

# Zippers and Derivatives

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# Overview

- ▶ Zipper = context type, which helps moving through and “modifying” a functional data structure
- ▶ Deriving context types vs. differentiating real-valued functions
- ▶ Relation with combinatorial species

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# Context for List I

- ▶ datatype 'a list = Nil | Cons 'a ('a list)
- ▶ How to define a “pointer” p into a list l, supporting:
  - ▶ p = begin(l)
  - ▶ p->prev
  - ▶ p->next
  - ▶ \*p := a

## Context for List II

- ▶ `'a list_pointer = 'a list * 'a * 'a list`
  - ▶ `(... <- x <- x) (y) (z -> z -> ...)`
- ▶ `begin (Cons x xs) = (Nil, x, xs)`
- ▶ `prev (x#xs, y, zs) = (xs, x, y#zs)`
  - ▶ `(... <- x) (x) (y -> z -> z -> ...)`
- ▶ `next (xs, y, z#zs) = (y#xs, z, zs)`
  - ▶ `(... <- x <- x <- y) (z) (z -> ...)`
- ▶ `assign (xs, _, zs) y = (xs, y, zs)`
- ▶ `reconstruct (xs, y, zs) = rev xs @ [y] @ zs`
- ▶ Equivalent definition:
  - ▶ `'a list_pointer = 'a * 'a list_context`
  - ▶ `'a list_context = 'a list * 'a list`

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## Context for Binary Tree II

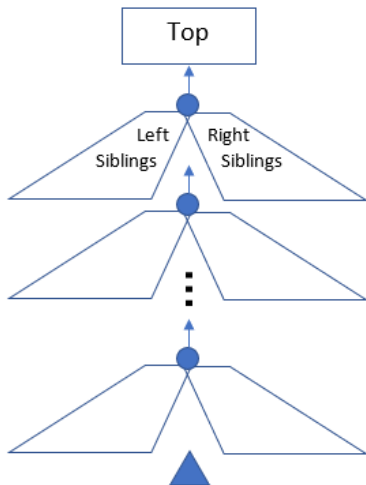
- ▶ up, down, left, right for btree\_pointer:
- ▶  
up (a, (lc, rc, IsLeft p r anc))  
= (p, (Node a lc rc, r, anc))  
| up (a, (lc, rc, IsRight p l anc))  
= (p, (l, Node a lc rc, anc))
- ▶ left (a, (llc, lrc, IsRight p (Node b rlc rrc) anc))  
= (b, (rlc, rrc, IsLeft p (Node a llc lrc) anc))
- ▶ down and right are defined similarly
- ▶ Simpler definition:  
  
'a btree\_pointer = 'a \* 'a btree\_context  
'a btree\_context = 'a btree \* 'a btree  
\* (bool \* 'a \* 'a btree) list

# Context for Ordered Tree I

- ▶ `'a tree = Leaf | Node 'a ('a tree list)`
- ▶ `'a tree_pointer = 'a * 'a tree_context`
- ▶ `'a tree_context = 'a tree list * 'a tree_ancestors`
- ▶ `'a tree_ancestors =  
    Top  
    | IsChild ('a tree list) 'a ('a tree list)  
       ('a tree_ancestors)`
- ▶ up, down left, right for `tree_pointer`
  - ▶ similar with the ones for `btree_pointer`
- ▶ Simpler definition:  
`'a tree_context = 'a tree list  
                  * ('a tree list * 'a * 'a tree list) list`

# Context for Ordered Tree II

Zipper!<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Image source: [www.pacifictrimming.com](http://www.pacifictrimming.com)

# Huet's Zipper

- ▶ For ordered trees with **payload only on leaves**:

- ▶ `'a ltree = Leaf 'a | Node 'a ('a ltree list)`

- ▶ Focus on a **subtree** instead of an element

- ▶ `'a ltree_pointer = 'a 'a ltree * 'a ltree_context`

- ▶ `'a ltree_context = 'a ltree list * 'a ltree_ancestors`

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# Context Examples Recap

- ▶ `'a list = unit + 'a * 'a list`  
`'a list_context = 'a list * 'a list`
- ▶ `'a btree = unit + 'a * 'a btree * 'a btree`  
`'a btree_context = 'a btree * 'a btree`  
`* (bool * 'a * 'a btree) list`
- ▶ `'a tree = unit + 'a * a tree list`  
`'a tree_context = 'a tree list`  
`* ('a tree list * 'a * 'a tree list) list`
- ▶ Math-ly notation:
  - ▶  $\mathbf{list}(a) = 1 + a \times \mathbf{list}(a)$
  - ▶ ...
- ▶ Context for an arbitrary algebraic data type?

# Context of Basic Types

- ▶ Note the context of type  $a$  inside type  $T$  by  $C[a](T)$ 
  - ▶ e.g.  $C[a](\mathbf{list}(a)) = \mathbf{list\_context}(a) = \mathbf{list}(a) \times \mathbf{list}(a)$
- ▶ Context of type  $a$  inside type  $1$  (i.e. `unit`): impossible!
  - ▶  $C[a](1) = 0$
- ▶ Context of type  $a$  inside type  $a$ : dummy unit
  - ▶  $C[a](a) = 1$

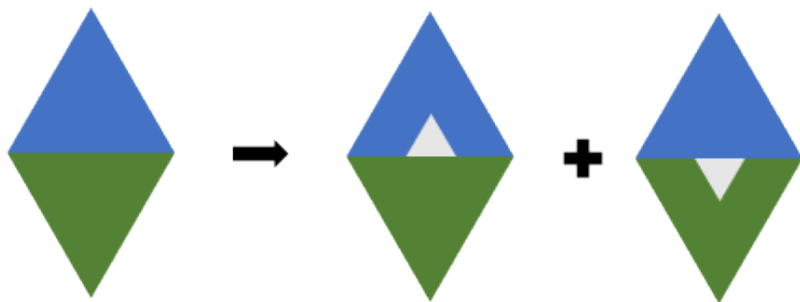
# Context of Sum Type

- ▶ Inside  $T_1 + T_2$ , type  $a$  occurs in either of them
  - ▶  $C[a](T_1 + T_2) = C[a](T_1) + C[a](T_2)$



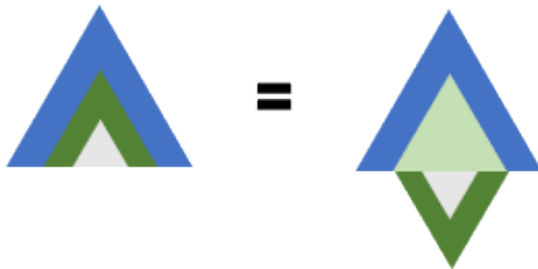
## Context of Product Type

- ▶ Inside  $T_1 \times T_2$ , type  $a$  occurs in one of them, while the other must be carried in the context
  - ▶  $C[a](T_1 \times T_2) = C[a](T_1) \times T_2 + T_1 \times C[a](T_2)$  content



# Context of Composed Type

- ▶ Inside composed type  $T(U(a))$ , type  $a$  occurs in one of  $U$ , which resides somewhere in  $T$ 
  - ▶  $C[a](T(U(a))) = C[b](T(b))|_{b=U(a)} \times C[a](U(a))$



# Context as Derivative

- ▶ Rules for context:

- ▶  $C[a](1) = 0$
- ▶  $C[a](a) = 1$
- ▶  $C[a](T_1 + T_2) = C[a](T_1) + C[a](T_2)$
- ▶  $C[a](T_1 \times T_2) = C[a](T_1) \times T_2 + T_1 \times C[a](T_2)$
- ▶  $C[a](T(U(a))) = C[b](T(b))|_{b=U(a)} \times C[a](U(a))$

- ▶ Rules for derivative:

- ▶  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} c = 0$
  - ▶  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} x = 1$
  - ▶  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (f + g) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g$
  - ▶  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (f \cdot g) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} f \cdot g + f \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g$
  - ▶  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (f \circ g)|_{x_0} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u} f|_{u=g(x_0)} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial x} g|_{x=x_0}$
- ▶  $\frac{\partial}{\partial a}(T) \triangleq C[a](T)$

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## Context of Tree, Revisit

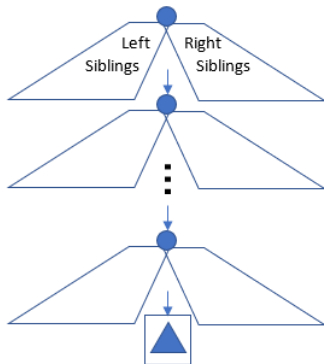
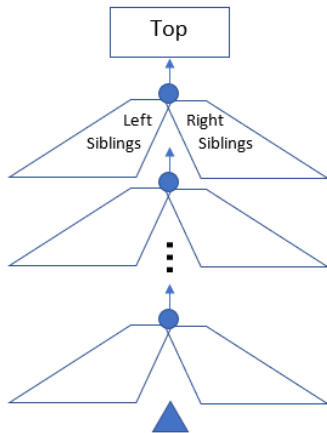
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# Huet's Zipper, Revisit

- ▶  $\text{ltree}(a) = a + \text{list}(\text{ltree})$
- ▶ Differentiating against non-basic type is a bit tricky
- ▶  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \text{ltree}}(\text{ltree}) = 1?$
- ▶  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \text{ltree}}(\text{ltree}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \text{ltree}}(a + \text{list}(\text{ltree}))?$
- ▶ A hack: 
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial \text{ltree}} &= ((1)) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \text{ltree}}(a + \text{list}(\text{ltree})) \\ &= 1 + \frac{\partial}{\partial \text{ltree}}(\text{list}(\text{ltree})) \\ &= 1 + \text{list}^2(\text{ltree}) \times \frac{\partial}{\partial \text{ltree}}(\text{ltree}) \\ &= \text{ltree\_context}\end{aligned}$$



- ▶  $\frac{\partial}{\partial a} \mathbf{tree}(a) = \mathbf{list}(\mathbf{tree}(a)) \times \mathbf{list}(a \times \mathbf{list}^2(\mathbf{tree}(a)))$
- ▶ Reversed interpretation of the recursion path:



# Subtraction and Division?

- ▶  $\mathbf{list}(a) = 1 + a \times \mathbf{list}(a)$
- ▶  $\mathbf{list}(a) \leftrightarrow \frac{1}{1-a}?$
- ▶  $\frac{\partial}{\partial a} \mathbf{list}(a) \leftrightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial a} \left( \frac{1}{1-a} \right) = \frac{1}{(1-a)^2} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{list}^2(a) ?!$

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# Species

- ▶ General definition: endofunctor on the category of finite sets
- ▶ Map every finite set of “labels” to a set of its “arrangements”
- ▶ Examples:  $\{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow$ 
  - ▶ species of permutations:  $\{(1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 2), (2, 3, 1), \dots\}$
  - ▶ species of partitions:  $\left\{ \{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}\}, \{\{1\}, \{2, 3\}\}, \dots \right\}$
  - ▶ species of sets:  $\{\{1, 2, 3\}\}$
  - ▶ species of pairs:  $\{\}$
  - ▶ species of triplets:  $\{(1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 2), (2, 3, 1), \dots\}$
  - ▶ ...
- ▶ Species, as functors, preserve identity arrow and composition of arrows
  - ▶ should be obvious for *regular* species

# Regular Species

- ▶ Composition of 0, 1,  $X$ ,  $+$ ,  $\cdot$  and least fix-point
- ▶  $0: \{\dots\} \rightarrow \{\}$
- ▶  $1: \{\} \rightarrow \{\{\}\}$ , otherwise  $\{\}$
- ▶  $X: \{x\} \rightarrow \{\{x\}\}$ , otherwise  $\{\}$
- ▶  $F + G: S \rightarrow F(S) \sqcup G(S)$
- ▶  $F \cdot G: S \rightarrow \bigcup_{S_1 \oplus S_2 = L} (F(S_1) \times G(S_2))$
- ▶  $n \triangleq \underbrace{1 + (1 + (\dots + 1))}_n: \{\} \rightarrow \{\{\}_1, \{\}_2, \dots, \{\}_n\}$
- ▶  $X^n \triangleq \underbrace{X \cdot (X \cdot (\dots \cdot X))}_n: \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{\text{permutations}\}$
- ▶  $L \triangleq 1 + X \cdot L = 1 + X \cdot (1 + X \cdot (\dots)) \simeq 1 + X + X^2 + \dots$

# Exponential Generating Function

- ▶ Counting function:  $C_F : |L| \rightarrow |F(L)|$  for species  $F$
- ▶ Exponential Generating Function:  
$$E_F(x) = C_F(0) + C_F(1) * \frac{x}{1!} + C_F(2) * \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots$$
- ▶  $E_0(x) = 0$
- ▶  $E_1(x) = 1$
- ▶ 
$$E_{F+G}(x) = (C_F(0) + C_G(0)) + (C_F(1) + C_G(1)) * \frac{x}{1!} + \dots$$
$$= E_F(x) + E_G(x)$$
- ▶ 
$$C_{F \cdot G}(i) * \frac{x^i}{i!} = \sum_{j=0}^i \frac{x^j}{j!} * \binom{i}{j} * C_F(j) * C_G(i-j)$$
$$= \sum_{j=0}^i \frac{x^j}{j!} * C_F(j) * \frac{x^{i-j}}{(i-j)!} * C_G(i-j)$$
- ▶  $E_{F \cdot G}(x) = E_F(x) * E_G(x)$
- ▶  $E_F$  and  $F$  share the same expression!

# Derivative of Regular Species

- ▶  $F' : S \rightarrow F(S \cup \{\square\})$ 
  - ▶ e.g.  $(X^2)' : \{1\} \rightarrow X^2(\{1, \square\}) = \{(1, \square), (\square, 1)\}$
- ▶ Derivative rules apply:
  - ▶  $(F + G)' = F' + G'$
  - ▶  $(F \cdot G)' = F' \cdot G + F \cdot G'$
  - ▶ ...
- ▶  $(X^n)' = n * X^{n-1}$
- ▶  $E_{(X^n)'}(x) = E_{n * X^{n-1}}(x) = n * x^{n-1} = (x^n)' = (E_{X^n}(x))'$
- ▶  $E_{F'} = (E_F)'$
- ▶ Derivative preserves the consistency between regular species and its counting function!

## List, Revisit

- ▶  $L = 1 + X \cdot L$
- ▶  $E_L(x) = 1 + x \cdot E_L(x)$
- ▶  $E_L(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$
- ▶  $L = \frac{1}{1-X} = ?$ 
  - ▶  $E_F = E_G \implies F \simeq G$



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- ▶ “Functional pointer”: context type
- ▶ The structure of context of ordered tree resembles a zipper
- ▶ Differentiating an algebraic datatype
- ▶ Combinatorial species and its EGF
- ▶ Regular species vs. algebraic datatype?

Thank you for listening!