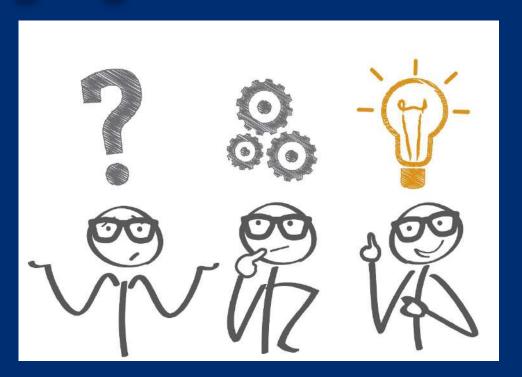
PATTERN MATCH WARNINGS How hard can it be?

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Programming language research

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- Is easy



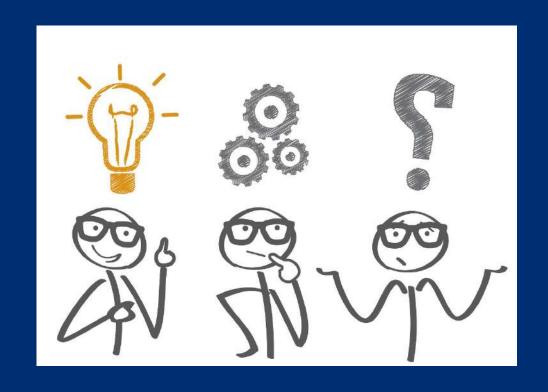
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Less excellent plan

- Looks easy
- Think think think
- Is hard



```
isJust :: Maybe a -> Bool
isJust Nothing = False
```

Not OK!

```
ghci> isJust (Just True)
*** Exception: <interactive>:16:5-16:
Non-exhaustive patterns in function isJust
```

Runtime error (bad)

```
isJust :: Maybe a -> Bool
isJust Nothing = False
```

Compile time error (good)

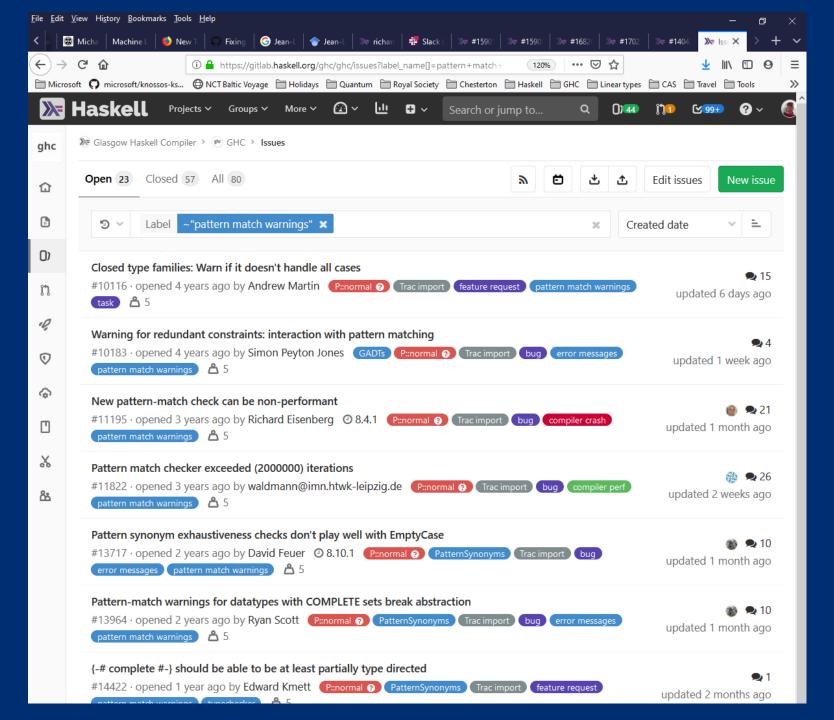
- Task: produce good compile time warnings for
 - Missing equations

```
isJust :: Maybe a -> Bool
isJust Nothing = False
```

Redundant equations

```
isJust :: Maybe a -> Bool
isJust Nothing = False
isJust (Just _) = True
isJust Nothing = False
```

- First reaction: easy peasy



Easy peasy?

Around 80 tickets

Of which 24 are open

Interactions between arguments

Interactions: not so easy

```
berry :: Bool -> Bool -> Bool -> Int
berry True False _ = 1
berry False _ True = 3
berry _ True False = 2
```

Which cases (if any) are not matched?

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Which cases (if any) are not matched?

```
berry True True True = ...
berry False False False = ...
```

Laziness

```
f :: Bool -> Bool -> Int
f _ False = 1
f True False = 2 -- Is this equation redundant?
f _ = 3
```

```
ghci> f (error "urk") True
```

- With equation 2: get "exception: Urk"
- Without equation 2: get 3

So equation 2 is not redundant (cannot be omitted)

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So equation 2 is not redundant (cannot be omitted)

- With equation 2: get "exception: Urk"
- Without equation 2: get 3
- But can we ever return 2? No!

And yet its RHS is inaccessible

```
<interactive>:1:22: warning: [-Woverlapping-patterns]
    Pattern match has inaccessible right hand side
    In an equation for `f': f True False = ...
```

But can we ever return 2? No!

And yet its RHS is inaccessible

Bang patterns and strict data constructors

Inhabitation

data Void

-- No data constructors

The only inhabitant of Void is bottom

```
h :: Int -> Void
h x = h x
```

```
f :: Void -> Bool
f _ = True

g1 = f (error "urk") -- This call is well typed
g2 = f (h 3) -- This is well typed too
```

Inhabitation and strict constructors

```
data Void -- No data constructors

data SMaybe a = SNothing | SJust !a -- Strict Maybe
```

```
f :: SMaybe Void -> Int
f SNothing = 1
f (SJust _) = 2 -- Is this redundant?
```

Inhabitation and strict constructors

```
data Void -- No data constructors

data SMaybe a = SNothing | SJust !a -- Strict Maybe
```

```
f :: SMaybe Void -> Int
f SNothing = 1
<del>f (SJust _) = 2</del> -- Redundant!
```

- The only inhabitants of (SMaybe Void) are
 - 1. SNothing
 - 2. bottom
- The first equation matches (1) and diverges on (2)
- So the second equation is redundant

Inhabitation and bang patterns

```
data Void -- No data constructors data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a
```

```
f :: Maybe Void -> Int
f Nothing = 1
f (Just !_) = 2 -- Is this redundant?
```

- The only inhabitants of (Maybe Void) are
 - 1. Nothing
 - 2. Just bottom
- The second equation diverges on (2)
- So the second equation is is not redundant, but has inaccessible RHS

Guards and view patterns

Guards

- Clearly undecidable in general
- But we want to do a good job in special cases
- E.g. otherwise/True always succeeds

Pattern guards

Very like

Pattern guards

Here we might reasonably hope that GHC will see that these equations are exhaustive

Mixing pattern matching and pattern guards

```
get :: Maybe Int -> Int

get Nothing = 0

Get x | Just y <- x = y

Ordinary pattern match
```

Again, exhaustive...

Pattern guard

View patterns (expr -> pat)

```
last :: [a] -> Maybe a
last (reverse -> y:_) = Just y
last (reverse -> []) = Nothing
```

Again, we might reasonably hope that GHC will see that these equations are exhaustive

Long distance information

Long distance information

```
data Grade = A | B | C

f :: Grade -> blah

f A = ...
f g = ... (case g of

B -> True

C -> False) ...
```

Are we having fun yet?

Multiple arguments

Laziness

Inhabitation, strict data constructors

Bang patterns

Guards and view patterns

Long distance interactions

GADTs: double the fun

GADTS

```
data T a where
   TInt :: Int -> T Int
   TBool :: Bool -> T Bool
```

```
getInt :: T Int -> Int
getInt (TInt i) = i
-- Are any equations missing?
```

What about: getInt (TBool b)?

GADTS

```
data T a where
   TInt :: Int -> T Int
   TBool :: Bool -> T Bool
```

```
getInt :: T Int -> Int
getInt (TInt i) = i
-- Are any equations missing? No!!
```

No: this single equation is exhaustive

GADTs and long distance information

```
data T a where
   TInt :: Int -> T Int
   TBool :: Bool -> T Bool
```

This case is exhaustive

```
foo :: T a -> T a -> T a

foo (TInt i1) y = ...(case y of TInt i2 -> ...) ...

foo (TBool b1) y = ...(case y of TBool b2 -> ...) ...
```

GADTs and multiple arguments

```
data T a where

TInt :: Int -> T Int

TBool :: Bool -> T Bool

UBool :: Bool -> U Bool
```

```
foo :: T a -> U a -> Bool
foo (TBool b1) (UBool b2) = b1 || b2
-- Are any equations missing?
```

GADTs and multiple arguments

```
data T a where

TInt :: Int -> T Int

TBool :: Bool -> T Bool

data U a where

UChar :: Char -> U Char

UBool :: Bool -> U Bool
```

```
foo :: T a -> U a -> Bool
foo (TBool b1) (UBool b2) = b1 || b2
-- Are any equations missing? Yes!
```

- What about: foo (TInt i1) (error "urk")?
- Yikes! This is well typed; and fails to match the first eqn

GADTs and multiple arguments

```
data T a where
   TInt :: Int -> T Int
   TBool :: Bool -> T Bool
```

```
data U a where
   UChar :: Char -> U Char
   UBool :: Bool -> U Bool
```

```
foo :: T a -> U a -> Bool

foo (TBool b1) (UBool b2) = b1 || b2

foo (TInt _) = True
```

or...

GADTs and multiple arguments

```
data T a where

TInt :: Int -> T Int

TBool :: Bool -> T Bool
```

```
data U a where
   UChar :: Char -> U Char
   UBool :: Bool -> U Bool
```

```
foo :: T a -> U a -> Bool
foo (TBool b1) (UBool b2) = b1 || b2
foo (TInt _) y = case y of { }
```

- {-# LANGUAGE EmptyCase #-}
- The empty case is strict, so will force y.
- But we should check that the case y of {} is exhaustive.. long distance.

Pattern synonyms

Pattern synonyms

```
pattern Snoc xs x <- (reverse -> (x:xs))
{-# COMPLETE Snoc, [] #-}

last :: [a] -> Maybe a

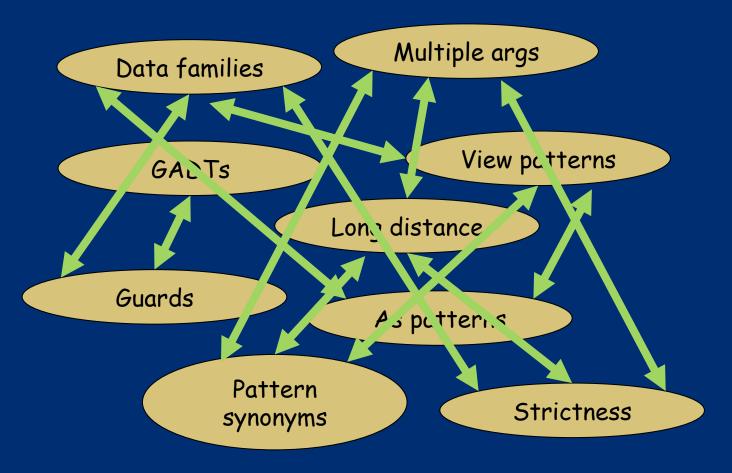
last [] = Nothing
last (Snoc xs x) = Just x
Asserts that {Snoc,[]}

covers all values
```

These equations are complete



Panic! My head just exploded





The answer: ICFP 2015

GADTs Meet Their Match:

Pattern-Matching Warnings That Account for GADTs, Guards, and Laziness Dimitrios Vytiniotis

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$patVectProc(\vec{p}, S) = \langle C, U, D \rangle$ $C = \{ w \mid v \in S, w \in \mathcal{C} \ \vec{p} \ v, \vdash_{SAT} w \}$ $patVectProc(\vec{p}, S) = \langle C, U, D \rangle$ where $U = \{w \mid v \in S, w \in \mathcal{U} \vec{p} v, \vdash_{SAT} w\}$ $D = \{ w \mid v \in S, w \in \mathcal{D} \ \vec{p} \ v, \vdash_{SAT} w \}$ $\mathcal{C} \vec{p} v = C$ (always empty or singleton set) [CNIL] $(\Gamma \vdash \epsilon \triangleright \Delta)$ $= \{ \Gamma \vdash \epsilon \triangleright \Delta \}$ CE $map\ (kcon\ K_i)\ (\mathcal{C}\ (\vec{p}\ \vec{q})\ (\Gamma \vdash \vec{u}\ \vec{w} \rhd \Delta)) \ \text{if}\ K_i = K_i$ $\mathcal{C} ((K_i \vec{p}) \vec{q}) (\Gamma \vdash (K_i \vec{u}) \vec{w} \triangleright \Delta) =$ [CCONCON] if $K_i \neq K_i$ [CCON VAR] $\mathcal{C} ((K_i \vec{p}) \vec{q}) (\Gamma \vdash x \vec{u} \triangleright \Delta)$ $= \mathcal{C}((K_i \vec{p}) \vec{q}) (\Gamma' \vdash (K_i \vec{y}) \vec{u} \triangleright \Delta')$ where $\vec{y} \# \Gamma$ $\vec{a} \# \Gamma$ $(x:\tau_x) \in \Gamma$ $K_i :: \forall \vec{a}.Q \Rightarrow \vec{\tau} \rightarrow \tau$ $\Gamma' = \Gamma, \vec{a}, \vec{y}:\vec{\tau}$ $\Delta' = \Delta \cup Q \cup \tau \sim \tau_x \cup x \approx K_i \vec{y}$ [CVAR] $= map (ucon u) (\mathcal{C}(\vec{p}) (\Gamma, x:\tau \vdash \vec{u} \triangleright \Delta \cup x \approx u))$ where $x \# \Gamma$ $\Gamma \vdash u : \tau$ $\mathcal{C}(x\vec{p})$ $(\Gamma \vdash u \vec{u} \triangleright \Delta)$ $\mathcal{C} ((p \leftarrow e) \vec{p}) (\Gamma \vdash \vec{u} \triangleright \Delta)$ $= map \ tail \ (\mathcal{C} \ (p \ \vec{p}) \ (\Gamma, y : \tau \vdash y \ \vec{u} \rhd \Delta \cup y \approx e))$ where $y\#\Gamma$ $\Gamma \vdash e : \tau$ [CGUARD] $U\vec{p}v = U$ [UNIL] $(\Gamma \vdash \epsilon \triangleright \Delta)$ UE $map\ (kcon\ K_i)\ (\mathcal{U}\ (\vec{p}\ \vec{q})\ (\Gamma \vdash \vec{u}\ \vec{w}\ \triangleright\ \Delta) \ \text{if}\ K_i = K_i$ [UCONCON] $\mathcal{U}((K_i \vec{p}) \vec{q}) \quad (\Gamma \vdash (K_i \vec{u}) \vec{w} \triangleright \Delta) =$ $\{\Gamma \vdash (K_j \vec{u}) \vec{w} \rhd \Delta\}$ if $K_i \neq K_i$ [UCONVAR] $\mathcal{U}((K_i \vec{p}) \vec{q}) \quad (\Gamma \vdash x \vec{u} \rhd \Delta)$ $= \bigcup_{K_i} \mathcal{U} ((K_i \vec{p}) \vec{q}) (\Gamma' \vdash (K_j \vec{y}) \vec{u} \triangleright \Delta')$ where $\vec{y} \# \Gamma$ $\vec{a} \# \Gamma$ $(x:\tau_x) \in \Gamma$ $K_i :: \forall \vec{a}. Q \Rightarrow \vec{\tau} \to \tau$ $\Gamma' = \Gamma, \vec{a}, \vec{y} : \vec{\tau} \quad \Delta' = \Delta \cup Q \cup \tau \sim \tau_x \cup x \approx K_i \vec{y}$ [UVAR] $\mathcal{U}(x\vec{p})$ $(\Gamma \vdash u \vec{u} \triangleright \Delta)$ = exactly like [CVAR], with U instead of C $\mathcal{U} ((p \leftarrow e) \vec{p}) (\Gamma \vdash \vec{u} \triangleright \Delta)$ [UGUARD] = exactly like [CGUARD], with U instead of C $\mathcal{D} \vec{p} v = D$ [DNIL] $(\Gamma \vdash \epsilon \triangleright \Delta)$ DE $= \emptyset$ $map\ (kcon\ K_i)\ (\mathcal{D}\ (\vec{p}\ \vec{q})\ (\Gamma \vdash \vec{u}\ \vec{w} \rhd \Delta) \ \ if\ K_i = K_i$ [DConCon] $\mathcal{D}\left(\left(K_{i}\;\vec{p}\right)\;\vec{q}\right) \quad \left(\Gamma \vdash \left(K_{i}\;\vec{u}\right)\;\vec{w}\;\triangleright\;\Delta\right) =$ if $K_i \neq K_i$ [DCONVAR] $\mathcal{D}((K_i \vec{p}) \vec{q}) \quad (\Gamma \vdash x \vec{u} \triangleright \Delta)$ $= \{ \Gamma \vdash x \, \vec{u} \, \triangleright \, \Delta \cup (x \approx \bot) \} \cup \mathcal{D} ((K_i \, \vec{p}) \, \vec{q}) (\Gamma' \vdash (K_i \, \vec{y}) \, \vec{u} \, \triangleright \Delta')$ where $\vec{y} \# \Gamma$ $\vec{a} \# \Gamma$ $(x:\tau_x) \in \Gamma$ $K_i :: \forall \vec{a}. Q \Rightarrow \vec{\tau} \rightarrow \tau$ $\Gamma' = \Gamma, \vec{a}, \vec{y} : \vec{\tau} \quad \Delta' = \Delta \cup Q \cup \tau \sim \tau_x \cup x \approx K_i \vec{y}$ [DVAR] $(\Gamma \vdash u \vec{u} \rhd \Delta)$ = exactly like [CVAR], with \mathcal{D} instead of \mathcal{C} $\mathcal{D}(x\vec{p})$ $\mathcal{D} ((p \leftarrow e) \vec{p}) (\Gamma \vdash \vec{u} \triangleright \Delta)$ = exactly like [CGUARD], with \mathcal{D} instead of \mathcal{C} [DGUARD]

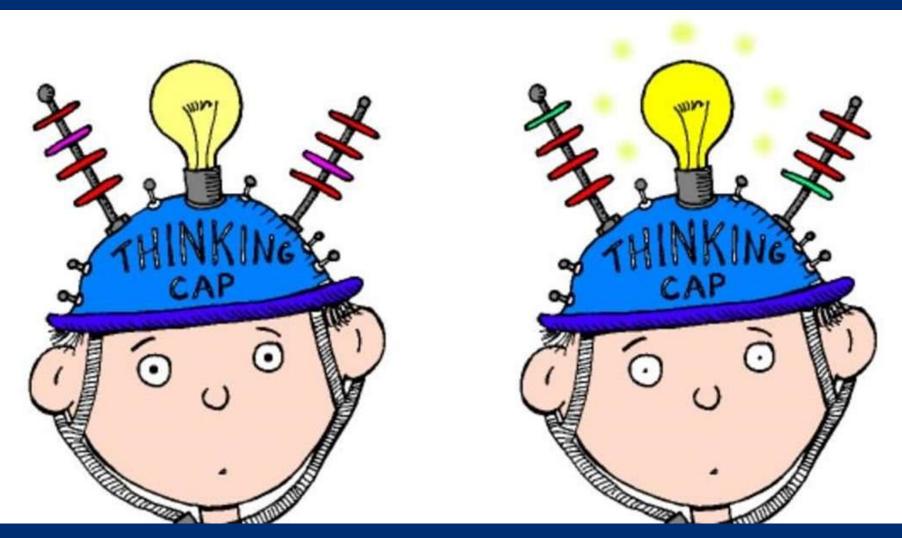


A big step forward

But

- tricky
- buggy
- slow

Sebastian Graf





A new, simple, modular approach

Two simple ideas

- 1. Desugar all pattern matching to guards
- 2. Collect the available facts into a fact-base A

Desugar pattern matching to guards

```
f (Just (!xs,_)) ys@(y:_) | y > 3 = rhs1
f Nothing zs = rhs2
```

desugars thus:

```
f as ys
  | Just t <- as
  , (xs,v) \leftarrow t
  ,!xs
  , (y:w) \leftarrow ys
  , let b = (y > 3)
  , True <- b
  = rhs1
  | Nothing <- as
  , let zs = ys
  = rhs2
```

Desugar pattern matching to guards

```
f (Just (!xs,_)) ys@(y:_) | y > 3 = rhs1
f Nothing zs = rhs2
```

One-level matching

```
f as ys
  | Just t <- as —
  \rightarrow (xs,v) <- t
  , !xs —
  , (y:w) \leftarrow ys
  , let b = (y > 3)
  , True <- b
  = rhs1
  | Nothing <- as
  , let zs = ys
  = rhs2
```

Matching only on a variable

Simply evaluates xs

Ordinary let-binding

Fix name differences

Desugar pattern matching to guards

This is enough to express

- As-patterns
- View patterns
- Record patterns
- Pattern guards
- Wildcard patterns
- Overloaded literal patterns

- List and tuple patterns
- n+k patterns
- Bang patterns
- Lazy patterns
- Pattern synonyms

After desugaring

NB: this desugaring is for pattern-match overlap checking only, not execution

All values Missing equations Clause 1 Values not covered by clause 1

Clause 2



Values not covered by clauses 1 or 2

Clause 3



Values not covered by clauses 1, 2, or 3

We want to report these - could be a runtime error

All values

Missing equations

Clause 1



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Question

How do we represent a (possibly infinite) set of values?

We want to report these - could be a runtime error

Idea: represent set of values by a factbase Δ

- $\Delta = \{x: Maybe\ Bool\ |\ \epsilon\}$ represents $\{\bot, Nothing, Just\ \bot, Just\ True, Just\ False\}$

Things that are true about every value in the set

Idea: represent set of values by a factbase Δ

- A type describes a set of values
- So does Δ . So Δ is a sort of type.
- Indeed a well-known sort of type: a refinement type

 $\{x:Maybe\ Int\ |\ Just\ (y:Int)\leftarrow x,\ y>3\}$

```
f (Just True) = rhs
```

Desugars to

```
f x \mid Just y \leftarrow x, True \leftarrow y = rhs
```

```
\Delta = \{x: Maybe\ Bool\ |\ \epsilon\}
```



 $f x \mid Just y <-x$, True <-y = rhs

Values not covered by the equation

 $\Delta = \{x: Maybe\ Bool \mid x \neq Just, x \neq \bot\} \cup$ $\{x: Maybe\ Bool \mid Just\ (y: Bool) \leftarrow x,\ y \neq True,\ y \neq \bot\}$

How do we do that in general?

Computing the uncovered set

 $U(\Delta,gs)$ =the subset of Δ whose values do not match the guards gs

$$U(\Delta, []) = \emptyset$$

$$U(\Delta, (Kys \leftarrow x) : gs) = (\Delta + x \neq K, x \neq \bot) \cup U(\Delta + (Kys \leftarrow x), gs)$$

$$U(\Delta, (!x) : gs) = U(\Delta + x \neq \bot, gs)$$

 $U(\Delta, (let x=e) : gs)=U(\Delta+(let x=e), gs)$...and that is all!

```
\Delta = [x:Maybe\ Bool\ |\ \epsilon]
```

Reporting uncovered sets



 $f x \mid Just y <-x, True <-y = rhs$



 $\Delta = \{ x: Maybe Bool \mid x \neq Just, x \neq \bot \} \cup$ $\{ x: Maybe Bool \mid Just (y: Bool) \leftarrow x, y \neq True, y \neq \bot \}$

- Next question: what values satisfy the Δ that falls out of the bottom these are the cases that are not covered
- Empty => equations are exhaustive.

Reporting uncovered sets

 $f x \mid Just y \leftarrow x$, $True \leftarrow y = rhs$



```
\Delta = \{ x: Maybe Bool \mid x \neq Just, x \neq \bot \} \cup 
\{ x: Maybe Bool \mid Just (y: Bool) \leftarrow x, y \neq True, y \neq \bot \}
```

Easy!

- Pick each disjunct in turn $[x:Maybe\ Bool\ |\ \theta]$
- Start from x:Maybe Bool
- Pick a value of x that works for θ
- Repeat

```
\Delta = \{x: Maybe\ Bool\ | x \neq Just, x \neq \bot\} \cup \ldots
```

- Start from x: Maybe Bool
- Pick a value of x that works for $x \neq Just$, $x \neq \bot$
- x = Nothing looks good. (NB in general there may be many.)
- Done

 $\Delta = ... \cup \{x: Maybe Bool \mid Just (y: Bool) \leftarrow x, y \neq True, y \neq \bot\}$

- Start from x: Maybe Bool
- Pick a value of x that works for $Just(y:Bool) \leftarrow x$
- x = Just(y:Bool) looks good.
- Pick a value of y that works for $y \neq True$, $y \neq \bot$
- y = False looks good

Result: x = Just False

```
f (Just True) = rhs

desugars to
```

```
f x \mid Just y \leftarrow x, True \leftarrow y = rhs
```

reports uncovered possibilities

Empty A

```
g (Just y) = y
g Nothing = False
```

desugars to

```
g \times | Just y <- x = y
| Nothing <- x = 0
```



 $\Delta = \{x: Maybe\ Bool \mid x \neq Just, x \neq \bot, x \neq Nothing\}$

What values does this
 [∆] represent?

Empty A

```
(Just y) = y
            represents the empty set - no values satisfy it
 Nothing = False
desugars to
                    50 g is exhaustive.
```

What values does this a represent?

 $\Delta = \{x: Maybe\ Bool \mid x \neq Just, x \neq 1, x \neq Nothing\}$

Scaling up to all of Haskell

Redundant/inaccessible equations

- Modifying $U(\Delta, gs)$ a little bit deals with redundant/inaccessible equations
- Pattern synonyms: some footwork when coming up with uncovered sets. E.g. what values are expressed by

```
\Delta = \{x:[Int] \mid x \neq [], x \neq Snoc, x \neq \bot\}
```

Answer: none, because {[], Snoc} is COMPLETE

Pattern synonyms

- Just needs some footwork when coming up with uncovered sets.
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```

Answer: none, because {[], Snoc} is COMPLETE

GADTS

 $lacktriangleq \Delta$ contains type equalities as well as term equalities

```
data T a where
   TBool :: T Bool
   ...

f :: a -> T a -> a
f x y | TBool <- y, True <- x = ...</pre>
```

- $\Delta = \{x: a, y: T \mid a \mid TBool \leftarrow y, a \sim Bool, True \leftarrow x\}$
- Re-uses GHC's type-constraint solver

Long distance information: easy!

We get to this RHS with

 $\Delta = \{b: Bool, g: Grade \mid g \neq A, True \leftarrow b\}$

Conclusion

- A long, long road
- A satisfying conclusion
 - Theory is a lot simpler
 - Code is a lot simpler
 - And a lot shorter
 - And runs faster
 - And nails many bugs







