

Typing Benefits

Debugging

Fast execution

Autodocumentation

Basic Types

int, real, string, bool

2 2.0 "abc" true

Complex Types

Int list, real list, nested list

$\text{hd } [1, 2, 3] \Rightarrow 1$

$[1, 2, \text{"ab"}, \text{"cd"}] \Rightarrow \text{type error}$

$[1, 2, [3, 4]] \Rightarrow \text{type error}$

Tuple Types

$(2, \text{"abc"}) \text{ int} \cdot \text{string}$

$(2, 3.0, \text{"abc"}) \text{ int} \cdot \text{real} \cdot \text{string}$

General Syntax

$T_1 * T_2 * \dots * T_n$

represents a tuple with n field, where field i has type T_i .

$((1, 2), \text{"abc"}) \text{ (int} \cdot \text{int)} \cdot \text{string}$

$i \ t \Rightarrow$ field i of tuple t

$2 \ (6, 7, "abc") \Rightarrow 7$

$3 \ (6, 7, "abc") \Rightarrow "abc"$

$(1, ("ab", 2), "cd") : \text{int} \cdot (\text{string} \cdot \text{int}) \cdot \text{string}$

$1 \ (\#2 \ t) \Rightarrow "ab"$

$[[1, 2], [3, 4]] : (\text{int list}) \text{ list}$

$(2, 3, [4, 5]) : \text{int} \cdot \text{int} \cdot (\text{int list})$

$(2, (3.0, "ab"), "cd") : \text{int} \cdot (\text{real} \cdot \text{str}) \cdot \text{str}$

$[(1, "a"), (3, "bc"), (7, "fg")] : (\text{int} \cdot \text{str}) \text{ list}$

Functions

$\text{func} : \text{input type} \rightarrow \text{output type}$

$\text{square } 3.0 \Rightarrow 9.0$

$\text{square} : \text{real} \rightarrow \text{real}$

$\text{list sum } [1, 2, 3] \Rightarrow 1 + 2 + 3 = 6$

$\text{list sum} (\text{int list}) \rightarrow \text{int}$

$\equiv \text{int list} \rightarrow \text{int}$

$\text{add1 } 3 \Rightarrow 4$

$\text{add1} : \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$

$\text{fun add1 } x = x + 1;$

ML infers that $\text{add1} : \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$

$\text{add1hd } [1, 2, 3] \Rightarrow [2, 2, 3]$

$\text{fun add1hd } L = (1 + \text{hd } L) :: (\text{tl } L)$

ML infers $\text{add1hd} : \text{int list} \rightarrow \text{int list}$

All ML functions are Unary, have 1 argument

$\text{fun hypot } (x, y) = \text{sqr}t(x \cdot x + y \cdot y);$

Recursion

$\text{fun fact}(n) = \text{if } n = 0$

then 1

else $n \cdot \text{fact}(n - 1);$

$\text{fact} : \text{int} \rightarrow \text{int}$

$\text{fun fib } n$

= if $n = 0$

then 0

else if $n = 1$

then 1

else $\text{fib}(n - 1) + \text{fib}(n - 2);$

$\text{fun listSum } L$

= if (null L)

then 0

else $(\text{hd } L) + \text{listSum } (\text{tl } L);$

fun listSum [] = 0

| listSum L = $(\text{hd } L) + \text{listSum } (\text{tl } L);$

fun listSum [] = 0

| listSum (h:t) = $h + \text{listSum}(t);$