

Plaid: Pattern Language for Abstract Datatypes

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Semantic Patterns and ADT's

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(define (computer? datum)
  (and (pair? datum)
        (eq? (car datum) '*computer*)))
(define (computer-model third)
  (define (computer-os second)
    (define (match:make-computer model-comb os-comb)
      (define (match data dictionary succeed)
        (and (computer? data)
              (model-comb
                (computer-model data) dictionary
                (lambda (new-dict n)
                  (os-comb
                    (computer-os data) new-dict
                    succeed))))))
      match))
    (define (compile-match-make-computer pat use-env loop)
      '(match:make-computer ,(loop (match:make-computer-model pat))
                              ,(loop (match:make-computer-os pat))))
    (eq-put! 'make-computer 'pattern-keyword compile-match-make-computer))
    match))
  match))

(define (match:make-computer? pattern)
  (and (pair? pattern)
        (eq? (car pattern) 'make-computer)))
(define (match:make-computer-model second)
  (define (match:make-computer-os third)
```



```
(match comp '(make-computer _ 'windows))
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We want to be able to write this

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Without having to write this

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2 Patternology

- Constructor-Oriented Pattern Syntax
- Abstraction, Abstraction, Abstraction
- Embedding Patterns in Scheme
- Pro-Choice Patterns

3 Applications

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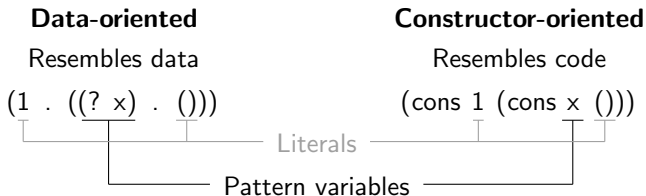
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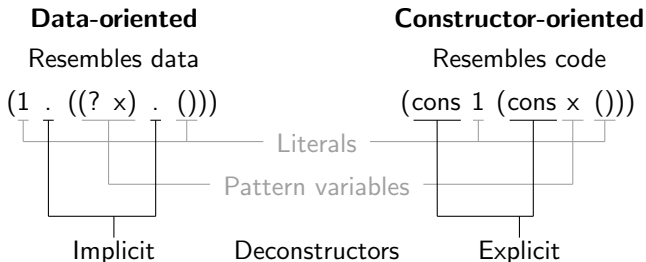
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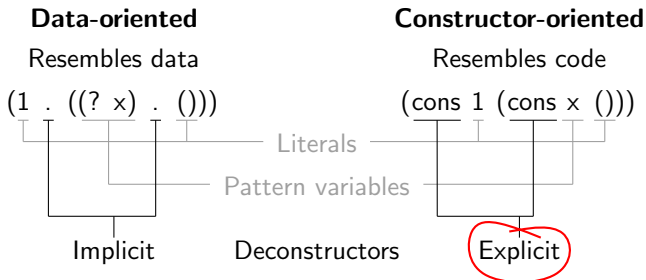
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(cons '*computer* (list 'linux _))
( list 'linux _)
(cons 'linux ( list _))
( list _)
(cons _ ( list ))
( list )
()
```

Datum

```
(*computer* linux pc)
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( linux pc)
( linux pc)
(pc)
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()
()
```

Success

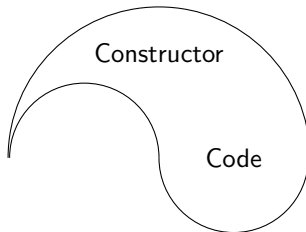
Plambda the Ultimate Deconstructor

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(define make-computer  
  (plambda (model os)  
    (list '*computer* os model)))
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Bridges Scheme abstraction and pattern abstraction

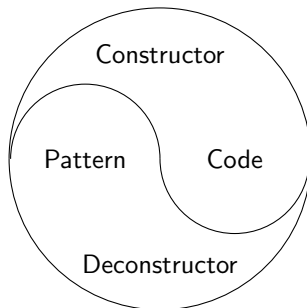
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Syntactic Sugar

```
(define-constructor (make-computer model os)  
  (list '*computer* os model))
```

desugars into

```
(define make-computer  
  (plambda (model os)  
    (list 'computer os model)))
```

Can often simply change **define** to **define-constructor** in existing code!

Pattern Matching in Scheme

```
(define (crash-computer comp)
  (pcase comp
    ((make-computer - 'windows) 'done)
    ((make-computer - 'linux) 'failed)))
```

pcase combines pattern matching, failure

Pattern Matching in Scheme

```
(define (crash-computer comp)
  (pcase comp
    ((make-computer model 'windows)
     (if (expensive? model)
          'this-is-not-the-crash-you-are-looking-for
          'done))
    ((make-computer _ 'linux) 'failed)))
```

pcase combines pattern matching, failure, and binding

Pro-Choice Patterns

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  (pcase a
    (() b)
    ((cons this rest) (cons this (append rest b)))))
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(define-constructor (append a b)
  (pcase a
    (() b)
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```

```
(pcase '(1 2 3 4)
  ((append x (list 3 4)) (pp x)))
```

$\Rightarrow x \leftarrow (1\ 2)$

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Constructors in Plaid

```
(define-constructor (make-computer model os)  
  (list '*computer* os model))
```

```
(define bills-computer (make-computer 'desktop 'windows))
```

```
(define (crash-computer comp)  
  (pcase comp  
    ((make-computer - 'windows) 'done)  
    ((make-computer - 'linux) 'failed)))
```

```
(crash-computer bills-computer)  $\implies$  done
```

With the power of Plaid, patterns are no longer limited to built-in types.

Deconstructors in Plaid

Pattern matching can be used to pick data out of an abstract datatype...

```
(define (computer:os comp)
  (pcase comp
    ((make-computer _ os) os)
    (_ (error "Object must be of type computer"))))

(define (computer:model comp)
  (pcase comp
    ((make-computer model _) model)
    (_ (error "Object must be of type computer"))))
```

Deconstructors in Plaid

... or to imagine different views of a data structure.

```
(define-constructor (lambda* args body)
  (cons 'lambda (cons args body)))

(define-constructor (define* name expr)
  (pcase expr
    ((lambda* args . body)
     (cons 'define (cons (cons name args) body)))
    (_ (list 'define name expr))))
```

Imagination in Plaid

```
(define-constructor (** x y)
  (pcase x
    (1 y)
    (- (pcase y
      (1 x)
      (- (list '* x y))))))

(pcase '(* 2 3)
  ((** a b) (pp (list a b))
    (if (or (eqv? a 1) (eqv? b 1))
      (next))))
```

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 - Building Patterns
 - Unification

Pattern Compiler

Pattern syntax is represented by an abstract structure

A compiler translates the syntax

```
(cons 1 (cons a ()))
```

to

```
(pattern:deconstructor  
  (lambda ()  
    (constructor->deconstructor cons))  
  (list  
    (pattern:literal 1)  
    (pattern:deconstructor  
      (lambda ()  
        (constructor->deconstructor cons))  
      (list (pattern:variable a)  
            (pattern:literal ()))))))
```

Pattern Compiler

```
(define (compile-pattern expr env)
  (cond ((nullary? expr)
        '(pattern:literal ,expr))
        ((quoted? expr)
        '(pattern:literal ',(cadr expr)))
        ((variable? expr)
        '(pattern:variable ',expr))
        ((wildcard? expr)
        '(pattern:wildcard))
        ((application? expr)
        '(pattern:destructor
          (lambda ()
            (constructor->destructor
              ,(close-syntax (car expr) env)))
            (list . ,(map (lambda (arg) (compile-pattern arg env))
                          (cdr expr)))))
        ((pcase? expr)
        '(pattern:pcase
          ,(compile-pattern (cadr expr) env)
          (list ,@(map (lambda (clause)
                        '(pattern:pcase:clause
                          ,(compile-pattern (car clause) env)
                          ,(compile-pattern (cadr clause) env)))
                      (cddr expr)))))
        (else
         (error:invalid-pattern-syntax "pattern" expr))))
```


Constructorification

We can do the same for data...

The constructorifier picks apart pairs, converting the data

'(1 a)

to

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Patterns and data have the same representation!

plambda

- **plambda** defines both a constructor and a deconstructor
- **plambda** body is a pattern $\implies$ *also* valid Scheme code
- Returns a real Scheme procedure, and
 tags the procedure with a deconstructor in a eq hash table
- Lexical scoping of deconstructor bindings is automatic

Matching is Unification

- This pattern matching actually requires *unification*: generalization of matching with variables on *both* sides
- Takes two patterns and initial set of bindings (“environment”); returns new bindings necessary for both sides to match

```
(unify (list 1 2 b) (list 1 a 3) empty-environment)
```

$\Rightarrow a \leftarrow 2; b \leftarrow 3$

Basic Unification

```
(define (unify p1 p2 env)
  (cond ((both? pattern:literal?)
        (if (equal? (pattern:literal/value p1)
                    (pattern:literal/value p2))
            env
            ((unifier-environment/fail env))))
        ((either? pattern:wildcard?) env)
        ((either? pattern:variable?)
         => (w/l (lambda (var other)
                  (extend-if-possible var other env))))
        ((either? pattern:literal?)
         ((unifier-environment/fail env)))
        (else (error "Don't know how to unify" p1 p2))))
```

Unifying with Fundamental Deconstructors

- Two fundamental deconstructors unify if they have the same type, and their arguments are unifiable

```
(define (unify-two-fundamental-deconstructors
  p1 p1-dtor p2 p2-dtor env)
  (and (eq? (destructor:fundamental/symbol p1-dtor)
            (destructor:fundamental/symbol p2-dtor))
        (= (length (pattern:destructor/args p1))
            (length (pattern:destructor/args p2)))
        (let lp ((args1 (pattern:destructor/args p1))
                  (args2 (pattern:destructor/args p2))
                  (env env))
          (if (null? args1)
              env
              (lp (cdr args1) (cdr args2)
                  (unify (car args1) (car args2) env))))))
```

Unifying with Compound Deconstructors

Algorithm

- First, unify the deconstructor body with the other pattern
- Then, unify the formal arguments with their values
- Need alpha-renaming to ensure scoping

Unifying with Compound Deconstructors

```
(define (make-computer model os)
  (cons '*computer* (cons os (cons model ())))))
```

```
(unify (make-computer x 'linux)
      (cons '*computer* (cons 'linux (cons 'pc ())))))
```

```
(unify (cons '*computer* (cons os (cons model ())))
      (cons '*computer* (cons 'linux (cons 'pc ())))))
```

$\implies$ $os \leftarrow linux$; $model \leftarrow pc$

```
(unify model x)
```

$\implies$ $x \leftarrow pc$

```
(unify os 'linux)
```

Unifying with Compound Deconstructors

```
(define (unify-compound-destructor var dtor other env)
  (receive (rename-table renamed-body)
    (alpha-rename-pattern
      (destructor:compound/body dtor)
      (improper-list-to-proper-list
        (destructor:compound/arguments dtor)))
    (let ((env (unify renamed-body other env)))
      (let lp ((env env)
                (formals (destructor:compound/arguments dtor))
                (args (pattern:destructor/args var)))
        (cond ((and (null? formals) (null? args)) env)
              ((null? formals) (error "Wrong number of arguments"))
              ((null? args) (error "Wrong number of arguments"))
              ((pair? formals) (lp (unify (car args)
                                           (pattern:variable
                                            (cdr (assq (car formals)
                                                       rename-table)))
                                           env)
                                   (cdr formals) (cdr args)))
              (else (unify (pattern:variable
                             (cdr (assq formals rename-table)))
                             (list-to-pattern-list args)
                             env)))))))
```


Unification and the Power of Choice

- **pcase** introduces nondeterminism — multiple possible results:

```
(unify x (pcase 'foo  
              ('foo 1)  
              (- 2)))
```

⇒ x can be either 1 or 2

- Return failure continuation to try next possibility if unification fails down the line
- Environments now contain bindings and a failure continuation

Unification becomes a search problem!

Unification and the Power of Choice

Algorithm

- Try first clause
 - Install new failure continuation in environment
 - Unify consequent with argument
 - Unify condition with key
- If failure, try next clause

Unification and the Power of Choice

```
(define (unify-pcase var other env)
  (let ((var (alpha-rename-pcase var)))
    (let lp ((clauses (pattern:pcase/clauses var)))
      (if (null? clauses)
          ((unifier-environment/fail env))
          (let ((env1 (call-with-current-continuation
                        (lambda (k)
                          (unifier-environment/new-failure-continuation
                           env (lambda () (k #f)))))))
            (if (false? env1)
                (lp (cdr clauses))
                (let* ((clause (car clauses))
                       (env2 (unify
                               (pattern:pcase:clause/consequent
                                clause)
                               other env1))
                       (env3 (unify
                               (pattern:pcase:clause/condition
                                clause)
                               (pattern:pcase/variable var)
                               env2)))
                  env3)))))))
```