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patterns, functions, recurs

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Functions

- Function evaluation : normal order, lazy evaluation
- e.g. $fst(34, (21/8)) \equiv 34$ (NB fst returns the first item in a two-tuple)
- The offside rule for multi-line definitions, and “where” blocks
 - ▶ “every token on a line must be closed by a token on the same line which breaks the line”

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- ▶ where blocks for local definitions

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$y = x - 1$

- Application associates to the left! $f\ 34\ 27 \equiv ((f\ 34)\ 27)$ and $f\ g\ 27 \equiv ((f\ g)\ 27)$
- Mapping from source to target type domains : $inc :: num \rightarrow num$

Functions

- **Partial functions** have no result (i.e. return an error) for some valid values of valid input type

$f :: (\text{num}, \text{num}) \rightarrow \text{num}$

$f(x, y) = x/y$

- **Polymorphic functions**

the input need not be of

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$\text{fst} :: (*, **) \rightarrow *$

$\text{snd} :: (, *) \rightarrow **$

$\text{fst}(x, y) = x$

snd

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$g :: (*, \text{num}) \rightarrow (\text{num}, *)$

$g(x, y) = (-y, x)$

$\text{three } x = 3$

Patterns

- Tuple patterns.

- ▶ $(x, y, z) = (3, "hello", (34, True, [3]))$
 - ★ as a test
 - ★ as a definition

- Patterns for functi

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- Top-down evaluation semantics of patterns in function definitio

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$f \ 3 \in 45$

$f \ 489 = 3$

$f \ any = 345 * 219$

Patterns in function definitions

- Non-exhaustive patterns : if none of the alternative definitions for function match the argument data, a runtime error can occur (e.g. 'program error : missing case in definition of f') :

```
f True = False
```

- Patterns can destr

error : attempt to divi

```
notlazy_fst (x,0)
```

```
notlazy_fst (x,y)
```

- Can a pattern contain a function application ?

- ▶ No ! A pattern must be a constant expression
- ▶ Special exception — $(n + k)$ where n is a variable and k is a literal integer a integer (in Miranda, not Amanda) (not recommended)

- Duplicate parameter names create an implicit equality test (Miranda only, not Amanda)

```
bothequal (x, x) = True
```

```
bothequal (x, y) = False
```

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Recursive Functions

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- Loops can be created
 - ▶ Iterative constructs
 - ▶ Recursion
 - ★ A function calls itself inside its own body
 - ★ Very powerful — very flexible
 - ★ Highly optimised in modern functional languages

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Recursive Functions

- Beware:

`loopforever x = loopforever x`

- To avoid looping for

- 1 A Termination
- 2 A changing ar
- 3 — that converges on the terminating condition !

`f : num -> [char]`

`f 0 = ""`

`f n = "X" ++ (f (n - 1))`

(NB “++” is the “append” operator — it concatenates two lists, thus
 “hello” ++ “mum” → “hello mum”)

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Recursive Functions

- Stack recursion

```
f :  $\text{num} \rightarrow \text{char}$ 
```

```
f 0 = ""
```

```
f n = "X" ++ (f (n-1))
```

Therefore the eval

```
→ "X" ++ (f (3-1))
```

```
→ "X" ++ (f 2)
```

```
→ "X" ++ ("X" ++ (f (2-1)))
```

```
→ "X" ++ ("X" ++ (f 1))
```

```
→ "X" ++ ("X" ++ ("X" ++ (f (1-1))))
```

```
→ "X" ++ ("X" ++ ("X" ++ (f 0)))
```

```
→ "X" ++ ("X" ++ ("X" ++ ""))
```

```
→ "X" ++ ("X" ++ "X")
```

```
→ "X" ++ "XX"
```

```
→ "XXX"
```

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Recursive Functions

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- Accumulative recursion

`plus : : (num, num) -> n`

`plus (x, 0) = x`

`plus (x, y) = plus (x+1, y-1)`

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Therefore for `plus (1, 2)`

→ `plus (1+1, 2-1)`

→ `plus (1+1, 1)`

→ `plus (1+1+1, 1-1)`

→ `plus (1+1+1, 0)`

→ `1+1+1`

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Type Synonyms

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- Used as a shorthand (
- Compare these alt

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`f : : ([char], num, [ch`

`str == [char]`

`coord == (num, num, num)`

`f : : ((str, num, str), coord) -> bool`

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LISTS

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- Lists are another way
- But lists are RECURSIVE

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- (Data can be defined in a recursive way, just like functions!)

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LISTS

- Assignment Project Exam Help**
- A list of type `a` is either :
 - ▶ Empty, or
 - ▶ An element of `t`
 - Examples of a list of `Int`
 - ▶ `(34 : [])` `[34]`
 - ▶ `(34 : (13 : []))` `[34, 13]`
 - Iterative constructors : `[1..]`
 - List Comprehensions : `[n*n | n <- [1,2,3]]` is “the list of all `n*n` such that `n` is drawn from `[1,2,3]`” (i.e. it defines the list `[1, 4, 9]`). Note that new variables used inside a list comprehension are local to the list comprehension.
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Functions using lists

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```
bothempty :: ([*],[**]) ->
```

```
bothempty ([], []) = True
```

```
bothempty anything = False
```

```
myhd :: [*] -> *
```

```
myhd [] = error "take head of empty list"
```

```
myhd (x : rest) = x
```

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Recursive functions using lists

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`sumlist :: [num] -> num`

`sumlist [] = 0`

`sumlist (x : rest) = x + (sumlist rest)`

`length :: [*] -> num`

`length [] = 0`

`length (x : rest) = 1 + (length rest)`

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Exercise

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- Can you write a function that takes an input list and outputs a count of how many times the number 3 occurs in the input?

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Summary

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- Partial / polymorp

- Patterns and patte

- Recursive functions

- Lists

- ▶ Functions using lists
- ▶ Recursive functions using lists

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