



# Haskell: A Universe of Types

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The background features a dark navy blue field. A large, light blue 'X' shape is formed by two overlapping chevron-like patterns. To the right of the 'X', there are two horizontal rectangular bars, one above the other, in a medium blue color. The text 'The Structure of Types' is centered horizontally and vertically in a white, sans-serif font.

# The Structure of Types

# Quick Refresher: Algebraic Datatypes

```
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  | Leaf a
  | Node (Tree a) (Tree a)
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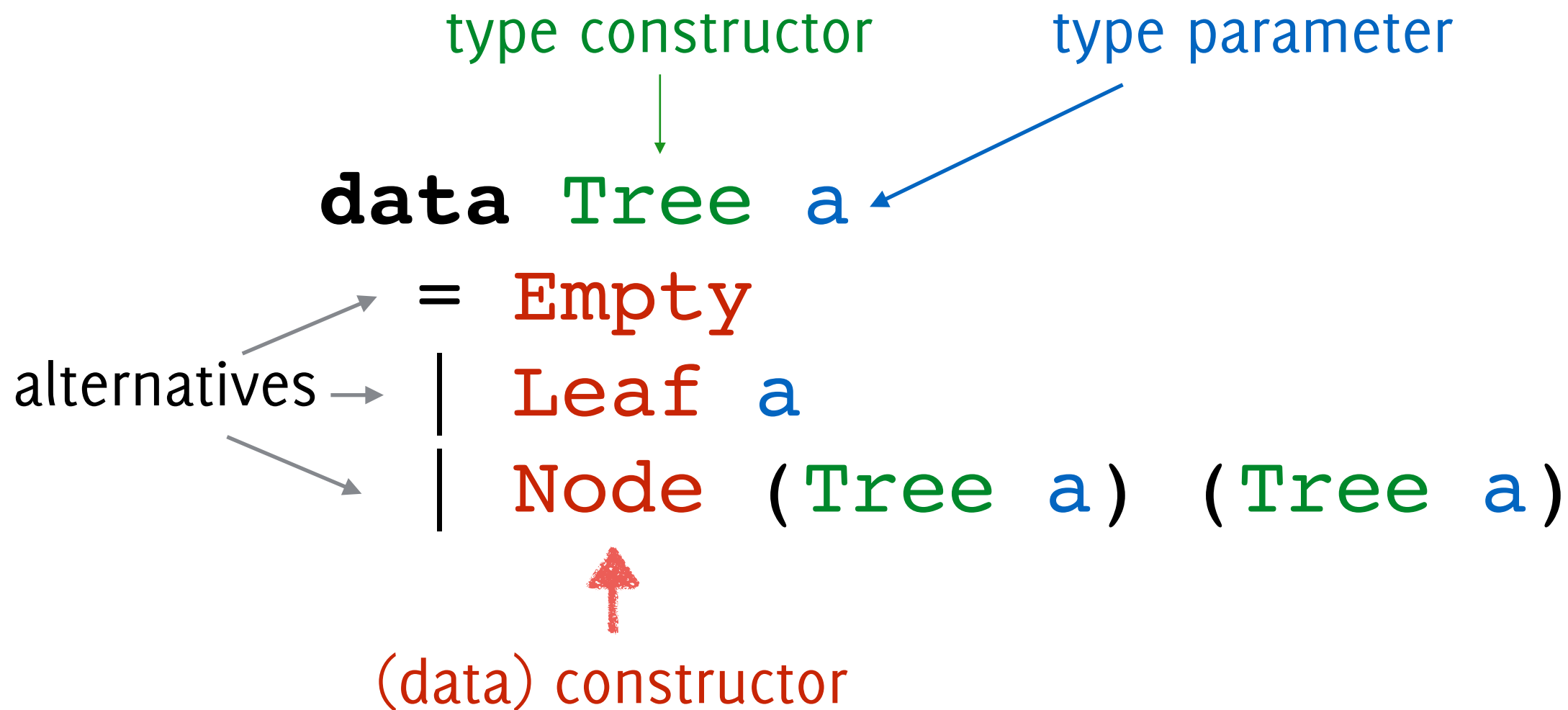
**data** **Tree** **a**

alternatives → = **Empty**  
                  | **Leaf** **a**  
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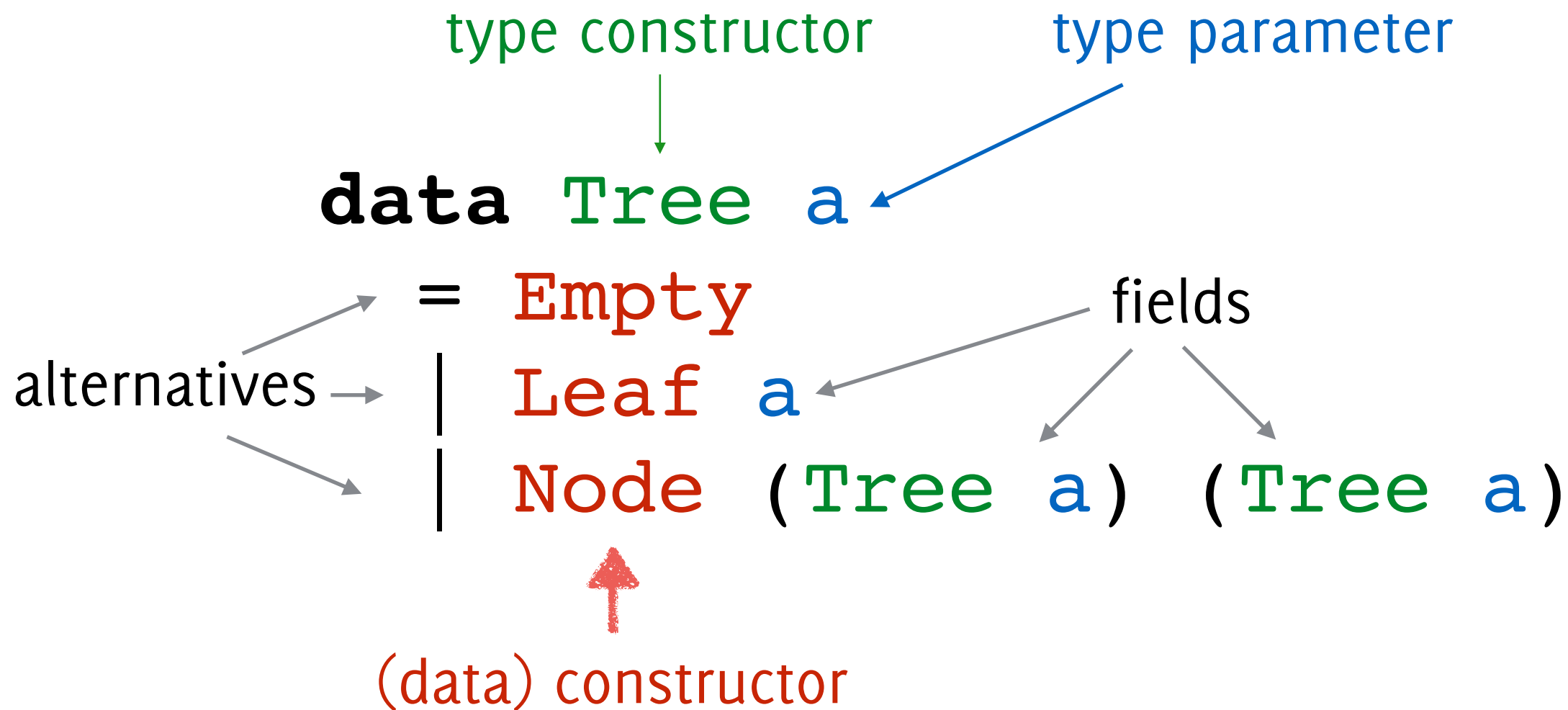
The diagram illustrates the components of the algebraic datatype definition `data Tree a = Empty | Leaf a | Node (Tree a) (Tree a)`. Annotations include: a green arrow pointing from 'type constructor' to 'Tree'; a blue arrow pointing from 'type parameter' to 'a'; and three grey arrows pointing from 'alternatives' to the equals sign, the vertical bar separator, and the 'Node' constructor.



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# Today we learn...

```
data Tree a
  = Empty
  | Leaf a
  | Node (Tree a) (Tree a)
deriving Eq
```

...what happens  
when you derive  
a type class.

# Modelling Exercise

Create a datatype for people  
that have a name and an age.

# Solutions

## Solution 1

```
data Person = P String Int
```



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are these the same?

# The same in Haskell?

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```
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Couldn't match expected type 'Person'  
with actual type 'Human'

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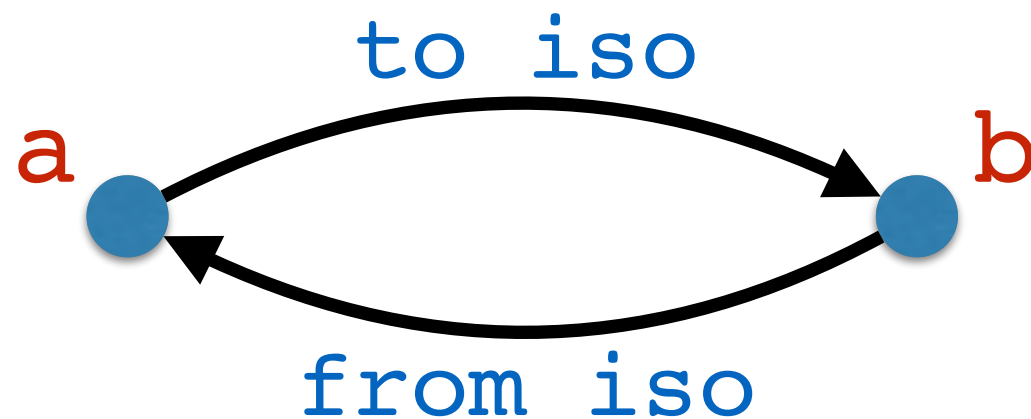


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morphism

ισος  
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# Isomorphism

```
data a <~> b = Iso { from :: a -> b  
                    , to   :: b -> a }
```



```
from iso . to iso = id  
to iso . from iso = id
```

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coercion



# The Algebra of Types

# The algebra of natural numbers



Giuseppe  
Peano

$$0 : \mathbb{N}$$

$$1 : \mathbb{N}$$

$$+ : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$* : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$



# Numbers vs. Types

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```
commPlus :: (x + y) <~> (y + x)
commPlus = Iso f f
```

**where**

```
f :: (a + b) -> (b + a)
f (Inl x) = Inr x
f (Inr y) = Inl y
```

# More Arithmetic Laws?

# Have we got them all?

$$0 + x = x$$

$$x + y = y + x$$

$$x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$$

$$1 * x = x$$

$$x * y = y * x$$

$$x * (y * z) = (x * y) * z$$

$$x * (y + z) = (x * y) + (x * z)$$

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`[[zero]] = {}`

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$[zero] = \{\}$   
 $[One] = \{One\}$



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$$\llbracket x*y \rrbracket = \{ v : * : w \mid v \in \llbracket x \rrbracket , w \in \llbracket y \rrbracket \}$$

# What's behind all this?

Size of set = natural number

$$\# [\text{zero}] = 0$$

$$\# [\text{One}] = 1$$

$$\# [x+y] = \# [x] + \# [y]$$

$$\# [x*y] = \# [x] * \# [y]$$

# Challenge

# [zero] = 0

# [One] = 1

# [x+y] = # [x] + # [y]

# [x\*y] = # [x] \* # [y]

# [x->y] = ???

# Solution

$$\# [\text{zero}] = 0$$

$$\# [\text{One}] = 1$$

$$\# [x+y] = \# [x] + \# [y]$$

$$\# [x*y] = \# [x] * \# [y]$$

$$\# [x \rightarrow y] = \# [y] ^ \# [x]$$

# Arithmetic Laws

$$0^x = 0$$

$$x^0 = 1$$

$$1^x = 1$$

$$x^1 = x$$

$$x^{(y+z)} = (x^y) * (x^z)$$

$$x^{(y*z)} = (x^y)^z$$

curry/  
uncurry

$$(x*y)^z = (x^z) * (y^z)$$



# A Universe of Types

# Datatype-Generic Approach

User-Friendly  
Representation



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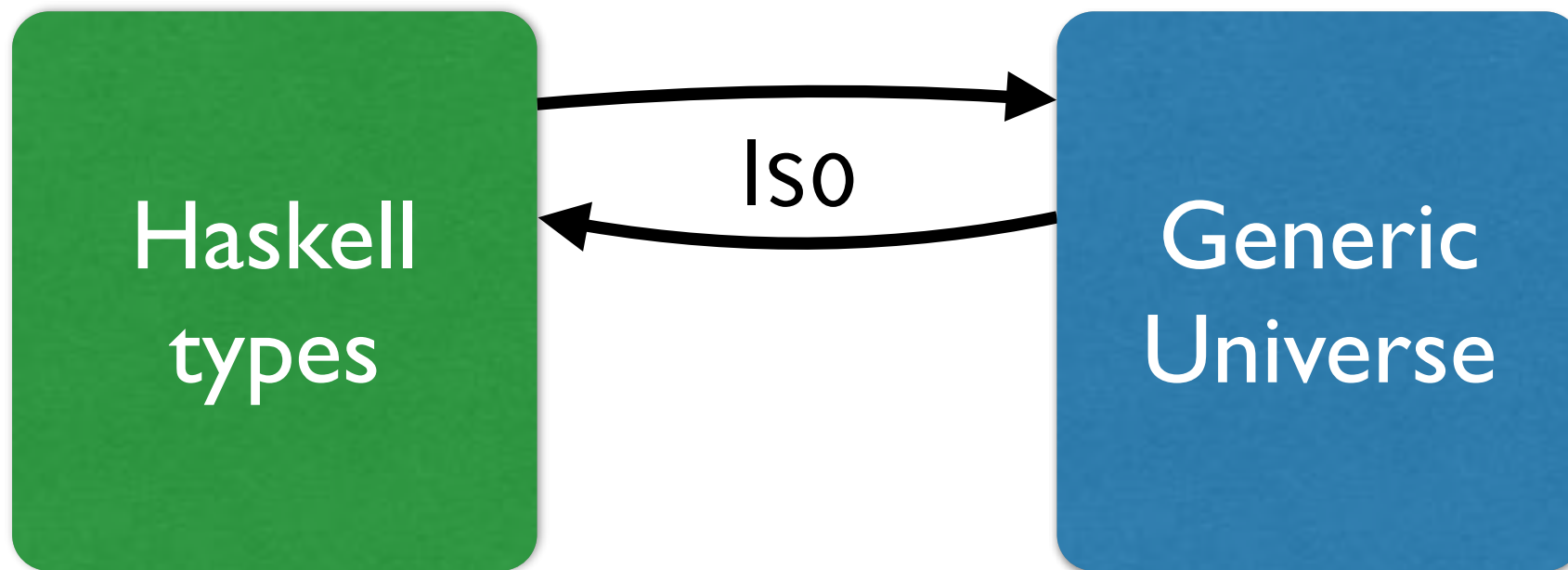


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Iso



Generic  
Function

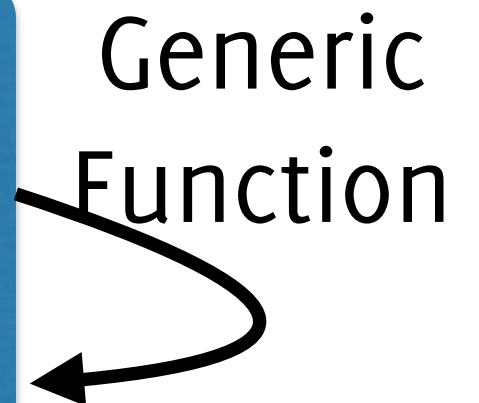
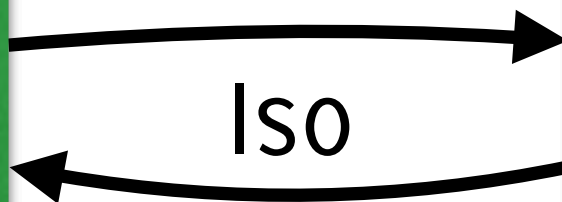
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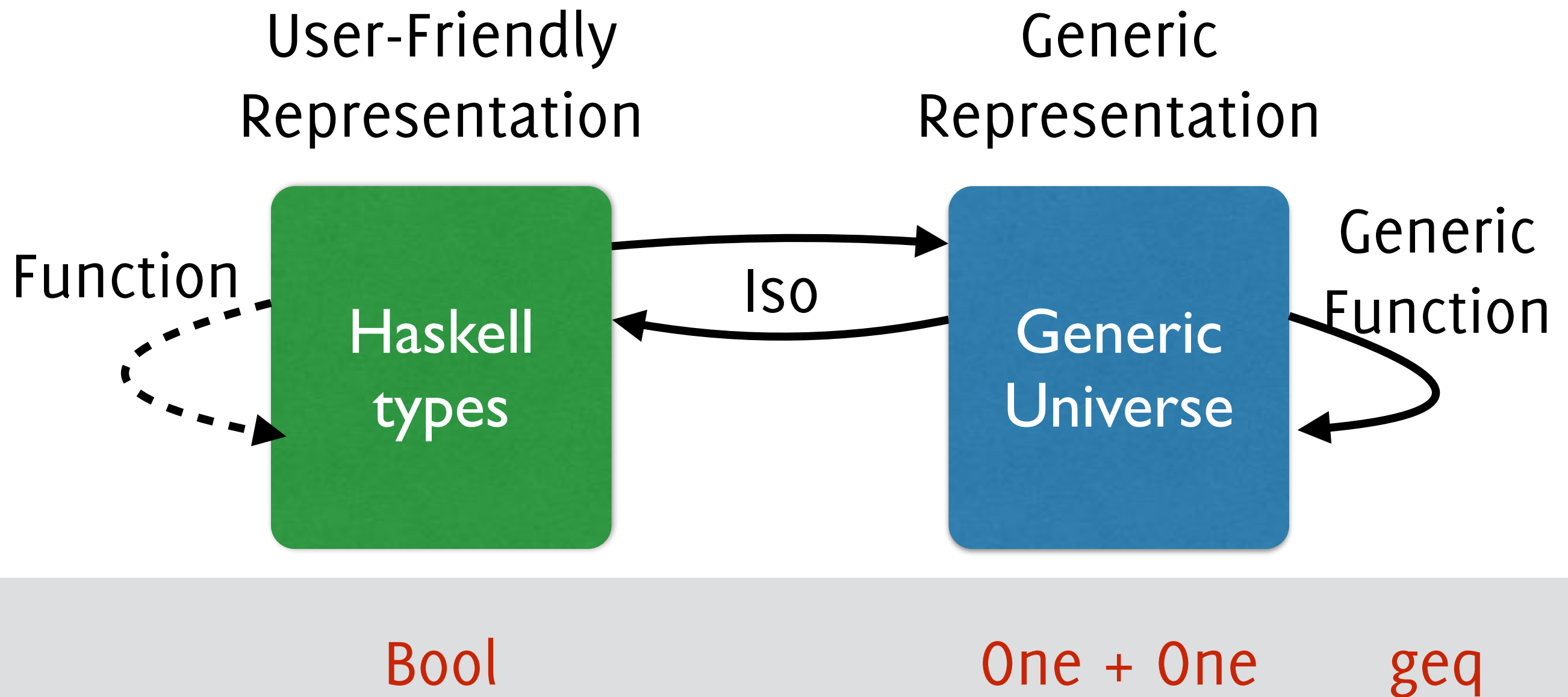


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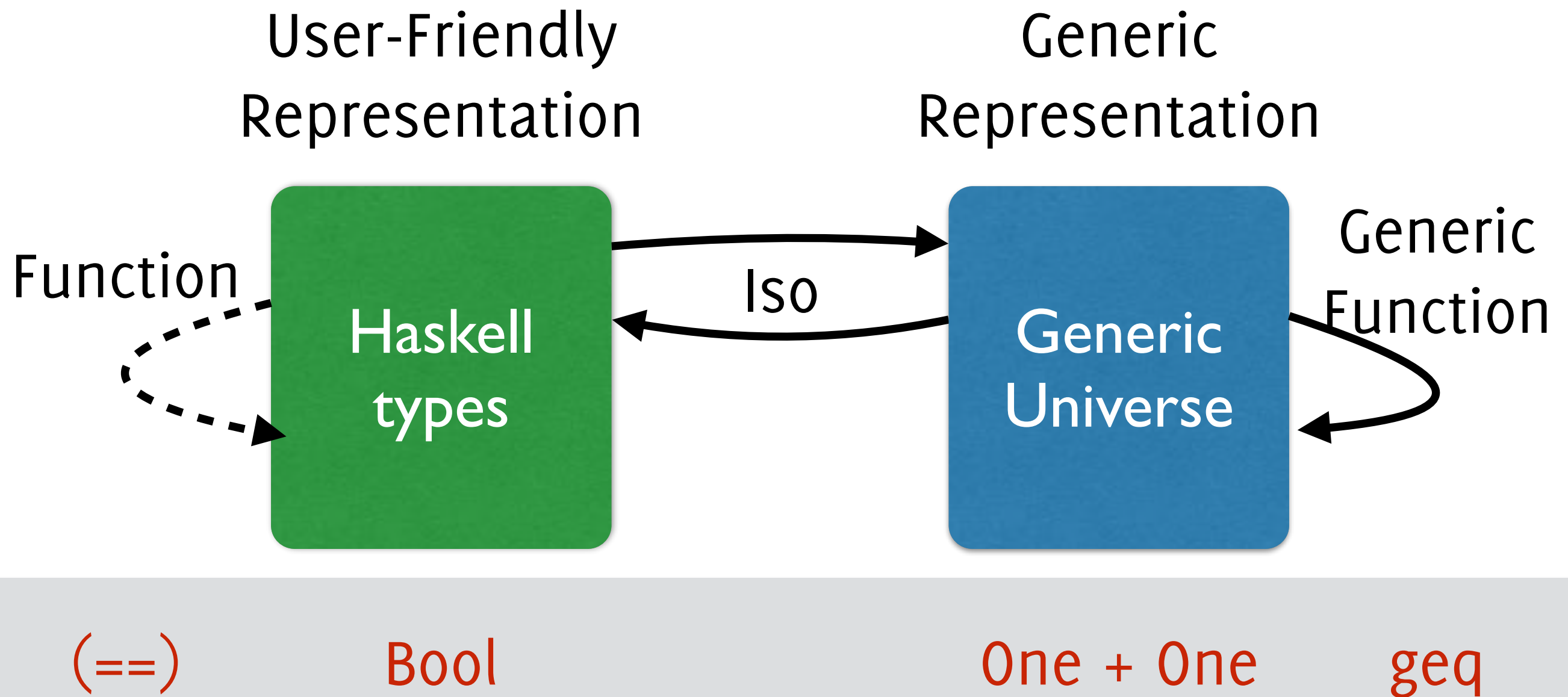
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# Generic Building Blocks

```
data Zero
```

```
data One = One
```

```
data x + y = Inl x | Inr y
```

```
data x * y = x :* y
```

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**Universe** : all types representable  
with the building blocks

# Generically Representable

```
class Representable a where
```

```
  type Rep a
```

```
  repIso :: a <~> Rep a
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associated type (\*)

```
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```

(\*) Type Checking with Open Type Functions.  
T. Schrijvers et al. ICFP 2008

# Representable Infrastructure

```
toRep :: Representable a  
      => a -> Rep a  
toRep = to repIso
```

```
fromRep :: Representable a  
        => Rep a -> a  
fromRep = from repIso
```

# Example 1

```
data Bool = True | False
```

```
instance Representable Bool where
```

```
  type Rep Bool = One + One
```

```
  repIso = Iso t f
```

```
  where
```

```
    t True      = Inl One
```

```
    t False     = Inr One
```

```
    f (Inl One) = True
```

```
    f (Inr One) = False
```

# Example 2

```
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
```

```
instance Representable (Maybe a)
```

```
where
```

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```
    f (Inl One)    = Nothing
```

```
    f (Inr x)      = Just x
```





# Example 3

```
instance Representable [a] where  
  type Rep [a] = One + (a * [a])  
  
  repIso = Iso t f  
  where  
    t [] = Inl One  
    t (x:xs) = Inr (x *: xs)  
    f (Inl One) = []  
    f (Inr (x *: xs)) = (x:xs)
```

# Example 3

```
instance Representable [a] where
  type Rep [a] = One + (a * [a])

  repIso = Iso t f
  where
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    t (x:xs) = Inr (x *: xs)
    f (Inl One) = []
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```



# Generic Equality

```
class GEq a where  
  geq :: a -> a -> Bool
```



type class for equality

# Derived Equality

```
instance GEq Bool where  
  geq b1 b2 =  
    geq (toRep b1) (toRep b2)
```



delegate to generic  
definition

# Derived Equality

```
deriveGEq :: (Representable a, GEq (Rep a))  
           => a -> a -> Bool  
deriveGEq x y = geq (toRep x) (toRep y)
```

```
instance GEq Bool where  
    geq = deriveGEq
```

This happens  
when you derive  
a type class.

```
instance GEq a => GEq (Maybe a) where  
    geq = deriveGEq
```

```
instance GEq a => GEq [a] where  
    geq = deriveGEq
```

# Generic Definition

```
instance GEq One where  
  geq One One = True
```

once for the  
whole universe

```
instance (GEq x, GEq y) => GEq (x + y)  
where  
  geq (Inl x1) (Inl x2) = geq x1 x2  
  geq (Inr y1) (Inr y2) = geq y1 y2  
  geq _ _ = False
```

```
instance (GEq x, GEq y) => GEq (x * y)  
where  
  geq (x1 :* y1) (x2 :* y2) = geq x1 x2  
                                && geq y1 y2
```

# Primitive Types

```
instance GEq Int where  
    geq    =    (==)        – built-in definition
```

```
instance GEq Char where  
    geq    =    (==)        – built-in definition
```



# Summary



# Datatype Generic Programming

- ★ Structural view of datatypes
- ★ Structure-based functions
  - ◆ equality, comparison
  - ◆ (de)serialisation
  - ◆ enumeration of values

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Typed Reflection

# More to Learn

- ★ Many different universes

- ♦ fixpoints of functors

- ♦ containers

- ♦ ...

- ★ Many different libraries

- `regular, uniplate, syb, generic-deriving, multirec, ...`



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