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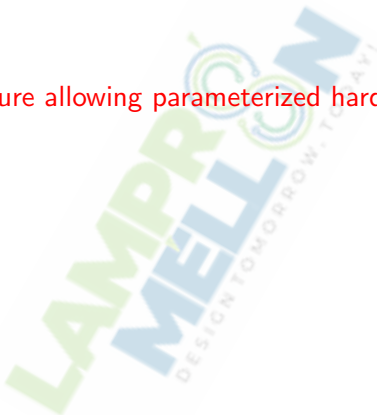
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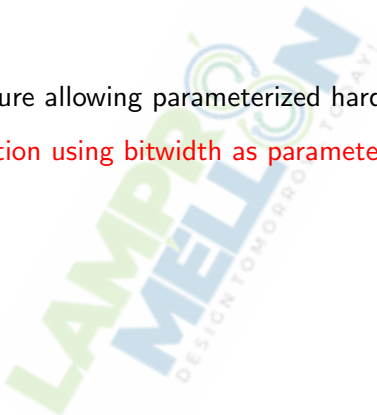
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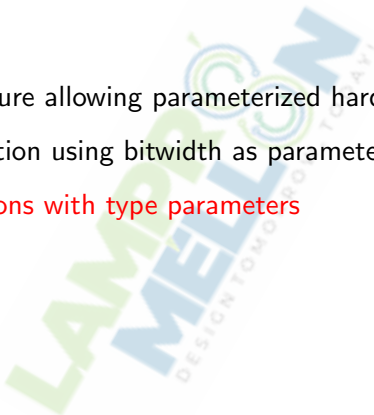
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Parameterization: Counter Example Revisited

```
import chisel3._
import chisel3.stage.ChiselStage

class Counter(size: Int, maxValue: UInt) extends Module {
  val io = IO(new Bundle {
    val result = Output(Bool())
  })

  // 'genCounter' with counter size 'n'
  def genCounter(n: Int, max: UInt) = {
    val count = RegInit(0.U(n.W))

    when(count == max) {
      count := 0.U
    }.otherwise {
      count := count + 1.U
    }

    count
  }
}
```

Parameterization: Counter Example Revisited Cont'd

```
// genCounter instantiation
val counter1 = genCounter(size, maxValue)
val counter2 = genCounter(size + size, maxValue)
io.result := counter1(size-1) & counter2(0)
}

println((new ChiselStage).emitVerilog(new Counter(8, 255.U))
)
```

Type Parameters

- Generic classes in Scala take a **type** as a parameter
- A type parameter is specified using square brackets []
- Type parameterization is also termed as *generics*

```
class uStack[A] {
  private var elements: List[A] = Nil
  def push(x: A) { elements = x :: elements }
  def pop(): A = {
    val elementTop = elements.head
    elements = elements.tail
    elementTop
  }
}

val stackObj = new uStack[String]
stackObj.push("Hello")
stackObj.push("Trainee")
println(stackObj.pop) // will print Trainee
println(stackObj.pop) // will print Hello
```

Functions with Type Parameters

```
import chisel3._
import chisel3.util._

class Multiply_Acc(gen: UInt) extends Module {
  val io = IO(new Bundle {
    val out = Output(gen)
    val in1 = Input(gen)
    val in2 = Input(gen)
    val in3 = Input(gen)
  })

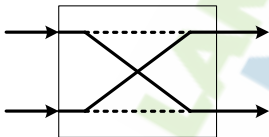
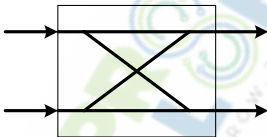
  io.out := multiply_add(io.in1, io.in2, io.in3)

  def multiply_add[T <: UInt](in_1: T, in_2: T, in_3: T) =
    {
      in_1 * in_2 + in_3
    }
}

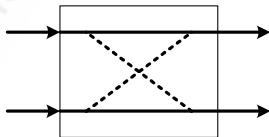
println(chisel3.Driver.emitVerilog(new Multiply_Acc(UInt(2.W
))))
```

Network Switch

2x2 switch (crossbar)



cross state



bar state

Parameterized Module: 2x2 Switch

```
import chisel3._
import chisel3.util._

class switch_2cross2 [T <: Data](parameter:T) extends Module{
  val io = IO(new Bundle{
    val in1  = Input(parameter)
    val in2  = Input(parameter)
    val out1 = Output(parameter)
    val out2 = Output(parameter)
    val sel  = Input(Bool())
  })

  when(io.sel){
    io.out1 := io.in2
    io.out2 := io.in1
  }
  .otherwise{
    io.out1 := io.in1
    io.out2 := io.in2
  }
}

println(chisel3.Driver.emitVerilog(new switch_2cross2(UInt(8.W))))
```

Defining Parametrized Bundles

- Define a parameterized class extending the base class `Bundle`
- This class is used to instantiate the IO interface for the module
- Parameters must be passed while creating an IO module
- These parameters themselves might have been derived from the module class
- Different parameterized fields in a bundle can be defined by invoking `cloneType` on the parameter.

Parametrized Bundles: Illustration

```
import chisel3._
import chisel3.util._

class IO_Interface[T <: Data] (data_type:T) extends Bundle{
  val in1  = Input(data_type.cloneType)
  val in2  = Input(data_type.cloneType)
  val out  = Output(data_type.cloneType)
  val sel  = Input(Bool())
}

class Adder(size: UInt) extends Module{
  val io = IO(new IO_Interface(size))

  io.out := io.in1 + io.in2
}

println((new chisel3.stage.ChiselStage).emitVerilog(new
  Adder(15.U)))
```


Chisel Method: cloneType

- Constructing copies of bundles for various purposes requires cloning
- Chisel can automatically figure out how to clone bundles in most cases
- For some parameterized bundles, Chisel may not automatically figure out how to clone
- Solution is to create a custom `cloneType` method in the parameterized bundle

cloneType Example

```
import chisel3._
import chisel3.stage.ChiselStage

class Adder_Inputs(x: Int, y: Int) extends Bundle {
  val in1 = UInt(x.W)
  val in2 = UInt(y.W)

  // creating a custom cloneType method
  override def cloneType = (new Adder_Inputs(x, y)).
    asInstanceOf[this.type]
}
```

cloneType Example

```
class Adder(inBundle: Adder_Inputs, outSize: Int) extends Module {
  val io = IO(new Bundle {
    val out = Output(UInt(outSize.W))

    // chiselTypeOf returns the chisel type of the object
    val in_bundle = Input(chiselTypeOf(inBundle))
  })
  io.out := io.in_bundle.in1 + io.in_bundle.in2
}

class Top(in1Size: Int, in2Size: Int, outSize: Int) extends Module {
  val io = IO(new Bundle {
    val out = Output(UInt(outSize.W))
    val in = Input(UInt(in1Size.W))
  })

  // input bundle instance
  val inBundle = Wire(new Adder_Inputs(in1Size, in2Size))
  inBundle := DontCare

  // module instance
  val m = Module(new Adder(inBundle, outSize))
  m.io.in_bundle.in1 := io.in
  m.io.in_bundle.in2 := io.in
  io.out := m.io.out
}

println((new ChiselStage).emitVerilog(new Top(18, 30, 32)))
```

Class As Parameter

```
import chisel3._
import chisel3.util._

class Parameters(dWidth: Int, aWidth: Int) extends Bundle{
  val addrWidth = UInt(aWidth.W)
  val dataWidth = UInt(dWidth.W)
}

class DataMem (params: Parameters) extends Module {
  val io = IO(new Bundle{
    val data_in  = Input(params.dataWidth)
    val data_out = Output(params.dataWidth)
    val addr     = Input(params.addrWidth)
    val wr_en    = Input(Bool())
  })

  // Make memory of 32 x 32
  val memory = Mem(32, params.dataWidth)
```

Class As Parameter Cont'd

```
io.data_out := 0.U

when(io.wr_en) {
  memory.write(io.addr, io.data_in)
} .otherwise {
  io.data_out := memory.read(io.addr)
}

}

val params = (new Parameters(32, 5))
println((new chisel3.stage.ChiselStage).emitVerilog(new
  DataMem(params)))
```

Function As Parameter

Class with *function parameters*

```
import chisel3._

// class definition with function as parameter
class Operator[T <: Data](n: Int, generic: T)(op: (T, T) =>
  T) extends Module {
  require(n > 0) // "reduce only works on non-empty Vecs"

  val io = IO(new Bundle {
    val in = Input(Vec(n, generic))
    val out = Output(generic)
  })

  io.out := io.in.reduce(op)
}
```

Function As Parameter Cont'd

Implementing ADD operation

```
// Implement addition operation
object UserOperator1 extends App {
  println((new chisel3.stage.ChiselStage).emitVerilog(new
    Operator(2, UInt(16.W))(_ + _)))
}
```

Implementing AND operation

```
// Implement AND operation
object UserOperator2 extends App {
  println((new chisel3.stage.ChiselStage).emitVerilog(new
    Operator(3, UInt(8.W))(_ & _)))
}
```

Variance in Scala

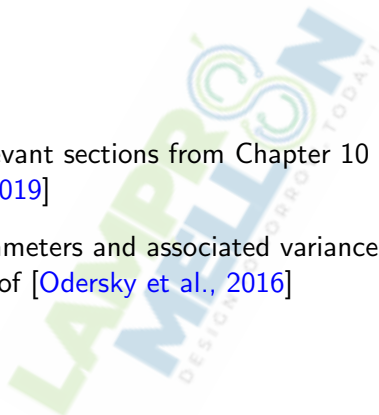
- Recall `class` `uStack[A]`
 - `A` – is called **Type Parameter**
 - `uStack[Int]`, `uStack[String]` – are known as **Parameterized Types**
- Variance in Scala defines inheritance relationship among these **Parameterized Types**

Types of Variance

- Covariance
 - If 'S' is subtype of 'T' then $\text{Set}[S]$ is a subtype of $\text{Set}[T]$
 - Covariance is defined by prefixing Type Parameter with $+$, e.g. $\text{Set}[+T]$, $\text{List}[+T]$
- Contravariance
 - If 'S' is subtype of 'T' then $\text{List}[T]$ is a subtype of $\text{List}[S]$
 - Contravariance is defined by prefixing Type Parameter with $-$, e.g. $\text{Set}[-T]$, $\text{List}[-T]$
- Invariance
 - If 'S' is subtype of 'T' then $\text{List}[S]$ and $\text{List}[T]$ do not have any inheritance relationship i.e. they are unrelated (the default variance relationship).

Reading List I

- Read the relevant sections from Chapter 10 of [Schoeberl, 2019]
- For type parameters and associated variance read Sections 19.3 to 19.6 of [Odersky et al., 2016]



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