

6 - type systems

① monomorphic type system:

- each value has a single specific type

ex: C and most languages

② polymorphic type system:

- you define something and it could be used in other data types

↳ ad-hoc polymorphism = **overloading**, functions that can be applied to different data types and behave differently

↳ inclusion polymorphism = based on subtyping relation function applies to a type and all subtypes of the type (ex C types = $\text{char} \leq \text{short} \leq \text{int} \leq \text{long}$)

↳ parametric polymorphism = functions that are general and can operate identically on different types (**actual polymorphism**)

haskell classes: you define a class that has functions in it, then you specify data types as instance of it to belong to that class / to use that function

you are saying that these data types can use that class function (**basically overloading**)

you can also rewrite the function but the input and output patterns must be same (ex $f :: \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$)

```
class X a where
  f :: a -> a
  f a = a
```

```
data T = AA | BB deriving Show
```

```
instance X T
```

```
  a :: T
```

```
  a = AA
```

```
  f a -> AA
```

polymorphism = one simple function definition, and one implementation, every data type uses the same one (operates on multiple types uniformly)

overloading = we just have function name, implementation of the function could be totally different from each other (different functions for distinct types)

↳ binding is not only according to name but according to **name and type**

context dependent overloading = based on name, parameter type and return type

context independent overloading = based on function name and parameter type (no return type)

↳ most languages use this

coercion = making implicit type conversion for ease of programming
(force)

↳ ex: $\text{double } x = k + 4.2 \rightarrow \text{double } x = (\text{double}) k + 4.2$

↳ most newer languages quit coercion completely: **strict type checking**
(too complex)

type inference = if type system does not force user to declare all types (like in C), language processor infers types, finds the most general type that fits.

