

Chapter 5

Operation Refinement

5.1 Introduction

Transformational algorithmic design (vulg. program calculation) involves the following steps:

1. Calculation of a concrete-level *simulation* of the specification, *i.e.* of the high-level operation we want to realize (or “get rid of abstraction functions”).
2. Calculation of an efficient version of such a simulation (or “change pattern recursion”).
3. Encoding of 2 in a concrete programming language (or “get rid of mathematics altogether!”).

5.1.1 Step 1 (simulation)

In general, let

$$\sigma : A \longrightarrow B$$

be a morphism specifying some operation involving data-types A and B . Suppose we have already calculated the representation A_1 and B_1 (data refinement):

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & B \\ f \uparrow & & \uparrow g \\ A_1 & & B_1 \end{array}$$

The idea is to “close” this diagram,

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & B \\ f \uparrow & & \uparrow g \\ A_1 & \xrightarrow{\sigma_1} & B_1 \end{array} \tag{5.1}$$

so that σ_1 “simulates” the behaviour of σ at concrete-level,

$$g \cdot \sigma_1 = \sigma \cdot f \quad (5.2)$$

that is, the diagram commutes. We regard σ_1 as the “unknown” of equation (5.2). Note that there may be many solutions for σ_1 in equation (5.2) — the typical “one-abstract to many-concrete” relationship of (functional) refinement.

“Simulation” amounts to exhibiting the same observational behaviour:

$$\sigma a \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{let } a_1 \in \{a' \in A_1 \mid f a' = a\} \\ \text{in } g(\sigma_1 a_1)$$

The choice of a particular range representation function s (i.e. such that $g \cdot s = id$) will determine a particular solution:

$$\sigma_1 = s \cdot \sigma \cdot f \quad (5.3)$$

For injective g this choice is unique: $s = g^{-1}$. Then the idea is to calculate further

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_1 &= s \cdot \sigma \cdot f \\ &= \dots \\ &\vdots \\ &= \dots \sigma_1 \dots \text{ /*expression free of } f \text{ and } g \text{ */} \end{aligned}$$

thus obtaining a (possibly recursive) simulation σ_1 which is no longer defined in terms of abstraction/representation functions. It is easy to see that (5.3) can be obtained by fusion laws such as catamorphism fusion (2.61) wherever f and g are expressed by catamorphisms.

In general, there may exist more than one solution and idea is to transform refinement equation (5.2) so that f eventually gives place to g and g is eventually “pulled” up to the outermost place on the right-hand side,

$$\begin{aligned} g \cdot \sigma_1 &= \sigma \cdot f \\ &= \dots \\ &\vdots \\ &= \dots g \dots \sigma_1 \dots \\ &\vdots \\ &= g \cdot E(\dots \sigma_1 \dots) \end{aligned}$$

so that abstraction map g can be factored out from both sides of the obtained equation:

$$\sigma_1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} E(\dots \sigma_1 \dots)$$

(Of course, there may exist another E' such that $g \cdot E'(\dots \sigma_1 \dots)$ can also be obtained by alternative calculation.)

5.1.2 Step 2 (algorithmic refinement)

This is the step concerned with “efficiency”. This can be obtained in many ways which are dependent on the target machine architecture:

- Change of virtual data-structure, or changing the algorithmic control:
 - left-lists ($F X = 1 + X \times A$) lead to $\mathcal{O}(1)$ space complexity (vulg. recursion-removal transformations targetted at synthesizing `for/while`-loops from recursive equations.)
 - binary-trees ($F X = 1 + A \times X^2$) lead to $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ time complexity (e.g. the ‘quicksort’ implementation of insertion sort).
 - (monoid) accumulations trim $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ time complexity down to $\mathcal{O}(n)$ time complexity.
 - vital rôle of exponentials!
- refinement by “sequential loop” inter-combination: fusion and absorption laws + deforestation (removal of intermediate data-structures)
- refinement by “parallel loop” inter-combination: mutual recursion elimination (for this purpose we will see Fokkinga’s law and its well-known corollary, the “banana-split” law)

5.1.3 Step 3 (code generation)

Code generation consists of carrying “program” transformation even further,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \vdots \\
 \sigma_1 &= \dots E \dots \\
 &= \dots \\
 & \vdots \\
 &= \llbracket P \rrbracket
 \end{aligned}$$

until the formal semantics $\llbracket P \rrbracket$ of some executable piece of code P (in the target programming language) is found.

5.2 Examples of simulation calculation (step 1)

The most obvious illustration of step 1 is the simulation of functorial operations implicit in the abstraction function naturality condition (polymorphism), e.g. the “sets represented by lists” data refinement:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & A^* \xrightarrow{elems_A} \mathcal{P}A & \\
 f \downarrow & f^* \downarrow & \downarrow \mathcal{P}f \\
 B & B^* \xrightarrow{elems_B} \mathcal{P}B &
 \end{array} \tag{5.4}$$

It is easy to see in this diagram an instance of diagram (5.1) — just rotate it anti-clockwise — for $\sigma = \mathcal{P}f$ and $\sigma_1 = f^*$.

Let us now see a simple example of simulation calculation involving cata-fusion. Consider the fairly standard refinement equation

$$belongs(a, y) = a \in elems\ y \quad (5.5)$$

relative to the diagram of the “find” operation in the same “sets represented by lists” refinement:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \times \mathcal{P}A & \xrightarrow{\in} & Bool \\ id \times elems \uparrow & & \uparrow id \\ A \times A^* & \xrightarrow{belongs} & Bool \end{array} \quad belongs = \in \cdot (id \times elems)$$

We want to calculate $belongs$. We start by currying (5.5) on the first parameter:

$$\begin{aligned} belongs &= \in \cdot (id \times elems) \\ &\equiv \{ \text{by (1.64)} \} \\ \overline{belongs} a &= \overline{\in \cdot (id \times elems)} a \\ &\equiv \{ \text{by } \overline{f \cdot (g \times h)} a = ((\overline{f} \cdot g) a) \cdot h \} \\ \overline{belongs} a &= ((\overline{\in} \cdot id) a) \cdot elems \\ &\equiv \{ \text{identity} \} \\ \overline{belongs} a &= (\overline{\in} a) \cdot elems \end{aligned}$$

In a diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{P}A & \xrightarrow{\overline{\in} a} & Bool \\ elems \uparrow & & \uparrow id \\ A^* & \xrightarrow{\overline{belongs} a} & Bool \end{array} \quad \overline{belongs} a = (\overline{\in} a) \cdot elems \quad (5.6)$$

Recall that $elems = \llbracket [\emptyset, puts] \rrbracket_F$, where $puts = \cup \cdot (sings \times id)$, $sings\ a = \{a\}$ (singleton set) and $F X = 1 + A \times X$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A^* & \xrightleftharpoons[in]{out} & 1 + A \times A^* \\ elems = \llbracket [\emptyset, puts] \rrbracket \downarrow & & \downarrow id + id \times elems \\ \mathcal{P}A_{[\emptyset, puts]} & \xrightarrow{\quad} & 1 + A \times \mathcal{P}A \end{array}$$

So, equation (5.6) is an opportunity to apply cata-fusion (2.61), by switching unknown from *belongs* to β such that

$$\overline{\text{belongs}} a = \llbracket \beta \rrbracket$$

holds, provided the bottom square below commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A^* & \xleftarrow{[\text{nil}, \text{cons}]} & 1 + A \times A^* \\
 \downarrow \text{elems} & & \downarrow \text{id} + \text{id} \times \text{elems} \\
 \overline{\text{belongs}} a \left(\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{P}A \\ \downarrow \overline{\varepsilon} a \\ \text{Bool} \end{array} \right) & \xleftarrow{[\emptyset, \text{puts}]} & 1 + A \times \mathcal{P}A \\
 & & \downarrow \text{id} + \text{id} \times (\overline{\varepsilon} a) \\
 & \xleftarrow{\beta} & 1 + A \times \text{Bool}
 \end{array}$$

Let $\beta = [\beta_1, \beta_2]$. The detailed reasoning is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\overline{\varepsilon} a) \cdot \llbracket [\emptyset, \text{puts}] \rrbracket = \llbracket \beta \rrbracket \\
 \Leftarrow & \quad \{ \text{by cata-fusion (2.61)} \} \\
 & (\overline{\varepsilon} a) \cdot [\emptyset, \text{puts}] = \beta \cdot (\text{id} + \text{id} \times (\overline{\varepsilon} a)) \\
 \equiv & \quad \{ \text{by } +\text{-fusion (1.40), } \beta = [\beta_1, \beta_2] \text{ and } +\text{-absorption (1.41)} \} \\
 & [(\overline{\varepsilon} a) \cdot \emptyset, (\overline{\varepsilon} a) \cdot \text{puts}] = [\beta_1, \beta_2 \cdot (\text{id} \times (\overline{\varepsilon} a))] \\
 \equiv & \quad \{ \text{by } f \cdot \underline{c} = \underline{f c} \text{ and definition of } \text{puts} \} \\
 & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_1 = \underline{(\overline{\varepsilon} a) \emptyset} \\ \beta_2 \cdot (\text{id} \times (\overline{\varepsilon} a)) = (\overline{\varepsilon} a) \cdot \cup \cdot (\text{sings} \times \text{id}) \end{array} \right. \\
 \equiv & \quad \{ \text{uncurrying and } a \in x \cup y = (a \in x) \vee (a \in y) \} \\
 & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_1 = \underline{a \in \emptyset} \\ \beta_2 \cdot (\text{id} \times (\overline{\varepsilon} a)) = \vee \cdot ((\overline{\varepsilon} a) \times (\overline{\varepsilon} a)) \cdot (\text{sings} \times \text{id}) \end{array} \right. \\
 \equiv & \quad \{ \times\text{-functor} \} \\
 & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_1 = \underline{\text{FALSE}} \\ \beta_2 \cdot (\text{id} \times (\overline{\varepsilon} a)) = \vee \cdot ((\overline{\varepsilon} a) \cdot \text{sings} \times (\overline{\varepsilon} a)) \end{array} \right. \\
 \equiv & \quad \{ \text{by } a \in \{b\} = (a = b), \text{ that is, } (\overline{\varepsilon} a) \cdot \text{sings} = \equiv a \} \\
 & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_1 = \underline{\text{FALSE}} \\ \beta_2 \cdot (\text{id} \times (\overline{\varepsilon} a)) = \vee \cdot ((\equiv a) \times (\overline{\varepsilon} a)) \end{array} \right. \\
 \equiv & \quad \{ \text{by introduction of two } \text{id} \} \\
 & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta_1 = \underline{\text{FALSE}} \\ \beta_2 \cdot (\text{id} \times (\overline{\varepsilon} a)) = \vee \cdot ((\equiv a) \times \text{id}) \cdot (\text{id} \times (\overline{\varepsilon} a)) \end{array} \right. \\
 \Leftarrow & \quad \{ \text{note the implication sign} \}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{cases} \beta_1 = \underline{\text{FALSE}} \\ \beta_2 = \vee \cdot ((\equiv a) \times id) \end{cases}$$

So, by cata-fusion (2.61) we have obtained

$$\overline{\text{belongs}} a = ([\underline{\text{FALSE}}, \vee \cdot ((\equiv a) \times id)]) \tag{5.7}$$

that is, going pointwise and uncurried:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{belongs}(a, y) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \\ \begin{cases} y = [] &\Rightarrow \text{FALSE} \\ y \neq [] &\Rightarrow a = \text{hd } y \vee \text{belongs}(a, \text{tl } y) \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{5.8}$$

In summary, we have achieved the purpose of step 1: *belongs* is defined in terms of itself (abstraction/representation functions have vanished).

5.3 Algorithmic refinement: changing the virtual data-structure

The *belongs* catamorphism (5.7,5.8) calculated in the previous section is described by diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A^* & \xleftarrow{[\text{nil}, \text{cons}]} & 1 + A \times A^* \\ \overline{\text{belongs}} a \downarrow & & \downarrow id + id \times \overline{\text{belongs}} a \\ \text{Bool} & \xleftarrow{[\underline{\text{FALSE}}, \vee \cdot ((\equiv a) \times id)]} & 1 + A \times \text{Bool} \end{array}$$

and implements a linearly recursive search. Thus it is not particularly efficient. Moreover, the search will not stop once *a* is found in the list.

Linear search can be converted into the more efficient bilinear search by changing the pattern of recursion from lists to binary trees ($F X = 1 + A \times X^2$), leading to $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ time complexity:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A^* & \xleftarrow{[\text{nil}, \text{cons}]} & 1 + A \times A^* \dots\dots\dots 1 + A \times (A^* \times A^*) \\ \overline{\text{belongs}} a \downarrow & & \downarrow id + id \times (\overline{\text{belongs}} a) \qquad \downarrow id + id \times (\overline{\text{belongs}} a \times \overline{\text{belongs}} a) \\ \text{Bool} & \xleftarrow{[\underline{\text{FALSE}}, \vee \cdot ((\equiv a) \times id)]} & 1 + A \times \text{Bool} \dots\dots\dots 1 + A \times (\text{Bool} \times \text{Bool}) \end{array}$$

This change, which must not lose or mix information (it must be injective) is the same used in the ‘quicksort’ implementation of insertion sort:

$$id + part$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \text{part}(a, l) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{let } r = [x \mid x \leftarrow l \wedge x \leq a] \\ &\quad l = [x \mid x \leftarrow l \wedge x > a] \\ &\text{in } (a, (r, l)) \end{aligned}$$

Note that $id + \text{part}$ is in fact injective: it has $id + id \times (\#)$ as a left-inverse. So we are led to

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A^* & \xleftarrow{[nil, cons]} 1 + A \times A^* & \xleftarrow{id+id \times (\#)} 1 + A \times (A^* \times A^*) \\ \downarrow \text{belongs } a & & \downarrow id+id \times (\text{belongs } a) \\ \text{Bool} & \xleftarrow{[FALSE, \vee \cdot ((\equiv a) \times id)]} 1 + A \times \text{Bool} & \xleftarrow{\alpha} 1 + A \times (\text{Bool} \times \text{Bool}) \\ & & \downarrow id+id \times (\text{belongs } a \times \text{belongs } a) \end{array}$$

where α must be chosen so that the righthand side square commutes. It is easy to see that

$$\alpha \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} id + id \times \vee$$

is a good choice, since

$$\text{belongs}(a, r \# l) \Leftrightarrow \text{belongs}(a, r) \vee \text{belongs}(a, l)$$

All in all, we get the following bilinear version of *belongs* (we omit the conversion from pointfree to pointwise notation):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{bbelongs}(a, l) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{if } y == [] \\ &\quad \text{then FALSE} \\ &\quad \text{else } a = hd l \vee \text{let } r = [x \mid x \leftarrow tl l \wedge x \leq a] \\ &\quad \quad t = [x \mid x \leftarrow tl l \wedge x > a] \\ &\quad \text{in } \text{bbelongs}(a, r) \vee \text{bbelongs}(a, t) \end{aligned}$$

This solution will run in logarithmic time at the cost of extra dynamic storage (binary recursion). Another drawback is that it still does not stop once a is found. In the next section we will see how to go in the opposite direction, *i.e.* by removing recursion and generating a `while` loop.

5.4 Left-linear recursion: calculation of while/for loops

We will be concerned with efficiency and want to eliminate recursion in (5.8). Let $\text{Bool} \xleftarrow{\text{bloop}} A \times (A^* \times \text{Bool})$ be any function satisfying the following axiom:

$$\text{bloop}(x, (y, b)) = b \vee \text{belongs}(x, y) \tag{5.9}$$

i.e.

$$(\overline{beloop\ x})(y, b) = b \vee (\overline{belongs\ x})y$$

Let $beloop_x$ and $belongs_x$ abbreviate $\overline{beloop\ x}$ and $\overline{belongs\ x}$, respectively. It is easy to check that $beloop$ extends $belongs$ in the following way:

$$belongs_x\ y = beloop_x(y, \text{FALSE})$$

since algebraic structure

$$(\{\text{TRUE}, \text{FALSE}\}; \vee, \text{FALSE})$$

is a monoid. Moreover, for $y = []$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} beloop_x([], b) &= b \vee belongs_x\ [] \\ &= b \vee \text{FALSE} \\ &= b \end{aligned} \tag{5.10}$$

as well as, for $y \neq []$,

$$\begin{aligned} beloop_x(y, b) &= b \vee (x = \text{hd}\ y \vee belongs_x(\text{tl}\ y)) \\ &= (b \vee (x = \text{hd}\ y)) \vee belongs_x(\text{tl}\ y) \\ &= beloop_x(\text{tl}\ y, (b \vee (x = \text{hd}\ y))) \end{aligned} \tag{5.11}$$

cf. (5.9). Putting (5.10) and (5.11) together, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} beloop_x(y, b) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \\ \begin{cases} y = [] & \Rightarrow b \\ y \neq [] & \Rightarrow beloop_x(\text{tl}\ y, b \vee (x = \text{hd}\ y)) \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{5.12}$$

Furthermore, we know that TRUE is the “zero” of \vee :

$$b \vee \text{TRUE} = \text{TRUE} \vee b = \text{TRUE}$$

So, via (5.9),

$$beloop_x(y, \text{TRUE}) = \text{TRUE}$$

i.e.

$$b \Rightarrow (beloop_x(y, b) = b)$$

We take advantage of this in the follow up of (5.12):

$$\begin{aligned} beloop_x(y, b) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \\ \begin{cases} y = [] \vee b & \Rightarrow b \\ y \neq [] \wedge \neg b & \Rightarrow beloop_x(\text{tl}\ y, (x = \text{hd}\ y)) \end{cases} \end{aligned} \tag{5.13}$$

Finally, we put (5.10) together with (5.13) to obtain the denotational semantics of, respectively, the initialization and body of the following `while`-loop,


```

{ bool found = 0;
  list p;
  {
    p = y;
    while ((p != <>) && ¬ found)
      { found = (x == head(p));
        p = tail(p);
      };
  }
}

```

(5.14)

encoded here in a kind of ‘ad hoc’ imperative C-like syntax. (At this level one may prefer `found` to `b` for easier perception of the meaning of the loop.)

Programming variables such as `found` are sometimes regarded as programming *tricks* produced by the intuition of able programmers. From the reasoning above we see that, rather than tricky, they have a sound *mathematical basis*, which is a consequence of the formal properties of the operators involved in their specification and calculation processes¹. In a distributed/parallel environment, rules will go in the opposite way: the more recursive the better (*e.g.* double factorial instead of linear factorial).

This apparently academic exercise can be generalized to a vast **class** of algorithm specifications (in a sense, every programming loop “has” a hidden mathematical structure of this kind), as is shown next.

Generalization

In the general case, let

$$\begin{aligned}
 f & : FY \longrightarrow M \\
 f & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} p \rightarrow u, \theta \cdot \langle d, f \cdot e \rangle
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{5.15}$$

be an arbitrary function where the following abstract operators occur,

$$\begin{aligned}
 p & : FY \longrightarrow \text{Bool} \\
 e & : FY \longrightarrow FY \\
 d & : FY \longrightarrow M \\
 \theta & : M \times M \longrightarrow M \\
 u & : 1 \longrightarrow M
 \end{aligned}$$

such that $(M; \theta, u)$ is a monoid, that is,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \theta \cdot \langle i, u \rangle &= \theta \cdot \langle u, i \rangle = i \\
 \theta \cdot \langle \theta \cdot \langle i, j \rangle, k \rangle &= \theta \cdot \langle i, \theta \cdot \langle j, k \rangle \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

hold for arbitrary $\dots \xrightarrow{i, j, k} M$.

Comments:

¹See the program transformation literature for other rules and schemata of this kind, useful to eliminate undesired recursion [1, 2].

- Patterns such as (5.15) are called *program schemata*. Schema (5.15), which is called the *linear monadic schema* (LMS), is nothing but the following abstract hylomorphism,

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{FY} \xrightarrow{(!+\langle d_1, e \rangle) \cdot p?} 1 + M \times \text{FY} \xrightarrow{1+d_2 \times id_{\text{FY}}} 1 + Y \times \text{FY} \\
 \downarrow f \qquad \downarrow 1+M \times f \qquad \downarrow 1+Y \times f \\
 M \xrightarrow{[u, \theta]} 1 + M \times M \xrightarrow{1+d_2 \times id_M} 1 + Y \times M
 \end{array}$$

for $d = d_2 \cdot d_1$.

- Check that $belongs_x$ matches this schema for

LMS	$belongs_x$
Y	A
FY	A^*
M	Bool
p	$=[\]$
e	tl
d_1	hd
d_2	$=_x$
θ	\vee
u	FALSE

Wishing to generalize our calculation of $belongs$ to f , we introduce a function

$$\text{FY} \times M \xrightarrow{floop} M$$

defined by

$$floop(..y.., r) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} r \theta f(..y..) \quad (5.16)$$

which, because $(M; \theta, u)$ is a monoid, will satisfy:

$$f(..y..) = floop(..y.., u) \quad (5.17)$$

The following reasoning is a consequence of (5.16) and of the monoidal properties of $(M; \theta, u)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 floop(..y.., r) &= r \theta f(..y..) \\
 &= r \theta \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(..y..) \Rightarrow u \\ \neg(p(..y..)) \Rightarrow d(..y..) \theta f(..ey..) \end{array} \right. \\
 &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(..y..) \Rightarrow r \theta u \\ \neg p(..y..) \Rightarrow r \theta (d(..y..) \theta f(..ey..)) \end{array} \right. \\
 &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p(..y..) \Rightarrow r \\ \neg p(..y..) \Rightarrow \underbrace{(r \theta d(..y..)) \theta f(..ey..)}_A \end{array} \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

By instantiation of (5.16) we get

$$A = \mathit{floop}(\dots y \dots, r \ \theta \ d(\dots y \dots))$$

In summary, we have

$$\mathit{floop}(\dots y \dots, r) = \begin{cases} p(\dots y \dots) \Rightarrow r \\ \neg p(\dots y \dots) \Rightarrow \mathit{floop}(\dots y \dots, r \ \theta \ d(\dots y \dots)) \end{cases}$$

which, together with the “loop initialization” given by (5.17), matches the semantics of the following “while-loop schema”,

$$\begin{cases} M & r = u; \\ Y & y' = y; \\ \text{while } (\neg p(\dots y' \dots)) & \\ & \{ r = r \ \theta \ d(\dots y' \dots); \\ & \quad y' = e(y') \\ & \}; \end{cases}$$

Should M have a “zero”, that is some $a \in M$ such that

$$a \ \theta \ m = m \ \theta \ a = a$$

holds, further specialization of floop becomes available:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathit{floop}(\dots y \dots, r) &= \begin{cases} p(\dots y \dots) \Rightarrow r \\ \neg p(\dots y \dots) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} r = a \Rightarrow a \\ r \neq a \Rightarrow \mathit{floop}(\dots y \dots, r \ \theta \ d(\dots y \dots)) \end{cases} \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} p(\dots y \dots) \vee r = a \Rightarrow r \\ \neg p(\dots y \dots) \wedge r \neq a \Rightarrow \mathit{floop}(\dots y \dots, r \ \theta \ d(\dots y \dots)) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

leading to something we can identify as the semantics of the following “while-loop schema”,

$$\begin{cases} M & r = u; \\ Y & y' = y; \\ \text{while } (\neg p(\dots y' \dots) \ \&\& \ r \neq a) & \\ & \{ r = r \ \theta \ d(\dots y' \dots); \\ & \quad y' = e(y') \\ & \}; \end{cases}$$

of which that of *belongs* (5.14) is an obvious instance.

5.4.1 Examples — Set and List Browsing

Recall Zermelo-Frænkl set-comprehension formula,

$$\{g x \mid x \in X \wedge p x\} \tag{5.18}$$

and list comprehension,

$$[g x \mid x \leftarrow L \wedge p x] \quad (5.19)$$

given $A \xrightarrow{g} B$, $X \subseteq A$, $L \in A^*$ and “filter” $A \xrightarrow{p} \text{Bool}$.
It can be shown (e.g. by induction) that

- hylomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{(!+\langle \text{gets} \rangle) \cdot =_{\emptyset} ?} & \\ 2^A & \xrightarrow{1 + 2^B \times 2^A \xleftarrow{1+d_2 \times id_{2^A}} 1 + A \times 2^A} & \\ \downarrow f & \downarrow 1+2^B \times f & \downarrow 1+A \times f \\ 2^B & \xrightarrow{[\emptyset, \cup] \xleftarrow{1+d_2 \times id_{2^B}} 1 + A \times 2^B} & \end{array}$$

where

$$d_2 = p \rightarrow \text{sings} \cdot g, \emptyset$$

for $\text{sings } x \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x\}$ — that is, recursive function

$$f y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} y = \emptyset & \Rightarrow \emptyset \\ y \neq \emptyset & \Rightarrow \text{let } e \in y \\ & a = \begin{cases} p e & \Rightarrow \{g e\} \\ \neg(p e) & \Rightarrow \emptyset \end{cases} \\ & \text{in } a \cup f(y - \{e\}) \end{cases}$$

when applied to X , yields the same set as ZF-formula above;

- hylomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \xrightarrow{(!+\langle \text{hd}, \text{tl} \rangle) \cdot =_{[\]} ?} & \\ A^* & \xrightarrow{1 + B^* \times A^* \xleftarrow{1+d_2 \times id_{A^*}} 1 + A \times A^*} & \\ \downarrow f & \downarrow 1+B^* \times f & \downarrow 1+A \times f \\ B^* & \xrightarrow{[\] \cdot \# \xleftarrow{1+d_2 \times id_{B^*}} 1 + A \times B^*} & \end{array}$$

where

$$d_2 = p \rightarrow \text{sinl} \cdot g, [\]$$

for $sinl\ x \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [x]$ — that is, recursive function

$$f\ y \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} y = [] \Rightarrow [] \\ y \neq [] \Rightarrow \text{let } x = hd\ y \\ \qquad a = \begin{cases} p\ x & \Rightarrow [g\ x] \\ \neg(p\ x) & \Rightarrow [] \end{cases} \\ \qquad \text{in } a \# f(tl\ y) \end{array} \right.$$

when applied to L , yields the same list as formula (5.19) above.

Moreover, both recursive functions above are instances of linear-monadic scheme (5.15). So...they “are” loops!

Simple instantiation of (5.15) will show that second f above, for instance, is realized by the following abstract “while-loop”,

```
{ B* r = [];
  A* y' = y;
  A x;
  while (y' != [])
    { x = head(y');
      y' = tail(y');
      if p(x) r = conc(r, g(x));
    }
}
```

or, being more “C-oriented” in parameterizing the function in terms of `stdin` and `stdout` and assuming suitable ‘i/o’ library functions `getA` and `putB`, by

```
{
  A x;
  while ((x = getA(stdin)) != EOF)
    { if p(x) putB(g(x)); }
}
```

Of course, a similar while-loop schema can be developed for (5.18).

Note how “fine-grained” these schemata look like when compared to relational model information browsing, and how they render “one-at-a-time” *data browsing* explicit.

A lot of programming practice can be captured by schema results such as above. Experience in this kind of calculation develops the ability to spot *while loops* and to write them straight away — one just has to search for the closest linear monadic schema around...

Recursive schemata which are not linear monadic may actually be *converted* into that form by program calculation. Laws such as the one presented next can be used for this purpose.

5.5 The mutual-recursion law

Let us consider the following pair of mutually dependent functions over \mathbb{N}_0 (written in the CAMILA notation):

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= \text{if } n == 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } g(n \text{ .- } 1); \\ g(n) &= \text{if } n == 0 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else } f(n \text{ .- } 1) \text{ .+ } g(n \text{ .- } 1); \end{aligned}$$

Can any of these functions — say g — be converted into a while loop? In pointfree notation we have

$$\begin{aligned} f \cdot [\underline{0}, \text{suc}] &= [\underline{0}, g] \\ g \cdot [\underline{0}, \text{suc}] &= [\underline{1}, + \cdot \langle f, g \rangle] \end{aligned}$$

The mutual dependence can be made more explicit by forcing

$$\begin{aligned} f \cdot [\underline{0}, \text{suc}] &= [\underline{0}, \pi_2 \cdot \langle f, g \rangle] \\ g \cdot [\underline{0}, \text{suc}] &= [\underline{1}, + \cdot \langle f, g \rangle] \end{aligned}$$

The underlying inductive type is

$$\mathbb{N}_0 \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\quad} \\ \cong \\ \xleftarrow{\text{in}=[\underline{0}, \text{suc}]} \end{array} \underbrace{1 + \mathbb{N}_0}_{F \mathbb{N}_0} \quad (5.20)$$

which is such that $F f = id + f$. So we can write

$$\begin{aligned} f \cdot in &= [\underline{0}, \pi_2] \cdot F \langle f, g \rangle \\ g \cdot in &= [\underline{1}, +] \cdot F \langle f, g \rangle \end{aligned}$$

This situation is handled by the so-called *mutual-recursion law*, also called “Fokkinga law”:

$$\begin{aligned} f \cdot in = h \cdot F \langle f, g \rangle \\ \wedge \\ g \cdot in = k \cdot F \langle f, g \rangle \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \langle f, g \rangle = \langle \langle h, k \rangle \rangle \quad (5.21)$$

In terms of diagrams: from

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \xleftarrow{in} & FT \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow F \langle f, g \rangle \\ A & \xleftarrow{h} & F(A \times B) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} T & \xleftarrow{in} & FT \\ g \downarrow & & \downarrow F \langle f, g \rangle \\ B & \xleftarrow{k} & F(A \times B) \end{array}$$

we get

$$\begin{array}{ccc} T & \xleftarrow{in} & FT \\ \langle f, g \rangle \downarrow & & \downarrow F \langle f, g \rangle \\ A \times B & \xleftarrow{\langle h, k \rangle} & F(A \times B) \end{array}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle f, g \rangle \cdot in = \langle h, k \rangle \cdot F \langle f, g \rangle \\
 \equiv & \quad \{ \text{by } \times\text{-fusion (1.24)} \} \\
 & \langle f, g \rangle \cdot in = \langle h \cdot F \langle f, g \rangle, k \cdot F \langle f, g \rangle \rangle \\
 \equiv & \quad \{ \text{by hypothesis} \} \\
 & \langle f, g \rangle \cdot in = \langle f \cdot in, g \cdot in \rangle \\
 \equiv & \quad \{ \text{by (reverse) } \times\text{-fusion (1.24)} \} \\
 & \langle f, g \rangle \cdot in = \langle f, g \rangle \cdot in \\
 \equiv & \quad \{ \text{equality is reflexive} \} \\
 & \text{TRUE}
 \end{aligned}$$

We can apply this law to the situation above by letting $h = [\underline{0}, \pi_2]$ and $k = [\underline{1}, +]$ therefore obtaining

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle f, g \rangle & \\
 & = \quad \{ \text{Fokkinga law} \} \\
 & \quad \langle \langle [\underline{0}, \pi_2], [\underline{1}, +] \rangle \rangle \\
 & = \quad \{ \text{exchange law} \} \\
 & \quad \langle \langle [\underline{0}, \underline{1}], \langle \pi_2, + \rangle \rangle \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

which is CAMILA function

```

fg(n) = if n == 0 then <0,1>
        else let (p=fg(n.-1)
                in <p2(p),p1(p).+p2(p)>;

```

i.e.

```

fg(n) = do(a<-0,
           b<-1,
           while(~(n==0),
                c<-a, a<-b,
                b<-c .+ b,
                n<-n.-1),
           <a,b>);

```

Since

$$g = \pi_2 \cdot \langle f, g \rangle$$

one has

```

g(n) = do(a<-0,
         b<-1,
         while(~(n==0),
              c<-a,
              a<-b,
              b<-c .+ b,
              n<-n.-1),
         b);

```

which is nothing but an iterative version of Fibonacci.

Another Example

Checking a list-invariant which ensures that a (non-empty) list is ordered:

```

ordered : A+ -> 2
ordered [a] = TRUE
ordered (cons(a,l)) = a > (Max l) ∧ (ordered l)

```

Assuming $singl\ a = [a]$ we can depict $ordered$ as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A^+ & \xleftarrow{[singl,cons]} & A + A \times A^+ \\
\downarrow ordered & & \downarrow id+id \times (Max,ordered) \\
2 & \xleftarrow{[TRUE,\alpha]} & A + A \times (A \times 2)
\end{array}$$

where

$$\alpha(a, (m, b)) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a > m \wedge b$$

and where

$$Max = ([id, max])$$

cf.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A^+ & \xleftarrow{[singl,cons]} & A + A \times A^+ \\
\downarrow Max & & \downarrow id+id \times Max \\
A & \xleftarrow{[id,max]} & A + A \times A
\end{array}$$

It is easy to check that the equation implicit in this diagram is the same as the one implicit in

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
A^+ & \xleftarrow{[singl,cons]} & A + A \times A^+ \\
\downarrow Max & & \downarrow id+id \times (Max,g) \\
A & \xleftarrow{[id,max \cdot (id \times \pi_1)]} & A + A \times (A \times B)
\end{array}$$

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for any $A^+ \xrightarrow{g} B$. For $B = 2$ and $g = \text{ordered}$ we are in position to apply Fokkinga’s law and to obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{Max}, \text{ordered} \rangle &= (\langle [id, \text{max} \cdot (id \times \pi_1)], [\underline{\text{TRUE}}, \alpha] \rangle) \\ &= \{ \text{exchange law (1.47)} \} \\ &= (\langle [id, \underline{\text{TRUE}}], \langle \text{max} \cdot (id \times \pi_1), \alpha \rangle \rangle) \end{aligned}$$

Of course, $\text{ordered} = \pi_2 \cdot \langle \text{Max}, \text{ordered} \rangle$. Calling aux to the above synthesized catamorphism, we end up with the following realization of ordered :

$$\text{ordered } l = \begin{array}{l} \text{let } (a, b) = \text{aux } l \\ \text{in } b \end{array}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \text{aux} : A^+ &\longrightarrow A \times 2 \\ \text{ordered } [a] &= (a, \text{TRUE}) \\ \text{ordered } (\text{cons}(a, l)) &= \begin{array}{l} \text{let } (m, b) = \text{aux } l \\ \text{in } (\text{max}(a, m), (a > m \wedge b)) \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

5.6 “Banana-split”: a corollary of the mutual-recursion law

Let $h = i \cdot F \pi_1$ and $k = j \cdot F \pi_2$ in (5.21). Then

$$\begin{aligned} f \cdot \text{in} &= (i \cdot F \pi_1) \cdot F \langle f, g \rangle \\ &\equiv \{ \text{composition is associative and } F \text{ is a functor} \} \\ f \cdot \text{in} &= i \cdot F (\pi_1 \cdot \langle f, g \rangle) \\ &\equiv \{ \text{by } \times\text{-cancellation (1.20)} \} \\ f \cdot \text{in} &= i \cdot F f \\ &\equiv \{ \text{by cata-cancellation} \} \\ f &= \langle i \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, from $k = j \cdot F \pi_2$ we get

$$g = \langle j \rangle$$

Then, from (5.21), we get

$$\langle \langle i \rangle, \langle j \rangle \rangle = \langle \langle i \cdot F \pi_1, j \cdot F \pi_2 \rangle \rangle$$

that is

$$\langle \langle i \rangle, \langle j \rangle \rangle = \langle (i \times j) \cdot \langle F \pi_1, F \pi_2 \rangle \rangle \quad (5.22)$$

by (reverse) \times -absorption (1.25).

This law provides us with a very useful tool for “parallel loop” inter-combination: “loops” $([i])$ and $([j])$ are fused together into a single “loop” $([(i \times j) \cdot (F \pi_1, F \pi_2)])$. The need for this kind of calculation arises very often. Consider, for instance, the function which computes the average of a non-empty list of natural numbers:

$$average \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (/) \cdot \langle sum, length \rangle$$

Both sum and $length$ are \mathbb{N}^+ catamorphisms:

$$\begin{aligned} sum &= ([id, +]) \\ length &= ([1, succ \cdot \pi_2]) \end{aligned}$$

Function $average$ will do two independent traversals of the argument list before division $(/)$ takes place. Banana-split fuses such two traversals into a single one, thus leading to a function which: (a) runs twice as fast (b) can be converted into a *while loop* by introduction of accumulation parameters (such as seen above).

5.7 Exercises

Exercise 5.1 Isomorphism

$$\mathbb{N} \cong 1^*$$

in exercise 4.6 suggests a strange (but valid) representation for natural numbers: number n is represented by list $\underbrace{[NIL, \dots, NIL]}_{n \text{ vezes}}$. Suppose that you want to implement, over such a model, natural number addition and (partial) subtraction.

1. Identify which list-operations simulate such operations by drawing the corresponding refinement diagram.
2. Describe the behaviour of your simulation for subtraction $n - m$ wherever $m > n$.

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