

Informatics 1  
Introduction to Computation  
Functional Programming  
Lecture 3

**Lists and Recursion**

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Part I

# Lists and Recursion

# Cons and append

Cons takes an element and a list.

Append takes two lists.

```
(:)    :: a -> [a] -> [a]
(++)   :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
```

```
1  : [2,3]      = [1,2,3]
[1] ++ [2,3]    = [1,2,3]
[1,2] ++ [3]    = [1,2,3]
'1'  : "ist"     = "list"
"1"  ++ "ist"    = "list"
"li" ++ "st"     = "list"
```

```
[1]  : [2,3]      -- type error!
1  ++ [2,3]       -- type error!
[1,2] ++ 3        -- type error!
"1"  : "ist"      -- type error!
'1'  ++ "ist"     -- type error!
```

(:) is pronounced *cons*, for *construct*

(++) is pronounced *append*

# Lists

Every list can be written using only `(:)` and `[]`.

```
[1, 2, 3] = 1 : (2 : (3 : []))
```

```
"list" = ['l', 'i', 's', 't']  
       = 'l' : ('i' : ('s' : ('t' : [])))
```

A *recursive* definition: A *list* is either

- *empty*, written `[]`, or
- *constructed*, written `x:xs`, with *head* `x` (an element), and *tail* `xs` (a list).

So every list matches exactly one of the following two *patterns*

```
[]          -- only matches the empty list  
( x : xs )  -- matches any non-empty list
```

We can use any two distinct variables in the *cons* pattern

```
( head : tail ) -- matches any non-empty list
```

# Patterns

List patterns can be used in declarations – `<pattern> = <value>`

```
myList = [ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 ]
```

```
(x:xs)          = myList
```

```
[ a, b, c, d, e ] = myList  -- matches lists of length 5
```

```
[ p, q, r ]      = myList  -- matches lists of length 3
```

```
*Main> x      -- ( x : xs )          = [ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 ]
```

```
0
```

```
*Main> xs     -- ( x : xs )          = [ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 ]
```

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

```
*Main> c      -- [ a, b, c, d, e ] = [ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 ]
```

```
2
```

```
*Main> p      -- [ p, q, r ]         = [ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 ]
```

```
*** Exception: ... -- pattern and value must match!
```

# Recursion versus meaningless self-reference

A *list* is either

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# Recursion versus meaningless self-reference

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- *empty*, written `[]`, or
- *constructed*, written `x:xs`, with *head* `x` (an element), and *tail* `xs` (a list).

“Brexit means Brexit.”

Theresa May

## A list of numbers

```
Prelude> null [1,2,3]
False
Prelude> head [1,2,3]
1
Prelude> tail [1,2,3]
[2,3]
Prelude> null [2,3]
False
Prelude> head [2,3]
2
Prelude> tail [2,3]
[3]
Prelude> null [3]
False
Prelude> head [3]
3
Prelude> tail [3]
[]
Prelude> null []
True
```



## Part II

Mapping: Square every element of a list

# Two styles of definition—squares

## Comprehension

```
squares :: [Int] -> [Int]
squares xs = [ x*x | x <- xs ]
```

## Recursion

```
squaresRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
squaresRec [] = []
squaresRec (x:xs) = x*x : squaresRec xs
```

# Pattern matching and conditionals

## Pattern matching

```
squaresRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
squaresRec [] = []
squaresRec (x:xs) = x*x : squaresRec xs
```

## Conditionals with binding

```
squaresCond :: [Int] -> [Int]
squaresCond ws =
  if null ws then
    []
  else
    let
      x = head ws
      xs = tail ws
    in
      x*x : squaresCond xs
```

# How recursion works—squaresRec

```
squaresRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
squaresRec []      = []
squaresRec (x:xs)  = x*x : squaresRec xs
```

```
squaresRec [1,2,3]
```

# How recursion works—squaresRec

```
squaresRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
squaresRec []      = []
squaresRec (x:xs)  = x*x : squaresRec xs
```

```
squaresRec [1,2,3]
=
squaresRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
```

# How recursion works—squaresRec

```
squaresRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
squaresRec []      = []
squaresRec (x:xs)  = x*x : squaresRec xs
```

```
squaresRec [1,2,3]
=
squaresRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
= { x = 1, xs = (2 : (3 : [])) }
  1*1 : squaresRec (2 : (3 : []))
```

# How recursion works—squaresRec

```
squaresRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
squaresRec []      = []
squaresRec (x:xs)  = x*x : squaresRec xs
```

```
squaresRec [1,2,3]
=
squaresRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1*1 : squaresRec (2 : (3 : []))
=
    { x = 2, xs = (3 : []) }
1*1 : (2*2 : squaresRec (3 : []))
```

# How recursion works—squaresRec

```
squaresRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
squaresRec [] = []
squaresRec (x:xs) = x*x : squaresRec xs
```

```
squaresRec [1,2,3]
=
squaresRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1*1 : squaresRec (2 : (3 : []))
=
1*1 : (2*2 : squaresRec (3 : []))
=
    { x = 3, xs = [] }
1*1 : (2*2 : (3*3 : squaresRec []))
```



# How recursion works—squaresRec

```
squaresRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
squaresRec []          = []
squaresRec (x:xs)      = x*x : squaresRec xs
```

```
squaresRec [1,2,3]
=
squaresRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1*1 : squaresRec (2 : (3 : []))
=
1*1 : (2*2 : squaresRec (3 : []))
=
1*1 : (2*2 : (3*3 : squaresRec []))
=
1*1 : (2*2 : (3*3 : []))
```

## How recursion works—squaresRec

```
squaresRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
squaresRec []      = []
squaresRec (x:xs)  = x*x : squaresRec xs
```

```
squaresRec [1,2,3]
=
squaresRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1*1 : squaresRec (2 : (3 : []))
=
1*1 : (2*2 : squaresRec (3 : []))
=
1*1 : (2*2 : (3*3 : squaresRec []))
=
1*1 : (2*2 : (3*3 : []))
=
1 : (4 : (9 : []))
```

# How recursion works—squaresRec

```
squaresRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
squaresRec []      = []
squaresRec (x:xs)  = x*x : squaresRec xs
```

```
squaresRec [1,2,3]
=
squaresRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1*1 : squaresRec (2 : (3 : []))
=
1*1 : (2*2 : squaresRec (3 : []))
=
1*1 : (2*2 : (3*3 : squaresRec []))
=
1*1 : (2*2 : (3*3 : []))
=
1 : (4 : (9 : []))
=
[1,4,9]
```

# How recursion works—squaresRec

```
squaresRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
squaresRec []      = []
squaresRec (x:xs)  = x*x : squaresRec xs
```

```
squaresRec [1,2,3]
=
squaresRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1*1 : squaresRec (2 : (3 : []))
=
1*1 : (2*2 : squaresRec (3 : []))
=
1*1 : (2*2 : (3*3 : squaresRec []))
=
1*1 : (2*2 : (3*3 : []))
=
1 : (4 : (9 : []))
=
[1,4,9]
```

# QuickCheck

```
-- squares.hs
import Test.QuickCheck

squares :: [Int] -> [Int]
squares xs = [ x*x | x <- xs ]

squaresRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
squaresRec [] = []
squaresRec (x:xs) = x*x : squaresRec xs

prop_squares :: [Int] -> Bool
prop_squares xs = squares xs == squaresRec xs
```

```
[jitterbug]dts: ghci squares.hs
GHCi, version 7.6.3: http://www.haskell.org/ghc/ :? for help
*Main> quickCheck prop_squares
+++ OK, passed 100 tests.
*Main>
```

## Part III

Filtering: Select odd elements from a list

# Two styles of definition—odds

## Comprehension

```
odds :: [Int] -> [Int]
odds xs = [ x | x <- xs, odd x ]
```

## Recursion

```
oddsRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
oddsRec [] = []
oddsRec (x:xs) | odd x    = x : oddsRec xs
                | otherwise = oddsRec xs
```

# Pattern matching and conditionals

## Pattern matching with guards

```
oddsRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
oddsRec [] = []
oddsRec (x:xs) | odd x = x : oddsRec xs
                | otherwise = oddsRec xs
```

## Conditionals with binding

```
oddsCond :: [Int] -> [Int]
oddsCond ws =
  if null ws then
    []
  else
    let
      x = head ws
      xs = tail ws
    in
      if odd x then
        x : oddsCond xs
      else
        oddsCond xs
```



## How recursion works—oddsRec

```
oddsRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
```

```
oddsRec [] = []
```

```
oddsRec (x:xs) | odd x    = x : oddsRec xs  
               | otherwise = oddsRec xs
```

```
oddsRec [1,2,3]
```

## How recursion works—oddsRec

```
oddsRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
oddsRec [] = []
oddsRec (x:xs) | odd x    = x : oddsRec xs
                | otherwise = oddsRec xs
```

```
oddsRec [1,2,3]
=
oddsRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
```

## How recursion works—oddsRec

```
oddsRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
```

```
oddsRec [] = []
```

```
oddsRec (x:xs) | odd x    = x : oddsRec xs  
               | otherwise = oddsRec xs
```

```
oddsRec [1,2,3]  
=  
oddsRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))  
=  
  { x = 1, xs = (2 : (3 : [])), odd 1 = True }  
  1 : oddsRec (2 : (3 : []))
```

## How recursion works—oddsRec

```
oddsRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
oddsRec [] = []
oddsRec (x:xs) | odd x = x : oddsRec xs
                | otherwise = oddsRec xs
```

```
oddsRec [1,2,3]
=
oddsRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1 : oddsRec (2 : (3 : []))
=
  { x = 2, xs = (3 : []), odd 2 = False }
1 : oddsRec (3 : [])
```

## How recursion works—oddsRec

```
oddsRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
oddsRec [] = []
oddsRec (x:xs) | odd x    = x : oddsRec xs
                | otherwise = oddsRec xs
```

```
oddsRec [1,2,3]
=
oddsRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1 : oddsRec (2 : (3 : []))
=
1 : oddsRec (3 : [])
=
  { x = 3, xs = [], odd 3 = True }
1 : (3 : oddsRec [])
```

# How recursion works—oddsRec

```
oddsRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
```

```
oddsRec [] = []
```

```
oddsRec (x:xs) | odd x    = x : oddsRec xs  
               | otherwise = oddsRec xs
```

```
oddsRec [1,2,3]  
=  
oddsRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))  
=  
1 : oddsRec (2 : (3 : []))  
=  
1 : oddsRec (3 : [])  
=  
1 : (3 : oddsRec [])  
=  
1 : (3 : [])
```

## How recursion works—oddsRec

```
oddsRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
oddsRec [] = []
oddsRec (x:xs) | odd x    = x : oddsRec xs
                | otherwise = oddsRec xs
```

```
oddsRec [1,2,3]
=
oddsRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1 : oddsRec (2 : (3 : []))
=
1 : oddsRec (3 : [])
=
1 : (3 : oddsRec [])
=
1 : (3 : [])
=
[1,3]
```

## How recursion works—oddsRec

```
oddsRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
oddsRec [] = []
oddsRec (x:xs) | odd x = x : oddsRec xs
                | otherwise = oddsRec xs
```

```
oddsRec [1,2,3]
=
oddsRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1 : oddsRec (2 : (3 : []))
=
1 : oddsRec (3 : [])
=
1 : (3 : oddsRec [])
=
1 : (3 : [])
=
[1,3]
```



# QuickCheck

```
-- odds.hs
import Test.QuickCheck

odds :: [Int] -> [Int]
odds xs = [ x | x <- xs, odd x ]

oddsRec :: [Int] -> [Int]
oddsRec [] = []
oddsRec (x:xs) | odd x = x : oddsRec xs
                | otherwise = oddsRec xs

prop_odds :: [Int] -> Bool
prop_odds xs = odds xs == oddsRec xs
```

```
[jitterbug]dts: ghci odds.hs
```

```
GHCi, version 7.6.3: http://www.haskell.org/ghc/ :? for help
```

```
*Main> quickCheck prop_odds
```

```
+++ OK, passed 100 tests.
```

```
*Main>
```

## Part IV

### Accumulation: Sum a list

# Sum

```
sum :: [Int] -> Int
sum []      = 0
sum (x:xs)  = x + sum xs
```

```
sum [1,2,3]
```

# Sum

```
sum :: [Int] -> Int
sum []      = 0
sum (x:xs)  = x + sum xs
```

```
sum [1,2,3]
=
sum (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
```

# Sum

```
sum :: [Int] -> Int
```

```
sum [] = 0
```

```
sum (x:xs) = x + sum xs
```

```
sum [1,2,3]
```

```
=
```

```
sum (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
```

```
= {x = 1, xs = (2 : (3 : []))}
```

```
1 + sum (2 : (3 : []))
```

# Sum

```
sum :: [Int] -> Int
```

```
sum [] = 0
```

```
sum (x:xs) = x + sum xs
```

```
sum [1,2,3]  
=  
sum (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))  
=  
1 + sum (2 : (3 : []))  
= {x = 2, xs = (3 : [])}  
1 + (2 + sum (3 : []))
```

# Sum

```
sum :: [Int] -> Int
```

```
sum [] = 0
```

```
sum (x:xs) = x + sum xs
```

```
sum [1,2,3]  
=  
sum (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))  
=  
1 + sum (2 : (3 : []))  
=  
1 + (2 + sum (3 : []))  
= {x = 3, xs = []}  
1 + (2 + (3 + sum []))
```

# Sum

```
sum :: [Int] -> Int
```

```
sum [] = 0
```

```
sum (x:xs) = x + sum xs
```

```
sum [1,2,3]
=
sum (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1 + sum (2 : (3 : []))
=
1 + (2 + sum (3 : []))
=
1 + (2 + (3 + sum []))
=
1 + (2 + (3 + 0))
```



# Sum

```
sum :: [Int] -> Int
sum []      = 0
sum (x:xs)  = x + sum xs
```

```
sum [1,2,3]
=
sum (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1 + sum (2 : (3 : []))
=
1 + (2 + sum (3 : []))
=
1 + (2 + (3 + sum []))
=
1 + (2 + (3 + 0))
=
6
```

# Sum

```
sum :: [Int] -> Int
sum []      = 0
sum (x:xs)  = x + sum xs
```

```
sum [1,2,3]
=
sum (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1 + sum (2 : (3 : []))
=
1 + (2 + sum (3 : []))
=
1 + (2 + (3 + sum []))
=
1 + (2 + (3 + 0))
=
6
```

# Sum

```
sum :: [Int] -> Int
sum []      = 0
sum (x:xs)  = x + sum xs
```

```
sum [1,2,3]
=
sum (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1 + sum (2 : (3 : []))
=
1 + (2 + sum (3 : []))
=
1 + (2 + (3 + sum []))
=
1 + (2 + (3 + 0))
=
6
```

# Product

```
product :: [Int] -> Int
product []      = 1
product (x:xs)  = x * product xs
```

```
    product [1,2,3]
=
    product (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
    1 * product (2 : (3 : []))
=
    1 * (2 * product (3 : []))
=
    1 * (2 * (3 * product []))
=
    1 * (2 * (3 * 1))
=
    6
```

## Part V

Putting it all together:

Sum of the squares of the odd numbers in a list

# Two styles of definition

## Comprehension

```
sumSqOdd :: [Int] -> Int
sumSqOdd xs = sum [ x*x | x <- xs, odd x ]
```

## Recursion

```
sumSqOddRec :: [Int] -> Int
sumSqOddRec [] = 0
sumSqOddRec (x:xs) | odd x = x*x + sumSqOddRec xs
                   | otherwise = sumSqOddRec xs
```

## How recursion works—sumSqOddRec

```
sumSqOddRec :: [Int] -> Int
sumSqOddRec [] = 0
sumSqOddRec (x:xs) | odd x = x*x + sumSqOddRec xs
                   | otherwise = sumSqOddRec xs
```

```
sumSqOddRec [1,2,3]
```

## How recursion works—sumSqOddRec

```
sumSqOddRec :: [Int] -> Int
sumSqOddRec [] = 0
sumSqOddRec (x:xs) | odd x = x*x + sumSqOddRec xs
                   | otherwise = sumSqOddRec xs
```

```
sumSqOddRec [1,2,3]
=
sumSqOddRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
```



## How recursion works—sumSqOddRec

```
sumSqOddRec :: [Int] -> Int
sumSqOddRec [] = 0
sumSqOddRec (x:xs) | odd x = x*x + sumSqOddRec xs
                   | otherwise = sumSqOddRec xs
```

```
sumSqOddRec [1,2,3]
=
sumSqOddRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
= { x = 1, xs = (2 : (3 : [])), odd 1 = True }
  1*1 + sumSqOddRec (2 : (3 : []))
```

## How recursion works—sumSqOddRec

```
sumSqOddRec :: [Int] -> Int
sumSqOddRec [] = 0
sumSqOddRec (x:xs) | odd x      = x*x + sumSqOddRec xs
                   | otherwise = sumSqOddRec xs
```

```
sumSqOddRec [1,2,3]
=
sumSqOddRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1*1 + sumSqOddRec (2 : (3 : []))
=
    { x = 2, xs = (3 : []), odd 2 = False }
1*1 + sumSqOddRec (3 : [])
```

## How recursion works—sumSqOddRec

```
sumSqOddRec :: [Int] -> Int
sumSqOddRec [] = 0
sumSqOddRec (x:xs) | odd x = x*x + sumSqOddRec xs
                   | otherwise = sumSqOddRec xs
```

```
sumSqOddRec [1,2,3]
=
sumSqOddRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1*1 + sumSqOddRec (2 : (3 : []))
=
1*1 + sumSqOddRec (3 : [])
=
    { x = 3, xs = [], odd 3 = True }
1*1 + (3*3 : sumSqOddRec [])
```

# How recursion works—sumSqOddRec

```
sumSqOddRec :: [Int] -> Int
```

```
sumSqOddRec [] = 0
```

```
sumSqOddRec (x:xs) | odd x    = x*x + sumSqOddRec xs  
                  | otherwise = sumSqOddRec xs
```

```
sumSqOddRec [1,2,3]  
=  
sumSqOddRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))  
=  
1*1 + sumSqOddRec (2 : (3 : []))  
=  
1*1 + sumSqOddRec (3 : [])  
=  
1*1 + (3*3 + sumSqOddRec [])  
=  
1*1 + (3*3 + 0)
```

## How recursion works—sumSqOddRec

```
sumSqOddRec :: [Int] -> Int
sumSqOddRec [] = 0
sumSqOddRec (x:xs) | odd x = x*x + sumSqOddRec xs
                   | otherwise = sumSqOddRec xs
```

```
sumSqOddRec [1,2,3]
=
sumSqOddRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1*1 + sumSqOddRec (2 : (3 : []))
=
1*1 + sumSqOddRec (3 : [])
=
1*1 + (3*3 + sumSqOddRec [])
=
1*1 + (3*3 + 0)
=
1 + (9 + 0)
```

## How recursion works—sumSqOddRec

```
sumSqOddRec :: [Int] -> Int
sumSqOddRec [] = 0
sumSqOddRec (x:xs) | odd x = x*x + sumSqOddRec xs
                   | otherwise = sumSqOddRec xs
```

```
sumSqOddRec [1,2,3]
=
sumSqOddRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1*1 + sumSqOddRec (2 : (3 : []))
=
1*1 + sumSqOddRec (3 : [])
=
1*1 + (3*3 + sumSqOddRec [])
=
1*1 + (3*3 + 0)
=
1 + (9 + 0)
=
10
```

## How recursion works—sumSqOddRec

```
sumSqOddRec :: [Int] -> Int
sumSqOddRec [] = 0
sumSqOddRec (x:xs) | odd x = x*x + sumSqOddRec xs
                   | otherwise = sumSqOddRec xs
```

```
sumSqOddRec [1,2,3]
=
sumSqOddRec (1 : (2 : (3 : [])))
=
1*1 + sumSqOddRec (2 : (3 : []))
=
1*1 + sumSqOddRec (3 : [])
=
1*1 + (3*3 + sumSqOddRec [])
=
1*1 + (3*3 + 0)
=
1 + (9 + 0)
=
10
```