

From Void to Pointer.Mu

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Me, Myself, and I

Who am I?

- ▶ Lecturer at the University of Strathclyde
- ▶ Idris and Agda core developer

What do I care about?

- ▶ Correct-by-construction method
- ▶ Efficient runtime representations
- ▶ Generic programming
- ▶ Partial Evaluation
- ▶ “Practical” dependently typed libraries
- ▶ Proof Automation

Plans for this week

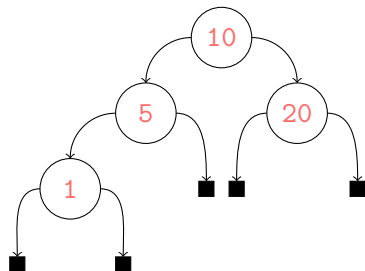
(WIP) Lecture Notes:

<https://gallais.github.io/teaching>

1. Motivation and Introduction to Idris 2
 - ▶ No prerequisites
 - ▶ Live programming
 - ▶ Key ideas, design patterns
2. Generic Programming
3. Programming Over Serialised Data

Motivation

Trees and Pattern Matching



```
data Tree
  = Leaf
  | Node Tree Bits8 Tree
```

```
sum : Tree -> Nat
sum t = case t of
  Leaf => 0
  Node l b r =>
    let m = sum l
        n = sum r
    in (m + cast b + n)
```

Serialised Data and Pointer Manipulations

(node (node leaf 1 leaf) 5 leaf)
01 01 01 00 01 00 05 00 0a 01 00 14 00
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```
1 int sumAt (uint8_t buf[], int *ptr) {
2     uint8_t tag = buf[*ptr]; (*ptr)++;
3     switch (tag) {
4         case 0: return 0;
5         case 1:
6             int m = sumAt(buf, ptr);
7             uint8_t b = buf[*ptr]; (*ptr)++;
8             int n = sumAt(buf, ptr);
9             return (m + (int) b + n);
10        default: exit(-1); }}
```

Seamless

```
sum : Data.Mu Tree -> Nat
sum t = case t of
  "Leaf" # _ => Z
  "Node" # l # b # r =>
    let m = sum l
        n = sum r
    in (m + cast b + n)
```

```
sum : Pointer.Mu Tree _ -> IO Nat
sum ptr = case !(view ptr) of
  "Leaf" # _ => pure Z
  "Node" # l # b # r =>
    do m <- sum l
       n <- sum r
       pure (m + cast b + n)
```


Correct

```
sum : Pointer.Mu Tree t ->
      IO (Singleton (Data.sum t))
sum ptr = case !(view ptr) of
  "Leaf" # _ => pure [| Z |]
  "Node" # l # b # r =>
    do m <- sum l
       n <- sum r
       pure [| [| m + [| cast b |] |] + n |]
```

Generic

```
fold : {cs : Data nm} -> (alg : Alg cs a) ->  
forall t. Pointer.Mu cs t ->  
IO (Singleton (Data.fold alg t))
```

Live programming