

Not the Whole Story

There are some aspects of the typeclass system that haven't been discussed yet

- ▶ Some classes depend on other classes
- ▶ Some classes are themselves polymorphic
- ▶ Some classes are associated with type constructors

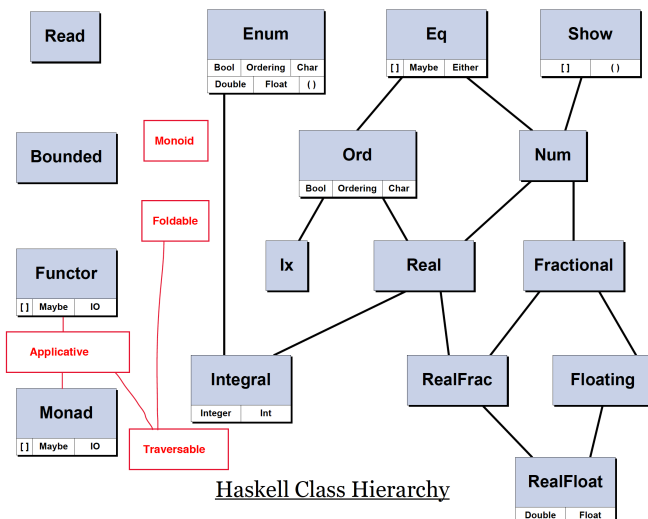
Classes based on other Classes

- ▶ Here is part of the class declaration for `Ord`:

```
class (Eq a) => Ord a where
  compare      :: a -> a -> Ordering
  (<), (<=), (>=), (>) :: a -> a -> Bool
  max, min     :: a -> a -> a
  compare x y
    | x == y    = EQ
    | x <= y    = LT
    | otherwise = GT
```

- ▶ The notation (Eq a) => is a *context*, stating that the Ord class depends on the Eq class (why?)
- ▶ In order to define compare, we have to use ==
 - ▶ So, for a type to belong to Ord, it must belong to Eq
 - ▶ Think of it as a form of inheritance

Prelude Class Relationships



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“Polymorphic” Type Classes (I)

How might we define an `Eq` instance for lists ?

- ▶ For [Bool]

```
instance Eq [Bool] where
  [] == [] = True
  (b1:bs1) == (b2:bs2) = b1 == b2 && bs1 == bs2
  _ == _ = False
```

- ▶ For `[Int]`

```
instance Eq [Int] where
  [] == [] = True
  (i1:is1) == (i2:is2) = i1 == i2 && is1 == is2
  _ == _ = False
```

- ▶ The red == above are where we use equality for Bool and Int respectively.
- ▶ Can't we do this polymorphically ?

“Polymorphic” Type Classes (II)

- ▶ We can !

```
instance (Eq a) => Eq [a] where
  [] == [] = True
  (x1:xs1) == (x2:xs2) = x1 == x2 && xs1 == xs2
  _ == _ = False
```

- ▶ We can define equality on `[a]` provided we have equality set up for `a`
- ▶ Here we are defining equality for a type constructor (`[]` for lists) applied to a type `a`:
 - ▶ so the class refers to a type built with a constructor

Type-Constructor Classes

- ▶ Consider the class declaration for `Functor`

```
class Functor f where
  fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
```

- ▶ Here we are associating a class with a *type-constructor* `f`
 - ▶ not with a type
 - ▶ See how in the type signature `f` is applied to type variables `a` and `b`.
 - ▶ So, `f` is something that takes a type as argument to produce a (different) type.

Type Constructor Examples

- ▶ The `Maybe` type-constructor

```
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
```

- ▶ The `IO` type-constructor

```
data IO a = ...
```

- ▶ The `[]` type-constructor

The type we usually write as `[a]` can be written as `[] a`
i.e. the application of list constructor `[]` to a type `a`.

Instances of `Functor`

- ▶ `Maybe` as a `Functor`

```
instance Functor Maybe where
  fmap f Nothing = Nothing
  fmap f (Just x) = Just (f x)
```

- ▶ `[]` as a `Functor`

```
instance Functor [] where
  fmap = map
```

- ▶ Both the above are straight from the Prelude.

Functor instance for Maybe, with annotations

In more detail, first a reminder of the class definition:

```
class Functor f where
  fmap :: (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
```

Next, the instance, with type annotations:

```
instance Functor Maybe where
  fmap (f :: a -> b) (Nothing :: Maybe a)
    = Nothing :: Maybe b

  fmap f (Just (x :: a) :: Maybe a)
    = Just (f x :: b) :: Maybe b
```

Instances and Type Declarations

- ▶ A type can only have one instance of any given class. Why? Because each instance is a specific implementation. Which one should the compiler pick?
- ▶ A type synonym therefore cannot have its own instance declaration.
`type MyType a = ...`
It simply is a shorthand for an existing type
- ▶ A user-defined algebraic datatype can have instance declarations
`data MyData a = ...`
In general we need to do this for `Eq`, `Show` in any case
- ▶ A user-cloned (new) type can also have instance declarations
`newtype MyNew a = ...`
A key use of `newtype` is to allow instance declarations for existing types (now “re-badged”).

Why not make Expr a member of the Num Class?

```
instance Num Expr where
  ...
```

This way we could then use standard arithmetic operators like `(+)` and `(*)` directly

```
Val 1.0 + Val 2.0 * Val 3.0
```

So, what does this involve? We need to look at the methods required for the `Num` class.

Guided tour: the Num a Class

Class Members

```
(+), (-), (*)    :: a -> a -> a
negate          :: a -> a
abs, signum     :: a -> a
fromInteger     :: Integer -> a
```

Instances `Int`, `Integer`, `Float`, `Double`

Comments Required: `Eq`, `Show`

Most general notion of number available.
(Note lack of any form of division).

Starting the Instance

We shall simply define each class function for `Expr` as a call to an external function, rather than defining them in place.

```
instance Num Expr where
  e1 + e2      = addExpr e1 e2
  e1 - e2      = subExpr e1 e2
  e1 * e2      = mulExpr e1 e2
  negate e     = negExpr e
  abs e        = absExpr e
  signum e     = signumExpr e
  fromInteger i = integerToExpr i
```

So far so good, but are storm-clouds looming?

What are the types of functions `addExpr ... integerToExpr` ?

Typing the instance functions

We simply replace any occurrence of `a` in the class definition of `Num` by `Expr`.

```
addExpr      :: Expr -> Expr -> Expr
subExpr      :: Expr -> Expr -> Expr
mulExpr      :: Expr -> Expr -> Expr
negExpr      :: Expr -> Expr
absExpr      :: Expr -> Expr
signumExpr   :: Expr -> Expr
integerToExpr :: Integer -> Expr
```

Ok, let's tackle `addExpr`

Implementing (+) for Expr

Simplest approach, `(+)` for `Expr` is simply `Add`!

```
addExpr e1 e2 = Add e1 e2 -- or addExpr = Add !
```

```
> (Val 1.0) + (Val 1.0)
Add (Val 1.0) (Val 1.0)
```

Hmmm, maybe we'd prefer the following?

```
> (Val 1.0) + (Val 1.0)
(Val 2.0)
```

Implementing (+) for Expr using simp

Lets use `simp` to see how far we can push things

```
addExpr e1 e2 = simp (Add e1 e2) -- or addExpr = Add !
```

```
> (Val 1.0) + (Val 1.0)
(Val 2.0)
>(Var "x") + (Val 0.0)
(Var "x")
>(Var "x") + (Val 1.0)
Add (Var "x") (Val 1.0)
```

We can't use the Exercise One variant of `simp` that takes a dictionary. Why Not?

What dictionary would we use for `(Var "x") + (Val 1.0)` ?
There is no way to supply one, other than a built-in fixed dictionary behind the scenes.

Moving on with Expr as Num

- ▶ Cases `Sub` and `Mul` are very similar to `Add`
- ▶ `negExpr` is trickier, but the following will do:
`negExpr e = simp (Sub (Val 0.0) e)`
- ▶ `integerToExpr` is easy but seems strange:
`integerToExpr i = Val (fromInteger i)`

Here, `fromInteger` refers to the instance of `fromInteger` defined for the `Double` instance of `Num`.

Expr is not adequate for Num

Now we run into trouble:

- ▶ `abs` cannot be implemented using any combination of add, subtract, multiply or divide.
The only way forward would be to define a new `Expr` variant to represent the application of the absolute value operator, e.g.: `Abs Expr`
- ▶ `signum` cannot be implemented using any combination of add, subtract, multiply or divide.
Again, the only way forward would be to define a new `Expr` variant to represent the application of the signum operator, e.g.: `SigNum Expr`

If this is worth it depends on our plans for `Expr` ...