

Monads and other abstractions

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Workshop overview

- 1 Basic math definitions
- 2 Algebras and laws
- 3 Working with proofs
- 4 Category theory & Functors
- 5 Monads



Mathematics

Meaning

There isn't any.



Abstraction

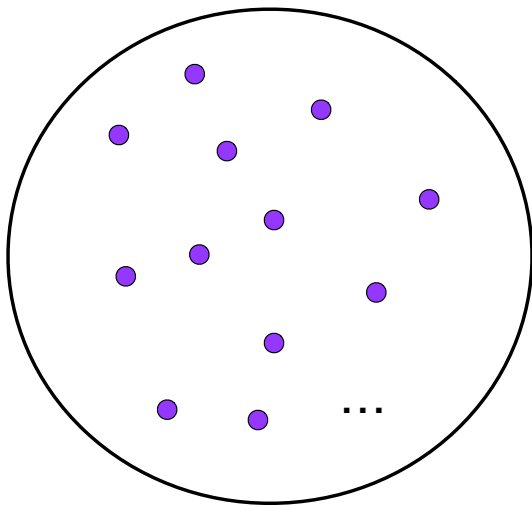
Structures, and relationships between structures.



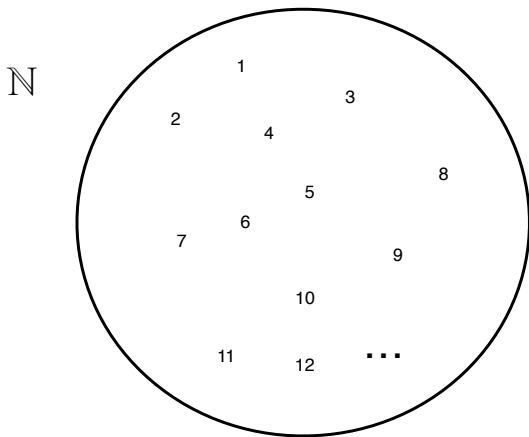
Sets



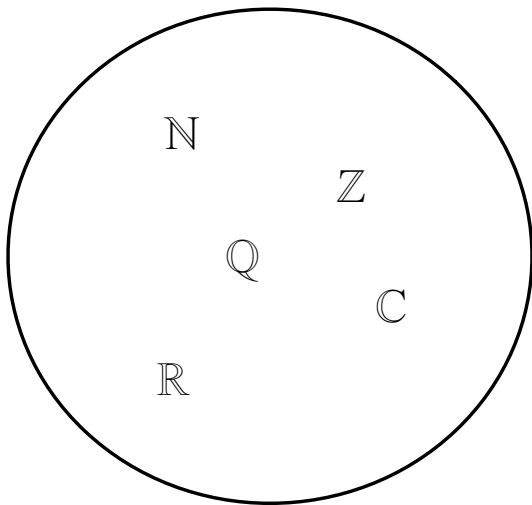
“Stuff”



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Sets of sets



Extensional

Can be defined by stating its elements.

$\{ \textit{True}, \textit{False} \}$

Intensional

Or by describing them.

$$\{ x \mid x \in \mathbb{N}, \textit{even}(x) \}$$

Programmatic

Can be modeled programmatically.

```
type Set a = a -> Bool
```

```
import Data.Set as S
```

```
type Set a = S.Set a
```



Exercise

Using the functional definition of sets, define union and intersection.

```
type Set a = a -> Bool

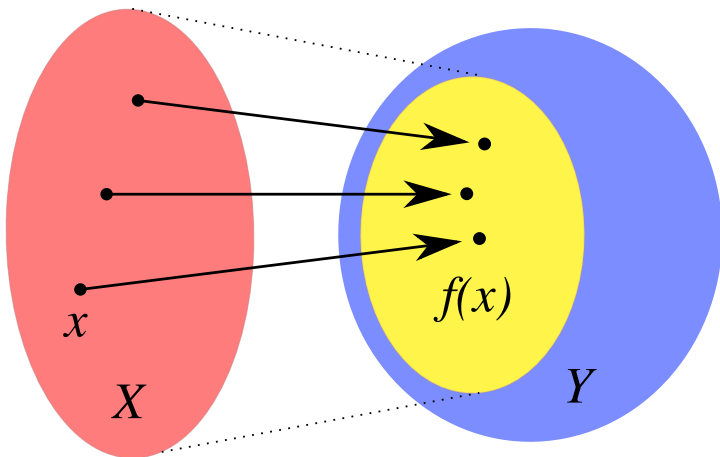
union :: Set a -> Set a -> Set a
inter :: Set a -> Set a -> Set a
```

Deceptively simple

With a basic definition and seven axioms (we've seen two!), you can generate a good deal of mathematics.

Functions

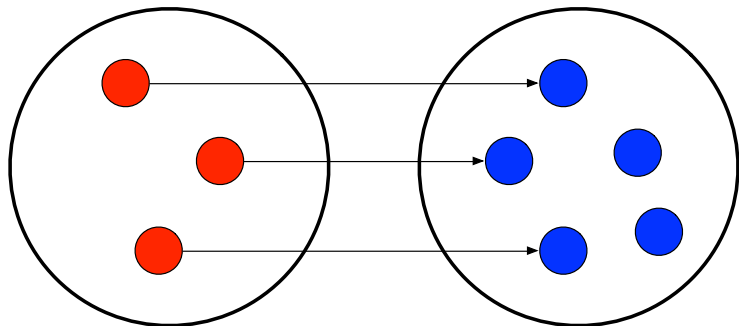
Domain, co-domain, range



$$f: X \rightarrow Y$$

Injective

“one to one”



Every x maps to a distinct y

Injective

$$f : A \rightarrow B$$

$$\forall x, y \in A$$

$$f\ x = f\ y \rightarrow x = y$$

Injective

Examples of injective things:

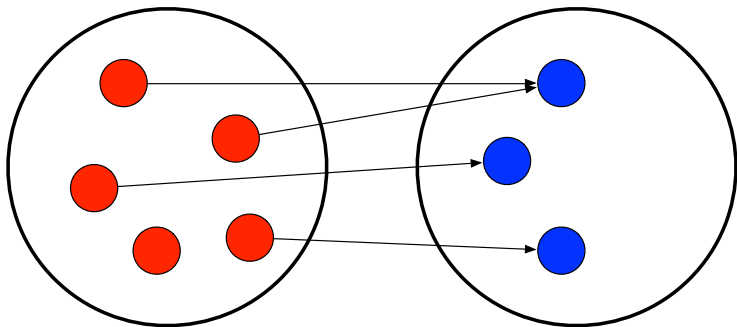
- Data constructors
- Type constructors
- But not type synonyms...

Exercise

- 1 Write an injective function on `Integer`, and one that is not injective.
- 2 How do you test it in both cases?

Surjective

“onto”



At least one x maps to every y

Surjective

$$f : A \rightarrow B$$

$$\forall y \in B, \exists x \in A$$

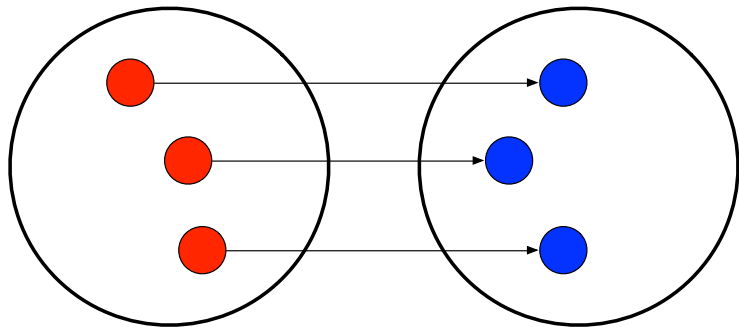
$$f\ x = y$$

Surjective

A function is surjective if the codomain and range are equal. Example:

- `even` is surjective
- `times2` is not

Bijjective



One x for every y

Higher-order functions

Definition (Identity)

$$id\ x = x$$

Higher-order functions

Definition (Identity)

$$id\ x = x$$

Definition (Composition)

$$(f \circ g)\ x = f(g(x))$$

Properties of functions

$$f : dom \rightarrow cod$$



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Definition (Idempotent)

$$f \circ f = f$$

Properties of functions

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Definition (Idempotent)

$$f \circ f = f$$

Definition (Involutive)

$$f \circ f = id$$

More properties

Definition (Section)

$$f \circ s = id$$

Definition (Retract)

$$r \circ f = id$$



Exercise

For the set of integers, show examples of:

- 1 idempotency
- 2 involution
- 3 section
- 4 retraction

Isomorphism

An isomorphism is a pair of functions satisfying two equations:

$$f \circ g = id_{cod(f)}$$

$$g \circ f = id_{cod(g)}$$

Isomorphism

In terms of the types involved:

$$A \cong B$$

$$g : A \rightarrow B$$

$$f : B \rightarrow A$$



Laws

Imposed structure

In the absence of meaning, laws create structure.

Principled restriction

Laws restrict how functions and values relate to each other.



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```
class Monoid a where
  mempty  :: a
  mappend :: a -> a -> a
```



Associativity

$$x \bullet (y \bullet z) = (x \bullet y) \bullet z$$

Commutativity

$$x \bullet y = y \bullet x$$

Transitivity

$$x \bullet y \rightarrow y \bullet z \rightarrow x \bullet z$$

Lawless!

Behold, the face of evil:

```
class Pointed a where  
  point :: a
```

[Questions?]



Algebras

Sets with structure

Algebras are basically:

- a set (called the *carrier*)
- functions closed over the set
- laws to govern these functions

Named structures

Some structures recur often enough that it's useful to name them, but the names are arbitrary.

Magma

$$(S, s \rightarrow s \rightarrow s)$$

The set of laws is empty!

Magma

```
class Magma a where
  binop :: a -> a -> a

instance Magma Integer where
  binop = (+)
```

Semigroup

$$(S, s \rightarrow s \rightarrow s)$$

Laws:

- 1 associativity

Semigroup

```
class Semigroup a where  
  (<>) :: a -> a -> a
```

Semigroup

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  (<>) :: a -> a -> a
```

Semigroup law

$$a \oplus (b \oplus c) = (a \oplus b) \oplus c$$

Monoid

$$(S, \varepsilon, s \rightarrow s \rightarrow s)$$

Laws:

- 1 left identity
- 2 right identity
- 3 associativity

Monoid

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  mappend   :: a -> a -> a
```

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  mempty    :: a  
  mappend   :: a -> a -> a
```

Monoid laws

$$\varepsilon \oplus a = a$$

$$a \oplus \varepsilon = a$$

$$a \oplus (b \oplus c) = (a \oplus b) \oplus c$$

Group

$$(S, \varepsilon, s \rightarrow s \rightarrow s, s \rightarrow s)$$

Laws:

- 1 left identity
- 2 right identity
- 3 associativity
- 4 inverse elements



Group

Group laws

$$\varepsilon \oplus a = a$$

$$a \oplus \varepsilon = a$$

$$a \oplus (b \oplus c) = (a \oplus b) \oplus c$$

$$a \oplus a^{-1} = \varepsilon$$

Homomorphism

“Structure preserving.”

```
floor :: Float -> Int
```


Free objects

What if our monoid, instead of *doing something*, only constructed values?

Free objects

```
data MV a = MEmpty
          | Var a
          | MAppend (MV a) (MV a)

instance Monoid (MV a) where
  mempty  = MEmpty
  mappend = MAppend
```

Building trees

$$(a \oplus b) \oplus c \oplus (d \oplus e)$$

```
(Var a `MAppend` Var b)  
  `MAppend`  
Var c  
  `MAppend`  
(Var d `MAppend` Var e)
```

Using the laws

Due to the law of associativity, calls to `mappend` can always be re-associated:

$$a \oplus (b \oplus (c \oplus (d \oplus e)))$$

Using the laws

This changes the expression into something linear, rather than a tree:

```
Var a `MAppend`  
  (Var b `MAppend`  
    (Var c `MAppend`  
      (Var d `MAppend`  
        (Var e `MAppend` MEmpty))))
```



Using the laws

Relying on this law, we can simplify the data type:

```
data MV a = MEmpty  
          | MAppend a (MV a)
```

Using the laws

Let's rename the constructors to something more familiar:

```
data List a = Nil  
            | Cons a (List a)
```

Data structures

Free objects of an algebra become data structures in programming.



Folding

Choosing operations for an algebra is equivalent to folding over its free object.



Evaluators

The two essential aspects of an algebra are:

- Forming expressions
- Evaluating these expressions

Free functors

Every free object is trivially a functor, called a free functor.

```
instance Functor List where
  fmap _ Nil = Nil
  fmap f (Cons x xs)
    = Cons (f x) (fmap f xs)
```

F-algebras

We can encode other algebras using functions and free functors:

```
type Algebra f a = f a -> a

sum :: Algebra List Int
sum Nil = 0
sum (Cons x xs) = x + sum xs
```

Recursion schemes

We won't cover it, but the recursion can be abstracted away for even more generality:

```
https://www.fpcomplete.com/user/  
bartosz/understanding-algebras
```



Computational structures

Every free functor can be modeled as a computation rather than a data type:

$$\text{List } a \cong \forall r, r \rightarrow (a \rightarrow r \rightarrow r) \rightarrow r$$

Proving isomorphism

Proof of an isomorphism requires four things:

- 1 Write a `to` function.
- 2 Write a `from` function.
- 3 Show: $\forall x, to (from\ x) = x$.
- 4 Show: $\forall y, from (to\ y) = y$.

QuickCheck

In lieu of real proofs, we can sometimes just pick types and use QuickCheck.

Exercise

Prove the following isomorphisms:

Identity $a \cong \forall r, (a \rightarrow r) \rightarrow r$

Maybe $a \cong \forall r, r \rightarrow (a \rightarrow r) \rightarrow r$

Either $a\ b \cong \forall r, (a \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow r) \rightarrow r$

$(a, b) \cong \forall r, (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow r) \rightarrow r$

List $a \cong \forall r, r \rightarrow (a \rightarrow r \rightarrow r) \rightarrow r$

Computational Identity

```
{-# LANGUAGE RankNTypes #-}
```

```
data Identity a = Identity a
```

```
fromIdentity :: Identity a  
             -> (a -> r) -> r
```

```
toIdentity :: (forall r. (a -> r) -> r)  
           -> Identity a
```

Computational Maybe

```
{-# LANGUAGE RankNTypes #-}
```

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

```
fromMaybe :: Maybe a
```

```
    -> r -> (a -> r) -> r
```

```
toMaybe :: (forall r. r -> (a -> r)  
            -> r)  
    -> Maybe a
```

Computational Either

```
{-# LANGUAGE RankNTypes #-}  
  
data Either a b = Left a | Right b  
  
fromEither :: Either a b  
           -> (a -> r) -> (b -> r) -> r  
toEither  :: (forall r.  
             (a -> r) -> (b -> r)  
             -> r)  
           -> Identity a
```

Computational Tuple

```
{-# LANGUAGE RankNTypes #-}  
  
fromTuple :: (a, b)  
          -> (a -> b -> r) -> r  
toTuple  :: (forall r. (a -> b -> r)  
            -> r)  
          -> (a, b)
```

Computational List

```
{-# LANGUAGE RankNTypes #-}
```

```
data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)
```

```
fromList :: List a
```

```
    -> r -> (a -> r -> r) -> r
```

```
toList :: (forall r. r -> (a -> r -> r)  
          -> r)
```

```
    -> List a
```

Exercise

Easy:

- Write `head` for both forms of list.

```
head :: List a -> a
```

```
head :: [a] -> a
```

Hard:

- Write `tail` for both forms of list.

```
tail :: List a -> List a
```

```
tail :: [a] -> [a]
```

Types are algebras too

$$\begin{aligned} a + b &= \text{Either } a \ b \\ &= \text{Foo } a \mid \text{Bar } b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a * b &= (a, b) \\ &= \text{Foo } a \ b \end{aligned}$$

$$b^a = a \rightarrow b$$

$$1 = \text{Foo}$$

$$0 = \text{Void}$$



Which algebra is it?

A **near-semiring** structure over the set S of types.

- 1 $(S, +, 0)$ is a monoid
- 2 $(S, *)$ is a semigroup
- 3 $\forall a, b, c \in S, (a + b) * c = a * c + b * c$
- 4 $\forall a \in S, 0 * a = 0$

Example: currying

$$(c^b)^a = c^{ba}$$

$$a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (a, b) \rightarrow c$$

Example: lists

$$\begin{aligned}L(a) &= 1 + a \bullet L(a) \\&= 1 + a \bullet (1 + a \bullet L(a)) \\&= 1 + a + a^2 \bullet (1 + a \bullet L(a)) \\&= 1 + a + a^2 + a^3 \bullet (1 + a \bullet L(a)) \\&= \dots \\&= 1 + a + a^2 + a^3 + a^4 + a^5 + \dots\end{aligned}$$

Example: lists

$$\begin{aligned} CL(a) &= \forall r, r \rightarrow (a \rightarrow r \rightarrow r) \rightarrow r \\ &= \forall r, (r^{(a \rightarrow r \rightarrow r)})^r \\ &= \forall r, (r^{((r^r)^a)})^r \\ &= \forall r, r^{(r \bullet r^{(r \bullet a)})} \\ &= \forall r, r^{r^{(1 + a \bullet r)}} \end{aligned}$$

[Break]



Equational Reasoning

Working with proofs

Equational reasoning gives us a way to reason about pure computations.

Basic format

$$x = y$$

$$= y'$$

$$= y''$$

$$= x$$

reason

reason

reason

Example

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ (g \circ h) &= (f \circ g) \circ h \\ &= (\lambda x \rightarrow f (g x)) \circ h && \text{unfold } \circ \\ &= \lambda y \rightarrow (\lambda x \rightarrow f (g x)) (h y) \\ &&& \text{unfold } \circ \\ &= \lambda y \rightarrow f (g (h y)) && \beta\text{-reduction} \\ &= \lambda y \rightarrow f ((g \circ h) y) && \text{fold } \circ \\ &= \lambda y \rightarrow (f \circ (g \circ h)) y && \text{fold } \circ \\ &= f \circ (g \circ h) && \eta\text{-contraction} \end{aligned}$$



Quantification

Existential

$$\exists x, P\ x$$

Universal

$$\forall x, P\ x$$

Universal

True?

$$\forall x, \exists y \rightarrow x = y$$

Universal

True?

$$\forall x, \exists y \rightarrow x \neq y$$

Existential

True?

$$\exists y \rightarrow \forall x, x = y$$

True?

$$\exists y \rightarrow \forall x, x \neq y$$

Relationship

$$\exists x, \varphi(x) \equiv \neg \forall x, \neg \varphi(x)$$

As a game

You can think of quantification like a game between two players, the caller and the callee:

- \forall means the caller gets to decide the object
- \exists means the callee gets to decide

As a game

When we prove, or write a function, we are the callee. When we call a function or apply a lemma, we are the caller.

Switching roles

It's possible to switch roles inside a function:

$$\forall x, (\forall y, y \rightarrow r) \rightarrow x \rightarrow r$$



Parametricity

Theorems for free!

What does the following type imply
(assuming no \perp)?

Example (filter)

```
filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]  
filter f xs = _
```



Theorems for free!

Theorem (filter)

$$\forall g : a \rightarrow b$$

$$\forall p : a \rightarrow \text{Bool}$$

$$\forall q : b \rightarrow \text{Bool}$$

$$\forall x, p \ x = q \ (g \ x) \longrightarrow$$

$$\text{map } g \ (\textbf{filter } p \ xs) = \textbf{filter } q \ (\text{map } g \ xs)$$

Why is it free?

It's not just that the type implies the theorem: Writing such a function is a proof of that theorem.

Free theorem generator

Automatically generate free theorems
for sub-languages of Haskell:

`http://www-ps.iai.uni-bonn.de/
cgi-bin/free-theorems-webui.cgi`

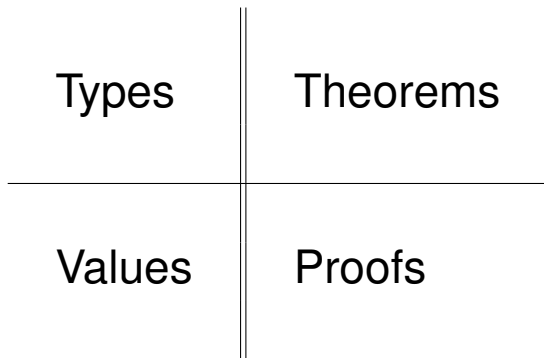


Further reading

"Theorems for free!"

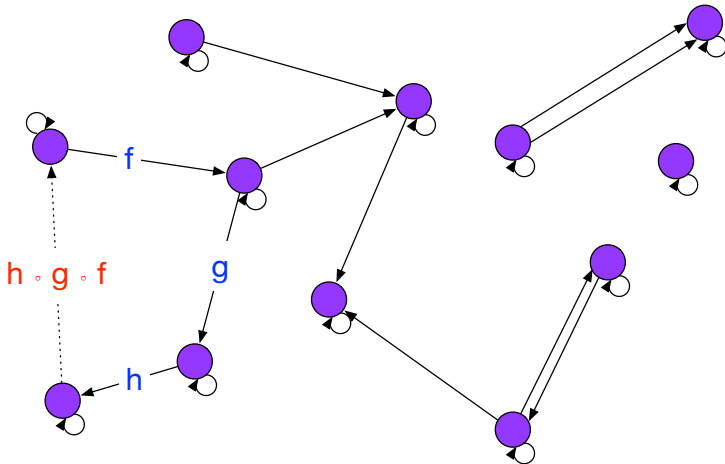
`http://ttic.uchicago.edu/~dreyer/
course/papers/wadler.pdf`

Curry-Howard Isomorphism



Category Theory

Category



Not all sets

Instead of sets with elements and functions, we have categories with objects and morphisms.

All sets are categories, but not vice-versa.

Example: Any set

Objects Set elements

Morphisms Just the identities (a
discrete category)

Example: Posets

Objects Set elements

Morphisms Identities and \leq between
some elements

Composition $(y \leq z) \circ (x \leq y) = (x \leq z)$

Example: Graphs

Objects Vertices

Morphisms Edges and self-edges
(bidirectional if
undirected)

Composition In the “obvious” way

Example: Set

Objects Sets

Morphisms Functions

Composition As functions do

Example: Mon

Objects Sets with monoid structure

Morphisms Monoid homomorphisms

Composition As functions do

Example: Cat

Objects Categories

Morphisms Functors

Composition As functions do

Example: Fun(C,D)

Objects Functors $C \rightarrow D$

Morphisms Natural transformations

Composition As polymorphic functions

Many categories

Any book on category theory will have many more examples of categories than these few.

Some books

- Lawvere, *Conceptual Mathematics: A First Introduction to Categories*
- Awodey, *Category Theory*
- Mac Lane, *Categories for the Working Mathematician*

Other resources

- Catster's videos:

`http://byorgey.wordpress.com/
catsters-guide-2`

- Awodey's presentation on Category Theory at OPLSS 2013
- `##categorytheory` on IRC

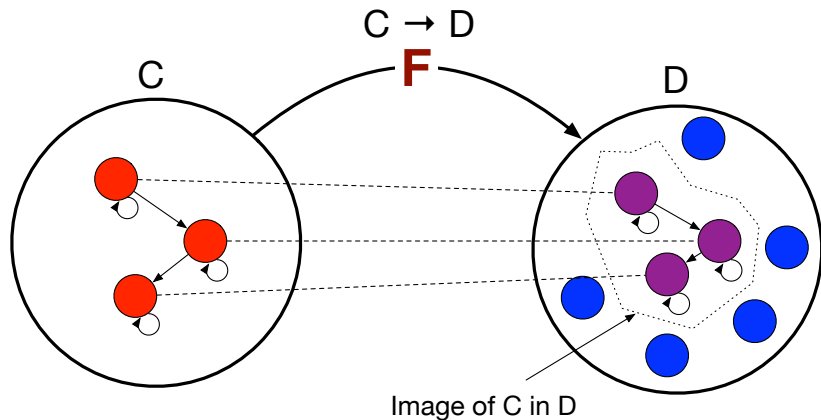
Concepts transfer

One of the profound concepts in category theory is how ideas transfer.

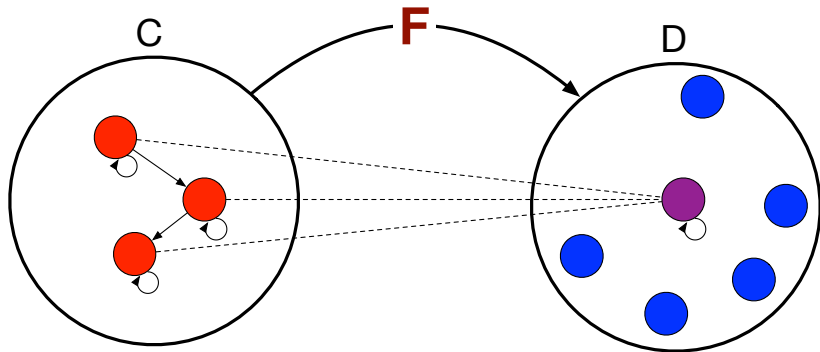


Functors

Categorical model



Unit mapping



Definition in code

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

Functor laws

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Definition (2. Composition law)

$$fmap\ (f \circ g) = fmap\ f \circ fmap\ g$$

Not containers!

A **Functor** can sometimes map to:

- a container
- a computation

... but a **Functor** *per se* is neither.

As Context

F a

Don't be fooled

Functors are humble, but powerful.

Origins

Their [Eilenberg and Mac Lane's] goal was to understand natural transformations; in order to do that, functors had to be defined, which required categories.

– Wikipedia

Identity

```
data Identity a = Identity a

instance Functor Identity where
    fmap f (Identity x) = ?
```



Identity

```
data Identity a = Identity a

instance Functor Identity where
    fmap f (Identity x)
        = Identity (f x)
```

Proving Identity Law

$$id\ x = fmap\ id\ x$$

$$\begin{aligned} id\ (Identity\ x') &= fmap\ id\ (Identity\ x') && \text{unfold } x \\ &= Identity\ (id\ x') && \text{defn. } fmap \\ Identity\ x' &= Identity\ x' && \text{defn. } id \end{aligned}$$

Proving Composition

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{fmap } (f \circ g) \ x \\ &= \text{fmap } (f \circ g) \ (\text{Identity } x') \\ &= \text{Identity } ((f \circ g) \ x') \\ &= \text{Identity } (f(g(x'))) \\ &= \text{fmap } f \ (\text{Identity}(g(x'))) \\ &= \text{fmap } f \ (\text{fmap } g \ (\text{Identity } x')) \\ &= \text{fmap } f \ (\text{fmap } g \ x) \end{aligned}$$

unfold x

defn. fmap

defn. \circ

defn. fmap

defn. fmap

fold x

Maybe

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

```
instance Functor Maybe where
```

```
    fmap f Nothing = ?
```

```
    fmap f (Just x) = ?
```

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```

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```


Either

```
data Left e a = Left e | Right a
```

Tuple

```
data Pair p a = Pair p a
```

Const

```
data Const c a = Const c
```

Exercise

Remember how free functors were encoded as functions? This extends to **any** functor:

$$f\ a \cong \forall r, (a \rightarrow r) \rightarrow f\ r$$

Exercise

`lower` :: $(\forall r. (a \rightarrow r) \rightarrow f\ r) \rightarrow f\ a$

`lift` :: `Functor` $f \Rightarrow f\ a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow r) \rightarrow f\ r$

Yoneda lemma

You just proved the Yoneda lemma in a functional language!

Exercise

A Yoneda embedding is itself a **Functor**:

```
data Yoneda f a
  = Yoneda (forall r. (a -> r) -> f r)

instance Functor (Yoneda f) where
  fmap g (Yoneda k) = ?
```

fmap optimization

One thing Yoneda buys us (among others) is optimization of repeated calls to `fmap`.



Concepts lift

A lot of what we know about values can be lifted to functors.

Lifted Identity

```
data Identity a  
  = Identity a
```

```
data IdentityF f a  
  = IdentityF (f a)
```

Lifted Maybe

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

```
data MaybeF f a  
  = NothingF a | Just (f a)
```

Lifted Either

```
data Either e a  
  = Left  e | Right a
```

```
data EitherF f g a  
  = LeftF  (f a) | RightF  (g a)
```

Lifted Tuple

```
data Tuple a b  
  = Tuple a b
```

```
data TupleF f g a  
  = TupleF (f (g a))
```

Lifted List

```
data List a
  = Nil
  | Cons a (List a)
```

```
data ListF f a
  = NilF a
  | ConsF (f (ListF f a))
```

Free Monad

We could rename the constructors of our lifted list:

```
data FreeMonad m a  
  = Return a  
  | Join (m (FreeMonad m a))
```

As Context

F a

As Context

[F] a

As Context

`[]` a

Return a

As Context

[F, F, F] a

```
Join
  (f (Join
    (f (Join
      (f (Return a))))))
```



Famous quote

“A monad is just a monoid in the category of endofunctors, what’s the problem?”

– Saunders Mac Lane

Likewise, our free monad is just a free monoid over functors.



[Break]



Applicatives

Definition in code

```
class Functor f
  => Applicative f where
  pure    :: f a
  (<*>)   :: f (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
```

Important

One aspect of `Applicative` gives a clue to its power:

The `<*>` operator takes **two** functorial arguments.



Applicative laws

Definition (1. Identity law)

$$\textit{pure id} \otimes v = v$$

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Definition (2. Composition law)

$$\mathit{pure\ }(\circ) \otimes u \otimes v \otimes w = u \otimes (v \otimes w)$$

Definition (3. Homomorphism law)

$$\mathit{pure\ }f \otimes \mathit{pure\ }x = \mathit{pure\ } (f(x))$$

Applicative laws

Definition (4. Interchange law)

$$u \otimes \text{pure } y = \text{pure } (\$ y) \otimes u$$

Applicative laws

Definition (4. Interchange law)

$$u \otimes \text{pure } y = \text{pure } (\$ y) \otimes u$$

Definition (5. Functor relation law)

$$\text{pure } f \otimes x = \text{fmap } f x$$

Identity

```
data Identity a = Identity a
```

```
instance Applicative Identity where  
  pure x = Identity x  
  Identity f <*> Identity x = ?
```

Identity

```
data Identity a = Identity a

instance Applicative Identity where
  pure x = Identity x
  Identity f <*> Identity x
    = Identity (f x)
```

Proving Identity

$\text{pure } id \otimes v$
= $\text{pure } id \otimes \text{Identity } v$
= $\text{Identity } id \otimes \text{Identity } v$
= $\text{Identity } (id \ v)$
= $\text{Identity } v$
= v

unfold v
defn. pure
defn. \otimes
defn. id
fold v

Proving Homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} & \textit{pure } f \otimes \textit{pure } x \\ &= \textit{Identity } f \otimes \textit{Identity } x \\ &= \textit{Identity } (f(x)) \\ &= \textit{pure } (f(x)) \end{aligned}$$

defn. `pure`

defn. `\otimes`

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Maybe

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

```
instance Applicative Maybe where  
  pure x = ?
```

```
Nothing <*> Nothing = ?
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```
Just f <*> Nothing = ?
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Just f <*> Just x = Just (f x)  
_       <*> _      = Nothing
```

Either

```
data Left e a = Left e | Right a
```

Tuple

```
data Pair p a = Pair p a
```

Const

Const requires a trickier instance.

```
data Const c a = Const c

instance Monoid c
  => Applicative (Const c) where
  pure x = ?
  Const a <*> Const b = ?
```

Analysis

Applicatives allow for expression analysis.

Example: Minimizing expensive key lookups.



Composition

Another useful trait is that applicatives compose well.

`http://comonad.com/reader/2012/
abstracting-with-applicatives`

Monads

Definition in code

```
class Monad m where
  return :: m a
  (>>=)  :: m a -> (a -> m b) ->
           m b
```



Definition in code (join)

```
class Monad m where
  return :: m a
  join   :: m (m a) -> m a
```

Bind in terms of join

```
m >>= f  =  join (fmap f m)
```

How bind works

```
                m    :: m a
                f      :: a -> m b
    fmap f      :: m a -> m (m b)
    fmap f m    :: m (m b)
    join (fmap f m) :: m b
```

Not fmap

Bind differs from fmap in that a new m was created.



Monad laws

Definition (1. Left identity law)

`return a >>= f = f a`

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Definition (3. Associativity Law)

$$(m \gg= f) \gg= g = m \gg= \lambda x \rightarrow f x \gg= g$$

Monadic composition

$$f \gg g = \lambda x \rightarrow f\ x \gg g$$

$$g \ll f = \lambda x \rightarrow g \ll f\ x$$

Monad laws (form 2)

Definition (1. Left identity law (alt))

`return >=> f = f`



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Definition (3. Associativity Law (alt))

$$(f \gg g) \gg h = f \gg (g \gg h)$$



Chaining

Monads allow us to chain computations.

```
x >>= f >>= g >>= >>= h
```

Chaining

Haskell has a special notation for this:

```
do a <- x  
   b <- f a  
   c <- g b  
   h c
```

Desugared

Which is just sugar for:

```
(x    >>= \a  ->  
  f a >>= \b  ->  
  g b >>= \c  ->  
  h c)
```


Thinking about join

When implementing a new Monad, ask yourself: What does it mean to “multiply” two contexts?

Identity

```
data Identity a = Identity a

instance Functor Identity where
    Identity m >>= f = ?
```



Identity

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instance Functor Identity where
    Identity m >>= f = f m
```

Proving Left Identity

return a >>= *f*
= Identity a >>= *f*
= *f* a

defn. return
defn. >>=

Proving Right Identity

$m \gg= \text{return}$	
$= \text{Identity } m' \gg= \text{return}$	unfold m
$= \text{return } m'$	defn. $\gg=$
$= \text{Identity } m'$	defn. return
$= m$	fold m

Proving Associativity

$$\begin{aligned} & (m \gg= f) \gg= g \\ = & (\text{Identity } m' \gg= f) \gg= g && \text{unfold } m \\ = & f \, m' \gg= g && \text{defn. } \gg= \\ = & (\lambda x \rightarrow f \, x \gg= g) \, m' && \eta\text{-expansion} \\ = & \text{Identity } m' \gg= (\lambda x \rightarrow f \, x \gg= g) && \text{defn. } \gg= \\ = & m \gg= (\lambda x \rightarrow f \, x \gg= g) && \text{fold } m \end{aligned}$$

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```
    Just x   >>= f = Just  (f x)
```


Maybe

`Maybe` gives us a way of short-circuiting computations.

Either

```
data Left e a = Left e | Right a
```

Either

`Either` lets us short-circuit with an alternate result.

Tuple

What additional constraint is needed to make this a Monad, and why?

```
data Pair w a = Pair w a
```

Tuple

Tuples form the Writer monad, if we write one more function:

```
tell :: Monoid w => w -> Pair w ()  
tell w = ?
```

Exercise: Const

Why can't it be a monad?

```
data Const c a = Const c

instance Monoid c
  => Monad (Const c) where
  return = pure
  Const c >>= f = ?
```



Reader

Functions are functors, applicatives and monads too. As a monad, it's often called `Reader`.

```
instance Monad ((->) a) where
  return x = ?
  k >>= f  = ?
```

State

State is another classic monad.

```
newtype State s a
  = State { runS :: s -> (a, s) }

instance Monad (State s) where
  return x = ?
  k >>= f  = ?
```


State

State is made useful by two more functions, `get` and `put`.

```
get :: State s s  
get = ?
```

```
put :: s -> State s ()  
put s = ?
```

Silly example

```
let f x = when (even x) $ do
    y <- get
    put (x + y)
in runS (mapM_ f [1,2,3,4,5]) 0
```

Free Monads

With free monads, we can defer the choice of return and bind, allowing us to model computations.



THIS MEETING IS OVER.