

Compilers and Formal Languages

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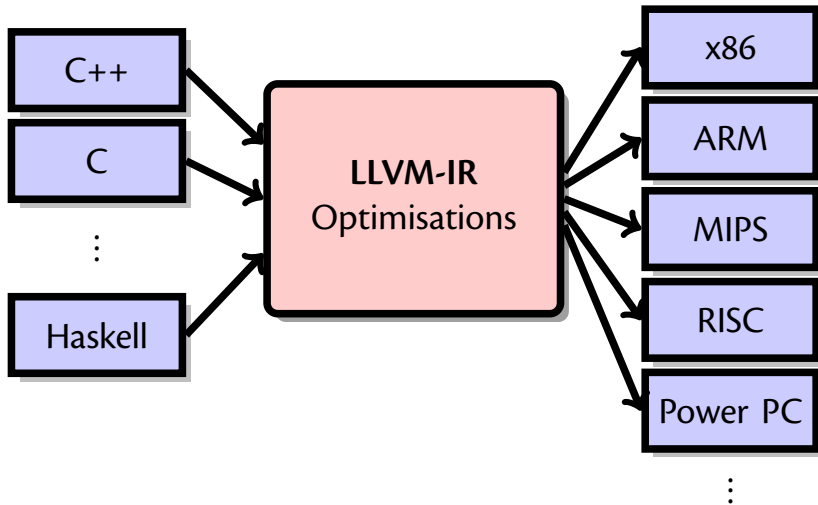
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Exam

- sometimes in January
- 2hs / 23 questions
- questions taken from HWs with scant changes
- all but one are text questions (one is true/false)

LLVM: Overview



Static Single-Assignment

$(1 + a) + (3 + (b * 5))$

```
1 let tmp0 = add 1 a in
2 let tmp1 = mul b 5 in
3 let tmp2 = add 3 tmp1 in
4 let tmp3 = add tmp0 tmp2
5   in tmp3
```

```

1  define i32 @fact (i32 %n) {
2      %tmp_20 = icmp eq i32 %n, 0
3      br i1 %tmp_20, label %if_branch_24, label %else_branch_25
4  if_branch_24:
5      ret i32 1
6  else_branch_25:
7      %tmp_22 = sub i32 %n, 1
8      %tmp_23 = call i32 @fact (i32 %tmp_22)
9      %tmp_21 = mul i32 %n, %tmp_23
10     ret i32 %tmp_21
11 }

```

```
def fact(n) = if n == 0 then 1 else n * fact(n - 1)
```


LLVM Types

boolean	i1
byte	i8
short	i16
char	i16
integer	i32
long	i64
float	float
double	double
*_	pointer to
**_	pointer to a pointer to
[_]	arrays of

```
br i1 %var, label %if_br, label %else_br
```

```
icmp eq i32 %x, %y ; for equal
```

```
icmp sle i32 %x, %y ; signed less or equal
```

```
icmp slt i32 %x, %y ; signed less than
```

```
icmp ult i32 %x, %y ; unsigned less than
```

```
%var = call i32 @foo(...args...)
```

Abstract Syntax Trees

```
// Fun language (expressions)
```

```
abstract class Exp
```

```
abstract class BExp
```

```
case class Call(name: String, args: List[Exp]) extends Exp
```

```
case class If(a: BExp, e1: Exp, e2: Exp) extends Exp
```

```
case class Write(e: Exp) extends Exp
```

```
case class Var(s: String) extends Exp
```

```
case class Num(i: Int) extends Exp
```

```
case class Aop(o: String, a1: Exp, a2: Exp) extends Exp
```

```
case class Sequence(e1: Exp, e2: Exp) extends Exp
```

```
case class Bop(o: String, a1: Exp, a2: Exp) extends BExp
```

K-(Intermediate)Language

```
abstract class KExp
```

```
abstract class KVal
```

```
// K-Values
```

```
case class KVar(s: String) extends KVal
```

```
case class KNum(i: Int) extends KVal
```

```
case class Kop(o: String, v1: KVal, v2: KVal) extends KVal
```

```
case class KCall(o: String, vrs: List[KVal]) extends KVal
```

```
case class KWrite(v: KVal) extends KVal
```

```
// K-Expressions
```

```
case class KIf(x1: String, e1: KExp, e2: KExp) extends KExp
```

```
case class KLet(x: String, v: KVal, e: KExp) extends KExp
```

```
case class KReturn(v: KVal) extends KExp
```

KLet

```
tmp0 = add 1 a  
tmp1 = mul b 5  
tmp2 = add 3 tmp1  
tmp3 = add tmp0 tmp2
```

```
KLet tmp0 , add 1 a in  
  KLet tmp1 , mul b 5 in  
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      KLet tmp3 , add tmp0 tmp2 in  
    ...
```

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```

CPS-Translation

```
def CPS(e: Exp)(k: KVal => KExp) : KExp =  
  e match { ... }
```

the continuation k can be thought of:

```
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let tmp2 = add 3 tmp1 in  
let tmp3 = add tmp0 tmp2 in  
  KReturn tmp3
```

```
def fact(n: Int) : Int = {  
  if (n == 0) 1 else n * fact(n - 1)  
}
```

```
def factC(n: Int, ret: Int => Int) : Int = {  
  if (n == 0) ret(1)  
  else factC(n - 1, x => ret(n * x))  
}
```

```
fact(10)  
factC(10, identity)
```



```
def fibC(n: Int, ret: Int => Int) : Int = {  
  if (n == 0 || n == 1) ret(1) else  
    fibC(n - 1,  
      r1 => fibC(n - 2,  
        r2 => ret(r1 + r2)))  
}
```

```
fibC(10, identity)
```


Are there more strings in

$L(a^*)$ or $L((a + b)^*)$?

Can you remember this HW?

- (1) How many basic regular expressions are there to match the string *abcd*?
- (2) How many if they cannot include **1** and **0**?
- (3) How many if they are also not allowed to contain stars?
- (4) How many if they are also not allowed to contain *_ + _*?

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**There must be a problem for which
there is no program.**

Subsets

If $A \subseteq B$ then A has fewer or equal elements than B

$A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$

then $A = B$

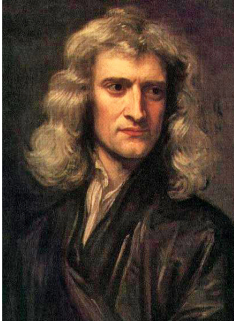


5 elements

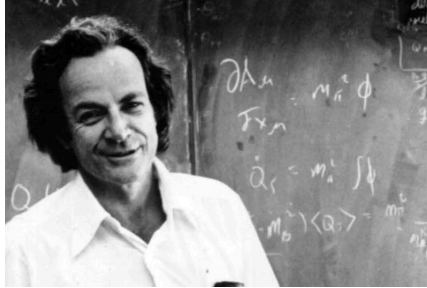


3 elements

Newton vs Feynman



classical physics



quantum physics

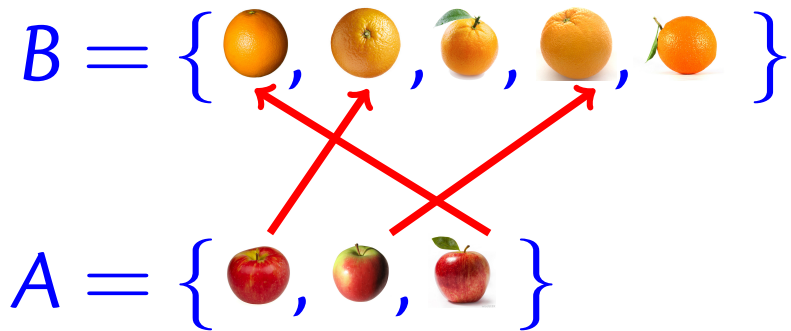
The Goal of the Talk

- show you that something very unintuitive happens with very large sets
- convince you that there are more **problems** than **programs**

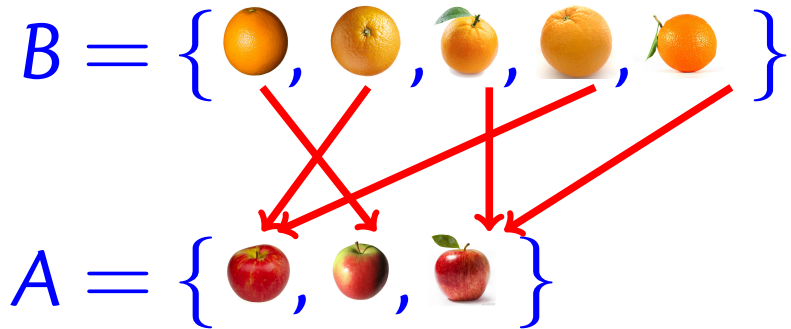
$$B = \{ \text{orange}, \text{orange}, \text{orange}, \text{orange}, \text{orange} \}$$

$$A = \{ \text{apple}, \text{apple}, \text{apple} \}$$

$$|A| = 5, |B| = 3$$



then $|A| \leq |B|$



for $=$ has to be a **one-to-one** mapping

Cardinality

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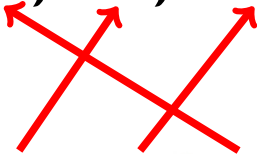
if there is an injective function

$$f : A \rightarrow B \text{ then } |A| \leq |B|$$

$$\forall xy. f(x) = f(y) \Rightarrow x = y$$

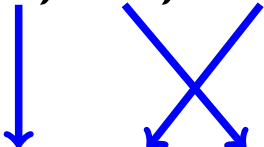
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Natural Numbers

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A is countable iff $|A| \leq |\mathbb{N}|$

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$$x \mapsto x + 1,$$

$$|\mathbb{N} - \{0\}| = |\mathbb{N}|$$

$$|\mathbb{N} - \{0, 1\}| \quad ? \quad |\mathbb{N}|$$

$$|\mathbb{N} - \{0, 1\}| \stackrel{?}{=} |\mathbb{N}|$$

$$|\mathbb{N} - \mathbb{O}| \stackrel{?}{=} |\mathbb{N}|$$

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$\mathbb{O} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{odd numbers} \quad \{1, 3, 5, \dots\}$

$\mathbb{E} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{even numbers} \quad \{0, 2, 4, \dots\}$

$$|\mathbb{N} \cup -\mathbb{N}| \quad ? \quad |\mathbb{N}|$$

$\mathbb{N} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{positive numbers} \quad \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

$-\mathbb{N} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{negative numbers} \quad \{0, -1, -2, -3, \dots\}$

A is **countable** if there exists an injective $f : A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

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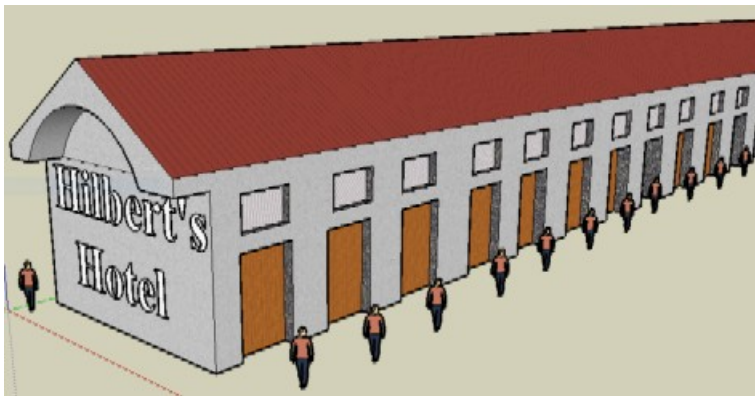
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Does there exist such an A ?

Hilbert's Hotel



- ...has as many rooms as there are natural numbers

Real Numbers between 0 and 1

1	3	3	3	3	3	3	...
2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3	0	1	0	1	0	...	
4	7	8	5	3	9	...	

...

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$$|\mathbb{N}| < |\mathbb{R}|$$

The Set of Problems

 \mathcal{N}_0

	0	1	2	3	4	5	...
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	...
2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	...	
4	1	1	0	1	1	...	
...							

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3	0	0	0	0	0	...	
4	1	1	0	1	1	...	

...

$$|\text{Progs}| = |\mathbb{N}| < |\text{Probs}|$$

Halting Problem

Assume a program H that decides for all programs A and all input data D whether

- $H(A, D) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1$ iff $A(D)$ terminates
- $H(A, D) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 0$ otherwise

Halting Problem (2)

Given such a program H define the following program C : for all programs A

- $C(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 0$ iff $H(A, A) = 0$
- $C(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{loops}$ otherwise

Contradiction

$H(C, C)$ is either 0 or 1.

- $H(C, C) = 1 \xRightarrow{\text{def } H} C(C) \downarrow \xRightarrow{\text{def } C} H(C, C) = 0$

- $H(C, C) = 0 \xRightarrow{\text{def } H} C(C) \text{ loops} \xRightarrow{\text{def } C}$

$$H(C, C) = 1$$

Contradiction in both cases. So H cannot exist.

Take Home Points

- there are sets that are more infinite than others
- even with the most powerful computer we can imagine, there are problems that cannot be solved by any program
- in CS we actually hit quite often such problems (halting problem)

Big Thank You!

- It is always fun to learn new things in CFL
- I want to add Higher-Order Functions and Algebraic Datatypes to Fun (typing is a distant dream unfortunately)



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"If all modules were as good as this one I would start recommending KCL over basically every single university instead of suggesting people look somewhere else."



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“Overall, CFL was without a doubt the most interesting subject I have taken...”

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