

Chapter 8: Applicative and traversable functors

Part 2: Their laws and structure

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Motivation for applicative laws. Naturality for `map2`

Treat `map2` as a replacement for a monadic block with independent effects:

<code>for {</code>	<code>map2 (</code>
<code> x ← cont1</code>	<code> cont1,</code>
<code> y ← cont2</code>	<code> cont2</code>
<code>} yield g(x, y)</code>	<code>) { (x, y) ⇒ g(x, y) }</code>

- Main idea: Formulate the monad laws in terms of `map2` and `pure`

Naturality laws: Manipulate data in one of the containers

<code>for {</code>	<code>for {</code>
<code> x ← cont1.map(f)</code>	<code> x ← cont1</code>
<code> y ← cont2</code>	<code> y ← cont2</code>
<code>} yield g(x, y)</code>	<code>} yield g(f(x), y)</code>

and similarly for `cont2` instead of `cont1`; now rewrite in terms of `for map2`:

- **Left naturality** for `map2`:

```
map2(cont1.map(f), cont2)(g)
= map2(cont1, cont2){ (x, y) ⇒ g(f(x), y) }
```

- **Right naturality** for `map2`:

```
map2(cont1, cont2.map(f))(g)
= map2(cont1, cont2){ (x, y) ⇒ g(x, f(y)) }
```

Associativity and identity laws for `map2`

Inline two generators out of three, in two different ways:

```
for {
  x ← cont1
  (y, z) ← for {
    yy ← cont2
    zz ← cont3
  } yield (yy, zz)
} yield g(x, y, z)

for {
  (x, y) ← for {
    xx ← cont1
    yy ← cont2
  } yield (xx, yy)
  z ← cont3
} yield g(x, y, z)
```

Write this in terms of `map2` to obtain the **associativity law** for `map2`:

```
map2(cont1, map2(cont2, cont3)((_,_)) { case(x,(y,z)) ⇒ g(x,y,z) })
= map2(map2(cont1, cont2)((_,_)), cont3) { case((x,y),z) ⇒ g(x,y,z) }
```

Empty context precedes a generator, or follows a generator:

```
for { x ← pure(a)
      y ← cont
    } yield g(x, y)

for {
  y ← cont
} yield g(a, y)
```

Write this in terms of `map2` to obtain the **identity laws** for `map2` and `pure`:

```
map2(pure(a), cont)(g) = cont.map { y ⇒ g(a, y) }
map2(cont, pure(b))(g) = cont.map { x ⇒ g(x, b) }
```

Deriving the `ap` operation from `map2`

Can we avoid having to define map_n separately for each n ?

- Use curried arguments, $\text{fmap}_2 : (A \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow Z) \Rightarrow F^A \Rightarrow F^B \Rightarrow F^Z$
- Set $A = B \Rightarrow Z$ and apply fmap_2 to the identity $\text{id}^{(B \Rightarrow Z) \Rightarrow (B \Rightarrow Z)}$:
obtain $\text{ap}^{[B, Z]} : F^{B \Rightarrow Z} \Rightarrow F^B \Rightarrow F^Z \equiv \text{fmap}_2 (\text{id})$
- The functions `fmap2` and `ap` are computationally equivalent:

$$\text{fmap}_2 f^{A \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow Z} = \text{fmap } f \circ \text{ap}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & F^{B \Rightarrow Z} & \\ \text{fmap } f \nearrow & & \searrow \text{ap} \\ F^A & \xrightarrow{\text{fmap}_2 (f^{A \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow Z})} & (F^B \Rightarrow F^Z) \end{array}$$

- The functions `fmap3`, `fmap4` etc. can be defined similarly:

$$\text{fmap}_3 f^{A \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow C \Rightarrow Z} = \text{fmap } f \circ \text{ap} \circ \text{fmap}_{F^B \Rightarrow ?} \text{ap}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & F^{B \Rightarrow C \Rightarrow Z} & \xrightarrow{\text{ap}^{[B, C \Rightarrow Z]}} & (F^B \Rightarrow F^{C \Rightarrow Z}) & \xrightarrow{\text{fmap}_{F^B \Rightarrow ?} \text{ap}^{[C, Z]}} & (F^B \Rightarrow F^C \Rightarrow F^Z) \\ & \text{fmap } f \nearrow & & & & & \\ F^A & \xrightarrow{\text{fmap}_3 (f^{A \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow C \Rightarrow Z})} & & & & & \end{array}$$

Intuition: the `zip` operation on lists

- Note: Function types $A \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow C$ and $A \times B \Rightarrow C$ are equivalent
- Uncurry fmap_2 to $\text{fmap2} : (A \times B \Rightarrow C) \Rightarrow F^A \times F^B \Rightarrow F^C$
- Compute $\text{fmap2}(f)$ with $f = \text{id}^{A \times B \Rightarrow A \times B}$, expecting to obtain a simpler natural transformation:

$$\text{zip} : F^A \times F^B \Rightarrow F^{A \times B}$$

- This is quite similar to `zip` for lists:
`List(1, 2).zip(List(10, 20)) = List((1, 10), (2, 20))`
- The functions `zip` and `fmap2` are computationally equivalent:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{zip} &= \text{fmap2}(\text{id}) \\ \text{fmap2}(f^{A \times B \Rightarrow C}) &= \text{zip} \circ \text{fmap } f\end{aligned}$$

A commutative triangle diagram illustrating the relationship between the `zip` function, the `fmap2` function, and the `fmap` function. The diagram consists of three nodes: $F^A \times F^B$ at the bottom-left, $F^{A \times B}$ at the top, and F^C at the bottom-right. An arrow labeled `zip` points from $F^A \times F^B$ to $F^{A \times B}$. An arrow labeled `fmap2` with $f^{A \times B \Rightarrow C}$ below it points from $F^A \times F^B$ to F^C . An arrow labeled `fmap` with $f^{A \times B \Rightarrow C}$ above it points from $F^{A \times B}$ to F^C .

- The functor F is “zippable” if such a `zip` exists

Deriving the `ap` operation from `zip`

- Set $A \equiv B \Rightarrow C$, get $\text{zip}^{[B \Rightarrow C, B]} : F^{B \Rightarrow C} \times F^B \Rightarrow F^{(B \Rightarrow C) \times B}$
- Use `eval` : $(B \Rightarrow C) \times B \Rightarrow C$ and $\text{fmap}(\text{eval}) : F^{(B \Rightarrow C) \times B} \Rightarrow F^C$
- Uncurry: $\text{app}^{[B, C]} : F^{B \Rightarrow C} \times F^B \Rightarrow F^C \equiv \text{zip} \circ \text{fmap}(\text{eval})$
- The functions `zip` and `app` are computationally equivalent:
 - ▶ use $\text{pair} : (A \Rightarrow B \Rightarrow A \times B) = a^A \Rightarrow b^B \Rightarrow a \times b$
 - ▶ use $\text{fmap}(\text{pair}) \equiv \text{pair}^\uparrow$ on an fa^{F^A} , get $(\text{pair}^\uparrow fa) : F^{B \Rightarrow A \times B}$; then

$$\text{zip}(fa \times fb) = \text{app}\left((\text{pair}^\uparrow fa) \times fb\right)$$

$$\text{app}^{[B \Rightarrow C, B]} = \text{zip}^{[B \Rightarrow C, B]} \circ \text{fmap}(\text{eval})$$

$$F^{B \Rightarrow C} \times F^B \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{zip}} F^{(B \Rightarrow C) \times B} \\ \xrightarrow{\text{app}^{[B \Rightarrow C, B]}} F^C \\ \searrow \text{fmap}(\text{eval}) \end{array}$$

- Rewrite this using curried arguments: $\text{fzip}^{[A, B]} : F^A \Rightarrow F^B \Rightarrow F^{A \times B}$; $\text{ap}^{[B, C]} : F^{B \Rightarrow C} \Rightarrow F^B \Rightarrow F^C$; then $\text{ap } f = \text{fzip } f \circ \text{fmap}(\text{eval})$.
- Now $\text{fzip } p^{F^A} q^{F^B} = \text{ap}(\text{pair}^\uparrow p) q$, hence we may omit the argument q : $\text{fzip} = \text{pair}^\uparrow \circ \text{ap}$. With explicit types: $\text{fzip}^{[A, B]} = \text{pair}^\uparrow \circ \text{ap}^{[B, A \Rightarrow B]}$.