# **Interleaving Data and Effects**

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  - IO errors that occur during reading are reported by throwing exceptions from pure code possibly long after the call to hGetContents
  - The handle is implicitly closed when the end of the file is reached, but if the end of file is never reached the handle will never be closed
  - Since the programmer cannot always predict when reads will occur, it is not safe for them to close the file handle

# **Question I:**

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Above all, initial algebra semantics gives a principled approach to programming with data types that is generic over data types

# **Exploiting Initiality**

**Proof Principle 1** Let (a, k) be an f-algebra and  $g: \mu f \to a$  be a function. The equation

$$(|k|) = g$$

holds iff g is an f-algebra homomorphism, *i.e.*, iff

$$g \circ in = k \circ fmap \ g$$
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The proof is straightforward, easy, and short (9 lines)

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- Examples are the non-termination monad  $(-)_{\perp}$ , the *IO* monad, the error monad, the continuations monad, etc.

# Monad Morphisms

A monad morphism from

 $(m_1, fmap_{m_1}, return_{m_1}, join_{m_1})$ 

to

$$(m_2, fmap_{m_2}, return_{m_2}, join_{m_2})$$

is a function  $h :: m_1 a \to m_2 a$  that preserves *fmaps*, *returns*, and *joins* 

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• This is similar to the definition of append, but we have had to insert uses of the monadic structure  $return_m$ ,  $join_m$  and  $fmap_m$  because the initial f-algebra is unaware of the presence of effects

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2. Use the definition of eAppend (thrice!), plus naturality of  $join_m$ , the third monad law, and the fact that  $fmap_m$  preserves composition to rewrite RHS to

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$$(|-|-|) :: (ListF \ a \ b \to b) \to (m \ b \to b) \to List \ m \ a \to b$$
  
 $(|k|l|) = loop$   
where  $loop :: List \ m \ a \to b$   
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 $loop' :: List' \ m \ a \to b$   
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- Other effectful data types (iteratees, pipes, etc.) can also be expressed as initial f-and-m-algebras, making PP2 available for them

# Thank You!

#### Example — An Eilenberg-Moore Algebra for Errors

• An ErrorM-Eilenberg-Moore-algebra with carrier IO a is given by

 $l :: ErrorM (IO a) \rightarrow IO a$ l (Ok ioa) = ioal (Error msg) = throw (ErrorCall msg)

- The algebra l propagates normal IO actions, and interprets errors using the exception throwing facilities of the Haskell IO monad
- The function *throw* and the constructor **ErrorCall** are part of the standard *Control.Exception* module

### From Initial $(f \circ m)$ -Algebras to Initial f-and-m-Algebras

Theorem: Let  $(f, fmap_f)$  be a functor, and  $(m, fmap_m, return_m, join_m)$ be a monad. If we have an initial  $(f \circ m)$ -algebra  $(\mu(f \circ m), in)$ , then  $m(\mu(f \circ m))$  is the carrier of an initial f-and-m-algebra

The proof of this theorems gives us a way to implement f-and-m-algebras