



Lightweight Polytypic Staging of DSLs in Scala



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What will be discussed?

A Domain Specific Language (DSL) is a computer programming language of **limited expressiveness** focused on a **particular domain**. (Martin Fowler)

Nested data parallelism is our domain. The idea of nesting is to take a **parallel** function and apply it over multiple instances **in parallel**. (Guy Blelloch)

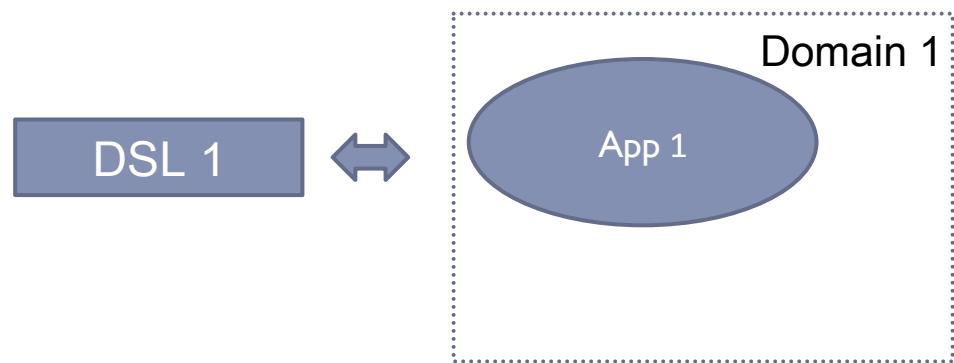
A **data-generic** (or polytypic) function is a function that can be **instantiated on many data types** to obtain data type specific functionality, it **works for a whole family of types**. (Ralf Hinze)

Staging is a program transformation that involves **reorganizing the program's execution** into stages. (Jørring, U., Scherlis, W. L. Compilers and staging transformations. 1986, Walid Taha.)

Scala is a general purpose programming language designed to express common programming patterns in a concise, elegant, and type-safe way.
(scala-lang.org)

Polytypic Staging is a lightweight approach to introduce staging in the context of embedded DSL with polytypic meta-level.

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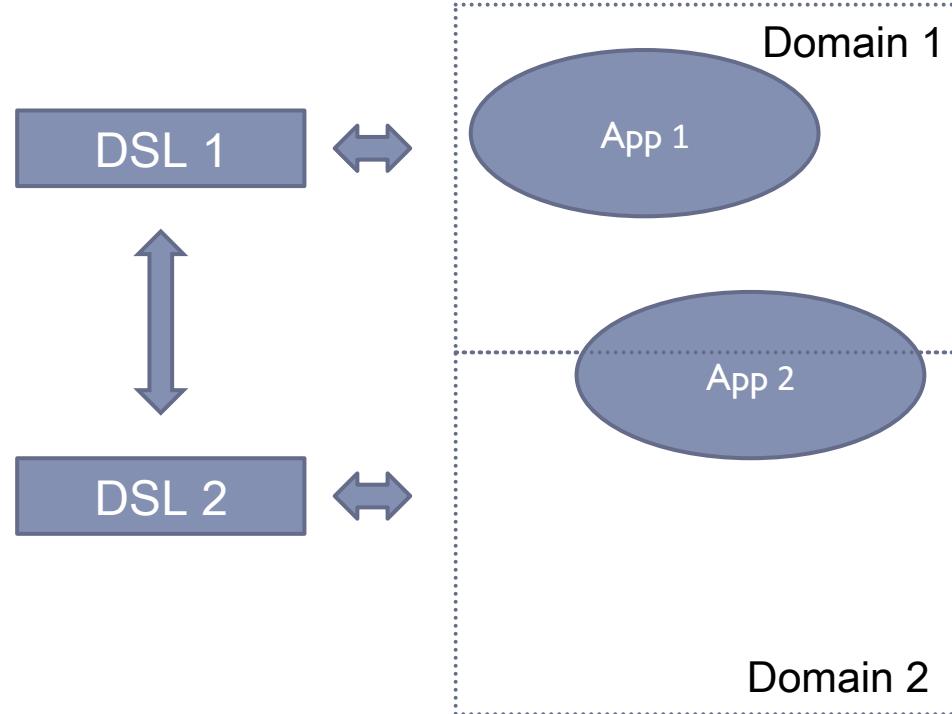
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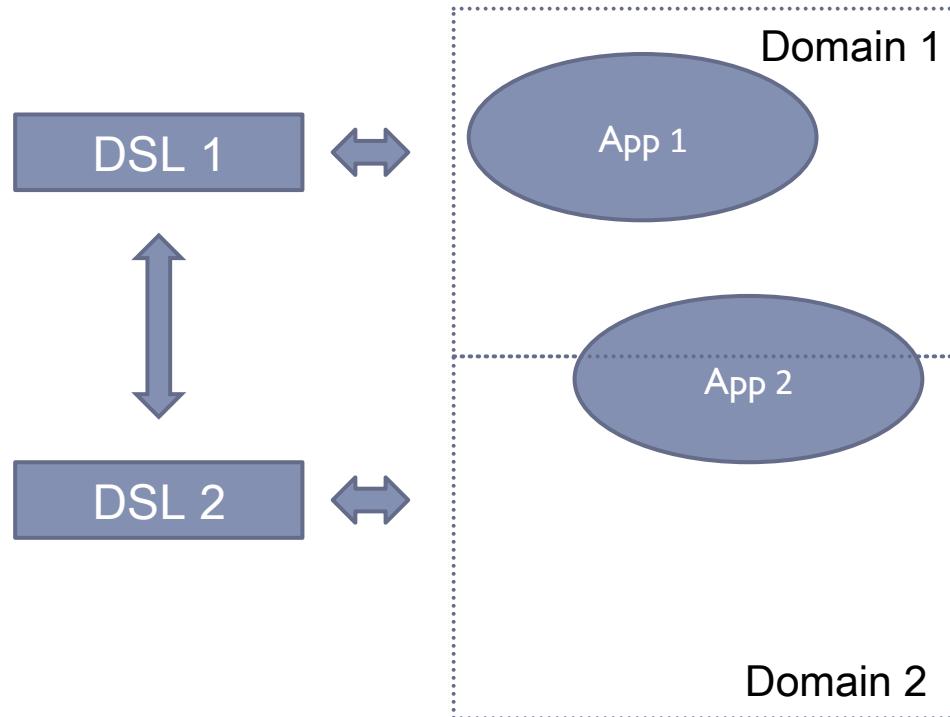
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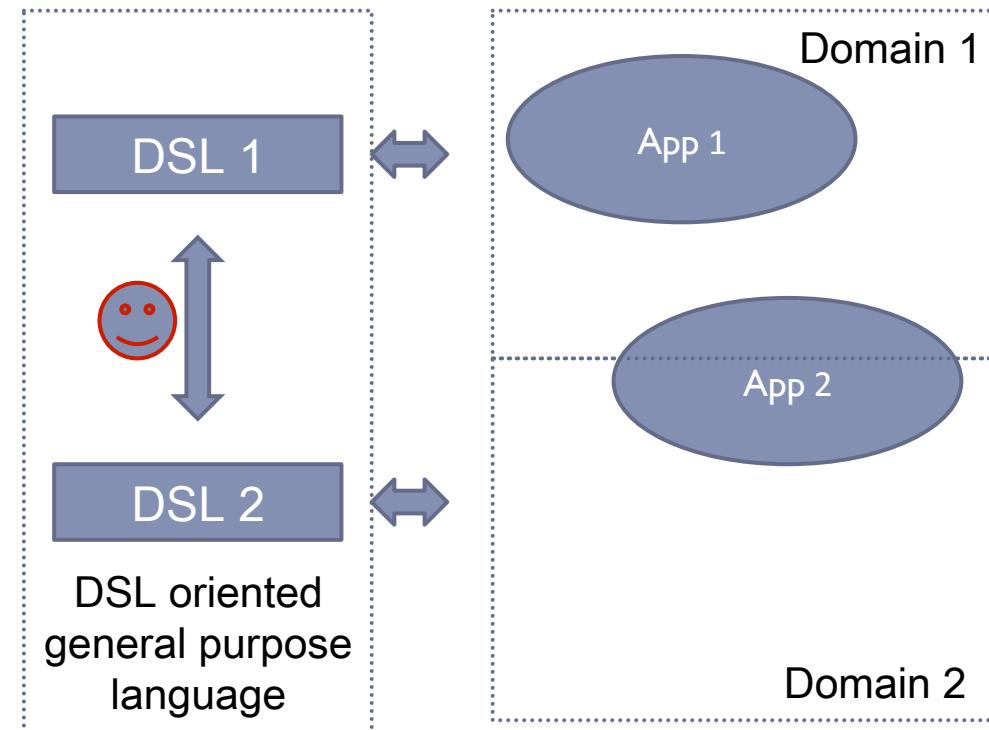
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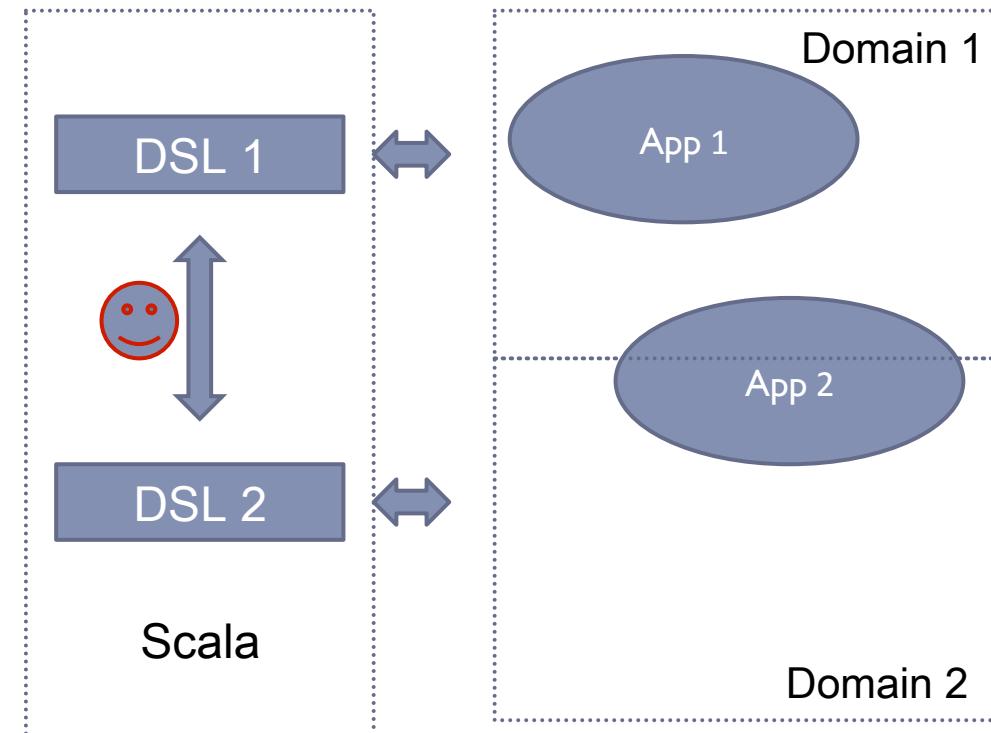
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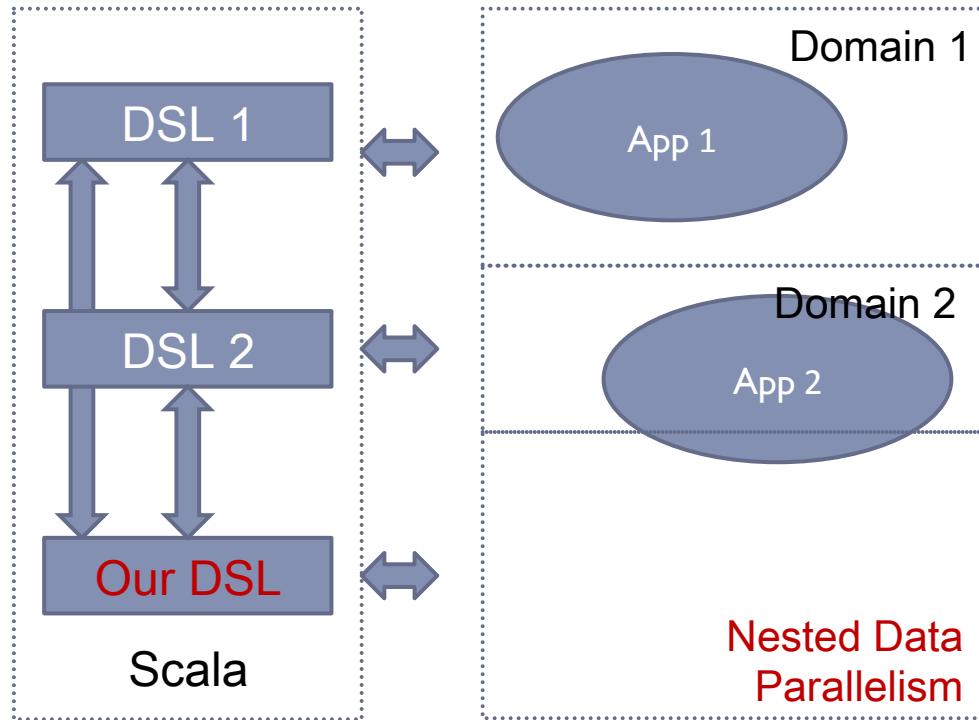
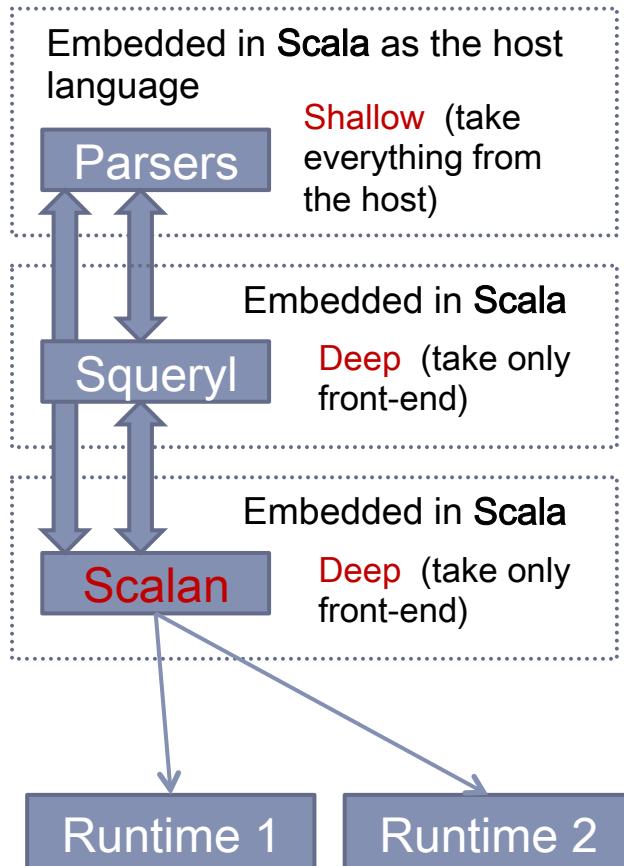
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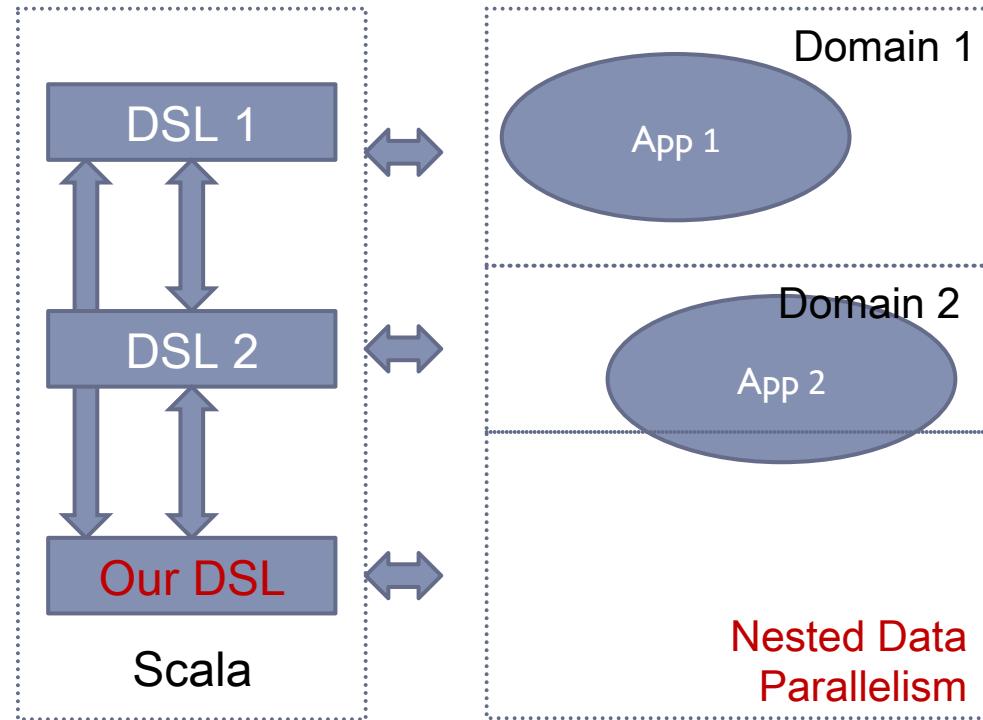
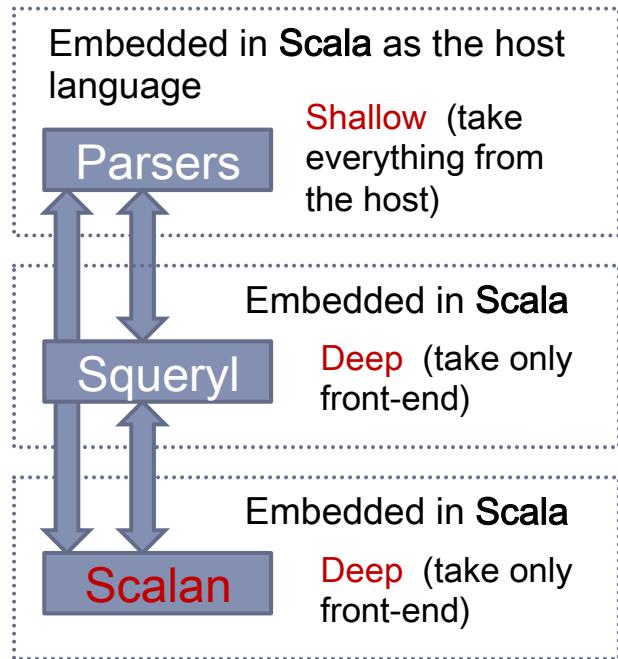
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High level code directly expresses domain semantics

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Is it practical?

LINQ is most popular embedded DSL on .NET

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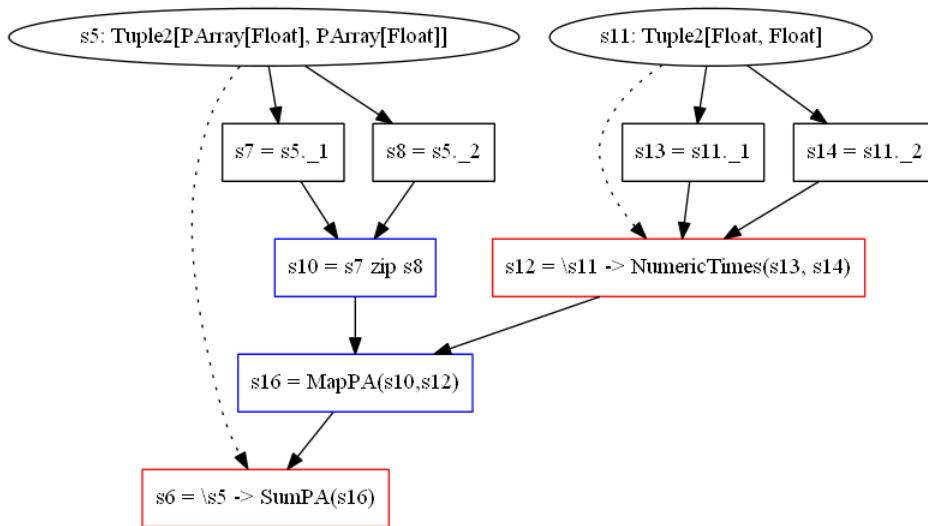
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Staged evaluation by deep DSL embedding

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Optimizations for free

- ▶ Global Value Numbering (GVN)
- ▶ Copy Propagation
- ▶ Constant Propagation
- ▶ Common Subexpression Elimination (CSE)
- ▶ Dead Code Elimination (DCE)
- ▶ Domain-specific Rewrites based on properties of domain operations

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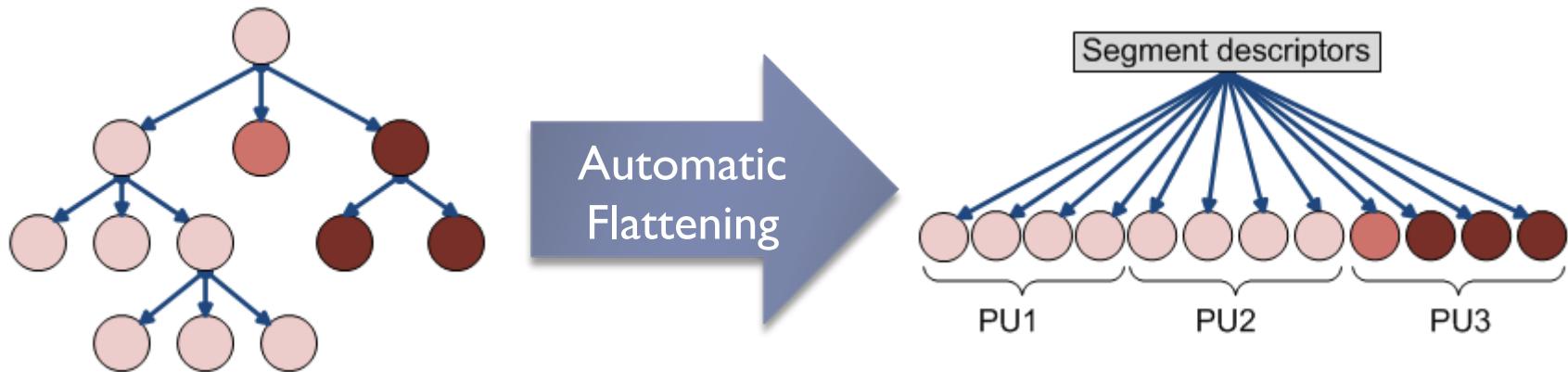
The Domain: Nested Data Parallelism

- ▶ Original idea
 - ▶ Guy Blelloch, Gary Sabot: in the early 90's ([1] is a good starting point)
 - ▶ NESL – proof of concept and performance (first order, interpreted, functional language with list comprehensions)
- ▶ Generalizations (90's – 00's)
 - ▶ Chakravarty, Keller, S. P. Jones et al. (5 or 6 papers)
 - ▶ Data Parallel Haskell – higher-order, compiled language [2]
 - ▶ Haskell extension with special syntax
- ▶ A big promise but still in research

[1] Guy E. Blelloch. *Vector models for data-parallel computing*.
MIT Press, Cambridge, MA, USA, 1990

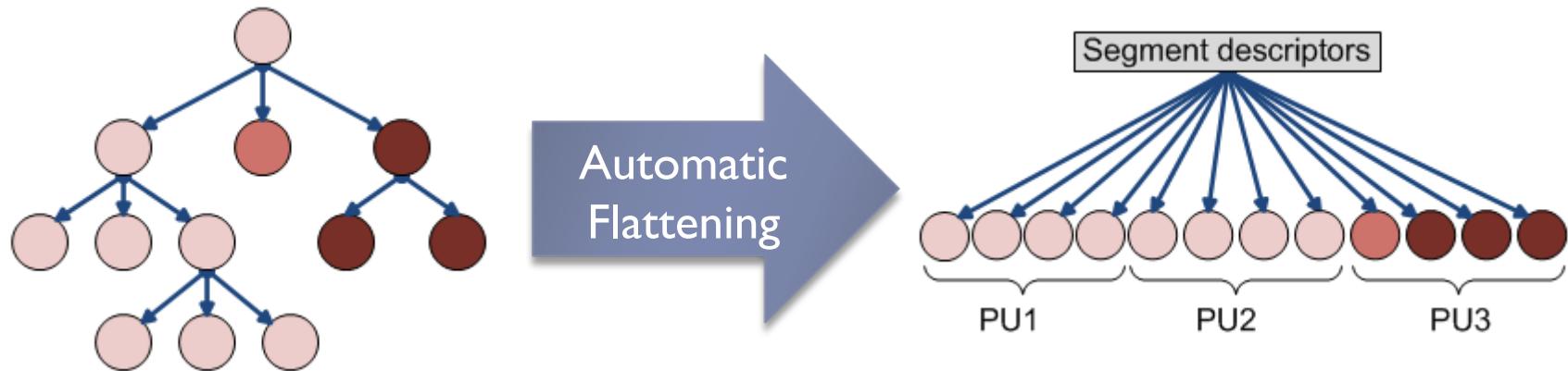
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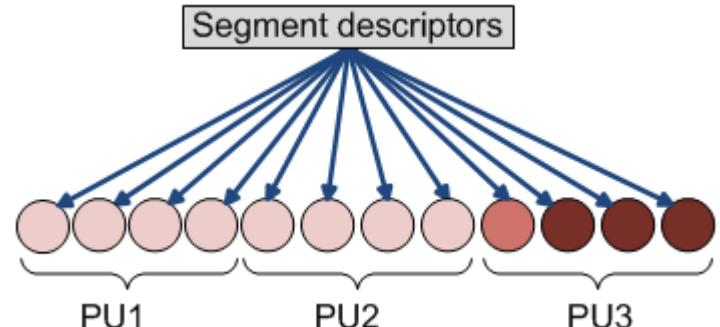
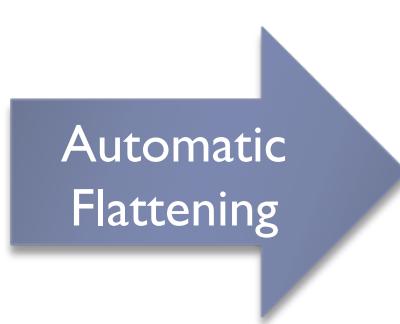
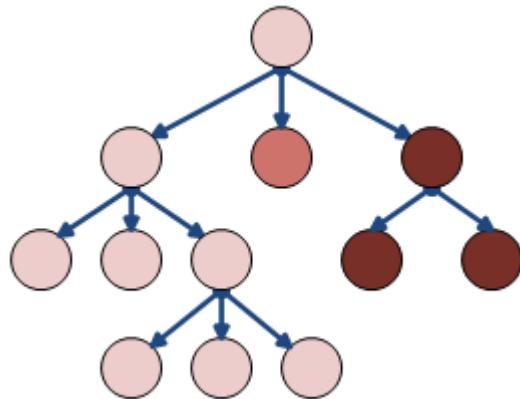
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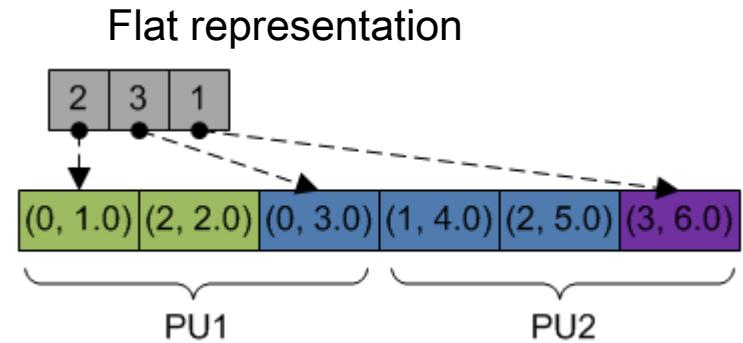
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DSL example (application specific types)

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DSL Example (Sparse Matrix Vector Multiplication)

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```
def sparseVectorMul(sv: SVector, vec: Vector): Float =
  sum(sv map { case (i,v) => vec(i) * v })           Inner parallelism

def smvm(matr: SMatrix, vec: Vector): Vector =
  for (row <- matr)
    yield sparseVectorMul(row, vec)                         Outer parallelism
```

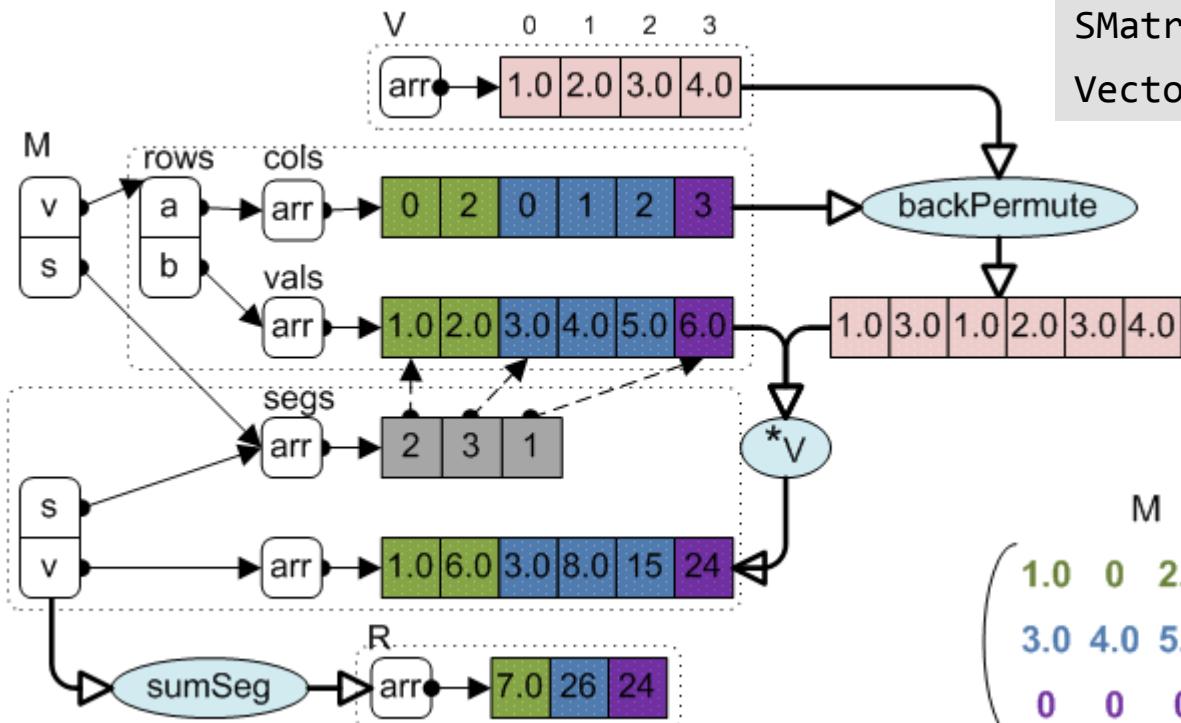
SMVM vectorized

```
def matrixVectorMul(m: SMatrix, v: Vector) = {
  val (cols,vals) = unzip(m.values)
  val products = backPermute(v, cols) |*| vals
  sumSeg(unconcat(products, m.segments))
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NDP as an embedded DSL

- ▶ NDP is not a “silver bullet”
- ▶ Some applications fit to the model but others don’t
- ▶ For those that fit we want a high-level declarative language (DSL)
- ▶ GOAL: If a task is expressible in the DSL then it is automatically vectorizable and efficiently executable (with asymptotic work-efficiency)
- ▶ Our DSL should interoperate with other DSLs and the host language
- ▶ Yet another tool in our toolbox

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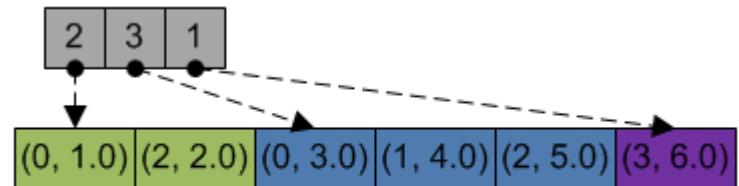
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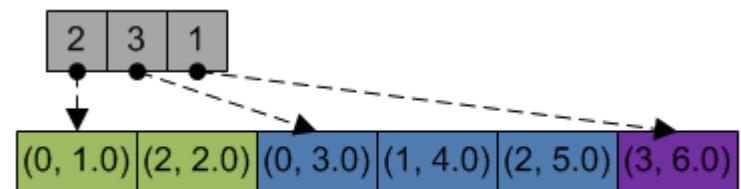
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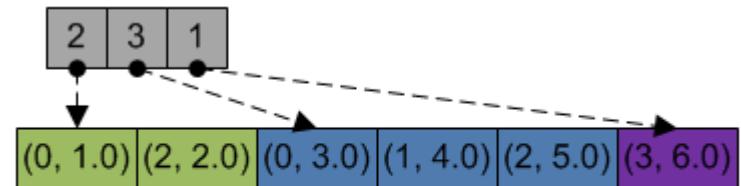
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Polytypic Staging

- ▶ Applies to polytypic DSL
- ▶ Uses generic programming to capture domain semantics
- ▶ Allows to implement deep embedding of the DSL
- ▶ Is based on practical tools (mainstream Scala language)
- ▶ Not limited to NDP domain

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Type-indexed data type is a data type that is constructed in a generic way from an argument data type. (Ralf Hinze)

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Type-indexed data type is a data type that is constructed in a generic way from an argument data type. (Ralf Hinze)

Each type T is from the family of types

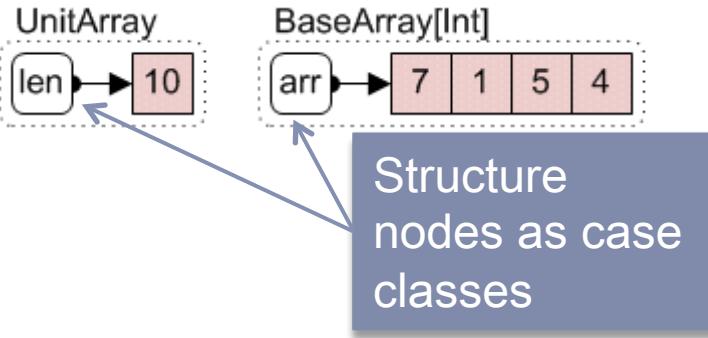
```
T = Unit | Int | Float | Boolean      // base types
      | (T1,T2)                      // product
      | (T1+T2)                      // sum
      | PArray[T]                    // nested array
```

Representation Transformation RT: * -> *

```
RT<PA[Unit]> = UnitArray(len:Int)
RT<PA[T]>     = BaseArray(arr:Array[T]) if T - base type
RT<PA[(A,B)]> = PairArray(a:RT<PA[A]>, b:RT<PA[B]>)
RT<PA[PA[A]]> = NestedArray(
                      values: RT<PA[A]>,
                      segs   : RT<PA[(Int,Int)]>)
```

Data structures that support flattening

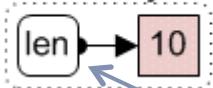
PA[Unit] PA[T] where T – base type



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UnitArray

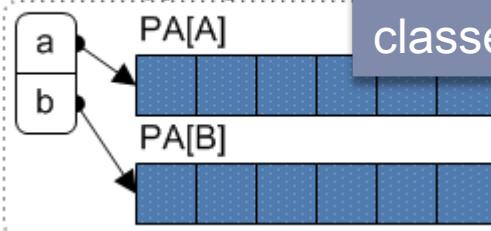


BaseArray[Int]



PA[(A,B)]

PairArray[A,B]



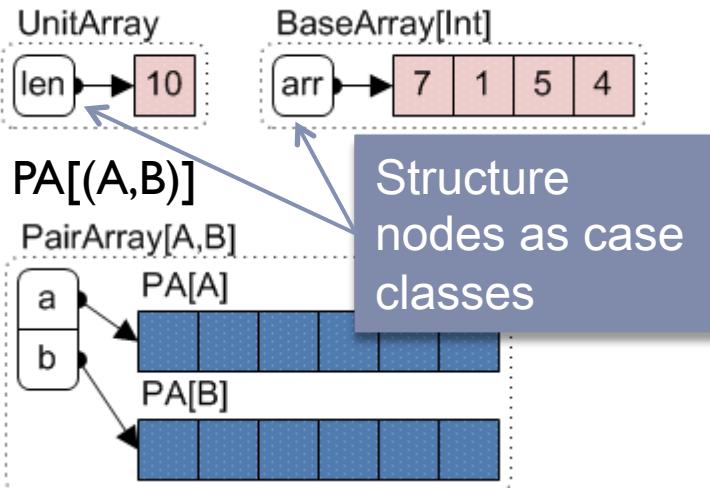
Structure
nodes as case
classes

Constant time operations

```
def zip[A,B](a:PA[A], b:PA[B]):PA[(A,B)]  
= PairArray(a, b)
```

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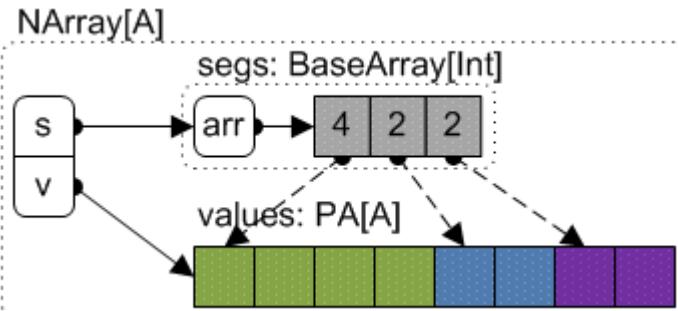
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Constant time operations

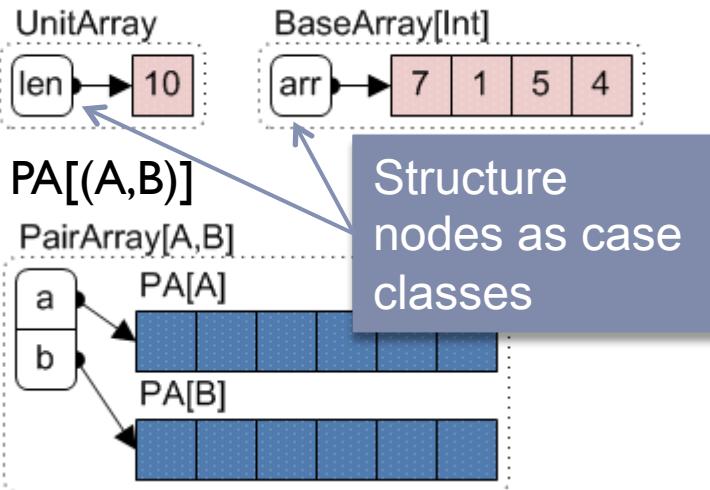
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```

PA[PA[A]]

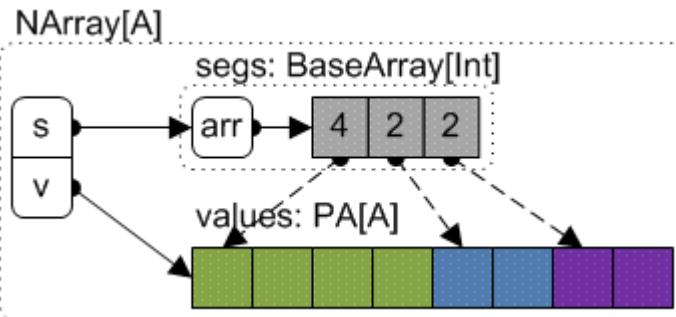


Data structures that support flattening

PA[Unit] PA[T] where T – base type



PA[PA[A]]



Constant time operations

```
def zip[A,B](a:PA[A], b:PA[B]):PA[(A,B)] = PairArray(a, b)
def flatten[A](na: PA[PA[A]]): PA[A] = na match { case NArray(vs,_) => vs }
def nest[A,B](shape:PA[PA[A]], vs:PA[B]): PA[PA[B]] = shape match {
  case NArray(_,segs)=> NArray(vs,segs)
}
```

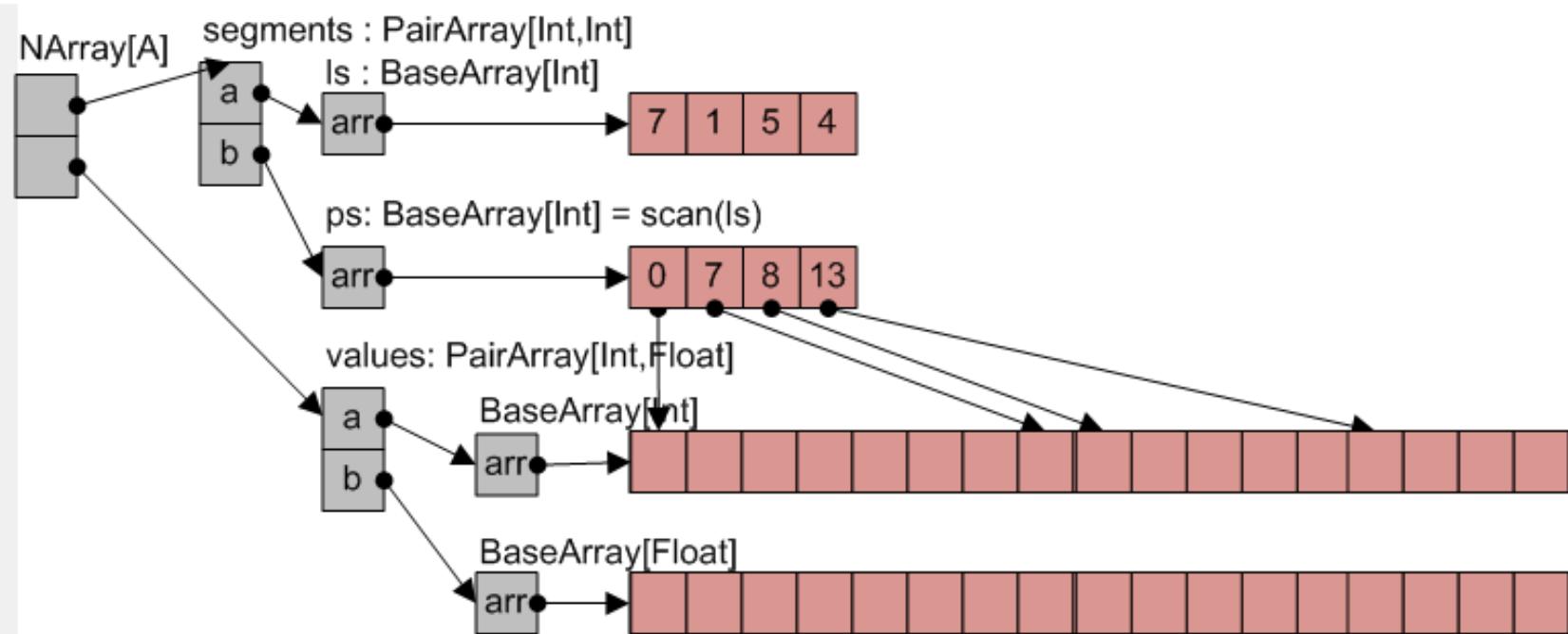
```
p^(m: PA[PA[A]]): PA[PA[A]] = nest(m, p^(flatten(m)))
```

Matrix as type-indexed data type

```
type SVector = PArray[(Int,Float)]
```

```
type SMatrix = PArray[SVector]
```

RT<Matrix>



How flattening happens

Nested Code	Flattened Code
$p: A \Rightarrow B \quad // \text{ primitive}$	$p^: PA[A] \Rightarrow PA[B] \quad // \text{ p-lifted}$
$g(as: PA[A]) = \underline{\text{map}} _ \underline{\text{p}} \ as$	$g(as: PA[A]) = \underline{\text{p}^} \ as$
$h(m: PA[PA[A]]) = \text{map } g \ m$	$\begin{aligned} h(m: PA[PA[A]]) \\ = \text{map } g \ m \\ = \underline{\text{map}} _ \underline{\text{p}^} \ m \quad // \text{ inlined } g \\ = \underline{\text{p}^{^2}}(m) \quad // \text{ ???} \end{aligned}$

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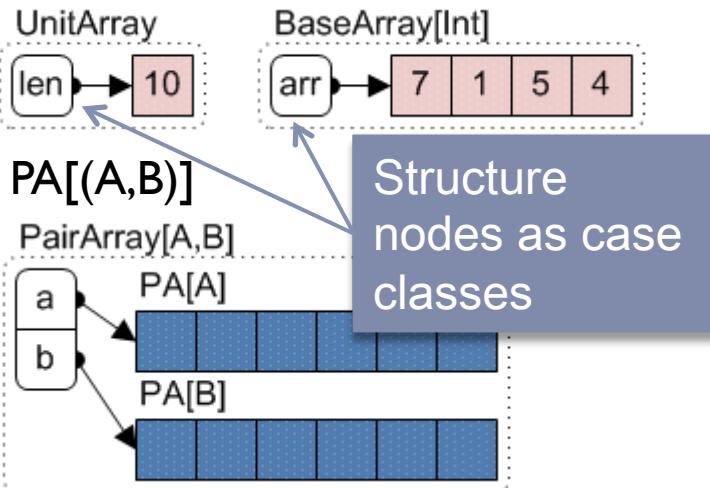
The key observation (we don't need $p^{\wedge\wedge}$)

```
p^{\wedge\wedge} :: PA[PA[A]] -> PA[PA[A]]  
p^{\wedge\wedge} m = nest(m, p^\wedge(flatten(m)))
```

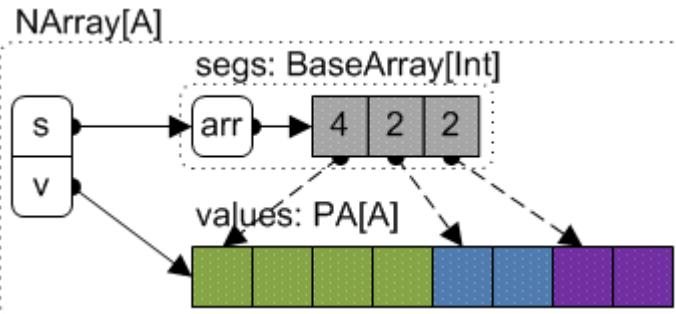
```
flatten[A](nested: PA[PA[A]]): PA[A]  
nest[A,B](shape: PA[PA[A]], values: PA[B]): PA[PA[B]]
```

Data structures that support flattening

PA[Unit] PA[T] where T – base type



PA[PA[A]]



Constant time operations

```
def zip[A,B](a:PA[A], b:PA[B]):PA[(A,B)]  
= PairArray(a, b)  
  
def flatten[A](na: PA[PA[A]]): PA[A] =  
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def nest[A,B](shape:PA[PA[A]],  
             vs:PA[B]): PA[PA[B]] =  
  shape match {  
    case NArray(_,segs)=> NArray(vs,segs)  
  }
```

```
p^(m: PA[PA[A]]): PA[PA[A]] =  
  nest(m, p^(flatten(m)))
```

Related work

- ▶ This technique is not limited to Scala
- ▶ It was possible to implement shallow embedding in F#
- ▶ It may be interesting to consider deep embedding in F# using quasi-quotations
- ▶ The approach is not limited to NDP domain
- ▶ Hypothesis: The domain of reversible computations can be treated as polytypic and embedded as DSL in Scala using these techniques.

Conclusions

- ▶ It is useful to introduce a notion of polytypic DSL
 - ▶ Nested data parallelism can be implemented in Scala as an embedded polytypic DSL
 - ▶ To support flattening we need type-indexed data types from generic (polytypic) programming
 - ▶ Polytypic Staging is a technique to implement **deep** embedding of polytypic DSLs
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- ▶ Nested Data Parallelism is a “killer application” for this technique
 - ▶ Could be interesting to consider **other polytypic domains**

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Q&A

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