

# Implementation of Unification in Haskell

Terms are coded in Haskell as elements of

```
data Term = Var String | Fun String [Term] | MVar String
           deriving Eq
```

A substitution is an element of

```
type Subst = [(String,Term)]
```

These can be applied to terms and/or composed via

```
apply :: Subst -> Term -> Term
apply [] t = t
apply ((x,u):s) t = apply s (subst u x t)
```

```
(@@) :: Subst -> Subst -> Subst
s1 @@ s2 = [(x, apply s2 t) | (x,t)<- s1] ++ s2
```

## Unifying terms

```
unify :: Term -> Term -> Maybe Subst
```

```
unify (MVar x) (MVar y) = Just [(x, MVar y)]
```

```
unify (MVar x) t2 = if x 'elem' mvars t2  
                    then Nothing  
                    else Just [(x,t2)]
```

```
unify t1 (MVar y) = if y 'elem' mvars t1  
                    then Nothing  
                    else Just [(y,t1)]
```

```
unify (Fun f ts) (Fun g ss) = if f==g  
                               then listUnify ts ss  
                               else Nothing
```

## Unifying lists

```
listUnify :: [Term] -> [Term] -> Maybe Subst
```

```
listUnify [] [] = Just []
```

```
listUnify [] (r:rs) = Nothing
```

```
listUnify (t:ts) [] = Nothing
```

```
listUnify (t:ts) (r:rs)
```

```
  = case unify t r of
```

```
    Nothing -> Nothing
```

```
    Just u1 -> case listUnify (map (apply u1) ts)  
                                     (map (apply u1) rs) of
```

```
      Nothing -> Nothing
```

```
      Just u2 -> Just (u1 @@ u2)
```