

Course recap

Lecture 13 of CSE 3100 Functional Programming

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Course recap

Lecture 1: What is Haskell?

Haskell is a **statically typed**, **lazy**, **purely functional** programming language.

Static types All types are checked at compile time¹

Laziness Expressions are only evaluated when required

Purity Functions do not have side effects

¹Static typing \neq explicit type annotations: Haskell can infer types automatically!

Lecture 1: Pure vs effectful languages

What can happen when we call a function?

- It can return a value
- It can modify a (global) variable
- It can do some IO (read a file, write some output, ...)
- It can throw an exception
- It can go into an infinite loop
- ...

In a **pure** language (like Haskell), a function can only return a value or loop forever.

Lecture 1: What is a type?

A **type** is a name for a collection of values.

- Basic types: `Bool`, `Int`,
- `Integer`, `Float`, `Double`, `Char`,
`String`
- List types: `[a]`
- Tuple types: `(a, b)`, `(a, b, c)`, ...
- Function types: `a -> b`

Lecture 1: List comprehensions

We can construct new lists using a **list comprehension**:

```
> [ x*x | x <- [1..10] , even x ]  
[4, 16, 36, 64, 100]
```

The part `x <- [1..10]` is called a **generator**.

The predicate `even x` is called a **guard**.

Lecture 2: Pattern matching and recursion

We can define new functions by **pattern matching** and **recursion**:

```
product :: Num a => [a] -> a
product []      = 1
product (x:xs) = x * product xs
```

```
zip :: [a] -> [b] -> [(a,b)]
zip (x:xs) (y:ys) = (x,y) : (zip xs ys)
zip _ _          = []
```


Lecture 2: Property-based testing

Instead of writing individual test cases, we can write down **properties** of our programs and generate test cases from those.

```
prop_reverse xs = reverse (reverse xs) == xs
```

```
prop_replicate n x =  
  forAll (chooseInt (0,n-1)) (\i ->  
    replicate n x !! i == x
```

QuickCheck will **shrink** counterexamples to their smallest form.

Lecture 3: Defining datatypes

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

```
occurs :: Eq a => a -> Tree a -> Bool
```

```
occurs x (Leaf y)    = x == y
```

```
occurs x (Node l r) = occurs x l || occurs x r
```

```
flatten :: Tree a -> List a
```

```
flatten (Leaf x)    = [x]
```

```
flatten (Node l r) = flatten l ++ flatten r
```

Lecture 4: Higher-order functions

A higher-order function is a function that either **takes a function as an argument** or **returns a function as a result**.

Higher-order functions allow you to abstract over programming patterns.

Examples.

```
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
```

```
filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
```

Lecture 4: the `foldr` function

Many recursive functions on lists follow the following pattern:

$$f \text{ []} = v$$
$$f \text{ (x:xs)} = x \# f \text{ xs}$$

The higher-order function `foldr` encapsulates this pattern. Instead of the above, we can simply write:

$$f = \text{foldr } (\#) \ v$$

Lecture 5: What is a type class?

A type class is a **family** of types that implement a common interface (= set of functions).

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Example: `Int` is an instance of the `Eq` class.

Alert: Type classes have little in common with classes from OO languages.

Lecture 5: Working with subclasses

Some type classes are a **subclass** of another class: each instance must also be an instance of the base class.

Example: `Ord` is a subclass of `Eq`:

```
class (Eq a) => Ord a where
  (<) :: a -> a -> a
  -- ...
```

Lecture 5: The **Functor** type class

The function

```
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
```

applies a function to **every element in a list**.

Functor is a family of **type constructors** that have a `map`-like function, called `fmap`:

```
class Functor f where
```

```
    fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
```

We often think of a functor as a **container** storing elements of some type `a`.

Lecture 5: Applicative functors

Applicative is a subclass of **Functor** that adds two new operations **pure** and **(<*>)** (pronounced 'ap' or 'zap').

```
class Functor f => Applicative f where
  pure    :: a -> f a
  (<*>)   :: f (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
```

Lecture 6: The `IO` type

`IO a` is the type of programs that interact with the world and return a value of type `a`.

An expression of type `IO a` is called an action.

Actions can be passed around and returned like any Haskell type, but they are not performed except in specific cases:

- `main :: IO ()` is performed when the whole program is executed.
- GHCi will also perform any action it is given.
- Other actions are only performed when called by another action.

Lecture 6: The **Monad** class

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

Examples.

- Possible failure: **Maybe**
- Throwing exceptions: **Either**
- Reading and writing global state: **State**
- Non-determinism: **[]**
- Interacting with the world: **IO**

Lecture 6: Some terminology on monads

A **monad** is a type constructor that is an instance of the **Monad** type class.

A **monadic type** is a type of the form $m\ a$ where m is a monad.

An **action** is an expression of a monadic type.

A **monadic function** is a function that returns an action.

Lecture 6: `do` notation

With `do`-notation

Without `do`-notation

`do`

```
x <- f
g x
y <- h x
return (p x y)
```

```
f >>= (\x ->
  g x >> (
    h x >>= (\y ->
      return (p x y)
    )
  )
)
```

Lecture 7: Monadic parsing

```
type Parser a =  
    String -> [ (a, String) ]
```

```
item :: Parser Char  
item (x:xs) = [ (x, xs) ]  
item []     = []
```

- Parsing returns a *list* of possible parses
- Each parse comes with a ‘remainder’ of the string for further parsing

Lecture 7: Type class laws

Most Haskell type classes have one or more **laws** that instances should satisfy.

Laws for **Eq**:

- Reflexivity: $x == x = \text{True}$
- Symmetry: $(x == y) = (y == x)$
- Transitivity: If $(x == y \ \&\& \ y == z) = \text{True}$ then $x == z = \text{True}$
- Substitutivity: If $x == y = \text{True}$ then $f \ x == f \ y = \text{True}$
- Negation: $x /= y = \text{not } (x == y)$

Lecture 7: The monad laws

- **Left identity:**

```
return x >>= f = f x
```

- **Right identity:**

```
mx >>= (\x -> return x) = mx
```

- **Associativity:**

```
(mx >>= f) >>= g
```

```
=
```

```
mx >>= (\x -> (f x >>= g))
```


Lecture 8: Lazy evaluation

A **redex** is an expression where the top-level function call can be unfolded.

An **evaluation strategy** gives a general way to pick a redex to evaluate next.

- **Call-by-value reduction**: evaluate arguments before unfolding the definition of a function
- **Call-by-name reduction**: unfold function definition without evaluating arguments
- **Lazy evaluation** is call-by-name but avoiding double evaluation.

Lecture 8: Pros & cons of lazy evaluation

Advantages:

- It never evaluates **unused arguments**.
- It **always terminates** if possible.
- It takes the **minimal number of steps**.
- It enables use of **infinite data structures**

Pitfalls:

- Thunks has some **runtime overhead**.
- Big intermediate expressions sometimes cause a **drastic increase in memory usage**.
- It becomes much **harder to predict** the order of evaluation.

Lecture 8: Infinite data structures

An **infinite data structure** is an expression that would contain an infinite number of constructors if it is fully evaluated.

With infinite data structures, we can define what we want to compute (the **data**) independently of how it will be used (the **control flow**).

We can get the data we need for each situation by applying the right function to the infinite list: `take`, `!!`, `takeWhile`, `dropWhile`, ...

Lecture 9: Agda vs. Haskell

Typing uses a single colon:

b : `Bool` instead of $b :: \text{Bool}$.

Naming has fewer restrictions: any name can start with small or capital letter, and symbols can occur in names.

Whitespace is required more often: `1+1` is a valid function name, so you need to write `1 + 1` instead.

Infix operators are indicated by underscores: `_+_` instead of `(+)`

Lecture 9: Types as first-class values

In Agda, types such as `Nat` and `(Bool → Bool)` are themselves expressions of type `Set`.

We can define polymorphic functions as functions that take an argument of type `Set`:

```
id : (A : Set) → A → A
```

```
id A x = x
```

Lecture 9: Total functional programming

Agda is a **total** language:

- **NO** runtime errors
- **NO** incomplete pattern matches
- **NO** non-terminating functions

So functions are true functions in the mathematical sense: evaluating a function call **always returns a result in finite time.**

Lecture 10: Dependent types

A **dependent type** is a type that **depends on** a value of some base type.

With dependent types, we can specify the allowed inputs of a function **more precisely**, ruling out invalid inputs at compile time.

Examples of dependent types.

- **Food** f , indexed over $f : \text{Flavour}$
- **Vec** $A\ n$, indexed over $n : \text{Nat}$
- **Fin** n , indexed over $n : \text{Nat}$
- **Expr** t , indexed over $t : \text{Term}$

Lecture 10: A safe lookup

$\text{lookupVec} : \{A : \text{Set}\} \{n : \text{Nat}\}$
 $\rightarrow \text{Vec } A \ n \rightarrow \text{Fin } n \rightarrow A$

$\text{lookupVec } (x :: xs) \text{ zero} = x$

$\text{lookupVec } (x :: xs) (\text{suc } i) = \text{lookupVec } xs \ i$

This is a **safe** and **total** version of the Haskell $(!!)$ function, without having to change the return type in any way.

Lecture 11: Curry-Howard correspondence



Haskell B. Curry

*We can interpret logical propositions ($A \wedge B$, $\neg A$, $A \Rightarrow B$, ...) as the **types** of all their possible proofs.*

In particular: A false proposition has no proofs, so it corresponds to an **empty type**.

Lecture 11: the Curry-Howard correspondence

We interpret propositions as the **types** of their proofs:

Propositional logic		Type system
proposition	P	type
proof of a proposition	$p : P$	program of a type
conjunction	$P \times Q$	pair type
disjunction	Either P Q	either type
implication	$P \rightarrow Q$	function type
truth	\top	unit type
falsity	\perp	empty type
universal quantification	$(x : A) \rightarrow P\ x$	dependent function type
equality	$x \equiv y$	identity type

Lecture 11: Induction in Agda

In general, a **proof by induction** in Agda looks like this:

```
proof : (n : Nat) → P n
```

```
proof zero    = ...
```

```
proof (suc n) = ...
```

- **proof zero** is the **base case**
- **proof (suc n)** is the **inductive case**

When proving the inductive case, we can make use of the **induction hypothesis** **proof n** : $P\ n$.

Lecture 12: The identity type

The type identity type encodes the property of two elements of some type A being equal:

```
data _≡_ {A : Set} : A → A → Set where  
  refl : {x : A} → x ≡ x
```

- If x and y are equal, $x \equiv y$ has one constructor `refl`.
- If x and y are not equal, $x \equiv y$ is an **empty type**, so we can use an absurd pattern `()`.

Lecture 12: Properties of equality

Symmetry:

$$\text{sym} : \{A : \text{Set}\} \{x\ y : A\} \rightarrow x \equiv y \rightarrow y \equiv x$$

Transitivity:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{trans} : & \{A : \text{Set}\} \{x\ y\ z : A\} \\ & \rightarrow x \equiv y \rightarrow y \equiv z \rightarrow x \equiv z \end{aligned}$$

Congruence:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cong} : & \{A\ B : \text{Set}\} \{x\ y : A\} \\ & \rightarrow (f : A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow x \equiv y \rightarrow f\ x \equiv f\ y \end{aligned}$$

Lecture 12: Equational reasoning in Agda

We can write down an equality proof in **equational reasoning style** in Agda:

- The proof starts with **begin** and ends with **end**.
- In between is a sequence of expressions separated by **=⟨** or **=⟨ proof ⟩**, where each expression is equal to the previous one.

Unlike the proof on paper, here the typechecker of Agda **guarantees** that each step of the proof is correct!

Exam organization

What should I study?

You should study:

- The book
- The lecture notes (QuickCheck + Agda)
- The assignments on Weblab

See file `course-overview.pdf` on Brightspace for a detailed list of the learning objectives.

What kind of questions can I expect?

1. Theory question about a FP concept
2. Programming assignment + QuickCheck
3. Implementing a data type or type class
4. Implementing and/or using a monad
5. Question on lazy evaluation and/or strictness
6. Question on dependent types and/or Curry-Howard
7. Question on equational reasoning

What is ‘open book’?

The exam PCs will come with GHC, Agda, VS Code, and the Agda plugin for VS Code.²

You are allowed to bring **anything you want** on paper or USB stick (in text or pdf format):

- Exercises and solutions on Weblab
- Physical or digital version of the book
- Lecture notes
- Haskell documentation

²No Haskell plugin, sorry.

Official course survey



[https://evasys-survey.tudelft.nl/
evasys/online.php?p=744SX](https://evasys-survey.tudelft.nl/evasys/online.php?p=744SX)

Can't get enough?

There is much more to discover:

- CS4135 Software Verification
- CS4410 Category Theory for Programmers
- Agda Meeting in Delft³ (10-16 May)
- Summer School on Advanced Functional Programming in Utrecht⁴ (3-7 July)

³[https:](https://wiki.portal.chalmers.se/agda/Main/AIMXXXVI)

[//wiki.portal.chalmers.se/agda/Main/AIMXXXVI](https://wiki.portal.chalmers.se/agda/Main/AIMXXXVI)

⁴[https://utrechtsummerschool.nl/courses/science/
advanced-functional-programming-in-haskell](https://utrechtsummerschool.nl/courses/science/advanced-functional-programming-in-haskell)

What's next?

Exam: 15 April at 9:00-12:00

Project deadline: 23 April (submission via WebLab)

Finally: **Thank you for your enthusiasm and persistence, and good luck with the exam!**