Functional Programming with Haskell

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Paradigms

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Thomas Kuhn's *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions* (1962) describes a *paradigm* as a scientific achievement that is...

- "...sufficiently unprecedented to attract an enduring group of adherents away from competing modes of scientific activity."
- "...sufficiently open-ended to leave all sorts of problems for the redefined group of practitioners to resolve."

Examples of works that documented paradigms:

- Newton's *Principia*
- Lavoisier's *Chemistry*
- Lyell's Geology

Paradigms, continued

Kuhn says a paradigm has:

- A world view
- A vocabulary
- A set of techniques for solving problems

A paradigm provides a conceptual framework for understanding and solving problems.

Kuhn equates a paradigm shift with a scientific revolution.

The imperative programming paradigm

Imperative programming is a very early paradigm that's still used.

Originated with machine-level programming:

- Instructions change memory locations or registers
- Branching instructions alter the flow of control

Examples of areas of study for those interested in the paradigm:

- Data types
- Operators
- Branching mechanisms and (later) control structures

Imperative programming fits well with the human mind's ability to describe and understand processes as a series of steps.

The imperative paradigm, continued

Language-wise, imperative programming requires:

- "Variables"—data objects whose values can be changed
- Expressions to compute values
- Support for iteration—a "while" control structure, for example.
- Statements are sequentially executed

Support for imperative programming is very common.

- Java
- C
- C++
- Python
- and hundreds more
- but not Haskell

Typically, code in a Java method or Python function is imperative.

The procedural programming paradigm

An outgrowth of imperative programming was *procedural programming*:

- Programs are composed of bodies of code (procedures) that manipulate individual data elements or structures.
- Procedures encapsulate complexity.

Examples of areas of study:

- How to decompose a computation into procedures and calls
- Parameter-passing mechanisms in languages
- Scoping of variables and nesting of procedures
- Visualization of procedural structure

What does a language need to provide to support procedural programming?

The procedural paradigm, continued

Support for procedural programming is very common.

- C
- Python
- Ruby
- and hundreds more

The procedural and imperative paradigms can be combined:

- Procedural programming: the set of procedures
- Imperative programming: the contents of procedures

Devising the set of functions for a C program is an example of procedural programming.

Procedural programming is possible in Java but classes devolve into collections of static methods and data

The object-oriented programming paradigm

The essence of the object-oriented programming paradigm: Programs are a system of interacting objects.

Dan Ingalls said,

"Instead of a bit-grinding processor plundering data structures, we have a universe of well-behaved objects that courteously ask each other to carry out their various desires."

Examples of areas of study:

- How to model systems as interacting objects
- Managing dependencies between classes
- Costs and benefits of multiple inheritance
- Documentation of object-oriented designs

What does a language need to support OO programming?

The object-oriented paradigm, continued

Brief history of the rise of the object-oriented paradigm:

- Simula 67 recognized as first language to support objects
- Smalltalk created broad awareness of OO programming (see https://archive.org/details/byte-magazine-1981-08)
- C++ started a massive shift to OO programming
- Java broadened the audience even further

Object-oriented programming fits Kuhn's paradigm definition well: World view:

Systems are interacting objects. Pillars of OOP are abstraction, encapsulation, inheritance, polymorphism.

Vocabulary:

Methods, instances, constructors, super/subclasses, and more Techniques:

Model with classes, work out responsibilities and collaborators, don't have public data, etc.

The object-oriented paradigm, continued

Language support for OOP has grown since mid-1980s.

Many languages support OO programming but don't force it.

- C++
- Python
- Ruby

Java forces at least a veneer of OO programming.

The OO and imperative paradigms can be combined:

- OO: the set of classes and their methods
- Imperative: the code inside methods

Multiple paradigms(?)

Paradigms in a field of science are often incompatible.

Example: geocentric vs. heliocentric model of the universe

Imperative programming is used both with procedural and objectoriented programming.

Is imperative programming really a paradigm?

Wikipedia's **Programming_paradigm** has this:

Programming paradigms are a way to classify programming languages based on their features. Languages can be classified into multiple paradigms.

Are "programming paradigms" really paradigms by Kuhn's definition or are they just characteristics?

The level of a paradigm

Programming paradigms can apply at different levels:

- Making a choice between procedural and object-oriented programming fundamentally determines the nature of the highlevel structure of a program.
- The imperative paradigm is focused more on the small aspects of programming—how code looks at the line-by-line level.

The procedural and object-oriented paradigms apply to programming in the large.

The imperative paradigm applies to *programming in the small*.

Do co-existing paradigms imply they're solving fundamentally different types of problems?

The influence of paradigms

The programming paradigms we know affect how we approach problems.

- If we use the procedural paradigm, we'll first think about breaking down a computation into a series of steps.
- If we use the object-oriented paradigm, we'll first think about modeling the problem with a set of objects and then consider their interactions.
- If we know only imperative programming, code inside methods and functions will be imperative.

Imperative programming revisited

Recall these language requirements for imperative programming:

- "Variables"—data objects whose values can be changed
- Expressions to compute values
- Support for iteration—a "while" control structure, for example.
- Statements are sequentially executed

Imperative summation

Here's an imperative solution in Java to sum the integers in an array:

```
int sum(int a[])
{
   int sum = 0;
   for (int i = 0; i < a.length; i++)
      sum += a[i];

return sum;
}</pre>
```

How does it exemplify imperative programming?

- The values of **sum** and **i** change over time.
- An iterative control structure is at the heart of the computation.
- Statements are executed in sequence

Imperative summation, continued

With Java's "enhanced **for**", also known as a for-each loop, we can avoid array indexing.

```
int sum(int a[])
{
  int sum = 0;
  for (int val: a)
    sum += val;

return sum;
}
```

Is this an improvement? If so, why?

Can we write **sum** in a non-imperative way?

Non-imperative summation

We can use recursion to get rid of loops and assignments, but...ouch!

```
int sum(int a[])
  return sum(a, 0);
int sum(int a[], int i)
  if (i == a.length)
    return 0;
  else
    return a[i] + sum(a, i+1);
```

Which of the three versions is the easiest to believe it is correct? (simple for-loop, enhanced for-loop, or icky recursion)

Non-imperative summation, cont.

```
A recursive solution is far simpler in Python:

def sumnums(nums):

if len(nums) == 0:

return 0

else:

return nums[0] + sumnums(nums[1:])
```

Any loops or assignments?

What feature of Python enables this cleaner solution?

Could we do better with recursion in Java by using a java.util.List?

Challenge: If you know C, write a non-imperative version of **strlen**.

Expressions: Value, type, side effect

Value, type, and side effect

An *expression* is a sequence of symbols that can be evaluated to produce a value.

Here are some Java expressions:

```
'x'
i + j * k
f(args.length * 2) + n
```

Here are three questions we can ask about an expression:

- What <u>value</u> does the expression produce?
- What's the <u>type</u> of that value?
- Does the expression have <u>any side effects?</u>

Mnemonic aid for the trio: Imagine you're wearing a vest that's reversed. "vest" reversed is "t-se-v": type/side-effect/value.

Value

What is the <u>value</u> of the following expressions?

Type

What is the <u>type</u> of each of the following expressions?

$$s = 3 + 4 + "5"$$
 # Java
String

When we ask,
"What's the type of this expression?"

we're actually asking,

"What's the type of the value
produced by this expression?"

How can we determine the type of an expression in Python? In Java?

Sidebar: A litmus test for expressions?

If we're learning a language and want to find out if something is an expression, what might we do?

For example, which of the following are expressions in Java?

```
x += 4
1 < 2 ? 3 : 4
new Object[] {1,2}
System.out.println("hello!")</pre>
```

Which of the following are expressions in Python?

```
x = 5
1 if 2 < 3 else 4
print(print(print(print)))
7 in range(5)</pre>
```

Side effects

Evaluating some expressions causes other things to happen in addition to computing a value.

A side-effect is something that happens in addition to the computation of an expression's value. It must be "observable".

What is the value, type, and side effect of these expressions? >>> print(1,2,3) # Python 123 >>> >>> type(print(print))

built-in function print> <class 'NoneType'> >>> print(print(1), print(2)) None None

What is the value of the following Java expression? i++

The value of i++ is i, whatever i is.

Does **i++** have a side effect?

Evaluating i++ has a side effect of incrementing i.

Let's experiment with JShell!

In Java, given

int
$$x = 3, y = 4, z;$$

what's the value and what are the side effects of the following?

$$z = x + + * --y$$

Remember: In Java, = is an operator whose value is the value assigned.

Value: 9

Side-effects:

x is incremented

y is decremented

z is assigned the value 9

Which of these <u>Java</u> expressions have a side effect?

$$x + 3 * y$$

No side effect. A computation was done but no evidence of it remains.

$$x += 3 * y$$

Side effect: 3 * y is added to x.

$$s.length() > 2 \mid | s.charAt(1) == '#'$$

No side effect. A computation was done but no evidence of it remains.

Fact: If a particular print expression produces different results before/after an expression, the expression had a side effect.

Some Python to ponder wrt. side effects:

"testing".upper()

A string "TESTING" was created somewhere but we can't get to it. No side effect.

input("Value? ")

The prompt Value? is surely a side effect. If the user enters a value, does their change in mental state count as a side effect?

[1,2,3].append(4)

We added the value 4 to a list but there are no references to that list. I'll say no side-effect!

base.launch_missles()

The method name implies a significant side effect, but...

The hallmark of imperative programming

Side effects are the hallmark of imperative programing.

Code written in an imperative style is essentially an orchestration of side effects.

Recall:

```
int sum = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < a.length; i++)
  sum += a[i];
```

Can we program without side effects?

The Functional Paradigm

What is Functional Programming?

"Functional programming is so called because its fundamental operation is the application of functions to arguments."

—John Hughes, Why Functional Programming Matters

"Generally speaking, however, functional programming can be viewed as a style of programming in which the basic method of computation is the application of functions to arguments."

-Graham Hutton, *Programming in Haskell*

It seems that a competing name years ago was "applicative programming".

The term "function-oriented programming" crosses my mind.

The functional programming paradigm

A key characteristic of the functional paradigm is writing functions that are like pure mathematical functions.

Pure mathematical functions:

- Always produce the same value for given input(s)
- Have no side effects
- Can be easily combined to produce more powerful functions
- Are often specified with cases and expressions

Functional programming, continued

Other characteristics of the functional paradigm:

- Values are <u>never</u> changed but lots of new values are created.
- Recursion is used in place of iteration.
- <u>Functions are values</u>. Functions are put into data structures, passed to functions, and returned from functions. Lots of temporary functions are created.

Based on the above, how well would the following languages support functional programming?

- Java?
- Python?
- C?

Haskell basics

What is Haskell?

Haskell is a lazy and pure functional programming language.

Lazy: Only evaluates expressions when needed

Pure: Expressions never have any side effects

But, I/O is performed with *monadic effects*

Haskell is statically typed, with a very elaborate type system.

Haskell not object-oriented in any way.

Designed by a committee, formed in 1987, with the goal of creating a standard language for research into functional programming.

First version appeared in 1990. Latest version is known as Haskell 2010. Here is the Haskell 2010 Report, which I'll call "H10".

http://haskell.org/definition/haskell2010.pdf

Haskell resources

Website: haskell.org

Here are three books I can recommend:

Learn You a Haskell for Great Good!, by Miran Lipovača http://learnyouahaskell.com (Known as LYAH.)

Haskell: The Craft of Functional Programming, 3rd edition, by Simon Thompson. (2nd edition is pretty good, too.)

<u>Real World Haskell</u>, by O'Sullivan, Stewart, and Goerzen http://book.realworldhaskell.org (I'll call it RWH.)

There's a big pile of stuff at haskell.org/documentation, but it's a big pile!

For the curious: A History of Haskell: Being Lazy With Class

Getting Haskell

Haskell 8.6.5 is installed on lectura and if you wish, you can simply work with **ghci** there.

To get Haskell for your machine, start at haskell.org/ghcup

The GHCup page shows copy-and-paste command lines for UNIX-like platforms (**curl** ... | **sh**), and for Windows PowerShell that start an installer.

The installer will offer options to install <u>HLS</u> and **stack**. HLS can be handy if you're using VSCode, **vim**, or Emacs. You won't need **stack** for what we're doing. On Windows, you'll also be asked about **MSys2**, and it appears the installation won't proceed without it.

The latest version of Haskell appears to be 9.4.1 but 8.10.7 gets installed by default and that seems to be what's recommended by the Haskell folks.

Interacting with Haskell

We'll usually interact with Haskell by running **ghci** in a terminal window on UNIX-like machines or in a PowerShell or **cmd.exe** window on Windows.

```
% ghci
GHCi, version 8.10.7...
Prelude> 3 + 4
7

Prelude> ^D (control-D to quit)
%
```

With no arguments, **ghci** starts a read-eval-print loop (REPL): Expressions typed at the prompt (**Prelude>**) are evaluated and the result is printed.

The ~/.ghci file

When ghci starts up on UNIX-like systems it looks for the file \sim /.ghci – a .ghci file in the user's home directory.

I have these two lines in my ~/.ghci file on both my Mac and on lectura:

```
:set prompt "> "
import Text.Show.Functions
```

The first line simply sets the prompt to "> " and that's just my preference.

The second line is very important:

- It loads a module that lets function values be shown in as **<function>**, instead of producing an error.
- Without it, lots of examples in these slides won't work!

~/.ghci, continued

Fact: ~/.ghci must not be group- or world-writable! (Why?)

If you see something like this,

*** WARNING: /home/whm/.ghci is writable by someone else, IGNORING!

Suggested fix: execute

'chmod go-w /home/whm/.ghci'

the suggested fix should work.

Details on .ghci can be found by Googling for "the .ghci file" but much of what turns up is quite old.

Use ghci -ignore-dot-ghci ... to suppress loading of the .ghci file.

~/.ghci, continued

On Windows, instead of looking for a ~/.ghci file, ghci looks for ghc\ghci.conf in your "app data" directory.

If you're using cmd.exe, do this to see where your app data is:

C:\>set appdata

APPDATA=C:\Users\whm\AppData\Roaming

If you're using PowerShell, do this:

% \$env:APPDATA

C:\Users\whm\AppData\Roaming

Combing the two paths, the full path to the file <u>for me</u> is C:\Users\whm\AppData\Roaming\ghc\ghci.conf

Extra Credit Assignment 1

For two assignment points of extra credit:

- 1. Run **ghci** somewhere and try ten Haskell expressions with some degree of variety and not simply the ones on the following slide.
- 2. Demonstrate that you've got import Text.Show.Functions in your ~/.ghci or ghc.conf file, as described on slide 41, by showing that typing negate produces <function>, like this:

Prelude > negate < function >

- 3. Capture the interaction (both expressions and results) and put it in a plain text file, eca1.txt. No need for your name, NetID, etc. in the file. No need to edit out errors.
- 4. On lectura, turn in eca1.txt with the following command:

% turnin 372-eca1 eca1.txt

Due: At the start of the next lecture after the lecture in which I present this slide.

Haskell by Observation

Let's see what we can learn about Haskell by trying some expressions:

```
"ab" ++ "xy"
it!!3
replicate 5 '.'
words "U of A"
map length it
[1..10]
map (*10) [1,3..10]
(+)34
:help
```

Functions and function types

Calling functions

In Haskell, *juxtaposition* indicates a function call:

```
> negate 3 -3
```

> even 5 False

> pred 'C' 'B'

> signum 2

Note: These functions and many more are defined in the Haskell "Prelude", which is loaded by default when **ghci** starts up.

Calling functions, continued

Function call with juxtaposition is left-associative.

signum negate 2 means (signum negate) 2

We add parentheses to call negate 2 first:

```
> signum (negate 2)
```

-1

Calling functions, continued

Function call has higher precedence than any operator.

```
> negate 3+4
1
negate 3 + 4 means (negate 3) + 4. Use parens to force + first:
> negate (3 + 4)
-7
> signum (negate (3 + 4))
-1
```

The Data.Char module

Haskell's **Data.Char** module has functions for working with characters. We'll use it to start learning about function types.

```
> import Data.Char
                        (import the Data.Char module)
> isLower 'b'
True
> toUpper 'a'
'A'
> ord 'A'
65
> chr 66
> Data.Char.ord 'G'
                        (uses a qualified name)
71
```

Function types, continued

We can use **ghci**'s **:type** command to see what the type of a function is:

> :type isLower isLower :: Char -> Bool

The type Char -> Bool says that isLower is a function that

- 1. Takes an argument of type Char
- 2. Produces a result of type **Bool**

The text

```
isLower :: Char -> Bool
is read as "isLower has type Char to Bool"
```

```
Recall:
```

Function types, continued

```
> toUpper 'a'
   'A'
   > ord 'A'
   65
   > chr 66
   'B'
What are the types of those three functions?
   >:t toUpper
   toUpper::Char->Char
   > :t ord
   ord::Char -> Int
   > :t chr
   chr::Int->Char
```

Sidebar: Contrast with Java

```
What are the types of the following Java methods?
   jshell> Character.isLetter('4')
   $1==> false
   jshell> Character.toUpperCase('a')
   2 == 'A'
% javap java.lang.Character | grep "isLetter(\|toUpperCase("
   public static boolean isLetter(char);
   public static boolean isLetter(int);
   public static char toUpperCase(char);
   public static int toUpperCase(int);
```

Important:

- Java: common to think of a method's return type as the method's type
- Haskell: a function's type includes both the type of argument(s) and the return type

Type consistency

Like most languages, Haskell requires that expressions be *type-consistent* (or *well-typed*).

Here is an example of an inconsistency:

- > chr 'x'
 <interactive>:1:5: error:
 - Couldn't match expected type 'Int' with actual type 'Char'
 - In the first argument of 'chr', namely "x"

> :t chr

chr :: Int -> Char

> :t 'x'

'x' :: Char

chr requires its argument to be an **Int** but we gave it a **Char**. We can say that **chr** 'x' is *ill-typed*.

Type consistency, continued

State whether each expression is well-typed and if so, its type.

```
'a'
isUpper
isUpper 'a'
not (isUpper 'a')
not not (isUpper 'a')
toUpper (ord 97)
isUpper (toUpper (chr 'a'))
isUpper (intToDigit 100)
```

```
For reference:
```

'a' :: Char

chr :: Int -> Char

digitToInt :: Char -> Int

intToDigit :: Int -> Char

isUpper :: Char -> Bool

not :: Bool -> Bool

ord :: Char -> Int

toUpper::Char -> Char

Sidebar: Key bindings in ghci

ghci uses the haskeline package to provide line-editing.

A few handy bindings:

TAB completes identifiers

^A Start of line

^E End of line

^L Clear the screen

^R Incremental search through previously typed lines

Windows: Use **Home** and **End** for start- and end-of-line

More:

https://github.com/judah/haskeline/wiki/KeyBindings

Sidebar: Using a REPL to help learn a language ghci provides a REPL (read-eval-print loop) for Haskell.

How does a REPL help us learn a language?

What are some other languages that have a REPL available?

What characteristics does a language need to support a REPL?

If there's no REPL for a language, how hard is it to write one?

Type classes

What's the type of negate?

Recall the **negate** function:

```
> negate 5
```

> negate 5.0

-5.0

Speculate: What's the type of negate?

Type classes

"A type is a collection of related values." —Hutton

Bool, Char, and Int are examples of Haskell types.

Haskell also has *type classes*.

Type class:

A collection of types that support a specified set of operations.

Num is one of the many type classes defined in the Prelude.

Important:

The names of types and type classes are always capitalized.

Haskell's type classes are unrelated to classes in the OO sense.

The Num type class

>:info Num

type Num :: * -> Constraint

class Num a where

$$(+) :: a -> a -> a$$

$$(-) :: a -> a -> a$$

negate :: a -> a

abs :: a -> a

signum :: a -> a

fromInteger :: Integer -> a

A type must support all of these operations to be an instance of **Num**

instance Num Word instance Num Integer instance Num Int instance Num Float instance Num Double

These five types are all instances of **Num**: If we need a **Num**, we can use a value of type **Word**, or of type **Integer**, or of type **Int**, or **Float** or **Double**.

Here's the type of negate:

>:type negate

negate :: Num a => a -> a

The type of **negate** is specified using a <u>type variable</u>, a.

The portion a -> a specifies that **negate** returns a value having the same type as its argument.

"If you give me an X, I'll give you back an X."

The portion **Num** a => is a *class constraint*. It specifies that the type a must be an instance of the type class **Num**.

How can we state the type of **negate** in English?

negate accepts any value whose type is an instance of Num.

It returns a value of the same type.

What type do integer literals have?

```
> :type 3
```

3 :: Num p => p

>:type -27

-27 :: Num p => p

Why are integer literals typed with a class constraint rather than just Int or Integer?

What's the type of a decimal fraction?

```
> :type 3.4
3.4 :: Fractional a => a
```

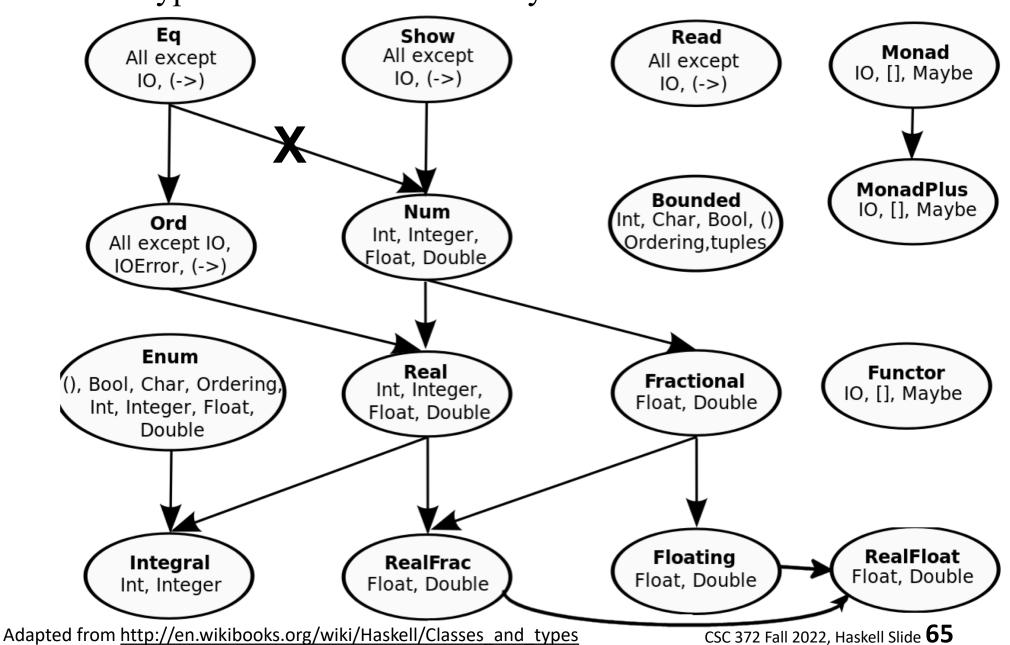
Will negate 3.4 work?

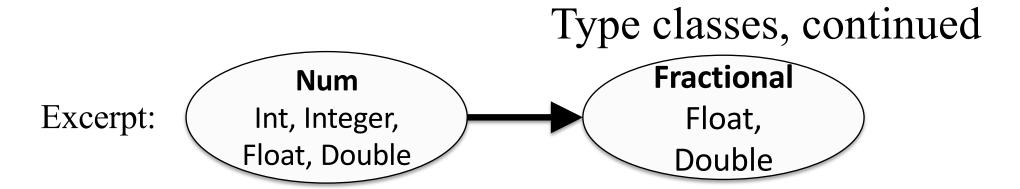
```
> :type negate
negate :: Num a => a -> a
```

> negate 3.4 -3.4

Speculate: Why does it work?

Haskell type classes form a hierarchy. The Prelude has these:





The arrow from **Num** to **Fractional** means that a **Fractional** can be used as a **Num**.

```
Given

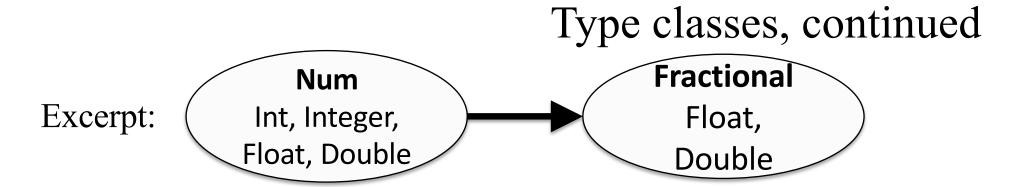
negate :: Num a => a -> a

and

5.0 :: Fractional a => a

then

negate 5.0 is valid.
```



What does the diagram show us other than the relationship between **Num** and **Fractional**?

It shows us types that are instances of **Num** and **Fractional**.

Do :info Num again. Do :info Fractional, too.

The Prelude has a truncate to integer function:

> truncate 7.999

What does the type of **truncate** tell us?

truncate :: (Integral b, RealFrac a) => a -> b

truncate accepts any type that is an instance of RealFrac truncate returns a type that is an instance of Integral

Explore the Integral and RealFrac type classes with :info.

:info Type shows the classes that Type is an instance of.

>:info Int

type Int :: *

data Int = GHC.Types.I# GHC.Prim.Int#

instance Eq Int

instance Ord Int

instance Show Int

instance Read Int

instance Enum Int

instance Num Int

instance Real Int

instance Bounded Int

instance Integral Int

Contrast Int with Num:

>:info Num

instance Num Word instance Num Integer instance Num Int instance Num Float

instance Num Double

Try :info for each of the classes.

In LYAH, <u>Type Classes 101</u> has a good description of the Prelude's type classes.

Note:

Type classes are <u>not</u> required for functional programming but because Haskell makes extensive use of them, we must learn about them.

Remember:

Haskell's type classes are unrelated to classes in the OO sense.

negate is polymorphic

In essence, negate :: Num a => a -> a describes many functions:

negate :: Integer -> Integer

negate :: Int -> Int

negate::Float -> Float

negate::Double -> Double

...and more...

negate is a *polymorphic function*. It handles values of many forms.

If a function's type has any type variables, it is a polymorphic function.

Does Java have polymorphic methods? Does C? Python?

A mystery

Consider this excerpt from **Bounded**:

```
> :info Bounded
class Bounded a where
minBound :: a
maxBound :: a
...
```

What sort of things are **minBound** and **maxBound**? Polymorphic values!

How can we use them?

Polymorphic values

The construct ::type is an expression type signature.

```
A usage of it:
```

> minBound::Char

'\NUL'

> maxBound::Int

9223372036854775807

> maxBound::Bool

True

> maxBound::Integer

<interactive>:9:1:error:

No instance for (Bounded Integer)

:set +t

We can use :set +t to direct ghci to automatically show types:

```
> :set +t
> 3
it :: Num p => p
> 3 + 4.5
7.5
it :: Fractional a => a
> abs
<function>
it :: Num a => a -> a
```

Use :unset +t to turn off display of types.

Sidebar: LHtLaL—introspective tools

:type, :info and :set +t are three introspective tools that we can use to help learn Haskell.

When learning a language, look for such tools early on.

Some type-related tools in other languages:

Python: type(expr) and repr(expr)

JavaScript: typeof(expr)

PHP: var_dump(expr1, expr2, ...)

C: sizeof(expr)

Java: getClass(); /var in jshell.

What's a difference between ghci's :type and Java's getClass()?

Sidebar, continued

Here's a Java program that makes use of the "boxing" mechanism to show the type of values, albeit with wrapper types for primitives.

```
public class exprtype {
      public static void main(String args[]) {
        showtype(3 + 'a');
        showtype(3 + 4.0);
        showtype("(2<F".toCharArray());</pre>
        showtype("a,b,c".split(","));
        showtype(new HashMap());
      private static void showtype(Object o) {
        System.out.println(o.getClass());
Output:
   class java.lang.Integer
   class java.lang.Double
   class [C
   class [Ljava.lang.String;
   class java.util.HashMap (Note: no String or Integer—type erasure!)
```

More on functions

Writing simple functions

A function can be defined at the REPL prompt. Example:

General form of a function definition for the moment:

function-name parameter = expression

Function and parameter names must begin with a lowercase letter or an underscore.

Simple functions, continued

Two more functions:

The determination of types based on the operations performed is known as *type inferencing*. (More on it later!)

Problem: Write **isPositive x** which returns **True** iff **x** is positive.

```
> isPositive x = x > 0
isPositive :: (Num a, Ord a) => a -> Bool
```

Simple functions, continued

We can use :: type to constrain a function's type:

```
> neg x = -x :: Int neg :: Int -> Int
```

> toCelsius temp = (temp - 32) * 5/9 :: Double toCelsius :: Double -> Double

:: type has low precedence; parentheses are required for this:

> isPositive x = x > (0::Int) isPositive :: Int -> Bool

Note that :: *type* applies to an expression, not a function.

We'll use :: *type* to simplify some following examples.

Sidebar: loading functions from a file

We can put function definitions in a file.

The file **simple.hs** has four function definitions:

```
% cat simple.hs
double x = x * 2 :: Int
neg x = -x :: Int
isPositive x = x > (0::Int)
toCelsius temp = (temp - 32) * 5/9 :: Double
```

We'll use the extension .hs for Haskell source files.

Generally, code from the slides will be (poorly organized) here: https://www2.cs.arizona.edu/classes/cs372/fall22/haskell (on lectura)

Sidebar, continued

Assuming **simple.hs** is in the current directory, we can load it with **:load** and see what we got with **:browse**.

```
% ghci
> :load simple (assumes .hs suffix)
[1 of 1] Compiling Main ...
Ok, one module loaded.
```

>:browse

double :: Int -> Int

neg::Int->Int

isPositive :: Int -> Bool

toCelsius::Double -> Double

Sidebar: My usual edit-run cycle

ghci is clumsy to type! I've got an hs alias in my ~/.bashrc: alias hs=ghci

I specify the file I'm working with as an argument to hs.

% hs simple

[1 of 1] Compiling Main

(simple.hs, interpreted)

Ok, one module loaded.

> ... experiment ...

After editing in a different window, I use :r to reload the file.

> :r

[1 of 1] Compiling Main,

Ok, one module loaded.

> ...experiment some more...

(simple.hs, interpreted)

If you don't see "Compiling", the file hasn't changed!

Lather, rinse, repeat.

Functions with multiple arguments

Functions with multiple arguments

Here's a function that produces the sum of its two arguments:

add
$$x y = x + y :: Int$$

Here's how we call it: (no commas or parentheses!)

> add 3 5

8

Problem: Use add to compute the sum of 5, 3, 9, 4.

Exercise

The Prelude has a min function:

```
> min 6 2
```

Problem: Define a function **min3** that computes the minimum of three values.

> min3 5 2 10

2

Solution:

```
min3 a b c = min a (min b c)
```

Does min3 exemplify functional programming?

Exercise

Consider the following expression:

$$f a b + g f(x) y$$

Fully parenthesize it to show the order of operations

The type of add

Recall add:

add
$$x y = x + y :: Int$$

Here is its type:

>:type add

add::Int->Int->Int

Int -> Int is a type expression. It describes a type.

The <u>operator</u> -> is *right-associative*. Let's add parentheses: Int -> (Int -> Int)

But what does that mean?

Multiple arguments, continued

For reference, here's add and its type, with parentheses added:

$$>$$
 add $x y = x + y :: Int$

add is a function that takes an integer as an argument and produces a function as its result!

add 3 5 means (add 3) 5

Call **add** with the value 3, <u>producing a nameless function</u>. Call that nameless function with the value 5.

What does add (add 5 3) (add 9 4) mean? (add ((add 5) 3)) ((add 9) 4)

The type of min3

Recall min3, but let's restrict it to Ints:

> min3 a b c = min a (min b c) :: Int

What's the type of min3?

> :t min3

min3 :: Int -> Int -> Int

How should the type expression be parenthesized to reflect associativity?

What does min3 7 4 9 mean?

> ((min 3 7) 4) 9

4

Partial application

Partial application

When we give a function fewer arguments than it requires, the resulting value is a *partial application*. It is a function.

We can *bind a name* to a partial application like this:

```
> plusThree = add 3
plusThree :: Int -> Int
```

The name **plusThree** now references a function that takes an **Int** and returns an **Int**.

```
What will plusThree 5 produce?
```

```
> plusThree 5
```

8

it :: Int

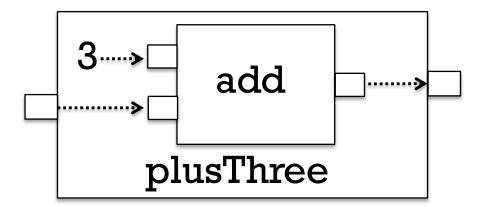
Partial application, continued

At hand:

```
> add x y = x + y :: Int
add :: Int -> (Int -> Int) -- parens added
```

> plusThree = add 3 plusThree :: Int -> Int

Imagine add and plusThree as machines with inputs and outputs:



Weak analogy: **plusThree** is like a calculator where you've clicked 3, then +, and handed it to somebody.

REPLACEMENTS! Discard 94 in the old set

Examples!

```
> p7 = add 7
p7 :: Int -> Int
> m3 = add (-3)
> p75
12
> m3 it
> add 4
<function>
>:type it
it :: Int -> Int
> it 10
14
> add it
<function>
```

```
At hand:
```

> add x y = x + y :: Int add :: Int <math>-> Int

A little physics

Formula for displacement (s) of a falling object:

$$s = \frac{1}{2}at^2$$
 (a is acceleration due to gravity, t is time)

Haskell:

```
> s a t = 0.5 * a * t * t
> s 32 1  # one second of falling towards earth
16.0  # 16 feet
> s 32 2  # two seconds...
64.0
> s 5.31 2  # two seconds of falling towards the moon
10.62
```

How can we make some use partial application? (i.e., How can we use our brand new tool?!)

A little physics, continued

```
At hand: (in gravity.hs)
   > sat = 0.5 * a * t * t
And...
   > sEarth = s 32
                      # sEarth is a partial application
                      #32 is "wired-in" for a
   > sMoon = s 5.31
   > sEarth 1
   16.0
   > sEarth 2
   64.0
   > sMoon 1
   2.655
   > sMoon 2
   10.62
```

Recall map:

Another peek ahead!

```
> words "a test for words"
["a","test","for","words"]
```

> map length it [1,4,3,5]

> map sEarth [1..5] [16.0,64.0,144.0,256.0,400.0]

> map sMoon [1..5] [2.655,10.62,23.895,42.48,66.375]

> map (s 80) [1..5] [40.0,160.0,360.0,640.0,1000.0]

Another example

```
> hwrap ts = "<" ++ t ++ ">" ++ s ++ "</" ++ t ++ ">"
> hwrap "code" "print(3)"
"<code>print(3)</code>"
> bold = hwrap "b"
> uline = hwrap "u"
> bold "test"
"<b>test</b>"
> bold "Not" ++ " again, " ++ bold (uline "never!")
"<b>Not</b> again, <b><u>never!</u></b>"
```

A modeling algorithm

Given

Process:

Replace RHS with eqn. for function to partially apply (FtPA):

$$f = wrap c s = c ++ s ++ c$$

Remove =, name of FtPA (wrap), and first parameter (c):

$$fs = c ++ s ++ c$$

Replace occurrences of c with FtPA's argument ("*")

$$f s = "*" ++ s ++ "*"$$

Let's try **f**:

Partial application, continued

Consider:

```
> wrap c s = c ++ s ++ c
wrap :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
> min3 x y z = min x (min y z)
min3 :: Ord a => a -> a -> a
```

These functions are said to be defined in *curried* form, which allows partial application of arguments.

LYAH nails it:

... functions in Haskell are <u>curried</u> by default, which means that a function that seems to take several parameters actually takes just one parameter and returns a function that takes the next parameter and so on.

Partial application, continued

A little history:

- The idea of partially applying a function was first described by Moses Schönfinkel. (?)
- It was further developed by <u>Haskell B. Curry</u>.
- Both worked with David Hilbert in the 1920s.

What prior use have you made of partially applied functions?

$$log_2 N$$

Some key points about functions

- The *general form* of a function definition (for now): name param 1 param 2 ... param N = expression
 - A function with a type like Int -> Char -> Char takes two arguments, an Int and a Char. It produces a Char.
 - Remember that -> is a right-associative type operator.
 Int -> Char -> Char means Int -> (Char -> Char)
 - A function call like

means

and (conceptually) causes two temporary, unnamed functions to be created.

Key points, continued

- Calling a function with fewer arguments than it requires creates a *partial application*, a function value.
- There's really nothing special about a partial application—it's just another function.

Functions are values

A fundamental characteristic of a functional language:

Functions are values that can be used as flexibly as values of other types.

The following creates a function and binds the name add to it.

$$>$$
 add $x y = x + y$

add, plus

...code...

The following binds the name **plus** to the expression **add**.

$$>$$
 plus = add

Either name can be used to reference the function value:

> add 3 4

7

> plus 5 6

11

Functions are values in Python, too!

```
>>> def add(x,y): return x + y
>>> add(3,4)
>>> plus = add
>>  plus(5,10)
15
>>> len, print = print, len
>>> len("testing")
testing
>>> print("testing")
```

First-class values

Functions are said to be *first-class values* if a language allows them to be used in all* contexts where other values are allowed.

Examples in Python:

```
return len
[min,max,sum]
f(repr,str)
write = print
```

Wikipedia:

In programming language design, a **first-class citizen** (also **type**, **object**, **entity**, or **value**) in a given programming language is an entity which supports all the operations generally available to other entities. ... (8/30/2022)

"Functions are values"

I consider "functions are values" to be synonymous with "functions are first-class *whatevers*".

If a language treats functions as values, then you can do some amount of functional programming in that language.

Java: No! (Yes, there are lambdas, but still I say "No!")

Python: Yes!

C: Yes!

Icon: Yes!

Racket: Yes!

JavaScript: Yes!

Ruby: Long answer...

Bash: Long answer...

Function/operator equivalence

What does the following suggest to you?

```
> :info add
add :: Num a => a -> a -> a
> :info +
class Num a where
(+) :: a -> a -> a
infixl 6 +
```

Operators in Haskell are simply functions that have a symbolic name bound to them.

infixl 6 + indicates that the symbol + can be used as a infix operator that is left associative and has precedence level 6.

Use :info to explore these operators: ==, >, +, *, |, $^{\wedge}$, and **.

Function/operator equivalence, continued

To use an operator like a function, enclose it in parentheses:

Conversely, we can use a <u>function</u> like an <u>operator</u> by enclosing it in backquotes:

Speculate: do 'add' and 'rem' have precedence and associativity?

Sidebar: Custom operators

We can define new operators in Haskell!

```
% cat plusper.hs
infixl 6 +%
x +% percentage = x + x * percentage / 100
```

Usage:

```
> 100 +% 1
101.0
> 12 +% 25
15.0
```

The characters ! # \$ % & * + . / < = > ? @ \ $^ | - \sim$: and others can be used in custom operators.

Haskell's standard modules define LOTS of custom operators.

Reference: Operators from the Prelude

Precedence	Left associative operators	Non associative operators	Right associative operators
9	!!		
8			^, ^^, **
7	*,/,`div`,`mod`, `rem`,`quot`		
6	+,-		
5			:, ++
4		==, /=, <, <=, >, >=, `elem`, `notElem`	
3			&&
2			
1	>>,>>=		
0			\$, \$!, `seq`

Note: From page 51 in Haskell 2010 report

Type Inferencing

Observation and inference

Imagine we're observing someone in a foreign setting.

What do we infer if someone picks up a bottle of something and ...

...squirts it on their food?

...squirts it into their mouth?

...squirts it onto some gears?

...squirts onto a pile of wood and then sets it on fire?

What did Haskell infer?

Here's **add** again:

```
> add x y = x + y
> :t add
add :: Num a => a -> a -> a
> :info +
class Num a where
(+) :: a -> a -> a
```

What did Haskell infer via knowledge and observation?

- Both arguments must have same type.
- That type must be an instance of the **Num** class.
- A value of that same type is returned.

Type inferencing

Haskell does type inferencing:

- The types of values are inferred based on the operations performed on the values.
- Inferences are based on an assumption of no errors.

Example:

```
> isCapital c = c >= 'A' && c <= 'Z' isCapital :: Char -> Bool
```

Process:

- 1. c is being compared to 'A' and 'Z'
- 2. 'A' and 'Z' are of type Char
- 3. c must be a Char
- 4. The result of &&, of type Bool, is returned

Type inferencing, continued

Recall **ord** in the **Data.Char** module:

> :t ord

ord::Char -> Int

What type will be inferred for **f** below?

$$f x y = \text{ord } x == y$$

- 1. The argument of ord is a Char, so x must be a Char.
- 2. The result of **ord**, an **Int**, is compared to **y**, so **y** must be an **Int**.

Let's try it:

$$> f x y = ord x == y$$
 f :: Char -> Int -> Bool

Type inferencing, continued

Recall this example:

```
> isPositive x = x > 0
isPositive :: (Num a, Ord a) => a -> Bool
```

:info shows that > operates on types that are instances of Ord:

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

- 1. Because **x** is an operand of >, Haskell infers that the type of **x** must be a member of the **Ord** type class.
- 2. Because **x** is being compared to **0**, Haskell also infers that the type of **x** must be an instance of the **Num** type class.

Type inferencing, continued

If a contradiction is reached during type inferencing, it's an error.

The function below uses **x** as both a **Num** and a **Char**.

- > g x y = x > 0 && x > '0'<interactive>:1:13: error:
 - No instance for (Num Char) arising from the literal '0'
 - In the second argument of '(>)', namely '0' In the first argument of '(&&)', namely 'x > 0' In the expression: x > 0 && x > 0'

What does the error "No instance for (Num Char)" mean?
Char is not an instance of the Num type class.
(:info Num shows instance Num Int, instance Num Float, etc.)

Type Specifications for Functions

Type specifications for functions

Even though Haskell has type inferencing, a common practice is to specify the types of functions.

Here's a file with several functions, each preceded by its type:

% cat typespecs.hs

min3::Ord a => a -> a -> a

 $min3 \times y z = min \times (min y z)$

isCapital :: Char -> Bool

isCapital $c = c \ge 'A' \&\& c \le 'Z'$

isPositive :: (Num a, Ord a) => a -> Bool

isPositive x = x > 0

Type specifications, continued

Sometimes type specifications can backfire.

What's a ramification of the difference between the types of addl and add?

add2::Integer -> Integer add2 x y = x + y

add1 can operate on Nums but add2 requires Integers.

Challenge: Without using :: *type*, show an expression that works with addl but fails with add2.

Type specification for functions, continued

Two pitfalls related to type specifications for functions:

- Specifying a type, such as **Integer**, rather than a type class, such as **Num**, may make a function's type needlessly specific, like **add2** on the previous slide.
- In some cases the type can be plain wrong without the mistake being obvious, leading to a baffling problem. (An "Ishihara".)

Recommendation:

- Try writing functions without a type specification and see what type gets inferred.
- If the inferred type looks reasonable, and the function works as expected, add a specification for that type.

Type specifications can prevent Haskell's type inferencing mechanism from making a series of bad inferences that lead one far away from the actual source of an error.

Indentation

Continuation with indentation

A Haskell source file is a series of *declarations*. Here's a file with two declarations:

```
% cat indent1.hs
add::Integer -> Integer
add x y = x + y
```

Rule: A declaration can be continued across multiple lines by indenting subsequent lines more than the first line of the declaration.

These two weaving declarations are poor style but are valid:

```
add
::
Integer-> Integer-> Integer
add x y
=
x
+
y
```

Indentation, continued

Rule: A line that starts in the same column as did the previous declaration ends that previous declaration and starts a new one.

```
% cat indent2.hs
add::Integer -> Integer -> Integer
add x y =
x + y
% ghci indent2
indent2.hs:3:1:error:
  parse error (possibly incorrect indentation ...)
3 \mid x + y
```

Note that **3:1** indicates line 3, column 1.

Guards

Guards

Recall this characteristic of mathematical functions: "Are often specified with cases and expressions."

This function definition uses *guards* to specify three cases:

sign x
$$| x < 0 = -1$$

 $| x == 0 = 0$
 $| otherwise = 1$

Notes:

- This definition would be found in a file, not typed in ghci.
- sign x appears just once. First guard might be on next line.
- The guards appear <u>between</u> | and =, and produce **Bools**.
- What is **otherwise**?

Guards, continued

Problem: Using guards, define a function smaller, like min:

```
> smaller 7 10
7
> smaller 'z' 'a'
'a'
```

Solution:

Guards, continued

Problem: Write a function **weather** that classifies a given temperature as hot if 80+, else nice if 70+, and cold otherwise.

```
> weather 95
"Hot!"
> weather 32
"Cold!"
> weather 75
"Nice"
```

Hint: guards are tried in turn.

Solution:

if-else

Haskell's if-else

Here's an example of Haskell's **if-else**:

How does it compare to Java's **if-else**?

Sidebar: Java's if-else

Java's **if-else** is a <u>statement</u>. It <u>cannot</u> be used where a value is required. System.out.println(if (1 < 2) 3; else 4;); // (?)

Does Java have an analog to Haskell's **if-else**?

The conditional operator: 1 < 2 ? 3 : 4

It's an expression that can be used when a value is required.

Java's **if-else** statement has an **else**-less form but Haskell's **if-else** does not. Why doesn't Haskell allow it?

Java's **if-else** vs. Java's conditional operator provides a good example of a *statement* vs. an *expression*.

Pythonistas: Is there an **if-else** <u>expression</u> in Python?

3 if 1 < 2 else 4

An Original Thought

"A statement changes the *state* of the program while an expression wants to *express* itself."

— Victor Nguyen, CSC 372, Spring 2014

Guards vs. if-else

Which of the versions of **sign** below is better?

```
sign x
| x < 0 = -1
| x == 0 = 0
| otherwise = 1
```

sign
$$x = if x < 0$$
 then -1
else if $x == 0$ then 0
else 1

- We'll later see that *patterns* add a third possibility for expressing cases.
- For now, prefer guards over **if-else**.

A Little Recursion

Recursion

A recursive function is a function that calls itself either directly or indirectly.

Computing the factorial of a integer (N!) is a classic example of recursion.

> factorial 40 815915283247897734345611269596115894272000000000

```
Write factorial in Haskell. (p.s. 0! is 1)

factorial n

| n == 0 = 1
| otherwise = n * factorial (n - 1)
```

What is the type of **factorial**?

```
> :type factorial factorial :: (Eq a, Num a) => a -> a
```

Recursion, continued

One way to manually trace through a recursive computation is to underline a call, then rewrite the call with a textual expansion.

factorial 4

4 * factorial 3

4 * 3 * factorial 2

4 * 3 * 2 * <u>factorial 1</u>

4 * 3 * 2 * 1 * factorial 0

4 * 3 * 2 * 1 * 1

otherwise =
$$n * factorial (n - 1)$$

Lists

List basics

In Haskell, a list is a sequence of values of the same type.

Here's one way to make a list.

```
> [7, 3, 8]
[7,3,8]
it :: Num a => [a]
```

> ['x', 10]

<interactive>:3:7:

No instance for (Num Char) arising from the literal `10'

We can say that Haskell lists are homogeneous.

The function length returns the number of elements in a list:

```
> length [3,4,5]
3
> length []
```

What's the type of length?

```
>:type length
```

 $\mathbf{0}$

length :: [a] -> Int (Note: A white lie, to be fixed!)

With no class constraint specified, [a] indicates that length operates on lists containing elements of any type.

The **head** function returns the first element of a list.

```
> head [3,4,5]
3
```

What's the type of **head**? **head**:: [a] -> a

Here's what tail does. How would you describe it? > tail [3,4,5] [4,5]

What's the type of tail? tail :: [a] -> [a]

Important: head and tail are good for learning about lists but we'll almost always use *patterns* to access parts of a list!

The ++ operator concatenates two lists, producing a new list.

What are the types of ++ and reverse?

>:type reverse

reverse :: [a] -> [a]

Haskell has an arithmetic sequence notation:

```
> [1..20]
[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20]
it :: (Enum a, Num a) => [a]

> [-5,-3..20]
[-5,-3,-1,1,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19]

> [10..5]
[]
```

Here are sum and product:

```
> sum [1..10]
55
```

> product [1..5] 120

Problem: Write a factorial function.

Solution:

factorial n = product [1..n]

List basics, continue

Here are **drop** and **take**:

```
> drop 3 [1..10]
[4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
```

```
> take 5 [1.0,1.2..2]
[1.0,1.2,1.4,1.599999999999999,1.7999999999999999
```

Problem: halves

Problem:

Write halves lst that returns a list with the two halves of lst, a list. If lst's length is odd, the second "half" is longer.

```
> halves [1..10]
[[1,2,3,4,5],[6,7,8,9,10]]
```

```
> halves [1]
[[],[1]]
```

halves will be a little repetitious because we don't have the *where clause* in our toolbox yet.

Solution: halves

```
Solution: (halves.hs)

halves lst =

[take (length lst `div` 2) lst,

drop (length lst `div` 2) lst]
```

List basics, continued

The !! operator produces a list's Nth element, zero-based:

```
> [10,20..100] !! 3
40
> :type (!!)
(!!) :: [a] -> Int -> a
```

Speculate: do negative indexes work?

```
> [10,20..100] !! (-2)
```

*** Exception: Prelude.(!!): negative index

Important:

Much use of !! might indicate you're writing a Java, Python, C, etc. program in Haskell!

Comparing lists

Haskell lists are <u>values</u> and can be compared as values:

Conceptually, how many lists are created by each of the above?

A Haskell or Python programmer would be shocked by Java's verbose and clumsy list handling.

Comparing lists, continued

Lists are compared *lexicographically*:

- Corresponding elements are compared until an inequality is found.
- The inequality determines the result of the comparison.

Example:

```
> [1,2,3] < [1,2,4]
True
```

Why?

The first two elements are equal, and 3 < 4.

Lists of Lists

We can make lists of lists.

Note the type: x is a list of Num a => [a] lists.

What's the length of **x**?

> length x

3

Wait! Is **x** homogeneous?

Lists of lists, continued

```
More examples:
   > x = [[1], [2,3,4], [5,6]]
    > head x
    \lceil 1 \rceil
    > tail x
    [[2,3,4],[5,6]]
    > x !! 1 !! 2
    4
   > head (head (tail (tail x)))
    5
```

Earlier I showed you this:

length :: [a] -> Int

Around version 7.10 length was generalized to this:

length :: Foldable t => t a -> Int

We're going to think of Foldable t => t a as meaning [a].

Instead of sum :: (Num a, Foldable t) => t a -> a

Pretend this sum :: Num a => [a] -> a

Instead of minimum :: (Ord a, Foldable t) => t a -> a

Pretend this minimum :: Ord a => [a] -> a

Strings are [Char]

Strings in Haskell are simply lists of characters.

```
> "testing"
"testing"
it :: [Char]
> ['a'..'z']
"abcdefghijklmnopgrstuvwxyz"
it :: [Char]
> ["just", "a", "test"]
["just","a","test"]
it :: [[Char]]
```

What's the beauty of this?

Strings, continued

All list functions work on strings, too!

- > length asciiLets 52
- > reverse (drop 26 asciiLets)
 "zyxwvutsrqponmlkjihgfedcba"
- > :type elem elem :: Eq a => a -> [a] -> Bool
- > isAsciiLet c = c `elem` asciiLets
 isAsciiLet :: Char -> Bool

Strings, continued

The Prelude defines String as [Char] (a type synonym).

```
> :info String
type String = [Char]
```

A number of functions operate on **Strings**. Here are two:

```
> :type words words :: String -> [String]
```

> :type unwords unwords :: [String] -> String

What's the following doing?

```
> unwords (tail (words "Just some words!"))
"some words!"
```

"cons" lists

Like most functional languages, Haskell's lists are "cons" lists.

A "cons" list has two parts:

head: a value

tail: a list of values (possibly empty)

The: ("cons") operator creates a list from a value and a list of values of that same type (or an empty list).

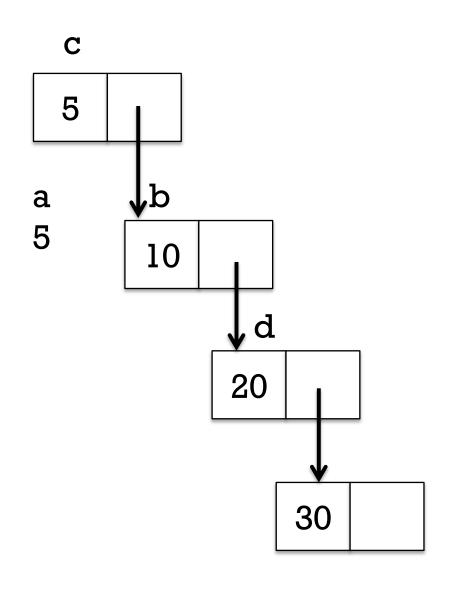
> 5 : [10, 20,30] [5,10,20,30]

What's the type of the cons operator?

"cons" lists, continued

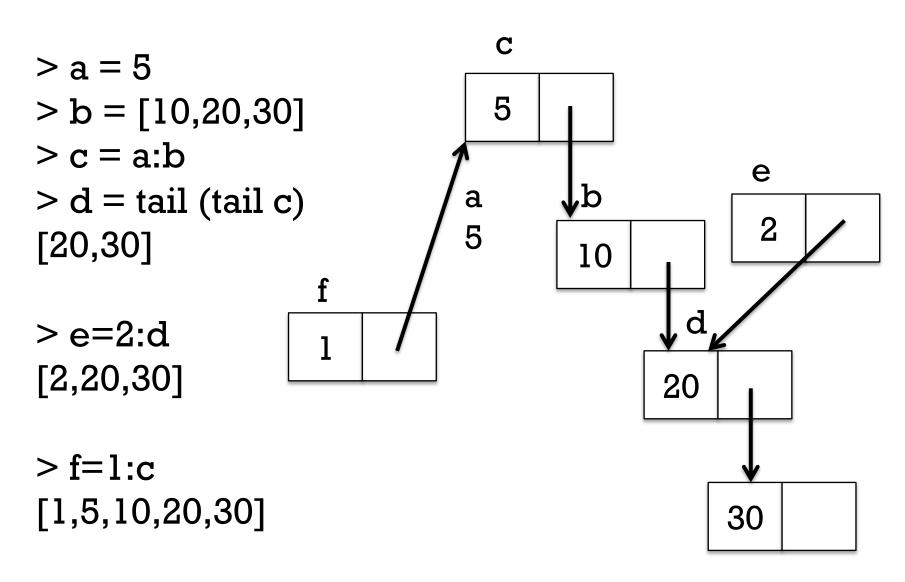
The cons (:) operation forms a new list from a value and a list.

```
> a = 5
> b = [10,20,30]
> c = a:b
[5,10,20,30]
> head c
5
> tail c
[10,20,30]
> d = tail (tail c)
> d
[20,30]
```



"cons" lists, continued

A cons node can be referenced by multiple cons nodes.



"cons" lists, continued

What are the values of the following expressions?
> 1:[2,3]
[1,2,3]
> 1:2
...error...

```
> chr 97:chr 98:chr 99:[] "abc"
```

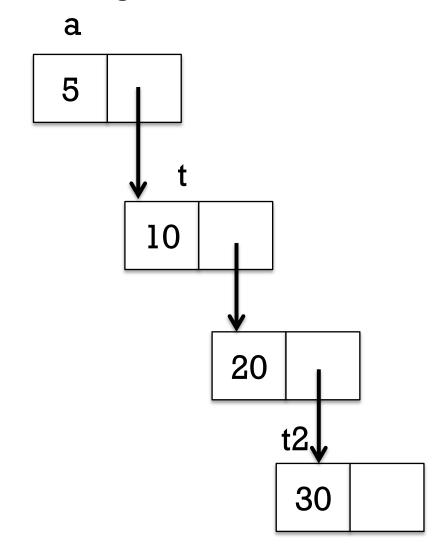
cons is right associative chr 97:(chr 98:(chr 99:[]))

```
> []:[]
[[]]
```

head and tail visually

It's important to understand that <u>tail does not create a new list</u>. Instead it simply returns an existing cons node.

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A little on performance

What operations are likely fast with cons lists?

- Get the head of a list
- Get the tail of a list
- Make a new list from a head and tail ("cons up a list")

What operations are likely slower?

- Get the Nth element of a list
- Get the length of a list

With cons lists, what does list concatenation involve?

```
> m = [1..10000000]
```

> length (m++[0])

10000001

True or false?

The head of a list is a one-element list.

False, unless...

...it's the head of a list of lists that starts with a one-element list.

The tail of a list is a list.

True

The tail of an empty list is an empty list.

It's an error!

length (tail (tail x)) == (length x) - 2

True (assuming what?)

A cons list is essentially a singly-linked list.

True

A doubly-linked list might help performance in some cases.

Hmm...what's the backlink for a multiply-referenced node?

Changing an element in a list might affect the value of many lists.

Trick question! We can't change a list element. We can only

"cons up" new lists and reference existing lists.

fromTo

Here's a function that produces a list with a range of integers:

> fromTo first last = [first..last]

> fromTo 10 15 [10,11,12,13,14,15]

Problem:

Write a recursive version of **fromTo** that uses the cons operator to build up its result.

fromTo, continued

One solution:

```
fromTo first last
```

```
| first > last = []
| otherwise = first : fromTo (first+1) last
```

Evaluation of **fromTo 1 3** via substitution and rewriting:

fromTo 13

1: from To (1+1) 3

1: fromTo 23

 $1:\overline{2:\text{fromTo}}(2+1)$ 3

 $1:2:fromTo \overline{3} \overline{3}$

1:2:3:fromTo (3+1) 3

 $1:2:3:fromTo \overline{43}$

1:2:3:[]

The Enum type class has enumFromTo and more.

fromTo, continued

Do :set +s to get timing and memory information, and make some lists. Try these:

```
fromTo 1 10
f = fromTo \qquad -- So \ we \ can \ type \ f \ instead \ of \ fromTo
f 1 1000
f = fromTo 1 \qquad -- Note \ partial \ application
f 1000
x = f 10000000
length \ x
take 5 \ (f 10000000)
```

List comprehensions

Here's a simple example of a *list comprehension*:

In English:

Make a list of the squares of \mathbf{x} where \mathbf{x} takes on each of the values from 1 through 10.

List comprehensions are very powerful but in the interest of time and staying focused on the core concepts of functional programming, we're not going to cover them.

Chapter 5 in Hutton has some very interesting examples of practical computations with list comprehensions.

What are other languages with list comprehensions?

A little output

Handy: the **show** function

What can you tell me about **show**? **show**:: **Show** a => a -> **String**

show produces a string representation of a value.

```
> show 10 "10"
```

> show [10,20] "[10,20]"

> show show
"<function>"

Important: **show** does not produce output! What's the Python analog for **show**? Challenge: Write a Java analog for **show**.

A little output

```
The putStr function outputs a string:

> putStr "just\ntesting\n"

just
testing
```

```
Type:
```

putStr :: String -> IO ()

- IO (), the type returned by putStr, is an action.
- An action is an interaction with the outside world.
- An interaction with the outside world is a side effect.
- An action can hold/produce a value. (simplistic)
- The construct () is read as "unit".
- The unit type has a single value, unit.
- Both the type and the value are written as ().
- Contrast: getChar :: IO Char

Our approach

For the time being, we'll use this approach for functions that produce output:

- A helper function produces a ready-to-print string that represents all the output to be produced by the function.
 - We'll often use show to create pieces of the string.
 - The string will often have embedded newlines.
- The top-level function calls the helper function to get a string.
- The top-level function uses **putStr** to print that string returned by the helper.

Our approach, continued

A Java analog to our approach for functions that produce output:

```
public class output {
   public static void main(String args[]) {
      System.out.print(computeOutput(args));
      }
   ...
}
```

Why **print** instead of **println**?

If the output should end with a newline, **computeOutput** includes it.

printN

Let's write a function to <u>print</u> the integers from 1 to N:

```
> printN 3
First, write a helper, printN':
   > printN' 3
   1\n2\n3\n
Solution for printN':
   printN' n
      | n == 0 = ""
      | otherwise = printN' (n-1) ++ show n ++ "\n"
```

printN, continued

At hand:

Usage:

```
> printN' 10
"1\n2\n3\n4\n5\n6\n7\n8\n9\n10\n"
```

Let's write the top-level function:

```
> printN n = putStr (printN' n)
> :t printN
printN :: (Eq a, Num a, Show a) => a -> IO ()
```

printN, continued

```
All together in a file:
   % cat printN.hs
   printN n = putStr (printN' n)
   printN' n
      | n == 0 = ""
      | otherwise = printN' (n-1) ++ show n ++ "\n"
   % ghci printN
   > printN' 3
   "1\n2\n3\n"
   > printN 3
   3
```

charbox

Let's write charbox:

```
> charbox 5 3 '*'
```

- ****
- ****
- ****

>:t charbox

charbox::Int->Int->Char->IO()

How can we approach it?

charbox, continued

Let's work out a sequence of computations with **ghci**:

```
> replicate 5 '*'
"****
> it ++ "\n"
"****\n"
> replicate 2 it
["*****\n","****\n"] -- the type of it is [[Char]]
>:t concat
concat :: [[a]] -> [a]
> concat it
"****\n****\n"
> putStr it
****
```

charbox, continued

Let's write charbox':

charbox'::Int -> Int -> Char -> String

charbox' w h c = concat (replicate h (replicate w c ++ "\n"))

Test:

```
> charbox' 3 2 '*'
"***\n***\n"
```

Now we're ready for the top-level function:

```
charbox::Int -> Int -> Char -> IO ()
charbox w h c = putStr (charbox' w h c)
```

- Should we have used a helper function **charrow rowLen char**?
- How does this approach contrast with how we'd write it in Java?

Patterns

Motivation: Summing list elements

Imagine a function that computes the sum of a list's elements.

```
> sumElems [1..10] 55
```

```
> :type sumElems
sumElems :: Num a => [a] -> a
```

Implementation:

```
sumElems list
    | list == [] = 0
    | otherwise = head list + sumElems (tail list)
```

- It works but it's not idiomatic Haskell.
- We should use *patterns* instead!

Patterns

In Haskell we can use *patterns* to *bind names* to elements of data structures.

```
> [x,y] = [10,20]
> x
10
> y
20

> [inner] = [[2,3]]
> inner
[2,3]
```

Speculate: Given a list like [10,20,30] how could we use a pattern to bind names to the head and tail of the list?

Patterns, continued

We can use the cons operator in a pattern.

$$> h:t = [10,20,30]$$

> h 10

> t [20,30]

What values get bound by the following pattern?

```
> a:b:c:d = [10,20,30]
> [c,b,a] -- Why in a list?
[30,20,10]
```

> d П

-- Why did I do [c,b,a] instead of [d,c,b,a]?

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Patterns, continued

If some part of a structure is not of interest, we indicate that with an underscore, known as the *wildcard pattern*.

```
>_:(a:[b]):c = [[1],[2,3],[4]]
> a
2
> b
3
> c
[[4]]
```

No binding is done for the wildcard pattern.

The pattern mechanism is completely general—patterns can be arbitrarily complex.

Patterns, continued

A name can only appear once in a pattern.

```
> a:a:[] = [3,3]
<interactive>: error: Multiple declarations of 'a'
```

A failed pattern isn't manifested until we try to see what's bound to a name.

```
> a:b:[] = [1]
> a
*** Non-exhaustive patterns in a : b : []
```

```
...Spring 2018...

**** Exception: Irrefutable pattern failed for pattern
a:b:[]
```

Practice

Describe in English what must be on the right hand side for a successful match.

```
a:b:c = ...
   A list containing at least two elements.
      Does [[10,20]] match?
       [20,30]?
       "abc" ?
[x:xs] = \dots
   A list whose only element is a non-empty list.
       Does words "a test" match?
       [words "a test"]?
```

Patterns in function definitions

Recall our non-idiomatic sumElems:

sumElems list | list == [] = 0 | otherwise = head list + sumElems (tail list)

Idiomatic:

```
sumElems [] = 0
sumElems (h:t) = h + sumElems t
```

Note that **sumElems** appears on both lines and that there are no guards. **sumElems** has two *clauses*. (H10 4.4.3.1)

The parentheses in (h:t) are required!!

Do the types of the two versions differ?

$$(Eq a, Num a) => [a] -> a$$
 -- with head/tail
 $Num a => [a] -> a$ -- with pattern

Patterns in functions, continued

Here's a buggy version of **sumElems**:

```
buggySum [x] = x
buggySum (h:t) = h + buggySum t
```

```
What's the bug?
```

- > buggySum [1..100] 5050
- > buggySum []
- *** Exception: Non-exhaustive patterns in function buggySum

Patterns in functions, continued

At hand:

```
buggySum [x] = x
buggySum (h:t) = h + buggySum t
```

If we use the **-fwarn-incomplete-patterns** option of **ghci**, we'll get a warning when loading:

% ghci -fwarn-incomplete-patterns buggySum.hs buggySum.hs:l:l:Warning:

Pattern match(es) are non-exhaustive
In an equation for 'buggySum': Patterns not matched: []

Suggestion: add a Bash alias! (See us if you don't know how to.) alias ghci="ghci-fwarn-incomplete-patterns"

Patterns in functions, continued

What's a little silly about the following list-summing function?

```
sillySum [] = 0
sillySum [x] = x
sillySum (h:t) = h + sillySum t
```

The second clause isn't needed.

An "as pattern"

Consider a function that duplicates the head of a list:

Here's one way to write it, but it's repetitious:

$$duphead(x:xs) = x:x:xs$$

We can use an "as pattern" to bind a name to the list as a whole:

$$duphead all@(x:xs) = x:all$$

Can it be improved?

duphead all@
$$(x:_) = x:all$$

The term "as pattern" perhaps comes from Standard ML, which uses an "as" keyword for the same purpose.

Patterns, then guards, then if-else

Good coding style in Haskell: Prefer patterns over guards Prefer guards over **if-else**

```
Patterns—first choice!

sumElems [] = 0

sumElems (h:t) = h + sumElems t
```

Guards—second choice...

sumElems list

list == 4 = 0

otherwise = head list + sumElems (tail list)

if-else—third choice...
 sumElems list =
 if list == [] then 0
 else head list + sumElems (tail list)

Students wrote...

"Throughout the assignment I tried to keep in mind that I should use patterns first then guards if patterns didn't work.

"However, as I was doing the assignment, I realized that sometimes I couldn't see the patterns until I had written them as guards, so I would go back and change them.

"As I continued with the assignment, this happened less because the more code I wrote the more I was able to see patterns before I had them written as guards."

—Kelsey McCabe, Spring 2016, a3/observations.txt

"...there were multiple cases where I solved a problem with guards and failed multiple test cases, only to replace the logic with patterns and have it work."

—Ryan Smith, Fall 2022, a3/observations.txt

Patterns, then guards, then if-else

Recall this example of guards:

```
weather temp | temp >= 80 = "Hot!"
| temp >= 70 = "Nice"
| otherwise = "Cold!"
```

Can we rewrite **weather** to have three clauses with patterns? No.

The pattern mechanism doesn't provide a way to test ranges.

Design question: should patterns and guards be unified?

Revision: the general form of a function

An earlier *general form* of a function definition: name param 1 param 2 ... param N = expression

Revision: A function may have one or more <u>clauses</u>, of this form: function-name <u>pattern</u>1 <u>pattern</u>2 ... <u>pattern</u>N

```
\left\{ \mid guard\text{-}expression 1 \right\} = result\text{-}expression 1
\left\{ \mid guard\text{-}expression N \right\} = result\text{-}expression N
```

The set of clauses for *name* is the *function binding* for *name*. (See 4.4.3 in H10.)

If values in a call match the pattern(s) for a clause and a guard is true, the corresponding expression is evaluated.

Revision, continued

At hand, a more general form for functions:

How does

$$add x y = x + y$$

conform to the above specification?

- x and y are trivial patterns
- add has one clause, which has no guard

Pattern/guard interaction

If the patterns of a clause match but all guards fail, the next clause is tried. Here's a contrived example:

```
f (h:_) | h < 0 = "negative head"
f list | length list > 3 = "too long"
```

f (_:_) = "ok" f [] = "empty"

Usage:

```
> f [] "empty"
```

> f [1..10] "too long" How many clauses does **f** have?

What if 2nd and 3rd clauses swapped? 3rd clause would never be matched!

What if 4th clause is removed?
Warning re "non-exhaustive patterns"
exception on f [] (if
-fwarn-incomplete-patterns
specified).

Recursive functions on lists

Simple recursive list processing functions

Problem: Write *len x*, which returns the length of list *x*.

```
> len []
0
> len 'testing''
7
```

```
len [] = 0
len (_:t) = I + len t - since head isn't needed, use _
```

Simple list functions, continued

Problem: Write **odds x**, which returns a list having only the odd numbers from the list **x**.

```
> odds [1..10]
[1,3,5,7,9]
> take 10 (odds [1,4..100])
[1,7,13,19,25,31,37,43,49,55]
```

Handy: odd::Integral a => a -> Bool

Simple list functions, continued

Problem: write isElem x vals, like elem in the Prelude.

```
> isElem 5 [4,3,7]
False
```

```
> isElem 'n' "Bingo!"
True
```

> "quiz" `isElem` words "No quiz today!"
True

```
isElem _ [] = False -- Why a wildcard?
isElem x (h:t)
    | x == h = True
    | otherwise = x `isElem` t
```

Simple list functions, continued

Problem: Write a function that returns a list's maximum value.

```
> maxVal "maximum"
'x'
> maxVal [3,7,2]
7
> maxVal (words "i luv this stuff")
"this"
```

Recall that the Prelude has max :: Ord a => a -> a -> a

One solution:

```
maxVal [x] = x
maxVal (x:xs) = max x (maxVal xs)
maxVal [] = error "empty list"
```

Sidebar: C and Python challenges

C programmers:

- Write **strlen** in C in a functional style. (No loops or assignments.)
- Do strcmp and strchr, too!
- Could you do strcpy, too?
- Mail us!

Python programmers:

- In a functional style write **size(x)**, which returns the number of elements in the string, list, or range **x**.
 - Restriction: You may not use type() or len().
- Mail us!

Tuples

Tuples

A Haskell *tuple* is an ordered aggregation of two or more values of possibly differing types.

```
> (1, "two", 3.0)
(1,"two",3.0)
it :: (Num a, Fractional c) => (a, [Char], c)
> (3 < 4, it)
(True, (1, "two", 3.0))
it :: (Num a, Fractional c) => (Bool, (a, [Char], c))
> (head, tail, [words], putStr)
(<function>,<function>,[<function>],<function>)
it :: ([al] -> al, [a2] -> [a2], [String -> [String]], String -> IO ())
```

Of course, we <u>can't</u> create analogous lists for the above tuples, due to the mix of types. Lists must be homogeneous.

```
A function can return a tuple:

pair x y = (x,y)
```

```
What's the type of pair?

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

Usage:

```
> pair 3 4 (3,4)
```

> pair (3,4) <function>

> it 5 ((3,4),5)

The Prelude has two functions that operate on 2-tuples.

```
> p = pair 30 "forty"
```

> p (30,"forty")

> fst p 30

> snd p
"forty"

Recall: patterns used to bind names to list elements have the same syntax as expressions to create lists.

Patterns for tuples have the same syntax as expressions to create tuples.

```
Problem: Write middle, to extract a 3-tuple's second element.

> middle ("372", "GS 906", "Mitchell")

"GS 906"

> middle (1, [2], True)

[2]
```

(Solution on next slide. Don't peek! This means **you**!)

At hand:

What's the type of middle? middle :: (a, b, c) -> b

Will the following call work? > middle(1,[(2,3)],4)
[(2,3)]

Problem: Write a function **swap** that behaves like this:

Solution:

$$> swap(x,y) = (y,x)$$

What is the type of **swap**?

$$swap :: (b, a) -> (a, b)$$

Here's the type of **zip** from the Prelude:

Speculate: What does zip do? (Pythonistas: Silence please!)

```
> zip ["one","two","three"] [10,20,30] [("one",10),("two",20),("three",30)]
```

```
> zip ['a'..'z'] [1..]
[('a',1),('b',2),('c',3),('d',4),('e',5),('f',6),('g',7),('h',8),('i',9),('j',10), ...more..., ('x',24),('y',25),('z',26)]
```

What's especially interesting about the second example?
[1..] is an infinite list! **zip** stops when either list runs out.

Problem: Write **elemPos**, which returns the zero-based position of a value in a list, or -1 if not found.

```
> elemPos 'm' ['a'..'z']
12
```

Hint: Have a helper function do most of the work.

```
elemPos x vals = elemPos' x (zip vals [0..])
```

What's wrong?

What's wrong below?

```
 > x = ((1,2),(3,4,5)) 
> fst x
(1,2)
```

> snd x (3,4,5)

> fst (snd x

<interactive transport vith actual type '(Integer, Integer, Integer)'</pre>

What's wrong with fst (snd x)?

fst :: (a, b) -> a

- We can write a function that handles a list of arbitrary length.
- We can't write a function that operates on a tuple of arbitrary "arity".*

The Eq type class and tuples

:info Eq shows many lines like this:

```
instance (Eq a, Eq b, Eq c, Eq d, Eq e) => Eq (a, b, c, d, e) instance (Eq a, Eq b, Eq c, Eq d) => Eq (a, b, c, d) instance (Eq a, Eq b, Eq c) => Eq (a, b, c) instance (Eq a, Eq b) => Eq (a, b)
```

Here's one of them. What does it mean?

instance (Eq a, Eq b, Eq c) => Eq (a, b, c)

If values of each of the three types a, b, and c can be tested for equality then 3-tuples of type (a, b, c) can be tested for equality.

The **Ord** and **Bounded** type classes have similar instance declarations.

Lists vs. tuples

Type-wise, lists are homogeneous; tuples are heterogeneous.

Using a tuple lets type-checking ensure that an exact number of values is being aggregated, even if all values have the same type.

Example: A 3D point could be represented with a 3-element list but using a 3-tuple guarantees points have three coordinates.

In our Haskell we can't write functions that operate on tuples of arbitrary arity.

If there were *Head First Haskell*, it would no doubt have an interview with List and Tuple, each arguing their own merit.

Sidebar: To curry or not to curry?

Consider these two functions:

> add_c x y = x + y -- _c for curried arguments add_c :: Num a => a -> a -> a

> add_t (x,y) = x + y -- _t for tuple argument add_t :: Num a => (a, a) -> a

Usage:

> add_c 3 4

> add_t (3,4)

Important: Note the difference in types!

Which is better, add_c or add_t?

The where clause

The where clause

Intermediate values and/or helper functions can be defined using an optional *where clause* for a function.

Here's a declaration that shows the syntax; the computation is not

meaningful.

```
f x

| x < 0 = g a + g b
| a > b = g b
| otherwise = c + 10

where {
    a = x * 5;
    b = a * 2 + x;
    g t = log t + a;
    c = a * 3;
```

The *where clause* specifies bindings that <u>may</u> be needed when evaluating the guards and their associated expressions.

Like variables defined in a method or block in Java, a, b, c and g are not visible outside the function f.

The where clause, continued

<u>A Computer Science Tapestry</u> by Owen Astrachan shows an interesting way to raise a number to a power:

```
power base expo
  | expo == 0 = 1.0
  | even expo = semi * semi
  | otherwise = base * semi * semi
  where {
    semi = power base (expo `div` 2)
  }
```

Binding semi in a where clause avoids lots of repetition.

Exercise for the mathematically inclined: Figure out how it works.

Problem: halves

Recall:

```
> halves ['a'..'z']
("abcdefghijklm","nopqrstuvwxyz")
halves lst =
  [take (length lst `div` 2) lst, drop (length lst `div` 2) lst]
```

Problem: Rewrite **halves** to be less repetitious. Also, have it return a tuple instead of a list.

Solution:

```
halves lst = (take halflen lst, drop halflen lst)
  where {
    halflen = (length lst `div` 2)
    }
```

The layout rule

The *layout rule* for **where** (and more)

This is a valid declaration with a where clause:

$$f x = a + b + g a \text{ where } \{ a = 1; b = 2; g x = -x \}$$

The **where** clause has three declarations enclosed in braces and separated by semicolons.

We can take advantage of Haskell's *layout rule* and write it like this instead:

```
f x = a + b + g a
where
a = 1
b = 2
g x =
-x
```

Look Mom, no braces!

The layout rule, continued

At hand:

$$f x = a + b + g a$$
where
$$|a = 1|$$

$$|b = 2|$$

$$|g x = |$$

Another example:

$$f x = a + b + g a \text{ where } a = 1$$
 $b = 2$
 $g x = 1$
 $-x$

The <u>absence of a brace</u> after **where** activates the layout rule.

The column position of the <u>first token after where</u> establishes the column in which declarations in the **where** must start.

Note that the declaration of **g** is continued onto a second line; if the minus sign were at or left of the line, it would be an error.

The layout rule, continued

Don't confuse the layout rule with indentation-based continuation of declarations! (See slides 124-125.)

The layout rule allows omission of braces and semicolons in where, do, let, and of blocks. (We'll see do and let later.)

<u>Indentation-based continuation</u> applies

- 1. outside of where/do/let/of blocks
- 2. inside **where/do/let/of** blocks when the layout rule is triggered by the absence of an opening brace.

The layout rule is also called the "off-side rule".

TAB characters are assumed to have a width of 8.

What other languages have rules of a similar nature?

Literals in patterns

Literals in patterns

Literal values can be part or all of a pattern. Here's a 3-clause

binding for **f**:

$$f 1 = 10$$

 $f 2 = 20$
 $f n = n$

For contrast, with guards:

Usage:

Remember: Patterns are tried in the order specified.

Literals in patterns, continued

Here's a function that classifies characters as parentheses (or not):

parens c

```
| c == '(' = "left"
| c == ')' = "right"
| otherwise = "neither"
```

Could we improve it by using patterns instead of guards?

```
parens '(' = "left"
parens ')' = "right"
parens _ = "neither"
```

Which is better?

Remember: Patterns, then guards, then if-else.

Literals in patterns, continued

not is a function:

>:type not

not :: Bool -> Bool

> not True

False

Problem: Using literals in patterns, define not.

Solution:

```
not True = False
not _ = True
```

-- Using wildcard avoids comparison

Pattern construction

A pattern can be:

- A literal value such as 1, 'x', or True
- An identifier (bound to a value if there's a match)
- An underscore (the wildcard pattern)
- A tuple composed of patterns
- A list of patterns in square brackets (fixed size list)
- A list of patterns constructed with: operators
- Other things we haven't seen yet

Is the above a recursive definition?

Patterns can be arbitrarily complex.

3.17.1 in H10 shows the full syntax for patterns.

Errors

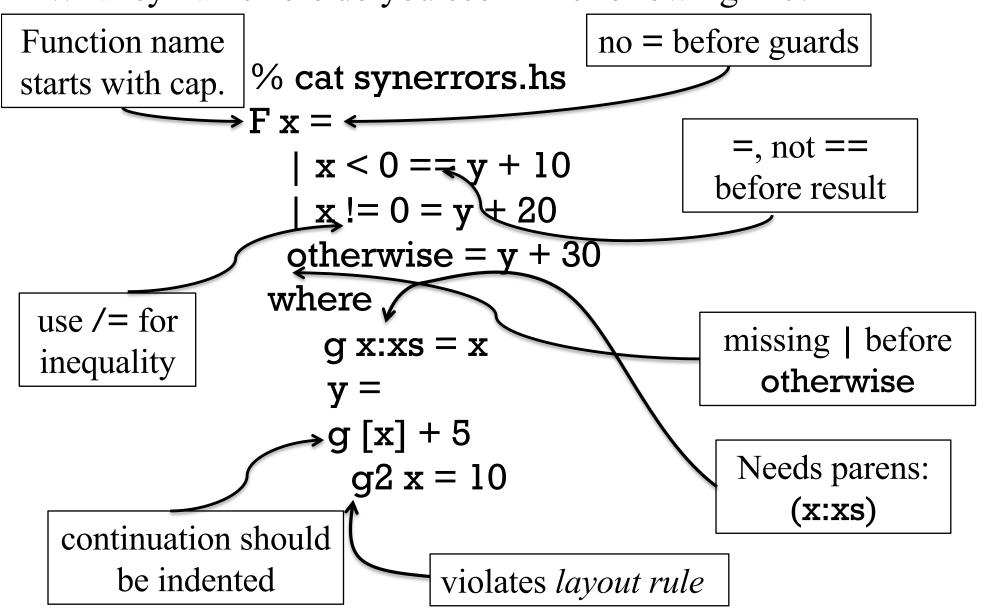
Syntax errors

What syntax errors do you see in the following file?

```
% cat -n haskell/synerrors.hs
      Fx =
         | x < 0 == y + 10
         | x != 0 = y + 20
         otherwise = y + 30
       where
  6
          g x:xs = x
          g[x] + 5
            g2 x = 10
```

Syntax errors, continued

What syntax errors do you see in the following file?



Type errors

In my opinion, producing understandable messages for type errors is what **ghci** is worst at.

If no polymorphic functions are involved, type errors are typically easy to understand.

```
> :type chr
chr :: Int -> Char
```

```
> chr 'x'
Couldn't match expected type `Int' with actual
    type `Char'
In the first argument of 'chr', namely 'x'
In the expression: chr 'x'
In an equation for 'it': it = chr 'x'
```

Code and error:

The first clause implies that f returns [a] but the second clause returns a partial application, of type $p0 \rightarrow [a]$, a contradiction.

```
Code:
    countEO (x:xs)
    | odd x = (evens, odds+1)
    | otherwise = (evens+1, odds)
    where (evens,odds) = countEO

Error:
    Couldn't match expected type '(a1, b)'
        with actual type '[a] -> (a1, b)'

Probable cause: countEO is applied to too few arguments
In the expression: countEO
```

```
What's the problem?

It's expecting a tuple, (al,b) but it's getting a function, [a] -> (al,b)
```

Typically, instead of errors about too few (or too many) function arguments, you get <u>function types popping up in unexpected places</u>.

Here's an example of omitting an operator:

- > add3 x y z = x + y z
- > add3 4 5 6
- <interactive>:9:1:error:

Non type variable argument in the constraint:

Num (t -> a) (Use FlexibleContexts to permit this)

Looking at the type of add3 sheds some light on the problem:

> :t add3

add3 :: Num a => a -> (t -> a) -> t -> a

A function type unexpectedly being inferred for **y** suggests we should look at how **y** is being used.

Try it: See if a type declaration for add3 leads to a better error.

Is there an error in the following?

Type errors, continued

A simple way to produce an infinite type:

$$x = head x$$

Occurs check: cannot construct the infinite type: $a \sim [a]$

Expected type: [a]

Actual type: [[a]] ("a is a list of as"--whm)

In the expression: x : f xs

In an equation for 'f': f(x:xs) = x:fxs

The second and third clauses are fine by themselves but together they create a contradiction.

Technique: Comment out clauses (and/or guards) to find the troublemaker, or incompatibilities between them.

Recall ord :: Char -> Int.

Note this error:

> ord 5

No instance for (Num Char) arising from the literal '5'

The error "No instance for (*TypeClass Type*)" means that *Type* (Char, in this case) is not an instance of *TypeClass* (Num).

>:info Num

instance Num Word instance Num Integer instance Num Int instance Num Float instance Num Double

instance Num Char doesn't appear

```
> (mod 3478 10) / 10 -- Thanks to Ms. Barber for this one!
<interactive>:11:1: error:

    Ambiguous type variable 'a0' arising from a use of 'print'

   prevents the constraint '(Show a0)' from being solved.
   Probable fix: use a type annotation to specify what 'a0' should be.
   These potential instances exist:
    instance Show Ordering -- Defined in 'GHC.Show'
    instance Show Integer -- Defined in 'GHC.Show'
    instance Show a => Show (Maybe a) -- Defined in 'GHC.Show'
    ...plus 23 others
    ...plus 13 instances involving out-of-scope types
    (use -fprint-potential-instances to see them all)
  • In a stmt of an interactive GHCi command: print it
> \pmod{347810}
> :t it
it :: Integral a => a
```

> it / l -- produces the error

Sidebar: LHtLaL—Start an error collection!

If a language [implementation] has obscure error messages, collect examples of errors and the message(s) produced.

You might also intentionally create error cases and catalog the errors produced.

```
Where would you save that information? % wc -1 ~/info/haskell
```

1308 /Users/whm/info/haskell

% ls ~/info | wc -l

786

"For this invention will produce forgetfulness in the minds of those who learn to use it, because they will not practice their memory. ..."—Socrates on writing

LHtLaL, continued

How can the following Python errors be produced?

KeyError: 3 >>> d={}; d[3] >>> {}[3]

TypeError: 'int' object is not callable

If you see the following, what does it mean?

<built-in method join of str object at 0x10457dc70>
>>> ",".join

Debugging

Debugging in general

My general strategy for debugging Haskell code:

AVOID THE NEED TO DO ANY DEBUGGING IN HASKELL!

A good process for Haskell beginners when writing a function:

- 1. Work out expressions at the **ghci** prompt as shown on 177.
- 2. Write a single clause for the function using those expressions and put it in a file.
- 3. Load the file with **ghci** and test that one clause.
- 4. Repeat with the next clause for function. Etc.

With conventional languages I might write dozens of lines of code before trying them out.

With Haskell I might write a half-dozen lines of code before trying them out.

The **trace** function

The **Debug.Trace** module has a **trace** function.

Observe:

```
> import Debug.Trace -- put it in your ghci config file
> :t trace
trace :: String -> a -> a
> trace "a tuple" (True, 'x')
a tuple
(True, 'x')
```

What's happening?

trace *string expr* returns *expr* but also outputs *string* as a side-effect. (!)

- Great for debugging!
- Completely subverts Haskell's isolation of the side-effects of output.

trace, continued

Here's a trivial function:

$$f 1 = 10$$

 $f n = n * 5 + 7$

Let's augment it with tracing:

```
import Debug.Trace
f l = [trace "f: first case"] 10
f n = trace "f: default case" n * 5 + 7
```

Execution:

```
>fl
f: first case
10
```

f 3f: default case22

trace, continued

```
sumElems [] = trace "sumElems []" 0
   sumElems lst@(h:t) =
      trace ("sumElems" ++ show lst) h + sumElems t
Execution:
   > sumElems [5,1,4,2,3]
   sumElems []
   sumElems [3]
   sumElems [2,3]
   sumElems [4,2,3]
   sumElems [1,4,2,3]
   sumElems [5,1,4,2,3]
   15
```

Let's add trace calls to sumElems:

Unfortunately, due to Haskell's lazy evaluation, the output's order is the opposite of what we'd expect. But it does show "progression".

trace, continued

Code for buildingAtHeight in street.hs, a 372 veteran: buildingAtHeight (width, height, ch) n = replicate width (if n > height then ' ' else ch)

```
Outputting width, height, and ch with labels is tedious:

buildingAtHeight (width, height, ch) n =

(trace ("width" ++ show width ++ ", height: " ++
show height ++ ", ch: " ++ show ch)
replicate width (if n > height then ' ' else ch)

Example of trace output: width: 3, height: 2, ch: 'x'
```

Use a tuple to simplify the trace call:

buildingAtHeight (width, height, ch) n =

trace (show ("width:", width, "height", height, "ch", ch))

replicate width (if n > height then ' ' else ch)

Example of trace output: ("width:",3,"height",2,"ch:",'x')

Sidebar: Tracing in Icon

Icon has a built-in tracing mechanism.

Here's sumElems in Icon:

```
% cat -n sumElems.icn
    1    procedure main()
    2         sumElems([5,1,4,2,3])
    3    end
    4
    5    procedure sumElems(L)
    6         if *L = 0 then
    7         return 0
    8         else
    9         return L[1] + sumElems(L[1:-1])
    10    end
```

Sidebar, continued

Execution:

% TRACE=-1 icont sumElems.icn -x

```
main()
                      sumElems(list 1 = [5, 1, 4, 2, 3])
sumElems.icn :
sumElems.icn :
                         sumElems(list 2 = [5, 1, 4, 2])
                  9 \mid \mid \mid sumElems(list 3 = [5,1,4])
sumElems.icn :
                             sumElems(list 4 = [5,1])
sumElems.icn:
                     | | | | sumElems(list 5 = [5])
sumElems.icn:
                                sumElems(list 6 = [])
sumElems.icn:
                     | | | | | sumElems returned 0
sumElems.icn:
sumElems.icn:
                            | sumElems returned 5
sumElems.icn:
                            sumElems returned 10
sumElems.icn :
                     | | | sumElems returned 15
                  9 | sumElems returned 20
sumElems.icn :
sumElems.icn :
                    | sumElems returned 25
sumElems.icn:
                    main failed
```

I know of no better out-of-the-box tracing facility in any language.

ghci's debugger

ghci does have some debugging support but debugging is *expression-based*. Here's some simple interaction with it on **countEO**:

```
> :step countEO [3,2,4]
Stopped at countEO.hs:(1,1)-(6,29)
_{result} :: (t, t1) = _{-}
>:step
Stopped at countEO.hs:3:7-11
result :: Bool =
x :: Integer = 3
>:step
Stopped at countEO.hs:3:15-29
_{\text{result}}:: (t, tl) = _{-}
evens :: t = _
odds::tl =
>:step
(Stopped at countEO.hs:6:20-29
_result :: (t, t1) = _
xs :: [Integer] = [2,4]
```

```
countEO [] = (0,0)
countEO (x:xs)

|odd x = (evens, odds+1)
| otherwise = (evens+1, odds)
where
(evens,odds) = countEO xs
```

_result shows type of current expression

Arbitrary expressions can be evaluated at the > prompt (as always).

Larger examples

countEO

Imagine a function that counts occurrences of even and odd numbers in a list.

```
> countEO [3,4,5]
   (1,2)
                         -- one even, two odds
Code:
   countEO [] = (0,0) -- no odds or evens in []
   countEO (x:xs)
       \mid odd x = (evens, odds+1)
       otherwise = (evens+1, odds)
    where
      (evens, odds) = countEO xs -- do counts for tail first!
```

countEO, continued

```
At hand:
   countEO [] = (0,0)
   countEO (x:xs)
       \mid odd x = (evens, odds + 1)
       otherwise = (1+ evens, odds)
     where (evens, odds) = countEO xs
Here's one way to picture this recursion:
   countEO [10,20,25] returns (2,1) (result of (1 + 1,1))
                           returns (1,1) (result of (1 +(0,1)
      countEO [20,25]
                                        (result of (0,0)+
                           returns (0, I
          countEO [25]
            countEO []
                           returns (0,0
```

countEO with trace

```
Here's countEO with tracing:
import Debug.Trace
countEO [] = (0,0)
countEO list@(x:xs)
   | odd x = (evens, odds+1)
   | otherwise = (evens+1, odds)
where

result = countEO xs
(evens,odds) =
trace ("countEO" ++ show xs ++ "-->" ++ show result) result
```

Execution:

> countEO [3,2,4] countEO [] --> (0,0) countEO [4] --> (1,0) countEO [2,4] --> (2,0) (2,1)

Before tracing the where was: (evens,odds) = countEO xs

travel

Imagine a robot that travels on an infinite grid of cells. Movement is directed by a series of one character commands: **n**, **e**, **s**, and **w**.

Let's write a function **travel** that moves the robot about the grid and determines if the robot ends up where it started (i.e., it got home) or elsewhere (it got lost).

	1			
			2	
	R			

If the robot starts in square R the command string **nnnn** leaves the robot in the square marked 1.

The string **nenene** leaves the robot in the square marked 2.

nnessw and **news** move the robot in a round-trip that returns it to square R.

Usage:

- > travel "nnnn" -- ends at 1 "Got lost; 4 from home"
- > travel "nenene" -- ends at 2 "Got lost; 6 from home"
- > travel "nnessw"
 "Got home"

	1			
			2	
	R			

How can we approach this problem?

One approach:

- 1. Map letters into integer 2-tuples representing X and Y displacements on a Cartesian plane.
- 2. Sum the X and Y displacements to yield a net displacement.

Example:

Argument value: "nnee"

Mapped to tuples: (0,1) (0,1) (1,0) (1,0)

Sum of tuples: (2,2)

Another:

Argument value: "nnessw"

Mapped to tuples: (0,1) (0,1) (1,0) (0,-1) (0,-1) (-1,0)

Sum of tuples: (0,0)

First, let's write a helper function to turn a direction into an (x,y) displacement:

```
mapMove :: Char -> (Int, Int)
mapMove 'n' = (0,1)
mapMove 's' = (0,-1)
mapMove 'e' = (1,0)
mapMove 'w' = (-1,0)
mapMove c = error ("Unknown direction: " ++ [c])
```

Usage:

```
> mapMove 'n'
(0,1)
> mapMove 'w'
(-1,0)
```

```
Next, a function to sum x and y displacements in a list of tuples:
   > sumTuples [(0,1),(1,0)]
   (1,1)
   > sumTuples [mapMove 'n', mapMove 'w']
   (-1,1)
Implementation:
   sumTuples :: [(Int,Int)] -> (Int,Int)
   sumTuples [] = (0,0)
   sumTuples((x,y):ts) = (x + sumX, y + sumY)
     where
        (sum X, sum Y) = sum Tuples ts
```

travel itself, with makeTuples in a where

```
travel :: [Char] -> [Char]
travel s
  | disp == (0,0) = "Got home"
  | otherwise = "Got lost;" ++ show (abs x + abs y) ++
               " from home"
  where
    tuples = makeTuples s
    disp@(x,y) = sumTuples tuples -- note "as pattern"
    makeTuples :: [Char] -> [(Int, Int)]
    makeTuples [] = []
    makeTuples (c:cs) = mapMove c : makeTuples cs
```

As is, mapMove and sumTuples are at the top level but makeTuples is hidden inside travel. How should they be arranged?

Sidebar: top-level vs. hidden functions

```
travel s
   disp == (0,0) = "Got home"
   otherwise = "Got lost;" ...
  where
    tuples = makeTuples s
    disp = sumTuples tuples
    makeTuples [] = []
    makeTuples (c:cs) =
       mapMove c:makeTuples cs
    mapMove 'n' = (0,1)
    mapMove 's' = (0,-1)
    mapMove 'e' = (1,0)
    mapMove 'w' = (-1,0)
    mapMove c = error ...
    sumTuples [] = (0,0)
```

Top-level functions can be tested after code is loaded but functions inside a where block are not visible.

The functions at left are hidden in the **where** block but they can easily be changed to top-level using a shift or two with an editor.

Note: Types are not shown, to save space.

```
sumTuples [] = (0,0)
sumTuples ((x,y):ts) = (x + sumX, y + sumY)
   where
      (sumX, sumY) = sumTuples ts
```

tally

Consider a function **tally** that counts character occurrences in a string:

```
> tally "a bean bag"
a 3
b 2
   2
g 1
n 1
e 1
```

Note that the characters are shown in order of decreasing frequency.

How can this problem be approached? In a nutshell: [('a',3),('b',2),(' ',2),('g',1),('n',1),('e',1)]

tally, continued

Let's start by writing **incEntry c tuples**, which takes a list of (*character, count*) tuples and produces a <u>new</u> list of tuples that reflects the addition of the character **c**.

```
incEntry::Char -> [(Char, Int)] -> [(Char, Int)]
```

Calls to incEntry with 't', 'o', 'o':

```
> incEntry 't' [] [('t',1)]
```

> incEntry 'o' it [('t',1),('o',1)]

> incEntry 'o' it [('t',1),('o',2)]

{- incEntry c tups

```
tups is a list of (Char, Int) tuples that indicate how many times a character has been seen. A possible value for tups: [('b',1),('a',2)]
```

incEntry produces a copy of tups with the count in the tuple containing the character c incremented by one.

If no tuple with c exists, one is created with a count of 1. -}

Next, let's write **mkentries s**. It calls **incEntry** for each character in the string **s** in turn and produces a list of (*char, count*) tuples.

```
mkentries :: [Char] -> [(Char, Int)]
```

```
Usage:
```

```
> mkentries "tupple"
[('t',1),('u',1),('p',2),('l',1),('e',1)]
> mkentries "cocoon"
[('c',2),('o',3),('n',1)]
```

Code:

```
mkentries :: [Char] -> [(Char, Int)]
mkentries s = mkentries' s []
where
mkentries' [] entries = entries
mkentries' (c:cs) entries =
mkentries' cs (incEntry c entries)
```

```
{- insert, isOrdered, and sort provide an insertion sort -}
insert v [] = [v]
insert v (x:xs)
  | isOrdered(v,x) = v:x:xs
   | otherwise = x:insert v xs
isOrdered ((\_, v1), (\_, v2)) = v1 > v2
sort [] = []
sort (x:xs) = insert x (sort xs)
> mkentries "cocoon"
[('c',2),('o',3),('n',1)]
> sort it
[('o',3),('c',2),('n',1)]
```

tally, continued

```
{- fmtEntries prints (char,count) tuples one per line -}
fmtEntries [] = ""
fmtEntries ((c, count):es) =
    [c] ++ " " ++ show count ++ "\n" ++ fmtEntries es
{- top-level function -}
tally s = putStr (fmtEntries (sort (mkentries s)))
> tally "cocoon"
03
c 2
n l
```

• How does this solution exemplify functional programming? (slide 33+)

Running tally from the command line

Let's run it on lectura...

% code=/cs/www/classes/cs372/fall22/haskell

```
% cat $code/tally.hs
```

... everything we've seen before and now a main:

main = do

bytes <- getContents -- reads all of standard input
tally bytes</pre>

% echo -n cocoon | runghc \$code/tally.hs

03

c 2

n l

tally from the command line, continued

\$code/genchars N generates N random letters:

```
% $code/genchars 20 KVQaVPEmClHRbgdkmMsQ
```

```
Lets tally a million letters:
```

```
% $code/genchars 1000000 |
```

time runghc \$code/tally.hs >out

21.79user 0.24system 0:22.06elapsed

% head -3 out

s 19553

V 19448

J 19437

tally from the command line, continued

Let's try a compiled executable.

```
% cd $code
% ghc --make -rtsopts tally.hs
% ls -l tally
-rwxrwx--- l whm whm 940968 Sep 13 12:09 tally
% ./genchars 1000000 > lm
% time ./tally < lm > out
```

real 0m5.554s user 0m5.393s sys 0m0.100s

tally performance in other languages

Here are user CPU times for implementations of **tally** in several languages. The same ten million <u>letter</u> file was used for all timings.

Language	Time in seconds; mean of two or more runs					
Haskell	57.284					
Ruby	18.589 (v2.7.0; much slower than 2.2.4 (or 1	.9.3?))				
Icon	8.248					
Python 3	1.131 Java'	?				
Python 2	0.824					
C w/ gcc -03	0.031 (2.97 for one <u>billion</u> letters)					

Our **tally** implementation is very simplistic. An implementation of **tally** by an expert Haskell programmer, Chris van Horne, ran in 1.71 seconds for one **billion** letters. (See **fall22/haskell/tally-cwvh[12].hs**.)

Then I revisited the C version (tally2.c) and processed one billion letters in 0.59 seconds.

Real world problem: "How many lectures?"

Here's an early question when planning a course for a particular semester:

"How many lectures will there be, and on what dates?"

```
How should we answer that question?

Do it on paper?

No!

Google for a course planning app?

No!

Let's write a Haskell program!

Cool!
```

classdays

```
One approach:

> classdays ...arguments...

#1 H 1/15  (for 2015...)

#2 T 1/20

#3 H 1/22

#4 T 1/27

#5 H 1/29
```

What information do the arguments need to specify? First and last day Pattern, like M-W-F or T-H How about holidays?

Arguments for classdays

Let's start with something simple:

```
> classdays (1,15) (5,6) [('H',5),('T',2)]
#1 H 1/15
#2 T 1/20
#3 H 1/22
#4 T 1/27
...
#32 T 5/5
>
```

The first and last days are represented with (month,day) tuples.

The third argument shows the pattern of class days: the first is a Thursday, and it's five days to the next class. The next is a Tuesday, and it's two days to the next class. Repeat!

Date handling

There's a **Data.Time.Calendar** module but writing two minimal date handling functions provides good practice.

- > toOrdinal (12,31)
 365 -- 12/31 is the last day of the year
- > fromOrdinal 32
 (2,1) The 32nd day of the year is February 1.

What's a minimal data structure that could help us? [(0,0),(1,31),(2,59),(3,90),(4,120),(5,151),(6,181),(7,212),(8,243),(9,273),(10,304),(11,334),(12,365)] (1,31) The last day in January is the 31st day of the year (7,212) The last day in July is the 212th day of the year

toOrdinal and fromOrdinal

```
offsets =
[(0,0),(1,31),(2,59),(3,90),(4,120),(5,151),(6,181),(7,212),(8,2)]
43),(9,273),(10,304),(11,334),(12,365)]
                                         > toOrdinal (12,31)
                                         365
toOrdinal (month, day) = days + day
  where
                                         > fromOrdinal 32
    (\_,days) = offsets!!(month-1)
                                          (2,1)
fromOrdinal ordDay =
    fromOrdinal' (reverse offsets) ordDay
  where
    fromOrdinal' ((month,lastDay):t) ordDay
       ordDay > lastDay = (month + 1, ordDay - lastDay)
       otherwise = fromOrdinal' t ordDay
    fromOrdinal' [] _ = error "invalid month?"
```

Recall:

```
> classdays (1,15) (5,6) [('H',5),('T',2)]
#1 H 1/15
#2 T 1/20
```

Ordinal dates for (1,15) and (5,6) are 15 and 126, respectively.

With the Thursday-Tuesday pattern we'd see the ordinal dates progressing like this:

Imagine this series of calls to a helper, showLecture:

```
showLecture 1 15 'H'
showLecture 2 20 'T'
showLecture 3 22 'H'
showLecture 4 27 'T'
...
showLecture 32 125 'T'
```

```
Desired output:
#1 H 1/15
#2 T 1/20
#3 H 1/22
#4 T 1/27
...
#32 T 5/5
```

What computations do we need to transform showLecture 1 15 'H' into "#1 H 1/15\n"?

We have: **showLecture** 1 15 'H'

We want: "#1 H 1/15"

1 is lecture #1; 15 is 15th day of year

```
Let's write showOrdinal :: Integer -> [Char] > showOrdinal 15 "1/15"
```

```
showOrdinal ordDay = show month ++ "/" ++ show day
where
  (month,day) = fromOrdinal ordDay
```

Now we can write showLecture:

```
showLecture lecNum ordDay dayOfWeek =
   "#" ++ show lecNum ++ " " ++ [dayOfWeek] ++
   " " ++ showOrdinal ordDay ++ "\n"
```

```
Recall:
showLecture 1 15 'H'
showLecture 2 20 'T'
...
showLecture 32 125 'T'
```

```
Desired output:
#1 H 1/15
#2 T 1/20
....
#32 T 5/5
```

Let's "cons up" a list out of the results of those calls...

```
> showLecture 1 15 'H':
    showLecture 2 20 'T':
    "...more...": -- I literally typed "...more..."
    showLecture 32 125 'T':[]
["#1 H 1/15\n","#2 T 1/20\n","...more...","#32 T 5/5\n"]
```

How close are the contents of that list to what we need?

Now lets imagine a recursive function **showLectures** that builds up a list of results from **showLecture** calls:

```
showLectures 1 15 126 [('H',5),('T',2)] "#1 H 1/15\n" showLectures 2 20 126 [(T',2),('H',5)] "#2 T 1/20\n"
```

showLectures 32 125 126 [('T',2),('H',5)] "#32 T 5/5\n" showLectures 33 127 126 [('H',5),('T',2)]

Result:

```
["#1 H 1/15\n","#2 T 1/20\n", ..., "#33 H 5/5\n"]
```

Now let's write **showLectures**:

```
showLectures lecNum thisDay lastDay (pair@(dayOfWeek, daysToNext):pairs)
```

thisDay > lastDay = []

classdays—top-level

```
Finally, a top-level function to get the ball rolling:
 classdays first last pattern = putStr (concat result)
   where
      result =
        showLectures 1 (toOrdinal first) (toOrdinal last) pattern
Usage:
 > classdays (1,15) (5,6) [('H',5),('T',2)]
 #1 H 1/15
 #2 T 1/20
 #3 H 1/22
 #31 H 4/30
 #32 T 5/5
```

Full source is in fall22/haskell/classdays.hs

Higher-order functions

Remember: Functions are values

Recall this fundamental characteristic of a functional language: Functions are values that can be used as flexibly as values of other types.

Here are some more examples of that. What do the following do? > (if 3 < 4 then head else last) 'abc''
'a'

$$> funcs = (tail, (:) 100)$$

$$> nums = [1..10]$$

Lists of functions

Is the following valid?

> [take, tail, init]

Couldn't match type `[a2]' with `Int'

Expected type: Int -> [a0] -> [a0]

Actual type: [a2] -> [a2]

In the expression: init

What's the problem? take does not have the same type as tail and init.

Puzzle: Make [take, tail, init] valid by adding two characters.

Comparing functions

Can functions be compared?

```
> add == (+)
```

- No instance for (Eq (Integer -> Integer -> Integer))
 arising from a use of '=='
- In the expression: add == (+) In an equation for 'it': it = add == (+)

You might see a proof based on this in CSC 473:

If we could determine if two arbitrary functions perform the same computation, we could solve *the halting problem*, which is considered to be unsolvable.

Because functions can't be compared, this version of length won't work for lists of functions: (len's type: (Num a, Eq t) => [t] -> a)

A simple higher-order function

Definition: A higher-order function is a function that (and/or)

- Has one or more arguments that are functions
- Returns a function

twice is a higher-order function with <u>two</u> arguments: f and x twice f x = f(f x)

```
What does it do?

> twice tail [1,2,3,4,5]

[3,4,5]
```

twice, continued

At hand:

```
> twice f x = f (f x)
> twice tail [1,2,3,4,5]
[3,4,5]
```

Let's make the left-associativity explicit:

```
> (twice tail) [1,2,3,4,5] [3,4,5]
```

Consider a partial application...

twice, continued

At hand:

```
> twice f x = f (f x)
> twice tail [1,2,3,4,5]
[3,4,5]
```

Let's give twice a partial application!

```
> twice (drop 2) [1..5] [5]
```

Let's make a partial application with a partial application!

```
> twice (drop 5)
<function>
> it ['a'..'z']
"klmnopqrstuvwxyz"
```

```
Try these!
twice (twice (drop 3)) [1..20]
twice (twice (take 3)) [1..20]
```

twice, continued

At hand:

twice
$$f x = f (f x)$$

What's the type of twice?

>:t twice

twice ::
$$(t -> t) -> t -> t$$

A higher-order function is... a function that (1) has one or more arguments that are functions and/or (2) returns a function.

Parentheses added to show precedence:

twice ::
$$(t - > t) - > (t - > t)$$

twice f x = $f(fx)$

What's the correspondence between the elements of the clause and the elements of the type?

The map function

The Prelude's map function

Recall double x = x * 2

map is a Prelude function that applies a function to each element of a list, producing a new list:

```
> map double [1..5]
    [2,4,6,8,10]
   > map length (words "a few words")
    [1,3,5]
   > map head (words "a few words")
    "afw"
Is map a higher order function?
   Yes! (Why?)
   Its first argument is a function.
```

map, continued

At hand:

```
> map double [1..5] [2,4,6,8,10]
```

Problem: Write map!

What is its type?

What's the relationship between the length of **map**'s input and output lists?

The lengths are <u>always</u> the same.

map, continued

More mapping:

- > map chr [97,32,98,105,103,32,99,97,116] "a big cat"
- > map isLetter it
 [True,False,True,True,True,False,True,True]
- > map not it [False,True,False,False,False,True,False,False]
- > map head (map show it) -- Note: show True is "True" "FTFFFTFFF"

Problem: Write a function **f** such that **map f values** "removes" the odd numbers from the list **values**.

Sidebar: map can go parallel

Another mapping:

```
> map windSpeed [loc1, loc2, loc3, ...] [8.7,12.3,10.2,...]
```

Equivalent:

[windSpeed loc1, windSpeed loc2, windSpeed loc3, ...]

- Because functions have no side effects we can immediately turn a mapping into a parallel computation.
- If a machine has 64 CPUs we might process a thousandelement list with sixteen(+/-) batches of 64-element maps.

See *Parallel and Concurrent Programming in Haskell* by Marlow

Google for MapReduce

map and partial applications

map and partial applications, cont.

```
What's going on here?
   > f = map double
   > f [1..5]
   [2,4,6,8,10]
   > map f [[1..3],[10..15]]
   [[2,4,6],[20,22,24,26,28,30]]
Here's the above in one step:
   > map (map double) [[1..3],[10..15]]
   [[2,4,6],[20,22,24,26,28,30]]
```

Here's one way to think about it: [(map double) [1..3], (map double) [10..15]]

Sections

Instead of using map (add 5) to add 5 to the values in a list, we should use a <u>section</u> instead: (it's the idiomatic way!)

More sections:

```
> map (10*) [1,2,3] [10,20,30]
```

> map (++"*") (words "a few words") ["a*","few*","words*"]

> map ("*"++) (words "a few words") ["*a","*few","*words"]

Sections, continued

Sections have one of two forms:

Iff the operator is commutative, the two forms are equivalent.

Sections aren't just for map; they're a general mechanism.

```
map in Python
```

```
Python 2:
   >>> map(len, "map in Python".split())
   [3, 2, 6]
   >>> type(map)
   <type 'builtin_function_or_method'>
Python 3:
   >>> map(len, "map in Python".split())
   <map object at 0x11418d240>
   >>> list(map(len, "map in Python".split()))
   [3, 2, 6]
   >>> type(map)
   <class 'type'>
```

map in Python, continued

```
>>> map(print, range(1,6))
<map object at 0x114187fd0>
>>> list( ) # in the Python REPL is like it in ghci
3
5
[None, None, None, None, None]
>>> map(print, range(1,100000000000000000000))
<map object at 0x114187fd0>
```

More: docs.python.org/3/library/functools.html

Bird's-eye view of higher order functions

"[Higher-order functions] allow common programming patterns to be encapsulated as functions." —Hutton, 2e

"..we can think of higher-order functions as control structures which we can define ourselves."—Thompson, 3e

Contrast:

- Design Patterns, by the "Gang of Four", provides a textual recipe for approaching common programming problems.
 "Making C++ Suck Less"—Vlissides
- Higher-order functions provide encapsulated units for common programming problems.
 (Instead of "write it this way...", it's "call this function".)

travel, revisited

Now that we're good at recursion...

Some of the problems on assignment 5 will encourage working with higher-order functions by prohibiting you from <u>writing</u> any recursive functions!

Think of it as isolating muscle groups when weight training.

Here's a simple way to avoid what's prohibited:

Pretend that you don't understand recursion!

What's a base case? Is it related to baseball?

Why would a function call itself? How's it stop?

Is a recursive plunge refreshing?

If you were UNIX machines, I'd do **chmod 0** on an appropriate section of your brains.

travel revisited

```
Recall our traveling robot: (slide 254+)
```

> travel "nnee"

"Got lost"

> travel "nnss"

"Got home"

Recall our approach:

Argument value: "nnee"

Mapped to tuples: (0,1) (0,1) (1,0) (1,0)

Sum of tuples: (2,2)

How can we solve it without writing any recursive functions?

travel, continued

```
Recall:
   >:t mapMove
   mapMove :: Char -> (Int, Int)
   > mapMove 'n'
   (0,1)
Now what?
   > map mapMove "nneen"
   [(0,1),(0,1),(1,0),(1,0),(0,1)]
   Can we sum the tuples with map?
      No!
```

travel, continued

```
We have:
```

```
> disps = map mapMove "nneen" [(0,1),(0,1),(1,0),(1,0),(0,1)]
```

We want: (2,3)

Any ideas?

> :t fst

fst :: (a, b) -> a

> map fst disps [0,0,1,1,0]

> map snd disps [1,1,0,0,1]

travel, revisited

```
We have:
   > disps= map mapMove "nneen"
   [(0,1),(0,1),(1,0),(1,0),(0,1)]
   > map fst disps
   [0,0,1,1,0]
   > map snd disps
   [1,1,0,0,1]
We want: (2,3)
Ideas?
   > :t sum
   sum :: Num a => [a] -> a
   > (sum (map fst disps), sum (map snd disps))
   (2,3)
```

travel—Final answer

```
travel :: [Char] -> [Char]

travel s

| totalDisp == (0,0) = "Got home"

| otherwise = "Got lost"

where

disps = map mapMove s

totalDisp = (sum (map fst disps),

sum (map snd disps))
```

Did we have to know of recursion to write this version of **travel**? No.

Did we write any recursive functions? No.

Did we <u>use</u> any recursive functions?

<u>Maybe</u>. But <u>using</u> recursive functions doesn't violate the prohibition at hand.

Filtering

Filtering

Another higher order function in the Prelude is filter:

- > filter odd [1..10] [1,3,5,7,9]
- > filter isDigit "(800) 555-1212" "8005551212"

What's **filter f list** doing?

Producing the values in **list** for which **f** returns **True**.

Note: Think of filter as filtering in, not filtering out.

What is the type of filter?

filter uses a predicate

filter's first argument (a function) is called a *predicate* because inclusion of each value is *predicated* on the result of calling that function with that value.

```
More...
```

```
> filter (<= 5) (filter odd [1..10]) [1,3,5]
```

```
> map (filter isDigit) ["br549", "24/7"] ["549", "247"]
```

For following, note that ('elem' ...) is a section.

> filter (`elem` "aeiou") "some words here"
"oeoee"

filter, continued

```
At hand:
   > filter odd [1..10]
   [1,3,5,7,9]
   >:t filter
   filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
Problem: Write filter!
   filter _ [] = []
   filter f (x:xs)
       | f x = x : filteredTail
        otherwise = filteredTail
    where
       filteredTail = filter f xs
```

Prelude functions that use predicates

Several Prelude functions use predicates. Here are two:

```
all :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> Bool
> all even [2,4,6,8]
True
> all even [2,4,6,7]
False
dropWhile :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
> dropWhile isSpace " testing "
"testing "
> dropWhile isLetter it
11 11
```

How could we find other Prelude functions that use predicates? % grep "(a -> Bool)" prelude.txt

map vs. filter

For reference:

[1,3,5,7,9]

```
> map double [1..10]
[2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20]
> filter odd [1..10]
```

map:

transforms a list of values
length input == length output

filter:

selects values from a list

0 <= length output <= length input

Python has **filter**, too. Ditto for JavaScript and many other languages. And, most higher-order functions are easy to write; a language simply needs to treat functions as values.

filter in Python

```
Here is filter in Python, along with two predicates:
   % cat haskell/filter.py
   def filter l (p, L):
     result = []
     for e in L:
        if p(e):
          result.append(e)
      return result
   def odd(n): return n \% 2 == 1
   def short(x): return len(x) < 4
   def filter2(p,L): return [e for e in L if p(e)]
```

filter in Python, continued

Usage: % python -i haskell/filter.py # -i loads the source file # and starts the REPL >> filterl(odd, [3,1,4,6,9]) [3, 1, 9] >>> filter1(short, "here are the words".split()) ['are', 'the'] >>> filter1(bool, ["abc", "", 1, 0, [False], 2 < 3])

There's a built-in filter, too!

['abc', 1, [False], True]

Anonymous functions

Anonymous functions

Imagine that for every number in a list we'd like to double it and then subtract five.

Here's one way to do it:

We could instead use an *anonymous function* to do the same thing:

$$> map(n -> n * 2 - 5)[1..5]$$

[-3,-1,1,3,5]

What benefits does the anonymous function provide?

```
At hand:

f n = n * 2 - 5 an anonymous function

map f [1..5]

vs.

map (\n -> n * 2 - 5) [1..5]
```

The most common use case for an anonymous function: (my speculation) Supply a simple "one-off" function to a higher-order function.

Anonymous functions...

VS.

- Directly associate a function's definition with its only use.
- Let us avoid the need to think up a good name for a function! ©
- Can be likened to not using an intermediate variable:

```
int t = a * 3 + g(a+b);  // Java
return f(t);
return f(a * 3 + g(a+b));
```

The general form of an anonymous function:

\ pattern1 ... patternN -> expression

Simple syntax suggestion: enclose the whole works in parentheses.

map
$$(n -> n * 2 - 5)$$
 [1..5]

These terms are synonymous with "anonymous function":

Lambda abstraction (H10)

Lambda expression

Just lambda (LYAH).

The \ character was chosen due to its similarity to λ (Greek lambda), used in the *lambda calculus*, another system for expressing computation.

```
What will ghci say?

> \x y -> x + y * 2

<function>

> it 3 4

11
```

 $\xy -> x + y * 2$ is an <u>expression</u> whose value is a function.

Here are three ways to bind the name **double** to a function that doubles a number:

double
$$x = x * 2$$

double = $\x - \x * 2$
double = (*2)

Anonymous functions are commonly used with higher order functions such as **map** and **filter**.

```
> map (\w -> (length w, w)) (words "a test now") [(1,"a"),(4,"test"),(3,"now")]
```

> filter ($x \rightarrow head x == last x$) (words "pop top suds") ["pop", "suds"]

Sidebar: Three languages

A simple anonymous function in Haskell... $> \s -> s ++ "-" ++ show (length s)$ <function> > it "abc" "abc-3" Python... >>> lambda s: s + '-' + str(len(s)) <function <lambda> at 0x10138af28> >>> _('abc') 'abc-3' and JavaScript... > f = function (s) { return s + '-' + s.length } > f("abc") "abc-3"

Larger example: longest

Example: longest line(s) in a file

Imagine a program to print the longest line(s) in a file, along with their line numbers:

```
% runghc longest.hs $f22/web2
72632:formaldehydesulphoxylate
140339:pathologicopsychological
175108:scientificophilosophical
200796:tetraiodophenolphthalein
203042:thyroparathyroidectomize
```

```
% head .../web2
A
a
aa
aal
aalii
aam
Aani
aardvark
...
```

<u>Imagining that we don't understand recursion</u>, how can we approach it in Haskell?

Let's work with a small file for development purposes:

```
% cat longest.1
data
to
test
```

readFile in the Prelude <u>lazily</u> returns the full contents of a file as a string:

```
> readFile "longest.l"
"data\nto\ntest\n"
```

Let's have a **longest** function that operates on a single string that represents the contents of a file:

```
> longest "data\nto\ntest\n"
"l:data\n3:test\n"
```

Let's work through a series of transformations of the data:

- > bytes = "data\nto\ntest\n"
- > lns = lines bytes
- $\rightarrow \ln s$

["data","to","test"]

Note: To save space in this example, we'll show the value bound immediately after each binding.

Let's use **zip3** and **map length** to create (length, line-number, line) triples:

```
> triples = zip3 (map length lns) [1..] lns [(4,1,"data"),(2,2,"to"),(4,3,"test")]
```

We have (length, line-number, line) triples at hand:

```
> triples [(4,1,"data"),(2,2,"to"),(4,3,"test")]
```

```
Let's use Data.List.sort :: Ord a => [a] -> [a] on them: > sortedTriples = reverse (Data.List.sort triples) [(4,3,"test"),(4,1,"data"),(2,2,"to")]a
```

Tuples are sorted based on their first value, with the second value resolving any ties, etc. (Just like Python.)

Why do we reverse the list?

"The **sort** function [...] is a special case of **sortBy**, which allows the programmer to supply their own comparison function."

At hand:

```
> sortedTriples [(4,3,"test"),(4,1,"data"),(2,2,"to")]
```

Let's make a helper function to get the first element of a 3-tuple:

Let's get the length of the longest word:

> maxLength = first (head sortedTriples)

4

We have a tie for the longest word! What to do?

The Prelude's takeWhile has this type:

$$(a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]$$

Speculate: What does takeWhile do?

Let's experiment!

> :t odd

odd :: Integral a => a -> Bool

> takeWhile odd [9, 13, 5, 12, 7] [9,13,5]

> takeWhile (>5) [9, 13, 5, 12, 7] [9,13]

```
At hand:
```

```
> sortedTriples
  [(4,3,"test"),(4,1,"data"),(2,2,"to")]
  > maxLength
  4
> maxTriples = takeWhile
   (\triple -> first triple == maxLength) sortedTriples
[(4,3,"test"),(4,1,"data")]
                             anonymous function for takeWhile
```

Should we have just used **filter** instead?

```
maxTriples = filter
    (\triple -> first triple == maxLength) sortedTriples
```

At hand:

```
> maxTriples
[(4,3,"test"),(4,1,"data")]
```

Let's map an anonymous function to turn the triples into lines prefixed with their line number:

We can now produce a ready-to-print result:

```
> result = unlines (reverse linesWithNums)
```

"l:data\n3:test\n"

Let's package up our work into a function: longest bytes = result where lns = lines bytes triples = zip3 (map length lns) [1..] lns sortedTriples = reverse (Data.List.sort triples) maxLength = first (head sortedTriples) maxTriples = takeWhile (\triple -> first triple == maxLength) sortedTriples linesWithNums = map (\(_,num,line) -> show num ++ ":" ++ line) maxTriples result = unlines (reverse linesWithNums)

 $first (x, _,) = x$

Look, Ma! No conditional code!

At hand:

longest, continued

> longest "data\nto\ntest\n"

"1:data\n3:test\n"

Let's add a main that handles command-line args and does I/O: % cat longest.hs import System.Environment (getArgs) import Data.List (sort)

longest bytes = ...from previous slide...

main = do -- 'do' "sequences" its expressions args <- getArgs -- Get command line args as list bytes <- readFile (head args) putStr (longest bytes)

Execution:

% runghc longest /usr/share/dict/words 42702:electroencephalograph's

Composition

Function composition

Definition:

The *composition* of functions f and g is a function c that for all values of x, (c x) equals (f (g x))

Here is a function that applies two functions in turn: compose f g x = f (g x)

How many arguments does compose have?

Its type:

$$(b -> c) -> (a -> b) -> a -> c$$

- > compose init tail [1..5] [2,3,4]
- compose signum negate 3-1

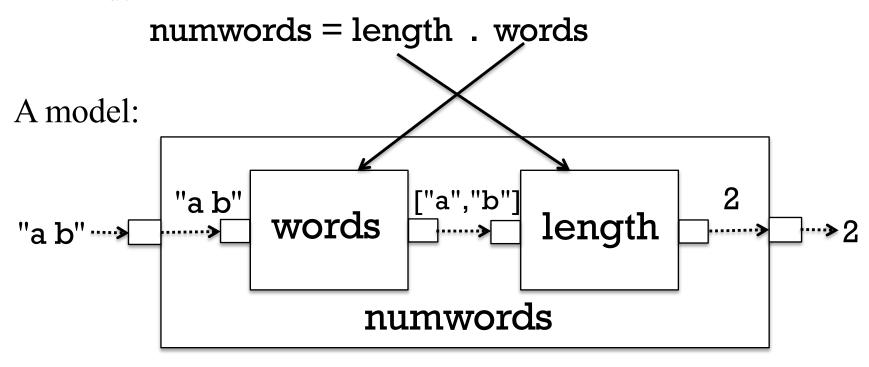
The Prelude binds the symbolic variable dot to a "compose" function:

$$(.) :: (b -> c) -> (a -> b) -> a -> c$$

<u>Dot is an operator whose operands are functions.</u> Its result is a function.

- > numwords = length . words
- > numwords
- <function>
- > numwords "just testing this"
- 3
- > map numwords ["a test", "up & down", "done"] [2,3,1]

At hand:



Usage:

> numwords "a b"

2

At hand:

```
numwords = length . words
```

What's the type of numwords?

```
> :t (.)
(.) :: (b -> c) -> (a -> b) -> a -> c

[t] -> Int String -> [String]
(length) (words)
```

>:t numwords

numwords::String->Int

Problem: Using composition create a function that returns the next-to-last element in a list:

```
> ntl [1..5]
4
> ntl "abc"
'b'
```

Two solutions:

```
ntl = head . tail . reverse
ntl = last . init
```

Problem: Recall twice f x = f (f x). Define twice as a composition.

Solution:

twice $f = f \cdot f$

Problem: Use composition to create a function that reverses the words in a string:

> f "flip these words around" "pilf eseht sdrow dnuora"

Hint: unwords is the inverse of words.

Solution:

f = unwords . (map reverse) . words

Problem: Create a function to <u>remove</u> the digits from a string:

```
> rmdigits "Thu Feb 6 19:13:34 MST 2014" "Thu Feb :: MST "
```

Solution:

> rmdigits = filter (not . isDigit)

Given the following, describe **f**:

$$> f = (*2) \cdot (+3)$$

Would an anonymous function be a better choice for **f**'s computation?

Recalling the following, what's the type of f?

head :: [a] -> a

length :: [a] -> Int

words::String -> [String]

show :: Show a => a -> String

f = head.show.length.words

Simple rule:

If a composition is valid, the type of the resulting function is based <u>only</u> on the input of the rightmost function and the output of the leftmost function.

What's the type of **f**?

String -> Char

Consider the following:

> s = "It's on!"

> map head (map show (map not (map isLetter s)))

"FFTFTFT"

Can we use composition to simplify it?

> map (head . show . not . isLetter) s

"FFTFTFT"

```
Question: Is

map f (map g x)

always equivalent to the following?

map (f.g) x
```

If **f** and **g** did output, how would the output of the two cases differ?

Mystery function

What would be a better name for the following function?

 $f2 = f \cdot f$ where $f = reverse \cdot dropWhile isSpace$

Credit: Eric Normand on Stack Overflow

Sidebar: A little Standard ML

```
- explode;
val it = fn : string -> char list
- implode;
val it = [#"a",#"b",#"c"] : char list
- implode it;
val it = "abc" : string
- rev;
```

Problem: Write revstr s, which reverses the string s.

- revstr "backwards";
val it = "sdrawkcab" : string

val it = fn : 'a list -> 'a list

Solution:

- val revstr = implode o rev o explode;val revstr = fn : string -> string ______

sml runs Standard ML on lectura



Point-free style

Recall rmdigits:

```
> rmdigits "Thu Feb 6 19:13:34 MST 2014" 
"Thu Feb :: MST "
```

What the difference between these two bindings for rmdigits? rmdigits s = filter (not . isDigit) s

```
rmdigits = filter (not . isDigit)
```

The latter version is said to be written in *point-free style*.

A point-free binding of a function f has NO parameters!

Point-free style, continued

I think of point-free style as a natural result of fully grasping partial application and operations like composition.

Although it was nameless, we've already seen examples of point-free style, such as these:

```
nthOdd = (!!) [1,3..]
t2 = twice tail
numwords = length . words
ntl = head . tail . reverse
```

There's nothing too special about point-free style but it does save some visual clutter. <u>It is commonly used.</u>

The term "point-free" comes from topology, where a point-free function operates on points that are not specifically cited.

Point-free style, continued

Problem: Using point-free style, bind **len** to a function that works like the Prelude's **length**.

```
Handy:
   >:t const
   const :: a -> b -> a
   > const 10 20
   10
   > const [1] "foo"
   [1]
Solution:
   len = sum.map (const 1)
```

See also: Tacit programming on Wikipedia

Hocus-pocus with higher order functions

Mystery function

```
What's this function doing?
```

$$f a = g$$
where
 $g b = a + b$

Type?

f::Num a => a -> a -> a

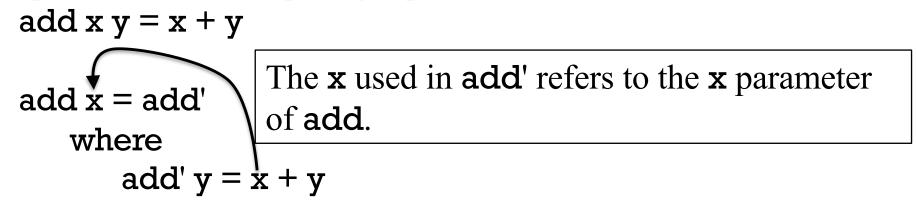
Interaction:

DIY Currying

Fact:

Curried function definitions are really just *syntactic sugar*—they just save some clutter. They don't provide something we can't do without.

Compare these two completely equivalent declarations for add:



The result of the call **add 5** is essentially this function:

add'
$$y = 5 + y$$

The combination of the code for **add**' and the binding for \mathbf{x} is known as a *closure*. It contains what's needed for execution at a future time.

Sidebar: Syntactic sugar

Peter Landin coined the term "syntactic sugar" in 1964.

A language construct that makes something easier to express but doesn't add a new capability is called *syntactic sugar*. It simply makes the language "sweeter" for human use.

What are some more examples of syntactic sugar in Haskell?

- We can say | otherwise = ... instead of | True = ...
- We can say "A#1" instead of ['A','#','1']
- ...instead of 'A':'#':'1':[]
- ...instead of '\65':'\35':'\49':[]
- We can say [1,3..10] instead of enumFromThenTo 1 3 10
- We can say ("<"++) str instead of ((++) "<") str.

What are examples of syntactic sugar in Python? Java? C?

DIY currying in JavaScript

<u>JavaScript</u> doesn't provide the syntactic sugar of curried function definitions but we can do this:

```
function add(x) {
    return function (y) { return x + y }
}
```

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- > add(5)(3)

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- > a5 = add(5)
 function (y) { return x + y }
- > [10,20,30].map(a5) [15, 25, 35]

Try it in Chrome!

View>Developer>
JavaScript Console
brings up a console.

Type in the code for add.

DIY currying in Python

```
>>> def add(x):
        return lambda y: x + y
>> f = add(5)
>>> type(f)
<type 'function'>
>>  list(map(f,[10,20,30]))
[15, 25, 35]
>>> list(map(add("*"),"a new test".split()))
['*a', '*new', '*test']
```

Another mystery function

Here's another mystery function:

Can you devise a call to m?

> m add 3 4 7

> m (++) "a" "b" "ba"

What is **m** doing?

At hand:

$$m f x y = f y x$$

m is actually a Prelude function named flip:

>:t flip

flip ::
$$(a -> b -> c) -> b -> a -> c$$

Recall take :: Int -> [a] -> [a]

- > flip take [1..10] 3 [1,2,3]
- > ftake = flip take
- > ftake [1..10] 3

[1,2,3]

flip, continued

From assignment 3:

```
> splits "abcd"
[("a","bcd"),("ab","cd"),("abc","d")]
```

Some students noticed the Prelude's **splitAt**:

```
> splitAt 2 [10,20,30,40]
([10,20],[30,40])
```

Problem: Write a non-recursive version of splits.

Solution:

```
splits list = map (flip splitAt list) [1..length (tail list)]
```

Spring '18 solution:

```
splits list = map (flip splitAt list) [1..(length list - 1)]
```

flip, continued

At hand:

```
flip f x y = f y x
```

```
> map (flip take "Haskell") [1..7] ["H","Has","Hask","Haske","Haskel","Haskel","Haskell"]
```

Problem: write a function that behaves like this:

```
> f 'a'
["a","aa","aaa","aaaa",...infinitely...
```

Solution:

```
f x = map (flip replicate x) [1..]
```

The \$ operator

\$ is the "application operator".
> :info (\$)
(\$) :: (a -> b) -> a -> b
infixr 0 \$ -- right associative infix operator with very
-- low precedence

The following binding of \$ uses an infix syntax:

$$f \$ x = f x$$
 -- Equivalent: (\$) $f x = f x$

Usage:

What is this operator good for?

The \$ operator, continued

\$ is a low precedence, <u>right</u> associative operator that applies a function to a value:

$$f$$
\$ $x = f$ x

Because + has higher precedence than \$, the expression negate \$ 3 + 4 groups like this:

negate \$ (3 + 4)

Problem: Rewrite the following to take advantage of \$: filter (>3) (map length (words "up and down"))

filter (>3) \$ map length \$ words "up and down"

Common mistake: Confusing \$ with . (composition)!

Currying the uncurried

Problem: We're given a function whose argument is a 2-tuple but we wish it were curried so we could map a partial application of it.

g:: (Int, Int) -> Int
g(x,y) =
$$x^2 + 3*x*y + 2*y^2$$

> g(3,4)

Solution: Curry g with curry from the Prelude!

> map (curry g 3) [1..10] [20,35,54,77,104,135,170,209,252,299]

Your problem: Write curry! (And don't peek ahead!)

Currying the uncurried, continued

```
At hand:
   g :: (Int, Int) -> Int
   > g(3,4)
   > map (curry g 3) [1..10]
   [20,35,54,77,104,135,170,209,252,299]
Here's curry:
   curry :: ((a, b) -> c) -> a -> b -> c
   curry f x y = f(x,y)
Usage:
   > cg = curry g
   >:type cg
   cq :: Int -> Int -> Int
   > cg 3 4
```

Currying the uncurried, continued

At hand:

curry ::
$$((a, b) -> c) -> a -> b -> c$$

curry f x y = f (x, y)

The key: (curry g 3) is a partial application of curry!

Call: curry g 3

$$\downarrow \downarrow$$

Del: curry f x y = f (x, y)

= g (3, y)

Currying the uncurried, continued

At hand:

```
curry :: ((a,b) -> c) -> (a -> b -> c) (parentheses added)
curry f x y = f (x, y)
```

> map (curry g 3) [1..5] [20,35,54,77,104]

```
Effectively turns

g(x,y) = x^2 + 3*x*y + 2*y^2

into

gyx = ...
```

Let's get flip into the game!

```
> map(flip (curry g) 4) [1..5] [45,60,77,96,117]
```

The counterpart of **curry** is **uncurry**:

```
> uncurry (+) (3,4) 7
```

```
A curry function for JavaScript
function curry(f) {
   return function(x) {
      return function (y) { return f(x,y) }
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> function add(x,y) {return x + y}
  undefined
> c_add = curry(add)
  function (x) { return function (y) { return f(x,y) } }
> add_5 = c_add(5)
  function (y) { return f(x,y) }
> [10,20,30] map(add_5)
  [15, 25, 35]
```

Folding

Reduction

We can *reduce* a list by a binary operator by inserting that operator between the elements in the list:

Reduction, continued

At hand:

```
> reduce (+) [1,2,3,4] 10
```

An implementation of reduce:

```
reduce _ [] = error "emptyList"
reduce _ [x] = x
reduce op (x:xs) = x `op` reduce op xs
```

or

$$1 + (2 + (3 + 4))$$
?

[Dropped question re grouping...]

foldl1 and foldr1

In the Prelude there's no reduce but there is fold1 and foldr1.

```
> foldl1 (+) [1..4]
10
> foldl1 max "maximum"
'X'
> foldl1 (/) [1,2,3]
> foldr1 (/) [1,2,3]
                  -- behaves like right associative: 1 / (2 / 3)
1.5
```

The types of both foldl1 and foldr1 are $(a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow a$.

foldl1 vs. foldl

Another folding function is fold! (no 1). Let's compare the types of fold! and fold!

```
foldl1:: (a -> a -> a) -> [a] -> a
foldl:: (a -> b -> a) -> a -> [b] -> a
```

What's different between them? (No peeking—eyes on the screen!)

First difference: foldl requires one more argument:

```
> foldl (+) <u>0</u> [1..10]

55

> foldl (+) <u>100</u> []

100

> foldl<u>1</u> (+) []

*** Exception: Prelude.foldl1: empty list
```

fold11 vs. fold1, continued

Again, the types:

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

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

Second difference:

fold can fold a <u>list of values</u> into a <u>different type!</u> (This is <u>BIG!</u>)

Examples:

```
> foldl f1 0 ["just","a","test"]
```

3 -- folded strings into a number

```
> foldl f2 "stars: " [3,1,2]
```

"stars: ******" -- folded numbers into a string

-- folded two-tuples into a sum of products

foldl

For reference:

Here's another view of the type: (acm_t stands for accumulator type) foldl :: (acm_t -> elem_t -> acm_t) -> acm_t -> [elem_t] -> acm_t

fold takes three arguments:

- 1. A function that takes an accumulated value and an element value and produces a new accumulated value
- 2. An initial accumulated value
- 3. A list of elements

"stars: *****

Recall:

```
> foldl f1 0 ["just","a","test"]
3
> foldl f2 "stars: " [3,1,2]
```

```
Recall:
```

```
> foldl f1 0 ["just","a","test"]
```

3

Here are the computations that foldl did to produce that result

```
> f1 0 "just"1> f1 it "a"2> f1 it "test"3
```

Let's do it in one expression, using backquotes to infix f1:

```
> ((0 `f1` "just") `f1` "a") `f1` "test" 3
```

foldl, continued

At hand:

```
> f1 0 "just"

1
> f1 it "a"

2
> f1 it "test"

3
```

```
For reference: > foldl f1 0 ["just","a","test"]
```

Problem: Write a function f1 that behaves like above.

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Starter:

```
f1 :: acm_t -> elem_t -> acm_t
f1 acm elem = acm + 1
```

Congratulations! You just wrote a folding function!

```
Recall: > foldl f2 "stars: " [3,1,2] "stars: *****
```

Here's what fold does with f2 and the initial value, "stars: ":

```
> f2 "stars: " 3
"stars: ***"
> f2 it 1
"stars: ****"
> f2 it 2
"stars: ******"
```

Write f2, with this starter:

```
f2 :: acm_t -> elem_t -> acm_t
f2 acm elem = acm ++ replicate elem '*'
```

Look! You wrote another folding function!

Folding abstracts a common pattern of computation:

A series of values contribute one-by-one to an accumulating result.

The challenge of folding is to envision a function that takes <u>nothing</u> but an accumulated value (acm) and a single list element (elem) and produces a result that reflects the contribution of elem to acm.

f2 acm elem = acm ++ replicate elem '*'

We then call fold with (1) the folding function, (2) an appropriate initial value, and (3) a list of values.

foldl f2 "stars: " [3,1,2]

foldl <u>orchestrates</u> the computation by making a series of calls to the folding function.

> (("stars: " `f2` 3) `f2` 1) `f2` 2

"stars: *****

SUPER IMPORTANT: A folding function NEVER sees the list!

foldl, continued

```
Recall:
```

```
> foldl f3 0 [(1,1),(2,3),(5,10)]
57
```

Here are the calls that fold will make:

```
> f3 0 (1,1)
1
> f3 it (2,3)
7
> f3 it (5,10)
57
```

Problem: write f3! f3 acm (a,b) = acm + a * b

foldl, continued

```
Remember that
fold f 0 [10,20,30]
is like
((0 `f` 10) `f` 20) `f` 30
```

Here's an implementation of foldl:

```
foldl f acm [] = acm
foldl f acm (elem:elems) = foldl f (acm `f` elem) elems
```

We can implement foldl1 in terms of foldl:

```
foldl1 f (x1:xs) = foldl f x1 xs
foldl1 _ [] = error "emptyList"
```

A non-recursive countEO

Let's use folding to implement our even/odd counter non-recursively.

```
> countEO [3,4,7,9] (1,3)
```

Often a good place to start on a folding is to <u>figure out what the initial</u> <u>accumulator value should be</u>. What should it be for countEO? (0,0)

Given countEO [3,4,7,9], what will be the calls to the folding function?

```
> f (0,0) 3
  (0,1)
> f it 4
  (1,1)
> f it 7
  (1,2)
> f it 9
  (1,3)
```

```
Problem: Write the folding function
f (evens, odds) elem
| even elem = (evens + 1, odds)
| otherwise = (evens, odds + 1)

Problem: Write countEO as a foldl with f
```

countEO nums = foldl f (0,0) nums

Folds with anonymous functions

Anonymous functions are often used for folds.

```
Here are three earlier folds with anonymous functions:

> foldl (\acm _ -> acm + 1) 0 ["just","a","test"]

3

> foldl (\acm elem -> acm ++ replicate elem '*') "stars: " [3,1,2] "stars: *****"

> foldl (\acm (a,b) -> acm + a * b) 0 [(1,1),(2,3),(5,10)]

57
```

fold<u>r</u>

The counterpart of foldl is foldr. Compare their meanings:

"zero" represents the computation-specific initial accumulated value. Note that with foldl, zero is leftmost; but with foldr, zero is rightmost.

Their types, with long type variables:

foldl :: (<u>acm</u> -> val -> acm) -> acm -> [val] -> acm

foldr :: (val -> <u>acm</u> -> acm) -> acm -> [val] -> acm

Mnemonic aid:

fold<u>l</u>'s folding function has the accumulator on the <u>l</u>eft. fold<u>r</u>'s folding function has the accumulator on the <u>right</u>.

foldr, continued

Because cons (:) is right-associative, folds that produce lists are often done with foldr.

Imagine a function that keeps the odd numbers in a list:

```
[5,3]

Implementation, with fold<u>r</u>:

keepOdds list = foldr f [] list

where

f elem acm

odd elem = elem : acm

otherwise = acm
```

> keepOdds [5,4,2,3]

```
What are the calls to the folding
function?
   > f 3 [] -- rightmost first!
   [3]
   > f 2 it
   [3]
   > f 4 it
   [3]
   > f 5 it
   [5,3]
```

filter and map with folds?

keepOdds could have been defined using filter: keepOdds = filter odd

```
Can we implement filter as a fold?

filter predicate list = foldr f [] list

where

f elem acm

| predicate elem = elem : acm

| otherwise = acm
```

Problem: Implement map as a fold map f = foldr (\elem acm -> f elem : acm) []

Is folding One Operation to Implement Them All?

paired with a fold

```
Can a3's paired be done with a fold?
> paired "((())())"
True
```

Sure!

```
counter (-1) _ = -1
counter total '(' = total + 1
counter total ')' = total - 1
counter total _ = total
```

paired s = foldl counter 0 s == 0

paired is a fold with a simple *wrapper*, to test the result of the fold.

A progression of folds

Let's do a progression of folds related to finding vowels in a string.

First, let's count vowels in a string with a fold:

Next, let's produce both a count and the vowels themselves:

A progression of folds, continued

Finally, let's write a function that produces a list of vowels and their positions:

```
> vowelPositions "Now for some Prolog!" [('o',1),('o',5),('o',9),('e',11),('o',15),('o',17)]
```

Solution:

The **fold**l produces a 2-tuple whose first element is the result, a list, but in reverse order.

This is another function that's a fold with a wrapper, like paired.

map vs. filter vs. folding

map:

transforms a list of values
length input == length output

filter:

selects values from a list

0 <= length output <= length input

folding

Input: An initial accumulator value and a list of values Output: A value of any type and complexity

True or false?

Any operation that processes a list can be expressed in a terms of a fold, perhaps with a simple wrapper.

We can fold a list of anythings into anything! Far-fetched foldings:

Refrigerators in Gould-Simpson to ((grams fat, grams protein, grams carbs), calories)

```
Keyboards in Gould-Simpson to [("a", # of "a" keys), ("b", #), ..., ("$", #), ("CMD", #)]
```

```
[Backpack] to
   (# pens, pounds of paper,
   [(title, author, [page #s with the word "computer")])
```

[Furniture]

to a structure of 3D vertices representing a *convex hull* that could hold any single piece of furniture.

In conclusion...

If we had a whole semester...

If we had a whole semester to study functional programming, here's what might be next:

- Exploration of lazy/non-strict evaluation
- Infinite data structures, such as x = 1: x
- Implications and benefits of referential transparency (which means that the value of a given expression is always the same).
- Monads (for representing sequential computations, including I/O)
- Functors (structures that can be mapped over)
- Monoids (a set of things with a binary operation over them)
- Zippers (a structure for traversing and updating another structure)
- And LOTS more!

Even if you never use Haskell again...

Recursion and techniques with higher-order functions can be used in most languages. Some examples:

JavaScript, Python, PHP, all flavors of Lisp, and lots of others: Functions are "first-class" values; anonymous functions are supported.

Pass a function pointer to a recursive function that traverses a tree and applies the function to each node.

C# Excellent support for functional programming with the language itself, and LINQ, too. There's F#, too!

Java

Lambda expressions were added in Java 8, released in 2014.

OCaml

"an industrial strength programming language supporting functional, imperative and object-oriented styles" — **OCaml.org** http://www.ffconsultancy.com/languages/ray_tracer/comparison.html