Software System Design and Implementation

Functors, Applicative and Monads

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data Point = Point Float Float

Point :: Float -> Float -> Point

Point 0.0 1.25 :: Point















data Either a b
 = Left a
 | Right b

Left :: a -> Either a b Right :: b -> Either a b



data Maybe a
 = Nothing
 | Just a



Type Constructors

• Data constructors map values to values:

types a sets of values

Type Constructors

• Type constructor map types to type:

Kinds

Generalising map

• map on lists:

```
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
map f [] = []
map f (x : xs) = f x : map f xs
```

• map for other unary type constructors:

Generalising map

• map on the Maybe type:

Functors

• We have seen how type classes can be used to group types according to the operations supported on their values:

Functors

• We can also use type classes to group type constructors:

What properties should map have?

• Should leave the structure intact:

fmap id xs == xs
fmap (f . g) xs == ((fmap f) . (fmap g)) xs

• These properties are not enforced by the compiler

- it's the programmers responsibility to ensure
- these are quickcheckable properties, but proofs are often straight forward
- these abstractions are very useful to understand code

Applicative

• Applicative are functors with two additional operations:

```
class Functor f => Applicative f where
    pure :: a -> f a
    (<*>) :: f (a -> b) -> f a -> f b
```


Applicative

• Properties

Monads

Monads

```
class Applicative m => Monad m where
 (>>=) :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b
 return :: a -> m a
```


Monads

Properties

Monads

• Do-notation:

```
incMaybe :: Num a => Maybe a -> Maybe a
incMaybe (Just x) = Just (x +1)
incMaybe _ = Nothing
incM mx
 = mx >>= \x ->
  return (x + 1)
addM mx my
 = mx >>= \x ->
   my >>= ∖y ->
   return (x + y)
addM mx my = do
 x < - mx
 y <- my
 return (x + y)
```

