

# Principles of Programming Languages

## COMP251: Functional Programming in SML

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# Part I

## Introduction

# ML vs. Scheme/LISP

ML is another functional programming language that evolved from the LISP community, adding several important features.

- **Prettier concrete syntax** — ML programs support infix operators and statement separators like in C/C++, eliminating Scheme/LISP's heavy use of full parenthesization. However, this eliminates Scheme/LISP's advantage of naturally processing programs as data.
- **Strong typing** — type checking is a very helpful safety feature in software engineering, like in C/C++.
- **Type inference** — usually, you can omit the declaration of the type of a variable, because ML can automatically infer what the type should be from the context of the expression the variable occurs in. So the convenience and ease-of-use of ML is closer to Scheme/LISP where you never have to declare types of variables. (Standard C++ still doesn't support this!)
- **Patterns** — built-in pattern matching allows a declarative style of programming that can be very clean.

**Standard ML** or **SML** is a dialect of ML that resulted from an international community standardization process. Consequently, there are many implementations of SML.

A few other dialects still exist. Of particular note, **CAML** and its object-oriented extension **O'Caml** are very efficient implementations rivalling C++, that have a significant following.

# SML (Standard Meta Language)

SML (/usr/local/sml/bin/sml) supports:

- **Higher-Order Functions**: composite functions in math. e.g.  $f(g(h(x)))$
- **Abstract Data Types**: type = data + functions (as in OOP).
- **Polymorphism**: functions, data types (c.f. template in C++).
- **Strong Typing**: Every expression has a type which can be determined at compile time. (c.f. C++ is not. e.g. virtual function)
- **Static Scope**: All identifier references resolved at compile time.
- **Rule-Based Programming**: Actions are selected through if-then **pattern-matching** rules (c.f. AI language like Prolog).
- **Type-Safe Exception Mechanism**: to handle unusual situations arising at run-time. e.g. division-by-zero.
- **Modules**: an ML program = a set of interdependent modules glued together using **functors**.

## Part II

# Types, Values, Patterns

## 5 Basic Types, 3 Composite Types

TYPE	SYMBOL	EXAMPLE	OPERATIONS/TYPES
unit	()	()	—
boolean	bool	true, false	not, andalso, orelse
integer	int	2, 0, 87	~, +, -, *, div, mod
real	real	1.3, 3E2	~, +, -, *, /
string	string	"hello"	^
tuple	(...)	(1, "yes", 2.5)	int*string*real
list	[...]	[3, 8, 1, 9]	int list
record	{...}	{name="Eagle", dead=true}	{name:string,dead:bool}

- **unit** is similar to **void** in C. It is used
  - whenever an expression has no interesting value.
  - when a function is to have no arguments.
- Negative **int** or **real** values are denoted using the unary operator  $\sim$  instead of the usual minus sign.
- Integer division uses **div** and **mod**, and real number division uses  $/$ .
- **NO** implicit **coercion**!
- The boolean operators **andalso** and **orelse** perform **short-circuit** evaluations: i.e.  
 $E_1$  **andalso**  $E_2 \Rightarrow$  will NOT evaluate  $E_2$  if  $E_1$  is **false**.  
 $E_1$  **orelse**  $E_2 \Rightarrow$  will NOT evaluate  $E_2$  if  $E_1$  is **true**.



## Example: int/real

```
- ();  
val it = () : unit
```

```
- 5 + 13;  
val it = 18 : int
```

```
- ~5 + 13;  
val it = 8 : int
```

```
- floor(123.6);  
val it = 123 : int
```

```
- floor(~123.6);  
val it = ~124 : int
```

## Example: String

```
- "Hong" ^ " ^"Kong";  
val it = "Hong Kong" : string
```

```
- size "Hong Kong";  
val it = 9 : int
```

```
- size "Hong" ^ " ^"Kong";  
stdIn:69.1-69.23 Error:  
  operator and operand don't agree [tycon mismatch]  
  operator domain: string * string  
  operand:          int * string  
  in expression:   size "Hong" ^ " ^"
```

```
- size("Hong" ^ " ^"Kong");  
val it = 9 : int
```

## Example: Type Checking

- 5/6;

```
stdIn:50.2 Error: overloaded variable not defined at type
  symbol: /
  type: int
```

- real(5)/6;

```
stdIn:1.1-49.6 Error: operator and operand don't agree
  operator domain: real * real
  operand:          real * int
  in expression:
    real 5 / 6
```

- real(5)/real(6);

```
val it = 0.8333333333333333 : real
```

## Example: Boolean Expression

```
- if 2=3 then "don't worry" else "be happy";  
val it = "be happy" : string
```

```
- if "don't worry"="be happy" then 1 else 2;  
val it = 2 : int
```

```
- if 2=3 then "don't worry" else 4;  
stdIn:1.1-61.3 Error: types of rules don't agree [literal]  
earlier rule(s): bool -> string  
this rule:      bool -> int  
in rule:       false => 4
```

- “**if**`<bool-exp>` **then**`<then-exp>` **else**`<else-exp>`” always come together; and its value is that of `<then-exp>` if `<bool-exp>` is true, otherwise that of `<else-exp>`.
- `<then-exp>` and `<else-exp>` must match in their types.

## Composite Type: Tuple

```
- (4, true, "cat");  
val it = (4,true,"cat") : int * bool * string  
- (if 3=8 then "X" else "Y", 9.5/0.5, 5 div 2);  
val it = ("Y",19.0,2) : string * real * int  
- (14 mod 3, not false) = (1+1, true);  
val it = true : bool  
  
- #2("for", "your", "info");  
val it = "your" : string
```

- Ordered  $n$ -tuple:  $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$ .
- Like **vector** in Scheme.
- The  $n$  expressions may be of mixed types.
- 2  $n$ -tuples are equal if their corresponding components are equal.
- “#” is the item selection operator.

- Empty list: **nil** or [ ];
- **nil** : 'a list  $\Rightarrow$  a **polymorphic** object.
- $[e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n]$  is an abbreviation for  $e_1::e_2::\dots::e_n::\mathbf{nil}$ .
- $::$  is the list **constructor** pronounced as “cons”.
- $::$  is an infix operator which is **right associative**.
- $\langle \text{new-list} \rangle = \langle \text{item} \rangle :: \langle \text{list} \rangle$ .

$$\begin{aligned}1::2::3::\mathbf{nil} &= 1::(2::(3::\mathbf{nil})) \\ &= 1::(2::[3]) \\ &= 1::[2,3] \\ &= [1,2,3]\end{aligned}$$

- Equality on 2 lists is item-by-item.

# List Operators

- **cons** operator:  $:: : 'a \text{ item} * 'a \text{ list} \rightarrow 'a \text{ list}$
- **head** operator:  $\mathbf{hd}() : 'a \text{ list} \rightarrow 'a \text{ item}$
- **tail** operator:  $\mathbf{tl}() : 'a \text{ list} \rightarrow 'a \text{ list}$
- **append** operator:  $\mathbf{@} : 'a \text{ list} * 'a \text{ list} \rightarrow 'a \text{ list}$

# List Examples

```
- hd([1,2,3,4]);  
val it = 1 : int
```

```
- tl([1,2,3,4]);  
val it = [2,3,4] : int list
```

```
- hd([1,2,3,4])::tl([1,2,3,4]);  
val it = [1,2,3,4] : int list
```

```
- [5,6]@tl([1,2,3,4]);  
val it = [5,6,2,3,4] : int list
```



- c.f. **struct** in C.
- Syntax:  $\{ label_1 = E_1, label_2 = E_2, \dots \}$
- Order does NOT matter since the fields are labelled.
- Tuples are actually short-hands for records.  
 $(E_1, E_2, E_3) = \{ 1=E_1, 2=E_2, 3=E_3 \}$

```
- {name="bird", age=5, dead=true};  
val it = {age=5,dead=true,name="bird"}  
      : {age:int, dead:bool, name:string}
```

```
- {name="bird", age=5, dead=true}  
  = {age=5, dead=true,name="bird"};  
val it = true : bool
```

BNF for alphanumeric identifiers:

```
<Id>           ::= <First_Char><Other_Chars>
<First_Char>   ::= [A-Z] | [a-z] | '
<Other_Chars>  ::= <empty> | <Other_Char><Other_Chars>
<Other_Char>   ::= [A-Z] | [a-z] | [0-9] | ['_]
```

BNF for symbolic identifiers:

```
<Id>           ::= <S_Char> | <S_Char><Id>
<S_Char>       ::= [+ - / * < > = ! @ # % ^ ` ~ \ $ ? : ]
```

- Disallow mixing the 20 symbols with alphanumeric characters.
- '`<Other_Char>`' are *alpha* variables ONLY used for data types.
- Symbolic identifiers should be used for user-defined operators.

# Identifiers: Value Binding

Syntax: **val** < *identifier* > = < *expression* >;

- val a\_df = 3+2; (\* c.f. const int a\_df = 3+2; in C++ \*)  
val a\_df = 5 : int

- val a'a = "Albert" ^ " " ^ "Einstein";  
val a'a = "Albert Einstein" : string

- val a1b2 = 2;  
val a1b2 = 2 : int

- val +++\$\$\$ = 9\*3; (\* may hold integral value \*)  
val +++\$\$\$ = 27 : int

- +++\$\$\$ + +++\$\$\$; (\* Though you don't want to do that \*)  
val it = 54 : int

# Pattern Matching

- Pattern matching with **tuples**

```
- val (left, right) = ("Einstein", 4);  
val left = "Einstein" : string  
val right = 4 : int
```

- Pattern matching with **lists**

```
- val x::y = [5,6,7,8];    (* [5,6,7,8] = 5::[6,7,8] *)  
val x = 5 : int  
val y = [6,7,8] : int list
```

- Pattern matching with **records**

```
- val {flag=y,count=x} = {count=2,flag=true};  
val x = 2 : int  
val y = true : bool
```

# Pattern Matching: Wildcard Pattern

The wildcard pattern “\_” (underscore symbol) may be used for terms that you don't care in pattern matching.

```
- val (left,_) = ("Einstein", 4);  
val left = "Einstein" : string
```

```
- val _::a = [1,2,3];  
val a = [2,3] : int list
```

```
- val x::_::z = [[1,2],[3,4],[7,9],[0,0]];  
val x = [1,2] : int list  
val z = [[7,9],[0,0]] : int list list
```

# Pattern Matching: Bug

Identifiers cannot duplicate in various parts of a pattern.

```
- val (x, x::y) = (3, [3,4,5]);
```

```
stdIn:1.1-287.4 Error: duplicate variable in pattern(s): x
```

```
- val (x, x) = (3,3);
```

```
stdIn:1.1-279.7 Error: duplicate variable in pattern(s): x
```

## Part III

# SML Functions

# Functions: It is “fun”

- Syntax: **fun** <identifier> (<parameter-list>) = <expression>;
- Parameter passing method: **Call-By-Value**.

```
- fun square(x) = x*x;  
val square = fn : int -> int
```

```
- fun square x = x*x; (* parentheses are optional *)  
val square = fn : int -> int
```

```
- square 4;  
val it = 16 : int
```

```
- fun first (x,y) = x;    first (3, "foo");  
val first = fn : 'a * 'b -> 'a  
val it = 3 : int
```



# Type of Functions

Each identifier, variable or function, has a type.

**Function** :  $\langle \text{domain type} \rangle \rightarrow \langle \text{range type} \rangle$

- Argument type may be explicitly specified with  $\langle \text{type} \rangle$ .  
e.g. A function whose input is a **real** number and which returns a **real** number:

```
- fun f_square(x: real) = x*x;  
val f_square = fn : real -> real
```

```
- fun f_square(x):real = x*x;      (* Another way *)
```

- A function whose domain type is a tuple ('a type, 'b type) and whose range type is 'a.

```
- fun first (x,y) = x;  
val first = fn : 'a * 'b -> 'a
```

# More Complex Functions

- Defined with boolean expressions.

```
- fun greater(x,y) = if x > y then x else y;
```

```
- fun factorial x = if x = 0  
=   then 1      (* Initial '=' is continuation symbol *)  
=   else x*factorial(x-1);
```

- Defined by enumerating **ALL** cases with pattern matching ( $\Rightarrow$  more readable).

```
- fun factorial 0 = 1  
  | factorial x = x * factorial(x-1);
```

When functions are defined by case analysis, SML issues a warning or an error if

- Not all cases are covered.

```
- fun myhead(head::tail) = head;
stdIn:266.1-266.30 Warning: match nonexhaustive
      head :: tail => ...
val myhead = fn : 'a list -> 'a
```

- A case is redundant because of earlier cases.

```
- fun nonsense(_) = 3 | nonsense(0) = 5;
stdIn:275.1-275.47 Error: match redundant
      _ => ...
-->   0 => ...
```

- **Type System**: for a language is a set of rules for associating a type with an expression in the language.
- **Type Inference**: to deduce the type of an expression
- **Basic Rule**: if  $f : A \rightarrow B$ , and  $a$  has type  $A$  then  $f(a)$  must be of type  $B$ .

Whenever possible, ML automatically infers the type of an expression.

# Type Inference Rules

- 1 Types of operands and results of arithmetic operators must agree.

$$4.8/(a - b)$$

- 2 Types of operands of comparison operators must agree.

$$x = 1; \quad x < y$$

- 3 For the **if-then-else** expression (not statement!), **then**-expression and **else**-expression must be of the same type.

$$\text{if } x > 1 \text{ then } y \text{ else } z$$

- 4 Types of actual and formal parameters of a function must agree.

$$\text{fun } g(x) = 2 * x; \quad g(5);$$

# Higher-Order Functions (I)

Functions **taking** functions as arguments:

```
- fun square x = x*x; fun twice x = 2*x;
```

```
- fun apply5 f = f 5; apply5 square;
```

```
val apply5 = fn : (int -> 'a) -> 'a
```

```
val it = 25 : int
```

```
- fun apply f x = f(twice(x)); apply square 3;
```

```
val apply = fn : (int -> 'a) -> int -> 'a
```

```
val it = 36 : int
```

```
- fun first x y = x; first 2 "foo";
```

```
val first = fn : 'a -> 'b -> 'a
```

```
val it = 2 : int
```

# Higher-Order Functions (I) ..

- Function application is **left-associative**.

Thus,  $(\text{first } x \ y) = ((\text{first } x) \ y)$ .

- Operator  $\rightarrow$  is **right-associative**.

Thus,  $'a \rightarrow 'b \rightarrow 'a = 'a \rightarrow ('b \rightarrow 'a)$ .

- i.e. `first()` has domain type = 'a, range = 'b  $\rightarrow$  'a.
- i.e. `first()` takes an 'a value and returns another function which takes a 'b value and returns an 'a value.

## Higher-Order Functions (II)

Functions **returning** function:

```
- fun sq_or_twice x = if x > 0 then square else twice;  
val sq_or_twice = fn : int -> int -> int
```

```
- (sq_or_twice 2) 5;  
val it = 25 : int
```

```
- sq_or_twice 2;  
val it = fn : int -> int
```



# Type Inference: Example 1

fun H f x = f x

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H f = g \\ g x = y \\ f x = y \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{type}(H) = \text{type}(f) \rightarrow \text{type}(g) \\ \text{type}(g) = \text{type}(x) \rightarrow \text{type}(y) \\ \text{type}(f) = \text{type}(x) \rightarrow \text{type}(y) \end{array} \right.$$

Let  $\text{type}(x) = 'a$  and  $\text{type}(y) = 'b$ , then

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{type}(g) = \text{type}(f) = 'a \rightarrow 'b \\ \text{type}(H) = ('a \rightarrow 'b) \rightarrow ('a \rightarrow 'b) \end{array} \right.$$

## Type Inference: Example 2

fun H f x = G(f x) where type(G) = 'a → 'b.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} H f = g \\ g x = y \\ f x = z \\ G z = y \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{type}(H) = \text{type}(f) \rightarrow \text{type}(g) \\ \text{type}(g) = \text{type}(x) \rightarrow \text{type}(y) \\ \text{type}(f) = \text{type}(x) \rightarrow \text{type}(z) \\ \text{type}(G) = \text{type}(z) \rightarrow \text{type}(y) \equiv 'a \rightarrow 'b \end{array} \right.$$

Let  $\text{type}(x) = 'c$ , then

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{type}(f) = 'c \rightarrow 'a \\ \text{type}(g) = 'c \rightarrow 'b \\ \text{type}(H) = ('c \rightarrow 'a) \rightarrow ('c \rightarrow 'b) \end{array} \right.$$

## Functions on List: Examples

- In general, a function on list must deal with the 2 cases:
  - [] or nil
  - head::tail

```
- fun len([]) = 0 | len(x::tail) = 1 + len(tail);
```

```
- fun sum([]) = 0 | sum(x::tail) = x + sum(tail);
```

```
- fun mean L = sum L div len L;
```

```
- mean [1,2,3];
```

```
val it = 2 : int
```

```
- fun append([], L2) = L2
```

```
  | append(x::tail, L2) = x::append(tail, L2);
```

```
- append([3,5], [9,8,7]);
```

```
val it = [3,5,9,8,7] : int list
```

# List Function: `map`

- The built-in `map()` has 2 arguments: a function `f()` and a `list`.
- It applies function `f()` to each element of the list.

```
fun map f [ ] = [ ]  
  | map f (head::tail) = (f head)::(map f tail);
```

- Type of list: `'a list`
- Type of `f`: `'a → 'b`
- Type of `map`: `('a → 'b) → 'a list → 'b list`

## map: Examples

```
- fun odd x = (x mod 2) = 1;  
val odd = fn : int -> bool
```

```
- map odd [1,2,3];  
val it = [true,false,true] : bool list
```

```
- map odd;  
val it = fn : int list -> bool list
```

```
- map;  
val it = fn : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a list -> 'b list
```

## List Function: `filter`

- `filter` applies a `boolean test` function to `each element` of a list, removing the element should the test fail.

```
fun filter f [] = []  
  | filter f (head::tail) = if (f head)  
                           then head::(filter f tail)  
                           else (filter f tail);
```

```
- filter odd [1,2,3,4,5];  
val it = [1,3,5] : int list
```

```
- filter;  
val it = fn : ('a -> bool) -> 'a list -> 'a list
```

```
- filter odd;  
val it = fn : int list -> int list
```

## List Function: **reduce**

- **reduce** accumulates a result from a list.

```
fun reduce f [ ] v = v  
|   reduce f (head::tail) v = f (head, reduce f tail v);
```

```
- reduce add [1,2,3,4,5] 0;  
val it = 15 : int
```

```
- reduce;  
val it = fn : ('a * 'b -> 'b) -> 'a list -> 'b -> 'b
```

```
- reduce add;  
val it = fn : int list -> int -> int
```

```
- reduce add [1,2,3,4,5];  
val it = fn : int -> int
```

## List Function: Example

```
- fun reverse_([], L2) = L2
  | reverse_(x::tail, L2) = reverse_(tail, x::L2);
- fun reverse L = reverse_(L, []);

- reverse ["D","O","G"];
val it = ["G","O","D"] : string list
```

- **rev**: 'a list  $\rightarrow$  'a list, is SML's built-in operator to do that.

```
- rev ["D","O","G"];
val it = ["G","O","D"] : string list
```



# Anonymous Functions

Syntax: **fn** <formal parameter>  $\Rightarrow$  <body>

- An anonymous function is a function without a name.
- Used when only a locally defined function is needed.

```
- map (fn x => x*x) [2,3,4];  
val it = [4,9,16] : int list
```

```
- map (fn (x,_) => x) [(1,2), (3,4), (5,6)];  
val it = [1,3,5] : int list
```

# Functions as Values

Functions are the first-class objects in SML, they can be input as **arguments**, returned as **return-values**, and also created as **values**.

```
- val square = fn x => x*x; square 4;
```

```
val square = fn : int -> int
```

```
val it = 16 : int
```

```
- val f = square; f 4;
```

```
val f = fn : int -> int
```

```
val it = 16 : int
```

```
- val g = map square;
```

```
val g = fn : int list -> int list
```

```
- g [1,2,3,4];
```

```
val it = [1,4,9,16] : int list
```

# Composite Functions

Given:  $f: 'b \rightarrow 'c$  and  $g: 'a \rightarrow 'b$  .

Define a new function:  $h(x) = f \circ g(x) \equiv f(g(x)) : 'a \rightarrow 'c$ .

i.e first apply function  $g()$  to an input  $x$  of  $'a$  type, returning a value of  $'b$  type, which is then piped into function  $f()$  to give the final result of  $'c$  type.

```
- fun square x = x*x;      fun twice x = 2*x;
```

```
val square = fn : int -> int
```

```
val twice = fn : int -> int
```

```
- val sq_twice = square o twice; (* Use val NOT fun *)
```

```
val sq_twice = fn : int -> int
```

```
- sq_twice 3;
```

```
val it = 36 : int
```

## Eager (Innermost) Evaluation

```
fun f(x) = if x = 1 then 1 else x*f(x-1);
```

```
f(1+1) = f(2)
        = if 2 = 1 then 1 else 2 * f(2-1)
        = 2 * f(1)
        = 2 * { if 1 = 1 then 1 else 1 * f(1-1) }
        = 2 * 1
        = 2
```

Actual parameters are evaluated before they are passed to functions  $\Rightarrow$  **Call-By-Value**.

# Lazy (Outermost) Evaluation

```
f(1+1) = if (1+1) = 1 then 1 else (1+1) * f((1+1)-1)
        = if 2 = 1 then 1 else (1+1) * f((1+1)-1)
        = (1+1) * f((1+1)-1)
        = 2 * f((1+1)-1)
        = 2 * { if ((1+1)-1) = 1 then 1 else
                  ((1+1)-1) * f(((1+1)-1) - 1) }
        = 2 * 1
        = 2
```

Actual parameters are evaluated only when they are needed.

# Eager vs. Lazy Evaluation

- Give **same** result if the execution **terminates**.
- But consider the following 2 examples:  

```
if X = 0 or Y/X > 5 then ... else ...;
```

```
X + (Y == 0 ? 2 : 4/Y);
```

# Expression Evaluation in ML

- For **function application**:  
eager evaluation of actual parameters
- For **boolean expression**:  
short-circuit evaluation = lazy evaluation
- $E_1$  **or**  $E_2$  actually is a function  $\text{or}(E_1, E_2)$ . ML's eager evaluation of actual parameters may not give the same result as required by short-circuit evaluation.  
⇒ a new operator **orelse**. (same for **andalso**)

# Creating New Infix Operators

**Left-associative:** **infix** <precedence-level> <operator id>.

**Right-associative:** **infixr** <precedence-level> <operator id>.

- If omitted, <precedence-level> = 0 — the min. level.
- The highest precedence level is 9 in our SML.

PRECEDENCE	OPERATORS	ASSOCIATIVITY	COMMENTS
3	o	—	function composition
	:=	—	assignment
4	=, <>, <, >, ≤, ≥	left	relational operators
5	::	right	list constructor
	@	right	list concatenation
6	+, -	left	add/subtract
	^	left	string concatenation
7	*, /, div, mod	left	multiply/divide



# New Operator ..

```
(* First create the function *)  
- fun **(a,0) = 1 | **(a,b) = a * **(a,b-1);  
val ** = fn : int * int -> int  
  
- **(2,5);  
val it = 32 : int  
  
- infix 7 **;      (* Make ** left-associative *)  
infix 7 **  
  
- 4 + 2**5 - 6;      2**3**2;  
val it = 30 : int  
val it = 64 : int  
  
- infixr 7 **;     (* Make ** right-associative *)  
infixr 7 **  
  
- 2**3**2;  
val it = 512 : int
```

# Operators as Functions

- Functions are called as **prefix** operators.
- Built-in operators like `+`, `-`, `*`, `/` are called as **infix** operators.
- Internally, infix operators are actually functions. To use them as functions: **op** operator-symbol.

```
- op+(2,3); op*(4,5);
```

```
val it = 5 : int
```

```
val it = 20 : int
```

```
- reduce op+ [2,3,4] 0; reduce op* [2,3,4] 1;
```

```
val it = 9 : int
```

```
val it = 24 : int
```

```
- op+;
```

```
val it = fn : int * int -> int
```

## Part IV

# Static Scope: let Expression

**let**

**val** <1st-identifier> = <  $E_1$  >;

**val** <2nd-identifier> = <  $E_2$  >;

...

**in**

<expression>

**end**

- The semicolons at the end of each **val** statements is optional.
- c.f. Declaration of local variables in C++

## let: val Example

```
- val z =  
  let  
    val x = 3;  
    val y = 5;  
  in  
    x*x + 3*y  
  end;  
val z = 24 : int
```

- As spaces are immaterial, the statement may as well be written all in one single line as follows:

```
val z = let val x = 3 val y = 5 in x*x + 3*y end;
```

- To avoid too many **val** statements in the **let**-part, one may use **tuples** to group all identifiers as follows:

```
val z = let val (x, y) = (3, 5) in x*x + 3*y end;
```

# Nested let Example

```
- let val x = 3.0  val y = 5.0 in
    let val a = x+y  val b = x-y in
        let val f = a*b*x  val g = a/b/y  in  f/g  end
    end
end;
```

Quiz: What is the output?

## let: fun Example

- Let's rewrite the function `reverse()` with a **locally** defined function, `rev_()`.

```
fun reverse L =  
  let fun rev_([], L2) = L2  
        | rev_(x::tail, L2) = rev_(tail, x::L2)  
  in rev_(L, []) end;
```

- Identifiers with the same names are resolved using the **static lexical scope rule**.

```
fun weird(x: real) =  
  let val x = x*x  
        val x = x*x  
  in x*x*x end;  
- weird 2.0;    (* What is the result? *)
```

## Part V

# New Datatypes



# Defining New Datatypes

**Syntax:** **datatype** <type-name>  
= <1st-constructor> | <2nd-constructor> | ...

- A simple example:

```
datatype Primary_Lights = red | green | blue;
```

```
- red;
```

```
val it = red : Primary_Lights
```

- c.f. **enumeration** in C++  
**enum** Primary\_Lights = { red, green, blue };

# Constructors of Datatype

- More complex objects can be constructed too. e.g.

```
datatype Money = nomoney | fun amount nomoney = 0
  | coin of int           | amount(coin(x)) = x
  | note10 of int        | amount(note10(x)) = 10*x
  | note100 of int       | amount(note100(x)) = 100*x
  | check of string*int; | amount(check(bank,x)) = x;
```

```
- amount (note100(2));
val it = 200 : int
```

- Money has 5 **constructors**: nomoney as a constant constructor, coin(int), note10(int), note100(int), and check(string, int).
- Any function on Money should deal with have 5 cases, one for each constructor.

# Recursive Datatype: Differentiation Example

```
- datatype expr = constant of int
                | variable of string
                | sum of expr * expr
                | product of expr * expr;
- val zero = constant 0; val one = constant 1;

- fun D x (constant _) = zero
    | D x (variable z) = if x = z then one else zero
    | D x (sum(e1, e2)) = sum(D x e1, D x e2)
    | D x (product(e1, e2)) =
        let val term1 = product(D x e1, e2)
            val term2 = product(e1, D x e2)
        in sum(term1, term2) end;
val D = fn : string -> expr -> expr
```

## Recursive Datatype: Differentiation Example ..

- **expr** has 4 constructors: `constant(int)`, `variable(string)`, `sum(expr, expr)`, `product(expr, expr)`.
- Declarations of “`zero`” and “`one`” is necessary in order to have an output type of **expr**; you can't use integers 0 and 1.

In order to use the new datatype **expr** and the differentiation function **D**, one has to convert a mathematical expression to **expr**. For example, to differentiate “`x*x + 5*x`”:

# Recursive Datatype: Differentiation Example ...

```
- Compiler.Control.Print.printDepth := 10;
val it = () : unit

- val term = sum(product(variable "x", variable "x"),
                  product(constant 5, variable "x"));
val it =
  sum (product (variable "x",variable "x"),
       product (constant 5,variable "x")) : expr

- D "x" term;
val it = sum (sum (product (constant 1,variable "x"),
                    product (variable "x",constant 1)),
              sum (product (constant 0,variable "x"),
                    product (constant 5,constant 1))) : expr
```

# Polymorphic Datatype: Binary Tree Example

```
datatype 'a tree =  
    empty_tree | leaf of 'a | node of 'a tree*'a tree;
```

- The **'a tree** has 3 constructors: `empty_tree` (constant constructor), `leaf('a tree)`, and `node('a tree, 'a tree)`.

```
- fun leafcount(empty_tree) = 0  
    | leafcount(leaf(x)) = 1  
    | leafcount(node(L,R)) = leafcount(L) + leafcount(R);  
val leafcount = fn : 'a tree -> int
```

```
- val x = node(node(leaf(1), leaf(2)), leaf(3));  
val x = node (node (leaf #,leaf #),leaf 3) : int tree
```

```
- leafcount x;  
val it = 3 : int
```

# Abstract Data Types

```
abstype 'a stack = stack of 'a list
with
    val emptystack = stack [];
    fun SK_empty(stack y) = y = nil;
    fun SK_push(x, stack y) = stack (x::y);
    fun SK_pop(stack y) = (hd(y), stack(tl(y)));
    fun SK_list(stack y) = y;
end;

val x = emptystack;
val y = SK_push(3, SK_push(4,x));
val z = SK_pop y;
SK_list x; SK_list y; SK_list (#2(z));
SK_pop(#2(SK_pop(#2(SK_pop y))));
```

## Part VI

### Misc: Value Binding, Exception



# Impure FP: Ref-Variables, Assignments

- **Reference variable** points to a value (c.f. indirect addressing):  
**val** <identifier> = **ref** <expression>.
- **Assignment**: <identifier> := <expression>
- **Dereference**: !<identifier>

```
- val x = ref(2+3);          | - val y = ref 9;
val x = ref 5 : int ref    | val y = ref 9 : int ref
                            |
- x := 9;                  | - !x = !y;
val it = () : unit         | val it = true : bool
                            |
- x;                        | - x = y;
val it = ref 9 : int ref  | val it = false : bool
                            |
- !x;
val it = 9 : int
```

# Value Binding and Environment

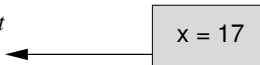
- The phrase: “**val**  $x = 17$ ” is called a **value binding**; the variable  $x$  is **bound** to the value 17.
- When an identifier is declared by a value binding, a **new** identifier is “created” — it has nothing whatever to do with any previously declared identifier of the same name.
- Once an identifier is bound to a value, there is no way to change that value.
- **Environment**: the current set of ordered pairs (identifier, value) that are visible.

# Environment: Example

**env:**

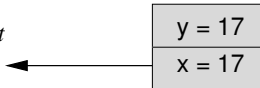
- val x = 17;

*val x = 17 : int*



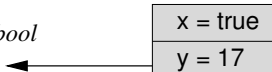
- val y = x;

*val y = 17 : int*



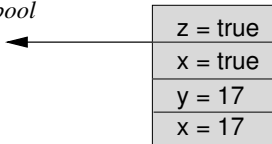
- val x = true;

*val x = true : bool*



- val z = x;

*val z = true : bool*



# Assignment and Side Effects

- val x = ref 0;

*val x = ref 0 : int ref*

**state: { (x, 0) }**

- x := 17;

*val it = () : unit*

**state: { (x, 17) }**

- val y = x;

*val y = ref 17 : int ref*

**state: { (x, 17), (y, 17) }**

- x := 9;

*val it = () : unit*

**state: { (x, 9), (y, 9) }**

- val z = x;

*val z = ref 9 : int ref*

**state: { (x, 9), (y, 9), (z, 9) }**

- The assignment `x := 9` produces the side-effect such that not only `x`'s dereferenced value is changed, but also `y`'s.

# Alias and Side Effects

**Alias:** When a data object is visible through more than one name in a **single referencing environment**, each name is termed an **alias**.

- **Examples:** passed parameters by reference in a function, several pointers to the same object.
- **Pitfall:** programs are harder to understand.

**Side Effects:** An operation has side effects if it makes changes which **persist** after it returns.

- **Examples :** A function changes its parameters or modifies global variables (through assignments); printouts.
- **Pitfall :** programs are harder to understand, evaluation order of expressions becomes important.

# Alias and Side Effects: Example

```
int x = 2, y = 5;
int Bad(int m) { return x+=m; }

void Swap(int* a, int* b)
{
    int temp = *a; *a = *b; *b = temp;
    x = 4;
}

int main()
{
    int* z = &x;
    int k = x * Bad(7) + x;

    printf("k = %d\n", k);
    Swap(&x, &y);
    printf("(x,y) = (%d,%d)\n", x, y);
}
```

# Assignment and Value Binding: Example

```
val x = ref 0;
```

```
fun F y =  
  let  
    val w = 5;  
  in  
    y + 3*w + !x  
  end;
```

```
F 1;
```

```
x := 10;
```

```
F 1;
```

```
val x = 999;
```

```
F 1;
```

```
val x = ref 999;
```

```
F 1;
```

- What are the values after each “F 1;” expressions?

# Exception

Keywords: **exception**, **raise**, **handle** =>

- 8 + 9 div 0;

uncaught exception divide by zero

- exception DBZ;

exception DBZ

- fun //(a,b) = if b = 0 then raise DBZ else a div b;

val // = fn : int \* int -> int

- infix 7 //;

infix 7 //



## Exception ..

```
- fun g (x,y,z) = x + y // z;  
val g = fn : int * int * int -> int  
- g(8,9,3);  
val it = 11 : int
```

```
- g(8,9,0);  
uncaught exception DBZ  
  raised at: stdIn:30.3-30.6
```

```
- fun f(x,y,z) = x + y // z handle DBZ => ~999;  
val f = fn : int * int * int -> int  
  
- f(8,9,0);  
val it = ~999 : int
```

# Load SML Programs, Libraries

- To load an SML program file which may contain value and function definitions, use “**use**”

- use "full-filename";

- To load lib, use “**open**”

- open Int;

- open Real;

- open Math;

- open String;

- open List;

- open IO;

- open TextIO;

## Part VII

# Summary

- ✓ A task is achieved through applications of functions.
- ✓ No pointers!
- ✓ No coercion!
- ✓ No side-effects!
- ✓ Assignment is replaced by value binding.
- ✓ Implicit type inference.
- ✓ Implicit memory management: Objects are allocated as needed, and deallocated when they become inaccessible.
- ✓ Pattern matching  $\Rightarrow$  program by examples.
- ✓ Allow recursive definition of polymorphic datatypes.
- ✓ Simple exception handling.

# Summary: FP vs. IP

**IP:**

Since IP languages are based on the von Neumann architecture, programmers must deal with the management of variables, assignment of values to them, memory locations, and sometimes even memory allocations.

- **Adv:** efficient computation
- **Disadv:** laborious construction of programs

**FP:**

Do not manipulate memory directly; no variables, no assignments. Instead they work on **values** that are independent of an underlying machine.

- **Adv:** compact language, simple syntax, higher level of programming
- **Disadv:** efficiency is sacrificed

## Summary: FP vs. IP ..

<b>IP:</b>	Due to aliases and side effects, the effects of a subprogram or a block cannot be determined in isolation from the entire program.
<b>FP:</b>	Since they only manipulate values, there are no aliases nor side effects.
<b>IP:</b>	Explicit memory management.
<b>FP:</b>	Storage is allocated as necessary; and storage that becomes inaccessible is automatically deallocated and reclaimed during <b>garbage collection</b> .
<b>IP:</b>	The power comes from mimicking operations on the underlying computer architecture with assignments, loops, and jumps.
<b>FP:</b>	The power comes from recursion and treating functions as “first-class” values.