

# More Generalised Algebraic Datatypes

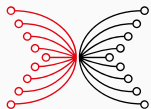
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# Goals

- Motivate a number of type system extensions.
- In particular, look at Generalised Algebraic Datatypes (GADTs).

## Recap: environments

```
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infixr 5 :*
```

## Recap: questions and answers

```
exampleQ :: Env '[Int, Bool] Question
exampleQ =      Q "How many type errors?" QQuant
               :* Q "Do you like Haskell?" QYesNo
               :* Nil
```

```
exampleA :: Env '[Bool, Int] Answer
exampleA =      AYesNo True
               :* AQuant 42
               :* Nil
```

## Recap: scoring preparations

```
newtype Scoring a = S (Answer a -> Score)
```

```
yesno :: Score -> Score -> Scoring Bool
```

```
yesno st sf =
```

```
  S (\(AYesNo b) -> if b then st else sf)
```

```
quantity :: (Int -> Int) -> Scoring Int
```

```
quantity f = S (\(AQuant n) -> f n)
```

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Can we recover our old definition?

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But what if `f` is `K a` with:

```
newtype K a b = K {unK :: a} -- like Const, just shorter
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In fact, such an environment is isomorphic to a vector of the length of the type-level list.

## Env vs. HList

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```
Env xs I  $\cong$  HList xs
```

## Exercise

Define these isomorphisms:

```
envToHList :: Env xs I -> HList xs  
hListToEnv :: HList xs -> Env xs I
```

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  ... -> Env xs f -> Env xs g -> Env xs h
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Let's try to implement this (in the usual way):

```
zipWith op Nil Nil = Nil  
zipWith op (x :* xs) (y :* ys) =  
  (x `op` y) :* zipWith op xs ys
```

Unfortunately, type inference does not work ...



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While traversing the lists, `op` is called several times:

- the `f` and `g` are always the same,
- but `a` changes, so `op` should be polymorphic in `a`.

## Ziping environments

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         -> Env as f -> Env as g -> Env as h
```

We need a rank-2 polymorphic type again. Recall:

- the argument itself is polymorphic,
- the caller can't choose, but must provide a polymorphic function,
- the callee can use the argument at different types.

## The complete definition

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New definition with environments:

```
score ss as = L.sum (E.toList (E.zipWith combine ss as))
  where
    combine :: Scoring a -> Answer a -> K Score a
    combine (S f) a = K (f a)
```

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```
task :: Env as Question -> Env as Answer
      -> (Text -> Bool)
           -- instead of "containing a certain word"
      -> Maybe String
           -- there might be no such question
```

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Can we solve this similarly?

- We need a function like `findIndex`, but what should it return? An `Int` is not suitable.
- We need a function like `(!!)`, ideally one that cannot crash. But depending on index, we get results of different types!

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Observations and ideas:

- If the signature is empty, there should be *no* valid pointers.
- Otherwise, let’s follow the inductive structure of lists: a pointer can either point at the head of an environment, or at the tail (which requires a pointer into the tail).

```
data Ptr :: [*] -> * -> * where  
  Head  :: Ptr (x ': xs) x  
  Tail  :: Ptr xs y -> Ptr (x ': xs) y
```

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```
pTwo :: Ptr (x ': y ': z ': zs) z  
pTwo = PSuc (PSuc PZero)
```

We start indexing at **0**.

Index **2** requires an environment of length at least **3**.

## Performing a lookup

```
(!!) :: Env as f -> Ptr as a -> f a  
(x :* xs) !! PZero  = x  
(x :* xs) !! PSuc i = xs !! i
```

No cases for the empty environment needed.

No crashes possible.

# Finding a pointer

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This is called an **existential** type (we've seen these with free monads as well).

When matching on a `SomePtr as`, we know **there exists** a type `a` such that ..., but we don't know the actual type.

## Completing `findPtr`

Version with environments:

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         -> Env as f -> Maybe (SomePtr as)
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    (\(SomePtr i) -> SomePtr (PSuc i))
      <$> findPtr p xs
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This is still very close to the version for lists.



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# Establishing invariants

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In such a situation:

- We still have to perform a run-time check.
- But we have to perform it once, going from a weakly typed to a strongly typed value in the process.
- Once the additional invariants have been established, we don't need to check them again.

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In our setting, this becomes:

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chkAnswers :: Env as Question -> [WAnswer]  
            -> Maybe (Env as Answer)
```

Note: `Bool` is replaced with something much more informative!



## Implementing `chkAnswers`

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  Just (AYesNo b)
chkAnswer (Q _ QQuant) (WAQuant n) =
  Just (AQuant n)
chkAnswer _             _             =
  Nothing
```

## Kind polymorphism

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## Yet more types of questions

Let's assume we want to add another question type for which the answer is also an `Int`:

```
data QType :: * -> * where
```

```
  QYesNo :: QType Bool
```

```
  QQuant :: QType Int
```

```
  QArith :: QType Int
```

```
data Answer :: * -> * where
```

```
  AYesNo :: Bool -> Answer Bool
```

```
  AQuant :: Int -> Answer Int
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While this works, it opens up the possibility for incompatibility: we could line up a `QQuant` with an `AArith`.

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```

There's not really a need for the index of `Question`, `QType` and `Answer` to be of kind `*`.

In fact, there are many types `a :: *` for which `QType a` or `Answer a` are uninhabited anyway.

## Promotion again

```
data QType = QYesNo | QQuant | QArith
data Answer :: QType -> * where
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So far, so good – but what about `Question`?



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# Environments?

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With

```
Question :: QType -> *
```

the type

```
Env '[QYesNo, QQuant] Question
```

is no longer kind-correct.

Do we need a new `Env` type for every kind?

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With the generalized kind, we can keep using environments as before.

## More kind polymorphism

Other types we've encountered do in fact have more general kinds:

```
Ptr      :: [k] -> k -> *  
SomePtr  :: [k] -> *  
K        :: * -> k -> *
```



# Producers and singletons

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We've seen a number of functions on GADTs that consume them by pattern matching, like:

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toList    :: Env xs (K a) -> ...
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But can we also do something like

```
replicate :: Int -> a -> [a]
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Or even:

```
fromList :: [a] -> SomeVec a
fromList = ...    -- exercise

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replicate n x = fromList (L.replicate n x)
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But we don't need the elements of the input vector.

What happens if we strip the elements from the `Vec` type?



## Singleton natural numbers

```
data Vec :: Nat -> * -> * where  
  Nil  :: Vec Zero a  
  (:*) :: a -> Vec n a -> Vec (Suc n) a
```

```
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  SZero :: SNat Zero  
  SSuc  :: SNat n -> SNat (Suc n)
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```
length :: Vec n a -> SNat n  
length Nil      = SZero  
length (_ :* xs) = SSuc (length xs)
```

### Option 3: Using an `SNat`

```
replicate :: SNat n -> a -> Vec n a
replicate SZero    x = Nil
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class SNatI (n :: Nat) where
  sNat :: SNat n
instance SNatI Zero where
  sNat = SZero
instance SNatI n => SNatI (Suc n) where
  sNat = SSuc sNat
```

## Option 4: Using `SNatI`

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Example:

```
GHCI> zipWith (+) (replicate' 1) (1 :* 2 :* 3 :* Nil)
2 :* (3 :* (4 :* Nil))
```

# Equality

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## An example

Consider the following list-based code:

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fails, but we'd like it to work.

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we can do

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