
```

Instance creation expressions

$\text{new } C(\text{exps}) \implies (\text{new } C).C / \text{msig}(\text{exps})$

where $\text{msig} = \langle \text{init} \rangle (A_1, \dots, A_n)$ and $\text{callKind} = \textit{Special}$

Type constraints for Java₀

α_{null}	$\mathcal{T}(\alpha) = \text{Null}$
α_{this}	$\mathcal{T}(\alpha) = A$, if the position α is in class A .
$\alpha(\beta \text{ instanceof } A)$	$\mathcal{T}(\alpha) = \text{boolean}$. A is a reference type. (* It must be possible that there is a class or array type C with $C \preceq A$ and $C \preceq \mathcal{T}(\beta)$.
$\alpha((A)^\beta \text{ exp})$	$\mathcal{T}(\alpha) = A$. A is a reference type. (*)
$\alpha(\text{exp}.C / \text{field})$	$\mathcal{T}(\alpha)$ is the declared type of <i>field</i> in class C .
$\alpha(\text{exp}_1.C / \text{field} = \gamma \text{exp}_2)$	$\mathcal{T}(\alpha)$ is the declared type of <i>field</i> in C , <i>field</i> is not <code>final</code> in C , $\mathcal{T}(\gamma) \preceq \mathcal{T}(\alpha)$.
$\alpha_{\text{new } C.C / \text{msig}(\text{exps})}$	$\mathcal{T}(\alpha) = C$. C a class. C not abstract.
$\alpha(\text{exp}.C / \text{msig}(\text{exps}))$	$\mathcal{T}(\alpha)$ is the declared return type of method <i>msig</i> in class or interface C .

Static functions:

instanceFields: *Class* \rightarrow *Powerset*(*Class/Field*)

defaultVal : *Type* \rightarrow *Val*

type : *Class/Field* \rightarrow *Type*

lookup : (*Class*, *Class/MSig*) \rightarrow *Class*

Example (Instance fields):

```
class A {
    private int x;
    public int y;
    public static int z;
}
class B extends A {
    private int x;
}
```

instanceFields(B) = [A/x, A/y, B/x].

Dynamic method lookup

$lookup(A, B/msig) =$

if A contains a non abstract declaration of $msig$ and
(B is an interface or $A/msig$ overrides $B/msig$)

then

A

else if $A = \text{Object}$ then

$undef$

else

$lookup(\text{super}(A), B/msig)$

Vocabulary of the ASM for Java₀ (continued)

Universes:

Ref references, pointers

Val values ($Val = \dots \mid Ref \mid null$)

Heap objects (instances of classes) and arrays

$Heap = Object(Class, Map(Class/Field, Val)) \mid Array(Type, [Val])$

Dynamic function:

$heap: Ref \rightarrow Heap$

Run-time type:

$classOf(ref) = \text{case } heap(ref) \text{ of}$
 $Array(t, elems) \rightarrow t[]$
 $Object(c, fields) \rightarrow c$

Initial state of Java₀: $heap = \emptyset$

Transition rules for Java₀

$execJava_0 =$
 $execJavaExp_0$

$getField(ref, f) = fields(f)$
where $Object(c, fields) = heap(ref)$

$setField(ref, f, val) =$
 $heap(ref) := Object(c, fields \oplus \{(f, val)\})$
where $Object(c, fields) = heap(ref)$

$exitMethod(result) =$

...

elseif $methNm(meth) = \langle \text{init} \rangle \wedge result = Norm$ **then**
 $restbody := oldPgm[locals("this")/oldPos]$

...

Transition rules for Java₀ (continued)

$execJavaExp_0 = \text{case context}(pos)$ of
 $\text{this} \rightarrow \text{yield}(\text{locals}(\text{"this"}))$

$\text{new } c \rightarrow \text{if } \text{initialized}(c) \text{ then create } ref$
 $\quad \text{heap}(ref) := \text{Object}(c, \{(f, \text{defaultVal}(\text{type}(f)))$
 $\quad \quad \quad | f \in \text{instanceFields}(c)\})$
 $\quad \text{yield}(ref)$
 $\quad \text{else } \text{initialize}(c)$

$\alpha \text{exp}.c/f \rightarrow pos := \alpha$

► $ref.c/f \rightarrow \text{if } ref \neq \text{null} \text{ then } \text{yieldUp}(\text{getField}(ref, c/f))$

$\alpha \text{exp}_1.c/f = \beta \text{exp}_2 \rightarrow pos := \alpha$

► $ref.c/f = \beta \text{exp} \rightarrow pos := \beta$

$\alpha \text{ref}.c/f = \blacktriangleright val \rightarrow \text{if } ref \neq \text{null} \text{ then}$
 $\quad \text{setField}(ref, c/f, val)$
 $\quad \text{yieldUp}(val)$

Transition rules for Java₀ (continued)

α exp instanceof $c \rightarrow pos := \alpha$

► ref instanceof $c \rightarrow yieldUp(ref \neq null \wedge classOf(ref) \preceq c)$

(c) α $exp \rightarrow pos := \alpha$

(c) ► $ref \rightarrow$ **if** $ref = null \vee classOf(ref) \preceq c$ **then** $yieldUp(ref)$

α $exp.c/m$ β ($exps$) $\rightarrow pos := \alpha$

► $ref.c/m$ β ($exps$) $\rightarrow pos := \beta$

α $ref.c/m$ ► ($vals$) \rightarrow **if** $ref \neq null$ **then**

let $c' =$ **case** $callKind(up(pos))$ **of**

Virtual $\rightarrow lookup(classOf(ref), c/m)$

Super $\rightarrow lookup(super(classNm(meth)), c/m)$

Special $\rightarrow c$

$invokeMethod(up(pos), c'/m, [ref] \cdot vals)$