

# STANDARD ML LISTS

a list is an **immutable** finite sequence of elements

```
[3, 5, 9]: int list  
["a", "list"]: str list  
[]: 'a list
```

order matters

```
[1, 2, 3] <> [3, 2, 1];
```

and repetitions count

```
[3, 3, 3] <> [3];
```

elements may have any type

```
[(1, "One"), (2, "Two")] : (int*string) list  
[[3.1], [], [5.7, ~0.6]]: real list list
```

... but all elements must have the same type

```
[5, "five"]; (*ERROR*)
```

the empty list has a polymorphic type

```
[]: 'a list
```

`nil` is a synonym of `[]`

```
nil;
```

# BUILDING A LIST

a list is either *empty* or *a head followed by a tail*

[1, 2, 3] ⇨ head: 1 tail: [2, 3]

use the infix operator `::` (aka `cons`) to build a list

```
1 :: [2, 3];
```

```
1 :: 2 :: 3 :: [];
```

`::` associates to the right, so

`x1 :: x2 :: ... :: xn :: nil`

=

`(x1 :: (x2 :: (... :: (xn :: nil)...))`



`::` is a *constructor* so it can be used in patterns

```
fun replace_head (_::t) x = x :: t
  | replace_head [] _ = []
;
```

# BUILTIN FUNDAMENTAL FUNCTIONS

`null` - tests whether a list is empty

```
fun null [] = true  
  | null (_::_) = false;
```

**hd** - evaluates to the head of a non-empty list

```
fun hd (x::_) = x;
```

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

```
hd it;
```

```
hd it;
```

**t1** - evaluates to the tail of a non-empty list

```
fun t1 (_::xs) = xs;
```

```
tl ["how", "are", "you?"];
```

```
tl it;
```

```
tl it;
```

```
tl it;
```

# EXAMPLE - BUILDING A LIST OF INTEGERS

```
fun range (m, n) =  
  if m = n then []  
  else m :: (range (m+1, n));  
  
range (2, 5);
```



```
infix --;  
val op-- = range;  
  
2 -- 5;
```

## take AND drop

$xs = [x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n]$   
 $take(k, xs) = [x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_k]$   $drop(k, xs) = [x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n]$

# THE COMPUTATION OF `take`

```
fun take (0, _)      = []  
  | take (i, x::xs) = x :: (take (i-1, xs));
```

```
take (3, [9,8,7,6,5,4])  
9 :: take (2, [8,7,6,5,4])  
9 :: (8 :: take (1, [7,6,5,4]))  
9 :: (8 :: (7 :: take (0, [6,5,4])))  
9 :: (8 :: (7 :: []))  
9 :: (8 :: [7])  
9 :: [8,7]  
[9,8,7]
```

# THE COMPUTATION OF `drop`

```
fun drop (0, xs)    = xs  
  | drop (i, _::xs) = drop (i-1, xs);
```

```
drop (3, [9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4])  
drop (2, [8, 7, 6, 5, 4])  
drop (1, [7, 6, 5, 4])  
drop (0, [6, 5, 4])  
[6, 5, 4]
```

# TAIL RECURSION

## normal recursion

```
fun take(0, _) = []  
| take(i, x::xs) = x::(take(i-1, xs));
```

## tail recursion

```
fun drop (0, xs) = xs  
| drop (i, _::xs) = drop (i-1, xs);
```

# NORMAL TO TAIL RECURSIVE

```
fun length []      = 0
  | length (_::xs) = 1 + length xs;
```

use an **accumulator** to make it iterative

```
local
  fun ilen (n, [])      = n
    | ilen (n, _::xs) = ilen (n+1, xs)
in
  fun length xs = ilen (0, xs)
end;
```

# BUILTIN APPEND OPERATOR

$$[x_1, \dots, x_m] @ [y_1, \dots, y_n] = [x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n]$$

```
infix @;
fun [] @ ys = ys
  | (x::xs) @ ys = x :: (xs @ ys);

["Append", "is"] @ ["never", "boring"];
```

- is it tail recursive?
- why can't it be used in patterns?



## SIDE NOTE - `orelse` AND `andalso`

they are short-circuiting boolean operators

```
B1 andalso B2 = if B1 then B2 else false;
```

```
B1 orelse B2 = if B1 then true else B2;
```

```
fun even n = (n mod 2 = 0);  
  
fun powoftwo n =  
  (n=1) orelse  
  (even n andalso powoftwo (n div 2));
```

is `powoftwo` tail-recursive?

# BUILTIN FUNCTION `map`

```
fun map f []      = []  
  | map f (x::xs) = (f x) :: (map f xs);
```

```
val sqlist = map (fn x => x*x);
```

```
sqlist [1,2,3];
```

transposing a matrix using `map`



transp gif

```
fun transp ([]::_) = []  
  | transp rows =  
    (map hd rows) :: (transp (map tl rows));
```

# BUILTIN FUNCTION `filter`

```
fun filter pred []      = []  
  | filter pred (x::xs) =  
    if pred x then (x:: filter pred xs)  
    else          filter pred xs;
```

```
filter (fn x => x mod 2 = 0) [1,2,3,4,5];
```

`filter` is bound as `List.filter`

# USING `map` AND `filter`

a polynomial is represented as a list of  
`$(coeff, degree)$` pairs

$$5x^3 + 2x + 7$$

```
type polynomial = (int*int) list;  
val a = [(5,3), (2,1), (7,0)]: polynomial;
```

# taking the derivative of a polynomial

```
fun derive (p: polynomial): polynomial =  
  List.filter  
    (fn (coeff, deg) => deg >= 0)  
    (map  
      (fn (coeff, deg) => (coeff*deg, deg-1))  
      p  
    )  
  ;  
  
derive a;
```

# find

```
fun find f [] = NONE  
  | find f (x::xs) = if f x then SOME x else find f xs;
```

bound as `List.find`



**foldl** AND **foldr**

# BUILTIN FUNCTION `foldl`

```
fun foldl f init []      = init
  | foldl f init (x::xs) = foldl f (f (x, init)) xs;
```

calculates  $[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \rightarrow f(x_n, \dots, f(x_2, f(x_1, \text{init})))$

# BUILTIN FUNCTION `foldr`

```
fun foldr f init []      = init
  | foldr f init (x::xs) = f (x, foldr f init xs);
```

calculates  $[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \rightarrow f(x_1, \dots, f(x_{n-1}, f(x_n, \text{init})))$

# USING `foldl` AND `foldr`

let's redefine some functions...

```
fun sum l = foldl op+ 0 l;
```

```
fun reverse l = foldl op:: [] l;
```

```
fun xs @ ys = foldr op:: ys xs;
```

**exists AND all**

# BUILTIN FUNCTION `exists`

```
fun exists p []          = false
  | exists p (x::xs) = (p x) orElse exists p xs;
```

checks if the predicate `p` is satisfied by at least one element of the list

```
exists (fn x => x < 0) [1, 2, ~3, 4];
```

bound as `List.exists`

# BUILTIN FUNCTION `all`

```
fun all p []          = true
  | all p (x::xs) = (p x) andalso all p xs;
```

checks if the predicate `p` is satisfied by **all** elements of the list

```
all (fn x => x >= 0) [1, 2, ~3, 4];
```

bound as `List.all`

```
fun disjoint (xs, ys) =  
  all (fn x => all (fn y => x<>y) ys) xs;
```



# EQUALITY IN POLYMORPHIC FUNCTIONS

equality is polymorphic in a restricted sense

- defined for values constructed of integers, strings, booleans, chars, tuples, lists and datatypes
- not defined for values containing
  - functions: equality is undecidable (halting problem)
  - reals, because e.g.  $\text{nan} \neq \text{nan}$
  - elements of abstract types

ML has a polymorphic equality type `' 'a`

```
op=;
```

somewhat like an interface/trait in other languages

# EXAM QUESTIONS

# EXERCISE 1

implement `map` using `foldl`

```
val foldl = fn : ('a * 'b -> 'b) -> 'b -> 'a list -> 'b;  
val map = fn : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a list -> 'b list;
```

```
fun map f inpList = foldl  
  -  
  -  
  inpList  
;
```

```
map (fn x => x * 2) [1,2,3,4];
```

## EXERCISE 2

`insSort` (insertion sort) sorts a list according to a given less-than function.

```
val foldr = fn : ('a * 'b -> 'b) -> 'b -> 'a list -> 'b;  
val insSort : ('a * 'a -> bool) -> 'a list -> 'a list;
```

```
fun insSort lt inpList = foldr  
  -  
  -  
  inpList  
;
```

```
insSort (op<) [1, ~3, 5, 0];
```

## EXERCISE 3

```
fun upto m n = if (m > n)
  then []
  else m::(upto (m+1) n)
;

infix o;
fun f o g = fn x => f (g x);
```

what will be printed?

```
val a = map (upto 2) (upto 2 5);
```

what will be printed?

```
map
  (
    (fn f => null (f()))
    o
    (fn t => fn () => t1 t)
  )
  a
;
```



what will be printed?

```
map  
  (List.filter (fn t => t mod 2 = 0))  
  a  
;
```

## EXERCISE 4

implement a tail recursive `append`

reminder:

```
infix @;  
fun []      @ ys = ys  
  | (x::xs) @ ys = x :: (xs @ ys);
```

```
fun append ...
```

## EXERCISE 5

implement `flatten` using `foldr`

```
flatten : 'a list list -> 'a list;
```

```
fun flatten ...
```

```
[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9] = flatten [[1,2,3],[4,5,6],[],[7,8,9]];
```