

CHAPTER 7: DATA TYPES – PART 1

CMPSC 460 – Principles of Programming Languages

Types



- Meaning of types:

1. Denotational
2. Constructive
3. Abstraction-based

Type Systems



- A type system consists of:
 - ▣ Mechanism to define types and associate values to them
 - ▣ Set of rules for:
 - Type equivalence
 - Type compatibility
 - Type inference

Data Types



□ Type declaration can be:

1. Following rules
2. Implicit
 - a) Dynamic Binding
 - b) Static Binding
3. Explicit

Data Types



```
dynamic x;
```

```
x = "Hello world";  
Console.WriteLine(x.Length);
```

```
x = 1;  
Console.WriteLine(x);
```

Data Types

```
include <iostream>
#include <list>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    list<int> lst1;
    for (int j = 1; j <= 5; j++)
        lst1.push_back(j);

    for(auto i = lst1.begin(); i != lst1.end(); ++i)
        cout << *i << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Subtypes

- Subtype:

- ▣ Part of a larger class (Supertype)

- Example:

- ▣ type

```
smallInteger = 1..20;
```

```
weekday = (sun, mon, tue, wed, thu, fri, sat);
```

```
workday = mon..fri;
```

Type Checking



$X = A + B * C(23, 34.4)$

Type Checking



- The activity of ensuring that the operands of an operator are of compatible types.

Type Checking

- When do we perform type checking:
 - ▣ Run-Time Checking (Dynamically Typed Languages)
 - ▣ Compile-Time Checking (Statically Typed Languages)
 - ▣ Compile-Time & Run-Time Checking

Static Typing vs Dynamic Typing

□ Advantages of Static Typing

- ▣ Efficiency
- ▣ Choice of storage management & representation
- ▣ Static type checking
- ▣ Readability

□ Disadvantages of Static Typing

- ▣ Lack of flexibility
- ▣ Compilers are harder to implement

Data Types



- ▣ *Strongly Typed Languages*

- Each name has a single type
- Type errors are always detected

- ▣ *Weakly Typed Languages*

- Allows a value of one type to be treated as another

Data Types

□ Examples

- Common Lisp, Scheme
- ML
- Ada
- Pascal
- Java
- C, C++



Standard ML

ML

- No side effects
- Functions are first-class values
- all functions take exactly one parameter and return exactly one result
- **ML is strongly typed**
- **polymorphic type mechanism**

ML - Types

- int
- real
- string
- tuple
- list

ML - Types

- 2;
- 1.2;
- "hello";
- (3,4);
- [5, 10, 15];

ML - Identifiers

- ❑ `val a:int = 4;`
- ❑ `val a = 4;`
- ❑ `val a = 3 and
 b = 2.5 and
 c = 2;`

ML - Lists

- `val lst = [(1,2),(3,4),(5,6)];`
- `val lst = [[1,2],[3,4]];`
- `val lst = [[1,2],[3,4,5]];`
- `val lst = [(1,1.2),(2.2,2)];`
- `val lst = [(1,2),(3,4,5)];`

ML - Lists

<code>nil</code>	<code>[]</code>
<code>1 :: [2,3]</code>	<code>[1,2,3]</code>
<code>1 :: 2 :: 3 :: nil</code>	<code>[1,2,3]</code>
<code>null []</code>	<code>true</code>
<code>null [1,2,3]</code>	<code>false</code>
<code>hd [1,2,3]</code>	<code>1</code>
<code>tl [1,2,3]</code>	<code>[2,3]</code>
<code>[1,2] @ []</code>	<code>[1,2]</code>
<code>[] @ [3,4]</code>	<code>[3,4]</code>
<code>[1,2] @ [3,4]</code>	<code>[1,2,3,4]</code>

ML - Functions

- all functions take exactly one parameter and return exactly one result
- Parameters to functions do not generally need to be parenthesized
- A function that expects a pair of elements can be converted to an infix operator
- ML programs seldom need to use the *if* expression when pattern alternatives are used.

ML - Functions



```
val fourthroot : real -> real =  
  fn x : real => Math.sqrt x;
```

ML - Functions

- **val** f = **fn** x => x + 1;
- **val** g = **fn** (a,b) => (a + b) **div** 2;
- f 3 * 4
- (f, f 3);
- g(f 2, f 3);
- **val** h = g;

ML - Functions



```
val rec summation =  
  fn nil => 0  
  | (head :: tail) => head + summation tail;
```


ML - Functions



Exercise:

- ☐ Write the factorial function
- ☐ Write the power function

ML - Functions

```
val rec ** = fn (a,0) => 1 | (a,b) => a * **(a, b-1);
```

```
infix **;
```

```
4**5;
```

Type Inference



- The process of determining the types of expressions based on the known types of its sub-parts

ML - Type Inference

- `[1,2];`
- `[(3,4),(5,6)];`
- `3.14 + 2;`
- `[(3,4),(5,6)] : (int * int) list;`
- `val nl = fn s => s ^ "\n";`
- `val Identity = fn x => x;`
- `if (2>3) then 5 else 14.7;`

ML - Type Inference

1. ML assigns a type identifier to each expression whose type is unknown
2. Solve for the type identifiers using the following inference constraints:
 - a. All occurrences of the same identifier have the same type
 - b. Conditional expression: Cond must have type bool, and branch1, branch2, and the total expression have the same type.
 - c. Function application: $(\text{'a} \rightarrow \text{'b}) \text{'a} : \text{'b}$
 - d. Function definition: $\text{fn } \text{'a} \Rightarrow \text{'b} : \text{'a} \rightarrow \text{'b}$

ML - Type Inference

□ Example 1

```
val rec length = fn AList =>  
    if null AList then 0  
    else  
        1 + length(tl AList);
```

ML - Type Inference

□ Example 2

```
val f1 = fn x => (x 3, x true);
```

ML - Type Inference

Example 3

val plus = **fn** (a,b) => a + b;

- **val** f = **fn** (a : int, b : int) => a+b;
- **val** f = **fn** (a : int, b) => a+b;
- **val** f = **fn** ((a,b) : int * int) => (a + b) : int;
- **val** f = **fn** (a,b) => (a + b) : int;

ML - Type Inference

Exercise:

```
fun square x = x * x;
```

ML - Polymorphic Types



A function is **polymorphic** when it can work uniformly over parameters of different data types.

ML - Polymorphic Types

```
val f = fn [x,y,z] => (x, y, z);
```

```
val (a,b,c) = f[1,2,3];
```

ML - Polymorphic Types

nil	<code>'a list</code>
::	<code>('a * 'a list) -> 'a list</code>
null	<code>('a list) -> bool</code>
hd	<code>('a list) -> 'a</code>
tl	<code>('a list) -> ('a list)</code>
@	<code>('a list * 'a list) -> ('a list)</code>

ML - Polymorphic Types

```
val rec length =
```

```
  fn nil => 0
```

```
  | (h :: tail) => 1 + length tail;
```

ML - Polymorphic Types

Exercise

- Write an ML function that swaps a tuple (pair) of two values.
- What is the type of this function?

ML - Currying

1. `fun curry a = fn b => a+b;`
2. `fun add x y z = x + y + z;`

Type Equivalence



- Two major approaches to define type equivalence:
 - ▣ Structural equivalence
 - ▣ Name equivalence

Structural Type Equivalence



- Two variables have equivalent types:
 - ▣ their types have identical structures
- Low level implementation of equivalence

Structural Type Equivalence

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

typedef int A;
typedef int B;

int main()
{
    A x;
    B y = 7;
    x = y;
    cout << x << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

Structural Type Equivalence

```
Program HelloWorld(output);
type
    weekday = (sun, mon, tue, wed, thu, fri, sat);
    test_score = 0..100;
var
    i: integer;
    score: test_score;
    today : weekday;
begin
    i := 299;
    score := i;
    today := mon;

    writeln('i = ', i);
    writeln('score = ', score);
    writeln('today = ', today);
end.
```

Structural Type Equivalence

- What about the format of the declaration?

```
struct { int a, b; }
```

```
struct {  
    int a, b;  
}
```

```
struct {  
    int a;  
    int b;  
}
```

Structural Type Equivalence

- What about the order of the declaration?

```
type R1 = record
    a : integer;
    b : integer;
end;
```

```
type R2 = record
    b : integer;
    a : integer;
end;
```

Structural Type Equivalence

□ What about array subscripts?

```
type str = array [1..10] of char;
```

```
type str = array [0..9] of char;
```

Structural Type Equivalence

```
type student = record
    name, address : string;
    age : integer;
end;
```

```
type university = record
    name, address : string;
    age : integer;
end;
```

Name Type Equivalence



- Two variables have equivalent types:
 - ▣ They are in the same declaration
 - ▣ Declared with the same type name

Name Type Equivalence

```
TYPE celsius_temp = REAL;
```

```
fahrenheit_temp = REAL;
```

```
VAR c : celsius_temp;
```

```
    f : fahrenheit_temp;
```

```
    c := 100.0;
```

```
    f := c;
```

Name Type Equivalence

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

typedef struct {int m;} A;
typedef struct {int m;} B;

int main()
{
    A x;
    B y;
    x = y;

    return 0;
}
```

Name Type Equivalence



- Two common variants on name equivalence
 - Loose name equivalence: aliased types are considered the same
 - Strict name equivalence: aliased types are considered different

Name Type Equivalence

Ada allows both:

```
With Ada.Text_IO; Use Ada.Text_IO;
```

```
procedure Program is
    type weekday is (sun, mon, tue, wed, thu, fri, sat);
    subtype test_score is integer range 0..100;
    subtype workday is weekday range mon..fri;
    score : test_score;
    day1 : weekday;
    day2 : workday;
    x : Integer := 1;

begin
    day1 := mon;
    day2 := day1;
    score := x;
    put(natural'image(score));
end Program;
```

Type Checking



- What is a type mismatch:
 - ▣ Two types are not equivalent
- or
- ▣ Two types are not compatible

Type Conversion

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main()
{
    int x =55;
    char c;

    c= x;
    cout << c << endl;

    c= -10;
    cout << c<< endl;

    return 0;
}
```

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