Generalized Algebraic Data Types

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Simple language

Consider this simple language of integers and booleans

```
In [1]:
```

```
type value =
    | Int of int
    | Bool of bool

type expr =
    | Val of value
    | Plus of expr * expr
    | Mult of expr * expr
    | Ite of expr * expr
    | Out[1]:
```

```
Out[1]:
type value = Int of int | Bool of bool
Out[1]:
type expr =
    Val of value
    | Plus of expr * expr
    | Mult of expr * expr
    | Ite of expr * expr * expr
```

Evaluator for the simple language

We can write a simple evaluator for this language

```
In [2]:
```

```
let rec eval : expr -> value =
  fun e -> match e with
  | Val (Int i) -> Int i
  | Val (Bool i) -> Bool i
  | Plus (e1, e2) ->
    let Int i1, Int i2 = eval e1, eval e2 in
    Int (i1 + i2)
  | Mult (e1, e2) ->
    let Int i1, Int i2 = eval e1, eval e2 in
    Int (i1 * i2)
  Ite (p,e1,e2) ->
    let Bool b = eval p in
    if b then eval e1 else eval e2
File "[2]", line 6, characters 4-62:
Warning 8: this pattern-matching is not exhaustive.
Here is an example of a case that is not matched:
((Int _, Bool _) | (Bool _, _))
File "[2]", line 9, characters 4-62:
Warning 8: this pattern-matching is not exhaustive.
```

Out[2]:

Int _

val eval : expr -> value = <fun>

((Int _, Bool _) | (Bool _, _))

File "[2]", line 12, characters 4-61:

Evaluator for the simple language

Here is an example of a case that is not matched:

Warning 8: this pattern-matching is not exhaustive. Here is an example of a case that is not matched:

- The compiler warns that programs such as true + 10 is not handled.
 - Our evaluator gets stuck when it encouters such an expression.

```
In [3]:
```

```
eval @@ Plus (Val (Bool true), Val (Int 10))

Exception: Match_failure ("[2]", 6, 4).

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```

- We need Types
 - Well-typed programs do not get stuck!

Phantom types

• We can add types to our values using a technique called **phantom types**

In [4]:

Out[4]:

type 'a value = Int of int | Bool of bool

- Observe that 'a only appears on the LHS.
 - This 'a is called a phantom type variable.
- · What is this useful for?

Typed expression language

We can add types to our expression language now using phantom type

```
In [5]:
```

```
type 'a expr =
    | Val of 'a value
    | Plus of int expr * int expr
    | Mult of int expr * int expr
    | Ite of bool expr * 'a expr * 'a expr

Out[5]:

type 'a expr =
    Val of 'a value
    | Plus of int expr * int expr
    | Mult of int expr * int expr
    | Ite of bool expr * 'a expr * 'a expr
```

Typed expression language

Assign concerte type to the phantom type variable 'a .

```
In [6]:
```

```
(* Quiz: What types are inferred without type annotations? *)
let mk_int i : int expr = Val (Int i)
let mk_bool b : bool expr = Val (Bool b)
let plus e1 e2 : int expr = Plus (e1, e2)
let mult e1 e2 : int expr = Mult (e1, e2)

Out[6]:

val mk_int : int -> int expr = <fun>
Out[6]:

val mk_bool : bool -> bool expr = <fun>
Out[6]:

val plus : int expr -> int expr -> int expr = <fun>
Out[6]:

val mult : int expr -> int expr -> int expr = <fun>
```

Benefit of phantom types

```
In [7]:
let i = Val (Int 0);;
let i' = mk int 0;;
let b = Val (Bool true);;
let b' = mk bool true;;
let p = Plus (i,i);;
let p' = plus i i;;
Out[7]:
val i : 'a expr = Val (Int 0)
Out[7]:
val i' : int expr = Val (Int 0)
Out[7]:
val b : 'a expr = Val (Bool true)
Out[7]:
val b' : bool expr = Val (Bool true)
Out[7]:
val p : 'a expr = Plus (Val (Int 0), Val (Int 0))
Out[7]:
val p' : int expr = Plus (Val (Int 0), Val (Int 0))
```

Benefit of phantom types

We no longer allow ill-typed expression if we use the helper functions.

```
In [8]:
```

Typed evaluator

We can write an evaluator for this language now.

Let's use the same evaluator as the earlier one.

In [9]:

```
let rec eval : 'a expr -> 'a value =
  fun e -> match e with
  | Val (Int i) -> Int i
  | Val (Bool i) -> Bool i
  | Plus (e1, e2) ->
    let Int i1, Int i2 = eval e1, eval e2 in
    Int (i1 + i2)
  | Mult (e1, e2) ->
    let Int i1, Int i2 = eval e1, eval e2 in
    Int (i1 * i2)
  | Ite (p,e1,e2) ->
    let Bool b = eval p in
    if b then eval e1 else eval e2
```

```
File "[9]", line 6, characters 4-62:
Warning 8: this pattern-matching is not exhaustive.
Here is an example of a case that is not matched:
((Int _, Bool _) | (Bool _, _))
File "[9]", line 9, characters 4-62:
Warning 8: this pattern-matching is not exhaustive.
Here is an example of a case that is not matched:
((Int _, Bool _) | (Bool _, _))
File "[9]", line 12, characters 22-23:
Error: This expression has type bool expr
       but an expression was expected of type int expr
       Type bool is not compatible with type int
  11: | Ite (p,e1,e2) ->
        let Bool b = eval \underline{p} in
  12:
          if b then eval e1 else eval e2
  13:
```

Typed evaluator

- We see a type error.
- OCaml by default expects the function expression at the recursive call position to have the same type as the outer function.
- This need not be the case if the recursive function call is at different types.
 - eval (p : int expr) and eval (p : bool expr).

Polymorphic recursion.

- In order to allow this, OCaml supports polymorphic recursion (aka Milner-Mycroft typeability)
 - Robin Milner co-invented type infererence + polymorphism that we use in OCaml.
 - Alan Mycroft was my mentor at Cambridge :-)

Fixing the interpreter with polymorphic recursion

type a is known as locally abstract type.

In [10]:

```
let rec eval : type a. a expr -> a value =
  fun e -> match e with
  | Val (Int i) -> Int i
  | Val (Bool i) -> Bool i
  | Plus (e1, e2) ->
    let Int i1, Int i2 = eval e1, eval e2 in
    Int (i1 + i2)
  | Mult (e1, e2) ->
    let Int i1, Int i2 = eval e1, eval e2 in
    Int (i1 * i2)
  | Ite (p,e1,e2) ->
    let Bool b = eval p in
    if b then eval e1 else eval e2
```

```
File "[10]", line 6, characters 4-62:
Warning 8: this pattern-matching is not exhaustive.
Here is an example of a case that is not matched:
((Int _, Bool _)|(Bool _, _))
File "[10]", line 9, characters 4-62:
Warning 8: this pattern-matching is not exhaustive.
Here is an example of a case that is not matched:
((Int _, Bool _)|(Bool _, _))
File "[10]", line 12, characters 4-61:
Warning 8: this pattern-matching is not exhaustive.
Here is an example of a case that is not matched:
Int _
Out[10]:
val eval : 'a expr -> 'a value = <fun>
```

Errors gone, but warning remains

- Compiler still warns us that there are unhandled cases in pattern matches
- But haven't we added types to the expression language?
- Observe that mk int i = Val (Int i) is just convention.
 - You can still write ill-typed expression by directly using the constructors.

Errors gone, but warning remains

```
In [11]:
eval @@ Plus (Val (Bool true), Val (Int 10))

Exception: Match_failure ("[10]", 6, 4).
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```

- Here, Bool true is inferred to have the type int value.
 - Need a way to inform the compiler that Bool true has type bool value.

Generalized Algebraic Data Types

GADTs allow us to **refine** the return type of the data constructor.

```
In [12]:
```

```
type 'a value =
  | Int : int -> int value
  | Bool : bool -> bool value
type 'a expr =
  | Val : 'a value -> 'a expr
  | Plus : int expr * int expr -> int expr
  | Mult : int expr * int expr -> int expr
  | Ite : bool expr * 'a expr * 'a expr -> 'a expr
Out[12]:
type 'a value = Int : int -> int value | Bool : bool -> boo
l value
Out[12]:
type 'a expr =
    Val : 'a value -> 'a expr
  | Plus : int expr * int expr -> int expr
  | Mult : int expr * int expr -> int expr
  | Ite : bool expr * 'a expr * 'a expr -> 'a expr
```

Evaluator remains the same

Observe that the warnings are also gone!

In [13]:

```
let rec eval : type a. a expr -> a value =
  fun e -> match e with
  | Val (Int i) -> Int i
  | Val (Bool i) -> Bool i
  | Plus (e1, e2) ->
    let Int i1, Int i2 = eval e1, eval e2 in
    Int (i1 + i2)
  | Mult (e1, e2) ->
    let Int i1, Int i2 = eval e1, eval e2 in
    Int (i1 * i2)
  | Ite (p,e1,e2) ->
    let Bool b = eval p in
    if b then eval e1 else eval e2
```

```
Out[13]:
```

val eval : 'a expr -> 'a value = <fun>

Absurd expressions are ill-typed

Absurd types

GADTs don't prevent you from instantiating absurd types. Consider

```
In [15]:
```

```
type t = string value
Out[15]:
type t = string value
```

- There is no term with type string value
 - Recall from simply typed lambda calculus that such types are known as uninhabited types.
- · We will ignore such types.

GADTs are very powerful!

- Allows refining return types and introduce existential types (to be discussed).
- Some uses
 - Typed domain specific languages
 - The example that we just saw...
 - (Lightweight) dependently typed programming
 - Enforcing shape properties of data structures

- Generic programming
 - Implementing functions like map and fold operate on the shape of the data once and for all!

GADT examples

- · Units of measure
- · Abstract (existential) types encoding first-class modules
- Generic programming encoding tuples
- Shape properties length-indexed lists

Units of measure

- In 1999, \$125 million mars climate orbiter
 (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mars Climate Orbiter) was lost due to units of measurement error
 - Lockheed Martin used Imperial and NASA used Metric
 - Use GADTs to avoid such errors, but still host both units of measure in the same program

Units of measure

```
In [16]:
type kelvin
type celcius
type farenheit
type _ temp =
  | Kelvin : float -> kelvin temp
  Celcius : float -> celcius temp
  | Farenheit : float -> farenheit temp
Out[16]:
type kelvin
Out[16]:
type celcius
Out[16]:
type farenheit
Out[16]:
type _ temp =
    Kelvin : float -> kelvin temp
  | Celcius : float -> celcius temp
  | Farenheit : float -> farenheit temp
Units of measure
In [17]:
let add temp : type a. a temp -> a temp -> a temp =
 fun a b -> match a,b with
  | Kelvin a, Kelvin b -> Kelvin (a+.b)
  Celcius a, Celcius b -> Celcius (a+.b)
  | Farenheit a, Farenheit b -> Farenheit (a+.b)
```

val add_temp : 'a temp -> 'a temp = <fun>

Out[17]:

Abstract types

GADTs also introduce abstract types (aka existential type).

```
In [20]:
type t = Pack : 'a -> t
Out[20]:
type t = Pack : 'a -> t
```

- Observe that the 'a does not appear on the RHS.
 - 'a is the existential type.
 - Given a value Pack x of type t, we know nothing about the type of x except that such a type exists.
- Compare with Some x which has type 'a t, where x is of type 'a.

Abstract List

With GADTs you can create list that contains values of different types.

```
In [21]:
[Pack 10; Pack "Hello"; Pack true]
Out[21]:
- : t list = [Pack <poly>; Pack <poly>; Pack <poly>]
```

- This particular list isn't useful
 - Given Pack v, we only know that v has some type 'a.
 - We do not have any useful operations on values of type 'a; it is too polymorphic.

Existential list: showable

Here is a more useful heterogeneous list: List of printable values.

GADTs and Modules

The type type showable = Showable : 'a * ('a -> string) -> showable is equivalent to

```
module type Showable : sig
  type t
  val value : t
  val show : t -> string
end
```

GADTs and Modules

```
And the value Showable (10, string_of_int) is equivalent to

module IntShowable : Showable = struct
    type t = int
    let value = 10
    let show = string_of_int
end
```

Both GADTs and Modules introduce existentials.

First-class modules

- Unlike modules, the GADTs are values.
- [Showable (10, string of int)] is a list of showable values.
 - Can't do this with the module language we've studied.
 - we will ignore the fact that OCaml has first-class modules for now.

Encoding Tuples

We can encode OCaml-like tuples using GADTs.

Encoding Pairs : Accessor Functions

```
In [27]:
let fst : ('a * _) hlist -> 'a = fun (Cons (x,_)) -> x
let snd : (_ * ('a * _)) hlist -> 'a = fun (Cons (_,Cons(x,_))) -> x
let trd : (_ * (_ * ('a * _))) hlist -> 'a = fun (Cons(_,Cons (_,Cons(x,_))))
Out[27]:
val fst : ('a * 'b) hlist -> 'a = <fun>
Out[27]:
val snd : ('b * ('a * 'c)) hlist -> 'a = <fun>
Out[27]:
val trd : ('b * ('c * ('a * 'd))) hlist -> 'a = <fun>
```

Encoding Pairs : Accessor Functions

```
In [28]:
trd (Cons (10, Cons (true, Cons(10.5, Nil))))
Out[28]:
-: float = 10.5
In [29]:
trd (Cons (true, Cons(10.5, Nil)))
File "[29]", line 1, characters 28-31:
Error: This expression has type u hlist
       but an expression was expected of type ('a * 'b) hli
st
       Type u is not compatible with type 'a * 'b
   1: trd (Cons (true, Cons(10.5, Nil)))
Length-indexed lists
Some of the list function in the OCaml list library as quite unsatisfying.
In [30]:
List.hd []
Exception: Failure "hd".
Raised at file "stdlib.ml", line 33, characters 22-33
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In [31]:
List.tl []
Exception: Failure "tl".
Raised at file "stdlib.ml", line 33, characters 22-33
```

Called from file "toplevel/toploop.ml", line 180, character

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- Let's implement our own list type which will statically catch these errors.
- The idea is to encode the **length** of the list in the **type** of the list.
 - Use our encoding of church numerals from lambda calculus.

Church numerals in OCaml types

```
In [32]:

type z = Z
type 'n s = S : 'n -> 'n s

Out[32]:

type z = Z

Out[32]:

type 'n s = S : 'n -> 'n s

In [33]:

S (S Z)

Out[33]:
- : z s s = S (S Z)
```

Length indexed list

```
In [35]:
Nil;;
Cons(0,Nil);;
Cons(0,Cons(1,Nil));;
Out[35]:
- : ('a, z) list = Nil
Out[35]:
- : (int, z s) list = Cons (0, Nil)
Out[35]:
- : (int, z s s) list = Cons (0, Cons (1, Nil))
Safe hd and tl
Define the function hd and t1 such that they can only be applied to non-empty lists.
In [36]:
let hd (l : ('a,'n s) list) : 'a =
  let Cons (v,_) = 1 in
Out[36]:
val hd : ('a, 'n s) list -> 'a = <fun>
In [37]:
hd (Cons (1, Nil))
Out[37]:
-: int = 1
```

```
In [38]:
```

Safe hd and tl

Define the function hd and t1 such that they can only be applied to non-empty lists.

```
In [39]:
```

```
let hd (l : ('a,'n s) list) : 'a =
  let Cons (x,_) = l in
  x
```

```
Out[39]:
```

```
val hd : ('a, 'n s) list -> 'a = <fun>
```

- Observe that OCaml does not complain about Nil case not handled.
 - Does not apply since 1 is non-empty!
 - GADTs allow the compiler to refute cases statically
 - · Generate more efficient code!

Safe hd and tl

```
In [40]:
```

```
let tl (l : ('a,'n s) list) : ('a, 'n) list =
  let Cons (_,xs) = l in
  xs
```

```
Out[40]:
```

```
val tl : ('a, 'n s) list -> ('a, 'n) list = <fun>
```

```
In [41]:
tl (Cons (0, Cons(1,Nil)));;
tl (Cons (0, Nil));;
Out[41]:
-: (int, z s) list = Cons (1, Nil)
Out[41]:
- : (int, z) list = Nil
List map
map is length preserving
In [42]:
let rec map : type n. ('a -> 'b) -> ('a, n) list -> ('b, n) list =
  fun f 1 ->
    match 1 with
     | Nil -> Nil
     | Cons (x,xs) \rightarrow Cons(f x, map f xs)
Out[42]:
val map : ('a \rightarrow 'b) \rightarrow ('a, 'n)  list \rightarrow ('b, 'n)  list = <f
List.rev
Tricky to implement tail recurive list like:
    let rec rev l acc =
      match 1 with
      Nil -> acc
      | Cons(x,xs) -> rev xs (Cons (x,acc))
why?
The type of this function is
    ('a,'n) list -> ('a,'m) list -> ('a, 'm + 'n) list
We don't have type-level arithmetic
```

List.rev

Here is another attempt:

```
In [43]:
```

```
let rec app1 : type n. ('a, n) list -> 'a -> ('a, n s) list =
  fun 1 v ->
   match 1 with
    Nil -> Cons (v, Nil)
    | Cons(x,xs) -> Cons(x, app1 xs v)
let rec rev : type n. ('a, n) list -> ('a, n) list =
  fun 1 ->
    match 1 with
    Nil -> Nil
    | Cons(x,xs) -> app1 (rev xs) x
Out[43]:
val app1 : ('a, 'n) list -> 'a -> ('a, 'n s) list = <fun>
Out[43]:
val rev : ('a, 'n) list -> ('a, 'n) list = <fun>
In [44]:
rev (Cons (0, Cons (1, Cons (2, Nil))))
Out[44]:
-: (int, z s s s) list = Cons (2, Cons (1, Cons (0, Nil)))
```

Type level addition

- We observed that tail recursive list function requires type level addition on church numerals
- OCaml doesn't support type level functions natively
 - But we can construct proofs for type level functions.

Type level addition

```
In [45]:
```

```
type (_,_,_) plus =
    | PlusZero : (z,'n,'n) plus
    | PlusShift : ('a, 'b s, 'c s) plus -> ('a s, 'b, 'c s) plus
Out[45]:
```

```
type (_, _, _) plus =
    PlusZero : (z, 'n, 'n) plus
    | PlusShift : ('a, 'b s, 'c s) plus -> ('a s, 'b, 'c s) p
lus
```

- ('a, 'b, 'c) plus ≡ 'c = 'a + 'b where 'a, 'b, 'c are type level church numerals.
- PlusZero and PlusOne are theorems on numbers.
 - -0 + n = n
 - $a + (b + 1) = c + 1 \implies (a + 1) + b = c + 1$

Type level addition

```
In [46]:
```

```
type (_,_,_) plus =
    | PlusZero : (z,'n,'n) plus
    | PlusShift : ('a, 'b s, 'c s) plus -> ('a s, 'b, 'c s) plus
Out[46]:
```

```
type (_, _, _) plus =
    PlusZero : (z, 'n, 'n) plus
    | PlusShift : ('a, 'b s, 'c s) plus -> ('a s, 'b, 'c s) p
lus
```

- From a Curry-Howard perspective, we can view a value of type (a,b,c) plus as a proof of the proposition that a + b = c
- Looked at this way, plus and other GADTs are a convenient way of programming with proofs as first-class objects.

Tail recursive reverse

```
In [48]:
let proof = PlusShift (PlusShift (PlusZero : (z,z s s s,z s s)
Out[48]:
val proof : (z s s s, z, z s s s) plus =
   PlusShift (PlusShift (PlusZero))

In [49]:
rev proof (Cons (0, Cons (1, Cons (2, Nil)))) Nil
Out[49]:
- : (int, z s s s) list = Cons (2, Cons (1, Cons (0, Nil)))
```

- We have to construct proof by hand :-(
 - Other FP languages (Haskell, Agda, Idris, F*, etc) construct automatic proofs.
 - Register for Proofs and Programs course next sem to learn more!

Trees

Here is an unconstrained tree data type:

```
In [50]:
type 'a tree =
  Empty
  Tree of 'a tree * 'a * 'a tree
Out[50]:
type 'a tree = Empty | Tree of 'a tree * 'a * 'a tree
In [51]:
Tree (Empty, 1, Tree (Empty, 2, Tree (Empty, 3, Empty)));; (* Right skew
Tree (Tree (Empty, 3, Empty), 2, Empty), 1, Empty);; (* Left skewe
Tree (Tree (Empty, 3, Empty), 2, Tree (Empty, 3, Empty)),
      1,
      Tree (Tree (Empty, 3, Empty), 2, Tree (Empty, 3, Empty))) (* Perfe
Out[51]:
-: int tree = Tree (Empty, 1, Tree (Empty, 2, Tree (Empty,
3, Empty)))
Out[51]:
-: int tree = Tree (Tree (Empty, 3, Empty), 2, Empt
y), 1, Empty)
Out[51]:
- : int tree =
Tree (Tree (Empty, 3, Empty), 2, Tree (Empty, 3, Empt
Tree (Tree (Empty, 3, Empty), 2, Tree (Empty, 3, Empty)))
Tree operations
In [52]:
let rec depth t = match t with
  Empty -> 0
  Tree (1, r) \rightarrow 1 + \max (depth 1) (depth r)
Out[52]:
val depth : 'a tree -> int = <fun>
```

```
In [53]:
let top t = match t with
  | Empty -> None
  Tree (_,v,_) -> Some v
Out[53]:
val top : 'a tree -> 'a option = <fun>
swivel is mirror image of the tree
In [54]:
let rec swivel t = match t with
  | Empty -> Empty
  Tree (l,v,r) -> Tree (swivel r, v, swivel l)
Out[54]:
val swivel : 'a tree -> 'a tree = <fun>
Perfectly balanced tree using GADTs
```

```
In [55]:
type ('a,_) gtree =
 | EmptyG : ('a,z) gtree
  | TreeG : ('a,'n) gtree * 'a * ('a,'n) gtree -> ('a,'n s) gtree
Out[55]:
type ('a, _) gtree =
   EmptyG : ('a, z) gtree
  TreeG: ('a, 'n) gtree * 'a * ('a, 'n) gtree -> ('a, 'n
s) gtree
```

```
In [56]:
TreeG (TreeG (EmptyG, 3, EmptyG), 2, TreeG (EmptyG, 3, EmptyG)),
       TreeG (TreeG (EmptyG, 3, EmptyG), 2, TreeG (EmptyG, 3, EmptyG)))
Out[56]:
- : (int, z s s s) gtree =
TreeG (TreeG (TreeG (EmptyG, 3, EmptyG), 2, TreeG (EmptyG,
3, EmptyG)), 1,
TreeG (TreeG (EmptyG, 3, EmptyG), 2, TreeG (EmptyG, 3, Emp
tyG)))
Operations on gtree
In [57]:
let rec depthG : type n. ('a,n) gtree -> int =
 fun t -> match t with
  EmptyG -> 0
  TreeG (1,_,_) -> 1 + depthG 1
Out[57]:
val depthG : ('a, 'n) gtree -> int = <fun>
In [58]:
let topG : ('a, 'n s) gtree -> 'a =
  fun t -> let TreeG( ,v, ) = t in v
Out[58]:
val topG : ('a, 'n s) gtree -> 'a = <fun>
In [59]:
let rec swivelG : type n.('a,n) gtree -> ('a,n) gtree =
fun t -> match t with
   EmptyG -> EmptyG
  TreeG (1,v,r) -> TreeG (swivelG r, v, swivelG 1)
Out[59]:
val swivelG : ('a, 'n) gtree -> ('a, 'n) gtree = <fun>
Zipping perfect trees
```

```
In [60]:
```

Out[60]:

```
val zipTree : ('a, 'n) gtree -> ('b, 'n) gtree -> ('a * 'b,
'n) gtree = <fun>
```

Fin.

Extra Materials.

Depth indexed tree (unbalanced)

```
type ('a,_) dtree =
    | EmptyD : ('a,z) dtree
    | TreeD : ('a,'m) dtree * 'a * ('a,'n) dtree
          * ('m,'n,'o) max -> ('a,'o s) dtree
```

- The type ('m,'n,'o) max \$~\equiv~\$ max('m,'n) = 'o on type level church numerals.
 - ('m,'n,'o) max is **proof** that 'o is the max of 'm and 'n.
- TreeD carries a value of type ('m, 'n, 'o) max
 - This is proof carrying code
 - Given t = TreeD (1,v,r,p: ('m,'n,'o) max), we can prove that t has depth 'o s.

Equality GADT

For defining max start with the Equality GADT.

The equality GADT is the type:

```
In [61]:
type (_,_) eql = Refl : ('a,'a) eql
Out[61]:
type (_, _) eql = Refl : ('a, 'a) eql
```

We can only instantiate Refl with types that are known to be equal.

```
In [62]:

type t = int
let _ = (Refl : (t,int) eql)

Out[62]:

type t = int
Out[62]:
   - : (t, int) eql = Refl
```

Equality GADT

Refl cannot be instantiated at types known to be different or not known to be equal.

```
In [64]:
```

max type

The following type definitions contain theorems about the max function.

```
In [65]:
```

```
type (_,_,_) max =
    MaxEq : ('a,'b) eql -> ('a,'b,'a) max
| MaxFlip : ('a,'b,'c) max -> ('b,'a,'c) max
| MaxSuc : ('a,'b,'a) max -> ('a s,'b,'a s) max

Out[65]:

type (_, _, _) max =
    MaxEq : ('a, 'b) eql -> ('a, 'b, 'a) max
| MaxFlip : ('a, 'b, 'c) max -> ('b, 'a, 'c) max
| MaxSuc : ('a, 'b, 'a) max -> ('a s, 'b, 'a s) max
```

max type examples

```
In [66]:
let m1 = MaxEq (Refl : (z, z) eql)
Out[66]:
val m1 : (z, z, z) max = MaxEq Refl
```

```
In [67]:
let m2 = MaxSuc m1
Out[67]:
val m2 : (z s, z, z s) max = MaxSuc (MaxEq Refl)
Given a proof that the max of z and z is z, I can prove that the max of z s and z is z
max function on church numerals
In [68]:
let rec max : type a b c.(a,b,c) max -> a -> b -> c
  = fun mx m n -> match mx,m with
     MaxEq Refl , \_
                      -> m
    | MaxFlip mx', _
                      -> max mx' n m
    | MaxSuc mx', S m' -> S (max mx' m' n)
Out[68]:
val max : ('a, 'b, 'c) max -> 'a -> 'b -> 'c = <fun>
In [69]:
max (MaxSuc (MaxEq (Refl : (z,z) eql))) (S Z) Z
Out[69]:
- : z s = S Z
max function on church numerals
In [70]:
max (MaxSuc (MaxEq (Refl : (z,z) eql))) (S Z) Z
Out[70]:
- : z s = S Z
```

- The max function seems a bit silly given that we need to provide the proof.
 - We learn no new information. Proof already tells us that z > z.

• max function gets **term** level evidence from the **type** level proof.

Depth Indexed Tree

```
In [71]:
type ('a,_) dtree =
   EmptyD : ('a,z) dtree
  | TreeD : ('a,'m) dtree * 'a * ('a,'n) dtree * ('m,'n,'o) max
    -> ('a,'o s) dtree
Out[71]:
type ('a, ) dtree =
   EmptyD : ('a, z) dtree
  | TreeD : ('a, 'm) dtree * 'a * ('a, 'n) dtree *
      ('m, 'n, 'o) max -> ('a, 'o s) dtree
Operations on dtree
In [72]:
let rec depthD : type a n.(a,n) dtree -> n = function
    EmptyD -> Z
  TreeD (l, r, mx) \rightarrow S (max mx (depthD l) (depthD r))
Out[72]:
val depthD : ('a, 'n) dtree -> 'n = <fun>
In [73]:
let topD : type a n.(a,n s) dtree -> a =
  function TreeD (_,v,_,_) -> v
Out[73]:
val topD : ('a, 'n s) dtree -> 'a = <fun>
```

```
In [74]:
```

```
let rec swivelD :
  type a n.(a,n) dtree -> (a,n) dtree = function
    EmptyD -> EmptyD
  | TreeD (l,v,r,m) ->
    TreeD (swivelD r, v, swivelD l, MaxFlip m)
```

Out[74]:

```
val swivelD : ('a, 'n) dtree -> ('a, 'n) dtree = <fun>
```

Adding lambdas to interpreter

Let's add simply typed lambda calculus to our original int & bool expression evaluator.

```
In [75]:
```

```
type _ typ =
  | TInt : int typ
  TBool : bool typ
  | TLam : 'a typ * 'b typ -> ('a -> 'b) typ
type 'a value =
  | VInt : int -> int value
  VBool : bool -> bool value
  VLam : ('a value -> 'b value) -> ('a -> 'b) value
and 'a expr =
 Var : string * 'a typ -> 'a expr
  | App : ('a -> 'b) expr * 'a expr -> 'b expr
  | Lam : string * 'a typ * 'b expr -> ('a -> 'b) expr
  | Val : 'a value -> 'a expr
  | Plus : int expr * int expr -> int expr
  | Mult : int expr * int expr -> int expr
  | Ite : bool expr * 'a expr * 'a expr -> 'a expr
Out[75]:
type _ typ =
   TInt : int typ
  TBool : bool typ
  | TLam : 'a typ * 'b typ -> ('a -> 'b) typ
Out[75]:
```

type 'a value = VInt : int -> int value | VBool : bool -> bool value | VLam : ('a value -> 'b value) -> ('a -> 'b) value and 'a expr = Var : string * 'a typ -> 'a expr | App : ('a -> 'b) expr * 'a expr -> 'b expr | Lam : string * 'a typ * 'b expr -> ('a -> 'b) expr | Val : 'a value -> 'a expr | Plus : int expr * int expr -> int expr Mult: int expr * int expr -> int expr

| Ite : bool expr * 'a expr * 'a expr -> 'a expr

```
In [76]:
```

Out[76]:

```
val typ_eq : 'a typ -> 'b typ -> ('a, 'b) eql option = <fun
>
```

In [77]:

```
type env =
    | Empty : env
    | Extend : string * 'a typ * 'a value * env -> env
```

Out[77]:

```
type env = Empty : env | Extend : string * 'a typ * 'a valu
e * env -> env
```

Evaluation

```
eval : a expr -> a value
```

- · Limitations:
 - Evaluation is defined only on closed terms.
 - Type checking for variables use done at runtime.

```
In [78]:
```

```
let rec eval : type a. env -> a expr -> a value =
  fun env e -> match e with
  Var (s,t) ->
     begin match env with
      Empty -> failwith "not a closed term"
      Extend (s',t',v,env') ->
          if s = s' then
            match typ eq t t' with
            | Some Refl -> v
            None -> failwith "types don't match"
          else eval env' e
     end
  App (e1,e2) ->
    let VLam f = eval env e1 in
    f (eval env e2)
  Lam (s,t,e) ->
     VLam (fun v -> eval (Extend (s, t, v, env)) e)
  Val v → v
  | Plus (e1, e2) ->
    let VInt i1, VInt i2 = eval env e1, eval env e2 in
   VInt (i1 + i2)
  Mult (e1, e2) ->
    let VInt i1, VInt i2 = eval env e1, eval env e2 in
   VInt (i1 * i2)
  Ite (p,e1,e2) ->
    let VBool b = eval env p in
    if b then eval env e1 else eval env e2
let eval e = eval Empty e
Out[78]:
```

```
Out[78]:
val eval : env -> 'a expr -> 'a value = <fun>
Out[78]:
val eval : 'a expr -> 'a value = <fun>
```

Typing catches errors

```
In [79]:
eval @@ App (Lam ("x",TInt,Val(VInt 0)), (Val (VInt 10)))
Out[79]:
- : int value = VInt 0
```

eval @@ App (Lam ("x", TBool, Plus (Val (VInt 10), Var ("x", TInt))), Val

```
In [81]:
```

```
Exception: Failure "types don't match".

Raised at file "stdlib.ml", line 33, characters 22-33

Called from file "[78]", line 20, characters 40-51

Called from file "toplevel/toploop.ml", line 180, character s 17-56
```

```
In [82]:
```

```
eval @@ Var ("x", TInt)
```

```
Exception: Failure "not a closed term".

Raised at file "stdlib.ml", line 33, characters 22-33

Called from file "toplevel/toploop.ml", line 180, character s 17-56
```

Fixing the runtime errors

- Use the host language (OCaml) features for encoding the features in the object language (lambda calculus).
 - The feature we use here is abstraction.
 - Use fun (x : TInt) -> e to encode Lam "x" TInt e

```
In [83]:
```

```
type 'a value =
    | VInt : int -> int value
    | VBool : bool -> bool value
    | VLam : ('a expr -> 'b expr) -> ('a -> 'b) value

and 'a expr =
    | App : ('a -> 'b) expr * 'a expr -> 'b expr
    | Val : 'a value -> 'a expr
    | Plus : int expr * int expr -> int expr
    | Mult : int expr * int expr -> int expr
    | Ite : bool expr * 'a expr -> 'a expr
```

Out[83]:

```
type 'a value =
   VInt : int -> int value
| VBool : bool -> bool value
| VLam : ('a expr -> 'b expr) -> ('a -> 'b) value
and 'a expr =
   App : ('a -> 'b) expr * 'a expr -> 'b expr
| Val : 'a value -> 'a expr
| Plus : int expr * int expr -> int expr
| Mult : int expr * int expr -> int expr
| Ite : bool expr * 'a expr * 'a expr -> 'a expr
```

Higher Order Abstract Syntax

- This technique is known as Higher-Order Abstract Syntax (HOAS).
- Downside is that we can no longer **look inside** the abstraction.
 - In the term Lam f, we cannot do anything on f except apply it.
 - Cannot implement full-beta reduction for example
 - or do code transformation inside the body of lambda.

Evaluator

```
In [84]:
```

```
let rec eval : type a. a expr -> a value =
  fun e -> match e with
  | App (e1,e2) ->
    let VLam f = eval e1 in
    eval (f (Val (eval e2)))
  | Val v -> v
  | Plus (e1, e2) ->
    let VInt i1, VInt i2 = eval e1, eval e2 in
    VInt (i1 + i2)
  | Mult (e1, e2) ->
    let VInt i1, VInt i2 = eval e1, eval e2 in
    VInt (i1 * i2)
  | Ite (p,e1,e2) ->
    let VBool b = eval p in
    if b then eval e1 else eval e2
```

Out[84]:

val eval : 'a expr -> 'a value = <fun>

Static errors remain static

Dynamic errors also become static

```
In [87]:
```