QuB

A Resource Aware Functional Programming Language

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Hard problems in programming

Naming variables

Introduction and Motivation

Hard problems in programming

Resource management

in evolving production code

Resources: Files, database connections, shared mutable state

Resource Management: File Handling

- Modified File Handling API in Haskell

```
openFile  :: FilePath  → IO FileHandle

closeFile :: FileHandle → IO ()

readLine  :: FileHandle → IO (String, FileHandle)

writeLine :: FileHandle → String
                        → IO FileHandle


upper     :: String    → String

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         .
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- File is closed twice: Run time crash

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       .
       .
   return c {- File not closed!! -}
```

- File not closed: Memory leak

Resource Management: Exception Handling

- `MonadError`[1] type class in Haskell

```
class Monad m ⇒ MonadError e m | m → e where
    throwError :: e → m a
    catchError :: m a → (e → m a) → m a
```

- `MonadError` instance with `IO` and `Exception`

```
throwError :: Exception → IO a
catchError :: IO a → (Exception → IO a) → IO a
```

- `throwError` start exception processing
- `catchError` exception handler

[1] Sheng Liang, Paul Hudak, and Mark Jones. 'Monad Transformers and Modular Interpreters'. In: *Proceedings of the 22Nd ACM SIGPLAN-SIGACT Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages*. POPL '95. New York, NY, USA: ACM, 1995, pp. 333–343

Resource Management: Exception Handling

- Using `MonadError` in Haskell

```
(do f ← openFile "sample.txt"
    (s, f) ← readLine f       {- Exception raised here -}
    let c = upper s
    () ← closeFile f
    return $ Right c)
        `catchError` (\_ →
              return $ Left "Error in reading file")
```

- Exception may cause memory leak

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~~Lights~~Types will guide you home...

— Coldplay

Contributions

- Language design
  - Resources are "first class citizens"
  - Resources(variables) can be in sharing or separate
- QuB is logic of ***BI*** on steroids
  - Typing Environments as graphs
- Working examples
- Formalizing and proving important properties of QuB
  - Type system
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Bootstrapping: STLC and *HM* type system

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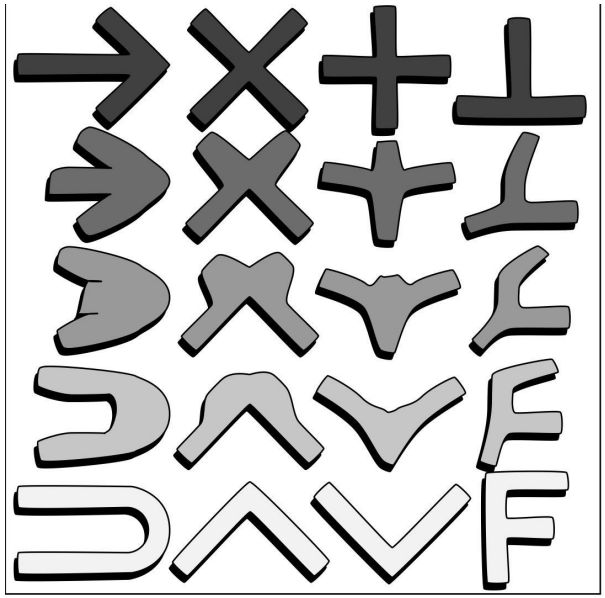
$\lambda x.M : \tau \to \tau'$ { $x : \tau$; $M : \tau'$

$MN : \tau'$ { $M : \tau \to \tau'$; $N : \tau$

Bootstrapping: Curry-Howard Correspondence

HM type system ≡ Second Order Intuitionistic Propositional Logic

- Types are Propostions
- Programs are Proofs



LC'90 *The Curry-Howard homeomorphism*

Source: `http://lucacardelli.name/Artifacts/Drawings/CurryHoward/CurryHoward.pdf`

Bootstrapping: S O Intuitionistic Propositional Logic

Language

Propositions and Connectives $\quad A, B, C ::= x \mid A \supset B \mid \forall x.B \mid A \vee B \mid A \wedge B$

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Implicit Structural Rules

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Bootstrapping: Substructural Logic

System	Who	Year	Control
Revelance Logic[2]	Orlev	1928	[WKN]
Lambek Logic[3]	Lambek	1958	[EXCH]
Affine Logic[4]	Grishin	1974	[CTR]
Linear Logic[5]	Girard	1987	[WKN] [CTR]
Logic of Bunched Implications[6]	O'Hearn and Pym	1999	[WKN] [CTR]
Separation Logic [7]	Reynolds	2002	[WKN] [CTR]
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[2] Ivan Orlov. 'The Logic of Compatibility of Propositions'. In: *Matematicheskii Sbornik* (1928)

[3] Joachim Lambek. 'The Mathematics of Sentence Structure'. In: *The American Mathematical Monthly* 65.3 (1958), pp. 154–170

[4] V Grishin. 'A nonstandard logic and its application to set theory'. Russian. In: *Studies in Formalized Languages and Nonclassical Logics* (1974)

[5] Jean-Yves Girard. 'Linear logic'. In: *Theoretical Computer Science* 50.1 (1987), pp. 1–101

[6] Peter W. O'Hearn and David J. Pym. 'The Logic of Bunched Implications'. In: *The Bulletin of Symbolic Logic* 5.2 (1999), pp. 215–244

[7] John C. Reynolds. 'Separation Logic: A Logic for Shared Mutable Data Structures'. In: *Proceedings of the 17th Annual IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science*. 2002

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Coffee Shop

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$\nvdash$

two separate dollar bills necessary

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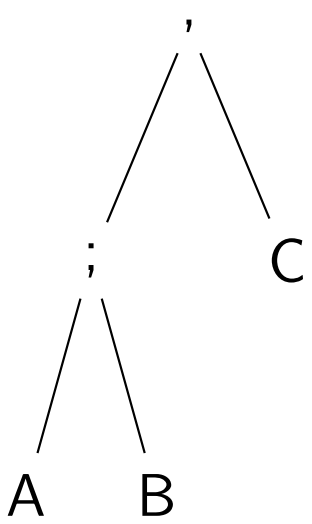
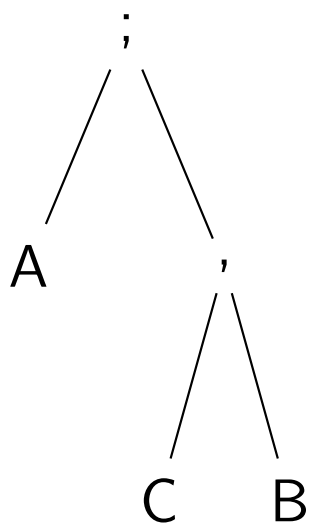
- Contexts form trees, called bunches



$(A; B), C$



$A; (B, C)$

Bootstrapping: Logic of *BI*

Context connectives guide structural rules

- Contraction

$$A \vdash A; A$$
$$A \nvdash A, A$$

- Weakening

$$A; A \vdash A \qquad A; B \vdash B \qquad A; B \vdash A$$
$$A, B \nvdash A \qquad A, B \nvdash B$$

Bootstrapping: Logic of *BI*

Coffee Shop (Revisited)

1 cup coffee costs \$2 1 cookie costs \$1

$\vdash$

$\twoheadrightarrow$

$\vdash$

$\twoheadrightarrow$

$\not\vdash$

$\twoheadrightarrow$

Bootstrapping: Logic of *BI*

Implications get corresponding flavors

$$A \otimes B \vdash C \text{ iff } A \vdash B \mathrel{-\!\!*} C$$

$$A \,\&\, B \vdash C \text{ iff } A \vdash B \mathrel{-\!\!\!\!\!\!\rightarrow} C$$

QuB: Curry-Howard interpretation of logic of *BI*

QuB: Types

$$\text{Types} \quad \tau, \upsilon, \phi ::= t \mid \iota \mid \tau \to \tau$$
$$\text{where} \qquad \to \in \{\multimap, \twoheadrightarrow\}$$

- $\multimap$: Function type that is separate from its argument
- $\twoheadrightarrow$: Function type that is in sharing with its argument

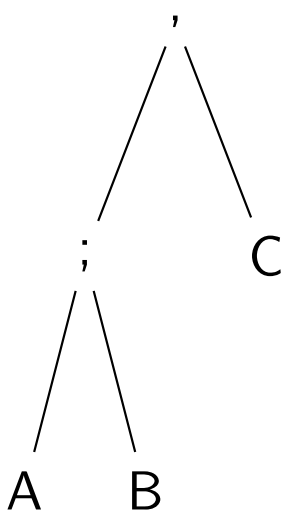
QuB: Expression Language

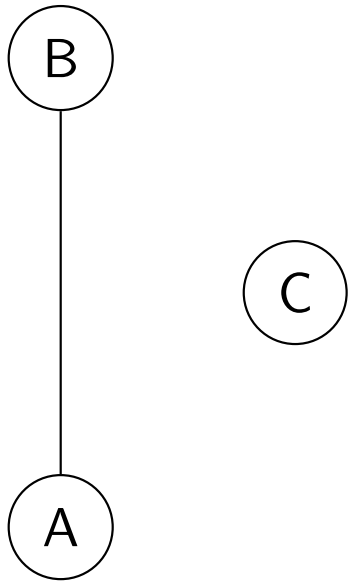
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Term Variables} \quad & x, y, z \in \text{Variables} \\ \text{Expressions} \quad & M, N ::= x \\ & \quad \mid \lambda^{\to *} x.M \mid \lambda^{\to \to} x.M \\ & \quad \mid MN \end{aligned}$$

- $\lambda^{\to *} x.M$: Argument x separate from M
- $\lambda^{\to \to} x.N$: Argument x sharing with M

QuB: Typing Environment

- Logic of ***BI***: Contexts are bunches
- QuB: Contexts generalized to graphs





- Nodes are program objects
- (No) Edges represent (no) sharing

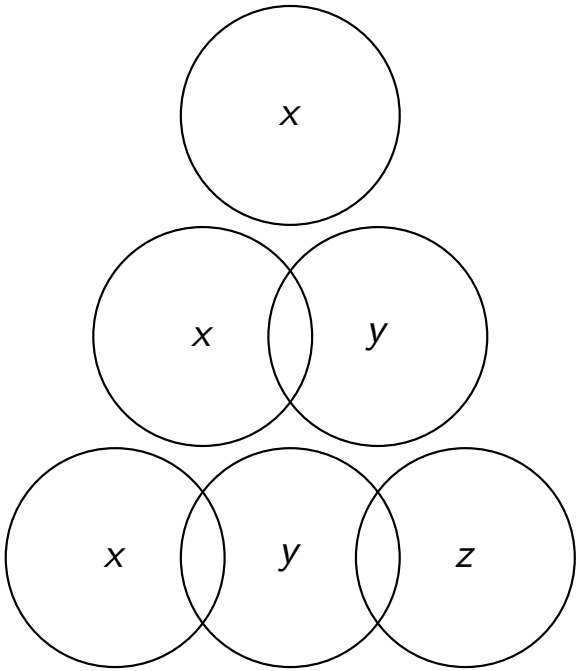
QuB: Typing Environment

Sharing relation Ψ

reflexive $\quad \forall x.\ x \,\Psi\, x$

symmetric $\quad \forall x, y.\ x \,\Psi\, y \Rightarrow y \,\Psi\, x$

non-transitive $\quad \forall x, y, z.\ x \,\Psi\, y \wedge y \,\Psi\, z \not\Rightarrow x \,\Psi\, z$

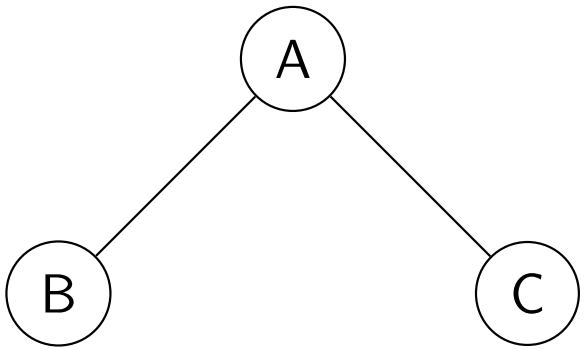


QuB: Typing Environment

- ***BI*** bunches need explicit transformations

$$A; (B, C) \equiv (A; B), (A; C)$$

- QuB sharing graphs internalize the transformation



QuB: Typing Environment

Adjacency lists for sharing graphs

"x of type σ is in sharing with $\vec{y}$"

$$(x, \sigma, \vec{y}) \in \Gamma$$

Typing Context $\quad \Gamma, \Delta ::= \epsilon \mid \Gamma, x^{\vec{y}} : \sigma$

Examples: λ-encoding standard structures

- Multiplicative Product (Separating Pair)

$$\tau \otimes \tau' = \tau \multimap \tau' \multimap (\tau \multimap \tau' \multimap \upsilon) \multimap \upsilon$$
$$\langle x, y \rangle = \lambda^{\multimap} x.\lambda^{\multimap} y.\lambda^{\multimap} f.fxy$$

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- Sums

$$\tau \oplus \tau' = (\tau \multimap \upsilon) \to (\tau' \twoheadrightarrow \upsilon) \twoheadrightarrow \upsilon$$
$$\texttt{case}\ c\ \texttt{of}\ \{f; g\} = \lambda^{\multimap} c.\lambda^{\twoheadrightarrow} f.\lambda^{\twoheadrightarrow} g.cfg$$

$$\texttt{inl} : \tau \multimap (\tau \oplus \tau') \qquad \texttt{inr} : \tau' \multimap (\tau \oplus \tau')$$
$$\texttt{inl} = \lambda^{\multimap} x.\lambda^{\twoheadrightarrow} f.\lambda^{\twoheadrightarrow} g.fx \qquad \texttt{inr} = \lambda^{\multimap} y.\lambda^{\twoheadrightarrow} f.\lambda^{\twoheadrightarrow} g.gy$$

QuB: Extension

Towards programmer friendly

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- Type classes, functional dependencies

```
class Monad m a where
    return      ::  a → m a
    (>>=) :: a → (a → m b) → m b

class Collection e co | co → e where
    empty :: co
    insert :: e → co → co
    member :: e → co → Bool
           ⋮
```

More Bootstrapping: Qualified Types and Kinds

- Incorporate predicates into type language for finer grained polymorphism

$$P \mid \Gamma \vdash M : \sigma$$

- Incorporate kinds, build hierarchy over types and generalize types to type constructors[8]

$$\text{Kinds} \quad \kappa ::= \star \mid \kappa' \to \kappa$$

$$\text{Types} \quad \tau^{\kappa}, \phi^{\kappa} ::= t^{\kappa} \mid T^{\kappa} \mid \tau^{\kappa' \to \kappa} \tau^{\kappa'}$$

$$\text{Type Constructors} \quad T^{\kappa} \in \mathcal{T}^{\kappa} \quad \text{where} \quad T^{\kappa} \subseteq \ldots$$

[8] Henk Barendregt. 'Introduction to generalized type systems'. In: *Journal of Functional Programming* 1.2 (1991), 125–154, Mark P. Jones. 'A System of Constructor Classes: Overloading and Implicit Higher-order Polymorphism'. In: *Proceedings of the Conference on Functional Programming Languages and Computer Architecture*. FPCA '93. New York, NY, USA: ACM, 1993, pp. 52–61

QuB: Types and Predicates

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Types} \quad & \tau, \upsilon, \phi ::= t \mid \iota \mid \tau \to \tau \\ & \text{where} \qquad \to \in \{\overset{!}{\twoheadrightarrow}, \twoheadrightarrow, \overset{!}{\multimap}, \multimap\} \\ \text{Predicates} \quad & \pi, \omega ::= \texttt{Un}\ \tau \mid \texttt{ShFun}\ \phi \mid \texttt{SeFun}\ \phi \end{aligned}$$

- $\texttt{SeFun}\ \phi$: ϕ is a function that is separate from its argument
- $\texttt{ShFun}\ \phi$: ϕ is a function that is in sharing with its argument
- $\texttt{Un}\ \tau$: τ does not have resources or they can be copied/dropped easily[9]

[9] J. Garrett Morris. 'The Best of Both Worlds: Linear Functional Programming Without Compromise'. In: *Proceedings of the 21st ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Functional Programming*. ICFP 2016. New York, NY, USA: ACM, 2016, pp. 448–461

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- $\twoheadrightarrow$: Function type that is in sharing with its argument
- $\overset{!}{\Rightarrow}$, $\overset{!}{\twoheadrightarrow}$: Unrestricted versions of $\Rightarrow$ and $\twoheadrightarrow$

QuB: Datatypes with Sharing and Separation

Sharing Pair

```
data ShPair a b = ShP a; b    {- ; for sharing -}

fst :: ShPair a b ↠ a
fst (ShP a b) = a             {- Succeeds typecheck -}

snd :: ShPair a b ↠ b
snd (ShP a b) = b             {- Succeeds typecheck -}

swap :: ShPair a b ↠ ShPair b a
swap (ShP a b) = ShP b a      {- Succeeds typecheck -}
```

QuB: Datatypes with Sharing and Separation

Separating Pair

```
data SePair a b = SeP a, b    {- , for separation -}

fst :: SePair a b ⇝ a
fst (SeP a b) = a             {- Fails typecheck -}

snd :: SePair a b ⇝ b
snd (SeP a b) = b             {- Fails typecheck -}

swap :: SePair a b ⇝ SePair b a
swap (SeP a b) = SeP b a      {- Succeeds typecheck -}
```

Motivation Revisited

What about filehandles, exceptions and memory leaks and runtime crashes?

Filehandles Revisited

File Handling API in QuB

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writeLine :: FileHandle ⊸ String
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```

```
(>>=) :: IO a ⊸ (a ⊸ IO b) ⊸ IO b
```

Filehandles Revisited

```
do f  ← openFile "sample.txt"
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```

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Exceptions Revisited

```
openFile :: FilePath -* IO FileHandle
closeFile :: FileHandle -* IO ()
readFile :: FileHandle -* IOF (String, FileHandle)
writeFile :: String -* FileHandle -* IOF FileHandle

throw :: Exception -* IOF a
catch :: IOF a -* (Exception -* IO a) -» IO a
```

- May not fail `IO a`
- May fail `IOF a`

Exceptions Revisited

```
readFromFile :: FilePath -> IO (Either String String)
readFromFile fpath =
do fh  <- openFile fpath
   ((s, fh)  <- readLine fh
   let l = caps s
   ()  <- closeFile fh
   return $ Right l) `catch`
          (\e -> do closeFile fh
                    return $ Left "Could not read file")
```

- Filehandle `fh` is shared between the `catch` arguments

```
catch :: IOF a -> (Exception -> IO a) ->> IO a
```

- Avoids memory leak

Contributions revisited

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Future Work

- Type inference algorithm $\mathcal{M}$ is incomplete

  Terms can have two types

  - $\{\texttt{Un}\ A\} \mid \varnothing \vdash \lambda^{-\!*} f.\lambda^{-\!*} x.fxx : (A \multimap A \multimap B) \multimap A \multimap B$
  - $\varnothing \mid \varnothing \vdash \lambda^{-\!*} f.\lambda^{-\!*} x.fxx : (A \multimap A \twoheadrightarrow B) \multimap A \twoheadrightarrow B$

- Current semantics: call-by-value assumed

  Formalize resource correctness

Thank You!

Q & A