

State Monad (3D)

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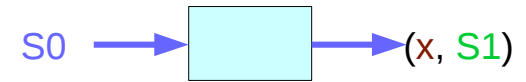
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State Monad

The Haskell type **State** describes **functions** that take a **state** and return both a **result** and an **updated state**, which are given back in a **tuple**.

The **state function** is wrapped by a **data type** definition which comes along with a **runState accessor** no need for pattern matching



```
newtype State s a = State { runState :: s -> (s, a) }  
accessor
```

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s : the type of the **state**,

a : the type of the produced **result**

s -> (a, s) : function type

State String,

State Int,

State SomeLargeDataStructure,

and so forth.

Calling the type **State** is arguably a bit of a misnomer because the wrapped value is not the state itself but a **state processor** (**accessor function**: **runState**)

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State Monad – state function

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no State constructor

but a **state function**

state :: (s -> (s, a)) -> **State** s a

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Implements the State in somewhat different way

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Instantiating a State Monad

to wrap a function type and give it a name.

for every type `s`, `State s` can be made a *Monad instance*,

the *instance* is `State s`, and not just `State`

(`State` can't be made an instance of `Monad`,
as it takes two type parameters, rather than one.)

`State String`,
`State Int`,
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  return  
  (>>=);
```

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Instantiating a State Monad

instance Monad (State s) where

many different **State** monads,
one for each possible type of state -

State String,

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only need to write one implementation of

return and

(>>=);

these methods will be able to deal with all choices of **s**.

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State Monad – return method

instance Monad (State s) where

return :: a -> **State s a**

return x = **state** (\ s -> (x, s))

giving a value (x) to **return** produces a function **state** which takes a state (s) and returns it unchanged, together with value x we want to be returned.

As a finishing step, the function is wrapped up with the state function.

state :: (s -> (a, s)) -> **State s a**

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State Monad – binding operator

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p' = runState p -- p' :: s -> (a, s)

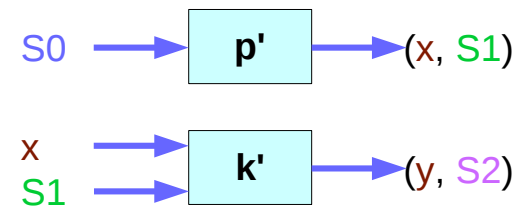
k' = runState . k -- k' :: a -> s -> (b, s)

q' s0 = (y, s2) where -- q' :: s -> (b, s)

(x, s1) = p' s0 -- (x, s1) :: (a, s)

(y, s2) = k' x s1 -- (y, s2) :: (b, s)

q = state q'



p >>= k = state \$ \ s0 ->

let (x, s1) = runState p s0 -- running the first processor on s0.

in runState (k x) s1 -- running the second processor on s1.

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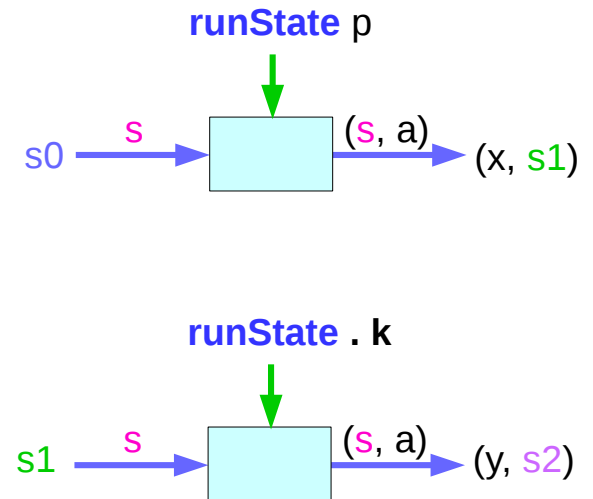
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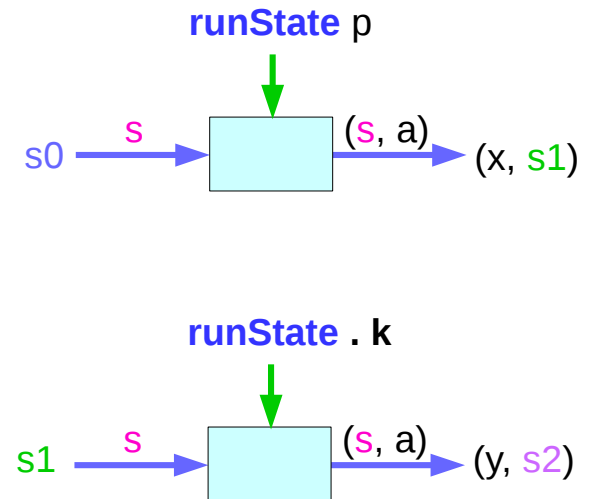
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