

GADTs

Constructors of ADTs must target type T

↓
data Either a b where

Left :: a → Either a b
Right :: b → Either a b

} Does it make sense to
lift these restrictions on a b

data Expr

= Lit I Int
Lit B Bool
IsZero Expr
Plus Expr Expr
If Expr Expr Expr

} We can get an AST
and form concrete
syntax which gets
parsed

- Haskell doesn't allow it's returning diff. types because they are expressions which require a consensus on types. (unlike the AST above)

data Expr

= Lit I Int
Lit B Bool
IsZero (Expr Int)
Plus (Expr Int) (Expr Int)
If (Expr Bool) (Expr a) (Expr a)

→ Expr
→ Expr a
→ ..
→ ..
→ ..
the variable
a here is
a phantom
type because
it is never used

Now we have to make sure to construct well-typed terms. smart constructors hide information and provide a well-typed API. Now, how does an interp for this tree work?

Interpreter

We need the type information for evaluation

$\text{Eval} :: \text{Expr } a \rightarrow \text{Val}$ } annoying Val to type check
 $\text{Eval } (\text{List } J n) = V \text{ Int}$
 $\text{eval } (\text{IsZero } e) =$
 case eval e of
 $V \text{ Int } n \rightarrow V \text{ Bool } (n == 0)$
 $- \rightarrow \text{error "type error"}$
Using the nice API
should always work

This is a lot of boiler plate to take out of the box, inspect, and put back. We also have type checkers!

We need to write a relaxed ADT to allow for polymorphic type parameters. It's still all $\text{Expr } a$, but a can be anything! These are GADTs.

$\text{eval} :: \text{Expr } a \rightarrow a$

$\text{eval } (\text{List } J n) = n$

$\text{eval } (\text{List } b) = b$

$\text{eval } (\text{IsZero } e) = \text{eval } e == \emptyset$

$\text{eval } (\text{If } e1 e2 e3)$

| $\text{eval } e1 = \text{eval } e2$

| otherwise = $\text{eval } e3$

} much cleaner
and we can pattern match
on if!

- Better correctness guarantees, but globals are hard!

- Pattern matching on GADTs requires type signatures.

$\text{data } X \ a \text{ where}$

$C :: \text{Int} \rightarrow X \text{ Int}$

$D :: X \ a$

$E :: \text{Bool} \rightarrow X \text{ Bool}$

$f(C \ n) = [n]$

$f(D) = []$

$f(E \ n) = [n]$

Without the annotations the compiler cannot infer the types for the constructed lists.

Because all types are implicitly $\forall a, \forall b$: $\text{foo}: \text{Expr}_a$
will break and instead quantify $\forall a, \exists b \rightarrow \text{Expr}_b$

Qn:

$\text{foo}(\text{Fst } e) = \text{snd}(\text{eval } e)$ } existentially quantified

* It is now in the box, but we cannot touch it.

- The more expressive the type system, the less runtime errors.

We can define (for example) Peano arithmetic at the type-level:

$\text{data} \quad \text{Zero}$ } "phantom type"
 $\text{data} \quad \text{Succ } n$ $\text{data} \quad \text{Vec } a \ n \text{ where}$
 $\text{Nil} :: \text{Vec } a \ \text{Zero}$
 $\text{Cons} :: a \rightarrow \text{Vec } a \ n$
 $\rightarrow \text{Vec } a (\text{succ } n)$

Type-safe head and tail

$\text{head} :: \text{Vec } a (\text{Succ } n) \rightarrow a$

$\text{head} (\text{Cons } x \ xs) = x$

$\text{tail} :: \text{Vec } a (\text{Succ } n) \rightarrow \text{Vec } a \ n$

$\text{tail} :: (\text{Cons } x \ xs) = x \ xs$

$\forall a, \forall b, \text{map} :: (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [b]$

\hookrightarrow we can't accidentally write $\text{map } f (\text{cons } x \ xs)$
 $= \text{map } f \ x \ xs$

- Not fully-dependent types (Haskell tries to take it tho)

Making this it would make the type system non decidable
(unless you're C++ and you time out instead)

- What about the append function?

$\text{vappend} :: \text{Vec } \alpha \text{ m} \rightarrow \text{Vec } \alpha \text{ n} \rightarrow \text{Vec } \alpha \text{ ??}$

↳ construct explicit evidence

↳ type families

Given $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ what is their sum?

GADTs can describe the graph of addition:

data Sum m n s where

SumZero :: SumZero n n

SumSucc :: Sum m n s \rightarrow Sum(Succ m) n (Succ s)

Now we can say:

append :: Sum m n s \rightarrow Vec α m \rightarrow Vec α n \rightarrow Vec α s

append SumZero Nil ys = ys

append (SumSucc p)(Cons x s) ys = Cons x (append p xs ys)

- We are doing relational programming on the type-level.

We can use **existential types** for reflecting type-level natural numbers as singletons:

data SNat n where

SZero :: SNat Zero

Succ :: SNat n \rightarrow SNat(Succ n)

- A fromList :: SNat n \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow Vec α n might still fail dynamically!

if equalLength \leq ys
 then zipVec \leq ys
 else zipVec \neq ys

zipVec :: Vec an \rightarrow Vec bn
 \rightarrow Vec(a, b) n

- Does not type-check because the compiler is not convinced this is correct. There is no type-level information that these are the same.

A GADT can witness that two types are equal:

data Equal a b where
 Refl :: Equal a b } Only axiom

refl :: Equal a a

sym :: Equal a b \rightarrow Equal b a

trans :: Equal a b \rightarrow Equal b c \rightarrow Equal a c

refl = Refl

sym Refl = Refl

trans Refl Refl = Refl

eqLength :: Vec an m \rightarrow Vec bn n \rightarrow Maybe (Equal m n)

eqLength Nil = Just Refl

eqLength (Cons x xs) (Cons y ys) =

| Just Refl \leftarrow eqLength xs ys = Just Refl

eqLength _ - = Nothing

- Now if we get nothing it is not the same. If we get something we have a proof term.
- We can now talk about type equality and phantom types to express GADTs.