Pattern Matching on the Left

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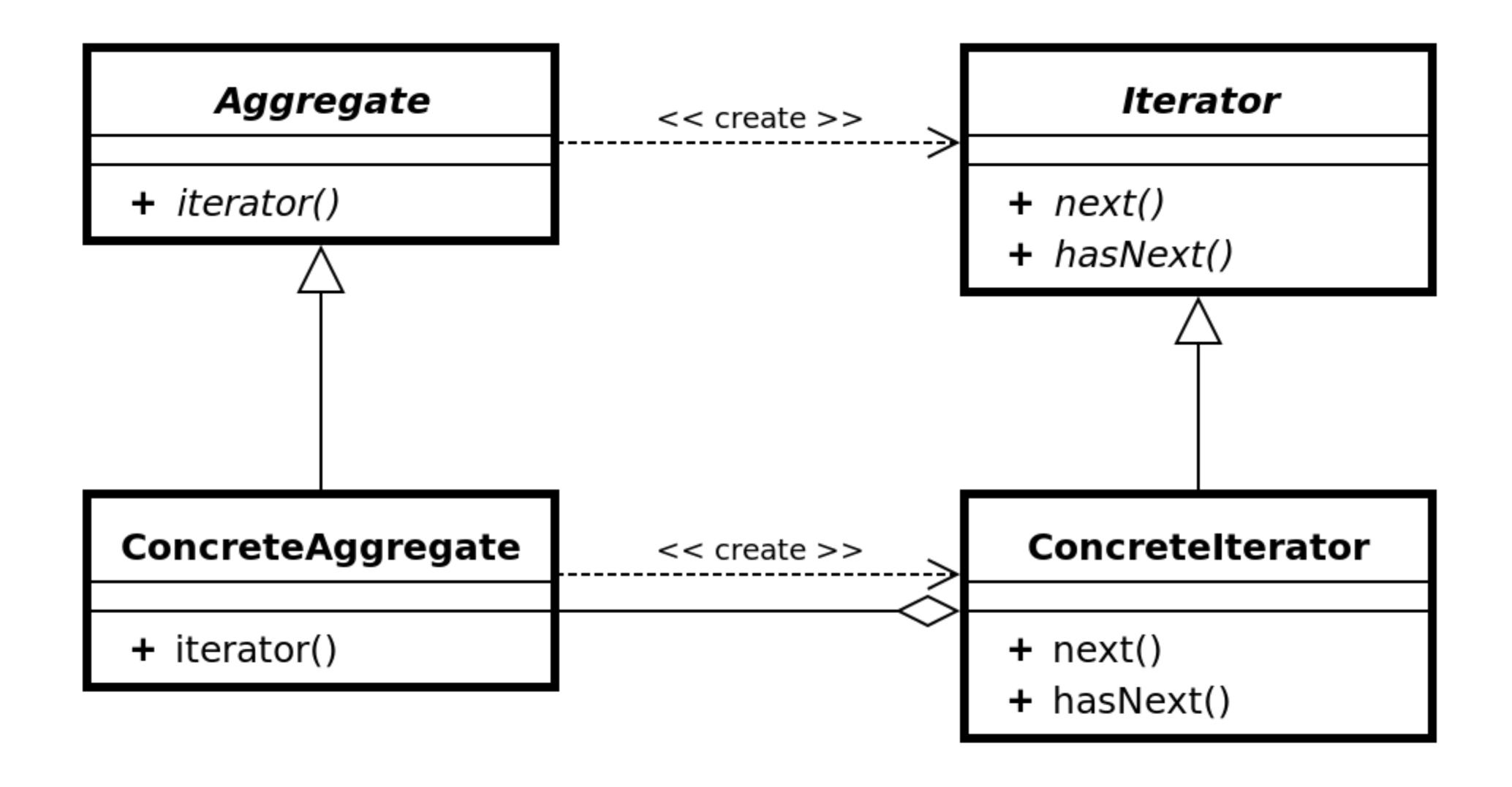
Iterator



 Provide a way to access the elements of an aggregate object sequentially without exposing its underlying representation. (GoF, 257)



Iterator



Iterator Example

```
[Fact]
public void GivenCollectionWeCanIteratorThroughIt()
 IEnumerable<int> coll = new HashSet<int>() { 1, 2, 3 };
 IEnumerator<int> iterator = coll.GetEnumerator();
 var results = new LinkedList<int>();
 while (iterator.MoveNext())
    results.AddLast(iterator.Current);
 Assert. Equal(results, coll);
```

Pattern Matching

Pattern matching is a mechanism for checking a value against a pattern.
 (Scala Docs)

take

```
take : (n : Nat) -> (xs : List a) -> List a
take n xs = ?take_rhs
```

```
take : (n : Nat) -> (xs : List a) -> List a
take Z xs = ?take_rhs_1
take (S k) xs = ?take_rhs_2
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```
take : (n : Nat) -> (xs : List a) -> List a
take Z _ = []
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take : (n : Nat) -> (xs : List a) -> List a
take Z _ = []
take (S k) [] = []
take (S k) (x :: xs) = x :: take k xs
```

takeLast

```
takeLast : (n : Nat) -> (xs : List a) -> List a
takeLast Z xs = []
takeLast (S k) [] = []
takeLast (S k) (x :: []) = ?takeLast_rhs_1
takeLast (S k) (x :: (y :: xs)) = ?takeLast_rhs_2
```

```
takeLast : (n : Nat) -> (xs : List a) -> List a
takeLast n xs = reverse $ take n $ reverse xs
```

takeLast

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takeLast : (n : Nat) -> List a -> List a
```

```
takeLast : (n : Nat) -> List a -> List a
takeLast n xs = ?takeLast_rhs
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```
takeLast : (n : Nat) -> List a -> List a
takeLast n xs with (_)
takeLast n xs | with_pat = ?takeLast_rhs_rhs
```

```
takeLast : (n : Nat) -> List a -> List a
takeLast n xs with (snocList xs)
takeLast n xs | with_pat = ?takeLast_rhs_rhs
```

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takeLast : (n : Nat) -> List a -> List a
takeLast n xs with (snocList xs)
  takeLast Z xs | with_pat = ?takeLast_rhs_rhs_1
  takeLast (S k) xs | with_pat = ?takeLast_rhs_rhs_2
```

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takeLast : (n : Nat) -> List a -> List a
takeLast n xs with (snocList xs)
  takeLast Z [] | Empty = ?takeLast_rhs_rhs_3
  takeLast Z (ys ++ [x]) | (Snoc rec) = ?takeLast_rhs_rhs_4
  takeLast (S k) xs | with_pat = ?takeLast_rhs_rhs_2
```

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takeLast n xs with (snocList xs)
  takeLast Z [] | Empty = []
  takeLast Z (ys ++ [x]) | (Snoc rec) = ?takeLast_rhs_rhs_4
  takeLast (S k) xs | with_pat = ?takeLast_rhs_rhs_2
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Views

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SnocList view

```
data SnocList : List a -> Type where
   Empty : SnocList []
   Snoc : {x : a} -> {xs : List a} ->
        (rec : SnocList xs) -> SnocList (xs ++ [x])
```

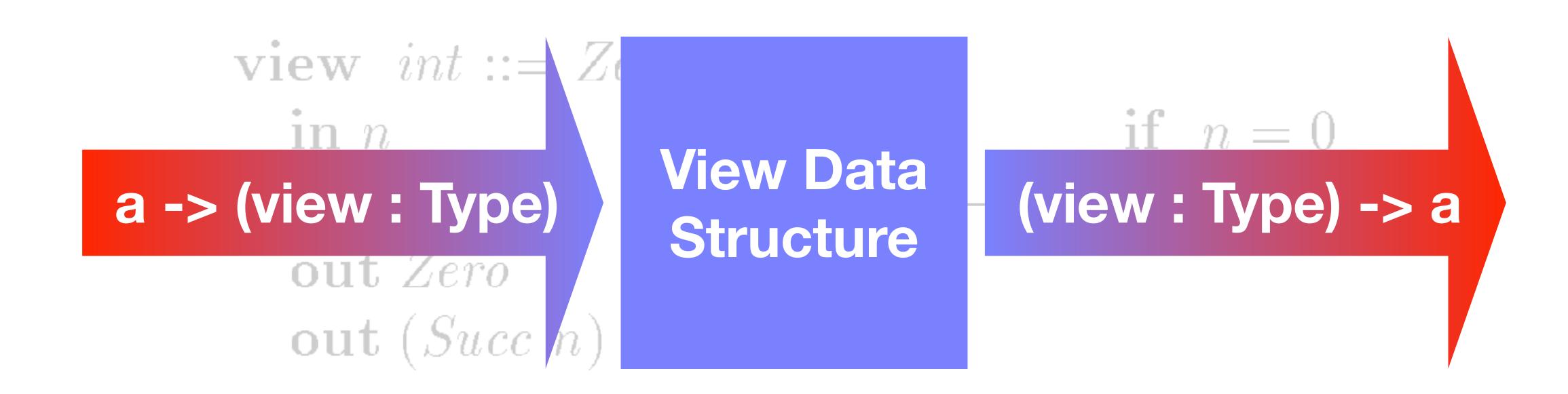
SnocList view in

SnocList view out

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takeLast n xs with (snocList xs)
  takeLast Z [] | Empty = []
  takeLast Z (ys ++ [x]) | (Snoc rec) = []
  takeLast (S k) [] | Empty = []
  takeLast (S k) (ys ++ [x]) | (Snoc rec) = takeLast k ys ++ [x] | rec
```

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Thank you!

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https://github.com/MikeMKH/ talks/tree/master/patternmatching-on-the-left



Next Steps

- Philip Wadler, Views: A way for pattern matching to cohabit with data abstraction. http://cs.ru.nl/~freek/courses/tt-2010/tvftl/wadler-views.pdf
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Code

- Example C# code, https://github.com/MikeMKH/talks/blob/master/pattern-matching-on-the-left/Tests.cs
- Example Idris code, https://github.com/MikeMKH/talks/blob/master/pattern-matching-on-the-left/Example.idr
- SnocList from Idris source, https://github.com/idris-lang/Idris-dev/blob/8ab4dc878a2bac542ee8a817f0054b378d9dad8a/libs/base/Data/List/Views.idr#L77-L93

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