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Generic programming with the multirec library

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Why another generic programming library?



Overview

This talk:

- ▶ Generic programming with fixed points of datatypes
- ▶ Generalizing to families of datatypes
- ▶ Examples



Introduction: Generic programming, PolyP style, in Haskell



Idea

- ▶ Express (regular) functors as fixed points of functors (user).
- ▶ Use a limited set of combinators to build functors (library).
- ▶ Express the equivalence using a pair of conversion functions (user).
- ▶ Define functions (and datatypes) on the structure of functors (library).
- ▶ Enjoy generic functions on all the represented datatypes (user).



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Or in terms of the building blocks:

```
type PFEExpr = U
           :+: I
           :+: I :×: K Op :×: I
```



Regular functors

Combinators for regular functors:

data I $r = I r$
data $K a$ $r = K a$
data U $r = U$
data $(f :+ : g)$ $r = L (f r) \mid R (g r)$
data $(f : \times : g)$ $r = f r : \times : g r$



Converting between datatype and functor

```
fromExpr :: Expr → PFEExpr Expr
fromExpr One          = L U
fromExpr (Neg e)      = R (L (I e))
fromExpr (Bin e1 o e2) = R (R (I e1 :×: K o :×: I e2))
toExpr :: PFEExpr Expr → Expr
toExpr = ...
```



Functors are Haskell functors

```
class Functor f where
```

```
  map ::  $\forall a b. (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (f a \rightarrow f b)$ 
```



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instance Functor I **where**

map φ (I r) = I (φ r)

instance Functor (K a) **where**

map φ (K a) = K a

instance Functor U **where**

map φ U = U

instance (Functor f, Functor g) \Rightarrow Functor (f :+: g) **where**

map φ (L f) = L (map φ f)

map φ (R g) = R (map φ g)

instance (Functor f, Functor g) \Rightarrow Functor (f : \times : g) **where**

map φ (f : \times : g) = map φ f : \times : map φ g



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Expressions:

```
type instance PF Expr = PFExpr
```

```
instance Regular Expr where
```

```
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```

```
  to   = toExpr
```



Fixed points

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Fold, unfold and compos, generically:

$\text{fold} :: \text{Regular } a \Rightarrow (\text{PF } a \ r \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow r)$

$\text{fold } \varphi = \varphi \circ \text{map } (\text{fold } \varphi) \circ \text{from}$

$\text{unfold} :: \text{Regular } a \Rightarrow (r \rightarrow \text{PF } a \ r) \rightarrow (r \rightarrow a)$

$\text{unfold } \varphi = \text{to} \circ \text{map } (\text{unfold } \varphi) \circ \varphi$

$\text{compos} :: \text{Regular } a \Rightarrow (a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow a)$

$\text{compos } \varphi = \text{to} \circ \text{map } \varphi \circ \text{from}$



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- ▶ define PF and $Regular$ instances (can be done using Template Haskell).



Generalizing to families of mutually recursive datatypes



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$$\text{Fix}_{2,0} : (* \rightarrow * \rightarrow *) \rightarrow (* \rightarrow * \rightarrow *) \rightarrow *$$

$$\text{Fix}_{2,1} : (* \rightarrow * \rightarrow *) \rightarrow (* \rightarrow * \rightarrow *) \rightarrow *$$

$$\text{Fix}_{2,0} f_0 f_1 = f_0 (\text{Fix}_{2,0} f_0 f_1) \quad (\text{Fix}_{2,1} f_0 f_1)$$

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$$\text{Fix}_{2,0} (f_0, f_1) = f_0 \quad (\text{Fix}_{2,0} (f_0, f_1)) \quad (\text{Fix}_{2,1} (f_0, f_1))$$

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 $*$

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$\text{Fix}_2 : (* \times * \rightarrow *) \times$
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$\text{Fix}_2 (f_0, f_1) = (f_0 (\text{fst} (\text{Fix}_2 (f_0, f_1))) (\text{snd} (\text{Fix}_2 (f_0, f_1))),$
 $f_1 (\text{fst} (\text{Fix}_2 (f_0, f_1))) (\text{snd} (\text{Fix}_2 (f_0, f_1))))$

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$*^2$

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$\text{Fix}_2 : (2 \rightarrow (2 \rightarrow *) \rightarrow *) \rightarrow$

$(2 \rightarrow *)$

$\text{Fix}_2 f n = f n (\text{Fix} f)$

$\text{Fix}_n : ?$



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$\text{Fix}_2 f n = f (\text{Fix} f) n$

$\text{Fix}_n : ((n \rightarrow *) \rightarrow (n \rightarrow *)) \rightarrow (n \rightarrow *)$



Generalizing fixed points

Before:

| $\text{Fix} : (* \rightarrow *) \rightarrow *$

Now:

| $\text{Fix}_n : ((n \rightarrow *) \rightarrow (n \rightarrow *)) \rightarrow (n \rightarrow *)$

How to encode n in Haskell?



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Corresponding index GADT:

```
data ExprOp :: *ExprOp → * where
  Expr :: ExprOp Expr
  Op   :: ExprOp Op
```

We can use $*_{\text{ExprOp}}$ instead of 2.



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```
data PFEExprOp' :: (*ExprOp → *) → *ExprOp → *where
  PFOne :: PFEExprOp' r Expr
  PFNeg :: r Expr → PFEExprOp' r Expr
  PFBin :: r Expr → r Op → r Expr → PFEExprOp' r Expr
  PFAdd :: PFEExprOp' r Op
  PFMul :: PFEExprOp' r Op
  PFInfix :: r Expr → PFEExprOp' r Op
```



The plan now

Generalize ...

- ▶ ... the functor combinators U , K , I , $:+:$, $:×:$.
- ▶ ... the type family PF and the class $Regular$ for the conversion functions from and to.
- ▶ ... the class $Functor$.



Indexed functor combinators

Most combinators are simply lifted from $* \rightarrow *$ to $(*_{\varphi} \rightarrow *) \rightarrow (*_{\varphi} \rightarrow *)$:

data K a (r :: $*_{\varphi} \rightarrow *$) ix = K a

data U (r :: $*_{\varphi} \rightarrow *$) ix = U

data (f :+ : g) (r :: $*_{\varphi} \rightarrow *$) ix = L (f r ix) | R (g r ix)

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Recursive positions change the index:

data l xi r ix = l (r xi)

Tags filter according to the selected index:

data (f :▷ : xi) r ix **where**
Tag :: f r xi → (f :▷ : xi) r xi



Expressing the example family

```
data Expr = One
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```

```
type PFEExprOp = ( U
                   :+: I Expr
                   :+: I Expr :×: I Op :×: I Expr
                   ) :▷: Expr
                   :+:
                   ( U
                   :+: U
                   :+: I Expr
                   ) :▷: Op
```



Generalizing PF and Regular

Before:

```
type family PF a :: * → *
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```

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Now:

```
type family PF  $\varphi$  :: (* $\varphi$  → *) → (* $\varphi$  → *)  
class (HFunctor  $\varphi$  (PF  $\varphi$ )) ⇒ Fam  $\varphi$  where  
  from ::  $\varphi$  ix → ix → PF  $\varphi$  I* ix  
  to   ::  $\varphi$  ix → PF  $\varphi$  I* ix → ix  
newtype I* x = I* x
```

The φ ix serves as a proof that ix is in φ .



Instances for the example family

```
type instance PF ExprOp = PFExprOp
```

```
instance Fam ExprOp where
```

```
  from = fromExprOp
```

```
  to   = toExprOp
```

The conversions are straight-forward and uninteresting.

All this can be generated using Template Haskell.



Generalizing Functor

```
class HFunctor  $\varphi$  f where
```

```
  hmap ::  $\forall r r' ix.$ 
```

```
    ( $\forall ix. \varphi ix \rightarrow r ix \rightarrow r' ix$ )  $\rightarrow$   
    f r ix  $\rightarrow$  f r' ix
```



Functor instances

Most instances are uninteresting:

instance HFunctor φ U **where**

$\text{hmap } f \text{ U} = \text{U}$

instance HFunctor φ (K a) **where**

$\text{hmap } f \text{ (K } x) = \text{K } x$

instance (HFunctor φ f, HFunctor φ g) \Rightarrow
HFunctor φ (f :+ g) **where**

$\text{hmap } f \text{ (L } x) = \text{L (hmap } f \text{ } x)$

$\text{hmap } f \text{ (R } x) = \text{R (hmap } f \text{ } x)$

instance (HFunctor φ f, HFunctor φ g) \Rightarrow
HFunctor φ (f : \times g) **where**

$\text{hmap } f \text{ (} x \text{ :} \times \text{ } y) = \text{hmap } f \text{ } x \text{ :} \times \text{ hmap } f \text{ } y$



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Tags are simple as well. Filtering does not interact with mapping:

```
instance HFunctor  $\varphi$  f  $\Rightarrow$  HFunctor  $\varphi$  (f :▷: ix) where  
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```



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For recursive calls, we have to change the index:

```
instance (El  $\varphi$  xi)  $\Rightarrow$  HFunctor  $\varphi$  (I xi) where  
  hmap f (I x) = I (f proof x)
```

The constraint $\text{El } \varphi \text{ xi}$ is a class-version of a φ ix:

```
class El  $\varphi$  ix where  
  proof ::  $\varphi$  ix  
instance El ExprOp Expr where proof = Expr  
instance El ExprOp Op where proof = Op
```



Fixed points and fold

data HFix f ix = HIn { hout :: f (HFix f) ix }

Fold, unfold and compos, generically:

fold :: $\forall \varphi r ix. Fam \varphi \Rightarrow$

$(\forall ix. \varphi ix \rightarrow PF \varphi r ix \rightarrow r ix) \rightarrow (\varphi ix \rightarrow ix \rightarrow r ix)$

fold $\varphi p = \varphi p \circ hmap (\lambda p (I_* x) \rightarrow fold \varphi p x) \circ from p$

unfold :: $\forall \varphi r ix. Fam \varphi \Rightarrow$

$(\forall ix. \varphi ix \rightarrow r ix \rightarrow PF \varphi r ix) \rightarrow (\varphi ix \rightarrow r ix \rightarrow ix)$

unfold $\varphi p = to p \circ hmap (\lambda p x \rightarrow I_* (unfold \varphi p x)) \circ \varphi p$

compos :: $\forall \varphi ix. Fam \varphi \Rightarrow$

$(\forall ix. \varphi ix \rightarrow ix \rightarrow ix) \rightarrow (\varphi ix \rightarrow ix \rightarrow ix)$

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Applications



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- ▶ Standard examples: equality, show (the latter needs constructor info).
- ▶ Type-indexed datatypes: convenient algebras for folds, the zipper.
- ▶ Others: generic rewriting (used in exercise assistants), generic selections.



Zipper: locations and contexts

A location is a position of type ix paired with a path of contexts up to the root:

```
data Loc :: (* $\varphi$   $\rightarrow$  *)  $\rightarrow$  (* $\varphi$   $\rightarrow$  *)  $\rightarrow$  * $\varphi$   $\rightarrow$  * where  
  Loc ::  $\forall \varphi$  a r ix. (Fam  $\varphi$ , Zipper  $\varphi$  (PF  $\varphi$ ))  $\Rightarrow$   
     $\varphi$  ix  $\rightarrow$  r ix  $\rightarrow$  Ctxs  $\varphi$  ix r a  $\rightarrow$  Loc  $\varphi$  r a
```

A path of contexts is either empty, or it adds a layer.

```
data Ctxs :: (* $\varphi$   $\rightarrow$  *)  $\rightarrow$  * $\varphi$   $\rightarrow$  (* $\varphi$   $\rightarrow$  *)  $\rightarrow$  * $\varphi$   $\rightarrow$  * where  
  Empty ::  $\forall$  a r. Ctxs  $\varphi$  a r a  
  Push ::  $\forall \varphi$  ix a b r.  
     $\varphi$  ix  $\rightarrow$  Ctx (PF  $\varphi$ ) b r ix  $\rightarrow$  Ctxs  $\varphi$  ix r a  $\rightarrow$   
    Ctxs  $\varphi$  b r a
```



Context layers

| **data family** $\text{Ctx } f :: *_{\varphi} \rightarrow (*_{\varphi} \rightarrow *) \rightarrow *_{\varphi} \rightarrow *$

There are no recursive positions in constant types:

| **data instance** $\text{Ctx } (\text{K } a) \text{ b r i x}$

| **data instance** $\text{Ctx } \text{U b r i x}$

In a sum, we can only move to the value that is given:

| **data instance** $\text{Ctx } (f :+ : g) \text{ b r i x} = \text{CL } (\text{Ctx } f \text{ b r i x})$
| $\text{CR } (\text{Ctx } g \text{ b r i x})$

In a product, we can move to the left or the right component:

| **data instance** $\text{Ctx } (f : \times : g) \text{ b r i x} = \text{C1 } (\text{Ctx } f \text{ b r i x}) (g \text{ r i x})$
| $\text{C2 } (f \text{ r i x}) (\text{Ctx } g \text{ b r i x})$



Context layers, tags and recursion

A recursive position determines the type of the hole:

| **data instance** $\text{Ctx } (l \text{ xi}) \text{ b r ix} = \text{Cld } (b ::= \text{xi})$

Tags fix the index of the context:

| **data instance** $\text{Ctx } (f : \triangleright : \text{xi}) \text{ b r ix} = \text{CTag } (\text{ix} ::= \text{xi}) (\text{Ctx } f \text{ b r ix})$



Putting it all together

The class

```
class Fam  $\varphi \Rightarrow$  Zipper  $\varphi$  f
```

defines navigation functions referring to Ctx.

On top of that, derived navigation functions working on Loc are defined:

```
enter :: Zipper  $\varphi$  (PF  $\varphi$ )  $\Rightarrow$   $\varphi$  ix  $\rightarrow$  ix  $\rightarrow$  Loc  $\varphi$  l* ix  
down :: Loc  $\varphi$  l* ix  $\rightarrow$  Maybe (Loc  $\varphi$  l* ix)  
up    :: Loc  $\varphi$  l* ix  $\rightarrow$  Maybe (Loc  $\varphi$  l* ix)  
right :: Loc  $\varphi$  l* ix  $\rightarrow$  Maybe (Loc  $\varphi$  l* ix)  
left  :: Loc  $\varphi$  l* ix  $\rightarrow$  Maybe (Loc  $\varphi$  l* ix)
```

Plus functions to update and exit.



Conclusions

- ▶ Using a fixed-point view for Haskell generic functions is possible even if multiple datatypes are involved.
- ▶ Code is available: multirec-0.3, zipper-0.2 on Hackage.
- ▶ Future work: parameterized datatypes (mostly done), functor composition (some ideas), benchmarking, more applications.

