# A Combinatorial Language for Put-based Bidirectional Programming

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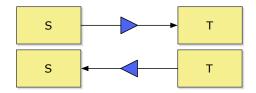
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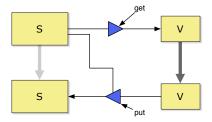
# Bidirectional Transformations (BXs)

#### "A mechanism for maintaining the consistency of two (or more) related sources of information."



### **BXs and Lenses**

• lenses are one of the most popular BX frameworks

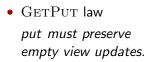


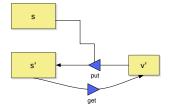
data 
$$s \Rightarrow v = Lens \{get :: s \rightarrow v \\, put :: s \rightarrow v \rightarrow s \}$$

# Lens laws

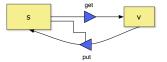
• PUTGET law

put must translate view updates exactly.





get (put s 
$$v'$$
) =  $v'$ 



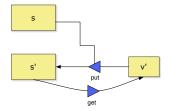
put 
$$s$$
 (get  $s$ ) =  $s$ 

#### Partial lens laws

• PUTGET law

put must translate view updates exactly. get defined for updated sources. • GETPUT law

put must preserve empty view updates. put defined for empty view updates.

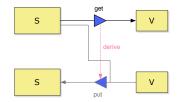


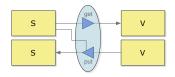
$$s' \in put \ s \ v' \Rightarrow v' = get \ s'$$

 $v \in get \ s \Rightarrow s = put \ s \ v$ 

## Get-based lens programming

- BX applications vary on the bidirectionalization approach
- write a single program that denotes both transformations
- bidirectionalization: write get in a familiar (unidirectional) programming language and derive a suitable put through particular techniques
- bidirectional programming languages: programs can be interpreted both as a get function and a put function





# Get-based lens programming

- common trait: write get and derive put automatically
- easy and maintainable
- but requires a careful tradeoff: expressiveness vs updatability
- get-based domain-specific lens languages:
  - put total (- expressiveness)



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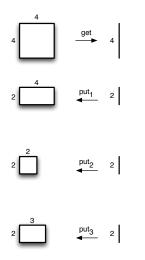
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### Motivation - Ambiguous put

 unavoidable ambiguity: it is well-known that there are many possible well-behaved *puts* for a *get*



 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{height}:(\textit{Int},\textit{Int}) \rightarrow \textit{Int} \\ \textit{height}(w,h) = h \end{array}$ 

-- keep original width  $putheight_1 : (Int, Int) \rightarrow Int \rightarrow Int$   $putheight_1 (w, h) h' =$ let w' = w in (w', h')

-- keep the width/height ratio  $putheight_2: (Int, Int) \rightarrow Int \rightarrow Int$   $putheight_2 (w, h) h' =$ let w' = h' \* (w / h) in (w', h')

-- default width  $putheight_3 : (Int, Int) \rightarrow Int \rightarrow Int$   $putheight_3 (w, h) h' =$ let  $w' = if h' \equiv h$  then w else 3 in (w', h')

# Motivation - An unpractical assumption

- get-based programming has an implicit assumption that it is sufficient to derive a suitable put that can be combined with get to form a well-behaved lens.
- but the most suitable put does not exist!
- for get = height...
  - shall *put<sub>height</sub>* preserve the width? (rectangle)

$$2$$
  $\frac{4}{4}$   $\frac{put_1}{4}$   $2$ 

• shall *put<sub>height</sub>* update the width? (square)

 each BX approach will provide its own (typically conservative) solution! ⇒ boom of BX approaches over the last 10 years

# Motivation - A promising result

#### Lemma

Given a put function, there exists at most one get function such that GETPUT and PUTGET hold.

#### Theorem (Uniqueness of get for well-behaved (partial) put)

Assume a put function such that:

- (flip put) v is idempotent, i.e., put (put s v) v = put s v
- 2 put s is injective

Then (a) there is exactly one get function such that the resulting lens is well-behaved and (b) get  $s = v \Leftrightarrow s = put \ s \ v$ 



S. Fischer, Z. Hu and H. Pacheco

"Putback" is the Essence of Bidirectional Programming GRACE-TR 2012-08, GRACE Center, National Institute of Informatics, December 2012.

#### Put-based bidirectional programming

- get-based = maintainability at the cost of expressiveness or updatability
- write a *get* program from S to V

$$S \stackrel{f}{\Longrightarrow} U \stackrel{g}{\Longrightarrow} V$$

- however, writing  $put: S \to V \to S$  is much more difficult than writing  $get: S \to V$
- idea: language of injective "put s" combinators from V to S  $S \xleftarrow{f} U \xleftarrow{g} V$
- *put*-based = fully describe a BX!

#### Framework

data  $s \leftarrow v = Putlens \{ put :: Maybe \ s \rightarrow v \rightarrow s \ , get :: s \rightarrow v \}$ 

### A point-free put-based bidirectional language

- functional languages: data domain of algebraic data types
- algebraic data types = trees = sums of products

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{data} \ [a] = \ [] \ | \ a : \ [a] & [A] & \text{Maybe } A \\ \text{data} \ Maybe \ a = \ Nothing \ | \ Just \ a & \underbrace{out}_{\downarrow \uparrow in} & \underbrace{out}_{\downarrow \uparrow in} \\ 1 + A \times \ [A] & 1 + A \end{array}$ 

- we will build a point-free *put* language that reverses...
  - H. Pacheco and A. Cunha Generic Point-free Lenses Mathematics of Program Construction, 2010.
  - ... and is inspired in the injective language from...
    - S.-C. Mu, Z. Hu, and M. Takeichi
       An injective language for reversible computation Mathematics of Program Construction, 2004.
  - ... but is far more expressive!

### Monads

• elegant formalism to introduce computational effects in functional languages

class Monad m where return ::  $a \to m a$   $(\gg)$  ::  $m a \to (a \to m b) \to m b$ fail :: m areturn  $x \gg f = f x$   $m \gg$  return = m  $(m \gg f) \gg g = m \gg (\lambda x \to f x \gg g)$ fail  $\gg (\lambda x \to m) = fail$ 

• imperative-style do notation

$$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{do} \ x \leftarrow mx \\ y \leftarrow my \\ return \left(f \ x \ y\right) \end{array}$$

# Common monads

• identity monad (Simple function application)

**instance** *Monad Identity* **where** ... *runIdentity* :: *Identity*  $a \rightarrow a$ 

• reader monad (Read values from a shared environment)

**instance** Monad (Reader r) where ... ask :: Reader r r withReader ::  $(r \rightarrow r') \rightarrow$  Reader r'  $a \rightarrow$  Reader r a runReader :: Reader r  $a \rightarrow r \rightarrow a$ 

• state monad (Read/write values from/to a shared state)

instance Monad (State s) where ... getState :: State s s putState ::  $s \rightarrow State s$  () runState :: State s  $a \rightarrow s \rightarrow (a, s)$ 

### Monadic put-based framework

- we augment put functions with an arbitrary monad
- users can instantiate the monad with suitable computational effects in order to refine *put* behavior
- forward get functions remain purely functional
- does not affect well-behavedness

data 
$$s \Leftarrow_m v = Putlens \{ put :: Maybe \ s \to v \to m \ s , get :: s \to v \}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} s' \in \textit{put } s \; v' \; \Rightarrow \; \textit{get } s' = v' & \operatorname{PUTGET}_{\Leftarrow} \\ v \in \textit{get } s \; \Rightarrow \; \textit{return } s = \textit{put } s \; v & \operatorname{GETPUT}_{\Leftarrow} \end{array}$$

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$$v \in get \ s \land m = put \ s \ v \Rightarrow assert (\equiv s) \ m = m \quad GETPUT_{\Leftarrow}$$
$$assert :: Monad \ m \Rightarrow (a \rightarrow Bool) \rightarrow m \ a \rightarrow m \ a$$

### Basic combinators

#### Identity and Composition

$$id \in V \Leftarrow_{\mu} V$$
$$id :: v \Leftarrow_{m} v$$
$$id s v' = return v'$$

$$\frac{F \in S \Leftarrow_{\mu} U \quad g \in U \Leftarrow_{\mu} V}{f \circ \langle g \in S \Leftarrow_{\mu} V}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (\circ <) :: (s \Leftarrow_m u) \rightarrow (u \Leftarrow_m v) \rightarrow (s \Leftarrow_m v) \\ (f \circ < g) \text{ Nothing } v' = \textbf{do } u' \leftarrow g \text{ Nothing } v' \\ f \text{ Nothing } u' \\ (f \circ < g) (Just s) v' = \textbf{do } u' \leftarrow g (Just (get f s)) v \\ f (Just s) u' \end{array}$$

- implementation is well-behaved but partial
- semantic set-theoretic types: well-typed lenses are total

### Basic combinators

#### Filtering and bottom

$$\Phi V_1 \in (V_1 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_1)$$
  
$$\Phi :: (v \rightarrow Bool) \rightarrow (v \Leftarrow_m v)$$
  
$$\Phi p s v' = \mathbf{if} p v' \mathbf{then} return v'$$
  
$$\mathbf{else} fail$$

$$bot \in (\emptyset \Leftarrow_{\mu} \emptyset)$$
$$bot :: s \Leftarrow_{m} v$$
$$bot s v' = fail$$

• partial put: only certain views are permitted

### Monadic combinators

#### Effectful put computations

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} f \in \textit{Maybe } S \rightarrow V \rightarrow \mu \ 1 & g \in S \Leftarrow_{\mu} V \\ \hline & \text{effect } f \ g \in S \Leftarrow_{\mu} V \\ \end{array} \\ \text{effect :: } (\textit{Maybe } s \rightarrow v \rightarrow m \ ()) \rightarrow (s \Leftarrow_m v) \rightarrow (s \Leftarrow_m v) \\ \text{effect } f \ g \ s \ v' = \textbf{do} \ f \ s \ v' \\ & g \ s \ v' \end{array}$$

- run some monadic computation before executing a putlens
- does not affect well-behavedness

### Products - Creating pairs

#### Add first element to the source

$$\begin{array}{rcl} P \subseteq S_1 \ \times \ V & f \ \in \ \textit{Maybe} \ P \rightarrow V \rightarrow \mu \ S_1 \\ \hline f \ (\textit{Just} \ (s_1, v)) \ v = \textit{return} \ s_1 \\ \hline addfst \ f \ \in \ P \Leftarrow_{\mu} V \\ \hline addfst \ :: (\textit{Maybe} \ (s_1, v) \rightarrow v \rightarrow m \ s_1) \rightarrow ((s_1, v) \Leftarrow_m v) \\ addfst \ f \ = \ checkGetPut \ put' \ \textbf{where} \\ put' \ s \ v' \ = \ \textbf{do} \ s_1' \leftarrow f \ s \ v' \\ \textit{return} \ (s_1', v') \end{array}$$

- dynamic: repair source creation function to satisfy  $\operatorname{GetPut}$
- static: possible dependency between view and source values

# Products - Creating pairs

#### Keep first element in the source

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f \in V \rightarrow \mu \ S_1 \\ \hline \hline keepfstOr \ f \in S_1 \times V \Leftarrow_{\mu} V \end{array} \\ \hline keepfstOr :: (v \rightarrow m \ s_1) \rightarrow ((s_1, v) \Leftarrow_m v) \\ \hline keepfstOr \ f = addfst \ f' \ \textbf{where} \ f' \ \textit{Nothing} \ v' = f \ v' \\ f' \ (Just \ (s_1, v)) \ v' = return \ s_1 \end{array}$$

$$\mathsf{keepfst} = \mathsf{keepfstOr} (\lambda s \ v' \to \mathit{fail})$$

#### Copy the view element

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{copy} \in \{(v_1, v_2) \mid v_1 \in V \land v_2 \in V \land v_1 = v_2\} \Leftarrow_{\mu} V \\ \mathsf{copy} :: (v, v) \Leftarrow_m v \\ \mathsf{copy} = \mathsf{addfst} \ (\lambda s \ v' \to return \ v') \end{array}$$

### Products - Destroying pairs

#### Drop first element in the view

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} f \in V \to V_1 \\ \hline remfst \ f \in V \Leftarrow_{\mu} \left\{ (v_1, v) \mid v_1 \in V_1 \land v \in V \land v_1 = f \ v \right\} \\ \hline remfst :: (v \to v_1) \to (v \Leftarrow_m (v_1, v)) \\ remfst \ f \ s \ (v_1', v') = \mathbf{if} \ f \ v' \equiv v_1' \ \mathbf{then} \ return \ v' \\ \mathbf{else} \ fail \end{array}$$

- partial put: equality test to guarantee injectivity
- for every pair  $(v_1, v)$ ,  $v_1$  can be reconstructed from f v

### Products - Parallel put application

#### Apply two putlenses to both sides of a pair

$$\frac{f \in S_1 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_1 \quad g \in S_2 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_2}{f \otimes g \in S_1 \times S_2 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_1 \times V_2}$$

$$(\otimes) :: (s_1 \Leftarrow_m v_1) \rightarrow (s_2 \Leftarrow_m v_2) \rightarrow ((s_1, s_2) \Leftarrow_m (v_1, v_2))$$

$$(f \otimes g) \text{ Nothing } (v_1', v_2') = \mathbf{do}$$

$$s_1' \leftarrow f \text{ Nothing } v_1'$$

$$s_2' \leftarrow g \text{ Nothing } v_2'$$

$$return (s_1', s_2')$$

$$(f \otimes g) (Just (s_1, s_2)) (v_1', v_2') = \mathbf{do}$$

$$s_1' \leftarrow f (Just s_1) v_1'$$

$$s_2' \leftarrow g (Just s_2) v_2'$$

$$return (s_1', s_2')$$

# Sums - Creating tags

#### Inject a tag in the view (user-specified predicate)

$$p \in Maybe (V_1 + V_2) \rightarrow V_1 \cup V_2 \rightarrow \mu Bool$$

$$p (Just (Left v)) v = return True$$

$$p (Just (Right v)) v = return False$$

$$inj p \in V_1 + V_2 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_1 \cup V_2$$

$$inj p :: (Maybe (Either v v) \rightarrow v \rightarrow m Bool)$$

$$\rightarrow (Either v v \Leftarrow_m v)$$

$$inj p = checkGetPut put' where$$

$$put' s v' = do b \leftarrow p s v'$$

$$if b then return (Left v')$$

$$else return (Right v')$$

### Sums - Creating tags

#### Inject a tag in the view (retrieved from the source)

$$\frac{p \in V \rightarrow \mu \text{ Bool}}{\text{injsOr } \in V + V \Leftarrow_{\mu} V}$$
  
injsOr ::  $(v \rightarrow m \text{ Bool}) \rightarrow (\text{Either } v \ v \Leftarrow_m v)$   
injsOr  $p = \text{inj } p'$   
where  $p'$  Nothing  $v' = p \ v'$   
 $p' (\text{Just (Left s)}) \ v' = \text{return True}$   
 $p' (\text{Just (Right s)}) \ v' = \text{return False}$ 

#### Inject left/right tags

$$\mathsf{injl} \in V + \emptyset \, \Leftarrow_{\mu} V$$

injl :: Either v  $v_2 \Leftarrow_m v$ 

$$injr \in \emptyset + V \Leftarrow_{\mu} V$$
$$injr :: Either v_1 v \Leftarrow_m v$$

# Sums - Destroying tags

#### Ignore tags in the view

$$\frac{f \in S_1 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_1 \quad g \in S_2 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_2 \quad S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset}{f \nabla g \in S_1 \cup S_2 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_1 + V_2}$$
$$(\nabla) :: (s \Leftarrow_m v_1) \rightarrow (s \Leftarrow_m v_2) \rightarrow (s \Leftarrow_m Either v_1 v_2)$$
$$(f \nabla g) \quad s \quad (Just \ (Left \ v_1')) = assert \ (disjoint \ f \ g) \ (f \ v_1')$$
$$(f \nabla g) \quad s \quad (Just \ (Right \ v_2')) = assert \ (disjoint \ g \ f) \ (g \ v_2')$$
$$disjoint \ x \ y \ s = isJust \ (get \ x \ s) \land isNothing \ (get \ y \ s)$$

- constraint: the domains of get<sub>f</sub> and get<sub>g</sub> must be disjoint to guarantee injectivity (we get through the same path as we have put)
- extension ("observable" get domains)

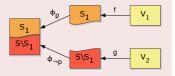
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$$s \Leftarrow_m v = PutLens \{ put : Maybe s \rightarrow v \rightarrow m s , get : s \rightarrow Maybe v \}$$

# Sums - Destroying tag

#### Ignore tags in the view (source-based branching)

$$\frac{S_1 \subseteq S \quad f \in S_1 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_1 \quad g \in S \setminus S_1 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_2}{f \nabla_{S_1} g \in S \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_1 + V_2}$$
  
$$\nabla_{\cdot} :: (s \rightarrow Bool) \rightarrow (s \Leftarrow_m v_1) \rightarrow (s \Leftarrow_m v_2) \rightarrow (s \Leftarrow_m Either v_1 v_2)$$
  
$$f \nabla_p g = (\Phi \ p \lhd f) \nabla (\Phi \ (not \circ p) \lhd g)$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} f \, \displaystyle \bigtriangledown \nabla \, g & (S_1 = dom \, (get \, f)) \\ f \, \displaystyle \bigtriangledown _{\bullet} \, g & (S_1 = not \circ dom \, (get \, g)) \end{array}$$



#### "Uninject" left/right tags

$$\mathsf{uninjl} \in V \Leftarrow_{\mu} V + \emptyset$$

uninjl ::  $v \leftarrow_m Either v v_2$ 

$$\mathsf{uninjr} \ \in \ \mathsf{V} \Leftarrow_\mu \emptyset + \mathsf{V}$$

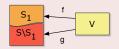
uninjr :: 
$$v \Leftarrow_m Either v_1 v$$

# Sums - Conditionals

#### if-then-else view conditional

#### if-then-else source conditional

$$\frac{S_1 \subseteq S \quad f \in S_1 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V \quad g \in S \setminus S_1 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V}{\text{ifSthenelse } S_1 f \quad g \in S \Leftarrow_{\mu} V}$$
  
ifSthenelse ::  $(s \to Bool) \to (s \Leftarrow_m v) \to (s \Leftarrow_m v)$ 



### Sums - Disjoint put application

#### Applies two putlenses to distinct sides of a sum

$$\frac{f \in S_1 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_1 \quad g \in S_2 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_2}{f \oplus g \in S_1 + S_2 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_1 + V_2}$$

$$(\oplus) :: (s_1 \Leftarrow_m v_1) \rightarrow (s_2 \Leftarrow_m v_2) \rightarrow (Either \ s_1 \ s_2 \leftarrow_m Either \ v_1 \ v_2)$$

$$(f \oplus g) (Just (Left \ s_1)) (Left \ v_1') = \mathbf{do}$$

$$\{s_1' \leftarrow f \ (Just \ s_1) \ v_1'; return \ (Left \ s_1')\}$$

$$(f \oplus g) \ s \ (Left \ v_1') = \mathbf{do}$$

$$\{s_1' \leftarrow f \ Nothing \ v_1'; return \ (Left \ s_1')\}$$

$$(f \oplus g) (Just \ (Right \ s_2)) \ (Right \ v_2') = \mathbf{do}$$

$$\{s_2' \leftarrow f \ Nothing \ v_2'; return \ (Right \ s_2')\}$$

# Isomorphisms

#### Algebraic data types

$$\begin{array}{l} \inf_{[A]} \in [A] \Leftarrow_{\mu} 1 + A \times [A] \\ \operatorname{nil} \quad \in [A] \Leftarrow_{\mu} 1 \\ \operatorname{cons} \quad \in [A] \Leftarrow_{\mu} A \times [A] \end{array}$$

$$egin{array}{rcl} {
m out}_{[A]} &\in 1+A imes [A] \Leftarrow_{\mu} [A] \ {
m unnil} &\in 1 \Leftarrow_{\mu} [A] \ {
m uncons} &\in A imes [A] \Leftarrow_{\mu} [A] \end{array}$$

#### Products

#### Sums

coswap 
$$\in B + A \Leftarrow_{\mu} A + B$$
  
coassocl  $\in (A + B) + C \Leftarrow_{\mu} A + (B + C)$   
coassocr  $\in A + (B + C) \Leftarrow_{\mu} (A + B) + C$ 

#### Distributivity

distl 
$$\in$$
 (( $A \times C$ ) + ( $B \times C$ )  $\Leftarrow_{\mu} (A + B) \times C$   
distr  $\in$  ( $A \times B$ ) + ( $A \times C$ )  $\Leftarrow_{\mu} A \times (B + C)$ 

# A point-free put-based bidirectional language (Summary)

#### Language of point-free putlens combinators

 $Put ::= id | Put \circ Put$  $\Phi p \mid bot p$ effect f Put Prod | Sum | Cond | Iso | Rec *Prod* ::= addfst f | addsnd f | keepfstOr | keepsndOr | copy -- create pairs remfst  $f \mid$  remsnd f $Put \otimes Put$ Sum ::= inj p | injsOr | injl | injr  $Put \nabla Put \mid Put \nabla_p Put \mid Put \nabla Put \mid Put \nabla Put$ uninjl uninjr Put + Put-- sum *Cond* ::= ifthenelse | ifVthenelse | ifSthenelse *Iso* ::= swap | assocl | assocr coswap | coassocl | coassocr distl distr *Rec* ::= in | out

- -- basic combinators
- -- partial combinators
- -- monadic effects
- -- destroy pairs
- -- product
- -- create sums
- -- destroy sums
- -- destroy sums
- -- conditional put app.
- -- rearrange pairs
- -- rearrange sums
- -- distr. sums over pairs
- -- algebraic data types

# Example (list embedding)

• *put* function

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\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{embedAt} ::: \mathsf{Int} \to [\mathsf{a}] \to \mathsf{a} \to [\mathsf{a}] \\ \mathsf{embedAt} \ 0 \ (\mathsf{x} : \mathsf{xs}) \ \mathsf{y} = \mathsf{y} : \mathsf{xs} \\ \mathsf{embedAt} \ i \ (\mathsf{x} : \mathsf{xs}) \ \mathsf{y} = \mathsf{x} : \\ \mathsf{embedAt} \ (i-1) \ \mathsf{xs} \ \mathsf{y} \end{array}
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get function

 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{elementAt}:\textit{Int} \rightarrow \textit{[a]} \rightarrow \textit{a} \\ \textit{elementAt} \; 0 \; (x:xs) = x \\ \textit{elementAt} \; i \; (x:xs) = \\ \textit{elementAt} \; (i-1) \; xs \end{array}$ 

embedAt ::  $Int \rightarrow ([a] \Leftarrow_{Identity} a)$ embedAt 0 = unhead embedAt n = untail  $\circ$  embedAt (n - 1)unhead = cons  $\circ$  keepsnd untail = cons  $\circ$  keepfst

get (embedAt 2) "abcd" = Just 'c'
put (embedAt 2) (Just "abcd") 'x' = Identity "abxd"
put (embedAt 2) (Just "a") 'x' = \*\*undefined

# Example (list embedding V2)

• put function embedAt :: Int  $\rightarrow$  [a]  $\rightarrow$  a  $\rightarrow$  [a] embedAt 0 (x : xs) y = y : xs embedAt i (x : xs) y = x : embedAt (i - 1) xs y • get function

 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{elementAt} :: \textit{Int} \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow a \\ \textit{elementAt} \ 0 \ (x : xs) = x \\ \textit{elementAt} \ i \ (x : xs) = \\ \textit{elementAt} \ (i-1) \ xs \end{array}$ 

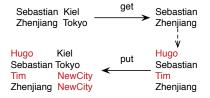
$$\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{embedAt'} :: \mathit{Int} \to ([a] \Leftarrow_{\mathit{Identity}} a) \\ \mathsf{embedAt'} \ 0 = \mathsf{unhead'} \\ \mathsf{embedAt'} \ n = \mathsf{untail'} \circ < \mathsf{embedAt'} \ (n-1) \\ \mathsf{unhead'} = \mathsf{cons} \circ < \mathsf{keepsndOr} \ (\lambda v \to \mathit{return} \ []) \\ \mathsf{untail'} \ = \mathsf{cons} \circ < \mathsf{keepstOr} \ (\lambda(v:vs) \to \mathit{return} \ v) \end{array}$$

get (embedAt' 2) "a" = Nothing
put (embedAt' 2) (Just "a") 'x' = Identity "axx"

# Example (DB projection)

• get function

**type** Person = (Name, City)  $name :: Person \rightarrow Name$   $city :: Person \rightarrow City$   $peopleNames :: [Person] \rightarrow [Name]$ peopleNames = map name



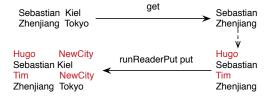
put-based lens

 $\begin{array}{l} \operatorname{map} :: (b \Leftarrow_m a) \to ([b] \Leftarrow_m [a]) \\ \operatorname{map} f = \operatorname{ifVthenelse} null (\operatorname{nil} \mathrel{\scriptstyle \lhd} \operatorname{unnil}) (\operatorname{cons} \mathrel{\scriptstyle \lhd} (f \otimes \operatorname{map} f) \mathrel{\scriptstyle \lhd} \operatorname{uncons}) \\ \operatorname{peopleNames} :: [Person] \Leftarrow_{Identity} [Name] \\ \operatorname{peopleNames} = \operatorname{map} (\operatorname{addsnd} cityOf) \\ \operatorname{where} cityOf (Just s) v = return s \\ cityOf Nothing v = return "NewCity" \\ \end{array}$ 

# Example (DB projection with environment)

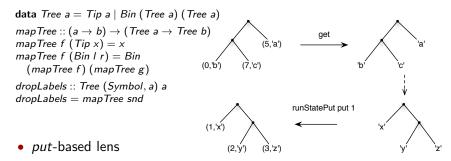
put-based lens

 $peopleNames : [Person] \leftarrow _{Reader \ [Person]} [Name]$   $peopleNames = map (addsnd \ cityOf)$ where cityOf s n = do people  $\leftarrow$  ask
case lookup n people of
Just c  $\rightarrow$  return c
Nothing  $\rightarrow$  return "NewCity"
runReaderPut :: (s  $\leftarrow _{Reader \ s} v$ )  $\rightarrow$  (s  $\rightarrow$  v  $\rightarrow$  s)
runReaderPut put s v = runReader (put (Just s) v) s



# Example (tree relabelling with state)

#### • get function



mapTree ::  $(b \leftarrow_m a) \rightarrow (Tree \ b \leftarrow_m Tree \ a)$ mapTree  $f = in \circ (f \oplus mapTree \ f \otimes mapTree \ f) \circ out$ freshLabels :: Tree  $(Symbol, a) \leftarrow_{State \ Symbol} a$ freshLabels = mapTree (addfst freshLabel) where freshLabel  $s \ v \rightarrow do \ \{s \leftarrow State.get; State.put \ (s+1); return \ s\}$ runStatePut ::  $s \leftarrow_{State \ st} \ v \rightarrow st \rightarrow (s \rightarrow v \rightarrow s)$ runStatePut put st  $s \ v = let \ (s', st') = runState \ (put \ (Just \ s) \ v) \ st \ in \ s'$ 

#### More monads...

• exception (Handle failures)

class Monad  $m \Rightarrow$  MonadException m where

 $\mathit{catch} :: \mathit{m} \: \mathsf{a} 
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ightarrow \mathit{m} \: \mathsf{a}$ 

instance MonadException Maybe where ...

catch fail m = mcatch m fail = m

#### Inject a tag in the view (using catch)

 $\begin{array}{c} f \in S_1 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_1 \quad g \in S_2 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_2 \\ \hline \text{injException } f \ g \in S_1 + S_2 \Leftarrow_{\mu} V_1 \cup V_2 \end{array} \\ \\ \text{injException } :: \ \textit{MonadException } m \Rightarrow (s_1 \Leftarrow_m v) \rightarrow (s_1 \Leftarrow_m v) \\ \rightarrow (\textit{Either } s_1 \ s_2 \Leftarrow_m v) \\ \text{injException } f \ \textit{g} \ \textit{Nothing } v' = \\ \\ \textit{liftM Left (put f \ \textit{Nothing } v') ' \textit{catch' liftM Right (put g \ \textit{Nothing } v') } \\ \text{injException } f \ \textit{g} \ \textit{(Just } (Left \ s_1) v' = \\ \\ \\ \textit{liftM Left (put f \ \textit{(Just } s_1) v') \textit{catch' liftM Right (put g \ \textit{Nothing } v') } \\ \text{injException } f \ \textit{g} \ \textit{(Just } (Right \ s_2)) v' = \\ \\ \\ \textit{liftM Right (put g \ \textit{(Just } s_2) v') \textit{`catch' liftM Left (put f \ \textit{Nothing } v') } \\ \end{array}$ 

# Example (unwords with exception)

#### • get function

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unwords :: [String] \rightarrow String
unwords [] = ""
unwords ws = foldr1 (\lambda w \ s \rightarrow w + , \ ' : s) ws
foldr1 :: (a \rightarrow a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow a
foldr1 f [x] = x
foldr1 f (x: xs) = f x (foldr1 f xs)
```

#### • *put*-based lens

words :: [String]  $\leq_{Maybe}$  String words = (nil  $\nabla$  id)  $\sim$  injException (ignore "") (unfoldr1 (appendWithSep " ")) unfoldr1 :: MonadException  $m \Rightarrow ((a, a) \leftarrow_m a) \rightarrow ([a] \leftarrow_m a)$ unfoldr1  $f = (cons \nabla_{\bullet} wrap) \sim injException ((id \otimes unfoldr1 f) \sim f) id$ appendWithSep :: Monad  $m \Rightarrow String \rightarrow ((String, String) \leftarrow_m String)$ ignore :: Monad  $m \Rightarrow e \leftarrow_m v$ 

get words ["a","b","c"] = Just "a b c"
put words Nothing "hu go " = Just ["hu","","go",""]

# Conclusions

- a novel point-free put-based BX language (flexible, expressive)
- we propose to shift into a *put* programming style
  - programmers write well-behaved put
  - language provides unique get for free
- put programming is more powerful than get programming, not easier, but not necessarily more complex
- this shift is manageable
  - the combinators offer different default *put* behaviors
  - more complex put behaviors using monadic effects
- this shift is necessary
  - programmers can fully control/specify BXs (predictability)
  - more expressive than existing get-based languages (user's intentions)

# Future Work

#### Demos: Haskell++

• http://hackage.haskell.org  $\Rightarrow$  putlenses

- type checking & type inference
- better static guarantees and programmability
- fully expressive putlens language ↔ less expressive higher-level put-based DSL (BiFlux in the works...)
- synthesize more efficient put and get functions
- languages for other domains (e.g., lenses for relational data)
- A. Bohannon, B. C. Pierce, and J. A. Vaughan Relational lenses: a language for updatable views *Principles of Database Systems, 2006.*