# FUN WITH TYPE FUNCTIONS

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#### Instance decl gives a "witness" for each method, matching the signature

plusInt	::	Int	->	Int	->	Int
mulInt	::	Int	->	Int	->	Int
negInt	::	Int	->	Int		

# Type classes

class Num a where
 (+), (\*) :: a -> a -> a
 negate :: a -> a

square :: Num a => a -> a square x = x\*x

instance Num Int where
 (+) = plusInt
 (\*) = mulInt
 negate = negInt

test = square 4 + 5 :: Int

# Generalising Num

plusInt :: Int -> Int -> Int plusFloat :: Float -> Float -> Float intToFloat :: Int -> Float

class GNum a b where
 (+) :: a -> b -> ???

instance GNum Int Int where
 (+) x y = plusInt x y

```
instance GNum Int Float where
  (+) x y = plusFloat (intToFloat x) y
test1 = (4::Int) + (5::Int)
```

test2 = (4::Int) + (5::Float)

Allowing more good programs

## Generalising Num

class GNum a b where
 (+) :: a -> b -> ???

Result type of (+) is a function of the argument types
SumTy is an

class GNum a b where
 type SumTy a b :: \*

SumTy is an associated type of class GNum

(+) :: a -> b -> SumTy a b

Each method gets a type signature

Each associated type gets a kind signature

# Generalising Num

class GNum a b where
 type SumTy a b :: \*
 (+) :: a -> b -> SumTy a b

Each instance declaration gives a "witness" for SumTy, matching the kind signature

instance GNum Int Int where type SumTy Int Int = Int (+) x y = plusInt x y

instance GNum Int Float where
 type SumTy Int Float = Float
 (+) x y = plusFloat (intToFloat x) y

# Type functions

class GNum a b where type SumTy a b :: \* instance GNum Int Int where type SumTy Int Int = Int :: \* instance GNum Int Float where type SumTy Int Float = Float

- SumTy is a type-level function
- The type checker simply rewrites
  - SumTy Int Int --> Int
  - SumTy Int Float --> Float whenever it can

But (SumTy t1 t2) is still a perfectly good type, even if it can't be rewritten. For example:

data T a b = MkT a b (SumTy a b)

### Eliminate bad programs

#### Simply omit instances for incompatible types

```
newtype Dollars = MkD Int
```

instance GNum Dollars Dollars where type SumTy Dollars Dollars = Dollars (+) (MkD d1) (MkD d2) = MkD (d1+d2)

-- No instance GNum Dollars Int

test = (MkD 3) + (4::Int) -- REJECTED!

# MAPS AND MEMO TABLES

- Consider a finite map, mapping keys to values
- Goal: the data representation of the map depends on the type of the key
  - Boolean key: store two values (for F,T resp)
  - Int key: use a balanced tree
  - Pair key (x,y): map x to a finite map from y to value; ie use a trie!
- Cannot do this in Haskell...a good program that the type checker rejects

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Optional value class Key k where for False data Map k :: \* -> \* empty :: Map k v lookup ::  $k \rightarrow Map \ k \ v \rightarrow M$ /be v ... insert, union, etc.... **Optional** value for True instance Key Bool where data Map Bool v = MB (Maybe v) (Maybe v) empty = MB Nothing Nothing lookup True (MB mt) = mt lookup False (MB mf ) = mf

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Boolean key: SUM

data Map Bool v = MB (Maybe v) (Maybe v)

Pair key (x,y): PRODUCT

data Map (a,b) v = MP (Map a (Map b v))

What about List key [x]: SUM of PRODUCT + RECURSION?

#### Lists

```
instance (Key a) => Key [a] where
data Map [a] v = ML (Maybe v) (Map (a,[a]) v)
empty = ML Nothing empty
lookup [] (ML m0 _) = m0
lookup (h:t) (ML _ m1) = lookup (h,t) m1
```

Note the cool recursion: these Maps are potentially infinite!

Can use this to build a trie for (say) Int toBits :: Int -> [Bit]

## Types with special maps

Easy to accommodate types with non-generic maps: just make a type-specific instance

```
instance Key Int where
    data Map Int elt = IM (Data.IntMap.Map elt)
    empty = IM Data.IntMap.empty
    lookup k (IM m) = Data.IntMap.lookup m k
```

```
module Data.IntMap where
  data Map elt = ...
  empty :: Map elt
  lookup :: Map elt -> Int -> Maybe elt
  ...etc...
```

#### Memo functions

- One way: when you evaluate (f x) to give val, add x -> val to f's memo table, by side effect.
- A nicer way: build a (lazy) table for all possible values of x

class Memo k where data Table k :: \* -> \* toTable :: (k->r) -> Table k r fromTable :: Table k r -> (k->r) memo :: Memo k => (k->r) -> k -> r memo f = fromTable (toTable f)

#### Memo tables for booleans

class Memo k where data Table k :: \* -> \* toTable :: (k->r) -> Table k r fromTable :: Table k r -> (k->r)

instance Memo Bool where data Table Bool w = TBool w w toTable f = TBool (f True) (f False) fromTable (TBool x y) b = if b then x else y

 Table contains (lazily) pre-calculated results for both True and False

## Memo tables for lists



## Making memo tables

As with Map, the memo table is infinite (second use of laziness)

class Memo k where data Table k :: \* -> \* toTable :: (k->r) -> Table k r fromTable :: Table k r -> (k->r)

#### Memo tables for Int (or Integer)

```
instance Memo Int where
  data Table Int w = TInt (Table [Bool] w)
```

```
toTable f = TInt (toTable (\bs ->
    f (bitsToInt bs)))
```

fromTable (TInt t) n = fromTable t (intToBits n)

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# Dynamic programming

```
fib :: Int -> Int
fib = fromTable (toTable fib')
where
fib' :: Int -> Int
fib' 0 = 1
fib' 1 = 1
fib' n = fib (n-1) + fib (n-2)
```

Recursive calls are to the memo'd function

# DATA PARALLEL HASKELL

#### Data Parallel Haskell

[:Double:] Arrays of pointers to boxed numbers are Much Too Slow [:(a,b):] Arrays of pointers to pairs are Much Too Slow

Idea! Representation of an array depends on the element type

#### Representing arrays [POPL05], [ICFP05], [TLD107]

```
class Elem a where
  data [:a:]
  index :: [:a:] -> Int -> a
```

instance Elem Double where data [:Double:] = AD ByteArray index (AD ba) i = ...

instance (Elem a, Elem b) => Elem (a,b) where data [:(a,b):] = AP [:a:] [:b:] index (AP a b) i = (index a i, index b i)



#### Nested arrays

#### We do not want this for [: [:Float:]:]



# The flattening transformation

- Concatenate sub-arrays into one big, flat array
- Operate in parallel on the big array
- Segment vector keeps track of where the sub-arrays are



- Possible to do by hand (and done in practice), but very hard to get right
- Blelloch showed it could be done systematically



concatP, segmentP are constant time And are important in practice

# **CONSTRAINT KINDS**

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instance Collection BalancedTree where insert = ...needs (>)...



#### Associated constraints!

type of the class

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instance Collection BalancedTree where
 type X BalancedTree a = (Ord a, Hashable a)
 insert = ...(>)...hash...

For balanced trees use (Ord,Hash)

#### Associated constraints!

Lovely because, it is simply a combination of
 Associated types (existing feature)
 Having Constraint as a kind

No changes at all to the intermediate language!

$$κ ::= * | κ → κ$$
  
| ∀k. κ | k  
| Constraint

# **BABY SESSION TYPES**



- addServer :: In Int (In Int (Out Int End)) addClient :: Out Int (Out Int (In Int End))
- Type of the process expresses its protocol
- Client and server should have dual protocols: run addServer addClient -- OK! run addServer addServer -- BAD!



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NB punning

#### **Baby session types**

data In v p = In  $(v \rightarrow p)$ data Out v p = Out v p data End = End

addServer :: In Int (In Int (Out Int End))
addServer = In (\x -> In (\y ->
 Out (x + y) End))

Nothing fancy hereaddClient is similar

## But what about run???



class Process p where
 type Co p
 run :: p -> Co p -> End

Same deal as before: Co is a type-level function that transforms a process type into its dual

#### Implementing run

class Process p where	data In $v p = In (v \rightarrow p)$
type Co p	data Out v p = Out v p
run :: $p \rightarrow Co p \rightarrow End$	data End = End

instance Process p => Process (In v p) where
 type Co (In v p) = Out v (Co p)
 run (In vp) (Out v p) = run (vp v) p

instance Process p => Process (Out v p) where
type Co (Out v p) = In v (Co p)
run (Out v p) (In vp) = run p (vp v)

Just the obvious thing really



# printf

- C: sprintf( "Hello%s.", name )
- Format descriptor is a string; absolutely no guarantee the number or types of the other parameters match the string.
- Haskell: (sprintf "Hello%s." name)??
  - No way to make the type of (sprintf f) depend on the value of f
  - But we can make the type of (sprintf f) depend on the type of f!

#### sprintf :: F f -> SPrintf f

#### Format descriptors

```
data F f where
 Lit :: String -> F L
 Val :: Parser val -> Printer val -> F (V val)
 Cmp :: F f1 -> F f2 -> F (f1 C f2)
data L
data V a
data C a b
type Parser a = String -> [(a,String)]
type Printer a = a -> String
int :: F (Val Int)
int = Val (...parser for Int...) (...printer for Int...)
```

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```

f\_ld = Lit "day" :: F L
f\_lds = Lit "day" `Cmp` Lit "s" :: F (L `C` L)
f\_dn = Lit "day " `Cmp` int :: F (L `C` V Int)
f\_nds = int `Cmp` Lit " day" `Cmp` Lit "s" :: F (V Int `C` L `C` L)

## What we'd like to say



FL	Well kinded
F (L `C` L)	Well kinded
F Int	Ill kinded
F (Int `C` L)	Ill kinded

# sprintf

#### Now we can write the type of sprintf:



No type classes here: we are just doing type-level computation



The `C` constructor suggests a (type-level) accumulating parameter

## Back to sprintf

sprintf :: F f -> SPrintf f
sprintf (f1 `Cmp` f2) = ???

- -- sprintf f1 :: Int -> Bool -> String (say)
- -- sprintf f2 :: Int -> String
- -- These don't compose!

# Back to sprintf

Use an accumulating parameter (a continuation), just as we did at the type level

#### Same format descriptors for scan

#### sscanf :: F f -> SScanf f

Same format descriptor Result type computed by a different type function (of course)

# EQUALITY CONSTRAINTS

# Equality predicates

```
class Coll c where
  type Elem c
  insert :: c -> Elem c -> c
```

```
instance Coll BitSet where
  type Elem BitSet = Char
  insert = ...
```

```
instance Coll [a] where
  type Elem [a] = a
  insert = ...
```

```
What is the type of union?
union :: Coll c => c -> c -> c
```

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- Elem is not injective



# Equality predicates

An equality predicate

union :: (Coll c1, Coll c2, Elem c1 ~ Elem c2) => c1 -> c2 -> c2 union c1 c2 = foldl insert c2 (elems c1)

insert :: Coll c => c -> Elem c -> c elems :: Coll c => c -> [Elem c]

#### The paper: more examples "Fun with type functions"

- Machine address computation add :: Pointer n -> Offset m -> Pointer (GCD n m)
- Tracking state using Hoare triples

acquire :: (Get n p ~ Unlocked) => Lock n -> M p (Set n p Locked) ()

Lock-state before

Lock-state after

- Type level computation tracks some abstraction of valuelevel computation; type checker assures that they "line up".
- Need strings, lists, sets, bags at type level

#### Summary

- Type families let you do type-level computation
- Data families allow the data representation to vary, depending on the type index
- They fit together very naturally with type classes. How else could you write f :: F a -> Int f x = ??? -- Don't know what F a is!
- Wildly popular in practice

# "Program correctness is a basic scientific ideal for Computer Science"

#### Theorem provers

Powerful, but

- Substantial manual assistance required
- PhD absolutely essential (100s of daily users)

Today's \_\_\_\_\_\_experiment

#### Type systems

Weak, but

- Automatically checked
- No PhD required (1000,000s of daily users)

- Types have made a huge contribution to this ideal
- More sophisticated type systems threaten both Happy Properties:
  - 1. Automation is harder
  - 2. The types are more complicated (MSc required)
- Some complications (2) are exactly due to ad-hoc restrictions to ensure full automation
- At some point it may be best to say "enough fooling around: just use Coq". But we aren't there yet
- Haskell is a great place to play this game

#### Equality predicates are nothing new

```
data F f where
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Cmp :: F f1 -> F f2 -> F (C f1 f2)
```

sprintf f = print f ( $\s -> s$ )

. . .

print :: F f -> (String -> a) -> TPrinter f a
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data F f where Lit :: (f ~ L) => String -> F f Val :: (f ~ V val) => ... -> F f Cmp :: (f ~ C f1 f2) => F f1 -> F f2 -> F f

# Completely subsumes functional dependencies

#### class C a b | a->b, b->a where...

If I have evidence for (C a b), then I have evidence that F1 a ~ b, and F2 b ~ a

class (F1 a ~ b, F2 b ~ a) => C a b where type F1 a type F2 b