

Lecture 4: Higher Order Functions

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HIGHER ORDER FUNCTIONS

The order of a function

Definition

- A **first order** function is a function whose input and output are not functions.
- A function has order $n + 1$ if its input or output contain a function of maximum order n
- A function with order $n \geq 2$ is a **higher order function**

The order of a function

- $f :: Num\ a \Rightarrow a \rightarrow a$

$$f\ x = x + 5$$

What order does this function have?

- is a **first order** function, since neither the input nor the output of the function is a function.

- $add :: Num\ a \Rightarrow a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow a)$

$$add\ x\ y = x + y$$

What order does this function have?

- It is a **second order** function, since it returns a first order function.

- $add' :: Num\ a \Rightarrow (a, a) \rightarrow a$

$$add'\ (x, y) = x + y$$

What order does this function have?

- It is a **first order** function



Why are higher order functions useful?

Let's say that we want to sum all the even numbers in a list.
If we have just learned about recursive list algorithms, we would likely end up with a function like

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sumEvens} &:: [\text{Int}] \rightarrow \text{Int} \\ \text{sumEvens } [] &= 0 \\ \text{sumEvens } (x : xs) \mid \text{even } x &= x + \text{sumEvens } xs \\ \text{sumEvens } (x : xs) \mid \text{otherwise} &= \text{sumEvens } xs \end{aligned}$$

If later, we are told to sum all the odd numbers as well

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sumOdds} &:: [\text{Int}] \rightarrow \text{Int} \\ \text{sumOdds } [] &= 0 \\ \text{sumOdds } (x : xs) \mid \text{odd } x &= x + \text{sumOdds } xs \\ \text{sumOdds } (x : xs) \mid \text{otherwise} &= \text{sumOdds } xs \end{aligned}$$

That's quite a lot of code for a simple problem!

Why are higher order functions useful?

A different approach is to use **higher order functions** from Haskell's standard library, to solve the problem. In this problem we use the higher order function *filter*:

$$\text{sumEvens}', \text{sumOdds}' :: [\text{Int}] \rightarrow \text{Int}$$
$$\text{sumEvens}' = \text{sum} \ (\text{filter even } xs)$$
$$\text{sumOdds}' = \text{sum} \ (\text{filter odd } xs)$$

- Less code to write, and less code to debug.

Why are higher order functions useful?

- A higher-order function can do much more than a “first order” one, because a part of its behaviour can be controlled by the caller.
 - We can replace many similar functions by one higher-order function, parameterised on the differences.
- **Common programming idioms** can be encoded as functions within the language itself.
- **Domain specific languages** can be defined as collections of higher-order functions.
- **Algebraic properties** of higher-order functions can be used to reason about programs.

LAMBDA FUNCTIONS

Anonymous functions in Haskell

Lambda functions

The function definition in Haskell:

$$\textit{function param} = \textit{expression}$$

is internally represented by a *lambda function* in the compiler

$$\textit{function} = \lambda \textit{param} \rightarrow \textit{expression}$$

Above, the $(\lambda \textit{param} \rightarrow \textit{expression})$ is a lambda function. It is Haskell's way of defining *anonymous* functions, i.e. functions without a name.

When programming, we write `(\param -> expression)`.



Lambda functions - Multiple parameters

Several equivalent ways of defining the same function:

$$f :: \text{Num } a \Rightarrow a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a$$

$$f \ x \ y = 2 * x - y$$

$$f \ x \quad = \lambda y \rightarrow 2 * x - y$$

$$f \quad \quad = \lambda x \rightarrow \lambda y \rightarrow 2 * x - y$$

$$f \quad \quad = \lambda x \rightarrow (\lambda y \rightarrow 2 * x - y)$$

$$f \quad \quad = \lambda x \ y \rightarrow 2 * x - y$$

Pattern matching on tuples is easily done using lambda functions also:

$$g :: \text{Num } a \rightarrow (a, a) \rightarrow a$$

$$g \ (x, y) = 2 * x - y$$

$$g \quad \quad = \lambda(x, y) \rightarrow 2 * x - y$$

Lambda functions - Pattern matching

Consider a function using pattern matching

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sum } [] &= 0 \\ \text{sum } (x : xs) &= x + \text{sum } xs \end{aligned}$$

As a lambda-function, we would define it by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sum} &= \lambda a \rightarrow \mathbf{case\ } a \mathbf{ of} \\ &[] \rightarrow 0 \\ &(x : xs) \rightarrow x + \text{sum } xs \end{aligned}$$

This is also what the compiler does internally

Lambda functions - Guards

If you want guards

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sign } n \mid n < 0 &= -1 \\ \mid n \equiv 0 &= 0 \\ \mid \text{otherwise} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

but also want to write it in a lambda function, you can write

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sign} &= \lambda n \rightarrow \mathbf{case} \ () \ \mathbf{of} \\ &\quad - \mid n < 0 \rightarrow -1 \\ &\quad - \mid n \equiv 0 \rightarrow 0 \\ &\quad - \quad \quad \rightarrow 1 \end{aligned}$$

Lambda functions - Local variables

If you want local variables

$$\begin{aligned} \text{roots } a \ b \ c \mid d < 0 &= [] \\ &\mid d \equiv 0 = [-b / (2 * a)] \\ &\mid d > 0 = [(-b + \text{sqrt } d) / (2 * a), (-b - \text{sqrt } d) / (2 * a)] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$d = b^2 - 4 * a * c$$

you can use **let**-statements:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{roots} = \lambda a \ b \ c \rightarrow & \mathbf{let} \ d = b^2 - 4 * a * c \\ & \mathbf{in \ case} \ () \ \mathbf{of} \\ & \quad - \mid d < 0 = [] \\ & \quad - \mid d \equiv 0 = [-b / (2 * a)] \\ & \quad - \mid d > 0 = [(-b + \text{sqrt } d) / (2 * a), \dots] \end{aligned}$$

map, filter and concat

map :: $(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow ([a] \rightarrow [b])$

map *f* [] = []

map *f* (*x* : *xs*) = *f* *x* : *map* *f* *xs*

map *f* *xs* = [*f* *x* | *x* ← *xs*]

filter :: $(a \rightarrow \text{Bool}) \rightarrow ([a] \rightarrow [a])$

filter *p* [] = []

filter *p* (*x* : *xs*) | *p* *x* = *x* : *filter* *p* *xs*

| otherwise = *filter* *p* *xs*

filter *p* *xs* = [*x* | *x* ← *xs*, *p* *x*]

concat :: $[[a]] \rightarrow [a]$

concat [] = []

concat (*xs* : *xss*) = *xs* ++ *concat* *xss*

concat *xss* = [*x* | *xs* ← *xss*, *x* ← *xs*]

Equational reasoning: Identities for *map*

$$\text{map } id \text{ } xs \quad \equiv \quad xs$$

$$\text{map } f \text{ } (\text{map } g \text{ } xs) \equiv \text{map } (f \circ g) \text{ } xs$$

where

$$id :: a \rightarrow a$$

$$id \text{ } x = x$$

and

$$(\circ) :: (b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)$$

$$(f \circ g) \text{ } x = f \text{ } (g \text{ } x)$$

map, filter and *concat*: The basic primitives of list comprehensions

Just 3 functions makes it possible to express every program written using list comprehensions

$$\begin{aligned}
 [f\ x \mid x \leftarrow xs] &\equiv \text{map}\ f\ xs \\
 [x \mid x \leftarrow xs, p\ x] &\equiv \text{filter}\ p\ xs \\
 [e \mid Q, P] &\equiv \text{concat}\ [[e \mid P] \mid Q] \\
 [e \mid Q, x \leftarrow [d \mid P]] &\equiv [e\ [x := d] \mid Q, P]
 \end{aligned}$$

EXAMPLE 1

$$\begin{aligned}
 &[x \mid xs \leftarrow xss, \neg (\text{null}\ xs), x \leftarrow xs] \\
 &\equiv \text{concat}\ [[x \mid x \leftarrow xs] \mid xs \leftarrow xss, \neg (\text{null}\ xs)] \\
 &\equiv \text{concat}\ [xs \mid xs \leftarrow xss, \neg (\text{null}\ xs)] \\
 &\equiv \text{concat}\ (\text{filter}\ (\neg \circ \text{null})\ xss)
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EXAMPLE 2

$$\begin{aligned}
 &[y \mid xs \leftarrow xss, y \leftarrow [x * x \mid x \leftarrow xs]] \\
 &\equiv [x * x \mid xs \leftarrow xss, x \leftarrow xs] \\
 &\equiv \text{concat}\ [[x * x \mid x \leftarrow xs] \mid xs \leftarrow xss] \\
 &\equiv \text{concat}\ [\text{map}\ \text{square}\ xs \mid xs \leftarrow xss] \\
 &\equiv \text{concat}\ (\text{map}\ (\text{map}\ \text{square})\ xss)
 \end{aligned}$$

Function composition and function application

$$(\circ) :: (b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow c)$$

$$(f \circ g) x = f (g x)$$

$$(\$) :: (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow b$$

$$f \$ x = f x$$

Identities for *map*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{map } (f \circ g) &\equiv \text{map } f \circ \text{map } g \\ \text{map } f \circ \text{concat} &\equiv \text{concat} \circ \text{map } (\text{map } f) \\ \text{map } f \ (xs \mathbin{++} ys) &\equiv \text{map } f \ xs \mathbin{++} \text{map } f \ ys \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{map} &:: (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [b] \\ \text{map} \circ \text{map} &:: (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow [[a]] \rightarrow [[b]] \\ \text{map} \circ \text{map} \circ \text{map} &:: (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow [[[a]]] \rightarrow [[[b]]] \end{aligned}$$

Identities for *filter*

$$\text{filter } p \circ \text{filter } q \equiv \text{filter } q \circ \text{filter } p$$

$$\text{filter } p \circ \text{filter } q \equiv \text{filter } (\lambda x \rightarrow p \ x \wedge q \ x)$$

$$\text{filter } p \circ \text{concat} \equiv \text{concat} \circ \text{map } (\text{filter } p)$$

$$\text{filter } p \ (xs \ ++ \ ys) \equiv (\text{filter } p \ xs) \ ++ \ (\text{filter } p \ ys)$$

The constant function *const*

$$\text{const} :: a \rightarrow b \rightarrow a$$
$$\text{const } x = _ \rightarrow x$$

Sometimes useful in combination with higher-order functions.
The length-function could be defined by

$$\text{length} :: [a] \rightarrow \text{Int}$$
$$\text{length } xs = \text{sum } (\text{map } (\text{const } 1) xs)$$
$$\text{length}' :: [a] \rightarrow \text{Int}$$
$$\text{length}' = \text{sum} \circ \text{map } (\text{const } 1)$$

The identity function *id*

$$id :: a \rightarrow a$$

$$id\ x = x$$

Sometimes useful in combination with higher-order functions.

$$or :: [Bool] \rightarrow Bool$$

$$or = \neg \circ null \circ filter\ id$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 or\ [True, False, False] &= (\neg \circ (null \circ filter\ id))\ [True, False, False] \\
 &= \neg\ ((null \circ filter\ id)\ [True, False, False]) \\
 &= \neg\ (null\ (filter\ id\ [True, False, False])) \\
 &= \neg\ (null\ [True]) \\
 &= \neg\ False \\
 &= True
 \end{aligned}$$

How would we define *and*? $and = null \circ filter\ \neg$

curry, uncurry, flip

- *curry* converts a function on pairs to a curried function.
- *uncurry* converts a curried function to a function on pairs.
- *flip* flips the arguments of a function

$$\text{curry} \quad :: ((a, b) \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c)$$

$$\text{curry } f \ x \ y \quad = f \ (x, y)$$

$$\text{uncurry} \quad :: (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow ((a, b) \rightarrow c)$$

$$\text{uncurry } f \ (x, y) = f \ x \ y$$

$$\text{flip} \quad :: (b \rightarrow a \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c)$$

$$\text{flip } f \ a \ b \quad = f \ b \ a$$

We could have defined

$$\text{zipWith } f \ xs \ ys = \text{map } (\text{uncurry } f) \ (\text{zip } xs \ ys)$$

Puzzle for the break

id $:: a \rightarrow a$

id *x* $= x$

flip $:: (b \rightarrow a \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c)$

flip *f* *a* *b* $= f\ b\ a$

curry $:: ((a, b) \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c)$

curry *f* *x* *y* $= f\ (x, y)$

uncurry $:: (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow ((a, b) \rightarrow c)$

uncurry *f* (*x*, *y*) $= f\ x\ y$

Use only the functions above to define a function

swap $:: (a, b) \rightarrow (b, a)$

swap = ???

Solution: (*uncurry* (*flip* (*curry* *id*)))

FOLD AND UNFOLD

Abstract away recursion

$$\begin{aligned} [] \mathbin{++} ys &= ys & (x1 : (x2 : (x3 : []))) \mathbin{++} ys \\ (x : xs) \mathbin{++} ys &= x : (xs \mathbin{++} ys) & \equiv x1 : (x2 : (x3 : ys)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{concat } [] &= [] & \text{concat } (x1 : (x2 : (x3 : []))) \\ \text{concat } (xs : xss) &= xs \mathbin{++} \text{concat } xss & \equiv x1 \mathbin{++} (x2 \mathbin{++} (x3 \mathbin{++} [])) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } [] &= \text{True} & \text{and } (x1 : (x2 : (x3 : []))) \\ \text{and } (x : xs) &= x \wedge \text{and } xs & = x1 \wedge (x2 \wedge (x3 \wedge \text{True})) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{length } [] &= 0 & \text{length } (x1 : (x2 : (x3 : []))) \\ \text{length } (x : xs) &= 1 + \text{length } xs & \equiv 1 + (1 + (1 + [])) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{reverse } [] &= [] & \text{reverse } (x1 : (x2 : (x3 : []))) \\ \text{reverse } (x : xs) &= \text{reverse } xs \mathbin{++} [x] & \equiv (([] \mathbin{++} [x3]) \mathbin{++} [x2]) \mathbin{++} [x1] \end{aligned}$$

Abstract away recursion

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{concat } [] &= [] \\ \text{concat } (xs : xss) &= xs \mathbin{++} \text{concat } xss \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } [] &= \text{True} \\ \text{and } (x : xs) &= x \wedge \text{and } xs \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{length } [] &= 0 \\ \text{length } (x : xs) &= 1 + \text{length } xs \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{reverse } [] &= [] \\ \text{reverse } (x : xs) &= \text{reverse } xs \mathbin{++} [x] \end{aligned}$$

In general, all of the functions mentioned here are of the form

$$\begin{aligned} h [] &= e \\ h (x : xs) &= x \oplus h xs \end{aligned}$$

where e is an expression and \oplus is some binary operator.

The result directly follows the structure of the list:

$$\begin{aligned} h \ (x1 : (x2 : (x3 : []))) \\ \equiv (x1 \oplus (x2 \oplus (x3 \oplus e))) \end{aligned}$$

Abstract away recursion

In general, all of the functions mentioned here are of the form

$$[] \mathbin{++} ys = ys$$

$$(x : xs) \mathbin{++} ys = x : (xs \mathbin{++} ys)$$

$$\text{concat } [] = []$$

$$\text{concat } (x : xss) = x \mathbin{++} \text{concat } xss$$

$$\text{and } [] = \text{True}$$

$$\text{and } (x : xs) = x \wedge \text{and } xs$$

$$\text{length } [] = 0$$

$$\text{length } (x : xs) = 1 + \text{length } xs$$

$$\text{reverse } [] = []$$

$$\text{reverse } (x : xs) = \text{reverse } xs \mathbin{++} [x]$$

$$h [] = e$$

$$h (x : xs) = x \oplus h xs$$

where e is an expression and \oplus is some binary operator.

What is e and \oplus for each of the functions on the left?

- $(++) :: [a] \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [a]$
- $\text{concat} :: [[a]] \rightarrow [a]$
- $\text{and} :: [\text{Bool}] \rightarrow \text{Bool}$
- $\text{length} :: [a] \rightarrow \text{Int}$
- $\text{reverse} :: [a] \rightarrow [a]$

foldr to the rescue

$$\text{foldr} :: (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow b) \rightarrow b \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow b$$

$$\text{foldr } f \ z \ [] = z$$

$$\text{foldr } f \ z \ (x : xs) = f \ x \ (\text{foldr } f \ z \ xs)$$

$$\text{foldr } (\oplus) \ e \ [x1, x2, x3] \equiv x1 \oplus (x2 \oplus (x3 \oplus e))$$

The functions from before become:

$$xs \ ++ \ ys = \text{foldr } (:) \ ys \ xs$$

$$\text{concat } xss = \text{foldr } (++) \ [] \ xss$$

$$\text{and } xs = \text{foldr } (\wedge) \ \text{True} \ xs$$

$$\text{length } xs = \text{foldr } (\text{const } (1+)) \ 0 \ xs$$

$$\text{reverse } xs = \text{foldr } (\lambda x \ ys \rightarrow ys \ ++ \ [x]) \ [] \ xs$$

Fixing *reverse*

Recall, that we last time defined

$$\text{reverse} :: [a] \rightarrow [a]$$

$$\text{reverse } [] = []$$

$$\text{reverse } (x : xs) = \text{reverse } xs \mathbin{++} [x]$$

and that it used $O(n^2)$ reductions, due to the fact that there are n applications of $(++)$, where the i 'th application consists of i reductions.

Fixing *reverse*

Now we propose a new solution which avoids (+):

$reverse :: [a] \rightarrow [a]$

$reverse\ xs = reverse'\ xs\ []$

where

$reverse'\ []\ ys = ys$

$reverse'\ (x : xs)\ ys = reverse'\ xs\ (x : ys)$

$reverse\ [1,2,3] \equiv reverse'\ [1,2,3]\ []$

$\equiv reverse'\ [2,3]\ [1]$

$\equiv reverse'\ [3]\ [2,1]$

$\equiv reverse'\ []\ [3,2,1]$

$\equiv [3,2,1]$

$O(n)$ reductions!

Introducing *foldl*

We want to generalize the concept of recursive function on lists, which use an accumulating parameter. This is all functions which have the following structure:

$$\begin{aligned}h [] acc &= acc \\h (x : xs) acc &= h xs (acc \oplus x)\end{aligned}$$

for some some binary operation \oplus and a value e . Execution results in evaluation:

$$h [x1, x2, x3] e \equiv ((e \oplus x1) \oplus x2) \oplus x3$$

Introducing *foldl*

$foldr :: (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow b) \rightarrow b \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow b$

$foldr\ f\ z\ [] = z$

$foldr\ f\ z\ (x : xs) = f\ x\ (foldr\ f\ z\ xs)$

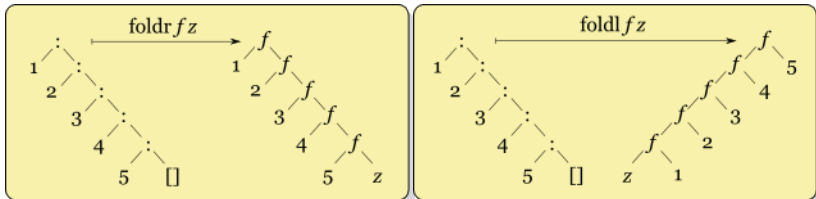
$foldl :: (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow a) \rightarrow a \rightarrow [b] \rightarrow a$

$foldl\ f\ z\ [] = z$

$foldl\ f\ z\ (x : xs) = foldl\ f\ (f\ z\ x)\ xs$

$foldr\ (\oplus)\ e\ [x1, x2, x3] \equiv x1 \oplus (x2 \oplus (x3 \oplus e))$

$foldl\ (\oplus)\ e\ [x1, x2, x3] \equiv ((e \oplus x1) \oplus x2) \oplus x3$



Examples

reverse xs = *foldl (flip (:)) [] xs*

sum xs = *foldl (+) 0 xs*

product xs = *foldl (*) 1 xs*

maximum [] = *error "Empty list"*

maximum (x : xs) = *foldl max x xs*

Functions using folds and their time complexities

	f	z	$foldl$	$foldr$
<i>reverse xs</i>	$flip (:) :: [a] \rightarrow a \rightarrow [a]$	$[]$	$O(n)$	-
<i>reverse xs</i>	$(\lambda x z \rightarrow z ++ [x]) :: a \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [a]$	$[]$	-	$O(n^2)$
<i>sum xs</i>	$(+) :: Num\ a \Rightarrow a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a$	0	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
<i>product xs</i>	$(*) :: Num\ a \Rightarrow a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a$	1	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
<i>maximum (x : xs)</i>	$max :: Ord\ a \Rightarrow a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a$	x	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
<i>minimum (x : xs)</i>	$min :: Ord\ a \Rightarrow a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a$	x	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
<i>xs ++ ys</i>	$(:) :: a \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [a]$	ys	-	$O(n)$
<i>concat xss</i>	$(++) :: [a] \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [a]$	$[]$	$O(m^2n)$	$O(mn)^1$
<i>length xs</i>	$const\ (1+) :: a \rightarrow Int \rightarrow Int$	0	-	$O(n)$
<i>and xs</i>	$(\wedge) :: Bool \rightarrow Bool \rightarrow Bool$	<i>True</i>	$O(n)$	$O(i)^2$
<i>or xs</i>	$(\vee) :: Bool \rightarrow Bool \rightarrow Bool$	<i>False</i>	$O(n)$	$O(i)^3$

¹ m is length of xss , n is length of sublists

² i is index of first *False* occurrence

³ i is index of first *True* occurrence

Elaboration on *concat*

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{concat } [x1, x2 \dots xn] &\equiv \text{foldl } (++) [] [x1, x2 \dots xn] \\
 &\equiv (\dots([] ++ x1) ++ x2) ++ \dots ++ xn
 \end{aligned}$$

$(++)$ runs over all preceding lists when appending a new list!
 $\rightarrow O(m^2n)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{concat } [x1, x2 \dots xn] &\equiv \text{foldr } (++) [] [x1, x2 \dots xn] \\
 &\equiv x1 ++ (x2 ++ (\dots(xn ++ [])))
 \end{aligned}$$

This one only runs through each sublist once. $\rightarrow O(mn)$.

First duality theorem

Suppose \oplus is associative with unit e . Then

$$\text{foldr } (\oplus) e \text{ } xs = \text{foldl } (\oplus) e \text{ } xs$$

for all finite lists xs . **Examples:**

$$\text{sum} = \text{foldl } (+) 0$$

$$\text{and} = \text{foldl } (\wedge) \text{True}$$

$$\text{concat} = \text{foldl } (++) []$$

So: In this case, *foldr* and *foldl* gives the same result, but their performance characteristics might differ!

A type with such operations $+$ and e is called a **Monoid**, and in Haskell, there is a corresponding type class.

How would *map* look like for *Tree a*?

Recall that for Lists, we write a *map* function like this:

data *List a* = *Nil* | *Cons a (List a)*

listMap :: (*a* → *b*) → *List a* → *List b*

listMap *f Nil* = *Nil*

listMap *f (Cons x xs)* = *Cons (f x) (listMap f xs)*

data *Tree a* = *Nil* | *Node a (Tree a) (Tree a)*

treeMap :: (*a* → *b*) → *Tree a* → *Tree b*

treeMap *f Nil* = *Nil*

treeMap *f (Node x l r)* = *Node (f x) (treeMap f l) (treeMap f r)*

instance (*Functor Tree*) **where**

fmap *f Nil* = *Nil*

fmap *f (Node x l r)* = *Node (f x) (fmap f l) (fmap f r)*

The Functor Type Class

class *Functor* *f* **where**

fmap :: $(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow f\ a \rightarrow f\ b$

Note that *f* in the above should be a *type constructor*.

Every functor *F* should satisfy the Functor laws:

fmap *id* \equiv *id*

fmap (*f* \circ *g*) \equiv *fmap* *f* \circ *fmap* *g*

More examples:

instance *Functor* $((,) a)$ **where**

fmap *f* (*x*, *y*) = (*x*, *f* *y*)

instance *Functor* (*Maybe*) **where**

fmap *f* *Nothing* = *Nothing*

fmap *f* (*Just* *x*) = *Just* (*f* *x*)

Unfolding

$$unfoldr :: (b \rightarrow Maybe (a, b)) \rightarrow b \rightarrow [a]$$

The *unfoldr* function is a ‘dual’ to *foldr*: While *foldr* reduces a list to a summary value, *unfoldr* builds a list from a seed value.

The function takes the element and

- returns *Nothing* if it is done producing the list or
- returns *Just (a, b)*, in which case, *a* is prepended to the list and *b* is used as the next element in a recursive call.

unfoldr example: digits

$$\text{unfoldr} :: (b \rightarrow \text{Maybe } (a, b)) \rightarrow b \rightarrow [a]$$

In the first lecture, we saw

$$\text{digits} :: \text{Integer} \rightarrow [\text{Integer}]$$

$$\text{digits } n$$

$$| n \equiv 0 \quad = []$$

$$| \text{otherwise} = n \text{ 'mod' } 10 : \text{digits } (n \text{ 'div' } 10)$$

This function corresponds to an “unfoldr” of the number, namely

$$\text{digits} = \text{unfoldr } (\lambda n \rightarrow \text{case } n \text{ of}$$

$$0 \rightarrow \text{Nothing}$$

$$- \rightarrow \text{Just } (n \text{ 'mod' } 10, n \text{ 'div' } 10)$$

$$)$$

unfoldr example: digits

$unfoldr :: (b \rightarrow Maybe (a,b)) \rightarrow b \rightarrow [a]$

$digits :: Integer \rightarrow [Integer]$

$digits = unfoldr (\lambda n \rightarrow \mathbf{case} \ n \ \mathbf{of}$

$0 \rightarrow Nothing$

$_ \rightarrow Just \ (n \ 'mod' \ 10, n \ 'div' \ 10)$

$)$

In this case, we can fold/unfold back and forth:

$digits \ 1337 \equiv [7,3,3,1]$

$foldr \ (\lambda x \ y \rightarrow x + 10 * y) \ 0 \ [7,3,3,1] \equiv 1337$

Discovering variants of the fold function

- Recall the type

$$\text{foldr} :: (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow b) \rightarrow b \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow b$$

- We could have given *foldr* a similar type to *unfoldr*.

To give it a different name, the fold function is here named *cata* (short for *catamorphism* - the general name for folds over algebraic data types)

$$\text{unfoldr} :: (b \rightarrow \text{Maybe } (a, b)) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow [a])$$

$$\text{cata} \quad :: (\text{Maybe } (a, b) \rightarrow b) \rightarrow ([a] \rightarrow b)$$

where e.g. *foldr* (+) 0 would correspond to *cata plus* with

$$\text{plus Nothing} = 0$$

$$\text{plus (Just } (x, y)) = x + y$$



Discovering variants of the fold function

$unFix :: [a] \rightarrow Maybe (a, [a])$

$unFix [] = Nothing$

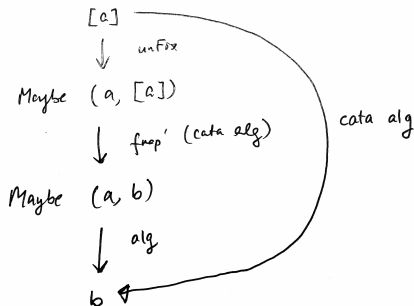
$unFix (x : xs) = Just (x, xs)$

$fmap' :: (b \rightarrow b') \rightarrow (Maybe (a, b) \rightarrow Maybe (a, b'))$

$fmap' = fmap \circ fmap$

$cata :: (Maybe (a, b) \rightarrow b) \rightarrow ([a] \rightarrow b)$

$cata\ alg = \alg \circ fmap' (cata\ alg) \circ unFix$





Discovering variants of the fold function

In general, for a recursive algebraic datatype - e.g.

data $List\ a = Nil \mid Cons\ a\ (List\ a)$

we can associate a non-recursive variant, by introducing an extra type parameter:

data $ListF\ a\ b = NilF \mid ConsF\ a\ b$

The fold-function would then be of the type

$cata :: (ListF\ a\ b \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (List\ a \rightarrow b)$

The types $ListF\ a\ b$ and $Maybe\ (a, b)$ are isomorphic.

- *Nothing* corresponds to $NilF$
- *Just* (x, y) corresponds to $ConsF\ x\ y$

Complete example of “general” fold on lists

data *ListF a b* = *NilF* | *ConsF a b*

data *List a* = *Nil* | *Cons a (List a)*

unFix :: *List a* → *ListF a (List a)*

unFix Nil = *NilF*

unFix (Cons x xs) = *ConsF x xs*

instance *Functor (ListF a)* **where**

fmap _ *NilF* = *NilF*

fmap f (ConsF x xs) = *ConsF x (f xs)*

cata :: (*ListF a b* → *b*) → (*List a* → *b*)

cata alg = *alg* ∘ *fmap* (*cata alg*) ∘ *unFix*

Final example

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data ListF a b = NilF | ConsF a b
newtype Fix f = Fx (f (Fix f))
type List a    = Fix (ListF a)

unFix :: Fix f → f (Fix f)
unFix (Fx x) = x

instance Functor (ListF a) where
    fmap _ NilF          = NilF
    fmap f (ConsF x xs) = ConsF x (f xs)

cata :: (ListF a b → b) → (List a → b)
cata alg = alg ∘ fmap (cata alg) ∘ unFix
```