A Few More Thoughts on Types & Lists

COS 326

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SCORE:
OCAML 1, JAVA 0, C -1
MORE THOUGHTS ON LISTS
Recall that a list is either:

- `[ ]` (the empty list)
- `v :: vs` (a value `v` followed by a *previously constructed list `vs* *)

Some examples:

```plaintext
let l0 = [] (* length is 0 *)
let l1 = 1::l0 (* length is 1 *)
let l2 = 2::l1 (* length is 2 *)
let l3 = 3::l2 (* length is 3 *)
...
```
Consider the following picture. How long is the linked structure? Can we build a value with type `int list` to represent it?
Consider This Picture

How long is it?  **Infinitely long?**

Can we build a value with type **int list** to represent it?  **No!***

– all values with type **int list** have finite length

* at least not with what you know now
Is it a good thing that the type list does not contain any infinitely long lists? Yes!

A terminating list-processing scheme:

```
let rec f (xs : int list) : int =
    match xs with
    [] -> … do something not recursive …
    | hd::tail -> … f tail …
```

terminates because f only called recursively on smaller lists
let rec loop (xs : int list) : int =
    match xs with
    [] -> 0
    | hd::tail -> hd + loop (0::tail)

Does this program terminate?
A Loopy Program

let rec loop (xs : int list) : int =
  match xs with
  | [] -> []
  | hd::tail -> hd + loop (0::tail)

Does this program terminate? No! Why not? We call loop recursively on (0::tail). This list is the same size as the original list -- not smaller.
ML has a strong type system

- ML types say a lot about the set of values that inhabit them
- ML is better than other languages because it gives you control over the values you want to program with via types!

The list type:

- Makes it easy to write functions that terminate
  - It would be harder if you had to consider more cases, such as the case that the tail of a list might loop back on itself.
- Contains two types of values: [] and v::vs
  - The OCaml exhaustiveness checker identifies missed cases
One week from today, ask yourself: Which is easier:

- Programming with immutable lists in ML?
- Programming with pointers and mutable cells in C/Java
- I guarantee you are going to say ML.

there are so many more cases to worry about in C/Java
so many more things that can go wrong

SCORE: OCAML 2, JAVA 0
C: why bother?
Do not believe his lies.
let rec xs : int list = 0::xs
let rec xs: int list = 0 :: xs

SCORE: OCAML 1.8, JAVA 0
C: why bother?
Some Design & Coding Rules
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– why don’t we just cut-and-paste snippets of code using the editor instead of creating new functions?
– find and fix a bug in one copy, have to fix in all of them.
– decide to change the functionality, have to track down all of the places where it gets used.
Factoring Code in OCaml

Consider these definitions:

```ocaml
let rec inc_all (xs:int list) : int list =
    match xs with
    | [] -> []
    | hd::tl -> (hd+1)::(inc_all tl)

let rec square_all (xs:int list) : int list =
    match xs with
    | [] -> []
    | hd::tl -> (hd*hd)::(square_all tl)
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The code is almost identical – factor it out!
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Uses of the function:

```ocaml
let inc_all xs = map (fun x -> x + 1) xs
let square_all xs = map (fun y -> y * y) xs
```

We can use an anonymous function instead.

Originally, Church wrote this function using \( \lambda \) instead of `fun`:
(\( \lambda \mathbf{x}. \mathbf{x}+1 \)) or (\( \lambda \mathbf{x}. \mathbf{x}^2 \))
let rec sum (xs:int list) : int =
  match xs with
  | [] -> 0
  | hd::tl -> hd + (sum tl)

let rec prod (xs:int list) : int =
  match xs with
  | [] -> 1
  | hd::tl -> hd * (prod tl)

**Goal:** Create a function called `reduce` that when supplied with a few arguments can implement both `sum` and `prod`. Define `sum2` and `prod2` using `reduce`.

(Try it)

**Goal:** If you finish early, use `map` and `reduce` together to find the sum of the squares of the elements of a list.

(Try it)
let rec sum (xs:int list) : int =
  match xs with
  | [] -> b
  | hd::tl -> hd + (sum tl)

let rec prod (xs:int list) : int =
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Another example

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let add x y = x + y
let mul x y = x * y

let rec reduce (f:int->int->int) (b:int) (xs:int list) : int =
  match xs with
  | [] -> b
  | hd::tl -> f hd (reduce f b tl)

let sum xs = reduce add 0 xs
let prod xs = reduce mul 1 xs
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let prod xs = reduce ( * ) 1 xs

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wrong -- creates a comment! ug. OCaml -0.1
More on Anonymous Functions

Function declarations:

```plaintext
let square x = x*x
let add x y = x+y
```

are *syntactic sugar* for:

```plaintext
let square = (fun x -> x*x)
let add = (fun x y -> x+y)
```

In other words, *functions are values* we can bind to a variable, just like 3 or “moo” or true.

Functions are 2\(^{\text{nd}}\) class no more!
Simplifying further:

\[
\text{let add} = \text{(fun } x \ y \rightarrow x+y)\]

is shorthand for:

\[
\text{let add} = \text{(fun } x \rightarrow \text{(fun } y \rightarrow x+y))\]

That is, add is a function which:

– when given a value \(x\), \(\text{returns a function} \ \text{(fun } y \rightarrow x+y)\) which:
  • when given a value \(y\), returns \(x+y\).
**Currying**: verb. gerund or present participle

(1) to prepare or flavor with hot-tasting spices
(2) to encode a multi-argument function using nested, higher-order functions.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{fun } x \rightarrow (\text{fun } y \rightarrow x+y) & \quad (* \text{ curried } *) \\
\text{fun } x \ y \rightarrow x + y & \quad (* \text{ curried } *) \\
\text{fun } (x,y) \rightarrow x+y & \quad (* \text{ uncurried } *)
\end{align*}
\]
Curried Functions

Named after the logician Haskell B. Curry (1950s).

– was trying to find minimal logics that are powerful enough to encode traditional logics.
– much easier to prove something about a logic with 3 connectives than one with 20.
– the ideas translate directly to math (set & category theory) as well as to computer science.
– Actually, Moses Schönfinkel did some of this in 1924
  • thankfully, we don't have to talk about Schönfinkelled functions

Curry

Schönfinkel
What’s so good about Currying?

In addition to simplifying the language, currying functions so that they only take one argument leads to two major wins:

1. We can *partially apply* a function.
2. We can more easily *compose* functions.
Curried functions allow defs of new, *partially applied* functions:

```
let inc = add 1
```

Equivalent to writing:

```
let inc = (fun y -> 1+y)
```

which is equivalent to writing:

```
let inc y = 1+y
```

also:

```
let inc2 = add 2
let inc3 = add 3
```
SIMPLE REASONING ABOUT HIGHER-ORDER FUNCTIONS
We can factor this program

\[
\text{let } \text{square\_all } ys = \\
\text{match } ys \text{ with} \\
| [] \rightarrow [] \\
| \text{hd}::\text{tl} \rightarrow (\text{square } \text{hd})::(\text{square\_all } \text{tl})
\]

into this program:

\[
\text{let } \text{square\_all } = \text{map } \text{square}
\]

assuming we already have a definition of map
**Goal**: Rewrite definitions so my program is simpler, easier to understand, more concise, ...

**Question**: What are the reasoning principles for rewriting programs without breaking them? For reasoning about the behavior of programs? About the equivalence of two programs?

I want some *rules* that never fail.

```ocaml
let square_all ys =  
  match ys with  
  | [] -> []  
  | hd::tl -> (square hd)::(square_all tl)

let square_all = map square
```
Simple Equational Reasoning

**Rewrite 1 (Function de-sugaring):**

\[
\text{let } f \ x = \text{body} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{let } f = (\text{fun } x \to \text{body})
\]

**Rewrite 2 (Substitution):**

\[
(\text{fun } x \to \ldots \ x \ldots) \ \text{arg} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \ldots \ \text{arg} \ \ldots
\]

**Rewrite 3 (Eta-expansion):**

\[
\text{let } f = \text{def} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{let } f \ x = (\text{def}) \ x
\]

if \( f \) has a function type

if \( \text{arg} \) is a value or, when executed, will always terminate without effect and produce a value roughly: all occurrences of \( x \) replaced by \( \text{arg} \) (though getting this exactly right is shockingly difficult)

chose name \( x \) wisely so it does not shadow other names used in \( \text{def} \)
let rec map f xs =
    match xs with
    | [] -> []
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    (fun f ->
        (fun xs ->
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Consider square_all

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Substitute map definition into square_all

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let square_all ys =
    (fun xs ->
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       ) ys
Expanding map square

```ocaml
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```

substitute again (argument ys for parameter xs)
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let square_all xs = map square xs

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proof by simple rewriting unrolls definition once

proof by induction eliminates recursive function map
We saw this:

```ocaml
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let square_all ys = map square
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Is equivalent to this:

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```

Morals of the story:
(1) OCaml’s *hot* (higher-order, typed) functions capture recursion patterns
(2) we can figure out what is going on by *equational reasoning*.
(3) ... but we typically need to do *proofs by induction* to reason about recursive (inductive) functions
Here’s an annoying thing

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Alas, I can’t just call this map. It works on ints!

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```ocaml
let rec mapfloat (f:float->float) (xs:float list) :
    float list =
    match xs with
    | [] -> []
    | hd::tl -> (f hd)::(mapfloat f tl)
```
let rec map f xs =
    match xs with
    | [] -> []
    | hd::tl -> (f hd)::(map f tl)

let ints = map (fun x -> x + 1) [1; 2; 3; 4]
let floats = map (fun x -> x +. 2.0) [3.1415; 2.718]
let strings = map String.uppercase ["sarah"; "joe"]
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  match xs with
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map : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a list -> 'b list
Type of the undecorated map?

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Read as:
• for any types 'a and 'b,
• if you give map a function from 'a to 'b,
• it will return a function
  – which when given a list of 'a values
  – returns a list of 'b values.

We often use greek letters like α or β to represent type variables.
The OCaml compiler is smart enough to figure out that this is the **most general** type that you can assign to the code.

We say map is **polymorphic** in the types 'a and 'b – just a fancy way to say map can be used on any types 'a and 'b.

Java generics derived from ML-style polymorphism (but added after the fact and more complicated due to subtyping)
let rec merge (lt:'a->'a->bool) (xs:'a list) (ys:'a list) : 'a list =
  match (xs,ys) with
  | ([],_) -> ys
  | (_,[]) -> xs
  | (x::xst, y::yst) ->
    if lt x y then x::(merge lt xst ys)
    else y::(merge lt xs yst)

let rec split (xs:'a list)(ys:'a list)(zs:'a list) : 'a list * 'a list =
  match xs with
  | [] -> (ys, zs)
  | x::rest -> split rest zs (x::ys)

let rec mergesort (lt:'a->'a->bool) (xs:'a list) : 'a list =
  match xs with
  | ([] | _::[]) -> xs
  | _ -> let (first,second) = split xs [] [] in
    merge lt (mergesort lt first) (mergesort lt second)
More realistic polymorphic functions

mergesort : ('a->'a->bool) -> 'a list -> 'a list

mergesort (<=) [3;2;7;1]
  == [1;2;3;7]

mergesort (>) [2; 3; 42]
  == [42 ; 3; 2]

mergesort (fun x y -> String.compare x y < 0) ["Hi"; "Bi"]
  == [“Bi”; “Hi”]

let int_sort = mergesort (<)
let int_sort_down = mergesort (>)
let str_sort = mergesort (fun x y -> String.compare x y < 0)
Another Interesting Function

```ocaml
let comp f g x = f (g x)

let mystery = comp (add 1) square

let comp = fun f -> (fun g -> (fun x -> f (g x)))

let mystery = comp (add 1) square

let mystery = (fun f -> (fun g -> (fun x -> f (g x)))) (add 1) square

let mystery = fun x -> (add 1) (square x)

let mystery x = add 1 (square x)
```
What does this program do?

```haskell
map f (map g [x1; x2; ...; xn])
```

For each element of the list \(x_1, x_2, x_3 \ldots x_n\), it executes \(g\), creating:

```haskell
map f ([g x1; g x2; ...; g xn])
```

Then for each element of the list \([g x_1, g x_2, g x_3 \ldots g x_n]\), it executes \(f\), creating:

```haskell
[f (g x1); f (g x2); ...; f (g xn)]
```

Is there a faster way? Yes! (And query optimizers for SQL do it for you.)

```haskell
map (comp f g) [x1; x2; ...; xn]
```
This kind of optimization has a name: deforestation
(because it eliminates intermediate lists and, um, trees...)

\[ \text{map } f \ (\text{map } g [x_1; x_2; \ldots; x_n]) \]

\[ \text{map } (\text{comp } f \ g) [x_1; x_2; \ldots; x_n] \]
What is the type of comp?

\[
\text{let } \text{comp } f \ g \ x = f \ (g \ x)
\]
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```plaintext
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```

```
comp : ('b -> 'c) ->
     ('a -> 'b) ->
     ('a -> 'c)
```
What is the type of `comp`?

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```
comp : ('b -> 'c) -> ('a -> 'b) -> 'a -> 'c
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```
let rec reduce f u xs =
    match xs with
    | [] -> u
    | hd::tl -> f hd (reduce f u tl)

What’s the most general type of reduce?
let rec reduce f u xs =
  match xs with
  | []  -> u
  | hd::tl -> f hd (reduce f u tl)

What’s the most general type?
let rec reduce f u (xs: 'a list) =
    match xs with
    | [] -> u
    | hd::tl -> f hd (reduce f u tl)

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f is called so it must be a function of two arguments.
let rec reduce (f: '?' -> '? -> '?) u (xs: 'a list) =
    match xs with
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Furthermore, hd came from xs, so f must take an 'a value as its first argument.
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The second argument to f must have the same type as the result of reduce. Let’s call it 'b.
let rec reduce (f:'a -> 'b -> ?) u (xs: 'a list) : 'b =
match xs with
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The result of f must have the same type as the result of reduce overall: 'b.
let rec reduce (f:'a -> 'b -> 'b) u (xs: 'a list) : 'b =
    match xs with
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If xs is empty, then reduce returns u. So u’s type must be 'b.
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('a -> 'b -> 'b) -> 'b -> 'a list -> 'b
let rec reduce f u xs =
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let mystery0 = reduce (fun x y -> 1+y) 0
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let mystery0 = reduce (fun x y -> 1+y) 0;;

let rec mystery0 xs =
  match xs with
  | [] -> 0
  | hd::tl ->
    (fun x y -> 1+y) hd (reduce (fun ...) 0 tl)
What does this do?

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let mystery0 = reduce (fun x y -> 1+y) 0

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    match xs with
    | [] -> 0
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let rec mystery0 xs =
    match xs with
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    | hd::tl -> 1 + mystery0 tl
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let rec reduce f u xs =
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let mystery0 = reduce (fun x y -> 1+y) 0

let rec mystery0 xs =
  match xs with
  | []  -> 0
  | hd::tl -> 1 + mystery0 tl  (* List Length! *)
```
What does this do?

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let rec reduce f u xs = match xs with
  | [] -> u
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let mystery1 = reduce (fun x y -> x::y) []
```
What does this do?

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let rec reduce f u xs =
    match xs with
    | []  -> u
    | hd::tl -> f hd (reduce f u tl)

let mystery1 = reduce (fun x y -> x::y) []

let rec mystery1 xs =
    match xs with
    | []  -> []
    | hd::tl -> hd::(mystery1 tl)  Copy!
```
let rec reduce f u xs =
    match xs with
    | [] -> u
    | hd::tl -> f hd (reduce f u tl)

let mystery2 g =
    reduce (fun a b -> (g a)::b) []
let rec reduce f u xs =
    match xs with
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    | hd::tl ->  f hd (reduce f u tl)

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let rec mystery2 g xs =
    match xs with
    | []  ->  []
    | hd::tl -> (g hd)::(mystery2 g tl) map!
We coded map in terms of reduce:
• ie: we showed we can compute map f xs using a call to reduce ??? just by passing the right arguments in place of ???

Can we code reduce in terms of map?
Some Other Combinators: List Module

val fold_left : ('a -> 'b -> 'a) -> 'a -> 'b list -> 'a

val fold_right : ('a -> 'b -> 'b) -> 'a list -> 'b -> 'a list

val mapi : (int -> 'a -> unit) -> 'a list -> unit
List.mapi f [a0; ...; an] == f 0 a0; ... ; f n an

val map2 : ('a -> 'b -> 'c) -> 'a list -> 'b list -> 'c list
List.map2 f [a0; ...; an] [b0; ...; bn] == [f a0 b0 ; ... ; f an bn]

val iter : ('a -> unit) -> 'a list -> unit
List.iter f [a0; ...; an] == f a0; ... ; f an

http://caml.inria.fr/pub/docs/manual-ocaml/libref/List.html
Map and reduce are two *higher-order functions* that capture very, very common *recursion patterns*

Reduce is especially powerful:

- related to the “visitor pattern” of OO languages like Java.
- can implement most list-processing functions using it, including things like copy, append, filter, reverse, map, etc.

We can write clear, terse, reusable code by exploiting:

- higher-order functions
- anonymous functions
- first-class functions
- polymorphism
Practice Problems

Using map, write a function that takes a list of pairs of integers, and produces a list of the sums of the pairs.
- e.g., list_add [(1,3); (4,2); (3,0)] = [4; 6; 3]
- Write list_add directly using reduce.

Using map, write a function that takes a list of pairs of integers, and produces their quotient if it exists.
- e.g., list_div [(1,3); (4,2); (3,0)] = [Some 0; Some 2; None]
- Write list_div directly using reduce.

Using reduce, write a function that takes a list of optional integers, and filters out all of the None’s.
- e.g., filter_none [Some 0; Some 2; None; Some 1] = [0;2;1]
- Why can’t we directly use filter? How would you generalize filter so that you can compute filter_none? Alternatively, rig up a solution using filter + map.

Using reduce, write a function to compute the sum of squares of a list of numbers.
- e.g., sum_squares = [3,5,2] = 38