

REPRESENTING GUARDEDNESS IN CALL-BY-VALUE

A photograph of the Fontana del Gallo in St. Peter's Square, Rome, Italy. The fountain is a large, ornate stone structure with multiple tiers and a central column. Water is spraying upwards from the top tier, creating a misty effect. The fountain is surrounded by a low stone wall and a metal railing. In the background, the Via dei Fori Imperiali is visible, with its classical columns and arches. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

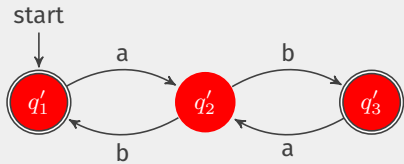
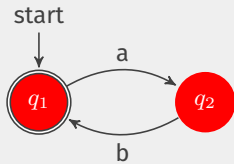
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SCENARIO # 1: AUTOMATA

How do we know that automata



are equivalent?

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- This only works because $x \mapsto abx + 1$ is **guarded**
- $x \mapsto (a + 1)x + 1$ is **un-guarded** and has infinitely many fixpoints

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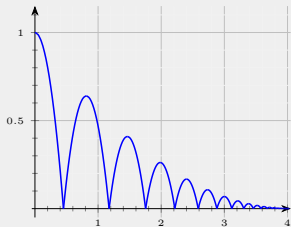
SCENARIO # 2: HYBRID SYSTEMS

Bouncing ball is a simple Newtonian system specified by differential equation $\ddot{h} = -g$ ($g \approx 9.8$) whose solution is

$$h(t) = h_0 + v_0 t - \frac{gt^2}{2}$$

with initial values:

- $v_0 = 0, h_0 \neq 0$ (peak height)
- $h_0 = 0, v_0 \neq 0$ (zero height)



This system is **progressive**: every iteration consumes non-zero time (although it keeps getting smaller – **Zeno behaviour**)

Non-progressive (chattering) behaviour is often regarded a modelling artefact

SCENARIO # 3: PROCESS ALGEBRA

Basic Process Algebra (BPA):

$$P, Q, \dots := \checkmark \mid a \in A \mid P + Q \mid P \cdot Q$$

E.g. we can specify a 2-cell FIFO, storing bits:

$$\begin{aligned} B_0 &= \text{in}_0. B_1^0 + \text{in}_1. B_1^1 \\ B_1^i &= \text{in}_0. B_2^{0,i} + \text{in}_1. B_2^{1,i} + \text{out}_i. B_0 && (i \in \{0, 1\}) \\ B_2^{i,j} &= \text{out}_j. B_1^i && (i, j \in \{0, 1\}) \end{aligned}$$

Solutions are unique for **guarded** specifications. Otherwise not: $X = X$ has infinitely many solutions

We can model previous examples with **monads**, augmented with partially defined iteration operators

$$\frac{f: X \rightarrow T(Y + X)}{f^\dagger: X \rightarrow TY}$$

w.r.t. a **co-Cartesian** category (=category with finite coproducts)

1. Automata: $TX = \mathcal{P}(A^* \times X)$
2. Hybrid time: $TX = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times X + \bar{\mathbb{R}}_{\geq 0}$
3. BPA: $TX = \nu\gamma. \mathcal{P}_{\omega_1}(X + A \times \gamma)$ (**final F -coalgebra**)

Note that a monad carries information about computational effects, but not about guardedness

Most of time, guarded fixpoints are restrictions of unguarded ones. But the guarded ones are better behaved:

- Often unique, hence enable reasoning by coinduction
- If not unique, often computed as least fixpoints
- Foundation-independent
- Simpler to define and to work with

This motivates a type discipline for propagating guardedness over structures

ITERATION AND RECURSION

ITERATION VS. RECURSION

■ Iteration operator:

$$\frac{f: X \rightarrow Y + X}{f^\dagger: X \rightarrow Y}$$

■ Dually: recursion operator:

$$\frac{f: \Gamma \times X \rightarrow X}{f_\dagger: \Gamma \rightarrow X}$$

equivalently: $\text{fix}: (X \rightarrow X) \rightarrow X$, e.g. in the λ -calculus

■ Guarded recursion: $\text{fix}: (\triangleright X \rightarrow X) \rightarrow X$

- ▶ Curry-Howard counterpart of the **Löb rule**
- ▶ Familiar model: **topos of trees** $\text{Set}^{\omega^{\text{op}}2}$
- ▶ Notion of guardedness is **representable**: $f: \Gamma \times X \rightarrow Y$ is guarded (=contractive) iff f factors as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Gamma \times X & \xrightarrow{f} & X \\ \Gamma \times \text{next} \downarrow & \nearrow \text{dashed} & \\ \Gamma \times \triangleright X & & \end{array}$$

²L. Birkedal et al, First Steps in Synthetic Guarded Domain Theory: Step-Indexing in the Topos of Trees, 2011

Problem

Sticking to iteration, can we generally define representable guardedness?

- Maybe (?) we need an endofunctor \triangleright , and then $f: X \rightarrow Y + X$ is guarded if it factors

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 X & \xrightarrow{f} & Y + X \\
 & \searrow & \uparrow^{Y + \text{guard}} \\
 & & Y + \triangleright X
 \end{array}$$

- Example: $f: X \rightarrow (Y + X) \times \mathbb{N} \cong Y \times \mathbb{N} + X \times \mathbb{N}$ is guarded iff it factors through $(Y \times \mathbb{N} + X \times \text{suc})$
- However, e.g. $f: X \rightarrow (Y + X)^*$ should be guarded if in every $f(x) = [e_1, \dots, e_n]$ every $e_n \in X$ is preceded by some $e_k \in Y$
 - \Rightarrow " \triangleright " may depend both on X and on Y

- An identity-on-object functor $J: \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ has a right adjoint iff
 - ▶ \mathbf{C} is isomorphic to Kleisli category of a monad on \mathbf{V}^3
 - ▶ all presheaves $\mathbf{C}(J, A): \mathbf{V}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ are representable
 - **Fine-grain call-by-value**⁴ was interpreted over **Freyd categories**, which are certain identity-on-object functors $J: \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ where
 - ▶ \mathbf{V} is a category of **values**
 - ▶ \mathbf{C} is a category of **computations**
- All $J(- \times A): \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ have right adjoints iff
- ▶ \mathbf{C} is isomorphic to a Kleisli category of a strong monad T , and all **Kleisli exponentials** B^{TA} exist
 - ▶ all presheaves $\mathbf{C}(J(- \times A), B): \mathbf{V}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ are representable
- Here: representability of guardedness in fine-grain call-by value

³D. Schumacher, Minimale und Maximale Tripelerzeugende und eine Bemerkung zur Tripelbarkeit, 1969

⁴P. Levy, J. Power, H. Thielecke, Modelling Environments in Call-By-Value Programming Languages, 2002

REPRESENTING GUARDEDNESS

A **guardedness predicate** identifies for all objects X, Y, Z **guarded morphisms** $\mathbf{C}_\bullet(X, Y, Z) \subseteq \mathbf{C}(X, Y + Z)$, such that

$$\mathbf{(trv}_+) \quad \frac{f: X \rightarrow Y}{\text{inl } f: X \rightarrow Y \rangle Z} \qquad \mathbf{(par}_+) \quad \frac{f: X \rightarrow V \rangle W \quad g: Y \rightarrow V \rangle W}{[f, g]: X + Y \rightarrow V \rangle W}$$

$$\mathbf{(cmp}_+) \quad \frac{f: X \rightarrow Y \rangle Z \quad g: Y \rightarrow V \rangle W \quad h: Z \rightarrow V + W}{[g, h] f: X \rightarrow V \rangle W}$$

where $f: X \rightarrow Y \rangle Z$ means $f \in \mathbf{C}_\bullet(X, Y, Z)$

- A category with a guardedness predicate is called **guarded**
- A monad is guarded if its Kleisli category is guarded

- $f: X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A^* \times (Y + Z))$ is guarded if it factors through

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{P}(A^* \times Y + A^+ \times Z) &\hookrightarrow \mathcal{P}(A^* \times Y + A^* \times Z) \\ &\cong \mathcal{P}(A^* \times (Y + Z)) \end{aligned}$$

- $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times (Y + Z) + \bar{\mathbb{R}}_{\geq 0}$ is guarded if it factors through

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- $f: X \rightarrow \nu\gamma.T((Y + Z) + H\gamma)$ is guarded if it factors through

$$\begin{aligned} T(Y + H(\nu\gamma. \dots)) &\hookrightarrow T((Y + Z) + H(\nu\gamma. \dots)) \\ &\cong \nu\gamma.T((Y + Z) + H\gamma) \end{aligned}$$

CALL-BY-VALUE WITH EFFECTS

VERY SIMPLE METALANGUAGE (VSML)

- **Sorts** A, B, C, \dots
- **Signatures** Σ_v, Σ_c of **pure** and **effectful programs** $f: A \rightarrow B$
- **Semantics** of (Σ_v, Σ_c) w.r.t. identity-on-objects functor $J: \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$:
 - ▶ an object $\llbracket A \rrbracket \in |\mathbf{V}|$ to each sort A
 - ▶ a morphism $\llbracket f \rrbracket \in \mathbf{V}(\llbracket A \rrbracket, \llbracket B \rrbracket)$ to each $f: A \rightarrow B \in \Sigma_v$
 - ▶ a morphism $\llbracket f \rrbracket \in \mathbf{C}(\llbracket A \rrbracket, \llbracket B \rrbracket)$ to each $f: A \rightarrow B \in \Sigma_c$
- **Terms** in single-variable (!) context:

$$\frac{f: A \rightarrow B \in \Sigma_v \quad \Gamma \vdash_v v: A}{\Gamma \vdash_v f(v): B} \qquad \frac{f: A \rightarrow B \in \Sigma_c \quad \Gamma \vdash_v v: A}{\Gamma \vdash_c f(v): B}$$
$$\frac{}{x: A \vdash_v x: A} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash_v v: A}{\Gamma \vdash_c \text{return } v: A} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash_c p: A \quad x: A \vdash_c q: B}{\Gamma \vdash_c x \leftarrow p; q: B}$$

- $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ extends easily

The fine-grain call-by-value (FGCBV) is obtained by enabling multivariable contexts $\Gamma = (x_1 : A_1, \dots, x_n : A_n)$, e.g. variable term formation:

$$\frac{}{x_1 : A_1, \dots, x_n : A_n \vdash_v x_i : A_i}$$

FGCBV can be interpreted over a **Freyd category**:

- \mathbf{V} is a category with finite products
- **action** $\mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ of \mathbf{V} on \mathbf{C}
- $J : \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ is an identity-on-objects functor, preserving the action

- Originally, Moggi⁵ interpreted call-by-value over **strong monads**
- T is strong if it comes with **strength**

$$\tau: X \times TY \rightarrow T(X \times Y)$$

which satisfies a number of coherence conditions

- We then can interpret

$$\frac{f := \llbracket \Gamma \vdash_c p : A \rrbracket \quad g := \llbracket \Gamma, x : A \vdash_c q : B \rrbracket}{\llbracket \Gamma \vdash_c x \leftarrow p; q : B \rrbracket : \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \xrightarrow{\langle \Gamma, f \rangle} \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket \times T\llbracket A \rrbracket \xrightarrow{\tau} T\llbracket \Gamma \times A \rrbracket \xrightarrow{g^*} T\llbracket B \rrbracket}}$$

⁵E. Moggi, Notions of Computation and Monads, 1991

HIGHER ORDER

If we want to implement higher order:

$$\frac{\Gamma, x: A \vdash_c p: B}{\Gamma \vdash_v \lambda x. p: A \rightarrow B} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash_v f: A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash_v v: A}{\Gamma \vdash_c f v: B}$$

we need to have a semantics $\llbracket A \rightarrow B \rrbracket = U(\llbracket A \rrbracket, \llbracket B \rrbracket)$, such that

$$\mathbf{C}(J(X \times A), B) \cong \mathbf{V}(X, U(A, B))$$

naturally in A

Theorem ⁽⁶⁾

The following are equivalent:

- $\mathbf{C}(J(X \times A), B) \cong \mathbf{V}(X, U(A, B))$ for some $U: \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{V}$, naturally in A
- Presheaves $\mathbf{C}(J(X \times (-)), B): \mathbf{V}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ are representable
- \mathbf{C} is isomorphic to a Kleisli category of a strong monad \mathbf{T} on \mathbf{V} and all exponentials $(TB)^A$ exist

⁶Essentially: P. Levy, J. Power, H. Thielecke, Modelling Environments in Call-By-Value Programming Languages, 2002

(NON-)STRONG MONADS

If we do not care about strength, we have a simpler characterization

Theorem (Schumacher)

Given id-on-objects functor $J: \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$, the following are equivalent:

- J is a left adjoint
- Presheaves $\mathbf{C}(J(-), B): \mathbf{V}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$ are representable
- \mathbf{C} is isomorphic to a Kleisli category of a monad

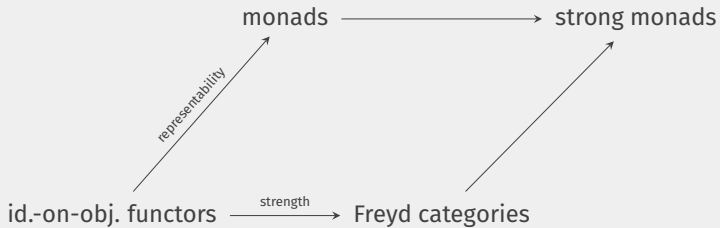
and then:

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INTERMEDIATE SUMMARY



CALL-BY-VALUE MEETS GUARDEDNESS

Definition

Given $J: \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$, as before and guarded \mathbf{C} , call the guardedness predicate \mathbf{C}_\bullet **(J -)representable** if for all $A, B \in |\mathbf{C}|$ the presheaves

$$\mathbf{C}_\bullet(J(-), A, B): \mathbf{V}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$$

are representable

Note that $\mathbf{C}_\bullet(X, A, \emptyset) \cong \mathbf{C}(X, A)$, hence

Lemma

If \mathbf{C}_\bullet is representable, J is a left adjoint. In this case, \mathbf{C} is a Kleisli category of some monad on \mathbf{V}

GUARDED PARAMETRIZED MONADS

Recall that a bifunctor $\# : \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{V}$ is a **parametrized monad**⁷ if

- Every $(-) \# X$ is a monad
- Every $(-) \# f$ is a monad morphism

Definition

A **guarded parametrized monad** on a symmetric monoidal $(\mathbf{V}, \otimes, I, \rho, \lambda, \alpha, \gamma)$ consists of a bifunctor $\# : \mathbf{V} \times \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{V}$, natural transformations

$$\eta: A \rightarrow A \# I$$

$$v: A \# (B \otimes C) \rightarrow (A \otimes B) \# C$$

$$\xi: (A \# B) \# C \rightarrow A \# (B \otimes C)$$

$$\chi: A \# B \otimes C \# D \rightarrow (A \otimes C) \# (B \otimes D)$$

$$\zeta: A \# (B \# C) \rightarrow A \# (B \otimes C)$$

plus a bunch of commutative diagrams

- Intuition: in $X \# Y$, Y is the guarded part, X is (possibly) unguarded part
- **Coherence property**: if $f, g: \mathcal{E}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{E}_2 \# \mathcal{E}'_2$ and
 - ▶ f, g are made of $\eta, \epsilon, v, \xi, \zeta, \rho, \lambda, \alpha, \gamma, \text{id}, \otimes, \#$
 - ▶ object letters do not repeat either in \mathcal{E}_1 or in $\mathcal{E}_2 \# \mathcal{E}'_2$
 - ▶ \mathcal{E}_2 and \mathcal{E}'_2 do not contain $\#$

then $f = g$

⁷T. Uustalu, Generalizing Substitution, 2003

Theorem

Given co-Cartesian \mathbf{V} and an identity-on-object functor $J: \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$ strictly preserving coproducts, \mathbf{C} is guarded and \mathbf{C}_\bullet is representable iff

- $\mathbf{C} \cong \mathbf{V}_{-\#0}$ for a guarded parametrized monad $(\#, \eta, \nu, \chi, \xi, \zeta)$
- the compositions

$$X \# Y \cong X \# (Y + \emptyset) \xrightarrow{\nu_{X, Y, \emptyset}} (X + Y) \# \emptyset$$

are all monic and

- $f: X \rightarrow Y \rhd Z$ iff f factors through $Y \# (Z + 0) \xrightarrow{\nu} (Y + Z) \# \emptyset$

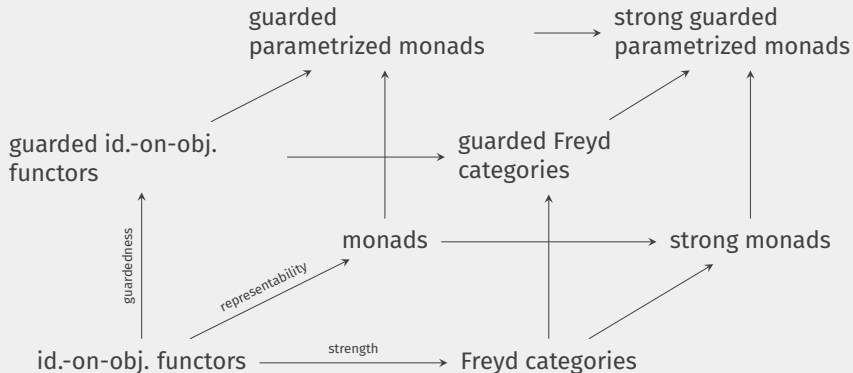
Analogously, representability of

$$\mathbf{C}_\bullet(J(- \times A), B, C): \mathbf{V}^{\text{op}} \rightarrow \mathbf{Set}$$

produces **strong guarded parametrized monads**

- Least guardedness: $X \# Y = TX$
- Greatest guardedness: $X \# Y = T(X + Y)$ (exception transformer)
- Automata: $X \# Y = \mathcal{P}(A^* \times X + A^+ \times Y)$
- Hybrid systems: $X \# Y = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \times X + \mathbb{R}_{> 0} \times Y + \bar{\mathbb{R}}_{\geq 0}$
- Generalized processes: $X \# Y = T(X + H(\nu\gamma. T((X + Y) + H\gamma)))$

TOTAL SUMMARY



- Generalize: express quantitative information by typing, e.g. how productive is the program, how much time it consumes, etc.
- Dualize: representation of guarded recursion by **comonads**
 - ▶ What are instances of comonadic guarded recursion?
 - ▶ Representing recursion on casual streams/course-of-value recursion
- Implement (Haskell, Agda, Coq)
- Research:
 - ▶ Can we prove more general coherence theorem?
 - ▶ Are properly monoidal guarded parametrized monads interesting?
 - ▶ Can we characterize guardedness by unary functors (like \triangleright)?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR **ATTENTION!**

STRONG MONADS

Originally, Moggi⁸ interpreted call-by-value over **strong monads**

- A functor $F: \mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$ between monoidal \mathbf{C} and \mathbf{D} is **strong** if there is (natural in A, B) **strength** $\tau_{A,B}: A \otimes FB \rightarrow F(A \otimes B)$, such that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} I \otimes FX \cong FX & (X \otimes Y) \otimes FZ \xrightarrow{\tau} & F((X \otimes Y) \otimes Z) \\ \tau \downarrow & \parallel & \parallel \\ F(I \otimes X) \cong FX & X \otimes (Y \otimes FY) \xrightarrow{X \otimes \tau} X \otimes F(Y \otimes Z) \xrightarrow{\tau} & F(X \otimes (Y \otimes Z)) \end{array}$$

- A monad (T, η, μ) on \mathbf{C} is **strong** if T is strong additionally η, μ are strong:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \otimes Y \xlongequal{\quad} X \otimes Y & X \otimes TTY \xrightarrow{\tau} T(X \otimes TY) \xrightarrow{T\tau} TT(X \otimes Y) & \\ X \otimes \eta \downarrow & \downarrow \eta & \\ X \otimes TY \xrightarrow{\tau} T(X \otimes Y) & X \otimes \mu \downarrow & \downarrow \mu \\ & X \otimes TY \xrightarrow{\tau} T(X \otimes Y) & \end{array}$$

Theorem (9)

In monoidal closed categories, strength is equivalent to enrichment

⁸E. Moggi, Notions of Computation and Monads, 1991

⁹A. Kock, Strong Functors and Monoidal Monads, 1972

NON-REPRESENTABLE GUARDEDNESS

If J is not a left adjoint, guardedness is not representable. But this is boring. Is there other counterexamples?

Theorem

Suppose, every morphism in \mathbb{V} factorizes as a regular epic, followed by a monic. Let \mathbf{T} be a guarded monad on \mathbb{V} . Then a family of monos $(\epsilon_{X,Y}: X \# Y \hookrightarrow T(X + Y))_{X,Y \in |\mathbb{V}|}$ extends to a guarded parametrized monad iff

- every $\epsilon_{X,Y}$ is the **largest** guarded subobject of $T(X + Y)$
- for every $f: X \rightarrow T(Y + Z)$ and a regular epic $g: X' \rightarrow X$, if $f \circ g$ is guarded then f is guarded

Example

In \mathbf{Set} , let $f: X \rightarrow Y + Z$ be guarded in Z if $\{z \in Z \mid f^{-1}(\text{inr } z) \neq \emptyset\}$ is finite. This predicate is not Id -representable, as any $1 \hookrightarrow X \xrightarrow{\text{inr}} \emptyset + X$ is guarded, but inr is not if X is infinite.