

# Generalized Iteration and Coiteration for Higher-Order Nested Datatypes

*Mendler rules!*

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## Powerlists

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- lists of length  $2^n$
- perfectly balanced leaf-labelled binary trees
- in Haskell:

```
data PList a = Zero a
             | Succ (PList (a, a))
```

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```
l0 = Zero 0
l1 = Succ (Zero (0,1))
l2 = Succ (Succ (Zero ((0,1), (2,3))))
l3 = Succ (Succ (Succ (Zero (((0,1), (2,3)), ((4,5), (6,7))))))
```

- logarithmic access time

## Summing up a Powerlist (First Try)

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- compute the sum of all elements in a powerlist

```
sum :: PList Integer -> Integer
```

```
sum (Zero i) = i          -- i :: Integer
```

```
sum (Succ l) = sum ???   -- l :: PList (Integer, Integer)
```

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- need to generalize function sum

## Summing up a Powerlist (Second Try)

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- Use polymorphic recursion:

```
sum' :: (a -> Integer) -> PList a -> Integer
```

```
sum' f (Zero a) = f a
```

```
sum' f (Succ l) = sum' (\ (a,b) -> f a + f b) l
```

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```
sum :: PList Integer -> Integer
```

```
sum = sum' id
```

- sum' is terminating and total.

## Nested Datatypes

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- some Haskell datatypes

```
PList a = Zero a | Succ (PList (a,a))
```

```
List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)
```

```
Bush a = Nil | Cons a (Bush (Bush a))
```

```
Lam a = Var a | App (Lam a) (Lam a) | Abs (Lam (Maybe a))
```

- *regular* datatype: type argument `a` to `List` constant in recursion
- *non-regular* or *nested* datatypes (`PList`, `Bush` and `Lam`): type argument changes in recursion

## Summing up a Bush

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- “Bushy lists” [e.g. Bird *et. al.*]:

```
data Bush a = Nil | Cons a (Bush (Bush a))
```

```
sum' :: (a -> Integer) -> Bush a -> Integer
```

```
sum' f Nil = 0
```

```
sum' f (Cons a b) = f a + sum' (sum' f) b
```

```
sum :: Bush Integer -> Integer
```

```
sum = sum' id
```

- Contribution: `sum'` is *iterative*, hence total.
- Method: `sum'` definable in  $F^\omega$ .

## System $F^\omega$

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- Kinds  $\kappa ::= * \mid \kappa \rightarrow \kappa'$

$\kappa0 ::= *$  types

$\kappa1 ::= * \rightarrow *$  type transformers

$\kappa2 ::= (* \rightarrow *) \rightarrow * \rightarrow *$  transformers of type transformers

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- Constructors  $F : \kappa$ , in particular types  $A : *$

$F ::= X \mid \lambda X.G \mid FG$   
 $\mid \forall X^\kappa.A \mid \exists X^\kappa.A \mid A \rightarrow B \mid 1 \mid A \times B \mid 0 \mid A + B$

- Objects (terms)  $t : A$

## Nested Datatypes in System $F^\omega$

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- recap the datatypes

List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)

PList a = Zero a | Succ (PList (a,a))

Lam a = Var a | App (Lam a) (Lam a) | Abs (Lam (Maybe a))

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- regular datatypes are fixpoints of kind  $*$  [ $\mu : (* \rightarrow *) \rightarrow *$ ].

List =  $\lambda A. \mu(\lambda X. 1 + A \times X)$

- nested datatypes are fixpoints of kind  $\kappa1$  [ $\mu : (\kappa1 \rightarrow \kappa1) \rightarrow \kappa1$ ].

PList =  $\mu(\lambda F. \lambda A. A + F(A \times A))$

Lam =  $\mu(\lambda F. \lambda A. A + FA \times FA + F(1 + A))$

## Mendler Iteration for Regular Datatypes

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- Inductive types with Mendler-style iteration in System F.

$$\text{Form. } \mu_{\kappa 0} : (\kappa 0 \rightarrow \kappa 0) \rightarrow \kappa 0$$

$$\text{Intro. } \text{in}_{\kappa 0} : F(\mu_{\kappa 0} F) \rightarrow \mu_{\kappa 0} F$$

$$\text{Elim. } \text{Mlt}_{\kappa 0} : (\forall X. (X \rightarrow G) \rightarrow F X \rightarrow G) \rightarrow \mu_{\kappa 0} F \rightarrow G$$

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$$\text{Comp. } \text{Mlt}_{\kappa 0} s (\text{in}_{\kappa 0} t) \longrightarrow_{\beta} s (\text{Mlt}_{\kappa 0} s) t$$

- Note: *no positivity/monotonicity* required for  $F$ !
- Reduction close to general recursion.

$$\text{fix } s t \longrightarrow_{\beta} s (\text{fix } s) t$$

- Universally quantified type variable  $X$  ensures termination.
- Archetype of *type-based termination*.

## Generalization of Mlt to higher kinds

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- Pointwise inclusion:

$$F \subseteq G := \forall A. FA \rightarrow GA$$

- Mendler iteration for kind  $\kappa 1 = * \rightarrow *$ .

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$$\text{Form. } \mu_{\kappa 1} : (\kappa 1 \rightarrow \kappa 1) \rightarrow \kappa 1$$

$$\text{Intro. } \text{in}_{\kappa 1} : F(\mu_{\kappa 1} F) \subseteq \mu_{\kappa 1} F$$

$$\text{Elim. } \text{Mlt}_{\kappa 1} : (\forall X^{\kappa 1}. X \subseteq G \rightarrow F X \subseteq G) \rightarrow \mu_{\kappa 1} F \subseteq G$$

$$\text{Comp. } \text{Mlt}_{\kappa 1} s (\text{in}_{\kappa 1} t) \longrightarrow_{\beta} s (\text{Mlt}_{\kappa 1} s) t$$

## Programming with Mlt

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- Summing up a powerlist:  $\mu F = \text{PList}, GA = \text{Integer}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{sum} &:= \text{Mlt} \dots \\ \text{sum} &: \mu F \subseteq G \\ &= \forall A. \text{PList } A \rightarrow \text{Integer}\end{aligned}$$

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- Cannot work: elements of powerlist of generic type  $A$ .
- Next try: Let  $HA = \text{Integer}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{sum} &: \mu F \circ H \subseteq G \\ &\leftrightarrow \text{PList Integer} \rightarrow \text{Integer}\end{aligned}$$

- Cannot work either!

## Right Kan extension

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- Need more general function:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{sum}' &: \forall A. \text{PList } A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow \text{Integer}) \rightarrow \text{Integer} \\ &= \text{PList} \subseteq \lambda A. (A \rightarrow \text{Integer}) \rightarrow \text{Integer} \\ &= \text{PList} \subseteq \lambda A. (A \rightarrow H ?) \rightarrow G ? \\ &= \text{PList} \subseteq \lambda A. \forall B. (A \rightarrow HB) \rightarrow GB \\ &= \text{PList} \subseteq \text{Ran}_H G\end{aligned}$$

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- Right Kan extension:

$$\text{Ran}_H GA := \forall B. (A \rightarrow HB) \rightarrow GB$$

## Summing up a powerlist (Implementation)

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{sum}' & : \quad \forall A. \text{PList } A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow \text{Integer}) \rightarrow \text{Integer} \\
 \text{sum}' & := \text{Mlt}_{\kappa 1} \lambda \text{sum}^{\forall A. X A \rightarrow (A \rightarrow \text{Integer}) \rightarrow \text{Integer}} \\
 & \quad \lambda t^{A+X(A \times A)} \\
 & \quad \lambda f^{A \rightarrow \text{Integer}} \\
 & \quad \text{case } t \text{ of} \\
 & \quad \quad | \text{inl } a^A \Rightarrow f a \\
 & \quad \quad | \text{inr } l^{X(A \times A)} \Rightarrow \text{sum } l (\lambda p^{A \times A}. f (\text{fst } p) + f (\text{snd } p)) \\
 \\
 \text{sum} & : \quad \text{PList Integer} \rightarrow \text{Integer} \\
 \text{sum} & := \lambda l. \text{sum}' l \text{id}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Generalizing “ $\subseteq$ ”

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- Since we need Kan extensions to program anything reasonable, why not hardwire them into the system?
- *Parameterized inclusion*

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$$\begin{aligned}
 F \leq^H G & := \forall A \forall B. (A \rightarrow HB) \rightarrow FA \rightarrow GB \\
 & \leftrightarrow \forall A. FA \rightarrow \forall B. (A \rightarrow HB) \rightarrow GB \\
 & = F \subseteq \text{Ran}_H G
 \end{aligned}$$

## Generalized Mendler Iteration

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- Inductive constructors with generalized Mendler iteration.

$$\text{Form. } \mu_{\kappa 1} \quad : \quad (\kappa 1 \rightarrow \kappa 1) \rightarrow \kappa 1$$

$$\text{Intro. } \text{in}_{\kappa 1} \quad : \quad F (\mu_{\kappa 1} F) \subseteq \mu_{\kappa 1} F$$

$$\text{Elim. } \text{Glt}_{\kappa 1} \quad : \quad (\forall X^{\kappa 1}. X \leq^H G \rightarrow F X \leq^H G) \rightarrow \mu_{\kappa 1} F \leq^H G$$

$$\text{Comp. } \text{Glt}_{\kappa 1} s f (\text{in}_{\kappa 1} t) \longrightarrow_{\beta} s (\text{Glt}_{\kappa 1} s) f t$$

- Mlt is a special case.
- Scales to arbitrary kinds.

## Embedding into $F^{\omega}$

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- Inductive types with Mendler iteration can be defined in System  $F^{\omega}$ .
- Idea: obtain def. of  $\mu$  from type of the eliminator Mlt:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mlt}_{\kappa 0} & : \quad \forall F \forall G. (\forall X. (X \rightarrow G) \rightarrow F X \rightarrow G) \rightarrow \mu_{\kappa 0} F \rightarrow G \\ & \leftrightarrow \quad \forall F. \mu_{\kappa 0} F \rightarrow \forall G. (\forall X. (X \rightarrow G) \rightarrow F X \rightarrow G) \rightarrow G \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu_{\kappa 0} F \quad := \quad \forall G. (\forall X. (X \rightarrow G) \rightarrow F X \rightarrow G) \rightarrow G$$

- Encode the r.h.s. of the computation rule in the def. of in:

$$\text{Mlt}_{\kappa 0} \quad := \quad \lambda s \lambda r. r s$$

$$\text{in}_{\kappa 0} \quad := \quad \lambda t \lambda s. s (\text{Mlt}_{\kappa 0} s) t$$

- Works similar for Mlt and Glt for higher ranks.



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Related and further work on nested datatypes

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- Matthes: CSL 01 (rank-2)
- Bird, Meertens, Paterson, Gibbons *et al.*: Nested datatypes (in Haskell), specialized `gfold`.
- Hinze, Okasaki: Efficient algorithms using nested datatypes.
- A., Matthes (FICS'03): Mendler-style primitive recursion for higher ranks.
- Further work: nested datatypes in the *type-based termination* setting of Hughes/Pareto/Sabry, Barthe *et. al.*, A.

$$\frac{i, g: \mu^i F \leq^H G \vdash t : \mu^{i+1} F \leq^H G}{\text{fix } g. t : \forall i. \mu^i F \leq^H G}$$