Disjoint Union Types in P0 Project 9 / Group 8

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- They are often found in functional programming languages, where they are usually known as Algebraic Data Types (ADTs).

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procedure valOr(v: Maybe, n: integer) \rightarrow (r: integer)
    case v of {
         Just:
             r := v.value
         default:
             r := n
program Main
    var maybe: Maybe
    maybe <- Nothing()
    writeIn (valOr (maybe, -1))
    maybe <- Just (1111)
    writeIn (valOr (maybe, 0))
```

Output

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procedure printStr(s: String, In: boolean)
    case s of {
        SCons: writeChar(s.ch); printStr(s.tail, In)
        default: if In then writeNewLine()
// inclusively generating alphabets in a range
procedure genBetwn(start: integer, end: integer) -> (s: String)
    var ch: integer
    ch := end
    s := SNil()
    while start <= end do
        s, start, ch := SCons(ch, s), start + 1, ch - 1
program Main
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- Standard procedures
 - write no longer prints a newline character
 - writeln writes single integer to std. out. with a newline afterwards
 - writeChar writes single integer converted into a utf-8 character to std. out.
 - writeCharLn writes single integer converted into a utf-8 character to std. out. with a newline afterwards
 - writeNewLine writes a newline character to std. out.

Example: case WebAssembly Generation

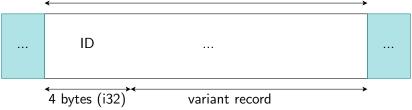
The WebAssembly code on the right-hand side is generated for the below case statement.

```
type Colour = R | G | Unknown
procedure printCol(col: Colour)
  case col of {
     nil: writeCharLn('?')
     R: writeCharLn('R')
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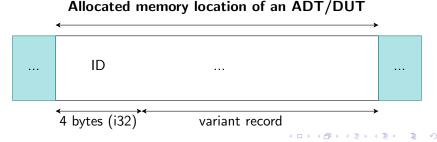
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local.get $col
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i32 . const 0
i32.ea
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  call $writeCharLn
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                           :: otherwise
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 i32 . load
 i32 const 1
                           :: check if 'R'
 i32.ea
  i f
                           ;; if it is 'R'
    i32.const 82
    call $writeCharln
                           :: print 'R'
                           :: otherwise
  else
    local.get $col
    i32 load
    i32 const 2
                           ;; check if 'G'
    i32.eq
    i f
                           :: if it is 'G' kind
      i32 const 71
      call $writeCharLn
                           ;; print 'G'
    else
                           ;; otherwise, default
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      call $writeCharLn
                           ;; print '?'
    end
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end
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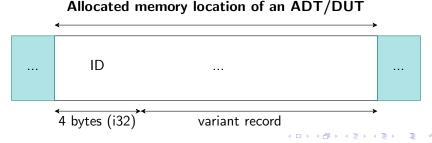
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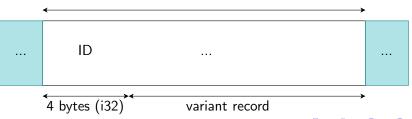


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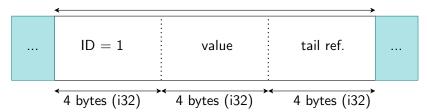
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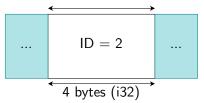
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Allocated memory location of a 'Cons' (12 bytes)



Allocated memory location of a 'Nil' (4 bytes)



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Example of DUT instantiation helper

This function is used when wanting to instantiate a "Cons" variant (of a List).

```
(func $_mk_Cons (param $head i32) (param $tail i32) (result i32)
global.get $_memsize
                            :: get known unused memory location
i32 const 1
                            :: get Cons's kind index
i32. store
                            ;; store it
global.get $_memsize
                            ;; get known unused memory location
i32 const 4
                            ;; get offset of the next type
i32.add
                            ;; impose offset onto total memory size
local.get $head
                            ;; get param head
                            :: store it in it's area
i32 store
global.get $_memsize
                          ;; get known unused memory location
i32 const 8
                            ;; get offset of the next type
i32 add
                            :: impose offset onto total memory size
                          ;; get param tail
local.get $tail
i32. store
                            ;; store it in it's area
global.get $_memsize
                            ;; get global memory size
global.get $_memsize
                            ;; get global memory size (again)
i32 . const 12
                            ;; get size of kind (Cons)
i32.add
                            ;; add to memory size
global.set $_memsize
                            :: set memory size. leftover i32 on stack which is the
     returned pointer to the generated Cons
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