#### 関数型言語を作ろう

#### Let's Make a Functional Language!

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Rubyistのための型推論入門

Type Inference 101 for Rubyist

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### Agenda

- 1. What is "Type Inference?"
- 2. Hindley-Milner type system
- 3. Implementation
- https://github.com/yhara/rk2015orescript

### OreScript

```
f = fn(x) \{ printn(x) \}
 f(2) // \rightarrow 2
```

# Difference from JavaScript

```
f = fn(x) \{ printn(x) \}
 f(2) // \rightarrow 2
```

- No semicolon
- s/function/fn/

# Myself

- @yhara (Yutaka Hara)
- Nacl (Matsue, Shimane)
- Making software with Ruby

# My blog<sup>1</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://route477.net/d/

#### Me and Ruby

- Enumerable#lazy (Ruby 2.0~)
  - Note: I'm not a Ruby committer
- TRICK judge
- 『Rubyで作る奇妙なプログラミング言語』(Making Esoteric Language with Ruby)



# 1. What is "Type Inference"?

# What is "Type"?

- Type = Group of values
  - 1,2,3, ... => Integer
  - "a", "b", "c", ... => String

### What is "Type"?

- Ruby has type, too! (Integer, String,...)
- Ruby variables do not have type, though

```
a = 1
a = "str" # ok
```

This is error in C

```
int a = 1;
a = "str"; // compile error!
```

# Pros of static typing

#### 1. Optimization

#### 2. Type check

```
def foo(user)
  print user.name
end

foo(123)
#=> NoMethodError: undefined method `name' for 123:Fixnum
```

# Cons of static typing

Type annotation?

### Type inference

```
-- Haskell

ary = [1,2,3]

map (\x -> show x) ary
```

No type annotations here

#### **RECAP**

- Type = Group of values
  - Static typing
    - Check type errors
    - Optimization
  - Don't want to write type annotations
    - => Type Inference

# Various "Type Inference"

• C#:

- var ary = [1,2,3];
- Haskell, OCaml:
  - Can omit type of function arguments, etc.
  - Hindley-Milner type system

# 2. Hindley-Milner type system

# What is "type system"?

- System of types, of course :-)
- Set of rules about type
  - Decides which type an expression will have
  - Decides which types are compatible
    - eg. Inheritance
- Every language has its own type system

# What is "type system"?

- Hindley-Milner type system
  - Haskell = HM + type class + ...
  - OCaml = HM + variant + ...
  - OreScript = HM (slightly modified)
- Has an algorithm to reconstruct types
  - without any type annotation(!)

# OreScript language spec

- Literal
  - eg. 99, true, false
- Anonymous function
  - eg. fn(x){ x }
- Variable definition
  - eg. x = 1
  - eg. f =  $fn(x)\{x\}$
  - (Note: You can't reassign variables)
- Function call
  - eg. f(3)

# Only unary function is supported

Don't worry, you can emulate binary function

```
f = fn(x, y){ ... }
f(1, 2)

f = fn(x){ fn(y){ ... } }
f(1)(2)
```

# Type system of OreScript

- <type> is any one of ...
  - Bool
  - Number
  - <type> → <type>
    - eg.is\_odd :: Number → Bool
- Checks
  - Type of a and x must be the same

```
f = fn(a){ ... }
f(x)
```

# Type inference of OreScript

- Given
  - $f = fn(x) \{ is\_odd(x) \}$
  - is\_odd :: Number → Bool
- step1 Assumption
  - $f::(1) \to (2)$
  - x :: (3)
- step2 Equations
  - (1) == (3), (3) == Number, (2) == Bool
- step3 Resolve
  - (1) == Number, (2) == Bool, (3) == Number
  - $f :: Number \rightarrow Bool$

#### **RECAP**

- Type system = set of rules on types
- Hindley-Minler type system
  - Reconstruct types without annotation
  - Assume, Build equations, Resolve

# 3. Implementation of OreScript

#### bin/ore\_script

```
$ cat a.ore
printn(123)
$ ./bin/ore_script a.ore
123
```

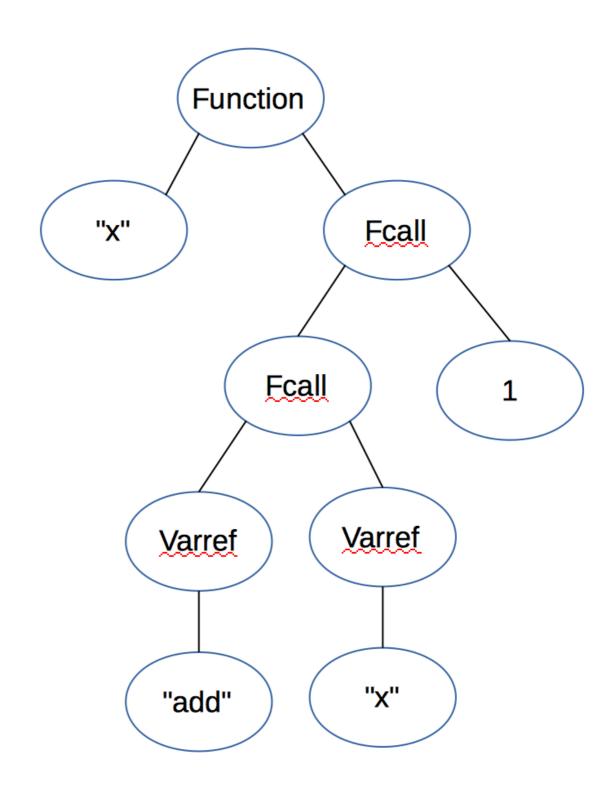
#### bin/ore\_script

```
#!/usr/bin/env ruby
require 'ore script'
# 1. Parse
tree = OreScript::Parser.new.parse(ARGF.read)
# 2. Type check
OreScript::TypeCheck.new.check(tree)
# 3. Execute
OreScript::Evaluator.new.eval(tree)
```

#### 1. OreScript::Parser

 Convert source code into a tree (parse tree)

$$fn(x){add(x)(1)}$$



# Parser library for Ruby

- racc gem
- treetop/parslet/citrus gem
- Write by hand
  - Recursive Descent Parsing
  - eg. https://github.com/yhara/esolang-booksources/blob/master/bolic/bolic.rb

#### racc gem

#### parser.ry:

```
expression : let
           | function
           | fcall
           | if
           | varref
           | literal
           | '(' expression ')'
let : VAR '=' expression
function : 'fn' '(' params ')' '{' expressions '}'
fcall: expression '(' args ')'
if : 'if' '(' expression ')' '{' expressions '}'
     'else' '{' expressions '}'
```

#### Result of parsing

#### bin/ore\_script

```
#!/usr/bin/env ruby
require 'ore_script'

# 1. Parse
tree = OreScript::Parser.new.parse(ARGF.read)
p tree
```

#### 3. OreScript::Evaluator

Walk the tree and do what is expected
 [:if, cond\_expr, then\_exprs, else\_exprs]

```
def eval_if(env, cond_expr, then_exprs, else_exprs)
  cond = eval_expression(env, cond_expr)
  case cond
  when Value::TRUE
    eval_expressions(env, then_exprs)
  when Value::FALSE
    eval_expressions(env, else_exprs)
  else
    raise "must not happen"
  end
end
```

#### bin/ore\_script

```
#!/usr/bin/env ruby
require 'ore_script'

# 1. Parse
tree = OreScript::Parser.new.parse(ARGF.read)
# 3. Execute
OreScript::Evaluator.new.eval(tree)
```

#### What happens if ...

```
f = fn(x){ add(x, 1) }
f(true) // !?
```

- Where's type inference?
- Why we wanted type inference
  - "Want to check types without type anottations"

# 2. OreScript::TypeCheck

```
#!/usr/bin/env ruby
require 'ore script'
# 1. Parse
tree = OreScript::Parser.new.parse(ARGF.read)
# 2. Type Check (Type Inference here)
OreScript::TypeCheck.new.check(tree)
# 3. Execute
OreScript::Evaluator.new.eval(tree)
```

# Type Inference = Type Check

```
f = fn(x){ is_odd(x) }
f(true) // !?

• f :: (1) → (2)
x :: (1)
```

- is\_odd :: Number → Bool
- Bool == (1)
   (1) == Number
   (2) == Bool
- : Bool == Number // !?

# Type Inference = Type Check

- Infer type before executing program
- If program has an error:
  - Bool == Number (unsatisfiable)
- Otherwise:
  - The program has consistent types (No contradiction detected)

#### **RECAP**

- bin/ore\_script
  - 1. Parse
  - 2. Type check (= Type inference)
  - 3. Execute

# Implementation of type inference

# Three classes for type

- Type::TyRaw
  - A type already known (Number, Bool, etc.)
  - 99 :: #<TyRaw "Number">
- Type::TyFun
  - Function type
  - f :: #<TyFun #<TyRaw "Number"> -> #<TyRaw "Bool">>
- Type::TyVar
  - A type not yet known
  - x :: #<TyVar (1)>
  - f :: #<TyVar (2)>

# Three steps (recap)

- 1. Assume types
- 2. Extract type equations
- 3. Resolve equations

#### Actual steps

- 1. Assume types
  - 2. Extract type equations
    - 3. Resolve equations
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  - 3. Resolve equations

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#### OreScript::TypeCheck#infer

```
def infer(env, node)
    end
tree = Parser.new.parse("99")
infer(..., tree)
#=> [...>, Ty(Number)]
tree = Parser.new.parse("f = fn(x){add(x)(1)}"))
infer(..., tree)
#=> [..., Ty(Number -> Number)]
```

#### OreScript::TypeCheck#infer

```
def infer(env, node)
 when :fcall
    result_type = TyVar.new
    s1, func_type = infer(env, func_expr)
    s2, arg_type = infer(env.substitute(s1), arg_expr)
    equation = Equation.new(
      func_type,
      TyFun.new(arg_type, result_type)
end
```

# TypeCheck.unify(\*equations)

- Pop one from equations
  - #<TyFun ty1 -> ty2> == #<TyFun ty3 -> ty4>
    - ty1 == ty3
    - ty2 == ty4
  - #<TyRaw "Number"> == #<TyRaw "Number">
    - just ignore
  - #<TyVar (1)> == #<TyRaw "Number">
    - Add (1) == "Number" to the answers
    - Replace (1) with #<TyRaw "Number"> in rest of the equations
- Repeat until all equations are removed

# Further topics

#### Downside of static type check

May reject "valid" program

#### let

```
let id = fn(x){ x } in
  id(99)
  id(true)
```

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# let-poly branch<sup>2</sup>

```
id = fn(x)\{x\} // id :: \forall(1). (1) \rightarrow (1) id(99) id(true)
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://github.com/yhara/rk2015orescript/tree/let-poly

# let-poly branch<sup>2</sup>

```
id = fn(x)\{x\} // id :: \forall (1). (1) \rightarrow (1)
id(99) // \leftarrowid here :: (2) \rightarrow (2)
id(true) // \leftarrowid here :: (3) \rightarrow (3)
```

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> https://github.com/yhara/rk2015orescript/tree/let-poly

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- 『アルゴリズムW入門』 (同人誌)
- 『Scala By Example』 chapter16
- Ibis (Type infrence written in JavaScript)

# Summary

- OreScript
  - Small language with type inference
  - Type check without type annotation
- Type inference (= type check)
  - Build type equeations
  - Resolve type equeations
- https://github.com/yhara/rk2015orescript