

# Generic Programming With Dependent Types: III

Arity-generic programming

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$\text{zipn}$  :  $\forall \{A B\} \rightarrow (\text{List } A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$

$\text{zipn}\ n\ f = n (\text{repeat } f)$

Actually, no dependent types necessary

Entire example can be implemented in Haskell 98.

See Daniel Fridlender and Mia Indrika. Do we need dependent types? *Journal of Functional Programming*, 10(4):409–415, July 2000.

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- Haven't we seen something about arities before?

# Arity-indexed Generic Programming

Recall from last time:

## Kind-indexed type

$$\begin{aligned} \_ \langle \_ \rangle \_ &: \forall \{n : \mathbb{N}\} \\ &\rightarrow (\text{Vec Set } n \rightarrow \text{Set}) \rightarrow (k : \text{Kind}) \rightarrow \text{Vec } \llbracket k \rrbracket n \rightarrow \text{Set} \\ b \langle \star \rangle v &= b v \\ b \langle k_1 \Rightarrow k_2 \rangle v &= \\ &\{a : \text{Vec } \llbracket k_1 \rrbracket \_ \} \rightarrow b \langle k_1 \rangle a \rightarrow b \langle k_2 \rangle (v \circledast a) \end{aligned}$$

## Generator

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ngen} &: \forall \{n : \mathbb{N}\} \{b : \text{Vec Set } n \rightarrow \text{Set}\} \{k : \text{Kind}\} \rightarrow \\ &(\text{t} : \text{Ty } k) \rightarrow \text{ConstEnv } b \rightarrow \text{MuGen } b \rightarrow b \langle k \rangle (\iota \llbracket t \rrbracket) \end{aligned}$$

## Specific example: Repeat

Repeat : Vec Set 1  $\rightarrow$  Set

Repeat (A :: []) = A

grepeat : {k : Kind}  $\rightarrow$  (t : Ty k)  $\rightarrow$  Repeat < k > ( $\iota$  [ t ]) )

grepeat t = ngen t re ( $\lambda$  {As}  $\rightarrow$  rb {As}) **where**

re : ConstEnv Repeat

re Unit = tt

re Sum = g **where**

g : Repeat <  $\star \Rightarrow \star \Rightarrow \star$  > ( $\iota$  \_  $\uplus$  \_)

g {A :: []} ra {B :: []} rb = inj<sub>1</sub> ra

re Prod = g **where**

g : Repeat <  $\star \Rightarrow \star \Rightarrow \star$  > ( $\iota$  \_  $\times$  \_)

g {A :: []} ra {B :: []} rb = (ra,rb)

rb : MuGen Repeat

rb {A :: []} = roll

## Specific example: Map

Map : Vec Set 2  $\rightarrow$  Set

Map (A :: B :: []) = A  $\rightarrow$  B

gmap :  $\forall \{k : \text{Kind}\} \rightarrow (t : \text{Ty } k) \rightarrow \text{Map } \langle k \rangle (\iota \lfloor t \rfloor)$

gmap t = ngen t re rb **where**

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g : Map  $\langle \star \Rightarrow \star \Rightarrow \star \rangle (\iota \_ \uplus \_)$

g { \_ :: \_ :: [] } ra { \_ :: \_ :: [] } rb = map-sum ra rb

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g : Map  $\langle \star \Rightarrow \star \Rightarrow \star \rangle (\iota \_ \times \_)$

g { \_ :: \_ :: [] } ra { \_ :: \_ :: [] } rb = map-prod ra rb

rb :  $\forall \{As\} \rightarrow \text{Map } (As \circledast (\iota \mu \circledast As)) \rightarrow \text{Map } (\iota \mu \circledast As)$

rb { \_ :: \_ :: [] } =  $\lambda x y \rightarrow \text{roll } (x (\text{unroll } y))$

## Specific example: ZipWith

$ZW : Vec\ Set\ 3 \rightarrow Set$

$ZW (A :: B :: C :: []) = A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$

$gzipWith : \forall \{k\} \rightarrow (t : Ty\ k) \rightarrow ZW \langle k \rangle (\iota \lfloor t \rfloor)$

$gzipWith\ t = ngen\ t\ re\ rb$  **where**

$re : ConstEnv\ ZW$

$re\ Unit = \lambda x\ y \rightarrow x$

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$rb : \forall \{As\} \rightarrow ZW (As \circledast (\iota \mu \circledast As)) \rightarrow ZW (\iota \mu \circledast As)$

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Then define cases for constants and mu-coercion

```
ngmap : (n : ℕ) → {k : Kind} → (e : Ty k)
      → NGmap {n} ⟨ k ⟩ (ι [ e ])
ngmap n e = ngen e ngmap-const
          (λ {As} → ngmap-mu {n} {As})
```

## Unit case

```
defUnit : (n : ℕ) → NMap {n} ⟨★⟩ (ℓ T)
  -- (n : ℕ) → T → T → ... → T
defUnit zero    = tt
defUnit (suc n) = λ x → (defUnit n)
```

## Product case

```
defPair : (n : ℕ)
  → {As : Vec Set (suc n)} → NGmap As
  → {Bs : Vec Set (suc n)} → NGmap Bs
  → NGmap (ι _ × _ ⊗ As ⊗ Bs)
-- (n : ℕ) → (A1 → A2 → ... An)
-- → (B1 → B2 → ... Bn)
-- → (A1 × B1 → A2 × B2 → ... An × Bn)
defPair zero {A :: []} a {B :: []} b = (a,b)
defPair (suc n) {A1 :: A2 :: As} a {B1 :: B2 :: Bs} b =
λ p →
  defPair n {A2 :: As} (a (proj1 p))
    {B2 :: Bs} (b (proj2 p))
```

## Sum Case

```
defSum : (n : ℕ)
  → {As : Vec Set (suc n)} → NGmap As
  → {Bs : Vec Set (suc n)} → NGmap Bs
  → NGmap (ι _⊕_ ⊗ As ⊗ Bs)
defSum zero  {(A :: [])} a {B :: []} b =
  (inj₂ b)
defSum (suc n) {A₁ :: A₂ :: As} a {B₁ :: B₂ :: Bs} b = f
  where
    f : A₁ ⊕ B₁ → NGmap (ι _⊕_ ⊗ (A₂ :: As) ⊗ (B₂ :: Bs))
    f (inj₁ a₁) = defSum n {A₂ :: As} (a a₁) {B₂ :: Bs} (b error)
    f (inj₂ b₁) = defSum n {A₂ :: As} (a error) {B₂ :: Bs} (b b₁)
```

As long as all arguments are the same branch, we never need **error**.  
Note that because `defUnit` is not strict, we get the truncating behavior for lists.

## Iso-recursive coercion

$\text{MuGen} \quad : \{n : \mathbb{N}\} \rightarrow (\text{Vec Set } (\text{suc } n) \rightarrow \text{Set}) \rightarrow \text{Set}$   
 $\text{MuGen } \{b\} = \forall \{As\} \rightarrow b (As \otimes (\iota \mu \otimes As)) \rightarrow b (\iota \mu \otimes As)$

$\text{ngmap-mu} : \forall \{n\} \rightarrow \text{MuGen } \{n\} \text{NGmap}$   
 $\text{ngmap-mu } \{\text{zero}\} \{A :: []\} = \text{roll}$   
 $\text{ngmap-mu } \{\text{suc } n\} \{A_1 :: A_2 :: As\} = \lambda f x \rightarrow$   
     $\text{ngmap-mu } \{n\} \{A_2 :: As\} (f (\text{unroll } x))$

# Assemble

```
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## Examples

`repeat-ml` :  $\forall \{B\} \rightarrow B \rightarrow \text{List } B$   
`repeat-ml` = `ngmap 0 list`  $\{- :: []\}$

`map-ml` :  $\forall \{A_1 B\} \rightarrow (A_1 \rightarrow B) \rightarrow \text{List } A_1 \rightarrow \text{List } B$   
`map-ml` = `ngmap 1 list`  $\{- :: - :: []\}$

`zipWith-ml` :  $\forall \{A_1 A_2 B\} \rightarrow (A_1 \rightarrow A_2 \rightarrow B)$   
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`zipWith-ml` = `ngmap 2 list`  $\{- :: - :: - :: []\}$

`zipWith3-ml` :  $\forall \{A_1 A_2 A_3 B\} \rightarrow (A_1 \rightarrow A_2 \rightarrow A_3 \rightarrow B)$   
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- n-ary crushes, others

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## Why do this?

- Prototyping generic functions shows that they make sense
- Knowing the general definition in Agda helps to understand how to implement the specific definition in other languages/generic frameworks

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## What language features would make this more practical?

- Stronger type inference (canonical structures)
- Better specified type inference
- Better reflection support (Automatic datatype reps...)
- Compile-time specialization, partial evaluation or staging

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