

# Features

- Named after logician Haskell B. Curry (after whom the currying transformation is named).
- Pure functional language (imperative features like I/O integrated into a functional framework).
- Infix syntax.
- Polymorphic static typing.
- Equational definitions.
- Pattern-matching.
- Lazy evaluation (normal-order reduction).
- First-class functions.

- Given a function  $f$  of type  $f : (X \times Y) \rightarrow Z$ , then  $\text{curry}(f) : X \rightarrow (Y \rightarrow Z)$ .
- Currying results in higher-order functions.

- Numbers, including unlimited precision integers.
- Characters. `'a'`, `'b'`, ....
- Strings `"abc"` equivalent to list of characters.
- Lists. List literals enclosed within square brackets. Infix `:` used as list constructor. Empty list denoted as `[]`.  
`[1, 2, 3]` equivalent to `1 : (2 : (3 : []))`.
- Tuples.

# Factorial Program

In factorial.hs

```
factorial 0 = 1  
factorial n = n * factorial(n - 1)
```

# Factorial Log

```
Main> :l "factorial.hs"
```

```
Reading file "factorial.hs":
```

```
Hugs session for:
```

```
/usr/local/lib/hugs/lib/Prelude.hs
```

```
factorial.hs
```

```
Main> factorial 0
```

```
1
```

```
Main> factorial 4
```

```
24
```

```
Main> :t factorial
```

```
factorial :: Num a => a -> a
```

```
Main> factorial 3.0
```

```
6.0
```

```
Main>
```

# List Length Program

In my-length.hs

```
--optional type declaration.
```

```
my_length :: [a] -> Int
```

```
my_length [] = 0
```

```
my_length (x:xs) = 1 + my_length xs
```

# List Length Log

```
Prelude> :l "my_length.hs"
...
Main> my_length []
0
Main> my_length [1, 2, 3]
3
Main> my_length 1
ERROR - Unresolved overloading
*** Type          : Num [a] => Int
*** Expression   : my_length 1

Main> my_length ["a"]
1
Main>
```

# Tuples

Can contain non-uniform types.

```
Main> (1, 2, 3)
```

```
(1,2,3)
```

```
Main> :t (1, 2, 3)
```

```
(1,2,3) :: (Num a, Num b, Num c) => (c,b,a)
```

```
Main> :t (1, 2, 'a')
```

```
(1,2,'a') :: (Num a, Num b) => (b,a,Char)
```

```
Main> (1, 2, 'a')
```

```
(1,2,'a')
```

```
Main> fst (1, "a")
```

```
1
```

```
Main> snd (1, "a")
```

```
"a"
```

```
Main>
```



# Lambda Functions

lambda-length.hs

```
lambda_length =  
  \ ls -> if null ls  
    then 0  
    else 1 + lambda_length(tail ls)
```

# Lambda Length Log

```
Main> :l "factorial.hs"
```

```
Reading file "factorial.hs":
```

```
Hugs session for:
```

```
/usr/local/lib/hugs/lib/Prelude.hs
```

```
factorial.hs
```

```
Main> factorial 0
```

```
1
```

```
Main> factorial 4
```

```
24
```

```
Main> :t factorial
```

```
factorial :: Num a => a -> a
```

```
Main> factorial 3.0
```

```
6.0
```

```
Main>
```

# Type Inference

```
Main> :t 12
12 :: Num a => a
Main> 12
12
Main> :t [1, 2, 3]
[1,2,3] :: Num a => [a]
Main> [1, 2, 3]
[1,2,3]
Main> :t ["a", "bc", "d"]
["a","bc","d"] :: [[Char]]
```

# Type Inference Continued

```
Main> ["a", "bc", "d"]
```

```
["a", "bc", "d"]
```

```
Main> ["a", "1"]
```

```
["a", "1"]
```

```
Main> ["a", 1]
```

```
ERROR - Unresolved overloading
```

```
*** Type      : Num [Char] => [[Char]]
```

```
*** Expression : ["a", 1]
```

```
Main>
```

# Lists and Strings

A string is a list of characters. ++ used for list and string concatenation.

```
Main> ['h', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o' ]  
"hello"
```

```
Main> ['h', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', ' ' ] ++ "world"  
"hello world"
```

```
Main> length "hello"
```

5

# Lists and Strings Continued

```
Main> [1, 2, 3] ++ [4, 5]
```

```
[1,2,3,4,5]
```

```
Main> [1, 2, 3] ++ ['a', 'b']
```

```
ERROR - Unresolved overloading
```

```
*** Type           : Num Char => [Char]
```

```
*** Expression    : [1,2,3] ++ ['a','b']
```

```
Main>
```

# List Comprehension

List comprehension returns a list of elements created by evaluation of generators Examples

```
Main> [x + 2*x + x/2 | x <- [1, 2, 3, 4]]  
[3.5, 7.0, 10.5, 14.0]
```

```
Main> [ odd x | x <- [1..9]]  
[True, False, True, False, True, False, True, False, True]
```

```
Main> [ x*y | x <- [1,2,3,4], y <- [3,5,7,9]]  
[3, 5, 7, 9, 6, 10, 14, 18, 9, 15, 21, 27, 12, 20, 28, 36]
```

```
Main> [x | x <- [1, 5, 12, 3, 23, 11, 7, 2], x>10]  
[12, 23, 11]
```

```
Main> [(x,y) | x <- [1,3,5], y <- [2,4,6], x<y]  
[(1,2), (1,4), (1,6), (3,4), (3,6), (5,6)]
```

```
Main>
```

qsort.hs:

```
qsort []      = []
qsort (x:xs) =
  qsort elts_lt_x ++ [x] ++ qsort elts_greq_x
  where
    elts_lt_x    = [y | y <- xs, y < x]
    elts_greq_x = [y | y <- xs, y >= x]
```



# Quicksort Log

```
Main> :l "qsort.hs"
```

```
...
```

```
Main> qsort [5, 3, 2, 6]
```

```
[2, 3, 5, 6]
```

```
Main> qsort ["c", "d", "abc"]
```

```
["abc", "c", "d"]
```

```
Main> :t qsort
```

```
qsort :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
```

```
Main>
```

# Higher-Order Functions

```
Main> :t map
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
Main> map (\x -> x > 4) [1..9]
[False,False,False,False,True,True,True,True,True]
Main> map (\x -> x + 4) [1..9]
[5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13]
Main> :t foldr
foldr :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> [a] -> b
Main> foldr (+) 0 [1, 2, 3, 4]
10
```

# Higher-Order Functions Continued

```
Main> foldr (-) 0 [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
-2
```

```
Main> :t foldl
```

```
foldl :: (a -> b -> a) -> a -> [b] -> a
```

```
Main> foldl (+) 0 [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
10
```

```
Main> foldl (-) 0 [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
-10
```

```
Main> foldl (-) 15 [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
5
```

```
Main> foldl (-) (-15) [1, 2, 3, 4]
```

```
-25
```

# Higher-Order Functions Continued

```
Main> foldl (\x -> \y -> x + length y) 0  
        ["abc", "d", "ef"]
```

6

```
Main> foldl (\x -> \y -> length x + y) 0  
        ["abc", "d", "ef"]
```

**ERROR - Type error in** application

```
*** Expression      : foldl (\x -> \y -> length x +  
*** Term           : \x -> \y -> length x + y  
*** Type           : [a] -> Int -> Int  
*** Does not match : Int -> [Char] -> Int
```

```
Main>
```

# Infinite Lists

infinite.hs

```
numsFrom :: Int -> [Int]
numsFrom n = n : numsFrom (n+1)

squares :: [Int]
squares = map (^2) (numsFrom 0)
```

# Infinite Lists Log

```
Main> :t take
take :: Int -> [a] -> [a]
Main> take 5 (numsFrom 3)
[3,4,5,6,7]
Main> take 5 squares
[0,1,4,9,16]
Main>
```

# Zip

`zip` is a function which turns two lists into a list of 2 tuples.  
`zipWith` maps a binary function over two lists at once.

```
Main> zip [1, 2, 3] ["ab", "cd", "ef"]  
[(1, "ab"), (2, "cd"), (3, "ef")]
```

```
Main> zip [1, 2, 3] ["ab", "cd"]  
[(1, "ab"), (2, "cd")]
```

```
Main> zipWith (*) [1, 2, 3] [4, 5, 6]  
[4, 10, 18]
```

```
Main> zipWith (*) [1, 2, 3] [4, 5]  
[4, 10]
```

```
Main>
```

# Zip Fibonacci

zip-fib.hs

```
fib1 :: [Int]
```

```
fib1 =
```

```
  1 : 1 : [x+y | (x,y) <- zip fib1 (tail fib1)]
```

```
fib2 :: [Int]
```

```
fib2 =
```

```
  1 : 1 : map (\(x,y) -> x+y) (zip fib2 (tail fib2))
```

```
fib3 :: [Int]
```

```
fib3 = 1 : 1 : zipWith (+) fib3 (tail fib3)
```



# Zip Fibonacci Log

```
Main> take 10 fib1  
[1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55]  
Main> take 10 fib2  
[1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55]  
Main> take 10 fib3  
[1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55]  
Main>
```

# Case and Indentation

- Types start with upper-case letter; non-types with lower-case letter.
- Implicit semi-colon at the end of every line, except when continuation lines are indented.
- A semi-colon is inserted at EOF or whenever the next line starts in the left-hand margin.
- Blocks are indicated by indentation of keywords like where, let, of, do.
- New margin is indentation of token after keyword. Block ends at return to old margin.
- Can use explicit braces and semicolons.

# Use of Guards

Guards can be used instead of a top-level `if` within an equation.

```
max :: Ord a => a -> a -> a
max x y
  | x > y = x
  | otherwise = y
```

# Guards with Pattern Matching

Allows pattern matching within expressions:

```
my_filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
my_filter p [] = []
my_filter p (x:xs)
  | p x = x : my_filter p xs
  | otherwise = my_filter p xs
```

# Case Expressions

```
my_length :: [a] -> Int
my_length xs =
  case xs of
    [] -> 0
    (x:xs) -> 1 + my_length xs
```

# Function Composition

- Composition of two functions  $f$  and  $g$  is denoted using  $f . g$ .  
 $(f . g)x = f(gx)$ .
- Since function application has higher precedence than composition operator  $.$ , `succ . succ 1` is not `(succ . succ) 1`, but `succ . (succ 1)`, which will usually result in a type error.
- Composition combines 2 functions, whereas application applies a function to a argument.

Define type synonyms using `type` keyword.

```
type Person = (String, String, Int)
donald = ("Donald Duck", "123-45-6789", 63)
```

# Data Types

```
data DayOfWeek =  
    Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat  
  
data Shape  
    = Circle (Float, Float) Float  
    | Square (Float, Float) Float  
    | Polygon [(Float, Float)]
```



# Partial Computation

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

- Can be used to convert a partial function to type `a` to a total function to `Maybe a`.
- `Nothing` used to indicate failure.
- `Just a` used to indicate success.

# Partial Computation Example

In safe-division.hs:

```
safe_division :: Float -> Float -> Maybe Float
safe_division x y
  | y == 0 = Nothing
  | otherwise = Just (x/y)
```

# Binary Trees

In trees.hs:

```
data Tree a
  = Leaf a
  | InternalNode (Tree a) a (Tree a)

sumTree :: Tree Int -> Int
sumTree (Leaf value) = value
sumTree (InternalNode left v right) =
  sumTree left + v + sumTree right
```

# Binary Trees Log

```
Main> sumTree (InternalNode (Leaf 1) 2 (Leaf 3))
6
(23 reductions, 45 cells)
Main> sumTree
      (InternalNode
        (Leaf 1) 2
        (InternalNode (Leaf 3) 4 (Leaf 5)))
15
(32 reductions, 31 cells)
Main>
```

# User-Defined Operators

- Operator names consists of special characters

!#\$%&\*+./<=>?@\^|-~

- Precedence declarations given by *fixity declarations*

`infixr n` (right associative), `infixl n` (left associative),  
`infix n` (non-associative) for  $n \in 1 \dots 9$ , with 9 being the  
strongest (function application has precedence level 10).

# Stack Implementation

From distribution examples:

```
-- Stacks: using restricted type synonyms
```

```
module Stack where
```

```
type Stack a =  
    [a] in emptyStack, push, pop, topOf, isEmpty
```

```
emptyStack :: Stack a
```

```
emptyStack = []
```

```
push :: a -> Stack a -> Stack a
```

```
push = (:
```

# Stack Implementation Continued

```
pop           :: Stack a -> Stack a
pop []        = error "pop: empty stack"
pop (_:xs)    = xs
```

```
topOf         :: Stack a -> a
topOf []      = error "topOf: empty stack"
topOf (x:_)   = x
```

# Stack Implementation Continued

```
isEmpty    :: Stack a -> Bool
isEmpty    = null
```

```
instance Eq a => Eq (Stack a) where
    s1 == s2 | isEmpty s1 == isEmpty s2
              | isEmpty s2 == isEmpty s1
              | otherwise    = topOf s1 == topOf s2 &&
                              pop s1 == pop s2
```



# Permutations

In permutations.hs taken from here:

```
--selections :: [a] -> [(a, [a])]
selections [] = []
selections (x:xs) =
    (x, xs) :
    [ (z, x:zs) | (z, zs) <- selections(xs) ]

permutations [] = [[]]
permutations xs =
    [ y:zs |
      (y, ys) <- selections xs,
      zs <- permutations ys ]
```

# Permutations Log

```
Prelude> :l "permutations.hs"
...
Main> permutations []
[[]]
(12 reductions, 25 cells)
Main> permutations [1, 2, 3]
[[1,2,3],[1,3,2],[2,1,3],[2,3,1],[3,1,2],[3,2,1]]
(184 reductions, 471 cells)
Main> permutations [1]
[[1]]
(24 reductions, 47 cells)
Main>
```

# Edit Distance

From Thompson:

```
data Edit
  = Change Char
  | Copy
  | Delete
  | Insert Char
  | Kill
deriving (Eq, Show)
```

# Edit Distance Continued

```
transform :: String -> String -> [Edit]

transform [] [] = []
transform string [] = [Kill]
transform [] string = map Insert string
transform (a:x) (b:y)
  | a == b = Copy : transform x y
  | otherwise = best [
    Delete : transform x (b:y),
    Insert b : transform (a:x) y,
    Change b : transform x y ]
```

# Edit Distance Continued

```
best :: [[Edit]] -> [Edit]
best [a] = a
best (a:x)
  | cost a <= cost b = a
  | otherwise       = b
  where b = best x

cost :: [Edit] -> Int
cost = length . filter (/=Copy)
```

# Edit Distance Log

```
Main> transform "abc1" "ac2"  
[Edit_Copy,Edit_Delete,Edit_Copy,Edit_Change '2']  
(1045 reductions, 1422 cells)  
Main> transform "abcd" "1a2"  
[Edit_Insert '1',Edit_Copy,Edit_Insert  
  '2',Edit_Kill]  
(7122 reductions, 9088 cells)  
Main>
```

# Currying

In simple.hs

```
simple a b c = a * (b + c)
```

```
Hugs> :l "programs/simple.hs"
```

```
Main> :t simple
```

```
simple :: Num a => a -> a -> a -> a
```

```
Main> :t (simple 5)
```

```
simple 5 :: Num a => a -> a -> a
```

```
Main> :t (simple 5 3)
```

```
simple 5 3 :: Num a => a -> a
```

```
Main> :t (simple 5 3 2)
```

```
simple 5 3 2 :: Num a => a
```

```
Main> (((simple 5) 3) 2)
```

```
25
```

```
Main>
```

# Currying Simplification

In listsumprod.hs

```
listSum, listProd :: [Float] -> Float
listSum xs = foldl (+) 0 xs
listProd xs = foldl (*) 1 xs
```

In listsumprod-curry.hs

```
listSum, listProd :: [Float] -> Float
listSum = foldl (+) 0
listProd = foldl (*) 1
```



# Currying Infix Operators using Sections

- $(x \ / \ y)$  is equivalent to a function  $f1 \ x \ y = x \ / \ y$ .
- $(x \ /)$  is equivalent to a function  $f1 \ y = x \ / \ y$ .
- $(/ \ y)$  is equivalent to a function  $f1 \ x = x \ / \ y$ .

# Currying Infix Operators using Sections Log

```
Main> (10 / 5)
```

```
2.0
```

```
Main> (10 /) 5
```

```
2.0
```

```
Main> (/ 5) 10
```

```
2.0
```

```
Main> (/) 10 5
```

```
2.0
```

```
Main>
```

# Another Sections Example

posints.hs

```
posInts1  :: [Integer] -> [Bool]
posInts1 xs = map test xs
            where test x = x > 0
```

```
posInts2  :: [Integer] -> [Bool]
posInts2 xs = map (> 0) xs
```

```
posInts3  :: [Integer] -> [Bool]
posInts3 = map (> 0)
```

# Reverse Revisited

reverse.hs

```
rev1 :: [a] -> [a]
rev1 [] = []
rev1 (x:xs) = rev1 xs ++ [x]
```

```
rev2 :: [a] -> [a]
rev2 xs = rev2Aux [] xs
  where rev2Aux acc [] = acc
        rev2Aux acc (x:xs) = rev2Aux (x:acc) xs
```

# Reverse Revisited Continued

```
rev3 :: [a] -> [a]
rev3 xs = foldl revOp [] xs
           where revOp acc x = x:acc

-- Using flip f x y = f y x defined in Prelude.
-- revOp acc x = flip (:) acc x
-- 2 applications of currying simplification:
revOp = flip (:)
rev4 :: [a] -> [a]
rev4 = foldl (flip (:)) []
```

- We could type +

`(+) :: Integer -> Integer -> Integer`

but that would not allow us to add floats, or complex numbers.

- We would have separate addition functions `addInteger`, `addFloat`, `addComplex`, but that would not be satisfactory.

- Giving  $(+)$  the polymorphic type  $a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a$  would be too general, because the type-variable  $a$  is implicitly universally quantified.
- Solution is to use a *qualified type*:

$(+) :: \text{Num } a \Rightarrow a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a$

which is read as “for all types  $a$  that are members of the class `Num`,  $(+)$  has type  $a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a$ ”.

- Equality cannot be computed for all types; for example, one cannot determine the equality of two infinite lists or two functions. Hence *computational equality* is weaker than *full equality*.
- So we can compute equality for some types but not for others. We say that a type implements equality if it is a member of type class `Eq` which defines the function:  
`(==) :: Eq a => a -> a -> Bool.`
- `Integer` and `Char` are instances of `Eq`. `42 == 43` and `'a' == 'a'` are well-typed but `42 == 'a'` is not.



# Equality Continued

- Type constraints can be propagated through polymorphic data types. Hence `[10, 12] == [10, 12]` and `['a', 'b'] == "ac"` are well-typed. On the other hand, `[10, 12] == "ac"` is not.
- Qualified types also propagate through function definitions. Consider `member` function:

```
member x [] = False
```

```
member x (y:ys) = (x == y) || member x ys
```

```
has type  Eq a => a -> [a] -> Bool.
```

# Defining Type Classes

- In Haskell's *Standard Prelude*:

```
Class Eq a where
```

```
    (==) :: a -> a -> Bool
```

says “a type `a` is an instance of the class `Eq` iff there is an operation `(==) :: a -> a -> Bool` defined on it.”

- We can say that a particular type are instances of `Eq`:

```
instance Eq Integer where
```

```
    x == y = IntegerEq x y
```

# Equality over User Data Types

Given

```
data Tree a =  
  Leaf a  
  | Node (Tree a) (Tree a)
```

define equality as:

```
instance Eq a => Eq (Tree a) where  
Leaf a == Leaf b = a == b  
Node t1 t2 == Node s1 s2 = t1 == s1 && t2 == s2  
_ == _ = False
```

# Full Definition of Equality

Definition of  $\text{Eq}$  in Haskell's *Standard Prelude*:

```
class Eq a where
    (==), (/=) :: a -> a -> Bool
    x /= y = not (x == y)
    x == y = not (x /= y)
```

defines 2 operations with *default methods* for each operator.

# Polymorphism versus Type Classes

- *Polymorphism* captures similar structure over different values. For example, a sequence of integers, sequence of strings, etc. can be captured by a polymorphic *List*.
- *Type classes* capture similar operations over different structures. For example, equality of integers, equality of trees, etc. can be captured by a class  $\text{Eq}$ .

# Type Class Inheritance

Ord inherits all the operations in Eq:

```
class Eq a => Ord a where
    (<), (<=), (>), (>=) :: a -> a -> Bool
    max, min           :: a -> a -> a
```

Eq is a super-class of Ord.

Note the previous definition of quicksort had type:

```
Ord a => [a] -> [a]
```

# Standard Prelude Type Classes

Some useful type classes contained in the Standard Prelude:

- `Eq` for `==`, `/=`.
- `Ord` for `<`, `<=`, `>`, `>=`, `max`, `min`, `compare`, `Ordering`
- `Show` for converting types to character strings.
- `Read` for converting character strings to types.
- `Num` for numeric types.

hello.hs

```
hello =  
  do  
    putStrLn "Hello, what's your name?"  
    name <- getLine  
    putStrLn $ "Hello " ++ name ++ "!"
```



# Haskell I/O

## Log

```
Main> hello
Hello, what's your name?
Tim
Hello Tim!
```

```
Main> :t hello
hello :: IO ()
Main> :t putStrLn
putStrLn :: String -> IO ()
Main> :t getLine
getLine :: IO String
Main>
```

- If a return value has type involving  $\text{IO}$ , then it means that function has a side-effect.
- All I/O actions have the type  $\text{IO } t$ .
- Produces side-effect when *performed*, not *evaluated*.
- I/O is performed within another I/O action or at the top-level.

# I/O Actions Continued

- `do` allows *sequencing* I/O actions.
- `<-` is an operator which extracts a value of type `t` from `IO t`. Hence `getLine :: IO String`.

Restrict side-effects. `nameToGreet` below is *pure* and has type

`String -> String`.

`hello2.hs`

```
nameToGreet name =  
    "Hello " ++ name ++ "!"  
  
hello2 =  
    do  
        putStrLn "Hello, what's your name?"  
        name <- getLine  
        putStrLn $ nameToGreet name
```

- Function `hGetContents :: Handle -> IO String` returns all the contents from current position in `Handle`.
- Does not produce any I/O when called.
- I/O is performed lazily as return value is processed.
- Can conceptually have all contents of a 4GB file in memory. The contents can then be processed using pure functions with I/O occurring lazily behind the scenes.

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