

The Right *Kind* of Generic Programming

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C'	$:: (\text{Constructor } v) \Rightarrow \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \tau$	\rightarrow	$\llbracket (C (MC \ v \ \phi \ \rho) \ \alpha) \rrbracket \tau$
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$C' :: (\text{Constructor } v) \Rightarrow [[\alpha]] \tau$	$\rightarrow [[(C (MC v \phi \rho) \alpha)]] \tau$
$L' :: [[\alpha]] \tau$	$\rightarrow [[\alpha :+ \beta]] \tau$
$R' :: [[\beta]] \tau$	$\rightarrow [[\alpha :+ \beta]] \tau$
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Conceptual example:

$list_1, list_2 :: [[ListRep]] [Int]$
 $list_1 = L' U'$
 $list_2 = R' ((K' 0) \times' (I' []))$

Meta-information



Recall the type of C' :

$$C' :: (\text{Constructor } v) \Rightarrow [\alpha] \tau \rightarrow [(C (MC\ v\ \phi\ \rho)\ \alpha)] \tau$$

We encode meta-information at the type level:

```
data MetaCon = MC Symbol Fixity Bool
```

```
data Fixity   = Prefix | Infix Assoc Nat
```

```
data Assoc   = LeftAssoc | RightAssoc | NotAssoc
```

```
data Proxy  $\sigma$  = Proxy
```

```
class Constructor ( $v :: \text{Symbol}$ ) where
```

```
  conName :: Proxy v  $\rightarrow$  String
```

```
  conFixity :: Proxy v  $\rightarrow$  Fixity
```

```
  conFixity = const Prefix
```

```
  conIsRecord :: Proxy v  $\rightarrow$  Bool
```

```
  conIsRecord = const False
```

Conversions to/from the generic representation



We use a type class to define the representable types:

```
class Regular ( $\alpha :: \star$ ) where  
  type PF  $\alpha :: \text{Universe } \star$   
  from ::  $\alpha \rightarrow \llbracket \text{PF } \alpha \rrbracket \alpha$   
  to   ::  $\llbracket \text{PF } \alpha \rrbracket \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ 
```

The kind of the *PF* type family now clearly establishes that only representation types make up a valid representation.

This is how we can encode lists:

```
instance Regular [ $\alpha$ ] where  
  type PF [ $\alpha$ ] = (C (MC "[]" (Infix RightAssoc 5) False) U)  
                :+ (C (MC ":" Prefix False) ((K  $\alpha$ ) : $\times$ : I))  
  
  from [] = L' (C' U')  
  from (h : t) = R' (C' ( $\times$ ' (K' h) (I' t)))  
  
  to (L' (C' U')) = []  
  to (R' (C' ( $\times$ ' (K' h) (I' t)))) = h : t  
  
instance Constructor "[]" where conName _ = "[]"  
instance Constructor ":" where conName _ = ":"
```

Note the type-level symbols and naturals!

Let's now look at how to improve the *Typeable* class. The current situation:

```
data TypeRep  
class Typeable ( $\alpha :: \star$ ) where  
  typeOf ::  $\alpha \rightarrow \textit{TypeRep}$   
class Typeable1 ( $\phi :: \star \rightarrow \star$ ) where  
  typeOf1 ::  $\phi \alpha \rightarrow \textit{TypeRep}$ 
```

For *Maybe*, for example, we need two instances:

```
instance Typeable1 Maybe ...  
instance (Typeable  $\alpha$ )  $\Rightarrow$  Typeable (Maybe  $\alpha$ ) ...
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Functions for backwards compatibility:

```
typeOf ::  $\forall (\alpha :: \star)$ . Typeable  $\alpha \Rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow$  TypeRep  
typeOf _ = typeRep (Proxy :: Proxy  $\alpha$ )  
typeOf1 ::  $\forall (\phi :: \star \rightarrow \star)$ . Typeable  $\phi \Rightarrow \phi \alpha \rightarrow$  TypeRep  
typeOf1 _ = typeRep (Proxy1 :: Proxy  $\phi$ )
```

Kind-polymorphic SYB? I



The current situation:

newtype *Result* ($\alpha :: \star$) = *Result Int*

example :: $\forall \alpha. (\text{Data } \alpha, \text{Typeable } \alpha) \Rightarrow \text{Result } \alpha$

example = *general* 'ext₁' *maybe*₁ 'ext₀' *maybe*₀

where *general* :: *Result* α

general = *Result* 0

*maybe*₀ :: *Result* (*Maybe Int*)

*maybe*₀ = *Result* 1

*maybe*₁ :: $\forall \chi. \text{Result } (\text{Maybe } \chi)$

*maybe*₁ = *Result* 2

The *example* function returns:

- ▶ *Result* 0 when its type is instantiated to *Result Int*;
- ▶ *Result* 1 when its type is instantiated to *Result (Maybe Int)*;
- ▶ *Result* 2 when its type is instantiated to *Result (Maybe Char)*.

The adhoc extension functions rely on a number of primitives, one per kind:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ext}_0 &:: (\text{Typeable } (\alpha :: \star), \text{Typeable } (\beta :: \star)) \\ &\Rightarrow \phi \alpha \rightarrow \phi \beta \rightarrow \phi \alpha \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{ext}_1 &:: (\text{Data } \alpha, \text{Typeable}_1 \psi) \\ &\Rightarrow \phi \alpha \rightarrow (\forall \beta. \text{Data } \beta \Rightarrow \phi (\psi \beta)) \rightarrow \phi \alpha \end{aligned}$$

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gcast uses *typeOf*:

```
gcast :: (Typeable ( $\alpha :: \star$ ), Typeable  $\beta$ )  $\Rightarrow \phi \alpha \rightarrow \text{Maybe} (\phi \beta)$   
gcast x = r where  
  r = if typeOf (getArg x)  $\equiv$  typeOf (getArg (fromJust r))  
    then Just $ unsafeCoerce x  
    else Nothing  
getArg ::  $\phi \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$   
getArg =  $\perp$ 
```

dataCast₁ comes from the *Data* class:

```
class Data  $\alpha$  where  
  dataCast1 :: Typeable1  $\psi$   
               $\Rightarrow (\forall \beta. \text{Data } \beta \Rightarrow \phi (\psi \beta)) \rightarrow \text{Maybe} (\phi \alpha)$   
  dataCast1 _ = Nothing
```


Types of kind $\star \rightarrow \star$ define $dataCast_1$ to be $gcast_1$, which uses $typeOf_1$:

$$gcast_1 :: (Typeable_1 (\psi :: \star \rightarrow \star), Typeable_1 \psi') \\ \Rightarrow \phi (\psi \alpha) \rightarrow Maybe (\phi (\psi' \alpha))$$

$gcast_1 x = r$ **where**

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Can we collapse $gcast$, $gcast_1$, etc. into a single definition?

Using kind polymorphism:

$$\text{gcast} :: \forall (\alpha :: \kappa_1) (\beta :: \kappa_2) (\phi :: \kappa_1 \rightarrow \star) (\psi :: \kappa_2 \rightarrow \star). \\ (\text{Typeable } \alpha, \text{Typeable } \beta) \Rightarrow \phi \alpha \rightarrow \text{Maybe } (\psi \beta)$$

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$\text{getArg} :: \forall \phi \alpha. \phi \alpha \rightarrow \text{Proxy } \alpha$

$\text{getArg} = \perp$

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We can redefine *example* using the new *ext*:

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example = general 'ext' maybe0 'ext' maybe1  
where general :: Result  $\alpha$   
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... but unfortunately this example is not general enough. How can we inspect the input values?

The current approach:

```
class Generic  $\alpha$  where  
  type Rep  $\alpha$  ::  $\star \rightarrow \star$   
  from ::  $\alpha \rightarrow (\text{Rep } \alpha) \chi$   
  to    ::  $(\text{Rep } \alpha) \chi \rightarrow \alpha$   
  
class Generic1  $\phi$  where  
  type Rep1  $\phi$  ::  $\star \rightarrow \star$   
  from1 ::  $\phi \alpha \rightarrow \text{Rep}_1 \phi \alpha$   
  to1   ::  $\text{Rep}_1 \phi \alpha \rightarrow \phi \alpha$ 
```

Two classes, supporting only up to one parameter. Kind polymorphism to the rescue?

Encode also the list of parameters associated with a type:

```
class Generic ( $\alpha :: \star$ ) where  
  type Rep  $\alpha :: \text{Universe } \star$   
  type Es  $\alpha :: [\star]$   
  from ::  $\alpha \rightarrow \llbracket \text{Rep } \alpha \rrbracket (\text{Es } \alpha)$   
  to   ::  $\llbracket \text{Rep } \alpha \rrbracket (\text{Es } \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha$ 
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Possible universe and interpretation



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data [v :: Universe ★] (τ :: [★]) :: ★ where  
  U' :: [ U ] τ  
  K' :: α → [ (K α) ] τ  
  P' :: Nth τ v → [ (P v) ] τ  
  L' :: [ α ] τ → [ α :+ : β ] τ  
  R' :: [ β ] τ → [ α :+ : β ] τ  
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  L' :: [α] τ → [α :+ β] τ
  R' :: [β] τ → [α :+ β] τ
  ×' :: [α] τ → [β] τ → [α :× β] τ
```

We need a type-level lookup function on lists:

```
type family Natth (τ :: [★]) (v :: Nat) :: ★
type instance Natth (α : β) Ze = α
type instance Natth (α : β) (Su v) = Natth β v
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- ▶ Composition? . . .
 - ▶ We want to be able to *fmap* over parameters
 - ▶ It's easy when we only have one parameter
 - ▶ But what if we have two or three? E.g. composing `[]` with *Either*
 - ▶ We need more explicit control over how to “connect” inputs and outputs

Sledgehammer solution: indexed functors



Universe codes indexed by their input and output:

```
data Code  $\iota$   $o$  =  $Z$ 
  |  $U$ 
  |  $I$   $\iota$ 
  |  $!$  (Code  $\iota$   $o$ )  $o$ 
  | (Code  $\iota$   $o$ )  $:+$ : (Code  $\iota$   $o$ )
  | (Code  $\iota$   $o$ )  $:\times$ : (Code  $\iota$   $o$ )
  |  $\forall v$ . (Code  $v$   $o$ )  $:\cdot$ : (Code  $\iota$   $v$ )
  |  $\forall \iota'$ .  $I_X$  ( $\iota' \rightarrow \iota$ ) (Code  $\iota'$   $o$ )
  |  $\forall o'$ .  $O_X$  ( $o \rightarrow o'$ ) (Code  $\iota$   $o'$ )
  |  $\mu$  (Code (Sum  $\iota$   $o$ )  $o$ )
```

```
data Sum  $\alpha$   $\beta$  =  $L$   $\alpha$  |  $R$   $\beta$ 
```

data ($\llbracket \gamma :: \text{Code } \iota \circ \rrbracket$) :: $(\iota \rightarrow \star) \rightarrow (\circ \rightarrow \star)$ **where**

U'	::	$\llbracket U \rrbracket$	$\tau \circ$
L'	::	$\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \tau \circ$	$\rightarrow \llbracket \alpha :+ : \beta \rrbracket \tau \circ$
R'	::	$\llbracket \beta \rrbracket \tau \circ$	$\rightarrow \llbracket \alpha :+ : \beta \rrbracket \tau \circ$
\times'	::	$\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \tau \circ \rightarrow \llbracket \beta \rrbracket \tau \circ$	$\rightarrow \llbracket \alpha : \times : \beta \rrbracket \tau \circ$
C'	::	$\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket (\llbracket \beta \rrbracket \tau) \circ$	$\rightarrow \llbracket \alpha :: \beta \rrbracket \tau \circ$
I'	::	$\tau \iota$	$\rightarrow \llbracket (I \iota) \rrbracket \tau \circ$
$!$::	$\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \tau \circ$	$\rightarrow \llbracket (! \alpha \circ) \rrbracket \tau \circ$
I'_X	::	$\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket (FComp \tau \psi) \circ$	$\rightarrow \llbracket (I_X \psi \alpha) \rrbracket \tau \circ$
O'_X	::	$\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \tau (\phi \circ)$	$\rightarrow \llbracket (O_X \phi \alpha) \rrbracket \tau \circ$
μ'	::	$\llbracket \phi \rrbracket (Sum_1 \tau (\llbracket (\mu \phi) \rrbracket \tau)) \circ$	$\rightarrow \llbracket (\mu \phi) \rrbracket \tau \circ$

newtype $FComp \phi \psi \alpha = FComp \{ unFComp :: \phi (\psi \alpha) \}$

data $Sum_1 (\alpha :: \kappa_1 \rightarrow \star) (\beta :: \kappa_2 \rightarrow \star) :: Sum \kappa_1 \kappa_2 \rightarrow \star$ **where**

L_1	::	$\alpha \iota \rightarrow Sum_1 \alpha \beta (L \iota)$
R_1	::	$\beta \iota \rightarrow Sum_1 \alpha \beta (R \iota)$

Encoding lists



type $List_F = (U :+: ((I (L ())) : \times: (I (R ())))$
 $:: Code (Sum () () ())$

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data $Const \alpha \beta = Const \{ unConst :: \alpha \}$

$fromList :: [\alpha] \rightarrow [List_C] (Const \alpha) ()$

$fromList [] = \mu' (L' U')$

$fromList (x : xs) = \mu' (R' (\times' (I' (L_1 (Const x)))) (I' (R_1 (fromList xs))))$

$toList :: [List_C] (Const \alpha) () \rightarrow [\alpha]$

$toList (\mu' (L' U')) = []$

$toList (\mu' (R' (\times' (I' (L_1 (Const x)))) (I' (R_1 xs)))) = x : toList xs$

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So we reuse the encoding for lists, with composition:

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type $Rose_C = (\mu\ Rose_F\ ::\ Code\ ()\ ())$

$fromRose\ ::\ Rose\ \alpha \rightarrow \llbracket Rose_C \rrbracket\ (Const\ \alpha)\ ()$

$fromRose\ (Fork\ a\ as) =$

$\mu'\ (\times'\ (I'\ (L_1\ (Const\ a))))\ (C'\ (imap\ (I' \circ R_1 \circ fromRose \circ unConst)\ (fromList\ as))))$

$toRose\ ::\ \llbracket Rose_C \rrbracket\ (Const\ \alpha)\ ()\rightarrow Rose\ \alpha$

$toRose\ (\mu'\ (\times'\ (I'\ (L_1\ (Const\ a))))\ (C'\ as)) =$

$Fork\ a\ (toList\ (imap\ (Const \circ toRose \circ unR_1 \circ un\llbracket I \rrbracket)\ as))$

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To encode *Decl* we need to use reindexing:

```
data ASTI = ExprI | DeclI
type List↑AST = (OX List↑ASTO ListC :: Code () ASTI)
type DeclF = (((I (L ())) :×: (I (R ExprI)))) :+ : (List↑AST :∴: (I (R ExprI))))
           :: Code (Sum () ASTI) ASTI
```

The reindexing is performed by a type family:

```
type family  $List_{\uparrow AST_O}$  ::  $AST_I \rightarrow ()$ 
```

Unfortunately we cannot give any meaningful instances for this type family. To be able to match on the indices on the left we would need to declare it as follows:

```
type family  $List_{\uparrow AST_O}$  ( $o :: AST_I$ ) :: ()
```

But GHC requires type family applications to be fully saturated. . .

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Open questions:

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