```
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]])
```

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Useful Datatypes

Useful examples

Let's fix the fact that our only example datatype so far was silly...

Enumerations, including carrying other data

Alternate ways of identifying real-world things/people

Don't do this

Unfortunately, bad training and languages that make one-of types inconvenient lead to common bad style where each-of types are used where one-of types are the right tool

```
(* use the student num and ignore other
 fields unless the student num is ~1 *)
{ student num : int,
 first : string,
 middle : string option,
 last : string }
```

- Approach gives up all the benefits of the language enforcing every value is one variant, you don't forget branches, etc.
- And it makes it less clear what you are doing

That said...

But if instead, the point is that every "person" in your program has a name and maybe a student number, then each-of is the way to go:

```
{ student_num : int option,
  first : string,
  middle : string option,
  last : string }
```

Expression Trees

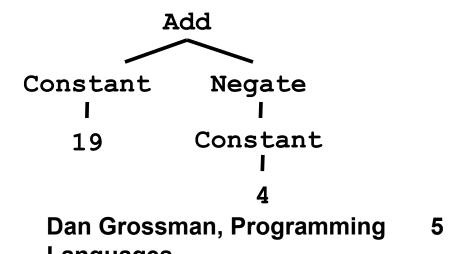
A more exciting (?) example of a datatype, using self-reference

An expression in ML of type **exp**:

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```
Add (Constant (10+9), Negate (Constant 4))
```

How to picture the resulting value in your head:



Recursion

Not surprising:

Functions over recursive datatypes are usually recursive