Monad P1 : Overview (2A)

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Monad, Monoid

monad (plural monads)

- An ultimate atom, or simple, unextended point; something ultimate and indivisible.
- (mathematics, computing) A monoid in the category of endofunctors.
- (botany) A single individual (such as a pollen grain) that is free from others, not united in a group.

monoid (plural monoids)

 (mathematics) A set which is <u>closed</u> under an <u>associative</u> binary operation, and which contains an element which is an <u>identity</u> for the operation.

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https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/monad, monoid

Monad – a parameterized type



https://cseweb.ucsd.edu/classes/wi13/cse230-a/lectures/monads2.html

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A notion of computations

a **value** of type **M a** is interpreted as a **statement** in an <u>imperative language **M**</u> that <u>returns</u> a value of type **a** as its <u>result</u>;

this **statement** describes what **effects** are possible.

executing this **statement** returns the **result** which is like <u>executing</u> a **function**

effects + result



Semantics of a language M

Semantics : what the language **M** allows us to say.

a statement describes which effects are possible.

the semantics of this language are determined by the monad M

In the case of Maybe,

the **semantics** allow us to express <u>failures</u>

when a statement <u>fails</u> to produce a <u>result</u>,

allowing the following statements to be skipped

an immediate abort a valueless return in the middle of a computation.

A value of type **M** a



A Monad type

defining a Monad type in Haskell

- similar to defining a **class**
- in an object oriented language (C++, Java)
- a Monad can do much more than a class:

A Monad type can be used for

- exception handling
- parallel program workflow
- a parser generator

http://www.idryman.org/blog/2014/01/23/yet-another-monad-tutorial/

Types: rules and data

Haskell **types** are the **rules** associated with the **data**, <u>not</u> the actual **data** itself.

OOP (Object-Oriented Programming) enable us to use classes / interfaces

to define types,

the rules (methods) that interacts with the actual data.

to use **templates**(c++) or **generics**(java) to define more **abstracted rules** that are more <u>reusable</u>

Monad is pretty much like templates / generic class.

collection of methods to be implemented

Rules + Data

Rules

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Monad methods

a monad is a parameterized type m

that supports **return** and **>>=** functions of the specified types

return :: a -> m a (>>=) :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b

to <u>sequence</u> **m a** type values.

the **do** notation can be used generally, the (>>=) bind operator is used

m a represent

a parameterized **Monad** type

- Maybe a
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- **ST** a
- State s a

Maybe Monad – an action and its result

computations resulting in values	
<u>monadic type</u>	Ma
im	perative code

semantics effects



mx has two forms Just x Nothing

Maybe Monad Instance



Maybe Monad – the bind operator (>>=)



g :: a -> m b



g :: Int -> Maybe Int g = \x -> return (x+1)

g x = return (x+1)

a general function **g** can return **Nothing** depending on its input **x** (eg. divide by zero)

Maybe Monad – (>>=) type signature



Maybe Monad – the assignment operator (<-)



Maybe Person type

A **value** of the type **Maybe Person**, is interpreted as a **statement** in an imperative language that <u>returns</u> a **Person** as the **result**, or <u>fails</u>.

father p, which is a function application, has also the type **Maybe Person**

p:: Personfather p:: Maybe Personmother q:: Maybe Person

father :: Person -> Maybe Person mother :: Person -> Maybe Person



Maybe (Person, Person) type

```
bothGrandfathers :: Person -> Maybe (Person, Person)
```

```
bothGrandfathers p =
father p >>=
(\dad -> father dad >>=
  (\gf1 -> mother p >>=
      (\mom -> father mom >>=
      (\gf2 -> return (gf1,gf2) ))))
```

```
bothGrandfathers p = do {
    dad <- father p;
    gf1 <- father dad;
    mom <- mother p;
    gf2 <- father mom;
    return (gf1, gf2);
  }</pre>
```

p::Person

father p	:: Maybe Person
mother q	:: Maybe Person

- dad :: Person
- gf1 :: Person
- mom :: Person
- gf2 :: Person

(gf1, gf2) :: Maybe (Person, Person)

gf1 is only used in the final return

Fail to return result exception



Maybe Monad – the value for failure

The Maybe monad provides a simple model of <u>computations</u> that can fail,

a **value** of type **Maybe a** is either **Nothing** (failure) or the form **Just x** for some **x** of type **a** (success)

List Monad – the value for failure

The list monad generalizes this notion,

by permitting <u>multiple</u> <u>results</u> in the case of <u>success</u>.

a value of **[a]** is either the empty list **[]** (failure) or the form of a non-empty list **[x1,x2,...,xn]** (success) for some **xi** of type **a**

List Monad methods

```
instance Monad [] where
-- return :: a -> [a]
return x = [x]
```

```
-- (>>=) :: [a] -> (a -> [b]) -> [b]
xs >>= f = concat (map f xs)
```

return converts a **value** into a **successful result** containing that value

>>= provides a means of *sequencing* computations that may produce *multiple results*:

xs :: [a] f :: a -> [b] (>>=) :: [a] -> (a -> [b]) -> [b]

List Monad bind operator example 1



List Monad bind operator example 2

xs :: [a] f :: a -> [b] (>>=) :: [a] -> (a -> [b]) -> [b] f 1 = [1] f :: Int -> [Int] f 2 = [1, 2] f = \n -> [1 .. n] f 3 = [1, 2, 3] [1, 2, 3] >>= \n -> [1..n] [1,1,2,1,2,3] [[1], [1,2], [1,2,3]]

Monad sequencing operators >> and >>=

Monad Sequencing Operator

>> is used to order the evaluation of expressions

within some context;

it makes evaluation of the right

depend on the evaluation of the left

Monad Sequencing Operator with value passing

>>= passes the result of the expression on the left
as an argument to the expression on the right,
while preserving the context that the argument and function use

https://www.quora.com/What-do-the-symbols-and-mean-in-haskell

Contexts of >> and >>=



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Monad **sequencing** operators and **do** statements



Bind operator (>>=) and the function application (let)





Bind operator (>>=) and the semantics of Maybe (1)

an **assignment** and **semicolon** as the **bind** operator:

x <- foo; return (x + 3) foo >>= (\x -> return (x + 3))

The bind operator >>= combines together two computational steps,

foo and return (x + 3),

in a manner particular to the **Monad** M,

while creating a new **binding** for the variable **x** to hold **foo**'s **result**,

making x <u>available</u> to the next computational step, return (x + 3).

Bind operator (>>=) and the semantics of Maybe (2)



In the particular case of Maybe,

if foo fails to produce a result,

the second step will be skipped and

the whole combined computation will also <u>fail</u> immediately. Nothing

https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/Haskell/Understanding_monads#cite_note-3

semantics

Nothing

Function application using & and id

a let expression as a function application,

let x = foo in (x + 3) foo & (|x -> id (x + 3))

The & operator combines together two pure calculations,

foo and id (x + 3)

while creating a new <u>binding</u> for the variable **x** to hold **foo**'s value, $x \leftarrow foo$

making x <u>available</u> to the second computational step: id (x + 3).

Reverse Function Application &

(&) :: a -> (a -> b) -> b arg function	
& is just like \$ only backwards.	
foo \$ bar \$ baz \$ bin	
semantically equivalent to:	
bin <mark>&</mark> baz <mark>&</mark> bar <mark>&</mark> foo	

& is useful because the order in which functions are applied to their arguments read left to right instead of the **reverse** (which is the case for \$).

This is closer to how English is read so it can improve code clarity.

Monad Definition

class Monad m where
return :: a -> m a
(>>=) :: m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b
(>>) :: m a -> m b -> m b
fail :: String -> m a

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1) return

- 2) bind (>>=)
- 3) then (>>)

4) fail

Maybe Monad Instance

instance Monad Maybe where

return x = Just x

Nothing >>= f = Nothing

Just x >>= f = f x

fail _ = Nothing

State Monad Instance

nstance Monad (State s) where		
return :: a -> State s a		
return x = state (\s -> (x, s))		
(>>=) :: State s a -> (a ->	State s b) -> State s b	
p >>= k = q where		
p' = runState p	p' :: s -> (a, s)	
k' = runState . k	k' :: a -> s -> (b, s)	
q' s0 = (y, s2) where	q' :: s -> (b, s)	
(x, s1) = p' s0	(x, s1) :: (a, s)	
(y, s2) = k' x s1	(y, s2) :: (b, s)	
q = State q'		

IO Monad Instance

instance Monad IO where	
m >> k = m >>= \> k	
return = returnIO	
(>>=) = bindlO	
fail s = faillO s	
returnIO :: a -> IO a	
returnIO x = IO \$ \s -> (# s, x #)	
	case expression of
bindlO :: IO a -> (a -> IO b) -> IO b	pattern -> resu
bindlO (IO m) k	pattern -> resu
= IO \$ \s -> case m s of (# new_s, a #)	pattern -> resu
-> uniO (k a) new_s	
m = new_s, s = a	
(k a) new_s	
(k s) m	

https://stackoverflow.com/questions/9244538/what-are-the-definitions-for-and-return-for-the-io-monad
Monad Rules

A **type** is just **a set of rules**, or **methods** in Object-Oriented terms

A **Monad** is just yet <u>another type</u>, and the definition of this type is defined by **four rules**:

- **1)** bind (>>=)
- 2) then (>>)
- 3) return
- 4) fail

Rules (methods)

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Monad Minimal Definition



are required to obey three laws

Monad Laws



return :: a -> M a (>>=) :: M a -> (a -> M b) -> M b

m :: **M** a

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Monad Overview (2A)

Monad Laws Examples (1)



m :: M a x :: a f :: a -> M b

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Monad Overview (2A)

Monad Laws Examples (2)



m :: M a x :: a f :: a -> M b g :: b -> M c

Monad Laws Examples (3)

(m >>= f) >>= g = m >>= (x -> f x >>= g)	associativity	
((Just 3) >>= f)		
((Just 3) >>= (\x -> return (x+1))) = Just 4		
((Just 3) >>= f) >>= g		
((Just 4) >>= (\x -> return (2*x))) = Just 8		
(\x -> f x >>= g)		
((\x -> return (x+1)) >>= (\x -> return (2*x))) =	(\x -> return <mark>(2*(x+1))</mark>)	
((Just 3) >>= (\x -> return (2*(x+1)))) = Just 8		

m ∷ M a x ∷ a f :: a -> M b g :: b -> M c

fmap and a functor M

fmap :: (a -> b) -> M a -> M b	functor M

the functors-as-containers metaphor

a functor M – a container

M a contains a value of type a

fmap allows functions to be applied to values in the container

join and a functor M

join :: M (M a) -> M a

as the computation going <u>deeper</u> into the monad, <u>nothing</u> is being taken "out" of the monad

with successive steps being <u>collapsed</u> into a <u>single layer</u> of the monad.



https://stackoverflow.com/questions/15016339/haskell-computation-in-a-monad-meaning

The associativity and identity of join



it doesn't matter when **join** is applied, as long as <u>the nesting order</u> is preserved (a form of associativity)

the *monadic layer* introduced by **return** does *nothing* (an *identity* value for **join**).

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Function application, packaging, flattening

fmap applies a function to a value in a container

return packages a value in a container

join <u>flattens</u> a container <u>in containers</u>



Three orthogonal functions and >>=



(>>=) :: **m** a -> (a -> m b) -> m b

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must figure out the followings

Assumption: **m a** is a parameterized Monad type

>>= by join.fmap



join.fmap vs concat.map





fmap & join by >>= & return



Monad's lifting capability



https://stackoverflow.com/questions/18808258/what-does-the-just-syntax-mean-in-haskell

M a

new types

liftM f

(m a -> m b)

liftM function over monadic values

Control.Monad defines liftM

liftM transform a regular function

into a "computations that results in the value obtained by evaluating the function."

liftM :: (Monad m) => (a -> b) -> m a -> m b



computations that results in the value obtained by evaluating the function

liftM function & fmap

```
liftM :: (Monad m) => (a -> b) -> m a -> m b
liftM is merely
     fmap implemented with (>>=) and return
                                                                           Assumption:
     fmap f x = x >>= (return . f)
                                                                           x is a monadic <u>value</u> of m a type
                                                                           f :: a -> b
     liftM and fmap are therefore interchangeable.
```

(>>=) & fmap comparisons



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Monad Overview (2A)

liftM – function lifting





return – type lifting





ap Function





liftM vs fmap and ap vs <*>

liftM :: Monad m => (a -> b) -> m a -> m b fmap :: Functor f => (a -> b) -> f a -> f b

ap :: Monad m => m (a -> b) -> m a -> m b

(<*>) :: Applicative f => f (a -> b) -> f a -> f b

(>>=) :: Monad m => m a -> (a -> m b) -> m b

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