

CISC 260: Programming Paradigms

Lecture 2

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Functional programming in the “real world”

- <http://cufp.org/2015/fighting-spam-with-haskell-at-facebook.html>
- <http://cufp.org/2016/yaron-minsky-keynote.html> (OCaml at Jane Street)
- <http://cufp.org/2017/using-functional-programming-to-accelerate-translational-research-at-pfizer.html>
- (CUFP = Commercial Users of Functional Programming conference)

Functional programming in the “real world”

- also, parts of Firefox (if we count Rust)

Some examples of stepping

- Also called “calculation” (the textbook) or “tracing”



$$2 + 2$$

$$(2 + 2) + (3 + 4)$$





$1 / 3$

$$2 + 3 * 4$$



Checking our expectations in GHCi

GHCi

- “read-eval-print loop”
 - also found in Python
 - not found in Java, C, C++
1. **read** input
 2. **evaluate**
 3. **print** result
 4. loop back to 1

GHCi

- To load definitions from a file (.hs, “Haskell script”)

`:load filename.hs`

- To reload previous definitions:

`:reload`

Functions

- An anonymous function
(“lambda” λ ; \backslash looks sort of like λ)

$\backslash x \rightarrow x + 1$

But we can call this function:

$(\backslash x \rightarrow x + 1) 6$

or use it inside a definition

Terminology

$\lambda x \rightarrow \text{body}$ is a lambda

x is the *bound variable*, body is the *body*

A lambda is a function.

If f is a function, then

$f \text{ arg}$

is a **function call** or **function application**:

“apply f to arg ”

Stepping rule for function application

If

f is a function,

and the bound variable of f is x ,

and the body of f is $body$,

then

$f \text{ arg} \Rightarrow \text{body with arg substituted for } x$

Stepping rule for function application

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then

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Example:

$(\lambda x \rightarrow x + 1) 6$
 $\Rightarrow x + 1$ with 6 substituted for x
 $= 6 + 1$
 $\Rightarrow 7$

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Example:

$(\lambda yow \rightarrow yow + 1) 6$
 $\Rightarrow yow + 1$ with 6 substituted for yow
 $= 6 + 1$
 $\Rightarrow 7$

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Example:

$(\lambda y \rightarrow y + y) 6$
 $\Rightarrow y + y$ with 6 substituted for y
 $= 6 + 6$
 $\Rightarrow 12$

Defining functions

- Most functions are **named**

functionname boundvar = body

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and the body of f is $body$,

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`double x = x + x`