Data, data everywhere

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FUNCTIONAL DECOMPOSITION

Functional Decomposition

Break down complex problems in to a set of simple functions; Recombine (compose) functions to form solution

Such problems can often be solved using a *combinator library*. (a set of functions that fit together nicely)

The list library, which contains *map* and *fold*, is a combinator library.

PIPELINES

let (|>) x f = f x

Type?

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(|>) : 'a -> ('a -> 'b) -> 'b

let
$$(|>) x f = f x$$

let twice f x =
 x |> f |> f

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let twice f x =
 (x |> f) |> f



left associative: x |> f1 |> f2 |> f3 == ((x |> f1) |> f2) |> f3

let
$$(|>) \times f = f \times$$

let twice f x = x |> f |> f

let square $x = x^*x$

let fourth x = twice square

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```
let twice f x = x |> f |> f
let square x = x*x
let fourth x = twice square x
let compute x =
  x |> square
  |> fourth
  |> ( * ) 3
  |> print_int
  |> print_newline
```

PIPING LIST PROCESSORS

(Combining combinators cleverly)

```
type student = {first: string;
                last: string;
               assign: float list;
                final: float}
let students : student list =
   {first = "Sarah";
   last = "Jones";
   assign = [7.0; 8.0; 10.0; 9.0];
    final = 8.5;
   {first = "Qian";
   last = "Xi";
   assign = [7.3;8.1;3.1;9.0];
    final = 6.5;
```

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    last: string;
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    final: float}
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- Create a function **display** that does the following:
 - for each student, print the following:
 - last_name, first_name: score
 - score is computed by averaging the assignments with the final
 - each assignment is weighted equally
 - the final counts for twice as much
 - one student printed per line
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Do Professors Dream of Homeworkgrade Databases ?

(1968 novel)

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- takes a list of students as an argument
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let display (students :	student list) : unit =
students > compute s	core
> sort by s	core
> convert t	o list of strings
> print eac	h string

```
let compute_score
{first=f; last=l; assign=grades; final=exam} =
let sum x (num,tot) = (num +. 1., tot +. x) in
let score gs e = List.fold_right sum gs (2., 2. *. e) in
let (number, total) = score grades exam in
(f, l, total /. number)
```

<pre>let display (students : student list) : unit =</pre>
students > List.map compute_score
> sort by score
<pre> > convert to list of strings</pre>
<pre> > print each string</pre>

```
let student_compare (_,_,score1) (_,_,score2) =
  if score1 < score2 then 1
  else if score1 > score2 then -1
  else 0
```



let stringify (first, last, score) =
 last ^ ", " ^ first ^ ": " ^ string_of_float score



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COMBINATORS FOR OTHER TYPES: PAIRS

Simple Pair Combinators



Example: Piping Pairs

let bo	th f	(x,y)	= (f	х,	f y);	;			
let do	_fst f	(x,y)	= (f	х,	y);	;	pair con	nbinators	5
let do	_snd f	(x,y)	= (Χ,	f y);	;			
let eve	en x =	(x/2)	*2 ==	X;;					
- .		,							
let pro	ocess	(p : 1.	Loat ?	* ±⊥	oat) :	=			
p >	both :	int_of_	_float	t	(*	conv	ert to	int	*)
>	do_fs [.]	t ((/)	3)		(*	divi	de fst	by 3	*)
>	do_sno	d ((/)	2)		(*	divi	de snd	by 2	*)
>	both e	even			(*	test	for ev	ven	*)
>	fun (:	x,y) ->	> x & &	γ	(*	both	even		*)

When & how to create new combinator libraries?

Whenever you see a need!

Are there specialized programming domains you are familiar with?

Can you identify the repeated patterns in examples?

Can you factor out the repetitions into reuseable fragments?

Do you need to generalize to create uniformity?

Is there data that flows between components?

What types describe such data and form the interfaces?

There is a lot of art, aesthetics, and experience involved. ICFP is conference where you can find many interesting combinator libraries http://www.icfpconference.org/

Summary

- (|>) passes data from one function to the next
 - compact, elegant, clear
- UNIX pipes (|) compose file processors
 - unix scripting with | is a kind of functional programming
 - but it isn't very general since | is not polymorphic
 - you have to serialize and unserialize your data at each step
 - there can be type (ie: file format) mismatches between steps
 - we avoided that in your assignment, which is pretty simple ...
- Higher-order *combinator libraries* arranged around types:
 - List combinators (map, fold, reduce, iter, ...)
 - Pair combinators (both, do_fst, do_snd, ...)
 - Network programming combinators (Frenetic: frenetic-lang.org)

OCaml Datatypes

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OCaml So Far

- We have seen a number of basic types:
 - int
 - float
 - char
 - string
 - bool
- We have seen a few structured types:
 - pairs
 - tuples
 - options
 - lists
- In this lecture, we will see some more general ways to define our own new types and data structures

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• These abbreviations can be helpful documentation:

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    let square x = x *. x in
    let (x1,y1) = p1 in
    let (x2,y2) = p2 in
    sqrt (square (x2 -. x1) +. square (y2 -. y1))
```

But they add nothing of *substance* to the language
 they are equal in every way to an existing type

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• As far as OCaml is concerned, you could have written:

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- Since the types are equal, you can *substitute* the definition for the name wherever you want
 - we have not added any new data structures

DATA TYPES

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• Creating values:

Data types

```
type color = Blue | Yellow | Green | Red
let c1 : color = Yellow
let c2 : color = Red
```

• Using data type values:

```
let print_color (c:color) : unit =
  match c with
  | Blue ->
  | Yellow ->
  | Green ->
  | Red ->
```

use pattern matching to determine which color you have; act accordingly

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Why not just use strings to represent colors instead of defining a new type?

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OCaml's datatype mechanism allow you to create types that contain *precisely* the values you want! 39

Data Types Can Carry Additional Values

• Data types are more than just enumerations of constants:

```
type point = float * float
type simple_shape =
  Circle of point * float
| Square of point * float
```

- Read as: a simple_shape is either:
 - a Circle, which contains a pair of a point and float, or
 - a Square, which contains a pair of a point and float





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let origin : point = (0.0, 0.0)
let circ1 : simple_shape = Circle (origin, 1.0)
let circ2 : simple_shape = Circle ((1.0, 1.0), 5.0)
let square : simple_shape = Square (origin, 2.3)
```

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type point = float * float
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! Square of point * float
let simple_area (s:simple_shape) : float =
  match s with
  | Circle (_, radius) -> 3.14 *. radius *. radius
  | Square (_, side) -> side *. side
```

Compare

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type my shape = point * float

let simple_area (s:my_shape) : float =
 (3.14 *. radius *. radius) ?? or ?? (side *. side)









```
type point = float * float
type radius = float
type side = float
type shape =
    Square of side
    Ellipse of radius * radius
    RtTriangle of side * side
    Polygon of point list
```

```
let area (s : shape) : float =
  match s with
  | Square s ->
  | Ellipse (r1, r2)->
  | RtTriangle (s1, s2) ->
  | Polygon ps ->
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- How do we compute polygon area?
- For convex polygons:
 - Case: the polygon has fewer than 3 points:
 - it has 0 area! (it is a line or a point or nothing at all)
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- Note: This is a beautiful inductive algorithm:
 - the area of a polygon with n points is computed in terms of a smaller polygon with only n-1 points!







```
let tri_area (p1:point) (p2:point) (p3:point) : float =
    let a = distance p1 p2 in
    let b = distance p2 p3 in
    let c = distance p3 p1 in
    let s = 0.5 *. (a +. b +. c) in
    sqrt (s *. (s -. a) *. (s -. b) *. (s -. c))
```

```
let rec poly_area (ps : point list) : float =
  match ps with
  | p1 :: p2 :: p3 :: tail ->
     tri_area p1 p2 p3 +. poly_area (p1::p3::tail)
     | -> 0.
```

INDUCTIVE DATA TYPES

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let rec insert (t:tree) (k:key) (v:value) : tree =
match t with
        Leaf -> Node (k, v, Leaf, Leaf)
        Node (k', v', left, right) ->
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Inductive data types: Another Example

- Recall, we used the type "int" to represent natural numbers
 - but that was kind of broken: it also contained negative numbers
 - we had to use a dynamic test to guard entry to a function:

```
let double (n : int) : int =
   if n < 0 then
      raise (Failure "negative input!")
   else
      double_nat n</pre>
```

 it would be nice if there was a way to define the natural numbers exactly, and use OCaml's type system to guarantee no client ever attempts to double a negative number

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let rec double_nat (n : nat) : nat =
match n with
| Zero -> Zero
| Succ m -> Succ (Succ(double_nat m))
```

Summary

- OCaml data types: a powerful mechanism for defining complex data structures:
 - They are precise
 - contain exactly the elements you want, not more elements
 - They are general
 - recursive, non-recursive (mutually recursive and polymorphic)
 - The type checker helps you detect errors
 - missing cases in your functions

PARAMETERIZED TYPE DEFINITIONS

```
type ('key, 'val) tree =
Leaf
| Node of 'key * 'val * ('key, 'val) tree * ('key, 'val) tree
```

```
type 'a stree = (string, 'a) tree
```

type sitree = int stree

General form:

definition:

type 'x f = body

use:

arg f

<u>A more conventional notation</u> would have been (but is not ML):

definition:

type f x = body

use:

farg

Take-home Message

- Think of parameterized types like functions:
 - a function that take a type as an argument
 - produces a type as a result
- Theoretical basis:
 - System F-omega
 - a typed lambda calculus with general type-level functions as well as value-level functions

TYPE DESIGN
Example Type Design

IBM developed GML (Generalize Markup Language) in 1969

- <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IBM_Generalized_Markup_Language</u>
- Precursor to SGML, HTML and XML

```
:h1.Chapter 1: Introduction
:p.GML supported hierarchical containers, such as
:ol
:li.Ordered lists (like this one),
:li.Unordered lists, and
:li.Definition lists
:eol.
as well as simple structures.
:p.Markup Minimization (later generalized and
formalized in SGML), allowed the end-tags to be
omitted for the "h1" and "p" elements.
```

Simplified GML

To process a GML document, an OCaml program would:

- Read a series of characters from a text file & Parse GML structure
- **Represent** the information content as an OCaml data structure
- Analyze or transform the data structure
- Print/Store/Communicate results

We will focus on how to *represent* and *transform* the information content of a GML document.

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```

```
Formatted (Font "Arial",
   Words ["Chapter";"One"]));
Words ["It"; "was"; "a"; "dark";
       "&"; "stormy; "night."; "A"];
Formatted (Ital, Words["shot"]);
Words ["rang"; "out."] ];;
```

- Change all of the "Arial" fonts in a document to "Courier".
- Of course, when we program functionally, we implement change via a function that
 - receives one data structure as input
 - builds a new (different) data structure as an output

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  | _ -> m
```

Summary: Changing fonts in an element

- Change all of the "Arial" fonts in a document to "Courier"
- Lesson: function structure follows type structure

```
let chmarkup (m:markup) : markup =
 match m with
  | Font "Arial" -> Font "Courier"
  | -> m
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  | Formatted(m,e) -> Formatted(chmarkup m, chfont e)
let rec chfonts (elts:doc) : doc =
 match elts with
  | [] -> []
  | hd::tl -> (chfont hd)::(chfonts tl)
```

Poor Style

• Consider again our definition of markup and markup change:

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Poor Style

• What if we make a change:

```
type markup =
  Ital | Bold | Font of string | TTFont of string
let chmarkup (m:markup) : markup =
  match m with
  | Font "Arial" -> Font "Courier"
  | _ -> m
```

the underscore silently catches all possible alternatives

this may not be what we want -- perhaps there is an Arial TT font

it is better if we are alerted of all functions whose implementation may need to change

Better Style

• Original code:

```
type markup =
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let chmarkup (m:markup) : markup =
  match m with
  | Font "Arial" -> Font "Courier"
  | Ital | Bold -> m
```

Better Style

• Updated code:

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type markup =
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let chmarkup (m:markup) : markup =
  match m with
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  | Ital | Bold -> m
```

Better Style

• Updated code, fixed:

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  | Font s -> Font s
  | TTFont s -> TTFont s
  | Ital | Bold -> m
```

Lesson: use the type checker where possible to help you maintain your code

A couple of practice problems

- Write a function that gets rid of immediately redundant markup in a document.
 - Formatted(Ital, Formatted(Ital,e)) can be simplified to Formatted(Ital,e)
 - write maps and folds over markups
- Design a datatype to describe bibliography entries for publications. Some publications are journal articles, others are books, and others are conference papers. Journals have a name, number and issue; books have an ISBN number; All of these entries should have a title and author.
 - design a sorting function
 - design maps and folds over your bibliography entries

To Summarize

- Design recipe for writing OCaml code:
 - write down English specifications
 - try to break problem into obvious sub-problems
 - write down some sample test cases
 - write down the signature (types) for the code
 - use the signature to guide construction of the code:
 - tear apart inputs using pattern matching
 - make sure to cover all of the cases! (OCaml will tell you)
 - handle each case, building results using data constructor
 - this is where human intelligence comes into play
 - the "skeleton" given by types can almost be done automatically!
 - clean up your code
 - use your sample tests (and ideally others) to ensure correctness