

From Soft Scheme to
Typed Scheme:
20 Years of *Scripts-to-
Program* Conversion

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Robert "Corky" Cartwright

User-Defined Data Types as an
Aid to Verifying LISP Programs
ICALP 1976, 228-256
Editors: Michaelson and Milner

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2008-2011: Stevie Strickland: Typed **PLT** Scheme (class.ss)

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turn true recursive unions into Remy's record algebra;
use HM type inference to restore types
with *slack variables* for catching mismatches

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  (letrec ((get-value
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              (let* ((debug-port* "getting value for ~>~" name)
                     (let* ((x (with-handlers ([string?]
                                               (lambda (x)
                                                 (printf x) (newline)
                                                 #f)))
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              (let* ((table-name (string? "getting value for ~v~" name))
                     (table (let* ((x (string? "table"))
                                   (lambda (x)
                                     (string? x)
                                     (newline)
                                     #f))))
                    (stock-quote
                     (car (regexp-match "[A-Z]+~" name))))))
              (fprintf #debug-port* "got ~v~" x)
              (if (number? x)
                  (begin (add-table name (cons (number? x)
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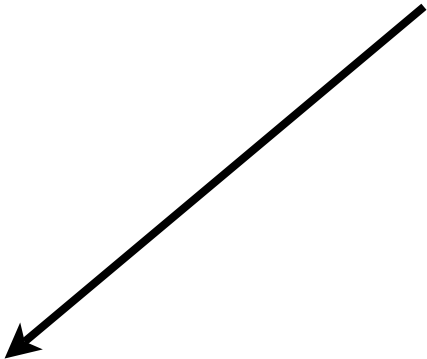
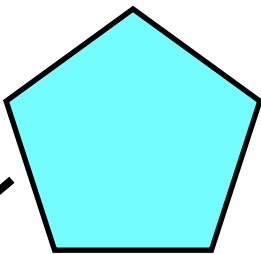
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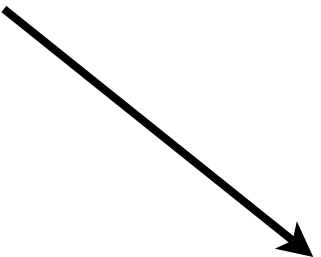
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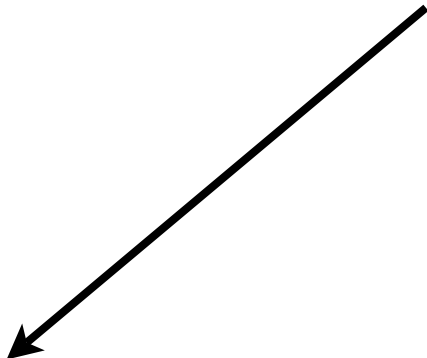
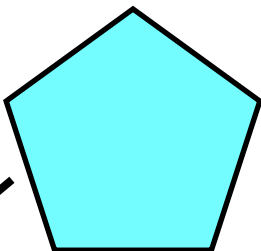
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Soft Scheme (Analysis)



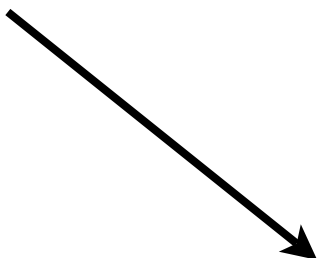
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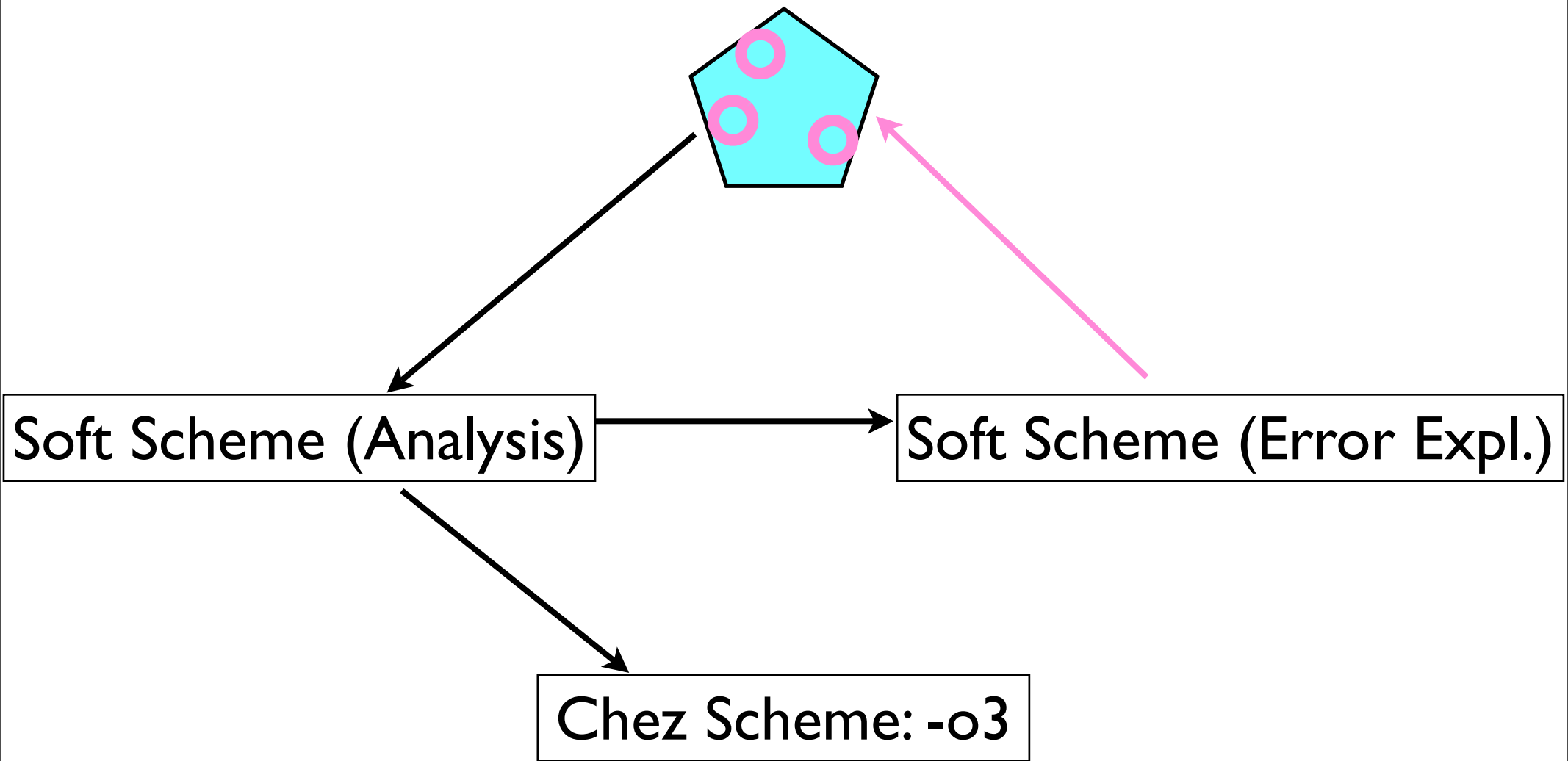
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Soft Scheme (Error Expl.)



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One-Year Sabbatical @ CMU:

- context: SML versus (Soft) Scheme
- many 1,000loc programs; see “Extensible Denotational Semantics” (Sendai, 1994)
- type errors in SML are difficult
- type errors in Soft Scheme are *pure torture*
- modules but no modularity with Soft Scheme

Shriram's starter project:

- context: Soft Scheme on SLaTeX
- Sitaram's SLaTeX uses every "bit" of Scheme (and Common Lisp); truly "in the wild"
- Soft Scheme discovers type problems
- explaining type errors in Soft Scheme remains for PhD-level experts
- not useful for undergraduate courses

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... and we can visualize those!

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graph-spidey.ss - MrSpidey
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;; reachable : sgn graph -> graph
;; to produce a graph whose visited fields are marked
;; true if the nodes are reachable from a-node
;; false if not
;; effect: to mark all those nodes in graph that are reachable from a-node
(define (reachable a-node graph)
  (letrec ((reachable
            (lambda (a-node)
              (cond
                [(boolean? a-node) graph]
                [(node-visited a-node) (void)]
                [else (begin
                        (set-node-visited! a-node true)
                        (reachable (node-next a-node)))])))
          (cond
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            [else (begin
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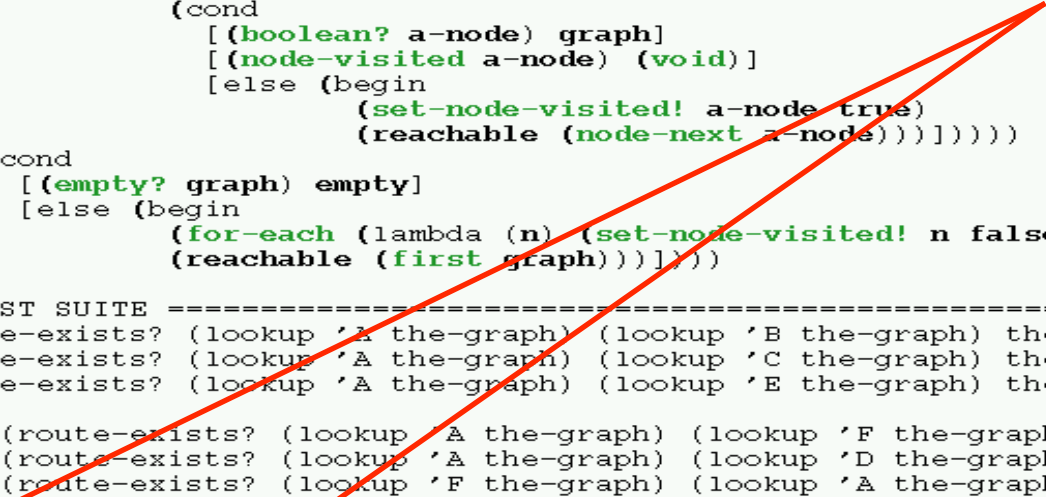
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(not (route-exists? (lookup 'A the-graph) (lookup 'F the-graph) the-graph))
(not (route-exists? (lookup 'A the-graph) (lookup 'D the-graph) the-graph))
(not (route-exists? (lookup 'F the-graph) (lookup 'A the-graph) the-graph))
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(map node-name
     (reachable (first the-graph) the-graph))

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map check in file "graph-spidey.ss": line 93, column 2
first check in file "graph-spidey.ss": line 94, column 18
TOTAL CHECKS:      2 (of 56 possible checks is 3.5%)

Collect 30437376 Unlocked
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potential conflicts



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void might flow

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the source of the "void" problem & potential data flow

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                    (stock-quote
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              (fprintf "lookup-port" "got ~s!" x)
              (if (number? x)
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```
(define category
  (lambda (name val 1)
    (let company ((list 1) [base 0] [cost 0] [no-shares 0])
      (last-price (share-price car 1)))
      (year (year of car 1)))
      (yearly (cons
               (share-year-record (- (year of car 1) 1) 0)
               (share-price car 1)))
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    (cond
     [(null? list)
      (let ((current-value (+ (base (* no-shares (share-val))))
                             cost
                             current-value
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                             base ;; tax base
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                             (cons (share-year-record year cost current-value)
                                   year)))))
      [(= (year of car 1) year)
       (let ((row-cost (share-price car 1)))
         (is (share (share (car 1) row-cost)))
          (company (car list)
                   (+ base row-cost)
                   (if (dividend? car 1) cost (+ cost row-cost))
                   (+ no-shares s)
                   (share-price (car 1) cost)
                   year year)))]
      [else ;; new year
       (with-handlers ((void) (lambda (x)
                                (printf "bug ~s ~s ~s!" name last-price no-shares)))
```

```
(define print&compute-value-of
  (lambda (list hdr)
    (let ((value (sum company-record-current list)))
      ;; --- print all the records in one category ---
      (printf "~n<n")
      (display (header hdr))
      (newline)
      (printB list) (bottom -line value)
      (printf "~n<n")
      ;; --- and return total value ---
      value)))

(define print&compute-value-of-accounts
  (lambda (accounts)
    (printf "~n<n")
    (let value-of ((accounts accounts) (sum 0))
      (if (null? accounts)
          (begin (bottom -line sum) (printf "~n") sum)
          (let ((value (share (cadr accounts))))
            ;; --- print one line per account ---
            (dline (car accounts) value)
            (newline)
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Components:

```

(define value
  (letrec ((get-value
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              ((printf "lookup-port* "getting value for ~s~" name)
               (let* ((x (with-handlers ([string?]
                                         (lambda (x)
                                           (printf x) (newline)
                                           #f))))
                    (stock-quote
                     (car (regexp-match "[A-Z]+-" name))))))
                (fprintf "lookup-port* "got ~s~" x)
                (if (number? x)
                    (begin (add-table name x) x)
                    (begin (printf "The price must be a number!~n")
                           (get-value name action)))))))
          (lambda (l action)
            (map (lambda (stock)
                   (let* ((name (car stock))
                          [records (cdr stock)]
                          [price (if (and (have-values take-old)
                                           (lookup-table name
                                           (lambda () (get-value name action))))
                                      (get-value name action))])
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```

(define category
  (lambda (name val l)
    (let company ([list l] [base 0] [cost 0] [no-shares 0]
                  [last-price (share-price car l)])
      [year (year-of car l)]
      [yearly (cons
                (year-year-record (- (year-of car l) 1) 1)
                (cons (share-price car l)
                      (cons (share-price car l)
                            (cons))))])
      (cond
        [(null? list)
         (let ((current-value (+ (base) (* no-shares (share-val))))
               (new-company-record name no-shares
                                   cost
                                   current-value cost) ;; profit
               base ;; tax base
               (- current-value base) ;; capital gains
               (cons (year-year-record year cost current-value)
                     yearly))]
          [(= (year-of car list) year)
           (let ((new-cost (share-price car list))
                 [s (shares car list)])
             (company (car list)
                      (+ base new-cost)
                      (if (divisible? car list) cost (+ cost new-cost))
                      (- no-shares s)
                      (share-price car list)
                      year yearly))]
          [else ;; new year
           (with-handlers ([void] (lambda (x)
                                     (printf "log ~s ~s ~s~" name last-price no-shares)
                                     #f)))]
        )
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```

```

(define print&compute-value-of
  (lambda (list hdr)
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      value)))

(define print&compute-value-of-accounts
  (lambda (accounts)
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      (if (null? accounts)
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          (let ([value (share (cadr accounts))])
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            (dline (car accounts) value)
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               (cons (base-year-record year cost current-value)
                     year))]
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           (let ((new-cost (share-price (car list)))
                 (s (share-price (car list))))
             (company (car list)
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In sum, it isn't *really* modular.

Experience:

- In 2 years: from 2,000 loc to 50,000 loc
- Personal: dozens of programs, including use as a refactoring tool
- MrSpidey finds more mistakes than Soft Scheme and most of Soft Scheme's "casts"
- Used in two undergraduate courses with some success
- Shriram continues the SLaTeX experiment

The key obstacle for Soft Scheme *and* MrSpidey:
the brittle nature of type inference

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        (loop (+ i 1))))  
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Incremental Type Enrichment

Soft (HM, SBA) Typing

- type *all* untyped, complete programs
- use casts to bridge problems and inform programmer
- allow programmers to debug type problems with the dynamic debugger

Typed Scheme

- type *some* untyped programs; *fail others*
- *incrementally* enrich untyped programs with types
- synthesize *contracts* to ensure *soundness* for mixed typed and untyped programs

Why?

- Motivation I: work on web programming in late 1990s and early 2000
- Motivation II: Meunier's failure to cope with explicit types and implicit subtyping

How?

- Step I: Findler and Felleisen on contracts for higher-order languages
- Step II: incremental conversion, soundness, and blame
- Step III: design and validation of a practical type system

Step I: Contracts: Types for Scheme and Beyond

```

(define value
  (letrec ((get-value
            (lambda (name action)
              (letrec ((debug-port* "getting value for ~v~" name)
                    (let* ((x (with-handlers ([string?]
                                             (lambda (x)
                                               (print x) (newline)
                                               #f)))
                          (stock-quote
                           (car (regexp-match "[A-Z]+~" name))))))
                    (fprintf *debug-port* "got ~v~" x)
                    (if (number? x)
                        (begin (add-table name x)
                               (begin (print "The price must be a number!~n")
                                      (get-value name action))))))
              (lambda (action)
                (map (lambda (stock)
                      (let* ([name (car stock)]
                            [records (cdr stock)]
                            [price (if (and have-values take-old)
                                       (lookup-table name
                                       (lambda () (get-value name action)))
                                       (get-value name action))])
                    (company name price records)))
                  1))))))

```

```

(define company
  (lambda (name val 1)
    (let company ([list 1] [base 0] [cost 0] [no-shares 0]
                  [last-price (share-price (car list))
                   (year (year-of (car list)) 1)
                   yearly-costs
                   (make-year-record (- (year-of (car list)) 1)
                                     (share-price (car list))
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                                     '0))]
      (cond ([equal? list])
            ([let (current-value (-d0000 (+ no-shares (share-val))))
              (make-company-record name no-shares
                                   cost
                                   (- current-value cost) ;; profit
                                   base ;; tax base
                                   (- current-value base) ;; capital gains
                                   costs (make-year-record year cost current-value
                                                           yearly))]
             [(= (year-of (car list)) year)
              (let ([new-cost (share-price (car list))]
                    [s (share (car list))]
                    [company (car list)]
                    (+ base new-cost)
                    (if (dividend? (car list)) cost (+ cost new-cost))
                    (+ no-shares s)
                    (share-price (car list))
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             [else ;; new year
              (with-handlers ([void] (lambda (x)
                                       (print "Tag ~v~ ~v~" name last-price no-shares)

```

```

(define print&compute-value-of
  (lambda (list hdr)
    (let ([value (sum company-record-current list)])
      ;; --- print all the records in one category ---
      (print "~n~n")
      (display (header hdr))
      (newline)
      (print list (bottom -line value)
              (print "~n~n")
              ;; --- and return total value ---
              value)))
  (define print&compute-value-of-accounts
    (lambda (accounts)
      (print "~n~n")
      (let value-of ((accounts accounts) (sum 0))
        (if (null? accounts)
            (begin (bottom -line sum) (print "~n") sum)
            (let ([value (share (cadr accounts))]
                  ;; --- print one line per account ---
                  (define (car accounts) value)
                  (newline)
                  (value-of (cadr accounts) (+ value sum))))))
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                          (stock-quote
                           (car (regexp-match "[A-Z]+~" name))))))
                    (debug-port* "get ~v~" x)
                    (if (number? x)
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      (cond ([list]
             (let ((current-value (+ 20000 (* no-shares (share-val))))
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                                         (costs (make-year-record year cost current-value
                                                                    year))))
               [(= (year-of (car list)) year)
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               (with-handlers ([void] (lambda (x)
                                         (print "Tag ~v~ ~v~ ~v~" name last-price no-shares)
                                         #f)))]
            )
    )

```

```

(define print-compute-value-of
  (lambda (list hdr)
    (let ([value (sum company-record-current list)])
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      (display (header hdr))
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  (lambda (accounts)
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      (if (null? accounts)
          (begin (bottom -line sum) (print "~n~n") sum)
          (let ([value (share-costs (car accounts))]
                ;; --- print one line per account ---
                (all-line (car accounts) value)
                (newline)
                (value-of (cdr accounts) (+ value sum))))))
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                                   (share-price (car list)))
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                [else ;; new year
                 (with-handlers ([void] (lambda (x)
                                           (print "tag -> -> ->v" name last-price no-shares)
                                           #f)))]
              )
            )

```

```

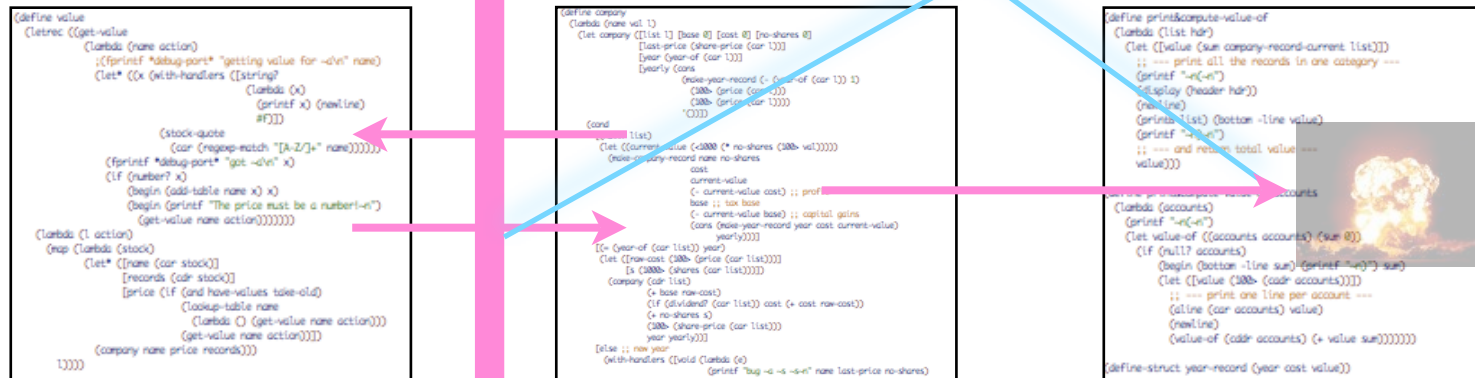
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  (lambda (list hdr)
    (let ([value (sum company-record-current list)])
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note: type-like contracts are (higher-order) casts

Step II: The Research Framework

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            (lambda (name action)
              (letrec ((debug-port* "getting value for ~v~" name)
                    (let* ((x (with-handlers ([string?]
                                             (lambda (x)
                                               (printf x) (newline)
                                               #f)))
                          (stock-quote
                           (car (regexp-match "[A-Z]+~" name))))))
                    (debug-port* "get ~v~" x)
                    (if (number? x)
                        (begin (add-table name x) x)
                        (begin (printf "The price must be a number!~n")
                               (get-value name action))))))
            (lambda (l action)
              (map (lambda (stock)
                    (let* ([name (car stock)]
                          [records (cdr stock)]
                          [price (if (and have-values take-old)
                                     (lookup-table name
                                     (lambda () (get-value name action))))
                          (company name price records))])
                    1))))))
```

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(define company
  (lambda (name val 1)
    (let company ([list 1] [base 0] [cost 0] [no-shares 0])
      [last-price (share-price (car list))]
      [year (year-of (car list))]
      [yearly-cost
       (make-year-record (- (year-of (car list)) 1)
                          (base) (price (car list))
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                          '())]
      (cond
       [(null? list)
        (let ((current-value (+ base (* no-shares (base val))))
              (new-company-record name no-shares
                                  cost
                                  current-value
                                  (- current-value cost) ;; profit
                                  base ;; tax base
                                  (- current-value base) ;; capital gains
                                  (cost (make-year-record year cost current-value
                                                         yearly))))
          [(= (year-of (car list)) year)
           (let ([new-cost (base) (price (car list))]
                 [s (base) (shares (car list))]
                 (company (car list)
                          (+ base new-cost)
                          (+ no-shares s)
                          (base) (share-price (car list))
                          year yearly))]
           [else ;; new year
            (with-handlers ([void] (lambda (x)
                                     (printf "tag ~v~ ~v~" name last-price no-shares))
```

```
(define print&compute-value-of
  (lambda (list hdr)
    (let ([value (sum company-record-current list)])
      ;; ---- print all the records in one category ----
      (printf "~n~n")
      (display (header hdr))
      (newline)
      (print& list) (bottom -line value)
      (printf "~n~n")
      ;; ---- and return total value ----
      value)))

(define print&compute-value-of-accounts
  (lambda (accounts)
    (printf "~n~n")
    (let value-of ((accounts accounts) (sum 0))
      (if (null? accounts)
          (begin (bottom -line sum) (printf "~n") sum)
          (let ([value (base) (cdr accounts))]
              ;; ---- print one line per account ----
              (alline (car accounts) value)
              (newline)
              (value-of (cdr accounts) (+ value sum))))))

(define-struct year-record (year cost value))
```


Step II: The Research Framework

```
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            (lambda (name action)
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                                                #f)))
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                  (yearly-costs
                   (make-year-record (- (year-of (car list)) 1)
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                                     (price (car list))
                                     (no-shares)
                                     (cost)))]
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                      (cost))]
             [current-value (- (current-value cost) ;; profit
                               base ;; tax base
                               (- (current-value base) ;; capital gains
                                  (make-year-record year cost current-value)
                                  year))]]
              [(year-of (car list)) year]
              (let ([new-cost (base) (price (car list))])
                (let ([old (car list)]
                      [company (cdr list)])
                  (if (valid? (car list) cost (+ cost new-cost))
                      (+ no-shares s)
                      (base) (share-price (car list))
                      year year))
                  (list ;; new year
                        (with-handlers ([void] (lambda (x)
                                                  (print "This is vs ->v" name last-price no-shares))))))
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                        (cons (base) (cdr list))
                        (cons (cost) (cdr list))
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equip with types
in *sound* manner
and *identify violators*

synthesize contracts (casts)
from type specs of
exports & imports

The original blame calculus and theorem,
Tobin-Hochstadt & Felleisen, DLS/OOPSLA '06

Step III: From Theory to Practice, From Scripts to Programs

From “soft” types
to “hard” types

- subtyping
- subtyping from control flow (“if splitting”)
- “true” unions
- tables, records, accessors
- polymorphism

Coping with all of
PLT Scheme

- paths (caddr)
- variable-arity functions and multiple values
- apply
- macros
- classes, mixins, traits, unit/components, ...
continuations

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(define-struct: circ ((cntr :Any) (radius :Number)))  
(define-struct: over ((top :Shape) (bot :Shape)))  
  
(define-type-alias Shape (Rec Shape (U Plain over [Listof Plain])))  
(define-type-alias Plain (U rect circ))  
;; Rect = (make-rect Posn Number Number)  
;; Circ = (make-circ Posn Number)
```

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(:area (Shape -> Number))  
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  (or (rect? p) (circ? p)))
```

```
(:plain-area (Plain -> Number))  
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  (cond  
    [(rect? s) (rect-area s)]  
    [(circ? s) (circ-area s)]))
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(define (rect-area s)  
  (* (rect-width s) (rect-height s)))
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```
:: LSN -> Number
```

```
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```

```
(define (sum lsn)  
  (cond  
    [(null? lsn) 0]  
    [(number? (car lsn)) (+ (car lsn) (sum (cdr lsn)))]  
    [else (sum (cdr lsn))]))
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;; add all numbers in this lsn
(define (sum lsn)
  (cond
    [(null? lsn) 0]
    [else (let ([fst (car lsn)])
             (cond
              [(number? fst) (+ fst (sum (cdr lsn)))]
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```

Experience:

- formative eval: ~5,000 loc from books, base
- summative eval: ~30,000 loc incl. code base
- ~20 volunteers have created interfaces for libs
- undergraduates: comfortable going from Scheme to Typed Scheme (lift in class gpa!)
- we are on our way to the 3% level and below for core (mostly functional) PLT Scheme

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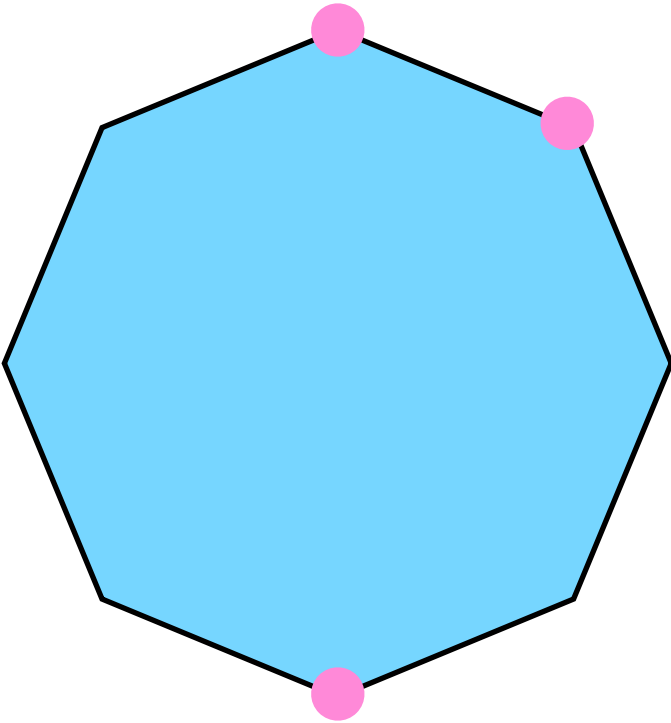
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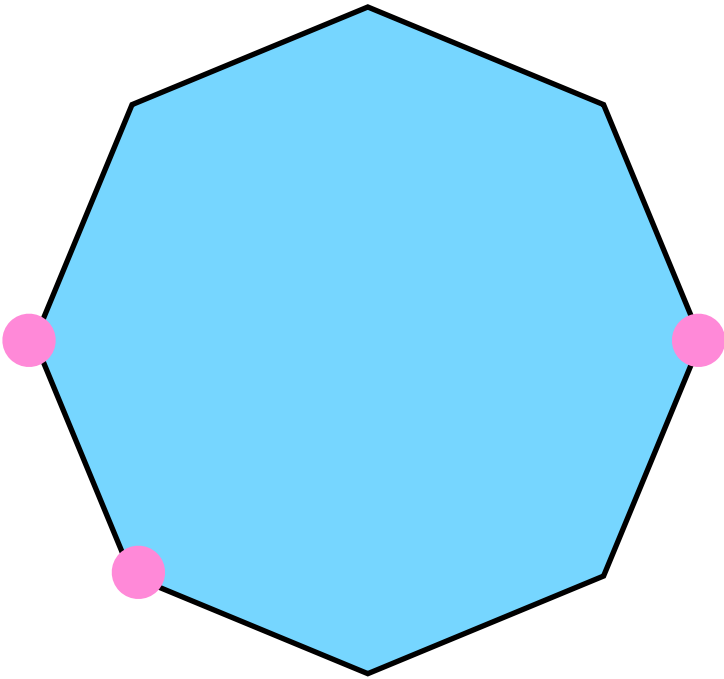
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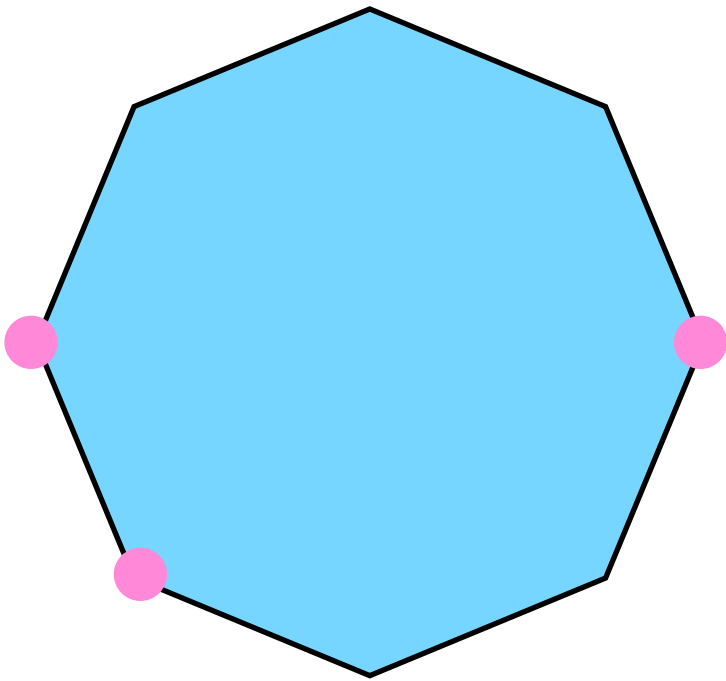
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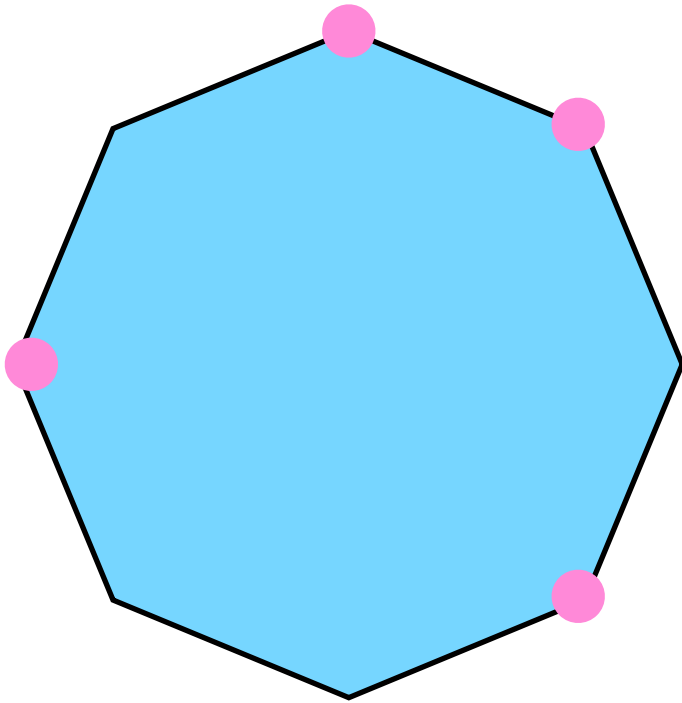
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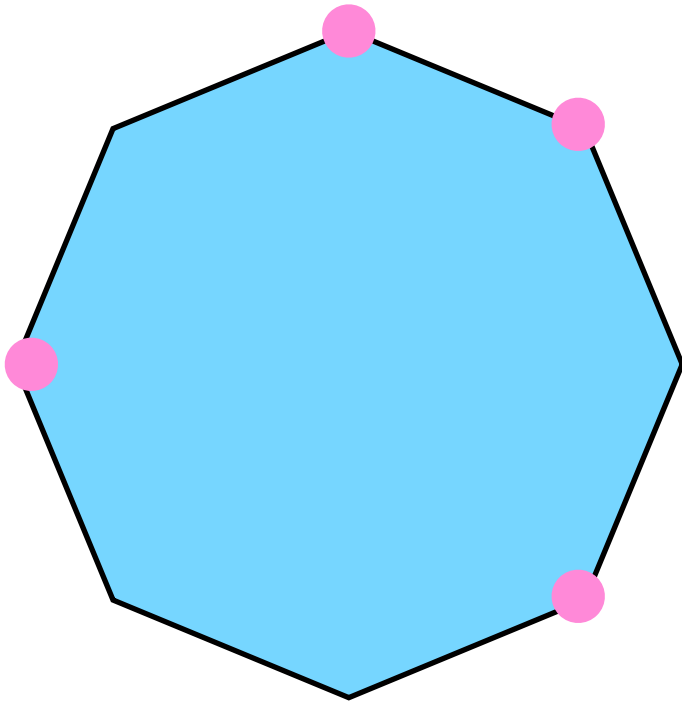
for us: adding explicit design information
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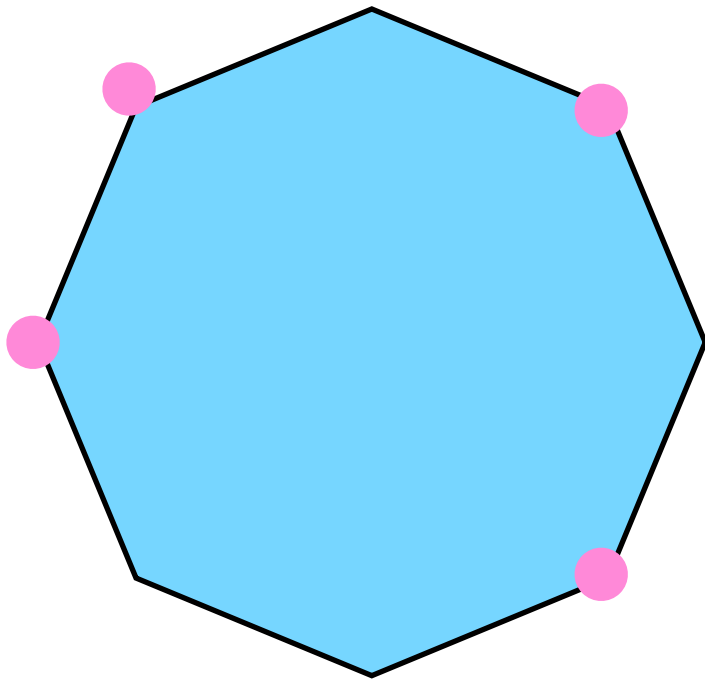
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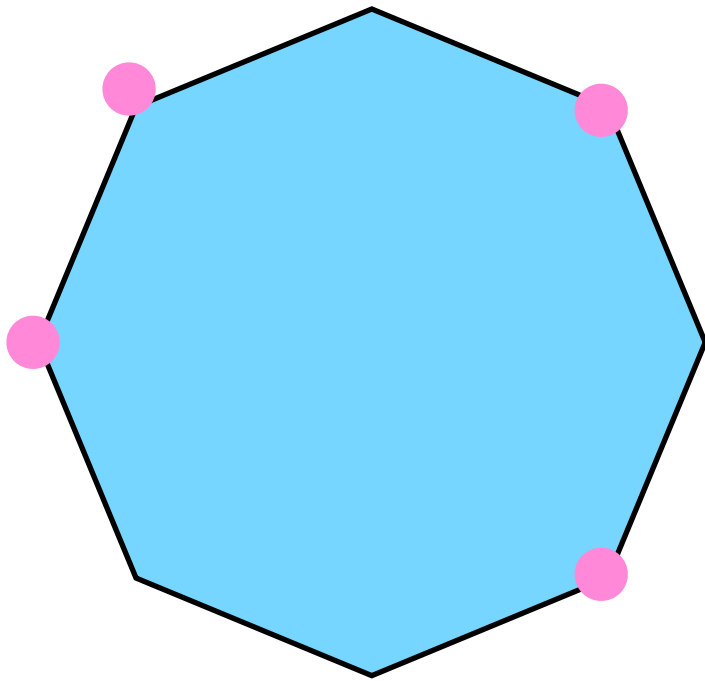
for us: an academic language that has the qualities of a scripting language, that is widely used as such, and that we can change -- if we really must

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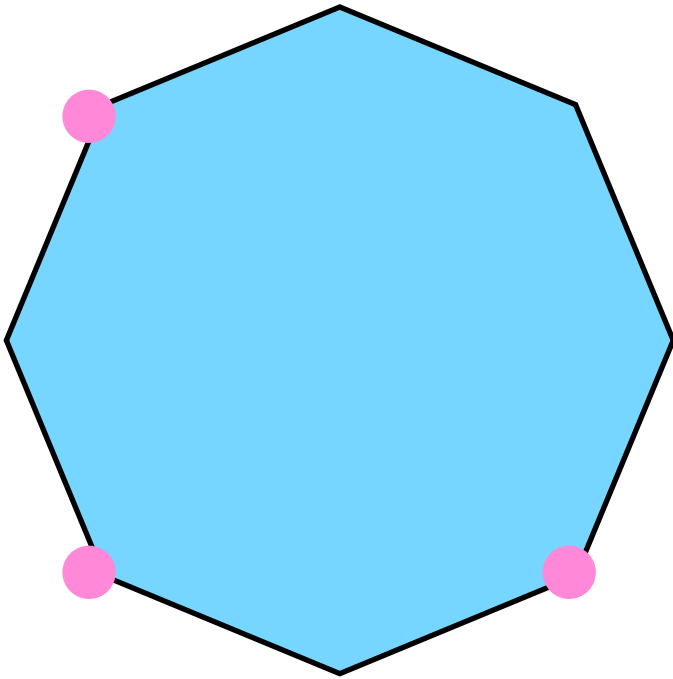
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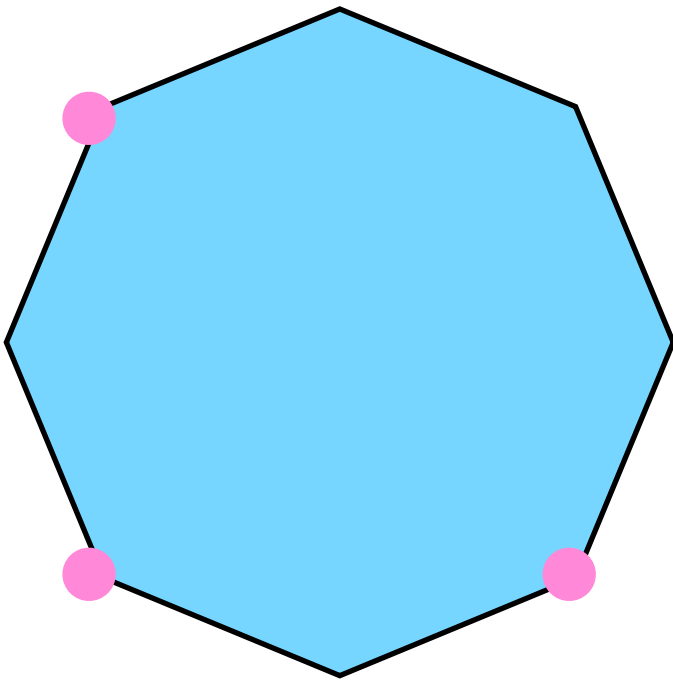
for us: since **soundness** matters to us as well as **performance**, we went with Scheme modules. In future work, we will also consider units and classes. Neither of thus demands new instruction sets.

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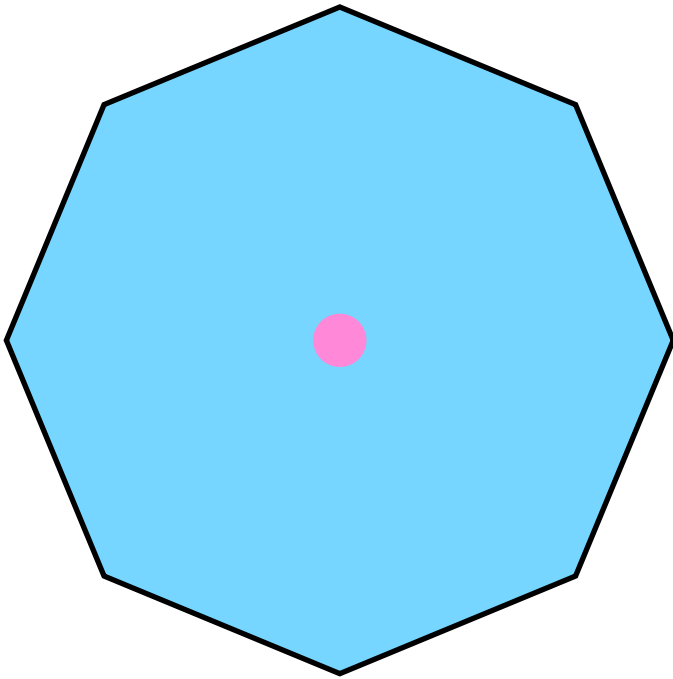
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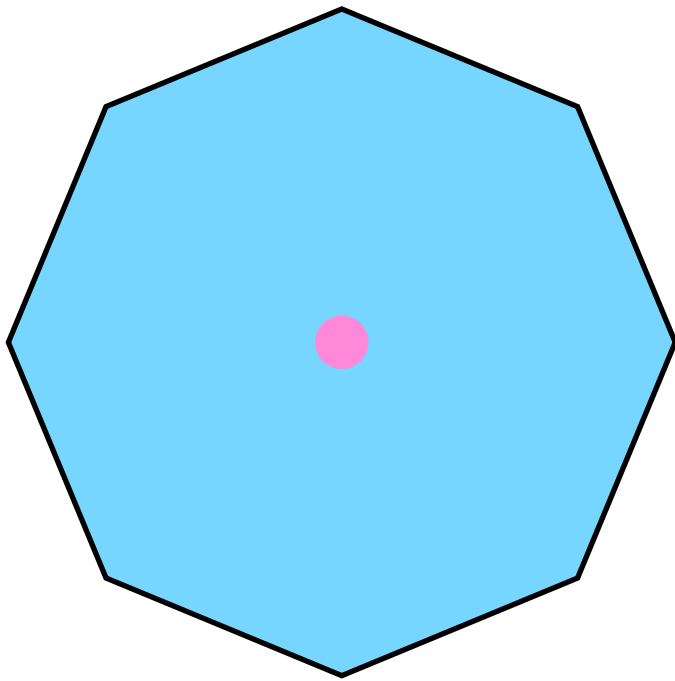
for us: we go with **local** type inference (for non-rec declarations) to avoid some “finger typing” burden. In the future we will investigate **global** inference as a tool that assists incremental type enrichment.

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for us: below 3% for changes to code **as opposed to** addition of type information; near immediate understanding of error messages (messages, hyperlinks)

Let's Go into Details

The End

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