Functional programming, Seminar No. 4

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- study pattern matching and such type constructions as algebraic data types, new types, type synonyms, and records
- learn folds
- talk about lazy evalution enforcing more systematically

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- One needs to check that constructors `(,)` and `( : )` are relevant.
- In the call `swap (45, True)`, variables `a` and `b` are binded with the values `45` and `True`.
- In the call `lenght [1,2,3]`, variables `x` and `xs` are binded with the values `1` and `[2,3]`

Algebraic data types. Enumerations

- The simplest example of an algebraic data type is a data type defined with an enumeration of constructors that stores no values.

```haskell
data Colour = Red | Blue | Green | Purple | Yellow
  deriving (Show, Eq)
```

- The example of pattern matching for this data type

```haskell
isRGB :: Colour -> Bool
isRGB Red = True
isRGB Blue = True
isRGB Green = True
isRGB _     = False        -- Wild-card
```

Algebraic data types. Products

- The example of a product data type:

```
data Point = Point Double Double
  deriving Show
```

```
> :type Point
Point :: Double -> Double -> Point
```

- The example of a function

```
taxCab :: Point -> Point -> Double
taxCab (Point x1 y1) (Point x2 y2) =
  abs (x1 - x2) + abs (y1 - y2)
```

- The example in a GHCi session

```
> taxCab (Point 3.0 5.0) (Point 7.0 9.0)
8.0
```

Polymorphic data types

- The point data type might parametrised with a polymorphic type:

```
data Point a = Point a a
  deriving Show
```

```
data Point a = Pt a a
  deriving Show
```

- The type of the `Point` constructor

```
> :type Point
Point :: a -> a -> Point a
```

- `Point` is a type operator. One also has a type (kind) system for type operators:

```
> :k Point
Point :: * -> *
```

Polymorphic data types and type classes

- Suppose we have a function:

```haskell
midPoint :: Fractional a => Point a -> Point a -> Point a
midPoint (Pt x1 y1) (Pt x2 y2) = Pt ((x1 + x2) / 2) ((y1 + y2) / 2)
```

- Playing with GHCi:

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- The type of point is a polymorphic itself. But one needs to use ad hoc polymorphism (the `Fractional` context) to apply division.
- On the other hand, polymorphism here is ambiguous. The fractional type is `Double` by default. Haskell has a defaulting mechanism for numerical data types

Inductive data types

- The list is the first example of an inductive data type

```haskell
data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)
  deriving Show
```

- Data constructors are `Nil :: List a` and `Cons :: a -> List a -> List a`
- The processing of such data types: pattern matching and recursion

```haskell
concat :: List a -> List a -> List a
concat Nil ys = ys
concat (Cons x xs) ys = Cons x (xs `concat` ys)
```

- The GHCi session:

```haskell
> x = Cons 'a' (Cons 'b' Nil)
> y = Cons 'c' (Cons 'd' Nil)
> concat x y
Cons 'a' (Cons 'b' (Cons 'c' (Cons 'd' Nil)))
```

Standard lists

- The list data type is a default one, but its approximate definition is the following one:

```
infixr 5 :
data [] a = [] | a : ([] a)
  deriving Show
```

- Some syntax sugar

```
 [1,2,3,4] == 1 : 2 : 3 : 4 : []
```

- The example of a definition with built-in lists:

```
infixr 5 ++
(++) :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
(++) []     ys = ys
(++) (x:xs) ys = x : xs ++ ys
```

case ... of ... expressions

- case ... of ... expressions allows one to perform pattern matching everywhere

```
filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
filter p [] = []
filter p (x : xs) =
  case p x of
    True -> x : filter p xs
    False -> filter p xs
```

- The pattern matching from the previous slide is a syntax sugar for the corresponding case ... of ... expression

Semantical aspects of pattern matching

- Pattern matching is performed from up to down and from left to right after that.
- Pattern matching is either
  - succeed
  - or failed
  - or diverged
- Here is an example:

```
foo (1,4) = 7
foo (0,_) = 8
```

- `(0, undefined)` fails in the first case and it's succeed in the second one
- `(undefined, 0)` is diverged automatically
- `(2,1)` is a diverged pattern
- What about `(1,7-3)`?

As-patterns

- Suppose we have the following function

```haskell
dupHead :: [a] -> [a]
dupHead (x : xs) = x : x : xs
```

- One may rewrite this function as follows:

```haskell
dupHead :: [a] -> [a]
dupHead s@(x : xs) = x : s
```

- Here, the name `s` is assigned to the whole pattern `x : xs`
- In fact, such a construction is a syntax sugar for the following one. It is not so hard to ensure that both functions have the same behaviour

```haskell
dupHead :: [a] -> [a]
dupHead (x : xs) =
  let s = (x : xs) in x : s
```

Irrefutable patterns

- Irrefutable patterns are wild-cards, variables, and lazy patterns
- The example of a lazy pattern:

```
> (***) f g (a,b) = (f a, g b)
> (const 2 *** const 1) undefined
*** Exception: Prelude.undefined
> (***) f g ~(a,b) = (f a, g b)
> const 2 *** const 1 $ undefined
(2,1)
```

The newtype and type declarations

- The keyword `type` allows one to introduce type synonyms. The example given

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

- In Haskell, the string data type type is merely a type synonym for the list of characters
- The keyword `newtype` defined a new type with the single constructor that packs an existing types

```
newtype Age = Age Int
```

- The same type `Age` defined with the equipped function `runAge`

```
newtype Age = Age { runAge :: Int }
```

- The type of `runAge`

```
> :t runAge
runAge :: Age -> Int
```

Field labels

- Sometimes product data types are too cumbersome:

```haskell
data Person = Person String String Int Float String
```

- As an alternative, one may define a data type with field labels

```haskell
data Person =
  Person { firstName  :: String
         , lastName :: String
         , age  :: Int
         , height  :: Float
         , phoneNumber :: String
         }
```

- Such a data type is a record with accessors, e.g. `firstName :: Person -> String`
- In fact, this data type is a product with accessor function

Field labels and type classes

- Let us recall the `Eq` type class once more

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

instance Eq Int where
  x == y = x `eqInt` y

isZero :: Int -> Bool
isZero x = if x == y then True else False
```

- In fact, type classes are syntax sugar for records defined with field labels
- The constraint `Eq a` is an additional argument

Field labels and type classes

- The previous listing has the following meaning (very roughly):

```
data Eq a =
  Eq { eq :: a -> a -> Bool
     , neq :: a -> a -> Bool
     }

intInstance :: Eq Int
intInstance = Eq eqInt (\x y -> not $ x `eqInt` y)

isZero :: Int -> Bool
isZero x = if (eq eqInstance) x 0 then True else False
```

Some of standard algebraic data types

- The `Maybe` a data type allows one to define an optional value:

```
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a

maybe :: b -> (a -> b) -> Maybe a -> b
maybe b _ Nothing = b
maybe b f (Just x) = f x
```

- The simple example given

```
safeHead :: [a] -> Maybe a
safeHead [] = Nothing
safeHead (x : _) = Just x
```

```
\item The GHCi session:
> maybe (maxBound :: Int) (+ 176) (safeHead [])
9223372036854775807
> maybe (maxBound :: Int) (+ 176) (safeHead [1..1500])
177
```

Some of standard algebraic data types

- The `Either` data type describes one or the other value

```
data Either e a = Left e | Right a

either :: (a -> c) -> (b -> c) -> Either a b -> c
either f _ (Left x) = f x
either _ g (Right x) = g x
```

- The example given:

```
safeTail :: [a] -> Either String [a]
safeTail [] = Left "I have no tail, mate"
safeTail (_ : xs) = Right xs
```

- The GHCi example

```
> either id (map succ) (safeTail [])
"I have no tail, mate"
> either id (map succ) (safeTail "\USdmbqxos\USld+\USokd`rd")
"encrypt me, please"
```

Strictness in Haskell. The seq function

Strictness in Haskell. The strict application

Strictness in Haskell. Bang patterns