

Lecture 1 — Functional Programming

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CO2008 Functional Programming *(In a nutshell)*

- Write a program to add up the first n square numbers:

$$\text{sumofsqs } n = 0 + 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + (n-1)^2 + n^2$$

- Clear **Haskell** solution:

```
sumSquares :: Int -> Int
sumSquares 0 = 0
sumSquares n = n*n + sumSquares (n-1)
```

- Less clear, possibly incorrect **Java** solution:

```
public int sumSquares(int n){
    private int s,i;
    s=1; i=1;
    while (i<n) { i = i+1;s = s+i*i; } }
```

- Key ideas (functions, types and recursion) lead to clear and succinct programs.

It is good to have Haskell on your CV!

Overview of Lecture 1

- **From Imperative to Functional Programming:**

- What is imperative programming?
- What is functional programming?

- **Key Ideas in Functional Programming:**

- **Types:** Provide the data for our programs
- **Functions:** These are our programs!

- **Advantages:**

- Haskell code is typically short
- Haskell code is close to the algorithms used

What is Imperative Program — Adding up square numbers

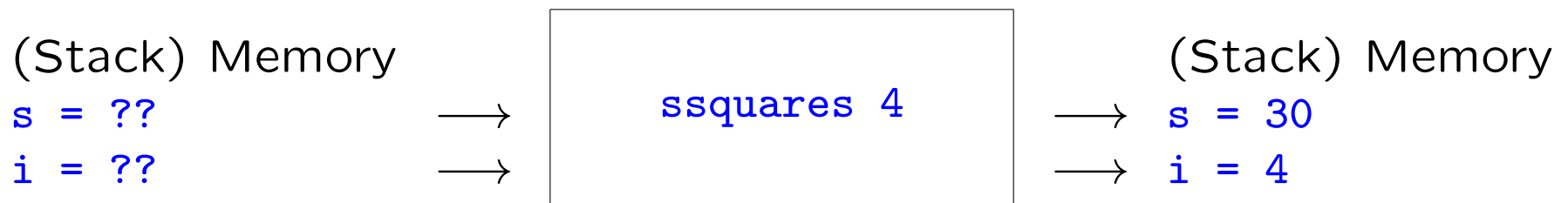
- **Problem:** write a program to add up the first n square numbers

$$\text{ssquares } n = 0 + 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + (n-1)^2 + n^2$$

- **Program:** We could write the following in Java

```
public int ssquares(int n){  
    private int s,i;  
    s=0; i=0;  
        while (i<n) {i = i+1;s = s+i*i;}  
}
```

- **Execution:** We may visualize running the program as follows



- **Key Idea:** Imperative programs transform the memory

The Two Aspects of Imperative Programs

- **Functional Content:** What the program achieves
 - Programs take some input values and return an output value
 - `ssquares` takes a number and returns the sum of the squares up to and including that number
- **Implementational Content:** How the program does it
 - Imperative programs transform the memory using variable declarations and assignment statements
 - `ssquares` uses variables `i` and `s` to represent locations in memory. The program transforms the memory until `s` contains the correct number.

What is Functional Programming?

- **Motivation:** Problems arise as programs contain two aspects:
 - High-level algorithms and low-level implementational features
 - Humans are good at the former but not the latter
- **Idea:** The idea of functional programming is to
 - Concentrate on the functional (I/O) behaviour of programs
 - Leave memory management to the language implementation
- **Summary:** Functional languages are more abstract and avoid low level detail.

A Functional Program — Summing squares in Haskell

- **Types:** First we give the type of summing-squares

```
hssquares :: Int -> Int
```

- **Functions:** Our program is a function

```
hssquares 0 = 0
hssquares n = n*n + hssquares (n-1)
```

- **Evaluation:** Run the program by expanding definitions

```
hssquares 3  ⇒  3*3+ hssquares 2
              ⇒  9 + (2*2 + hssquares 1)
              ⇒  9 + (2*2 + (1*1 + hssquares 0))
              ⇒  9 + (4 + (1+0))  ⇒  14
```

- **Comment:** No mention of memory in the code.

Key Ideas in Functional Programming I — Types

- **Motivation:** Recall from CO1003/4 that types model data.
- **Integers:** `Int` is the Haskell type $\{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
- **String:** `String` is the Haskell type of lists of characters.
- **Complex Datatypes:** Can be made from the basic types, eg lists of integers.
- **Built in Operations ("Functions on types"):**
 - Arithmetic Operations: `+` `*` `-` `div` `mod` `abs`
 - Ordering Operations: `>` `>=` `==` `/=` `<=` `<`

Reminder

- Arithmetic Operations: `+` `*` `-` `div` `mod` `abs`
- `div` is the (Euclidean) division on integers. It is the process of division of two integers, which produces a quotient and a remainder. `div` outputs the quotient. `17 'div' 3 = 5`. (back quote ')
- `mod` is the *modulo* operation on integers. It finds the remainder after division of one number by another (sometimes called modulus). `5 'mod' 3 = 2`, `8 'mod' 2 = 0`.
- `abs` is the *absolute value* function on integers. It assigns x to a positive integer x and $-x$ to a negative integer x .
`abs (-1) = abs (1) = 1`

Key Ideas in Functional Programming II — Functions

- **Intuition:** Recall a function (or if you prefer method) $f: a \rightarrow b$ between sets associates to every input-value a unique output-value



- **Example:** The *square* and *cube* functions are written

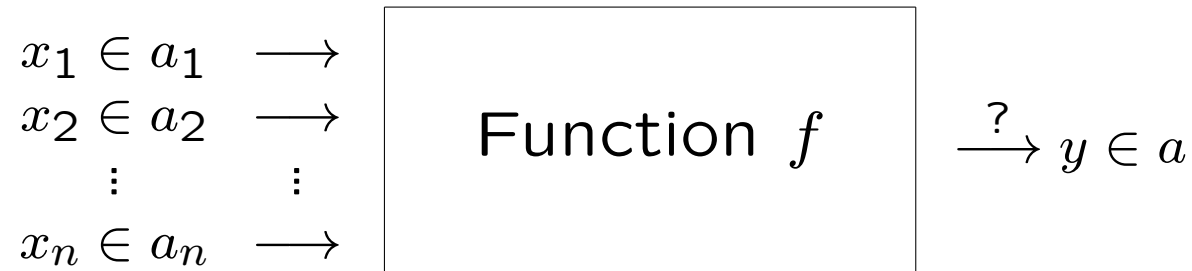
```
square :: Int -> Int    cube :: Int -> Int
square x = x * x        cube x = x * square x
```

- **In General:** In Haskell, functions are defined as follows

```
⟨ function-name ⟩ :: ⟨ input type ⟩ -> ⟨ output type ⟩
⟨ function-name ⟩ ⟨ variable ⟩ = ⟨ expression ⟩
```

Functions with Multiple Arguments

- **Intuition:** A function f with n inputs is written $f :: a_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow a_n \rightarrow a$



- **Example:** The "distance" between two integers

```
diff :: Int -> Int -> Int
diff x y = abs (x - y)
```

- **In General:**

$\langle \text{function-name} \rangle :: \langle \text{type } 1 \rangle \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \langle \text{type } n \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{output-type} \rangle$

$\langle \text{function-name} \rangle \langle \text{variable } 1 \rangle \dots \langle \text{variable } n \rangle = \langle \text{expression} \rangle$

Key Idea III — Expressions

- **Motivation:** Get the *result/output* of a function by *applying* it to an *argument/input*
 - Write the function name followed by the input
- **In General:** Application is governed by the typing rule
 - If f is a function of type $a \rightarrow b$, and e is an expression of type a ,
 - then $f\ e$ is the result of applying f to e and has type b
- **Key Idea:** Expressions are fragments of code built by applying functions to arguments.

square 4

cube (square 2)

square (3 + 1)

diff 6 7

square 3 + 1

square 2.2(?)

Key Ideas in Functional Programming IV — Evaluating Expressions

- **More Expressions:** Use **back quotes** ``` to turn functions into infix operations and **brackets** `()` to turn infix operations into functions

<code>5 * 4</code>	<code>(*) 5 4</code>	<code>mod 13 4</code>	<code>13 `mod` 4</code>
<code>5-(3*4)</code>	<code>(5-3)*4</code>	<code>7 >= (3*3)</code>	<code>5 * (-1)</code>

- **Precedence:** Usual rules of precedence and bracketing apply

- **Example of Evaluation:**

```
cube(square3) ⇒ (square 3) * square (square 3)
                ⇒ (3*3) * ((square 3) * (square 3))
                ⇒ 9 * ((3*3) * (3*3))
                ⇒ (9 * (9*9))
                ⇒ 729
```

- The final outcome of an evaluation is called a *value*

Summary — Comparing Functional and Imperative Programs

- **Difference 1:** Level of Abstraction
 - Imperative Programs include low level memory details
 - Functional Programs describe only high-level algorithms
- **Difference 2:** How execution works
 - Imperative Programming based upon memory transformation
 - Functional Programming based upon expression evaluation
- **Difference 3:** Type systems
 - Type systems play a key role in functional programming

Today You Should Have Learned ...

- **Types:** A type is a collection of data values
- **Functions:** Transform inputs to outputs
 - We build complex expressions by defining functions and applying them to other expressions
 - The simplest (evaluated) expressions are (data) values
- **Evaluation:** Calculates the result of applying a function to an input
 - Expressions can be evaluated to values by hand or by GHCi (the interpreter of the Glasgow Haskell Compiler)
- **Now:** Go and look at the first practical!

Lecture 2 — More Types and Functions

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Overview of Lecture 2

- **New Types:** Today we shall learn about the following types
 - The type of booleans: `Bool`
 - The type of characters: `Char`
 - The type of strings: `String`
 - The type of fractions: `Float`
- **New Functions and Expressions:** And also about the following functions
 - Conditional expressions and guarded functions
 - Error handling and local declarations

Booleans and Logical Operators

- **Values of `Bool`** : Contains two values — `True`, `False`
- **Logical Operations:** Various built in functions

```
&&    :: Bool -> Bool -> Bool
||    :: Bool -> Bool -> Bool
not   :: Bool -> Bool
```

- **Example:** Define the exclusive-OR function which takes as input two booleans and returns `True` just in case they are different

```
exOr :: Bool -> Bool -> Bool
```

Conditionals — If statements

- **Example:** Maximum of two numbers

```
maxi :: Int -> Int -> Int
maxi n m = if n >= m then n else m
```

- **Example:** Testing if an integer is 0

```
isZero :: Int -> Bool
isZero x = if (x == 0) then True else False
```

- **Conditionals:** A *conditional expression* has the form

```
if b then e1 else e2
```

where

- `b` is an expression of type `Bool`
- `e1` and `e2` are expressions with the same type

Guarded functions — An alternative to `if`-statements

- **Example:** `doubleMax` returns double the maximum of its inputs

```
doubleMax :: Int -> Int -> Int
doubleMax x y
  | x >= y = 2*x
  | x < y  = 2*y
```

- **Definition:** A guarded function is of the form

`<function-name> :: <type 1>->...-><type n> -><output type>`

```
<function-name> <var 1> ... <var n>
  | <guard 1> = <expression 1>
  | ...      = ...
  | <guard m> = <expression m>
```

where `<guard 1>, ..., <guard m> :: Bool`

The `Char` type

- **Elements of `Char`** : Letters, digits and special characters
- **Forming elements of `Char`** : Single right quotes (apostrophes) form characters:

```
'd' :: Char    '3' :: Char
```

- **Functions:** Characters have codes and conversion functions

```
chr :: Int -> Char    ord :: Char -> Int
```

Erratum: use *import Data.Char* or *:module Data.Char* to import these goodies!

- **Examples:** Try them out! (Also try `isDigit` and `digitToInt`)

```
offset :: Int
offset = ord 'A' - ord 'a'

capitalize :: Char -> Char
capitalize ch = chr (ord ch + offset)
```

```
isLower :: Char -> Bool  
isLower x = ('a' <= x) && (x <= 'z')
```

The String type

- **Elements of `String`:** Lists of characters
- **Forming elements of `String`:** Double quotes form strings

`"Newcastle Utd" "1a"`

- **Special Strings:** Newline and Tab characters

`"Super \n Alan" "1\t2\t3" putStr("Super \n Alan")`

- **Combining Strings:** Strings can be combined by `++`

`"Super " ++ "Alan " ++ "Shearer" = "Super Alan Shearer"`

- **Example:** `duplicate` gives two copies of a string

The type of Fractions `Float`

- **Elements of** `Float` : Contains decimals, eg `-21.3`, `23.1e-2`
- **Built in Functions:** Arithmetic, Ordering, Trigonometric
- **Conversions:** Functions between `Int` and `String`

```
ceiling, floor, round  ::  Float -> Int
fromIntegral           ::  Int   -> Float
show                  ::  Float -> String
read                  ::  String -> Float
```

- **Overloading:** Overloading is when values/functions belong to several types

```
2 :: Int      show :: Int -> String
2 :: Float    show :: Float -> String
```

Error-Handling

- **Motivation:** Informative error messages for run-time errors
- **Example:** Dividing by zero will cause a run-time error

```
myDiv :: Float -> Float -> Float
myDiv x y = x/y
```

- **Solution:** Use an `error` message in a guarded definition

```
myDiv :: Float -> Float -> Float
myDiv x y
  | y /= 0      = x/y
  | otherwise   = error "Attempt to divide by 0"
```

- **Execution:** If we try to divide by 0 we get

```
Prelude> mydiv 5 0
Program error:  Attempt to divide by 0
```

- **Motivation:** Functions will often depend on other functions
- **Example :** Summing the squares of two numbers

```
sq :: Int -> Int
sq x = x * x
```

```
sumSquares :: Int -> Int -> Int
sumSquares x y = sq x + sq y
```

- **Problem:** Such definitions clutter the top-level environment
- **Answer:** Local definitions allow auxiliary functions

```
sumSquares2 :: Int -> Int -> Int
sumSquares2 x y = sq x + sq y
                  where sq z = z * z
```

- **Quadratic Equations:** The solutions of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

- **Types:** Our program will have type

```
roots :: Float -> Float -> Float -> String
```

- **Guards:** There are 4 cases to check so use a guarded definition

```
roots a b c
  | a == 0           = ....
  | b*b-4*a*c < 0    = ....
  | b*b-4*a*c == 0   = ....
  | otherwise        = ....
```

- **Code:** Now we can add in the answers

```
roots a b c
|   a == 0           = error "Not a quadratic eqn"
|   b*b-4*a*c < 0    = "No roots."
|   b*b-4*a*c == 0   = "One root: " ++ show (-b/2*a)
|   otherwise        = "Two roots: " ++
                        show ((-b + sqrt (b*b-4*a*c))/2*a)
                        ++ "and" ++
                        show ((-b - sqrt (b*b-4*a*c))/2*a)
```

- **Problem:** This program uses several expressions repeatedly
 - Being cluttered, the program is hard to read
 - Similarly the program is hard to understand
 - Repeated evaluation of the same expression is inefficient

- **Local decs:** Expressions used repeatedly are made local

```
roots a b c
| a == 0      = error "Not a quadratic eqn"
| disc < 0    = "No roots."
| disc == 0   = "One root: " ++ show centre
| otherwise   = "Two roots: " ++
                show (centre + offset) ++ "and" ++
                show (centre - offset)

where
    disc = b*b-4*a*c
    offset = (sqrt disc) / 2*a
    centre = -b/2*a
```

Today You Should Have Learned

- **Types:** We have learned about Haskell's basic types. For each type we learned
 - Its basic values (elements)
 - Its built in functions
- **Expressions:** How to write expressions involving
 - Conditional expressions and Guarded functions
 - Error Handling and Local Declarations

Lecture 3 — New Types from Old

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Overview of Lecture 3

- **Building New Types:** Today we will learn about the following compound types
 - Pairs
 - Tuples
 - Type Synonyms
- **Describing Types:** As with basic types, for each type we want to know
 - What are the values of the type
 - What expressions can we write and how to evaluate them

From simple data values to complex data values

- **Motivation:** Data for programs modelled by values of a type
- **Problem:** Single values in basic types too simple for real data
- **Example:** A point on a plane can be specified by
 - A number for the x-coordinate and another for the y-coordinate
- **Example:** A person's complete name could be specified by
 - A string for the first name and another for the second name
- **Example:** The performance of a football team could be
 - A string for the team and a number for the points

New Types from Old I — Pair Types and Expressions

- **Examples:** For instance
 - The expression `(5,3)` has type `(Int, Int)`
 - The name `("Alan","Shearer")` has type `(String, String)`
 - The performance `("Newcastle", 22)` has type `(String,Int)`
- **Question:** What are the values of a pair type?
- **Answer:** A pair type contains pairs of values, ie
 - If `e1` has type `a` and `e2` has type `b`
 - Then `(e1,e2)` has type `(a,b)`

Functions using Pairs

- **Types:** Pair types can be used as input and/or output types
- **Examples:** The built in functions `fst` and `snd` are vital

```
fst :: (a,b) -> a
fst (x,y) = x
```

```
winUpdate :: (String,Int) -> (String,Int)
winUpdate (x,y) = (x,y+3)
```

```
movePoint :: Int -> Int -> (Int,Int) -> (Int,Int)
movePoint m n (x,y) = (x+m,y+n)
```

- **Key Idea:** If input is a pair-type, use $(\langle \text{var1} \rangle, \langle \text{var2} \rangle)$ in definition
- **Key Idea:** If output is a pair-type, result is often $(\langle \text{exp1} \rangle, \langle \text{exp2} \rangle)$

New Types from Old II — Tuple Types and Expressions

- **Motivation:** Some data consists of more than two parts
- **Example:** Person on a mailing list
 - Specified by name, telephone number, and age
 - A person p on the list can have type `(String, Int, Int)`
- **Idea:** Generalise pairs of types to collections of types
- **Type Rule:** Given types `a1, ..., an`, then `(a1, ..., an)` is a type
- **Expression Formation:** Given expressions `e1 :: a1, ..., en :: an`, then

`(e1, ..., en) :: (a1, ..., an)`

Functions using Tuples

- **Example 1:** Write a function to test if a customer is an adult

```
isAdult :: (String,Int,Int) -> Bool
```

```
isAdult (name, tel, age) = (age >= 18)
```

- **Example 2:** Write a function to update the telephone number

```
updateMove :: (String,Int,Int) -> Int -> (String,Int,Int)
```

- **Example 3:** Write a function to update age after a birthday

```
updateAge :: (String,Int,Int) -> (String,Int,Int)
```

General Definition of a Function: Patterns with Tuples

- **Definition:** Functions now have the form

`<function-name> :: <type 1> -> ... -> <type n> -> <out-type>`

`<function-name> <pat 1> ... <pat n> = <exp n>`

- **Patterns:** Patterns are
 - Variables `x`: Use for any type
 - Constants `0`, `True`, `‘‘cherry’’`: Definition by cases
 - Tuples `(x,...,z)`: If the argument has a tuple-type
 - Wildcards `_`: If the output doesn't use the input
- **In general:** Use several lines and mix patterns.

More Examples

- **Example:** Using values and wildcards

```
isZero :: Int -> Bool
isZero 0 = True
isZero _ = False
```

- **Example:** Using tuples and multiple arguments

```
expand :: Int -> (Int,Int) -> (Int,Int,Int)
expand n (x,y) = (n, n*x, n*y)
```

- **Example:** Days in the month

```
days :: String -> Int -> Int
days "January"   year = 31
days "February" year = if isLeap year then 29 else 28
days "March"     year = 31
.....
```


New Types from Old III — Type Synonyms

- **Motivation:** More descriptive names for particular types.
- **Definition:** Type synonyms are declared with the keyword `type`.

```
type Team = String
type Goals = Int
type Match = ((Team,Goals), (Team,Goals))

numu :: Match
numu = (("Newcastle", 4), ("Manchester Utd", 3))
```

- **Functions:** Types of functions are more descriptive, same code

```
homeTeam :: Match -> Team
totalGoals :: Match -> Goals
```

Today You Should Have Learned

- **Tuples:** Collections of data from other types
- **Pairs:** Pairs, triples etc are examples of tuples
- **Type synonyms:** Make programs easier to understand
- **Pattern Matching:** General description of functions covering definition by cases, tuples etc.
- **Pitfall!** What is the difference between

```
addPair :: (Int,Int) -> Int  
addPair (x,y) = x + y
```

```
addTwo :: Int -> Int -> Int  
addTwo x y = x + y
```

Lecture 4 — List Types

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Overview of Lecture 4 — List Types

- **Lists:** What are lists?
 - Forming list types
 - Forming elements of list types
- **Functions over lists:** Some old friends, some new friends
 - Functions from CO1003/4: `cons`, `append`, `head`, `tail`
 - Some new functions: `map`, `filter`
- **Clarity:** Unlike Java, Haskell treatment of lists is clear
 - No list iterators!

List Types and Expressions

- **Example 1:** `[3, 5, 14] :: [Int]` and `[3, 4+1, double 7] :: [Int]`
- **Example 3:** `['d','t','g'] :: [Char]`
- **Example 4:** `[['d'], ['d','t'], ['d','t','g']] :: [[Char]]`
- **Example 5:** `[double, square, cube] :: [Int -> Int]`
- **Empty List:** The empty list is `[]` and belongs to all list types
- **List Expressions:** Lists are written using square brackets `[...]`
 - If `e1, ..., en` are expressions of type `a`
 - Then `[e1, ..., en]` is an expression of type `[a]`

Some built in functions - Two infix operators

- **Cons:** The cons function `:` adds an element to a list

`:` `:: a -> [a] -> [a]`

```
1      : [2,3,4]      = [1,2,3,4]
addone  : [square]     = [addone, square]
'a'     : ['b', 'z']  = ['a', 'b', 'z']
```

- **Append:** Append joins two lists together

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

```
[True, True] ++ [False] = [True, True, False]
[1,2] ++ ([3] ++ [4,5]) = [1,2,3,4,5]
([1,2] ++ [3]) ++ [4,5] = [1,2,3,4,5]
[] ++ [54.6, 67.5]      = [54.6, 67.5]
[6,5] ++ (4 : [7,3])    = [6,5,4,7,3]
```

More Built In Functions

- **Head and Tail:** Head gives the first element of a list, tail the remainder

```
head [double, square] = double
head ([5,6]++[6,7])   = 5
```

```
tail [double, square] = [square]
tail ([5,6]++[6,7])   = [6,6,7]
```

- **Length and Sum:** The length of a list and the sum of a list of integers

```
length (tail [1,2,3]) = 2
sum [1+4,8,45] = 58
```

- **Sequences:** The list of integers from `1` to `n` is written

```
[1 .. n]
```

String is actually a list type

- **Note:** The type `String` is a type synonym for `[Char]`.
- Hence we can use list notation on strings: eg.

-

```
head "abcdef" = 'a'
```

```
tail "abcdef" = "bcdef"
```

```
"Fer"++"-Jan" = "Fer-Jan"
```

```
"abcd"= 'a':"bcd"
```


Two New Functions — Map And Filter

- **Map:** Map is a function which has two inputs.

- The first input is a function eg `f`
- The second is a list eg `[e1,e1,e3]`

The output is the list obtained by applying the function to every element of the input list eg `[f e1, f e2, f e3]`

- **Filter:** Filter is a function which has two inputs.

- The first is a *test*, ie a function returning a `Bool`.
- The second is a list

The output is the list of elements of the input list which the function maps to `True`, ie those elements which pass the test.

Using Map and Filter

- **Even Numbers:** The even numbers less than or equal to `n`

– `evens :: Int -> [Int]`

- **Solution 1** — Using `filter`.

```
evens2 :: Int -> [Int]
evens2 n = filter isEven [1 .. n]
           where isEven x = (x `mod` 2 == 0)
```

- **Solution 2** — Using `map`

Today You Should Have Learned

- **Types:** We have looked at list types
 - What list types and list expressions looks like
 - What built in functions are available
- **New Functions:**
 - Map: Apply a function to every member of a list
 - Filter: Delete those that don't satisfy a property or test
- **Algorithms:** Develop an algorithm by asking
 - Can I solve this problem by applying a function to every member of a list or by deleting certain elements.

Lecture 5 — List Comprehensions

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Overview of Lecture 5

- **Recall Map:** Map is a function which has two inputs.

`map add2 [2, 5, 6] = [4, 7, 8]`

- **Recall Filter:** Filter is a function which has two inputs.

`filter isEven [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7] = [2, 4, 6]`

Both Map and Filter essentially construct new lists from old lists.

- **List comprehension:** An alternative way of constructing lists
 - Definition of list comprehension
 - Comparison with `map` and `filter`

List Comprehension — An alternative to `map` and `filter`

- **Example 1:** If `xs = [2,4,7]` then

`[2*x | x <- xs] = [4,8,14]`

- **Example 2:** If `isEven :: Int->Bool` tests for even-ness

`[isEven x | x <- xs] = [True,True,False]`

- **In General:** (Simple) list comprehensions are of the form

`[<exp> | <variable> <- <list-exp>]`

- **Evaluation:** The meaning of a list comprehension is
 - Take each element of `list-exp`, evaluate the expression `exp` for each element and return the results in a list.

Using List Comprehensions Instead of `map`

- **Example 1:** A function which doubles a list's elements

```
double :: [Int] -> [Int]
```

- **Example 2:** A function which tags an integer with its evenness

```
isEvenList :: [Int] -> [(Int,Bool)]
```

- **Example 3:** A function to add pairs of numbers

```
addpairs :: [(Int,Int)] -> [Int]
```

- **In general:** `map f l = [f x | x <- l]`

Using List Comprehensions Instead of Filter

- **Intuition:** List Comprehension can also select elements from a list

- **Example:** We can select the even numbers in a list

```
[ e | e <- l, isEven e ]
```

- **Example:** Selecting names beginning with A

```
names :: [String] -> [String]  
names l = [ e | e <- l , head e == 'A' ]
```

- **Example:** Combining selection and applying functions

```
doubleEven :: [Int] -> [Int]  
doubleEven l = [ 2*e | e <- l , isEven e ]
```


General Form of List Comprehension

- **In General:** These list comprehensions are of the form

`[<exp> | <variable> <- <list-exp> , <test>]`

- **Example:** In fact, we can use several tests — if `1 = [2,5,8,10]`

`[2*e | e <- 1 , isEven e , e>3] = [16,20]`

- **Key Example:** Cartesian product of two lists is a list of all pairs, such that for each pair, the first component comes from the first list and the second component from the second list.

`[(x,y) | x<-[1,2,3], y<-['a','b','c']]`
`= [(1,'a'), (1,'b') ...]`

`league :: [Team]`

`games = [(t1,t2) | t1 <- league, t2 <- league, t1 /= t2]`

Removing Duplicates

- **Problem:** Given a list remove all duplicate entries
- **Algorithm:** Given a list,
 - Keep first element
 - Delete all occurrences of the first element
 - Repeat the process on the tail
- **Code:**

Today You Should Have Learned

- **List Types:** We have looked at list types
 - What list types and list expressions looks like
 - What built in functions are available
- **List comprehensions:** Like `filter` and `map`. They allow us to
 - Select elements of a list
 - Delete those that dont satisfy certain properties
 - Apply a function to each element of the remainder

Lecture 6 — Recursion over Natural Numbers

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Overview of Lecture 6

- **Recursion:** General features of recursion
 - What is a recursive function?
 - How do we write recursive functions?
 - How do we evaluate recursive functions?
- **Recursion over Natural Numbers:** Special features
 - How can we guarantee evaluation works?
 - Recursion using patterns.
 - Avoiding negative input.

What is recursion?

- **Example:** Adding up the first n squares

$$\text{hssquares } n = 1^2 + \dots + (n-1)^2 + n^2$$

- **Types:** First we give the type of summing-squares

`hssquares :: Int -> Int`

- **Definitions:** Our program is a function

```
hssquares 0 = 0
hssquares n = n*n + hssquares (n-1)
```

- **Key Idea:** `hssquares` is recursive as its definition contains `hssquares` in a right-hand side – the function name “recurs”.

General Definitions

- **Definition:** A function is *recursive* if the name recurs in its definition.
- **Intuition:** You will have seen recursion in action before
 - Imperative procedures which call themselves
 - Divide-and-conquer algorithms
- **Why Recursion:** Recursive definitions tend to be
 - Shorter, more understandable and easier to prove correct
 - Compare with a non-recursive solution

`nrssquares n = n * (n+0.5) * (n+1)/3`

Examples of evaluation

- **Example 1:** Let's calculate `hssquares 4`

```
hssquares 4  ⇒  4*4 + hssquares 3
              ⇒  16 + (3*3 + hssquares 2)
              ...
              ⇒  16 + (9 + ..  (1 + hssquares 0))
              ⇒  16 + (9 + ...  (1 + 0))      ⇒  30
```

- **Example 2:** Here is a non-terminating function

```
mydouble n   =  n + mydouble (n/2)
mydouble 4   ⇒  4 + mydouble 2
              ⇒  4 + 2 + mydouble 1
              ⇒  4 + 2 + 1 + mydouble 0.5 ⇒  .....
```

- **Question:** Will evaluation stop?

Problems with Recursion

- **Questions:** There are some outstanding problems
 1. Is `hssquares` defined for every number?
 2. Does an evaluation of a recursive function always terminate?
 3. What happens if `hssquares` is applied to a negative number?
 4. Are these recursive definitions sensible: `f n = f n`, `g n = g (n+1)`
- **Answers:** Here are the answers
 1. Yes: The variable pattern matches every input.
 2. Not always: See examples.
 3. Trouble: Evaluation doesn't terminate.
 4. No: Why not?

Primitive Recursion over Natural Numbers

- **Motivation:** Restrict definitions to get better behaviour
- **Idea:** Many functions defined by three cases
 - A non-recursive call selected by the pattern `0`
 - A recursive call selected by the pattern `n`
 - The error case deals with negative input
- **Example** Our program now looks like

```
hssquares2 0 = 0
hssquares2 n
  | n>0      = n*n + hssquares (n-1)
  | n<0      = if n < 0 error 'Negative input'
```

Examples of recursive functions

- **Example 1:** `star` uses recursion over `Int` to return a string

```
star    :: Int -> String
star 0  = []
star n
  | n>0 = '*' : star (n-1)
  | n<0 = error "Negative input"
```

- **Example 2:** `power` is recursive in its second argument

```
power    :: Float -> Int -> Float
power x 0 = 1
power x n
  | n>0    = x * power x (n-1)
  | n<0    = error "Negative input"
```

Primitive Recursion

- **In General:** Use the following style of definition

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \text{function-name} \rangle 0 &= \langle \text{exp 1} \rangle \\ \langle \text{function-name} \rangle n & \\ \quad | \quad n > 0 &= \langle \text{exp 2} \rangle \\ \quad | \quad n < 0 &= \text{error} \langle \text{message} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

where

$\langle \text{exp 1} \rangle$ does not contain $\langle \text{function-name} \rangle$
 $\langle \text{exp 2} \rangle$ may contain $\langle \text{function-name} \rangle$ applied to $n-1$

- **Evaluation:** Termination guaranteed!
 - If the input evaluates to 0, evaluate $\langle \text{exp 1} \rangle$
 - If not, if the input is greater than 0, evaluate $\langle \text{exp 2} \rangle$
 - If neither, return the error message

Larger Example

- **Problem:** Produce a table for `perf :: Int -> (String, Int)` where `perf 1 = ("Arsenal",4)` etc.

- **Stage 1:** We need some headings and then the actual table

```
printTable :: Int -> IO()
```

```
printTable numberTeams = putStr(header ++ rows numberTeams)
                           where
                             header = "Team\t Points\n"
```

- **Stage 2:** Convert each “row” to a string, recursively.

```
rows      :: Int -> String
rows 0    = .....
rows n
  | n > 0 = .....
  | n < 0 = .....
```

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The Function `rows`

- **Base Case:** If we want no entries, then just return `[]`

`rows 0 = []`

- **Recursive Case:** Convert `n`-rows by
 - recursively converting the first `n-1`-rows, and
 - adding on the `n`-th row
- **Code:** Code for the recursive call

The Final Version

```
perf :: Int -> (String,Int)
perf 1 = ("Arsenal",4)
perf 2 = ("Notts",5)
perf 3 = ("Chelsea",7)
perf n = error "perf out of range"

rows :: Int -> String
rows n
  | n=0 = []
  | n>1 = rows (n-1) ++ fst(perf n) ++ "\t\t "
           ++ show(snd(perf n)) ++ "\n"
  | n < 0 = error"rows out of range"

printTable :: Int -> IO()
printTable numberTeams = putStr(header ++ rows numberTeams)
                           where
                           header = "Team\t\t Points\n"
```


Today You Should Have Learned

- **Recursion:** Allows new functions to be written.
 - Advantages: Clarity, brevity, tractability
 - Disadvantages: Evaluation may not stop
- **Primitive Recursion:** Avoids bad behaviour of some recursive functions
 - The value at 0 is non-recursive
 - Each recursive call uses a smaller input
 - An error-clause catches negative inputs
- **Algorithm:** Ask yourself, what needs to be done to the recursive call to get the answer.

Lecture 7 — Recursion over Lists

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Overview of Lecture 7

- **Lists:** Another look at lists
 - Lists are a recursive structure
 - Every list can be formed by `[]` and `:`
- **List Recursion:** Primitive recursion for Lists
 - How do we write primitive recursive functions
 - Examples — `++`, `length`, `head`, `tail`, `take`, `drop`, `zip`
- **Avoiding Recursion?:** List comprehensions revisited

Recursion over lists

- **Question:** This lecture is about the following question
 - We know what a recursive function over `Int` is
 - What is a recursive function over lists?
- **Answer:** In general, the answer is the same as before
 - A recursive function mentions itself in its definition
 - Evaluating the function may reintroduce the function
 - Hopefully this will stop at the answer

Another Look at Lists

- **Recall:** The two basic operations concerning lists
 - The empty list `[]`
 - The cons operator `(:)` $:: a \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [a]$
- **Key Idea:** Every list is either empty, or of the form `x:xs`
`[2,3,7] = 2:3:7:[]` `[True, False] = True:False:[]`
- **Recursion:** Define recursive functions using the scheme
 - Non-recursive call: Define the function on the empty list `[]`
 - Recursive call: Define the function on `(x:xs)` by using the function only on `xs`

Examples of Recursive Functions

- **Example 1:** Doubling every element of an integer list

```
double :: [Int] -> [Int]
double [] = []
double (x:xs) = (2*x) : double xs
```

- **Example 2:** Selecting the even members of a list

```
onlyEvens :: [Int] -> [Int]
onlyEvens [] = []
onlyEvens (x:xs) = if isEven x then x:rest else rest
                  where rest = onlyEvens xs
```

- **Example 3:** Flattening some lists

```
flatten :: [[a]] -> [a]
flatten [] = []
flatten (x:xs) = x ++ flatten xs
```

The General Pattern

- **Definition:** Primitive Recursive List Functions are given by

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \text{function-name} \rangle [] &= \langle \text{expression 1} \rangle \\ \langle \text{function-name} \rangle (x:xs) &= \langle \text{expression 2} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{array}{ll}\langle \text{expression 1} \rangle & \text{does not contain} \quad \langle \text{function-name} \rangle \\ \langle \text{expression 2} \rangle & \text{may contain expressions} \quad \langle \text{function-name} \rangle xs\end{array}$$

- **Compare:** Very similar to recursion over `Int`

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \text{function-name} \rangle 0 &= \langle \text{expression 1} \rangle \\ \langle \text{function-name} \rangle n &= \langle \text{expression 2} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{array}{ll}\langle \text{expression 1} \rangle & \text{does not contain} \quad \langle \text{function-name} \rangle \\ \langle \text{expression 2} \rangle & \text{may contain expressions} \quad \langle \text{function-name} \rangle (n-1)\end{array}$$

More Examples:

- **Example 4:** Append is defined recursively

`append :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]`

- **Example 5:** Testing if an integer is an element of a list

`member :: Int -> [Int] -> Bool`

- **Example 6:** Reversing a list

`reverse :: [a] -> [a]`

What can we do with a list?

- **Mapping:** Applying a function to every member of the list

```
double [2,3,72,1] = [2*2, 2*3, 2*72, 2*1]
```

```
isEven [2,3,72,1] = [True, False, True, False]
```

- **Filtering:** Selecting particular elements

```
onlyEvens [2,3,72,1] = [2,72]
```

- **Taking Lists Apart:** `head`, `tail`, `take`, `drop`

- **Combining Lists:** `zip`

- **Folding:** Combining the elements of the list

```
sumList [2,3,7,2,1] = 2 + 3 + 7 + 2 + 1
```

- **Recall:** List comprehensions look like

$$[\langle \text{exp} \rangle \mid \langle \text{variable} \rangle \leftarrow \langle \text{list-exp} \rangle, \langle \text{test} \rangle]$$

- **Intuition:** Roughly speaking this means
 - Take each element of the list $\langle \text{list-exp} \rangle$
 - Check they satisfy $\langle \text{test} \rangle$
 - Form a list by applying $\langle \text{exp} \rangle$ to those that do
- **Idea:** Equivalent to filtering and then mapping. As these are recursive, so are list comprehensions although the recursion is hidden

Today You Should Have Learned

- **List Recursion:** Lists are recursive data structures
 - Hence, functions over lists tend to be recursive
 - But, as before, general recursion is badly behaved
- **Primitive List Recursion:** Similar to natural numbers
 - A non-recursive call using the pattern `[]`
 - A recursive call using the pattern `(x:xs)`
- **List comprehension:** An alternative way of doing some recursion

Lecture 8 — More Complex Recursion

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Overview of Lecture 8

- **Problem:** Our restrictions on recursive functions are too severe
- **Solution:** New definitional formats which keep termination
 - Using new patterns
 - Generalising the recursion scheme
- **Examples:** Applications to integers and lists
- **Sorting Algorithms:** What is a sorting algorithm?
 - Insertion Sort, Quicksort and Mergesort

More general forms of primitive recursion

- **Recall:** Our primitive recursive functions follow the scheme
 - **Base Case:** Define the function non-recursively at 0
 - **Inductive Case:** Define the function at positive n in terms of the function at $(n-1)$

```
⟨function-name⟩ 0 = ⟨exp 1⟩
⟨function-name⟩ n
|  n > 0  =  ⟨exp 2⟩
|  n < 0  =  error⟨message⟩
```

where

⟨expression 1⟩	does not contain	⟨function-name⟩
⟨expression 2⟩	may contain	⟨function-name⟩ applied to n

- But some functions do not fit this scheme and require more complex patterns

Fibonacci Numbers – More Complex Patterns

- **Example:** The first Fibonacci numbers are 0,1. For each subsequent Fibonacci number, add the previous two together

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34

- **Problem:** The following does not terminate on input 1

```
fib 0 = 0
fib n = fib (n-1) + fib (n-2)
```

- **Solution:** Second base case!

```
fib 0 = 0
fib 1 = 1
fib n = fib (n-1) + fib (n-2)
```

To be more precise add error message in case ($n < 0$).
Otherwise the function will not terminate at negative input.

More general recursion on lists

- **Recall:** Our primitive recursive functions follow the pattern
 - **Base Case:** Defines the function at `[]` non-recursively
 - **Inductive Case:** Defines the function at `(x:xs)` in terms of the function at `xs`

$$\begin{aligned}\langle \text{function-name} \rangle [] &= \langle \text{exp 1} \rangle \\ \langle \text{function-name} \rangle (x:xs) &= \langle \text{exp 2} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

where

`⟨expression 1⟩` does not contain `⟨function-name⟩`
`⟨expression 2⟩` may contain `⟨function-name⟩` applied to `xs`

- **Motivation:** As with integers, some functions don't fit this shape

More General Patterns for Lists

- **Recall:** With integers, we used more general patterns.
- **Idea:** Use `(x:(y:xs))` pattern to access first two elements
- **Example:** We want a function to delete every second element

`delete [2,3,5,7,9,5,7] = [2,5,9,7]`

- **Solution:** Here is the code

```
delete :: [a] -> [a]
delete [] = []
delete [x] = [x]
delete (x:(y:xs)) = x : delete xs
```

- **Example:** To delete every third element use pattern `(x:(y:(z:xs)))`

Examples of Recursion and patterns — See how the typing helps

- **Example 1:** Summing pairs in a list of pairs

`sumPairs :: [(Int,Int)] -> Int`

- **Example 2:** Unzipping lists `unZip :: [(a,b)] -> ([a],[b])`

Sorting Algorithms 1: Insertsort

- **Problem:** A sorting algorithm rearranges a list in order

`sort [2,7,13,5,0,4] = [0,2,4,5,7,13]`

- **Recursion:** Such algorithms usually recursively sort a smaller list
- **Insertsort Alg:** To sort a list, sort the tail recursively, and then insert the head
- **Code:**

```
inssort :: [Int] -> [Int]
inssort [] = []
inssort (x:xs) = insert x (inssort xs)
```

where `insert` puts the number `x` in the correct place

The function `insert`

- **Patterns:** Insert takes two arguments, number and list
 - The recursion for `insert` doesn't depend on the number
 - The recursion for `insert` does depend on whether the list is empty or not — use the `[]` and `(x:xs)` patterns
- **Code:** Here is the final code

```
insert :: Int -> [Int] -> [Int]
insert n [] = [n]
insert n (x:xs)
    | n <= x      = n:x:xs
    | otherwise   = x:(insert n xs)
```

Sorting Algorithms 2: Quicksort

- **Quicksort Alg:** Given a list `l` and a number `n` in the list

sort `l` = sort those elements less than `n` ++
 number of occurrences of `n` ++
 sort those elements greater than `n`

- **Code:** The algorithm may be coded

```
qsort :: [Int] -> [Int]
qsort [] = []
qsort (x:xs) =  qsort (less x xs) ++
                occs x (x:xs) ++
                qsort (more x xs)
```

where `less`, `occs`, `more` are auxiliary functions

Alternative: write `x: occs x xs` instead of `occs x (x:xs)`

Defining the Auxiliary Functions

- **Problem:** The auxiliary functions can be specified
 - `less` takes a number and a list and returns those elements of the list less than the number
 - `occs` takes a number and a list and returns the occurrences of the number in the list
 - `more` takes a number and a list and returns those elements of the list more than the number
- **Code:** Using list comprehensions gives short code

```
less, occs, more :: Int -> [Int] -> [Int]
less n xs = [x | x <- xs, x < n]
occs n xs = [x | x <- xs, x == n]
more n xs = [x | x <- xs, x > n]
```

Sorting Algorithm 3: Mergesort

- **Mergesort Alg:** Split the list in half, recursively sort each half and merge the results
- **Code:** Overall function reflects the algorithm

```
msort [] = []  
msort [x] = [x]  
msort xs = merge (msort ys) (msort ws)  
            where (ys,ws) = (take l xs, drop l xs)  
                    where l = length xs `div` 2
```

where merge combines two sorted lists

```
merge [] ys = ys  
merge xs [] = xs  
merge (x:xs) (y:ys) = if x < y then x : merge xs (y:ys)  
                      else y : merge (x:xs) ys
```

- **Recursion Schemes:** We've generalised the recursion schemes to allow more functions to be written
 - More general patterns
 - Recursive calls to ANY smaller value
- **Examples:** Applied them to recursion over integers and lists
- **Sorting Algorithms:** We've put these ideas into practice by defining three sorting algorithms
 - Insertion Sort
 - QuickSort
 - MergeSort

Lecture 8.5 — Interlude JavaScript

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- Clickable links to background information
 - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Node.js>
 - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/JavaScript>
- The official JavaScript language specification (June 2017)
<https://www.ecma-international.org/ecma-262/8.0/>
- pointers to syntax and language definition
 - <https://javascript.info/>
 - <https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript>
 - <https://www.w3schools.com/js/>

- Several methods:
 - Use the developer console of Chrome browser (press F12)
Try to type `alert("I'm JavaScript!");` in the console
 - From terminal (linux): `js file.js`
 - From within an html file <https://www.w3schools.com/js/>

- ```
function fibonacci(num){
 _ var a = 1, b = 0, temp;
 _ while (num >= 0){
 _ _ temp = a;
 _ _ a = a + b;
 _ _ b = temp;
 _ _ num--;
 _ }
 _ return b;
}
```

- ```
function fibonacci(num) {  
  _ if (num <= 1) return 1;  
  _ return fibonacci(num - 1) + fibonacci(num - 2);  
}
```

Note the hidden double base case!

- Become familiar with the following
 - JavaScript Fundamentals
 - Functions in JavaScript Fundamentals
 - Arrays in Data Types
 - Advanced working with functions in The JavaScript language
This explains difference between iterative thinking (for loops)
and recursive thinking.
Recommendation: "Recursion gives usually shorter code."

- Arrays in Data Types
- Beware of differences in seemingly analogous array concepts in Haskell - JavaScript
 - H: all elements of array must have same type; J: an array can store elements of any type.
 - nth element of list: H `list !! n`; J `list[n]`
 - length of list: H `length list`; J `list.length`
 - head of list: H `head list`; J `list.shift()`
 - add new element to list: H `a:list`; J `list.unshift(a)` (use `alert` to show the change)

– last of list: `H last list; J list.unshift()`

- Challenge: try to code the Phonebook question of Worksheet2 in JavaScript!
- Challenge: try to code the sorting algorithms in JavaScript!

Lecture 9 — Higher Order Functions

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Overview of Lecture 9

- **Motivation:** Why do we want higher order functions
- **Definition:** What is a higher order function
- **Examples:**
 - Mapping: Applying a function to every member of a list
 - Filtering: Selecting elements of a list satisfying a property
- **Application:** Higher order sorting algorithms

Motivation

- **Example 1:** A function to double the elements of a list

```
doubleList :: [Int] -> [Int]
doubleList [] = []
doubleList (x:xs) = (2*x) : doubleList xs
```

- **Example 2:** A function to square the elements of a list

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

- **Example 3:** A function to increment the elements of a list

```
incList :: [Int] -> [Int]
incList [] = []
incList (x:xs) = (x+1) : incList xs
```

The Common Pattern

- **Problem:** Three separate definitions despite a clear pattern
- **Intuition:** Examples apply a function to each member of a list

```
function :: Int -> Int
```

```
functionList :: [Int] -> [Int]
```

```
functionList [] = []
```

```
functionList (x:xs) = (function x) : functionList xs
```

where in our previous examples `function` is

```
double    square    inc
```

- **Key Idea:** Make auxiliary function `function` an input

- **The Idea Coded:**

```
map f [] = []  
map f (x:xs) = (fx) : map f xs
```

- **Advantages:** There are several advantages

- Shortens code as previous examples are given by

```
doubleList xs = map double xs  
squareList xs = map square xs  
incList xs = map inc xs
```

- Captures the algorithmic content and is easier to understand
- Easier code-modification and code re-use

A Definition of Higher Order Functions

- **Question:** What is the type of `map`?
 - First argument is a function
 - Second argument is a list whose elements have the same type and the input of the function.
 - Result is a list whose elements are the output type of the function.
- **Answer:** So overall type is `map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]`
- **Definition:** A function is higher-order if an input is a function.
- **Another Example:** Type of `filter` is

`filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]`

Quicksort Revisited

- **Idea:** Recall our implementation of *quicksort*

```
qsort :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
qsort [] = []
qsort (x:xs) = qsort less ++ occs ++ qsort more
               where
                 less = [e | e<-xs, e<x]
                 occs = x : [e | e<-xs, e==x]
                 more = [e | e<-xs, e>x]
```

- **Polymorphism:** Quicksort requires an order on the elements:
 - The output list depends upon the order on the elements
 - This requirement is reflected in type class information `Ord a`
 - Don't worry about type classes as they are beyond this course

Limitations of Quicksort

- **Example:** Games tables might have type `[(Team,Points)]`
- **Problem:** How can we order the table?

```
Arsenal  16
AVilla   16
Derby    10
Birm.     4
...
```

- **Solution:** Write a new function for this problem

```
tSort [] = []
tSort (x:xs) = tSort less ++ [x] ++ tSort more
               where more = [e | e<-xs, snd e > snd x]
                     less = [e | e<-xs, snd e < snd x]
```

- What did we assume here?

Higher Order Sorting

- **Motivation:** But what if we want other orders, eg
 - Sort teams in order of names, not points
 - Sort on points, but if two teams have the same points, compare names
- **Key Idea:** Make the comparison a parameter of quicksort

```
qsortCp :: (a -> a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
qsortCp ord [] = []
qsortCp ord (x:xs) = qsortCp ord less ++ occs ++ qsortCp ord more
    where less = [ e | e <- xs, ord e x]
          occs = x : [ e | e <- xs, e == x]
          more = [ e | e <- xs, ord x e]
```

Examples

- **Key Idea:** To use a higher order sorting algorithm, use the required order to define the function to *sort by*

- **Example 1:** To sort by names

```
ord (t, p) (t', p') = t < t'
```

- **Example 2:** To sort by points and then names

```
ord (t, p) (t', p') = (p < p') || (p == p' && t < t')
```

- What should we assume about `ord`?

Today You Should Have Learned

- **Higher Order Functions:** Functions which takes functions as input
 - Facilitates code reuse and more abstract code
 - Many list functions are either `map`, `filter` or `fold`
- **HO Sorting:** An application of higher order functions to sorting
 - Produces more powerful sorting
 - Order of resulting list determined by a function
 - Lexicographic order allows us to try one order and then another

Lecture 10 — (Parametric) Polymorphism

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Overview of Lecture 10

- **Motivation:** Some examples leading to polymorphism
- **Definition:** What is *parametric* polymorphism?
 - What is a polymorphic type?
 - What is a polymorphic function?
 - Polymorphism and higher order functions
 - Applying polymorphic functions to polymorphic expressions

Monomorphic `length`

- **Example:** Let us define the length of a list of integers

```
mylength :: [Int] -> Int
mylength [] = 0
mylength (x:xs) = 1 + mylength xs
```

- **Problem:** We want to evaluate the length of a list of characters

```
Prelude> mylength ['a', 'g']
ERROR: Type error in application
*** expression : mylength ['a','g']
*** term : ['a','g']
*** type : [Char]
*** does not match : [Int]
```

- **Solution:** Define a new length function for lists of characters
... but this is not very efficient!

Polymorphic `length`

- **Better Solution:** The algorithm's input depends on the list type, but not on the type of integers.
- **Idea:** An alternative approach to typing `mylength`
 - There is one input and one output: `mylength :: a -> b`
 - The output is an integer: `mylength :: a -> Int`
 - The input is a list: `mylength :: [c] -> Int`
 - There is nothing more to infer from the code of `mylength` so
$$\text{mylength} :: [c] \rightarrow \text{Int}$$

This is an efficient function - works at all list types!

Haskell's Polymorphic Type System

- **Types:** Now we will deal with the following types:
 - Basic, built in types: `Int`, `Char`, `Bool`, `String`, `Float`
 - Type variables representing any type: `a`, `b`, `c`, ...
 - Types built with type constructors: `[]`, `->`, `(,)`
`[Int]` `a->a` `a->b` `a->Bool` `(String,a->a)` `[a->Bool]`
 - Type synonyms: `type <type-name> = <type-expression>`
`type Point = (Int,Int)`
`type Line = (Point,Point)`
`type Test = a->Bool`

Some Definitions

- **Polymorphism** is the ability to appear in different forms
- **Definition:** A type is *parametric polymorphic* iff it contains type variables (that is, type parameters).
- **Definition:** A function is *parametric polymorphic* iff it can be called on different types of input, and it is implemented by (code for) a single algorithm
- **Definition:** A function is *overloaded* iff it can be called on different types of input, and for each type of input, the function is implemented by (code for) a particular algorithm.
- **Examples:** Of overloading are the arithmetic operators: integer and floating-point addition.

Polymorphic Expressions

- **Key Idea:** Expressions have many types
 - Amongst these is a *principle* type
- **Example:** What is the type of `id x = x`
 - `id` sends an integer to an integer. So `id :: Int -> Int`
 - `id` sends a list of type `a` to a list of type `a`. So `id :: [a] -> [a]`
 - `id` sends an expression of type `b` to an expression of type `b`.
So `id :: b -> b`
- **Principle Type:** The last type includes the previous two – why?
 - In fact the principal type of `id` is `id :: b -> b` – why?

Old Examples: map and filter

- **Example 1:** What is the type of `map`

```
map f [] = []  
map f (x:xs) = f x : map f xs
```

- **Example 2:** What is the type of `filter`

```
filter f [] = []  
filter f (x:xs) = if f x then x:filter f xs else filter f xs
```

Old Examples: principal typed of map and filter

- **Example 1:** What is the type of `map`

```
map :: (a->b)->[a]->[b]
map f [] = []
map f (x:xs) = f x : map f xs
```

- **Example 2:** What is the type of `filter`

```
filter :: (a->Bool)->[a]->[a]
filter f [] = []
filter f (x:xs) = if f x then x:filter f xs else filter f xs
```

New example: iterate

- **Example 3:** What is the type of `iterate`

```
iterate f 0 x = x
iterate f n x = f (iterate f (n-1) x)
```

Example: Answer to previous slide

- **Example 3:** What is the type of `iterate`

```
iterate :: (a->a)->Int->a->a
iterate f 0 x = x
iterate f n x = f (iterate f (n-1) x)
```

Example

```
iterate (2*) 4 1 = (2*(2*(2*(2* (1))))) = 16
```

In general

```
iterate f n x
```

is

$$f^n (x)$$

Applying Polymorphic Expressions to Polymorphic Functions

- **Previously:** The typing of applications of expressions:

- If `exp1` is an expression with type `a -> b`
- And `exp2` is an expression with type `a`
- Then `exp1 exp2` has type `b`

- **Problem:** How does this apply to polymorphic functions?

```
length           :: [c] -> Int
[2,4,5]          :: [Int]
length [2,4,5]   :: Int
```

- **Key Idea:** Argument type can be an *instance* of input type

When is a Type an Instance of Another Type

- **Recall:** Two facts about expressions containing variables
 - Variables stand for arbitrary elements of a particular type
 - *Instances* of the expression are obtained by substituting expressions for variables
- **Key Idea:** (Parametric) polymorphic types are defined in the same way:
 - Type-expressions may contain type-variables
 - *Instances* of type-expressions are obtained by substituting types for type-variables
- **Example:** `[Int]` is an instance of `[c]` – substitute `Int` for `c`

- **Monomorphic:** Can a function be applied to an argument?
 - If the function's input type is the same type as its argument

$$\frac{f :: a \rightarrow b \quad x :: a}{f \ x :: b}$$

- **Polymorphically:** Can a function be applied to an argument?
 - If the function's input type is *unifiable* with argument's type

$$\frac{f :: a \rightarrow b \quad x :: c \quad \theta \text{ unifies } a, c}{f \ x :: \theta b}$$

where θ maps type variables to types

- **Example:** In the `length` example, set $\theta c = \text{Int}$

Example

- **Past Paper:** Assume `f` is a function with principle type

`f :: ([a], [b]) -> Int -> [(b, a)]`

Do the following expressions type check? State **Yes** or **No** with a brief reason and, if **Yes**, what is the principal type of the expression?

1. `f (3,3) 2`
2. `f ([], []) 5`
3. `f ([tail,head], []) 3`
4. `f ([True,False], ['x'])`

Today You Should Have Learned

- **Polymorphism:**

- Saves on code — one function (algorithm) has many types
- This implements our algorithmic intuition

- **Type Checking:** Expressions and functions have many types including a principle one

- Polymorphic functions are applied to expressions whose type is an instance of the type of the input of the function

Lecture 10 — Algebraic Types

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Recall the types in Haskell we have seen so far.

- basic types like `Int` , `Float` , `Char` , `Bool`
- compound types:
 - tuple types like `(Int, String)`
 - list types like `[Int]`
 - function types like `Int -> Int`
 - type synonyms like `type Word = String`
 - polymorphic types like `(a->b) -> [a] -> [b]`
 - polymorphic types and classes like `Ord a => [a] -> [a]`

There are other types which are difficult to model using the types seen so far.

Examples include:

- The type of months: January, February, .., December.
- The type of geometric shapes whose elements are either circles or rectangles.
- The type of trees.

All these types can be modelled by Haskell **algebraic types**.

Algebraic Types I: Enumerated Types

Enumerated types are types which are defined by enumerating the elements.

Example. Temperatures are either hot or cold.

```
data Temp = Cold | Hot
```

The type `Temp` has two members `Cold` and `Hot`, such that

```
Cold :: Temp  
Hot  :: Temp
```

`Cold` and `Hot` are called **CONSTRUCTORS**.

Enumerated Types

Example.

```
data Season = Spring | Summer | Autumn | Winter
```

The type `Season` has four members (**four constructors**) which are:

`Spring`, `Summer`, `Autumn` and `Winter`.

This means that

```
Spring :: Season
Summer :: Season
Autumn :: Season
Winter :: Season
```


Functions on enumerated types

```
data Month = January | February | March | April | May | June | July |  
           August | September | October | November | December
```

Example. Checking if a month is in summer.

```
isSummer :: Month -> Bool  
isSummer June = True  
isSummer July = True  
isSummer August = True  
isSummer September = True  
isSummer _ = False
```

To define functions over enumerated types we use **pattern matching**.

ENUMERATED TYPES.

`data <type-name> = <constructor 1> | ... | <constructor n>`

FUNCTIONS ON ENUMERATED TYPES.

`<function-name> :: <type-name> -> <out-type>`
`<function-name> <pat> = <exp>`

Rule for names: the name of the type and the names of the constructors begin with capital letters. Name of functions begin with lower case.

Algebraic types II: constructor functions

Example. A geometric shape is either a circle or a rectangle.

```
data Shape = Circle Float | Rectangle Float Float
```

There are two ways of building an element of `Shape`:

1. Supplying the radius of a circle:

```
Circle 3.9 :: Shape
```

2. Giving the sides of a rectangle:

```
Rectangle 3.5 13.5 :: Shape
```

Key idea. Incorporate *extra type information* in type definition.

Constructors functions

Example.

```
data Shape = Circle Float | Rectangle Float Float
```

Elements of type `Shape` are *constructed* by applying `Shape` and `Circle` to certain arguments.

```
Circle :: Float -> Shape  
Rectangle :: Float -> Float -> Shape
```

`Circle` and `Shape` are called

CONSTRUCTOR FUNCTIONS or just **CONSTRUCTORS**.

General form of algebraic types II

The general form of such a definition looks like

```
data ⟨type-name⟩ =  ⟨Cons-1⟩ ⟨type⟩ ... ⟨type⟩  
                  |  ⟨Cons-2⟩ ⟨type⟩ ... ⟨type⟩  
                  ..   ...  
                  |  ⟨Cons-r⟩ ⟨type⟩ ... ⟨type⟩
```

Here the **constructor (functions)** are:

```
Cons-i :: type → ... → type → type-name
```

Functions over algebraic types II

Example. Testing if a shape is a rectangle

```
isRect :: Shape -> Bool
isRect (Circle x) = False
isRect (Rectangle h w) = True
```

Key Idea. Again, use *pattern matching* to define functions. Now, *supply variables* for the constructor functions.

Example. Area of a shape is given by

```
area :: Shape -> Float
area (Circle r) = pi * r * r
area (Rectangle h w) = h * w
```

Alternative definition:

```
area :: Shape -> Float
area x = case x of
    Circle r -> pi * r * r
    Rectangle h w -> h * w
```

Deriving functions of built-in classes

Example.

```
data Temp = Cold | Hot
```

PROBLEM. If you type `Hot` to the prompt, you get an error!!!

```
Main > Hot
ERROR - Cannot find "show" function for:
*** Expression : Hot
*** Of type : Temp
```

SOLUTION. Add the clause `deriving` after the type definition.

```
data Temp = Cold|Hot
           deriving Show
```

What does `deriving` mean? What is `Show`?

Built-in classes and their functions

Class of types	Operators defined over the types belonging to the class
Eq	equality and inequality
Ord	order between elements
Enum	operations like [n..m]
Show	operations that turn elements into textual form

Deriving functions of built-in classes

If we want to define a non-standard equality on the type `Temp`, we have to make the type an `instance` of the class `Eq`.

```
instance Eq Temp where
  Cold == Cold = True
  _    == _    = False
```

If we want the standard definition of equality, Haskell generates it automatically.

```
data Temp = Cold|Hot
          deriving Eq
```

Deriving functions of built-in classes

Example.

```
data Season = Spring | Summer | Autumn | Winter
             deriving (Eq,Ord,Enum,Show)
```

Haskell automatically generates definitions of equality, ordering, enumeration and text functions.

`Spring == Spring` evaluates to `True`.

`[Summer .. Winter]` gives the list `[Summer, Autumn, Winter]`.

Deriving functions of built-in classes.

Example. Months of the year:

```
data Month = January | February | March | April | May | June | July |  
            August | September | October | November | December  
            deriving (Eq, Ord, Enum, Show)
```

Example.

```
data Shape = Circle Float | Rectangle Float Float  
            deriving (Eq, Ord, Show)
```

We cannot enumerate shapes. Being in `Enum` can only be derived for enumerated types.

Today you should have learned

Algebraic Types. Algebraic types allow

- Choice in the sorts of elements that make up the type
- Elements can contain parameters which belong to other types

Functions.

1. Functions are defined by pattern matching.
2. Functions of built-in classes can be derived automatically by Haskell.

Lecture 11 — Recursive Algebraic Types

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Recursive algebraic types

Recursive algebraic types are types which are described in terms of themselves.

Example. A type `Exp` for arithmetic expressions defined by

```
data Exp = Num Int | Add Exp Exp | Mul Exp Exp
         deriving Show
```

Key Idea: `Exp` also appears on the righthand side of the definition.

<i>Informal expression</i>	<i>Haskell representation</i>
5	<code>Num 5</code>
$5 + 21$	<code>Add (Num 5) (Num 21)</code>
$8 * 10$	<code>Mul (Num 8) (Num 10)</code>
$(4 * (2 + 5))$	<code>Mul (Num 4) (Add (Num 2) (Num 15))</code>

Elements of recursive types

Elements of `Exp` are either

1. integer expressions:

`Num 5 :: Exp`

2. or a combination of expressions using the arithmetic operations:

`Add (Num 5) (Num 7) :: Exp`

`Mul (Num 5) (Num 7) :: Exp`

To build an element of type `Elem` we use a combination of the following three **constructor functions**:

`Num :: Int -> Exp`

`Add :: Exp -> Exp -> Exp`

`Mul :: Exp -> Exp -> Exp`

Recursive algebraic types

Example. Lists of integers can be modelled by the type:

```
data NList = Nil | Cons Int NList
           deriving Show
```

Instances of elements of type `NList` are:

```
Nil
```

```
Cons 12 Nil
```

```
Cons 17 (Cons 12 Nil)
```

The constructors are:

```
Nil :: NList
```

```
Cons :: Int -> NList -> NList
```

Example. Trees of integers can be modelled by the type:

```
data NTree = NNil | NNode Int NTree NTree
           deriving Show
```

Instances of elements of type `NTree` are:

```
NNil
```

```
NNode 12 NNil NNil
```

```
NNode 17 (NNode 12 NNil NNil) (NNode 22 NNil NNil)
```

The constructors are:

```
NNil :: NTree
```

```
NNode :: Int -> NTree -> NTree -> NTree
```

Functions over recursive algebraic types

Recall: functions over algebraic types are defined by pattern matching with one clause for each constructor

```
data Shape = Circle Float | Rectangle Float Float
```

```
perim :: Shape -> Float
perim (Circle x) = 2 * 3.14 * x
perim (Rectangle h w) = 2 * (h + w)
```

Functions over recursive algebraic types

Example. Evaluation of expressions

```
eval :: Exp -> Int
eval (Num x) = x
eval (Add e1 e2) = eval e1 + eval e2
eval (Mul e1 e2) = eval e1 * eval e2
```

Now our functions can be *recursive*. The form of the recursive definition follows the recursion on the type definition.

There are two parts:

1. *Non-recursive or base cases*. The value of `Num x` is `x`.
2. *Recursive cases*. The value of an expression is calculated in terms of the values of its subexpressions `e1` and `e2`.

Example. Sum the nodes of a tree:

```
sumTree :: NTree -> Int
sumTree NNil = 0
sumTree (NNode n t1 t2) = n + sumTree t1 + sumTree t2
```

Example. Left subtree:

```
leftTree :: NTree -> NTree
leftTree NNil = NNil
leftTree (NNode n t1 t2) = t1
```

This is not a recursive definition.

Example. The depth of a tree:

```
depth::  NTree -> Int
depth NNil = 0
depth (NNode n t1 t2) = 1 + max (depth t1) (depth t2)
```

Example. Find out how many times a number `p` occurs in a tree:

```
occurs::  NTree -> Int -> Int
occurs NNil p = 0
occurs (NNode n t1 t2) p
    | n==p = 1 + occurs t1 p + occurs t2 p
    | otherwise = occurs t1 p + occurs t2 p
```

Today you should have learned

Types. Algebraic types can be recursive, eg trees can contain subtrees.

Functions.

- As before, define functions on each constructor.
- There is a natural way of defining recursive functions on recursive types.

Representations: How to represent elements of a data structure as expressions of a Haskell datatype.

Lecture 12 — Polymorphic Algebraic Types

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Trees of integers, trees of strings, ...

Example. Recall the definition of trees of integers:

```
data NTree = NNil | NNode Int NTree NTree
           deriving Show
```

Example. Trees of strings can be modelled by the type:

```
data STree = SNil | SNode String STree STree
           deriving Show
```

There is nothing special about numbers or strings. All these types of trees have the same structure, shape or *form*. We will define *polymorphic* trees.

Polymorphic algebraic types: polymorphic trees

Trees that carry elements of an arbitrary type at the nodes:

```
data Tree a = Nil | Node a (Tree a) (Tree a)
             deriving Show
```

where `a` is a type variable, i.e. `a` ranges over types.

Key ideas: • The type `Tree a` is parametric on the type `a`.

• We have to instantiate `a` to get a particular type of trees:

<code>a</code>	<code>Tree a</code>	description of the type
<code>Int</code>	<code>Tree Int</code>	trees of integers
<code>String</code>	<code>Tree String</code>	trees of strings
<code>[Int]</code>	<code>Tree [Int]</code>	trees of lists of integers

of types: `Tree Int`, `Tree String`, etc.

• We get a family

Elements of polymorphic trees

Examples.

1. `Nil :: Tree a` for any type `a`

2. An element of `Tree Int` is:

```
Node 12 Nil Nil :: Tree Int
```

3. An element of `Tree String` is:

```
Node "Leicester" Nil Nil :: Tree String
```

4. An element of `Tree [Int]` is:

```
Node [1,2] (Node [2,5,1] Nil Nil) Nil :: Tree [Int]
```

Polymorphic algebraic types: polymorphic lists

The built-in type of lists can be given by the definition:

```
data List a = NilList | Cons a (List a)
            deriving Show
```

where we use the following notation:

Haskell notation	our definition
[a]	List a
[]	NilList
:	Cons

The type `[a]` is parametric on `a`. By instantiating `a`, we get a family of types: `[Int]`, `[String]`, `[[Int]]`, etc.

Function on polymorphic algebraic types (1)

Example. The depth of a tree

```
depth :: Tree a -> Int
depth Nil = 0
depth (Node n t1 t2) = 1 + max (depth t1) (depth t2)
```

The function `depth` is *polymorphic*: it has a common definition for all the family of trees.

Example. Find out how many times a number `p` occurs in a tree:

```
occurs:: Eq a => Tree a -> a -> Int
occurs Nil p = 0
occurs (Node n t1 t2) p
    | n==p = 1 + occurs t1 p + occurs t2 p
    | otherwise = occurs t1 p + occurs t2 p
```

The type of this polymorphic function is conditional: it has the condition that the type `a` should belong to the class `Eq`.

Functions on polymorphic algebraic types (3)

Example. The function `mapTree` is similar to the function `map` over lists:

```
mapTree :: (a->b) -> Tree a -> Tree b
mapTree f Nil = Nil
mapTree f (Node x t1 t2) = Node (f x) (mapTree f t1)
                             (mapTree f t2)
```

Key ideas.

- it is *higher order*, i.e. it is a function that has an argument `f` which is a function too.
- it is *polymorphic*: it has a common definition with type `(a->b) -> Tree a -> Tree b` for all types `a` and `b`.

What is a Path?

Example. Consider the tree:

```
Node 3 (Node 7 Nil Nil) (Node 2 (Node 3 Nil Nil) Nil)
```

What do we have to do to get to the second occurrence of **3**?
First go to the right and then go to the left.

Type Definition: Encode paths as follows

- A direction is either left or right: `data Dir = L | R`
- A path is a list of directions: `type Path = [Dir]`

Example: So the path to the second occurrence of **3** is represented by the list `[R,L]`.

Example 1: Is a path valid for a particular tree?

```
isPath :: Path -> Tree a -> Bool
isPath [] (Node n t1 t2) = True
isPath (L:p) (Node n t1 t2) = isPath p t1
isPath (R:p) (Node n t1 t2) = isPath p t2
isPath _ _ = False
```

For instance, the path `[L]` is not a valid path for the tree `Node 3 Nil (Node 2 Nil Nil)` because there is nothing in the left subtree.

Example 2: What data is stored in a tree at the end of the path?

```
extract :: Path -> Tree a -> a

extract [] (Node n t1 t2) = n
extract (L:p) (Node n t1 t2) = extract p t1
extract (R:p) (Node n t1 t2) = extract p t2
extract _ _ = error "There is no data at this path"
```

We can extract the number 3 at the end of the path [R,L] from
Node 3 (Node 7 Nil Nil) (Node 2 (Node 3 Nil Nil) Nil)

Variants of Trees

Example. Trees which store data in all the nodes. A Tree is

- A leaf storing data
- A node storing a left subtree, some data, and a right subtree

```
data Tree1 a = Leaf a | Node1 (Tree1 a) a (Tree1 a)
```

Variants of Trees

Example. Trees which may store no data at a leaf

- The empty tree storing no data
- A leaf storing data
- A node storing a left subtree, some data, and a right subtree

```
data Tree2 a = ND | Leaf a | Node2 (Tree2 a) a (Tree2 a)
```

Key Idea: To define a type, first work out the constructors and their types

Today you should have learned

Types: Algebraic types can be

- Polymorphic, eg trees can store different forms of data
- Polymorphic algebraic types have a type parameter, eg `Tree Int` or `Tree String`, not `Tree`

Lecture 13 — Errors

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Four approaches to handle errors

How should a program deal with a situation which ought not to occur?

Examples: divide by zero, head of an empty list, etc.

We will discuss four approaches for handling errors:

1. The `error` function.
2. Dummy values.
3. Auxiliary functions and the `error` function.
4. The `Error` types (the nicest solution).

First approach: the error function (1)

The `error` function stops the computation and prints a message.

Example. Recall the `cost` function:

```
type NumCars = Int
type DailyCost = Float
cost :: NumCars -> DailyCost
cost n
  | n < 0 = error "Car production is always positive"
  | 0 <= n && n <= 1000 = 6*m + 1000
  | otherwise = 4*m + 450
where m = fromIntegral n
```

Problem. We may lose useful information for stopping the computation.

First approach: the error function (2)

Suppose we have a database with a daily record of the number of cars produced by a factory:

```
recordcars = [ 1000, -25000, 230000, -20000, 45000, 30000]
```

```
map cost recordcars
```

 evaluates to

```
[7000.0,
```

```
Program error: Car production is always positive
```

Problem. The computation stops in the 2nd value and we lose the rest of the information.

First approach: the error function (3)

Example. Recall this notion of trees:

```
data Tree2 a = ND | Leaf a | Node2 (Tree2 a) a (Tree2 a)
```

Adding an element at one ND

```
addData :: a -> Tree2 a -> Tree2 a
addData x ND = Leaf x
addData x (Leaf y) = error ‘‘Cannot add Data’’
addData x (Node2 t1 y t2) = Node2 (addData x t1) y (addData x t2)
```

Wrong! This doesn't work, because it

- replaces all ND's with the data
- crashes as soon as we hit a leaf

We want a mechanism that explains when the program worked all right

Second approach: dummy values

Instead of giving an error message, we can choose to give a particular value (called *dummy value*) in the error case.

```
cost n
| n < 0 = -1
| 0 <= n && n <= 1000 = 6*m + 1000
| otherwise = 4*m + 450
where m = fromIntegral n
```

This works if the cost is expected to be always positive.

Drawback. In many cases there is no way to tell when an error has occurred. For instance, imagine a cost function that subtracts 1000 instead of adding it.

Third approach: an auxiliary function

To solve the problem of adding data in a tree, we can define an auxiliary function. We first test whether there is some **ND** in the tree or not:

```
isND :: Tree2 a -> Bool
```

```
isND ND = True
```

```
isND (Leaf x) = False
```

```
isND (Node2 t1 x t2) = (isND t1) || (isND t2)
```

Third approach: an auxiliary function

Then, we write a function that combines the auxiliary function and the `error` function:

```
addData :: a -> Tree2 a -> Tree2 a
addData x ND = Leaf x
addData x (Leaf y) = error "There are no ND's"
addData x (Node2 t1 y t2)
  | (isND t1) = Node2 (addData x t1) y t2
  | (isND t2) = Node2 t1 y (addData x t2)
  | otherwise = error "There are no ND's"
```

We will see a more efficient way of solving this problem.

Final approach: error types

We return an error *value* as a result. For this, we define a polymorphic type:

```
data Err a = Ok a | Fail
```

We return a value that contains the following information:

- the program worked and returns a certain value of type `a` or
- the program didn't work

Key Idea. Functions now return error types. Compare with Java's try-blocks

Final approach: error types

Example. Redefining `cost`

```
cost n
| n < 0 = Fail
| 0 <= n && n <= 1000 = Ok(6*m + 1000)
| otherwise = Ok(4*m + 450)
where m = fromIntegral n
```

Consider the database

```
recordcars = [ 1000, -25000, 230000, -20000, 45000, 30000].
```

Now, `map cost recordcars` evaluates to

```
[Ok 7000.0,Fail,Ok 920450.0,Fail,Ok 180450.0,Ok 120450.0].
```

Advantage. We can see all production costs: the correct and the incorrect ones.

Final approach: error types

Example. Remove the `n`-th element from a list (there is no zero-th element)

```
remove :: Int -> [a] -> Err [a]

remove 1 (x:xs) = Ok xs
remove n (x:xs) = case remove (n-1) xs of
                    Fail -> Fail
                    Ok zs -> Ok (x:zs)
remove n _ = Fail
```

Note the use of case. We have two cases: either `remove n xs` evaluates to `Fail` or it evaluates to an expression of the form `Ok zs`.

Final approach: error types

Example. Redefining `addData` efficiently:

```
addData :: a -> Tree2 a -> Err (Tree2 a)
```

```
addData x ND = Ok (Leaf x)
```

```
addData x (Leaf y) = Fail
```

```
addData x (Node2 t1 y t2) = case (addData x t1) of
    Ok t -> Ok (Node2 t y t2)
    Fail -> case (addData x t2) of
        Ok t -> Ok (Node2 t1 y t)
        Fail -> Fail
```

Advantage. We do not need an auxiliary function like `isND`. The test for `ND`'s is incorporated into the function `addData`. This version of `addData` is *more efficient*.

- **Example:** What element occurs at a path in a tree

`lookup :: Path -> NTree a -> Err a`

- Try to write your own code for lookup.
- **Final comment:** instead of defining our own type `Err a` we could have used the standard type `Maybe a`.

One for you ...

- **Example:** What element occurs at a path in a tree even if the path points at something outside the tree...

```
data NTree = NNil | NNode Int NTree NTree deriving Show

lookup :: Path -> NTree a -> Err a
lookup [] (NNode a t1 t2) = Ok a
lookup (L:path) (NNode a t1 t2) = case (lookup path t1) of
    Fail -> Fail
    Ok b -> Ok b
lookup (R:path) (NNode a t1 t2) = case (lookup path t2) of
    Fail -> Fail
    Ok b -> Ok b

lookup _ _ = Fail
```

Today You Should Have Learned

- **Trees:** Different varieties of Trees
 - Is there data stored in nodes?
 - How many subtrees does a node have?
- **Paths:** Do you understand what paths are?
 - Can you write functions using paths?
- **Errors:** Using error types as exception handlers
 - Java has `try`, `catch` blocks etc
- **Practical:** Combines all three of these types