

# Multi-Paradigm Programming

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Extend functional languages with features for

- ① logic (constraint) programming
  - ② object-oriented programming
  - ③ concurrent programming
  - ④ distributed programming
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## General idea:

- no coding of algorithms
- description of logical relationships
- powerful abstractions
  - domain specific languages
- higher programming level
- reliable and maintainable programs
  - pointer structures  $\Rightarrow$  algebraic data types
  - complex procedures  $\Rightarrow$  comprehensible parts  
(pattern matching, local definitions)

## Functional programming:

- functions,  $\lambda$ -calculus
- equations
- (lazy) deterministic reduction

## Logic programming:

- predicates, predicate logic
- logical formulas, Horn clauses
- constraint solving (unification)
- non-deterministic search for solutions

# FUNCTIONAL LOGIC LANGUAGES

- efficient execution principles of functional languages
- flexibility of logic languages
- avoid non-declarative features of Prolog  
(arithmetic, I/O, cut)
- combine best of both worlds in a single model
  - higher-order functions  $\rightsquigarrow$  design patterns
  - declarative I/O
  - concurrent constraints

# IMPERATIVE VS. DECLARATIVE PROGRAMMING

## Readability, safety:

```
function fac(n: nat): nat =  
begin  
  z := 1; p := 1;  
  while z < n+1 do  
    begin p := p*z; z := z+1 end;  
  return(p)  
end
```

fac 0 = 1

fac (n+1) = (n+1) \* (fac n)

## Quicksort: Classical imperative version:

```
procedure qsort(l,r: index);
var i,j: index; x,w: item
begin
  i := l;  j := r;
  x := a[(l+r) div 2];
  repeat
    while a[i] < x do i := i+1;
    while x < a[j] do j := j-1;
    if i <= j then
      begin w := a[i]; a[i] := a[j]; a[j] := w;
        i := i+1; j := j-1
      end
  until i > j;
  if l < j then qsort(l,j);
  if i < r then qsort(i,r);
end
```

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        i := i+1; j := j-1  
      end  
  until i > j;  
  if l < j then qsort(l,j);  
  if i < r then qsort(i,r);  
end
```

## Declarative version:

```
qsort [] = []  
qsort (x:l) =  
  qsort (filter (<x) l)  
  ++ [x]  
  ++ qsort (filter (>=x) l)
```

# IMPERATIVE VS. DECLARATIVE PROGRAMMING

## Program development and maintenance:

```
function f(n: nat): nat =  
begin  
  write('Hello');  
  return(n*n)  
end  
  
... z:=f(3)*f(3) ...
```

Optimization: ... x:=f(3); z:=x\*x ... (?)

~> side effects complicate program optimization and transformation



# CURRY

As a language for concrete examples, we use **Curry**:

[Dagstuhl'96, POPL'97]

- multi-paradigm language
- extension of Haskell (non-strict functional language)
- developed by an international initiative
- provide a standard for functional logic languages (research, teaching, application)
- several implementations available

Values in imperative languages: basic types + pointer structures

Declarative languages: **algebraic data types** (Haskell-like syntax)

```
data Bool    = True    | False
data Nat     = Z       | S Nat
data List a  = []      | a : List a      -- [a]
data Tree a  = Leaf a  | Node [Tree a]
data Int     = 0       | 1       | -1      | 2       | -2       | ...
```

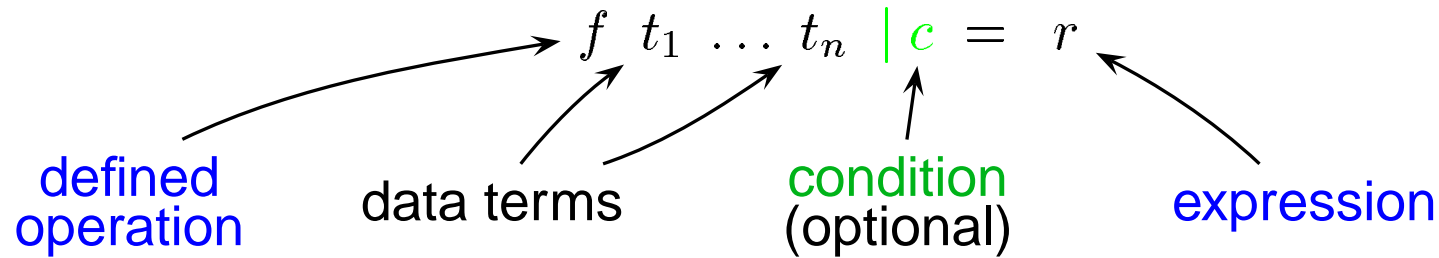
**Value**  $\approx$  **data term, constructor term:**

well-formed expression containing variables and data type constructors

(S Z)    1:(2:[])    [1,2]    Node [Leaf 3, Node [Leaf 4, Leaf 5]]

# FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMS

**Functions:** operations on values defined by **equations** (or **rules**)



$$\begin{array}{ll} Z + y = y & Z \leq y = \text{True} \\ (S \ x) + y = S(x+y) & (S \ x) \leq Z = \text{False} \\ & (S \ x) \leq (S \ y) = x \leq y \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} [] ++ ys = ys \\ (x:xs) ++ ys = x : (xs ++ ys) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{depth (Leaf \_)} & = 1 \\ \text{depth (Node [])} & = 1 \\ \text{depth (Node (t:ts))} & = \max (1+\text{depth } t) (\text{depth (Node } ts)) \end{array}$$

# EVALUATION: COMPUTING VALUES

Reduce expressions to their values

Replace equals by equals

Apply **reduction step** to a subterm (**redex**, *reducible expression*):

variables in rule's left-hand side are universally quantified

↪ **match lhs against subterm** (instantiate these variables)

$$\begin{array}{lll} Z + y = y & Z \leq y & = \text{True} \\ (S\ x) + y = S(x+y) & (S\ x) \leq Z & = \text{False} \\ & (S\ x) \leq (S\ y) & = x \leq y \end{array}$$

$$(S\ Z) + (S\ Z) \rightarrow S\ (Z + (S\ Z)) \rightarrow S\ (S\ Z)$$

# EVALUATION STRATEGIES

Expressions with several redexes: which evaluate first?

**Strict evaluation:** select an innermost redex ( $\approx$  call-by-value)

**Lazy evaluation:** select an outermost redex

$$\begin{array}{lll} Z + y = y & Z \leq y & = \text{True} \\ (S\ x) + y = S(x+y) & (S\ x) \leq Z & = \text{False} \\ & (S\ x) \leq (S\ y) & = x \leq y \end{array}$$

**Strict evaluation:**

$$Z \leq (S\ Z) + (S\ Z) \rightarrow Z \leq (S\ (Z + (S\ Z))) \rightarrow Z \leq (S\ (S\ Z)) \rightarrow \text{True}$$

**Lazy evaluation:**

$$Z \leq (S\ Z) + (S\ Z) \rightarrow \text{True}$$

Strict evaluation might need more steps, but it can be even worse...

$$\begin{array}{lll} Z + y = y & Z \leq y & = \text{True} \\ (S\ x) + y = S(x+y) & (S\ x) \leq Z & = \text{False} \\ & (S\ x) \leq (S\ y) & = x \leq y \\ & & f = f \end{array}$$

Lazy evaluation:

$$Z+Z \leq f \rightarrow Z \leq f \rightarrow \text{True}$$

Strict evaluation:

$$Z+Z \leq f \rightarrow Z+Z \leq f \rightarrow Z+Z \leq f \rightarrow \dots$$

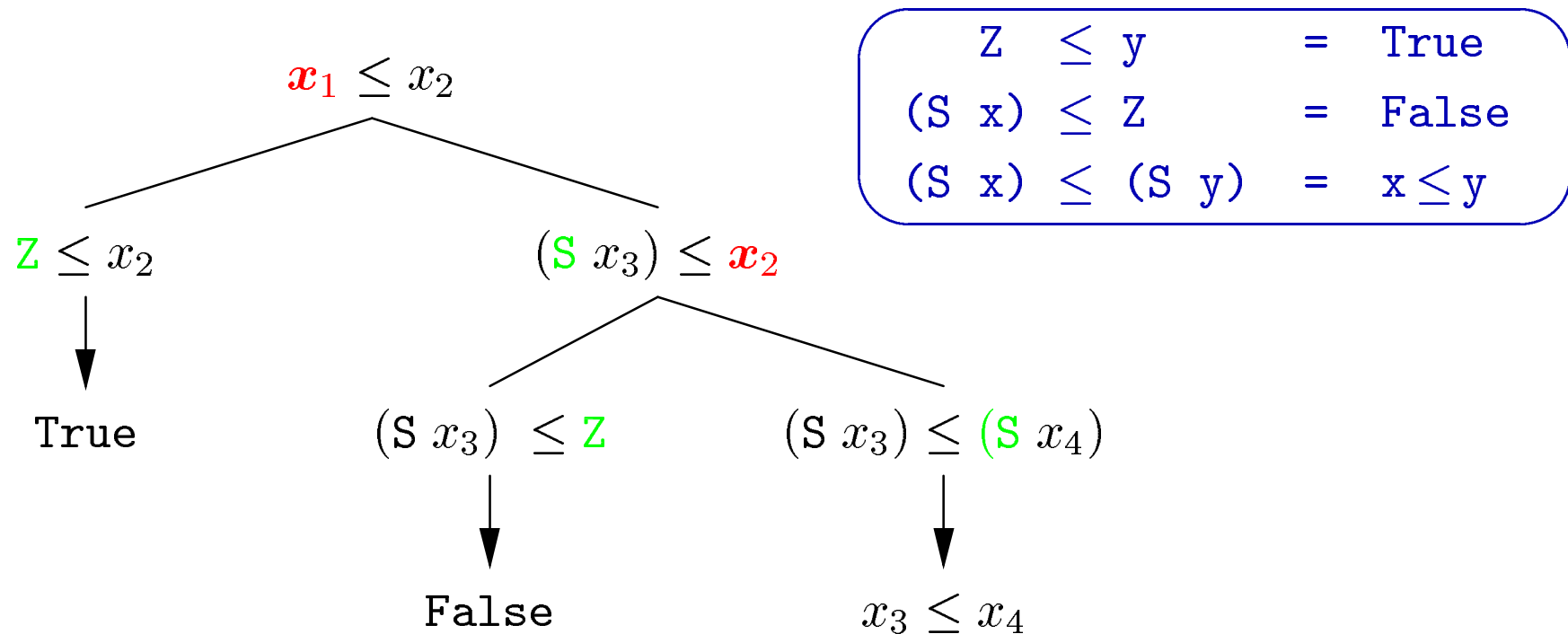
Ideal strategy: evaluate only **needed redexes**

(i.e., redexes necessary to compute a value)

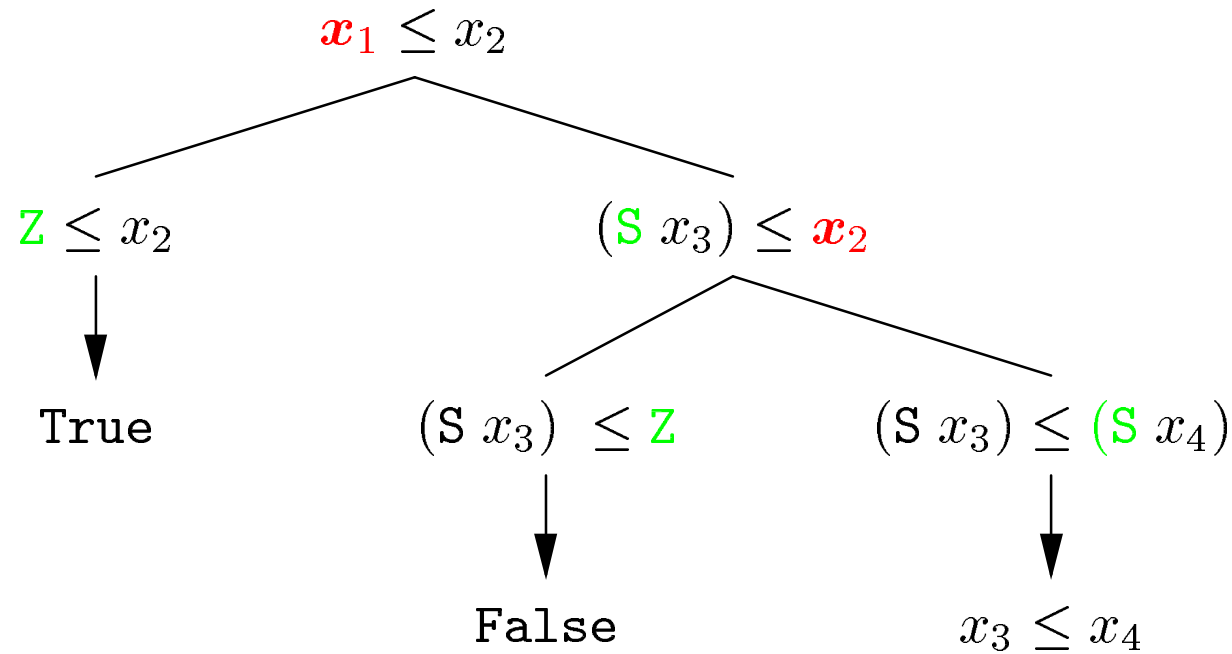
Determine needed redexes with **definitional trees**

# DEFINITIONAL TREES [ANTOY 92]

- data structure to organize the rules of an operation
- each node has a distinct *pattern*
- *branch* nodes (case distinction), *rule* nodes



# EVALUATION WITH DEFINITIONAL TREES



Evaluating function call  $t_1 \leq t_2$ :

- ① Reduce  $t_1$  to **head normal form** (constructor-rooted expression)
- ② If  $t_1 = z$ : apply rule
- ③ If  $t_1 = (S \dots)$ : reduce  $t_2$  to head normal form



- **Normalizing strategy**  
i.e., always computes value if it exists  $\approx$  sound and complete
- Independent on the order of rules
- Definitional trees can be automatically generated  
→ pattern matching compiler
- Identical to lazy functional languages (e.g, Miranda, Haskell) for the subclass of **uniform** programs  
(i.e., programs with strong left-to-right pattern matching)
- **Optimal strategy:** each reduction step is needed
- Easily extensible to more general classes

# HIGHER-ORDER FUNCTIONS

## Functions are first class citizens

- passing functions as parameters and results
- combinator-oriented programming
- expressing design patterns
- code reuse

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

```
map (1 +) [2,3,4]  ~>  [3,4,5]
```

**Partial application:**  $(1 +)$  is a function of type  $\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$

**$\lambda$ -abstraction:**  $\lambda x \rightarrow 1+x$  (anonymous function)

## HIGHER-ORDER FUNCTIONS: EXAMPLES

Accumulate list elements with a binary operator:

```
foldr f z []      = z
foldr f z (x:xs) = f x (foldr f z xs)
```

Multiply all list elements: `foldr (*) 1 xs`

Concatenate a list of lists: `concat xs = foldr (++) [] xs`

Tree example: computing list of all leaves in a tree:

```
frontier :: Tree a -> [a]
frontier (Leaf v) = [v]
frontier (Node ns) = concat (map frontier ns)
```

Filter all elements in a list satisfying a given predicate:

```
filter          :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
filter p []     = []
filter p (x:xs) = if p x then x : filter p xs
                  else filter p xs
```

Now the code for quicksort becomes straightforward:

```
qsort [] = []
qsort (x:l) = qsort (filter (<x) l)
              ++ [x] ++ qsort (filter (>=x) l)
```

## APPLICATION: HTML PROGRAMMING

Data type for representing HTML expressions:

```
data HtmlExp = HText String
              | HStruct String [(String,String)] [HtmlExp]
```

```
HStruct "A" [("HREF","http://...")] [HText "click here"]
```

Get all hypertext links in an HTML document:

```
hrefs [] = []
hrefs (HText _ : hs) = hrefs hs
hrefs (HStruct tag attrs shs : hs) =
  (if tag=="A" then map snd (filter (\(t,_)->t=="HREF") attrs)
   else [] ) ++ hrefs shs ++ hrefs hs
```

# NON-DETERMINISTIC EVALUATION

Previous functions: inductively defined on data structures

Sometimes **overlapping rules** more natural:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{True} \vee x &= \text{True} \\ x \vee \text{True} &= \text{True} \\ \text{False} \vee \text{False} &= \text{False}\end{aligned}$$

First two rules overlap on  $\text{True} \vee \text{True}$

↪ Problem: no needed argument:  $e_1 \vee e_2$  evaluate  $e_1$  or  $e_2$ ?

**Functional languages:** backtracking: Evaluate  $e_1$ , if not successful:  $e_2$

**Disadvantage:** not normalizing ( $e_1$  may not terminate)

# NON-DETERMINISTIC EVALUATION

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Evaluation of  $e_1 \vee e_2$  ?

1. Parallel reduction of  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  [Sekar/Ramakrishnan 93]
2. **Non-deterministic reduction:** try (*don't know*)  $e_1$  or  $e_2$

Extension to definitional trees / pattern matching:

Introduce **or-nodes** to describe non-deterministic selection of redexes

$\rightsquigarrow$  non-deterministic evaluation:  $e \rightarrow \underbrace{e_1 \mid \cdots \mid e_n}_{\text{disjunctive expression}}$

$\rightsquigarrow$  non-deterministic functions

# NON-DETERMINISTIC FUNCTIONS

Functions can have more than one result value:

```
choose x y = x
```

```
choose x y = y
```

```
choose 1 2 → 1 | 2
```

Non-deterministic list insertion and permutations:

```
insert x [] = [x]
```

```
insert x (y:ys) = choose (x:y:ys) (y:insert x ys)
```

```
permute [] = []
```

```
permute (x:xs) = insert x (permute xs)
```

```
permute [1,2,3] →
```

```
[1,2,3] | [2,1,3] | [2,3,1] | [1,3,2] | [3,1,2] | [3,2,1]
```



# LOGIC PROGRAMMING

Distinguished features:

- compute with partial information (**constraints**)
- deal with **free variables** in expressions
- compute **solutions** to free variables
- built-in search
- non-deterministic evaluation

Functional programming: **values**, no free variables

Logic programming: **computed answers** for free variables

Operational extension: **instantiate free variables, if necessary**

# FROM FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMMING TO LOGIC PROGRAMMING

$f\ 0 = 2$

$f\ 1 = 3$

Evaluate  $(f\ x)$ : – bind  $x$  to 0 and reduce  $(f\ 0)$  to 2, or:

– bind  $x$  to 1 and reduce  $(f\ 1)$  to 3

Computation step: **bind** and **reduce** :  $e \rightsquigarrow \underbrace{\{\sigma_1\} e_1 \mid \dots \mid \{\sigma_n\} e_n}_{\text{disjunctive expression}}$   
*logic*                      *functional*

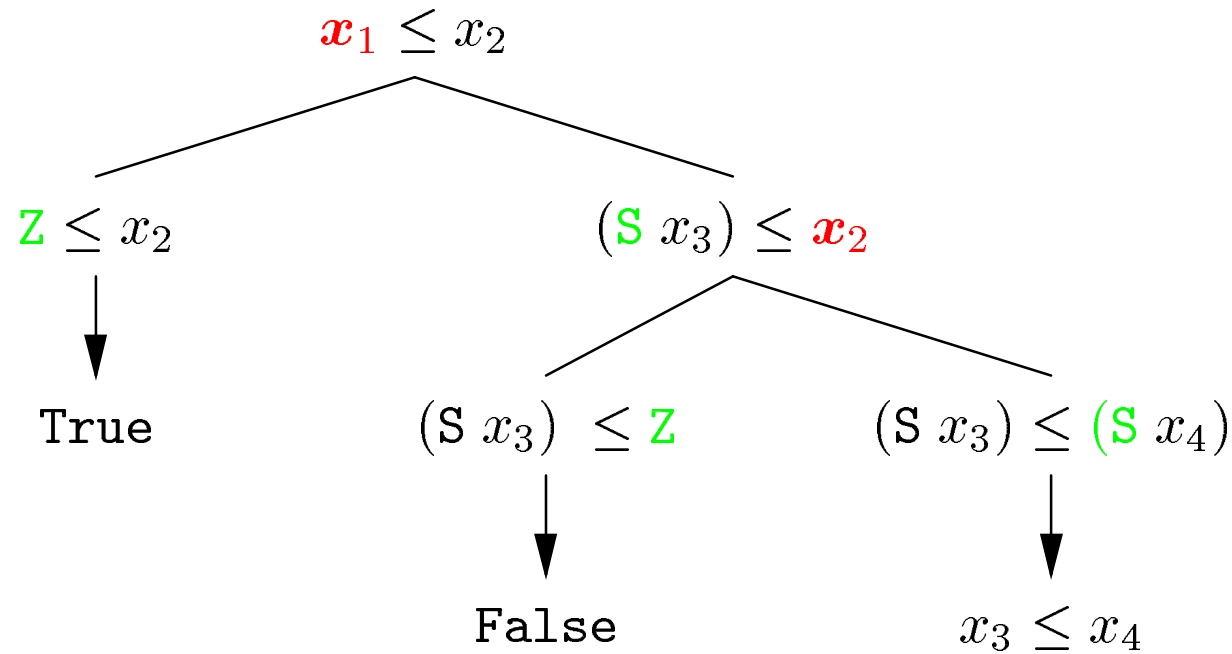
Reduce:                       $(f\ 0) \rightsquigarrow 2$

Bind and reduce:         $(f\ x) \rightsquigarrow \{x=0\} 2 \mid \{x=1\} 3$

Compute necessary bindings with **needed strategy**

$\rightsquigarrow$  **needed narrowing** [Antoy/Echahed/Hanus POPL'94/JACM'00]

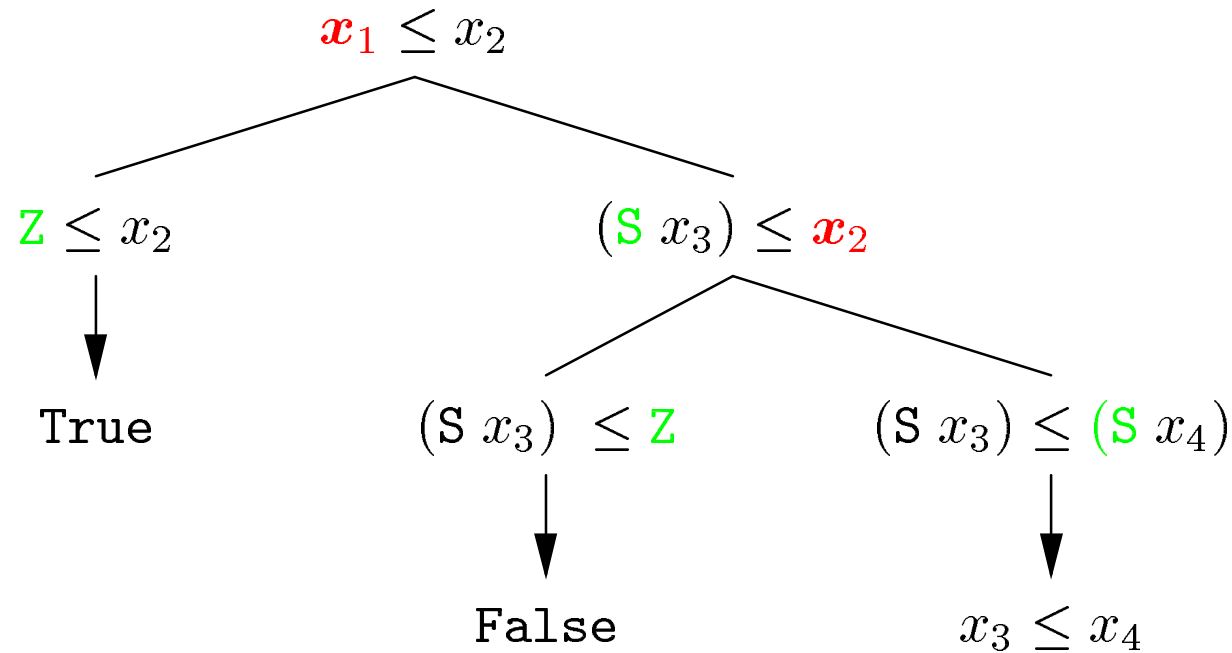
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# NEEDED NARROWING



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- ③ If  $t_1 = (S \dots)$ : reduce  $t_2$  to head normal form
- ④ If  $t_1$  variable: bind  $t_1$  to  $z$  or  $(S x)$

## PROPERTIES OF NEEDED NARROWING

**Sound** and **complete** (w.r.t. **strict equality**, no termination requirement)

### Optimality:

① **No unnecessary steps:**

Each narrowing step is needed, i.e., it cannot be avoided if a solution should be computed.

② **Shortest derivations:**

If common subterms are shared, needed narrowing derivations have minimal length.

③ **Minimal set of computed solutions:**

Two solutions  $\sigma$  and  $\sigma'$  computed by two distinct derivations are independent.

# PROPERTIES OF NEEDED NARROWING

## **Determinism:**

No non-deterministic step during the evaluation of ground expressions  
( $\approx$  functional programming)

## **Restriction: inductively sequential rules**

(i.e., no overlapping left-hand sides)

Extensible to

- conditional rules [Hanus ICLP'95]
- overlapping left-hand sides [Antoy/Echahed/Hanus ICLP'97]
- multiple right-hand sides [Antoy ALP'97]
- concurrent evaluation [Hanus POPL'97]

# STRICT EQUALITY

Problems with equality in the presence of non-terminating rules:

1. Equality on infinite objects undecidable:

$$f = 0:f \qquad g = 0:g$$

Is  $f = g$  valid?

2. Semantics of non-terminating functions:

$$f\ x = f\ (x+1) \qquad g\ x = g\ (x+1)$$

Is  $f\ 0 = g\ 0$  valid?

Avoided by **strict equality**: identity on *finite* objects  
(both sides reducible to same ground data term)

# EQUATIONAL CONSTRAINTS

Logic programming: solve goals, compute solutions

Functional logic programming: solve equations

Strict equality: only reasonable notion of equality in the presence of non-terminating functions

**Equational constraint**  $e_1 ::= e_2$

satisfied if both sides evaluable to unifiable data terms

$\Rightarrow e_1 ::= e_2$  does not hold if  $e_1$  or  $e_2$  undefined or infinite

$\Rightarrow e_1 ::= e_2$  and  $e_1, e_2$  data terms  $\approx$  unification in logic programming



List concatenation:

```
append :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
append []      ys = ys
append (x:xs) ys = x : append xs ys
```

Functional programming:

```
append [1,2] [3,4]  ~>  [1,2,3,4]
```

Logic programming:

```
append x y ::= [1,2]  ~>
{x=[],y=[1,2]} | {x=[1],y=[2]} | {x=[1,2],y=[]}
```

Last list element: `last xs | append ys [x] ::= xs = x`

# FUNCTIONAL LOGIC PROGRAMMING: EXAMPLES

Infinite list of natural numbers:

```
from x = x : from (S x)
first Z ys = []
first (S x) (y:ys) = y : first x ys
```

Lazy functional programming:

```
first (S (S Z)) (from Z)  $\rightsquigarrow$  [Z, (S Z)]
```

Lazy functional logic programming:

```
first x (from y) ::= [Z]  $\rightsquigarrow$  {x=(S Z), y=Z}
```

# PROGRAMMING DEMAND-DRIVEN SEARCH

Non-deterministic functions for **generating permutations**:

```
insert x []      = [x]
insert x (y:ys) = choose (x:y:ys) (y:insert x ys)
permute []      = []
permute (x:xs)  = insert x (permute xs)
```

Sorting lists with **test-of-generate** principle:

```
sorted [] = []
sorted [x] = [x]
sorted (x:y:ys) | x<=y = x : sorted (y:ys)
psort xs = sorted (permute xs)
```

## Advantages of non-deterministic functions as generators:

- demand-driven generation of solutions (due to laziness)
- modular program structure

`psort [5,4,3,2,1]`  $\rightsquigarrow$  `sorted (permute [5,4,3,2,1])`  
 $\rightsquigarrow^*$  `sorted (5 : 4 : permute [3,2,1])` | ...  
undefined: discard this alternative

**Effect:** Permutations of `[3,2,1]` are not enumerated!

Permutation sort for `[n, n-1, ..., 2, 1]`: #or-branches/disjunctions

Length of the list:	4	5	6	8	10
generate-and-test	24	120	720	40320	3628800
test-of-generate	19	59	180	1637	14758

## How to deal with non-deterministic computation steps?

- explore alternatives in parallel  $\rightsquigarrow$  parallel architectures
- explore alternatives by backtracking  $\rightsquigarrow$  Prolog
- support flexible search strategies  $\rightsquigarrow$  encapsulate search

## Disadvantages of fixed search (like backtracking):

- no application-dependent strategy or efficiency control
- global search: local search has global effects
- I/O operations not backtrackable
- problems with concurrency and backtracking

**Solution:** provide primitives for user-definable search strategies  
(Oz [Schulte/Smolka 94], Curry [Hanus/Steiner 98])

# ENCAPSULATED SEARCH

## Idea:

Compute until a non-deterministic step occurs, then give programmer control over this situation

## Search:

- solve **constraint**
- evaluate until **failure**, **success**, or **non-determinism**
- return result in a list

First approach to primitive **search operator**:

```
try :: Constraint -> [Constraint]
```

## SEARCH OPERATOR: FIRST APPROACH

```
try :: Constraint -> [Constraint]
```

```
f 0 = 2
```

```
f 1 = 3
```

```
try (1==2)      ~> []           failure
try ([x]==[0]) ~> [x==0]       success
try (f x == 3)  ~> [x==0 & f 0 == 3,
                   x==1 & f 1 == 3]  disjunction
```

**Problem:** incompatible bindings for  $x$  in disjunctions!

**Solution:** abstract search variable in constraints:  $\backslash x \rightarrow c$

## SEARCH OPERATOR: FINAL APPROACH

**Search goal:** constraint with abstracted **search variable**

**Search operator** `try`: maps search goal into list of search goals

```
try :: (a -> Constraint) -> [a -> Constraint]
```

```
f 0 = 2
```

```
f 1 = 3
```

```
try \x-> 1==2      ~> []                failure
try \x-> [x]==[0]  ~> [\x-> x==0]        success
try \x-> f x == 3  ~> [\x-> x==0 & f 0 == 3,
                      \x-> x==1 & f 1 == 3]  disjunction
```



## ENCAPSULATED SEARCH: SEARCH STRATEGIES

`try \x->c`: evaluate  $c$ , stop after non-deterministic step

**Depth-first search**: collect all solutions in a list

```
all :: (a -> Constraint) -> [a -> Constraint]
all g = collect (try g)
  where collect []           = []
        collect [g]         = [g]
        collect (g1:g2:gs) = concat (map all (g1:g2:gs))
```

`all (\xs -> append xs [1] == [0,1])`  $\rightsquigarrow$  `[\xs -> xs == [0]]`

# ENCAPSULATED SEARCH: FURTHER SEARCH STRATEGIES

- compute only the first solution:

```
once g = head (all g)      where head (x:xs) = x
```

Note: **lazy evaluation is important here!**

(strict languages, like Oz, must define new search operator)

~> **lazy evaluation supports better reuse**

- **findall**, best solution search, parallel search, ...
- negation as failure:

```
naf c = (all \_ -> c) ::= []
```

~> control failures

# HANDLING SOLUTIONS

Extract value of the search variable by application of search goal:

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda x \rightarrow x ::= 1) \text{ freevar} &\rightsquigarrow \text{freevar} ::= 1 \\ &\rightsquigarrow \{\text{freevar} = 1\} \text{ success} \end{aligned}$$

## Prolog's findall:

```
unpack :: (a -> Constraint) -> a
unpack g | g x = x    where x free
findall g = map unpack (all g)
```

Compute all splittings of a list:

```
findall (\(x,y) -> append x y == [1,2])
 $\Rightarrow^*$  [([], [1,2]), ([1], [2]), ([1,2], [])]
```

# EXPLOITING LAZINESS

Show a list of search goals, as requested by the user:

```
printloop []      = putStr "no\n"
printloop (a:as) = browse a >> putStr "? " >>
                    getChar >>= evalAnswer as

evalAnswer as ';' = newline >> printloop as
evalAnswer as '\n' = newline >> putStr "yes\n"
```

Prolog's top-level: `prolog g = printloop (all g)`

```
prolog \ (x,y) -> append x y ::= [1,2]
```

```
⇒* ([], [1,2]) ? ;
```

```
    ([1], [2]) ? <-
```

```
    yes
```

```
prolog \x -> 1 ::= 2 ⇒* no
```

Laziness easily supports **demand-driven encapsulated search**

⇒ **Separation of Logic and Control**

⇒ **Modularity:**

- Prolog's top-level with breadth-first search:

```
prolog_bfs g = printloop (bfs g)
```

- Prolog's top-level with depth-bounded search:

```
prolog_bound g bd = printloop (bound g bd)
```

# MONADIC INPUT/OUTPUT

**Problem:** Handling input/output in a declarative manner?

**Solution:** Consider the external world as a parameter to all I/O operations  
(Haskell, Mercury)

**I/O actions:** transformations on the external world

**Interactive program:** sequence(!) of actions applied to the external world

**Type of I/O actions:**  $\text{IO } a \approx \text{World} \rightarrow (a, \text{World})$

But: the “world” is implicit parameter, not explicitly accessible!

## Some primitive I/O actions:

```
getChar :: IO Char           -- read character from stdin
putChar :: Char -> IO ()    -- write argument to stdout
return  :: a -> IO a        -- do nothing and return argument
```

getChar applied to a world  $\rightsquigarrow$  character + new (transformed) world

**Compose actions:**  $(>>=) :: IO a \rightarrow (a \rightarrow IO b) \rightarrow IO b$

getChar >>= putChar: copy character from input to output

**Specialized composition:** ignore result of first action:

```
(>>)    :: IO a -> IO b -> IO b
x >> y  = x >>= \_ -> y
```

**Example:** output action for strings ( $\text{String} \approx [\text{Char}]$ )

```
putStr :: String -> IO ()
putStr []      = return ()
putStr (c:cs) = putChar c >> putStr cs
```

**Example:** read a line

```
getLine :: IO String
getLine = getChar >>= \c ->
    if c=='\n' then return []
    else getLine >>= \cs -> return (c:cs)
```



## Monadic composition not well readable

~> syntactic sugar: Haskell's **do notation**

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{do } p \leftarrow a_1 \\ a_2 \end{array} \approx a_1 \gg= \backslash p \rightarrow a_2$$

Example: **read a line** (with do notation)

```
getLine = do c <- getChar
            if c=='\n' then return []
                else do cs <- getLine
                    return (c:cs)
```

**Note:** no I/O in disjunctions (“cannot copy the world”)

~> **encapsulate search between I/O actions**

# CONSTRAINT PROGRAMMING

## Logic Programming:

- compute with partial information (**constraints**)
- data structures (constraint domain): **constructor terms**
- basic constraint: (strict) **equality**
- constraint solver: **unification**

## Constraint Programming: generalizes logic programming by

- new specific **constraint domains** (e.g., reals, finite sets)
- new **basic constraints** over these domains
- sophisticated **constraint solvers** for these constraints

# CONSTRAINT PROGRAMMING OVER REALS

**Constraint domain:** real numbers

**Basic constraints:** equations / inequations over real arithmetic expressions

**Constraint solvers:** Gaussian elimination, simplex method

**Examples:**

$$5.1 ::= x + 3.5 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \{x=1.6\}$$

$$x \leq 1.5 \ \& \ x+1.3 \geq 2.8 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \{x=1.5\}$$

## EXAMPLE: CIRCUIT ANALYSIS

Define relation *cvi* between electrical circuit, voltage, and current

Circuits are defined by the data type

```
data Circuit = Resistor Float
             | Series   Circuit Circuit
             | Parallel Circuit Circuit
             :
```

Rules for relation *cvi*:

```
cvi (Resistor r) v i = v == i * r           -- Ohm's law

cvi (Series   c1 c2) v i =                   -- Kirchhoff's law
  v == v1 + v2 & cvi c1 v1 i & cvi c2 v2 i

cvi (Parallel c1 c2) v i =                   -- Kirchhoff's law
  i == i1 + i2 & cvi c1 v i1 & cvi c2 v i2
```

Querying the circuit specification:

Current in a sequence of resistors:

```
cvi (Series (Resistor 180.0) (Resistor 470.0)) 5.0 i
```

$\rightsquigarrow \{i = 0.007692307692307693\}$

Relation between resistance and voltage in a circuit:

```
cvi (Series (Series (Resistor r) (Resistor r)) (Resistor r)) v 5.0
```

$\rightsquigarrow \{v=15.0*r\}$

Also synthesis of circuits possible

Constraint domain: finite set of values

Basic constraints: equality / disequality / membership / ...

Constraint solvers: OR methods (e.g., arc consistency)

Application areas: combinatorial problems

(job scheduling, timetabling, routing, ...)

General method:

- ① define the domain of the variables (possible values)
- ② define the constraints between all variables
- ③ “labeling”, i.e., non-deterministic instantiation of the variables

constraint solver reduces the domain of the variables by sophisticated pruning techniques using the given constraints

Usually: finite domain  $\approx$  finite subset of integers

## EXAMPLE: A CRYPTO-ARITHMETIC PUZZLE

Assign a different digit to each different letter  
such that the following calculation is valid:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{ s e n d} \\ + \text{ m o r e} \\ \hline \text{ m o n e y} \end{array}$$

```
puzzle s e n d m o r y =
  domain [s,e,n,d,m,o,r,y] 0 9 &          -- define domain
  s > 0 & m > 0 &                          -- define constraints
  all_different [s,e,n,d,m,o,r,y] &
      1000 * s + 100 * e + 10 * n + d
  +      1000 * m + 100 * o + 10 * r + e
  = 10000 * m + 1000 * o + 100 * n + 10 * e + y &
  labeling [s,e,n,d,m,o,r,y]              -- instantiate variables
```

```
puzzle s e n d m o r y ~ {s=9,e=5,n=6,d=7,m=1,o=0,r=8,y=2}
```

# FROM FUNCTIONAL LOGIC TO CONCURRENT PROGRAMMING

Disadvantage of narrowing:

- functions on recursive data structures  $\rightsquigarrow$  narrowing may not terminate
- all rules must be explicitly known  $\rightsquigarrow$  combination with external functions?

Solution: Delay function calls if a needed argument is free

$\rightsquigarrow$  **residuation principle** [Aït-Kaci et al. 87]

(used in Escher, Le Fun, Life, NUE-Prolog, Oz, . . .)

Distinguish: **rigid** (consumer) and **flexible** (generator) functions

Necessary: **Concurrent conjunction of constraints:**  $c_1 \& c_2$

Meaning: evaluate  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  concurrently, if possible



# FLEXIBLE VS. RIGID FUNCTIONS

$$f\ 0 = 2$$

$$f\ 1 = 3$$

rigid/flexible status not relevant for ground calls:

$$f\ 1 \rightsquigarrow 3$$

**f flexible:**

$$f\ x ::= y \rightsquigarrow \{x=0, y=2\} \mid \{x=1, y=3\}$$

**f rigid:**

$$f\ x ::= y \rightsquigarrow \textit{suspend}$$

$$f\ x ::= y \ \& \ x ::= 1 \rightsquigarrow \{x=1\} \ f\ 1 ::= y \quad (\textit{suspend f x})$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \{x=1\} \ 3 ::= y \quad (\textit{evaluate f 1})$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \{x=1, y=3\}$$

Default in Curry: constraints are flexible, all others are rigid

## Parallel evaluation of arguments:

```
f t1 t2 = letpar  x = g t1
              y = h t2  in  k x y
```

with concurrent conjunction of equations:

```
f t1 t2 | x ::= g t1 & y = h t2 = k x y
      where x,y free
```

## Skeleton-based parallel programming:

farm: parallel version of map

```
farm f []      = []
farm f (x:xs) | r ::= f x & rs ::= farm f xs
              = r : rs      where r,rs free
```

# EXTERNAL FUNCTIONS

**External functions:** implemented in another language (e.g., C, Java,...)

Conceptually definable by an **infinite set of equations**, e.g.,

$$\begin{array}{llll} 0+0 = 0 & 1+0 = 1 & 2+0 = 2 & \dots \\ 0+1 = 1 & 1+1 = 2 & \dots & \\ 0+2 = 2 & \dots & & \\ \dots & & & \end{array}$$

Definition not accessible, infinite disjunctions

- **suspend external function calls** until arguments are fully known, i.e., ground  
[Bonnier/Maluszynski 88, Boye 91]
- no extension to presented computation model (**external functions are rigid**), but  
*not possible in narrowing-based languages!*
- reuse of existing libraries

# STANDARD ARITHMETIC

Implementation of standard arithmetic (+, -, \*,...) as external functions:

0, 1, 2, ...: constructors

+, -, \*,...: external functions

$$x ::= 2+3*4 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \{x=14\}$$

$$x ::= 2*3+y \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \{\} \quad x ::= 6+y \quad (\text{suspend})$$

$$x+x ::= y \quad \& \quad x ::= 2$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \quad \{x=2\} \quad 2+2 ::= y \quad (\text{suspend } x+x)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \quad \{x=2\} \quad 4 ::= y \quad (\text{evaluate } 2+2)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \quad \{x=2, y=4\}$$

⇒ Rigid functions as **passive constraints** (Life)

## External functions as passive constraints:

```
digit 0 = success
```

```
...
```

```
digit 9 = success
```

## The constraint `digit` acts as a generator:

```
x+x ::= y & x*x ::= y & digit x
```

```
~> {x=0, y=0} | {x=2, y=4}
```

# HIGHER-ORDER FUNCTIONAL LOGIC PROGRAMMING

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

Functional programming:  $\text{map } (1 +) [2,3,4] \rightsquigarrow [3,4,5]$

Logic programming:  $\text{map } f [2,3,4] ::= [3,4,5] \rightsquigarrow ???$

- consider application function  $f \$ x = (f x)$  as external
- consider partial applications as data terms
- first-order definition of application function (\$) (as in [\[Warren 82\]](#)):

(+)  $\$ x = (+ x)$     -- right-hand side is data term

(+ x)  $\$ y = x+y$     -- evaluate right-hand side

Reasonable: **application function (\$) is rigid**

~> delay applications of unknown functions

~> map f [2,3,4] suspends

Other solutions possible but more expensive:

- (\$) is flexible ~> guess unknown functions
- solver for higher-order equations  
(higher-order unification, higher-order needed narrowing)

# UNIFICATION OF DECLARATIVE COMPUTATION MODELS

Computation model	Restrictions on programs
<b>Needed narrowing</b>	inductively sequential rules; optimal strategy
<b>Weakly needed narrowing</b> (~Babel)	only flexible functions
<b>Resolution</b> (~Prolog)	only (flexible) predicates (~ constraints)
<b>Lazy functional languages</b> (~Haskell)	no free variables in expressions
<b>Parallel functional langs.</b> (~Goffin, Eden)	only rigid functions, concurrent conjunction
<b>Residuation</b> (~Life, Oz)	constraints are flexible; all others are rigid



# CONCURRENT OBJECTS WITH STATE

Modeling objects with state as a (rigid!) constraint function:

- first parameter: **current state**
- second parameter: **message stream** (rigid  $\approx$  wait for input)

Example: **Counter object**

```
data CounterMessage = Set Int | Inc | Get Int

counter :: Int -> [CounterMessage] -> Constraint
counter eval rigid  -- declare as rigid

counter _ (Set v : ms) = counter v ms
counter n (Inc      : ms) = counter (n+1) ms
counter n (Get v : ms) = v:=:n & counter n ms
counter _ []           = success
```

## CONCURRENT OBJECTS WITH STATE: A COUNTER

```
counter _ (Set v : ms) = counter v ms
counter n (Inc   : ms) = counter (n+1) ms
counter n (Get v : ms) = v:=n & counter n ms
counter _ []           = success
```

```
counter 0 s & -- create counter object
              s ::= [Set 41, Inc, Get x]
```

$\rightsquigarrow \{x=42, s=\dots\}$

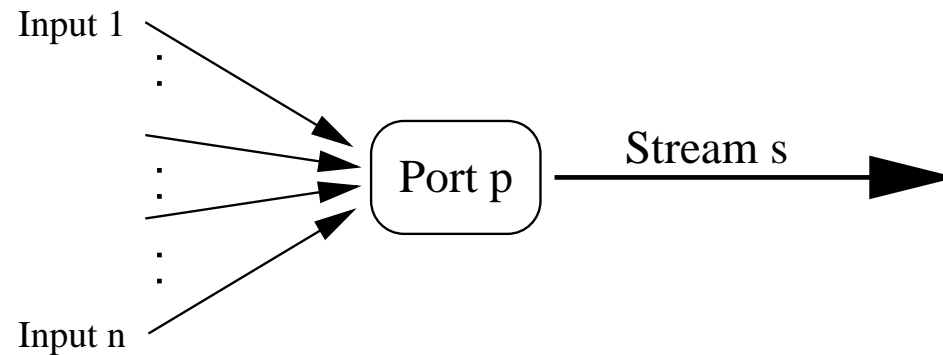
Also: incremental instantiation of  $s$  (message sending)

Several sending processes  $\rightsquigarrow$  merge message streams

# PORTS FOR DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS

Distributed systems:  $n \rightarrow 1$ -communication with dynamic connections

**Port** [Janson et al. 93, AKL]: constraint between multiset  $p$  and stream  $s$   
satisfied if elements in  $p$  and  $s$  are identical



**Two constraints on ports:**

`openPort p s`      open port  $p$  with stream  $s$

`send m p`          constrain  $p$  to hold message  $m$

**Previous counter with two clients:**

```
openPort p s &> counter 0 s & client1 p & client2 p
```

# PORTS FOR DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS

- communication based on logic (constraint solving)
- simple extension of base semantics
- `send` instantiates end of stream `s` (in constant time)

`s_tail ::= (m:new_s_tail)`

↪ **strict communication**

- provides efficient implementation  
(senders have no access to old messages)
- **free variables in messages**  $\approx$  reply channels
- dynamic extension of senders (pass port variable)

## EXTERNAL PORTS

### I/O actions for external communication

(between different programs running on different machines):

```
openNamedPort :: String -> IO [a]
```

```
connectPort   :: String -> IO (Port a)
```

`openNamedPort pn`: open new external port with global name `pn` and return stream of incoming messages

`connectPort pn`: return port with global name `pn`

(similar concepts: external objects in Oz, registered processes in Erlang)

A simple example: **a global counter server**

The server side: (started on `medoc.cs.uni-kiel.de`)

```
main = openNamedPort "counter" >>= c_server
c_server s | counter 0 s = done
```

The client side:

```
client pn m = connectPort pn >>= sendPort m
sendPort msg p | send msg p = done
```

Increment the global counter:

```
client "counter@medoc.cs.uni-kiel.de" Inc
```

Ask the counters current value:

```
client "counter@medoc.cs.uni-kiel.de" (Get v) ~> {v=...}
```

## A NAME SERVER

Messages: “PutName  $n$   $i$ ” (assign  $i$  to name  $n$ )    “GetName  $n$   $i$ ”

```
nameserver = openNamedPort "nameserver" >>= serverloop \_->0
serverloop n2i (GetName n i : ms) | i:=:(n2i n)
                                = serverloop n2i ms
serverloop n2i (PutName n i : ms) = serverloop new_n2i ms
  where new_n2i m = if m==n then i else n2i m
```

The client side:

```
client "nameserver@..." (PutName "talk" 42)
client "nameserver@..." (GetName "talk" x)  $\rightsquigarrow$  {x=42}
```

## A HIERARCHICAL NAME SERVER

Internet domain name server: ask master server if name locally unknown

Implementation by slight modification of previous name server:

```
serverloop n2i (GetName n i : ms)
  | if (n2i n)==0 then send (GetName n i) master
  else i:=:(n2i n)
                                     = serverloop n2i ms
serverloop n2i (PutName n i : ms) = serverloop new_n2i ms
where new_n2i m = if m==n then i else n2i m
```



# A COMPUTATION SERVER

Strict communication, no RPCs  $\rightsquigarrow$  no direct way to distribute work

Computation server: accepts messages  $(f, x, y)$

```
start_cserver = openNamedPort "compserver" >>= compserver
compserver ((f,x,y) : ms) | y:=:(f x) = compserver ms
```

Client side: `client "compserver@cs" (prime,1000,p)  $\rightsquigarrow$  {p=7919}`

- consider partially applied function calls as data terms
- asynchronous RPCs  
(free result variable  $\approx$  “promise” [Liskov/Shrira 88])
- concurrent server:

```
compserver eval rigid
compserver ((f,x,y) : ms) = y:=:(f x) & compserver ms
```

Integration of different programming paradigms is possible

Functional programming is a good starting point:

- lazy evaluation  $\rightsquigarrow$  modularity, optimal evaluation
- higher-order functions  $\rightsquigarrow$  code reuse, design patterns
- polymorphism  $\rightsquigarrow$  type safety, static checking

Stepwise extensible in a conservative manner to cover

- logic programming: non-determinism, free variables
- constraint programming: specific constraint structures
- concurrent programming: suspending function calls, synchronization on logical variables
- object-oriented programming: constraint functions, ports
- imperative programming: monadic I/O, sequential composition
- distributed programming: external ports

# WHY INTEGRATION OF DECLARATIVE PARADIGMS?

- more expressive than pure functional languages (compute with partial information/constraints)
- more structural information than in pure logic programs (functional dependencies)
- more efficient than logic programs (determinism, laziness)
- functions: declarative notion to improve control in logic programming
- avoid impure features of Prolog (arithmetic, I/O)
- combine research efforts in FP and LP
- do not teach two paradigms, but one: **declarative programming** [Hanus PLILP'97]
- **choose the most appropriate features for application programming**

# APPLICATION OF MULTI-PARADIGM LANGUAGES

So far: high-level approach to

- search problems
- constraint solving
- distributed systems

In the following: appropriate to develop domain-specific languages for

- graphical user interfaces
- parsing
- HTML/CGI programming

Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs) have a

- layout structure  $\rightsquigarrow$  hierarchical structure, algebraic data type
- logical structure  $\rightsquigarrow$  dependencies in the layout structure

Tcl/Tk: assign strings to layout elements  $\rightsquigarrow$  run-time errors

Here: use logical variables as references  $\rightsquigarrow$  compiler errors

A simple “Hello world” GUI:



```
runWidget "Hello"  
  (TkCol [TkLabel [TkText "Hello world!"],  
         TkButton tkExit [TkText "Stop"]])
```

## LAYOUT STRUCTURE OF GUIs

Specify hierarchical GUI layout as a “TkWidget” term:

```
data TkWidget a =  
    TkButton (GUIRef -> a) [TkConfItem a]  
  | TkCheckBox    [TkConfItem a]  
  | TkEntry       [TkConfItem a]  
  | TkLabel       [TkConfItem a]  
  | TkScale Int Int [TkConfItem a]  
  | TkTextEdit    [TkConfItem a]  
  |  
  | TkRow [TkWidget a]  
  | TkCol [TkWidget a]
```

# EXAMPLE: A COUNTER GUI

A specification of a counter GUI:



TkCol

```
[TkEntry [TkRef val, TkText "0"],  
  TkRow [TkButton (tkUpdate incr val) [TkText "Increment"],  
        TkButton (tkSetValue val "0") [TkText "Reset"],  
        TkButton tkExit [TkText "Stop"]]
```

where `val` free

- the free variable `val` is a reference to the entry widget
- `val` is used in the event handlers of other widgets
- `val` is part of the **logical structure** of the GUI

# LOGICAL STRUCTURE OF GUIs

## Configuration options for GUIs:

```
data TkConfItem a =
    TkText String           -- initial text
  | TkBackground String    -- background color
  | TkRef TkRefType        -- widget reference
  | TkCmd (GUIRef -> a)    -- event handler
  :
```

**TkRef**: reference to a widget, used in event handlers

(**TkRefType** is abstract  $\rightsquigarrow$  argument is a logical variable)

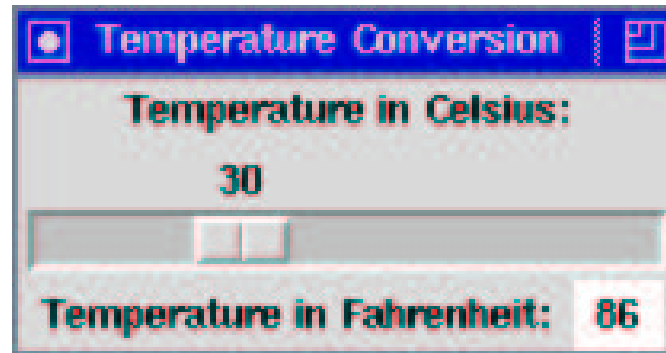
```
tkExit      :: GUIRef -> IO ()
tkGetValue  :: TkRefType -> GUIRef -> IO String
tkSetValue  :: TkRefType -> String -> GUIRef -> IO ()
tkUpdate    :: (String->String) -> TkRefType -> GUIRef -> IO ()
```

Remark: event handlers also available as constraints



## EXAMPLE: TEMPERATURE CONVERTER

Convert a temperature from Celsius into Fahrenheit:

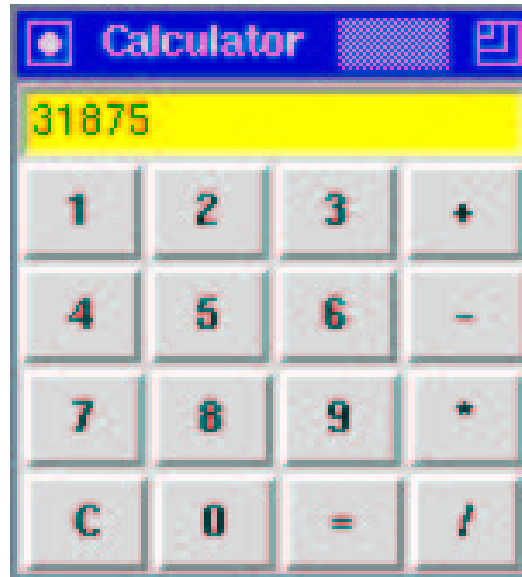


```
TkCol [TkLabel [TkText "Temperature in Celsius:"],  
      TkScale 0 100 [TkRef cels, TkCmd convert],  
      TkRow [TkLabel [TkText "Temperature in Fahrenheit: "],  
            TkMessage [TkRef fahr, TkBackground "white"]]]
```

where `cels`, `fahr` free

```
convert gr =  
  tkGetValue cels gr >>= \cs ->  
  tkSetValue fahr (show ((parseInt cs) * 9 'div' 5 + 32)) gr
```

# GUIs WITH STATE: A DESK CALCULATOR



Implementation consists of two parts:

1. **Object for storing the state**

state: (operand, accumulator function)

messages: **Display** s, **Button** b

2. **GUI for showing the state**

## Object for storing the state:

Message **Display s**: instantiate **s** with current display

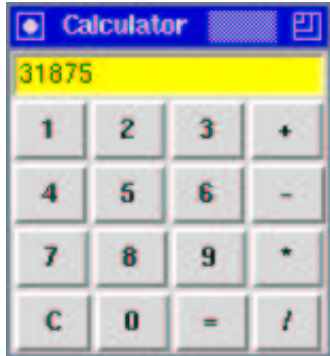
```
calcMgr (d,f) (Display s : ms) = s ::= (show d) &>
                                calcMgr (d,f) ms
```

Message **Button b**: the user has pressed button **b**

```
calcMgr (d,f) (Button b : ms)
| isDigit b = calcMgr (10*d + ord b - ord '0', f) ms
| b=='+'    = calcMgr (0, ((f d) +)) ms
| b=='-'    = calcMgr (0, ((f d) -)) ms
| b=='*'    = calcMgr (0, ((f d) *)) ms
| b=='/'    = calcMgr (0, ((f d) 'div')) ms
| b=='='    = calcMgr (f d, id) ms
| b=='C'    = calcMgr (0, id) ms
```

## GUI for showing the state with a reference `cm` to calculator object:

```
calc_GUI cm = TkCol [TkEntry [TkRef display, TkText "0"],  
  TkRow (map cbutton ['1','2','3','+']),  
  TkRow (map cbutton ['4','5','6','-']),  
  TkRow (map cbutton ['7','8','9','*']),  
  TkRow (map cbutton ['C','0','=','/'])]
```



where `display` free

```
cbutton b = TkButton (click b) [TkText [b]]
```

```
click b gr = let d free in send (Button b) cm &>  
  send (Display d) cm &>  
  tkCSetValue display d gr
```

- [model-view-controller paradigm](#) à la Smalltalk-80
- different (distributed) views on one application

## Functional features useful for

- layout specification
- event handlers (data structures with functional components)
- application-oriented extensions

## Logic programming features useful for

- dealing with dependencies inside a structure (free variables)
- handling state (concurrent objects)

Distributed features  $\rightsquigarrow$  GUIs for distributed applications

Specification (rather than imperative programming) of GUIs

Domain-specific language for GUIs, but:

no extension to base language necessary

# FUNCTIONAL LOGIC PROGRAMMING OF PARSERS

[Caballero/Lopez-Fraguas FLOPS'99]

## Logic programming of parsers:

- nonterminals consume corresponding tokens (difference lists)
- definite clause grammars for nice notation
- non-deterministic grammars/parsing
- resulting representations as arguments

## Functional programming of parsers:

- parsers consume corresponding tokens
- powerful parser combinators
- more complex handling of alternatives and representations

## Functional logic programming of parsers:

simpler handling of representations and alternatives due to

- non-deterministic functions
- free variables as arguments

Parser  $\approx$  function of type `[token] -> [token]`

Argument: list of tokens to be parsed

Result: list of remaining unparsed tokens

A parser recognizing token 'a':

```
parse_a ('a':ts) = ts
```

A parser recognizing a given token:

```
terminal sym (t:ts) | sym==t = ts
```

Parser recognizing the empty word:

```
empty sentence = sentence
```

# PARSER COMBINATORS

**Parser combinators:** higher-order functions to combine parsers

Alternative of two parsers  $p$  and  $q$ : combinator  $p <|> q$

$(p <|> q)$  sentence =  $p$  sentence

$(p <|> q)$  sentence =  $q$  sentence

Sequence of two parsers  $p$  and  $q$ : combinator  $p <*> q$

$(p1 <*> p2)$   $s0$  |  $p1$   $s0 ::= s1 = p2$   $s1$  where  $s1$  free

Repetition of a parser: (zero or more times)

$\text{star } p = (p <*> \text{star } p) <|> \text{empty}$

Parser for  $a(a|b)^*$ :

$\text{terminal 'a' } <*> \text{star (terminal 'a' } <|> \text{terminal 'b'})}$



## EXAMPLE: PARSING PALINDROMES

**A parser for palindromes over the alphabet  $\{a, b\}$**

pali = empty  $\langle | \rangle$  a  $\langle | \rangle$  b  $\langle | \rangle$  a  $\langle * \rangle$  pali  $\langle * \rangle$  a  $\langle | \rangle$  b  $\langle * \rangle$  pali  $\langle * \rangle$  b

a = terminal 'a'

b = terminal 'b'

Checking a sentence for a palindrome:

pali "abaaba" ::= []

Using logic programming features, we can also generate palindromes:

pali [x,y,z] ::= []

$\rightsquigarrow$  {x='a',y='a',z='a'} | {x='a',y='b',z='a'}  
| {x='b',y='a',z='b'} | {x='b',y='b',z='b'}

## PARSERS WITH REPRESENTATIONS

Parsers should not only check a list of tokens but also return a representation (e.g., abstract syntax tree)

- **Functional programming:** parsers have result  $(rep, tokens)$
- **Logic programming:** parsers have  $rep$  argument  $\rightsquigarrow$  simpler definitions

**Parser with representation**  $\approx$   $rep \rightarrow [token] \rightarrow [token]$

Representation argument:

- usually free variable
- will be instantiated during parsing

# PARSER COMBINATORS WITH REPRESENTATIONS

Alternative of two parsers  $p$  and  $q$ : combinator  $p <||> q$

$(p <||> q) \text{ rep} = p \text{ rep} <|> q \text{ rep}$

(reuse combinator for parsers without representation)

Attach representation  $\text{exp}$  to a parser  $p$ : combinator  $p >>> \text{exp}$

$(p >>> \text{exp}) \text{ rep } s_{\text{in}} \mid p \text{ } s_{\text{in}} ::= s_{\text{out}} \ \& \ \text{exp} ::= \text{rep} = s_{\text{out}}$   
where  $s_{\text{out}}$  free

Repetition of a parser with representation: (representation is list)

$\text{star } p = p \text{ } r <*> (\text{star } p) \text{ } rs \ >>> (r:rs)$   
 $<||> \text{ empty} \qquad \qquad \qquad >>> [] \qquad \text{where } r,rs \text{ free}$

At least one repetition of a parser:

$\text{some } p = p \text{ } r <*> \text{star } p \text{ } rs \ >>> (r:rs) \qquad \text{where } r,rs \text{ free}$

## EXAMPLE: PARSER FOR ARITHMETIC EXPRESSIONS

expr = term **t** <\*> plus\_minus **op** <\*> expr **e** >>> (**op t e**)  
<||> term

term = factor **f** <\*> prod\_div **op** <\*> term **t** >>> (**op f t**)  
<||> factor

factor = terminal '(' <\*> expr **e** <\*> terminal ')' >>> **e**  
<||> num

plus\_minus = terminal '+' >>> **(+)**  
<||> terminal '-' >>> **(-)**

prod\_div = terminal '\*' >>> **(\*)**  
<||> terminal '/' >>> **div**

num = some digit **l** >>> **numeric\_value l**

**Example:** expr **val** "(10+5\*2)/4" ::= []  $\rightsquigarrow$  {**val**=5}

# FUNCTIONAL LOGIC PARSING: SUMMARY

## Higher-order features useful for

- combining parsers (parsers are functions)
- computing representations

## Logic programming features useful for

- dealing with alternatives (non-deterministic functions)
- managing representations (free variables in arguments)
- parsing with constraints

Domain-specific language for parsing, but:

no extension to base language necessary

Early days of the World Wide Web: web pages with static contents

Common Gateway Interface (CGI): web pages with dynamic contents

Retrieval of a dynamic page:

- server executes a program
- program computes an HTML string, writes it to stdout
- server sends result back to client

HTML with input elements (forms):

- client fills out input elements
- input values are sent to server
- server program decodes input values for computing its answer

# TRADITIONAL CGI PROGRAMMING

CGI programs on the server can be written in any programming language

- access to environment variables (for input values)
- writes a string to stdout

Scripting languages: (Perl, Tk, . . .)

- simple programming of single pages
- error-prone: correctness of HTML result not ensured
- difficult programming of interaction sequences

Specialized languages: (MAWL, DynDoc, . . .)

- HTML support (structure checking)
- interaction support (partially)
- restricted or connection to existing languages

## Library in multi-paradigm language

### Exploit functional and logic features for

- HTML support (data type for HTML structures)
- simple access to input values (free variables and environments)
- simple programming of interactions (event handlers)
- wrapper for hiding details

### Exploit imperative features for

- environment access (files, data bases, . . .)

### Domain-specific language for HTML/CGI programming



# MODELING HTML

Data type for representing HTML expressions:

```
data HtmlExp = HText String
              | HStruct String [(String,String)] [HtmlExp]
```

Some useful abbreviations:

```
htxt    s      = HText (htmlQuote s)      -- plain string
bold    hexps  = HStruct "B" [] hexps     -- bold font
italic  hexps  = HStruct "I" [] hexps     -- italic font
h1      hexps  = HStruct "H1" [] hexps    -- main header
...
```

**Example:** [h1 [htxt "1. Hello World"],  
          italic [htxt "Hello"], bold [htxt "world!"]]

~> **1. Hello World**  
*Hello world!*

## Advantages:

- static checking of HTML structure (well-balanced parentheses)
- flexible dynamic documents
- functions for computing HTML documents

Converting tree structure (leaves contain strings) into nested HTML lists:

```
data Tree a = Leaf a | Node [Tree a]

htmlTree :: Tree String -> [HtmlExp]
htmlTree (Leaf s)      = [htxt s]
htmlTree (Node trees) = [ulist (map htmlTree trees)]

ulist      :: [[HtmlExp]] -> HtmlExp
ulist items = HStruct "UL" [] (map litem items)

litem hexps = HStruct "LI" [] hexps
```

# HTML INPUT FORMS

## Specific HTML elements for dealing with user input

```
<INPUT TYPE="TEXT" NAME="INPTEXT" VALUE="fill out!">
```

Form is submitted ~→

clients sends the current value of this field (identified by "INPTEXT")

## Expressible as HTML term:

```
HStruct "INPUT" [("TYPE", "TEXT"), ("NAME", "INPTEXT"),  
                ("VALUE", "fill out!")] []
```

## Problems:

- server program must decode input values
- server program must know right names of field identifiers ("INPTEXT")
- error-prone

# ABSTRACT INPUT FORMS

## Solution:

- use free variables as references to input fields (**CGI references**)
- collect input values in **CGI environments**:  
mapping from CGI references to strings
- associate **event handlers** to submit buttons
- event handlers take a CGI environment and produces an HTML form

## Implementation:

straightforward in a functional logic language!

# ABSTRACT INPUT FORMS: IMPLEMENTATION

## CGI references:

```
data CgiRef = CgiRef String -- data constructor not exported
```

- no construction of wrong references
- only free variables of type CgiRef
- global wrapper function instantiates with the right strings

## HTML elements with CGI references:

```
data HtmlExp = ... | HtmlCRef HtmlExp CgiRef
```

Example: Text fields with a CGI reference and initial contents

```
textfield :: CgiRef -> String -> HtmlExp
textfield (CgiRef ref) contents =
  HtmlCRef (HStruct "INPUT" [("TYPE","TEXT"),
                             ("NAME",ref), ("VALUE",contents)])
           (CgiRef ref)
```

**HTML form:** title + list of HTML expressions

```
data HtmlForm = Form String [HtmlExp]
```

**Example:** simple form with a single input element (a text field)

```
Form "Form" [h1 [htxt "A Simple Form"],  
             htxt "Enter a string:", textfield sref ""]
```

**CGI environments:** map CGI references to strings

```
type CgiEnv = CgiRef -> String
```

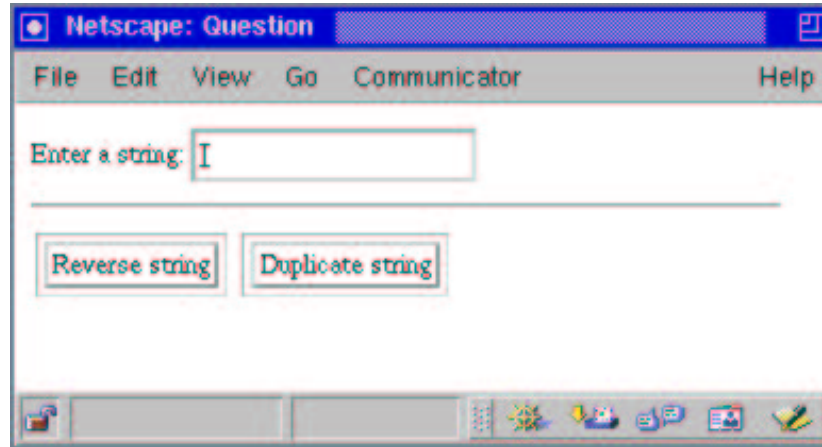
**Event handlers** have type `CgiEnv -> IO Form`

**Event handlers are associated to submit buttons:**

user presses a submit button

~> execute associated event handler with current environment

# EXAMPLE: FORM TO REVERSE/DUPLICATE A STRING



```
Form "Question" [htxt "Enter a string: ", textfield tref "", hr,  
                button "Reverse string" revhandler,  
                button "Duplicate string" duphandler]
```

```
where tref free
```

```
revhandler env = return $ Form "Answer"
```

```
  [h1 [htxt ("Reversed input: " ++ rev (env tref))]]
```

```
duphandler env = return $ Form "Answer"
```

```
  [h1 [htxt ("Duplicated input: " ++ env tref ++ env tref)]]
```

## ACCESSING THE WEB SERVER ENVIRONMENT

Form to show the contents of an arbitrary file stored at the server:

```
Form "Get File" [htxt "Enter local file name:",  
                textfield fileref "",  
                button "Get file!" handler]
```

where `fileref` free

```
handler env =  
  do contents <- readFile (env fileref)  
  return $ Form "Answer"  
    [h1 [htxt ("Contents of file " ++ env fileref)],  
      verbatim contents]
```



The main form is executed by a wrapper function

```
runcgi :: String -> IO HtmlForm -> IO ()
```

- takes a title string and a form and transforms it into HTML text
- replaces all CGI references by unique strings
- decodes input values and invokes associated event handler

Event handlers return forms rather than HTML expressions

- sequences of interactions
- use control abstractions (branching, recursion) of underlying language
- state between interactions handled by CGI environments

Note: **no language extension necessary** (CGI library)

**multi-paradigm languages as scripting languages**

# A FEW FURTHER MULTI-PARADIGM LANGUAGES

## **Erlang** (Ericsson)

- developed by Ericsson for telecommunication applications
- concurrent functional language with features to support the development of robust distributed systems
- reduced development time and maintainance

## **Escher** (University of Bristol)

- extension of Haskell by features for logic programming
- functions are evaluated by residuation
- explicit disjunctions for logic programming
- simplification rules for logic formulas

## **Mercury** (University of Melbourne)

- logic/functional language with highly optimized execution algorithm
- origin: logic programming (syntax) with type/mode/determinism annotations
- adapted concepts from functional programming, strict semantics

## **Oz** (DFKI Saarbrücken)

- concurrent constraint language with features for higher-order functional, object-oriented, and distributed programming
- operational behavior: residuation
- search via explicit disjunctions and search operators

## **Toy** (Univ. Complutense de Madrid)

- prototype for a functional logic language
- based on lazy narrowing, supports non-deterministic functions
- constraints, in particular, disequality constraints

...and, of course, there are many, many more...

Several implementations available:

- Interpreter in Prolog: **TasteCurry-System**
  - Compiler **Curry→Java** [**Hanus/Sadre ILPS'97/JFLP'99**]  
(Java threads for concurrency and non-determinism)
    - portable
    - simplified implementation (garbage collection, threads)
    - slow but (hopefully!) better Java implementations in the future
  - [**Antoy/Hanus FroCoS'00**]: Efficient implementation by transformation into Sicstus-Prolog (**reuse of various constraint solvers**)  
(also **Sloth-System** [**Mariño/Rey WFLP'98**])
- ⇒ **PACS** (Portland Aachen Curry System)  
`http://www-i2.informatik.rwth-aachen.de/~hanus/pacs`
- **abstract Curry machine** [**Lux FLOPS'99**]

# CONCLUSIONS

Appropriate abstractions are important for software development and maintenance

Multi-paradigm languages have the potential to express these abstractions

High-level languages support domain-specific languages

Multi-paradigm programming

- possible and advantageous
- constraint functional logic programming: many improvements in recent years
- imperative/concurrent/distributed + declarative programming: possible but many different approaches

More infos on Curry:

<http://www-i2.informatik.rwth-aachen.de/~hanus/curry>