

Basic types

value	type
()	unit
true, false	bool
1, 2, ...	int
1.0, 1., 2.5, ...	float
'a', \verb'b'+	char
"hi"	string

Expressions

expression	result	type
<code>2 * 3</code>	6	int
<code>2.0 *. 3.0</code>	6.	float
<code>fun n -> n*2</code>	<fun>	int -> int
<code>(fun n -> n*2) 2</code>	4	int
<code>(*)</code>	<fun>	int -> int -> int
<code>(*) 2</code>	<fun>	int -> int
<code>(*) 2 3</code>	6	int

value	type
<code>()</code>	<code>unit</code>
<code>(1) ≡ 1</code>	<code>int</code>
<code>(1,1)</code>	<code>int * int</code>
<code>(1,true,'a')</code>	<code>int * bool * char</code>

Algebraic Data Types

- Definition

```
type 'a mylist = Nil | Cons of 'a * 'a mylist
type 'a tree = Leaf | Node of 'a * 'a tree * 'a tree
type ('a, 'b) union = A of 'a | B of 'b
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- Formally: $\text{type } ('a_1, \dots, 'a_n) \text{ name} = \text{tag}_1 \mid \dots \mid \text{tag}_N$,
where

- name must start with a lower case letter.
- tag_i is
 - An atomic **constructor**: Name
 - A non-atomic constructor with argument:Name of *type*,
where *type* is a type expression in which $'a_1, \dots, 'a_n$ may occur.

where name must start with an upper case letter and

- Values

Nil, Cons(1,Nil), Leaf, Node(1,Leaf,Leaf), ...



Expressions (without regarding types)

Let e_1 and e_2 be expressions.

- If c is a constant then c is an expression.
- If $name$ is defined then it is an expression.
- The **application** $e_1 e_2$ is an expression.
- The **sequential composition** $e_1 ; e_2$ is an expression.
- If $Name$ is an atomic constructor then $Name$ is an expression
- If $Name$ is a non-atomic then $Name e_1$ is an expression.
Note that in this case $Name$ itself is not an expression.
- The **abstraction** $\text{fun } name \rightarrow e_1$ is an expression.
- If \diamond is an operator then (\diamond) is an expression.
- If \diamond is a unary then $\diamond e_1$ is an expression.
- If \diamond is a binary then $e_1 \diamond e_2$ is an expression.
- If e_1, \dots, e_n are expressions then (e_1, \dots, e_n) is an expression.

Pattern matching

- A pattern is

$$P ::= _ \mid \textit{ident} \mid \textit{Atom} \mid \textit{Cons } P \mid (P, \dots, P) \mid \textit{constant}$$

where an identifier may not occur twice or more.

E.g. $\text{Cons}(a, x)$ is a pattern and $\text{Cons}(x, x)$ is not.

See reference manual for other possibilities.

- If p_1, \dots, p_n are patterns and $e, c_1, \dots, c_n, e_1, \dots, e_n$ are expressions then

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{match } e \text{ with} \\ | p_1 \text{ when } c_1 \rightarrow e_1 \\ \quad \vdots \\ | p_n \text{ when } c_n \rightarrow e_n \end{array}$$

is an expression.

- If e_1 and e_2 are expressions then

$\text{let } name = e_1 \text{ in } e_2$

is an expression.

- If e is an expression and e_1, \dots, e_n are value expressions (functions or constructors or constants) then

$\text{let rec } name_1 = e_1 \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } name_n = e_n \text{ in } e$

is an expression.

- At top level, we write

```
let name = e1;;  
e2;;
```

and

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let rec name1 = e1 and ... and namen = en;;  
e;;
```

to enable separate compilation and reuse of definitions

Abbreviations

short

$| p \rightarrow e$

$f x_1 \cdots x_n = e$

$\text{fun } p \rightarrow e$

$\text{let } p = e_1 \text{ in } e_2$

$\text{if } c \text{ then } e_1 \text{ else } e_2$

long

$| p \text{ when true } \rightarrow e$

$f = \text{fun } x_1 \rightarrow \cdots \text{fun } x_n \rightarrow e$

$\text{fun } x \rightarrow \text{match } x \text{ with } | p \rightarrow e$

$\text{match } e_1 \text{ with } | p \rightarrow e_2$

$\text{match } c \text{ with } | \text{true} \rightarrow e_1 | \text{false} \rightarrow e_2$