

Programming Languages and Compilers (CS 421)

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let rec sum_tree t =
  match t with Leaf n -> n
  | Node(t1,t2) -> sum_tree t1 + sum_tree t2
```

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Recursion over Recursive Data Types

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| FunExp of string * exp | AppExp of exp * exp
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  match exp with VarExp x ->
  | ConstExp c ->
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  | FunExp (x,e) ->
  | AppExp (e1, e2) ->
```

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# let rec varCnt exp =
  match exp with VarExp x -> 1
  | ConstExp c -> 0
  | BinOpAppExp (b, e1, e2) -> varCnt e1 + varCnt e2
  | FunExp (x,e) -> 1 + varCnt e
  | AppExp (e1, e2) -> varCnt e1 + varCnt e2
```

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Mutually Recursive Types

```
# type 'a tree = TreeLeaf of 'a
  | TreeNode of 'a treeList
and 'a treeList = Last of 'a tree
  | More of ('a tree * 'a treeList);;
type 'a tree = TreeLeaf of 'a | TreeNode of 'a
  treeList
and 'a treeList = Last of 'a tree | More of ('a
  tree * 'a treeList)
```

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Mutually Recursive Types - Values

```
# let tree =
  TreeNode
  (More (TreeLeaf 5,
    (More (TreeNode
      (More (TreeLeaf 3,
        Last (TreeLeaf 2))),
        Last (TreeLeaf 7)))))
```

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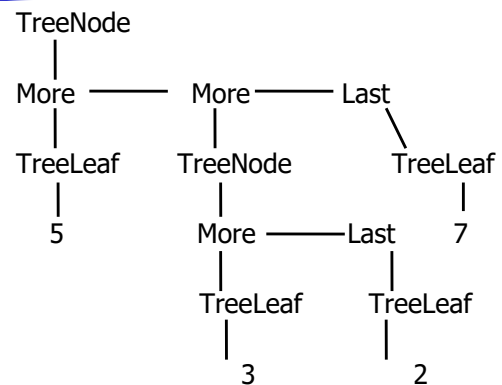
Mutually Recursive Types - Values

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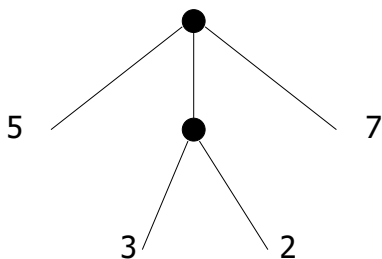


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Mutually Recursive Types - Values

A more conventional picture



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Mutually Recursive Functions

```
# let rec fringe tree =
  match tree with (TreeLeaf x) -> [x]
  | (TreeNode list) -> list_fringe list
and list_fringe tree_list =
  match tree_list with (Last tree) -> fringe tree
  | (More (tree,list)) ->
    (fringe tree) @ (list_fringe list);;
```

```
val fringe : 'a tree -> 'a list = <fun>
val list_fringe : 'a treeList -> 'a list = <fun>
```

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Mutually Recursive Functions

```
# fringe tree;;  
- : int list = [5; 3; 2; 7]
```

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# type 'a tree = TreeLeaf of 'a | TreeNode of 'a treeList  
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Define tree_size
```

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let rec tree_size t =  
  match t with TreeLeaf _ ->  
  | TreeNode ts ->
```

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Define tree_size  
let rec tree_size t =  
  match t with TreeLeaf _ -> 1  
  | TreeNode ts -> treeList_size ts + 1
```

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and 'a treeList = Last of 'a tree | More of ('a tree * 'a treeList);;  
Define tree_size and treeList_size  
let rec tree_size t =  
  match t with TreeLeaf _ -> 1  
  | TreeNode ts -> treeList_size ts + 1  
and treeList_size ts =
```

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and treeList_size ts =  
  match ts with Last t ->  
  | More (t, ts') ->
```

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```

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Nested Recursive Types

```
# type 'a labeled_tree =
  TreeNode of ('a * 'a labeled_tree
  list);;
type 'a labeled_tree = TreeNode of ('a
  * 'a labeled_tree list)
```

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Nested Recursive Type Values

```
# let ltree =
  TreeNode(5,
  [TreeNode (3, []);
  TreeNode (2, [TreeNode (1, []);
  TreeNode (7, [])]);
  TreeNode (5, [])]);;
```

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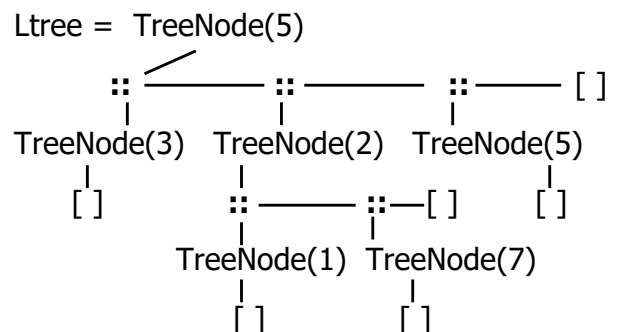
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```

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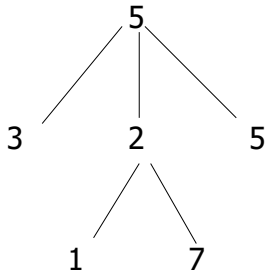
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Mutually Recursive Functions

```
# let rec flatten_tree labtree =  
  match labtree with TreeNode (x,treelist)  
  -> x::flatten_tree_list treelist  
  and flatten_tree_list treelist =  
  match treelist with [] -> []  
  | labtree::labtrees  
  -> flatten_tree labtree  
  @ flatten_tree_list labtrees;;
```

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Mutually Recursive Functions

```
val flatten_tree : 'a labeled_tree -> 'a list =  
  <fun>  
val flatten_tree_list : 'a labeled_tree list -> 'a  
  list = <fun>  
# flatten_tree ltree;;  
- : int list = [5; 3; 2; 1; 7; 5]
```

- Nested recursive types lead to mutually recursive functions

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Why Data Types?

- Data types play a key role in:
 - *Data abstraction* in the design of programs
 - *Type checking* in the analysis of programs
 - *Compile-time code generation* in the translation and execution of programs
 - Data layout (how many words; which are data and which are pointers) dictated by type

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Terminology

- Type: A type t defines a set of possible data values
 - E.g. `short` in C is $\{x \mid 2^{15} - 1 \geq x \geq -2^{15}\}$
 - A value in this set is said to have type t
- Type system: rules of a language assigning types to expressions

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Types as Specifications

- Types describe properties
- Different type systems describe different properties, eg
 - Data is read-write versus read-only
 - Operation has authority to access data
 - Data came from “right” source
 - Operation might or could not raise an exception
- Common type systems focus on types describing same data layout and access methods

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Sound Type System

- If an expression is assigned type t , and it evaluates to a value v , then v is in the set of values defined by t
- SML, OCAML, Scheme and Ada have sound type systems
- Most implementations of C and C++ do not

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Strongly Typed Language

- When no application of an operator to arguments can lead to a run-time type error, language is *strongly typed*
 - Eg: `1 + 2.3;;`
- Depends on definition of “type error”

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Strongly Typed Language

- C++ claimed to be “strongly typed”, but
 - Union types allow creating a value at one type and using it at another
 - Type coercions may cause unexpected (undesirable) effects
 - No array bounds check (in fact, no runtime checks at all)
- SML, OCAML “strongly typed” but still must do dynamic array bounds checks, runtime type case analysis, and other checks

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Static vs Dynamic Types

- *Static type*: type assigned to an expression at compile time
- *Dynamic type*: type assigned to a storage location at run time
- *Statically typed language*: static type assigned to every expression at compile time
- *Dynamically typed language*: type of an expression determined at run time

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Type Checking

- When is `op(arg1,...,argn)` allowed?
- *Type checking* assures that operations are applied to the right number of arguments of the right types
 - Right type may mean same type as was specified, or may mean that there is a predefined implicit coercion that will be applied
- Used to resolve overloaded operations

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Type Checking

- Type checking may be done *statically* at compile time or *dynamically* at run time
- Dynamically typed (aka untyped) languages (eg LISP, Prolog) do only dynamic type checking
- Statically typed languages can do most type checking statically

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Dynamic Type Checking

- Performed at run-time before each operation is applied
- Types of variables and operations left unspecified until run-time
 - Same variable may be used at different types

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Dynamic Type Checking

- Data object must contain type information
- Errors aren't detected until violating application is executed (maybe years after the code was written)

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Static Type Checking

- Performed after parsing, before code generation
- Type of every variable and signature of every operator must be known at compile time

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Static Type Checking

- Can eliminate need to store type information in data object if no dynamic type checking is needed
- Catches many programming errors at earliest point
- Can't check types that depend on dynamically computed values
 - Eg: array bounds

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Static Type Checking

- Typically places restrictions on languages
 - Garbage collection
 - References instead of pointers
 - All variables initialized when created
 - Variable only used at one type
 - Union types allow for work-arounds, but effectively introduce dynamic type checks

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