Comp 311 Functional Programming

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Translating For Expressions

- It turns out that for expressions are translated to maps, flatMaps, and filters!
- Translation occurs before type checking
 - Why is this preferable?
- We start by considering only for expressions with generators that bind simple names (no patterns)

Translating For Expressions With A Single Generator

Translating For Expressions With a Generator and a Filter

```
for (x <- expr1 if expr2) yield expr3 \mapsto for (x <- expr1 withFilter (x => expr2)) yield expr3
```

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```
for (x <- expr1 if expr2) yield expr3

for (x <- expr1 withFilter (x => expr2)) yield expr3

expr1 withFilter (x => expert) map (x => expr3)
```

For now, read this as "filter". We will return to it.

Translating For Expressions Starting With a Generator and a Filter

```
for (x <- expr1 if expr2; seq) yield expr3

→
for (x <- expr1 withFilter (x => expr2); seq)
  yield expr3
```

Translating For Expressions Starting With Two Generators

Translating For Expressions Example

```
for (b1 <- books; b2 <- books if b1 != b2;
    a1 <- b1.authors; a2 <- b2.authors if a1 == a2)
yield a1

→
books flatMap (b1 =>
    books withFilter (b2 => b1 != b2) flatMap (b2 =>
    b1.authors flatMap (a1 =>
    b2.authors withFilter (a2 => a1 == a2)
    map (a2 => a1))))
```

Translating Patterns in Generators

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Other cases with patterns and for expressions are similar

Generalizing For Expressions

- Because for expressions are simply translated to expressions involving map, flatMap, and withFilter, we can use for expressions over our own collections
- We need only define map, flatMap, withFilter
 - Because translation occurs before type checking, there is no particular type that our collection must subtype

Generalizing For Expressions

- We can even define a subset of these methods and use our collection only in for expressions that translate to our subset!
 - For example, if we do not define withFilter, we cannot use our collection in a for expression with a filter

Generalizing For Expressions

- Because translation occurs before type checking, there is no particular signature that our methods map, flatMap, withFilter must satisfy!
 - All that is required is that the resulting, translated program passes type checking

- In our own List implementation, we could simply define withFilter as filter, and our collection would work with for expressions
- The idea behind withFilter is that it is often advantageous to simply wrap the collection in a view that performs the given filter on the next map or
- Because no particular type signature is required, we need only define map and flatMap on our wrapper

```
abstract class List[+T] {
    ...
    def withFilter[S >: T, U](p: S => Boolean) =
        WithFilter[S](p,this)
}
```

```
case class WithFilter[T](p: T => Boolean, xs: List[T]) {
  def map[U](f: T \Rightarrow U): List[U] = {
    xs match {
      case Empty => Empty
      case Cons(y,ys) \Rightarrow \{
        val rest = WithFilter(p,ys) map f
        if (p(y)) Cons(f(y), rest)
         else rest
```

 Because results of withFilter are immediately taken apart by a map or a flatMap, we can still think of the result of a withFilter as being an instance of the original collection

Typical Structure of a Class That Works With For Expressions

```
abstract class C[A] {
  def map[B](f: A => B): C[B]
  def flatMap[B](f: A => C[B]): C[B]
  def withFilter(p: A => Boolean): C[A]
}
```

- In functional programming, a monad can be defined as a type for which we can formulate
 - The functions map, flatMap, and withFilter
 - A "unit constructor" which produces a monad from an element value
 - In an object-oriented language, we can think of the "unit constructor" simply as a constructor or a factory method

 Because for expressions work over precisely those datatypes for which we can formulate functions that characterize monads, we can think of for expressions as syntax for computing with monads

- But monads are able to characterize far more than just collections:
 - I/O
 - State
 - Transactions
 - Options
 - etc.

- Thus, for expressions can be used in far more general contexts than simply walking over collections
- When looking at library classes, watch for implementations of map, flatMap, withFilter
- When these functions are defined, consider expressing your computation with for expressions

- We have used environments in type checking to hold the bounds on type parameters
- They can also be used to record the types of names and function parameters
- Rather than thinking of typing rules as substitutions, we can think of them directly as assertions on expressions that we can reason with according to a logic

 As a convenient notation, we express subtyping rules in the context of an environment by placing an environment to the left of a "turnstile" and a typing judgement to the right

$$\frac{}{\{T<:\mathtt{Any}\}\vdash T<:T}\, [\mathtt{S-Refl1}]$$

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$$\overline{\{T <: N\} \vdash T <: T} \, \texttt{[S-Refl2]}$$

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- We express typing rules in the context of
 - a type parameter environment and
 - a type environment (mapping names to types)
- We place both environments to the left of the "turnstile" (separated by a semicolon) and a typing judgement to the right:

$$\frac{}{\Delta;\Gamma+\{\mathtt{x:T}\}\vdash\mathtt{x:T}}\left[\mathtt{T-Var}\right]$$

- Some typing judgements require assumptions
- We place assumed judgements above a horizontal bar (above the resulting type judgement)

$$\frac{\Delta; (\Gamma + x:N) \vdash e:M}{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash ((x:N) \Rightarrow e): (N \Rightarrow M)} [T-Arrow]$$

 Function applications involve checking the function and the arguments:

$$\frac{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 : R \Rightarrow S; \ \Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_1 : T; \ \Delta \vdash T <: \ R;}{\Delta; \Gamma \vdash e_0 \ e_1 : S} [T-App]$$

- To type check an expression in a pair of environments:
 - Form a proof tree, where each node is the application of an inference rule
 - The root of the tree is the typing judgement we are trying to prove
 - Each premise in a given rule is the root of a subtree proving that premise

- For each form of expression there is exactly one inference rule
- Therefore, proving a typing judgement is a simple recursive descent over the structure of an expression

Limitations of the Substitution Model of Reduction

Consider the following function definition:

```
def makeOddBooster(n: Int) = {
  require(n >= 0)
  def isEven(n: Int): Boolean = {
    (n == 0) | | is0dd(n - 1)
  def isOdd(n: Int): Boolean = {
    !isEven(n)
  (m: Int) => if (isEven(m)) m else m + n
```

Limitations of the Substitution Model of Reduction

- Our makeOddBooster function cannot be expanded before it is returned
- It must remember the context in which it was formed

- Name environments map names to values
- Every expression is evaluated in the context of a name environment

 To evaluate a name, simply reduce to the value it is mapped to in the environment

- To evaluate a function, reduce it to a *closure*, which consists of two parts:
 - The body of the function
 - The environment in which the body occurs

- To evaluate an application of a closure
 - Extend the environment of the closure, mapping the function's parameters to argument values
 - Evaluate the body of the closure in this new environment

Example Evaluation

```
makeOddBooster(3)(1), ENV \rightarrow
(m: Int) \Rightarrow if (isEven(m)) m else m + n)(1)
    {n: Int = 3,}
     isEven = Closure(..),
     isOdd = Closure(..)}; ENV →
    if (isEven(m)) m else m + n,
    \{m: Int = 1, n: Int = 3, ...\}; ENV \rightarrow *
    if (false) m else m + n,
    {m: Int = 1, n: Int = 3, ...}; ENV →
    m + n
    {m: Int = 1, n: Int = 3, ...}; ENV \mapsto
    4, ENV
```