# Introduction to Multi-stage Programming with Dotty

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#### Goals for Today

- Understanding what MSP (multi-stage programming) is
- Learn the basics of MSP, and how to use it in Dotty
- Understanding what tagless-final is
- Learn how to create interpreters (as code generators) for DSL using tagless-final

# Introduction

## Multi-stage Programming

 Multi-stage programming (MSP) is a paradigm for developing generic software, designed to address a number of problems with dynamic code generation. [1,2]

[1] W. Taha. Multi-Stage Programming: Its Theory and Applications. PhD thesis, Oregon Graduate Institute of Science and Technology, 1999.

[2] W. Taha. A gentle introduction to multi-stage programming. In Domain-Specific Program Generation, Springer LNCS 3016, pages 30--50, 2003.

#### **Benefits and Problem of Code Generation**

#### Benefits

- Maintainability and productivity
- Performance

#### Problems

- Meta-programming is highly error prone, if done by hand
- Generated code is too hard to debug

#### Advantages of MSP

- MSP languages ensure followings:
  - Any generator only produces syntactically well-formed
  - Any generated program is also well-typed
  - Inadvertent name capture is not possible
- MSP provide good balance of abstraction and high performance
  - It helps programmers leverage program specialization to optimize evaluation costs
  - Abstraction without Guilt/Reglet

## Basics

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     a * a * a * ... * a
```

#### Use Staging Facilities

- Dotty supports MSP
- Here we use Dotty 0.27.0-RC1

```
$ sbt new lampepfl/dotty-staging.g8
```

```
import scala.quoted._
import scala.quoted.staging._

def main(args: Array[String]) = {
   given Toolbox = Toolbox.make(getClass.getClassLoader)
   ...
}
```

#### **Basic Three Constructs of MSP**

- Brackets
- Escape
- Run

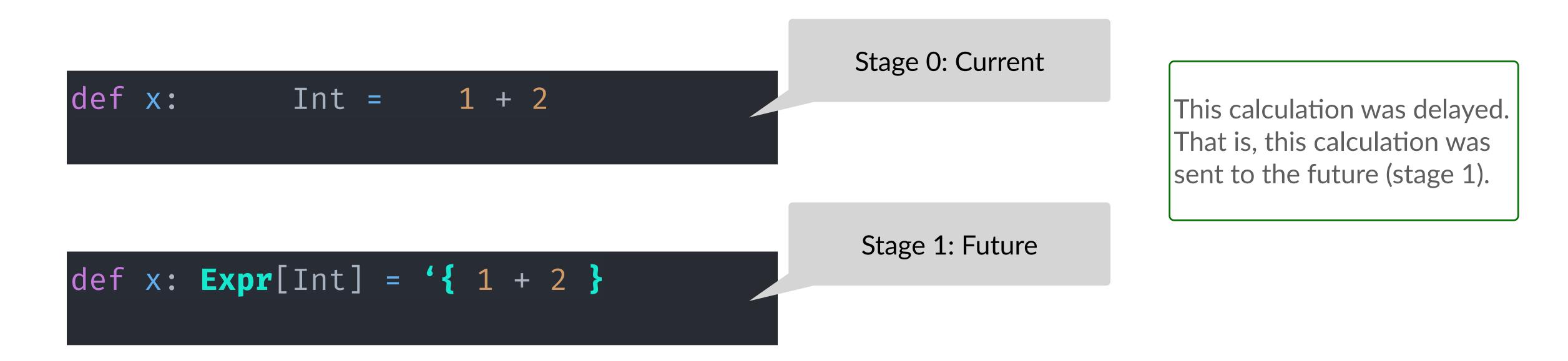
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**'{** (1+2) + (1+2) **}** 

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#### Bracket and Escape

Bracket and Escape are dual

```
\$\{'\{e\}\} = e
'\{\$e\} = e
```

#### Run

Used to compile and execute the dynamically generated code

```
def x: Expr[Int] = '{ 1 + 2 }
run(x) // 1 + 2 ⇒ 3
```

#### Staging Level

- The level of a term is:
  - the number of surrounding brackets the number of surrounding escapes
  - e.g.) 2-1=1

    ({ \${'{1 + 2 }} \* \${'{1 + 2 }} }

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```
def stagedPower(x: Int): BigInt ⇒ BigInt = {
  def code = '{
     (a: BigInt) ⇒ ${ powerCode('a, x) }
  }
  run(code)
}
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power1000(2) // \Rightarrow 1.0715086071862673E301
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# Staged Interpreter (Translator)

#### Unstaged Interpreter

 A typical problem with writing interpreters is the performance overhead required when execute programs

```
enum Exp {
  case IntLit(x: Int)
  case Add(e1: Exp, e2: Exp)
  case Mul(e1: Exp, e2: Exp)
  ...
}
```

```
def eval(e: Exp): Int = e match {
   case IntLit(x) => x
   case Add(e1, e2) => eval(e1) + eval(e2)
   case Mul(e1, e2) => eval(e1) * eval(e2)
   ...
}
```

#### Unstaged Interpreter

- I want to write a user program according to DSL
- On the other hand, is it possible to convert the user program into a form that can be processed directly by Scala instead of the interpreter?

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Yes

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def eval(e: Exp): Int = e match {
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# Tagless-final

### What is tagless-final?

- The tagless-final approach[4] is an approach of embedding domain-specific languages (DSLs) in a typed functional language
  - It is also called "final embedding", "tagless", "typed-final" or "tagless encoding"
  - Doing a tagless-final embedding is literally writing a denotational semantics for the DSL
- The tagless-final approach has collected and polished a number of techniques for representing typed higher-order languages in a typed metalanguage, along with type-preserving interpretation, compilation and partial evaluation

[4] J. Carette, O. Kiselyov, and C. Shan. Finally tagless, partially evaluated: Tagless staged interpreters for simpler typed languages. J. Funct. Program., 19(5):509–543, 2009.

# Advantages of tagless-final

- Typing is done at a meta-language
  - No need to write typing algorithms
- We can use HOAS (higher-order abstract syntax) to represent object language binders using meta language binders
  - Meta-language ensures hygiene
- We don't have to make a parser
  - An object term is represented as a meta-language term

#### Object Language and Metalanguage

- Object language
  - A language we want to represent
  - DSL
- Metalanguage
  - A language used to describe an object language

#### The object language

```
Syntax
e ::= n
| e + e
```

#### Typing rules

```
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```

```
trait Symantics[Repr[_]] {
  def int(n: Int): Repr[Int]
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Wrap the types in the representation type (Repr)

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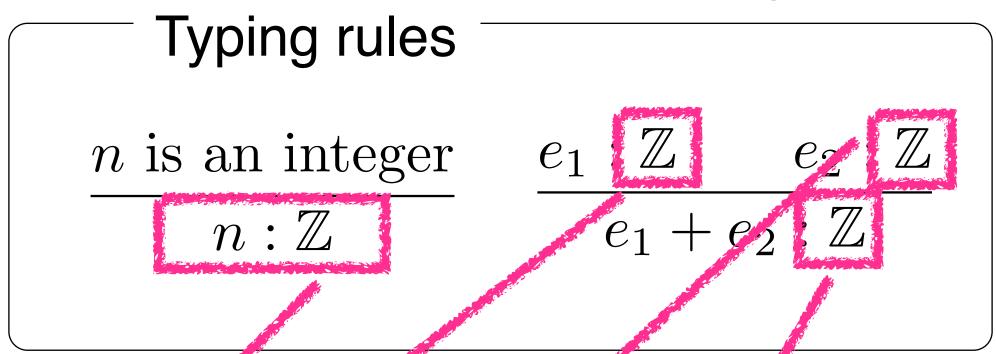
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Associate the function signatures with the typing rules



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```

```
final case class R[A](unR: A)

object RInterpreter extends Symantics[R] {
  def int(n: Int): R[Int] = R(n)
  def add(a: R[Int], b: R[Int]): R[Int] =
    R(a.unR + b.unR)
}
def eval[A](e: R[A]): A = e.unR
Types are preserved

Evaluation function
```

#### User program

Terms are represented by a combination of functions

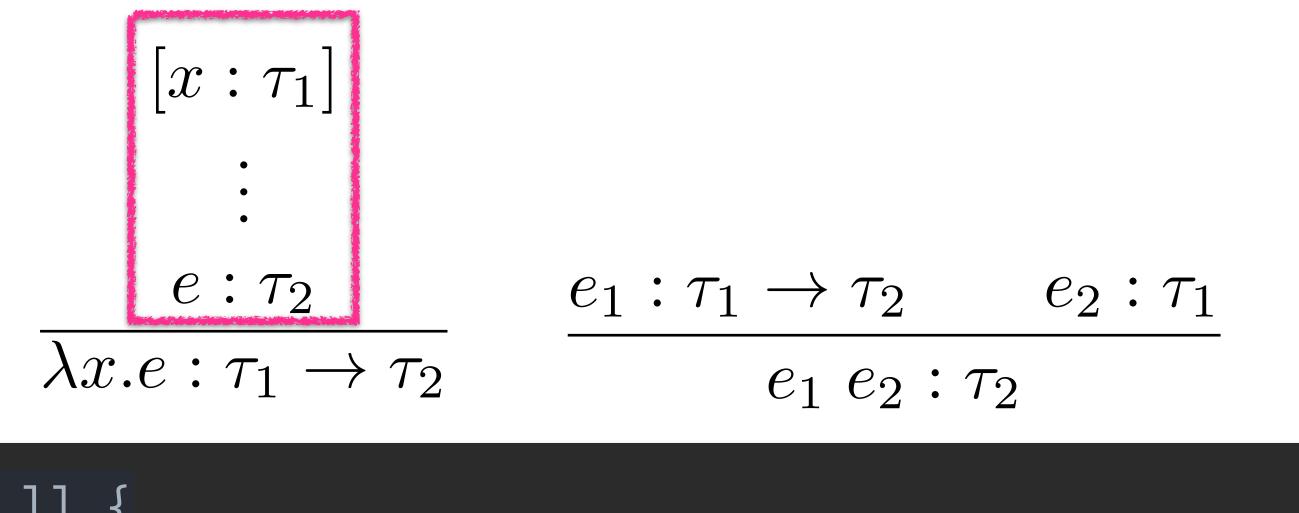
```
object example {
  import Interpreters._
  import Interpreters.RInterpreter._

  val program: R[Int] = add(int(1), int(2))
  eval(program) // ⇒ 3
}
```

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#### Compose language components

```
trait BaseSym[Repr[_]] {
  def int(n: Int): Repr[Int]
  def add(e1: Repr[Int], e2: Repr[Int]): Repr[Int]
trait LamSym[Repr[_]] {
  def lam[A, B](f: Repr[A] \Rightarrow Repr[B]): Repr[A \Rightarrow B]
  def app[A, B](e1: Repr[A \Rightarrow B], e2: Repr[A]): Repr[B]
trait FullSym[Repr[_]] extends BaseSym[Repr] with LamSym[Repr]
```

# Staged Tagless-final Interpreter

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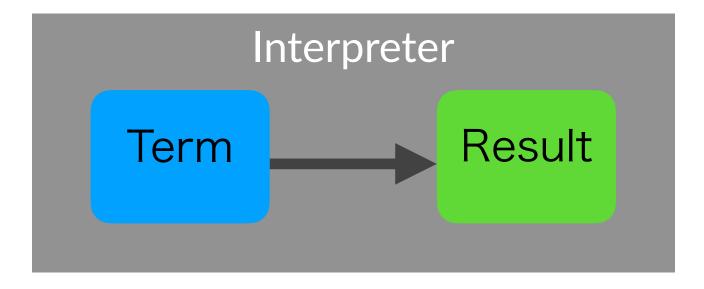
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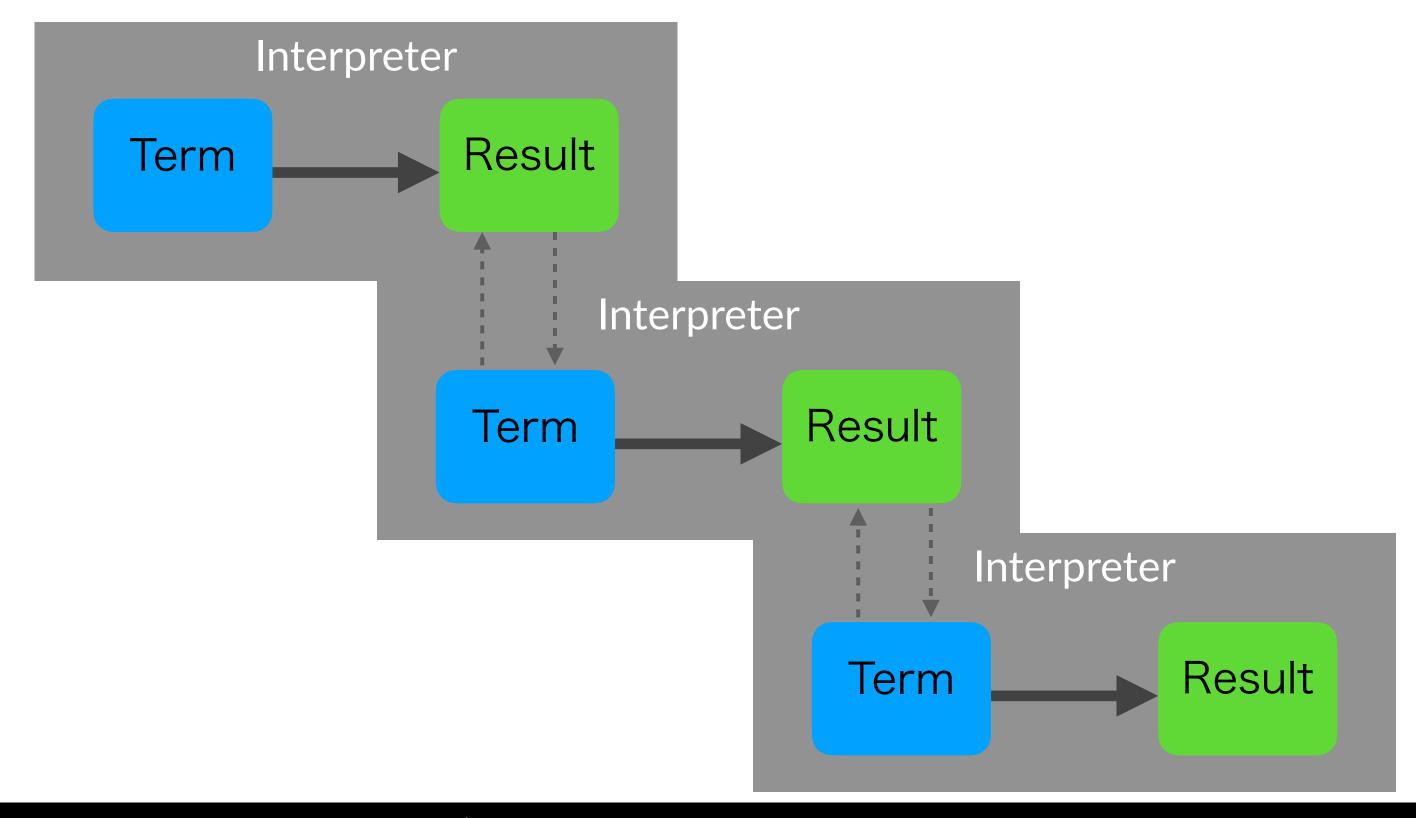
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- It is possible to combine different interpretations [5]

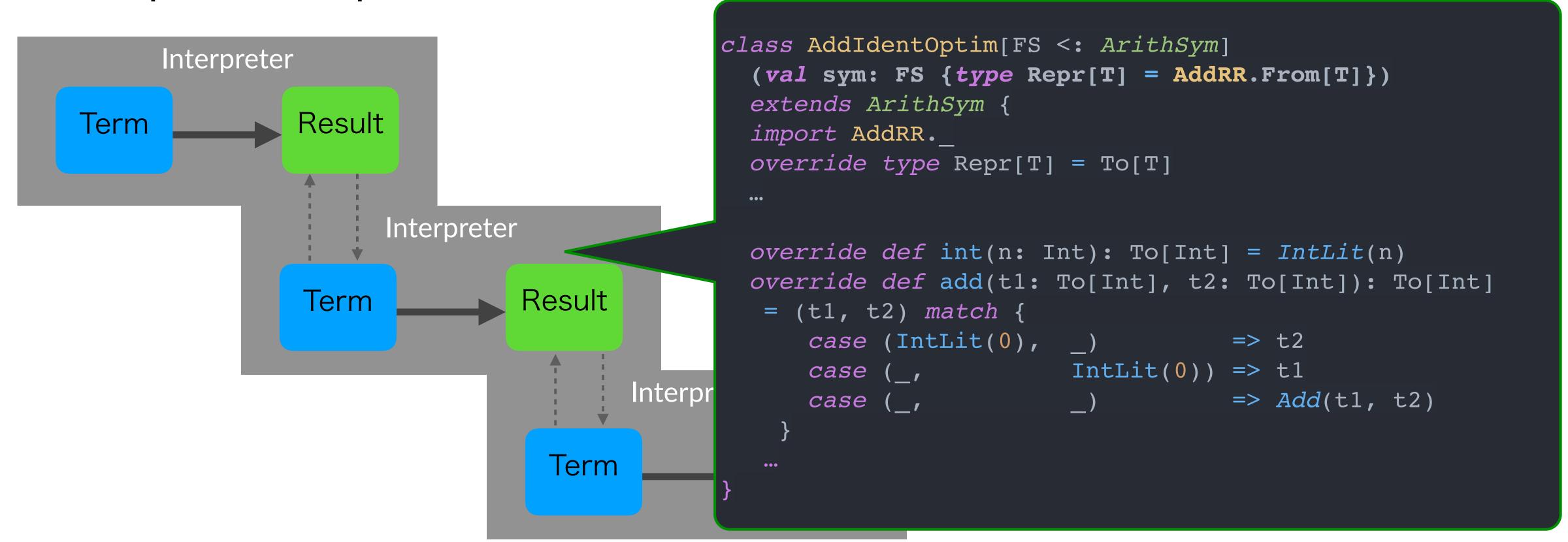
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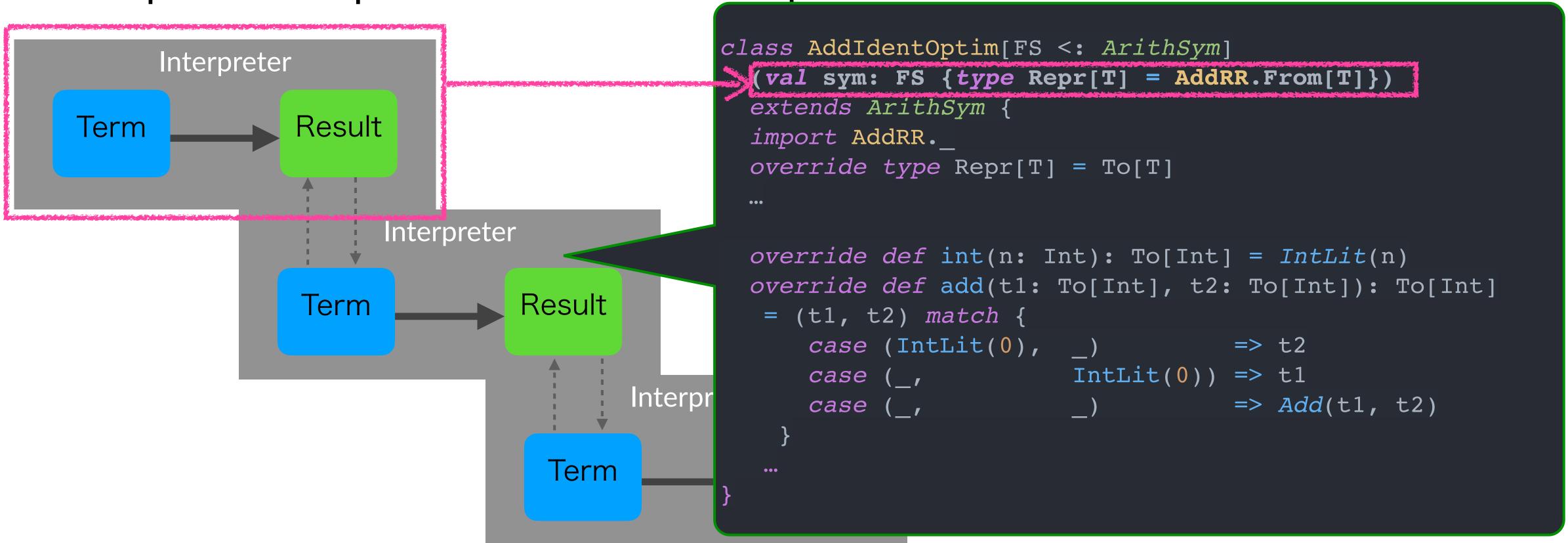
- Make an interpreter as a module functor
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- Give a framework to reify and reflect the representation in each interpreter

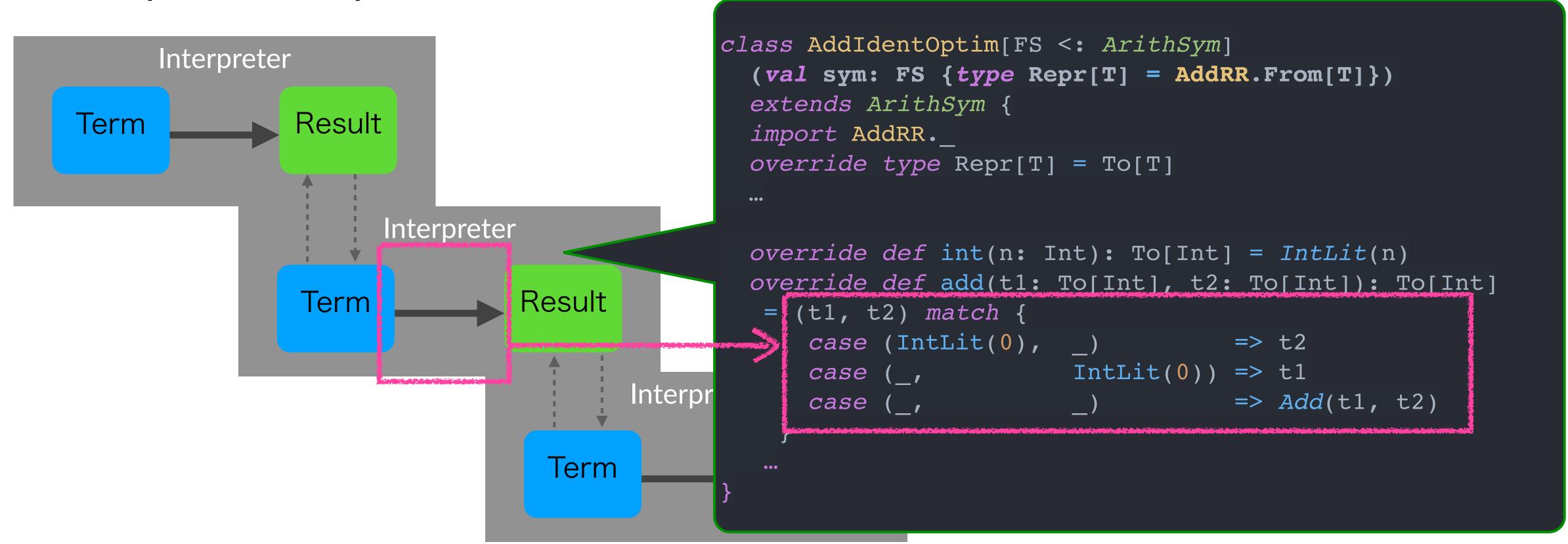
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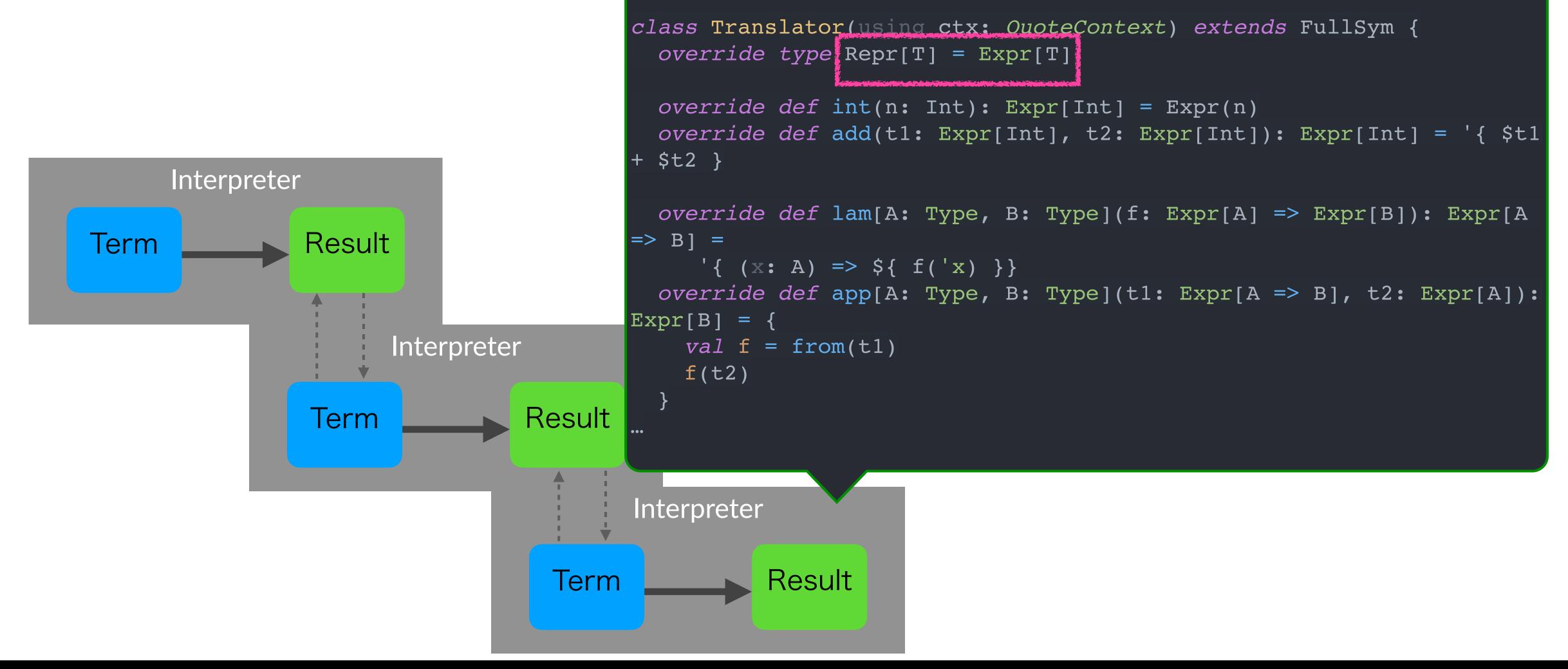




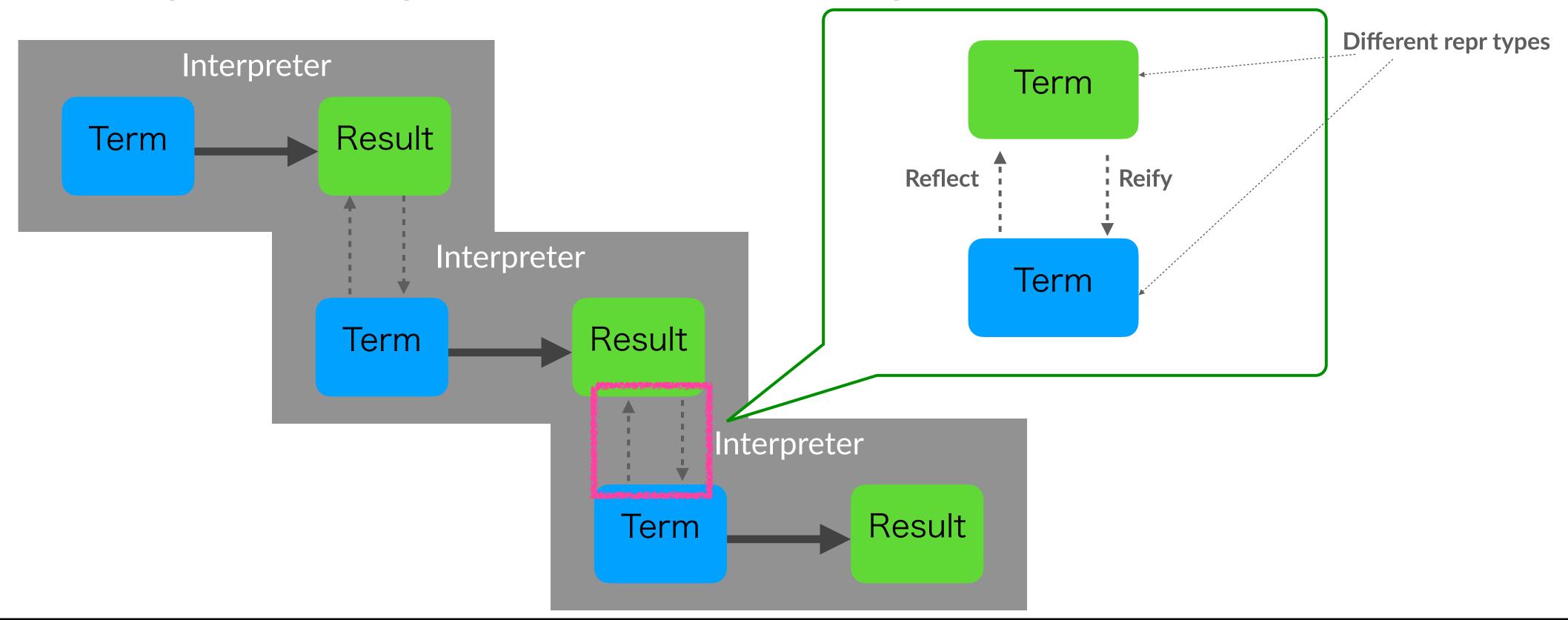








コード生成器をインタプリタとすることにより、最終的に最適化されたコードを生成することができます このときの表現型はステージングで用いられる Expr 型です



# Reflect-reify framework

```
trait RR {
  import cats. →
  type From[_]
  type To[_] // Term
  def fwd: From → To // reflection
  def bwd: To → From // reification
  def map[A, B](f: From[A] \Rightarrow From[B]): To[A] \Rightarrow To[B] =
    (t: To[A]) \Rightarrow fwd(f(bwd(t)))
  def map2[A, B, C](f: (From[A], From[B]) \Rightarrow From[C]): (To[A], To[B]) \Rightarrow To[C] =
    (t1: To[A], t2: To[B]) \Rightarrow fwd(f(bwd(t1), bwd(t2)))
```

#### Example program and its results

Identity optimization

```
val e1 = add(int(1), int(0))
    // 1 + 0
    // 1

val e2 = mul(int(2), int(10))
    // 2.*(10)

val e3 = add(mul(int(1), int(10)), int(0))
    // (1*10) + 0
    // 10 + 0
    // 10
```

# Thank you for your kind attention

