

Functional Programming

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Lecture

- ▶ LV-Nr. 703017
- ▶ VO 2
- ▶ <http://cl-informatik.uibk.ac.at/teaching/ws07/fp/>
- ▶ lecture notes are available from the [.uibk.ac.at](http://uibk.ac.at) network
- ▶ office hours: TBA
- ▶ evaluation: **written exam**

Exercises

- ▶ LV-Nr. 703018
- ▶ PS 1
- ▶ two groups:

group 1	Christian	Friday 8:15–9:00	in HS 10
group 2	Harald	Friday 9:15–10:00	in HS 10
- ▶ office hours:

Christian	TBA
Harald	TBA
- ▶ online registration required before 12 am on October 12
- ▶ evaluation: 2 tests + weekly exercises + optional programming project
- ▶ exercises are starting on October 12

Schedule

week 1 October 5
week 2 October 12
week 3 October 19

week 4 November 9
week 5 November 16
week 6 November 23
week 7 November 30

week 8 December 7
week 9 December 14

week 10 January 11
week 11 January 18

1st exam January 25

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Parts

part I: Practice

lists, strings,
trees, sets,
combinator parsing,
...

part II: Theory

λ -calculus, induction,
type checking,
type inference,
...

interwoven

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Some Mantras

- ▶ keep referential transparency
- ▶ do not introduce side effects
- ▶ do not depend on global state
- ▶ use functions as values
- ▶ use recursion

But what do they mean?

Examples

Mathematics

- ▶ if $a = x + x$
- ▶ and $b = x + x$
- ▶ then $a = b$

replacing equals by equals

Example (Java)

```
public class Example1 {  
    public static int count = 0;  
    public static int inc() { return ++count; }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        int a = inc() + inc();  
        int b = inc() + inc();  
        System.out.println("a = " + a);  
        System.out.println("b = " + b);  
    }  
}
```

- ▶ no referential transparency
- ▶ side effects
- ▶ depends on global state

Examples (cont'd)

Goal

- ▶ arbitrary function $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
- ▶ sequence $s = 1, 2, 3$
- ▶ $\text{map}(f, s) = f(1), f(2), f(3)$
- ▶ e.g., $f(x) = x + 2$
 - ▶ result 3, 4, 5
- ▶ e.g., $f(x) = 1$
 - ▶ result 1, 1, 1

Example (Java)

```
public class Example2 {
    interface Function { public int call(int i); }
    public static int[] map(Function f, int[] seq) {
        for (int i = 0; i < seq.length; i++) {
            seq[i] = f.call(seq[i]);
        }
        return seq;
    }
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        int[] res = map(new Function(){
            public int call(int i) { return i + 2; }
        }, new int[] {1, 2, 3});
        for (int s : res) { System.out.println(s); }
    }
}
```

- ▶ pass functions via detour of classes

Examples (cont'd)

Sum of first n positive naturals

$$\text{sum}(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n i$$

Example (Recursive)

```
public class Example4 {
  public static int sum(int n) {
    return (n < 1) ? 0 : n + sum(n - 1);
  }
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
  int n = new Integer(args[0]);
  System.out.println(sum(n));
}
}
```

Example (Java)

```
public class Example3 {
  public static int sum(int n) {
    int res = 0;
    for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) { res += i; }
    return res;
  }
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
  int n = new Integer(args[0]);
  System.out.println(sum(n));
}
}
```

- ▶ depends on state (res)

Examples (cont'd)

Example (Solutions in OCaml)

- ▶ map a function over a list

```
let rec map(f, ls) = match ls with  
  | [] -> []  
  | x :: xs -> f(x) :: map(f, xs)  
;;  
map((fun x -> x + 2), [1; 2; 3]);;  
map((fun x -> 1), [1; 2; 4]);;
```

- ▶ sum of first n positive naturals

```
let rec sum(n) = if n < 1 then 0 else n + sum(n - 1);;
```

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Basic Types

- ▶ bool (e.g., **true**, **false**)
- ▶ char (e.g., 'a', 'b', 'c', ..., 'A', 'B', 'C', ..., '0', '1', '2', ...)
- ▶ float (e.g., 0., 1e-3, 3.1415, ...)
- ▶ int (e.g., ..., ~-2, ~-1, 0, 1, 2, ...)
- ▶ string (e.g., "Hello, world!\n")
- ▶ unit (e.g., ())

Basic Operations

Comparison

- ▶ '=' equality test
- ▶ '<>' inequality test
- ▶ '<' smaller than
- ▶ '>' greater than
- ▶ '<=' smaller than or equal
- ▶ '>=' greater than or equal
- ▶ 'compare' comparison
- ▶ 'min' minimum of 2 values
- ▶ 'max' maximum of 2 values

Example

```
# 'c' <> 'h';;  
- : bool = true  
# compare "Letter A" "Letter A";;  
- : int = 0  
# compare "Letter A" "Letter B";;  
- : int = -1  
# compare "Letter B" "Letter A";;  
- : int = 1  
# max 1 2;;  
- : int = 2  
# min 1 2;;  
- : int = 1
```

Basic Operations (cont'd)

Booleans

- ▶ '&&' logical and
- ▶ '||' logical or
- ▶ 'not' logical not

Note

$A \ \&\& \ B$ ($A \ || \ B$): if A is **false** (**true**) then B is not evaluated

Basic Operations (cont'd)

Integers

- ▶ `'~'` unary negation
- ▶ `'succ'` successor function
($x \mapsto x + 1$)
- ▶ `'pred'` predecessor function
($x \mapsto x - 1$)
- ▶ `'+'` addition
- ▶ `'-'` subtraction
- ▶ `'*'` multiplication
- ▶ `'/'` division
- ▶ `'mod'` remainder of division
- ▶ `'abs'` absolute value
- ▶ `'max_int'` greatest representable integer
- ▶ `'min_int'` smallest representable integer

Basic Operations (cont'd)

Floating Point Numbers

- ▶ `'~-'` unary negation
- ▶ `'+'` addition
- ▶ `'-'` subtraction
- ▶ `'*'` multiplication
- ▶ `'/'` division
- ▶ `'**'` exponentiation
- ▶ `'sqrt'` square root
- ▶ `'truncate'` drop decimal places
- ▶ ...

Basic Operations (cont'd)

Strings

- ▶ `'^'` string concatenation

Example

```
# "Hello" ^ ", world!";;  
- : string = "Hello, world!"
```

Types

- ▶ basic types
- ▶ type variables ('a, 'b, 'c, ...)
- ▶ tuple types (int * float, 'a * 'a, ...)
- ▶ function types (int -> int, bool -> bool -> bool, ...)
- ▶ user-defined types

User-Defined Types

Type Abbreviations

- ▶ new name for existing type
- ▶ **type** coord = int * int

Algebraic Datatypes

- ▶ **type** direction = North | East | South | West
- ▶ **type** number = Int **of** int | Float **of** float
- ▶ **type** 'a mylist = Empty | List **of** 'a * 'a mylist

Values (Instances of Types)

- ▶ tuples `((1, 2) : int * int)`
- ▶ anonymous functions `(fun x -> x + 1 : int -> int)`
- ▶ functions `(let succ x = x + 1)`
- ▶ variants (instances of algebraic datatypes;
`List (1, Empty) : int mylist`)

Recursive Functions

- ▶ functions calling themselves
- ▶ recall

```
let rec sum n = if n < 1 then 0 else n + sum (n - 1)
```

Pattern Matching

► recall

```
let rec map(f, ls) = match ls with
```

```
| [] -> []
```

```
| x :: xs -> f(x) :: map(f, xs)
```

► pattern

$$p ::= x \mid c \mid C(p, \dots, p) \mid p \text{ as } x \mid (p) \mid p \mid p$$

Currying

► function

```
let rec map(f, ls) = match ls with  
  | [] -> []  
  | x :: xs -> f(x) :: map(f, xs)
```

has type $('a \rightarrow 'b) * 'a \text{ list} \rightarrow 'b \text{ list}$

► compare to

```
let rec map f ls = match ls with  
  | [] -> []  
  | x :: xs -> f x :: map f xs
```

of type $('a \rightarrow 'b) \rightarrow 'a \text{ list} \rightarrow 'b \text{ list}$

Currying (cont'd)

- ▶ every function has just **one** argument
- ▶ how to define functions with more arguments (e.g., $x + y$)?
- ▶ either use tuples (**let** `add (x, y) = x + y`)
- ▶ or curried (**let** `add x = (fun y -> x + y)`)
- ▶ curried form is OCaml standard (e.g., **let** `f x y z = b` equals **let** `f x = (fun y -> (fun z -> b))`)