

$\lambda$

ELOLAC  
2008

# Introduction to Functional Programming in Haskell & the Hindley-Milner Type System

Kung Chen

National Chengchi University, Taiwan

2008 Formosan Summer School of Logic, Language and Computation

# Agenda

- Unit 1: FP in Haskell
  - Basic Concepts of FP
  - Haskell Basics
  - Higher-Order Functions
  - Defining New Types
  - Lazy Evaluation
- Unit 2: Intro. to Type Systems for FP
  - The Lambda Calculus
  - Typed Lambda Calculi
  - The Hindley-Milner Type System

# Unit I: FP in Haskell

## Basic Concepts of Functional Programming

# What is Functional Programming?

Generally speaking:

- Functional programming is a style of programming in which the primary method of computation is the application of functions to arguments

- Define a function square:

square x = x \* x

Function name

Formal parameter

Function body:  
an expression

# What is Functional Programming?

Generally speaking:

- Functional programming is a style of programming in which the primary method of computation is the application of functions to arguments

No parentheses: `square 5`

Substitute the *argument 5* into the body of the function

`square x = x * x`

*Function application:*

`square 5`

= { applying *square* }  
`5 * 5`

= { applying `*` }  
`25`

# Functions and Arguments

- Similarly an argument may itself be a function application:

*square* ( *square* 3 )  
= { apply inner *square* }

*square* ( 3 \* 3 )  
= { apply \* }

*square* ( 9 )  
= { apply outer *square* }

9 \* 9  
= { apply \* }

81

# Programming Paradigms

ELOLAC  
2008

- *FP is a programming paradigm ...*
- A programming paradigm
  - is a way to think about programs, programming, and problem solving,
  - is supported by one or more programming languages.
- Various Programming Paradigms:
  - Imperative (Procedural)
  - Functional
  - Object-Oriented
  - Logic
  - Hybrid

# Imperative vs. Functional

- Imperative languages specify the steps of a program in terms of *assigning values to variables*.

```
int sum (int n, int list[]) {  
  int total = 0;  
  for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)  
    total += list[i];  
  return s;  
}
```

Variable  
assignments

```
sum [] = 0  
sum (x:xs) = x + sum xs
```

[]-empty list;  
“:”-cons a list

Equations

There is no loop!  
Recursive, please!



# Imperative vs. Functional

In C, the sequence of actions is

```
i = 1
total = 1
i = 2
total = 3
i = 3
total = 6
i = 4
total = 10
i = 5
total = 15
```

*Applying functions:*

```
sum [ 1,2,3,4,5]
    = { apply sum }
1 + sum [ 2,3,4,5]
    = { apply sum }
1 + ( 2 + sum [ 3,4,5] )
    = { apply sum }
1 + ( 2 + ( 3 + sum [4,5] ) )
    = { apply sum }
...
    = { apply + }
15
```

# Functional Programming

- Functional programs work exclusively with values, and expressions and functions which compute values.
- A *value* is a piece of data.
  - 2, 4, 3.14159, "John", (0,0), [1,3,5], ...
- An *expression* computes a value.
  - `2+5*pi`, `length(l)-size(r)`
- Expressions combine values using *functions* and *operators*.

# Why FP?

## What's so Good about FP?

- To get experience of a different type of programming
- It has a solid mathematical basis
  - Referential Transparency and Equation Reasoning
  - Executable Specification
  - ...
- **It's fun!**

# Referential Transparency

ELOLAC  
2008

Can we replace  $f(x) + f(x)$  with  $2 * f(x)$  ?

## Yes, we can!

- If the function  $f$  is *referential transparent*.
  - In particular, a function is referential transparency if *its result depends only on the values of its parameters*.
  - This concept occurs naturally in mathematics, but is broken by imperative programming languages.

# Referential Transparency...

- Imperative programs are *not RT due to side effects*.
- Consider the following C/Java function  $f$ :

```
int y = 10;  
int f(int i) {  
    return i + y++;  
}
```

**then**  $f(5) + f(5) = 15 + 16 = 31$

**but**  $2 * f(5) = 2 * 15 = 30!$

# Referential Transparency...

- In a purely functional language, *variables* are similar to variables in *mathematics*: they hold a value, but they can't be updated.
- Thus all functions are RT, and therefore *always yield the same result* no matter how often they are called.

# Equational Reasoning

- RT implies that “*equals can be replaced by equals*”
- *Evaluate* an expression by substitution . I.e. we can replace a function application by the function definition itself.

```
double x = 2 * x
even x   = x mod 2 == 0
```

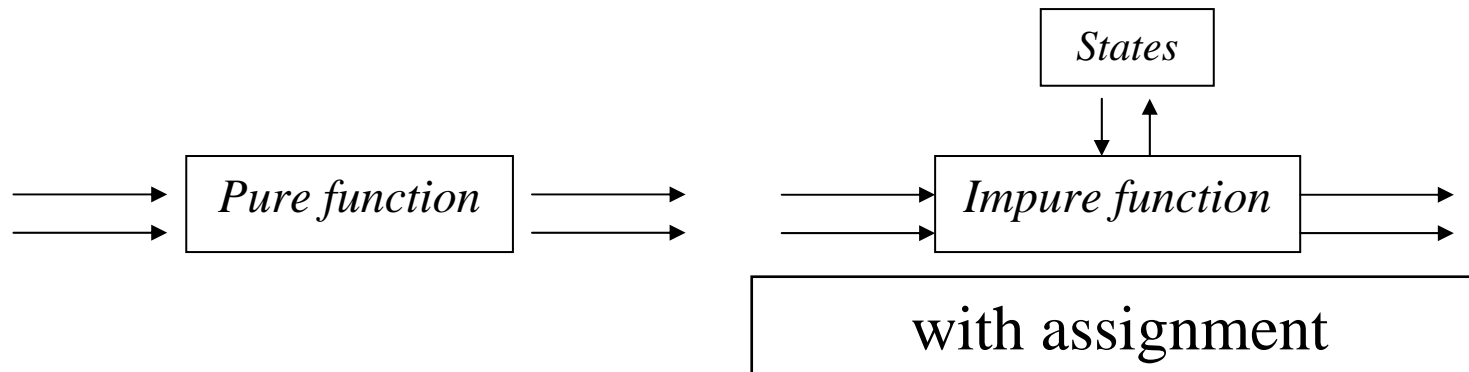
```
    even (double 5)
⇒ even (2 * 5)
⇒ even 10
⇒ 10 mod 2 == 0
⇒ 0 == 0
⇒ True
```

[5/x]: x換成5

even's definition,  
[10/x]

# Computation in FP

- Achieved via *function application*
- Functions are mathematical functions *without side-effects*.
  - *Output is solely dependent of input.*



Can replace  $f(x) + f(x)$  with  $2 * f(x)$



# What's so Good about FP?

- Referential Transparency and Equation Reasoning
- **Executable Specification**
- ...

# Quick Sort in C

```
qsort( a, lo, hi ) int a[ ], hi, lo;
{  int h, l, p, t;
  if (lo < hi)
  {  l = lo;  h = hi;  p = a[hi];
    do
    {  while ((l < h) && (a[l] <= p))  l = l + 1;
       while ((h > l) && (a[h] >= p))  h = h - 1;
       if (l < h) [ t = a[l];  a[l] = a[h];  a[h] = t; }
    } while (l < h);
    t = a[l];  a[l] = a[hi];  a[hi] = t;
    qsort( a, lo, l-1 );  qsort( a, l+1, hi );
  }
}
```

# Quick Sort in Haskell

- *Quick sort*: the program is the specification!

```
qsort [] = []
qsort (x:xs) = qsort lt ++ [x] ++ qsort greq
  where lt = [y | y <- xs, y < x]
        greq = [y | y <- xs, y >= x]
```

List operations:

`[]` the empty list

`x:xs` adds an element `x` to the head of a list `xs`

`xs ++ ys` concatenates lists `xs` and `ys`

`[x,y,z]` abbreviation of `x:(y:(z:[]))`

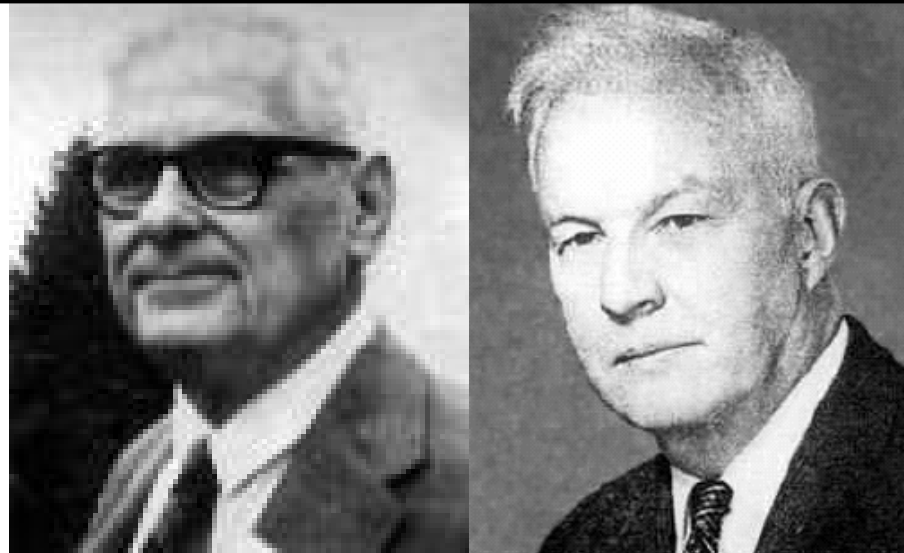
# Historical View: Pioneers in FP

ELOLAC  
2008

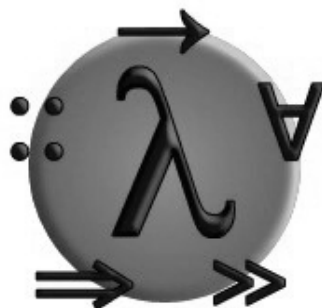
McCarthy:Lisp Landin:ISWIM Steele:Scheme Milner:ML Backus:FP



**Church:  
Lambda  
Calculus**



**Curry:  
Combinatory  
Logic**



# Background of Haskell

# What is Haskell?

- Haskell is a *purely* functional language created in 1987 by scholars from Europe and US.
- Haskell was the first name of H. Curry, a logician
- Standardized language version: **Haskell 98**
- Several compilers and interpreters available
  - Hugs, Gofer, , GHCi, Helium
  - GHC (Glasgow Haskell Compiler)
- Comprehensive web site:  
<http://haskell.org/>  
Haskell Curry (1900-1982)

# Haskell vs. Miranda

ELOLAC  
2008

1970s - 1980s:

**David Turner** developed a number of *lazy* functional languages, culminating in the Miranda system.



If Turner had agreed, there will be no Haskell?!

# Features of Haskell

- **pure** (referentially transparent) — no side-effects
- **non-strict** (lazy) — arguments are evaluated only when needed
- **statically strongly typed** — all type errors caught at compile-time
- **type classes** — safe overloading
- ...



# Why Haskell?

- A language that doesn't affect the way you *think about programming*, is *not worth knowing*.

--Anan Perlis

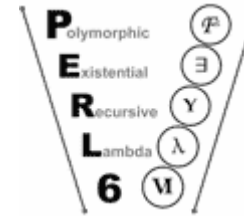
The recipient of the  
first ACM Turing Award



# Any software written in Haskell?

FLOLA  
2008

- Pugs
  - Implementation of Perl 6
- darcs
  - Distributed, interactive, smart RCS
- lambdabot
- GHC



```
16:30 < audreyt> @p1 f h = hGetContents h >>= \x -> return (lines x)
16:30 < lambdabot> f = (lines `fmap`) . hGetContents
16:32 < audreyt> @djinn (a -> b) -> (c -> b) -> Either a c -> b
16:32 < lambdabot> f a b c =
16:32 < lambdabot>   case c of
16:32 < lambdabot>   Left d -> a d
16:30 < lambdabot>   Right e -> b e
```

# A chat between developers of the Pugs project

ELOLAC  
2008

From freenode, #perl6, 2005/3/2  
<http://xrl.us/e98m>

**19:08** < malaire> Does pugs yet have system() or backticks or qx// or any way to use system commands?

19:08 < autrijus> malaire: no, but I can do one for you now. a sec

19:09 < malaire> ok, I'm still reading YAHT, so I won't try to patch pugs just yet...

19:09 < autrijus> you want unary system or list system?

19:09 < autrijus> system("ls -l") vs system("ls", "-l")

19:10 < malaire> perhaps list, but either is ok

19:11 < autrijus> \n Bool pre system (Str)\

19:11 < autrijus> \n Bool pre system (Str: List)\

19:11 < autrijus> I'll do both :)

**19:11 < autrijus> done. testing.**

19:14 < autrijus> test passed. r386. enjoy

19:14 < malaire> that's quite fast development :)

19:14 < autrijus> :)

# Haskell vs. Scheme/ML

- Haskell, like Lisp/Scheme, ML (Ocaml, Standard ML) and F#, is based on Church's lambda ( $\lambda$ ) calculus
- Unlike those languages, Haskell is *pure* (no updatable state)
- Haskell uses "monads" to handle stateful effects
  - cleanly separated from the rest of the language
- Haskell "enforces a *separation* between Church and State"

# “FP” is another less-known FPL

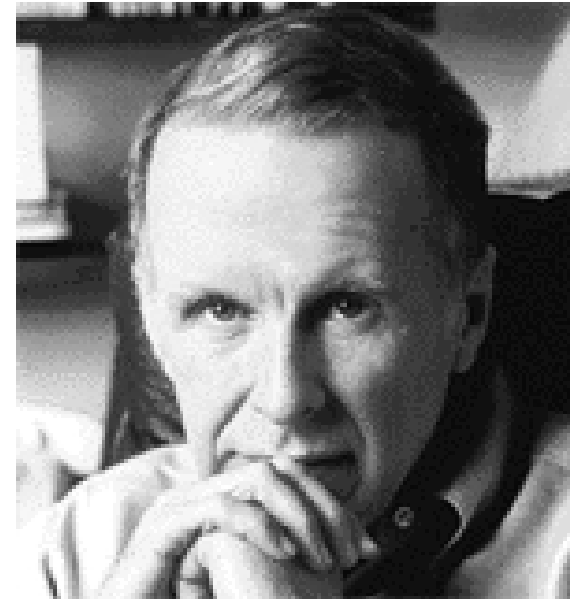
ELOLAC  
2008

*Can Programming Be Liberated  
from the von Neumann Style?*

1977 Turing Award Lecture

Late 1970s:

**John Backus** develops FP, a now-called combinator-based FPL.



1924-2007

# Back to Haskell

# Haskell

*A Purely Functional Language*

featuring static typing, higher-order functions,  
polymorphism, type classes and monadic effects

## The Basics

# Running Haskell Programs

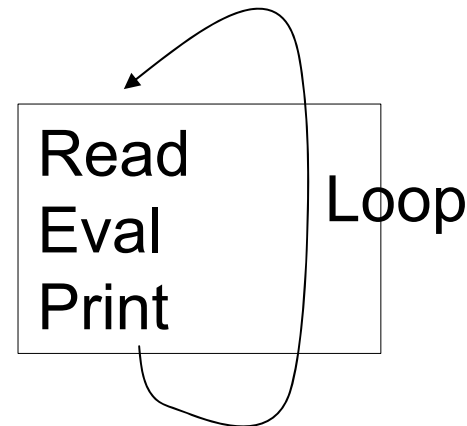
- Pick a Haskell Implementation
- We'll use *Hugs* or *GHCi*
- Interpreter mode (Hugs):

```
> 5+2*3
11

> (5+2)*3
21

> sqrt (3^2 + 4^2)
5.0
```

Hugs > prompt means  
the Hugs system is ready  
to evaluate an expression.







# Hugs

- The Hugs interpreter does two things:
- Evaluate expressions
- Evaluate commands, e.g.
  - **:quit** quit
  - **:load <file>** load a file
  - **:r** redo the last load command
  - **:?** help
  - ...

# Preparing Haskell Programs

- Create and Edit a file with a Haskell program
  - File name extension: `.hs` or `.lhs`
  - Literate Haskell Programs
    - Description and Comments about the program
    - `>Haskell`
    - `>code`
- Load the source program in to Hugs
  - Enter the expression to evaluate
  - Read-Evaluate-Print loop

# Running Haskell with GHC

- By Haskell Group at Glasgow University, UK
- Get GHC from <http://haskell.org/ghc/>
- GHC is a compiler; GHCi is the interpreter version
- `$ ghc Main.hs`
  - Main.hi
  - Main.c
  - a.out or Main.exe
- `$ ghci Main.hs`  
Prelude Main> *QuickSort [9, 4, 1, 2, 6]*  
*[1,2,4,6,9]*

# The Standard Prelude

The library file Prelude.hs provides a large number of standard functions. In addition to the familiar numeric functions such as `+` and `*`, the library also provides many useful functions on lists.

- Calculating the length of a list:

```
> length [1,2,3,4]  
4
```

# The Standard Prelude ...

- Appending the elements of two lists:

```
> [1,2,3] ++ [4,5,6]  
[1,2,3,4,5,6]
```

- Selecting the first element of a list:

```
> head [1,2,3,4]  
1
```

- Removing the first element of a list:

```
> tail [1,2,3,4]  
[2,3,4]
```

# Function Application

In mathematics, function application is denoted using *parentheses*, and multiplication is often denoted using juxtaposition or space.

$$f(a, b) + c d$$

In Haskell, function application is denoted using *space*, and multiplication is denoted using `*`.

$$f a b + c * d$$

# Function Application ...

- Function application (“calling a function with a particular argument”) has higher priority than any other operator.
- In math (and Java) we use parentheses to include arguments; in Haskell no parentheses are needed.

**f a + b**

means

**(f a) + b** not **f (a+b)**

- since function application binds harder than plus.

# Summary: Function Application ...

- Here's a comparison between mathematical notations and Haskell:

Math	Haskell
$f(x)$	<code>f x</code>
$f(x, y)$	<code>f x y</code>
$f(g(x))$	<code>f (g x)</code>
$f(x, g(y))$	<code>f x (g y)</code>
$f(x)g(y)$	<code>f x * g y</code>



# Programs as Sets of Definitions

- A very simple functional program (also known as a *functional script*) in Haskell
  - A set of definitions

```
square    :: Integer -> Integer
square x  = x * x

smaller   :: (Integer, Integer) -> Integer
smaller (x,y) = if x <= y then x else y

main = print (square(smaller(5, 3+4)))
```

**Type Signature**

**Definition (i.e. equation)**

**Main expr to eval**

# Definitions

- A Haskell program is a sequence of definitions followed by an expression to evaluate.
- A *definition* gives a name to a value.
- Haskell definitions are of the form:

```
name :: type
name = expression
```

- **Examples:**

```
size :: Int
size = (12+13) * 4
```

# Function Definitions

- A *function definition* specifies how the result is computed from the arguments.

**Function types** specify the types of the *arguments* and the *result*.

average :: Float->Float->Float

average  $\underbrace{x \ y}_{\text{parameters}} = \underbrace{(x+y) / 2}_{\text{body}}$

parameters

The **body** specifies how the result is computed. **No 'return'**

# Function Notation

- *Function arguments need **not** be enclosed in brackets!*

Example:

```
square :: Float -> Float  
square x = x*x
```

Calls: **square 2.5**  $\longrightarrow$  6.25

Not  
square (2.5)

**square (1.2+1.3)**  $\longrightarrow$  6.25

Brackets are for grouping only!

# Simple Types

Integer	Unbounded integer numbers
Int	32-bit integer numbers
Rational	Unbounded rational numbers
Float, Double	Single- and double-precision floating point numbers
Bool	Boolean values: True and False
Char	Characters, e.g., 'a'

# The Booleans

- `type Bool`
- operations

<code>&amp;&amp;</code>	<code>and</code>
<code>  </code>	<code>or</code>
<code>not</code>	<code>not</code>

- `exOr :: Bool -> Bool -> Bool`

`exOr x y = (x || y) && not (x && y)`

# The integers

- type `Int`: range `-2147483648...2147483647`
- type `Integer`: range unbounded
- operations

<code>+</code>	sum
<code>*</code>	product
<code>^</code>	raise to the power
<code>-</code>	difference
<code>div</code>	whole number division
<code>mod</code>	remainder
<code>abs</code>	absolute value
<code>negate</code>	change sign

# Relational Operators

>	greater than
>=	greater than or equal to
==	equal to
/=	not equal to
<=	less than or equal to
<	less than

(==) for integers and Booleans. This means that (==) will have the type

`Int -> Int -> Bool`

`Bool -> Bool -> Bool`

Indeed `t -> t -> Bool` if the type `t` carries an equality.

`(==) :: Eq a => a -> a -> Bool`



# Operators: Prefix and Infix

- Operators: infix. Use *parentheses* for prefix.
- Functions: prefix. Use *backquotes* for infix.

```
> 4*12-6
42
> (<) 2 3
True

> div 126 3
42
> 126 `div` 3
42
```

# Precedence & Associativity

Op	Precedence	Associativity	Description
$\wedge$	8	right	Exponentiation
$*$ , $/$	7	left	Mul, Div
<code>`div`</code>	7	free	Division
<code>`rem`</code>	7	free	Remainder
<code>`mod`</code>	7	free	Modulus
$+$ , $-$	6	left	Add, Subtract
$==$ , $/=$	4	free	(In-) Equality
$<$ , $<=$ , $>$ , $>=$	4	free	Relational Comparison

# The characters

- type Char

'a'

'\t'

tab

'\n'

newline

'\\'

backslash

'\''

single quote

'\"'

double quote

'\97'

character with ASCII code 97, i.e., 'a'

## Some operations:

toUpper 'a' → 'A'

Ord 'a' → 97

# Composite Types: Lists

ELOLAC  
2008

A list of values  
enclosed in  
square brackets.

`[1, 2, 3], [2] :: [Int]`

A list of integers.

Some operations:

`[1, 2, 3] ++ [4, 5] → [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]`

`head [1, 2, 3] → 1`

`last [1, 2, 3] → 3`

`tail [1, 2, 3] → [2, 3]`

homogeneous

We can have lists of lists:

`[ [1, 3], [0, 5, 6], [4] ] :: [ [Int] ]`

# Quiz

ELOLAC  
2008

How would you add 4 to the end of the list [1,2,3]?

# Quiz

ELOLAC  
2008

How would you add 4 to the end of the list [1,2,3]?

[1, 2, 3] ++ [4] → [1, 2, 3, 4]

[4] not 4!  
++ combines two *lists*,  
and 4 is not a list.

# Types: Strings

Any characters  
enclosed in  
double quotes.

`"Hello!" :: String`

List of Chars  
[Char]

## Some operations:

`"Hello " ++ "World" → "Hello World"`

`First "Hello" → 'H'`

# Composite Types: Tuples

- A *tuple* is a sequence of components that may be of *different types*

$(1, 4) \quad :: (Int, Int)$   
 $(False, 'b', 4.294) \quad :: (Bool, Char, Float)$   
 $(\text{"Fish"}, [True, True]) \quad :: (String, [Bool])$

Tuples may contain basic types or list types



# Tuple types

- The number of components in a tuple is called its *arity*.
- *Arity* cannot be 1.
- The tuple of *arity* zero () is called the *empty tuple*, while a tuple of *arity* 2 is called a *pair*, one of *arity* 3 a *triple*, and so on

Note that tuples are enclosed in parentheses, not square brackets

# Tuples and Lists

You can have lists of tuples and tuples of lists

$[(1, \text{True}), (4, \text{False})] \quad :: \quad [(Int, Bool)]$

$(1.4, [3, 5, 64, 7, 12], \text{True}) \quad :: \quad (Float, [Int], Bool)$

The definition of the tuple provides its arity – in cases above the tuples have arity of 2 and 3 respectively

# Function Types

- A function is a mapping of arguments of one type to results of another type
- $T1 \rightarrow T2$  maps arguments of type  $T1$  to results of type  $T2$

$\sim \quad :: \textit{Bool} \rightarrow \textit{Bool}$

`isDigit`  $:: \textit{Char} \rightarrow \textit{Bool}$

# A Note on Function Types

- Function types associate to right.

```
maxOf3 :: Int -> Int -> Int -> Int
```

means

```
maxOf3 :: Int -> (Int -> (Int -> Int))
```

- Functions are values, and partial application is OK.

```
let m = maxOf3 5
    in let mm = m 8
        in mm 12
```

→ 12

# Multi-Parameter Functions

- A simple way (but usually not the right way) of defining a *multi-parameter* function is to use tuples:

```
add :: (Int, Int) -> Int
```

```
add (x, y) = x+y
```

- Evaluate

```
add (40, 2)
```

- We get 42
- Later, we'll learn about *Curried Functions*.

# Comments

- *Line comments* start with `-` and go to the end of the line:

```
--This is a line comment.
```

- *Nested comments* start with `{-` and end with `-}`:

```
{-  
  This is a comment.  
  {-  
    And here's another one....  
  -}  
-}
```

# Function Definition by Cases and Recursion

# The abs function

- The absolute value (*abs*) function:
  - $\text{abs } x = |x|$
- The definition is *by cases* (*multiple equations*):
  - $\text{abs } x = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$
- How to define in Haskell?

```
abs x | x >= 0 = x
abs x | x < 0  = -x
```

*A guard.* An equation is used if its guard is True.



# Evaluating abs

Prelude> abs (-2)

- First equation,  $x = -2$
- What is  $-2 \geq 0$ ?  $\rightarrow$  False
- Second equation,  $x = -2$  again
- What is  $-2 < 0$ ?  $\rightarrow$  True
- Result is  $-x$ , that is  $-(-2)$

```
abs x | x >= 0 = x
abs x | x < 0  = -x
```

Try the equations *in order*, use the first with a True guard

2

# Other Forms

- Fully explicit

```
abs x | x >= 0 = x
abs x | x < 0  = -x
```

- Abbreviated left hand side

```
abs x | x >= 0 = x
      | x < 0  = -x
```

- Abbreviated last guard

```
abs x | x >= 0 = x
      | otherwise = -x
```

- *"if" expression*

```
abs x =
  if x >= 0 then x else -x
```

# Function Definition by Cases

```
fun v1 v2 ... vn
  | g1          = e1
  | g2          = e2
  ...
  | otherwise = er
```

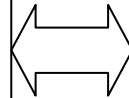
Guarded equations

```
max3 :: Int -> Int -> Int -> Int
max3 i j k | (i >= j) && (i >= k) = i
           | (j >= k) = j
           | otherwise = k
```

# Function Definition by Cases

ELOLAC  
2008

```
fun v1 v2 ... vn
  | g1           = e1
  | g2           = e2
  ...
  | otherwise = er
```



```
fun v1 v2 ... vn =
  if g1 then e1
  else if g2 then e2
  else if . . .
  else er
```

```
max3 :: Int -> Int -> Int -> Int
max3 i j k =
  if (i >= j) && (i >= k) then i
else if (j >= k) then j
else k
```

# Recursive Functions

$fac\ n = 1 * 2 * \dots * n$

```
fac :: Int -> Int
fac n
  | n==0 = 1
  | otherwise = fac (n-1) * n
```

```
fac 0 = 1
fac n | n > 0 = fac (n-1) * n
```

or

```
fac :: Int -> Int
fac n = if n == 0 then 1
        else fac (n-1) * n
```

# Evaluating Factorials

```
fac :: Int -> Int
```

```
fac 0 = 1
```

```
fac n | n > 0 = fac (n-1) * n
```

fac 4    ?? 4 == 0    → False

          ?? 4 > 0    → True

↓  
fac (4-1) \* 4

↓  
fac 3 \* 4

→ fac 2 \* 3 \* 4

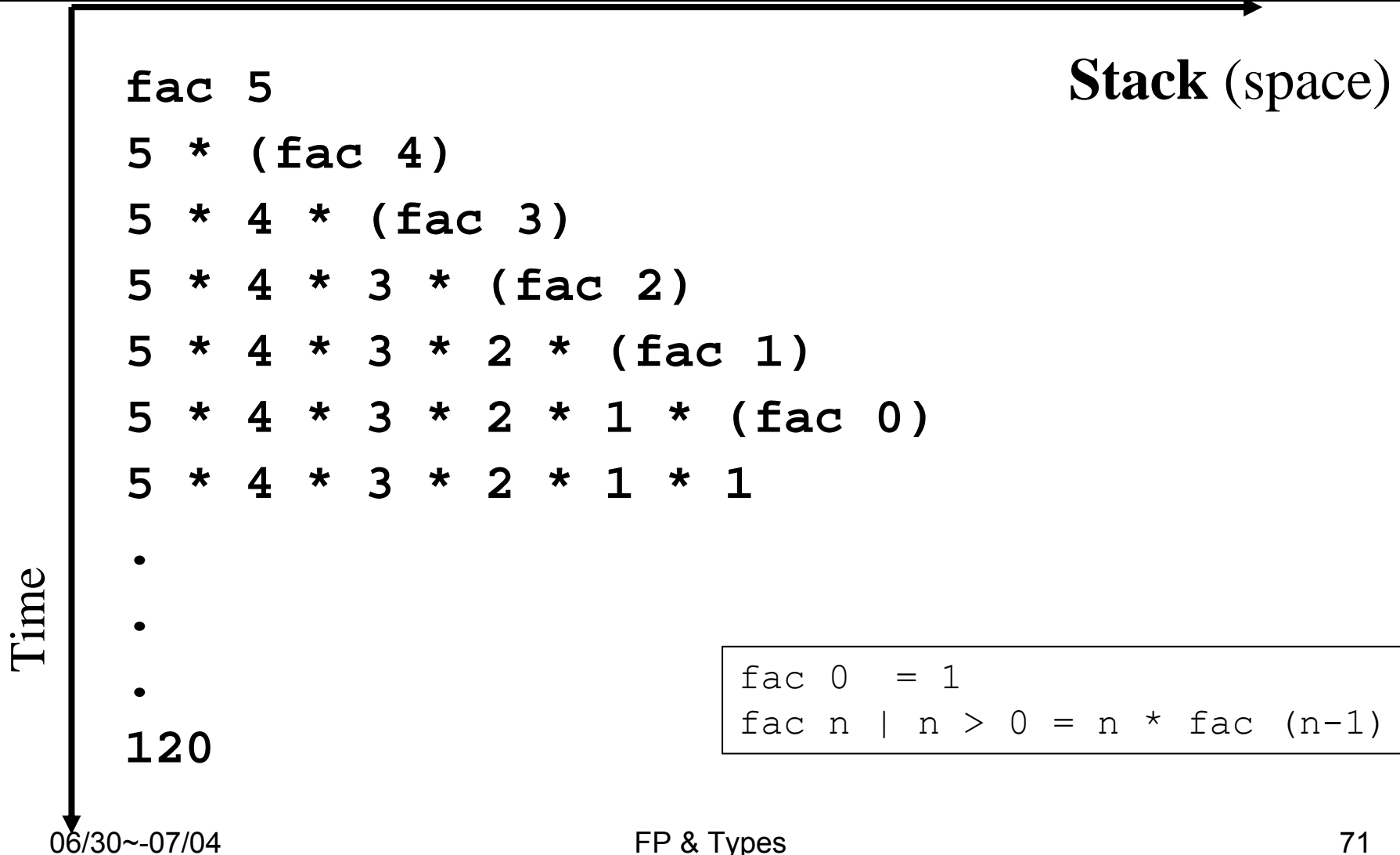
↓  
fac 1 \* 2 \* 3 \* 4

↓  
fac 0 \* 1 \* 2 \* 3 \* 4

↓  
1 \* 1 \* 2 \* 3 \* 4

↓  
24

# Expensive to calculate...



# Tail Recursion

- Tail recursion: recursive call occurs last
- The technique of accumulating parameters

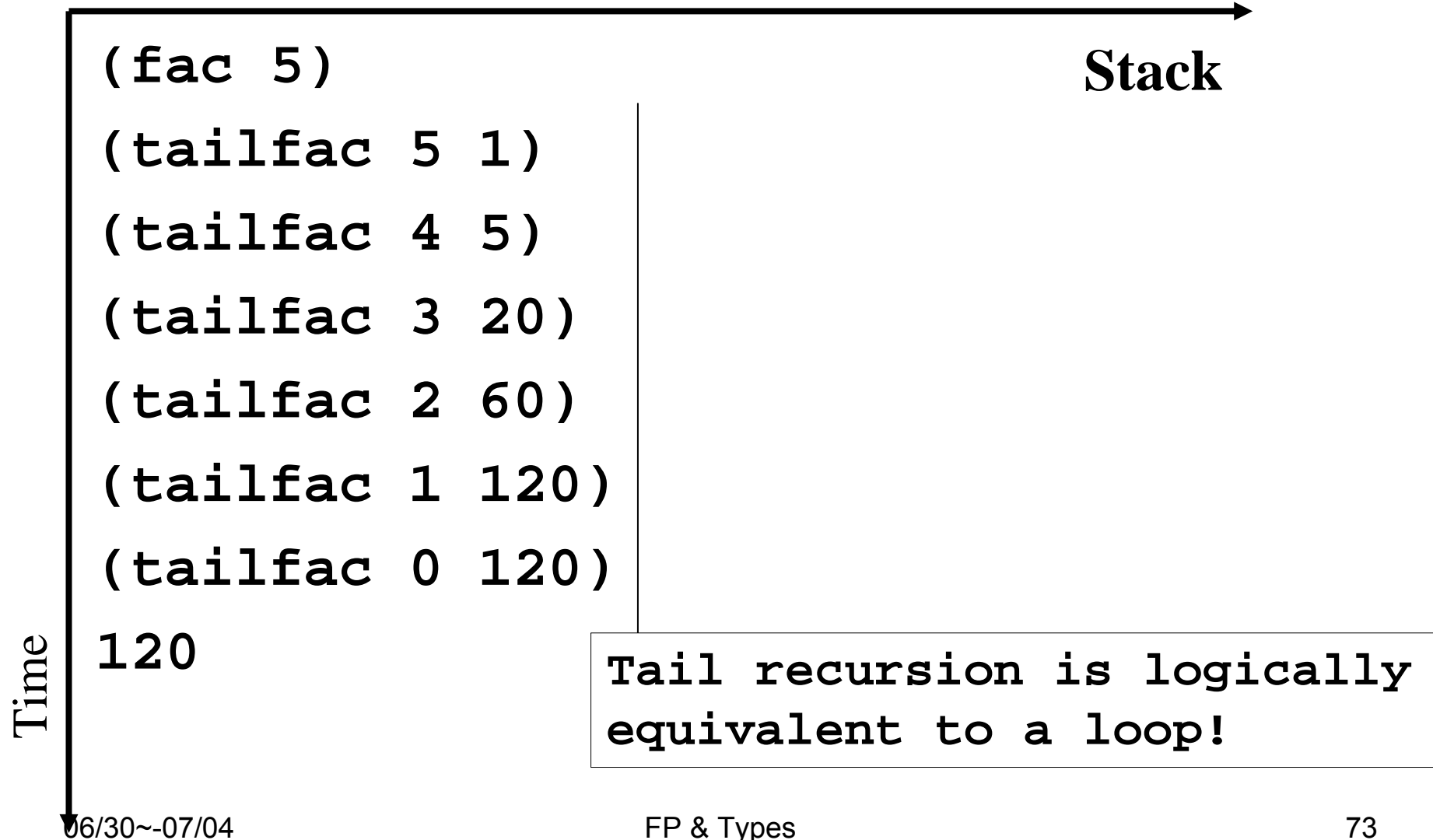
```
fac n = tailfac n 1
  where tailfac n acc
        | n==0 = acc
        | n>0  = tailfac (n-1) n*acc
```

• Local definitions

```
fac 5 → tailfac 5 1
      → tailfac 4 5*1
      → tailfac 3 4*5*1
      ...
```



# A Better Process: Tail Recursion



# Local Definitions: the where clause

- The `where`-clause follows after a function body:

```
fun args = <fun body>
  where
    decl_1
    decl_2
    . . .
    decl_n
```

```
maxOf3 :: Int -> Int -> Int -> Int
maxOf3 x y z = maxOf2 u z
  where
    u = maxOf2 x y
```

# Local Definitions: the `let` clause

```
let
  <local definitions>
in
  <expression>
```

```
fac n = let tailfac n acc
          | n==0 = acc
          | n>0  = tailfac (n-1) n*acc
        in
          tailfac n 1
```

# The let Clause

```
f :: [Int] -> [Int]
f [ ] = [ ]
f xs =
    let
        square a = a * a
        one = 1
    in
        (square (head xs) + one) : f (tail xs)
```

```
f [3,2]
→ (square 3 + one) : f [2] → ... → [10,5]
```

# The Layout Rule

Indentation determines where a definition ends:

```
circumference r =  
    2 * pie * r  
  
area r  
    = pie * r * r  
  
bad x | = area x  
+ circumference x    -- Error: offside!
```

# Example

縮排而且對齊

```
let
  | y = x + 2
  | x = 5
in
  x / y
```

- same as:

```
let y = {x + 2; x = 5} in x / y
```

# Example

The layout rule avoids the need for explicit syntax to indicate the grouping of definitions.

```
a = b + c
  where
    b = 1
    c = 2
d = a * 2
```

implicit grouping

means

```
{a = b + c
  where
    {b = 1;
     c = 2};
d = a * 2}
```

explicit grouping

# The error Function

- *error* string can be used to generate an error message and terminate a computation.
- This is similar to Java's exception mechanism, but a lot less advanced.

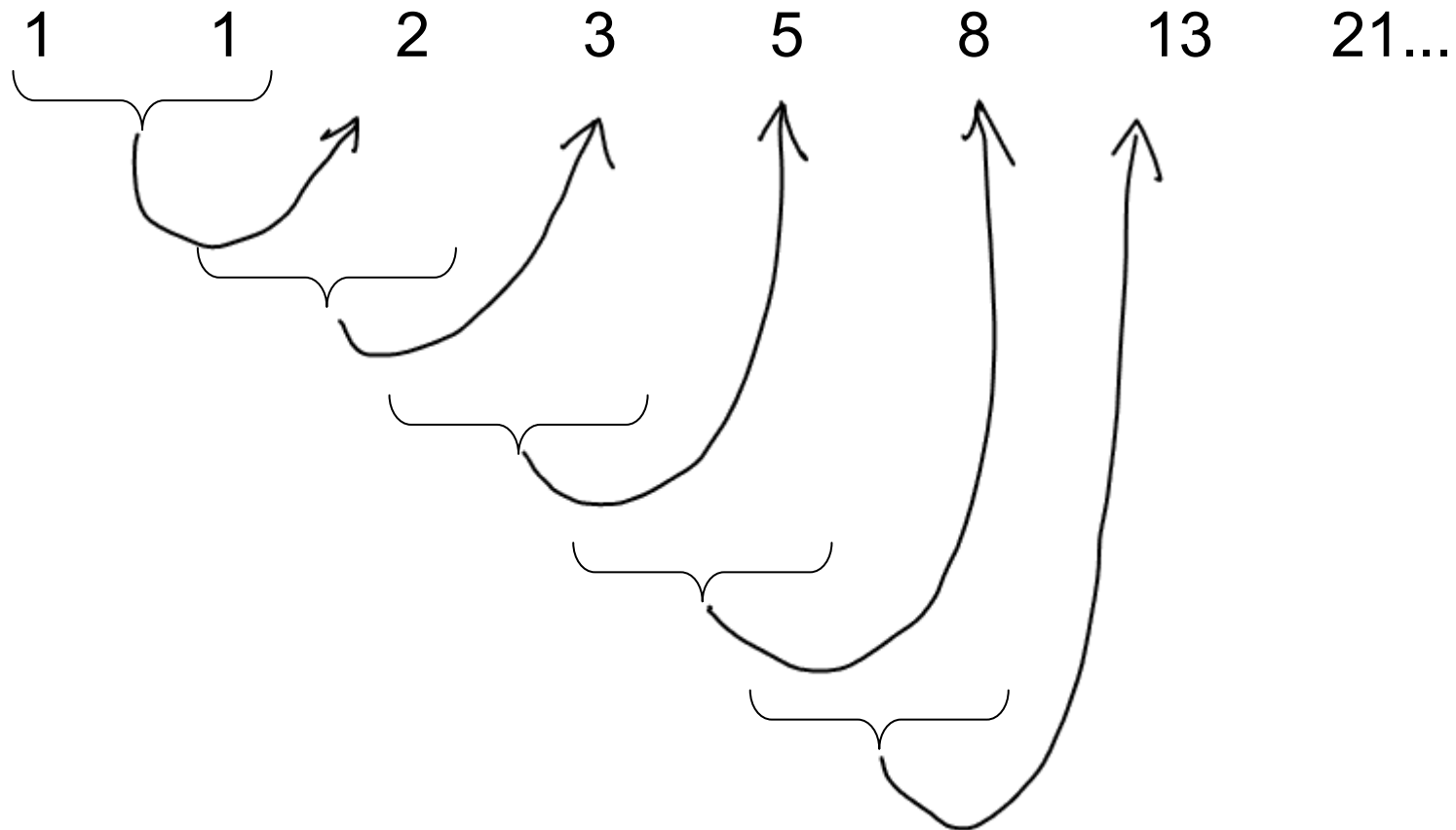
```
fac    :: Int -> Int
fac n = if n < 0 then
        error "illegal argument"
      else if n <= 1 then 1
        else n * fac (n-1)
```

- > f (-1)

Program error: illegal argument



# Example: Fibonacci Numbers

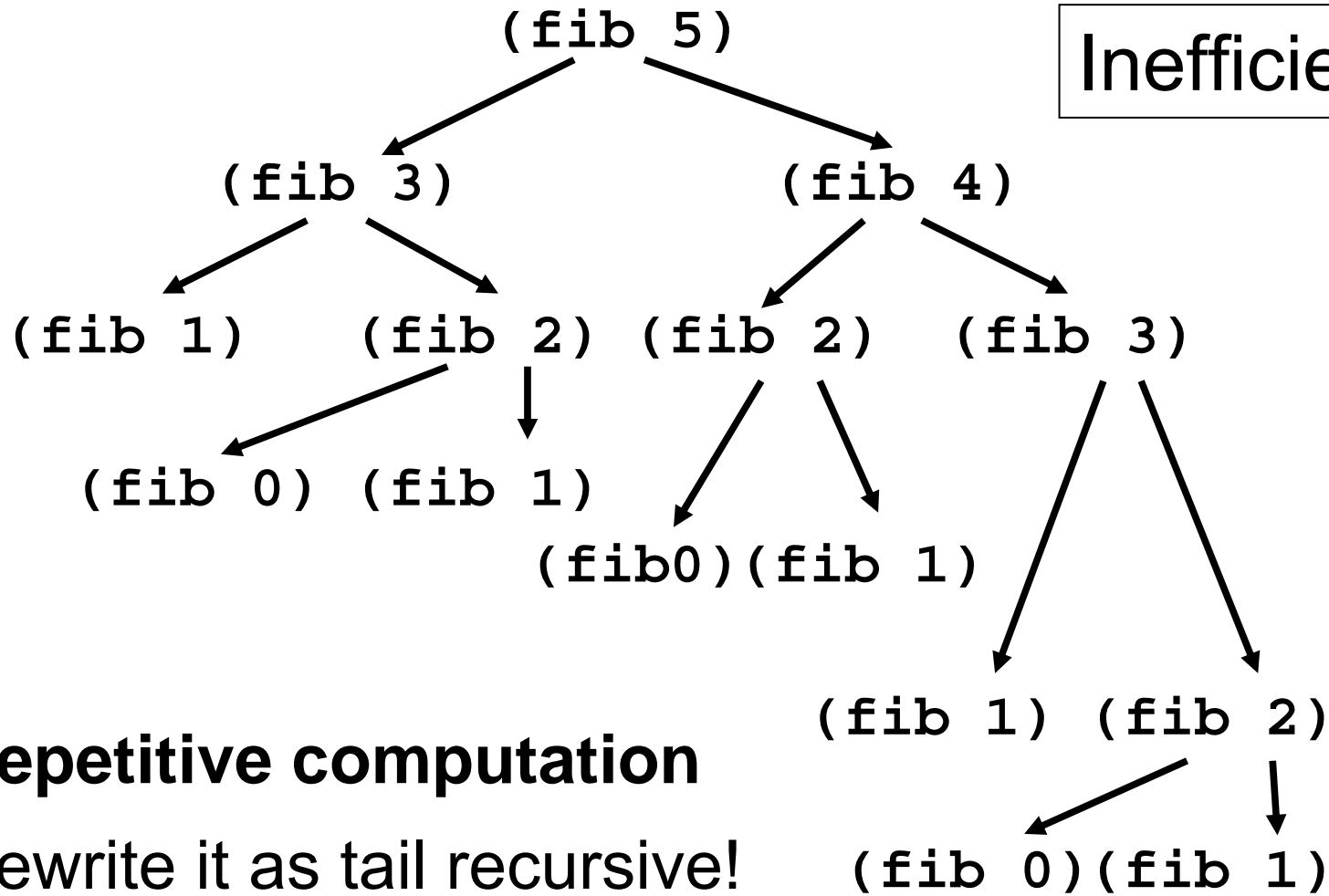


# Computing Fibonacci Numbers

```
fib n | n > 1 = fib (n-1) + fib (n-2)
fib 0 = 1
fib 1 = 1
```

- Here there are *two* base cases
  - Neither can be reduced to a smaller problem by the recursive case.
- This definition is not very efficient – why not?

# Tree Recursion



# Pattern Matching

# Pattern Matching

- Pattern matching is a simple and intuitive way of defining a function.
- The library function `~` returns the negation of a logical value:

`~` `:: Bool -> Bool`

`~ False = True`  
`~ True = False`

**Constant pattern;  
order matters**

# Pattern Matching

- We can also use pattern matching for functions that take more than one argument
- The library function (`&&`) returns the negation of a logical value

$(\&\&) \quad :: \quad \text{Bool} \rightarrow \text{Bool} \rightarrow \text{Bool}$

$\text{True} \ \&\& \ \text{True} \quad = \quad \text{True}$

$\text{True} \ \&\& \ \text{False} \quad = \quad \text{False}$

$\text{False} \ \&\& \ \text{True} \quad = \quad \text{False}$

$\text{False} \ \&\& \ \text{False} \quad = \quad \text{False}$

# Pattern Matching

- We can simplify the definition of (&&) by using the *wildcard* character `_`

$(\&\&)$	$::$	$Bool \rightarrow Bool \rightarrow Bool$
$True \ \&\& \ True$	$=$	$True$
$\_ \ \&\& \ \_$	$=$	$False$

- This is also good because if the first argument is *False* then it doesn't need to evaluate the second argument

# Pattern Matching

- Haskell has a naming convention that means that we *cannot use the same variable name* for more than one argument in an equation, so

$$\begin{array}{l} b \ \&\& \ b \quad = \ b \\ \_ \ \&\& \ \_ \quad = \ \textit{False} \end{array}$$


would not be allowed, and needs to be rewritten as

$$\begin{array}{l} b \ \&\& \ c \quad | \ b == c \quad = \ b \\ \quad \quad \quad | \ \textit{otherwise} = \ \textit{False} \end{array}$$




# Tuple Patterns

- A tuple of patterns is itself a pattern which matches any tuple of the same arity whose components match the corresponding patterns *in order*
- Constant patterns
  - `()`
  - `(1, 5)`
  - `('a', 5.5, "abcd")`
  - `("nested", (100, 'A'), (1, 5, 9))`
- Patterns with variables
  - `(1, x)`
  - `(s, i)`
  - `("nested", t1, t2)`

# Tuple Patterns

- The library functions *fst* and *snd* select the first and second components of a pair

```
fst           :: (a,b) -> a
```

```
fst (x,_)     = x
```

```
snd          :: (a,b) -> b
```

```
snd (_,y)    = y
```

```
>fst (5, 'a') → 5      --(x binds to 5)
```

```
>snd (5, 'a') → 'a'   --(y binds to 'a')
```

# More Selector Functions

- For pairs, we have

$$\text{fst } (x, y) = x \qquad \text{snd } (x, y) = y$$

- For triples, we define

$$\text{fst3 } (x, y, z) = x$$

$$\text{snd3 } (x, y, z) = y$$

$$\text{trd3 } (x, y, z) = z$$

- No general selectors such as:

$$\text{select } 3 \ (x, y, z) = z$$

What would the type  
of the result be?

# Selection using Pattern Matching

- Other than using special functions to select elements from a large tuple, we can use pattern matching. Example:

```
(x1, x2, x3) = a_triple_value
```

Example:

```
(x1, x2, x3) = (100, 'A', "Math")
```

Then  $x1=100$ ,  $x2='A'$ ,  $x3="Math"$ .

# List Patterns

- A list of patterns is also a pattern
- It matches any list *of the same length* whose elements all match the corresponding patterns in order. Example:
  - Suppose we have a function *test* that checks if a list contains precisely three characters and the first of these is the letter 'a'

```
test           :: [Char] -> Bool  
test ['a',_,_] = True  
test _         = False
```

# List Patterns

- Lists are constructed one element at a time from the empty list
- The *cons* (construct) operator : produces a new list by adding a new element to the front of an existing list:

• *cons* associates to the right:

[3,5,7]  
= { apply *cons* }  
3 : [5,7]  
= { apply *cons* }  
3 : (5 : [7])  
= { apply *cons* }  
3 : (5 : (7 : []))

3 : 5 : 7 : [ ]

# Defining Functions with List Patterns

- We can use the *cons* function (*:*) to extend the *test* function to check the first element of a list of any length, not just three

```
test                :: [Char] -> Bool  
test ('a':_)       = True  
test _              = False
```

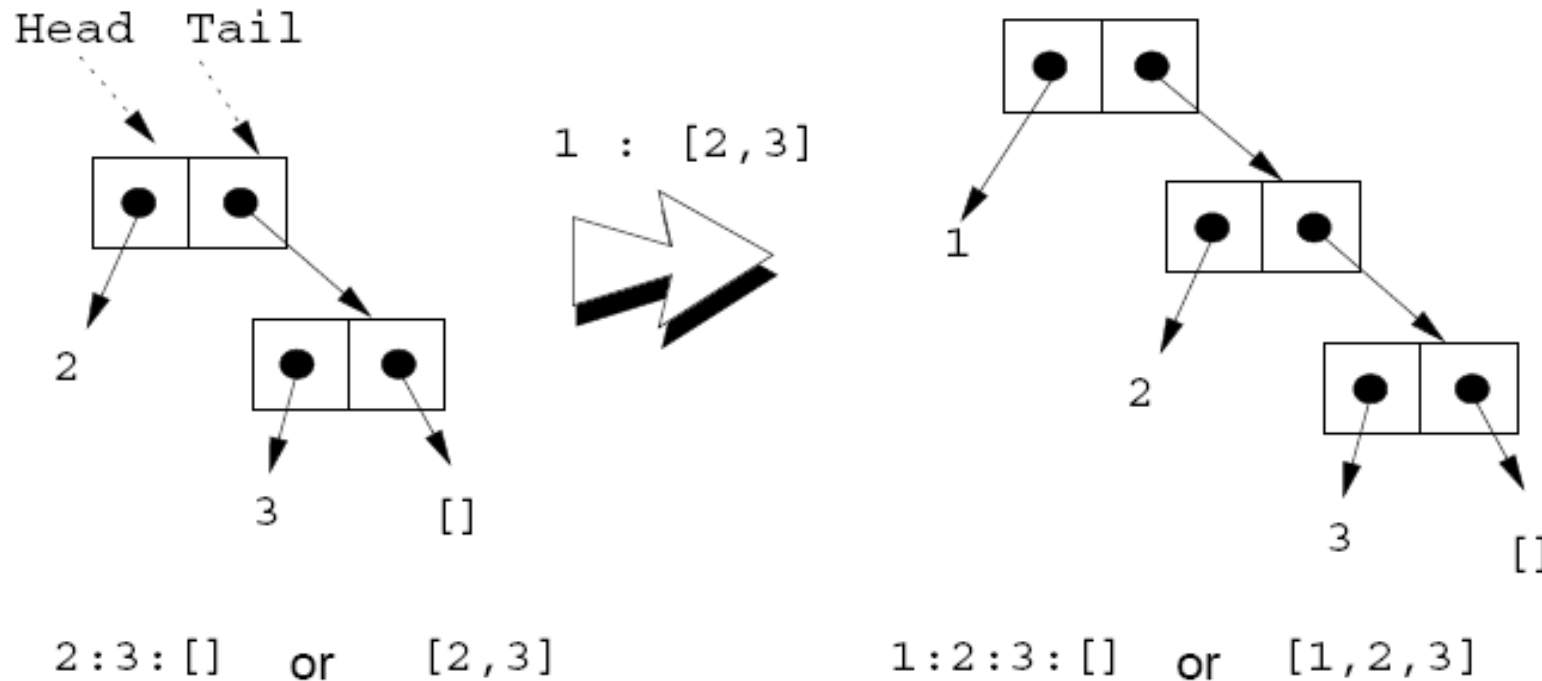
# Defining Functions with List Patterns

- *Null, head, and tail* work in a similar manner

```
null           :: [a] -> Bool  
null []         = True  
null (_:_)     = False  
head          :: [a] -> a  
head (x:_)    = False  
tail         :: [a] -> [a]  
tail (_:xs)   = False
```



# Internal Representation of Lists



# Lists are Homogenous

- Lists of lists:

`[1] : [[2], [3]]`  $\Rightarrow$  `[[1], [2], [3]]`

- Note that the elements of a list must be of *the same type!*

`[1, [1], 1]`  $\Rightarrow$  **Illegal!**

`[[1], [2], [[3]]]`  $\Rightarrow$  **Illegal!**

`[1, True]`  $\Rightarrow$  **Illegal!**

# Integer Patterns

- Haskell also allows integer patterns of the form  $n+k$  where  $n$  is an integer variable and  $k>0$  and an integer constant
- *Pred* maps 0 to itself and any other number to the number preceding it

*pred* :: *Int* -> *Int*

*pred* 0 = 0

*pred* ( $n+1$ ) =  $n$

# Recursion over Lists

- Compute the length of a list.

```
length :: [Int] -> Int
length xs = if xs == []      then 0
             else 1 + length (tail xs)
```

- This is called recursion on the tail .
- Using pattern matching:

```
length [] = 0
length (x:xs) = 1 + length xs
```

# Evaluating Recursive Functions

```
length [] = 0
length (x : xs) = 1 + length xs
```

```
length (1 : 2 : 4 : [])
⇒ [ x ← 1 , xs ← 2 : 4 : [] ]
  1 + length (2 : 4 : [])
```

# Evaluating Recursive Functions

```
length [] = 0
length (x : xs) = 1 + (length xs)
```

```
length (1 : 2 : 4 : [])
⇒ [ x ← 1 , xs ← 2 : 4 : [] ]
  1 + length (2 : 4 : [])
⇒ [ x ← 2 , xs ← 4 : [] ]
  1 + 1 + length (4 : [])
⇒ [ x ← 4 , xs ← [] ]
  1 + 1 + 1 + length []
⇒ []
  1 + 1 + 1 + 0
```

# Polymorphic Functions & Types

- The `length` function does not care about the *element type* of its list parameter.

```
length [1, 2, 3]           ⇒      3
```

```
length [True, False]     ⇒      2
```

```
length ['a', 'b', 'c', 'd'] ⇒      4
```

- Indeed, `length` is a polymorphic function, and its type is:

```
length :: [a] -> Int
```

Here *a* is a *type variable* that can be instantiated to any types.

# Sum and Product of a List

```
sum      :: [Int] -> Int
sum []   = 0
sum (x:xs) = x + sum xs
```

```
product  :: [Int] -> Int
product [] = 0
product (x:xs) = x * product xs
```



# Type Declarations and Checking

- In Java and most other languages the programmer has to declare what type variables, functions, etc have. We can do this too, in Haskell:

```
> 6*7 :: Int
42
```

- `:: Int` asserts that the expression `6*7` has the type `Int`.
- Haskell will check for us that we get our types right:

```
> 6*7 :: Bool
ERROR
```

# Type Inference

- We can let the Haskell interpreter *infer the type of expressions*, called type inference.
- The command `:t (type) expression` asks Haskell to
- print the type of an expression:

```
> :type "hello"
```

```
"hello" :: String
```

- ```
> :type True && False
```

```
True && False :: Bool
```

- ```
> :t True && False :: Bool
```

```
True && False :: Bool
```

# Exercise

- Define a function `upto` such that for `m, n: Int`  
and `m <= n`

`upto m n = [m, m+1, ..., n]`

# Variable Naming Convention

- When we write functions over lists it's convenient to use a consistent variable naming convention. We let
- $x, y, z, \dots$  denote *list elements*.
- $xs, ys, zs, \dots$  denote *lists of elements*.
- $xss, yss, zss, \dots$  denote *lists of lists of elements*.

# List Concatenation

- `xs ++ ys` --also known as `append xs ys`

```
(++) :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
[] ++ ys = ys
(x : xs) ++ ys = x : (xs ++ ys)
```

```
[1,2,3] ++ [4,5,6]
    = { apply ++ }
1: ([2,3] ++ [4,5,6])
    = { apply ++ }
1: (2: ([3] ++ [4,5,6]))
...
1: (2: (3: [4,5,6]))
    = { list notation }
[1,2,3,4,5,6]
```

# List Concatenation

- Concatenate multiple lists in a list:

```
concat      :: [[a]] -> [a]
concat []   = []
concat (xs:xss) = xs ++ concat xss
```

Examples:

```
concat []           = []
concat [[]]        = []
concat [[1], [3,5]] = [1,3,5]
```

# More Polymorphic Recursive List Functions: reverse

- Reverse: reverse the order of the elements in a list

```
reverse  :: [a] -> [a]
reverse []          = []
reverse (x : xs)   = reverse xs ++ [x]
```

## Example

```
reverse [1,2,3,4] ⇒ [4,3,2,1]
```

But, its Time complexity:  **$O(n^2)$**

- Let's define a *tail recursive* version of the reverse.  
 **$O(n)$**

# Tail Recursive “reverse”

```
reverse    :: [a] -> [a]
reverse xs = rev2 xs []

rev2      :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
rev2 []   ys = ys
rev2 (x:xs) ys = (rev2 xs) (x:ys)
```

“A LISP (FP) programmer knows  
the *value* of everything  
and the *cost* of nothing.”  
--Alan Perlis



# Zippping/Unzippping two lists

```
zip      :: [a] -> [b] -> [(a, b)]
zip []   ys  = []
zip xs   []  = []
zip (x:xs) (y:ys) = (x,y) : zip xs ys
```

**Ex:** `zip [1,2] ['a','b'] = [(1,'a'), (2,'b')]`

```
Unzip    :: [(a,b)] -> ([a], [b])
unzip []  = []
unzip ((x,y) : ps) = (x:xs, y:ys)
                    where
                        (xs,ys) = unzip ps
```

# Yet more list functions in the Prelude

- Many more list functions in the Prelude:
  - Take, drop, (!!), ...
- `Prelude> take 3 "catflap"`  
`"cat"`
- `Prelude> drop 2 ['d', 'r', 'o', 'p']`  
`"op"`
- `Prelude> "abcde" !! 3`  
`d`

# Exercises:

- Defining the *drop* function:

–  $\text{drop } 2 [1,2,3,4,5] = [3,4,5]$

*drop* :: *Int* -> [*a*] -> [*a*]

- Defining the *init* function:

–  $\text{init } [1,2,3,4,5] = [1,2,3,4]$  --remove the last element

*init* :: [*a*] -> [*a*]

# Mutual Recursion

- Functions that reference to each other
- Example: given a list, selecting *even* or *odd* positions from it.

```
evens :: [a] -> [a]  
odds  :: [a] -> [a]
```

```
evens "abcde"  
    = { apply evens }  
'a' : odds "bcde"  
    = { apply odds }  
'a' : evens "cde"  
    = { apply evens }  
'a' : 'c' : odds "de"  
    = { apply odds }  
'a' : 'c' : evens "e"  
...  
...
```

# Mutual Recursion

- Given a list, selecting *even* or *odd* positions from it.

```
evens           :: [a] -> [a]
evens []        = []
evens (x : xs) = x : odds xs

odds           :: [a] -> [a]
odds []        = []
odds (_ : xs)  = evens xs
```

# Arithmetic Sequences

- Haskell provides a convenient notation for lists of numbers where the difference between consecutive numbers is constant.

$$\begin{aligned} [1..3] &\Rightarrow [1, 2, 3] \\ [5..1] &\Rightarrow [] \end{aligned}$$

- A similar notation is used when the difference between consecutive elements is  $\neq 1$ : Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} [1, 3..9] &\Rightarrow [1, 3, 5, 7, 9] \\ [9, 8..5] &\Rightarrow [9, 8, 7, 6, 5] \\ [9, 8..11] &\Rightarrow [] \end{aligned}$$

Or, in general:

$$[m, k..n] \Rightarrow [m, m + (k-m) * 1, m + (k-m) * 2, \dots, n]$$

# List Comprehension

List comprehensions allow many functions on lists to be performed in a clear and precise manner

# List Comprehension

- Mathematical form

$$\{ x^2 \mid x \in \{1..5\} \}$$

produces the set  $\{1,4,9,16,25\}$

- Haskell

```
> [ x^2 | x<- [1..5] ]  
[1,4,9,16,25]
```

where

| means “such that”

<- means “is drawn from”; “for each element in”



# Generators

- The expression `x<-[1..5]` is called a *generator*
- Generators can also use *patterns* when drawing elements from a list.

Suppose `ps` is a list of pairs:

```
[ (1,True), (2,False), (5,False), (9,True) ]
```

If we want to extract all pairs of the form `(x, True)` then we can do this using the generator

```
> [ x | (x,True)<-ps ]  
[1,9]
```

# Generators

- We can also use wildcards in generators
- If we take the same list of pair  $ps$   
 $[(1, True), (2, False), (5, False), (9, True)]$

then

```
> [ x | (x, _) <- ps ]  
[1, 2, 5, 9]
```

extracts the list of the first components of the pairs

# Generators

- The library function *length* is also defined using a wildcard within a generator

```
length    :: [a] -> Int
length xs = sum [1 | _ <- xs]
```

- The length is calculated by creating a list that contains the value 1 for each element in *xs*, then summing this new list

# Multiple Generators

- List comprehensions can have multiple generators separated by *commas*
- We can generate a list of all possible pairings of the elements in two lists using

```
> [ (x, y) | x <- [1, 2], y <- [8, 9] ]  
[ (1, 8), (1, 9), (2, 8), (2, 9) ]
```

- The second generator cycles faster than the first generator.
- Swap the order:

```
> [ (x, y) | y <- [1, 2], x <- [8, 9] ]
```

# Generators

- A later generator can also depend on the value of an earlier generator
- The following list comprehension produces a list of all possible ordered pairings of the elements of [1..3] in order:

```
➤ [ (x, y) | x <- [1..3], y <- [x..3] ]
```

```
[ (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 2), (2, 3), (3, 3) ]
```

# Generators

- Similarly we could define the library function *concat*, which concatenates lists, by using one generator to select each list then a second generator to select each element within the list

```
concat      :: [[a]] -> [a]
concat xss = [x | xs <- xss, x <- xs]
```

- As well as using generators to create sets, we can also use *guards* to filter the values produced by generators
- If a guard is *True* then the value is retained, otherwise it is discarded

```
> [x | x<-[1..10], even x]  
[2, 4, 6, 8, 10]
```

- The function *even x* is the guard function

- Similarly we can produce a function that maps a positive integer to its list of positive factors

```
factors    ::    Int -> Int  
factors n =    [x | x <- [1..n],  
                    n 'mod' x==0 ]
```

- So

```
> factors 15  
[1, 3, 5, 15]
```



# Guards

- We can extend this to find primes, as a prime is a number whose only factors are 1 and the number itself

```
prime      :: Int -> Bool  
prime n    = length (factors n == 2)
```

So

```
> prime 15
```

```
False
```

```
> prime 7
```

```
True
```

# Guards

- We can use guards to implement a look-up table where a list of pairs of keys and values represents the data
- If the keys are of an equality type then we can create a function *find* that returns a list of all values associated with a given key

# String Comprehensions

- List comprehensions can be used to define functions on strings
- The function *digits* returns the list of integer digits from a string

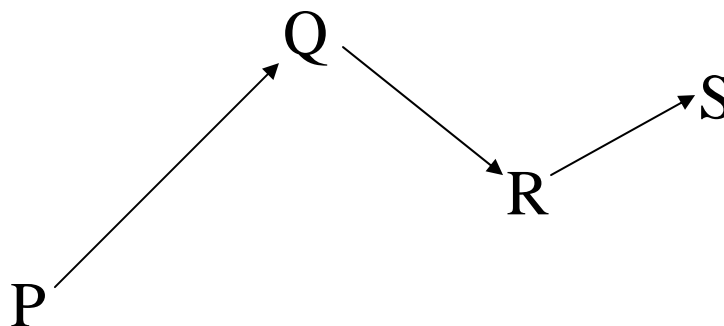
```
digits      :: String -> [Int]
digits xs = [ord x - ord '0' | x <- xs,
              isDigit x ]
```

So

```
> digits "1*5+3"
[1,5,3]
```

# An Longer Example

An Example:  
Computing *path distance*



# Representing a Point

```
type Point = (Float, Float)
```

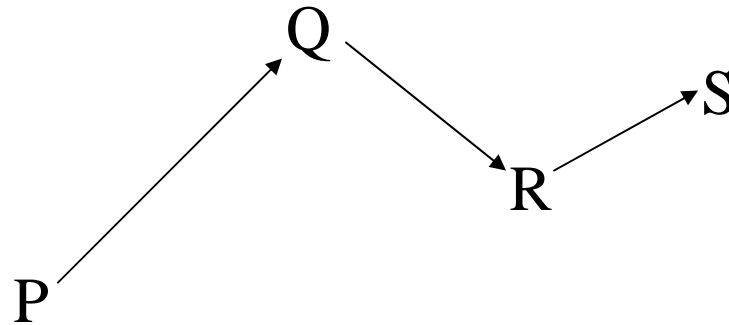
x- and y-coordinates.

```
distance :: Point -> Point -> Float
```

```
distance (x, y) (x', y') =
```

```
    sqrt ((x-x')^2 + (y-y')^2)
```

# Representing a Path



```
type Path = [Point]
```

```
examplePath = [p, q, r, s]
```

```
path_length = distance p q + distance q r  
              + distance r s
```

# Two Useful Functions

- `init xs` -- all but the last element of `xs`,
- `tail xs` -- all but the first element of `xs`.

`init [p, q, r, s] ⇒ [p, q, r]`

`tail [p, q, r, s] ⇒ [q, r, s]`

`zip ... [(p, q), (q, r), (r, s)]`

`sum [1, 2, 3] ⇒ 6`

# The pathLength Function

```
pathLength :: Path -> Float
pathLength xs = sum [ distance p q
                      | (p,q) <- zip (init xs) (tail xs) ]
```

## Example:

```
pathLength [p, q, r, s] ⇒
  distance p q + distance q r + distance r s
```



# Higher-Order Functions

- Functions take functions as *arguments*
- Functional values and Lambda Expressions
- Functions return functions as *results*.

# A Motivating Example

Write a Haskell function **incAll** that adds **1** to each element in a list of numbers.

E.g., `incAll [1, 3, 5, 9] = [2, 4, 6, 10]`

```
incAll :: [Int] -> [Int]

incAll [] = []
incAll (n : ns) = n+1 : incAll ns
```

# A Motivating Example, cont'd

- Write a Haskell function **lengths** that computes the lengths of each list in a *list of lists*.

E.g.,

```
lengths [[1,3], [], [5, 9]] = [2, 0, 2]
```

```
lengths ["but", "and", "if"] = [3, 3, 2]
```

```
lengths :: [[a]] -> [num]
lengths [] = []
lengths (l : ls)
    = (length l) : lengths ls
```

# Similarity and Abstraction

<code>incAll [] = []</code> <code>incAll (n : ns) = (+) n 1</code>			
		<code>:</code>	<code>incAll ns</code>

<code>lengths (l : ls) = (length l)</code> <code>lengths [] = []</code>		<code>:</code>	<code>lengths ls</code>
----------------------------------------------------------------------------	--	----------------	-------------------------



Let  $f$  be  $(+)$  or  $\text{length}$ :

<code>f (hd l)</code>	<code>:</code>	<code>recCall (tail l)</code>
-----------------------	----------------	-------------------------------

`l = [l1, l2, ... ln]:`



`[f l1, f l2, ... f ln]`

# List map function

- Given a function and a list (of appropriate types), applies the function to each element of the list.

```
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
```

```
map f [] = []
```

```
map f (x : xs) = (f x) : map f xs
```

$[l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n]$   $\xrightarrow{\text{map } f}$   $[f\ l_1, f\ l_2, \dots, f\ l_n]$

# Using `map`

```
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
```

```
incAll = map (plus 1)
      where plus m n = m + n

lengths = map (length)
```

Note that `plus :: Int -> Int -> Int`,

so

```
(plus 1) :: Int -> Int.
```

Functions of this kind are sometimes referred to as **partially evaluated (applied)**.

# Partial Applications

Any function may be called with fewer arguments than it was defined with.

The result is a *function* of the remaining arguments.

**if**     `f :: Int -> Bool -> Int -> Bool`

**then** `f 3 :: Bool -> Int -> Bool`

`f 3 True :: Int -> Bool`

`f 3 True 4 :: Bool`

# Bracketing Function Calls and Types

ELOLA  
2008

We say      function application “brackets to the left”  
                 function types “bracket to the right”

If       $f :: \text{Int} \rightarrow (\text{Bool} \rightarrow (\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool}))$

then  $f\ 3 :: \text{Bool} \rightarrow (\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool})$

$(f\ 3)\ \text{True} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool}$

$((f\ 3)\ \text{True})\ 4 :: \text{Bool}$

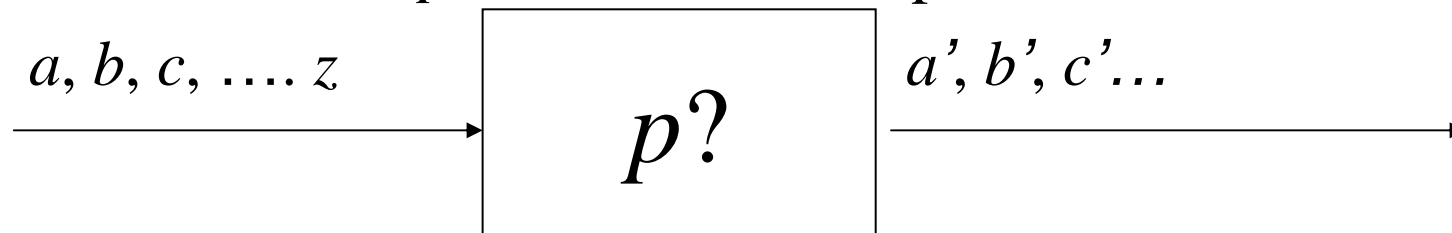
Functions really  
take only *one*  
argument, and  
return a function  
expecting more  
as a result.



# Another HoF: List filtering

```
filtr :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
```

if  $p? w$ , send  $w$  to output



```
filter even [1,2,3,4,6] = [2,4,6]
```

```
even x = x `mod` 2 == 0
```

# Lambda Expressions

- Functions can also be defined using *lambda expressions*
- These are nameless functions made up of
  - A pattern for each of the arguments
  - A body that shows how the result can be calculate from the arguments
- These are shown in Haskell using `\` or mathematically using  $\lambda$

**Example:** `\x -> (x, x, x)`

`\ parameter -> body`

# Lambda Expressions

- The *square* function could also be implemented as a lambda expression

$$\backslash x \rightarrow x * x$$

- Lambda expressions can be used in the same way as other functions

```
> (\x -> x * x) 2  
4
```

```
map square  
[1, 2, 4]  
≡
```

```
filter (\x -> x `mod` 2 == 0) [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]  
map square [2, 3, 5, 7]  
[1, 2, 4]
```

-> has lowest precedence, extends to the right

# Lambda Expressions

- Lambda expressions can also be used to show the meaning of curried expressions

$$\mathit{add} \ x \ y = x + y$$

can be understood as

$$\mathit{add} = \lambda x \rightarrow (\lambda y \rightarrow x + y)$$

which shows that the function takes a number  $x$  which returns a function which in turn takes another number  $y$  and returns the sum of the two numbers

# More About Functional Values

- Functions returning functions
- Partial Application
- Curried Functions

# Sections

Haskell distinguishes **operators** and **functions**:  
*operators* have **infix** notation (e.g. **1 + 2**),  
while *functions* use **prefix** notation (e.g. **plus 1 2**).

Operators can be converted to functions by putting them in brackets: **(+)**  $m\ n = m + n$ .

**Sections** are *partially evaluated operators*. E.g.:

- **(+ m)**  $n = m + n$
- **(0 <)**  $x = 0 < x$
- **(0 :)**  $l = 0 : l$

# Using `map` More

```
squareAll = map (^2)
squareAll [1,2,3,4] = [2,4,9,16]
```

- What do the following functions do?

1. `addNewlines = map (++ "\n")`  
`addNewlines :: [[Char]] -> [[Char]]`
2. `stringify = map (: [])`  
`stringify :: [Char] -> [String]`

# Functions Returning Functions

- Another view of *partial application: functions returning functions*. Example:
- *makeAdder n*: creates a function add *n* to its argument

```
makeAdder :: Int -> (Int -> Int)
```

```
makeAdder n = \x -> x+n
```

or

```
makeAdder = \n -> \x -> x+n
```

```
incAll: [Int] -> [Int]
```

```
incAll = map (makeAdder 1)
```



# Currying

There is a one-to-one correspondence between the types  $(A,B) \rightarrow C$  and  $A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$ .

Given a function  $f :: (A,B) \rightarrow C$ , its *curried* equivalent is the function

```
curriedF :: A -> B -> C
curriedF a b = f (a,b)
```

# Currying in Haskell

- Haskell functions are implicitly curried; multiple arguments can be applied one at a time.

```
plus x y = x + y  
plus1 = plus 1  
plus1 5 = 6
```

- But `add (x, y) = x + y`  
requires a pair of arguments: `add (1, 5)`

# fold (reduce) functions

# Motivating Examples

1. `product`: multiplies all the elements in a list of numbers together.

```
product [2,5,26,14] = 2*5*26*14 = 3640
```

```
product :: [Int] -> Int
product [] = 1
product (n : ns) = n * product ns
```

2. `concat`: Concatenate multiple lists

```
concat [[2,5], [], [26,14]] = [2,5,26,14]
```

```
concat :: [[a]] -> [a]
concat [] = []
concat (xs:xss) = xs ++ xss
```

# Folding

A general pattern for the functions **product** and **concat** is replacing constructors with operators. For example, **product** replaces `:` (cons) with `*` and `[]` with `1`:

```
1 : (2 : (3 : (4 : [])))
```

```
1 * (2 * (3 * (4 * 1)))
```

• **concat** replaces `:` (cons) with `++` and `[]` with `[]`:

```
[2,5] : ([] : ([3,4] : []))
```

```
[2,5] ++ ([] ++ ([3,4] ++ []))
```

# Folding Right

Haskell has a built-in function, **foldr**, that does this replacement:

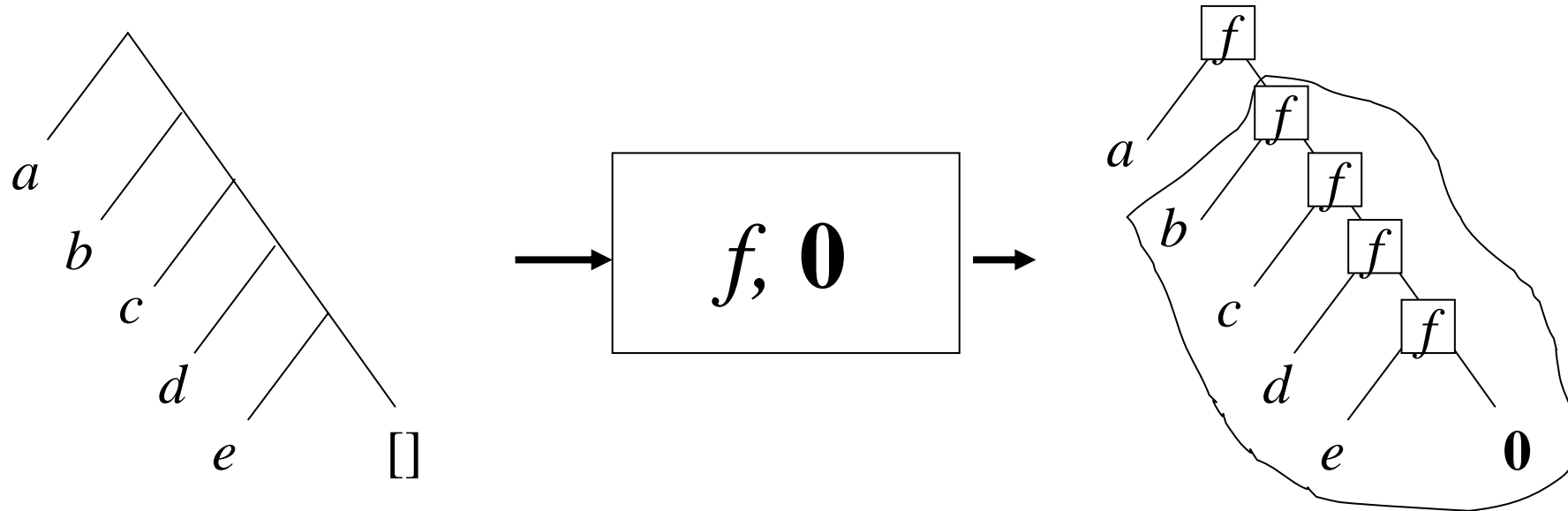
```
foldr :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> [a] -> b
foldr f e [] = e
foldr f e (x : xs) = f x (foldr f e xs)
```

```
product = foldr (*) 1 (2 * (3 * (4 * 1)))
concat  = foldr (++) []
```

(2 \* (3 \* (4 \* 1)))  
└──────────────────┘  
recursive call

# Visualizing *foldr*

```
foldr :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> [a] -> b  
foldr f e [] = e  
foldr f e (x : xs) = f x (foldr f e xs)
```



```
foldr (-) 0 [1,2,3,4,5] = (1 - (2 - (3 - (4 - (5 - 0)))))  
                        = 3
```

# Folding Left

Another direction to fold: **foldl**:

```
foldl :: (b -> a -> b) -> b -> [a] -> b
```

```
foldl f e [] = e
```

```
foldl f e (x : xs) = foldl f (f e x) xs
```

- `product = foldl (*) 1`

- `concat = foldl (++) []`

- `foldl max 0 [1,2,3] = 3`

**where** `max a b = if a > b then a else b`

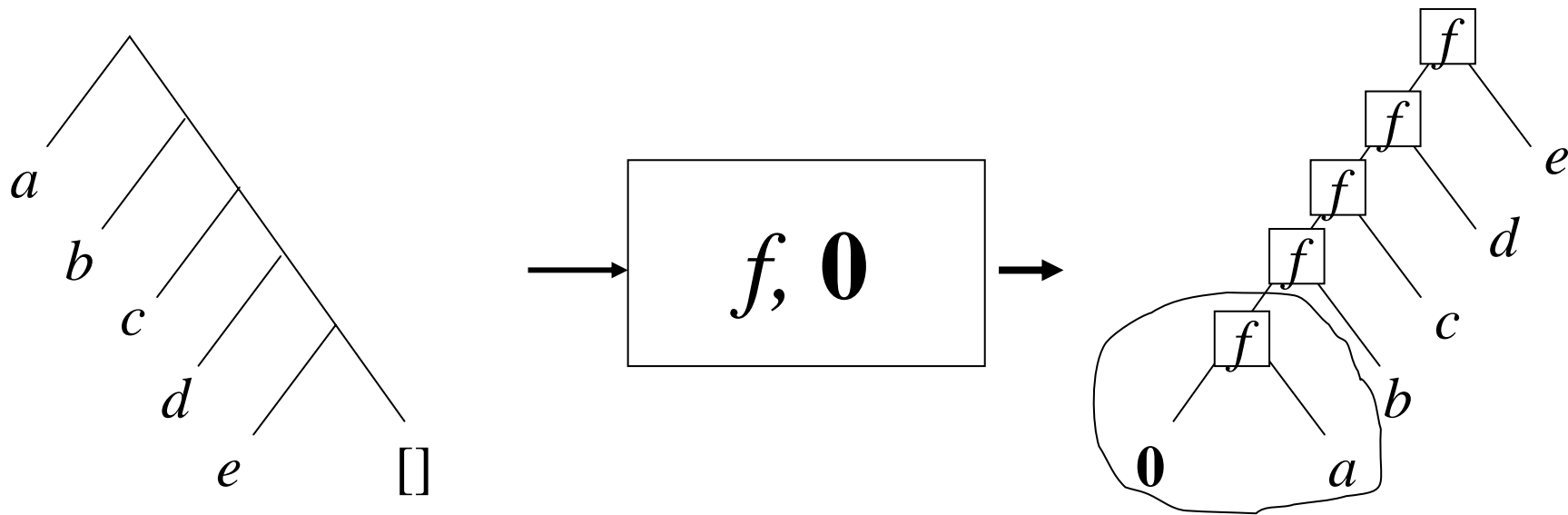


# Folding Left (reduce)

```
foldl :: (b -> a -> b) -> b -> [a] -> b
```

```
foldl f e [] = e
```

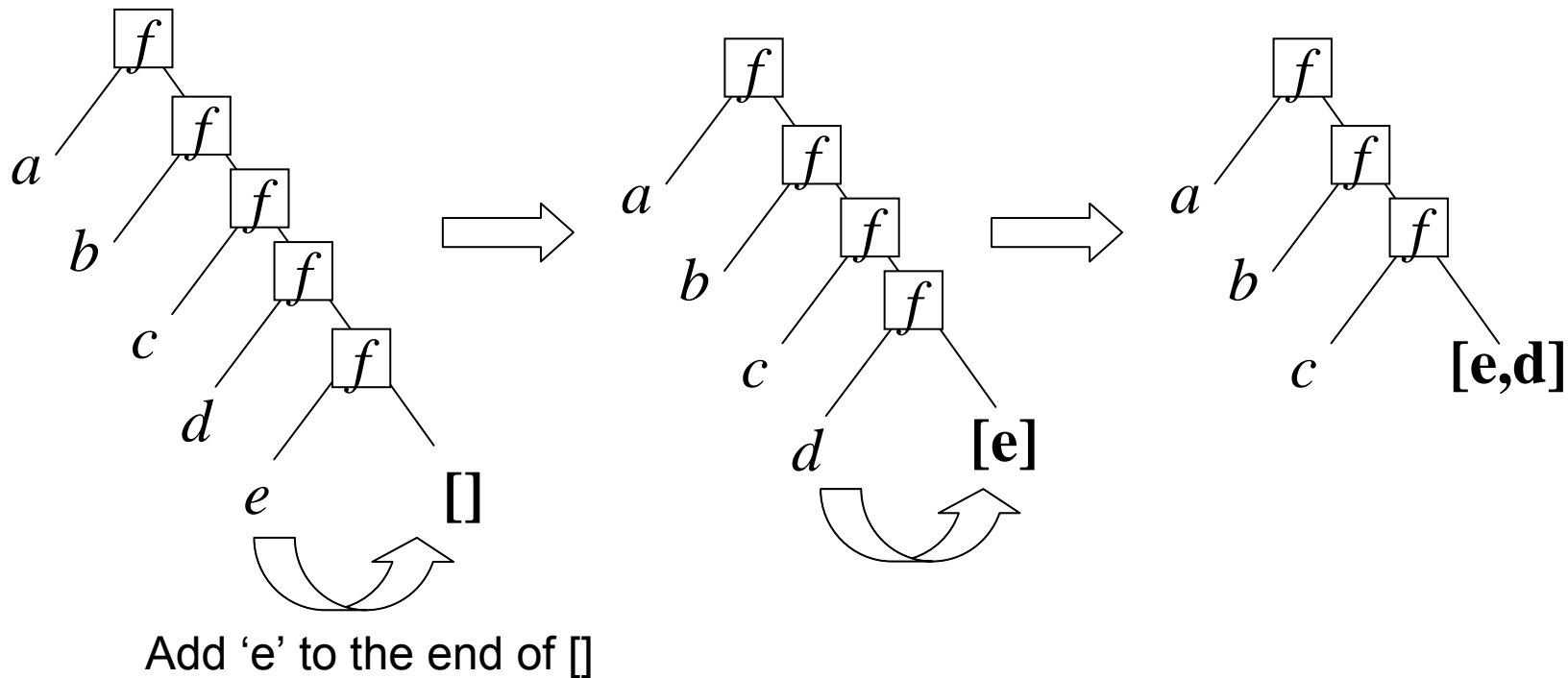
```
foldl f e (x : xs) = foldl f (f e x) xs
```



```
foldl (-) 0 [1,2,3,4,5] = (((((0-1)-2)-3)-4)-5)
                        = -15
```

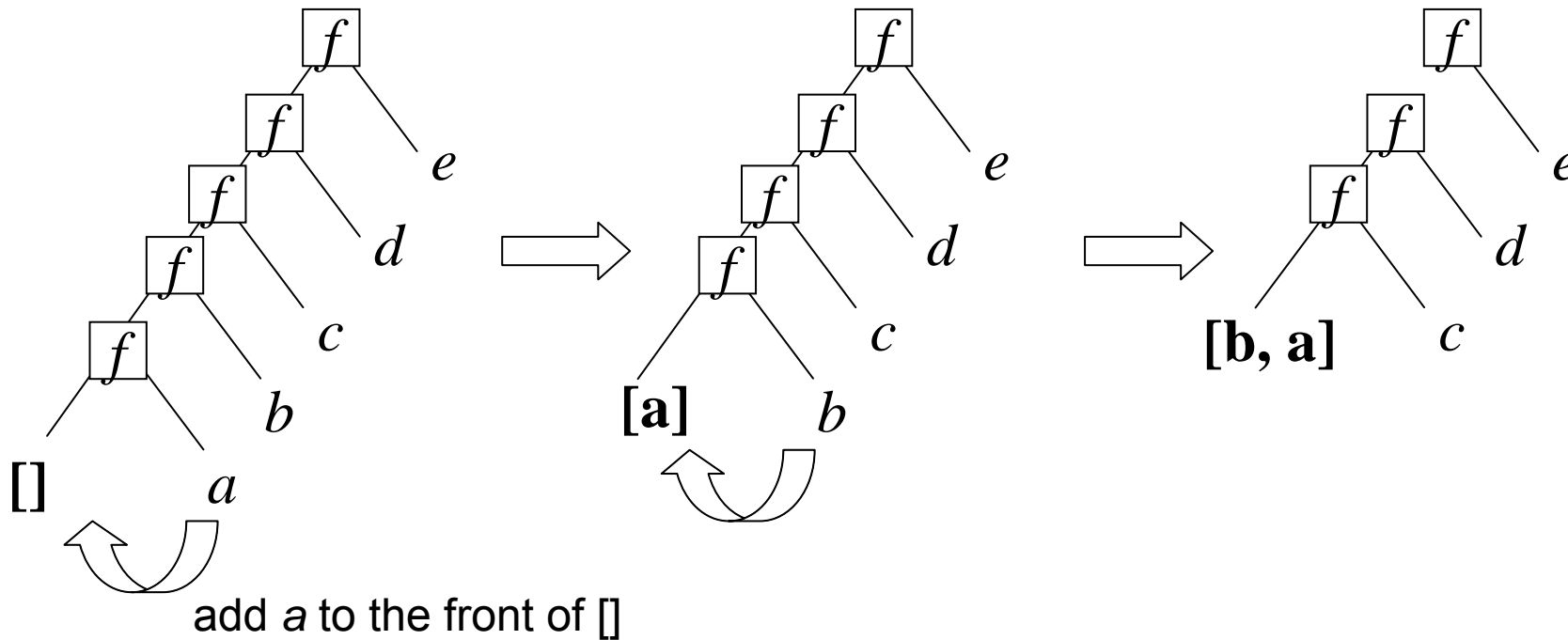
# Reversing a list using *foldr*

```
reverser    :: [a] -> [a]
reverser = foldr snoc []
  where snoc x xs = xs ++ [x]      --O(N2)
      --Add 'x' to the end of xs
```



# Reversing a list using *foldl*

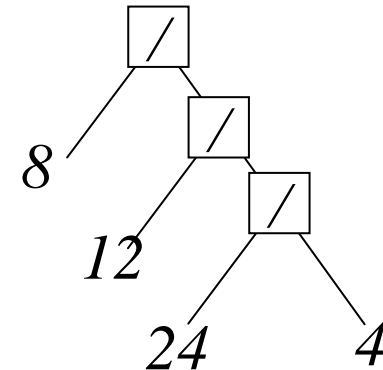
```
reverse1 :: [a] -> [a]           --O(N)  
reverse1 = foldl cons []  
      where cons xs x = x : xs
```



# Specialized fold

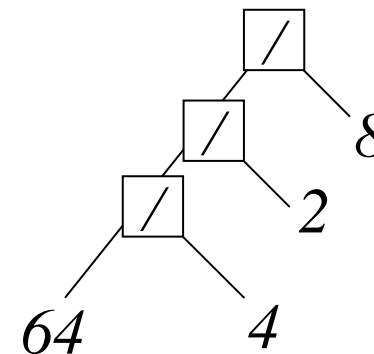
**foldr1 :: (a -> a -> a) -> [a] -> a**

`foldr1 (/) [8,12,24,4] = 4.0`



**foldl1 :: (a -> a -> a) -> [a] -> a**

`foldl1 (/) [64,4,2,8] = 1.0`



# Combing Map and Reduce

# Consider the three sums

$$\bullet 1 + 2 + \dots + 100 = (100 * 101)/2$$

$$\bullet 1 + 4 + 9 + \dots + 100^2 = (100 * 101 * 102)/6$$

$$\bullet 1 + 1/3^2 + 1/5^2 + \dots + 1/101^2 = \pi^2/8$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{100} k$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{100} k^2$$

$$\sum_{k=1, \text{odd}}^{101} k^{-2}$$

In mathematics they are all captured by the notion of a sum:

$$\sum_{x \in l} f(x)$$

Can we express this abstraction directly?

# Look at the three functions

ELOLAC  
2008

$$\sum_{k=1}^{100} k = \text{sum-integers } 1 \ 100$$

```
sumIntegers k n =  
  if k > n then 0 else  
    k + (sum-integers (k+1) n)
```

$$\sum_{k=1}^{100} k^2 = \text{sum-squares } 1 \ 100$$

```
sumSquares k n =  
  if k > n then 0 else  
    (square k) + (sum-squares (k+1) n)
```

$$\sum_{k=1, \text{odd}}^{101} k^{-2} = \text{pi-sum } 1 \ 101$$

```
piSum k n =  
  if k > n then 0 else  
    (1/(square k)) + (pi-sum (k+2) n)
```

# Abstraction from the three functions

$$\sum_{x \in I} f(x)$$

*sum f next* k n =  
if k > n then 0 else  
  (f k) +  
  *sum f next* (next k) n

•sumIntegers = sum (\x->x) (+1)

•sumSquares = sum (\x->x^2) (+1)

•piSum = sum si (+2)  
  where si x = 1/(x\*x)

sumIntegers k n =  
  if k > n then 0 else  
  k + (sum-integers (k+1) n)

sumSquares k n =  
  if k > n then 0 else  
  (square k) + (sum-squares (k+1) n)

piSum k n =  
  if k > n then 0 else  
  (1/(square k)) + (pi-sum (k+2) n)



# Using `map` and `reduce`

To implement summation:  $\sum_{x \in l} f(x)$

```
sum f l = foldl (+) 0 (map f l)
```

E.g.,

```
 $\Sigma(x)$ : > sum (\x->x) [1, 2, 3]
```

```
value: 6
```

```
 $\Sigma(x^2)$ : > sum (\x->x*x) [1, 2, 3]
```

```
value: 14
```

# Google is using FPL, too

ELOLAC  
2008

## MapReduce: Simplified Data Processing on Large Clusters

Jeffrey Dean and Sanjay Ghemawat

jeff@google.com, sanjay@google.com

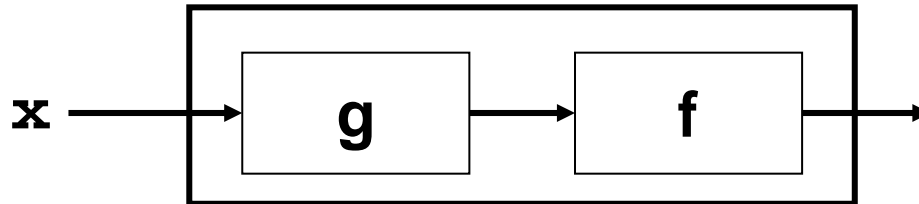
*Google, Inc.* 2004

As a reaction to this complexity, we designed a new abstraction that allows us to express the simple computations we were trying to perform but hides the messy details of parallelization, fault-tolerance, data distribution and load balancing in a library. Our abstraction is inspired by the *map* and *reduce* primitives present in Lisp and many other functional languages. We realized that

# Function Composition

Function composition is a higher-order function.

```
compose ::  
  (b -> c) -> (a -> b) -> a -> c  
compose f g x = f (g x)
```



There is a Haskell operator `.` that implements **compose**:

```
infixr . 9  
(f . g) x = f (g x)
```

# Composition Example

Define a function `count` which counts *the number of lists of length  $n$*  in a list `L`:

```
count 2 [[1], [], [2, 3], [4, 5], []] = 2
```

Using recursion:

```
count :: Int -> [[a]] -> Int
count [] = 0
count n (x:xs)
  | length x == n = 1 + count n xs
  | otherwise     = count n xs
```

Using functional composition:

```
count' n = length . filter (==n) . map length
```

# Composition Example

- Double the numbers in a list

```
double :: [Int] -> [Int]
double xs = map (* 2) xs
```

- Remove negative numbers from a list

```
positive :: [Int] -> [Int]
positive xs = filter (0<) xs
```

- Double the positive numbers in a list

```
doublePos :: [Int] -> [Int]
doublePos xs = map (* 2) filter (0<) xs
```

**or**

```
doublePos = map (* 2) . filter (0<)
```

# Defining New Data Types

- Enumerated types
- Parameterized types
- Recursive types

# Type Declarations

- A new name for an existing type can be defined using a type declaration.

```
type String = [Char]
```

--String is a *synonym* for the type [Char].

- Type declarations can be used to make other types easier to read. For example, given

```
type Pos = (Int,Int)
```

- We can define
- ```
left  :: Pos → Pos
left (x,y) = (x-1,y)
```

# Type Declarations

- Like function definitions, type declarations can also have *parameters*. For example, given

```
type Pair a = (a,a)
```

we can define:

```
bits  :: Pair Int
bits  = (0,1)

copy  :: a → Pair a
copy x = (x,x)
```

- Type declarations can be *nested*:

```
type Pos    = (Int,Int) ✓
type Trans = Pos → Pos
```

- However, they *cannot be recursive*:

```
type Tree = (Int,[Tree]) ✗
```



# Defining New Types

- Enumerated

```
data Bool = False | True
```

- Parameterized (polymorphic)

```
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
```

- Recursive

```
Data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)
```

# Enumerated

Example:

```
data Bool = False | True
```

Bool is a new type, with two *new values* False and True.

- **data** is a keyword - defines a new (*algebraic*) data type.
- Bool is the *type name*.
- True, False are *constructors*.
- `True :: Bool, False :: Bool`
- The type name and constructors must begin with an *upper case letter*.

# Enumerated

Values of new types can be used in the same ways as those of built in types. For example, given

```
data Answer = Yes | No | Unknown
```

we can define:

```
answers      :: [Answer]
answers      = [Yes, No, Unknown]

flip         :: Answer → Answer
flip Yes    = No
flip No     = Yes
flip Unknown = Unknown
```

# Enumerated

The constructors in a data declaration can also have *parameters*. For example, given

```
data Shape = Circle Float
           | Rect Float Float
```

we can define:

```
square      :: Shape
square      = Rect 1 1

area        :: Shape → Float
area (Circle r) = pi * r^2
area (Rect x y) = x * y
```

# Continued:

```
data Shape = Circle Float
           | Rect Float Float
```

- *Shape* has values of the form `Circle r` where `r` is a float, and `Rect x y` where `x` and `y` are floats.
- `Circle` and `Rect` can be viewed as functions that simply construct values of type `Shape`:

```
Circle :: Float → Shape
Rect   :: Float → Float → Shape
```

# Parameterized (Polymorphic)

Not surprisingly, data declarations themselves can also have *parameters*. For example, given

```
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
```

we can define:

```
zero :: Maybe Int
zero = Just 0

app  :: (a → b) → Maybe a → Maybe b
app f Nothing   = Nothing
app f (Just x)  = Just (f x)
```

# Recursive Types

In Haskell, new types can be defined in terms of themselves. That is, types can be recursive.

```
data Nat = Zero | Succ Nat
```

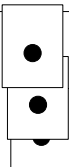
Nat is a new type, with constructors  
`Zero :: Nat` and `Succ :: Nat → Nat`.

`Nat` contains the following infinite sequence of values:

Zero

Succ Zero

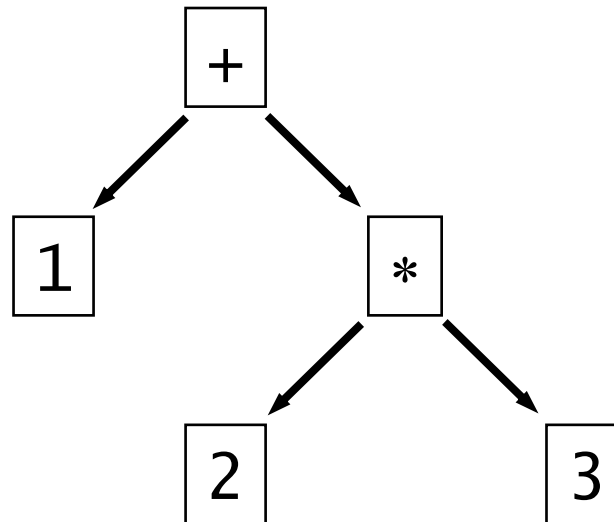
Succ (Succ Zero)



# Modeling Arithmetic Expressions

ELOLAC  
2008

1 + ( 2 \* 3 )





# Arithmetic Expressions

- We can define a suitable new recursive type to represent these expressions

```
data Expr = Val Int  
          | Add Expr Expr  
          | Mul Expr Expr
```

- So the tree for  $1 + 2 * 3$  could be represented as

```
Add (Val 1) (Mul (Val 2) (Val 3))
```

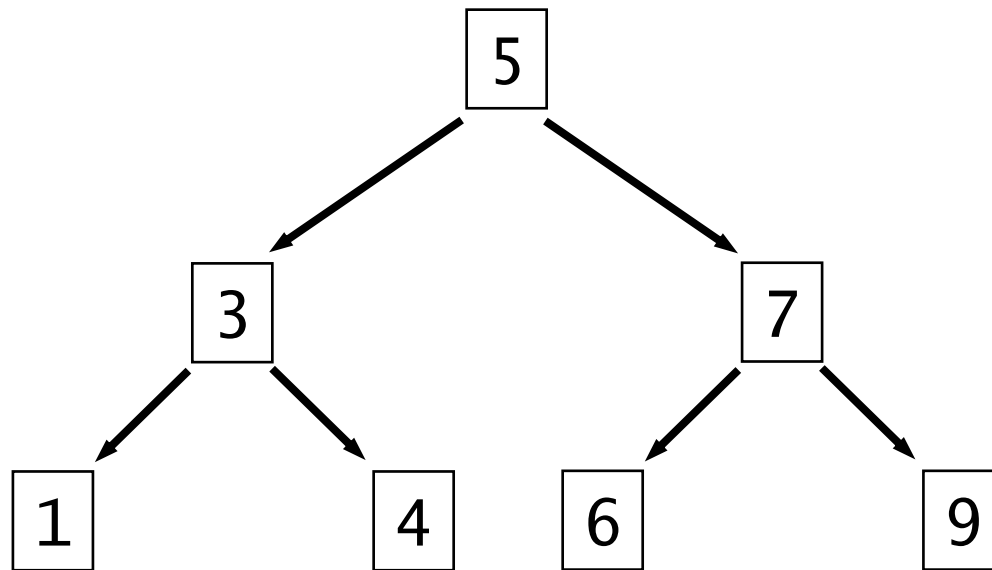
# Arithmetic Expressions

- We can define recursive functions to process expressions

```
size           :: Expr -> Int  
size (Val n)   = 1  
size (Add x y) = size x + size y  
  
eval          :: Expr -> Int  
eval (Val n)   = n  
eval (Add x y) = eval x + eval y  
eval (Mul x y) = eval x * eval y
```

# Binary Trees

In computing, it is often useful to store data in a two-way branching structure or binary tree.



# Binary Trees

Using recursion, a suitable new type to represent such binary trees can be defined by:

```
data Tree = Leaf Int
          | Node Tree Int Tree
```

For example, the tree on the previous slide would be represented as follows:

```
Node (Node (Leaf 1) 3 (Leaf 4))
     5
     (Node (Leaf 6) 7 (Leaf 9))
```

# Binary Trees

- The function *flatten* returns the list of all integers contained in the tree

```
flatten :: Tree -> [Int]
flatten (Leaf n) = [n]
flatten (Node l n r) = flatten l
                        ++ [n]
                        ++ flatten r
```

- If the tree flattens to an ordered list then the tree is a *search tree*
- Our example flattens to [1,3,4,5,6,9]

# Searching a Binary Tree

We can define a function `find` that decides if a given integer occurs in a binary tree:

```
find      :: Int → Tree → Bool
find x (Leaf n)      = x==n
find x (Node l n r) = x==n
                    || find x l
                    || find x r
```

However, this function simply traverses *the entire tree*, and hence for our example tree may require up to seven comparisons to produce a result.

# Binary Search Trees

Search trees have the important property that when trying to find a value in a tree we can always decide which of the two sub-trees it may occur in:

```
find x (Leaf n)           = x==n
find x (Node l n r) | x==n = True
                   | x<n  = find x l
                   | x>n  = find x r
```

For example, trying to find any value in our search tree only takes at most three comparisons.

# Lazy Evaluation



# Haskell is Lazy

Haskell only evaluates a sub-expression if it's necessary to produce a result.

This is called **lazy** (or **non-strict**) **evaluation**

```
Main> head []  
program error: empty argument list  
  
Main> fst (0, head [])  
0  
Main>
```

# Patterns Force Evaluation

Haskell **will** evaluate a subexpression to test if it matches a pattern. Suppose we define:

```
myFst (x, 0) = x
myFst (x, y) = x
```

Then the second argument is always evaluated:

```
Main> myFst (0, maxList [])
program error: empty argument list
Main>
```

# Lazy But Productive

Haskell will produce as much of a result as possible:

```
Main> [1, 2, div 3 0, 4]
[1,2,
program error: [primQrmInteger 3 0]

Main> map (1/) [1, 2, 0, 7]
[1.0,0.5,
program error: [primDivDouble 1.0 0.0]
```

# Lazy Evaluation

**Lazy evaluation:** a sub-expression is evaluated only if it is necessary to produce a result.

The Haskell interpreter implements **topmost-outermost** evaluation:

**Rewriting is done as near the "top" of the parse tree as possible.**

For example:

```
reverse (1 : ((f 2) : [])) --[1, f 2]
```

# Topmost-Outermost

```
reverse (n : ns) = snoc n (reverse ns)
snoc h tl = tl ++ [h]
```

```
reverse (1 : ((f 2) : []))
⇒
(snoc 1 (reverse ((f 2) : []))
⇒
(reverse ((f 2) : [])) ++ [1]
⇒
((snoc (f 2) (reverse [])) ++ [1]
⇒
((reverse []) ++ [(f 2)]) ++ [1]
```

# Topmost-Outermost

```
((reverse []) ++ [(f 2)]) ++ [1]
⇒
([] ++ [(f 2)]) ++ [1]
⇒
[(f 2)] ++ [1]
⇒
[(f 2), 1]
```

(f 2) is not evaluated!

# Infinite Lists

Haskell has a "dot-dot" notation for lists:

```
Main> [0..7]
[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7]
```

The upper bound can be omitted:

```
Main> [1..]
[1,2,3,4,5,6,7, ...
...
2918,2919,291<<not enough heap space --
task abandoned>>
```

# Using Infinite Lists

Haskell gives up displaying a list when it runs out of memory, but infinite lists like `[1..]` can be used in programs that only use a part of the list:

```
Main> head (tail (tail (tail [1..])))  
4
```

This style of programming is often summarized by the phrase "generators and selectors"

- `[1..]` is a generator
- `head.tail.tail.tail` is a selector



# Generators and Selectors

Because Haskell implements lazy evaluation, it only evaluates as much of the generator as is necessary:

```
Main> head (tail (tail (tail [1..])))  
5  
Main> reverse [1..]  
ERROR - Garbage collection fails to  
reclaim sufficient space  
Main>
```

# Another Selector

The built-in function `takeWhile` returns the longest initial segment that satisfies a property `p`:

```
takeWhile :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
takeWhile p [] = []
takeWhile p (x : xs)
  | p x          = x : takeWhile p xs
  | otherwise    = []
```

```
Main> takeWhile (<10) [1, 2, 13, 3]
[1,2]
```

# Selectors

Note that evaluation of `takeWhile` stops as soon as the given property doesn't hold, whereas evaluation of `filter` only stops when the end of the list is reached:

```
Main> takeWhile (<10) [1..]  
[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]
```

```
Main> filter (<10) [1..]  
[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
```

**ERROR!**

# Eratosthenes' Sieve

A number is prime iff

- it is divisible only by 1 and itself
- it is at least 2

The sieve:

- start with all the numbers from 2 on
  - delete all *multiples* of the *first* number from the remainder of the list
  - repeat

# Eratosthenes' Sieve

```
primes :: [Int]
primes = sieve [2..]
  where
    sieve (x:xs) =
      x : sieve [ y | y <- xs, y `mod` x /= 0 ]
```

```
Main> take 5 primes
[2,3,5,7,11]
```

# Never-Ending Recursion

The expression `[n..]` can be implemented generally by a function:

```
natsfrom :: num -> [num]
natsfrom n = n : natsfrom (n+1)
```

This function can be invoked in the usual way:

```
Main> natsfrom 0
[0,1,2,3,....          ERROR!

Main> take 3 (natsfrom 0)
[0,1,2]
```

# Iterate

```
-- iterate f x == [x, f x, f (f x), ...]
```

```
iterate :: (a -> a) -> a -> [a]  
iterate f x = x : iterate f (f x)
```

```
Main> iterate (*2) 1  
[1,2,4,8,16,32,64,128,256,512,1024,...]
```

```
Main> iterate (drop 3) "abcdef"  
["abcdef", "def", "", "", ...]
```

# Problem: Grouping List Elements

```
group :: Int -> [a] -> [[a]]  
group = ?
```

```
Main> group 3 "apabepacepa!"  
["apa", "bep", "ace", "pa!"]
```

```
Hint: map (take 3) (iterate (drop 3) "abcdef")  
=> map (take 3) ["abcdef", "def", "", "", ...]  
=> ["abc", "def", "", "", ...]
```

```
group :: Int -> [a] -> [[a]]  
group n = takeWhile (not . null)  
        . map (take n)  
        . iterate (drop n)
```



# Suggested Reading

- Paul Hudak, “*Conception, Evolution, and Application of Functional Programming Languages,*” ACM Computing Surveys 21/3, 1989.
- Paul Hudak and Joseph H. Fasel, “*A Gentle Introduction to Haskell,*” ACM SIGPLAN Notices, vol. 27, no. 5, May 1992. <Haskell tutorial>
- Simon Thomson, *The Craft of Functional Programming*, 2nd Ed., Addison-Wesley, 1999.
- Graham Hutton, *Programming in Haskell*, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2007

# More to learn about Haskell

- Type classes
- Constructor classes
- IO Monads
- State handing in a monadic style
- ...
- Various research-oriented extensions in GHC

# Acknowledgement

ELOLAC  
2008

- Some of the materials presented here are taken from the slides prepared by :
- Professor G. M. Hutton, Nottingham Univ., UK
- Professor J. Hughes, Chalmers Univ., Sweden
- Professor N. Whitehead, University of Akureyri in Iceland
- Professor G. Malcolm, Univ. of Liverpool, UK

# Unit 2: Type Systems for FP

## Part I: the $\lambda$ Calculus

The foundation of all FP languages.

# The $\lambda$ -Calculus

ELOLAC  
2008

The  $\lambda$ -calculus was developed by the logician **Alonzo Church** in 1930's as a tool to study *functions and computability.*



# $\lambda$ -calculus in Computer Science

ELOLAC  
2008

- Computability
  - $\lambda$ -definability, Church 1930's
  - Equivalent to *Turing Machines*, Turing 1937
  - Equivalent to *recursive functions*, Kleene 1936
- Programming languages, 1960's
  - Naming, functions
  - Lisp, Algol 60, ISWIM
- Language theory, 1970's
  - Semantics: operational and denotational
  - Type systems

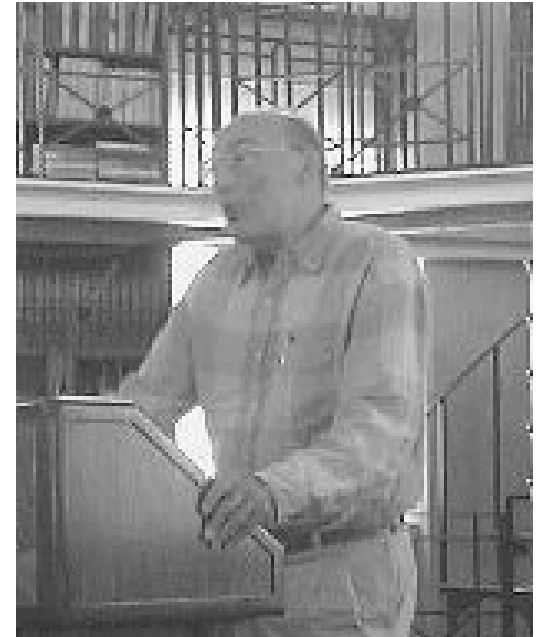
# Original Aims of the $\lambda$ -calculus

- A foundation for logic (1930's)
  - failed
- A theory of functions (Church 1941)
  - model for computable functions
- Success 30 years later in Computer Science!

# The Next 700 PL's

ELOLAC  
2008

**Peter Landin** develops ISWIM, the first *pure* functional language, based strongly on the lambda calculus, with no assignments.



*“ Whatever the next 700 languages turn out to be, they will surely be variants of lambda calculus.”*

(Landin 1966)

Lambda calculus with constants



# Lambda Calculus: Variants

- The pure lambda calculus (LC) is a *untyped* language composed entirely of functions
- The simply typed lambda calculus (SLC)
- The polymorphic typed lambda calculus (PLC)
- ...

# Pure Untyped $\lambda$ -calculus

- Syntax is simple: •M,N are called  $\lambda$ -terms or  $\lambda$ -expressions

$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{- M, N ::= x \quad | \quad \lambda x.M \quad | \quad M N} \\ \begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{variable} & \text{abstraction} & \text{application} \end{array} \end{array}$$

- No types: e.g.,  $(\lambda x.x)y$ ;  $(\lambda x.x)(\lambda x.x)$
- No numbers or operations
  - can be added
  - values are function abstractions
- Functions are nameless
  - No “let  $f = \lambda x.M$  in  $N$ ”

# Syntax of $\lambda$ -Terms

- Examples:
  - $\lambda x.x$  : the identity function
  - $(\lambda y. \lambda x. x) f g$ : discards the first argument
- Notational conventions:
  - applications associate to the left (like in Haskell):
    - “ $y z x$ ” is “ $(y z) x$ ”
  - the body of a lambda *extends* as far as possible to the right:
    - “ $\lambda x.x \lambda z.x z x$ ” is “ $\lambda x.(x \lambda z.(x z x))$ ”
  - “ $\lambda x. \lambda y. x y$ ” often abbreviates to “ $\lambda x y. x y$ ”

# Terminology

- Bound variables (parameters)
- Free variables
- Example:

•  $\lambda x.x y$

x is bound  
in the term  $\lambda x.x y$

y is free in the term  $\lambda x.x y$

# Terminology

- $\lambda x.M$

the scope of  $x$  is the term  $M$

- $\lambda x.x y$

$y$  is free in the term  $\lambda x.x y$

$x$  is bound  
in the term  $\lambda x.x y$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{FV}(x) &= \{x\} \\ \mathbf{FV}(\lambda x.M) &= \mathbf{FV}(M) \setminus \\ &\quad \{x\} \end{aligned}$$

# Open

# Closed

ELOLAC  
2008

–  $FV(E) \neq \{\}$

–  $xz$

–  $\lambda x.xz$

–  $(\lambda x.x)y$

–  $(\lambda y.(\lambda x.xz)y)w$

–  $FV(E) = \{\}$

–  $\lambda x.x$

–  $\lambda x.\lambda y.xy$

–  $(\lambda x.x)(\lambda y.y)$

–  $\lambda f.\lambda g.\lambda x.f x (g x)$

- Ex. Underline the bound variables

# Evaluating $\lambda$ -Terms

- Function application is straightforward:

$$(\lambda \mathbf{x} . (\mathbf{f} \ \mathbf{x})) \ \mathbf{y} \ \dashrightarrow \ \mathbf{f} \ \mathbf{y}$$

substitute  $\mathbf{y}$  for  $\mathbf{x}$  in  $(\mathbf{f} \ \mathbf{x})$

- Reduce all applications  $(\lambda \mathbf{x} . \mathbf{L}) \mathbf{N}$
- Until none can be found

# Evaluating $\lambda$ -Terms

- $\beta$ -reduction

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda \underline{x}. x x) (\lambda y. y) \\ \xrightarrow[\beta]{} & x x [\lambda y. y / x] \\ \equiv & (\lambda y. y) (\lambda y. y) \\ \xrightarrow[\beta]{} & y [\lambda y. y / y] \\ \equiv & \lambda y. y \end{aligned}$$

$M [N/x]$  is the term in which all free occurrences of  $x$  in  $M$  are replaced with  $N$ .

This replacement operation is called substitution. we will define it carefully later in the appendix



# Examples of $\beta$ -reduction

$$1. (\lambda x. x) a \xrightarrow[\beta]{[a/x]} a$$

$$2. (\lambda x. \lambda y. x) a b \xrightarrow[\beta]{[a/x]} (\lambda y. a) b \xrightarrow[\beta]{[b/y]} a$$

$$3. (\lambda x. x a) (\lambda x. x) \xrightarrow[\beta]{[\lambda x. x/x]} (\lambda x. x) a \xrightarrow[\beta]{[a/x]} a$$

$$4. (\lambda x. \lambda y. x y) y \xrightarrow[\beta]{[y/x]} (\lambda y. y y)$$

*y Become bound*  
Name capturing error!

# A Similar Example in C Macro

- Name capturing problem in macro expansion

```
#define swap(X,Y) [ int tmp=X; X=Y; Y=tmp; ]
```

```
int a, b;  
a = 5;  
b = 10;  
swap(a, b);
```

=> OK

```
[int tmp=b; b=a;  
  a=tmp;]
```

```
int a, tmp;  
a=5;  
tmp = 10;  
swap(a, tmp);
```

=> **oops!** tmp got trapped

```
[int tmp=a; a=tmp;  
  tmp=tmp; ]
```

# Renaming Bound Variables

- Names of *bound variables (parameters)* do not matter.
- Example:  $\lambda x. x =_{\alpha} \lambda y. y =_{\alpha} \lambda z. z$ 
  - But NOT:

$$\lambda y. \underline{x} y =_{\alpha} \lambda y. \underline{z} y$$

- This is called  **$\alpha$  conversion** in lambda calculus

$$\lambda x . E =_{\alpha} \lambda z . E[z/x] \quad (z \text{ is not free in } E)$$

$\lambda y. \underline{x} y[x/y]$  will make the “free” x captured.

# Example Revisited

$$4. (\lambda x. \lambda y. x y) y \rightarrow_{\beta} \lambda y. y y \quad \boxed{y \text{ Become bound}}$$

 Renaming the bounded y

$$4. (\lambda x. \lambda y. x y) y \rightarrow_{\alpha} (\lambda x. \lambda z. x z) y \\ \rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda z. y z) \\ [y/z]$$

# Normal Forms

- Evaluation via  $\beta$ -reduction
- Terms  $(\lambda x. L)N$  are called  $\beta$ -redexes
- $\beta$ -normal form = no  $\beta$ -redexes
- $(\lambda x. xx)y \quad \leftarrow$  a  $\beta$ -redex
- $\rightarrow_{\beta} yy \quad \leftarrow$   $\beta$ -normal form
- Not all  $\lambda$ -terms have  $\beta$ -nf

# An example with no NF

$(\lambda x. x x) (\lambda x. x x)$   
 $\xrightarrow{\beta} x x [\lambda x. x x/x]$   
 $== (\lambda x. x x) (\lambda x. x x)$   
 $\rightarrow \dots$  looping, no normal form

$\Omega = (\lambda x. x x)$

$\Omega\Omega$  has no  $\beta$ -nf

- In other words, it is simple to write non-terminating computations in the lambda calculus

# Evaluation Strategy (Order)

- A term may have many *redexes*:

$$\underline{\underline{(\lambda x. (\lambda y. y) z) \quad ((\lambda z. z) w)}}$$

- Which application first?
- Does it matter?
- Yes:
  - Full Beta Reduction
  - Normal Order
  - Call-By-Name (CBN)
  - Call-By-Value (CBV) (Applicative Order), etc.

# Full Beta Reduction

- Any redex can be chosen, and evaluation proceeds until no more redexes found.
- For example,

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda x. (\lambda y. y) z) ((\lambda z. z) w) \\ \dashrightarrow_{\beta} & (\lambda x. z) ((\lambda z. z) w) \\ \dashrightarrow_{\beta} & z \end{aligned}$$



# Normal Order Reduction

- Deterministic strategy which chooses the *leftmost, outermost redex*, until no more redexes.
- Example:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{---} >_{\beta} \frac{(\lambda x. (\lambda y. y) z) ((\lambda z. z) w)}{(\lambda y. y) z} \\ \text{---} >_{\beta} z \end{array}$$

# Why Not Normal Order?

- In most (all?) programming languages, *functions are considered values (fully evaluated)*
- Thus, no reduction is done inside of functions (under the **lambda**)  
 $\lambda x. M$  is a value, not reducible
- No popular programming language uses normal order

# Call by Name; Call by Value

- Consider the application:  $(\lambda x. E) e_1$
- Call by value: evaluate the argument  $e_1$  to a value before  $\beta$  reduction
- Call by name: reduce the application, *without* evaluating  $e_1$
- In both cases: a lambda abstraction:  $\lambda x. E$  is a value.

# Call-By-Name/Call-By-Value

- CBN example

$$\begin{aligned} & \underline{\text{id} (\text{id} (\lambda z. \text{id} z))} \\ \rightarrow_{\beta} & \underline{\text{id} (\lambda z. \text{id} z)} \\ \rightarrow_{\beta} & \lambda z. \text{id} z \end{aligned}$$

- CBV example

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{id} \underline{(\text{id} (\lambda z. \text{id} z))}) \\ \rightarrow & \underline{\text{id} (\lambda z. \text{id} z)} \\ \rightarrow & \lambda z. \text{id} z \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{id} = \lambda x. x$

# Order of Evaluation May Matter Much

- CBV (Inner redex):

$$(\lambda y . \lambda z . z) \underline{((\lambda x . x x) (\lambda x . x x))} \rightarrow_{\beta}$$

$$(\lambda y . \lambda z . z) ((\lambda x . x x) (\lambda x . x x)) \rightarrow_{\beta} \dots$$

- CBN (Outer redex):

$$\underline{(\lambda y . \lambda z . z)} ((\lambda x . x x) (\lambda x . x x)) \rightarrow_{\beta}$$

$$(\lambda z . z)$$

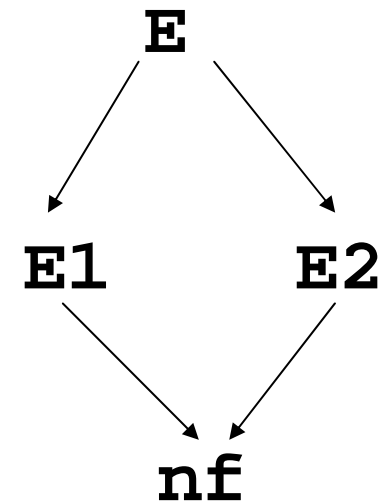
1st sequence is infinite. 2nd has normal form.

# Normalization Theorem

If a  $\lambda$ -expression  $E$  has a normal form, then the *normal order strategy* will terminate in a normal form. (Curry & Feys, 1958)

Church-Rosser Corollary

The normal form of a  $\lambda$ -expression, if it exists, is unique.



# Comparison

- The call-by-value strategy is *strict*
- The arguments to functions are always evaluated, whether or not they are used by the body of the function
- *Non-strict* (or *lazy*) strategies evaluate only the arguments that are actually used
  - call-by-name
  - call-by-need

# LC and Type Theories

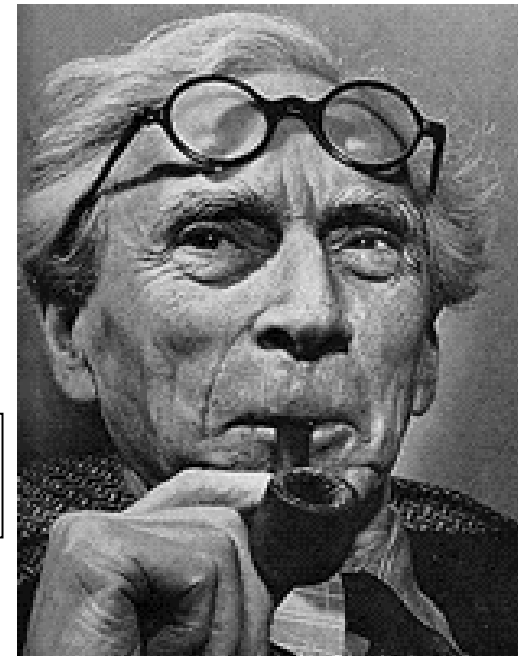
- Russell's paradox:

$$R = \{ X \mid X \notin X \}, \quad \text{is } R \in R?$$

- Russell developed type theory, attempting to solve the paradox.
- Church encounters similar issues in pure LC:

$$\Omega = (\lambda x . x \ x), \quad \Omega \ \Omega \text{ has no NF}$$

- Church proposed the simply typed LC (1941)





# Lambda Calculus and Programming Languages

Programming in the Lambda Calculus

# We can do everything

- The lambda calculus can be used as an “assembly language”
- We can show how to *compile* useful, high-level operations and language features into the lambda calculus
  - Result = adding high-level operations is convenient for programmers, but not a computational necessity
  - Result = make your compiler intermediate language simpler

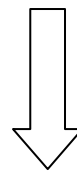
# Compile the Let Expressions

- Given the let expressions in Haskell

```
let x = e1 in e2
```

- Question: can we implement this construct in the lambda calculus?

***source* = lambda calculus + let**



**translate/compile**

***target* = lambda calculus**

# Compile the Let Expressions

- Given the let expressions in Haskell

```
let x = e1 in e2
```

- Question: can we implement this construct in the lambda calculus?

**Example:** `let f = \x.xz in \y.f (f y)`



```
( \f.\y.f (f y) ) (\x.xz)
```

# Compile the Let Expressions

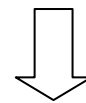
- Given the let expressions in Haskell

`let x = e1 in e2`

- Question: can we implement this construct in the lambda calculus?

Rule:

`let f =  $\lambda x.M$  in N`



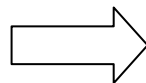
`$(\lambda f.N)$   $(\lambda x.M)$`

- The let-expr is a kind of syntactic sugar

# Encoding Booleans in LC

- We will represent “true” and “false” as *functions* named “true” and “false”
  - how do we define these functions?
  - think about how “true” and “false” can be used
  - they can be used by a testing:  
if b then x else y or as a function: if b x y

if *true* x y = x  
if *false* x y = y



if =  $\lambda \text{torf} . \lambda x . \lambda y . \text{torf } x \ y$



*true* x y = x  
*false* x y = y

# Encoding Booleans

- the encoding:

$true = \lambda t. \lambda f. t$

$false = \lambda t. \lambda f. f$

$if = \lambda x. \lambda then. \lambda else. \\ x \text{ then else}$

$if \ true \ (\lambda x.t1) \ (\lambda x.t2)$

$= (\lambda x. \lambda then. \lambda else. x \text{ then else}) \\ (\lambda t. \lambda f. t) \ (\lambda x.t1) \ (\lambda x.t2)$

$\xrightarrow{\beta}^* (\lambda t. \lambda f. t) \ (\lambda x.t1) \ (\lambda x.t2)$

$\xrightarrow{\beta}^* \lambda x.t1$

$\xrightarrow{\beta}^*$  Zero or more steps of beta reduction

# Encoding Booleans

$\text{true} = \lambda t. \lambda f. t$

$\text{false} = \lambda t. \lambda f. f$

$\text{and} = \lambda b. \lambda c. b c \text{ false}$

$\text{and true true}$

$\text{-->}^* \text{ true true false}$

$\text{-->}^* \text{ true}$

$\text{and false true}$

$\text{-->}^* \text{ fals true false}$

$\text{-->}^* \text{ false}$

$\beta$  omitted



# Encoding Natural Numbers in Lambda Calculus

- A natural number is a *function* that given an operation  $f$  and a starting value  $s$ , applies  $f$  a number of times to  $s$ :

$$0 =_{\text{def}} \lambda f. \lambda s. s$$

$$1 =_{\text{def}} \lambda f. \lambda s. f s$$

$$2 =_{\text{def}} \lambda f. \lambda s. f (f s)$$

...

Church numerals

$$n =_{\text{def}} \lambda f. \lambda s. f^n s$$

# Computing with Natural Numbers

- The successor function

$$\mathit{succ} \ n =_{\text{def}} \ \lambda f. \ \lambda s. \ f \ (n \ f \ s)$$

- Addition

$$\mathit{add} \ n_1 \ n_2 =_{\text{def}} \ n_1 \ \mathit{succ} \ n_2$$

- Multiplication

$$\mathit{mult} \ n_1 \ n_2 =_{\text{def}} \ n_1 \ (\mathit{add} \ n_2) \ 0$$

- Testing equality with 0

$$\mathit{iszero} \ n =_{\text{def}} \ n \ (\lambda b. \ \text{false}) \ \text{true}$$

# Computing with Natural Numbers. Example

Given:  $\text{succ } n =_{\text{def}} \lambda f. \lambda s. f (n f s)$

$0 =_{\text{def}} \lambda f. \lambda s. s$

$1 =_{\text{def}} \lambda f. \lambda s. f s$

$\text{succ } 0 =$

$(\lambda n. \lambda f. \lambda s. f (n f s)) 0 =$

$(\lambda \underline{n}. \lambda f. \lambda s. f (\underline{n} f s)) (\lambda f. \lambda s. s) \rightarrow$

$(\lambda f. \lambda s. f ((\lambda \underline{f}. \lambda s. s) f s)) \rightarrow$

$(\lambda f. \lambda s. f ((\lambda \underline{s}. s) s)) \rightarrow$

$\lambda f. \lambda s. f s = 1$

# Computing with Natural Numbers. Example

mult 2 2  $\rightarrow$

2 (add 2) 0  $\rightarrow$

(add 2) ((add 2) 0)  $\rightarrow$

2 succ (add 2 0)  $\rightarrow$

2 succ (2 succ 0)  $\rightarrow$

succ (succ (succ (succ 0)))  $\rightarrow$

succ (succ (succ ( $\lambda f. \lambda s. f (0 f s)$ )))  $\rightarrow$

succ (succ (succ ( $\lambda f. \lambda s. f s$ )))  $\rightarrow$

succ (succ ( $\lambda g. \lambda y. g ((\lambda f. \lambda s. f s) g y)$ ))

succ (succ ( $\lambda g. \lambda y. g (g y)$ ))  $\rightarrow^* \lambda g. \lambda y. g (g (g y)) = 4$

# Encoding pairs

- would like to encode the operations
  - *mkPair e1 e2*
  - *fst p*
  - *snd p*
- pairs will be *functions*
  - when the function is used in the *fst* or *snd* operation it should reveal its first or second component respectively

# Encoding Pairs

- A pair is a function that given a *Boolean* returns the left or the right element

$$\text{mkpair } x \ y \ =_{\text{def}} \ \lambda \ b. \ x \ y$$
$$\text{fst } p \ =_{\text{def}} \ p \ \text{true}$$
$$\text{snd } p \ =_{\text{def}} \ p \ \text{false}$$

- Example:

$$\text{fst } (\text{mkpair } x \ y) \rightarrow (\text{mkpair } x \ y) \ \text{true} \rightarrow \text{true } x \ y \rightarrow x$$

# and we can go on...

- lists, trees and other datatypes
- recursion, ...
- ...
- the general trick:
  - values will be functions – construct these functions so that they return the appropriate information when called by an operation

• Lambda calculus with *predefined constants*

# Recursion in the Lambda Calculus



# Recursion in the LC

- The Y combinator

$$Y \equiv \lambda f. (\lambda x. f(x x)) (\lambda x. f(x x))$$

- Y has the property: for every function F,

$$Y F = F(Y F)$$

- In other words, (Y F) is the fixed point of F
- We can use Y to implement recursion in the LC.

# Solution

$Y\ F$

$\equiv (\lambda f. (\lambda x. f(x\ x)) (\lambda x. f(x\ x)))\ F$

$\rightarrow_{\beta} (\lambda x. F(x\ x)) (\lambda x. F(x\ x))$

$\rightarrow_{\beta} F\ ((\lambda x. F(x\ x)) (\lambda x. F(x\ x)))$

$\leftarrow_{\beta} F\ ((\lambda f. (\lambda x. f(x\ x)) (\lambda x. f(x\ x)))\ F)$

$\equiv F\ (Y\ F)$

So, if we let  $x \equiv Y\ F$  then this tells us

$$x = F\ x$$

in other words,  $x$  is a fixed point of  $F$ .

# Recursion

- Factorial in Haskell:

```
fact = \n -> if (n==0) then
            1
            else
                (n* (fact (n-1)))
```

**– Ex. Write fact in  $\lambda$ -calculus by using the Y combinator.**

- Hint: consider the term
- $F \equiv \lambda f. \lambda n. \text{if } (\text{isZero } n) \ 1 \ (n * f \ (\text{pred } n))$
- Ex. Evaluate `fact 0`, `fact 1` and `fact 2`.

# Solution

```
fact ≡ Y F
      ≡ Y ( λf.λn.if (isZero n) 1 (n*(f (pred
n))) ) )
```

```
fact 2
= Y F 2
= F (Y F) 2
= (λf.λn.if (isZero n) 1 (n*(f (pred n)))) (Y F) 2
= (λn.if (isZero n) 1 (n*((Y F) (pred n)))) 2
= if (isZero 2) 1 (2*((Y F) (pred 2)))
= 2*(Y F (pred 2))
= 2*(Y F 1)
= 2*(fact 1)      and so on...
```

# Appendix: Formal Treatment of Substitutions

# Name Capturing

$$- (\lambda x. \lambda y. x)y \rightarrow_{\beta} \lambda y. y \quad \times$$

- Replacing doesn't always work
- But if we  $\alpha$ -convert first

$$\begin{aligned} - (\lambda x. \lambda y. x)y &\equiv_{\alpha} (\lambda x. \lambda y'. x)y \\ - &\rightarrow_{\beta} \lambda y'. y \end{aligned}$$

- Now define substitution  $M[N/x]$  to do this

# Substitution $M[N/x]$

- $x[N/x] \equiv$
- $y[N/x] \equiv (y \neq x)$
- $(PQ)[N/x] \equiv$
- $(\lambda x.L)[N/x] \equiv$
- $(\lambda y.L)[N/x] \equiv (y \neq x)$

- Hint: Take care with  $(\lambda y.L)$ . Consider the cases
  - $y \notin FV(L)$  and  $y \notin FV(N)$  and **only rename  $y$  when necessary.**

# Substitution $M[N/x]$

- We assume that  $y \neq x$  throughout.
- The first three cases are easy.
- $x[N/x] \equiv N$
- $y[N/x] \equiv y$
- $(PQ)[N/x] \equiv P[x:=N] Q[x:=N]$
- In the next case the  $\lambda x$  guarantees that  $x$  does not appear free in the term  $(\lambda x.L)$ , so there are no free occurrences to substitute for.
- $(\lambda x.L)[N/x] \equiv \lambda x.L$



# Substitution $M[N/x]$

- The final case is the tricky one.
- $(\lambda y.L)[N/x] \equiv \lambda y.L$  , if  $x \notin FV(L)$
- $\lambda y.L[N/x]$  , if  $y \notin FV(N)$
- $\lambda y'.L[y'/y][N/x]$  , otherwise
- where  $y' \notin FV(L) \cup FV(N)$
- If  $x \notin FV(L)$  then there are no  $x$ 's to replace with
- $N$ 's, so the term stays the same. If  $y \notin FV(N)$  then there will be no  $y$ 's accidentally captured by the  $\lambda y$  so we can keep  $\lambda y$ . But otherwise we must find a fresh variable  $y'$  and replace  $\lambda y$  by  $\lambda y'$ .

# Lambda Calculus with Constants and Types

# Example: Extended LC

- Lambda calculus with *Booleans* and *natural numbers*

```
E ::= constants: 1, 2, 3, ...
      succ, iszero
      true, false,
      &&(and), ||(or), !(not),
      | variable: x, y, z, ...
      | λx.E
      | E1 E2
      | if E1 then E2 else E3
```

# Evaluation Rules for the Extended LC

Some extended rules:

- Based on  $\beta$ -reduction
- Extended to Booleans and numbers
- Reduced to values:
  - 0, 1, 2, ...
  - true, false
  - $\lambda x.E$
- *Values are normal forms.*

`iszero 0`  $\rightarrow$  `true`  
`iszero (succ n)`  $\rightarrow$  `false`

`pred 0`  $\rightarrow$  `0`  
`pred (succ n)`  $\rightarrow$  `n`

`if true then e1 else e2`  $\rightarrow$  `e1`  
`if false then e1 else e2`  $\rightarrow$  `e2`

`e1`  $\rightarrow$  `e2`

-----

`succ e1`  $\rightarrow$  `succ e2`

# Evaluation Rules for the Extended LC ...

- *Not all normal forms are values*
  - E.g.,  $(x\ y)$
- So, reduction (evaluation) may get stuck
  - Got a normal form, but *not a value*. For example:

$(\lambda x. \text{succ } x) \text{ true} \rightarrow \text{succ true} \rightarrow ??$

Reproduce it in LC:

$\text{succ true} = (\lambda \underline{n}. \lambda f. \lambda s. f (\underline{n} f s)) (\lambda t. f. t)$   
 $\rightarrow \lambda f. \lambda s. f ((\lambda t. f. t) f s)$   
 $\rightarrow \lambda f. \lambda s. f f \quad \text{--Not a number!}$

# Introducing Types

- Def: a term is **stuck** if it is in normal form and not a value
- Stuck terms model *runtime errors*
  - “succ true”
- It’s a kind of type error!
- A key goal of types and type systems will be to remove such runtime errors
  - **Int** = [ 0, 1, 2, ... ], *succ*, *pred*, ...
  - **Bool** = [ true, false ], *and*, *or*, *not*
  - We cannot mix **Int** with **Bool** values arbitrarily.

# Lambda Calculus with Constants and Types

Based on the Simply Typed  
Lambda Calculus (SLC)

# Function Types

We introduce function types:  $A \rightarrow B$  is the type of functions with a parameter of type  $A$  and a result of type  $B$ .

Types are defined by this grammar:

|                    |
|--------------------|
| $T ::= \text{Int}$ |
| $\text{Bool}$      |
| $T \rightarrow T$  |

By convention,  $\rightarrow$  associates to the right, so that  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$  means  $A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$ .

Examples:  $\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$    curried function of two arguments

$(\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}) \rightarrow \text{Int}$    function which is given a function



# Types and Type Errors

We type the `succ` function and Boolean value `true` as

```
succ : Int -> Int  
true  : Bool
```

Then

```
"succ true"
```

```
f : T1 -> T2  
e : T1
```

---

```
f e : T2
```

is not acceptable!

We'll introduce typing rules to filter out (type checking) such expressions.

# Lambda Calculus with Types

To make it easier to define the typing rules, we will modify the syntax so that a  $\lambda$ -abstraction *explicitly specifies the type of its parameter*.

•And more operators, such as `'+'`, `'=='`, `'&&'`

**values**  $v ::=$  *integer literal*  
| true | false  
|  $\lambda x:T.e$  ←

Type declaration  
for parameters

**expressions**  $e ::=$  v  
| x  
|  $e + e$  |  $e == e$  |  $e \&\& e$  | if e then e else e  
| e e

**types** Int  
| Bool  
|  $T \rightarrow T$

# Examples of Expressions

`2, true, x`

`x+20-y*5`

`(x>y) || (y>10 && z==1)`

`if x==2 then 10 else 20`

`succ (if x==2 then 10 else 20)`

`(if (x==0) then f else g) (y+5)`

# Examples of Functions

```
 $\lambda x: \text{Int} . x + 2$ 
```

```
 $\lambda b: \text{Bool} . \lambda x: \text{Int} . \text{if } b \text{ then } x \text{ else } -x$ 
```

```
 $\lambda f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} . \lambda x: \text{Int} . f (f x)$ 
```

```
 $(\lambda f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} . \lambda x: \text{Int} . f (f x)) \text{ succ}$ 
```

```
 $\lambda x: \text{Int} . \lambda f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} . \lambda g: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} .$   
 $\quad \text{if } (x == 0) \text{ then } f \text{ else } g$ 
```

# Type Checking for Function Application

- In function application, the type of the argument must be the same with that of the parameter.

|                                                                                        |                                                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| $\begin{array}{l} e1 : T1 \rightarrow T2 \\ e2 : T1 \\ \hline e1\ e2 : T2 \end{array}$ | <p>(premises, or assumptions)</p> <p>(conclusion)</p> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|

```
(λf: Int->Int. λx: Int. f (f x)) : (Int->Int)->Int
succ: Int->Int
-----
(λf: Int->Int. λx: Int. f (f x)) succ : Int
```

# Determining the Type of an Expression

Type Checking: Does  $e$  has a type  $\tau$ ?

- $\tau$  is a meta-variable representing a type

$$\tau ::= \text{Int}$$

$$| \text{Bool}$$

$$| \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$$

# Type Judgments

- A *type judgment* has the form

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{exp} : \tau$$

“exp has type  $\tau$  under TE  $\Gamma$ ”

- $\Gamma$  is a typing environment
  - Supplies the types of variables and functions
  - $\Gamma$  is a list of the form  $[x : \tau, \dots]$
- $\text{exp}$  is a program expression
- $\tau$  is a *type* to be assigned to  $\text{exp}$
- $\vdash$  pronounced “turnstile”, or “entails” (or “satisfies”)

# Example Valid Type Judgments

- $[] \quad \quad \quad \vdash \text{true or false} : \text{Bool}$
  - $[x : \text{Int}] \quad \quad \quad \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int}$
  - $[p : \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{String}] \quad \vdash (p\ 5) : \text{String}$
- Type judgments are derived via typing rules.



# Format of Typing Rules

Assumptions:

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash \text{exp}_1 : \tau_1 \quad \dots \quad \Gamma_n \vdash \text{exp}_n : \tau_n}{\text{Conclusion: } \Gamma \vdash \text{exp} : \tau}$$

- Idea: Type of expression determined by type of its *syntactic components*
- Rule without assumptions is called an *axiom*
- $\Gamma$  may be omitted when not needed

# Axioms - Constants

$$\frac{}{\vdash n : \text{Int}} \quad (\text{assuming } n \text{ is an integer constant})$$
$$\frac{}{\vdash \text{true} : \text{Bool}}$$
$$\frac{}{\vdash \text{false} : \text{Bool}}$$

- These rules are true with any typing environment
- $n$  is a meta-variable

# Typing Environment

- A *typing environment*  $\Gamma$  keeps track of the types of free identifiers occurred in expressions

$$\Gamma = [\dots, \mathbf{x:Int}, \mathbf{f:Int \rightarrow Int}, \dots]$$

- We view a TE as a finite fun from *identifiers* to types

$$\Gamma : \text{Ide} \rightarrow \text{Type}$$

So, given  $\Gamma$  as above,  $\Gamma(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{Int}$

- No *multiple* bindings for any id:

$$\Gamma' = [\dots, \mathbf{x:Int}, \mathbf{f:Int \rightarrow Int}, \mathbf{x:Bool}, \dots]$$


# Axioms - Variables

- Typing rule for variables: (Var)

$$\frac{}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{x} : \tau} \text{ if } \Gamma(\mathbf{x}) = \tau$$

- We can also include the types for pre-defined identifiers (functions) in  $\Gamma$ . For example:
  - $\Gamma = [\dots, \text{succ} : \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}, \dots]$

# Simple Rules - Arithmetic

Primitive operators ( $\oplus \in \{+, -, *, \dots\}$ ):

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{Int} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \oplus e_2 : \text{Int}}$$

Relations ( $\sim \in \{<, >, =, <=, >=\}$ ):

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{Int} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \sim e_2 : \text{Bool}}$$

# Simple Rules - Booleans

Logical Connectives:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{Bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \ \&\& \ e_2 : \text{Bool}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{Bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 \ || \ e_2 : \text{Bool}}$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- Start building the proof tree from the bottom up

?

---

$\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- Which rule has this as a conclusion?

$$\frac{\quad}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}} \text{?}$$



# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- *Booleans:  $\parallel$*

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- Pick an assumption to prove

$$\frac{\frac{?}{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}} \quad \Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}}$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- Which rule has this as a conclusion?

$$\frac{\frac{?}{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}} \quad \Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- *Axiom for variables*

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- Pick an assumption to prove

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}} \quad ?$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- Which rule has this as a conclusion?

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}} \quad ?$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- Arithmetic relations

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int} \quad \Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- Pick an assumption to prove

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}{?}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}$$



# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- Which rule has this as a conclusion?

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}{?}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- *Axiom for constants*

$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int} \quad \overline{\Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- Pick an assumption to prove

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}} \quad \frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}} \quad ?$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- Which rule has this as a conclusion?

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}} \quad \frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}} \quad ?$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- *Arithmetic operations*

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash x : \text{Int} \quad \Gamma \vdash 3 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int}} \quad \Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- Pick an assumption to prove

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash x : \text{Int} \quad \Gamma \vdash 3 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int}} \quad \Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}} \quad \Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- Which rule has this as a conclusion?

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash x : \text{Int} \quad \Gamma \vdash 3 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int}} \quad \Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}} \quad \Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- *Axiom for constants*

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash x : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash 3 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}} \quad \Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}$$



# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- Pick an assumption to prove

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash x : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int}}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash 3 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- Which rule has this as a conclusion?

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash x : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int}}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}} \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash 3 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}$$

# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- *Axiom for variables*

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash x : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash 3 : \text{int}}{\Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}} \quad \Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}$$

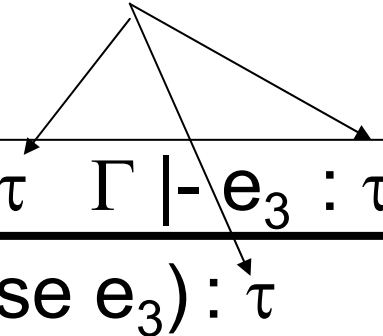
# Simple Example

- Let  $\Gamma = [x:\text{Int} ; y:\text{Bool}]$
- Show  $\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}$
- No more assumptions! DONE!

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Gamma \vdash x : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 : \text{Int}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash 3 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash 6 : \text{Int}}}{\Gamma \vdash x + 3 > 6 : \text{Bool}} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash y : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}}{\Gamma \vdash y \parallel (x + 3 > 6) : \text{Bool}}$$

# If-Expressions

- If\_then\_else rule:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{Bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash e_3 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash (\text{if } e_1 \text{ then } e_2 \text{ else } e_3) : \tau}$$


- $\tau$  is a type variable (meta-variable)
  - it can take any type at all
  - All instances in a rule application *must get same type*
- I.e., the Then branch, Else branch and if\_then\_else must all have same type

# Examples of IF

`if x==2 then 10 else 20`



`if x==2 then 10 else false`



# Function Application

- Application rule: (App)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2 \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau_1}{\Gamma \vdash (e_1 e_2) : \tau_2}$$

- If you have a function *expression*  $e_1$  of type  $\tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$  applied to an argument of type  $\tau_1$ , the resulting expression has type  $\tau_2$

# Application Examples

$$\Gamma \vdash (\lambda f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}. \lambda x: \text{Int}. f (f x)) : (\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}) \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$$
$$\Gamma \vdash \text{succ} : \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$$

---

$$\Gamma \vdash (\lambda f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}. \lambda x: \text{Int}. f (f x)) \text{succ} : \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$$
$$[f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}, g: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}, b: \text{Bool}] \vdash \text{if } b \text{ then } f \text{ else } g : \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$$

---

$$[f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}, g: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}, b: \text{Bool}] \vdash (\text{if } b \text{ then } f \text{ else } g) 5 : \text{Int}$$



# Function Rule

- Rules describe types, but also how the environment  $\Gamma$  may change
- $\lambda$ -fun rule: (Abs)

$$\frac{[x : \tau_1] \cup \Gamma \vdash e : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. e : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2}$$

We often write  $\Gamma. \mathbf{x} : \mathbf{T} = \Gamma \cup [\mathbf{x} : \mathbf{T}]$  -- extends  $\Gamma$

- If  $\mathbf{x} \in \text{dom}(\Gamma)$ , then  $\Gamma. \mathbf{x} : \mathbf{T}$  means that the new binding of  $x$  will replace the original one.

# Function Example

$$\frac{[y : \text{int}] \cup \Gamma \vdash y + 3 : \text{int}}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda y. y + 3 : \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}}$$

```
[succ: Int -> Int].x: Int   |- succ: Int -> Int
-----
[succ: Int -> Int ].x: Int  |- x: Int
-----App
[succ: Int -> Int ].x: Int  |- (succ x) : Int
-----
[succ: Int -> Int]         |- λx.(succ x) : Int -> Int
```

# Anther Fun Example

$$\Gamma \mid - \lambda f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}. \lambda x: \text{Int}. f (f x) : ?$$

• Move  $f$  and  $x$  to  $\Gamma$

$$\Gamma.f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}. x: \text{Int} \mid - f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} \text{ (Var)}$$
$$\Gamma.f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}. x: \text{Int} \mid - x: \text{Int} \text{ (Var)}$$

----- (App)

$$\Gamma.f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}. x: \text{Int} \mid - f x: \text{Int}$$
$$\Gamma.f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}. x: \text{Int} \mid - f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$$

----- (App)

$$\Gamma.f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}. x: \text{Int} \mid - f (f x) : \text{Int}$$

----- (Abs)

$$\Gamma.f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} \mid - \lambda x: \text{Int}. f (f x) : \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$$

----- (Abs)

$$\Gamma \mid - \lambda f: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}. \lambda x: \text{Int}. f (f x) :$$
$$(\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}) \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$$

# Typing Rules for the LC with Constants & Types

$$\Gamma \mid - i : \text{Int} \quad \text{if } i \text{ is an integer literal}$$
$$\Gamma \mid - \text{true} : \text{Bool} \quad \Gamma \mid - \text{false} : \text{Bool}$$
$$\frac{x:T \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \mid - x : T}$$
$$\Gamma \mid - x:T \quad \text{type judgement}$$
$$\frac{\Gamma \mid - E1:\text{Int} \quad \Gamma \mid - E2:\text{Int}}{\Gamma \mid - E1 + E2 : \text{Int}}$$
$$\frac{\Gamma \mid - E1:\text{Bool} \quad \Gamma \mid - E2:\text{Bool}}{\Gamma \mid - E1 \ \&\& \ E2 : \text{Bool}}$$
$$\frac{\Gamma \mid - E1:\text{Int} \quad \Gamma \mid - E2:\text{Int}}{\Gamma \mid - E1 == E2 : \text{Bool}}$$
$$\frac{\Gamma \mid - E1:\text{Bool} \quad \Gamma \mid - E2:T \quad \Gamma \mid - E3:T}{\Gamma \mid - \text{if } E1 \text{ the } E2 \text{ else } E3 : T}$$
$$\frac{\Gamma.x:T1 \mid - E : T2}{\Gamma \mid - \lambda x:T1.E : T1 \rightarrow T2}$$
$$\frac{\Gamma \mid - E1:T1 \rightarrow T2 \quad \Gamma \mid - E2:T1}{\Gamma \mid - E1 E2 : T2}$$

# Typing Built-in Operators/Fun

- Alternative: treat built-in operators like literal constants, and include their types in  $\Gamma$

$$\Gamma \mid - \ \&\& \quad : \ \text{Bool} \rightarrow \text{Bool} \rightarrow \text{Bool}$$
$$\Gamma \mid - \ + \quad : \ \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$$
$$\Gamma \mid - \ \text{succ} \quad : \ \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$$

• • •

• • •

- Then, no need to have special rules for them

# Type Safety

- Well-typed programs won't get stuck!
- Theorem: If  $e$  is a closed expression of type  $T$  ( $\vdash e : T$ ), then for all  $e'$  such that  $e \rightarrow^* e'$ , it is the case that either
  - (A)  $e'$  is a *value* (say,  $v'$ ) and  $\vdash v' : t$ , or
  - (B) exists  $e''$  such that  $e' \rightarrow e''$ .

If  $\vdash e_0 : T$ , then  $e_0 \rightarrow e_1 \rightarrow e_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v$

# The Simply Typed Lambda Calculus $\lambda \rightarrow$

- The extended lambda calculus is based on the simply typed lambda calculus.
- The SLC was originally introduced by Alonzo Church in 1940 as an attempt to avoid paradoxical uses of the untyped lambda calculus.
- In the SLC,  $\beta$ -reduction is Strong normalizing: all terms will be evaluated to a normal form.

# Limitations of the SLC

- Types are monomorphic.

```
|-- λx:Int.x+1 : Int->Int  is OK
```

- But what is the type for the *identity* function?

```
|-- λx:?. x : ?
```

```
|-- λx:Int. x : Int->Int?
```

```
|-- λx:Bool. x : Bool->Bool?
```

```
|-- λx:Int->Int. x : (Int->Int)->(Int->Int)?
```

...



# Parametric Polymorphism

- Polymorphism: allow many types for a value (hence also for variable, expression)
- Introducing *type variables* and  $\forall$  quantification to express parametric polymorphism.
- Let  $\alpha$  be a type variables representing any types. We can type the *id* function as follows.

$$\vdash - \lambda x:\alpha. x : \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$

# Parametric Polymorphism...

Polymorphic type:  $\forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$

The  $\alpha$  can be instantiated to any types:

`Int -> Int`

`Bool -> Bool`

`(Int->Int) -> (Int->Int)`

...

# The Polymorphic Lambda Calculus (PLC)

A.K.A

- Second-Order Lambda Calculus
- System F

# Motivating PLC

- Like SLC, use explicit typing for fun parameters
  - $\lambda x:T. E$
- Extend types with generic type variables and quantification
  - $\forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$
- Enhance *terms* with types
  - Type generalization:  $\Lambda \alpha. \lambda x:\alpha. E$  , a polymorphic term
  - Type application:  $(\Lambda \alpha. \lambda x:\alpha. E) (\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int})$ 
    - Replace  $\alpha$  with  $\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$

# Types of the PLC

Syntax:

**Types**

|                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| $\tau ::= \mathbf{T}$   | type constants, (Int, Bool,...) |
| $\alpha$                | type variables                  |
| $\tau \rightarrow \tau$ | function types                  |
| $\forall\alpha.\tau$    | <i>polymorphic types</i>        |

**Examples:**

$\mathbf{Int}, \mathbf{Int} \rightarrow \mathbf{Bool}, \mathbf{Int} \rightarrow \mathbf{Int} \rightarrow \mathbf{Bool}, \dots$

$\alpha \rightarrow \beta$

$\forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$

$\forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \forall\beta.\beta$

$\forall\alpha.\forall\beta.(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \forall\gamma.\gamma$

# Terms of the PLC

## Terms

|         |                     |                            |
|---------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| $M ::=$ | $c$                 | constants                  |
|         | $x$                 | variables                  |
|         | $\lambda x:\tau. M$ | function                   |
|         | $M M$               | function application       |
|         | $\Lambda\alpha(M)$  | <i>type generalization</i> |
|         | $M \tau$            | <i>type application</i>    |

$\cong \Lambda\alpha.M$

## Examples:

$\text{Id} = \Lambda\alpha(\lambda x:\alpha.x)$     --type generalization (abstraction)

$(\Lambda\alpha.\lambda x:\alpha.x) (\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int})$     --type application (specialization)

# Functions on Types

- In PLC,  $\Lambda\alpha (M)$  is an anonymous notation for the function  $F$  mapping each type  $\tau$  to the value of  $M[\tau/\alpha]$ .
- I.e., computation in PLC involves  $\beta$ -reduction for such functions on types.

$$(\Lambda\alpha(M)) \tau \rightarrow M[\tau/\alpha]$$

e.g.,  $(\Lambda\alpha(\lambda x:\alpha.x)) (\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}) \rightarrow \lambda x:\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}.x$

as well as the usual form of  $\beta$ -reduction from  $\lambda$ -calculus

$$(\lambda \mathbf{x}:\tau.M1) M2 \rightarrow M1[M2/\mathbf{x}]$$

# Reduction in the PLC

In summary, we apply *substitution* on terms as well as types explicitly.

$$\begin{aligned}(\lambda x : \tau (M_1)) M_2 &\longrightarrow M_1[M_2/x] \\ (\Lambda \alpha (M)) \tau &\longrightarrow M[\tau/\alpha].\end{aligned}$$



# PLC vs. SLC

In this system of PLC:

- Two new kinds of terms (expressions):
  - $\Lambda\alpha (M)$  (typically,  $\alpha$  is used in  $M$ )
  - Application with *type* operand:  $M \tau$  ( $\tau$  a type)
- The first kind of expression is also a value
- To the type language we add:
  - Type variables –  $\alpha$
  - Universal types of the form  $\forall$

# Polymorphism in PLC, 1

Example: the identity function

$\text{Id} = \Lambda\alpha (\lambda x:\alpha.x)$  has type  $\forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$

We can apply Id to many kinds of arguments:

- $\text{Id Int } 5 = \Lambda\alpha (\lambda x:\alpha.x) \text{ Int } 5 \rightarrow (\lambda x:\text{Int}.x) 5 \rightarrow 5$
- $\text{Id Bool true} = \Lambda\alpha (\lambda x:\alpha.x) \text{ Bool true} \rightarrow^* \text{true}$

# Polymorphism in PLC, 2

Example: applying a function twice

$$twice = \Lambda\alpha (\lambda f:\alpha \rightarrow \alpha. \lambda x:\alpha. f (f x))$$

has type  $\forall \alpha. (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$

and can be applied to arguments of different types:

a)  $twice \text{ Int } (\lambda x:\text{Int}.x+2) 5 \quad \text{--[Int/\alpha]}$   
 $\rightarrow (\lambda f:\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}.\lambda x:\text{Int}.f (f x)) (\lambda x:\text{Int}.x+2) 5$   
 $\rightarrow ((\lambda x:\text{int}. x+2) ((\lambda x:\text{int}. x+2) 5 ))$   
 $\rightarrow^* 9$

b)  $twice \text{ Bool } (\lambda x:\text{Bool}. x) \text{ false} \rightarrow^* \text{ false}$

# Polymorphism in PLC, 3

- Polymorphic function parameters
- Consider the following function application in LC:

$(\lambda f. (f\ 5, f\ True))\ (\lambda x.x)$     --(,) is a pair

Here the function parameter  $f$  is applied to two types of arguments: *Int* and *Bool*

In PLC,  $(\lambda x.x)$  is  $\Lambda\alpha.\lambda x:\alpha.x$  with type  $\forall\alpha.\alpha\rightarrow\alpha$   
so we let  $f$  has the polymorphic type:  $\lambda f:\forall\alpha.\alpha\rightarrow\alpha$   
And rewrite the above example as:

$(\lambda f:\forall\alpha.\alpha\rightarrow\alpha.(f\ Int\ 5, f\ Bool\ True))\ (\Lambda\alpha.\lambda x:\alpha.x)$

# Polymorphism in PLC, 3

- Polymorphic function parameters
- Consider the following function application in LC:

$(\lambda f. (f\ 5, f\ \text{True}))\ (\lambda x.x)$     --(,) is a pair

Write it in the PLC:

$(\lambda f:\forall\alpha.\alpha\rightarrow\alpha.(f\ \text{Int}\ 5, f\ \text{Bool}\ \text{True}))\ (\Lambda\alpha.\lambda x:\alpha.x)$   
 $\rightarrow ((\Lambda\alpha(\lambda x:\alpha.x))\ \text{Int}\ 5, (\Lambda\alpha(\lambda x:\alpha.x))\ \text{Bool}\ \text{true})$   
 $\rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (5, \text{true})$

# Polymorphism in PLC, 4

Re-visit the identity function

$\text{Id} = \Lambda\alpha (\lambda x:\alpha.x)$  has type  $\forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$

We can apply *Id* to *Id* in a similar way:

$$\begin{aligned} > (\text{Id } (\forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha)) \text{ Id} &= (\Lambda\alpha(\lambda x:\alpha.x) (\forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha)) (\Lambda\alpha(\lambda x:\alpha.x)) \\ &\rightarrow (\lambda x:\forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha.x) (\Lambda\alpha(\lambda x:\alpha.x)) \\ &\rightarrow \Lambda\alpha(\lambda x:\alpha.x) = \text{Id} \end{aligned}$$

has type  $\forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$

# Formal Typing Rules of PLC

# Syntax of PLC

## *Types*

|                         |                                 |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| $\tau ::= \mathbf{T}$   | type constants, (Int, Bool,...) |
| $\alpha$                | type variables                  |
| $\tau \rightarrow \tau$ | function types                  |
| $\forall \alpha. \tau$  | <i>polymorphic types</i>        |

## *Terms*

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| $M ::= \mathbf{c}$             | constants                  |
| $\mathbf{x}$                   | variables                  |
| $\lambda \mathbf{x} : \tau. M$ | function                   |
| $M M$                          | function application       |
| $\Lambda \alpha . M$           | <i>type generalization</i> |
| $M \tau$                       | <i>type application</i>    |



# Generic (Bound) vs. Free Type Variables

$$\tau = \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \forall \beta. \beta$$

$$\text{ftv}(\tau) = []$$

$$\tau = \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \beta$$

$$\text{ftv}(\tau) = [\beta]$$

- Free type variables stand for *some* types;
- Generic type variables stand for *any* types.

# Type Judgements of PLC

takes the form  $\boxed{\Gamma \vdash M : \tau}$  where

- the *typing environment*  $\Gamma$  is a finite function from variables to PLC types.

(We write  $\Gamma = \{x_1 : \tau_1, \dots, x_n : \tau_n\}$  to indicate that  $\Gamma$  has domain of definition  $dom(\Gamma) = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  and maps each  $x_i$  to the PLC type  $\tau_i$  for  $i = 1..n$ .)

- $M$  is a PLC expression
- $\tau$  is a PLC type.

$$\bullet \text{ftv}(\Gamma) = \cup \text{ftv}(\tau_i)$$

Source: Prof. A. Pitts

# PLC Typing Rules

(var)  $\Gamma \vdash x : \tau$       if  $x:\tau \in \Gamma$

(fn) 
$$\frac{\Gamma.x:\tau_1 \vdash M : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x : \tau_1. M : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2}$$

(app) 
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M_1 : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2 \quad \Gamma \vdash M_2 : \tau_1}{\Gamma \vdash M_1 M_2 : \tau_2}$$

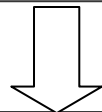
(gen) 
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \Lambda \alpha. M : \forall \alpha. \tau} \quad \text{if } \alpha \notin \text{ftv}(\Gamma)$$

(ty\_app) 
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \forall \alpha. \tau_1}{\Gamma \vdash M \tau_2 : \tau_2 [\tau_1 / \alpha]}$$

# The Side-Condition in Gen

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{x_1 : \alpha, x_2 : \alpha \vdash x_2 : \alpha} \text{(var)}}{x_1 : \alpha \vdash \lambda x_2 : \alpha (x_2) : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha} \text{(fn)}}{x_1 : \alpha \vdash \Lambda \alpha (\lambda x_2 : \alpha (x_2)) : \forall \alpha (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha)} \text{(wrong!)}$$

If  $\alpha \notin \text{ftv}(\Gamma)$



$$\frac{\frac{\frac{}{x_1 : \alpha, x_2 : \alpha' \vdash x_2 : \alpha'} \text{(var)}}{x_1 : \alpha \vdash \lambda x_2 : \alpha' (x_2) : \alpha' \rightarrow \alpha'} \text{(fn)}}{x_1 : \alpha \vdash \Lambda \alpha' (\lambda x_2 : \alpha' (x_2)) : \forall \alpha' (\alpha' \rightarrow \alpha')} \text{(gen)}$$

# PLC Typing Exercise

ELOLAC  
2008

$\text{twice} = \Lambda\alpha.\lambda f:\alpha\rightarrow\alpha.\lambda x:\alpha f (f x))$

# Type Inference (Type Reconstruction)

- Languages like Haskell differ somewhat from the pure polymorphic lambda calculus.
  - No type annotation for fun parameters
  - No need to declare types and put in the “ $\forall$ ”
  - Not required to put in explicit type abstractions ( $\Lambda$ ) or type specialization (applications).
- Instead, the compiler figures those out for you through the process of *type inference*.
  - $\Gamma \vdash E : \tau$  where  $E$  has *no type annotation* at all

# Type Reconstruction

- We can define a function *erase* on well-typed expressions, that removes all type-related information :

`erase( $\lambda x:\tau.M$ ) = erase( $\lambda x.M$ )` --remove parameter type

`erase( $\Lambda\alpha(M)$ ) = erase( $M$ )` --remove type abs

`erase( $M \tau$ ) = erase( $M$ )` --remove type app

This brings us back to extended LC (ELC without types)

# Type reconstruction

The type reconstruction (inference) problem:

Given  $M$  without type information (in, say,  $ELC$ ),  
**find:**

- $M'$  with type information (annotations, abstractions, applications)
- $\Gamma$  for  $freevars(M)$  ( $= freevars(M')$ )
- a type  $\tau$

s.t.  $Erase(M') = M$  and  $\Gamma \vdash M' : \tau$

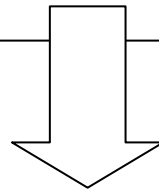
We then say that  $\Gamma \vdash M : \tau$



# Example of Type Reconstruction

## Erase

$(\lambda f: \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha. (f \text{ Int } 5, f \text{ Bool } \text{True})) (\lambda \alpha. \lambda x: \alpha. x)$



$(\lambda f. (f \text{ 5}, f \text{ True})) (\lambda x. x)$  --(,) is a pair

# Type reconstruction

## Theorem:

Given  $M$  w/o type info, it is undecidable if well-typed  $M'$  in PLC s.t.  $erase(M') = M$  exists

## Corollary:

Type reconstruction in PLC is impossible

So, how is it done in Haskell or SML?

Let us proceed to the Hindley-Milner Type System.

# The Hindley-Milner Type System

We'll use the Damas-Milner version

Damas and Milner, POPL 82,  
Principal type-schemes for functional programs

# Let-Polymorphism

- The HMTS is *weaker* than the PLC, but admits a *type reconstruction algorithm*.
- Parametric polymorphism is achieved via let-expressions

```
let id = \x -> x
in (id 5, id True)
```



- *Function parameters are monomorphic only.*

```
(\f -> (f 5, f True)) (\x -> x)
```



# Mini-Haskell Expression

|       |                                                             |                      |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| E ::= | constants: 1, 2, 3, ...                                     |                      |
|       | 'a', 'b', ...,                                              |                      |
|       | True, False, &&,   , !                                      |                      |
|       | +, -, *, ..., >, <, =,                                      |                      |
|       | variable: x, y, z, ...                                      |                      |
| →     | \x -> E                                                     | Function abstraction |
|       | E1 E2                                                       | Function application |
|       | if E1 then E2 else E3                                       | If-expr              |
|       | let x = E1 in E2                                            | Let-expr             |
|       | (E1, E2)   []   [E1, ..., En]   fst   snd   :   head   tail |                      |
|       | pairs                                                       | lists                |
|       |                                                             | cons                 |

# Expression Examples

$3+5$ ,  $x>y+3$ ,  $\text{not } (x>y) \parallel z>0$

$(1, 'a')$   $\text{fst } ('a', 5)$  `--pair`

$[\text{True}, \text{False}]$   $x:xs$   $\text{tail } xs$  `--list`

$\backslash x \rightarrow \text{if } x>0 \text{ then } x*x \text{ else } 1$

$(\backslash x \rightarrow x*x) (4+5)$

$\backslash f \rightarrow \backslash x \rightarrow f (f x)$

$\text{let } f = \backslash x \rightarrow x \text{ in } (f \text{ True}, f 'a')$  `--pair`

# Types in Mini-Haskell

- Simple types
  - Int, Bool, Char, ...
- Functional types
  - $\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$ ,  $(\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool}) \rightarrow \text{Int}$ ,  $(\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool}) \rightarrow (\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int})$ , ...
- Pair types
  - $(\text{Int}, \text{Bool})$ ,  $(\text{Int}, (\text{Bool}, \text{Char}))$ , ...
- List types
  - $[\text{Int}]$ ,  $[\text{Bool}]$ ,  $[[\text{Int}]]$ ,  $[(\text{Int}, \text{Bool})]$ , ...
- Generalized types  $\tau$ : adding type variables  $\alpha$ 
  - $\tau ::= \text{Int} \mid \text{Bool} \mid \dots \mid \alpha \mid \beta \dots \mid \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2 \mid (\tau_1, \tau_2) \mid [\tau]$

# Types in the HMTS

- No more general polymorphic types of PLC.

–  $\forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \forall \beta. \beta \rightarrow \text{Int}$



Nested quantification

- Adopts a two-layered types

- Types with variables, but no quantifiers
- Type Schemes that support only *outermost quantification*

$\forall \alpha. \forall \beta. (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow [\alpha] \rightarrow [\beta]$





# Types & Type Schemes

- Types  $\tau$ : (mono)

$\tau ::= \text{Int} \mid \text{Bool} \mid \dots$   
 $\mid \alpha \mid \beta \mid \dots$   
 $\mid \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$   
 $\mid (\tau_1, \tau_2)$   
 $\mid [\tau]$

## two-layered types

primitive types

type variables

function types (Right-associative)

pair (tuple) types

list types

- Type schemes  $\sigma$ : (poly)

$\sigma ::= \tau \mid \forall \alpha. \sigma$

generic type variable

# Examples of Type Schemes

$[Int], Bool, Char \rightarrow Bool$

$(Char, Int) \rightarrow Bool$

$[Int] \rightarrow (Int \rightarrow Bool) \rightarrow Bool$

$[Int] \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow Bool$

$\forall \alpha. \alpha$

$\forall \alpha. [\alpha] \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow Bool$

$\forall \alpha. \forall \beta. (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow [\alpha] \rightarrow \beta$

$\forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \beta$

•Outermost quantification only

***Invalid type schemes***

$Int \rightarrow \forall \alpha. \alpha$

$\forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \forall \beta. \beta$



# Generic (Bound) vs. Free Type Variables

$$\sigma = \forall \alpha. \forall \beta. \alpha \rightarrow \beta$$
$$\text{ftv}(\sigma) = \{\}$$

$$\sigma = \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \beta$$
$$\text{ftv}(\sigma) = \{\beta\}$$

$$\text{ftv}(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) = \{\alpha, \beta\}$$

- Free type variables stand for *some* types;
- Generic type variables stand for *any* types.

Notation: omit *inner*  $\forall$

$$\forall \alpha. \beta. (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow [\alpha] \rightarrow \beta \equiv \forall \alpha. \forall \beta. (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow [\alpha] \rightarrow \beta$$

# Typing in Mini-Haskell

- A *type judgment* has the form

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{exp} : \tau \quad \text{--not } \sigma$$

- $\text{exp}$  is a Mini-Haskell expression
- $\tau$  is a Mini-Haskell *type* to be assigned to  $\text{exp}$

the *typing environment*  $\Gamma$  is a finite function from variables to type schemes.

(We write  $\Gamma = \{x_1 : \sigma_1, \dots, x_n : \sigma_n\}$  to indicate that  $\Gamma$  has domain of definition  $\text{dom}(\Gamma) = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  and maps each  $x_i$  to the type scheme  $\sigma_i$  for  $i = 1..n$ .)

# Example Valid Type Judgments

- $[] \quad \vdash \text{True or False} : \text{Bool}$
- $[x : \text{int}] \quad \vdash x + 3 : \text{int}$
- $[\text{len} : \forall \alpha. [\alpha] \rightarrow \text{Int}] \quad \vdash \text{len } [1,3,5,7] : \text{Int}$
- $[\text{len} : \forall \alpha. [\alpha] \rightarrow \text{Int}] \quad \vdash \text{len } [\text{True}, \text{False}] : \text{Int}$
- $[\text{len} : \forall \alpha. [\alpha] \rightarrow \text{Int}] \quad \vdash \text{len} : [[\beta]] \rightarrow \text{Int} \quad \text{via } [[\beta]/\alpha]$

# Typing in Mini-Haskell

(Int)  $\Gamma \vdash n : \text{Int}$  (assuming  $n$  is an Integer constant)

(Bool)  $\Gamma \vdash \text{True} : \text{Bool}$        $\Gamma \vdash \text{False} : \text{Bool}$

(nil)  $\Gamma \vdash [] : [\tau]$  --any type  $\tau$

(cons) 
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e1 : \tau1 \quad \Gamma \vdash e2 : [\tau1]}{\Gamma \vdash (e1:e2) : [\tau1]}$$

Note:  $[e1, e2, e3]$  is a syntactic sugar of  $(e1:(e2:e3))$

(Pair) 
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e1 : \tau1 \quad \Gamma \vdash e2 : \tau2}{\Gamma \vdash (e1, e2) : (\tau1, \tau2)}$$

# Typing in Mini-Haskell, 1

- A major change lies in *typing a function*
- In PLC, we need to specify the type of a function's parameter.

$$\text{(fn)} \quad \frac{\Gamma.x:\tau_1 \vdash M : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x:\tau_1.M : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2}$$

- In the HTMS, We guess a type for  $x$ . No type annotation for parameters.

$$\text{(Abs)} \quad \frac{\Gamma.x:\tau_1 \vdash e : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.e : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2}$$

A type, not a type scheme, such as  $\forall \alpha.\alpha$ , because fun Parameters are monomorphic.

# Typing in Mini-Haskell, 2

- Guess as general as possible
- Consider the following two type derivations:

$$\frac{\Gamma.x:\alpha \vdash x : \alpha}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.x : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha} \succ \frac{\Gamma.x:\text{Int} \vdash x : \text{Int}}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.x : \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}}$$

Obviously, the one on *the left* is better for type reconstruction – it is the most general.

- We can define some kind of order ( $\succ$ ) between a type scheme and type



# Orders between Types and Type Schemes, 1

- Specialization order between types and type schemes:

$\forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \succ \beta \rightarrow \beta$  via  $[\beta/\alpha]$

$\forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \succ \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$  via  $[\text{Int}/\alpha]$

$\forall \alpha. \beta. \alpha \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta \succ \text{Int} \rightarrow (\text{Bool} \rightarrow \text{Bool})$   
via  $[\text{Int}/\alpha, \text{Bool}/\beta]$

# Order between a Type Scheme and a Type, 2

We say a type scheme  $\sigma = \forall \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n (\tau')$  *generalises* a type  $\tau$ , and write  $\boxed{\sigma \succ \tau}$  if  $\tau$  can be obtained from the type  $\tau'$  by simultaneously substituting some types  $\tau_i$  for the type variables  $\alpha_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, n$ ):

$$\tau = \tau'[\tau_1/\alpha_1, \dots, \tau_n/\alpha_n].$$

(N.B. The relation is unaffected by the particular choice of names of bound type variables in  $\sigma$ .)

- Also called instantiation of a type scheme to a type.

$$\forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \quad \succ \quad \beta \rightarrow \beta \quad \text{via } [\beta/\alpha]$$

# Orders between Type Schemes and Types, 3

- Not all type variables are equal!
- *Generic type variables vs. free type variables*

$$\forall\alpha.\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$

$$\beta \rightarrow \beta$$

- *Generic type variables* can be instantiated to any types  $\tau$ , but free types variables are not!
- Generalization order between a type scheme and a type:  $\sigma \succ \tau$ , this is required in typing rules
- Specialization between two types is derived during type reconstruction as interim results.

# Typing in Mini-Haskell, 2

- Instantiate a type scheme to a type *by guessing*
  - From  $\forall\alpha.[\alpha]\rightarrow\text{Int}$  to  $[[\beta]]\rightarrow\text{Int}$
- Only when typing a variable:

$$\text{(Var } \succ) \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash x : \tau} \quad \text{if } \Gamma(x) = \sigma \text{ and } \sigma \succ \tau$$

Example:

$$[\text{len} : \forall\alpha.[\alpha]\rightarrow\text{Int}] \vdash \text{len} : [[\beta]]\rightarrow\text{Int}$$

• In PLC,

$$[\text{len} : \forall\alpha.[\alpha]\rightarrow\text{Int}] \vdash \text{len } \beta : [[\beta]]\rightarrow\text{Int}$$

# PLC vs. HTMS

- Recall that PLC has:
  - General polymorphic types:  $\tau \equiv \forall \alpha. \tau'$
  - Application with *type* operand:  $M \tau$  ( $\tau$  a type)
  - Type generalization:  $\Lambda \alpha (M)$
- By contrast, the HMTS
  - **types  $\tau$  and type schemes  $\sigma$**
  - **Instantiate a type scheme to a type**
    - From  $\forall \alpha. [\alpha] \rightarrow \text{Int}$  to  $[[\beta]] \rightarrow \text{Int}$
  - **Generalize a type to a type scheme**
    - From  $[\beta] \rightarrow \text{Int}$  to  $\forall \beta. [\beta] \rightarrow \text{Int}$

# Typing in Mini-Haskell, 3

- Function application remains the same, except that only *monomorphic arguments* ( $\tau$ ).

$$\text{(App)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e1 : \tau1 \rightarrow \tau2 \quad \Gamma \vdash e2 : \tau1}{\Gamma \vdash (e1 \ e2) : \tau2}$$

Example:

$$[\text{len} : \forall \alpha. [\alpha] \rightarrow \text{Int}] \vdash \text{len} : [\text{Bool}] \rightarrow \text{Int}$$
$$[\text{len} : \forall \alpha. [\alpha] \rightarrow \text{Int}] \vdash [\text{True}, \text{False}] : [\text{Bool}]$$

---

$$[\text{len} : \forall \alpha. [\alpha] \rightarrow \text{Int}] \vdash \text{len} [\text{True}, \text{False}] : \text{Int}$$

$$\text{(If)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e1 : \text{Bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash e2 : \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash e3 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{if } e1 \text{ then } e2 \text{ else } e3 : \tau}$$

# A Function Example

$$\Gamma \mid - \ \backslash f \rightarrow \backslash x \rightarrow f \ (f \ x) ) : ?$$

• Move f and x to  $\Gamma$

$$\Gamma . f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha . x : \alpha \mid - \ f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$
$$\Gamma . f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha . x : \alpha \mid - \ x : \alpha$$

----- (App)

$$\Gamma . f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha . x : \alpha \mid - \ f \ x : \alpha$$
$$\Gamma . f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha . x : \alpha \mid - \ f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$

----- (App)

$$\Gamma . f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha . x : \alpha \mid - \ f \ (f \ x) ) : \alpha$$

----- (Abs)

$$\Gamma . f : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \mid - \ \backslash x \rightarrow f \ (f \ x) ) : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$

----- (Abs)

$$\Gamma \mid - \ \backslash f \rightarrow \backslash x \rightarrow f \ (f \ x) ) : (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$

# Typing in Mini-Haskell, 4

- Generalizing a type to a type scheme via LET-expr

$$\Gamma \mid - \ \backslash \mathbf{f} \rightarrow \backslash \mathbf{x} \rightarrow \mathbf{f} \ (\mathbf{f} \ \mathbf{x}) : (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$



$$\forall \alpha. (\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$

$$\text{(Let)} \quad \frac{\begin{array}{l} \Gamma \mid - e1 : \tau1 \\ \Gamma. x:\sigma \mid - e2 : \tau \end{array}}{\Gamma \mid - \text{let } x=e1 \text{ in } e2 : \tau} \quad x \notin \text{dom}(\Gamma)$$

$$\sigma = \text{Gen}(\tau1, \Gamma) = \forall \alpha1 \dots \alpha n. \tau1. \dots$$

where  $[\alpha1, \dots, \alpha n] = \text{ftv}(\tau1) - \text{ftv}(\Gamma)$



# Generalization *aka* Closing

$$\text{Gen}(\Gamma, \tau) = \forall \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n. \tau$$

where  $[\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n] = \text{ftv}(\tau) - \text{ftv}(\Gamma)$

- *Generalization* introduces polymorphism
- Quantify type variables that are free in but not *free* in the type environment (TE)
- Captures the notion of *new* type variables of  $\tau$  (introduced via the Var  $\succ$  rule)

# Example of Let-Polymorphism

$$E \equiv \text{let } id = \lambda x \rightarrow x \text{ in } (id\ 5, id\ True)$$

(1)  $\Gamma \vdash \lambda x \rightarrow x : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$      $\alpha$  is a fresh var, Gen called

$$\frac{(2.1) \Gamma. id : \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \vdash id : \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} \quad \Gamma. id : \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \vdash 5 : \text{Int}}{\Gamma. id : \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \vdash id\ 5 : \text{Int}}$$
$$\frac{(2.2) \Gamma. id : \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \vdash id : \text{Bool} \rightarrow \text{Bool} \quad \Gamma. id : \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \vdash True : \text{Bool}}{\Gamma. id : \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \vdash id\ True : \text{Bool}}$$

(2.1), (2.2) Pair

$$\Gamma. id : \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha \vdash (id\ 5, id\ True) : (\text{Int}, \text{Bool})$$

Let

$$\Gamma \vdash \text{let } id = \lambda x \rightarrow x \text{ in } (id\ 5, id\ True) : (\text{Int}, \text{Bool})$$

# Exercises of Let-Polymorphism

1. We can also have “*id id*” in the let-body:

```
let id = \x->x in id id
```

2. Derive the type for the following lambda function:

|                                                                |   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| $\lambda x. \text{let } f = \lambda y \rightarrow x \text{ B}$ | A |
| $\text{in } (f \ 1, f \ \text{True})$                          |   |

$$\Gamma_A = [x : \alpha]$$

$$(1) \frac{\Gamma_A.[y:\beta] \vdash x : \alpha}{\Gamma_A \vdash \lambda y \rightarrow x : \beta \rightarrow \alpha}$$

# HM Type Inference Rules

$$\text{(App)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau \rightarrow \tau' \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash (e_1 e_2) : \tau'}$$

$$\text{(Abs)} \quad \frac{\Gamma + [x : \tau] \vdash e : \tau'}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. e : \tau \rightarrow \tau'}$$

$$\text{(Var)} \quad \frac{(x : \sigma) \in \Gamma \quad \sigma \geq \tau}{\Gamma \vdash x : \tau}$$

$$\text{(Const)} \quad \frac{\text{typeof}(c) \geq \tau}{\Gamma \vdash c : \tau}$$

$$\text{(Let)} \quad \frac{\Gamma + [x : \tau] \vdash e_1 : \tau \quad \Gamma + [x : \text{Gen}(\text{TE}, \tau)] \vdash e_2 : \tau'}{\Gamma \vdash (\text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2) : \tau'}$$

**Syntax-Directed**

# Limitations of the HMTS:

$\lambda$ -bound (monomorphic) vs Let-bound Variables

- Only let-bound identifiers can be instantiated differently.

$E1 \equiv \text{let } id = \lambda x \rightarrow x \text{ in } (id\ 5, id\ True)$   
vs.  $E2 \equiv (\lambda f \rightarrow (f\ 5, f\ True))(\lambda x \rightarrow x)$  } Semantically  
 $E1 = E2$ , but

•  $E2 \equiv \lambda f \rightarrow (f\ 5, f\ True)$  is not typable:

Recall the (Abs) rule

$[f : ?] \vdash (f\ 5, f\ True) : (\text{Int}, \text{Bool})$

$$\frac{\Gamma . x : \tau_1 \vdash e : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x \rightarrow e : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2}$$

a type only, not a type scheme to instantiate

# Good Properties of the HMTS

- The HMTS for Mini-Haskell is *sound*.
  - Well-typed programs won't get stuck!.
- The typeability problem of the HMTS is *decidable*: there is a *type reconstruction algorithm* which computes the *principal type scheme* for any Mini-Haskell expression.
  - The W algorithm using unification

# Principle Type Schemes for Closed Expressions, 1

- What type for “ $\lambda f \rightarrow \lambda x \rightarrow f x$ ”?

$$[ f:\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool}, x:\text{Int} ] \vdash f : \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool} \quad [ f:\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool}, x:\text{Int} ] \vdash x : \text{Int}$$

---

$$[ f:\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool}, x:\text{Int} ] \vdash f x : \text{Bool}$$

App

Abs

---

$$[ f:\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool} ] \vdash \lambda x \rightarrow f x : \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool}$$

Abs

---

$$[ ] \vdash \lambda f \rightarrow \lambda x \rightarrow f x : (\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool}) \rightarrow (\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool})$$

Can we derive a *more “general” type* for this expression?

# Principle Type Schemes for Closed Expressions, 2

- A more general type for “ $\lambda f. \lambda x. f x$ ”?

$$[f : \alpha \rightarrow \beta, x : \alpha] \vdash f : \alpha \rightarrow \beta \quad [f : \alpha \rightarrow \beta, x : \alpha] \vdash x : \alpha$$

---

$$[f : \alpha \rightarrow \beta, x : \alpha] \vdash f x : \beta$$

---

$$[f : \alpha \rightarrow \beta] \vdash \lambda x. f x : (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$$

---

$$[] \vdash \lambda f. \lambda x. f x : (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$$

*Most general type*

Any instance of  $(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$  is a valid type.

E.g.,  $(\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool}) \rightarrow (\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool})$



# Principle Type Schemes for Closed Expressions

- A type scheme  $\sigma$  is the *principal* type scheme of a closed Mini-Haskell expression  $E$  if
  - (a)  $\vdash E : \tau$  is provable and  $\sigma = \text{Gen}(\tau, \{\})$
  - (b) for all  $\tau'$ , if  $\vdash E : \tau'$  is provable and  $\sigma' = \text{Gen}(\tau', \{\})$  then  $\sigma \succ \sigma'$

where by definition  $\sigma \succ \sigma'$  if  $\sigma' = \forall \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n. \tau'$  and  $\text{FV}(\sigma) \cap \{\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n\} = \{\}$  and  $\sigma \succ \tau'$ .

E.g.,  $\lambda f \rightarrow \lambda x \rightarrow f x$  has the PTS of  $\forall \alpha. \beta. (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$   
and  $\forall \alpha. \beta. (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \succ \forall \gamma. (\gamma \rightarrow \text{Bool}) \rightarrow (\gamma \rightarrow \text{Bool})$

# Type Reconstruction Algorithm Based on Unification

The W Algorithm by Damas and Milner

# Type Inference

- Type inference is typically presented in two different forms:
  - *Type inference rules*: Rules define the type of each expression
    - Clean and concise; needed to study the semantic properties, i.e., soundness of the type system
  - *Type inference (reconstruction) algorithm*: Needed by the compiler writer to deduce the type of each subexpression or to deduce that the expression is ill typed.
- Often it is nontrivial to derive an inference algorithm for a given set of rules. There can be many different algorithms for a set of typing rules.

# The W Algorithm (Damas&Milner 82)

$W(\Gamma, e)$  returns  $(S, \tau)$  such that  $\mathbf{S}(\Gamma) \vdash e : \tau$

- $\Gamma$  is a typing environment recording the most general type of each identifier that may occur in  $e$
- $e$  is an expression
- $\tau$  is a type, may contain type variables to be generalized
- $S$  is a type substitution recording the changes in the free type variables in  $\Gamma$ , if any.

# The W Algorithm

$W(\Gamma, e)$  returns  $(S, \tau)$  such that  $\mathbf{S}(\Gamma) \vdash \mathbf{e} : \tau$

- Example: Open expression

$$\Gamma = [\mathbf{f} : \alpha \rightarrow \alpha, \mathbf{x} : \beta], \quad \mathbf{e} \equiv \mathbf{f} \ \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{w}(\Gamma, \mathbf{e}) = ([\alpha/\beta], \beta) \text{ and}$$

$$[\alpha/\beta](\Gamma) \vdash \mathbf{f} \ \mathbf{x} : \beta$$

# The W Algorithm

$W(\Gamma, e)$  returns  $(S, \tau)$  such that  $\mathbf{S}(\Gamma) \vdash e : \tau$

- Example: closed expression

$\Gamma = []$ ,  $e \equiv \text{let id} = \lambda x \rightarrow x \text{ in (id id)}$

$w(\Gamma, e) = ([\beta \rightarrow \beta / \alpha], \beta \rightarrow \beta)$  and

$[\beta \rightarrow \beta / \alpha](\Gamma) \vdash e : \beta \rightarrow \beta$



# The W Algorithm: Variables

1. When  $e$  is a variable:

*Def*  $W(\Gamma, e) =$   
*Case e of*  
 $x = \dots$

Recall the inference rule (axiom) for variables:

$$\text{(Var)} \quad \frac{(x : \sigma) \in \Gamma \quad \sigma \geq \tau}{\Gamma \mid - x : \tau}$$

We do not yet know which  $\tau$  to instantiate!

Let  $\forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha = \Gamma(x)$ , we simply replace  $\alpha$  with fresh (new) type variable, say  $\beta$ ; and determine the type for  $\beta$  later when  $x$  is applied via unification.



# The W Algorithm: Variables

## 1. When $e$ is a variable:

Recall the inference rule (axiom) for variables: (Var)

We do not yet know which  $\tau$  to instantiate!

$$\frac{(x : \sigma) \in \Gamma \quad \sigma \geq \tau}{\Gamma \mid - \quad x : \tau}$$

*Def*  $W(\Gamma, e) =$

*Case*  $e$  of

$x$         = *if*  $(x \notin \text{Dom}(\Gamma))$  *then* Fail  
              *else let*  $\forall \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n. \tau = \Gamma(x);$   
                  *in*  $(\{ \}, [\beta_i / \alpha_i] \tau)$

$\beta$ 's  
represent  
new type  
variables

# The W Algorithm: Application

2. When  $e$  is an application:

Def  $W(\Gamma, e) =$   
Case  $e$  of  
 $(e_1 e_2) =$

Recall the inference rule for function application:

$$\text{(App)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau \rightarrow \tau' \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash (e_1 e_2) : \tau'}$$

We have to ensure that *the type of parameter* is the same as *the type of the argument* ( $e_2$ )!

We apply the unification algorithm to compute a Type substitution to unify them..

# The W Algorithm: Application

2. When  $e$  is a function application:

$$\text{(App)} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \tau \rightarrow \tau' \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash (e_1 e_2) : \tau'}$$

$\beta$  represents  
a new type  
variable

*Def*  $W(\Gamma, e) =$   
  Case  $e$  of  
   $(e_1 e_2)$  *let*  $(S_1, \tau_1) = W(\Gamma, e_1);$   
                   $(S_2, \tau_2) = W(S_1(\Gamma), e_2);$   
                   $S_3 = \text{Unify}(S_2(\tau_1), \tau_2 \rightarrow \beta);$   
  *in*  $(S_3 S_2 S_1, S_3(\beta))$

# Unification: $\text{Unify}(\tau_1, \tau_2)$

- $\text{Unify}(\tau_1, \tau_2) = \text{fail}$  or a type substitution  $S$  such that  $S\tau_1 = S\tau_2$ .

$\text{Unify}(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha, \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Bool}) = \text{fail}$

$\text{Unify}(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha, \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}) = [\text{Int}/\alpha] \equiv S$

Then  $S(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha) = S(\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int})$

$\text{Unify}([\alpha] \rightarrow \beta, [\gamma] \rightarrow \text{Int}) = [\gamma/\alpha, \text{Int}/\beta] \equiv S$

- And compute the Most General Unifier (MGU)

Let  $S' = [\text{Bool}/\alpha, \text{Int}/\beta]$ .

$S'([\alpha] \rightarrow \beta) = S'([\gamma] \rightarrow \text{Int})$  and  $S \succ S'$

# Unification: $\text{Unify}(\tau_1, \tau_2)$

```

def Unify( $\tau_1, \tau_2$ ) =
  case ( $\tau_1, \tau_2$ ) of
    ( $\tau_1, \alpha$ ) = [ $\tau_1 / \alpha$ ]           --  $C_i$  constant type
    ( $\alpha, \tau_2$ ) = [ $\tau_2 / \alpha$ ]
    ( $C_1, C_2$ ) = if (eq?  $C_1, C_2$ ) then [] else fail
    ( $\tau_{11} \rightarrow \tau_{12}, \tau_{21} \rightarrow \tau_{22}$ )
      = let S1 = Unify( $\tau_{11}, \tau_{21}$ )
          S2 = Unify(S1 ( $\tau_{12}$ ), S1 ( $\tau_{22}$ ))
          in S2° S1
    otherwise = fail
  
```

•Composition of substitution:  $s_2 \circ s_1$

Ex:  $[\text{Int} / \beta] \circ [\beta / \alpha] = [\text{Int} / \beta, \text{Int} / \alpha]$

# The W Algorithm: Function

3. When  $e$  is a lambda function:

Def  $W(\Gamma, e) =$   
Case  $e$  of  
 $\lambda x \rightarrow e =$

Recall the inference rule for lambda function:

$$\text{(Abs)} \quad \frac{\Gamma + [x : \tau] \vdash e : \tau'}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. e : \tau \rightarrow \tau'}$$

We have to guess a *type for the parameter!*

We use a new type variable to represent the *type of the parameter* and get a type for it later when the function is applied.

# The W Algorithm: Function

3. When  $e$  is a lambda function:

$$\text{(Abs)} \quad \frac{\Gamma + [\mathbf{x} : \tau] \vdash e : \tau'}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda \mathbf{x}. e : \tau \rightarrow \tau'}$$

*Def*  $W(\Gamma, e) =$   
*Case*  $e$  of  
 $\lambda \mathbf{x}. e \quad = \text{let } (S_1, \tau_1) = W(\Gamma + [\mathbf{x} : \beta], e);$   
 $\text{in } (S_1, S_1(\beta) \rightarrow \tau_1)$

$\beta$  is new

# The W Algorithm: Let

4. When  $e$  is a let expression:

**Def**  $W(\Gamma, e) =$   
**Case**  $e$  of  
*let*  $x = e_1$  *in*  $e_2 = \dots$

Recall the inference rule for let expression:

(Let) 
$$\frac{\Gamma + [x : \tau] \vdash e_1 : \tau \quad \Gamma + [x : \text{Gen}(\text{TE}, \tau)] \vdash e_2 : \tau'}{\Gamma \vdash \text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2 : \tau'}$$

**Def**  $W(\Gamma, e) =$

**Case**  $e$  of

*let*  $x = e_1$  *in*  $e_2 = \text{let } (S_1, \tau_1) = W(\Gamma, e_1);$   
 $\sigma = \text{Gen}(S_1(\Gamma), \tau_1);$   
 $(S_2, \tau_2) = W(S_1(\Gamma) + [x : \sigma], e_2);$   
*in*  $(S_2 S_1, \tau_2)$



# The W Algorithm

|                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| $Def\ W(\Gamma, e)$<br>$x$<br>$\lambda x.e$<br>$(e_1\ e_2)$<br>$let\ x = e_1\ in\ e_2$ | $=\ Case\ e\ of$<br>$=\ if\ (x \notin Dom(\Gamma))\ then\ Fail$<br>$\quad else\ let\ \forall t_1 \dots t_n. \tau = \Gamma(x);$<br>$\quad\quad in\ (\{ \}, [\beta_i / t_i]\ \tau)$<br>$=\ let\ (S_1, \tau_1) = W(\Gamma + [x : \beta], e);$<br>$\quad in\ (S_1, S_1(\beta) \rightarrow \tau_1)$<br>$=\ let\ (S_1, \tau_1) = W(\Gamma, e_1);$<br>$\quad\quad (S_2, \tau_2) = W(S_1(\Gamma), e_2);$<br>$\quad\quad\quad S_3 = Unify(S_2(\tau_1), \tau_2 \rightarrow \beta);$<br>$\quad in\ (S_3\ S_2\ S_1, S_3(u))$<br>$=\ let\ (S_1, \tau_1) = W(\Gamma, e_1);$<br>$\quad\quad \sigma = Gen(S_1(\Gamma), \tau_1);$<br>$\quad\quad (S_2, \tau_2) = W(S_1(\Gamma) + [x : \sigma], e_2);$<br>$\quad in\ (S_2\ S_1, \tau_2)$ | $\beta$ 's new<br>type vars |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|

# The W Algorithm: Example

|              |                        |   |   |
|--------------|------------------------|---|---|
| $\lambda x.$ | $let\ f = \lambda y.x$ | B | A |
|              | $in\ (f\ 1,\ f\ True)$ |   |   |

$$W(\emptyset, A) = ([ ], u_1 \rightarrow (u_1, u_1))$$

$$W(\{x : u_1\}, B) = ([ ], (u_1, u_1))$$

$$W(\{x : u_1, f : u_2\}, \lambda y.x) = ([ ], u_3 \rightarrow u_1)$$

$$W(\{x : u_1, f : u_2, y : u_3\}, x) = ([ ], u_1)$$

$$\text{Unify}(u_2, u_3 \rightarrow u_1) = [(u_3 \rightarrow u_1) / u_2]$$

$$\text{Gen}(\{x : u_1\}, u_3 \rightarrow u_1) = \forall u_3. u_3 \rightarrow u_1$$

$$TE = \{x : u_1, f : \forall u_3. u_3 \rightarrow u_1\}$$

$$W(TE, (f\ 1)) = ([ ], u_1)$$

$$W(TE, f) = ([ ], u_4 \rightarrow u_1)$$

$$W(TE, 1) = ([ ], \text{Int})$$

$$\text{Unify}(u_4 \rightarrow u_1, \text{Int} \rightarrow u_5) = [\text{Int} / u_4, u_1 / u_5]$$

# Important Observations

- Do not generalize over type variables used elsewhere
- Let is the only way of defining polymorphic constructs
- Generalize the types of let-bound identifiers only after processing their definitions

# Properties of HM Type Inference (W)

- It is sound with respect to the type system.  
An inferred type is verifiable using I-.
- It generates most general types of expressions.  
called *Principal Type Scheme*.  
Any verifiable type is inferred.
- Complexity  
PSPACE-Hard  
DEXPTIME-Complete  
Nested *let* blocks

# Extensions

- Type Declarations  
Sanity check; can relax restrictions
- Incremental Type checking  
The whole program is not given at the same time, sound inferencing when types of some functions are not known
- Typing references to mutable objects  
Hindley-Milner system is unsound for a language with refs (mutable locations)
- Overloading Resolution

# Puzzle: Another set of Inference rules

Not syntax-directed

$$\text{(Gen)} \quad \frac{\text{TE} \vdash e : \tau \quad \alpha \notin \text{FV}(\text{TE})}{\text{TE} \vdash e : \forall \alpha. \tau}$$

$$\text{(Spec)} \quad \frac{\text{TE} \vdash e : \forall \alpha. \tau}{\text{TE} \vdash e : \tau [\tau'/\alpha]}$$

$$\text{(Var)} \quad \frac{(x : \tau) \in \text{TE}}{\text{TE} \vdash x : \tau}$$

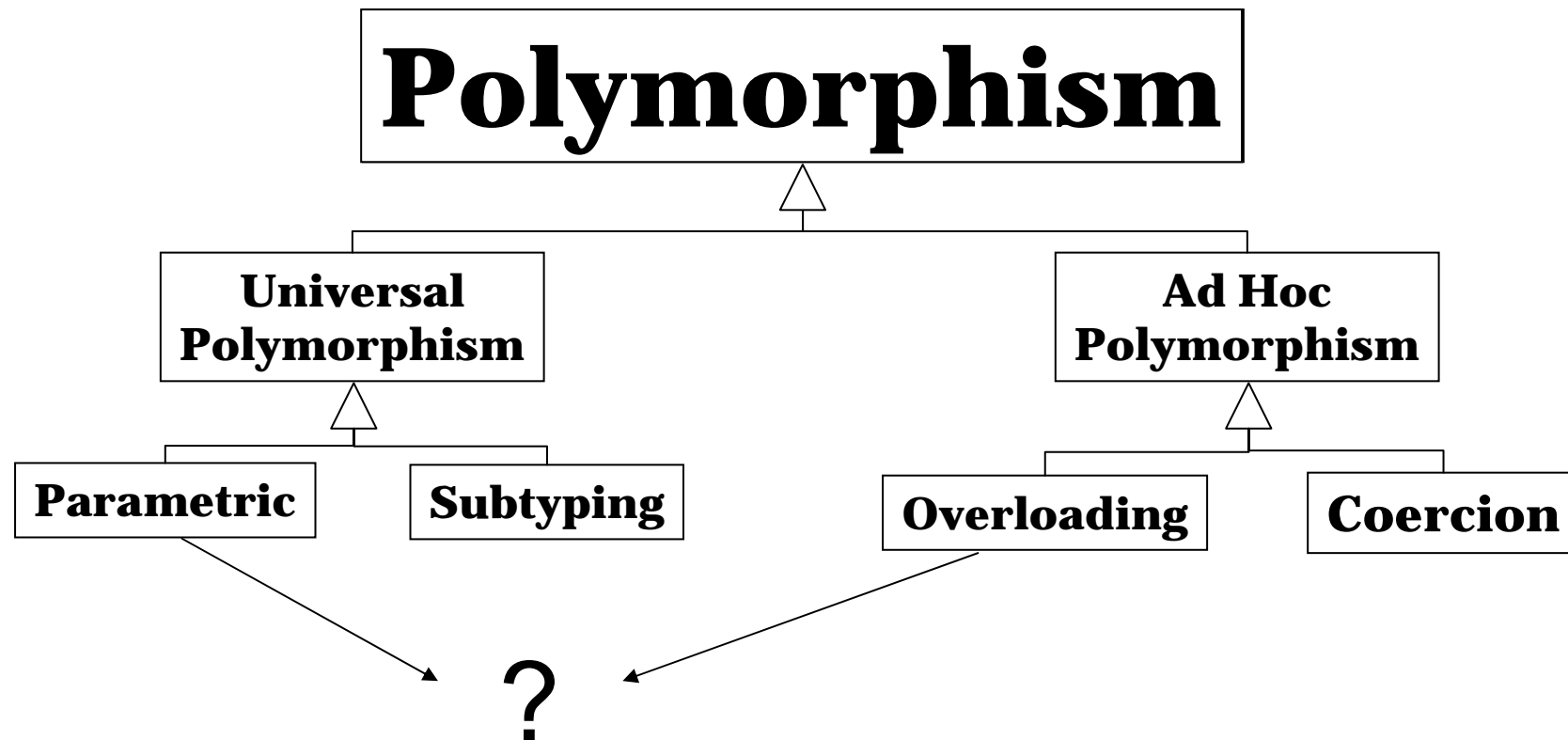
$$\text{(Let)} \quad \frac{\text{TE} + \{x : \tau\} \vdash e_1 : \tau \quad \text{TE} + \{x : \tau\} \vdash e_2 : \tau'}{\text{TE} \vdash (\text{let } x = e_1 \text{ in } e_2) : \tau'}$$

(App) and (Abs) rules remain unchanged.

Sound but  
no direct  
inference  
algorithm !

# Appendix: Haskell's Type Classes

# Polymorphism





# When Overloading Meets Parametric Polymorphism

- Overloading: some operations can be defined for *many different data types*
  - $==, /=, <, <=, >, >=$ , defined for many types
  - $+, -, *$ , defined for numeric types
- Consider the *double* function:  $\text{double} = \lambda x \rightarrow x+x$ 
  - What should be the proper type of double?
    - $\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$       -- too specific
    - $\forall a. a \rightarrow a$       -- too general

Indeed, this *double* function **is not** typeable in (earlier) SML!

# Type Classes—a “middle” way

- What should be the proper type of double?  
 $\forall a.a \rightarrow a$  -- too general
- It seems like we need something “in between”, that restricts “a” to be from the set of all types that admit *addition operation*, say  
Num = {Int, Integer, Float, Double, etc.}.—type class  
**double :: ( $\forall a \in \mathbf{Num}$ ) a -> a**
- *Qualified types* generalize this by qualifying the type variable, as in  $(\forall a \in \mathbf{Num}) a \rightarrow a$ , which in Haskell we write as **Num a => a -> a**
  - Note that the type signature  $a \rightarrow a$  is really shorthand for  $\forall a.a \rightarrow a$

# Type Classes

- “**Num**” in the previous example is called a *type class*, and should not be confused with a type constructor or a value constructor.
- “**Num T**” should be read “T is a member of (or an instance of) the type class Num”.
- Haskell’s type classes are one of its most innovative features.
- This capability is also called “overloading”, because one function name is used for potentially very different purposes.
- There are many *pre-defined type classes*, but you can also *define your own*.

# Defining Type Classes in Haskell, 1

- In Haskell, we use type classes and instance declarations to support parametric overloading systematically.

A type is made an instance of a class by an *instance declaration*

```
class Num a where
  (+), (-), (*)  :: a -> a -> a
  negate       :: a -> a
  ...
```

- Type a belongs to class Num if it has '+', '-', '\*', ... of proper signature defined.

```
Instance Declaration:
instance Num Int where
  (+) = IntAdd  --primitive
  (*) = IntMul  -- primitive
  (-) = IntSub  -- primitive
  ...
```

- Type Int is an instance of class Num

# Defining Type Classes in Haskell, 2

In Haskell, the *qualified type* for double

`double x = x + x ::`

type predicate

$\forall a. \underline{\text{Num } a} \Rightarrow a \rightarrow a$

I.e., we can apply *double* to only types which are instances of class Num.

`double 12`      `--OK`

`double 3.4`    `--OK`

`double "abc"` `--Error unless String is an instance`  
`--of class Num,`

# Constrained polymorphism

- Ordinary parametric polymorphism

$f :: a \rightarrow a$

"f is of type  $a \rightarrow a$  for any type  $a$ "

- Overloading using *qualified types*

$f :: C\ a \Rightarrow a \rightarrow a$

"f is of type  $a \rightarrow a$  for any type  $a$  belonging to the type class  $C$ "

- Think of a Qualified Type as a type with a Predicate set, also called context in Haskell.

# Type Classes and Overloading

ELOLAC  
2008

$\text{double} :: \forall a. \underline{\text{Num } a} \Rightarrow a \rightarrow a$

The type predicate “Num a” will be supported by an additional (dictionary) parameter.

In Haskell, the function *double* is translated into

$\text{double } \text{NumDict } x =$   
 $\quad (\text{select } (+) \text{ from NumDict}) x x$

Similar to

$\text{double } \text{add } x = x \text{ `add` } x \text{ -- add } x x$

# Type Classes and Overloading

Dictionary for (type class, type) is created by the *Instance declaration*.

```
instance Num Int where
  (+) = IntAdd  --primitive
  (*) = IntMul   -- primitive
  (-) = IntSub   -- primitive
  ...
```

Create a dictionary called *IntNumDict*, and  
“double 3” will be translated to  
*double intNumDict 3*



# Another Example: Equality

- Like addition, *equality* is not defined on all types (how do we test the equality of two functions, for example?).
- So the equality operator (==) in Haskell has type `Eq a => a -> a -> Bool`. For example:

|                                   |                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>42 == 42</code>             | <code>→ True</code>                                                             |
| <code>`a` == `a`</code>           | <code>→ True</code>                                                             |
| <code>`a` == 42</code>            | <code>→ &lt;&lt; type error! &gt;&gt;</code><br>(types don't match)             |
| <code>(+1) == (\x-&gt;x+1)</code> | <code>→ &lt;&lt; type error! &gt;&gt;</code><br>((->) is not an instance of Eq) |

- **Note:** the type errors occur *at compile time!*

# Equality, cont'd

- Eq is defined by this *type class declaration*:

```
class Eq a where
    (==), (/=)    :: a -> a -> Bool
    x /= y       = not (x == y)
    x == y       = not (x /= y)
```

- The last two lines are *default methods* for the operators defined to be in this class.
- So the instance declarations for Eq only needs to define the "==" method.

# Defining class instances (1)

- Make pre-existing classes instances of type class:

```
instance Eq Integer where
```

```
  x == y = x `integerEq` y
```

```
instance Eq Float where
```

```
  x == y = x `floatEq` y
```

- (assumes `integerEq` and `floatEq` functions exist)

```
instance Eq Bool where
```

```
  True  == True  = True
```

```
  False == False = True
```

```
  _     == _     = False
```

# Defining class instances (2)

- Do same for composite data types, such as tuples (pairs).

```
instance (Eq a, Eq b) => Eq (a, b) where
    (x1, y1) == (x2, y2) = (x1==x2) &&
                          (y1==y2)
```

- Note the context: (Eq a, Eq b) => ...

# Defining class instances (3)

- Do same for composite data types, such as lists.

```
instance Eq a => Eq [a] where
  [] == []           = True
  (x:xs) == (y:ys)  = x==y && xs==ys
  _      == _       = False
```

- Note the context: `Eq a => ...`

# Functions Requiring Context Constraints

- Consider the following list element testing function:

```
elem :: Eq a => a -> [a] -> Bool
```

```
elem x [] = False
```

```
elem x (y:ys) = (x == y) || elem x ys
```

```
>elem 5 [1, 3, 5, 7]
```

```
True
```

```
>elem 'a' "This is an example"
```

```
False
```

# Context Constraints (cont'd)

```
succ :: Int -> Int
```

```
succ = (+1)
```

```
elem succ [succ] causes an error
```

```
ERROR - Illegal Haskell 98 class constraint  
in inferred type
```

```
*** Expression : elem succ [succ]
```

```
*** Type       : Eq (Int -> Int) => Bool
```

which conveys the fact that `Int->Int` is not an instance of the `Eq` class.

# Other useful type classes

- Comparable types:

`Ord` → `<` `<=` `>` `>=`

- Printable types:

`Show` → `show` `where`

`show :: (Show a) => a -> String`

- Numeric types:

`Num` → `+` `-` `*` `negate` `abs` `etc.`



# Show – Showable Types

- This class contains all those types whose values can be converted into character strings using

```
show :: a -> String
```

- *Bool*, *Char*, *String*, *Int*, *Integer* and *Float*, are part of this class, as well as list and tuple types whose elements and components are part of the class

# Show – Showable Types

```
> Show True
```

```
"True"
```

```
> show 'a'
```

```
"'a'"
```

```
> show 42
```

```
"42"
```

```
> show ('q', 13)
```

```
"('q', 13)"
```

# *Read* – Readable Types

- This class contains all those types whose values can be converted from character strings using

```
read :: String -> a
```

- *Bool*, *Char*, *String*, *Int*, *Integer* and *Float*, are part of this class, as well as list and tuple types whose elements and components are part of the class

# Read – Readable Types

```
> read "True" :: Bool
False

> read "'a'" :: Char
'a'

> read "42" :: Int
42

> read "(´q´, 13)"
(´q´, 13)

> read "[1,2,3]" :: [Int]
[1,2,3]
```

# Super/Subclasses

- Subclasses in Haskell are more a *syntactic mechanism*.
- Class Ord is a subclass of Eq.

```
class Eq a => Ord a where
  (<), (>), (<=), (>=) :: a -> a -> Bool
  max, min :: a -> a -> a

  x < y = x <= y && x /= y
  x >= y = y <= x
  x > y = y <= x && x /= y

  max x y | x <= y    = y
           | otherwise = x
  min x y | x <= y    = x
           | otherwise = y
```

“=>” is misleading!

Note: If type T belongs to *Ord*, then T must also belong to *Eq*

## Class hierarchies

- Classes can be hierarchically structured

```
class Eq a where ...
```

```
class Eq a => Ord a where ...
```

```
class Ord a => Bounded a where
  minBound, maxBound :: a
```

```
class (Eq a, Show a) => Num a where
  (+), (-), (*) :: a -> a -> a ...
```

```
class (Num a, Ord a) => Real a where
  toRational :: a -> Rational
```

```
class (Real a, Enum a) => Integral a where
  quot, rem, div, mod :: a -> a -> a ...
```

Source: D. Basin

# Recommended Readings

ELOLAC  
2008

- Luca Cardelli, Basic Polymorphic Typechecking.

<http://research.microsoft.com/users/luca/Papers/BasicTypechecking.pdf>

[DM82] Luis Damas and Robin Milner. Principal type schemes for functional programs. Proceedings of the 8th annual ACM symposium on Principles of Programming languages, Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 1982.

<http://portal.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=582176>

[CDK86] Dominique Clément, Joëlle Despeyroux, Thierry Despeyroux and Gilles Kahn. A simple applicative language: Mini-ML. ACM symposium on LISP and functional programming, 1986.

<http://hal.inria.fr/inria-00076025/en/>

Philip Wadler and Stephen Blott. How to make *ad-hoc* polymorphism less *ad-hoc*. Proceedings of the 16th annual ACM symposium on Principles of Programming Languages, Austin, Texas, January 1989.

<http://portal.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=75283&dl=ACM&coll=GUIDE>

# Acknowledgements

- Parts of the materials presented here are taken from the slides prepared by :
- Dr. A.C. Daniels and Dr. S. Kahrs, Univ. of Kent, UK
- Professor. A. Pitts, Cambridge Univ., UK
- Professor E. Gunter, CS421, UIUC USA
- Professor Arvind, 6.827/F2006, MIT, USA