Generics via Lisp-Like Primitives

go fold-free

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Datatype Generic is Nice

Scrap Your Boilerplate:
A Practical Design Pattern for Generic Programming

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salaryupdate.hs

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everywhere.hs

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everywhere :: Term a => (forall b.Term b => b -> b) -> a -> a
everywhere f x = f (gmapT (everywhere f) x)
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Explicit Spine View is Nicer

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everywhere f (x y) = (everywhere f x) @@ (everywhere f y)
everywhere f x     = f x
```

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this is not the right everywhere - it needs an f at the front of the recursive call

Spine view (tuples of atoms)

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Cons 1 Nil
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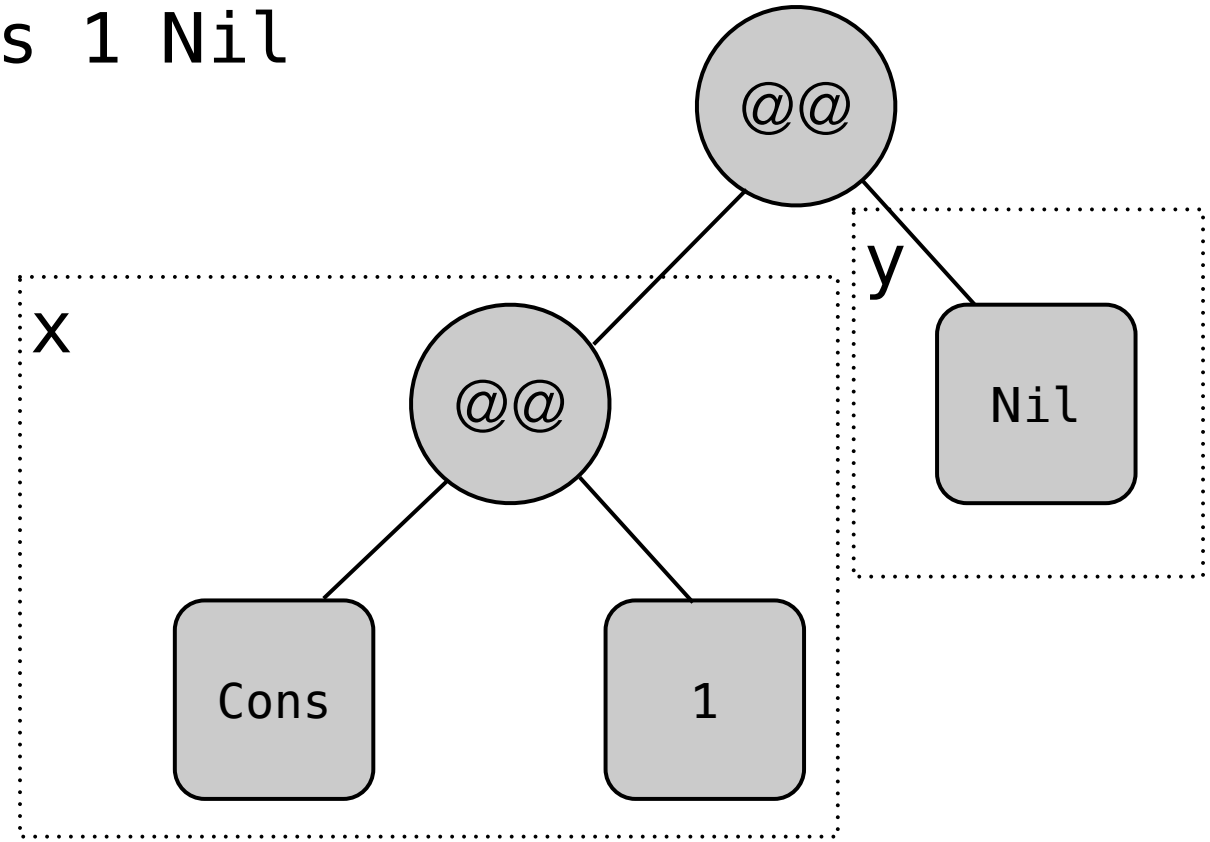
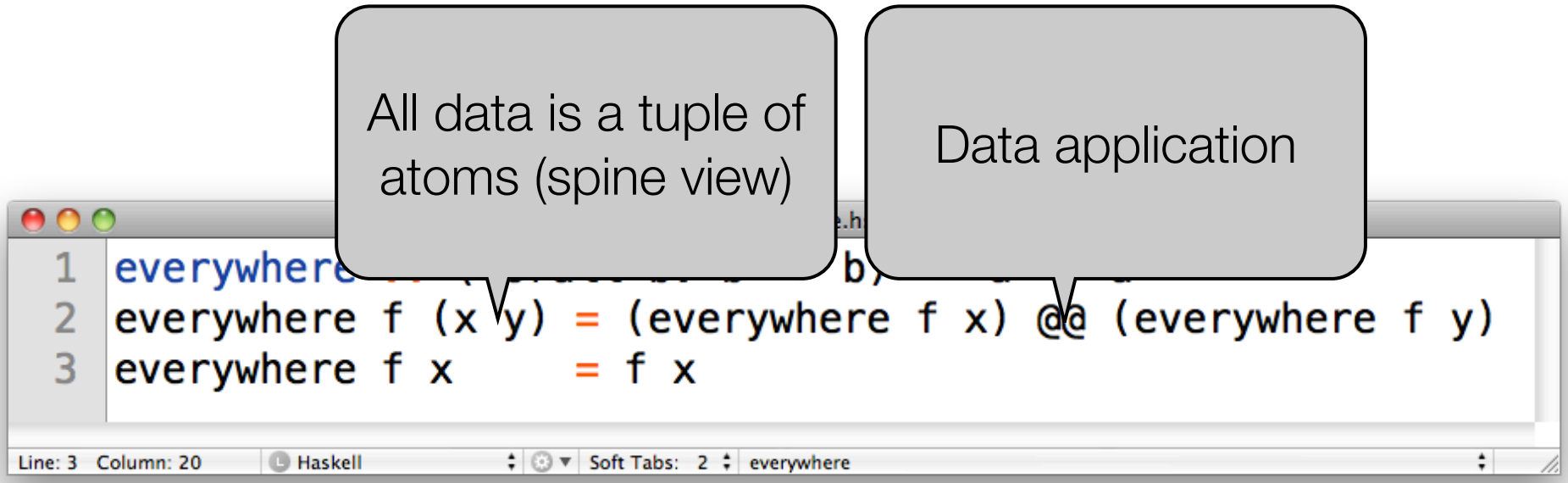


But this does not exist



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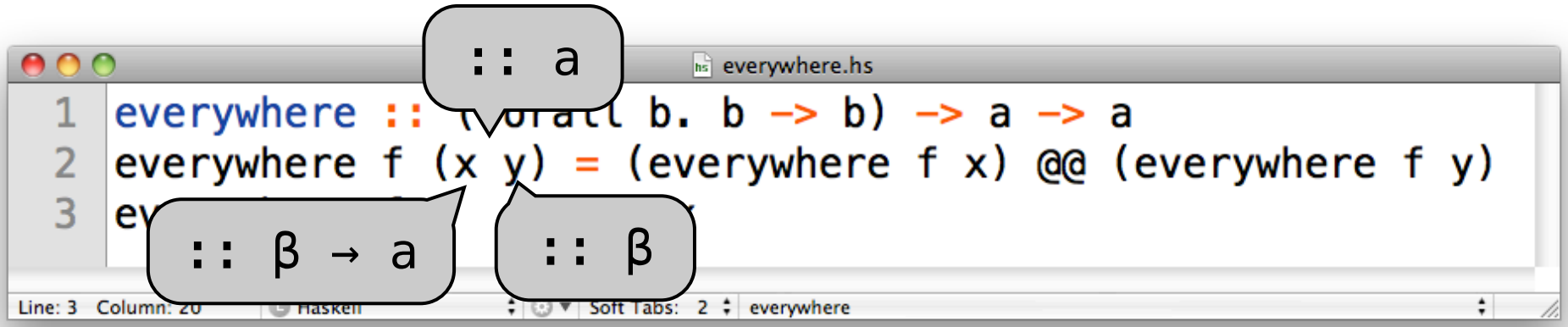
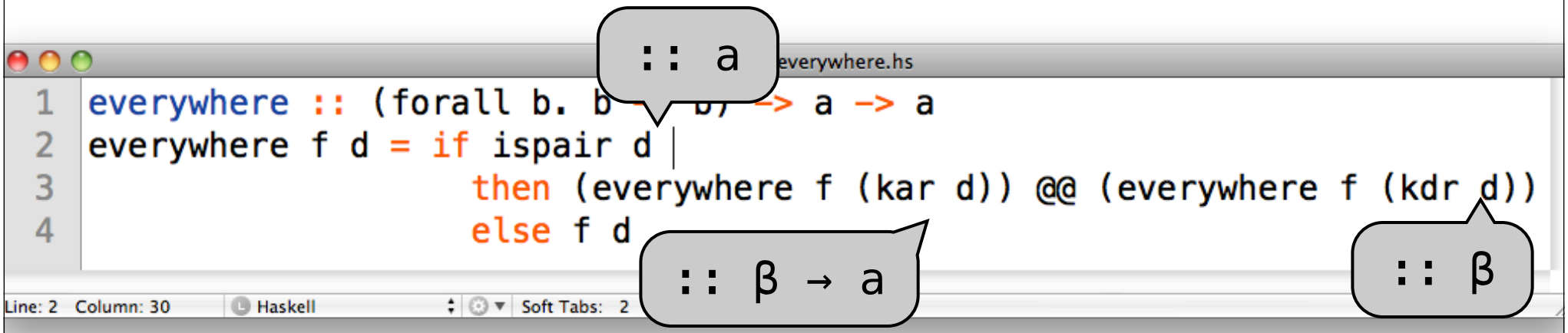


The βs must be the same, but there is no link between them

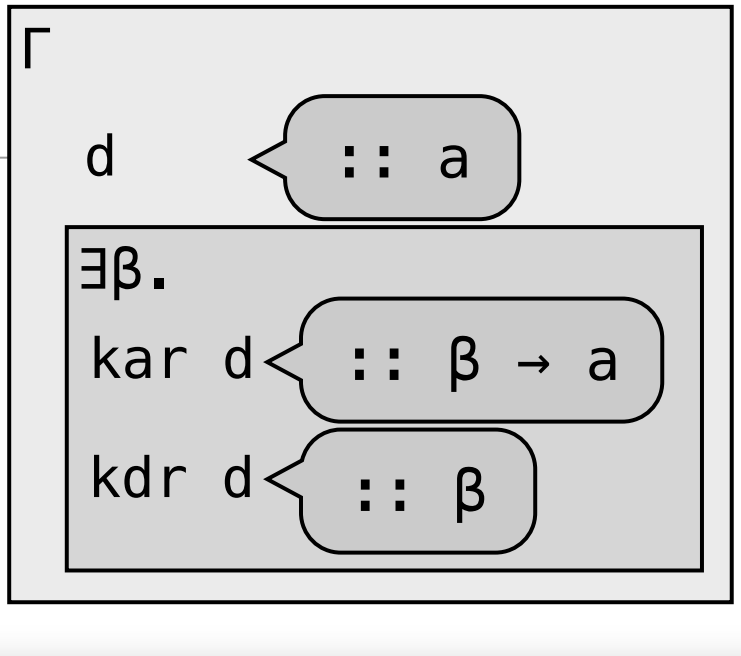
Compiled version



The βs must be the same, we link them at the ispair

Type algorithm

every kar,kdr witnessed by an ispair



compiled_everywhere.hs

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1  everywhere :: (forall b. b -> b) -> a -> a
2  everywhere f d = if ispair d
3                   then (everywhere f (kar d)) @@ (everywhere f (kdr d))
4                   else f d
```

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the triple, ispair, kar and kdr are acting like a single function (a fold) for the type system.

Generic Equality

This slide is incorrect and should be ignored.

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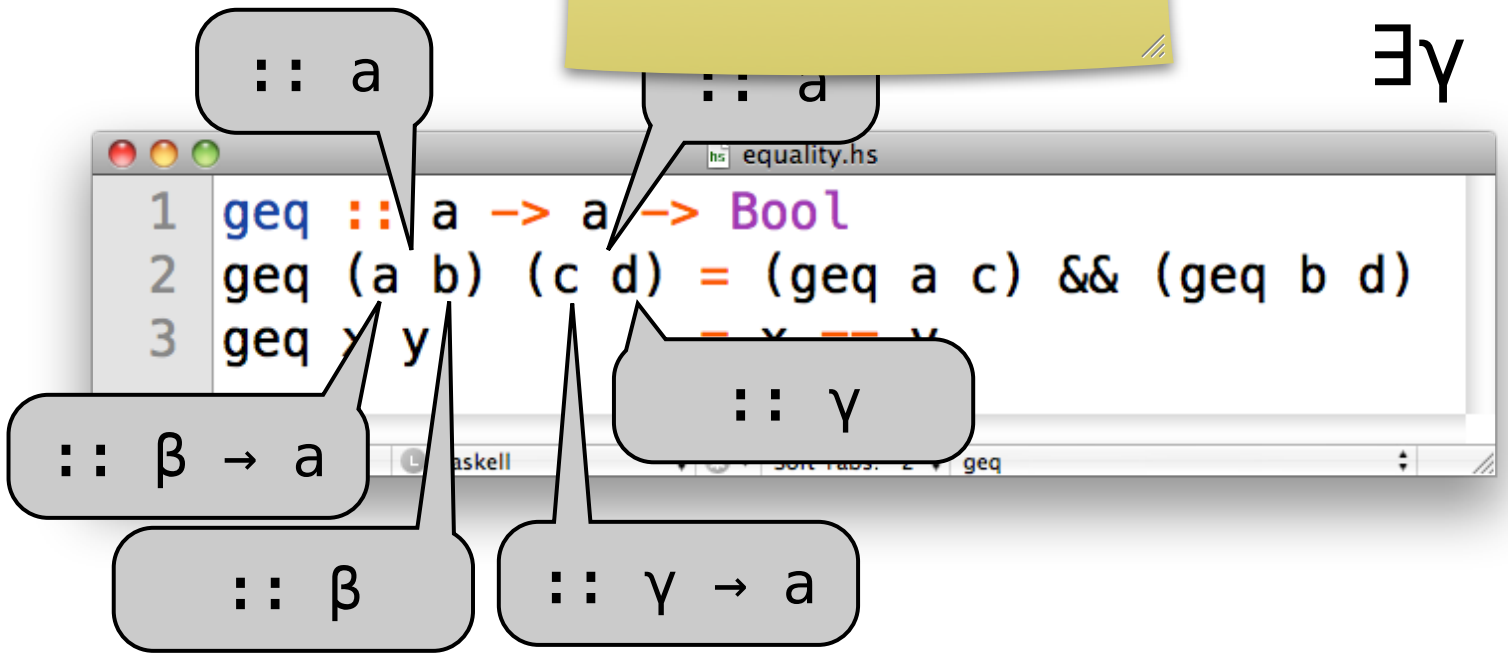
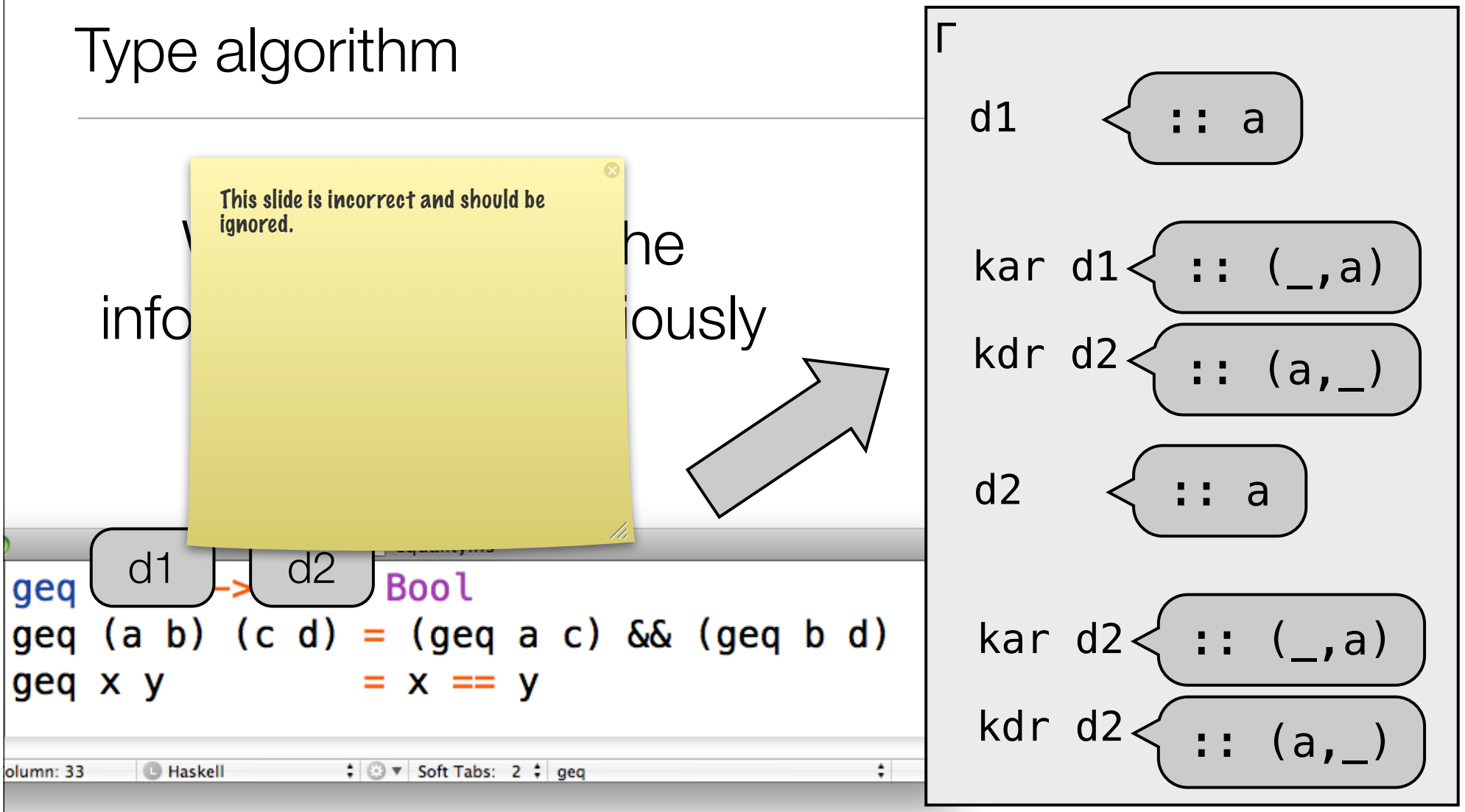


Existentially quantified variables have to be treated as constants - they can only unify with themselves.

Type algorithm



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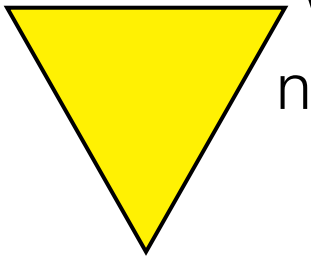
Opens up a whole world

We don’t have time to cover more here, but you will find all these details and more in my upcoming dissertation



warning! you need to learn a new syntax

You can play with dgen at http://dgen.science.mq.edu.au:8080