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#### **Functional Programming**

#### 3. The Functional Paradigm

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#### **Programming Paradigms**

- Imperative: Use statements, e.g. assignment statements
  - o Explicitly change the state / the memory of the computer
- Logic: Use terms of mathematical logic (mainly first-order logic)
  - · Reasoning with relations
- Functional: Evaluate mathematical functions
  - o Define functions without side-effects / no state
- Object-Oriented: associate behaviour with data-structures (objects), belonging to classes, structured into a hierarchy
  - o Change the state of objects, communicate between objects
- Most programming languages use multiple paradigms, but have a preference

### The Imperative Paradigm

- Computers have re-usable memory that can change state
  - o Imperative languages are explicitly based on von Neumann-Zuse computer architectures
- Statements affect the state of the machine
  - o Mathematically this means a sequence of values is associated with a variable/state x
  - $\circ [x(1),...,x(t),...]$  where t is a discrete time variable
  - o Becomes increasingly complicated as the state-changes
- Imperative languages can relatively easily be translated into efficient machine-code
  - o They are considered to be highly efficient
- Many people find the imperative paradigm quite natural
- Such languages do have functional features (e.g. arithmetic expression, etc.)

#### The Logic Paradigm

- Logical paradigm focuses on predicate logic
  - o Basic concept is a relation

- Useful for problems where it is no obvious what the functions should be
  - o Search and construct valid relations
  - o To answer questions
- Mathematical logic plays key role in computation, since Boolean logic is basis of the design of logic circuits
- Of course, we can create a functional definition of a logic evaluation procedure

#### The Functional Paradigm

- Emphasis on evaluating mathematical functions
  - o Combined into expressions
  - o Based on lambda calculus
- While common in other languages, pure functional languages have no side-effects
  - Makes proofing correctness simple
  - $\circ$  E.g.  $f(x) * f(x) == f(x)^2$  (not true if f has side-effects)
- Often functional programs are less efficient compared to imperative programs
  - Recursion can be expensive (but does not have to be)
  - o Absence of side-effects requires more memory (hard to determine which memory can be reused)

#### The Object-Oriented Paradigm

- OO associates data with behaviour to create objects
  - o Methods change the state of objects (not a procedure operating on data)
  - o Objects have a class indicating their behaviour
  - o Often classes have a hierarchy to group behaviour and enable inheritance
  - o Behaviour is encapsulated to allow only legitimate enquiries
- Based on closures
  - o An association of behaviour (i.e. some code) with data
  - o Data can only be accessed by passing appropriate arguments

## The Object-Oriented Paradigm

- Focus is on the data, not functions
  - o f(x,y,z) can be thought of as (x,y,z).f ()
  - o But side-effects are allowed in OO
- Message-passing sub-paradigm
  - send OBJECT MESSAGE instead of OBJECT.MESSAGE()
  - o Useful for communication in networks
  - o Single dispatch: not so useful to send messages to multiple objects
- Distributed function definition sub-paradigm
  - o Functions are defined in multiple places
  - o Objects have methods with the same names
  - o Overloading

#### **Monoids - Functional Design Patterns**

• A monoid is a pair of a binary operator (@@) and a value u where the operator has the value as identity and is associative

```
u @@ x = x
x @@ u = x
(x @@ y) @@ z = x @@ (y @@ z)
```

• So we can define

```
@@_concat :: m -> m -> m
@@_concat u ys = ys
@@_concat (x:xs) ys = x @@ (xs @@_concat ys)

o This should look very familiar, e.g. ( (++), [] )
    (++) :: m -> m -> m
[] ++ ys = ys
```

(x:xs) ++ ys = x : (xs ++ ys)

• More: ((+),0), ((\*),1), ((||),False), ((&&),True), ((>>),done)

## **Monoid Typeclass**

```
class Monoid m where
mempty :: m
mappend :: m -> m -> m
mconcat :: [m] -> m
mconcat = foldr mappend mempty
```

- This defines the general pattern of Monoids
- Define list append Monoid

```
instance Monoid [a] where
  mempty = []
  mappend = (++)
```

• Note, only one Monoid typeclass per type possible (see newtype )

### **Typeclasses**

- Type declaration: defines how a particular type is created
- Typeclass: defines how a set of types are consumed / used in computations
  - o Generalise over a set of types to define and execute a standard set of features for those types
- E.g. Eq typeclass for Bool (already defined, of course)

#### **Functor**

• Functor: apply a function to elements of a data structure

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

* Take a function ```a->b```, a structure of ```a``` and create the same
  structure of ```b``` (applying the function)

• E.g. > fmap (\x -> x > 3) [1..6] (same a map)
```

## **Applicative**

- Applicative: monoidal functors
  - o Same as functor, but the function is also embedded in a structure

#### **Monads**

- A monad is a specialisation of an applicative (which is a special functor)
  - o A Monad allows to run actions depending on the outcomes of earlier actions

• Anything that is a monad is an applicative, is a functor

```
E.g. ````> fmap (+1) [1..3]``` is the same than> [1..3] >>= return . (+1)
```

## **Monad Operations**

```
class Applicative m => Monad m where
  (>>=) :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b
  (>>) :: m a -> m b -> m b
  return :: a -> m a
```

- return takes a value and returns it inside the structure (like pure )
- >> (sequencing operator) sequences two actions while discarding any resulting value of the first action
- >>= is the bind operator (the special part of monads)

```
>>= :: Monad m
=> m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b
```

- o Take a structure of a and a function a -> m b creating a structure of b from a and return a structure of b
- Monads change the structure involved via a function

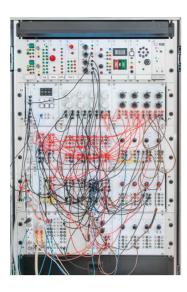
#### Concat, Join and Bind

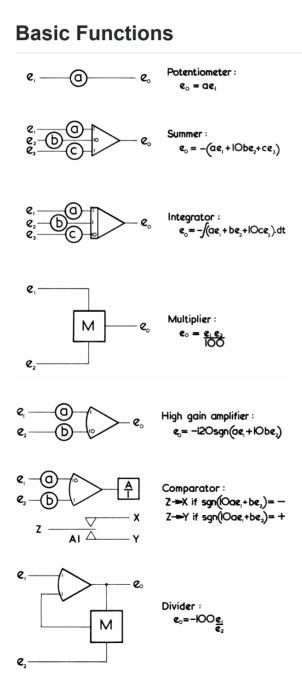
> let andOne x = [x,1]

• Functors:

### **Analog Computers**

- Network of interconnected components, very similar to functions, and more!
  - o Combinatorial FPGA elements!
- Energy efficient? Additional capabilities?





• Based on feedback loops in operational amplifiers

## **Solving Differential Equations**

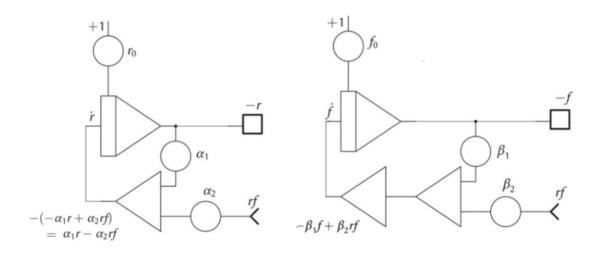
- Predator-prey model (AJ Lotka; V Volterra)
  - o Closed eco-system of two species: foxes and rabbits
  - o Unlimited food supply for the rabbits
  - Foxes eat rabbits
  - o Foxes can die of starvation
- Two coupled differential equations with r and f denoting the number of rabbits and foxes resp:

```
dr/dt = alpha_1 r - alpha_2 r f

df/dt = -beta_1 f + beta_2 r f
```

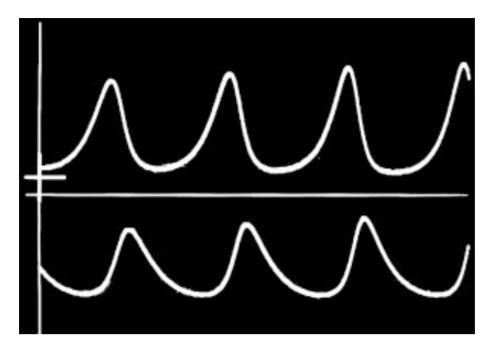
- o alpha\_1 : rabbit fertility rate
- o alpha\_2 : rate of rabbits killed by foxes
- beta\_1: fox fertility rate (negative sign, as foxes would die out without rabbits; note, rabbits without foxes would grow)
- o beta\_2 : rate of fox population increase due to rabbits eaten

# **Analog Predator-Prey Simulator**



- Left: Output -r with two inputs r(0) and f(t)
- Right: Output -f with input f(0)
- Still need a multiplier to get rf from -r , -f

#### **Results**



- Easy to change parameters
- Think analog synthesizer