

```
fun append (xs,ys) =  
  if xs=[]  
  then ys  
  else (hd xs)::append(tl xs,ys)  
  
fun map (f,xs) =  
  case xs of  
    [] => []  
  | x::xs' => (f x)::(map(f,xs'))  
  
val a = map (increment, [4,8,12,16])  
val b = map (hd, [[8,6],[7,5],[3,0,9]])
```

# Programming Languages

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Bounded Polymorphism

# *Wanting both*

- Could a language have generics and subtyping?
  - Sure!
- More interestingly, want to combine them
  - “Any type **T1** that is a subtype of **T2**”
  - This is **bounded polymorphism**
  - Lets you do things naturally you cannot do with generics or subtyping separately

# Example

Method that takes a list of points and a circle (center point, radius)

- Return new list of points in argument list that lie within circle

Basic method signature:

```
List<Point> inCircle(List<Point> pts,  
                    Point center,  
                    double r) { ... }
```

**Optional:** Java implementation straightforward assuming **Point** has a **distance** method

```
List<Point> result = new ArrayList<Point>();  
for(Point pt: pts)  
    if(pt.distance(center) <= r)  
        result.add(pt);  
return result;
```

# Subtyping?

```
List<Point> inCircle(List<Point> pts,  
                    Point center,  
                    double r) { ... }
```

- Would like to use `inCircle` by passing a `List<ColorPoint>` and getting back a `List<ColorPoint>`
- Java rightly disallows this: While `inCircle` would “do nothing wrong” its type does not prevent:
  - Returning a list that has a non-color-point in it
  - Modifying `pts` by adding non-color-points to it

# Generics?

```
List<Point> inCircle(List<Point> pts,  
                    Point center,  
                    double r) { ... }
```

- We could change the method to be

```
List<T> inCircle(List<T> pts,  
                Point center,  
                double r) { ... }
```

- Now the type system allows passing in a `List<Point>` to get a `List<Point>` returned or a `List<ColorPoint>` to get a `List<ColorPoint>` returned
- But we cannot implement `inCircle` properly because method body should have no knowledge of type `T`

# Bounds

- What we want:

```
List<T> inCircle(List<T> pts,  
                Point center,  
                double r) where T <: Point  
{ ... }
```

- Caller uses it generically, but must instantiate **T** with a subtype of **Point** (including **Point**)
- Callee can assume **T <: Point** so it can do its job
- Callee must return a **List<T>** so output will contain only list elements from input

## Optional: Real Java

- The actual Java syntax

```
<T extends Pt> List<T> inCircle(List<T> pts,
                                Pt center,
                                double r) {
    List<T> result = new ArrayList<T>();
    for(T pt: pts)
        if(pt.distance(center) <= r)
            result.add(pt);
    return result;
}
```

- For backward-compatibility and implementation reasons, in Java there is actually always a way to use casts to get around the static checking with generics
  - With or without bounded polymorphism