

Lecture 5 – Type Class

- ▶ Type class is a form of *ad-hoc* polymorphism
 - ▶ A type class specifies a set of overloaded operators.
 - ▶ An instance of a type class implements the operators in the type class.
 - ▶ A type class may be extended with subclasses.
- ▶ A program using type classes can be translated to a program without type classes.

Why type class

- ▶ *Ad hoc* polymorphism with finite overloading is limited

```
1   square x = x * x
2
3   squares (x, y, z) = (square x, square y, square z)
```

- ▶ If square can apply to either Int or Float.

```
1   square :: Int -> Int
2   square :: Float -> Float
```

- ▶ Then the type of squares has 8 possibilities

```
1   squares :: (Int, Int, Int) -> (Int, Int, Int)
2   squares :: (Int, Int, Float) -> (Int, Int, Float)
3   squares :: (Int, Float, Float) -> (Int, Float, Float)
4   squares :: (Int, Float, Int) -> (Int, Float, Int)
5   squares :: (Float, Float, Float) -> (Float, Float, Float)
6   squares :: (Float, Float, Int) -> (Float, Float, Int)
7   squares :: (Float, Int, Int) -> (Float, Int, Int)
8   squares :: (Float, Int, Float) -> (Float, Int, Float)
```

Why type class

- ▶ Equality type is another problem with *ad hoc* polymorphism.

```
1 member [] y = False
2 member (x:xs) y = (x == y) || elem xs y
```

- ▶ The type of `member` cannot be just `[a] -> a -> Bool` since not all a typed values can be compared with `==`.
- ▶ SML uses a type variable ‘`a`’ that can only be instantiated with types that can be compared with equality operator.

```
1 member : [``a] -> ``a -> bool
```

Num type class

Num class defines arithmetic operators for numbers: Int or Float.

```
1 class Num a where
2     (+)      :: a -> a -> a
3     (*)      :: a -> a -> a
4     negate  :: a -> a
5
6 instance Num Int where
7     (+)      = addInt
8     (*)      = multInt
9     negate  = negInt
10
11 instance Num Float where
12     (+)      = addFloat
13     (*)      = mulFloat
14     negate  = negFloat
```

Num type class

The square and squares functions now constrain their type parameters to be in Num class.

```
1 class Num a where
2   (+)      :: a -> a -> a
3   (*)      :: a -> a -> a
4   negate   :: a -> a
5
6 square    :: Num a => a -> a
7 square x  = x * x
8
9 squares   :: (Num a, Num b, Num c) => (a, b, c) -> (a, b, c)
10 squares (x, y, z) = (square x, square y, square z)
```

Eq type class

Eq class defines equality operator on types with equality.

```
1 class Eq a where
2   (==) :: a -> a -> Bool
3
4 instance Eq Int where
5   (==) = eqInt
6
7 instance Eq Char where
8   (==) = eqChar
9
10 member      :: Eq a => [a] -> a -> Bool
11 member [] y = False
12 member (x:xs) y = (x == y) || member xs y
```

Eq type class

Eq can be extended to tuples and lists, where type parameters of tuple and list constructors are restricted to be in Eq class.

```
1 class Eq a where
2   (==) :: a -> a -> Bool
3
4 instance (Eq a, Eq b) => Eq (a,b)
5   (u, v) == (x, y) = (u == x) && (v == y)
6
7 instance Eq a => Eq [a] where
8   [] == []      = True
9   [] == y:ys    = False
10  x:xs == []     = False
11  x:xs == y:ys = (x == y) && (xs == ys)
```

Eq type class

Eq can be extended to sets as well. Two sets are equal if each member of a set is a member of the other set.

```
1 class Eq a where
2   (==) :: a -> a -> Bool
3
4 data Set a = MkSet [a]
5
6 instance Eq a => Eq (Set a) where
7   MkSet xs == MkSet ys =
8     and (map (member xs) ys) &&
9     and (map (member ys) xs)
```

The function and is a conjunction of a list of Booleans.

Define a ToString class

Define a class that supports a toString function for its instances.

```
1 class ToString a where
2   toString :: a -> String
3
4 data WeekDay = Tuesday | OpenDay | Thursday | MeetingDay | BlurDay
5               deriving (Show, Read, Eq, Ord)
6
7 instance ToString WeekDay where
8   toString Tuesday = "Tu"
9   toString OpenDay = "Wed"
10  toString Thursday = "Th"
11  toString MeetingDay = "Fr"
12  toString BlurDays = "#!?"
```

Instances of ToString class

We still auto-derive Show class for these data types for serialization purpose.

```
1 data DayTime = Morning | Afternoon | Night
2             deriving (Show, Read, Eq, Ord)
3
4 instance ToString DayTime where
5     toString Morning = "AM"
6     toString Afternoon = "PM"
7     toString Night = "zzz"
```

Instances of ToString class

```
1 data WeekNum = Week Int deriving (Show, Read, Eq, Ord)
2
3 instance ToString WeekNum where
4     toString (Week n) = "Wk-" ++ show n
5
6 data MeetTime = Meet WeekNum WeekDay DayTime
7                 deriving (Show, Read, Eq, Ord)
8
9 instance ToString MeetTime where
10     toString (Meet w d t) =
11         toString w ++ ": " ++ toString d ++ "/" ++ toString t
```

Show and Read

Auto-derive the Show and Read instance for Event type so that a calendar can be converted to and from a string.

```
1 type Calendar = [Event]
2
3 data Event = Tag String [Event]
4             | One MeetTime      deriving (Show, Read)
5
6 :t show
7 show :: Show a => a -> String
8
9 :t read
10 read :: Read a => String -> a
```

Read class has a read function that takes a string and returns a data, opposite to the show function. Every type used by Calendar has to be an instance of Show and Read.

Print calendar

```
1  -- mconcat does the job of foldl (++) []
2  showCalendar _ [] = ""
3  showCalendar tabs events = mconcat $ e : map ('\n':) es
4    where (e:es) = map (showEvent tabs) events
5
6  showEvent tabs (One m) = tabs ++ toString m
7  showEvent tabs (Tag tag lst) =
8    tabs ++ tag ++ "\n" ++ showCalendar ('\t':tabs) lst
9
10 instance ToString Calendar where
11   toString c = showCalendar "" c
```

Defining instance for a type synonym like Calendar needs to set some flags

```
1 :set -XTypeSynonymInstances
2 :set -XFlexibleInstances
```

File IO

An ADT can be serialized to a string using its show function and then be saved to a file using writeFile function.

```
1 :t writeFile
2 writeFile :: FilePath -> String -> IO ()
3
4 :i FilePath
5 type FilePath = String
```

writeFile takes a path and write a string to the file of the path.
writeFile returns an IO monad \Rightarrow use writeFile inside a do block.

```
1 writeFile "calendar.txt" $ show c3
```

Write the calendar c3 as a string to the file calendar.txt.

File IO

We can read a file using readFile function.

```
1 :t readFile
2 readFile :: FilePath -> IO String
```

readFile takes a path and return an IO monad \Rightarrow
use <- to extract the returned string of readFile inside a do block.

```
1 x <- readFile "calendar.txt"
2 let c3' = read x
```

Read the content of calendar.txt and convert it to a calendar c3'.

File IO

We can read a file using readfile function.

```
1 main = do
2     let m1 = Meet (Week 1) Tuesday Afternoon
3     let m2 = Meet (Week 1) OpenDay Morning
4     let m3 = Meet (Week 1) Thursday Morning
5     let (c1, _) = addEvent [] ["Research", "Adam"] m1
6     let (c2, _) = addEvent c1 ["Research", "Alan"] m2
7     let (c3, _) = addEvent c2 ["Courses", "790", "Bob"] m3
8     writeFile "calendar.txt" $ show c3
9
10    x <- readFile "calendar.txt"
11    putStrLn x
12    let c3' = read x
13
14    let (c4, _) = addEvent c3' ["Courses", "431", "Carol"] m3
15    putStrLn $ toString c4
16    writeFile "calendar.txt" $ show c4
```


File IO

Run main to print the file calendar.txt that corresponds to c3 (serialized version) and the formatted c4.

```
1 main
2
3 [Tag "Research" [Tag "Adam" [One (Meet (Week 1) OpenDay Afternoon)
4                      Tag "Alan" [One (Meet (Week 1) OpenDay Morning)]]]
5   Tag "Courses" [Tag "790" [Tag "Bob" [One (Meet (Week 1) Thursday
6
7 Research
8     Adam
9         Wk-1: Wed/PM
10    Alan
11        Wk-1: Wed/AM
12 Courses
13     790
14         Bob
15             Wk-1: Th/AM
16     431
17         Carol
18             Wk-2: Tu/AM
```

Case expression

Use case expression to do pattern matching inside a function.

```
1 case exp of
2   pattern1 -> exp1
3   pattern2 -> exp2
4   ...
5
6 head [] = error "empty list"
7 head (a:_) = a
8
9 head' xs = case xs of [] -> error "empty list"
10              (a:_) -> a
```

Polymorphic ADT

Maybe type is either Just a value or Nothing

```
1 data Maybe a = Just a | Nothing
2
3 data Grade = A | B | C | D | F Int | W deriving (Eq)
4
5 gpa A = 4
6 gpa B = 3
7 gpa C = 2
8 gpa D = 1
9 gpa (F _) = 0
10
11 grades = [A, B, A, C, D, W, F 16, A, B]
12
13 points = map (\x -> case x of W -> Nothing
14                             _ -> Just $ gpa x) grades
15 print points
16
17 -- [Just 4,Just 3,Just 4,Just 2,Just 1,
18 --   Nothing,Just 0,Just 4,Just 3]
```

Polymorphic ADT

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6
7 points = map (\x -> case x of W -> Nothing
8                             _ -> Just $ gpa x) grades
9
10 actuals = foldr (\e c -> case e of Just y -> y : c
11                                   Nothing -> c) [] points
12 print actuals
13
14 -- [4,3,4,2,1,0,4,3]
```

Polymorphic ADT

checkMeeting function checks whether there is a meeting at a particular meet time. The result is a maybe value.

```
1 type Calendar = [Event]
2 data Event = Tag String Calendar | One MeetTime
3
4 checkMeeting :: MeetTime [Event] = Maybe ([String], MeetTime)
5
6 checkMeeting m events = checks [] events
7   where checks _ [] = Nothing
8         checks tags (e:es) = case check tags e
9                               of Just x -> Just x
10                                Nothing -> checks tags es
11
12         check tags (One m')
13           | m == m' = Just (tags, m)
14           | otherwise = Nothing
15
16         check tags (Tag tag events) = checks (tags++[tag]) events
```

Polymorphic ADT

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4     let m3 = Meet (Week 1) Thursday Morning
5     let (c1, m1') = addEvent [] ["Research", "Adam"] m1
6     let (c2, m2') = addEvent c1 ["Research", "Alan"] m2
7     let (c3, m3') = addEvent c2 ["Courses", "790", "Bob"] m3
8     let (c4, _) = addEvent c3 ["Courses", "431", "Carol"] m3
9     print $ checkMeeting m1 c4
10    print $ checkMeeting m1' c4
11
12 -- Nothing
13 -- Just (["Research","Adam"],Meet (Week 1) OpenDay Afternoon)
```

Polymorphic ADT

```
1 data Maybe a = Just a | Nothing
2
3 data Grade = A | B | C | D | F Int | W deriving (Eq, Ord)
4
5 grades = [A, B, A, C, D, W, F 16, A, B]
6
7 -- points = map (\x -> case x of W -> Nothing
8 --                      _ -> Just $ gpa x) grades
9
10 maybe_gpa x
11   | x < W = Just $ gpa x
12   | otherwise = Nothing
13
14 points = map maybe_gpa grades
15 print points
16
17 -- [Just 4,Just 3,Just 4,Just 2,Just 1,
18 --   Nothing,Just 0,Just 4,Just 3]
```

Polymorphic ADT

```
1 data Maybe a = Just a | Nothing
2
3 data Grade = A | B | C | D | F Int | W deriving (Eq, Ord)
4
5 grades = [A, B, A, C, D, W, F 16, A, B]
6
7 bump_gpa = fmap f where
8     f x
9       | x < 4 = x + 1
10      | otherwise = x
11
12 points = map maybe_gpa grades
13 print $ map bump_gpa points
14
15 -- [Just 4,Just 4,Just 4,Just 3,Just 2,
16 --   Nothing,Just 1,Just 4,Just 4]
```


What is fmap?

fmap transforms one function $h :: a \rightarrow b$ to another function $h' :: f\ a \rightarrow f\ b$ where f is a type constructor that is an instance of the Functor type class.

```
1 data Maybe a = Just a | Nothing
2
3 data Grade = A | B | C | D | F Int | W deriving (Eq, Ord)
4
5 grades = [A, B, A, C, D, W, F 16, A, B]
6
7 bump_gpa = fmap f where
8     f x
9       | x < 4 = x + 1
10      | otherwise = x
11
12 :t fmap
13 -- fmap :: Functor f => (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
```

Functor type class

The Functor type class categorizes data type constructor f of the *kind* $* \rightarrow *$ with one method `fmap` that acts as an adapter that transforms an ordinary function $a \rightarrow b$ to another function $f\ a \rightarrow f\ b$.

```
1 class Functor (f :: * -> *) where
2   fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
```

Or we can say that every instance f of the Functor class has a functor `fmap` that transforms an ordinary function from a to b type to another from $f\ a$ to $f\ b$ type.

A word about kind

Kind is the type of types. An ordinary type has the kind $*$. A type constructor with one parameter has the kind $* \rightarrow *$.

```
1 Int :: *
2 Int -> Int :: *
3 Maybe Int :: *
4 [Int] :: *
5
6 Maybe :: * -> *
7 (->) :: * -> * -> *
8 (,) :: * -> * -> *
9 [] :: * -> *
```

Functor type class

Maybe is an instance of the Functor class.

```
1 class Functor (f :: * -> *) where
2   fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
3
4 instance Functor Maybe where
5   fmap _ Nothing = Nothing
6   fmap f (Just x) = Just $ f x
```

Functor type class

List is an instance of the Functor class.

```
1 class Functor (f :: * -> *) where
2   fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
3
4 instance Functor [] where
5   fmap _ [] = []
6   fmap f (a::b) = f a :: fmap f b
```

or

```
1 instance Functor [] where
2   fmap = map
```

Binary tree

A binary tree type is defined as either a leaf or a node with two subtrees and a value.

```
1 data Tree a = Leaf
2             | Node (Tree a) a (Tree a) deriving (Show)
```

A value of type *a* in *Ord* class can be inserted into a tree of type *a*.

```
1 insertTree :: (Ord a) => Tree a -> a -> Tree a
2
3 insertTree Leaf x = Node Leaf x Leaf
4 insertTree (Node left y right) x
5     | x < y      = Node (insertTree left x) y right
6     | otherwise = Node left y (insertTree right x)
```

InsertTree function ensures a binary search tree.

Binary tree

listToTree function builds a binary tree from a list.

```
1 data Tree a = Leaf
2             | Node (Tree a) a (Tree a) deriving (Show)
3
4 insertTree Leaf x = Node Leaf x Leaf
5 insertTree (Node left y right) x
6     | x < y      = Node (insertTree left x) y right
7     | otherwise  = Node left y (insertTree right x)
8
9 listToTree :: (Ord a) => [a] -> Tree a
10 listToTree [] = Leaf
11 listToTree (a:b) = insertTree (listToTree b) a
12
13 listToTree [3,1,2]
14 -- Node (Node Leaf 1 Leaf) 2 (Node Leaf 3 Leaf)
```

Tree as a Functor instance

```
1 data Tree a = Leaf
2             | Node (Tree a) a (Tree a) deriving (Show)
3
4 instance Functor Tree where
5     fmap _ Leaf = Leaf
6
7     fmap f (Node left x right) =
8         Node (fmap f left) (f x) (fmap f right)
9
10 inc = \x -> x + 1
11
12 incTree = fmap inc
13
14 t = listToTree [3,1,2]
15
16 incTree t
17 -- Node (Node Leaf 2 Leaf) 3 (Node Leaf 4 Leaf)
```


Tree as a Functor instance

```
1 data Tree a = Leaf
2             | Node (Tree a) a (Tree a) deriving (Show)
3
4 instance Functor Tree where
5     fmap _ Leaf = Leaf
6
7     fmap f (Node left x right) =
8         Node (fmap f left) (f x) (fmap f right)
9
10 evenOrOdd = \x -> mod x 2 == 0
11
12 t = listToTree [3,1,2]
13
14 fmap evenOrOdd t
15 -- Node (Node Leaf False Leaf) True (Node Leaf False Leaf)
```

Functor laws

- ▶ `fmap` should map identity function to identity function.

```
1 id = \x -> x
2
3 -- fmap id = id
```

- ▶ `fmap` should map the composition of functions to the composition of `fmap`'ed functions.

```
1 -- fmap (f . g) = (fmap f) . (fmap g)
```

Functor laws – preserve id

```
1 id = \x -> x
2
3 -- fmap id = id
4
5 instance Functor Maybe where
6     fmap _ Nothing = Nothing
7     fmap f (Just x) = Just $ f x
8
9 -- fmap id Nothing = Nothing
10
11 -- id Nothing      = Nothing
12
13 -- fmap id (Just x) = Just $ id x
14 --                = Just x
15
16 -- id (Just x)      = Just x
```

Functor laws – preserve composition

```
1  -- fmap (f . g) = (fmap f) . (fmap g)
2
3  instance Functor Maybe where
4      fmap _ Nothing = Nothing
5      fmap f (Just x) = Just $ f x
6
7  -- fmap (f . g) Nothing = Nothing
8
9  -- ((fmap f) . (fmap g)) Nothing
10 --                      = (fmap f) (fmap g Nothing)
11 --                      = (fmap f) Nothing
12 --                      = Nothing
13
14 -- fmap (f . g) (Just x) = Just $ (f . g) x
15 --                      = Just $ f (g x)
16
17 -- ((fmap f) . (fmap g)) $ Just x
18 --                      = (fmap f) (fmap g $ Just x)
19 --                      = (fmap f) (Just $ g x)
20 --                      = Just $ f (g x)
```

Tree as an instance of Foldable class

```
1 data Tree a = Leaf
2             | Node (Tree a) a (Tree a) deriving (Show)
3
4 instance Foldable Tree where
5
6     foldr f c Leaf = c
7
8     foldr f c (Node left x right) = foldr f c' left
9
10    where c' = f x right'
11
12          right' = foldr f c right
```

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1 data Tree a = Leaf
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3
4 instance Foldable Tree where
5     foldr f c Leaf = c
6     foldr f c (Node left x right) = foldr f c' left
7         where c' = f x right'
8             right' = foldr f c right
9
10 t = listToTree [3,1,2]
11
12 foldr (:) [] t
13 -- [1,2,3]
14
15 foldl (\c e -> c ++ [e]) [] t
16 -- [1,2,3]
17
18 foldl (flip (:)) [] t
19 -- [3,2,1]
```