

# CS2104

## Untyped Lambda Calculus

### Concrete syntax

- Usually written in infix/distfix format
- Has ambiguities, disambiguated using either brackets, or by defining a convention

$t ::=$  terms  
 $x$  variable  
 $|\lambda x . t$  abstraction/function  
 $| t t$  application

Note that the space between the two  $t$ s in application is important.

### Conventions for ambiguities

- Application is left associative  
 $x y z = (x y) z$
- $\lambda$  function extends as far to right as possible  
 $\lambda x . x y = \lambda x . (x y)$

### Abstract syntax

Written in prefix format | No ambiguities | Can be visualized as a tree

$t ::= x$  terms  
 $|\text{lam}(x, t)$  abstraction/function  
 $|\text{app}(t, t)$  application

### Properties

- Turing-complete, i.e. can solve any computation problem given enough time and memory
- Can only represent fns with one param; use currying to represent fns with more params

### Reduction rules

#### Beta-reduction

- Essentially function calling/unrolling
- Rule:  $(\lambda x . t1) t2 \rightarrow t1[x \rightarrow t2]$
- Example  
 $(\lambda x . x y) (z z) \rightarrow x y [x \rightarrow (z z)]$   
 $\rightarrow (z z) y$

#### Alpha-renaming

- Renames a **bound** parameter, to avoid name clashes that may occur in beta-reduction
- Ensure that new name chosen is not in use
- Rule:  $(\lambda x . t1) \rightarrow (\lambda z . t1 [x \rightarrow z])$
- Example  
 $(\lambda x . x y) \rightarrow (\lambda z . x y [x \rightarrow z])$   
 $\rightarrow (\lambda z . z y)$

### Reduction strategies

- A beta redex is an application, where the first term is a function.

### Call-by-Name (CBN)

- Leftmost outermost, but not inside lambda
- Lazy evaluation

$(\lambda x . (\lambda z . x z) x) ((\lambda x . x) y) ((\lambda x . x) z)$   
 $\rightarrow ((\lambda z . (\lambda x . x) y) z) (\lambda x . x) y)) ((\lambda x . x) z)$   
 $\rightarrow ((\lambda x . x) y) ((\lambda x . x) y) ((\lambda x . x) z)$   
 $\rightarrow (y) ((\lambda x . x) y) ((\lambda x . x) z)$   
 $\rightarrow (y) (y) ((\lambda x . x) z)$   
 $\rightarrow (y) (y) (z)$

### Call-by-Value (CBV)

- Leftmost innermost, but not inside lambda
- Eager evaluation, may fail to terminate
- Using same example as above:

$(\lambda x . (\lambda z . x z) x) ((\lambda x . x) y) ((\lambda x . x) z)$   
 $\rightarrow (\lambda x . (\lambda z . x z) x) (y) ((\lambda x . x) z)$   
 $\rightarrow ((\lambda z . y z) y) ((\lambda x . x) z)$   
 $\rightarrow (y y) ((\lambda x . x) z)$   
 $\rightarrow (y y)(z)$

### Example where CBV fails to terminate

$(\lambda x . z) ((\lambda x . x x) (\lambda x . x x))$

### Church-Rosser Theorem

Regardless of strategies used, if two evaluations by two different evaluation strategies both terminate, then it always leads to the same normal form.

### Expressiveness

#### Booleans

$\text{true} = \lambda t . \lambda f . t$  if  $= \lambda l . \lambda m . \lambda n . l m n$   
 $\text{false} = \lambda t . \lambda f . f$  and  $= \lambda a . \lambda b . \text{if } a b \text{ false}$

#### Non-terminating computation

Use  $(\lambda x . x x)(\lambda x . x x)$

#### Recursion

- Let binding allows recursion
- Abstract recursive call with fact as a fix-point

let fact =  $(\lambda f . \lambda n . \text{if } n == 0$   
then  $1$  else  $n * f(n - 1))$  fact in  $\dots$

- i.e. we have the fix-point form  
let  $x = h x$  in  $\dots$

#### Fix-point operator

- A fix-point can be expanded infinitely  
let  $x = h x$  in  $\dots$   
let  $x = h (h x)$  in  $\dots$
- Define **fix** as a fix-point operator, and it can also be expanded infinitely  
let **fix**  $h = h (\text{fix } h)$  in  $\dots$   
let **fix**  $h = h (h (\text{fix } h))$  in  $\dots$
- With **fix**, we can define fact in another way:  
let fact = **fix**  $(\lambda f . \lambda n . \text{if } n == 0$   
then  $1$  else  $n * f(n - 1))$  in  $\dots$
- We can also defined **fix** using untyped lambda calculus:  
let **fix**  $h = (\lambda x . h(x x))(\lambda x . h(x x))$

## Extended Lambda Calculus

### Types

$\tau ::=$  type  
 $\text{Int}$  integer  
 $|\text{Bool}$  boolean  
 $|\alpha$  type variable  
 $|\tau \rightarrow \tau$  function type

- Type annotation:  $t : \tau$
- Help support data structures and methods
- Useful for documentation and important for static checks

### Syntax with Types

The same conventions for ambiguities applies.  
 $t ::=$  terms  
 $x$  variable  
 $|\lambda x : \tau . t$  abstraction/function  
 $| t t$  application  
 $| c$  constants, e.g. int/bool  
 $|\text{op}(t, \dots, t)$  primitive functions  
 $|\text{let } x : \tau = t \text{ in } t$  let binding  
 $|\text{if } t \text{ then } t \text{ else } t$  conditional

### Let binding

- Supports local variables with fixed scope
- Supports recursion (impt for expressivity)

**Usage** let  $x = t$  in  $t$

- $x$  is the local variable;
- $t$  is where the scope of the let variable is limited to; e.g.
  - let  $x = 2$  in  $x * x$
  - let fact =  $\lambda n . \text{if } n == 0$  then  $1$  else  $n * (\text{fact}(n - 1))$  in fact 10
  - let fact  $n = \text{if } n == 0$  then  $1$  else  $n * (\text{fact}(n - 1))$  in fact 10

### Type system

- Is an instance of static semantics
  - Static/Dynamic semantics refer to formal analysis that can be done at compile-time/run-time.

### Syntax

$\Gamma \vdash t : \tau$   
 $\Gamma$  is the type env |  $t$  is a term/expression |  $\tau$  is the type, e.g.

- $x : \text{Int} \vdash 1 + x : \text{Int}$
- $y : \beta \vdash \lambda x : \alpha . y : \alpha \rightarrow \beta$

### Rules

- $\Gamma \vdash c_{\text{Int}} : \text{Int}$
- Get variable type from typing context  
 $\Gamma \vdash x : \Gamma(x)$
- Lambda abstraction  
$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \tau \vdash t : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x : \tau . t : \tau \rightarrow \tau_2}$$
- Function application  
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t_2 : \tau_2 \quad \Gamma \vdash t_1 : \tau_2 \rightarrow \tau}{\Gamma \vdash t_1 t_2 : \tau}$$
- Conditional  
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \text{Bool} \quad \Gamma \vdash t_2 : \tau \quad \Gamma \vdash t_3 : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \text{if } t_1 \text{ then } t_2 \text{ else } t_3 : \tau}$$
- Let binding (we define  $x$  to have type  $\tau$ )  
$$\frac{\Gamma + [x : \tau] \vdash t_1 : \tau \quad \Gamma + [x : \tau] \vdash t_2 : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \text{let } x : \tau = t_1 \text{ in } t_2 : \tau_2}$$
- Support polymorphic types  
$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : \forall \alpha . \tau \quad \text{fresh } \alpha_1}{\Gamma \vdash t : [\alpha \rightarrow \alpha_1] \tau}$$

### Safety properties of type system

Two key properties that can guarantee type system is sound and safe:

- Type preservation**  
(type is a static property)

Given a type environment  $\Gamma$  and a well-typed expression  $e$  such that  $\Gamma \vdash e : \tau$ . Assume there is a reduction sequence  $e \rightarrow^* e2$ , then the resulting expression  $e2$  always preserves its original type via  $\Gamma \vdash e2 : \tau$

2. **Progress**  
(well-typed program cannot have run-time type errors)

Given a type environment  $\Gamma$  and a well-typed expression  $e$  such that  $\Gamma \vdash e : \tau$ . For every well-typed expression  $e$ , its reduction cannot fail due to type error. That is, either  $e$  is irreducible, or we must have  $e \rightarrow e2$ .

**Uses**

- Can be used to implement type-checking system, given  $t$  and  $\tau$
- Can be used to implement type-inference system, given  $t$ , returning a  $\tau$

**Dynamic semantics**

- Refers to run-time semantics
- Usually involves a machine model suitable for program reduction/execution
- For lambda calculus, a simple execution model could be
$$\langle t \rangle \rightarrow \langle t_2 \rangle$$
- Then we can introduce an evaluation order, either  $CTX_{name}$  or  $CTX_{value}$  that should not change. Hence
$$\frac{\langle t \rangle \rightarrow \langle t_2 \rangle}{\langle CTX[t] \rangle \rightarrow \langle CTX[t_2] \rangle}$$

**Repeated evaluation**

- Call by name can cause sub-expressions to be duplicated and thus repeatedly evaluated
- To avoid duplication, use an environment binding, that allows unevaluated arguments to be shared at several locations

**Usage**  $\langle E, t \rangle$   
 $E$  is the variable to expression enviornment binding |  $t$  is a term
$$\langle [], (\lambda x. (\lambda z. x z) x) ((\lambda x. x) y) ((\lambda x. x) z) \rangle$$
$$\rightarrow \langle [x \rightarrow ((\lambda x. x) y)], ((\lambda z. \underline{x} z) \underline{x}) ((\lambda x. x) z) \rangle$$
$$\rightarrow \langle [x \rightarrow y], ((\lambda z. \underline{y} z) \underline{y}) ((\lambda x. x) z) \rangle$$
$$\rightarrow \langle [x \rightarrow y], (y y) ((\lambda x. x) z) \rangle$$

**Haskell types**

**Primitive types**

- Types are usually boxed
- Unboxed types are built-in but seldom used, except when implementing the compiler using `-fglasgow-exts`
- Boxed types support polymorphism and lazy evaluation

```
data Bool = False | True
type String = [Char]
data Int = GHC.Types.I# GHC.Prim.Int#
data Float = GHC.Types.F#
           GHC.Prim.Float#
data Double = GHC.Types.D#
            GHC.Prim.Double#
data Char = GHC.Types.C# GHC.Prim.Char#
```

**User-defined types**

**Product types**

Includes tuples and records; Similar to conjunction  $a \wedge b$ 

```
type Pair a b = (a, b)
("Hello", 42) :: Pair String Int
```

**Sum types**  
Includes ordinals and general algebraic data types; Similar to disjunction  $a \vee b$ 

```
type Either a b = Left a | Right b
(Left "Hello") :: Either String Int
Right 42 :: Either String Int
```

**Ordinal types**

- Use GHC built-in `Enum` class
- Note: `succ` and `pred` not cyclic

```
-- Built-in
class Enum a where
  succ :: a -> a
  pred :: a -> a
  toEnum :: Int -> a
  fromEnum :: a -> Int
{- succ Tue = Wed; pred Sat = Fri
   toEnum 1 = Tue; fromEnum Sun = 6 -}
data DaysObj = Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu |
              Fri | Sat | Sun
```

**Algebraic data type**

- I, F, S are data constructor tags
- Obtains type-safe values through pattern matching

```
data Data = I Int | F Float | S String
           deriving Show
v1 = I 3; v2 = F 4.5; v3 = S "CS2104";
print_data v = case v of
  I a -> show a
  F v -> show v
  S v -> v
```

**Tuple types**

- Special case of algebraic data type
- The following is polymorphic
- For a 2-tuple, can use `fst` or `snd` to access first/second element
- Otherwise, use pattern matching

```
-- Haskell definition
(,,) :: a -> b -> c -> (a,b,c)
data (,,) a b c = (,,) a b c
-- Usage
stud1 = ("John", "A1234567J", 2013);
```

**Type synonym**

- Can give a name to a type
- Usually used for tuple types
- Cannot be recursive

```
type Student = (String, String, Int)
type Pair a b = (a, b)
type String = [Char]
```

**Constructors**

- P is a data constructor, use `P 3 4` to instantiate a `Pair`
- Pair is a type constructor

```
P :: a -> b -> Pair a b
data Pair a b = P a b
```

**Record type**

- Extension of algebraic data type
- Automatically derives access methods for each attribute

```
-- :t Student is String -> String ->
    Int -> Student
data Student = Student {
  name :: String,
```

```
matrix :: String,
year :: Int
};
-- automatically derive function
-- name :: Student -> String
```

- Can be used with algebraic data types

```
data X = A | B {name::String}
myfn :: X -> Int
myfn A = 50
myfn B{} = 200
-- Instantiating
bb = B "some_string"
```

**Pointer types**

- Algebraic data type is already implemented as a pointer to a boxed value, hence no need for pointer types
- Allows for recursive type
- e.g. `data Rnode = Rnode(Int, Rnode)`

**Haskell constructs**

**Statement** Executed for its effects

**Expression** Computes a result, may have effects

**Pattern matching**

- Use `;` to mark the end of a pattern body
- Use underscore for catch-all pattern
- Each pattern can only contain one case

```
-- Non-exhaustive
let weekend x = case x of {
Mon -> False; Sat -> True; Sun -> True;}
-- Exhaustive
let weekend x = case x of {
Sat -> True; Sun -> True; _ -> False; }
```

**where vs let**

- `let` is an expression. With nested `let` with same variables used, refer to the nearest variable. For example, the following expression results in an infinite loop:

```
let x = c1 in
  let x = x+1 in x+x
```

- `where` is tied to the scope of a syntactic construct, so can share bindings

```
f x
| cond1 x = a
| cond2 x = g a
| otherwise = f (h x a)
where
  a = w x
```

**Indentation**

- Grouped statements should have the same indentation
- To “close” a declaration (`in`), it should be on the same indentation level as opening (`let`)

```
foo :: Double -> Double
foo x =
  let s = sin x
      c = cos x
  in 2 * s * c
```

- Can use `;` and `{}` to avoid indentation
- Useful when writing one-liners in GHCi

```
-- ghci oneliner
let foo :: Double -> Double; foo x =
  let { s = sin x; c = cos x } in 2
  * s * c
```

Functions

Types

- (x-> x \* x) has type Num a => a -> a, where Num a means that a is a member of Num type class
- fst has type (a,b) -> a

Tupled vs curried functions

- Haskell supports functions with multiple args via tupled and curried functions
- Curried function takes one arg at a time, returning a function that takes the next arg
- Tupled function takes all args as a tuple
- Tupled and curried functions are isomorphic

Partially applied functions

- Curried fns: just apply the function partially
- Tupled fns: need lambda abstraction

Lists

- Prepend: Use cons - (:) :: a->[a]->[a]
- Append: (++) :: [a] -> [a] -> [a], O(size of left list)

Reverse

- Tail-recursive, O(size of list)
  - A fn is tail-recursive if the recursive call is always the last op in recursive invocations
  - Equivalent to a loop
- acc accumulates a list of reversed elements

```
revit xs =
  let aux xs acc =
    case xs of
      [] -> acc
      x:xs -> aux xs (x:acc)
  in aux xs []
```

Take

Can take first k elements of an infinite list

```
sum(take 2 [2..]) -- evaluates to 5
```

Type classes

- Support overloading by allowing types to be parameterized
- (+) :: Num a => a -> a -> a ≡ (+) :: ∀a ∈ Num . a -> a -> a
- map :: (a -> b)-> [a] -> [b] ≡ map :: ∀a∀b . (a -> b)-> [a] -> [b]

Equality class

- Equality can be tested for any data structure except functions
- (==) :: Eq a => a -> a -> Bool

```
data Y = Y{a::Int, b::Int} deriving Show
instance Eq Y where
  (==) Y{a=xa, b=xb} Y{a=ya, b=yb} = xa == ya
aa = Y 3 2; bb = Y 3 4
-- aa == bb is True
```

- Recursive types can be handled, but may need type qualifiers

```
instance (Eq t) => Eq (Tree t) where
  Leaf a == Leaf b = a == b
  (Branch l1 r1) == (Branch l2 r2)
    = (l1 == l2) && (r1 == r2)
  _ == _ = False
```

Class extension

- Can extend a subclass from some superclass
- Multiple inheritance possible

```
class (Eq a) => Ord a where ...
class (Eq a, Show a) => C a where ...
```

- Allows using definitions from base class (e.g. /= below)
- The following are the default definitions for Ord class

```
x >= y = y <= x
x > y = y < x
min x y = if x<=y then x else y
max x y = if x>=y then x else y
```

- Notice everything is defined in terms of /= and <=, so you only need to implement <=

Enum class

```
class (Enum a)
  enumFromThen :: a -> a -> [a]
  fromEnum :: a -> Int
  toEnum :: Int -> a
-- Arithmetic sequences
[Mon..Wed] -> [Mon, Tue, Wed]
```

Show class

- Conversion for character string, for printing

```
class Show where
  show :: a -> String
  -- with accumulating parameter
  shows :: a -> String -> String
  show x = shows x ""
```

Read class

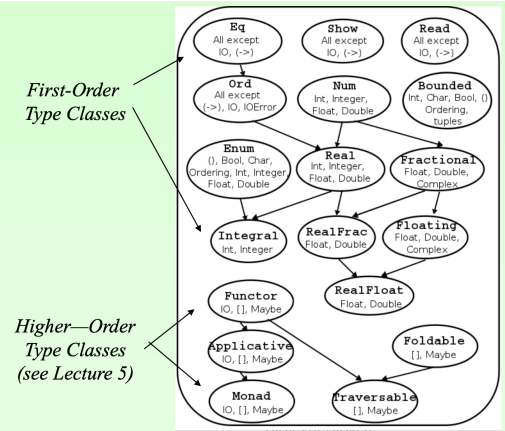
- Empty list denotes failure of parsing, multiple answers denote non-determinism

```
class Read a
  reads :: String -> [(a,String)]
```

Derived instances

- Haskell supports automatic derivation, where it implements the necessary functions for the classes where possible
- data Tree a = ... deriving (Eq, Ord)

Predefined type classes



Higher-order functions

- Like data structures, fns should be first class:
  - Has value and type
  - Can be passed as arg, returned as result, constructed at run-time, stored in data structures
- HO functions are useful in supporting: Code reuse | Laziness | Data abstraction | Design patterns

Lazy evaluation

- Default for Haskell
- Any expression e can be abstracted into a function: \() -> e
- Called a closure when it is coupled with value environment of free vars of e: (E, \() -> e)
- Allows handling of non-terminating code, as long as it is not evaluated by context, like infinite data structures such as ones = 1:ones

Strict evaluation

Helps avoid using memory for building closures, if result is definitely needed, e.g. inc !y = y+1

Folding

- Implement generalized functions
- Haskell fold types expect a Foldable

```
foldl :: Foldable t => (b -> a -> b) -> b -> t a -> b
foldr :: Foldable t => (a -> b -> b) -> b -> t a -> b
```

- Example impl below only support lists
- foldr process from R to L, not tail-recursive

```
foldr :: (a -> z -> z) -> z -> [a] -> z
foldr f z [] = z
foldr f z (x:xs) = f x (foldr f z xs)
-- Usage
sum xs = foldr (+) 0 xs
prod xs = foldr (*) 1 xs
```

- foldl process from L to R, is tail-recursive

```
foldl :: (z -> a -> z) -> z -> [a] -> z
foldl f z [] = z
foldl f z (x:xs) = foldl f (f z x) xs
```

Which to use

- Can be interchanged if reduction operator f is associative
- foldl typically more efficient due to tail recursion

List mapping

```
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
map f [] = []
map f (x:xs) = (f x):(map f xs)
```

List filter

```
filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
filter f [] = []
filter f (x:xs) =
  if (f x) then x:(filter f xs)
  else filter f xs
```

Mutual recursion

Mutual-recursive functions supported by multiple declarations within a single let construct

```
f n =
  let foo n =
    if n <= 1 then 1
    else foo(n-1) + goo(n-2)
      goo n =
        if n <= 1 then 1
        else goo(n-1) + foo(n-2)
  in foo n
```

Function composition

Summary

```
f (g x)      -- use space
(f . g) x    -- composition (R-to-L)
x |> g |> f   -- pipeline (left-to-right)
f $ g x      -- weak precedent apply
```

Types

```
-- Regular function composition
(.) :: (b -> c) -> (a -> b) -> a -> c
(.) f g x = f (g x)
-- Left assoc
(|>) :: a -> (a -> b) -> b
a |> f = f a
-- Right assoc, low precedence
($) :: (a -> b) -> a -> b
f $ x = f x
-- Usage of weak precedent apply
inc $ x*2 <-> inc (x*2)
inc x*2 <-> (inc x)*2
```

List comprehension

- Equivalence with map:  
`[f x | x<-xs] ≡ map (\x -> f x) xs`
- Supports filtering:  
`[f x | x<-xs, x>5] ≡ map (\x -> f x) (filter (\x -> x>5) xs)`
- Can have multiple generators:  
`[(x,y) | x<-xs, y<-ys] ≡ concatMap (\x -> map (\y -> (x,y)) ys) xs`

General translation scheme

- `[e | x<-xs] ≡ map (x-> e)xs`
- `[e | x<-xs, y<-ys, rest] ≡ concatMap (x -> [e | y<-ys, rest]) xs`
- `[e | x<-xs, test, rest] ≡ [e | x <- filter (x -> test) xs, rest]`

concatMap

```
concatMap :: (a->b) -> [[a]] -> [b]
concatMap f [] = []
concatMap f (x:xs) = (f x) ++ (concatMap f xs)
```

Summary on Types/Expr

- Each type belongs to a kind - `type :: kind`
- Each type has `*` as its kind, e.g. `Int :: *`
- Type constructors are HO-functions over types, e.g.  
`Pair :: * -> * -> *`  
`Pair Int :: * -> *`
- Three levels of typings - `expr::type::kind`
  - Allows more type-safe expressions and kind-safe types to be safely constructed

Arrays

- Use `import Data.Array` to access
- `Ix a => Array a b`
- Can be regarded as fns from indices to values, where indices are contiguous and bounded
- Array index up to a 5-tuple
- Cannot be infinite

```
type Ix :: * -> Constraint
class (Ord a) => Ix a where
  range  :: (a,a) -> [a]
  inRange :: (a,a) -> a -> Bool
  index  :: (a,a) -> a -> Int
```

- `range` enumerates a list of `idx` in index order
- `inRange` checks if an index is between a pair of bounds
- `index` gets zero-origin offset of an index from its bounds

Array creation

- Build using indices and a list of elements
- Can be defined recursively

```
array :: (Ix a) => (a,a) -> [(a,b)] -> Array a b
-- Usage
squares = array (1,100) [(i, i*i) | i <- [1..100]]
squares ! 7 <=> 49
bounds squares <=> (1,100)
```

Accumulation

- Accumulate values into each index
- `accumArray :: (Ix a) => (b->c->b) -> b -> (a,a) -> [Assoc a c] -> Array a b`
- Parameters are: accumulating function | initial value | bounds | elements to accumulate

Incremental updates

- `(//) :: (Ix a) => Array a b -> [(a,b)] -> Array a b`
- e.g. `a // [(i,v), (j,w)]`
- If an index appears multiple times, the last value takes precedence

Semi-group and monoids

```
class SemiGroup a where
  op :: a -> a -> a
class SemiGroup a => Monoid a where
  unit :: a
```

- Associative | `Op` with `unit` returns itself
- A monad is a higher-order monoid

Monads

Referential transparency

- An expression is **referentially transparent** if it can be replaced with equivalent value (and vice versa) without changing the program’s behavior/meaning
- Requires the expression to be pure

Summary

- Functors apply a function to a wrapped value
- Applicatives apply a wrapped function to a wrapped value
- Monads apply a function that returns a wrapped value, to a wrapped value
- Maybe implements all three

Contexts

- `data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a`
- List `[a]`: Empty list means no soln | `[r1,r2,r3]` means 3 possible solns
- `IO a` for input-output interaction
- `DB a = state -> (state, a)` for imperative state that can be updated
- Parser `a = String -> [(a,String)]` for non-deterministic parsing

Functor

```
class Functor (f :: * -> *) where
  fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
  -- replacing value in context with a
  (<$) :: a -> f b -> f a
  -- infix variant of fmap
  (<$>) :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
instance Functor Maybe where
  fmap f (Just val) = Just (f val)
  fmap f Nothing = Nothing
```

Applicative

- Can work with functions of any no. of args
- ```
class Functor f => Applicative (f :: * -> *) where
  (<*>) :: f (a->b) -> f a -> f b
  -- takes a pure value and wraps it
  pure :: a -> f a
```

Monad

```
class Monad m where
  -- bind operator
  >>= :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b
  return :: a -> m a
  >> :: (m a) -> (m b) -> m b
instance Monad Maybe where
  Nothing >>= f = Nothing
  Just val >>= f = f val
  m1 >> m2 = m1 >>= (\_ -> m2)
```

Monad laws

```
-- Left identity
(return a) >>= k = k a
-- Right identity
m >>= return = m
-- Associativity
(m >>= f) >>= g = m >>= (\x -> f x >>= g)
```

IO Monads

```
getChar :: IO Char; getLine :: IO String
putChar :: Char -> IO ()
putStrLn :: String -> IO ()
readFile :: FilePath -> IO String
```

Do comprehension

- List is an instance of `Monad`; List comprehension is an instance of `Do` comprehension
- Every line is a monadic value, and can refer to computations in previous lines
- Using `<-` lets us get the pure value, but cannot use for last line
- Each line of `do` comprehension is just a `(>>=)`

```
foo :: Maybe String
foo = Just 3 >>= (\x -> Just "!" >>= (\y -> Just (show x ++ y)))
-- equivalent to
foo = do
  x <- Just 3
  y <- Just "!"
  Just (show x ++ y)
```

Error handling

```
-- using try-catch
class Monad m => MonadError e m | m -> e where
  throwError :: e -> m a
  catchError :: m a -> (e -> m a) -> m a
-- using Either
data Either a b = Left a | Right b
Left e -- an error value of type a
Right x -- a successful val x of type b
-- using Maybe
data Maybe a b = Nothing | Just b
Nothing -- error value
Just x -- success
```