Introduction to Dependent Types Eagan Technology Unconference

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1 Preface

Quick Question

How many are familiar with this topic?

A Joke

This is not a m- tutorial, and nothing here will involve burritos.

Disclaimer

There will be many code examples with *very* loose translations to imperative/OOP as we go along. Though please keep in mind that these are merely made up syntactical translations, the actual concepts may differ vastly.

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But we will be using Haskell though.

Honestly, it's because they're way over his head...

Dependent Types

Why do we want them?

- more expressive type system
- encode stronger invariants
- proving correctness of code

Teaser

Example please:

```
infixr 5 :>
    data Vect (n :: Nat) a where
      VNil :: Vect O a
      (:>) :: a -> Vect n a -> Vect (n + 1) a
    vs :: Vect 6 Int
    vs = 4 :> 8 :> 15 :> 16 :> 23 :> 42 :> VNil
Translation* please:
    enum Vect < Nat n, A > {
      Vect < 0 , A > VNil ,
      Vect < n '+ 1, A > VCons(A a, Vect < n, A > va)
    }
    Vect<6, Int> vs = VCons(4, VCons(8, VCons(15, VCons(16,
        VCons(23, VCons(42, VNil))));
```

(*) supreme looseness and totally made-up syntax!!!

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 - Values and Types
 - Defining Data Types
 - Functions

Values and Types

Values has Types, or Values are classified by Types.

```
..., -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, ... :: Int
True, False :: Bool
'a', 'b', 'c' :: Char
"abc" :: String ~ [Char]
```

About Data Types

How are data types defined?

- Some are built in magic: Int, Char, function arrow
- Some are built in sugar: list, tuples
 - We can define equivalent non-sugar version ourselves
- Rest can be user defined: Bool, String, Maybe

About Data Types

What are the data types like?

- Multiple Value constructors
- Paremetrize over another Type
- Recursive definition
- Synonyms of other Types
- Combination of the above

Defining Data Types

Define new data type with data.

- Left hand side (LHS) Type constructor
- Right hand side (RHS) Value constructor

Type and Value constructors are capticalized.

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Our First Example!

Define a person:

```
-- | params for firstname, lastname, age respectively data Person = Person String String Int

barbara :: Person
barbara = Person "Barbara" "Smith" 30
```

The Type of the Person Value constructor:

```
Person :: String -> String -> Int -> Person
```

A loose translation:

```
enum Person {
   Person(String firstname, String lastname, Int age)
}
Person barbara = new Person("Barbara", "Smith", 30)
```

Multiple Value Constructors

Data can have multiple Value constructors:

A loose translation:

```
enum Bool { False, True }
enum Weekdays {
   Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday,
        Saturday
}
```

```
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```

Defining Data Types

Multiple Value Constructor

You can do type aliasing with type:

```
type Side = Double
type Radius = Double
```

For example:

```
data Shape = Triangle Side Side Side | Rectangle Side Side | Circle Radius
```

A loose translation:

```
enum Shape {
   Triangle(Double side1, Double side2, Double side3),
   Rectangle(Double length, Double width),
   Circle(Double radius)
}
```

```
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```

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Multiple Value Constructor

Recall Side ~ Radius ~ Double:

Types of the 3 Value constructors:

```
Triangle :: Side -> Side -> Side -> Shape
Rectangle :: Side -> Side -> Shape
Circle :: Radius -> Shape
```

Example Shapes:

```
myTri, myRect, myCir :: Shape
myTri = Triangle 2.1 3.2 5
myRect = Rectangle 4 4
myCir = Circle 7.2
```

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Parametrization

Types can parametrize over another type:

```
data Tuple a b = Tuple a b
With:
    Tuple :: a -> b -> Tuple a b
A loose translation:
    enum Tuple < A, B > {
        Tuple (A a, B b)
    }
```

```
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```

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Tuple

Actual built-in sugar:

```
data Tuple a b = Tuple a b
=> data (,) a b = (,) a b
=> data (a, b) = (a, b)
```

An example:

```
type Employed = Bool
barbara, chet, luffy :: (Person, Employed)
barbara = (Person "Barbara" "Smith" 30, True)
chet = (Person "Chet" "Awesome-Laser" 2, False)
luffy = (Person "Luffy D." "Monkey" 19, False)
```

Maybe

Like Bool, but parametrizes a Type a over the True part:

```
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
With:
    Nothing :: Maybe a
    Just :: a -> Maybe a

A loose translation:
    enum Maybe < A > {
        Nothing,
        Just (A a)
}
```

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Maybe

From previous slide:

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

Say more with Occupation:

```
type Occupation = Maybe String
barbara2, chet2, luffy2 :: (Person, Occupation)
barbara2 = (Person "Barbara" "Smith" 30, Just "dancer")
chet2 = (Person "Chet" "Awesome-Laser" 2, Nothing)
luffy2 = (Person "Luffy D." "Monkey" 19, Just "pirate"
    )
```

```
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```

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Types with Recursion

Natural number:

```
data Nat = Z | S Nat
With:
    Z :: Nat
    S :: Nat -> Nat
A loose translation:
```

```
enum Nat {
  Z,
  S(Nat n)
}
```

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Types with Recursion

Natural number:

```
data Nat = Z | S Nat
Z :: Nat
S :: Nat -> Nat

0 ~ Z
1 ~ S Z
2 ~ S (S Z)
3 ~ S (S (S Z))
```

```
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```

Defining Data Types

Types with Recursion

```
List - recursive Type that parametrizes over another Type:
    data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)

With:
    Nil :: List a
    Cons :: a -> List a -> List a

A loose translation:
    enum List < A > {
        Nil,
            Cons (A a, List < A > as)
```

```
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```

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Types with Recursion

Actual built-in sugar is something like:

```
data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)
=> data [] a = [] | (:) a ([] a)
=> data [a] = [] | (:) a [a]
```

Sugar that List:

```
ints :: List Int
ints = Cons 1 (Cons 2 (Cons 3 (Cons 4 Nil)))
-- built -in sugar
ints :: [] Int
ints = 1 : 2 : 3 : 4 : []
-- 2x the sugar!
ints :: [Int]
ints = [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
Functions
```

Functions

Maps Values of a Type to Values of another Type:

Not as loose translation:

```
Bool even(Int n) {
  switch n:
    case n == 0:
      return True;
  default:
    if rem(n, 2) == 0
      return True;
  else
      return False;
}
```

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Functions

Functions with Recursion

Use recursion for recursive Types:

```
data Nat = Z | S Nat

toInt :: Nat -> Int
toInt Z = 0
toInt (S n) = 1 + toInt n
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Evaluation is a series of substitutions:

```
three = S (S (S Z)) :: Nat
    toInt three :: Int
= toInt (S (S (S Z)))
= 1 + toInt (S (S Z))
= 1 + 1 + toInt (S Z)
= 1 + 1 + 1 + toInt Z
= 1 + 1 + 1 + 1
= 1 + 1
= 1 + 2
= 3
```

Functions with Parametric Polymorphism

Functions can be parametric:

```
data [a] = [] | (:) a [a]
length :: [a] -> Int
length [] = 0
length (x:xs) = 1 + length xs
```

A translation:

```
Int length(List<A> ls) {
  switch l1:
    case Nil:
     return 0;
  case Cons(x, xs):
    return 1 + length(xs);
}
```

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```

Evaluation is a series of substitutions:

```
xs = [4, 8, 15] = 4 : 8 : 15 : [] :: [Int]
  length xs :: Int
= length [4, 8, 15]
= 1 + length [8, 15]
= 1 + 1 + length [15]
= 1 + 1 + 1 + length []
= 1 + 1 + 1 + 1
= 1 + 1 + 1
= 1 + 2
= 3
```

Higher-order Functions

Functions that take functions as params:

```
-- actual name is ($)
apply :: (a -> b) -> a -> b
apply f x = f x

-- acutal name is (.)
compose :: (b -> c) -> (a -> b) -> (a -> c)
compose f g = \x -> f (g x)
```

Yay translations:

```
B apply(Func<A, B> f, A a) {
  return f(a);
}

Func<A, C> compose(Func<B, C> f, Func<A, B> g) {
  return x => f(g(x));
}
```

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 - λ -Calculus
 - **Extensions** on λ -calculus

λ -Calculus

So far, we have seen:

- function application
- function abstraction (aka higher-order functions)
- variable binding
- substitution
- => basis for simply typed λ -calculus.

∟ λ-Calculus

λ -Calculus

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Q: But how?

A: What if I tell you...

... you should already be familiar with 2 axes of extension :)

Subtype Polymorphism

Given data types T and P, if there is a relation between T and P by some notion of substitutability with T in place of P, then we say T is a subtype of the supertype P, denoted by T <: P.

The is an extension on λ -calculus with subtype polymorphism and is denoted by $\lambda_{<:}$.

=> Object Oriented Programming

Though this is not an axis that we are interested in.

 \vdash Extensions on λ -calculus

Parametric Polymorphism

Introduce a mechanism of universal quantification over Types: Types can abstract over Types, allows for generic data types and generic functions.

```
=> Generic Programming
```

Recall:

```
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)

(.) :: (b -> c) -> (a -> b) -> (a -> c)
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
```

The name for this extension is formally second order λ -calculus, aka System F, denoted by $\lambda 2$,

Re-thinking functions:

even maps Ints to True and False.

- => Values on RHS depends on the Values on LHS
- => Values depending on Values => Ordinary λ -calculus

Re-thinking parametrized data types:

```
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)
```

Maybe and List take a Type and return Value constructors

- => Values on RHS depends on the Type on LHS
- => Values depending on Types
- => Parametric polymorphism of $\lambda 2$

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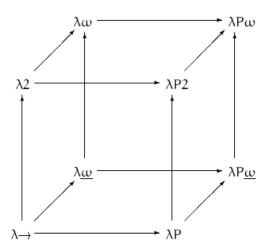
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 - => Type-level programming via type operators

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- Values depending on Values: λ -calculus
- Values depending on Types: λ 2, System F
- Types depending on Types: $\lambda \underline{\omega}$ => Type-level programming via type operators
- Types depending on Values: $\lambda\Pi$ => Dependent types

 \vdash Extensions on λ -calculus

Lambda Cube



System F_c

Currently, Haskell as of GHC 7.10.2

- no true type operators
- type-level programming through:
 - type families
 - lacktriangle equalities and coercions on Types

This axis of extension on $\lambda 2$ is termed System F_c.

System F_c

Currently, Haskell as of GHC 7.10.2

- not truely dependent either:
 - strong distinction between Values and Types
- emulate dependent types with:
 - handful of language extensions
 - Kind system

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 - Language Extensions
 - Dependent Type Programming with Vectors
 - Pi and Sigma Types
 - Heterogeneous Collections

└ Kinds

Kinds

Q: Types classify Values, but what classifies Types?

A: Kinds

Introducing ★

```
-- built - in magic: infinitely many value constructors
data Int = ... | -1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | ...
data Bool = False | True
data [a] = Nil | (:) a [a]
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
data (a, b) = (a, b)
Int :: *
Bool :: *
[Int] :: *
[] :: * -> *
Maybe Person :: *
Maybe :: * -> *
(Person, Bool) :: *
(,) Person :: * -> *
(,) :: * -> * -> *
```

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Other Kinds

There are other Kinds aside from *:

import GHC.Prim

```
(*)
-- kind of fully realized type
(#)
-- kind of unboxed stuff used internally
Constraint
-- kind of constraints and type equality
OpenKind
-- superkind of (*) and (#)
```

-- polymorphic kind for flexible arity

Other Kinds

There are other Kinds aside from *:

All these Kinds are built-in and inferred as of GHC 7.10.2.

All of this will be changed with the next GHC 8.0 release.

Language Extensions

Compiler extensions that enable a variety of new functionalities:

- Syntax extension
- Type-level programming
- Generic deriving
- FFI
- Type disambiguation
- Typeclass extension

Each extension has a name, and is enabled with the LANGUAGE pragma.

GADTs

Define data and explicit give type signatures to the Value constructors.

```
data Bool = False | True
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)
```

Becomes:

```
{-# LANGUAGE GADTS #-}
data Bool where
  False :: Bool
  True :: Bool

data Maybe a where
  Nothing :: Maybe a
  Just :: a -> Maybe a

data List a where
  Nil :: List a
  Cons :: a -> List a -> List a
```

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    data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
    data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)
Loose translations:
    enum Bool {
      Bool False,
      Bool True
    }
    enum Maybe <A> {
      Maybe <A > Nothing,
      Maybe < A > Just (A a)
    }
```

List < A > Cons (A a, List < A > as)

enum List<A> {
 List<A> Nil,

Language Extensions

KindSignatures

Specify the Kind of the Type variables:

```
{-# LANGUAGE GADTs #-}
{-# LANGUAGE KindSignatures #-}
data Bool :: * where
  False :: Bool
  True :: Bool

data Maybe :: * -> * where
  Nothing :: Maybe a
  Just :: a -> Maybe a

data List :: * -> * where
  Nothing :: A -> List a
  Cons :: a -> List a
```

DataKinds

Kinds are built-in; no user defined Kinds.

Want Values at the Type level though!

=> Data kind promotion:)

Language Extensions

DataKinds

Example:

```
data Bool = False | True
```

With DataKinds, we get something like:

```
{-# LANGUAGE DataKinds #-}
```

Kind		Bool
Туре	Bool	'True 'False
Value	True False	

Language Extensions

DataKinds

Example:

```
data Nat = Z | S Nat
```

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```

Kind		Nat
Туре	Nat	'Z 'S Nat
Value	Z S Nat	

Type Families

Type families - type level functions, computed and checked at compile time.

Comes in 2 flavors:

- type synonym families
- data families

and have a few options:

- associated vs. unassociated
- open vs. closed¹
- injectivity²

Type Families

At Value level:

Type Families

At Type level:

Type Operators

Allows usage of symbols in place of Type constructors and Type families.

Vectors

Like List, but also *indexed* by Nat to indicate length.

List:

```
data List a where
  Nil :: List a
  Cons :: a -> List a -> List a
```

Vector:

```
-- 'Z ~ 0
-- 'S n ~ n '+ 1

data Vect (n :: Nat) a where

VNil :: Vect Z a

(:>) :: a -> Vect n a -> Vect (S n) a

type Six = S (S (S (S (S (S Z)))))

vs :: Vect Six Int

vs = 4 :> 8 :> 15 :> 16 :> 23 :> 42 :> VNil
```

Steps toward Dependent Types

Dependent Type Programming with Vectors

Vectors

Like List, but also indexed by Nat to indicate length. List:

```
data List a where
  Nil :: List a
  Cons :: a -> List a -> List a
```

Module GHC. TypeLits provide type-level literals:

```
-- 'Z ~ 0
-- 'S n ~ n '+ 1

data Vect (n :: Nat) a where

VNil :: Vect 0 a

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Steps toward Dependent Types

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```
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-- useless unless we know the list is non-empty
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With Vector:

```
vhead :: Vect (S n) a -> a vhead (x:>xs) = x
```

Append

append concatenates 2 Lists:

Evaluation is a series of substitutions:

```
xs = [4, 8] = 4 : 8 : [] :: [Int]

ys = [15, 16, 23, 42] = 15 : 16 : 23 : 42 : [] :: [Int]

append xs ys :: [Int]

append [4, 8] [15, 16, 23, 42]

= 4 : append [8] [15, 16, 23, 42]

= 4 : 8 : append [] [15, 16, 23, 42]

= 4 : 8 : [15, 16, 23, 42]

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```

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append :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
append [] ys = ys
append (x:xs) ys = x : append xs ys
```

With Vector:

```
vappend :: Vect n a -> Vect m a -> Vect (n '+ m) a
vappend VNil     ys = ys
vappend (x:>xs) ys = x :> vappend xs ys
```

Map

map:

```
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
map f [] = []
map f (x:xs) = f x : map f xs
```

Evaluation is a series of substitutions:

```
xs = [4, 8, 15, 16, 23, 42] :: [Int]
even :: Int -> Bool

map even xs :: [Bool]
= map even [4, 8, 15, 16]
= even 4 : map even [8, 15, 16]
= True : even 8 : map even [15, 16]
= True : True : even 15 : map even [16]
= True : True : False : even 16 : map even []
= True : True : False : True : []
= [True, True, False, True]
```

Map

map maps a function over a List:

```
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
map f [] = []
map f (x:xs) = f x : map f xs
```

With Vector:

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Zip

zip:

```
zip :: [a] -> [b] -> [(a,b)]
zip [] ys = []
zip xs [] = []
zip (x:xs) (y:ys) = (x,y) : zip xs ys
```

Evaluation is a series of substitutions:

```
xs = ['a', 'b', 'c'] :: [Char]
ys = [1, 2, 3, 4] :: [Int]

zip xs ys :: [(Char, Int)]
= zip ['a', 'b', 'c'] [1, 2, 3, 4]
= ('a', 1) : zip ['b', 'c'] [2, 3, 4]
= ('a', 1) : ('b', 2) : zip ['c'] [3, 4]
= ('a', 1) : ('b', 2) : ('c', 3) : zip [] [4]
= ('a', 1) : ('b', 2) : ('c', 3) : []
= [('a', 1), ('b', 2), ('c', 3)]
```

Dependent Type Programming with Vectors

Zip

zip creates pair-wise tuples:

```
zip :: [a] -> [b] -> [(a,b)]
zip (x:xs) (y:ys) = (x,y) : zip xs ys
zip xs ys = []
```

With Vector:

```
vzip :: Vect n a -> Vect n b -> Vect n (a, b) vzip (x:>xs) (y:>ys) = (x,y) :> vzip xs ys vzip VNil = VNil
```

Dependent Type Programming with Vectors

Zip

zip2 with Min type family:

Pi and Sigma Types

Replicate

replicate repeats an element n times:

```
replicate :: Int -> a -> [a]
replicate 0 x = []
replicate n x = x : replicate (n - 1) x
```

For Vector, we want its Type Vector n a to reflect the Value of the first parameter Int.

Pi Types

Π-types - Values in Type signatures. Fake by deriving singleton instances of Sing data family to reflect values to the type level.

```
-- fake with singleton types
data instance Sing (n :: Nat) where
SZ :: Sing Z
SS :: Sing n -> Sing (S n)

-- so we have
SZ :: Sing Z
SS SZ :: Sing (S Z)
SS (SS SZ) :: Sing (S (S Z))
```

Pi Types

Π-types - Values in Type signatures. Fake by deriving singleton instances of Sing data family to reflect values to the type level.

Pi and Sigma Types

Filter

filter selects elements from a list for given predicate:

We do not the number of elements for which the predicate will return True, but Vector depends on this number in its Type.

Sigma Types

Σ -types - tuple where 2^{nd} value depends on 1^{st} :

```
-- using Idris's ** dependent pair syntax
(3 ** 'a' :> 'b' :> 'c' :> VNil)
:: (n :: Nat ** Vect n Char)

vfilter :: (a -> Bool) -> Vect n a
-> (p :: Nat ** Vect p a)
```

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-> (p :: Nat ** Vect p a)
```

Credit to Ertugrul Söylemez:

```
-- Sugar ** for Sigma type constructor and Exists value constructor

data Sigma :: KProxy a -> (a -> *) -> * where

(Exists :: Sing (x :: a) -> b x

-> Sigma ('KProxy :: KProxy a) b
```

Heterogeneous Collections

Heterogeneous List

Heterogeneous List indexed by List of Types:

```
infixr 5 ::>
data HList (t :: [*]) where
   HNil :: HList '[]
   (::>) :: t -> HList ts -> HList (t ': ts)

defaults :: HList '[Int, Bool, Maybe a]
defaults = 0 ::> False ::> Nothing ::> HNil
```

Heterogeneous Collections

Heterogeneous Vector

Heterogeneous Vector indexed by a List of Types:

```
infixr 5 :>>
data HVect (n :: Nat) (t :: [*]) where
HVNil :: HVect Z '[]
  (:>>) :: t -> HVect n ts -> HVect (S n) (t ': ts)

vdefaults :: HVect 3 '[Int, Bool, Maybe a]
vdefaults = 0 :>> False :>> Nothing :>> HVNil
```

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Beyond Dependent Types

- Total functional languages
 - termination and totality check
 - disallow partial functions
 - distinction between data and codata
- Proof assistant languages
 - Ph.D. first please

Questions

Questions?