#### Data structures

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#### Goals

- Kinds
- · Persistent data structures
- Maps
- Sequences
- Nested datatypes

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What happens if we type the following:

```
Wrap (Just 3) :: WrappedInt (Maybe Int)
```

#### A kind error

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GHCi> Wrap (Just 3) :: WrappedInt (Maybe Int)
Expecting one fewer argument to 'Maybe Int'
Expected kind '* -> *', but 'Maybe Int' has kind *
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### The kind \*

The most important kind in Haskell is called \*:

- nearly all expressions in Haskell have types that have kind
   \*;
- in particular, if you define an unparameterized datatype using data, it has kind \*;
- for now, think of kind \* as the kind of potentially inhabited types, or as the kind of "fully applied" types.

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```
Int
Char
Bool
```

```
Maybe Int
Int -> Int
[[[Char]]]
(Bool, Char -> [Ordering -> IO ()])
WrappedInt Maybe
a -> b -> a
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This motivates:

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#### Kinds in GHCi

- · Haskell can infer kinds, just as it can infer types.
- · And you can ask GHCi for the inferred kind of a type.
- To obtain the inferred kind for a type term, type :k or
   :kind followed by the term at the GHCi prompt.

### Kinds of parameterized types

```
Maybe :: * -> *

IO :: * -> *

[] :: * -> *

(,) :: * -> * -> *

(,,) :: * -> * -> *

State :: * -> * -> *
```

### Kinds of parameterized types (cntd.)

Note that lists, tuples and functions despite their built-in syntax actually all support a prefix notation on the type level. Writing

```
(->) Int ([] Bool)
```

is equivalent to

```
Int -> [Bool]
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#### Thus:

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Kind annotations are possible for arguments and type terms, but there's no separate "kind signature" declaration as there is for functions and constants.

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Type classes are parameterized by types of a particular kind:

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Again, with KindSignatures, you could write more explicitly:

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## The kind **Constraint**

With the **ConstraintKinds** language extension, we are allowed to talk about the kind **Constraint** of class constraints explicitly:

```
Eq :: * -> Constraint
Show :: * -> Constraint

Functor :: (* -> *) -> Constraint

Applicative :: (* -> *) -> Constraint

Monad :: (* -> *) -> Constraint
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The specialized type of **fmap** must be:

```
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or syntactically simplified

fmap :: 
$$(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (t, a) \rightarrow (t, b)$$

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- In general, there is no easy way to partially apply types to anything but the initial argument(s).
- Unlike for functions, there is no type-level flip function.
- The order of arguments of multi-argument datatypes is sometimes carefully chosen in order to admit certain class instances.

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- how allowing this would make the job of resolving class constraints much harder than it already is;
- that Flip itself is a legal type synonym. What is its kind?

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Data structures where old version remain accessible are called *persistent*.

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How do persistent data structures work?

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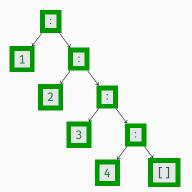
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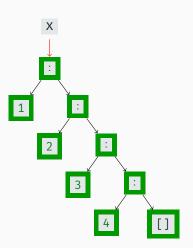
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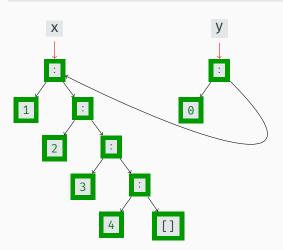
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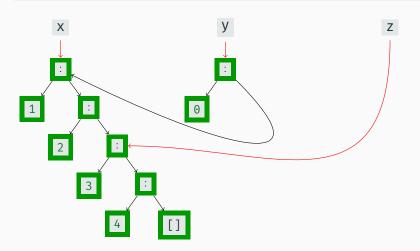
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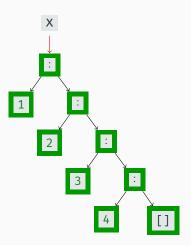
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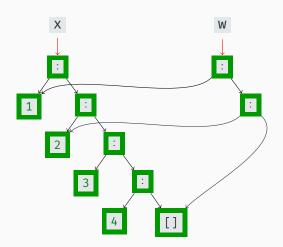
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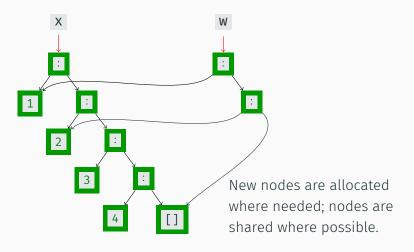
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## Implementation of persistent data structures

- Modifications of an existing structure take place by creating new nodes and pointers.
- Sometimes, parts of a structure have to be copied, because the old version must not be modified.

Of course, we want to copy as little as possible, and reuse as much as possible.

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Unevaluated data is represented using thunks:

• like a function, a thunk contains a code pointer that can be called to evaluate and update the thunk in-place.

Visualization tools

## Visualizing the representation of data on the heap

#### vacuum

A library for inspecting the internal graph representation of Haskell terms, displaying sharing, but evaluating the inspected expression fully.

Several graphical frontends, but not all of them well-maintained and easy to install.

## ghc-vis/ghc-heap-view

A library and graphical frontend similar to **vacuum**, but allows us to see unevaluated computations (thunk) and evaluate them interactively. Integration with GHCi.

# ghc-vis example

```
:vis
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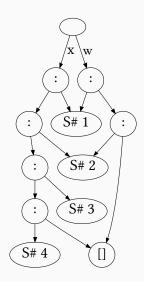
Add terms to view; switch to graph view:

```
GHCi> let x = [1, 2, 3, 4]; w = take 2 x
GHCi> :view x
GHCi> :view y
GHCi> :switch
```

Evaluate **y** and update:

```
GHCi> y
[1, 2]
GHCi> :update
```

# ghc-vis example (contd.)



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Lists are trees, too – just a very peculiar variant.

#### Lists

- There is a lot of syntactic sugar for lists in Haskell. Thus, lists are used for a lot of different purposes.
- Lists are the default data structure in functional languages much as arrays are in imperative languages.
- · However, lists support only very few operations efficiently.

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Lists are generally not suitable:

- · for random access,
- · for set operations such as union and intersection,
- to deal with (really) large amounts of text via String.

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Can be used to implement finite maps and sets efficiently, and persistently.

# Finite maps in the containers package

- A finite map is a function with a finite domain (type of keys).
- Useful for a wide variety of applications (tables, environments, "arrays").
- · Implementation based on binary search trees.
- Available in Data.Map and Data.IntMap for Int as key type.
- Keys in the tree are ordered, so that efficient lookup is possible.
- Requires the keys to be in Ord.
- Inserting and removing elements can trigger rotations to rebalance the tree.
- · Everything happens in a persistent setting.

Sets are a special case of finite maps: essentially,

```
type Set a = Map a ()
```

A specialized set implementation is available in **Data.Set** and **Data.IntSet**, but the idea is the same as for finite maps.

## Finite map interface

This is an excerpt from the functions available in <code>Data.Map</code>:

```
data Map k a -- abstract
empty :: Map k a
                                                                        -- O(1)
insert :: (Ord k) \Rightarrow k \rightarrow a \rightarrow Map k a \rightarrow Map k a \rightarrow O(\log n)
lookup :: (Ord k) \Rightarrow k \rightarrow Map k a \rightarrow Maybe a \longrightarrow O(\log n)
delete :: (Ord k) => k -> Map k a -> Map k a
                                                                        -- O(\log n)
update :: (Ord k) \Rightarrow (a \rightarrow Maybe a) \rightarrow
                             k \rightarrow Map k a \rightarrow Map k a \qquad -- O(\log n)
union :: (Ord k) \Rightarrow Map k a \rightarrow Map k a \rightarrow Map k a \rightarrow O(m + n)
member :: (Ord k) => k -> Map k a -> Bool
                                                                        -- O(\log n)
size :: Map k a -> Int
                                                                        -- O(1)
map :: (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow Map k a \rightarrow Map k b
                                                                        -- O(n)
```

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size :: Map k a -> Int
size Tip = 0
size (Bin sz _ _ _ ) = sz
```

If only bin rather than Bin is used to construct binary nodes, the size will always be correct.

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#### Comparing two elements:

```
compare :: Ord a => a -> a -> Ordering
data Ordering = LT | EQ | GT
```

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The function **balance** is an even smarter constructor with the same type as **bin**:

```
balance :: Map k a -> k -> a -> Map k a -> Map k a
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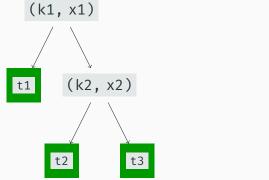
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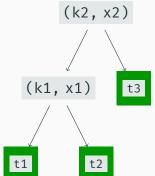
A rearrangement of the tree that preserves the search tree property.

Depending on the shape of the tree, either a simple (single) or a more complex (double) rotation is performed.

#### singleL

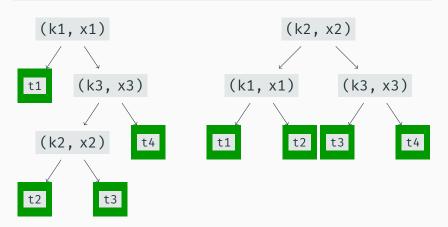
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singleL :: Map k a -> k -> a -> Map k a -> Map k a
singleL t1 k1 x1 (Bin _ t2 k2 x2 t3) =
bin (bin t1 k1 x1 t2) k2 x2 t3
```





#### doubleL

doubleL :: Map k a -> k -> a -> Map k a -> Map k a
doubleL t1 k1 x1 (Bin \_ (Bin \_ t2 k2 x2 t3) k3 x3 t4) =
 bin (bin t1 k1 x1 t2) k2 x2 (bin t3 k3 x3 t4)



#### Rotation (cntd.)

#### Note

Note how easy it is to see that these rotations preserve the search tree property – also, no pointer manipulations.

# Sequences

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This is offered by the **Data.Sequence** library, also from the **containers** package.

#### Sequence interface

Again, this is just a small excerpt:

```
data Seq a -- abstract
empty :: Seq a
                                                     -- 0(1)
(<|) :: a -> Seq a -> Seq a
                                                    -- O(1)
(|>) :: Seq a -> a -> Seq a
                                                    -- 0(1)
(><) :: Seq a -> Seq a -> Seq a
                                                    -- O(\log(\min(m, n)))
null :: Seq a -> Bool
                                                     -- O(1)
length :: Seq a -> Int
                                                     -- 0(1)
filter :: (a \rightarrow Bool) \rightarrow Seq a \rightarrow Seq a \rightarrow O(n)
fmap :: (a \rightarrow Bool) \rightarrow Seq a \rightarrow Seq b \rightarrow O(n)
index :: Seq a -> Int -> a
                                              -- O(\log(\min(i, n - i)))
splitAt :: Seq a \rightarrow Int \rightarrow (Seq a, Seq a) \rightarrow O(log(min(i, n - i)))
```

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```
newtype Seq a = Seq (FingerTree a)
data FingerTree a =
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  | Single a
   | Deep {-# UNPACK #-} !Int
         !(Digit a) (FingerTree (Node a)) !(Digit a)
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These are the first and the last few elements. They're directly accessible.

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# Excursion: nested datatypes

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Example:

```
data Perfect a = Zero a | Suc (Perfect (a, a))
```

The recursive occurrence Perfect (a, a) changes parameter a to (a, a).

# Shape invariants

- Nested datatypes allow expressing certain shape invariants of datatypes that can otherwise not easily be expressed.
- For example, as we shall see in a moment, Perfect is a datatype representing perfect trees, i.e., complete, perfectly balanced, binary trees.
- Similarly, FingerTree ensures that nodes are simple near the top and grow more complex the deeper you go.

```
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Defining functions on nested datatypes seems tricky:

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But then, we'd also need a function that works on Perfect ((Int, Int), (Int, Int)).

# Generalizing?

We could also try to define a more general function:

```
sumPerfect :: Perfect a -> Int
sumPerfect (Zero n) = ...
sumPerfect (Suc p) = sumPerfect p
```

Now we don't know what to do in the first case, because we cannot turn an unknown **a** into **Int**.

#### Adding a continuation

But perhaps we can generalize over that, too ...

```
sumPerfect' :: (a -> Int) -> Perfect a -> Int
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sumPerfect p = sumPerfect' id p
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Omitting the type signature on **sumPerfect'** results in a type error:

```
Occurs check: cannot construct the infinite type: t \sim (t, t)

Expected type: ((t, t) \rightarrow p)) \rightarrow Perfect(t, t) \rightarrow p

Actual type: (t \rightarrow p) \rightarrow Perfect(t \rightarrow p)
```

#### Polymorphic recursion (contd.)

- Functions which invoke themselves recursively at a different type are called polymorphically recursive.
- Haskell's (Damas-Hindley-Milner-based) type inference algorithm can check, yet not infer polymorphically recursive types, so type signatures for such functions are required.
- Functions on nested types are naturally polymorphically recursive.

#### Summary

- It is important to keep persistence in mind when thinking about functional data structures.
- Lists are ok for stack-like use or simple traversals.
- Good general-purpose data structures are sets, finite maps and sequences.