

The Quantum IO Monad

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Motivation

- Explain quantum programming to (functional) programmers.
- Sell functional programming to people in quantum computing..
- Provide an intermediate language for the implementation of high level quantum languages (like QML).
- Framework to discover and implement patterns for quantum programming.

Haskell

- **Pure** functional programming language.
- Close to constructive Mathematics (terminating fragment).
- go further: Type Theory (Epigram).
- **Effects** (e.g. Input/Output, State, Concurrency, ...) are encapsulated in the IO monad.
- Proposal: Use *Functional specifications of IO* to reason about programs with IO.

Example: quick sort

$qsort :: (Ord\ a) \Rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [a]$

$qsort [] = []$

$qsort (a : as) = qsort (filter (\lambda b \rightarrow b \leq a) as)$

$+ [a]$

$+ qsort (filter (\lambda b \rightarrow a < b) as)$

Example: Sieve of Erastosthenes

```
primes :: [Z]  
primes = sieve [2 ..]  
where sieve (p : ns) = p : (sieve [n | n ← ns, n `mod` p ≢ 0])
```

Monads in Haskell

```
class Monad m where
  ( $\gg$ ) :: m a → (a → m b) → m b
  return :: a → m a
```

Equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{return } a \gg f &= f a \\ c \gg \text{return } &= c \\ (c \gg f) \gg g &= c \gg \lambda a \rightarrow f a \gg g \end{aligned}$$

Computations are represented by morphisms in the Kleisli category

$$a \rightarrow_{\text{Kleisli}} b = a \rightarrow m b$$

The state monad

```
newtype State s a = State (s → (a, s))  
instance Monad (State s) where  
    return a = State (λs → (a, s))  
    (State f) ≫ g = State λs → let (a, s') = f s  
                                (State h) = g a  
                                in h s')
```

Haskell's IO monad

instance Monad IO

getChar :: IO Char

putChar :: Char → IO ()

echo :: IO ()

echo = getChar ≫= (λc → putChar c) ≫ echo

echo = do c ← getChar

putChar c

echo

Referential transparency

```
dotwice :: IO () → IO ()  
dotwice p = p ≫ p
```

The two following lines have the same behaviour:

```
dotwice (putStrLn "Hello")  
(putStrLn "Hello") ≫ (putStrLn "Hello")
```

IORefs

```
type IORef a
newIORef :: a → IO (IORef a)
writeIORef :: IORef a → a → IO ()
readIORef :: IORef a → IO a
```

Functional specification of IO

type *Loc*

type *Data*

data *MyIO a* =

NewIORRef Data (Loc → MyIO a)

 | *ReadIORRef Loc (Data → MyIO a)*

 | *WriteIORRef Loc Data (MyIO a)*

 | *ReturnState a*

Functional specification of IO

```
type Heap = Loc → Data
data Store = Store{free :: Loc, heap :: Heap}
run ::      MyIO a → a
runState :: MyIO a → State Store a
```

QIO

type *Qbit*

type *QIO a*

type *U*

instance *Monad QIO*

mkQbit :: *Bool* → *QIO Qbit*

applyU :: *U* → *QIO ()*

meas :: *Qbit* → *QIO Bool*

Reversible Ops

instance Monoid U

unot :: Qbit → U

uhad :: Qbit → U

uphase :: Qbit → ℝ → U

swap :: Qbit → Qbit → U

cond :: Qbit → (Bool → U) → U

cond x (λb → if b then unot x else mempty)

leads to a runtime error!

urev :: U → U

run or sim

- *run* embeds QIO into IO using a random number generator:
$$\textit{run} :: \textit{QIO}\ a \rightarrow \textit{IO}\ a$$
- or a real quantum computer...
- *sim* calculates the probability distribution of possible answers:
$$\textit{sim} :: \textit{QIO}\ a \rightarrow \textit{Prob}\ a$$
- where
data $\textit{Prob}\ a = \textit{Prob}\ (\textit{Vec}\ \mathbb{R}\ a)$

Example: a random bit

qran :: QIO Qbit

```
qran = do qb ← mkQbit True
          applyU (uhad qb)
          return qb
```

test_qran :: QIO Bool

```
test_qran = do qb ← qran
               meas qb
```

* *Qio > run test_qran*

False

* *Qio > run test_qran*

True

* *Qio > sim test_qran*

[(True, 0.5), (False, 0.5)]

The Bell state

share :: Qbit → QIO Qbit

share qa = do qb ← mkQbit False

*applyU (cond qaλa → if a
then unot qb
else mempty)*

return qb

bell :: QIO (Qbit, Qbit)

bell = do qa ← qran

qb ← share qa

return (qa, qb)

Qdata

class *Qdata a qa where*

mkQ :: a → QIO qa

measQ :: qa → QIO a

instance *Qdata Bool Qbit where*

mkQ = mkQbit

measQ = measQbit

instance (*Qdata a qa*, *Qdata b qb*)

⇒ *Qdata (a, b) (qa, qb)* **where**

mkQ (a, b) = do qa ← mkQ a

qb ← mkQ b

return (qa, qb)

measQ (qa, qb) = do a ← measQ qa

b ← measQ qb

return (a, b)

Quantum registers

type $QR = [Qbit]$

instance $Qdata\ a\ qa \Rightarrow Qdata\ [a]\ [qa]$ **where**

$mkQ\ [] = return\ []$

$mkQ\ (b : bs) = \text{do } qb \leftarrow mkQ\ b$
 $\qquad\qquad\qquad qbs \leftarrow mkQ\ bs$
 $\qquad\qquad\qquad return\ (qb : qbs)$

$measQ\ [] = return\ []$

$measQ\ (qx : qxs) = \text{do } x \leftarrow measQ\ qx$
 $\qquad\qquad\qquad xs \leftarrow measQ\ qxs$
 $\qquad\qquad\qquad return\ (x : xs)$

A quantum adder

$add1 :: Qbit \rightarrow Qbit \rightarrow Qbit \rightarrow U$

$add1 qc qa qb =$

$cond qc \lambda c \rightarrow$

$cond qa \lambda a \rightarrow \mathbf{if} \; a \not\equiv c$

$\mathbf{then} \; unot qb$

$\mathbf{else} \; mempty$

$carry :: Qbit \rightarrow Qbit \rightarrow Qbit \rightarrow Qbit \rightarrow U$

$carry qci qa qb qcsi =$

$cond qci \lambda ci \rightarrow$

$cond qa \lambda a \rightarrow$

$cond qb \lambda b \rightarrow$

$\mathbf{if} \; ci \wedge a \vee ci \wedge b \vee a \wedge b$

$\mathbf{then} \; unot qcsi$

$\mathbf{else} \; mempty$

A quantum adder

addc :: QR → QR → QR → Qbit → U

addc [] [] [] qc = mempty

addc [qa] [qb] [qci] qc =

carry qci qa qb qc

'mappend'

add1 qci qa qb

addc (qa : qas) (qb : qbs) (qci : qcsi : qcs) qc =

carry qci qa qb qcsi

'mappend'

addc qas qbs (qcsi : qcs) qc

'mappend'

urev (carry qci qa qb qcsi)

'mappend'

add1 qci qa qb

A quantum adder

```
add :: QR → QR → Qbit → QIO ()  
add qaa qbb qc = do qcc ← mkQ (take ((length qaa))  
                      (repeat False))  
                     applyU (addc qaa qbb qcc qc)  
                     measQ qcc  
                     return ()
```

quantum garbage collection

- Qbits cannot be reclaimed by the garbage collector, because they may be entangled with other qbits.
- However, a measured qbit can be disposed.
- Hence, we have to remember in the classical state whether the qbit has been measured.

U and QIO as traces

```
data U = UReturn | Unot Qbit U | Uhad Qbit U
          | Uphase Qbit Float U
          | Swap Qbit Qbit U | Cond Qbit (Bool → U) U
data QIO a = QReturn a | MkQbit Bool (Qbit → QIO a)
          | ApplyU U (QIO a)
          | Meas Qbit (Bool → QIO a)

urev :: U → U

urev UReturn = UReturn
urev (Unot x u)      = urev u `mappend` unot x
urev (Uhad x u)      = urev u `mappend` uhad x
urev (Uphase x phi u) = urev u `mappend` uphase x (-phi)
urev (Swap x y u)     = urev u `mappend` swap x y
urev (Cond x br u)    = urev u `mappend` cond x (urev ∘ br)
```

Implementing Unitary

```
type Heap
instance Num n ⇒ Monad (Vec n)
type Pure = Vec ⊑ Heap
newtype Unitary = U (Heap → Pure)
instance Monoid Unitary
runU :: U → Unitary
```

Implementing run and sim

```
data State = State{ free :: ℤ, pure :: Pure }  
class Monad m ⇒ PMonad m where  
    merge :: ℝ → m a → m a → m a  
instance PMonad IO  
data Prob a = Prob (Vec ℝ a)  
instance PMonad Prob  
eval :: PMonad m ⇒ QIO a → m a  
run :: QIO a → IO a  
run = eval  
sim :: QIO a → Prob a  
sim = eval
```

What next?

- Implement standard quantum algorithms...
- Measurement Calculus → QIO, or vice versa.
- Try to identify and implement *quantum programming patterns*.
- Formal reasoning about QIO (factor through superoperators).