

Shortcut Fusion in Haskell

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sum (*map square* [1, 2, 3, 4, 5])

sum [1, 4, 9, 16, 25]

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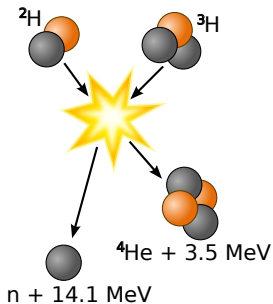
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- Such lists are called *intermediate data structures*.

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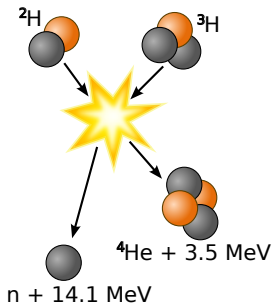

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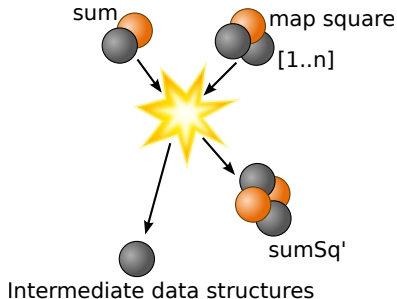


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- No modularity
- Less clear
- Less maintainable

The Goal

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Main Idea

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We can teach GHC to do this for us:

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- Okay, what about $\text{filter } p (\text{map } f \ xs)$?
- What happens if we add another function to the API? What happens when we try and fuse a longer pipeline?
Combinatorial explosion!

Main Idea 2.0

Use one rule to fuse everything!

Encapsulating recursion

Many functions can be defined using *foldr*:

$$\text{foldr} :: (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow b) \rightarrow b \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow b$$
$$\text{foldr } c \ n \ [] = n$$
$$\text{foldr } c \ n \ (x : xs) = c \ x \ (\text{foldr } c \ n \ xs)$$

Defining functions with *foldr*

map *f* *xs* = *foldr* ($\lambda a\ b \rightarrow f\ a : b$) [] *xs*

sum *xs* = *foldr* (+) 0 *xs*

filter *p* *xs* = *foldr* ($\lambda a\ b \rightarrow \text{if } p\ a \text{ then } a : b \text{ else } b$) [] *xs*

xs ++ *ys* = *foldr* (:) *ys* *xs*

product *xs* = *foldr* (*) 1 *xs*

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- Still not clear how to automatically rewrite this.
- Can see how the lists are consumed, but not how they are built.

Abstracting construction

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And then abstract the list construction into a function:

$$\text{build } g = g \text{ } (:) \text{ } []$$

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enumFromTo x y = build (\c n → eftInt x y c n)
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- Instead, we can just apply g directly to c and n :

$$\text{foldr } c \ n \ (\text{build } g) = g \ c \ n$$

- As long as c and n have non-recursive definitions, GHC does the rest!

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Some really important ones do not play nice.

The issue of *foldl* and *zip* as folds

- Two important functions, *foldl* and *zip*, are not folds.
- We can smash them into a form that uses *foldr*, but the resulting performance is poor.

Dualising *foldr/build* fusion

There is a dual to *foldr*, called *unfoldr*

$unfoldr :: (s \rightarrow Maybe (a, s)) \rightarrow s \rightarrow [a]$

$unfoldr\ step\ s = \mathbf{case\ step\ s\ of}$

$\quad Just\ (a, s') \rightarrow a : unfoldr\ step\ s'$

$\quad Nothing \quad \rightarrow []$

Defining functions with *unfoldr*

$mapS\ f\ xs = unfoldr\ step\ xs$

where

$step\ [] = Nothing$

$step\ (x : xs) = Just\ (f\ x, xs)$

$enumFromToS\ m\ n = unfoldr\ step\ m$

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unfold (CoList step s) = go s
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Converting between Lists and *CoLists*

- We can write all our transformations over *CoList* and if they are non-recursive, they will fuse.
- If we want to get back to lists we just use *unfold*.
- We can also a list into a *CoList*:

```
destroy :: [a] → CoList a
destroy xs = CoList step xs
  where
    step []      = Done
    step (x : xs) = Yield x xs
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- Suppose we have a similar definition for *filterCL* and *filter*.
- If we inline $(\text{map } f (\text{filter } p \text{ } xs))$, we get

$$\text{unfold} \circ \text{mapCL } f \circ \text{destroy} \circ \text{unfold} \circ \text{filterCL } p \circ \text{destroy}$$

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- And if we apply it, we can remove an intermediate data structure:

$$\text{unfold} \circ \text{mapCL } f \circ \text{filterCL } p \circ \text{destroy}$$

- We can define *filter* for *CoLists*:

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- Unfortunately, it breaks everything.

```
data Step a s = Done
             | Skip s
             | Yield a s
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```
data Stream a =  $\exists s$ . Stream (s  $\rightarrow$  Step a s) s
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$step\ (x : xs) = Yield\ x\ xs$

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$unstream\ (Stream\ step\ s) = go\ s$

where

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- *zip* takes advantage of another feature of unfolds, state

$$\begin{aligned} \text{zipS} &:: \text{Stream } a \rightarrow \text{Stream } b \rightarrow \text{Stream } (a, b) \\ \text{zipS } (\text{Stream step1 } s1) (\text{Stream step2 } s2) &= \\ &\quad \text{Stream step'} (s1, s2, \text{Nothing}) \end{aligned}$$

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- Stream fusion combines unfold fusion with a very elegant presentation.
- It allows us to write fusible functions for any data structure that we can define a *stream* and *unstream* for.
- This is a huge win for arrays.
- Examples are *Data.ByteString* and *Data.Text*

- The notion of folds and unfolds are not unique to lists.
- Although a less researched area, it is possible to fuse functions over other datatypes.

- Shortcut fusion is a useful tool when trying to get good performance from a library.
- You take care of standardising the recursion, keeping the transformers non-recursive, and GHC will do the rest automatically.
- There is no ideal recursion scheme, what you choose depends on your API and data structure.