

# Unions and Products

**Concepts of Programming Languages**  
**Lecture 7**

# Announcements

- » Thanks for providing feedback on the course!
- » Lectures will be more **interactive**: I will be asking more questions; we will do derivations and programming together
- » More **examples**! Each concept will be followed by an example on typing, semantic rules, and programming. More practice via **homework**.

# Practice Problem 1 (Tail Recursive)

*Implement the function*

***reverse : 'a list -> 'a list***



# Practice Problem 2 (Tail Recursive)

*Implement the function **double** where **double l** doubles every element of the list **l***



# Homework (Tail Recursive)

*Implement the function*

***delete\_every\_other : 'a list -> 'a list***



# Outline

- » Discuss the use of **tuples** and **records** for creating collections of data
- » Introduce **algebraic data types (ADTs)** for creating data with given "shapes"
- » Cover **parametric** and **recursive** ADTs for more general data structures

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These are useful for returning multiple values from a function

# Pattern Matching on Tuples

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  match p1, p2 with  
  | (x1, y1), (x2, y2) ->  
    let x = x1 -. x2 in  
    let y = y1 -. y2 in  
    sqrt ((x *. x) +. (y *. y))
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There are no accessors for tuples

Instead we can use **pattern matching**

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We *match* on an expression  $e$ , and check if the value of  $e$  *matches* with the pattern  $p$



# Note: Patterns are not Expressions

```
<expr> ::= match <expr> with
          | <pattern> -> <expr>
          | <pattern> -> <expr>
          | ...
```

Patterns are similar to expressions, but with some key differences

They can be wildcards, they can be variables, there's a lot of possibilities ([link](#))

# Advanced Pattern Matching

```
let dist ((x1, y1) : float * float) ((x2, y2) : float * float) : float =  
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Pattern matching can also be done implicitly in let-expressions and function arguments!

And we can do all this  
formally!

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$$\frac{p \Downarrow (v_1, \dots, v_n) \quad e' = [v_1/x_1] \dots [v_n/x_n]e \quad e' \Downarrow v}{(\text{match } p \text{ with } | x_1, \dots, x_n \rightarrow e) \Downarrow v} \text{ (matchTupleEval)}$$

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# Practice Problem

$\emptyset \vdash \text{fun } x \rightarrow \text{match } x \text{ with } | (a, b) \rightarrow a + b : \tau$

*Determine the type  $\tau$  so that the above judgment is derivable from the rules below. Also give a derivation*

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$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e_1 : \text{int} \quad \Gamma \vdash e_2 : \text{int}}{\Gamma \vdash e_1 + e_2 : \text{int}} \text{ (addInt)}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : \tau_1 \vdash e : \tau_2}{\Gamma \vdash \text{fun } x \rightarrow e : \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2} \text{ (fun)}$$

$$\frac{(v : \tau) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash v : \tau} \text{ (var)}$$



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# Solution

# Homework

*Implement the function*

```
val fill_in_steps : (int, int, int) -> int list
```

*so that `fill_in_steps (a, b, c)` is the shortest list of numbers starting at `a`, ending at `c`, containing `b` and having consecutive adjacent elements*

*example:* `fill_in_steps (1, 4, -2) = [1;2;3;4;3;2;1;0;-1;-2]`



# Records

```
type point = { x_cord : float ; y_cord : float }  
let origin : point = { x_cord = 0. ; y_cord = 0. }
```

```
type user = {  
  name : string ;  
  email : string ;  
  num_posts : int ;  
}
```

Records are *unordered* *labeled* fixed-length heterogeneous collections of data

They are useful for organizing large collections of data (akin to database records)

# Record Syntax (Informal)

```
type record_ty =  
  {  
    field1 : ty1;  
    field2 : ty2;  
    ...  
    fieldn : tyn;  
  }
```

```
let record_expr : record_ty =  
  {  
    field1 = expr1;  
    field2 = expr2;  
    ...  
    fieldn = exprn;  
  }
```

For a record, we have to specify the type of each field

When we construct a record, every field must have a value



# Accessors

```
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```

```
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  let yd = p.y_cord -. q.y_cord in  
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Records support **dot-notation**

(we can also access records by pattern matching)

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**Data in functional languages are immutable.** This returns a new record with the update

# demo

(tuples and records)

# Homework

- » Define formal syntax rules for records
- » Define formal typing rules for records
- » Define formal semantics rules for records



# Unions

**Second Greatest Feature of OCaml**



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  wildcard pattern | _ -> true
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  | Linux of linux_distro * int  
  | MacOS of int  
  | Windows of int
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```
let supported (sys : os) : bool =  
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let area (s : shape) =  
  match s with  
  | Rect r -> r.base *. r.height  
  | Triangle { sides = (a, b) ; angle } -> Float.sin angle *. a *. b  
  | Circle r -> r *. r *. Float.pi
```

*Define the variant **shape** which makes this function type-check*



What about variable  
length data?



# **Recursive ADTs**

**Greatest Feature of OCaml**

# Example: Lists

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  = Nil  
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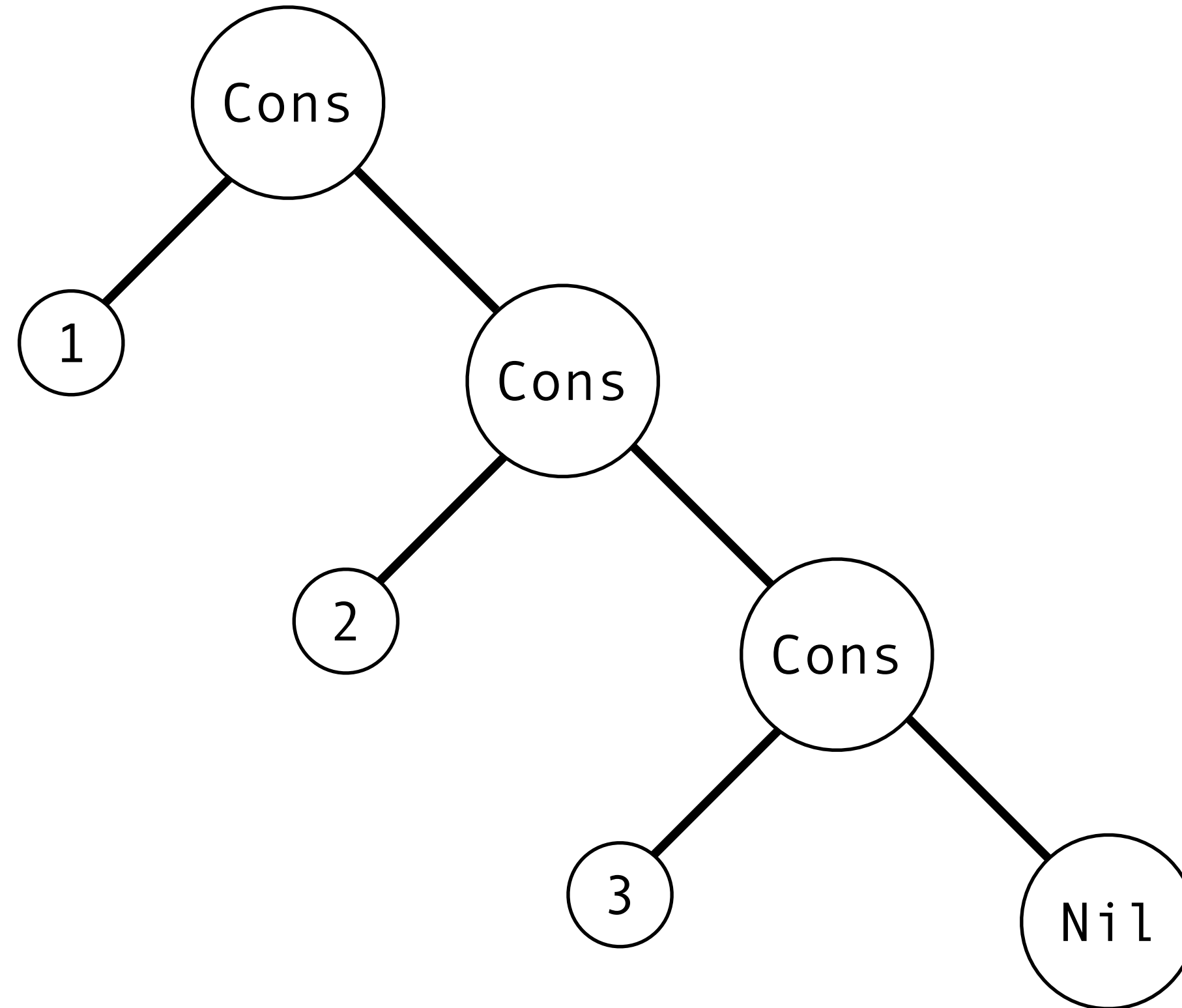
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# The Picture

```
Cons (1,  
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```



We think of values of recursive variants as **trees** with constructors as nodes and carried data as leaves

# demo

(snoc for intlist)

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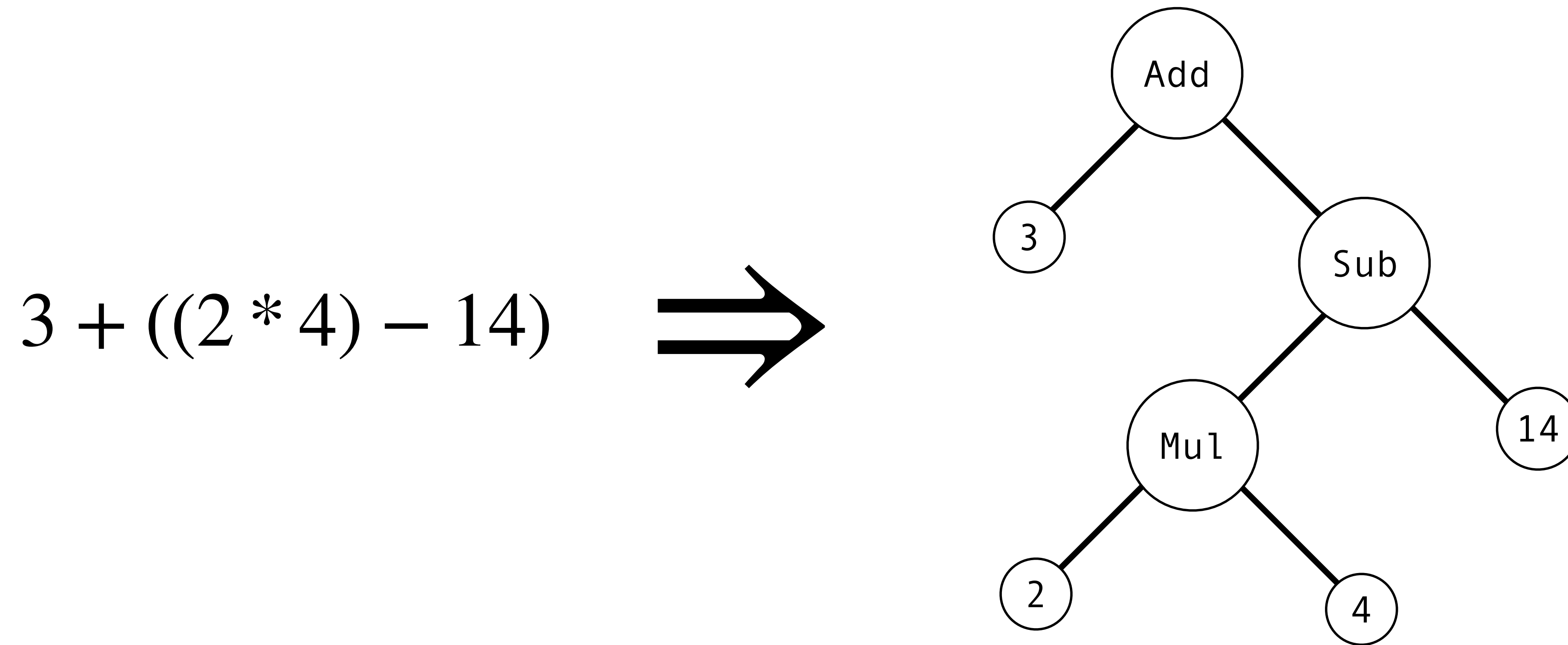
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This will help us separate the tasks of **evaluation** and **parsing**

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We can represent an expression abstractly as a **tree** with operations as nodes and number values as leaves

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```
type expr
  = Val of int
  | Add of expr * expr
  | Sub of expr * expr
  | Mul of expr * expr
```

```
let _ = Add (Val 3, Sub (Mul (Val 2, Val 4), Val 14))
```

Which means we can represent it as a recursive variant!

# Parametrized ADTs

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  | Cons of 'a * 'a mylist
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*Note.* Because of **type-inference**, we rarely have to think about this

We 'll come back to this  
next time...

# Summary

Tuples, records, and ADTs help us organize data and create abstract interfaces

Recursive and parametrized ADTs give us richer structure