

Declarative Programming

Functional Programming

- Based on `<equational reasoning>`

Basically, **if two expresions have equal values**, then **one can be replaced*
by the other.*

You use `<equational reasoning>` to `<rewrite a complex expression>` to be `<simpler>`
 Until it is "as simple as possible".

e.g. reducing `x = 2, y = 4, x + (3 * y)` to 14

Basics of Haskell

!Lists

- `[]` means empty list `[]` // lol rip notes syntax, will use `[]` for `[]`
 - `x:xs` means a non-empty list whose head (first element) is `x` and `xs` is tail
 (everything else in the list)

The notation `["a", "b"]` is syntactic sugar for `"a":"b":[]`

How this works is basically it'll evaluate the following:

- Put `"a"` in front of `"b"`
 - Put `"a","b"` into an empty list
 - We now have an array of `["a", "b"]`

Some operators to know:

`:` (double colon) - `<appends an element>` of a list `<to a list>`

- Note that this only works if the element is of the same type as whatever's in the list.
- This also only works in one direction (as in you can only add to the top)

`++` - appends list to a list

- Does not work if you try to add single elements to the list
- To get around this you can use `[]` around your element like this:
`fish ++ [jellyfish]` // assuming `jellyfish` is an element of type `fish`

!Functions

A function definition consists of `<equations>`, each of which `<establishes an >`
`<equality between the left and right hand sides>` of the equal sign.

Example:

`[haskell]`

-- Most equations look something like this

`len [] = 0` -- Base case

`len (x:xs) = 1 + len xs` -- Recursion (there's no loops in haskell)

`[end]`

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57 Each equation <expects input to conform to a given pattern>. The empty list [ ]
58 and (x:xs) are two patterns.
59
60 The set of patterns *must be exhaustive*, as in it covers <all possible calls>.
61
62 It is <good programming style> to ensure that the <set of patterns is also >
63 <exclusive>, which means that <at one most pattern should apply> for any
64 possible call.
65
66 If the set of patterns is both <exhaustive and exclusive>, then <exactly one>
67 pattern will apply <for any possible call>
68
69 If you don't make your function exhaustive, enjoy your errors.
70 <You can get around this by using _, which signifies any case.>
71
72 Functions look like the following:
73 --> f fa1 fa2 fa3
74
75 Use brackets for precedence.
76 *Operators are also functions*, including the : thing, which is why we do (x:xs)
77 This means technically you can do
78 (+) 1 2 // equivalent 1 + 2
79
80 The names of functions and variables are sequences of letters/numbers/underscore
81 *that must start with a lower case letter* (except if you're an operator).
82
83 # The Offside Rule:
84 Indentation works like python!
85 - Further right of prev line = continuation
86 - Same level = new statement
87 - Further left = either of the above (like in guards)
88
89 # Recursion
90 Done like above, with the whole length thingo.
91 Usually your structure should look like the following:
92
93 <base case> // usually empty list or 0, might have more if you have more args
94 <the next function call with a new list or modified arguments>
95
96 Let's try it out using the len function from above:
97 [haskell]
98 len [] = 0
99 len (x:xs) = 1 + len xs
100
101 step 0: len ["a", "b"] -- ("a":("b":[]))
102 step 1: 1 + len ["b"] -- ("b":[])
103 step 2: 1 + 1 + len []
104 step 3: 1 + 1 + 0
105 step 4: 1 + 1
106 step 5: 2
107 [end]
108
109 Expression Evaluation:
110 Haskell basically runs a loop that looks for function calls and goes from top
111 down until all of the variables are replaced with their most simplest versions.
112
113 Due to <lambda calculus> we know for functional programming languages rewriting
114 the order of the terms does not make a difference.

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116 !Everything is immutable in Haskell
117
118 You can assign things with "let"
119 [haskell]
120
121 let memes = 420 in ... -- expression where dots are for scope
122
123 [end]
124
125 -----
126     Builtin Haskell Types
127 -----
128
129 Int, Bool, Char, String, Float, Double, etc.
130
131 Haskell uses :: to say that one variable is a type of another.
132
133 x :: [Char] means x is of type char.
134
135 Functions also have types:
136 - A function type lists the types of all the arguments and the result, all
137   separated by arrows.
138
139 So for example,
140 :t fst
141 fst :: (a, b) -> a
142 // This returns the first element of a tuple
143
144 # Function Types
145 You should declare the type of each function before stating the function.
146 For example,
147
148 [haskell]
149
150 isEmpty :: [t] -> Bool
151 isEmpty [] = True
152 isEmpty _ = False
153
154 [end]
155
156 If the type declaration is wrong, then it won't compile.
157
158 Number Types:
159 Haskell has a bunch of numeric types, including int, integer, float and double.
160 So what does haskell say 3 is?
161
162 It's a 3 :: (Num t) => t
163
164 Here the notation (Num t) means type t is of class <Num>
165 <Num> is a numerical class.
166
167 The notation 3 :: (Num t) => t means:
168 "If t is a numeric type, then 3 is of that type"
169 <Nothing else is defined for this function> if it's not a numerical type so
170 <return an error.>
171
172 Basically all of the letters in a type declaration denote an argument.

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173 For example:
174
175 :t (+)
176 (+) :: (Num a) => a -> a -> a
177 So all the arguments a will be the same type (either Float, Int, Double etc.)
178 as they are all type 'a'.
179
180 # If-then-else
181 Work the same way as they do in other languages
182
183 # Guards
184 Kinda like switch/case statements. Just have cases depending on the value.
185
186 [haskell]
187 -- if else
188 fish a =
189     if a == 42 then "Yes" else "No"
190 -- You can also do multiline if else with:
191     if a == 0
192     then
193         "Yes"
194     else
195         "No"
196
197 -- guards
198 fishGuards a
199     | a == 0    = "Zero Fish"
200     | a > 0    = fish a
201     | otherwise = "Jellyfish" -- this covers all remaining cases, like default
202 [end]
203
204 # Parametric Polymorphism
205 You guys know the drill now. A function that can change depending what type the
206 args are.
207
208 You have to use a function type definition though like this:
209
210 [haskell]
211 len :: [t] -> Int
212 len []      = 0
213 len (_:xs)  = 1 + len xs
214 [end]
215
216 This can adapt to whatever the input type is, so long as it's in a list.
217
218 -----
219     Defining Our Own Types
220 -----
221
222 We can make our own types in Haskell!
223 The simplest types are <enumerated types>
224
225 [haskell]
226
227 data Gender = Female | Male -- can only be either one
228 data Role  = Staff | Student
229
230 data Suit  = Club | Diamond | Heart | Spade

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231 data Rank = R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8
232           | R9 | R10 | Jack | Queen | King | Ace
233           deriving Show
234
235 -- This is just a structured thing (constructs a card with suit and rank inside)
236 data Card = Card Suit Rank
237
238 -- Discriminated union types
239 data JokerColor = Red | Black
240 data JCard =
241     NormalCard Suit Rank |
242     JokerCard JokerColor
243
244 [end]
245
246 These are also data constructor - given zero arguments they construct a value
247 // just like in oop
248
249 There's a class called Show. It converts data types to string so we can print!
250
251 We can <specify what classes our type is in>.
252
253 Some examples are:
254 - Show (converts to string)
255 - Eq (Allows things to be compared)
256 - Ord (Ordered)
257
258 In haskell you can have an <optional value>
259
260 [haskell]
261
262 data Maybe t = Nothing | Just t
263
264 [end]
265
266 What this does is that, for any type t, a value of type maybe t is <either    >
267 <Nothing, or Just x>, where x is a value of type t.
268
269 // skipping section 4 and 5 because I'm a bad student and I'm running out of
270 // time and these sections basically just cover imperative languages compared
271 // to haskell
272 // *Will complete this after midsems probably
273 // someone save me
274
275 Let and Where Clauses:
276 - A let clause introduces a name for a value <to be used in the main function>
277 - A where clause has the <same meaning> but has the definition of the name
278   <after the main expression>
279 - You can only use where clauses <at the top level of a function>, where you can
280   use a let for any expression
281
282 You can use backquotes to make an <infix operator> like +, using this:
283 [haskell]
284
285 fish = 3 `mod` 420
286
287 [haskell]
288

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Higher Order Functions

First order values are data.

Second order values are functions whose arguments are first order values.

Third (and higher) order values are `<spicy bois>` and have functions with second order values as arguments.

So basically, ***Higher Order functions use other functions as arguments***.

The best example of this is `<filter>`, which is a very neat function that filters out a list according to a supplied boolean function.

Here's filter in action:

```
[haskell]
```

```
-- Write a simple second order function
```

```
fourTwenty :: a -> Bool
```

```
fourTwenty 420 = True
```

```
fourTwenty a   = False
```

```
-- Make an array to filter
```

```
let x = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 420, 70, 12, 9]
```

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-- Now to use our third order function, filter
```

```
let spicymemes = filter fourTwenty x
```

```
-- This'll leave [420]
```

```
[end]
```

Note that `<filter>` is `<polymorphic>` and works with any array.

```
[haskell]
```

```
filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
```

```
filter _ [] = []
```

```
filter f (x:xs) =
```

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    if f x then x:fxs else fxs
```

```
    where fxs = filter f xs
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[end]
```

Anonymous Functions:

Sometimes you want to `<use filter with a function>` that has `<two or more args>`, or if you want to test for equality, this is where `<anonymous functions>` come in

Works like this:

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[haskell]
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filter (\x -> x `mod` 2 == 0) [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

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-- takes x (each element of the array) and compares it to the anon function)
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-- should return [2, 4]
```

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[end]
```

Another `<very neat function>` is `<map>`, where it applies a second order function to a array.

Map and filter are basically the reason why we can get around using only recursion in Haskell.

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347
348 # Composite Function
349 You can make a higher order function by combining some second order functions.
350
351 There's a built in operator '.' which <composes two functions>.
352
353 [haskell]
354 -- Using our last example:
355
356 -- Write a simple second order function
357 fourTwenty :: a -> Bool
358 fourTwenty 420 = True
359 fourTwenty a   = False
360
361 -- Write a simple second order function
362 nope :: Int -> Int
363 nope 420 = 420
364 nope 7   = 420
365 nope a   = 0
366 -- This means when filter is called with (fourTwenty . nope), all 7s and 420s
367 -- will be kept
368 -- (because when checking the composite function, all 7s will be evaluated
369 -- as 420 and everything else as 0)
370
371 [end]
372
373 Note that using the "." operator means it will <evaluate from right to left!>.
374 You can do it with multiple functions if you're cool.
375
376 -----
377     Higher Order Programming
378 -----
379
380 Higher order programming is cool?
381
382 map and filter <operate on and transform> lists, but the <other class> of higher
383 order functions are <reduction operations>.
384
385 # Folds
386 // grab my foldy flaps
387
388 The popular ones are *folds*.
389 There are three main ones:
390 - foldl (fold left)
391 - foldr (fold right)
392 - balanced_fold (fold balanced)
393
394 Folding is how you get things like <sum>.
395 Basically it allows you to <reduce an array> to a single point.
396
397 Here's the code for <foldl>:
398 [haskell]
399
400 foldl :: (v -> e -> v) -> v -> [e] -> v
401 -- function that applies to arg1 and arg2 (and returns arg1 type), arg1 and
402 -- array of arg2
403 foldl _ base [] = base -- base case
404 foldl f base (x:xs) =

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405     let newbase = f base x in -- apply fold to head
406     foldl f newbase xs
407
408 -- Here's some examples of how some other functions use foldl
409
410 sum :: [Integer] -> Integer
411 sum = foldl (+) 0
412
413 product :: [Integer] -> Integer
414 product = foldl (*) 1
415
416 concat :: [[a]] -> [a]
417 concat = foldl (++) []
418
419 const :: a -> b -> a
420 const a b = a
421
422 length = foldr ((+) . const 1) 0
423
424 [end]
425
426 folds are real powerful. Google's second most important algorithm is effectively
427 a fold (MapReduce).
428
429 # List Comprehensions
430
431 Just make lists like they do in python. These are pretty good cause the
432 conditions means you can do lots of things with them.
433 (like writing out a program that normally takes 20+ lines into one)
434
435 [haskell]
436 -- some examples
437 -- makes a list of multiples of 420 from 1 to 100
438 fourTwentyList = [x*420 | x <- 1..100]
439
440 -- and you can also iterate multiple things
441 pairs = [(a, b) | a <- [1, 2, 3], b <- [1, 2, 3]]
442 [end]
443
444 Working with HTML:
445 [haskell]
446
447 -- This describes html documents
448 type HTML = [HTML_element]
449 data HTML_element
450     = HTML_text String
451     | HTML_font Font_tag HTML
452     | HTML_p HTML
453 data Font_tag = Font_tag (Maybe Int)
454                 (Maybe String)
455                 (Maybe Font_color)
456 data Font_color
457     = Colour_name String
458     | Hex Int
459     | RGB Int Int Int
460
461 [end]
462

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463 # Frameworks:
464 You can work with frameworks in Haskell like the following:
465 [haskell]
466 main = framework plugin1 plugin2 plugin 3
467 plugin1 = ...
468 ...
469 [end]
470
471 // the rest of this section covers working with font tags and frameworks,
472 // not sure if this is going to be properly tested since it seems like it'll
473 // just be given
474
475 // good luck and godspeed
476 // fly you fool
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