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
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Again, first syntactic sugar for second

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- What is the value of add_three?
- Let ρ_{add_three} be the environment before the declaration
- Remember:

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Value: <x ->fun y -> (fun z -> x + y + z), ρ_{add_three} >

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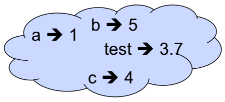
- Partial application also called *sectioning*

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!"

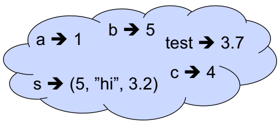
Tuples as Values

// ρ_7 = {c → 4, test → 3.7,
a → 1, b → 5}




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

// ρ_8 = {s → (5, "hi", 3.2),
c → 4, test → 3.7,
a → 1, b → 5}



Pattern Matching with Tuples

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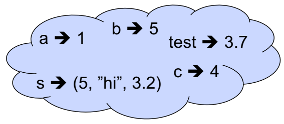
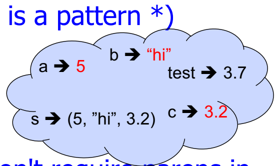
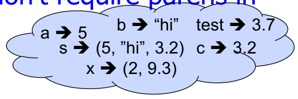



```
# let (a,b,c) = s;;  (* (a,b,c) is a pattern *)
val a : int = 5
val b : string = "hi"
val c : float = 3.2
```




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



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"
```


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")
```


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*

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>
```

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

Save the Environment!

- A *closure* is a pair of an environment and an association of a pattern (e.g. (v1,…,vn) giving the input variables) with an expression (the function body), written:

  $< (v1,\ldots,vn) \rightarrow exp, \rho >$

- Where ρ is the environment in effect when the function is defined (for a simple function)

Closure for plus_pair

- Assume ρ_{plus_pair} was the environment just before plus_pair defined
- Closure for fun (n,m) -> n + m:

  $<(n,m) \rightarrow n + m, \rho_{plus\_pair}>$

- Environment just after plus_pair defined:

  $\{plus\_pair \rightarrow <(n,m) \rightarrow n + m, \rho_{plus\_pair} >\}$

  $+ \rho_{plus\_pair}$

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- Update: $\rho_1 + \rho_2$ has all the bindings in ρ_1 and all those in ρ_2 that are not rebound in ρ_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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- To evaluate a tuple $(e_1,\ldots,e_n)$,
  - Evaluate each e_i to v_i, right to left for Ocaml
  - Then make value $(v_1,\ldots,v_n)$

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- To evaluate a conditional expression: if b then e1 else e2
  - Evaluate b to a value v
  - If v is True, evaluate e1
  - If v is False, evaluate e2

Evaluation of Application with Closures

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

  $\rho'' = \{x_1 \rightarrow v_1,\ldots, x_n \rightarrow v_n\} + \rho'$
- Evaluate body b in environment ρ''

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 *)
```


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

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

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 :: [ ]
  - [x1; x2; …; xn] == x1 :: x2 :: … :: xn :: [ ]

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]
```

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
```


Question

- Which one of these lists is invalid?

1. [2; 3; 4; 6]
2. [2,3; 4,5; 6,7]
3. [(2.3,4); (3.2,5); (6,7.2)]
4. [["hi"; "there"]; ["wahcha"]; [ ]; ["doin"]]

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- 3 is invalid because of last pair

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]
```


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"]
```


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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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
```

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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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```

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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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```
# 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

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)))

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?