CSE216 Foundations of Computer Science

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Today

Data types in Ocaml

Data types

Data type

- Sum Type
- Record type
- Tuple type

Sum type

```
type day = Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun
```

- Superficially similar to an enum in Java or C
- Created a one-of type named day
- Created seven constructors from Mon to Sun
- That's effectively how Booleans are defined in OCaml:

```
type bool = false | true
```

Example

```
# type suit = Heart | Diamond| Club | Spade;;
type suit = Heart | Diamond | Club | Spade

# Club ;;
- : suit = Club
```

Example: day_to_int

```
let day_to_int (d : day) =
  if d=Mon then 1
  else if d=Tue then 2
  else if d=Wed then 3
  else if d=Thu then 4
  else if d=Fri then 5
  else if d=Sat then 6
  else (* d=Sun *) 7
```

Note: Ocaml compiler/interpreter does not see new lines

An alternative (and better) way: Pattern matching

```
let day_to_int (d : day) = match d with
  Mon -> 1 (* you can put an "|" in front)
| Tue -> 2
| Wed -> 3
| Thu -> 4
| Fri -> 5
| Sat -> 6
| Sun -> 7
```

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To access fields of record variable t:

```
t.min
```

- Which kind of data type, sum type or record type would be better represented with record types rather than sum types?
 - Coins, which can be pennies, nickels, dimes, or quarters
 - Students, who have names and NetIDs
 - A dessert, which has a sauce, a creamy component, and a crunchy component
 - MBTI types, ISTJ, ESTJ etc

 Define a data type student, which has a name (string) and a NetID (int)

Pair type

- type t = int * string
- type point = float * float

Pairs

A **pair** of data: two pieces of data glued together e.g.,

```
(1,2)(true, "Hello")("cs", 3110)
```

- Syntax: (e1,e2)
- Evaluation:

```
If e1-->v1 and e2-->v2
Then (e1,e2) --> (v1,v2)
A pair of values is itself a value
```

• Type-checking:

```
If e1:t1 and e2:t2,then (e1,e2):t1*t2
```

Accessing Pairs

- Syntax: fst e and snd e
 - Projection functions
- Evaluation:
 - |fe--> (v1, v2)|
 - then fst e --> v1
 - and snd e --> v2
- Type-checking:
 - If e: ta*tb,
 - then fst e has type ta
 - and snd e has type tb

Tuples

```
(e1,e2,...,en)
t1 * t2 * ... * tn
fst e, snd e, ???
```

Pattern matching tuples

```
let sum_triple (triple:int*int*int) =
  let (x, y, z) = triple
  in x + y + z
```

- (x, y, z) is a pattern
 - because it's on the LHS of equals in let

Exercise: Rewrite sum_triple using match ... with ... syntax

Pattern matching records

The same syntax works for records:

```
type stooges = {larry:int; moe:int; curly:int}

let sum_stooges (s:stooges) =
   let {larry=x; moe=y; curly=z} = s
   in x + y + z
```

1 Define an algebraic datatype grade that represents a grade in a course. The datatype should include constructors for an A, B, C, D, and F.

2 Then, write a function to_num that takes a grade as input and returns a numerical equivalent, where A is 4.0, B is 3.0, C is 2.0, D is 1.0, and F is 0.0. Your function should have the following type.

```
val to_num: grade -> float
```

Define a type, time, which holds the hour, minute, and second as separate values.

Write a function seconds_since_midnight2 with the following type:

```
val seconds_since_midnight2 : time -> int
```