

# Introduction to SML

## *Basic Types, Tuples, Lists, Trees and Higher-Order Functions*

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See also the library `Int`

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Some built-in operators are *overloaded*. `*` :

```
real*real -> real
int * int -> int
```

Default is `int`

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Choose any mixture of these possibilities

# Characters

Type name `char`

Values `"a"`, `" "`, `"\"` (escape sequence for `"`)

Operator	Type	
<code>ord</code>	<code>char -&gt; int</code>	ascii code of character
<code>chr</code>	<code>int -&gt; char</code>	character for ascii code
<code>= &lt; &lt;= ...</code>	<code>char*char -&gt; bool</code>	comparisons by ascii codes

## Examples

```
- ord "a";  
> val it = 97 : int
```

```
- ord "A";  
> val it = 65 : int
```

```
- "a" < "A";  
> val it = false : bool;
```

```
- chr 88;  
> val it = "X" : char
```

# Strings

Type name `string`

Values `"abcd"`, `" "`, `""`, `"123\" 321"` (escape sequence for `"`)

Operator	Type	
<code>size</code>	<code>string -&gt; int</code>	length of string
<code>^</code>	<code>string*string -&gt; string</code>	concatenation
<code>= &lt; &lt;= ...</code>	<code>string*string -&gt; bool</code>	comparisons
<code>Int.toString</code>	<code>int -&gt; string</code>	conversions

## Examples

```
- "auto" < "car";  
> val it = true : bool
```

```
- "abc" ^ "de";  
> val it = "abcde" : string
```

```
- size("abc" ^ "def");  
> val it = 6 : int
```

```
- Int.toString(6+18);  
> val it = "24" : string
```

# Booleans

Type name `bool`

Values `false`, `true`

Operator	Type	
<code>not</code>	<code>bool -&gt; bool</code>	negation

```
not true = false
not false = true
```

## Expressions

`e1 andalso e2`

“conjunction  $e_1 \wedge e_2$ ”

`e1 orelse e2`

“disjunction  $e_1 \vee e_2$ ”

— are lazily evaluated, e.g.

```
1 < 2 orelse 5 / 0 = 1
 $\rightsquigarrow$  true
```

Precedence: `andalso` has higher than `orelse`

# Tuples

An ordered collection of  $n$  values  $(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n)$  is called an  $n$ -tuple

## Examples

<pre>- (); &gt; val it = () : unit</pre>	0-tuple
<pre>- (3, false); &gt; val it = (3, false) : int * bool</pre>	2-tuples (pairs)
<pre>- (1, 2, ("ab", true)); &gt; val it = (1, 2, ("ab", true)) : ?</pre>	3-tuples (triples)

**Selection Operation:**  $\#i(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n) = v_i$ . #2(1, 2, 3) = 2

## Equality defined componentwise

```
- (1, 2.0, true) = (2-1, 2.0*1.0, 1<2);  
> val it = true : bool
```

**provided = is defined on components**



# Tuple patterns

## Extract components of tuples

```
- val ((x,_), (_,y,_)) = ((1,true), ("a", "b", false));  
> val x = 1 : int  
    val y = "b" : string
```

## Pattern matching yields bindings

### Restriction

```
- val (x,x) = (1,1);  
! Toplevel input:  
! val (x,x) = (1,1);  
!      ^  
! identifier is bound twice in a pattern
```

# Infix functions

Directives: `infix d f` and `infixr d f`. `d` is the precedence of `f`

Example: exclusive-or

```
infix 0 xor      (* or just infix xor
                  -- lowest precedence *)
```

```
fun false xor true = true
  | true  xor false = true
  | _     xor _     = false
```

type ?

```
- 1 < 2+3 xor 2.0 / 3.0 > 1.0;
> val it = true : bool
```

Infix status can be removed by `nonfix xor`

```
- xor(1 < 2+3, 2.0 / 3.0 > 1.0);
> val it = true : bool
```

# Let expressions — `let dec in e end`

Bindings obtained from `dec` are valid only in `e`

Example: Solve  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

```
type equation = real * real * real
type solution = real * real
```

```
exception Solve; (* declares an exception *)
```

```
fun solve(a,b,c) =
  let val d = b*b-4.0*a*c
  in if d < 0.0 orelse a = 0.0 then raise Solve
     else ((~b+Math.sqrt d)/(2.0*a)
           , (~b-Math.sqrt d)/(2.0*a))
  end;
```

The type of `solve` is `equation -> solution`

`d` is declared once and used 3 times

readability, efficiency

# Local declarations — `local dec2 in dec2 end`

Bindings obtained from `dec1` are valid only in `dec2`

```
local
  fun disc(a,b,c) = b*b - 4.0*a*c
in
  exception Solve;

  fun hasTwoSolutions(a,b,c) = disc(a,b,c)>0.0
    andalso a<>0.0;

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    end
end;
end;
```

# Lists: Overview

- values and constructors
- recursions following the structure of lists
- useful built-in functions
- polymorphic types, values and functions

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- ["a", "ab", "abc", " "];  
> val it = ["a", "ab", "abc", " "] : string list
```



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```
- [Math.sin, Math.cos];  
> val it = [fn, fn] : (real -> real) list
```

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> val it = [(1, true), (3, true)]: (int*bool)  
list
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- [[],[1],[1,2]];
> val it = [[], [1], [1, 2]] : int list list
```

# The type constructor: `list`

If  $\tau$  is a type, so is  `$\tau$  list`

Examples:

- `int list`
- `(string * int) list`
- `((int -> string) list ) list`

`list` has higher precedence than `*` and `->`

```
int * real list -> bool list
```

means

```
(int * (real list)) -> (bool list)
```

# Trees for lists

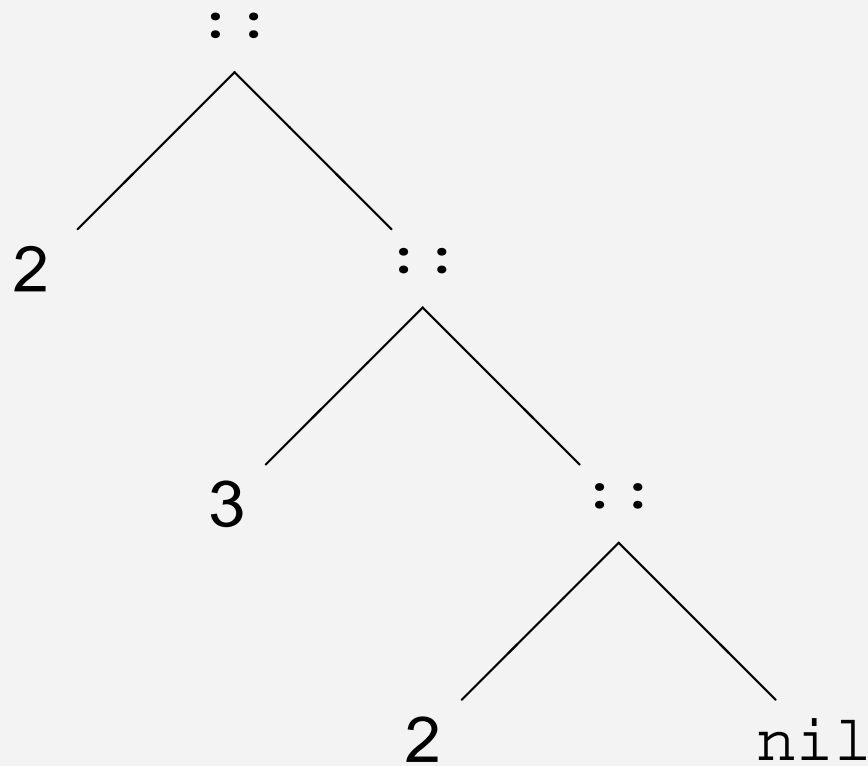
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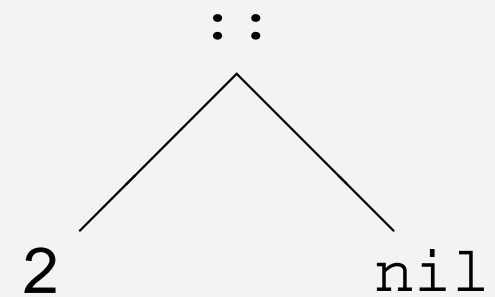
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Graph for  $[2, 3, 2]$



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(type consistency)

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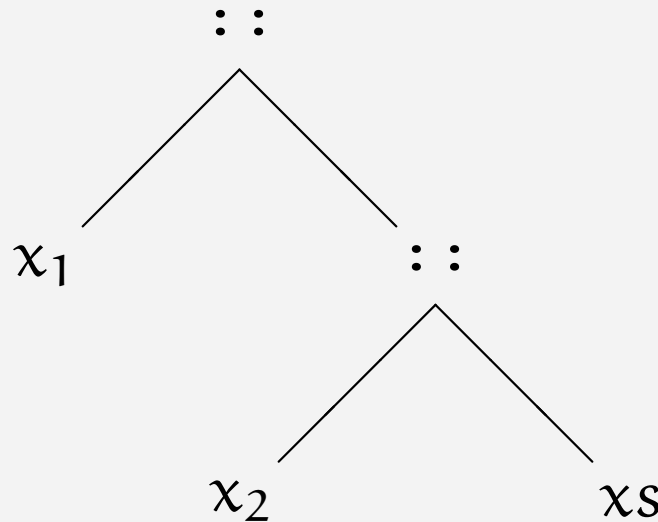
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Graph for `x1::x2::xs`

# Recursion on lists – a simple example

$$\text{sum1 } [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n = x_1 + \sum_{i=2}^n x_i$$

Constructors are used in list patterns

```
fun sum1 [] = 0
  | sum1 (x::xs) = x + sum1 xs
> val sum1 = fn : int list -> int

sum1 [1,2]
~> 1 + sum1 [2]           (x ↦ 1 and xs ↦ [2])
~> 1 + (2 + sum1 [])      (x ↦ 2 and xs ↦ [])
~> 1 + (2 + 0)           (the pattern [] matches the value [])
~> 1 + 2
~> 3
```

Recursion follows the structure of lists

# Append

The infix operator `@` (called ‘append’) joins two lists:

$$\begin{aligned} [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m] @ [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n] \\ = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n] \end{aligned}$$

## Properties

$$\begin{aligned} [] @ ys &= ys \\ [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m] @ ys &= x_1 :: ([x_2, \dots, x_m] @ ys) \end{aligned}$$

## Declaration

```
infixr 5 @                (* right associative
fun [] @ ys = ys
  | (x::xs) @ ys = x::(xs @ ys);
```

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```
    [1,2] @ [3,4]
  ~> 1::([2] @ [3,4])    (x ↦ 1, xs ↦ [2], ys ↦ [3,4])
  ~> 1::(2::([ ] @ [3,4])) (x ↦ 2, xs ↦ [ ], ys ↦ [3,4])
  ~> 1::(2::[3,4])      (ys ↦ [3,4])
  ~> 1::[2,3,4]
  ~> [1,2,3,4]
```

# Append: polymorphic type

```
> infixr 5 @  
> val @ = fn : 'a list * 'a list -> 'a list
```

- 'a is a *type variable*
- The type of @ is *polymorphic* — it has many forms

**'a = int:** Appending integer lists

```
[1,2] @ [3,4];  
val it = [1,2,3,4] : int list
```

**'a = int list:** Appending lists of integer list

```
[[1],[2,3]] @ [[4]];  
val it = [[1],[2,3],[4]] : int list list
```

@ is a built-in function

# Reverse

$$\text{rev } [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] = [x_n, \dots, x_2, x_1]$$

```
fun naive_rev [] = []  
  | naive_rev(x::xs) = naive_rev xs @ [x];  
val naive_rev = fn : 'a list -> 'a list
```

```
    naive_rev[1,2,3]  
  ~> naive_rev[2,3] @ [1]  
  ~> (naive_rev[3] @ [2]) @ [1]  
  ~> ((naive_rev[] @ [3]) @ [2]) @ [1]  
  ~> (([] @ [3]) @ [2]) @ [1]  
  ~> ([3] @ [2]) @ [1]  
  ~> (3::([] @ [2])) @ [1]  
  ~> ...  
  ~> [3,2,1]
```

efficient version is built-in (see Ch. 17)

# Membership — equality types

$$\begin{aligned} & x \text{ member } [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n] \\ = & (x = y_1) \vee (x = y_2) \vee \dots \vee (x = y_n) \\ = & (x = y_1) \vee (x \text{ member } [y_2, \dots, y_n]) \end{aligned}$$

## Declaration

```
infix member
```

```
fun x member [] = false
```

```
  | x member (y::ys) = x=y orelse x member ys;
```

```
infix 0 member
```

```
val member = fn : 'a * 'a list -> bool
```

- `'a` is an equality type variable no functions
- `(1,true) member [(2,true), (1,false)]`  $\rightsquigarrow$  false
- `[1,2,3] member [[1], [], [1,2,3]]`  $\rightsquigarrow$  ?

# Value polymorphism

- $e$  is a *value expression* if no further evaluation is needed

```
- (5, []);                (* val it = (5, []); *)  
> val 'a it = (5, []) : int * 'a list
```

```
- rev [];                (* non-value expression *)  
! Warning: Value polymorphism:  
! Free type variable(s) at top level in value id. it
```

- A type is *monomorphic* if it contains no type variables, otherwise it is *polymorphic*

SML restricts the use of polymorphic types as follows: [see Ch. 18](#)

- all monomorphic expressions are OK
- all value expressions are OK
- at top-level, polymorphic non-value expressions are forbidden



# Examples

- `remove(x, ys)` : removes all occurrences of `x` in the list `ys`
- `prefix(xs, ys)` : the list `xs` is a prefix of the list `ys` (ex. 5.10)
- `sum(p, xs)` : the sum of all elements in `xs` satisfying the predicate `p: int -> bool` (ex. 5.15)
- From list of pairs to pair of lists:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{unzip } [(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)] \\ = ([x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n], [y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n]) \end{aligned}$$

Many functions on lists are predefined, e.g. `@`, `rev`, `length`, and also the SML basis library contains functions on lists, e.g. `unzip`. See for example `List`, `ListPair`

# Overview

- Disjoint Sets
  - The `datatype` – simple version
  - case expressions

# Disjoint Sets: An Example

A *shape* is either a circle, a square, or a triangle

- the union of three **disjoint** sets

A *datatype* declaration for shapes:

```
datatype shape = Circle of real
                | Square of real
                | Triangle of real*real*real;
```

Answer from the SML system:

```
> datatype shape
>   con Circle = fn : real -> shape
>   con Square = fn : real -> shape
>   con Triangle = fn : real * real * real -> shape
```

# Constructors of a datatype

The *tags* `Circle`, `Square` and `Triangle` are *constructors* of values of type `shape`

```
- Circle 2.0;
```

```
> val it = Circle 2.0 : shape
```

```
- Triangle(1.0, 2.0, 3.0);
```

```
> val it = Triangle(1.0, 2.0, 3.0) : shape
```

```
- Square 4.0;
```

```
> val it = Square 4.0 : shape
```

Equality on `shapes` is defined provided ...

```
- Triangle(1.0, 2.0, 3.0) = Square 2.0;
```

```
> val it = false : bool
```

# Constructors in Patterns

```
fun area(Circle r)           = Math.pi * r * r
  | area(Square a)           = a * a
  | area(Triangle(a,b,c)) =
      let val d = (a + b + c) / 2.0
      in Math.sqrt(d * (d - a) * (d - b) * (d - c))
      end;
> val area = fn : shape -> real
```

- a constructor only matches itself

```
      area (Circle 1.2)
  ~> (Math.pi * r * r, [r ↦ 1.2])
  ~> ...
```

# The `case`-expression

Form:

```
case exp of
    pat1 => e1
  | pat2 => e2
    ...
  | patk => ek
```

Example:

```
fun area s =
  case s of
    (Circle r)           => Math.pi * r * r
  | (Square a)           => a*a
  | (Triangle(a,b,c)) =>
      let val d = (a + b + c)/2.0
      in Math.sqrt(d*(d-a)*(d-b)*(d-c))
      end;
```

# Enumeration types – the **order** type

```
datatype order = LESS | EQUAL | GREATER;
```

Predefined ‘compare’ functions, e.g.

$$\text{Int.compare}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \text{LESS} & \text{if } x < y \\ \text{EQUAL} & \text{if } x = y \\ \text{GREATER} & \text{if } x > y \end{cases}$$

Example:

```
fun countLEG [] = (0, 0, 0)
  | countLEG(x::rest) =
    let val (y1, y2, y3) = countLEG rest in
      case Int.compare(x, 0) of
        LESS => (y1+1, y2, y3)
      | EQUAL => (y1, y2+1, y3)
      | GREATER => (y1, y2, y3+1)
    end;
```

# The option type

```
datatype 'a option = NONE | SOME of 'a;
```

## Example

```
fun smallest [] = NONE
  | smallest (x::xs) =
    case smallest xs of
      NONE => SOME x
    | SOME y => if x < y then SOME x else SOME y;

> val smallest = fn : int list -> int option

- smallest [2, ~3, 6];
> val it = SOME ~3 : int option
```



# smallest — continued

The predefined function `valOf`:

```
exception Option;
```

```
fun valOf(SOME x) = x  
  | valOf NONE    = raise Option;
```

```
> val 'a valOf = fn : 'a option -> 'a
```

```
- 3 + valOf(smallest [1,2,9]);
```

```
> val it = 4 : int
```

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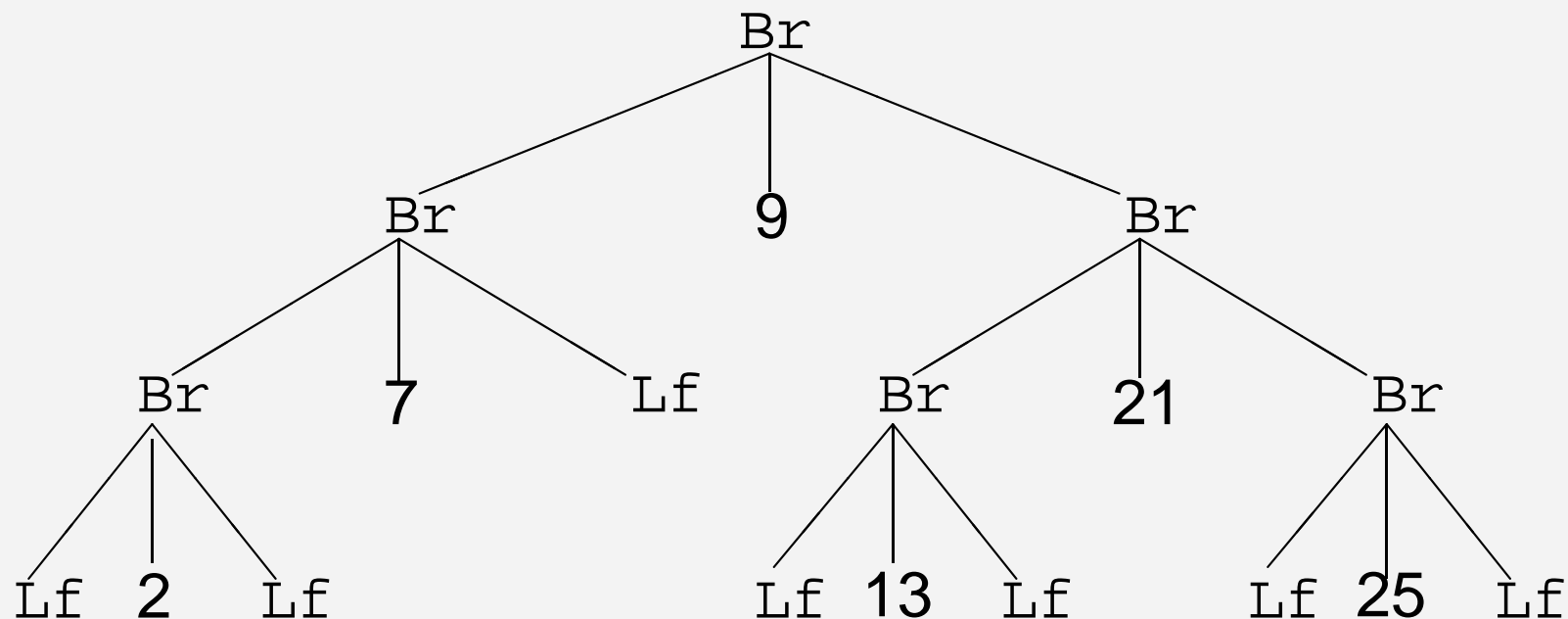
## Finite Trees

- Algebraic Datatypes.
- Recursions following the structure of trees.

# Trees

A *finite tree* is a value which may contain a subcomponent of the same type.

Example: A *binary search tree*



**Condition:** for every node containing the value  $x$ : every value in the left subtree is smaller than  $x$ , and every value in the right subtree is greater than  $x$ .

# Binary Trees

A *recursive datatype* is used to represent values with are trees.

```
datatype tree = Lf | Br of tree*int*tree;  
> datatype tree  
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> con Br = fn : tree * int * tree -> tree
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- `Lf` is a tree
- if  $t_1, t_2$  are trees,  $n$  is an integer, then `Br( $t_1, n, t_2$ )` is a tree.

The tree from the previous slide is denoted by:

```
Br ( Br ( Br ( Lf , 2 , Lf ) , 7 , Lf ) ,  
      9 ,  
      Br ( Br ( Lf , 13 , Lf ) , 21 , Br ( Lf , 25 , Lf ) ) )
```

# Binary search trees: Insertion

Recursion on the structure of trees:

- Constructors `Lf` and `Br` are used in **patterns**

```
fun insert(i, Lf) = Br(Lf, i, Lf)
  | insert(i, tr as Br(t1, j, t2)) =
    case Int.compare(i, j) of
      EQUAL => tr
    | LESS => Br(insert(i, t1), j, t2)
    | GREATER => Br(t1, j, insert(i, t2))
```

- The **search tree condition** is an **invariant** for `insert`

Example:

```
- val t1 = Br(Lf, 3, Br(Lf, 5, Lf));
- val t2 = insert(4, t1);
> val t2 = Br(Lf, 3, Br(Br(Lf, 4, Lf), 5, Lf)) : tree
```

# Binary search trees: member and toList

```
fun member(i, Lf) = false
  | member(i, Br(t1, j, t2)) =
    case Int.compare(i, j) of
      EQUAL => true
    | LESS => member(i, t1)
    | GREATER => member(i, t2)
> val member = fn : int * tree -> bool
```

## In-order traversal

```
fun toList Lf = []
  | toList(Br(t1, j, t2)) = toList t1 @ [j] @ toList t2;
> val toList = fn : tree -> int list
```

## gives a sorted list

```
- toList(Br(Br(Lf, 1, Lf), 3, Br(Br(Lf, 4, Lf), 5, Lf)));
> val it = [1, 3, 4, 5] : int list
```



# Deletions in search trees

Delete **minimal element** in a search tree: `tree -> int * tree`

```
fun delMin(Br(Lf,i,t2)) = (i,t2)
  | delMin(Br(t1,i,t2)) = let val (m,t1') = delMin t1
                        in (m, Br(t1',i,t2)) end
```

Delete **element** in a search tree: `tree * int -> tree`

```
fun delete(Lf,_) = Lf
  | delete(Br(t1,i,t2),j) =
    case Int.compare(i,j) of
      LESS => Br(t1,i,delete(t2,j))
    | GREATER => Br(delete(t1,j),i,t2)
    | EQUAL =>
      (case (t1,t2) of
         (Lf,_) => t2
        | (_,Lf) => t1
        | _ => let val (m,t2') = delMin t2
                in Br(t1,m,t2') end)
```

# Expression Trees

```
infix 6 ++ --;
```

```
infix 7 ** //;
```

```
datatype fexpr =
```

```
  Const of real
```

```
  | X
```

```
  | ++ of fexpr * fexpr | -- of fexpr * fexpr
```

```
  | ** of fexpr * fexpr | // of fexpr * fexpr
```

```
> datatype fexpr
```

```
  con ** : fexpr * fexpr -> fexpr
```

```
  con ++ : fexpr * fexpr -> fexpr
```

```
  con -- : fexpr * fexpr -> fexpr
```

```
  con // : fexpr * fexpr -> fexpr
```

```
  con X : fexpr
```

```
  con Const : real -> fexpr
```

# Expressions: Computation of values

```
comp : fexpr * real -> real
```

```
fun comp(Const r, _) = r
  | comp(X, y) = y
  | comp(fe1 ++ fe2, y) = comp(fe1, y) + comp(fe2, y)
  | comp(fe1 -- fe2, y) = comp(fe1, y) - comp(fe2, y)
  | comp(fe1 ** fe2, y) = comp(fe1, y) * comp(fe2, y)
  | comp(fe1 // fe2, y) = comp(fe1, y) / comp(fe2, y)
```

Example:

```
comp(X ** (Const 2.0 ++ X), 4.0);
> val it = 24.0 : real
```

# Overview

## Contents

- Higher-order functions
- Anonymous functions
- Higher-order list functions (in the library)
  - map
  - exists, all, filter
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- Parameterization of program modules

# Higher-order functions

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```
fun f x = let fun g y = x+y in g end;
```

```
> val f = fn : int -> int -> int
```

```
- f 2;
```

```
> val it = fn : int -> int
```

```
- it 3;
```

```
> val it = 5 : int
```

Functions are first class citizens

# Anonymous functions

Expressions denoting functions can be written using `fn` expressions:

```
fn pat1 => e1 | pat2 => e2 | ... | patn => en
```

Yields the value obtained by evaluation of the expression:

```
let fun f x = case x of  
    pat1 => e1 | pat2 => e2 | ... | patn => en  
in f end
```

Examples:

```
fn n => 2 * n;
```

```
fn 0 => false | _ => true;
```

```
fn r => Math.pi * r * r;
```

# Declarations having the same structure

```
fun posList [] = []  
  | posList (x::xs) = (x > 0)::posList xs;  
val posList = fn : int list -> bool list
```

```
posList [4, ~5, 6];  
> val it = [true,false,true] : bool list
```

Applies the function `fn x => x > 0` to each element in a list

```
fun addElems [] = []  
  | addElems ((x,y)::zs) = (x + y)::addElems zs;  
> val addElems = fn : (int * int) list -> int list
```

```
addElems [(1,2),(3,4)];  
> val it = [3, 7] : int list
```

Applies the sum function `op+` to each pair of integers in a list



# The function: `map`

Applies a function to each element in a list

$$\text{map } f [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n] = [f(v_1), f(v_2), \dots, f(v_n)]$$

## Declaration

Library function

```
fun map f = fn [] => []
           | (x::xs) => f x :: map f xs;
> val map = fn : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a list -> 'b list
```

Succinct declarations can be achieved using `map`, e.g.

```
val posList = map (fn x => x > 0);
> val posList = fn : int list -> bool list
```

```
val addElems = map op+
- val addElems = fn : (int * int) list -> int list
```

# Declaration of higher-order functions

## Commonly used form

```
fun map f []           = []  
  | map f (x::xs)    = f x :: map f xs;  
> val map = fn : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a list -> 'b list
```

## General form

```
fun  f pat11 pat12 ... pat1n = e1  
  |  f pat21 pat22 ... pat2n = e2  
  |  ...  
  |  f patk1 patk2 ... patkn = ek
```

# Exercise

Declare a function

$$g [x_1, \dots, x_n] = [x_1^2 + 1, \dots, x_n^2 + 1]$$

Remember

$$\text{map } f [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n] = [f(v_1), f(v_2), \dots, f(v_n)]$$

# Higher-order list functions: `exists`

$$\text{exists } p \text{ } xs = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } p(x) = \text{true} \text{ for some } x \text{ in } xs \\ \text{false} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Declaration

Library function

```
fun exists p [] = false
  | exists p (x::xs) = p x orelse exists p xs;
> val exists = fn: ('a -> bool) -> 'a list -> bool
```

## Example

```
exists (fn x => x >= 2) [1, 3, 1, 4];
> val it = true : bool
```

# Exercise

Declare `member` function using `exists`.

```
infix member;
```

```
fun x member ys = exists      ?????? ;  
> val member = fn : 'a * 'a list -> bool
```

Remember

$$\text{exists } p \text{ } xs = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } p(x) = \text{true} \text{ for some } x \text{ in } xs \\ \text{false} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Higher-order list functions: `all`

$$\text{all } p \text{ } xs = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } p(x) = \text{true}, \text{ for all elements } x \text{ in } xs \\ \text{false} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Declaration

Library function

```
fun all p [] = true
  | all p (x::xs) = p x andalso all p xs;
> val all = fn: ('a -> bool) -> 'a list -> bool
```

## Example

```
all (fn x => x >= 2) [1, 3, 1, 4];
> val it = false : bool
```

# Exercise

Declare a function

`subset(xs, ys)`

which is true when every element in the lists `xs` is in `ys`, and false otherwise.

Remember

$$\text{all } p \text{ } xs = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } p(x) = \text{true, for all elements } x \text{ in } xs \\ \text{false} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Higher-order list functions: `filter`

`filter p xs` is the list of those elements `x` of `xs` where `p(x) = true`.

## Declaration

Library function

```
fun filter p [] = []
  | filter p (x::xs) = if p x then x :: filter p xs
                       else filter p xs;
> val filter = fn: ('a -> bool) -> 'a list -> 'a list
```

## Example

```
filter Char.isAlpha ["1", "p", "F", "-"];
> val it = ["p", "F"] : char list
```

where `Char.isAlpha c` is true iff  $c \in \{"A", \dots, "Z"} \cup \{"a", \dots, "z"}$



# Exercise

Declare a function

```
inter(xs, ys)
```

which contains the common elements of the lists `xs` and `ys` — i.e. their intersection.

Remember `filter p xs` is the list of those elements `x` of `xs` where `p(x) = true`.

# Higher-order list functions: `foldr` (1)

`foldr` 'accumulates' a function `f` from a 'start value' `b` over the elements of a list  $[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$  (from right to left):

$$\text{foldr } f \ b \ [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n] = f(x_1, \underbrace{f(x_2, \dots, f(x_{n-1}, f(x_n, b)) \dots)}_{\text{foldr } f \ b \ [x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n]})$$

## Declaration

Library function

```
fun foldr f b [] = b
  | foldr f b (x::xs) = f(x, foldr f b xs);
> val foldr =
    fn : ('a * 'b -> 'b) -> 'b -> 'a list -> 'b
```

## Example: the length function

```
fun length xs = foldr (fn (_,y) => y+1) 0 xs;
> val length = fn : 'a list -> int
length [4,5,6];
> val it = 3 : int
```

# Higher-order list functions: `foldr` (2)

Accumulation of an **infix operator**  $\oplus$ . Evaluation is as follows

$$\text{foldr } \text{op} \oplus \text{ b } [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \rightsquigarrow x_1 \oplus (x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus (x_n \oplus \text{b}) \dots)$$

## Examples: Addition and Append

```
fun sumr xs = foldr op+ 0 xs;
```

```
> val sumr = fn : int list -> int
```

```
sumr [1,2,3,4];
```

```
> val it = 10 : int
```

```
fun append(xs,ys) = foldr op:: ys xs;
```

```
> val append = fn : 'a list * 'a list -> 'a list
```

```
append([1,2,3],[4,5]);
```

```
> val it = [1,2,3,4,5] : int list
```

# Exercise: union of sets

Let an insertion function be declared by

```
fun insert(x, ys) = if x member ys then ys else x::ys
```

Declare a union function on sets.

Remember:

$$\text{foldr } \text{op} \oplus \text{ b } [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \rightsquigarrow x_1 \oplus (x_2 \oplus \dots \oplus (x_n \oplus \text{b}) \dots)$$

# Higher-order list functions: `foldl` (1)

`foldl` 'accumulates' a function `f` from a 'start value' `b` over the elements of a list  $[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$  (from left to right):

$$\text{foldl } f \ b \ [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n] = \underbrace{f(x_n, f(x_{n-1}, \dots, f(x_2, \overbrace{f(x_1, b)}^{b'})) \dots))}_{\text{foldl } f \ b' \ [x_2, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n]}$$

## Declaration

Library function

```
fun foldl f b [] = b
  | foldl f b (x::xs) = foldl f (f(x,b)) xs;
> val foldl =
    fn : ('a * 'b -> 'b) -> 'b -> 'a list -> 'b
```

# Higher-order list functions: `foldl` (2)

Accumulation of an **infix operator**  $\oplus$ . Evaluation is as follows

$$\text{foldl } \text{op} \oplus \text{ b } [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \rightsquigarrow (x_n \oplus \dots \oplus (x_2 \oplus (x_1 \oplus \text{b}))) \dots$$

## Examples

```
fun rev xs = foldl op:: [] xs;  
> val rev = fn : 'a list -> 'a list
```

```
rev [1,2,3];  
> val it = [3, 2, 1] : int list
```