

Think more effectively with Haskell

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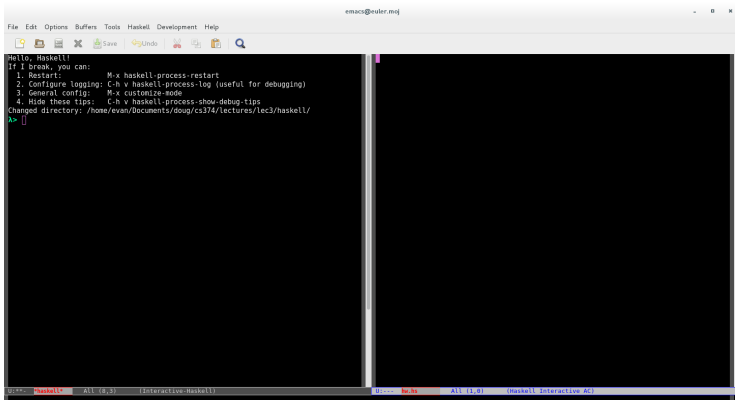
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 - ▶ Immutability, functional and lazy gives you code you can run in parallel by default

What do you need?

- ▶ You need an editor and the Haskell compiler. We will install GHCi, Haskell stack, and Emacs.

let's open Emacs



ready, set, go

2 + 15

49 * 100

1892 - 1472

5 / 2

1=1

17

4900

420

Compound arithmetic computations

```
(50 * 100) - 4999
```

```
50 * 100 - 4999
```

```
50 * (100 - 4999)
```

```
1==1
```

```
1
```

```
1
```

```
-244950
```

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usual rules with Boolean variables

- ▶ `&&` == Boolean *and*
- ▶ `||` == Boolean *or*
- ▶ `not` == negation

testing for equality

```
True && False
```

```
True && True
```

```
False || True
```

```
not False
```

```
not (True && True)
```

```
1=1
```

```
False
```

```
True
```

```
True
```

```
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```

Bad addition

```
5+"llama"
```

```
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```

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```

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In the expression: 5 == True
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1==1
```

```
<interactive>:1205:1: error:
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```
<interactive>:340:1:
```

```
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```

```
Possible fix: add an instance declaration for (Num Bool)
```

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GHCI can tell that the types don't match

- ▶ '+' expects left and right to be number
- ▶ '==' expects two things that are of the same type

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- ▶ 'succ' is a *prefix* function because it goes before its argument

prefix demo

```
succ 8  
min 9 10  
min 3.4 3.2  
max 100 101  
  
.  
  
9  
9  
3.2  
101
```

Haskell relies on precedence

- ▶ Many Lisp/Scheme/Clojure programmers put in more parenthesis than is idiomatic in Haskell
- ▶ These two statements are the same

```
succ 9 + max 5 4 + 1  
(succ 9) + (max 5 4) + 1  
1==1
```

```
16
```

```
16
```

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 `~/Documents/cs374/haskell/`
3. create the file `baby.hs`
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5. type `doubleMe x = 2*x`
6. load the file into `ghci`

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```
let doubleSmallNumber x = if (x > 100) then x else 2*x
doubleSmallNumber 54
doubleSmallNumber 103
1==1
```

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```
doubleSmallNumber' x = (if x > 100 then x else 2*x) + 1
```


character functions

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```
conanO'Brien = "It's a-me, Conan O'Brien!"
```

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```
[1,2,3,4] ++ [9,10,11,12]
"hello" ++ " " ++ "world"
['w','o'] ++ ['o','t']
1=1
```

```
[1,2,3,4,9,10,11,12]
hello world
```

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```
"Steve Buscemi" !! 5
```

```
[9.4,33.2,96.2,11.2,23.25] !! 0
```

```
1==1
```

```
','
```

```
9.4
```

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```
head "Steve Buscemi"  
head [9.4,33.2,96.2,11.2,23.25]  
tail "Steve Buscemi"  
tail [9.4,33.2,96.2,11.2,23.25]  
last "Steve Buscemi"  
last [9.4,33.2,96.2,11.2,23.25]  
init "Steve Buscemi"  
init [9.4,33.2,96.2,11.2,23.25]  
1==1
```


Matrices can be represented as nested lists

- ▶ We use nested lists
- ▶ We can also apply the list functions multiple times to access parts of the list

```
firstMat = [[9,8,7],[6,5,4],[3,2,1]]
```

```
firstMat !! 1
```

```
(firstMat !! 1) !! 2
```

```
1==1
```

```
[6,5,4]
```

```
4
```

Length examples

- ▶ 'length' returns the length of a list

```
length [3,9,3]
```

```
length [1,2]
```

```
length [6,6,6]
```

```
1==1
```

```
3
```

```
2
```

```
3
```

Null examples

- ▶ 'null' let's us know if a list is empty

```
null [1,2,3]
```

```
null []
```

```
1==1
```

```
False
```

```
True
```

Functions to reduce a list

- ▶ 'drop' returns the list without the first n elements

```
drop 1 [3,9,3]
```

```
drop 5 [1,2]
```

```
drop 0 [6,6,6]
```

```
1==1
```

```
[9,3]
```

```
[]
```

```
[6,6,6]
```

Take examples

- ▶ 'take' returns the first n elements of a list

```
take 1 [3,9,3]
```

```
take 5 [1,2]
```

```
take 0 [6,6,6]
```

```
1==1
```

```
[3]
```

```
[1,2]
```

```
[]
```

There is a built in function to reverse a list

- ▶ 'reverse' doesn't reduce
 - ▶ returns a list in the reverse order
 - ▶ can't be bound to the same variable

```
reverse [5,4,3,2,1]
```

```
1==1
```

```
[1,2,3,4,5]
```

There are a built in function to return extremes of a list

- ▶ 'minimum' returns the minimum of a list
- ▶ 'maximum' returns the maximum of a list

```
minimum [5,4,3,2,1]
```

```
maximum [5,4,3,2,1]
```

```
1==1
```

```
1
```

```
5
```

There are a built in functions to sum and multiply elements

- ▶ 'sum' returns the sum of the elements of a list
- ▶ 'product' returns the product of the elements of a list

```
sum [5,4,3,2,1]
```

```
product [5,4,3,2,1]
```

```
1==1
```

```
15
```

```
120
```


There is a built in function to check membership

- ▶ 'elem' returns the sum of the elements of a list
- ▶ the backtick key '`' allows you to use a *prefix* function as *infix*

```
4 'elem' [3,4,5,6]
10 'elem' [3,4,5,6]
elem 5 [3,4,5,6]
['D'..'F'] ++ ['a'..'d']
```

```
1==1
```

```
True
```

```
False
```

```
True
```

```
DEFabcd
```

Enumeration and range

- ▶ If we can enumerate all the elements of a set we can use ranges:
 - ▶ numbers
 - ▶ letters
 - ▶ capital letters

```
[1..20]
```

```
['a'..'z']
```

```
['X'..'Z']
```

```
1==1
```

```
[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20]
```

```
abcdefghijklmnopqrstvwxyz
```

```
XYZ
```

ranges can have steps

- ▶ We can get even the even numbers
- ▶ We can get the multiples of three

```
[2,4..20]
```

```
[3,6..20]
```

```
1==1
```

```
[2,4,6,8,10,12,14,16,18,20]
```

```
[3,6,9,12,15,18]
```

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```
take 24 [13,26..]
```

```
take 10 (cycle [1,2,3])
```

```
take 12 (cycle "LOL ")
```

```
1==1
```

```
[13,26,39,52,65,78,91,104,117,130,143,156,169,182,195,208,221]
```

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

```
LOL LOL LOL
```

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```
take 10 (repeat 5)
```

```
replicate 3 10
```

```
1==1
```

```
[5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5,5]
```

```
[10,10,10]
```

Haskell has its own twist on list comprehensions

Definition (In set notation)



$$S = \{2 \cdot x \mid x \in \mathbb{N}, x \leq 10\}$$

- ▶ $2 \cdot x$ the output function
- ▶ ' x ' is the variable
- ▶

\mathbb{N}

is the input set

- ▶ $x \leq 10$ is the predicate

```
[x*2 | x<- [1..100] , x <=10, x >=6]
```

```
[ x | x <- [50..100], mod x 7 == 3]
```

```
1 == 1
```

We can combine functions and list comprehensions

- ▶ We can even get product lists

```
let boomBangs xs = [ if x < 10 then "BOOM!" else "BANG!" | x <- xs ]
```

```
boomBangs [7..13]
```

```
[ x | x <- [10..20], x /= 13, x /= 15, x /= 19]
```

```
[ x*y | x <- [2,5,10], y <- [8,10,11]]
```

```
[ x*y | x <- [2,5,10], y <- [8,10,11], x*y > 50]
```

```
1==1
```

```
Prelude> ["BOOM!", "BOOM!", "BANG!", "BANG!"]
```

```
Prelude> [10,11,12,14,16,17,18,20]
```

We can string functions and list comprehensions

- ▶ We can even get combine lists of adjectives and nouns for some laughs

```
:set +m
nouns = ["hobo","frog","pope"]
adjectives = ["lazy","grouchy","scheming"]
[adjective ++ " " ++ noun | adjective <- adjectives,
  noun <- nouns]
i==i
```

```
Prelude> ["lazy hobo","lazy frog","lazy pope","grouchy hobo"]
```

We can even use projections

- ▶ If we keep track of how many elements we throw away we can redefine the 'length' function
- ▶ '_' means we don't care what the element is

```
let length' xs = sum [1 | _ <- xs]  
i==i
```

We can even use membership to keep only a certain items

- ▶ Here we keep only capital letters
- ▶ Let's write a function that keeps only lower case

```
let removeNonUppercase st = [ c | c <- st, c `elem` ['A'..'Z']
removeNonUppercase "Hahaha! Ahahaha!"
removeNonUppercase "IdontLIKEFROGS"
let removeNonLowercase st = [ c | c <- st, c `elem` ['a'..'z']
removeNonLowercase "i love AND HATE haskell"
i==i
```

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ILIKEFROGS

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Nested lists can be used to remove odd numbers in a list of lists

- ▶ We could do this across several lines

```
let xxs = [[1,3,5,2,3,1,2,4,5], [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9], [1,2,4,2,2,1,3,4,5]]
          [[ x | x <- xs, even x ] | xs <- xxs]
i==i
```

Ordered pairs in Haskell

- ▶ Tuples in Haskell have stronger type checking

```
[[1,2],[8,11,5],[4,5]] --doesn't throw an error
[(1, 2), (8, 11, 5), (4, 5)]
i==i
```

```
[[1,2],[8,11,5],[4,5]]
```

```
<interactive>:1342:10-19: error:
```

- Couldn't match expected type '(a, b)'
with actual type '(Integer, Integer, Integer)
- In the expression: (8, 11, 5)
In the expression: [(1, 2), (8, 11, 5), (4, 5)]
In an equation for 'it': it = [(1, 2), (8, 11, 5), (4, 5)]
- Relevant bindings include
it :: [(a, b)] (bound at <interactive>:1342:1)

A 2-tuple is also called an ordered pair

- ▶ There are two special functions which return the components

```
fst ("One", 1)
```

```
snd ("Two", 2)
```

```
i==i
```

```
One
```

```
2
```

Like Python, Haskell has a zip operation

- ▶ We can zip two lists into a list of tuples
- ▶ The two lists do not need to be the same type
- ▶ One list can be shorter than the other
- ▶ We can zip finite lists with infinite ones (lazy)

```
zip [1,2,3,4,5] [5,5,5,5,5]
zip [1 .. 5] ["one", "two", "three", "four", "five"]
zip [5,3,2,6,2,7,2,5,4,6,6] ["im","a","turtle"]
zip [1..] ["apple", "orange", "cherry", "mango"]
i==i

[(1,5),(2,5),(3,5),(4,5),(5,5)]
[(1,"one"),(2,"two"),(3,"three"),(4,"four"),(5,"five")]
[(5,"im"),(3,"a"),(2,"turtle")]
[(1,"apple"),(2,"orange"),(3,"cherry"),(4,"mango")]
```

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- ▶ generate all tuples of sides less than 10

```
length [(x,y,z) | x<-[1..10],y<-[1..10],z<-[1..10]]  
i==i
```

```
1000
```

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- ▶ make $b < c$
- ▶ make only right triangles
- ▶ Here is the first

```
:set +m
length([(x,y,z) | x<-[1..10],
y<-[1..10],
z<-[1..10],y<z])
i==i
```

```
Prelude| Prelude| 450
```

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- ▶ the perimeter equal 24
- ▶ $a + b + c = 24$

```
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z<-[1..10],y<z,
(x^2 + y^2 == z^2)])
i==i
```

```
Prelude| Prelude| 4
```

Let's add constraints

- ▶ the perimeter equal 24
- ▶ $a + b + c = 24$

```
:set +m
```

```
length([(x,y,z) | x<-[1..10],y<-[1..10],z<-[1..10],
y<z,
x+y+z==24,
(x^2 + y^2 == z^2)])
[(x,y,z) | x<-[1..10],y<-[1..10],z<-[1..10],y<z,
x+y+z==24,
(x^2 + y^2 == z^2)]
i==i
```

```
Prelude> Prelude| Prelude| Prelude| 2
```

```
Prelude| Prelude| [(6,8,10), (8,6,10)]
```