### The Egison Programming Language

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#### **Profile of Egison**

Egison is the programming language I've created.

Paradigm	<b>Pattern-matching-oriented</b> , Pure functional
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License	MIT
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First Released	2011/5/24
Filename Extension	.egi
Implemented in	Haskell (about 3,400 lines)



#### **Motivation**

# I'd like to create a programming language that directly represents **human's intuition**.





#### Egison in one minute

Egison is the world's first programming language that realized **non-linear pattern-matching with backtracking**.



Enumerate the elements of the collection 'xs' that appear more than twice

(match-all xs (multiset integer)
 [<cons \$x <cons ,x \_>> x])

Egison



#### **Quick Tour**





Meaning: Pattern match against the "target" as the "matcher" with the "pattern" and return all results of pattern matching.



Target
(match-all {1 1 2 3 2} (multiset integer)
 [<cons \$x <cons , x \_>> x])

;=>{1 1 2 2}

### Pattern-match against the target data {1 1 2 3 2}





;=>{1 1 2 2}

# Pattern-match against the target data {1 1 2 3 2} as the multiset of integers





Pattern-match against the target data {1 1 2 3 2} as the multiset of integers with the pattern <cons \$x <cons ,x \_>>





Pattern-match against the target data {1 1 2 3 2} as the multiset of integers with the pattern <cons \$x <cons ,x \_>> and return the value bound to x.

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#### The 'cons' pattern constructor

Divide a collection into an element and a collection of rest of elements.

(match-all {1 2 3} (list integer) [<cons \$x \$xs> [x xs]]) ;=>{[1 {2 3}]} (match-all {1 2 3} (multiset integer) [<cons \$x \$xs> [x xs]]) ;=>{[1 {2 3}] [2 {1 3}] [3 {1 2}]}

(match-all {1 2 3} (set integer)
 [<cons \$x \$xs> [x xs]])
;=>{[1 {1 2 3}] [2 {1 2 3}] [3 {1 2 3}]}



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The meaning of 'cons' changes for each matcher



#### The nested 'cons' pattern constructor

Extracting two elements using the 'cons' patterns.

- (match-all {1 2 3} (list integer)
   [<cons \$x <cons \$y \_>> [x y]])
  ;=>{[1 2]}
- (match-all {1 2 3} (multiset integer)
   [<cons \$x <cons \$y \_>> [x y]])
  ;=>{[1 2] [1 3] [2 1] [2 3] [3 1] [3 2]}
- (match-all {1 2 3} (set integer)
   [<cons \$x <cons \$y \_>> [x y]])
  ;=>{[1 1] [1 2] [2 1] [1 3] [2 2] [3 1] [2 3] [3 2] [3 3]}



#### **Non-linear patterns**

We can deal with the multiple occurrences of the same variables in a pattern.





#### **Not-patterns**

Patterns that match if the pattern does not match.

(match-all {1 1 2 3 2} (multiset integer)
 [<cons \$x <cons , x >> x])
;=>{1 1 2 2} One more 'x'
(match-all {1 1 2 3 2} (multiset integer)
 [<cons \$x ^<cons , x >> x]);
;=>{3} No more 'x'



#### The 'join' pattern constructor

Divide a collection into two collections.

```
(match-all {1 2 3} (list integer)
   [<join $xs $ys> [xs ys]])
;=>{[{} {1 2 3}] [{1} {2 3}] [{1 2} {3}] [{1 2 3} {}]
(match-all {1 2 3} (multiset integer)
[<join $xs $ys> [xs ys]])
;=>{[{} {1 2 3}] [{1} {2 3}] [{2} {1 3}] [{3} {1 2}]
[{1 2} {3}] [{1 3} {2}] [{2 3} {1}] [{1 2 3} {}]
(match-all {1 2 3} (set integer)
    [<join $xs $ys> [xs ys]
>{[{} {] {1 2 3}] [{1} {1} {1}
                                                    2
                                                       3}]
                                                                                                          {1 2
                                                                      2 }
                                                                           11
                                                                                  2
                                                                                      3
                                                                            [{2
                                                         \{1 \ 2 \ 3\}
                                                                         {{2 _1,
2 _3} {1 _2 _;
3} {1 _2 _3}
1 _2 _3}
                                          [{1 3}]
                             2
                                  3

      . (3) 1 { 1 2 3 }

      3 2 { 1 2 3 }

      1 2 { 1 2 3 }

                                                                 [{1
{2 1
{3 2
                         3}]
                   2
}1
                                                                                                      [{2 3
      {1 2 3
                         [{3
```

#### Playing with the 'join' pattern constructor

Enumerate all two combination of elements.

(match-all {1 2 3 4 5} (list integer)
 [<join \_ <cons \$x <join \_ <cons \$y \_>>>>
 [x y]])
;=>{[1 2] [1 3] [2 3] [1 4] [2 4] [3 4] [1 5]
[2 5] [3 5] [4 5]}



#### **Demonstrations**



#### The first application of Egison

```
(define $poker-hands
 (lambda [$cs]
    (match cs (multiset card)
     \{ | < cons < card $s $n > 
        <cons <card ,s ,(-n 1)>
         <cons <card ,s ,(-n 2)>
          <cons <card ,s ,(-n 3)>
           <cons <card ,s ,(-n 4)>
            <nil>>>>>
       <Straight-Flush>]
      [<cons <card $n>
        <cons <card_ ,n>
         <cons <card _ ,n>
           <cons <card _ ,n>
             <cons
               <nil>>>>>
       <Four-of-Kind>1
      [< cons < card _ $m>
        <cons <card _ ,m>
         <cons <card _ ,m>
          <cons <card _ \n>
           <cons <card _ ,n>
             <nil>>>>>>
       <Full-House>]
      [<cons <card $s >
        <cons <card ,s >
          <cons <card ,s >
            <cons <card ,s >
              <cons <card ,s _>
                <nil>>>>>>
       <Flush>]
      [<cons <card $n>
        <cons <card_ ,(- n 1)>
         <cons <card _ ,(- n 2)>
          <cons <card , (- n 3)>
           <cons <card_, (- n 4)>
            <nil>>>>>
       <Straight>]
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```

```
[<cons <card _ $n>
  <cons <card _ ,n>
   <cons <card _ ,n>
    <cons
     <cons
      <nil>>>>>
 <Three-of-Kind>]
[<cons <card $m>
  <cons <card _ ,m>
   <cons <card _ $n>
     <cons <card _ ,n>
      <cons
        <nil>>>>>
 <Two-Pair>]
[<cons <card $n>
  <cons <card ,n>
   <cons _
    <cons
     <cons
      <nil>>>>>
 <One-Pair>]
[<cons</pre>
  <cons
   <cons
    <cons
     <cons
      <nil>>>>>
 <Nothing>]})))
```



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```
(define $poker-hands
                                        [<cons <card $n>
                                          <cons <card _ ,n>
    (lambda [$cs]
      (match cs (multiset card)
                                           <cons <card _ ,n>
        \{ | < cons < card $s $n > 
                                            <cons
           <cons <card ,s ,(- n 1)>
                                             <cons
            <cons <card ,s ,(- n 2)>
                                              <nil>>>>>
             <cons <card ,s ,(-n 3)>
                                         <Three-of-Kind>]
              <cons <card ,s ,(-n 4)>
                                        <cons <card $m>
               <nil>>>>>
                                          <cons <card _ ,m>
          <Straight-Flush>]
                                           <cons <card _ $n>
         [<cons <card $n>
                                             <cons <card _ ,n>
           <cons <card_ ,n>
            <cons <card _ ,n>
                                              <cons
                                                <nil>>>>>
              <cons <card ,n>
                                         <Two-Pair>1
                <cons
                                        [<cons <card $n>
                 <nil>>>>>>
                                          <cons <card _ ,n>
          <Four-of-Kind>1
         [<cons <card \_ $m>
                                           <cons
           <cons <card ,m>
                                            <cons
            <cons <card __,m>
                                             <cons
             <cons <card _ $n>
                                              <nil>>>>>
                                                                 Pattern for two pair
              <cons <card
                          _ ,n>
                                         <One-Pair>]
                <nil>>>>>
                                        [<cons _</pre>
          <Full-House>1
         [<cons <card $s >
           <cons <card ,s >
             <cons <card ,s >
               <cons <card ,s >
                 <cons <card ,s >
                   <nil>>>>>
          <Flush>]
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            <cons <card _ ,(- n 2)>
             <cons <card , (- n 3)>
              <cons <card _ ,(- n 4)>
               <nil>>>>>
          <Straight>]
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```





















#### Non-linear patterns have very strong power





#### The first application of Egison



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#### Java version

Just finding a pair of cards is already complex.



I found a poker-hand evaluator in Java more than 200 lines of code.

http://www.codeproject.com/Articles/38821/Make-a-poker-hand-evalutator-in-Java



#### More complex example, Mahjong

```
Pattern modularizations
define $twin
  (pattern-function [$pat1 $pat2]
   <cons (& $pat pat1)
    <cons , pat
     pat2>>))
(define $shuntsu
  (pattern-function [$pat1 $pat2]
   <cons (& <num $s $n> pat1)
    <cons <num ,s ,(+ n 1)>
     <cons <num ,s ,(+ n 2)>
      pat2>>>))
(define $kohtsu
  (pattern-function [$pat1 $pat2]
   <cons (& $pat pat1)
    <cons ,pat
     <cons , pat
      pat2>>>))
  A function that determins whether the hand is finished or not.
(define $agari?
  (match-lambda (multiset hai)
   {[(twin $th 1
       (| (shuntsu $sh_1 (| (shuntsu $sh_2 (| (shuntsu $sh_3 (|
                                                                 (shuntsu $sh_4 <nil>)
                                                                  kohtsu $kh_1 <nil>)))
                                               (kohtsu $kh_1 (kohtsu $kh_2 <nil>)))
                             kohtsu $kh_1 (kohtsu $kh_2 (kohtsu $kh_3 <nil>))))
          (kohtsu $kh_1 (kohtsu $kh_2 (kohtsu $kh_3 (kohtsu $kh_4 <nil>))))
       (twin $th_2 (twin $th_3 (twin $th_4 (twin $th_5 (twin $th_6 (twin $th_7 <nil>))))))
      #t]
    [_ #f]}))
```



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### **One More Exciting Demonstration**



### Collections

- {@{1 2} 3 4};=>{1 2 3 4}
  {1 @{2 3} 4};=>{1 2 3 4}
  {1 2 @{3 4};=>{1 2 3 4}
  {1 2 @{3 4}};=>{1 2 3 4}
- (take 3 {1 2 3 4 5});=>{1 2 3}
- (filter odd? {1 2 3 4 5});=>{1 3 5}
  (filter even? {1 2 3 4 5});=>{2 4}
- (map (+ \$ 10) {1 2 3 4 5});=>{11 12 13 14 15} (map (\* \$ 2) {1 2 3 4 5});=>{2 4 6 8 10}
- (foldl + 0 {1 2 3 4 5});=>15
  (foldl \* 1 {1 2 3 4 5});=>120



### **Infinite collections**

(define \$ones {1 @ones}) (take 10 ones);=>{1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 } (define \$nats {1 @(map (+ \$ 1) nats)})
(take 10 nats);=>{1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10} (define \$evens (map (\* \$ 2) nats))
(take 10 evens);=>{2 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20} (define \$primes (filter prime? nats))
(take 10 primes);=>{2 3 5 7 11 13 17 19 23 29}



### **Beautiful example on elementary mathematics**

```
;; Extract all twin primes with pattern-matching!
(define $twin-primes
   (match-all primes (list integer)
      [<join _ <cons $p <cons ,(+ p 2) _>>>
      [p (+ p 2)]]))
```

```
;; Enumerate first 10 twin primes
(take 10 twin-primes)
;=>{[3 5] [5 7] [11 13] [17 19] [29 31] [41 43] [59 61]
[71 73] [101 103] [107 109]}
```

```
;; Enumerate first 100 twin primes
(take 30 twin-primes)
;=>{[3 5] [5 7] [11 13] [17 19] [29 31] [41 43] [59 61]
[71 73] [101 103] [107 109] [137 139] [149 151] [179
181] [191 193] [197 199] [227 229] [239 241] [269 271]
[281 283] [311 313] [347 349] [419 421] [431 433] [461
463] [521 523] [569 571] [599 601] [617 619] [641 643]
[659 661]}
```

# Pattern matching against an infinite collection



### This sample is on the homepage of Egison





**Egison design policy** 

# Beautiful and Elegant -> Simple



### Visions



- Access data in new elegant ways
  - The most elegant query language
  - Able to access lists, sets, graphs, trees or any other data in a unified way
- Analyze data in new elegant ways
  - Provide a way to access various algorithm and data structures in a unified way
- Implement new interesting applications
  - e.g.
  - Natural language processing, New programming languages, Mathematical expression handling, Image processing



# Access data in new elegant ways

- Stage1
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### **Query example**

 Query that returns twitter users who are followed by "\_\_Egi" but not follow back "\_Egi".



User:		Follow:	
id	integer	from_id	integer
name	string	to_id	Integer



### **SQL** version

- Complex and difficult to understand
  - Complex where clause contains "NOT EXIST"
  - Subquery

```
SELECT DISTINCT ON (user4.name) user4.name
  FROM user AS user1,
       follow AS follow2,
       user AS user4
  WHERE user1.name = ' Egi'
    AND follow2.from_id = user1.id
    AND user4.id = follow2.to id
    AND NOT EXISTS
      (SELECT ''
         FROM follow AS follow3
         WHERE follow3.from_id = follow2.to_id
           AND follow3.to id = user1.id)
  ORDER BY user4.name;
```



- Very Simple
  - No where clauses
  - No subquery

```
(match-all [user follow follow user]
  [[<cons <user $uid ," _Egi"> _>
        <cons <follow ,uid $fid> _>
        ^<cons <follow ,fid ,uid> _>
        <cons <user ,fid $fname> _>]
        <user fid fname>])
```



- Very Simple
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  - No subquery

```
Joining 4 tables
(match-all [user follow follow user]
[[<cons <user $uid ," _Egi"> _>
<cons <follow ,uid $fid> _>
^<cons <follow ,fid ,uid> _>
<cons <user ,fid $fname> _>]
<user fid fname>])
```



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# We can run this query against data in SQLite!





### **GUI frontend**

- We'll provide GUI for intuitive data access
  - Data access for even non-engineers
  - Engineers can concentrate on data analysis







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#### Database in the next age

In future, databases will be embedded in programming languages and hidden.

We will be able to handle databases directly and easily as arrays and hashes in existing languages.



The pattern-matching of Egison will play a necessary role for this future.



### The other funny plans

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### Egison has wide range of applications

# Data mining

- Work as the most elegant query language
- Natural Language Processing
  - Enable to handle complex syntax structures intuitively as humans do in their mind
- New Programming Languages
- Mathematical expression handling
  - Enable to handle complex structures easily
  - Enable to handle various mathematical notion directly

# Egison is an inevitable and necessary innovation in the history of computer science



### **The Current Situation**



### **Egison website**





### **Online demonstrations**





### Installer of Egison and 'egison-tutorial'

- Egison can be installed on Mac, Windows and Linux.
  - We've prepared a package for Mac
  - Download it from <a href="http://www.egison.org">http://www.egison.org</a>





### 'egison-tutorial'





#### 'egison-tutorial'





### **Next Plans**



### Egison as the programming language

# Make Egison the perfect programming language.





### **Extending other languages**

### Ruby <a href="https://github.com/egison/egison-ruby">https://github.com/egison/egison-ruby</a>

#### **Non-linear patterns**

Non-linear patterns are the most important feature of our pattern-mathcing system. Patterns which don't have ahead of them are value patterns. It matches the target when the target is equal with it.

```
match_all([1, 2, 3, 2, 5]) do
  with(Multiset.(_a, a, *_)) do
    a #=> [2,2]
  end
end
```

match\_all([30, 30, 20, 30, 20]) do
with(Multiset.(\_a, a, a, \_b, b)) do
 [a, b] #=> [[30,20], ...]
end
end

```
match_all([5, 3, 4, 1, 2]) do
  with(Multiset.(_a, (a + 1), (a + 2), *_)) do
    a #=> [1,2,3]
  end
end
```

# Python (planning) Haskell (planning)


## **Poker hands in Ruby**

```
def poker_hands cs
  match(cs) do
    with(Multiset.(_[_s, _n], _[s, (n + 1)], _[s, (n + 2)], _[s, (n + 3)], _[s, (n + 4)])) do
      "Straight flush"
    end
    with(Multiset.(_[_, _n], _[_, n], _[_, n], _[_, n], _)) do
      "Four of kind"
    end
    with(Multiset.(_[_, _m], _[_, m], _[_, m], _[_, _n], _[_, n])) do
      "Full house"
    end
    with(Multiset.(_[_s, _], _[s, _], _[s, _], _[s, _], _[s, _])) do
      "Flush"
    end
    with(Multiset.(_[_, _n], _[_, (n + 1)], _[_, (n + 2)], _[_, (n + 3)], _[_, (n + 4)])) do
      "Straight"
    end
    with(Multiset.(_[_, _n], _[_, n], _[_, n], _, _)) do
      "Three of kind"
    end
    with(Multiset.(_[_, _m], _[_, m], _[_, _n], _[_, n], _)) do
      "Two pairs"
    end
    with(Multiset.(_[_, _n], _[_, n], _, _, _)) do
      "One pair"
    end
    with(Multiset.(_, _, _, _, _)) do
      "Nothing"
    end
  end
end
```



## **Database support**

We will extend support for high speed data storages as the backend of Egison.



## I appreciate your request for support !



## **Thank you!**

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