LiU-FP2010 Part II: Lecture 6 More about Monads and Other Notions of Effectful Computation

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This Lecture

- Monads in Haskell
- Some standard monads
- Combining effects: monad transformers
- Arrows
- FRP and Yampa

Monads in Haskell

In Haskell, the notion of a monad is captured by a *Type Class*:

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

Allows names of the common functions to be overloaded and sharing of derived definitions.

The Maybe Monad in Haskell

Exercise 1: A State Monad in Haskell

Haskell 98 does not permit type synonyms to be instances of classes. Hence we have to define a new type:

```
newtype S a = S (Int -> (a, Int))
unS :: S a -> (Int -> (a, Int))
unS (S f) = f
```

Provide a Monad instance for S.

Exercise 1: Solution

```
instance Monad S where
  return a = S (\s -> (a, s))

m >>= f = S $ \s ->
  let (a, s') = unS m s
  in unS (f a) s'
```

Monad-specific Operations (1)

To be useful, monads need to be equipped with additional operations specific to the effects in question. For example:

```
fail :: String -> Maybe a
fail s = Nothing

catch :: Maybe a -> Maybe a -> Maybe a
m1 'catch' m2 =
    case m1 of
     Just _ -> m1
     Nothing -> m2
```

Monad-specific Operations (2)

Typical operations on a state monad:

```
set :: Int -> S ()
set a = S (\_ -> ((), a))

get :: S Int
get = S (\s -> (s, s))
```

Moreover, need to "run" a computation. E.g.:

```
runS :: S a -> a
runS m = fst (unS m 0)
```

The do-notation (1)

Haskell provides convenient syntax for programming with monads:

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Computations can be done solely for effect, ignoring the computed value:

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do exp_1 exp_2 return exp_3
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The do-notation (3)

A let-construct is also provided:

is equivalent to

Numbering Trees in do-notation

```
numberTree :: Tree a -> Tree Int
numberTree t = runS (ntAux t)
    where
        ntAux :: Tree a -> S (Tree Int)
        ntAux (Leaf _) = do
            n <- get
            set (n + 1)
            return (Leaf n)
        ntAux (Node t1 t2) = do
            t1' <- ntAux t1
            t2' <- ntAux t2
            return (Node t1' t2')
```

The Compiler Fragment Revisited (1)

Given a suitable "Diagnostics" monad D that collects error messages, enterVar can be turned from this:

```
enterVar :: Id -> Int -> Type -> Env
-> Either Env ErrorMgs
```

into this:

```
enterVarD :: Id -> Int -> Type -> Env
-> D Env
```

and then identDefs from this ...

The Compiler Fragment Revisited (2)

```
identDefs | env [] = ([], env, [])
identDefs l env ((i,t,e) : ds) =
  ((i,t,e'): ds', env'', ms1++ms2++ms3)
 where
    (e', ms1) = identAux l env e
    (env', ms2) =
       case enterVar i l t env of
          Left env' -> (env', [])
          Right m -> (env, [m])
    (ds', env'', ms3) =
      identDefs l env' ds
```

The Compiler Fragment Revisited (3)

into this:

(Suffix D just to remind us the types have changed.)

The Compiler Fragment Revisited (4)

Compare with the "core" identified earlier!

The monadic version is very close to ideal, without sacrificing functionality, clarity, or pureness!

The List Monad

Computation with many possible results, "nondeterminism":

```
instance Monad [] where
    return a = [a]
    m >>= f = concat (map f m)
    fail s = []
```

Example:

Result:

The Reader Monad

Computation in an environment:

```
instance Monad ((->) e) where
    return a = const a
    m >>= f = \e -> f (m e) e

getEnv :: ((->) e) e
getEnv = id
```

The Haskell IO Monad

In Haskell, IO is handled through the IO monad. IO is abstract! Conceptually:

```
newtype IO a = IO (World -> (a, World))
```

Some operations:

```
putChar :: Char -> IO ()
putStr :: String -> IO ()
putStrLn :: String -> IO ()
getChar :: IO Char
getLine :: IO String
getContents :: String
```

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Additionally, a monad transformer adds computational effects. A mapping lift from computations in the underlying monad to computations in the transformed monad is needed:

```
lift :: M a -> T M a
```

Monad Transformers in Haskell (2)

These requirements are captured by the following (multi-parameter) type class:

Classes for Specific Effects

A monad transformer adds specific effects to any monad. Thus the effect-specific operations needs to be overloaded. For example:

```
class Monad m => E m where
    eFail :: m a
    eHandle :: m a -> m a -> m a

class Monad m => S m s | m -> s where
    sSet :: s -> m ()
    sGet :: m s
```

The Identity Monad

We are going to construct monads by successive transformations of the identity monad:

```
newtype I a = I a
unI(Ia) = a
instance Monad I where
    return a = I a
    m >>= f = f (unI m)
runI :: I a -> a
runI = unI
```

The Error Monad Transformer (1)

```
newtype ET m a = ET (m (Maybe a))
unET (ET m) = m
```

Any monad transformed by ET is a monad:

```
instance Monad m => Monad (ET m) where
  return a = ET (return (Just a))

m >>= f = ET $ do
  ma <- unET m
  case ma of
  Nothing -> return Nothing
  Just a -> unET (f a)
```

The Error Monad Transformer (2)

We need the ability to run transformed monads:

```
runET :: Monad m => ET m a -> m a
runET etm = do
    ma <- unET etm
    case ma of
        Just a -> return a
        Nothing -> error "Should not happen"
```

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Any monad transformed by ET is an instance of E:

```
instance Monad m => E (ET m) where
  eFail = ET (return Nothing)
  m1 'eHandle' m2 = ET $ do
      ma <- unET m1
      case ma of
      Nothing -> unET m2
      Just _ -> return ma
```

The Error Monad Transformer (4)

A state monad transformed by ET is a state monad:

```
instance S m s => S (ET m) s where
    sSet s = lift (sSet s)
    sGet = lift sGet
```

Exercise 2: Running Transf. Monads

Let

```
ex2 = eFail 'eHandle' return 1
```

- Suggest a possible type for ex2.
 (Assume 1 :: Int.)
- 2. Given your type, use the appropriate combination of "run functions" to run ex2.

Exercise 2: Solution

```
ex2 :: ET I Int
ex2 = eFail 'eHandle' return 1
ex2result :: Int
ex2result = runI (runET ex2)
```

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```
newtype ST s m a = ST (s -> m (a, s))
unST (ST m) = m
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instance Monad m => Monad (ST s m) where
  return a = ST (\s -> return (a, s))
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runST :: Monad m => ST s m a -> s -> m a
runST stf s0 = do
   (a, _) <- unST stf s0
   return a</pre>
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An error monad transformed by ST is an error monad:

```
instance E m => E (ST s m) where
    eFail = lift eFail
    m1 'eHandle' m2 = ST $ \s ->
        unST m1 s 'eHandle' unST m2 s
```

Exercise 3: Effect Ordering

Consider the code fragment

```
ex3a :: (ST Int (ET I)) Int
ex3a = (sSet 42 >> eFail) 'eHandle' sGet
```

Note that the exact same code fragment also can be typed as follows:

```
ex3b :: (ET (ST Int \overline{I}) Int ex3b = (sSet 42 >> eFail) 'eHandle' sGet
```

What is

```
runI (runET (runST ex3a 0))
runI (runST (runET ex3b) 0)
```

Exercise 3: Solution

```
runI (runET (runST ex3a 0)) = 0
runI (runST (runET ex3b) 0) = 42
```

Why? Because:

```
ST s (ET I) a \cong s -> (ET I) (a, s)

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ET (ST s I) a \cong (ST s I) (Maybe a)

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```

Exercise 4: Alternative ST?

To think about.

Could ST have been defined in some other way, e.g.

```
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```

or perhaps

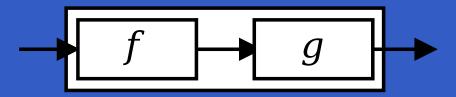
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Problems with Monad Transformers

- With one transformer for each possible effect, we get a lot of combinations: the number grows quadratically; each has to be instantiated explicitly.
- Jaskelioff (2008,2009) has proposed a possible, more extensible alternative.

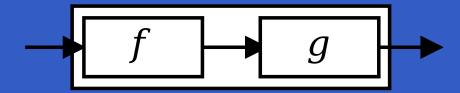
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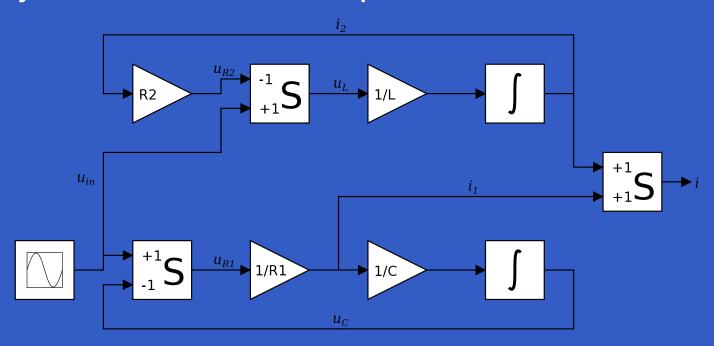
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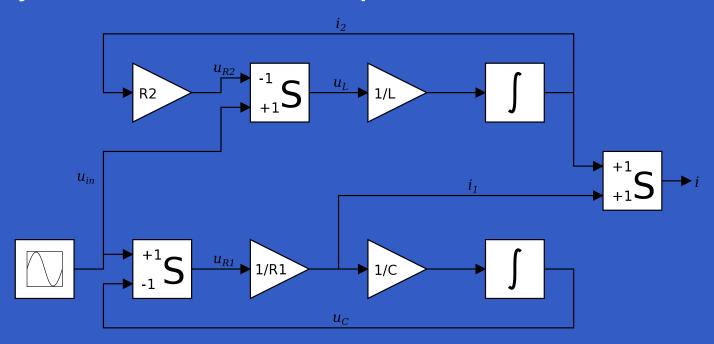
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How many and what combinators do we need to be able to describe arbitrary systems?

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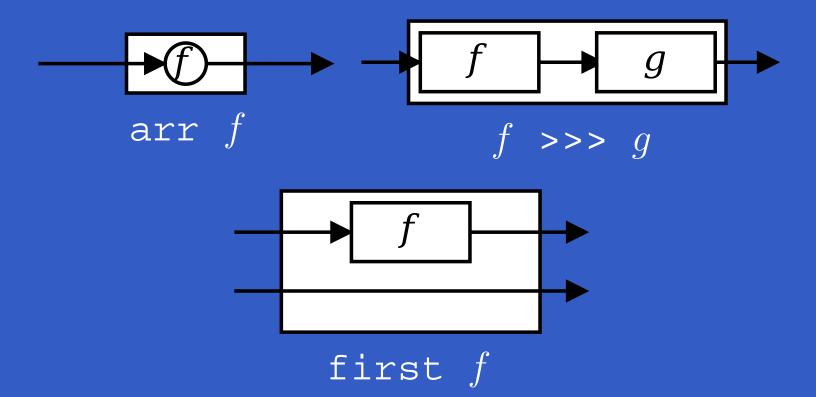
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```

A set of *algebraic laws* that must hold.

These diagrams convey the general idea:



The Arrow class

In Haskell, a *type class* is used to capture these ideas (except for the laws):

```
class Arrow a where
    arr :: (b -> c) -> a b c
    (>>>) :: a b c -> a c d -> a b d
    first :: a b c -> a (b,d) (c,d)
```

Functions are a simple example of arrows, with (->) as the arrow type constructor.

Exercise 5: Suggest suitable definitions of

- arr
- (>>>)
- first

for this case!

(We have not looked at what the laws are yet, but they are "natural".)

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Instantiate with

$$a = (->)$$

 $t = b->c = (->) b c$

$$f >>> g = \a -> g (f a)$$

• f >>> g =
$$a -> g (f a)$$

•
$$f >>> g = g . f$$

Arrow instance declaration for functions:

```
instance Arrow (->) where
    arr = id
    (>>>) = flip (.)
    first f = \((b,d) -> (f b,d)\)
```

$$(f >>> g) >>> h = f >>> (g >>> h)$$

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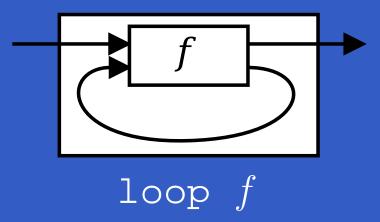
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f = f >>> arr id
```

The loop combinator (1)

Another important operator is loop: a fixed-point operator used to express recursive arrows or *feedback*:



The loop combinator (2)

Not all arrow instances support loop. It is thus a method of a separate class:

```
class Arrow a => ArrowLoop a where
  loop :: a (b, d) (c, d) -> a b c
```

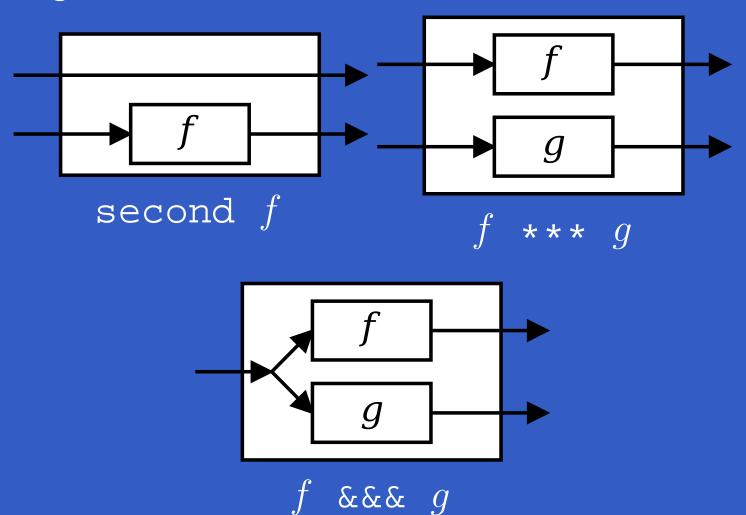
Remarkably, the four combinators arr, >>>, first, and loop are sufficient to express any conceivable wiring!

```
second :: Arrow a =>
    a b c -> a (d,b) (d,c)

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    a b c -> a d e -> a (b,d) (c,e)

(&&&) :: Arrow a =>
    a b c -> a b d -> a b (c,d)
```

As diagrams:



```
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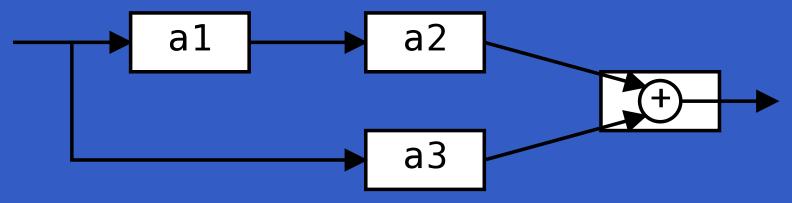
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f \&\&\& g = arr ((x->(x,x)) >>> (f **** g)
```

Exercise 6

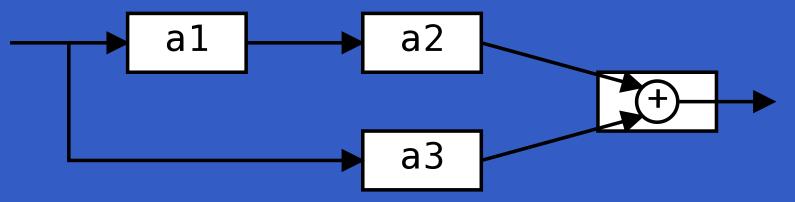
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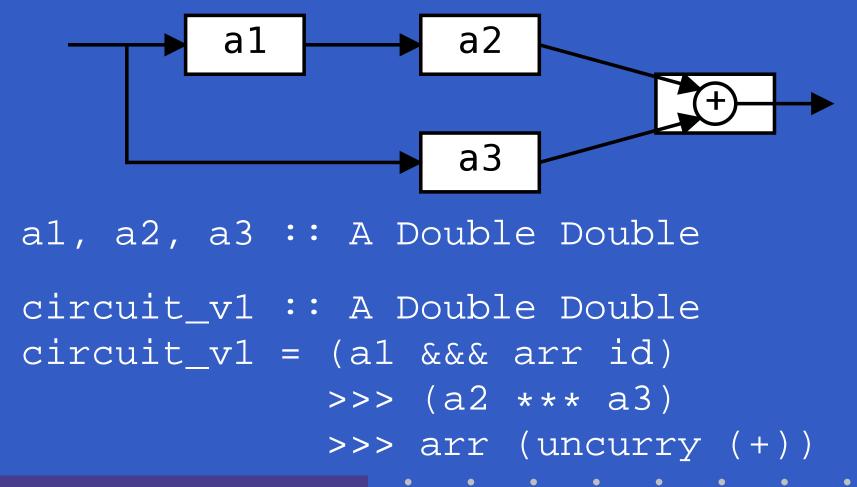
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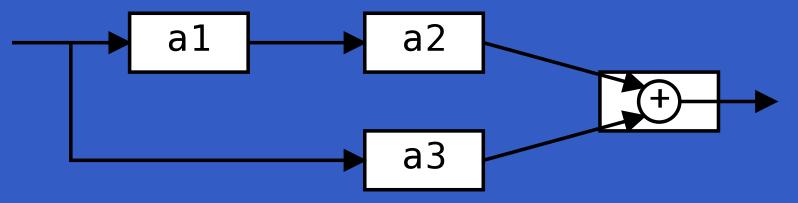
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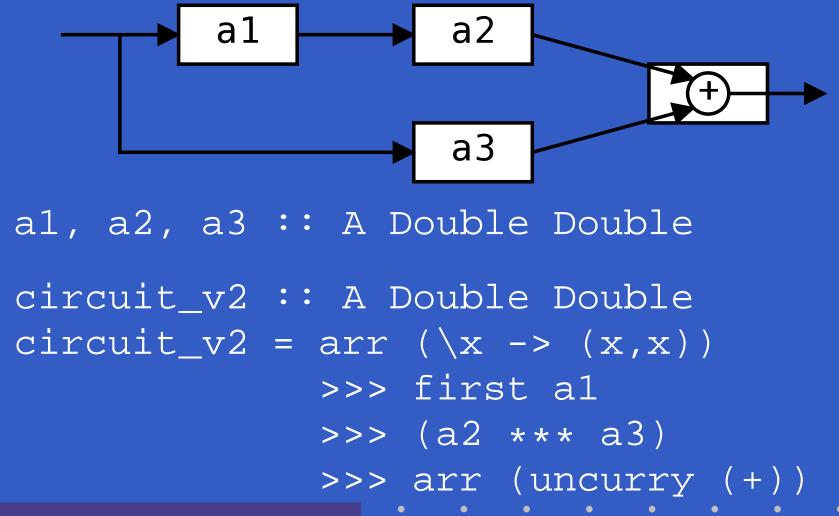
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The arrow do notation (1)

Ross Paterson's do-notation for arrows supports *pointed* arrow programming. Only *syntactic sugar*.

proc
$$pat$$
 -> do [rec]

 $pat_1 <- sfexp_1 -< exp_1$
 $pat_2 <- sfexp_2 -< exp_2$

...

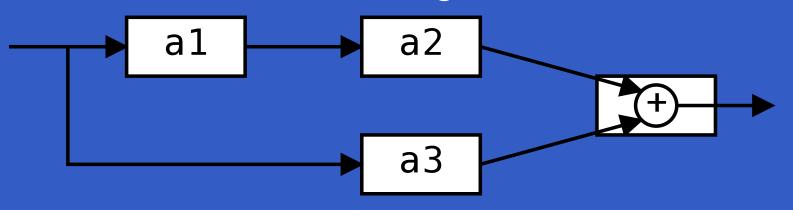
 $pat_n <- sfexp_n -< exp_n$

returnA -< exp

Also: let $pat = exp \equiv pat < - arr id - < exp$

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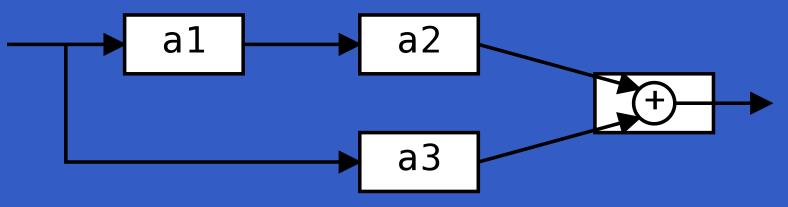
Let us redo exercise 3 using this notation:



```
circuit_v4 :: A Double Double
circuit_v4 = proc x -> do
    y1 <- a1 -< x
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    y3 <- a3 -< x
    returnA -< y2 + y3</pre>
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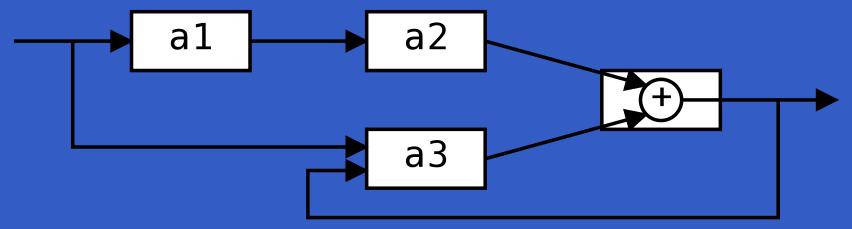
We can also mix and match:



```
circuit_v5 :: A Double Double
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    y2 <- a2 <<< a1 -< x
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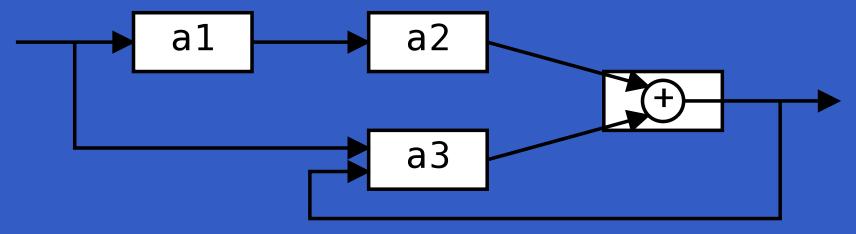


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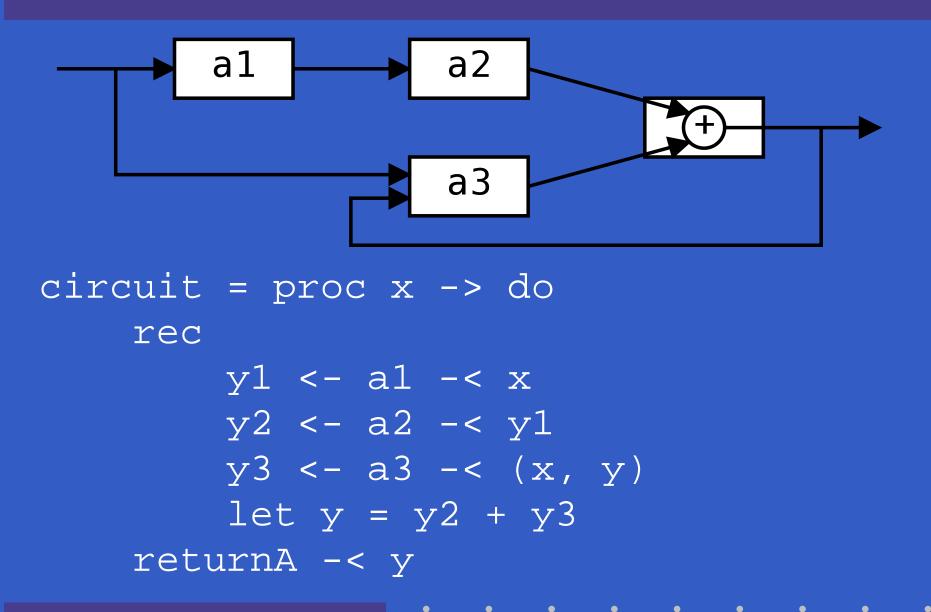


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Exercise 5: Describe this using only the arrow combinators.

The arrow do notation (5)



Arrows and Monads (1)

Arrows generalize monads: for every monad type there is an arrow, the *Kleisli category* for the monad:

```
newtype Kleisli m a b = K (a -> m b)
instance Monad m => Arrow (Kleisli m) where
arr f = K (\b -> return (f b))
K f >>> K g = K (\b -> f b >>= g)
```

Arrows and Monads (2)

But not every arrow is a monad. However, arrows that support an additional apply operation *are* effectively monads:

```
apply :: Arrow a => a (a b c, b) c
```

Exercise 7: Verify that

```
newtype M b = M (A () b)
```

is a monad if A is an arrow supporting apply; i.e., define return and bind in terms of the arrow operations (and verify that the monad laws hold).

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- Supports hybrid (mixed continuous and discrete) systems.

FRP applications

Some domains where FRP has been used:

- Graphical Animation (Fran: Elliott, Hudak)
- Robotics (Frob: Peterson, Hager, Hudak, Elliott, Pembeci, Nilsson)
- Vision (FVision: Peterson, Hudak, Reid, Hager)
- GUIs (Fruit: Courtney)
- Hybrid modeling (Nilsson, Hudak, Peterson)

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... with long calmly flowing sections ...



... and abrupt whitewater transitions in between.



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Functions on signals are either:

- Stateful: y(t) depends on x(t) and state(t)
- **Stateless**: y(t) depends only on x(t)

Yampa and Arrows

SF is an arrow. Signal function instances of core combinators:

```
arr :: (a -> b) -> SF a b

>>> :: SF a b -> SF b c -> SF a c

first :: SF a b -> SF (a,c) (b,c)
```

But apply has no useful meaning. Hence SF is not a monad.

loop :: SF (a,c) (b,c) -> SF a b

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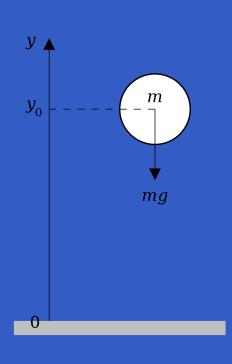
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Example: A bouncing ball



$$y = y_0 + \int v \, dt$$

$$v = v_0 + \int -9.81$$

On impact:

$$v = -v(t-)$$

(fully elastic collision)

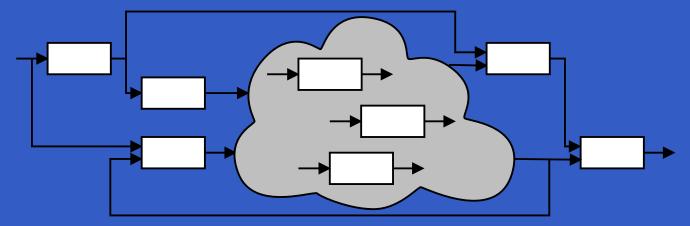
Part of a model of the bouncing ball

Free-falling ball:

```
type Pos = Double
type Vel = Double
fallingBall ::
    Pos -> Vel -> SF () (Pos, Vel)
fallingBall y0 v0 = proc() -> do
    v < - (v0 +) ^{<} integral - < -9.81
    y \leftarrow (y0 +) ^<< integral -< v
    returnA -< (y, v)
```

Dynamic system structure

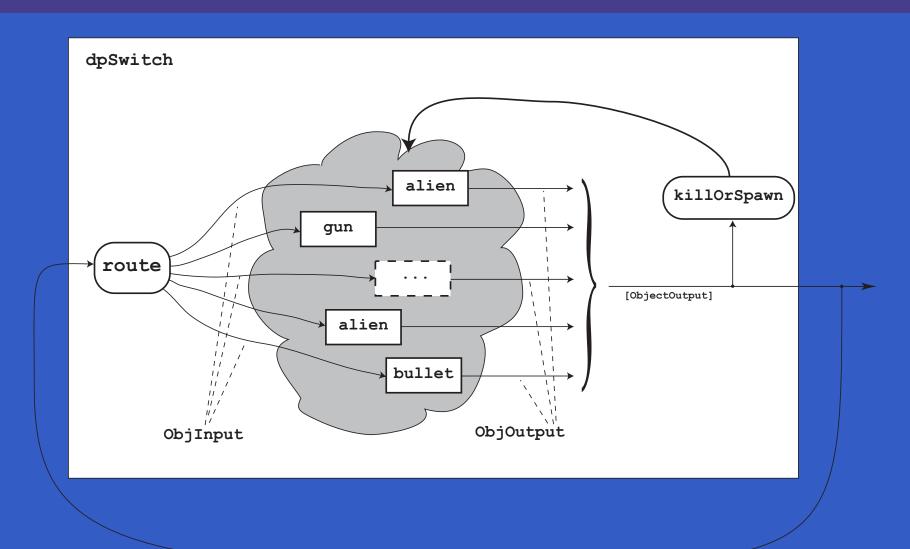
Switching allows the structure of the system to evolve over time:



Example: Space Invaders



Overall game structure



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