

Chapter 29: Type Operators and Kinding

Type-level Functions

Kinding

$\lambda\omega$



Type Constructor and Type Function

- Type Constructor

$$\text{Pair } Y \ Z = \forall X. (Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow X) \rightarrow X;$$

- Type Function: A map from Types to Types

$$\text{Pair} = \lambda Y. \lambda Z. \forall X. (Y \rightarrow Z \rightarrow X) \rightarrow X;$$



Type Constructor and Type Function

- Introducing abstraction and application at the level of types gives us the possibility of writing the same type in different ways.

$$\text{Id} = \lambda X.X$$

Then, the following are all equivalent:

$\text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Bool}$

$\text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Id Bool}$

$\text{Id Nat} \rightarrow \text{Id Bool}$

$\text{Id (Nat} \rightarrow \text{Bool)}$

$$(\lambda X::K_{11}.T_{12}) T_2 \equiv [X \rightarrow T_2]T_{12}$$



Kind

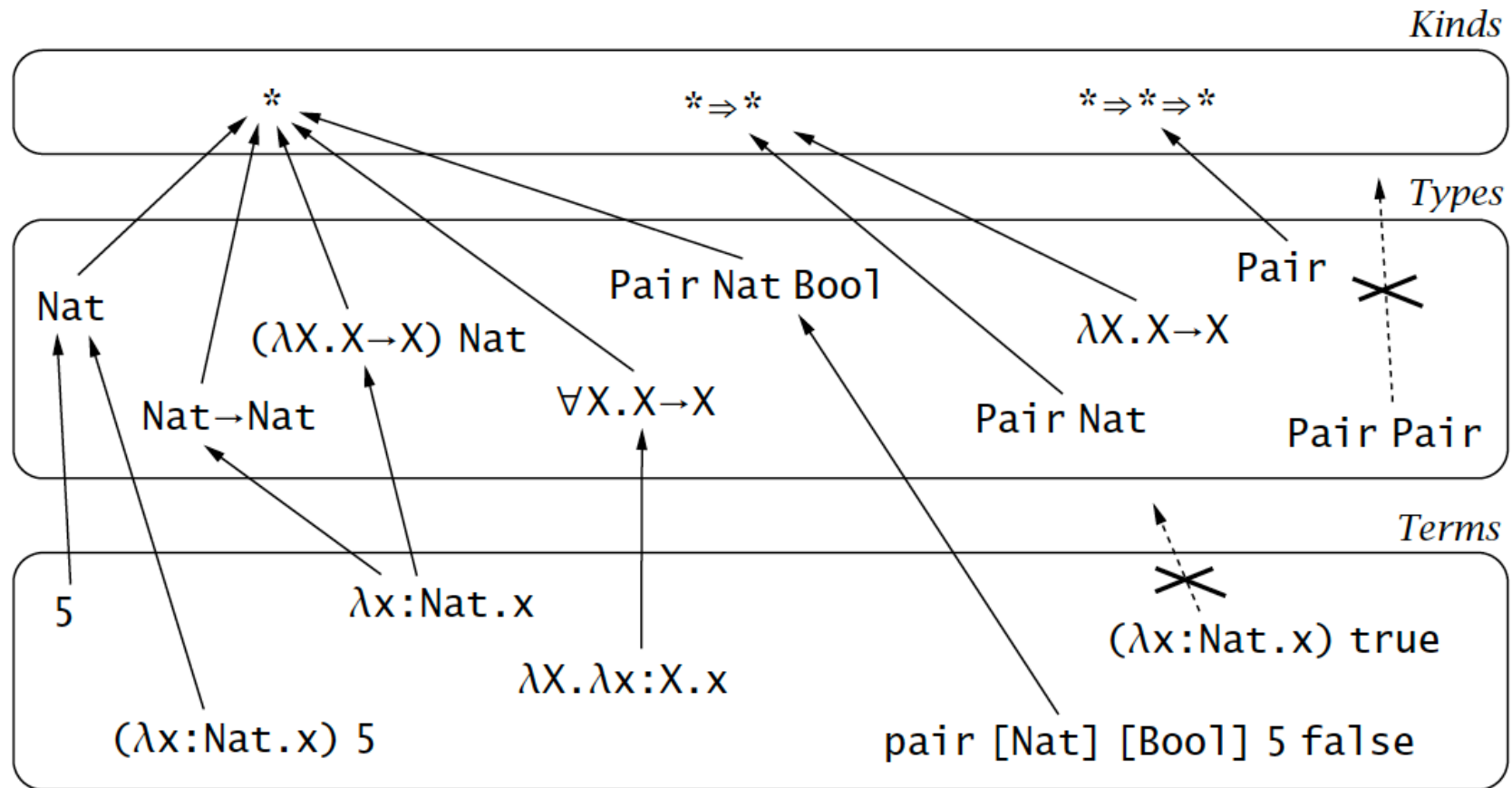
- Kinds, “the types of types”, are introduced to avoid writing meaningless type expressions such as (Bool Nat)

- * the kind of proper types (like Bool and Bool \rightarrow Bool)
- * \Rightarrow * the kind of type operators (i.e., functions from proper types to proper types)
- * \Rightarrow * \Rightarrow * the kind of functions from proper types to type operators (i.e., two-argument operators)
- (* \Rightarrow *) \Rightarrow * the kind of functions from type operators to proper types

Pair = $\lambda A::*. \lambda B::*. \forall X. (A \rightarrow B \rightarrow X) \rightarrow X;$



Terms, Types, and Kinds



Proper types: types with kind $*$



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Syntax

$t ::=$

x

$\lambda x:T.t$

$t t$

$v ::=$

$\lambda x:T.t$

terms:

variable

abstraction

application

values:

abstraction value



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$T ::=$

- X *types:*
type variable
- $\lambda X :: K. T$ *operator abstraction*
- $T T$ *operator application*
- $T \rightarrow T$ *type of functions*

$\Gamma ::=$

- \emptyset *contexts:*
empty context
- $\Gamma, x : T$ *term variable binding*
- $\Gamma, X :: K$ *type variable binding*

$K ::=$

- $*$ *kinds:*
kind of proper types
- $K \Rightarrow K$ *kind of operators*



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Evaluation

$$\boxed{t \rightarrow t'}$$

$$\frac{t_1 \rightarrow t'_1}{t_1 t_2 \rightarrow t'_1 t_2} \quad (\text{E-APP1})$$

$$\frac{t_2 \rightarrow t'_2}{v_1 t_2 \rightarrow v_1 t'_2} \quad (\text{E-APP2})$$

$$(\lambda x:T_{11}. t_{12}) v_2 \rightarrow [x \mapsto v_2] t_{12} \quad (\text{E-APPABS})$$



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Kinding

$$\boxed{\Gamma \vdash T :: K}$$

$$\frac{X :: K \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash X :: K}$$

(K-TVAR)

$$\frac{\Gamma, X :: K_1 \vdash T_2 :: K_2}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda X :: K_1 . T_2 :: K_1 \Rightarrow K_2}$$

(K-ABS)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash T_1 :: K_{11} \Rightarrow K_{12} \quad \Gamma \vdash T_2 :: K_{11}}{\Gamma \vdash T_1 T_2 :: K_{12}}$$

(K-APP)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash T_1 :: * \quad \Gamma \vdash T_2 :: *}{\Gamma \vdash T_1 \rightarrow T_2 :: *}$$

(K-ARROW)



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Type equivalence

$$\boxed{S \equiv T}$$

$$T \equiv T$$

(Q-REFL)

$$\frac{T \equiv S}{S \equiv T}$$

(Q-SYMM)

$$\frac{S \equiv U \quad U \equiv T}{S \equiv T}$$

(Q-TRANS)

$$\frac{S_1 \equiv T_1 \quad S_2 \equiv T_2}{S_1 \rightarrow S_2 \equiv T_1 \rightarrow T_2}$$

(Q-ARROW)

$$\frac{S_2 \equiv T_2}{\lambda X :: K_1 . S_2 \equiv \lambda X :: K_1 . T_2}$$

(Q-ABS)

$$\frac{S_1 \equiv T_1 \quad S_2 \equiv T_2}{S_1 S_2 \equiv T_1 T_2}$$

(Q-APP)

$$(\lambda X :: K_{11} . T_{12}) T_2 \equiv [X \mapsto T_2] T_{12} \quad \text{(Q-APPABS)}$$



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Typing

$\boxed{\Gamma \vdash t : T}$

$$\frac{x:T \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : T}$$

(T-VAR)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash T_1 :: * \quad \Gamma, x:T_1 \vdash t_2 : T_2}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x:T_1. t_2 : T_1 \rightarrow T_2}$$

(T-ABS)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_1 : T_{11} \rightarrow T_{12} \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : T_{11}}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 t_2 : T_{12}}$$

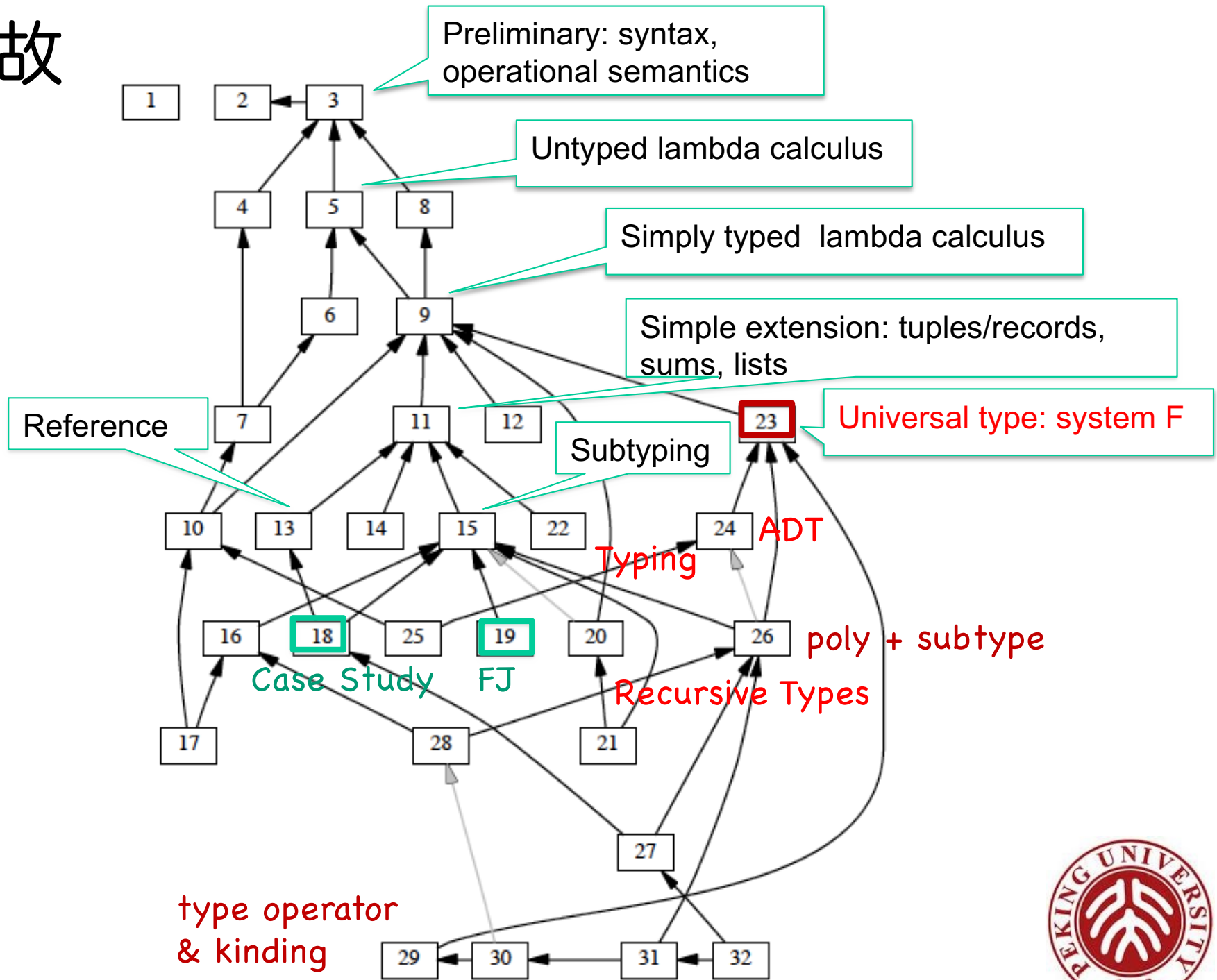
(T-APP)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : S \quad S \equiv T \quad \Gamma \vdash T :: *}{\Gamma \vdash t : T}$$

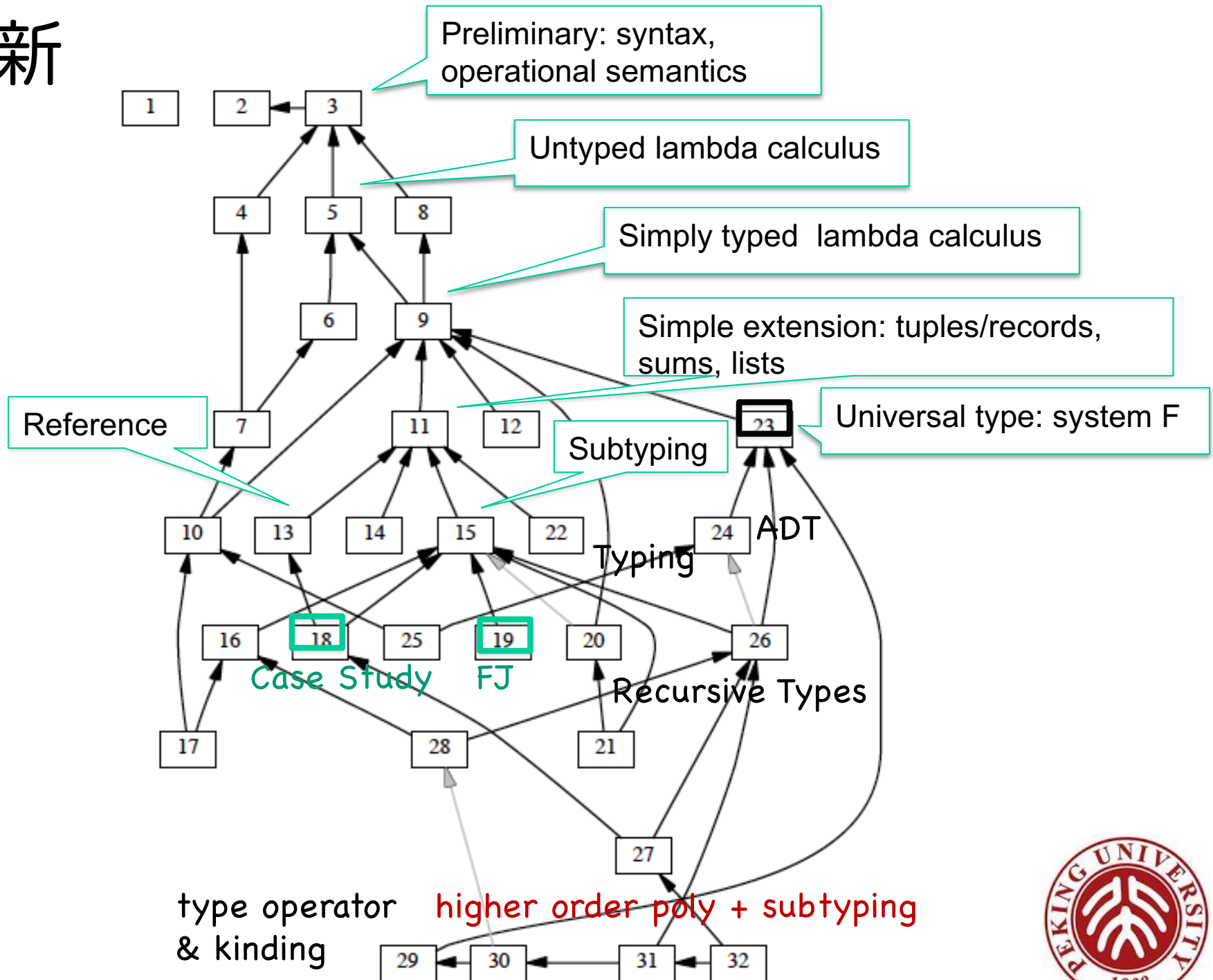
(T-EQ)



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