

# Principles of Programming Languages

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## ***Lesson 22***

- Functional programming languages
- Introduction to Haskell
- Type Classes
- (Type) Constructor Classes

# Historical Origins

- The imperative and functional models grew out of work undertaken Alan Turing, Alonzo Church, Stephen Kleene, Emil Post, etc. ~1930s
  - different formalizations of the notion of an algorithm, or *effective procedure*, based on automata, symbolic manipulation, recursive function definitions, and combinatorics
- These results led Church to conjecture that *any* intuitively appealing model of computing would be equally powerful as well
  - this conjecture is known as *Church's thesis*

# Historical Origins

- Church's model of computing is called the *lambda calculus*
  - based on the notion of parameterized expressions (with each parameter introduced by an occurrence of the letter  $\lambda$ , hence the notation's name)
  - allows one to define mathematical functions in a constructive/effective way
  - Lambda calculus was the inspiration for functional programming
  - computation proceeds by substituting parameters into expressions, just as one computes in a high level functional program by passing arguments to functions

# Functional Programming Concepts

- Functional languages such as **Lisp**, **Scheme**, **FP**, **ML**, **Miranda**, and **Haskell** are an attempt to realize Church's lambda calculus in practical form as a programming language
- The key idea: do everything by composing functions
  - no mutable state
  - no side effects

# Functional Programming Concepts

- Necessary features, many of which are missing in some imperative languages
  - 1st class and high-order functions
  - recursion
    - Takes the place of iteration
  - powerful list facilities
    - Recursive function exploit recursive definition of lists
  - serious polymorphism
    - Relevance of Container/Collections
  - fully general aggregates
    - Data structures cannot be modified, have to be re-created
  - structured function returns
  - garbage collection
    - Unlimited extent for locally allocated data structures

# Other Related Concepts

- **Lisp** also has some features that are not necessary present in other functional languages:
  - programs are data
  - self-definition
  - read-evaluate-print interactive loop
- Variants of LISP
  - (Original) Lisp: purely functional, dynamically scoped as early variants
  - Common Lisp: current standard, statically scoped, very complex
  - Scheme: statically scoped, very elegant, used for teaching

# Other functional languages: the ML family

- Robin Milner (Turing award in 1991, CCS, Pi-calculus, ...)
- Statically typed, general-purpose programming language
  - “Meta-Language” of the LCF theorem proving system
- Type safe, with type inference and formal semantics
- Compiled language, but intended for interactive use
- Combination of Lisp and Algol-like features
  - Expression-oriented
  - Higher-order functions
  - Garbage collection
  - Abstract data types
  - Module system
  - Exceptions

# Other functional languages: Haskell

- Designed by committee in 80's and 90's to unify research efforts in lazy languages
  - Evolution of Miranda
  - Haskell 1.0 in 1990, Haskell '98, Haskell' ongoing
- Several features in common with ML, but **some differ**:
- Types and type checking
  - Type inference
  - Parametric polymorphism
  - **Ad hoc polymorphism (aka overloading)**
- Control
  - **Lazy vs. eager evaluation**
  - Tail recursion and continuations
- Purely functional
  - **Precise management of effects**
  - Rise of multi-core, parallel programming likely to make minimizing state much more important



# The Glasgow Haskell Compiler [GHC]

## [www.haskell.org/platform](http://www.haskell.org/platform)

Current release: 2014.2.0.0

**New GHC: 7.8.3**  
**Major update:** OpenGL and GLUT

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## The Haskell Platform



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### Comprehensive

The Haskell Platform is the easiest way to get started with programming Haskell. It comes with all you need to get up and running. Think of it as "Haskell: batteries included". [Learn more...](#)

### Robust

The Haskell Platform contains only stable and widely-used tools and libraries, drawn from a pool of thousands of Haskell packages, ensuring you get the best from what is on offer.

### Cutting Edge

The Haskell Platform ships with advanced features such as multicore parallelism, thread sparks and transactional memory, along with many other technologies, to help you get work done.

# Core Haskell

- Basic Types
  - Unit
  - Booleans
  - Integers
  - Strings
  - Reals
  - Tuples
  - Lists
  - Records
- Patterns
- Declarations
- Functions
- Polymorphism
- Type declarations
- Type Classes
- Monads
- Exceptions

# Overview of Haskell

- Interactive Interpreter (ghci): read-eval-print
  - ghci infers type before compiling or executing
  - Type system does not allow casts or similar things!
- Examples

```
Prelude> (5+3) -2
6
it :: Integer
Prelude> if 5>3 then "Harry" else "Hermione"
"Harry"
it :: [Char]      -- String is equivalent to [Char]
Prelude> 5==4
False
it :: Bool
```

# Overview by Type

- Booleans

```
True, False :: Bool  
if ... then ... else ...    --types must match
```

- Integers

```
0, 1, 2, ... :: Integer  
+, * , ...   :: Integer -> Integer -> Integer
```

- Strings

```
"Ron Weasley"
```

- Floats

```
1.0, 2, 3.14159, ...    --type classes to disambiguate
```

# Simple Compound Types

- Tuples

```
(4, 5, "PLP") :: (Integer, Integer, String)
```

- Lists

```
[] :: [a] -- NIL, polymorphic type  
1 : [2, 3, 4] :: [Integer] -- infix cons notation  
[1,2]++[3,4] :: [Integer] -- concatenation
```

- Records

```
data Person = Person {firstName :: String,  
                      lastName  :: String}  
hg = Person { firstName = "Hermione",  
            lastName  = "Granger"}
```

# More on list constructors

```
ghci> [1..20]           -- ranges
[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20]
ghci> ['a'..'z']
"abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"
ghci> [3,6..20]         -- ranges with step
[3,6,9,12,15,18]
ghci> [7,6..1]
[7,6,5,4,3,2,1]
```

```
ghci> take 10 [1..]     -- (prefix of) infinite lists
[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
ghci> take 10 (cycle [1,2])
[1,2,1,2,1,2,1,2,1,2]
ghci> take 10 (repeat 5)
[5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5]
```

How does it work???

# Laziness

- Haskell is a **lazy** language
- Functions and data constructors don't evaluate their arguments until they need them

```
cond :: Bool -> a -> a -> a
cond True  t e = t
cond False t e = e
```

- Programmers can write control-flow operators that have to be built-in in eager languages

Short-circuiting  
"or"

```
(||) :: Bool -> Bool -> Bool
True  || x = True
False || x = x
```

# Applicative and Normal Order evaluation

- Applicative Order evaluation
  - Arguments are evaluated before applying the function – aka *Eager evaluation, parameter passing by value*
- Normal Order evaluation
  - Function evaluated first, arguments if and when needed
  - Sort of *parameter passing by name*
  - Some evaluation can be repeated
- Church-Rosser
  - If evaluation terminates, the result (*normal form*) is unique
  - If some evaluation terminates, normal order evaluation terminates

## **β-conversion**

$$(\lambda x.t) t' = t [t'/x]$$

## **Applicative order**

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda x.(+ x x)) (+ 3 2) \\ & \rightarrow (\lambda x.(+ x x)) 5 \\ & \rightarrow (+ 5 5) \\ & \rightarrow 10 \end{aligned}$$

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

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega\Omega &= (\lambda x.x x) (\lambda x.x x) \\ &\rightarrow x x [(\lambda x.x x)/x] \\ &\rightarrow (\lambda x.x x) (\lambda x.x x) = \Omega\Omega \\ &\rightarrow \dots \textit{non-terminating} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda x. 0) (\Omega\Omega) \\ & \rightarrow \{ \textit{Applicative order} \} \\ & \dots \textit{non-terminating} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda x. 0) (\Omega\Omega) \\ & \rightarrow \{ \textit{Normal order} \} \\ & 0 \end{aligned}$$

## **Normal order**

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda x.(+ x x)) (+ 3 2) \\ & \rightarrow (+ (+ 3 2) (+ 3 2)) \\ & \rightarrow (+ 5 (+ 3 2)) \\ & \rightarrow (+ 5 5) \\ & \rightarrow 10 \end{aligned}$$



# Relating evaluation order to Parameter Passing Mechanisms

- Parameter passing modes
  - In
  - In/out
  - Out
- Parameter passing mechanisms
  - Call by value (in)
  - Call by reference (in+out)
  - Call by result (out)
  - Call by value/result (in+out)
  - Call by name (in+out)
- Different mechanisms used by C, Fortran, Pascal, C++, Java, Ada (and Algol 60)

# Call by name & Lazy evaluation (*call by need*)

- In ***call by name*** parameter passing (default in Algol 60) arguments (like expressions) are passed as a closure (“think”) to the subroutine
- The argument is (re)evaluated each time it is used in the body
- Haskell realizes ***lazy evaluation*** by using ***call by need*** parameter passing, which is similar: an expression passed as argument is evaluated only if its value is needed.
- Unlike ***call by name***, the argument is evaluated *only the first time*, using ***memoization***: the result is saved and further uses of the argument do not need to re-evaluate it
- Combined with *lazy data constructors*, this allows to construct potentially infinite data structures and call infinitely recursive functions without necessarily causing non-termination
- Lazy evaluation works fine with **purely functional** languages
- Side effects require that the programmer reason about the order that things happen, not predictable in lazy languages.

# Patterns and Declarations

- Patterns can be used in place of variables  
    <pat> ::= <var> | <tuple> | <cons> | <record> ...
- Value declarations
  - General form:     <pat> = <exp>
  - Examples

```
myTuple = ("Foo", "Bar")
(x,y)   = myTuple   -- x = "Foo", y = "Bar"
myList  = [1, 2, 3, 4]
z:zs    = myList    -- z = 1, zs = [2,3,4]
```

- Local declarations

```
let (x,y) = (2, "FooBar") in x * 4
```

# Functions and Pattern Matching

- Anonymous function

```
\x -> x+1      --like Lisp lambda, function (...) in JS
```

- Function declaration form

```
<name> <pat1> = <exp1>
```

```
<name> <pat2> = <exp2> ...
```

```
<name> <patn> = <expn> ...
```

- Examples

```
f (x,y) = x+y      --argument must match pattern (x,y)
```

```
length [] = 0
```

```
length (x:s) = 1 + length(s)
```

# More Functions on Lists

- Apply function to every element of list

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

```
map (\x -> x+1) [1,2,3]           [2,3,4]
```

- Reverse a list

```
reverse [] = []  
reverse (x:xs) = (reverse xs) ++ [x]
```

```
reverse xs =  
  let rev ( [], accum ) = accum  
      rev ( y:ys, accum ) = rev ( ys, y:accum )  
  in rev ( xs, [] )
```

# List Comprehensions

- Notation for constructing new lists from old:

```
myData = [1,2,3,4,5,6,7]

twiceData = [2 * x | x <- myData]
-- [2,4,6,8,10,12,14]

twiceEvenData = [2 * x | x <- myData, x `mod` 2 == 0]
-- [4,8,12]
```

- Similar to “set comprehension”  
 $\{ x \mid x \in \text{Odd} \wedge x > 6 \}$

# More on List Comprehensions

```
ghci> [ x | x <- [10..20], x /= 13, x /= 15, x /= 19]
[10,11,12,14,16,17,18,20] -- more predicates

ghci> [ x*y | x <- [2,5,10], y <- [8,10,11]]
[16,20,22,40,50,55,80,100,110] -- more lists

length xs = sum [1 | _ <- xs] -- anonymous (don't care) var

-- strings are lists...
removeNonUppercase st = [ c | c <- st, c `elem` ['A'..'Z']]
```

# Datatype Declarations

- Examples

```
data Color = Red | Yellow | Blue
```

elements are Red, Yellow, Blue

```
data Atom = Atom String | Number Int
```

elements are Atom "A", Atom "B", ..., Number 0, ...

```
data List = Nil | Cons (Atom, List)
```

elements are Nil, Cons(Atom "A", Nil), ...

Cons(Number 2, Cons(Atom("Bill"), Nil)), ...

- General form

```
data <name> = <clause> | ... | <clause>  
<clause> ::= <constructor> | <constructor> <type>
```

– Type name and constructors must be Capitalized.

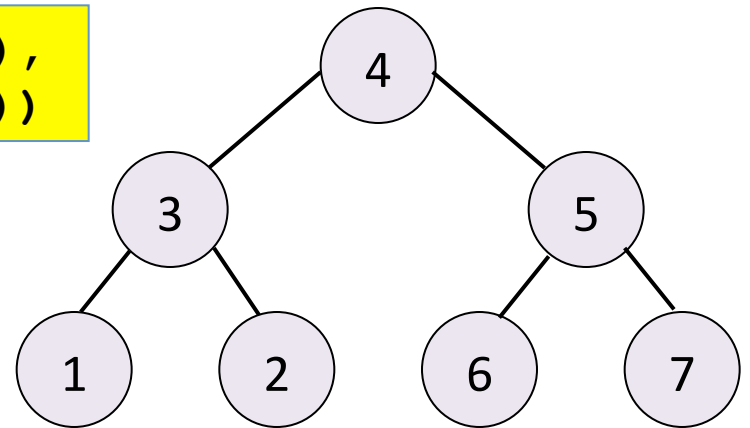


# Datatypes and Pattern Matching

- Recursively defined data structure

```
data Tree = Leaf Int | Node (Int, Tree, Tree)
```

```
Node (4, Node (3, Leaf 1, Leaf 2),  
      Node (5, Leaf 6, Leaf 7))
```



- Constructors can be used in Pattern Matching
- Recursive function

```
sum (Leaf n) = n  
sum (Node (n, t1, t2)) = n + sum(t1) + sum(t2)
```

# Case Expression

- Datatype

```
data Exp = Var Int | Const Int | Plus (Exp, Exp)
```

- Case expression

```
case e of  
  Var n -> ...  
  Const n -> ...  
  Plus (e1, e2) -> ...
```

Indentation matters in case statements in Haskell.

# Function Types in Haskell

In Haskell,  $f :: A \rightarrow B$  means for every  $x \in A$ ,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \text{some element } y = f(x) \in B \\ \text{run forever} \end{cases}$$

In words, “if  $f(x)$  terminates, then  $f(x) \in B$ .”

In ML, functions with type  $A \rightarrow B$  can throw an exception or have other effects, but not in Haskell

```
ghci> :t not      -- type of some predefined functions
not :: Bool -> Bool
ghci> :t (+)
(+) :: Num a => a -> a -> a
ghci> :t not
not :: Bool -> Bool
ghci> :t (:)
(:) :: a -> [a] -> [a]
ghci> :t elem
elem :: Eq a => a -> [a] -> Bool
```

Note: if  $f$  is a standard binary function,  $f`$  is its infix version  
If  $x$  is an infix (binary) operator,  $(x)$  is its prefix version.

# Higher-Order Functions

- Functions that take other functions as arguments or return as a result are higher-order functions.
- Common Examples:
  - **Map**: applies argument function to each element in a collection.
  - **Reduce**: takes a collection, an initial value, and a function, and combines the elements in the collection according to the function.

```
ghci> :t map
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
ghci> let list = [1,2,3]
ghci> map (\x -> x+1) list
[2,3,4]
ghci> :t foldl
foldl :: (b -> a -> b) -> b -> [a] -> b
ghci> foldl (\accum i -> i + accum) 0 list
6
```

# Searching a substring: Java code

```
static int indexOf(char[] source, int sourceOffset, int sourceCount,
                  char[] target, int targetOffset, int targetCount,
                  int fromIndex) {
    ...

    char first = target[targetOffset];
    int max = sourceOffset + (sourceCount - targetCount);

    for (int i = sourceOffset + fromIndex; i <= max; i++) {
        /* Look for first character. */
        if (source[i] != first) {
            while (++i <= max && source[i] != first);
        }

        /* Found first character, now look at the rest of v2 */
        if (i <= max) {
            int j = i + 1;
            int end = j + targetCount - 1;
            for (int k = targetOffset + 1; j < end && source[j] ==
                target[k]; j++, k++);

            if (j == end) {
                /* Found whole string. */
                return i - sourceOffset;
            }
        }
    }
    return -1;
}
```

# Searching a Substring: Exploiting Laziness

```
isPrefixOf :: Eq a => [a] -> [a] -> Bool
-- returns True if first list is prefix of the second
isPrefixOf [] x = True
isPrefixOf (y:ys) [] = False
isPrefixOf (y:ys) (x:xs) =
    if (x == y) then isPrefixOf ys xs else False
```

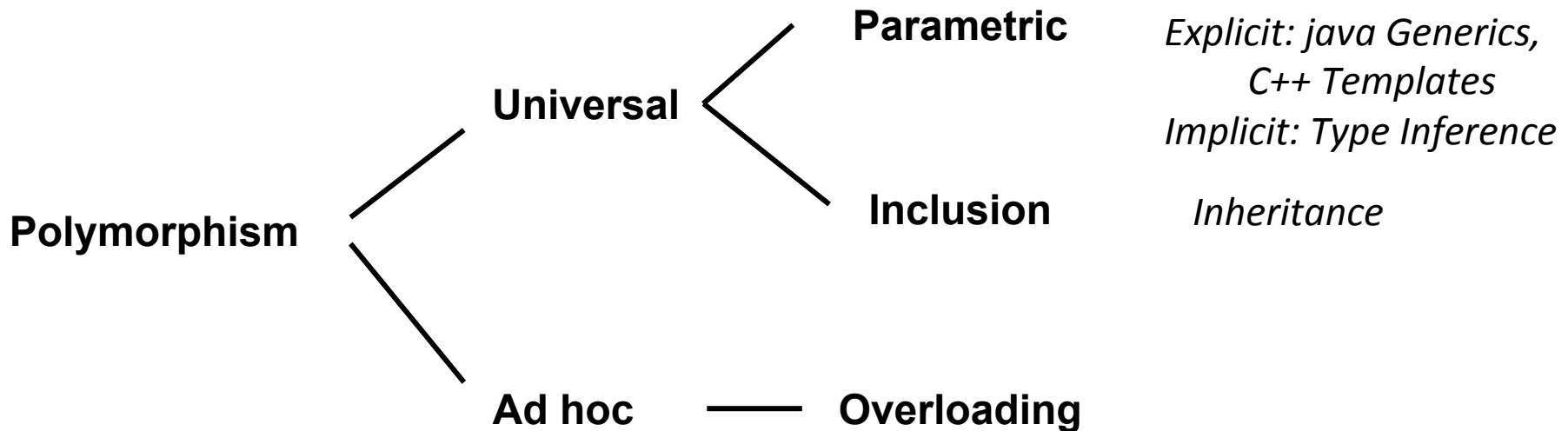
```
suffixes :: String -> [String]
-- All suffixes of s
suffixes [] = [[]]
suffixes (x:xs) = (x:xs) : suffixes xs
```

```
or :: [Bool] -> Bool
-- (or bs) returns True if any of the bs is True
or [] = False
or (b:bs) = b || or bs
```

```
isSubString :: String -> String -> Bool
x `isSubString` s = or [ x `isPrefixOf` t
                        | t <- suffixes s ]
```

# Polymorphism

- The ability of associating a single interface with entities of different types
- We focus on *polymorphic functions*, applicable to arguments of different types



# Generic Polymorphism in Haskell

- Type declarations not necessary: **Type Inference** algorithm computes the most general type of a declared function
- Based on the original algorithm invented by Haskell Curry and Robert Feys for the simply typed lambda calculus in 1958
- Revised and extended by Hindley (1969) and Milner (1978)
- Currently used in many languages: ML, Ada, Haskell, C# 3.0, F#, Visual Basic .Net 9.0. Have been plans for Fortress, Perl 6, C++0x,...
- Guaranteed to produce the **most general type**.
- Example of a flow-insensitive static analysis algorithm
- You will study it in next semester...



# Polymorphism vs Overloading

- (Parametric) polymorphism
  - **Single** algorithm may be given many types
  - Type variable (implicit or explicit) may be replaced by any type (almost... -> *bounded polymorphism*)
  - if  $f :: t \rightarrow t$  then  $f :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$ ,  $f :: \text{Bool} \rightarrow \text{Bool}$ , ...
- Overloading
  - A single symbol may refer to more than one algorithm.
  - Each algorithm may have different type.
  - Choice of algorithm determined by type context.
  - $+$  has types  $\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$  and  $\text{Float} \rightarrow \text{Float} \rightarrow \text{Float}$ , but not  $t \rightarrow t \rightarrow t$  for arbitrary  $t$ .

# Core Haskell

- Basic Types
  - Unit
  - Booleans
  - Integers
  - Strings
  - Reals
  - Tuples
  - Lists
  - Records
- Patterns
- Declarations
- Functions
- Polymorphism
- Type declarations
  - Type Classes
  - Monads
- Exceptions

# Why Overloading?

- Many useful functions are not parametric
- Can list membership work for any type?

```
member :: [w] -> w -> Bool
```

- No! Only for types  $w$  for that support equality.
- Can list sorting work for any type?

```
sort :: [w] -> [w]
```

- No! Only for types  $w$  that support ordering.

# Overloading Arithmetic, Take 1

- Allow functions containing overloaded symbols to define multiple functions:

```
square x = x * x          -- legal
-- Defines two versions:
-- Int -> Int and Float -> Float
```

- But consider:

```
squares (x,y,z) =
    (square x, square y, square z)
-- There are 8 possible versions!
```

- Approach not widely used because of exponential growth in number of versions.

# Overloading Arithmetic, Take 2

- Basic operations such as + and \* can be overloaded, but not functions defined from them

```
3 * 3           -- legal
3.14 * 3.14     -- legal
square x = x * x -- Int -> Int
square 3        -- legal
square 3.14     -- illegal
```

- Standard ML uses this approach.
- Not satisfactory: Programmer cannot define functions that implementation might support

# Overloading Equality, Take 1

- Equality defined only for types that admit equality: types not containing **function** or **abstract types**.

```
3 * 3 == 9           -- legal
'a' == 'b'          -- legal
\x->x == \y->y+1     -- illegal
```

- Overload equality like arithmetic ops + and \* in SML.
- But then we can't define functions using '==':

```
member [] y          = False
member (x:xs) y      = (x==y) || member xs y

member [1,2,3] 3     -- ok if default is Int
member "Haskell" 'k' -- illegal
```

- Approach adopted in first version of SML.

# Overloading Equality, Take 2

- Make type of equality fully polymorphic

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

- Type of list membership function

```
member :: [a] -> a -> Bool
```

- **Miranda** used this approach.
  - Equality applied to a **function** yields a runtime error
  - Equality applied to an **abstract type** compares the underlying representation, which violates abstraction principles

# Overloading Equality, Take 3

- Make equality polymorphic **in a limited way**:

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

where a(==) is type variable restricted to types with equality

- Now we can type the member function:

```
member :: a(==) -> [a(==)] -> Bool
member 4      [2,3] :: Bool
member 'c'    ['a', 'b', 'c'] :: Bool
member (\y->y *2) [\x->x, \x->x + 2] -- type error
```

- Approach used in SML today, where the type a(==) is called an “eqtype variable” and is written "a.



# Type Classes

- Type classes solve these problems
  - Provide concise types to describe overloaded functions, so no exponential blow-up
  - Allow users to define functions using overloaded operations, eg, square, squares, and member
  - Allow users to declare new collections of overloaded functions: equality and arithmetic operators are not privileged built-ins
  - Generalize ML's eqtypes to arbitrary types
  - Fit within type inference framework

# Intuition

- A function to sort lists can be passed a comparison operator as an argument:

```
qsort :: (a -> a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
qsort cmp [] = []
qsort cmp (x:xs) = qsort cmp (filter (cmp x) xs)
                  ++ [x] ++
                  qsort cmp (filter (not.cmp x) xs)
```

- This allows the function to be parametric
- We can built on this idea ...

# Intuition (continued)

- Consider the “overloaded” parabola function

```
parabola x = (x * x) + x
```

- We can rewrite the function to take the operators it contains as an argument

```
parabola' (plus, times) x = plus (times x x) x
```

- The extra parameter is a “dictionary” that provides implementations for the overloaded ops.
- We have to rewrite all calls to pass appropriate implementations for plus and times:

```
y = parabola' (intPlus, intTimes) 10  
z = parabola' (floatPlus, floatTimes) 3.14
```

# Systematic programming style

```
-- Dictionary type
data MathDict a = MkMathDict (a->a->a) (a->a->a)

-- Accessor functions
get_plus :: MathDict a -> (a->a->a)
get_plus (MkMathDict p t) = p

get_times :: MathDict a -> (a->a->a)
get_times (MkMathDict p t) = t

-- "Dictionary-passing style"
parabola :: MathDict a -> a -> a
parabola dict x = let plus = get_plus dict
                  times = get_times dict
                  in plus (times x x) x
```

**Type class declarations**  
will generate Dictionary  
type and selector  
functions

# Systematic programming style

Type class **instance declarations**  
produce instances of the Dictionary

```
-- Dictionary type
data MathDict a = MkMathDict (a->a->a) (a->a->a)

-- Dictionary construction
intDict    = MkMathDict intPlus    intTimes
floatDict  = MkMathDict floatPlus  floatTimes

-- Passing dictionaries
y = parabola intDict    10
z = parabola floatDict 3.14
```

Compiler will add a dictionary  
parameter and rewrite the body as  
necessary

# Type Class Design Overview

- Type class declarations
  - Define a set of operations, give the set a name
  - Example: `Eq a` type class
    - operations `==` and `\=` with `type a -> a -> Bool`
- Type class instance declarations
  - Specify the implementations for a particular type
  - For `Int` instance, `==` is defined to be integer equality
- Qualified types (or Type Constraints)
  - Concisely express the operations required on otherwise polymorphic type

```
member :: Eq w => w -> [w] -> Bool
```

“for all types w that support the Eq operations”

# Qualified Types

```
Member :: Eq w => w -> [w] -> Bool
```

If a function works for every type with particular properties, the type of the function says just that:

```
sort      :: Ord a  => [a] -> [a]
serialise :: Show a => a  -> String
square    :: Num n  => n  -> n
squares   :: (Num t, Num t1, Num t2) =>
            (t, t1, t2) -> (t, t1, t2)
```

Otherwise, it must work for any type

```
reverse :: [a] -> [a]
filter  :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
```

# Type Classes

Works for any type 'n' that supports the Num operations

```
square :: Num n => n -> n
square x = x*x
```

```
class Num a where
  (+)      :: a -> a -> a
  (*)      :: a -> a -> a
  negate  :: a -> a
  ...etc...
```

```
instance Num Int where
  a + b      = intPlus  a b
  a * b      = intTimes a b
  negate a   = intNeg  a
  ...etc...
```

The class declaration says what the Num operations are

An instance declaration for a type T says how the Num operations are implemented on T's

```
intPlus  :: Int -> Int -> Int
intTimes :: Int -> Int -> Int
etc, defined as primitives
```



# Compiling Overloaded Functions

When you write this...

```
square :: Num n => n -> n
square x = x*x
```

...the compiler generates this

```
square :: Num n -> n -> n
square d x = (*) d x x
```

The "Num n =>" turns into an extra value argument to the function. It is a value of data type Num n and it represents a dictionary of the required operations.

A value of type (Num n) is a dictionary of the Num operations for type n

# Compiling Type Classes

When you write this...

```
square :: Num n => n -> n
square x = x*x
```

...the compiler generates this

```
square :: Num n -> n -> n
square d x = (*) d x x
```

```
class Num n where
  (+)      :: n -> n -> n
  (*)      :: n -> n -> n
  negate  :: n -> n
  ...etc...
```

```
data Num n
  = MkNum (n -> n -> n)
          (n -> n -> n)
          (n -> n)
  ...etc...

...
(*) :: Num n -> n -> n -> n
(*) (MkNum _ m _ ...) = m
```

The class decl translates to:

A data type decl for Num  
A selector function for each class operation

A value of type (Num n) is a dictionary of the Num operations for type n

# Compiling Instance Declarations

When you write this...

```
square :: Num n => n -> n
square x = x*x
```

...the compiler generates this

```
square :: Num n -> n -> n
square d x = (*) d x x
```

```
instance Num Int where
  a + b      = intPlus  a b
  a * b      = intTimes a b
  negate a   = intNeg   a
  ...etc....
```

```
dNumInt :: Num Int
dNumInt = MkNum intPlus
          intTimes
          intNeg
          ...
```

An instance decl for type T translates to a value declaration for the Num dictionary for T

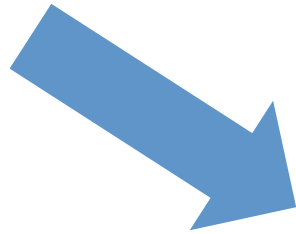
A value of type (Num n) is a dictionary of the Num operations for type n

# Implementation Summary

- The compiler translates each function that uses an overloaded symbol into a function with an extra parameter: **the dictionary**.
- References to overloaded symbols are rewritten by the compiler to lookup the symbol in the dictionary.
- The compiler converts each type class declaration into a dictionary type declaration and a set of selector functions.
- The compiler converts each instance declaration into a dictionary of the appropriate type.
- The compiler rewrites calls to overloaded functions to pass a dictionary. **It uses the static, qualified type of the function to select the dictionary.**

# Functions with Multiple Dictionaries

```
squares :: (Num a, Num b, Num c) => (a, b, c) -> (a, b, c)
squares (x,y,z) = (square x, square y, square z)
```



Note the concise type for the squares function!

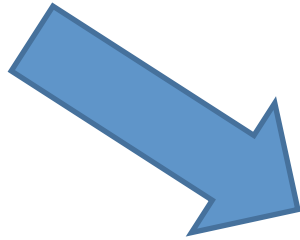
```
squares :: (Num a, Num b, Num c) -> (a, b, c) -> (a, b, c)
squares (da,db,dc) (x, y, z) =
    (square da x, square db y, square dc z)
```

Pass appropriate dictionary on to each square function.

# Compositionality

Overloaded functions can be defined from other overloaded functions:

```
sumSq :: Num n => n -> n -> n
sumSq x y = square x + square y
```



```
sumSq :: Num n -> n -> n -> n
sumSq d x y = (+) d (square d x)
              (square d y)
```

Extract addition  
operation from d

Pass on d to square

# Compositionality

Build compound instances from simpler ones:

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

instance Eq Int where
  (==) = intEq      -- intEq primitive equality

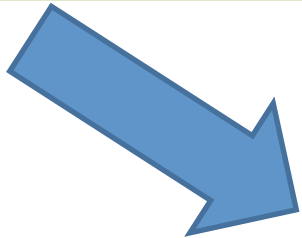
instance (Eq a, Eq b) => Eq (a,b)
  (u,v) == (x,y)    = (u == x) && (v == y)

instance Eq a => Eq [a] where
  (==) [] []        = True
  (==) (x:xs) (y:ys) = x==y && xs == ys
  (==) _ _          = False
```

# Compound Translation

Build compound instances from simpler ones.

```
class Eq a where
  (==) :: a -> a -> Bool
instance Eq a => Eq [a] where
  (==) [] [] = True
  (==) (x:xs) (y:ys) = x==y && xs == ys
  (==) _ _ = False
```



```
data Eq = MkEq (a->a->Bool) -- Dictionary type
(==) (MkEq eq) = eq -- Selector
dEqList :: Eq a -> Eq [a] -- List Dictionary
dEqList d = MkEq eql
  where
    eql [] [] = True
    eql (x:xs) (y:ys) = (==) d x y && eql xs ys
    eql _ _ = False
```



# Many Type Classes

- **Eq**: equality
- **Ord**: comparison
- **Num**: numerical operations
- **Show**: convert to string
- **Read**: convert from string
- **Testable**, **Arbitrary**: testing.
- **Enum**: ops on sequentially ordered types
- **Bounded**: upper and lower values of a type
- Generic programming, reflection, monads, ...
- And many more.

# Subclasses

- We could treat the Eq and Num type classes separately

```
memsq :: (Eq a, Num a) => a -> [a] -> Bool
memsq x xs = member (square x) xs
```

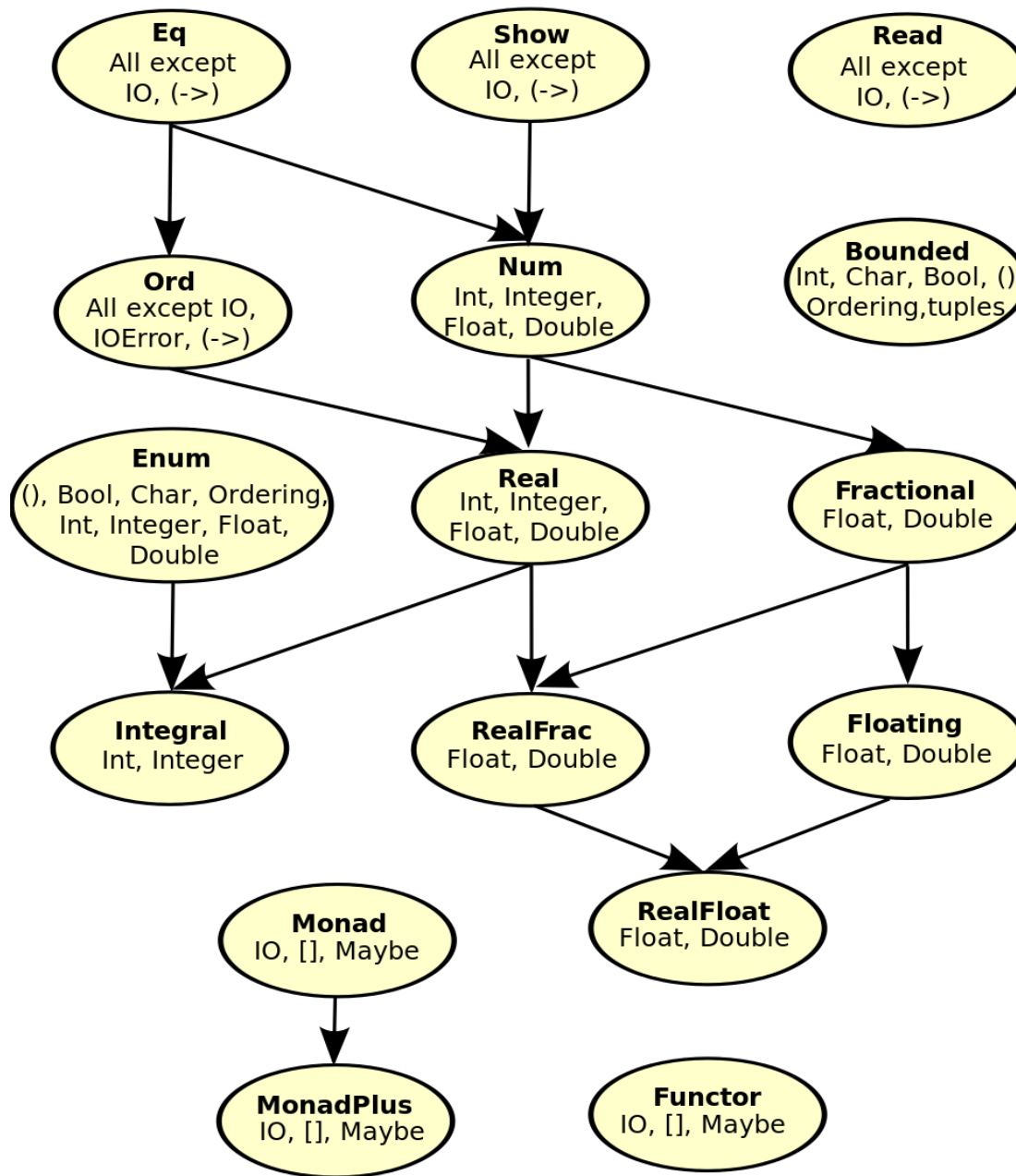
– But we expect any type supporting Num to also support Eq

- A subclass declaration expresses this relationship:

```
class Eq a => Num a where
  (+) :: a -> a -> a
  (*) :: a -> a -> a
```

- With that declaration, we can simplify the type of the function

```
memsq :: Num a => a -> [a] -> Bool
memsq x xs = member (square x) xs
```



# Default Methods

- Type classes can define “default methods”

```
-- Minimal complete definition:  
--      (==) or (/=)  
class Eq a where  
    (==) :: a -> a -> Bool  
    x == y    = not (x /= y)  
    (/=) :: a -> a -> Bool  
    x /= y    = not (x == y)
```

- Instance declarations can override default by providing a more specific definition.

# Deriving

- For Read, Show, Bounded, Enum, Eq, and Ord, the compiler can generate instance declarations automatically

```
data Color = Red | Green | Blue
           deriving (Show, Read, Eq, Ord)
```

```
Main> show Red
"Red"
Main> Red < Green
True
Main>let c :: Color = read "Red"
Main> c
Red
```

- *Ad hoc* : derivations apply only to types where derivation code works

# Numeric Literals

```
class Num a where
  (+) :: a -> a -> a
  (-) :: a -> a -> a
  fromInteger :: Integer -> a
  ...

inc :: Num a => a -> a
inc x = x + 1
```

Even literals are overloaded.  
`1 :: (Num a) => a`

"1" means  
"fromInteger 1"

## Advantages:

- Numeric literals can be interpreted as values of any appropriate numeric type
- Example: 1 can be an Integer or a Float or a user-defined numeric type.

# Type Inference

- Type inference infers a qualified type  $Q \Rightarrow T$ 
  - $T$  is a Hindley Milner type, inferred as usual
  - $Q$  is set of type class predicates, called a constraint
- Consider the example function:

```
example z xs =  
  case xs of  
    []      -> False  
    (y:ys) -> y > z || (y==z && ys == [z])
```

- Type  $T$  is  $a \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow \text{Bool}$
- Constraint  $Q$  is  $\{\text{Ord } a, \text{Eq } a, \text{Eq } [a]\}$

Ord a because  $y > z$   
Eq a because  $y == z$   
Eq [a] because  $ys == [z]$

# Type Inference

- Constraint sets  $Q$  can be simplified:
  - Eliminate duplicates
    - $\{\text{Eq } a, \text{Eq } a\}$  simplifies to  $\{\text{Eq } a\}$
  - Use an **instance declaration**
    - If we have instance  $\text{Eq } a \Rightarrow \text{Eq } [a]$ ,
    - then  $\{\text{Eq } a, \text{Eq } [a]\}$  simplifies to  $\{\text{Eq } a\}$
  - Use a **subclass declaration**
    - If we have class  $\text{Eq } a \Rightarrow \text{Ord } a$  where ...,
    - then  $\{\text{Ord } a, \text{Eq } a\}$  simplifies to  $\{\text{Ord } a\}$
- Applying these rules,
  - $\{\text{Ord } a, \text{Eq } a, \text{Eq}[a]\}$  simplifies to  $\{\text{Ord } a\}$



# Type Inference

- Putting it all together:

```
example z xs =  
  case xs of  
    []      -> False  
    (y:ys) -> y > z || (y==z && ys ==[z])
```

- $T = a \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow \text{Bool}$
- $Q = \{\text{Ord } a, \text{Eq } a, \text{Eq } [a]\}$
- $Q$  simplifies to  $\{\text{Ord } a\}$
- $\text{example} :: \{\text{Ord } a\} \Rightarrow a \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow \text{Bool}$

# Detecting Errors

- Errors are detected when predicates are known not to hold:

```
Prelude> `a' + 1
No instance for (Num Char)
  arising from a use of `+' at <interactive>:1:0-6
Possible fix: add an instance declaration for (Num Char)
In the expression: `a' + 1
In the definition of `it': it = `a' + 1
```

```
Prelude> (\x -> x)
No instance for (Show (t -> t))
  arising from a use of `print' at <interactive>:1:0-4
Possible fix: add an instance declaration for (Show (t -> t))
In the expression: print it
In a stmt of a 'do' expression: print it
```

# More Type Classes: Constructors

- **Type Classes** are predicates over **types**
- **[Type] Constructor Classes** are predicates over **type constructors**
- Example: Map function useful on many Haskell types
- Lists:

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

result = map (\x->x+1) [1,2,4]
```

# Constructor Classes

- More examples of map function

```
data Tree a = Leaf a | Node(Tree a, Tree a)
  deriving Show
```

```
mapTree :: (a -> b) -> Tree a -> Tree b
```

```
mapTree f (Leaf x) = Leaf (f x)
```

```
mapTree f (Node(l,r)) = Node (mapTree f l, mapTree f r)
```

```
t1 = Node(Node(Leaf 3, Leaf 4), Leaf 5)
```

```
result = mapTree (\x->x+1) t1
```

```
data Opt a = Some a | None
  deriving Show
```

```
mapOpt :: (a -> b) -> Opt a -> Opt b
```

```
mapOpt f None = None
```

```
mapOpt f (Some x) = Some (f x)
```

```
o1 = Some 10
```

```
result = mapOpt (\x->x+1) o1
```

# Constructor Classes

- All map functions share the same structure

```
map      :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
mapTree  :: (a -> b) -> Tree a -> Tree b
mapOpt   :: (a -> b) -> Opt a -> Opt b
```

- They can all be written as:

```
fmap :: (a -> b) -> g a -> g b
```

– where **g** is:

**[-]** for lists, **Tree** for trees, and **Opt** for options

- Note that **g** is a function from types to types, i.e. a **type constructor**

# Constructor Classes

- Capture this pattern in a constructor class,

```
class Functor g where  
  fmap :: (a -> b) -> g a -> g b
```

A type class where the predicate is over  
type constructors

# Constructor Classes

```
class Functor f where
  fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b

instance Functor [] where
  fmap f [] = []
  fmap f (x:xs) = f x : fmap f xs

instance Functor Tree where
  fmap f (Leaf x) = Leaf (f x)
  fmap f (Node(t1,t2)) = Node(fmap f t1, fmap f t2)

instance Functor Opt where
  fmap f (Some s) = Some (f s)
  fmap f None = None
```

# Constructor Classes

- Or by reusing the definitions `map`, `mapTree`, and `mapOpt`:

```
class Functor f where
  fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b

instance Functor [] where
  fmap = map

instance Functor Tree where
  fmap = mapTree

instance Functor Opt where
  fmap = mapOpt
```



# Constructor Classes

- We can then use the overloaded symbol **fmap** to map over all three kinds of data structures:

```
*Main> fmap (\x->x+1) [1,2,3]
[2,3,4]
it :: [Integer]

*Main> fmap (\x->x+1) (Node (Leaf 1, Leaf 2))
Node (Leaf 2,Leaf 3)
it :: Tree Integer

*Main> fmap (\x->x+1) (Some 1)
Some 2
it :: Opt Integer
```

- The **Functor** constructor class is part of the standard Prelude for Haskell