

Functional Programming

Input/Output

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I/O Model

- how can I/O fit into the functional model?
- how about a function that reads in a value of the desired type from the input?
`inputInt :: Integer`
- breaks reasoning:
`inputDiff = inputInt - inputInt`
- any function might be affected:
`foo :: Integer -> Integer`
`foo n = inputInt + n`

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I/O Type

- new type: `IO a`
a program which will do some I/O and return a value of type `a`
- instead of:
`inputInt :: Integer`
- we have:
`inputInt :: IO Integer`
- no longer valid:
`inputInt - inputInt`
`inputInt + n`

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I/O Type

- if I/O doesn't produce a result: `IO ()`
- output:
`putStr :: String -> IO ()`
`putStrLn :: String -> IO ()`
- input:
`getLine :: IO String`

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Program Start

- entry point of the program: `main`

example: `Hello, world!`

```
main :: IO ()
main = putStrLn "Hello, world!"
```

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String Conversions

- convert a type to string: `show`
- convert a string to another type: `read`

examples

```
show 42    ~> "42"
```

```
show 3.14  ~> "3.14"
```

```
read "42"  :: Integer ~> 42
```

```
read "42"  :: Float   ~> 42.0
```

```
read "3.14" :: Float  ~> 3.14
```

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Action Sequences

- I/O consists of **actions** happening in a sequence
- create an action sequence: **do**
- small imperative programming language

```
do action1
  action2
  ...
```

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Sequence Example

print a string 4 times

```
put4times :: String -> IO ()
put4times str = do putStrLn str
                  putStrLn str
                  putStrLn str
                  putStrLn str
```

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Capturing Values

- capture value produced by the program: **<-**
- can only be used within the sequence

example: reverse and print the line read from the input

```
reverseLine :: IO ()
reverseLine = do line <- getLine
               putStrLn (reverse line)
```

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Local Definitions

- local definitions: **let**
- can only be used within the sequence

example: reverse two lines

```
reverse2lines :: IO ()
reverse2lines = do line1 <- getLine
                  line2 <- getLine
                  let rev1 = reverse line1
                  let rev2 = reverse line2
                  putStrLn rev2
                  putStrLn rev1
```

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Returning Values

- returning result of sequence: `return`

example: read an integer from the input

```
getInteger :: IO Integer
getInteger = do line <- getLine
              return (read line :: Integer)
```

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Recursion in Sequence

copy input to output indefinitely

```
copy :: IO ()
copy = do line <- getLine
        putStrLn line
        copy
```

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Conditional in Sequence

copy input to output a number of times

```
copyN :: Integer -> IO ()
copyN n = if n <= 0
           then return ()
           else do line <- getLine
                   putStrLn line
                   copyN (n - 1)
```

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Conditional in Sequence

copy until input line is empty

```
copyUntilEmpty :: IO ()
copyUntilEmpty = do line <- getLine
                   if line == ""
                       then return ()
                       else do putStrLn line
                               copyUntilEmpty
```

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Rock - Paper - Scissors

- two players repeatedly play Rock-Paper-Scissors

data types

```
data Move = Rock | Paper | Scissors
          deriving Show
```

```
type Match = ([Move], [Move])
```

```
-- moves in reverse order
-- ex: ([Rock, Rock, Paper], [Scissors, Paper, Rock])
```

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Outcome

outcome of one round

- A wins \mapsto 1, B wins \mapsto -1, tie \mapsto 0

```
outcome :: Move -> Move -> Integer
outcome mA mB = case (mA, mB) of
  (Rock,    Scissors) -> 1
  (Scissors, Rock)    -> -1
  (Paper,   Rock)     -> 1
  (Rock,    Paper)    -> -1
  (Scissors, Paper)   -> 1
  (Paper,   Scissors) -> -1
  _              -> 0
```

- exercise: determine the outcome of a match
matchOutcome ([Rock, Paper], [Paper, Scissors]) ~> -2

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String Conversions

convert a round in the game to string

```
showRound :: Move -> Move -> String
showRound mA mB = "A plays: " ++ show mA
                ++ ", B plays: " ++ show mB
```

- exercise: convert match result to string
showResult ([Rock, Paper], [Paper, Scissors])
~> "Player B wins by 2"
showResult ([Rock, Paper], [Paper, Rock])
~> "It's a tie"

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Strategies

- strategy: selects move based on previous moves of opponent
[Move] -> Move

always play the same move

```
rock, paper, scissors :: [Move] -> Move
rock    _ = Rock
paper   _ = Paper
scissors _ = Scissors
```

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Strategies

cycle through the options

```
cycle :: [Move] -> Move
cycle ms = case (length ms) `mod` 3 of
  0 -> Rock
  1 -> Paper
  2 -> Scissors
```

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Strategies

play whatever opponent played last

```
echo :: [Move] -> Move
echo [] = Rock
echo (latest:_) = latest
```

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Interactive Play

- player A: human
- player B: computer, plays echo

convert a character into a move

```
convertMove :: Char -> Move
convertMove c
  | c `elem` "rR" = Rock
  | c `elem` "pP" = Paper
  | c `elem` "sS" = Scissors
  | otherwise    = error "unknown move"
```

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Game Play

```
playRound :: Match -> IO ()
playRound match@(movesA, movesB) = do
  ch <- getChar
  putStrLn ""
  if ch == '.'
  then putStrLn (showResult match)
  else do let moveA = convertMove ch
          let moveB = echo movesA
          putStrLn (showRound moveA moveB)
          playRound (moveA : movesA, moveB : movesB)

playInteractive :: IO ()
playInteractive = playRound ([], [])
```

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Automatic Play

generate match: cycle versus echo

```
generateMatch :: Integer -> Match
generateMatch 0 = ([], [])
generateMatch n = step (generateMatch (n - 1))
  where
    step :: Match -> Match
    step (movesA, movesB) =
      (cycle movesB : movesA, echo movesA : movesB)
```

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References

Required Reading: Thompson

- Chapter 8: **Playing the game: I/O in Haskell**

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