# Type introduction illustrated for casual haskellers 

to get over the Foldable

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"What is this description ?!"
foldr :: Foldable $\dagger=>(a->b->b) \rightarrow b->+a \rightarrow b$

NOTE

- This document shows one of the mental model.
- Please see also references.
- This is written for Haskell, especially ghc7.10/8.0 and later.


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## 1. Introduction

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Values, Types, Type classes

## Values



## Types



A type is a collection of values which have common property.

## Type classes

"Num" type class


A type class is a collection of types which have common operations.

## 1. Introduction

## Polymorphic types

## Proper types



References: [B1] Ch.2, [B2] Ch.2, [B3] Ch.3, [B4] Ch. 6

## Polymorphic types



References : [B1] Ch.7, [B3] Ch.3, [B4] Ch.6, [D1] Week 2, [H1] Ch. 4

## Polymorphic types restricted with type classes



Num type class

References: [B1] Ch.2, [B2] Ch.2, [B3] Ch.3, [B4] Ch.6, [D1] Week 4

## Polymorphic types

Polymorphic
types

polymorphic
types
with type class
Num $a \Rightarrow a$


Proper
types


References: [B1] Ch.2, [B2] Ch.2, [B3] Ch.3, [B4] Ch.6, [D1] Week 2, 4

## 1. Introduction

Type constructors

## Type constructors

nullary type constructor


## Type constructors

unary type constructor

"Maybe" type constructor takes one type argument (unary).

## Type constructors



## 1. Introduction

Polymorphic types and type constructors

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## Polymorphic types and type constructors


2. more, Types and Type classes

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Function types

## Function type



The "->" represents the function type.

## Function type with multiple arguments



References: [B2] Ch.2, [B1] Ch.5, [B3] Ch. 7

## Function type with same type



## Function type with function as argument



## Function type with function as result



## Function type with polymorphic function



## Function type for polymorphic function with type class



Polymorphic types

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types


## 2. more, Types and Type classes

Type class operations

## A type class has the class operations



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Eq class has "==" (equality) operation.

## A type class has the class operations



Each type, that belongs to the type class, must be support the overloaded operations.

## Declaration of a type class and instances

class Eq a where
(==) :: $a \rightarrow a \rightarrow$ Bool


References: [B1] Ch.2, 7, [B2] Ch.2, [B3] Ch.3, [B4] Ch. 6

## 3. What is this?

## What is this ?!



References: [B1] Ch.12, 5, 7, [B2] Ch.6, 2, [B3] Ch.7, 3, [B4] Ch.4, 6

## What is this ?!

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\text { foldr :: Foldable } \dagger=>(a->b->b)->b->+a \rightarrow b
$$



References: [B1] Ch.12, 5, 7, [B2] Ch.6, 2, [B3] Ch.7, 3, [B4] Ch.4, 6

## What is this ?!

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## Example of polymorphism on foldr

Polymorphic types


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## Appendix I - Various types

## Bool, Char, Int, Float types



References: [B2] Ch.2, [B3] Ch.2, [B1] Ch.2, [H1] Ch.6, [S1]

## Maybe type



## List type



References: [B1] Ch.1, [B2] Ch.4, [B3] Ch.3, [H1] Ch.6, [S1]

## Either type



## Tuple (pair) type



References : [B1] Ch.1, [B2] Ch.2, [B3] Ch.3, [H1] Ch.6, [S1]

## Appendix II - Various type classes

## Eq class's characteristic operations



The Eq class has equality operations.

## Ord class's characteristic operations



The Ord class has comparison operations.

Num class's characteristic operations


The Num class has arithmetic operations.

Foldable class's characteristic operations


Functor class's characteristic operations


Applicative class's characteristic operations


## Monad class's characteristic operations



References : [B1] Ch.12, [B2] Ch.10, [D3], [H1] Ch.6, [S1]

## Monoid class's characteristic operations



## Related topics: monoid laws



Programmers should satisfy the monoid laws.

Traversable class's characteristic operations


## Appendix III - Advanced topics

## Universally quantified types



References: [B5] Ch.23, [H1] Ch.4, [H2] "GHC Language Features"

## Kinds and type constructors



References: [B1] Ch.7, [B5] Ch.29, [H1] Ch. 4

## Type systems



Type constructors
(Type operators)

## References

## References

## Books

[B1] Learn You a Haskell for Great Good! (LYAH) http://learnyouahaskell.com/
[B2] Thinking Functionally with Haskell (IFPH 3rd edition) http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/publications/books/functional/
[B3] Programming in Haskell
http://www.cs.nott.ac.uk/~pszgmh/book.html
[B4] Real World Haskell (RWH)
http://book.realworldhaskell.org/
[B5] Types and Programming Languages (TAPL)
https://mitpress.mit.edu/books/types-and-programming-languages

## Documents

[D1] CIS 194: Introduction to Haskell
http://www.seas.upenn.edu/~cis194/lectures.html
[D2] Type Systems
http://dev.stephendiehl.com/fun/004_type_systems.html
[D3] Typeclassopedia
http://www.cs.tufts.edu/comp/150FP/archive/brent-yorgey/tc.pdf https://wiki.haskell.org/Typeclassopedia

## References

Search
[S1] Hoogle
https://www.haskell.org/hoogle

## Specifications

[H1] Haskell 2010 Language Report
https://www.haskell.org/definition/haskell2010.pdf
[H2] The Glorious Glasgow Haskell Compilation System (GHC user's guide)
https://downloads.haskell.org/~ghc/latest/docs/html/users_guide/index.html https://downloads.haskell.org/~ghc/latest/docs/users_guide.pdf

## References

## Furthermore readings

[A1] What I Wish I Knew When Learning Haskell
http://dev.stephendiehl.com/hask/
[A2] How to learn Haskell
https://github.com/bitemyapp/learnhaskell
[A3] Documentation
https://www.haskell.org/documentation
[A4] A Haskell Implementation Reading List
http://www.stephendiehl.com/posts/essential_compilers.html
[A5] The GHC reading list
https://ghc.haskell.org/trac/ghc/wiki/ReadingLis $\dagger$

