

## Programming Languages and Compilers (CS 421)

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## Functions with more than one argument

```
# let add_three x y z = x + y + z;;
val add_three : int -> int -> int -> int = <fun>
# let t = add_three 6 3 2;;
val t : int = 11
# let add_three =
  fun x -> (fun y -> (fun z -> x + y + z));;
val add_three : int -> int -> int -> int = <fun>
```

Again, first syntactic sugar for second

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## Functions with more than one argument

```
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```

- What is the value of `add_three`?
- Let  $\rho_{\text{add\_three}}$  be the environment before the declaration
- Remember:  
`let add_three =`  
`fun x -> (fun y -> (fun z -> x + y + z));;`  
Value: `<x ->fun y -> (fun z -> x + y + z),  $\rho_{\text{add\_three}}$ >`

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## Partial application of functions

```
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```

```
# let h = add_three 5 4;;
val h : int -> int = <fun>
# h 3;;
- : int = 12
# h 7;;
- : int = 16
```

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- Partial application also called *sectioning*

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## Functions as arguments

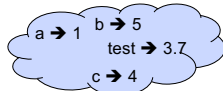
```
# let thrice f x = f (f (f x));;
val thrice : ('a -> 'a) -> 'a -> 'a = <fun>
# let g = thrice plus_two;;
val g : int -> int = <fun>
# g 4;;
- : int = 10
# thrice (fun s -> "Hi! " ^ s) "Good-bye!";;
- : string = "Hi! Hi! Hi! Good-bye!"
```

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## Tuples as Values

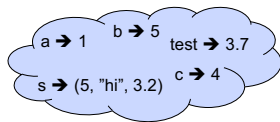
```
// ρ7 = {c → 4, test → 3.7,  
          a → 1, b → 5}
```



```
# let s = (5, "hi", 3.2);;
```

```
val s : int * string * float = (5, "hi", 3.2)
```

```
// ρ8 = {s → (5, "hi", 3.2),  
          c → 4, test → 3.7,  
          a → 1, b → 5}
```

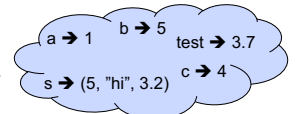


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## Pattern Matching with Tuples

```
/ ρ8 = {s → (5, "hi", 3.2),  
         c → 4, test → 3.7,  
         a → 1, b → 5}
```



```
# let (a,b,c) = s;; (* (a,b,c) is a pattern *)
```

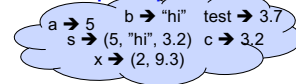
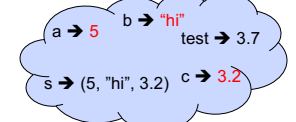
```
val a : int = 5
```

```
val b : string = "hi"
```

```
val c : float = 3.2
```

```
# let x = 2, 9.3;; (* tuples don't require parens in  
                  Ocaml *)
```

```
val x : int * float = (2, 9.3)
```



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## Nested Tuples

```
# (*Tuples can be nested *)
```

```
let d = ((1,4,62),("bye",15),73.95);;
```

```
val d : (int * int * int) * (string * int) * float =  
        ((1, 4, 62), ("bye", 15), 73.95)
```

```
# (*Patterns can be nested *)
```

```
let (p,(st,_,_) = d;; (* _ matches all, binds nothing  
                      *)
```

```
val p : int * int * int = (1, 4, 62)
```

```
val st : string = "bye"
```

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## Functions on tuples

```
# let plus_pair (n,m) = n + m;;
```

```
val plus_pair : int * int -> int = <fun>
```

```
# plus_pair (3,4);;
```

```
- : int = 7
```

```
# let double x = (x,x);;
```

```
val double : 'a -> 'a * 'a = <fun>
```

```
# double 3;;
```

```
- : int * int = (3, 3)
```

```
# double "hi";;
```

```
- : string * string = ("hi", "hi")
```

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## Curried vs Uncurried

■ Recall

```
val add_three : int -> int -> int -> int = <fun>
```

■ How does it differ from

```
# let add_triple (u,v,w) = u + v + w;;
```

```
val add_triple : int * int * int -> int = <fun>
```

■ add\_three is *curried*;

■ add\_triple is *uncurried*

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## Curried vs Uncurried

```
# add_triple (6,3,2);;
```

```
- : int = 11
```

```
# add_triple 5 4;;
```

```
Characters 0-10:  
add_triple 5 4;;
```

```
^^^^^^^^^^^^
```

This function is applied to too many arguments,  
maybe you forgot a `';

```
# fun x -> add_triple (5,4,x);;
```

```
: int -> int = <fun>
```

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## Match Expressions

```
# let triple_to_pair triple =
```

```
  match triple
```

```
  with (0, x, y) -> (x, y)
```

```
  | (x, 0, y) -> (x, y)
```

```
  | (x, y, _) -> (x, y);;
```

```
val triple_to_pair : int * int * int -> int * int =  
  <fun>
```

- Each clause: pattern on left, expression on right
- Each x, y has scope of only its clause
- Use first matching clause

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## Save the Environment!

- A *closure* is a pair of an environment and an association of a pattern (e.g.  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$  giving the input variables) with an expression (the function body), written:

$$\langle (v_1, \dots, v_n) \rightarrow \text{exp}, \rho \rangle$$

- Where  $\rho$  is the environment in effect when the function is defined (for a simple function)

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## Closure for plus\_pair

- Assume  $\rho_{\text{plus\_pair}}$  was the environment just before `plus_pair` defined

- Closure for `fun (n,m) -> n + m`:

$$\langle (n,m) \rightarrow n + m, \rho_{\text{plus\_pair}} \rangle$$

- Environment just after `plus_pair` defined:

$$\{\text{plus\_pair} \rightarrow \langle (n,m) \rightarrow n + m, \rho_{\text{plus\_pair}} \rangle\} \\ + \rho_{\text{plus\_pair}}$$

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## Evaluating declarations

- Evaluation uses an environment  $\rho$
- To evaluate a (simple) declaration `let x = e`
  - Evaluate expression `e` in  $\rho$  to value `v`
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- Update:  $\rho_1 + \rho_2$  has all the bindings in  $\rho_1$  and all those in  $\rho_2$  that are not rebound in  $\rho_1$   
 $\{x \rightarrow 2, y \rightarrow 3, a \rightarrow \text{"hi"}\} + \{y \rightarrow 100, b \rightarrow 6\}$   
 $= \{x \rightarrow 2, y \rightarrow 3, a \rightarrow \text{"hi"}, b \rightarrow 6\}$

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- Function expression evaluates to its closure
- To evaluate a local dec: **let x = e1 in e2**
  - Eval **e1** to **v**, then eval **e2** using  $\{x \rightarrow v\} + \rho$
- To evaluate a conditional expression:  
**if b then e1 else e2**
  - Evaluate **b** to a value **v**
  - If **v** is **True**, evaluate **e1**
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- To evaluate a tuple  $(e_1, \dots, e_n)$ ,
  - Evaluate each  $e_i$  to  $v_i$ , right to left for Ocaml
  - Then make value  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$

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## Evaluation of Application with Closures

- Given application expression  $f e$
- In Ocaml, evaluate  $e$  to value  $v$
- In environment  $\rho$ , evaluate left term to closure,  $c = \langle (x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow b, \rho' \rangle$ 
  - $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  variables in (first) argument
  - $v$  must have form  $(v_1, \dots, v_n)$
- Update the environment  $\rho'$  to  $\rho'' = \{x_1 \rightarrow v_1, \dots, x_n \rightarrow v_n\} + \rho'$
- Evaluate body  $b$  in environment  $\rho''$

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## Recursive Functions

```
# let rec factorial n =
  if n = 0 then 1 else n * factorial (n - 1);;
val factorial : int -> int = <fun>
# factorial 5;;
- : int = 120
# (* rec is needed for recursive function
  declarations *)
```

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## Recursion Example

Compute  $n^2$  recursively using:  
$$n^2 = (2 * n - 1) + (n - 1)^2$$

```
# let rec nthsq n = (* rec for recursion *)
  match n (* pattern matching for cases *)
  with 0 -> 0 (* base case *)
  | n -> (2 * n - 1) (* recursive case *)
        + nthsq (n - 1);; (* recursive call *)
val nthsq : int -> int = <fun>
# nthsq 3;;
- : int = 9
```

Structure of recursion similar to inductive proof

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## Recursion and Induction

```
# let rec nthsq n = match n with 0 -> 0
  | n -> (2 * n - 1) + nthsq (n - 1) ;;
```

- Base case is the last case; it stops the computation
- Recursive call must be to arguments that are somehow smaller - must progress to base case
- if** or **match** must contain base case
- Failure of these may cause failure of termination

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## Lists

- List can take one of two forms:
  - Empty list, written  $[]$
  - Non-empty list, written  $x :: xs$ 
    - $x$  is head element,  $xs$  is tail list,  $::$  called "cons"
  - Syntactic sugar:  $[x] == x :: []$
  - $[x_1; x_2; \dots; x_n] == x_1 :: x_2 :: \dots :: x_n :: []$

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## Lists

```
# let fib5 = [8;5;3;2;1;1];;
val fib5 : int list = [8; 5; 3; 2; 1; 1]
# let fib6 = 13 :: fib5;;
val fib6 : int list = [13; 8; 5; 3; 2; 1; 1]
# (8::5::3::2::1::1::[]) = fib5;;
- : bool = true
# fib5 @ fib6;;
- : int list = [8; 5; 3; 2; 1; 1; 13; 8; 5; 3; 2; 1; 1]
```

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## Lists are Homogeneous

```
# let bad_list = [1; 3.2; 7];;
```

Characters 19-22:

```
let bad_list = [1; 3.2; 7];;
                ^^^
```

This expression has type float but is here used with type int

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## Question

- Which one of these lists is invalid?

- [2; 3; 4; 6]
- [2,3; 4,5; 6,7]
- [(2.3,4); (3.2,5); (6,7.2)]
- [["hi"; "there"]; ["wahcha"]; [ ]; ["doin"]]

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## Answer

- Which one of these lists is invalid?

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- [2,3; 4,5; 6,7]
- [(2.3,4); (3.2,5); (6,7.2)]
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- 3 is invalid because of last pair

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## Functions Over Lists

```
# let rec double_up list =
  match list
  with [] -> [] (* pattern before ->,
                 expression after *)
       | (x :: xs) -> (x :: x :: double_up xs);;
val double_up : 'a list -> 'a list = <fun>
# let fib5_2 = double_up fib5;;
val fib5_2 : int list = [8; 8; 5; 5; 3; 3; 2; 2; 1;
                        1; 1; 1]
```

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## Functions Over Lists

```
# let silly = double_up ["hi"; "there"];;
val silly : string list = ["hi"; "hi"; "there"; "there"]
# let rec poor_rev list =
  match list
  with [] -> []
       | (x::xs) -> poor_rev xs @ [x];;
val poor_rev : 'a list -> 'a list = <fun>
# poor_rev silly;;
- : string list = ["there"; "there"; "hi"; "hi"]
```

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## Structural Recursion

- Functions on recursive datatypes (eg lists) tend to be recursive
- Recursion over recursive datatypes generally by structural recursion
  - Recursive calls made to components of structure of the same recursive type
  - Base cases of recursive types stop the recursion of the function

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  match list with [] ->  
  | (a :: bs) ->
```

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- Problem: write code for the length of the list
  - What result do we give when `list` is empty?

```
let rec length list =  
  match list with [] -> 0  
  | (a :: bs) ->
```

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```
let rec length list =  
  match list with [] -> 0  
  | (a :: bs) -> 1 + length bs
```

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## Structural Recursion : List Example

```
# let rec length list = match list  
  with [] -> 0 (* Nil case *)  
  | a :: bs -> 1 + length bs;; (* Cons case *)  
val length : 'a list -> int = <fun>  
# length [5; 4; 3; 2];;  
- : int = 4
```

- Nil case `[]` is base case
- Cons case recurses on component list `bs`

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## Same Length

- How can we efficiently answer if two lists have the same length?

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```
let rec same_length list1 list2 =  
  match list1 with [] ->  
    (match list2 with [] -> true  
     | (y::ys) -> false)  
  | (x::xs) ->  
    (match list2 with [] -> false  
     | (y::ys) -> same_length xs ys)
```

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## Your turn: doubleList : int list -> int list

- Write a function that takes a list of int and returns a list of the same length, where each element has been multiplied by 2

```
let rec doubleList list =
```

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```
let rec doubleList list =  
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  with [] -> []  
  | x :: xs -> (2 * x) :: doubleList xs
```

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```

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## Higher-Order Functions Over Lists

```
# let rec map f list =  
  match list  
  with [] -> []  
       | (h::t) -> (f h) :: (map f t);;  
val map : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a list -> 'b list = <fun>  
# map plus_two fib5;;  
- : int list = [10; 7; 5; 4; 3; 3]  
# map (fun x -> x - 1) fib6;;  
: int list = [12; 7; 4; 2; 1; 0; 0]
```

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```

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## Mapping Recursion

- Can use the higher-order recursive map function instead of direct recursion

```
# let doubleList list =  
  List.map (fun x -> 2 * x) list;;  
val doubleList : int list -> int list = <fun>  
# doubleList [2;3;4];;  
- : int list = [4; 6; 8]
```

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- : int list = [4; 6; 8]
```

- Same function, but no explicit recursion

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## Folding Recursion

- Another common form “folds” an operation over the elements of the structure

```
# let rec multList list = match list  
  with [ ] -> 1  
       | x::xs -> x * multList xs;;  
val multList : int list -> int = <fun>  
# multList [2;4;6];;  
- : int = 48
```

- Computes  $(2 * (4 * (6 * 1)))$

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## Folding Recursion : Length Example

```
# let rec length list = match list
  with [ ] -> 0 (* Nil case *)
       | a :: bs -> 1 + length bs;; (* Cons case *)
val length : 'a list -> int = <fun>
# length [5; 4; 3; 2];;
- : int = 4
```

- Nil case [ ] is base case, 0 is the base value
- Cons case recurses on component list `bs`
- What do `multList` and `length` have in common?