

# Causal commutative arrows revisited

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# Links and web forms

Month:

Day:

```
let date =  
  formlet  
    <div>  
      Month: {input int ⇒ month}  
      Day: {input int ⇒ day}  
    </div>  
  yields {month, day}
```

## Links: Web Programming Without Tiers\*

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**Abstract.** Links is a programming language for web applications that generates code for all three tiers of a web application from a single source, compiling into JavaScript to run on the client and into SQL to run on the database. Links supports rich clients running in what has been dubbed 'Ajax' style, and supports concurrent processes with statically-typed message passing. Links is *scalable* in the sense that session state is preserved in the client rather than the server, in contrast to other approaches such as Java Servlets or PLT Scheme. Client-side concurrency in JavaScript and transfer of computation between client and server are both supported by translation into continuation-passing style.

## The Essence of Form Abstraction\*

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**Abstract.** Abstraction is the cornerstone of high-level programming; HTML forms are the principal medium of web interaction. However, most web programming environments do not support abstraction of form components, leading to a lack of compositionality. Using a semantics based on idioms, we show how to support compositional form construction and give a convenient syntax.

# Monads vs arrows vs applicatives

`return`

`>>=`

Monads

`arr`

`>>>`

`first`

Arrows

`pure`

`⊛`

Applicatives

# Evaluators and the arrow calculus

$$\frac{\Gamma; \mathbf{x} : A \vdash Q ! B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda^{\bullet} \mathbf{x}. Q : A \rightsquigarrow B}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash L : A \rightsquigarrow B \quad \Gamma, \Delta \vdash M : A}{\Gamma; \Delta \vdash L \bullet M ! B}$$

## *The Arrow Calculus*

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### Abstract

We introduce the arrow calculus, a metalanguage for manipulating Hughes's arrows with close relations both to Moggi's metalanguage for monads and to Paterson's arrow notation. Arrows are classically defined by extending lambda calculus with three constructs satisfying nine (somewhat idiosyncratic) laws; in contrast, the arrow calculus adds four constructs satisfying five laws (which fit two well-known patterns). The five laws were previously known to be sound; we show that they are also complete, and hence that the five laws may replace the nine.

## Idioms are oblivious, arrows are meticulous, monads are promiscuous

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### Abstract

We explore the connection between three systems of computation: Moggi's monads, Hughes's arrows and McBride and Paterson's idioms (also called applicative functors). We show that idioms are equivalent to arrows that satisfy the type isomorphism  $A \rightsquigarrow B \simeq 1 \rightsquigarrow (A \rightarrow B)$  and that monads are equivalent to arrows that satisfy the type isomorphism  $A \rightsquigarrow B \simeq A \rightarrow (1 \rightsquigarrow B)$ . Further, idioms embed into arrows and embed into monads.

*Keywords:* applicative functors, idioms, arrows, monads



# Normal forms in Haskell

```
class Applicative f where
```

```
  pure ::  $\alpha \rightarrow f \alpha$ 
```

```
  ( $\otimes$ ) ::  $f (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow f \alpha \rightarrow f \beta$ 
```

```
  pure (f v)     $\equiv$     pure f  $\otimes$  pure v
```

```
                u     $\equiv$     pure id  $\otimes$  u
```

```
u  $\otimes$  (v  $\otimes$  w)  $\equiv$     pure (.)  $\otimes$  u  $\otimes$  v  $\otimes$  w
```

```
v  $\otimes$  pure x     $\equiv$     pure ( $\lambda f \rightarrow f x$ )  $\otimes$  v
```

```
pure f  $\otimes$  c1  $\otimes$  c2  $\otimes$  ...  $\otimes$  cn
```

## Normal forms in Haskell (continued)

```
data AppNF :: (* -> *) -> (* -> *) where
  Pure ::  $\alpha \rightarrow$  AppNF i  $\alpha$ 
  (: $\otimes$ ) :: AppNF i ( $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ ) -> i  $\alpha \rightarrow$  AppNF i  $\beta$ 
```

```
instance Applicative (AppNF i) where
  pure = Pure
  Pure f  $\otimes$  Pure x = Pure (f x)
  u  $\otimes$  v : $\otimes$  w = (Pure (.)  $\otimes$  u  $\otimes$  v) : $\otimes$  w
  u  $\otimes$  Pure x = Pure ( $\lambda f \rightarrow f x$ )  $\otimes$  u
```

```
promote :: Applicative i  $\Rightarrow$  i  $\alpha \rightarrow$  AppNF i  $\alpha$ 
promote i = Pure id : $\otimes$  i
```

```
observe :: Applicative i  $\Rightarrow$  AppNF i  $\alpha \rightarrow$  i  $\alpha$ 
observe (Pure v) = pure v
observe (f : $\otimes$  v) = observe f  $\otimes$  v
```

## Normal forms in Haskell: example

```
pure f ⊗ (pure g ⊗ promote h)
  ↓
Pure f ⊗ (Pure g ⊗ (Pure id :⊗ h))
  ↓
Pure f ⊗ ((Pure (.) ⊗ Pure g ⊗ Pure id) :⊗ h)
  ↓
Pure f ⊗ ((Pure ((.) g) ⊗ Pure id) :⊗ h)
  ↓
Pure f ⊗ (Pure (g . id) :⊗ h)
  ↓
(Pure (.) ⊗ Pure f ⊗ Pure (g . id)) :⊗ h
  ↓
Pure (f . g . id) :⊗ h
```

# Arrows

```
class Arrow ( $\rightsquigarrow$ ) where
  pure :: ( $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ )  $\rightarrow$  ( $\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta$ )
  ( $\ggg$ ) :: ( $\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta$ )  $\rightarrow$  ( $\beta \rightsquigarrow \gamma$ )  $\rightarrow$  ( $\alpha \rightsquigarrow \gamma$ )
  first :: ( $\alpha \rightsquigarrow \beta$ )  $\rightarrow$  (( $\alpha, \gamma$ )  $\rightsquigarrow$  ( $\beta, \gamma$ ))

      arr id  $\ggg$  f  $\equiv$  f
      f  $\ggg$  arr id  $\equiv$  f
      (f  $\ggg$  g)  $\ggg$  h  $\equiv$  f  $\ggg$  (g  $\ggg$  h)
      arr (g . f)  $\equiv$  arr f  $\ggg$  arr g
      arr (f ** id)  $\equiv$  first (arr f)
      first (f  $\ggg$  g)  $\equiv$  first f  $\ggg$  first g
second (arr g)  $\ggg$  first f  $\equiv$  first f  $\ggg$  second (arr g)
      arr fst  $\ggg$  f  $\equiv$  first f  $\ggg$  arr fst
      arr assoc  $\ggg$  first f  $\equiv$  first (first f)  $\ggg$  arr assoc
```

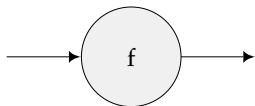
where

```
second f = arr swap  $\ggg$  first f  $\ggg$  arr swap
f ** g =  $\lambda(x,y) \rightarrow$  (f x, g y)
assoc ((a, b), c) = (a, (b, c))
swap (a, b) = (b, a)
```

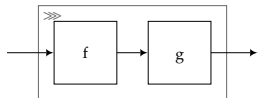


# Arrow diagrams

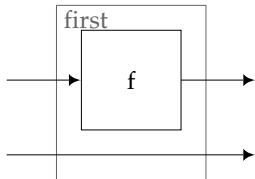
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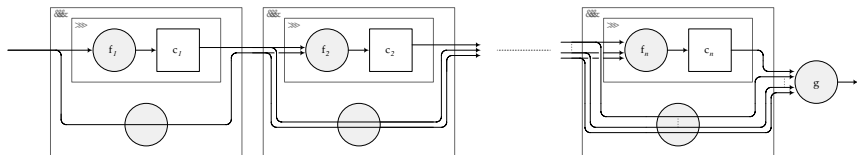
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first



# Arrow normal form



```
((arr f1 >>> c1) &&& arr id) >>>
((arr f2 >>> c2) &&& arr id) >>>
...
>>>
((arr fn >>> cn) &&& arr id) >>>
arr g
```

where

```
f &&& g = arr dup >>> first f >>> second g
dup a = (a, a)
```

# Arrows: normalizing implementation

```
data ArrNF :: (* -> * -> *) -> (* -> * -> *) where
  Arr :: ( $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ ) -> ArrNF ( $\rightsquigarrow$ )  $\alpha$   $\beta$ 
  Seq :: ( $\alpha \rightarrow \delta$ ) -> ( $\delta \rightsquigarrow \gamma$ ) -> ArrNF ( $\rightsquigarrow$ ) ( $\gamma, \alpha$ )  $\beta \rightarrow$  ArrNF ( $\rightsquigarrow$ )  $\alpha$   $\beta$ 

instance Arrow (ArrNF ( $\rightsquigarrow$ )) where
  arr                = Arr
  Arr f >>> Arr g   = Arr (g . f)
  Arr f >>> Seq g c h = Seq (g . f) c
                    (Arr (id ** f) >>> h)
  Seq g c h >>> s   = Seq g c (h >>> s)
  first (Arr f)     = Arr (f ** id)
  first (Seq g c h) = Seq (g . fst) c
                    (Arr assoc-1 >>> first h)
  where assoc-1 (x,(y,z)) = ((x,y),z)
```

# Causal Commutative Arrows and Their Optimization

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## Abstract

Arrows are a popular form of abstract computation. Being more general than monads, they are more broadly applicable, and in particular are a good abstraction for signal processing and dataflow computations. Most notably, arrows form the basis for a domain specific language called *Yampa*, which has been used in a variety of concrete applications, including animation, robotics, sound synthesis, control systems, and graphical user interfaces.

## 1. Introduction

Consider the following recursive mathematical definition of the exponential function:

$$e(t) = 1 + \int_0^t e(t) dt$$

In *Yampa* [35, 21], a domain-specific language embedded in Haskell [36], we can write this using arrow syntax [32] as follows:

# Programming with CCA

```
exp = proc () → do
  rec let e = 1 + i
      i ← integral ↪ e
  returnA ↪ e
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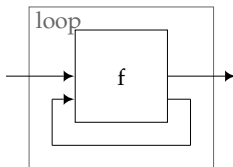
$$e(t) = 1 + \int_0^t e(t) dt$$

```
exp :: ArrowInit (↪) ⇒ () ↪ Double
exp = loop (second (integral >>> arr (+1)) >>>
           arr snd >>> arr dup)
```

```
integral :: ArrowInit (↪) ⇒ Double ↪ Double
integral = loop (arr (λ(v, i) → i + dt * v) >>>
                init 0 >>> arr dup)
```

# CCA: new operators, new laws (loop)

```
class Arrow ( $\rightsquigarrow$ )  $\Rightarrow$  ArrowLoop ( $\rightsquigarrow$ ) where  
  loop :: ((a, c)  $\rightsquigarrow$  (b, c))  $\rightarrow$  (a  $\rightsquigarrow$  b)
```



```
loop (arr f)  $\equiv$  arr (trace f)  
loop (first h  $\ggg$  f)  $\equiv$  h  $\ggg$  loop f  
loop (f  $\ggg$  first h)  $\equiv$  loop f  $\ggg$  h  
loop (f  $\ggg$  arr (id ** k))  $\equiv$  loop (arr (id ** k)  $\ggg$  f)  
loop (loop f)  $\equiv$  loop (arr assoc-1 . f . arr assoc)  
second (loop f)  $\equiv$  loop (arr assoc . second f  
                        . arr assoc-1)
```

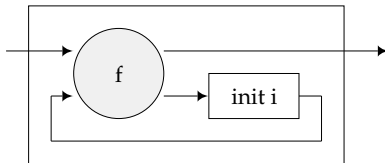
## CCA: new operators, new laws (init)

```
class ArrowLoop ( $\rightsquigarrow$ )  $\Rightarrow$  ArrowInit ( $\rightsquigarrow$ ) where  
  init :: a  $\rightarrow$  (a  $\rightsquigarrow$  a)
```

init i

```
first f  $\ggg$  second g  $\equiv$  second g  $\ggg$  first f  
  init i *** init j  $\equiv$  init (i,j)
```

## CCA normal form



```
loop (arr f >>> second (init i))
```

```
exp =  
  loop (arr (λ(x, y) → let i = y + 1 in  
                (i, y + dt * i)) >>>  
        second (init 0))
```



# CCA Normal form

```
data CCNF :: * → * → * where
  ArrD  :: (a → b) → CCNF a b
  LoopD :: e → ((b,e) → (c,e)) → CCNF b c

instance Arrow CCNF where
  arr = ArrD
  ArrD f >>> ArrD g      = ArrD (g . f)
  ArrD f >>> LoopD i g = LoopD i (g . first f)
  [...]

instance ArrowLoop CCNF where
  loop (ArrD f) = ArrD (trace f)
  loop (LoopD i f) = LoopD i (trace (juggle' f))

instance ArrowInit CCNF where init i = LoopD i swap

observe :: ArrowInit (↔) ⇒ CCNF a b → (a ↔ b)
observe (ArrD f) = arr f
observe (LoopD i f) = loop (arr f >>> second (init i))
```

Performance improvements

## Normalization: performance improvements

from: Paul Liu  
to: Jeremy Yallop  
cc: Paul Hudak, Eric Cheng  
date: 18 June 2009

I wonder if there is any way to optimize GHC's output based on your code since the CCF is actually running slower.

# Optimizing observation

```
observe :: ArrowInit (↔) ⇒ CCNF a b → (a ↔ b)
observe (ArrD f) = arr f
observe (LoopD i f) = loop (arr f >>> second (init i))
```

## Optimization opportunities

specialize to an instance

fuse the arrow operators

## Specializing observe

```
newtype SF a b = SF (a → (b, SF a b))
```

```
instance Arrow SF where
```

```
  arr f = SF h
```

```
    where h x = (f x, SF h)
```

```
  f >>> g = SF (h f g)
```

```
    where h (SF f) (SF g) x = let (y, f') = f x
                                   (z, g') = g y
                                   in (z, SF (h f' g'))
```

```
  ...
```

```
observeSF :: CCNF a b → SF a b
```

```
observeSF (ArrD f) = arr f
```

```
observeSF (LoopD i f) = loop (arr f >>> second (init i))
```

## Optimising the specialized observe

```
observeSF (LoopD i f) = loop (arr f >>> second (init i))
```

```
observeSF (LoopD i f) = loopcomp2 i f
```

```
  where
```

```
    arrswap = arr swap
```

```
    arrswapf f = arr (swap . f)
```

```
    firstinit i = first (init i)
```

```
    comp1 i f = arrswapf f >>> (firstinit i)
```

```
    comp2 i f = comp1 i f >>> arrswap
```

```
    loopcomp2 i f = loop (comp2 i f)
```

## Optimising the specialized observe

```
observeSF (LoopD i f) = loopcomp2 i f
  where
    arrswap = arr swap
    arrswapf f = arr (swap . f)
    ...
```

*rewrites to*

```
observeSF (LoopD i f) = loopcomp2 i f
  where
    arrswap = SF hswap
    hswap (x,y) = ((y,x), SF hswap)
    arrswapf f = arr (swap . f)
    ...
```

## Optimising the specialized observe

...

*rewrites to*

...

*rewrites to*

...

*rewrites to*

```
observeSF (LoopD i f) = loopD f i
```

```
  where
```

```
    loopD f i = SF ( $\lambda x \rightarrow$  let (a,b) = f (x,i) in  
                    (a, loopD f b))
```



## combining observe and runSF (to give runCCNF)

```
observeSF (LoopD i f) = loopD f i
  where
    loopD f i = SF ( $\lambda x \rightarrow$  let (a,b) = f (x,i) in
                    (a, loopD f b))
```

*combined with*

```
runSF :: SF a b  $\rightarrow$  [a]  $\rightarrow$  [b]
runSF (SF f) (x:xs) = let (y, g) = f x
                      in y : runSF g xs
```

*gives*

```
runCCNF :: e  $\rightarrow$  ((b,e)  $\rightarrow$  (c,e))  $\rightarrow$  [b]  $\rightarrow$  [c]
runCCNF i f = g i
  where g i (x:xs) = let (y, i') = f (x, i)
                      in y : g i' xs
```

## combining runCCNF and nth

```
runCCNF :: e → ((b,e) → (c,e)) → [b] → [c]
runCCNF i f = g i
  where g i (x:xs) = let (y, i') = f (x, i)
                      in y : g i' xs
```

*combined with*

```
nth :: [a] → Int → a
(x:_) 'nth' 0 = x
(_:xs) 'nth' n = xs 'nth' (n-1)
```

*gives*

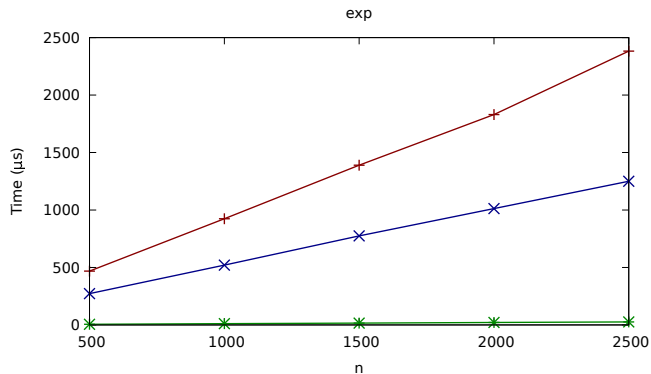
```
nthCCNF :: Int → CCNF () a → a
nthCCNF n (ArrD f) = f ()
nthCCNF n (LoopD i f) = aux n i
  where
    aux n i = x 'seq' if n == 0 then x else aux (n-1) j
      where (x, j) = f ((), i)
```

# Performance improvements

nth elem exp

nth n (observe exp)

nthCCNF n exp



Conclusion