Runners in action

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Today's plan

- Computational effects and external resources in PL
- Issues with standard approaches to external resources
- Runners a natural model for top-level runtime
- T-runners for also modelling non-top-level runtimes
- Turn **T**-runners into a **useful programming construct**
- Demonstrate the use of runners through **programming examples**

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Good for simulating comp. effects in a pure language!

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- We shall address these kinds of issues **indirectly** (!):
 - by **not** introducing a linear typing discipline
 - instead we make it convenient to hide external resources (addressing stronger typing disciplines in the future)

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But misuse of external resources can also be purely accidental

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let g (s1 s2:string) =
  let fh = fopen "foo.txt" in
  let b = choose () in
  if b then (fwrite (fh,s1^s2)) else (fwrite (fh,s2^s1));
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let nd_handler =
  handler { choose () k → return (k true ++ k false) }
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 - that supports controlled initialisation and finalisation,
 - (and in the future limit how general handlers can be used)

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• For example, a natural runner R for S-valued state signature

$$\left\{ \quad \mathsf{get} : \mathbb{1} \leadsto S \quad , \quad \mathsf{set} : S \leadsto \mathbb{1} \quad \right\}$$

is given by

$$|\mathcal{R}| \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} S$$
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 - \bullet runners ${\cal R}$
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 $^{{}^{3}}$ Free $_{\Sigma}(X)$ is the free monad ind. defined with leaves val x and nodes op (a, κ) .

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- But is there a useful generalisation that would achieve this?

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where we call $K_{\Sigma,E,S,C}$ a kernel monad (the sum of T and excs.)

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• For instance, we can define a PYTHON-esque with construct

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- the file handle is hidden from M
- M can only call write: String → 1! E ∪ {WriteSizeExceeded}
 but not (the external operations) fopen, fclose, and fwrite
- fopen and fclose are limited to initialisation-finalisation
- M can itself also catch WriteSizeExceeded to re-try writing

A core calculus for programming with runners

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User computations

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Kernel computations

$$\Gamma \vdash K : X \notin (\Sigma, E, S, C)$$
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                                                                                     value
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                                                                                     exception handler
              VW
                                                                                     application
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                                                                                     product elimination
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                                                                                     sum elimination
              \operatorname{op}_{Y}(V,(x.M),(N_{e})_{e\in E_{on}})
                                                                                     operation call
              raise x e
                                                                                     raise exception
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                                                                                     run
                 return x @ c \mapsto N,
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                                                                                 operation call
            raise x a c e
                                                                                 raise exception
             kill_{X@C} s
                                                                                 send signal
             getenv_C(c.K)
                                                                                 get state
             setenv(V, K)
                                                                                 set state
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- We use $C \equiv C'$ to have (standard) proof-irrelevant subtyping
- Otherwise, instead of just C <: C', we would need a **lens** $C' \leftrightarrow C$

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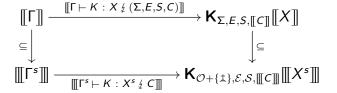
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- Theorem (finalisation):
 - for every environment $\gamma \in \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket$,
 - there exists a comp. tree $t \in \mathbf{Free}_{\Sigma'}(([\![X]\!] + E) \times [\![C]\!] + S)$,
 - such that running factors through finalisation, i.e.,

```
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- A HASKELL library HASKELL-COOP
 - A shallow-embedding of the core calculus in HASKELL
 - Uses one of the Freer monad implementations underneath
 - Operational aspects implement the denotational semantics
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Runners in action

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```
using R<sub>FH</sub> @ (fopen fileName)
run (
    using R<sub>FC</sub> @ (return "")
    run M
    finally {
        return \times @ str \rightarrow write str; return \times ,
        raise WriteSizeExceeded @ str \rightarrow write str; raise WriteSizeExceeded }
)
finally {
    return \times @ fh \rightarrow ... , raise e @ fh \rightarrow ... , kill IOError \rightarrow ... }
```

where the **file contents runner** (with $\Sigma' = \{\}$) is defined as

```
 \begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{let} & R_{FC} = \{ \\ & write & str^I \rightarrow \textbf{let} & str = \textbf{getenv} \ () & in \\ & & if \ (length \ (str^str^I) > max) \ \textbf{then} \ (raise \ WriteSizeExceeded) \\ & & else \ (setenv \ (str^str^I)) \\ \end{tabular}
```

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```
    using R<sub>Cost</sub> ② (return 0)
    run M
    finally {
    return x ② c → report_cost c; return x ,
    raise e ② c → report_cost c; raise e ,
    kill s → raise SignalHappenedException }
```

where the **cost model runner** is defined as

- The runner R_{Cost} implements the same sig. Σ that M is using
- As a result, the runner R_{Cost} is **invisible** from M 's viewpoint

• First, we define a runner for integer-valued ML-style state as

```
type IntHeap = (Nat \rightarrow (Int + 1)) \times Nat
                                                                      type Ref = Nat
let R_{IntState} = \{
  alloc x \rightarrow let h = getenv () in
                                                         (* alloc : Int \rightsquigarrow Ref ! \{\} *)
             let (r,h') = heapAlloc h x in
             setenv h':
             return r,
  deref r \rightarrow let h = getenv () in
                                                         (* deref : Ref → Int ! {} *)
             match (heapSel h r) with
               inl x \rightarrow return x
               inr () → kill ReferenceDoesNotExist ,
  assign r y \rightarrow let h = getenv () in  (* assign : Ref × Int \rightsquigarrow 1 ! \{\} *)
                 match (heapUpd h r y) with
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                 | inr () → kill ReferenceDoesNotExist
IntHeap
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type MonMemory = Ref \rightarrow (Ord + 1)
                                             type Ord = Int \rightarrow Int \rightarrow Bool
let R_{MonState} = \{
  mAlloc x rel \rightarrow let r = alloc x in
                                                    (*: Int \times Ord \rightsquigarrow Ref! \{\} *)
                     let m = getenv () in
                     setenv (memAdd m r rel);
                     return r,
                                                              (* : Ref → Int! {} *)
  mDeref r \rightarrow deref r.
  mAssign r y \rightarrow let x = deref r in (* : Ref × Int \rightsquigarrow 1 ! \{MV\} *)
                    let m = getenv() in
                    match (memSel m r) with
                    | inl rel \rightarrow if (rel x y)
                                then (assign r y)
                                 else (raise MonotonicityViolation)
                     inr → kill PreorderDoesNotExist
MonMemory
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```
using R_{IntState} @ ((fun \_ \rightarrow inr ()) , 0) (* init. empty ML—style heap *)
run (
 using R_{MonState} @ (fun \rightarrow inr ()) (* init. empty preorders memory *)
 run (
   let r = mAlloc 0 (\leq) in
   mAssign r 1;
   mAssign r 0; (* R<sub>MonState</sub> raises MonotonicityViolation exception *)
   mAssign r 2
 finally \{ \dots, raise Monotonicity Violation @ m <math>\rightarrow \dots, \dots \}
finally { ... }
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```

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```
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• For instance, this way we can build a runner for IO and state

Other examples

Other examples

- More general forms of (ML-style) state (for general Ref A)
 - if the host language allows it, we use GADTs, etc for safety
 - some examples extract a footprint from a larger memory
- Combinations of different effects and runners
 - in particular the combination of IO and state
 - good use case for both vertical and horizontal composition
- KOKA-style ambient values and ambient functions
 - ambient values are essentially mutable variables/parameters
 - ambient functions are applied in their lexical context
 - a runner that treats amb. fun. application as a co-operation
 - amb. funs. are stored in a context-depth-sensitive heap
 - the appl. co-operation restores the heap to the lexical context

Ambient values

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Ambient values

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ambient val f: int \rightarrow int

ambient val x: int

with val x = 4

with val f = fun y \rightarrow x + y

with val x = 2

f 1 (* Returns 3 *)
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(* Returns 5 *

• Ambient functions

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ambient fun f: int \rightarrow int ambient val x: int with val x = 4 with fun f = fun y \rightarrow x + y with val x = 2 f 1
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module AmbientsTests where
import Control.Runner
import Control.Runner.Ambients
ambEun :: AmbVal Int -> Int -> AmbEff Int
ambFun x y =
 do x <- aetVal x:
     return (x + y)
test1 :: AmbEff Int
test1 =
 withAmbVal
    (4 :: Int)
    (\ x ->
      withAmbFun
        (ambFun x)
        (\ f ->
          do rebindVal x 2;
             applyFun f 1))
test2 = ambTopLevel test1
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```
module Control.Runner.Ambients
ambCoOps :: Amb a -> Kernel sig AmbHeap a
ambCoOps (Bind f) =
  do h <- getEnv;</pre>
     (f.h') <- return (ambHeapAlloc h f):
     setEnv h':
     return f
ambCoOps (Apply f x) =
  do h <- getEnv;</pre>
     (f,d) <- return (ambHeapSel h f (depth h)):
     user
       (run
          ambRunner
          (return (h {depth = d}))
          (f x)
          ambFinaliser)
       return
ambCoOps (Rebind f q) =
  do h <- getEnv;</pre>
     setEnv (ambHeapUpd h f a)
ambRunner :: Runner '[Amb] sia AmbHeap
ambRunner = mkRunner ambCoOps
```

Wrapping up

- Runners are a natural model of top-level runtime
- We propose T-runners to also model non-top-level runtimes
- We have turned **T**-runners into a (useful ?) programming construct with controlled initialisation and finalisation
- Despite being affine, T-runners still cover a lot of ground
- Two implementations: Coop & Haskell-Coop
- Ongoing and future: lenses in subtyping and semantics, cat. of runners, handlers, concurrency, refinement typing, compilation, . . .

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