Comp 311 Functional Programming

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Homework 1

- Please submit your homework via the turnin system, in a folder named hw_1
- The specific files to submit are defined in the assignments
- For each section, please turn in only your final program resulting from completion of the section
- Think about overflow!

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 These should be the only import statements in your program:

```
import junit.framework.TestCase
```

import junit.framework.Assert._

Type Checking

- So far, we have been rigorous about computation of programs, but we have relied on intuition for static type checking
- We can provide a static semantics for Core Scala along with our dynamic semantics

To type check a value v, replace v with its value type

$$1.003$$
 ⇒ Double

 To type check a constant c, reduce the defining expression of c to a static type T, then replace all occurrences of c with T

```
pi = 3.14 \Rightarrow
```

Double * radius * radius

- To type check a function definition:
 - Type check the body of the definition, replacing all occurrences of each parameter with the corresponding parameter type
- To type check the occurrence of a function name:
 - Replace the name with an arrow type, where the parameter types of the function are to the left of the arrow and the return type is to the right

```
square(x: Double): Double = x * x

square(3.14) \Rightarrow

(Double \Rightarrow Double)(3.14)
```

- To type check the application of a function to arguments:
 - Reduce the function to an arrow type
 - Reduce the arguments, left to right, to static types
 - If the argument types match the corresponding parameter types, reduce the application to the return type

```
square(3.14) \Rightarrow
```

```
(Double \rightarrow Double)(3.14) \Rightarrow
```

(Double → Double)(Double) ⇒

Double

Methods and Operators

 We refer to methods that take one parameter (in addition to the receiver) as binary methods

```
case class Coordinate(x: Int, y: Int) {
  def magnitude() = x*x + y*y

  def add(that: Coordinate) =
     Coordinate(x + that.x, y + that.y)
}
```

Coordinate(1,2).add(Coordinate(3,4))

 \rightarrow

Coordinate(4,6)

- With binary methods, we can elide the dot in a method call
- We can also elide the enclosing parentheses around the sole argument

Coordinate(1,2) add Coordinate(3,4)

 \rightarrow

Coordinate(4,6)

Operator Symbols

- Scala allows the use of operator symbols in method names
- In fact, operators are simply methods in Scala

$$1.+(2) \rightarrow 3$$

Coordinates Revisited

```
case class Coordinate(x: Int, y: Int) {
  def magnitude() = x*x + y*y

  def +(that: Coordinate) =
     Coordinate(x + that.x, y + that.y)
}
```

Coordinates Revisited

Requires Clauses on Class Constructors

```
case class Name(field1: Type1, ..., fieldN: TypeN)
   require (boolean-expression)
```

- Checked on every constructor call
- Because case class instances are immutable, this ensures the property holds for the lifetime of an instance

 The equals method on a case class instance checks for structural equality with its argument:

Rational(4,6).equals(Rational(4,6)) \rightarrow

true

 Note that equals is a binary method, and so we can also write this expression as:

Rational(4,6) equals Rational(4,6) \rightarrow

true

 Of course, the built in equals method does not check for mathematical equality:

Rational(4,6) equals Rational(2,3) →

false

- Why is this definition of equality acceptable on case classes?
- What other definition is available to us?

Rational(4,6) equals Rational(2,3) \rightarrow

false

Short-Circuiting And and Or Operators

 Just as we have defined a short-circuiting if-thenelse operator, we can define short-circuiting and/or operators:

&& ||

- How do we define the static and dynamic semantics of these operators?
- When are they useful?

Calling and Defining Parameterless Methods Without Parentheses

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Rational(4,6).toString()

VS.

Rational(4,6).toString

The Uniform Access Principle

- Client code should not be affected by whether an attribute is defined as a field or a method
 - Only applies to immutable methods
 - Can be strange even for some immutable methods (what are some examples?)

- Often, we wish to abstract over a collection of compound datatypes that share common properties
- For example, we might wish to define an abstract datatype for shapes, with separate case classes for each of several shapes
- For this purpose, we define an abstract class and use subclassing

```
abstract class Shape
```

case class Circle(radius: Double) extends Shape

case class Square(side: Double) extends Shape

case class Rectangle(height: Double, width: Double) extends Shape

Recall Our Design Recipe

- Analysis: What are the objects in the problem domain? What data types we will use to represent them?
- **Contract**: What is name of our functions and their parameters? What are the requirements of the data they consume and produce? What is the meaning of what our program computes?
- Repeat until we are confident in our program's correctness
 - Write some **tests**
 - Sketch a function template
 - **Define** the function

Recall Our Design Recipe

- Analysis: This is the stage where we would discover we wish to model our problem domain with functions over an abstract datatype
- **Contract**: What contract holds for each function? Do additional constraints and assurances hold for specific subclasses?
- Repeat until we are confident in our program's correctness
 - Write some tests: Same as before
 - Sketch a function **template**: This needs re-examination
 - **Define** the function

The Design Recipe for Abstract Datatypes

- Our Function Template for computing with abstract datatypes depends on answering the following questions:
 - Do I expect to eventually add more subclasses?
 - Do I expect to eventually add more functions?

Case 1

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Case 1: We Expect Few New Functions But Many New Variants

- This is a case that object-oriented programming handles well
- Classic example domains: GUI Programming, Productivity Apps, Graphics, Games
- Declare an abstract method in our superclass and provide a concrete definition for each sub-class

a.k.a.,

The Union Pattern (for the datatype definitions)

The Template Method Pattern (for the function definitions)

```
abstract class Shape {
  def area(): Double
}
```

```
case class Circle(radius: Double) extends Shape {
  val pi = 3.14

def area() = pi * radius * radius
}
```

Abstract Datatypes

```
case class Square(side: Double) extends Shape {
  def area() = side * side
}
```

Abstract Datatypes

```
case class Rectangle(length: Double, width: Double)
extends Shape {
  def area() = length * width
}
```

How Do Abstract Classes Affect Our Type Checking Rules?

- When type checking a class definition, ensure that all abstract methods declared in the superclass are actually defined, with *compatible* method types
- When type checking a collection of class definitions, ensure that there are no cycles in the class hierarchy!

How Do Abstract Classes Affect Our Type Checking Rules?

 If a method is called on a receiver whose static type is an abstract class, extract an arrow type from the declaration (just as with a definition in a concrete class)

```
expr.area() →
```

Shape.area() →

() → Double

Type Checking Arguments to a Method Call

 The static types of an argument might no longer be an exact match:

```
abstract class Shape {
  def area(): Double

  def makeLikeMe(that: Shape): Shape
}
```

(Let us set aside the concrete definitions of makeLikeMe for awhile)

Now Consider a Call to Matcher With Concrete Types

```
Circle(1).makeLikeMe(Circle(2)) ⇒
```

Circle.makeLikeMe(Circle) ⇒

(Shape → Shape)(Circle)

And now we are stuck...

Recall The Substitution Model of Type Checking

- To type check the application of a function to arguments:
 - Reduce the function to an arrow type
 - Reduce the arguments, left to right, to static types
 - If the argument types match the corresponding parameter types, reduce the application to the return type

Subtyping

- We need to widen our definition of matching a type to include subtyping:
- A class is a subtype of the class it extends
- Subtyping is Reflexive:

A <: A

Subtyping is Transitive:

If A <: B and B <: C then A <: C

Subtyping

- All types are a subtype of type Any
- Type Nothing is a subtype of all types
 - There is no value with value type Nothing

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Applying a Class Method Revisited

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- Reduce the receiver and arguments, left to right
- Reduce the body of m, replacing constructor parameters with constructor arguments and method parameters with method arguments

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• To reduce the application of a method:

- Reduce the receiver and arguments, left to right
- Find the body of m in C and reduce to that, replacing constructor parameters with constructor arguments and method parameters with method arguments

The Body of m

- To find the body of method m in type C:
 - Find the definition of m in the body of C, if it exists
 - Otherwise, find the body of m in the immediate superclass of C