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A Formal Comparison of Approaches to Datatype-Generic Programming

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We intend to change this.



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- ▶ `instant-generics`: coinductive approach with recursive codes



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Regular—universe

module Regular **where**

data Code : Set **where**

U : Code

I : Code

$_ \oplus _$: (F G : Code) \rightarrow Code

$_ \otimes _$: (F G : Code) \rightarrow Code



Regular—interpretation

$\llbracket _ \rrbracket : \text{Code} \rightarrow (\text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set})$

$\llbracket \text{U} \rrbracket A = \top$

$\llbracket \text{I} \rrbracket A = A$

$\llbracket F \oplus G \rrbracket A = \llbracket F \rrbracket A \uplus \llbracket G \rrbracket A$

$\llbracket F \otimes G \rrbracket A = \llbracket F \rrbracket A \times \llbracket G \rrbracket A$

data μ (F : Code) : Set where

$\langle _ \rangle : \llbracket F \rrbracket (\mu F) \rightarrow \mu F$



Regular—map

$$\text{map} : \{A\ B : \text{Set}\} (F : \text{Code}) \\ \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow \llbracket F \rrbracket A \rightarrow \llbracket F \rrbracket B$$
$$\text{map } \mathbf{U} \quad f _ \quad = \mathbf{tt}$$
$$\text{map } \mathbf{I} \quad f\ x \quad = f\ x$$
$$\text{map } (F \oplus G) f (\mathbf{inj}_1\ x) = \mathbf{inj}_1 (\text{map } F\ f\ x)$$
$$\text{map } (F \oplus G) f (\mathbf{inj}_2\ x) = \mathbf{inj}_2 (\text{map } G\ f\ x)$$
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PolyP—universe

module PolyP where

data Code : Set where

U : Code

I : Code

P : Code

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$_ \otimes _$: (F G : Code) \rightarrow Code

$_ \odot _$: (F G : Code) \rightarrow Code



PolyP—interpretation

mutual

$\llbracket _ \rrbracket : \text{Code} \rightarrow (\text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set})$

$\llbracket \text{U} \rrbracket A R = \top$

$\llbracket \text{I} \rrbracket A R = R$

$\llbracket \text{P} \rrbracket A R = A$

$\llbracket F \oplus G \rrbracket A R = \llbracket F \rrbracket A R \uplus \llbracket G \rrbracket A R$

$\llbracket F \otimes G \rrbracket A R = \llbracket F \rrbracket A R \times \llbracket G \rrbracket A R$

$\llbracket F \odot G \rrbracket A R = \mu F (\llbracket G \rrbracket A R)$

data μ (F : Code) (A : Set) : Set **where**

$\langle _ \rangle : \llbracket F \rrbracket A (\mu F A) \rightarrow \mu F A$



PolyP—map

mutual

$\text{map} : \{A B R S : \text{Set}\} (F : \text{Code})$
 $\rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (R \rightarrow S) \rightarrow \llbracket F \rrbracket A R \rightarrow \llbracket F \rrbracket B S$

$\text{map } U \quad f g _ = tt$

$\text{map } I \quad f g x = g x$

$\text{map } P \quad f g x = f x$

$\text{map } (F \oplus G) f g (\text{inj}_1 x) = \text{inj}_1 (\text{map } F f g x)$

$\text{map } (F \oplus G) f g (\text{inj}_2 x) = \text{inj}_2 (\text{map } G f g x)$

$\text{map } (F \otimes G) f g (x, y) = \text{map } F f g x, \text{map } G f g y$

$\text{map } (F \odot G) f g \langle x \rangle = \langle \text{map } F (\text{map } G f g)$
 $\quad (\text{map } (F \odot G) f g) x \rangle$

$\text{pmap} : \{A B : \text{Set}\} (F : \text{Code})$

$\rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow \mu F A \rightarrow \mu F B$

$\text{pmap } F f \langle x \rangle = \langle \text{map } F f (\text{pmap } F f) x \rangle$



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Indexed functors—universe

module Indexed **where**

data Code (I : Set) (O : Set) : Set **where**

U : Code I O

I : I → Code I O

! : O → Code I O

$\underline{\oplus}$: (F G : Code I O) → Code I O

$\underline{\otimes}$: (F G : Code I O) → Code I O

$\underline{\odot}$: {M : Set} → (F : Code M O)

→ (G : Code I M) → Code I O

Fix : (F : Code (I \uplus O) O) → Code I O



Indexed functors—interpretation

Indexed : Set \rightarrow Set

Indexed I = I \rightarrow Set

mutual

$\llbracket _ \rrbracket_{ri} : \{ I O : \text{Set} \} \rightarrow \text{Code } I O \rightarrow \text{Indexed } I \rightarrow \text{Indexed } O$

$\llbracket U \rrbracket_{ri} = T$

$\llbracket I_j \rrbracket_{ri} = r_j$

$\llbracket !j \rrbracket_{ri} = i \equiv j$

$\llbracket F \oplus G \rrbracket_{ri} = \llbracket F \rrbracket_{ri} \uplus \llbracket G \rrbracket_{ri}$

$\llbracket F \otimes G \rrbracket_{ri} = \llbracket F \rrbracket_{ri} \times \llbracket G \rrbracket_{ri}$

$\llbracket F \odot G \rrbracket_{ri} = \llbracket F \rrbracket_{(\llbracket G \rrbracket_r) i}$

$\llbracket \text{Fix } F \rrbracket_{ri} = \mu F r i$

data $\mu \{ I O : \text{Set} \} (F : \text{Code } (I \uplus O) O)$

(r : Indexed I) (o : O) : Set **where**

$\langle _ \rangle : \llbracket F \rrbracket [r, \mu F r] o \rightarrow \mu F r o$



Indexed functors—map

$$\text{map} : \{I O : \text{Set}\} \{R S : \text{Indexed } I\} (F : \text{Code } I O) \\ \rightarrow R \Rightarrow S \rightarrow \llbracket F \rrbracket R \Rightarrow \llbracket F \rrbracket S$$
$$\text{map } U \quad f i _ \quad = \text{tt}$$
$$\text{map } (I j) \quad f i x \quad = f j x$$
$$\text{map } (!j) \quad f i x \quad = x$$
$$\text{map } (F \oplus G) f i (\text{inj}_1 x) = \text{inj}_1 (\text{map } F f i x)$$
$$\text{map } (F \oplus G) f i (\text{inj}_2 x) = \text{inj}_2 (\text{map } G f i x)$$
$$\text{map } (F \otimes G) f i (x, y) = \text{map } F f i x, \text{map } G f i y$$
$$\text{map } (F \odot G) f i x = \text{map } F (\text{map } G f) i x$$
$$\text{map } (\text{Fix } F) f i \langle x \rangle = \langle \text{map } F (f \parallel \text{map } (\text{Fix } F) f) i x \rangle$$

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Indexed functors—map

$$_ \rightrightarrows _ : \{I : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow \text{Indexed } I \rightarrow \text{Indexed } I \rightarrow \text{Set}$$
$$R \rightrightarrows S = (i : _) \rightarrow R\ i \rightarrow S\ i$$
$$_ \parallel _ : \{I\ J : \text{Set}\} \{A\ C : \text{Indexed } I\} \{B\ D : \text{Indexed } J\}$$
$$\rightarrow A \rightrightarrows C \rightarrow B \rightrightarrows D \rightarrow [A, B] \rightrightarrows [C, D]$$
$$\text{map} : \{I\ O : \text{Set}\} \{R\ S : \text{Indexed } I\} (F : \text{Code } I\ O)$$
$$\rightarrow R \rightrightarrows S \rightarrow \llbracket F \rrbracket R \rightrightarrows \llbracket F \rrbracket S$$
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Instant generics—universe

```
module InstantGenerics where
```

```
  mutual
```

```
    data Code : Set where
```

```
      U      :                               Code
```

```
      K      : Set                            → Code
```

```
      R      : ∞ Code                        → Code
```

```
      _⊕_    : Code → Code → Code
```

```
      _⊗_    : Code → Code → Code
```



Instant generics—interpretation

data $\llbracket _ \rrbracket$: Code \rightarrow Set where

tt : $\llbracket U \rrbracket$
k : { A : Set } \rightarrow A \rightarrow $\llbracket K A \rrbracket$
rec : { C : ∞ Code } \rightarrow $\llbracket b C \rrbracket$ \rightarrow $\llbracket R C \rrbracket$
inl : { C D : Code } \rightarrow $\llbracket C \rrbracket$ \rightarrow $\llbracket C \oplus D \rrbracket$
inr : { C D : Code } \rightarrow $\llbracket D \rrbracket$ \rightarrow $\llbracket C \oplus D \rrbracket$
, : { C D : Code } \rightarrow $\llbracket C \rrbracket \rightarrow$ $\llbracket D \rrbracket \rightarrow$ $\llbracket C \otimes D \rrbracket$



Instant generics—sample generic function

Coinductive codes do not naturally define functors. We show an example generic function:

$$\text{size} : (A : \text{Code}) \rightarrow \llbracket A \rrbracket \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

$$\text{size } U \quad x \quad = 1$$

$$\text{size } (K A) \quad (k x) \quad = 1$$

$$\text{size } (R C) \quad (\text{rec } x) \quad = 1 + \text{size } (b C) x$$

$$\text{size } (A \oplus B) \quad (\text{inl } x) \quad = \text{size } A x$$

$$\text{size } (A \oplus B) \quad (\text{inr } x) \quad = \text{size } B x$$

$$\text{size } (A \otimes B) \quad (x, y) \quad = \text{size } A x + \text{size } B y$$



Encoding datatypes

module Example where

data List (A : Set) : Set where

nil : List A

cons : A → List A → List A

ListC_p : Code_p

ListC_p = U_p ⊕_p P_p ⊗_p I_p

ListC_i : Code_i T T

ListC_i = Fix_i (U_i ⊕_i (I_i (inj₁ tt)) ⊗_i (I_i (inj₂ tt))))

ListC_{ig} : Code_{ig} → Code_{ig}

ListC_{ig} A = U_{ig} ⊕_{ig} (A ⊗_{ig} (R_{ig} (# (ListC_{ig} A))))



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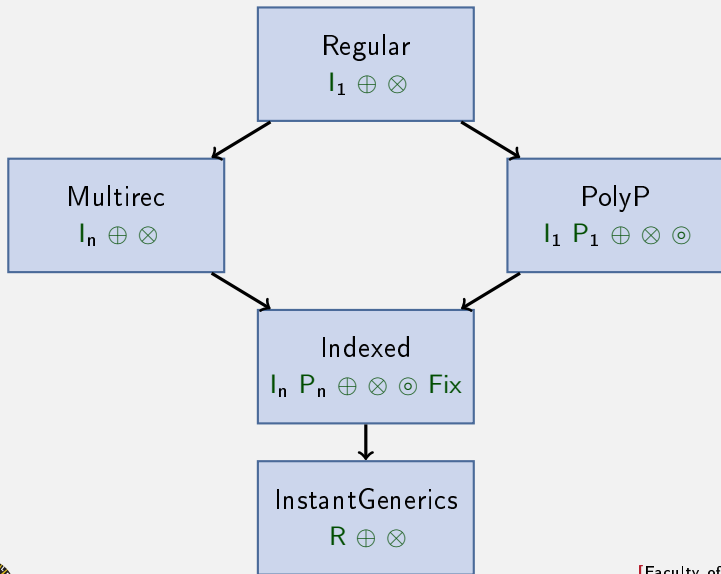
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Regular to PolyP I

Code conversion:

$$\uparrow^P : \text{Code}_r \rightarrow \text{Code}_p$$

$$\uparrow^P U_r = U_p$$

$$\uparrow^P I_r = I_p$$

$$\uparrow^P (F \oplus_r G) = (\uparrow^P F) \oplus_p (\uparrow^P G)$$

$$\uparrow^P (F \otimes_r G) = (\uparrow^P F) \otimes_p (\uparrow^P G)$$



Regular to PolyP II

Value conversion (one direction):

$$\text{from}_r : \{A \text{ R} : \text{Set}\} (C : \text{Code}_r) \rightarrow \llbracket C \rrbracket_r \text{ R} \rightarrow \llbracket \uparrow^p C \rrbracket_p \text{ A R}$$

$$\text{from}_r \text{ U}_r = \text{id}$$

$$\text{from}_r \text{ I}_r = \text{id}$$

$$\text{from}_r (F \oplus_r G) = [\text{inj}_1 \circ \text{from}_r F, \text{inj}_2 \circ \text{from}_r G]$$

$$\text{from}_r (F \otimes_r G) = \langle \text{from}_r F \circ \text{proj}_1, \text{from}_r G \circ \text{proj}_2 \rangle$$

$$\text{from}_{\mu_r} : \{A : \text{Set}\} (C : \text{Code}_r) \rightarrow \mu_r C \rightarrow \mu_p (\uparrow^p C) \text{ A}$$

$$\text{from}_{\mu_r} C \langle x \rangle_r = \langle \text{from}_r C (\text{map}_r C (\text{from}_{\mu_r} C) x) \rangle_p$$



Regular to PolyP III

Isomorphism proof (one direction):

$$\text{iso}_1 : \{A R : \text{Set}\} (C : \text{Code}_r) \{x : \llbracket C \rrbracket_r R\} \\ \rightarrow \text{to}_r \{A\} C (\text{from}_r C x) \equiv x$$

$$\text{iso}_1 U_r = \text{refl}$$

$$\text{iso}_1 I_r = \text{refl}$$

$$\text{iso}_1 (F \oplus_r G) \{\text{inj}_1 _ \} = \text{cong inj}_1 (\text{iso}_1 F)$$

$$\text{iso}_1 (F \oplus_r G) \{\text{inj}_2 _ \} = \text{cong inj}_2 (\text{iso}_1 G)$$

$$\text{iso}_1 (F \otimes_r G) \{ _ , _ \} = \text{cong}_2 _ , _ (\text{iso}_1 F) (\text{iso}_1 G)$$



Regular to PolyP IV

$$\text{iso}\mu_1 : \{A : \text{Set}\} (C : \text{Code}_r) (x : \mu_r C) \\ \rightarrow \text{to}\mu_r \{A\} C (\text{from}\mu_r C x) \equiv x$$
$$\text{iso}\mu_1 \{A\} C \langle x \rangle_r = \text{cong } \langle _ \rangle_r \$ \text{begin} \\ \underline{\text{to}}_r \{A\} C (\underline{\text{map}}_p (\uparrow^p C) \text{id } (\text{to}\mu_r C) \\ (\text{from}_r C (\underline{\text{map}}_r C (\text{from}\mu_r C) x)))$$


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$$\equiv \langle \text{mc } \{A\} C \rangle$$
$$\text{map}_r C (\text{to}\mu_r \{A\} C)$$
$$(\text{to}_r \{A\} C (\text{from}_r C (\text{map}_r C (\text{from}\mu_r C) x)))$$


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$$\text{mc} : \{A R_1 R_2 : \text{Set}\} \{x : _ \} \{f : R_1 \rightarrow R_2\} (C : \text{Code}_r) \\ \rightarrow \text{to}_r \{A\} \{R_2\} C (\text{map}_p (\uparrow^P C) \text{id } f x) \equiv \text{map}_r C f (\text{to}_r C x)$$



Regular to PolyP V

$$\text{map}_r C (\text{to}_{\mu_r} \{A\} C) \\ (\underline{\text{to}_r} \{A\} C (\underline{\text{from}_r} C (\text{map}_r C (\text{from}_{\mu_r} C) x)))$$



Regular to PolyP V

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{map}_r C (\text{to}_{\mu_r} \{A\} C) \\ & \quad (\underline{\text{to}_r} \{A\} C (\underline{\text{from}_r} C (\text{map}_r C (\text{from}_{\mu_r} C) x))) \\ \equiv & \langle \text{cong} (\text{map}_r C (\text{to}_{\mu_r} \{A\} C)) (\text{iso}_1 C) \rangle \\ & \quad \underline{\text{map}_r} C (\text{to}_{\mu_r} \{A\} C) (\underline{\text{map}_r} C (\text{from}_{\mu_r} \{A\} C) x) \end{aligned}$$



Regular to PolyP V

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Regular to PolyP V

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PolyP to InstantGenerics

$\rho\uparrow^{ig} : \text{Code}_p \rightarrow \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Code}_{ig}$

$\rho\uparrow^{ig} C A = \rho\uparrow^{ig} \cdot C C A$ where

$\rho\uparrow^{ig} : \text{Code}_p \rightarrow \text{Code}_p \rightarrow \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Code}_{ig}$

$\rho\uparrow^{ig} \cdot C U_p \quad A = U_{ig}$

$\rho\uparrow^{ig} \cdot C I_p \quad A = R_{ig} (\# \rho\uparrow^{ig} \cdot C C A)$

$\rho\uparrow^{ig} \cdot C P_p \quad A = K_{ig} A$

$\rho\uparrow^{ig} \cdot C (F \oplus_p G) A = (\rho\uparrow^{ig} \cdot C F A) \oplus_{ig} (\rho\uparrow^{ig} \cdot C G A)$

$\rho\uparrow^{ig} \cdot C (F \otimes_p G) A = (\rho\uparrow^{ig} \cdot C F A) \otimes_{ig} (\rho\uparrow^{ig} \cdot C G A)$

$\rho\uparrow^{ig} \cdot C (F \odot_p G) A = R_{ig} (\# \rho\uparrow^{ig} \cdot F F \llbracket (\rho\uparrow^{ig} \cdot C G A) \rrbracket_{ig})$



Indexed to Instant Generics

$$\begin{aligned} \uparrow_{ig} : \{ | O : \text{Set} \} \\ \rightarrow \text{Code}_i | O \rightarrow (| \rightarrow \text{Set}) \rightarrow (O \rightarrow \text{Code}_{ig}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\uparrow_{ig} C r o = \uparrow_{ig} \cdot C (K_{ig} \circ r) \circ \text{where}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \uparrow_{ig} : \{ | O : \text{Set} \} \\ \rightarrow \text{Code}_i | O \rightarrow (| \rightarrow \text{Code}_{ig}) \rightarrow (O \rightarrow \text{Code}_{ig}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\uparrow_{ig} \cdot U_i \quad r o = U_{ig}$$

$$\uparrow_{ig} \cdot (|_i i) \quad r o = r i$$

$$\uparrow_{ig} \cdot (!_i i) \quad r o = K_{ig} (o \equiv i)$$

$$\uparrow_{ig} \cdot (F \oplus_i G) r o = (\uparrow_{ig} \cdot F r o) \oplus_{ig} (\uparrow_{ig} \cdot G r o)$$

$$\uparrow_{ig} \cdot (F \otimes_i G) r o = (\uparrow_{ig} \cdot F r o) \otimes_{ig} (\uparrow_{ig} \cdot G r o)$$

$$\uparrow_{ig} \cdot (F \odot_i G) r o = R_{ig} (\# \uparrow_{ig} \cdot F (\uparrow_{ig} \cdot G r) o)$$

$$\uparrow_{ig} \cdot (\text{Fix}_i F) r o = R_{ig} (\# \uparrow_{ig} \cdot F [r, \uparrow_{ig} \cdot (\text{Fix}_i F) r] o)$$



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Future work:

- ▶ Prove termination, remove `--type-in-type`
- ▶ Expand to other generic views

