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**Given:** the changes in the exchange rate of some share on a day-to-day basis for some period in time:

```
+2, -3, +2, +1, +2, +4, -2, 0, +3, ...
```

**Problem:** calculate the maximum profit per share one could have made by buying the share at some point during this period and selling it at a later point.

☞ In a more general form, this problem is known as calculating a *maximum segment sum*.



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## Representing the index

§5.1

In Haskell, we represent the index in terms of a custom list type *Index*:

```
infixl 5 'Next'
data Index α = Start | Next (Index α) α
```

Changes with respect to the previous day are simply represented by integer values:

```
type Delta = Int
```

For example:

```
fortis :: Index Delta
fortis = Start 'Next' (-82) 'Next' 99
        'Next' (-162) 'Next' 110
```

☞  $Index\ Delta \cong [Int]$ .

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§5.1

Underlying every single solution to the problem is the simple but effective investment strategy “**buy low, sell high**”.

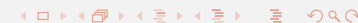
Hence, we need to figure out when the share's index was low and when it was high.

But, for each day, we are only given a rate relative to the rate of the previous day.

Hence, we first have to accumulate the given differences.



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## Accumulating the differences

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Fix the rate at the start of the period at zero and compute the rate for each day:

```
type Rate = Int
```

```
-- computes the most recent rate together with all previous rates
historyR :: Index Delta → (Rate, Index Rate)
historyR Start = (0, Start)
historyR (Next prevD todayD) =
  let (yesterdaysR, prevR) = historyR prevD
      todayR = yesterdayR + todayD
  in (todayR, prevR 'Next' todayR)
```

```
-- computes all a historic development of the rate
rates :: (Rate, Index Rate) → Index Rate
rates (_, allR) = allR
```



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Next, we compute, for each day, which was the lowest rate observed until (and including) that day:

```
type Lowest = Int
```

```
-- computes the historic minimum rate together with all previous lows
historyL :: Index Rate          → (Lowest, Index Lowest)
historyL Start                  = (0, Start)
historyL (Next prevR todayR) =
  let (yesterdaysL, prevL) = historyL prevR
      todayL                = yesterdaysL 'min' todayR
  in (todayL, prevL 'Next' todayL)
```

```
-- computes a historic development of the minimum rate
lowestL :: (Lowest, Index Lowest) → Index Lowest
lowestL (_, allL)                = allL
```



## The maximum profit

We can now compute the maximum profit:

```
type Highest = Int
```

```
-- computes the highest profit that could have been made
highest :: Index Profit          → Highest
highest Start                    = 0
highest (Next prevP todayP) =
  let yesterdaysH = highest prevP
      todayH       = yesterdaysH 'max' todayP
  in todayH
```



Now we can calculate, for each day, the highest profit that could have been made *would we have sold at that day*.

To do so, we combine the historic development of the exchange rate with the development of the minimum rate:

```
type Profit = Int
```

```
-- tuples historic developments of the rate and the minimum rate
zipRL :: Index Rate → Index Lowest → Index (Rate, Lowest)
zipRL Start                Start                = Start
zipRL (Next prevR todayR) (Next prevL todayL) =
  zipRL prevR prevL 'Next' (todayR, todayL)
```

```
-- computes the historic development of the selling profit
profits :: Index (Rate, Lowest)          → Index Profit
profits Start                            = Start
profits (Next prevRL (todayR, todayL)) =
  profits prevRL 'Next' (todayR - todayL)
```



## Combining all functions

Finally, we combine all functions into a single function that computes the maximum profit from an index of changes in rate with respect to the previous day:

```
-- computes the maximum profit
maxProfit :: Index Delta → Highest
maxProfit allD =
  let allR = rates (historyR allD)
      allL = lowestL (historyL allR)
      allRL = zipRL allR allL
      allP = profits allRL
  in highest allP
```

*maxProfit* performs 6 index traversals!



It is not so hard to produce a more efficient solution for maximum segment sum.

We shall now systematically construct such a solution.

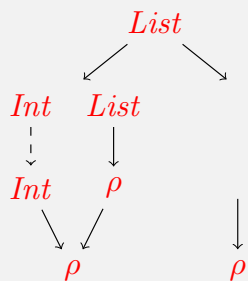
The key idea is to separate the traversal code from the actual computations and to define these computations algebraically, allowing for a straightforward means of combining traversals.



## List-catamorphisms: structure

Consider a custom algebraic data type for lists of integers:

```
data List = Cons Int List | Nil
```



A *List*-catamorphism proceeds as follows:

A *Cons*-object is destructed into an *Int*-component and a *List*-component. From the *List*-component we obtain a recursive result of type  $\rho$ . The *Int*-component and the recursive result are *somehow* combined to form a final result of type  $\rho$ .

A *Nil*-object does not have any components. So, we have to *somehow* directly produce a final result of type  $\rho$ .

☞ We only have to specify *how* the final nonrecursive components and recursive results are to be combined to form the final result.



A **catamorphism** is a function that consumes objects  $X$  of some algebraic data type  $\tau$  and produces objects of some type  $\rho$  by

- ▶ *destructing*  $X$  according to the structure of  $\tau$ ,
- ▶ *calling itself recursively* on any components of  $X$  that are themselves also of type  $\tau$ , and
- ▶ combining the recursively obtained results of type  $\rho$  with any remaining components of  $X$  to *construct* the final result of type  $\rho$ .

A catamorphism that consumes objects of type  $\tau$  is called a  $\tau$ -catamorphism.

☞ For a given  $\tau$ , the destruction and recursion steps can be defined once and for all, while the construction step can be specified algebraically.



## List-algebras

To specify the combination step of a *List*-catamorphism, we employ a so-called *List*-algebra.

A *List*-algebra provides, for some choice of a type  $\rho$ , a semantics to the following **signature**:

```
cons :: Int → ρ → ρ
nil  :: ρ
```

The type  $\rho$  is called the **carrier** of the algebra.

In Haskell, we represent *List*-algebras by values of the type  $\text{Algebra}_{\text{List}}$ :

```
type AlgebraList ρ = ( Int → ρ → ρ , ρ )
```

☞ Note how the type  $\text{Algebra}_{\text{List}}$  can be systematically derived from the structure of the data type *List*.



Given a *List*-algebra with some carrier  $\rho$ , we can produce *List*-catamorphisms by means of a generic function  $\text{cata}_{\text{List}}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cata}_{\text{List}} &:: \text{Algebra}_{\text{List}} \rho \rightarrow (\text{List} \rightarrow \rho) \\ \text{cata}_{\text{List}} (\text{cons}, \text{nil}) &= \text{cata} \\ \text{where} \\ \text{cata } (\text{Cons } n \text{ ns}) &= \text{cons } n (\text{cata } ns) \\ \text{cata } \text{Nil} &= \text{nil} \end{aligned}$$

☞ Note that  $\text{List} \cong [\text{Int}]$  and that  $\text{cata}_{\text{List}}$  is essentially an uncurried variation on the *Prelude*-function  $\text{foldr} :: (\alpha \rightarrow \rho \rightarrow \rho) \rightarrow \rho \rightarrow [\alpha] \rightarrow [\rho]$  on built-in lists.



## List-catamorphism: summing

The algebra  $\text{alg}_{\text{sum}}$  for summing the elements of a *List* is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{alg}_{\text{sum}} &:: \text{Algebra}_{\text{List}} \text{Int} \\ \text{alg}_{\text{sum}} &= ((+), 0) \end{aligned}$$

The actual summing function then reads

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sum} &:: \text{List} \rightarrow \text{Int} \\ \text{sum} &= \text{cata}_{\text{List}} \text{alg}_{\text{sum}} \end{aligned}$$


As an example of a *List*-algebra, consider the following algebra for computing the length of a *List*:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{alg}_{\text{length}} &:: \text{Algebra}_{\text{List}} \text{Int} \\ \text{alg}_{\text{length}} &= (\text{cons}, \text{nil}) \\ \text{where} \\ \text{cons } \_ \text{ len} &= \text{len} + 1 \\ \text{nil} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding *List*-catamorphism is obtained by using the algebra as an argument to  $\text{cata}_{\text{List}}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{length} &:: \text{List} \rightarrow \text{Int} \\ \text{length} &= \text{cata}_{\text{List}} \text{alg}_{\text{length}} \end{aligned}$$

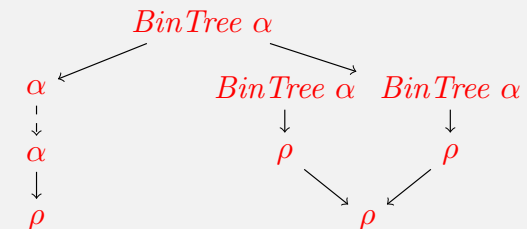

## Tree-catamorphisms: structure

Of course, we can define catamorphic computations for other types as well.

Consider the type *BinTree* of binary trees:

$$\text{data BinTree } \alpha = \text{Leaf } \alpha \mid \text{Node } (\text{BinTree } \alpha) (\text{BinTree } \alpha)$$

The structure of a *BinTree*-catamorphism follows from the structure of the data type:



☞ A *BinTree*-algebra needs to specify how we construct a  $\rho$ -value from an  $\alpha$ -value and how we can construct a  $\rho$ -value from two recursively obtained  $\rho$ -values.





The type  $\text{Algebra}_{\text{BinTree}}$  of  $\text{BinTree}$ -algebras takes two type parameters: one for the values stored in the leaves of a  $\text{BinTree}$ , one for the carrier of the algebra.

**type**  $\text{Algebra}_{\text{BinTree}} \alpha \rho = ( \alpha \rightarrow \rho , \rho \rightarrow \rho \rightarrow \rho )$

$\text{BinTree}$ -catamorphisms can be obtained from calls to the function  $\text{cata}_{\text{BinTree}}$ :

$\text{cata}_{\text{BinTree}} :: \text{Algebra}_{\text{BinTree}} \alpha \rho \rightarrow (\text{BinTree } \alpha \rightarrow \rho)$   
 $\text{cata}_{\text{BinTree}} (\text{leaf}, \text{node}) = \text{cata}$   
**where**  
 $\text{cata} (\text{Leaf } x) = \text{leaf } x$   
 $\text{cata} (\text{Node } l \ r) = \text{node} (\text{cata } l) (\text{cata } r)$



A catamorphism for computing the product of all  $\text{Int}$ -values stored in a  $\text{BinTree}$ :

$\text{alg}_{\text{product}} :: \text{Algebra}_{\text{BinTree}} \text{Int } \text{Int}$   
 $\text{alg}_{\text{product}} = (\text{id}, (*))$

$\text{product} :: \text{BinTree } \alpha \rightarrow \text{Int}$   
 $\text{product} = \text{cata}_{\text{BinTree}} \text{alg}_{\text{product}}$



A catamorphism for retrieving the number of leaves in a  $\text{BinTree}$ :

$\text{alg}_{\text{size}} :: \text{Algebra}_{\text{BinTree}} \alpha \text{Int}$   
 $\text{alg}_{\text{size}} = (\text{const } 1, (+))$

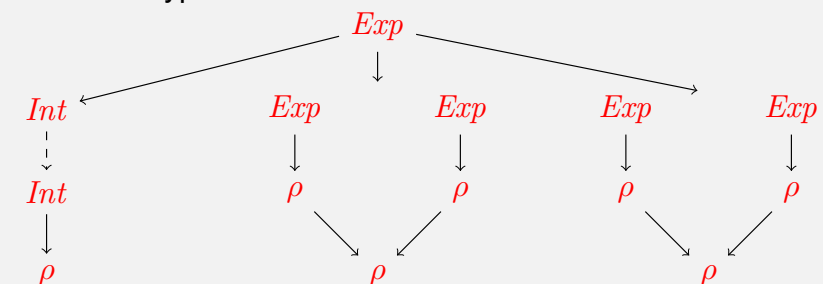
$\text{size} :: \text{BinTree } \alpha \rightarrow \text{Int}$   
 $\text{size} = \text{cata}_{\text{BinTree}} \text{alg}_{\text{size}}$



Now consider a data type  $\text{Exp}$  of simple arithmetic expressions:

**data**  $\text{Exp} = \text{Const } \text{Int} \mid \text{Add } \text{Exp } \text{Exp} \mid \text{Mul } \text{Exp } \text{Exp}$

The structure of an  $\text{Exp}$ -catamorphism follows the structure of the data type:



The type of *Exp*-algebras:

```
type AlgebraExp ρ = ( Int → ρ , ρ → ρ → ρ , ρ → ρ → ρ )
```

The function *cata<sub>Exp</sub>* for constructing *Exp*-catamorphisms from *Exp*-algebras:

```
cataExp :: AlgebraExp ρ → (Exp → ρ)
cataExp (const, add, mul) = cata
  where
    cata (Const n) = const n
    cata (Add e1 e2) = add (cata e1) (cata e2)
    cata (Mul e1 e2) = mul (cata e1) (cata e2)
```



A catamorphism for evaluating expressions:

```
algeval :: AlgebraExp Int
algeval = (id, (+), (*))
```

```
eval :: Exp → Int
eval = cataExp algeval
```

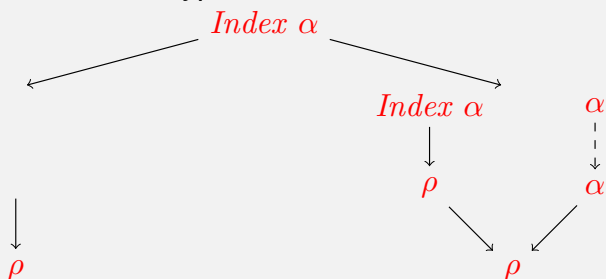


## Index-catamorphisms: structure §5.1

Returning to our running example, recall the definition of the custom list type *Index*:

```
data Index α = Start | Next (Index α) α
```

The structure of an *Index*-catamorphism follows the structure of the data type:



## Index-catamorphisms: implementation §5.1

The type *Algebra<sub>Index</sub>* of *Index*-algebras:

```
type AlgebraIndex α ρ = ( ρ , ρ → α → ρ )
```

The function *cata<sub>Index</sub>* for constructing *Index*-catamorphisms from *Index*-algebras:

```
cataIndex :: AlgebraIndex α ρ → (Index α → ρ)
cataIndex = (start, next) = cata
  where
    cata Start = start
    cata (Next prev today) = next (cata prev) today
```



Now we can define our function *historyR* as an *Index*-catamorphism:

```
-- computes the most recent rate together with all previous rates
historyR :: Index Delta → (Rate, Index Rate)
historyR = cataIndex (start, next)
  where
    start = (0, Start)
    next (yesterdaysR, prevR) todaysD =
      let todaysR = yesterdaysR + todaysD
      in (todaysR, prevR `Next` todaysR)
```



## Combining the traversals §5.1

Now we have two *Index*-catamorphisms, *historyR* and *historyL*:

```
historyR :: Index Delta → (Rate, Index Rate)
historyL :: Index Rate → (Lowest, Index Lowest)
```

These can easily be combined into a single catamorphism *historyRL* by simply combining the underlying *Index*-algebras:

```
historyRL :: Index Delta → (Rate, Index Rate, Lowest, Index Lowest)
historyRL = cataIndex (start, next)
  where
    start = (0, Start, 0, Start)
    next (yesterdaysR, prevR, yesterdaysL, prevL) todaysD =
      let todaysR = yesterdaysR + todaysD
          todaysL = yesterdaysL `min` todaysR
      in (todaysR, prevR `Next` todaysR,
          todaysL, prevL `Next` todaysL)
```



In a similar fashion, *historyL* can be defined as a catamorphism:

```
-- computes the historic minimum rate together with all previous lows
historyL :: Index Rate → (Lowest, Index Lowest)
historyL = cataIndex (start, next)
  where
    start = (0, Start)
    next (yesterdaysL, prevL) todaysR =
      let todaysL = yesterdaysL `min` todaysR
      in (todaysL, prevL `Next` todaysL)
```



## Cleaning the traversal §5.1

By now, the historic developments of the rate and minimum produced by *historyRL* are redundant and we can simply define:

```
computeRL :: Index Delta → (Rate, Lowest)
computeRL = cataIndex (start, next)
  where
    start = (0, 0)
    next (yesterdaysR, yesterdaysL) todaysD =
      let todaysR = yesterdaysR + todaysD
          todaysL = yesterdaysL `min` todaysR
      in (todaysR, todaysL)
```





Continuing in this fashion, we can extend the result of the catamorphism with a component that holds the profit associated with selling on a certain day and a component that holds the maximum profit:

```
computeRLPH :: Index Delta → (Rate, Lowest, Profit, Highest)
computeRLPH = cataIndex (start, next)
  where
    start = (0, 0, 0, 0)
    next
      (yesterdaysR, yesterdaysL, yesterdaysP, yesterdaysH) todaysD =
        let todaysR = yesterdaysR + todaysD
            todaysL = yesterdaysL 'min' todaysR
            todaysP = todaysR - todaysL
            todaysH = yesterdaysH 'max' (todaysR - todaysL)
        in (todaysR, todaysL, todaysP, todaysH)
```



## The final solution

The final solution now simply reads:

```
maxProfit :: Index Delta → Highest
maxProfit allD =
  let (_, _, highest) = computeRLH allD
  in highest
```

This version of *maxProfit* computes the maximum profit by performing just a single iteration over the argument index.



We can further simplify this by dropping the *Profit*-component and calculating the *Highest*-component directly:

```
computeRLH :: Index Delta → (Rate, Lowest, Highest)
computeRLH = cataIndex (start, next)
  where
    start = (0, 0, 0)
    next (yesterdaysR, yesterdaysL, yesterdaysH) todaysD =
      let todaysR = yesterdaysR + todaysD
          todaysL = yesterdaysL 'min' todaysR
          todaysH = yesterdaysH 'max' (todaysR - todaysL)
      in (todaysR, todaysL, todaysH)
```



## Maximum segment sum

```
type Delta = Int
data Index = Start | Next Index Delta
type AlgebraIndex ρ = (ρ, ρ → Delta → ρ)

cataIndex :: AlgebraIndex ρ → Index → ρ
cataIndex (start, next) = cata
  where
    cata Start = start
    cata (Next prev today) = next (cata prev) today

mss :: Index Delta → Int
mss allD = let (_, _, highest) = cataIndex (start, next) allD
           in highest

  where
    start = (0, 0, 0)
    next (yesterdaysR, yesterdaysL, yesterdaysH) today =
      let todaysR = yesterdaysR + today
          todaysL = yesterdaysL 'min' todaysR
          todaysH = yesterdaysH 'max' (todaysR - todaysL)
      in (todaysR, todaysL, todaysH)
```



## 5.2 Syntax-directed computation



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## Attribute grammars

§5.2

An attribute grammar is a means to associate attributes (semantics) with the productions of a grammar (syntax).

Defining an attribute grammar proceeds in three steps:

1. Define a grammar.
2. Declare attributes.
3. Define attribute equations.

 As an example, we consider an attribute grammar for maximum segment sum.



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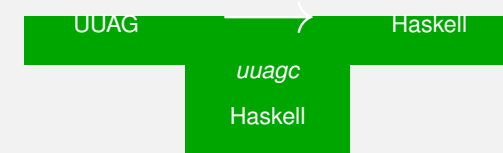


## The UU Attribute Grammar system

§5.2

The UU Attribute Grammar system essentially facilitates the definition and composition of algebras.

It is implemented as a preprocessor to Haskell:



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## Synthesised and inherited attributes

§5.2

We distinguish between two sorts of attributes:

**Synthesised attributes:** these “travel” upward through a syntax tree, i.e., from child to parent.

**Inherited attributes:** these “travel” downward through a syntax tree, i.e., from parent to child.



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A grammar consists of a set of Haskell-like data-type definitions.

```

{type Delta = Int}
data Index
  | Start
  | Next prev :: Index today :: {Delta}

```

- ☞ Each constructor field has a label.
- ☞ Code between curly braces is just Haskell-code and will show up in the generated Haskell-file without further processing.



## Declaring synthesised attributes

We declare a synthesised attribute *rate*:

```
attr Index
syn rate :: { Int }
```

This introduces the obligation to show, for each production of the grammar *Index*, how to synthesise an *Int*-value *rate*.



We invoke the AG compiler with the flags `H` and `d` for, respectively, enabling Haskell-like syntax and generating a set of algebraic data types for the grammar:

```
uuagc -Hd MSS.ag
```

This produces a file `MSS.hs` containing:

```
type Delta = Int
data Index = Start | Next Index Delta
```



## Defining synthesised attributes

Attributes are defined by associating **semantic actions** with grammar productions:

```
sem Index
| Start lhs.rate = 0
| Next lhs.rate = @prev.rate + @today
```

- ☞ `@today` refers to the value stored in the field `today`.
- ☞ `@prev.rate` refers to the synthesised attribute `rate` for the child `prev`.



We generate code for semantic actions by issuing the compiler flag `f`:

uuagc -Hdf MSS.ag

This results in:

$$\begin{aligned} sem_{Index|Start} &= 0 \\ sem_{Index|Next} \text{ rate}_{prev} \text{ today} &= \text{rate}_{prev} + \text{today} \end{aligned}$$

👉  $sem_{Index|Start}$  and  $sem_{Index|Next}$  constitute an *Index-algebra*.



## More synthesised attributes

```

attr Index
  syn lowest :: { Int }

sem Index
  | Start lhs.lowest = 0
  | Next lhs.lowest = @prev.lowest ‘min‘
                        (@prev.rate + @today)

```



To emit a catamorphism for the defined algebra, we issue the compiler flag `c`:

```
uuagc -Hdfc MSS.ag
```

This produces:

$$\begin{aligned} sem_{Index} Start &= sem_{Index|Start} \\ sem_{Index} (Next \text{ prev } today) &= sem_{Index|Next} (sem_{Index} \text{ prev}) today \end{aligned}$$


## Compiling multiple attributes

If we have multiple synthesised attributes, i.e., multiple algebras, for a grammar, these show up as tuples in the generated Haskell-code:

$$\begin{aligned} sem_{Index|Start} &= (0, 0) \\ sem_{Index|Next} (rate_{prev}, lowest_{prev}) \text{ today} &= \\ & (rate_{prev} + today, lowest_{prev} \text{ 'min' } (rate_{prev} + today)) \end{aligned}$$

👉 Note we have some code duplication here.



When defining an algebra, we can introduce attributes that are local to a given production, i.e., these flow neither upward nor downward:

```
sem Index
| Next loc.rate = @prev.rate + @today
  lhs.rate      = @loc.rate
  lhs.lowest    = @prev.lowest 'min' @loc.rate
```



## Copy rule

If we need to produce a synthesised attribute and already have a local attribute of the same name, the AG compiler can automatically produce code for the synthesised attribute by simply copying the value of the local attribute into the synthesised attribute:

```
sem Index
| Next loc.rate = @prev.rate + @today
  loc.lowest    = @prev.lowest 'min' @loc.rate
```

This is an instance of the so-called **copy rule**.



Local attributes are compiled into local definitions in the generated algebras:

```
sem Index|Start = (0,0)
sem Index|Next (rate_prev, lowest_prev) today =
  let rate = rate_prev + today
  in (rate, lowest_prev 'min' rate)
```



## Generating type signatures

With the compiler flag `s` we can generate type signatures for algebras and catamorphisms:

```
uuagc -Hdfcs MSS.ag
```

```
type T_Index = (Int, Int)
sem Index|Start :: T_Index
sem Index|Start = (0,0)
sem Index|Next :: T_Index -> Delta -> T_Index
sem Index|Next (rate_prev, lowest_prev) today =
  let rate = rate_prev + today
  lowest = lowest_prev 'min' rate
  in (rate, lowest)
sem Index :: Index -> T_Index
sem Index Start = sem Index|Start
sem Index (Next prev today) = sem Index|Next
  (sem Index prev) today
```





```

{ type Delta = Int }
data Index
  | Start
  | Next prev :: Index today :: { Delta }

attr Index
  syn rate      :: { Int }
  syn lowest    :: { Int }
  syn highest   :: { Int }

sem Index
  | Start lhs. (rate, lowest, highest) = (0, 0, 0)
  | Next loc.rate      = @prev.rate + @today
      loc.lowest = @prev.lowest 'min' @loc.rate
      loc.profit = @loc.rate - @loc.lowest
      lhs.highest = @prev.highest 'max' @loc.profit

```



## Defining inherited attributes

```

sem Index
  | Start lhs.end = @lhs.start
  | Next prev.start = @lhs.start
      lhs.end = @prev.end + @today

```

@lhs.*start* accesses the inherited attribute *start*.



## Declaring inherited attributes

Assume we are given the actual exchange rate at the start of the period and want to compute the rate at the end of the period.

For this, we can employ an **inherited attribute**:

```

attr Index
  inh start :: { Int }
  syn end   :: { Int }

```

This introduces the obligation to show, for each production that has an *Index*-field, how an *Int*-attribute *start* can be passed to the field.



## Compiling inherited attributes

```
uuagc -Hdfcs Rate.ag
```

```

type TIndex = Int → Int

sem Index|Start :: TIndex
sem Index|Start = λ startlhs → startlhs

sem Index|Next :: TIndex → Delta → TIndex
sem Index|Next prev today = λ startlhs →
  let endprev = prev startlhs
  in endprev + today

```



```
uuagc -Hdfcsw Rate.ag
```

```
data InhIndex = InhIndex { startInhIndex :: Int }
data SynIndex = SynIndex { endSynIndex :: Int }

wrapIndex :: TIndex → InhIndex → SynIndex
wrapIndex sem (InhIndex startlhs) =
  let endlhs = sem startlhs
  in SynIndex endlhs
```



```
{ type Num- = Int }
data Tm
  | Tm pos :: { SourcePos } t :: Tm-
data Tm-
  | Num n :: { Num- }
  | False-
  | True-
  | If t1 :: Tm t2 :: Tm t3 :: Tm
  | Add t1 :: Tm t2 :: Tm
  | Mul t1 :: Tm t2 :: Tm
  | Lt t1 :: Tm t2 :: Tm
  | Eq t1 :: Tm t2 :: Tm
  | Gt t1 :: Tm t2 :: Tm
```



## An evaluation attribute

```
{ data Val = VNum Num- | VFalse | VTrue }
attr Tm Tm-
  syn val :: { Val }
sem Tm-
  | Num lhs.val = VNum @n
  | False- lhs.val = VFalse
  | True- lhs.val = VTrue
  | If lhs.val = case @t1.val of VTrue → @t2.val
                                   VFalse → @t3.val
  | Add lhs.val = let (VNum n1, VNum n2) = (@t1.val, @t2.val)
                    in VNum (n1 + n2)
  | Mul lhs.val = let (VNum n1, VNum n2) = (@t1.val, @t2.val)
                    in VNum (n1 * n2)
  | Lt lhs.val = let (VNum n1, VNum n2) = (@t1.val, @t2.val)
                    in if n1 < n2 then VTrue else VTrue
  | Eq lhs.val = let (VNum n1, VNum n2) = (@t1.val, @t2.val)
                    in if n1 ≡ n2 then VTrue else VFalse
  | Gt lhs.val = let (VNum n1, VNum n2) = (@t1.val, @t2.val)
                    in if n1 > n2 then VTrue else VFalse
```

