Functional Programming Parsing

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Parsing expressions

- Read a string like "3+42/6"
- Recognize it as a valid term
- Return Bin (Con 3) Add (Bin (Con 42) Div (Con 6))

Parsing

```
The type of a simple parser
type Parser token result = [token] -> [(result, [token])]
```

Combinator parsing

Primitive parsers

```
pempty :: Parser t r
succeed :: r -> Parser t r
satisfy :: (t -> Bool) -> Parser t t
msatisfy :: (t -> Maybe a) -> Parser t a
lit :: Eq t => t -> Parser t t
```

Combinator parsing II

Combination of parsers

```
palt :: Parser t r -> Parser t r -> Parser t r
pseq :: Parser t (s -> r) -> Parser t s -> Parser t r
pmap :: (s -> r) -> Parser t s -> Parser t r
```

A taste of compiler construction

A lexer

A lexer partitions the incoming list of characters into a list of tokens. A token is either a single symbol, an identifier, or a number. Whitespace characters are removed.

Underlying concepts

Parsers have a rich structure

- many concepts from category theory can be mapped to programming concepts
- parsing illustrates many of these concepts

Functors

The functor class

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

Instances

List, Maybe, IO, ...

Functorial laws

```
fmap id_a == id_f_a
fmap (f . g) == fmap f . fmap g
```

Parsing is . . .

A functor

Check the functorial laws!

A monad

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Consequence

Can use do notation for parsing!

Applicative

```
Example 1: sequencing computation
sequence :: [IO a] -> IO [a]
sequence [] = return []
sequence (io:ios) = do x <- io
                      xs <- sequence ios
                      return (x:xs)
Alternative way
sequence [] = return []
sequence (io:ios) = return (:) 'ap' io 'ap' sequence ios
```

ap

return :: Monad m => a -> m a

 $:: Monad m \Rightarrow m (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow m a \rightarrow m b$

Applicative

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Example 2: transposition
transpose :: [[a]] -> [[a]]
transpose [] = repeat []
transpose (xs:xss) = zipWith (:) xs (transpose xss)
Rewrite
transpose [] = repeat []
transpose (xs:xss) = repeat (:) 'zapp' xs 'zapp' transpose xs
zapp :: [a -> b] -> [a] -> [b]
zapp fs xs = zipWith ($) fs xs
```

Applicative Interpreter

Standard interpretation

```
data Exp v
  = Var v
  | Val Int
  | Add (Exp v) (Exp v)
eval :: Exp v -> Env v -> Int
eval (Var v) env = fetch v env
eval (Val i) env = i
eval (Add e1 e2) env = eval e1 env + eval e2 env
type Env v = v \rightarrow Int
fetch :: v -> Env v -> Int
fetch v env = env v
```

Applicative Interpreter

Alternative implementation eval' :: Exp v -> Env v -> Int eval' (Var v) = fetch v

```
eval' (Val i) = const i
```

ess
$$abc = (ac)(bc)$$

Applicative

Extract the common structure

```
class Functor f => Applicative f where
```

```
pure :: a -> f a
```

Applicative

Laws

Identity

Composition

pure (.)
$$<*>$$
 u $<*>$ v $<*>$ w = u $<*>$ (v $<*>$ w)

Homomorphism

Interchange

Parsers are Applicative!

```
instance Applicative (Parser' token) where
  pure = return
  (<*>) = ap

instance Alternative (Parser' token) where
  empty = mzero
  (<|>) = mplus
```

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- enable more clever parsers