

Functional Programming Imperative

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Haskell

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 - Statically typed
 - Higher-order functions
 - Polymorphism
- Unique Features
 - Type Classes
 - Monadic Effects

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NP-Complete

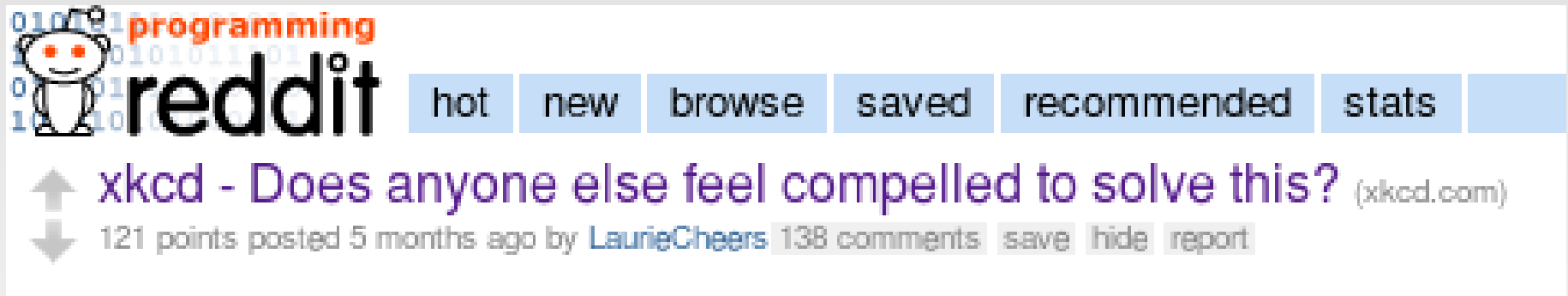
MY HOBBY: EMBEDDING NP-COMPLETE PROBLEMS IN RESTAURANT ORDERS

CHOTCHKIES RESTAURANT	
~ APPETIZERS ~	
MIXED FRUIT	2.15
FRENCH FRIES	2.75
SIDE SALAD	3.35
HOT WINGS	3.55
MOZZARELLA STICKS	4.20
SAMPLER PLATE	5.80
~ SANDWICHES ~	
BARBEQUE	6.55



By: [Randall Munroe](#)

Anyone feel compelled to solve this?



The image shows a screenshot of a Reddit post. At the top left is the Reddit logo (a white robot) and the word "reddit" in black. Above "reddit" is the word "programming" in orange. To the right of the logo are several blue buttons: "hot", "new", "browse", "saved", "recommended", and "stats". Below the navigation is a post title in purple: "xkcd - Does anyone else feel compelled to solve this?" followed by "(xkcd.com)". Below the title is the post's metadata: "121 points posted 5 months ago by LaurieCheers" followed by "138 comments", "save", "hide", and "report" buttons.

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C99

[LaurieCheers] went with the C version...

```
#include <stdio.h>

int target = 1505;
int prices[] = {215, 275, 335, 355, 420, 580};
char* names[] = {"Mixed Fruit", "French Fries", "Side Salad", "Hot Wings", "Mozzarella Sticks", "Sampler Plate"};
int solution[] = {0,0,0,0,0,0};

int totalprice() {
    int result = 0;
    for ( int i = 0; i < 6; i++ ) {
        result += prices[i]*solution[i];
    }
    return result;
}

bool solve(int i) {
    for ( int j = 0; j < 5; j++ ) {
        solution[i] = j;
        if ( i == 6 ) {
            if ( totalprice() == target ) {
                return true;
            }
        } else {
            if ( solve(i+1) ) {
                return true;
            }
        }
    }
    // can't do it with these preconditions
    return false;
}

void main() {
    if ( solve(0) ) {
        for ( int i = 0; i < 6; i++ ) {
            if ( solution[i] > 0 ) {
                printf("%d %s\n", solution[i], names[i]);
            }
        }
    } else {
        printf("no solution\n");
    }
}
```

Perl

Some random perl code [peter.makholm.net] threw together:

```
use Data::Dumper;
use List::Util (reduce);

@p = (580, 420, 355, 335, 275, 215);
$target = 1505;
$A[0] = [0, [], 0];
foreach $i (1 .. $target) {
    my @tmp;
    foreach $a (@A) {
        next unless defined($a);
        push @tmp, [$a->[0], $a->[1], $i];
        push @tmp, [$a->[0] + $_, [@$a->[1]], $_, $i] foreach (@p);
    }
    @tmp = grep({$_->[0] == $i;} @tmp);

    # ok, prefer the shortest solution for no other reason
    # than 7 times mixed fruit is so boring.
    $A[$i] = reduce { if ($a->[0] == $b->[0]) {
                        @{$a->[1]} < @{$b->[1]} ? $a : $b
                    } else {
                        $a->[0] > $b->[0] ? $a : $b
                    }
                } @tmp;
}
print Dumper($A[$target]);
```

Ruby

```
menu = [2.15, 2.75, 3.35, 3.55, 4.20, 5.80]
m = { 0.0 => [] }
while m.sort[-1][0] != 15.05
  m2 = m.dup
  menu.each_with_index { |c,i|
    m.each{ | c2,v|
      m2[c+c2] ||= [i,*v] if c+c2 <= 15.05
    }
  }
  m = m2
end
puts m.sort[-1] # => [0, 3, 3, 5]
```

by [\[taw\]](#)

Haskell

```
import Control.Monad

menu = [("Mixed Fruit", 215),      ("French Fries", 275),
        ("Side Salad", 335),      ("Hot Wings", 355),
        ("Mozzarella Sticks", 420), ("Sampler Plate", 580)]

main = mapM_ print
      [map fst y | i <- [0..], y <- replicateM i menu, sum (map snd y) == 1505]
```

“Why is everyone’s code so long?”
— [roconnor](#)

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“Not very optimized...

Plus, it outputs the same solution multiple times.

And of course, it never terminates.

Very elegant, though.”

— [joelthelion](#)

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“The list monad strikes again!”
— dons

Achtung!

Attention: The slides you are about to see contain fibs, but they are small.

Monad

- A monad is an abstract interface for computation.
 - Interface for sequencing commands
 - Think overloaded ;
 - Details are a bit more complicated
- Different monads capture different notions of computation.

IO Monad

```
main :: IO ()
main = do {
  c <- getChar;
  putChar c
}
```

```
getChar :: IO Char
putChar :: Char -> IO ()
```

Maybe without Monads

```
data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a

myFunction db =
  case find (isSuffixOf ".html") db of
    Nothing -> Nothing
    Just url ->
      case stripPrefix "http://" url of
        Nothing -> Nothing
        Just strippedUrl ->
          Just (takeWhile (/= '/') strippedUrl)
```

Maybe Monad

```
myFunction :: [String] -> Maybe String
myFunction db = do {
  url <- find (isSuffixOf ".html") db;
  strippedUrl <- stripPrefix "http://" url;
  return (takeWhile (/= '/') strippedUrl);
}
```

```
find :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> Maybe a
stripPrefix :: Eq a => [a] -> [a] -> Maybe [a]
```

Other Monads

- **Error Monad**
 - `throwError, catchError`
 - `do { action1; action2; action3}`
``catchError` handler`
- **State Monad**
 - `get, put`: reads/writes state
- **Writer Monad**
 - `tell`: yields a result
- **List Monad**
 - Captures the notion of non-determinism

Non-determinism

```
menu = [ ("Mixed Fruit", 215),      ("French Fries", 275),  
        ("Side Salad", 335),      ("Hot Wings", 355),  
        ("Mozzarella Sticks", 420), ("Sampler Plate", 580) ]
```

```
xkcd287 :: [[String]]  
xkcd287 = do {  
  -- non-deterministic choose a natural number  
  i <- [0..];  
  -- repeat i times: non-deterministically choose a menu item  
  y <- replicateM i menu;  
  -- throw away lists that do not have value 1505  
  guard (sum (map snd y) == 1505);  
  -- return only the menu item names  
  return (map fst y);  
}
```

Output

```
["Mixed Fruit", "Hot Wings", "Hot Wings", "Sampler Plate"]
["Mixed Fruit", "Hot Wings", "Sampler Plate", "Hot Wings"]
["Mixed Fruit", "Sampler Plate", "Hot Wings", "Hot Wings"]
["Hot Wings", "Mixed Fruit", "Hot Wings", "Sampler Plate"]
["Hot Wings", "Mixed Fruit", "Sampler Plate", "Hot Wings"]
["Hot Wings", "Hot Wings", "Mixed Fruit", "Sampler Plate"]
["Hot Wings", "Hot Wings", "Sampler Plate", "Mixed Fruit"]
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["Sampler Plate", "Mixed Fruit", "Hot Wings", "Hot Wings"]
["Sampler Plate", "Hot Wings", "Mixed Fruit", "Hot Wings"]
["Sampler Plate", "Hot Wings", "Hot Wings", "Mixed Fruit"]
["Mixed Fruit", "Mixed Fruit", "Mixed Fruit", "Mixed Fruit", "Mixed
Fruit", "Mixed Fruit", "Mixed Fruit"]
```

[Hangs]

ICFP Contest 2006

>: go north
Junk Room

You are in a room with a pile of junk. A hallway leads south.

There is a bolt here.

Underneath the bolt, there is a spring.

Underneath the spring, there is a button.

[...]

Underneath the screw, there is a (broken) motherboard.

Underneath the motherboard, there is a (broken) A-1920-IXB.

[...]

>: look motherboard

The motherboard is well-used.

Also, it is broken: it is a motherboard missing a A-1920-IXB and a screw.

>: look A-1920-IXB

The A-1920-IXB is an exemplary instance of part number A-1920-IXB.

Also, it is broken: it is (a A-1920-IXB missing a transistor) missing (a radio missing an antenna) and a processor and a bolt.

Non-determinism & State

```
fixNDS :: Kind -> NDS [Item] Repair
fixNDS k = do {
  -- non-deterministically take an available part
  parts <- get;
  (part, rest) <- choose (choices parts); -- ends if parts is []
  guard (itemName part == kindName k);
  put rest;

  -- non-deterministically select a possible set of parts needed
  broken <- repairsNeeded (itemCondition part) (kindCondition k);

  -- recursively find a way of repairing the parts needed
  repairs <- mapM fixNDS broken;

  -- return the repair instructions
  return (Repair part repairs);
}
```

Software Transactional Memory

- The STM monad allows only memory commands.

- ```
incT :: TVar Int -> STM ()
incT v = do {
 x <- readTVar v;
 writeTVar v (x+1);
}
```

- Atomically execute memory commands

- ```
do { ...; atomically (incT x); ... }
```
- ```
atomically :: STM a -> IO a
```

# Some Monads Don't Mix

“Firstly, since a transaction may be re-run automatically, it is essential that it do nothing irrevocable. For example the transaction  
[ `atomic { when (n>k) launch_missiles; ... } ]`  
might launch a second salvo of missiles if it were re-executed.”

— **“Composable Memory Transactions”**

by Tim Harris, Simon Marlow, Simon Peyton Jones, Maurice Herlihy

# Conclusions

- Monads allow imperative style programming within functional programming
- There is a wide choice of different notions of computation available.
- Monads allow fine grained control of which notion of computation you want to use.
- Monads allow you to isolate different notions of computation from each other in the same program.

# Conclusions

“For me, a large part of the fantastic expressiveness of Haskell comes from the fact that you can combine different [abstractions] and they actually work together with very few surprises.”

— [augustss](#)

“[...]I believe that the monadic approach to programming, in which actions are first class values, is itself interesting, beautiful, and modular. In short, Haskell is the world’s finest imperative programming language.”

— [“Tackling the Awkward Squad”](#)

by Simon Peyton Jones