

Datatypes and Recursion

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Plan for this week

Last week:

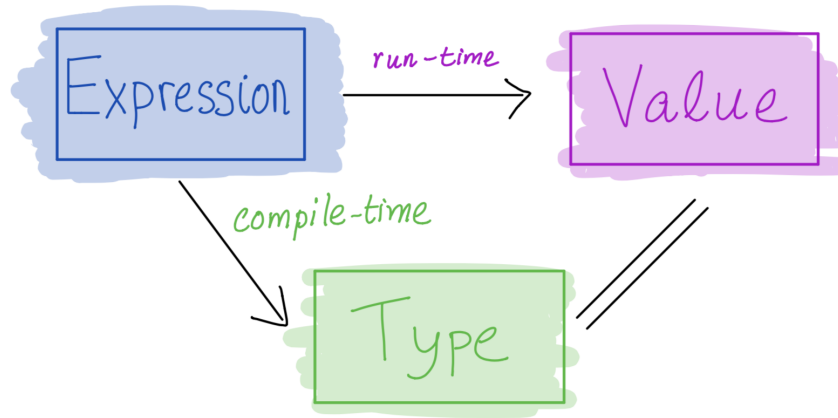
- built-in *data types*
 - base types, tuples, lists (and strings)
- writing functions using *pattern matching* and recursion

int
bool
char, 4-2

(2, "cat")

[2, 3, 4]

This week:



- user-defined *data types*
 - and how to manipulate them using *pattern matching* and *recursion*
- more details about *recursion*

Representing complex data

We've seen:

- base types: Bool, Int, Integer, Float ✓
- some ways to *build up* types: given types T1, T2

- functions: T1 -> T2
- tuples: (T1, T2)
- lists: [T1]

$T = \text{Int} \mid \text{Bool} \mid \text{Char}$
 $\mid (T, T)$
 $\mid (T_1, \dots, T_k)$
 $\mid [T] \mid T \rightarrow T$

Algebraic Data Types: a single, powerful technique for building up types to represent complex data

- Lets you define *your own* data types
- Tuples and lists are *special* cases

Building data types

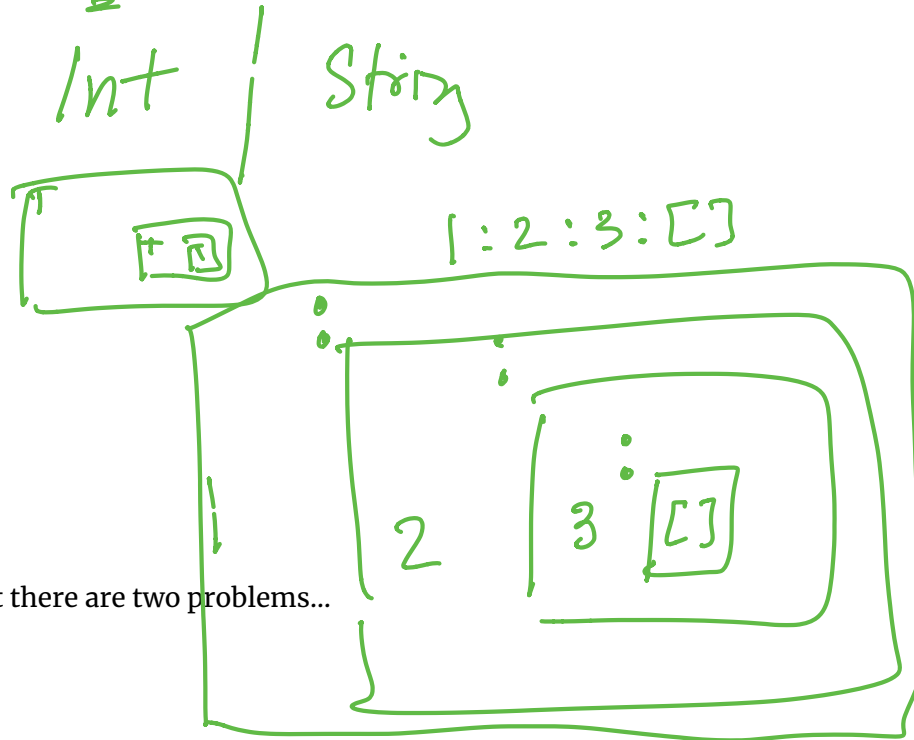
(Int, String)

Three key ways to build complex types/values:

1. **Product types (each-of)**: a value of T contains a value of T1 *and* a value of T2

2. **Sum types (one-of)**: a value of T contains a value of T1 *or* a value of T2

3. **Recursive types**: a value of T contains a *sub-value* of the same type T



Product types

Tuples can do the job but there are two problems...

```
deadlineDate :: (Int, Int, Int)
```

```
deadlineDate = (2, 4, 2019)
```

```
deadlineTime :: (Int, Int, Int)
```

```
deadlineTime = (11, 59, 59)
```

```
-- | Deadline date extended by one day
```

```
extension :: (Int, Int, Int) -> (Int, Int, Int)
```

```
extension = ...
```

Can you spot them?

1. Verbose and unreadable

A **type synonym** for `T`: a name that can be used interchangeably with `T`

```
type Date = (Int, Int, Int)
```

```
type Time = (Int, Int, Int)
```

```
deadlineDate :: Date
```

```
deadlineDate = (2, 4, 2019)
```

```
deadlineTime :: Time
```

```
deadlineTime = (11, 59, 59)
```

```
-- | Deadline date extended by one day
```

```
extension :: Date -> Date
```

```
extension = ...
```

2. Unsafe

We want this to fail at compile time!!!

```
extension deadlineTime
```

Solution: construct two different **datatypes**

```
data Date = Date Int Int Int
data Time = Time Int Int Int
-- constructor^    ^parameter types
```

```
deadlineDate :: Date
deadlineDate = Date 2 4 2019
```

```
deadlineTime :: Time
deadlineTime = Time 11 59 59
```

Record syntax

Haskell's **record syntax** allows you to *name* the constructor parameters:

- Instead of

```
data Date = Date Int Int Int
```

- you can write:

```
data Date = Mk Date  
  { month :: Int  
    , day   :: Int  
    , year  :: Int  
  }     
```

Constructor

$\text{MkDate} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Date}$

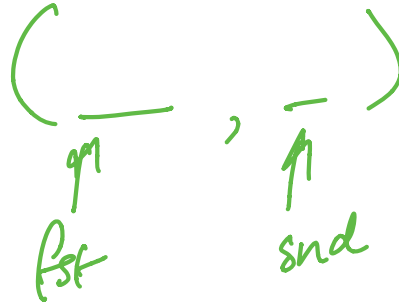
Destr.

$\text{month} :: \text{Date} \rightarrow \text{Int}$

- then you can do:

```
deadlineDate = Date 2 4 2019
```

```
dealineMonth = month deadlineDate -- yikes, use field name as a function
```

Building data types

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Example: NanoMarkdown

Suppose I want to represent a *text document* with simple markup

Each paragraph is either:

- • plain text (String)
- • heading: level and text (Int and String)
- • list: ordered? and items (Bool and [String])

...

I want to store all paragraphs in a list

...

```
doc = [ (1, "Notes from 130")           -- Lvl 1 heading
        , "There are two types of languages:" -- Plain text
        , (True, ["those people complain about", "those no one uses"]) -- Ordered list
        ]
```

But this *does not type check!!!*

Sum Types

Solution: construct a new type for paragraphs that is a *sum* (*one-of*) the three options!

Each paragraph is either:

- plain text (String)
- heading: level and text (Int and String)
- list: ordered? and items (Bool and [String])

```
data Paragraph      -- ^ 3 constructors, w/ different parameters
  = PText String    -- ^ text   : plain string
  | PHeading Int String -- ^ heading: level and text (`Int` and `String`)
  | PList Bool [String] -- ^ list   : ordered? and items (`Bool` and `[String]`)
```



QUIZ

```
data Paragraph
  = PText String
  | PHeading Int String
  | PList Bool [String]
```

(PText "hey")

What is the type of (PText "Hey there!")? i.e. How would GHCi reply to:

>:t (PText "Hey there!")

- A. Syntax error
- B. Type error
- C. PText
- D. String ✓
- E. Paragraph ✓

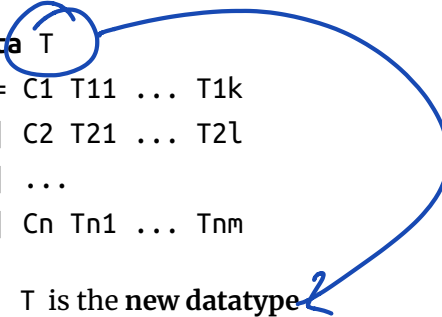
PList
True ["blah"]

PText
"hello"

PHeading
2 "CSE130"

Constructing datatypes

```
data T
  = C1 T11 ... T1k
  | C2 T21 ... T2l
  | ...
  | Cn Tn1 ... Tnm
```



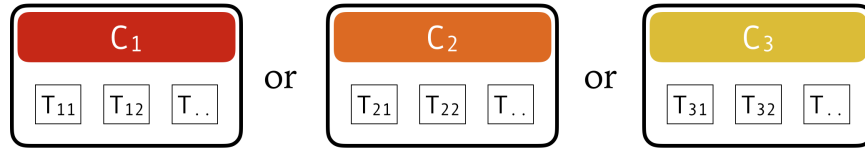
- T is the **new datatype**
- C1 .. Cn are the **constructors** of T

A **value** of type T is

- *either* C1 v1 .. vk with $v_i :: T_{1i}$
- *or* C2 v1 .. vl with $v_i :: T_{2i}$
- *or ...*
- *or* Cn v1 .. vm with $v_i :: T_{ni}$

You can think of a T value as a **box**:

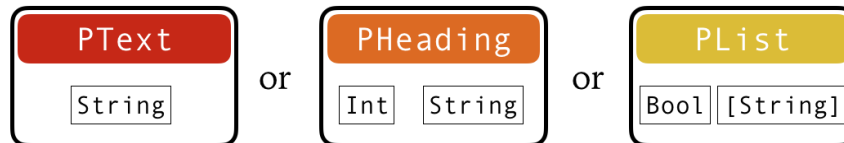
- *either* a box labeled C₁ with values of types T₁₁ .. T_{1k} inside
- *or* a box labeled C₂ with values of types T₂₁ .. T_{2l} inside
- *or* ...
- *or* a box labeled C_n with values of types T_{n1} .. T_{nm} inside



One-of Types

Apply a constructor = pack some values into a box (and label it)

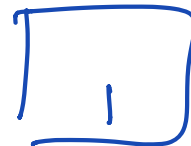
- PText "Hey there!"
 - put "Hey there!" in a box labeled PText
- PHeading 1 "Introduction"
 - put 1 and "Introduction" in a box labeled PHeading
- Boxes have different labels but same type (Paragraph)



The Paragraph Type
with example values:



"cat"



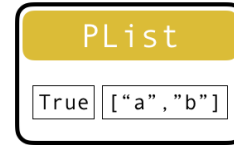
1



or



or



The Paragraph Type

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```
data Paragraph
  = PText String
  | PHeading Int String
  | PList Bool [String]
```

What would GHCi say to

```
>:t [PHeading 1 "Introduction", PText "Hey there!"]
```

A. Syntax error

B. Type error

C. Paragraph

D. [Paragraph]

E. [String]

Example: NanoMD


```
data Paragraph
  = PText String
  | PHeading Int String
  | PList Bool [String]
```

Now I can create a document like so:

```
doc :: [Paragraph]
doc = [ PHeading 1 "Notes from 130"
      , PText "There are two types of languages:"
      , PList True ["those people complain about", "those no one uses"])
      ]
```

Now I want **convert documents in to HTML**.

I need to write a function:

```
html :: Paragraph -> String
html p = ??? -- depends on the kind of paragraph!
```

How to tell what's in the box?

- Look at the label!

Pattern matching

Pattern matching = looking at the label and extracting values from the box

- we've seen it before
- but now for arbitrary datatypes

```
html :: Paragraph -> String
html (PText str) = ... -- It's a plain text! Get string
html (PHeading lvl str) = ... -- It's a heading! Get level and string
html (PList ord items) = ... -- It's a list! Get ordered and items
```

Handwritten annotations:
A blue circle around `str` in `PText str` has an arrow pointing to `str` in the comment. A blue arrow points from the `str` in `PText str` to the `str` in `PHeading lvl str`. Below `ord` and `items` in `PList ord items`, there are arrows pointing to `Bool` and `[str]` respectively.

```
html :: Paragraph -> String
html (PText str)      -- It's a plain text! Get string
  = unlines [open "p", str, close "p"]

html (PHeading lvl str)  -- It's a heading! Get level and string
  = let htag = "h" ++ show lvl
    in unwords [open htag, str, close htag]

html (PList ord items)  -- It's a list! Get ordered and items
  = let ltag  = if ord then "ol" else "ul"
    litems = [unwords [open "li", i, close "li"] | i <- items]
    in unlines ([open ltag] ++ litems ++ [close ltag])
```

Dangers of pattern matching (1)

```
html :: Paragraph -> String
html (PText str) = ...
html (PList ord items) = ...
```

What would GHCi say to:

```
html (PHeading 1 "Introduction")
```

Dangers of pattern matching (2)

```
html :: Paragraph -> String
html (PText str)          = unlines [open "p", str, close "p"]
html (PHeading lvl str) = ...
html (PHeading 0 str)    = html (PHeading 1 str)
html (PList ord items) = ...
```

What would GHCi say to:

```
html (PHeading 0 "Introduction")
```

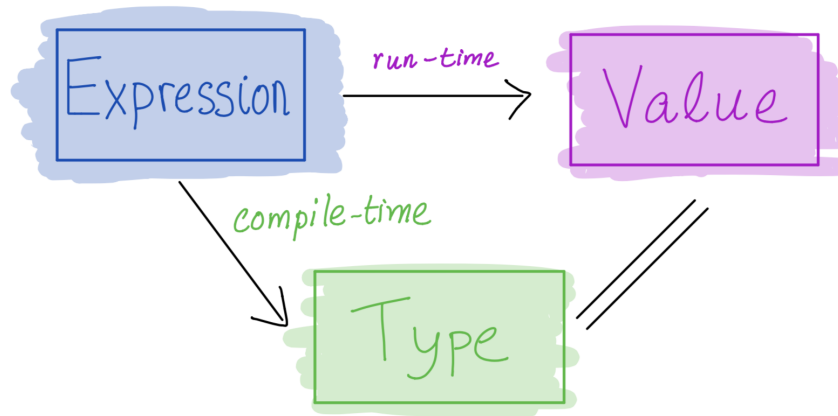
Dangers of pattern matching

Beware of **missing** and **overlapped** patterns

- GHC warns you about overlapped patterns
- GHC warns you about missing patterns when called with -W (use `:set -W` in GHCi)

Pattern-Match Expression

Everything is an expression?



We've seen: pattern matching in *equations*

Actually, pattern-match is *also an expression*

```
html :: Paragraph -> String
html p = case p of
  PText str      -> unlines [open "p", str, close "p"]
  PHeading lvl str -> ...
  PList ord items -> ...
```

The code we saw earlier was *syntactic sugar*

html (C1 x1 ...) = e1

html (C2 x2 ...) = e2

html (C3 x3 ...) = e3

is just for *humans*, internally represented as a **case-of** expression

html p = **case** p **of**

(C1 x1 ...) -> e1

(C2 x2 ...) -> e2

(C3 x3 ...) -> e3

QUIZ

What is the type of

```
let s = PText "Hey there!"  
in case s of  
  PText str -> str  
  PHead lvl -> lvl  
  PList ord -> ord
```

Case PText "Hey" of
PText str → str
PHead lvl → lvl
PList ord → ord

A. Syntax error

B. Type error

C. String ✓

D. Paragraph

E. Paragraph -> String ✓

Q: what is the TYPE?

Pattern matching expression: typing

The **case** expression

```
case e of  
  pattern1 -> e1  
  pattern2 -> e2  
  ...  
  patternN -> eN
```

has type T if

- each $e_1 \dots e_N$ has type T
- e has some type D
- each pattern1 ... patternN is a *valid pattern* for D
 - i.e. a variable or a constructor of D applied to other patterns

The expression e is called the **match scrutinee**

QUIZ

What is the type of

```
let p = Text "Hey there!"  
in case p of  
  PText _      -> 1  
  PHeading _ _ -> 2  
  PList  _ _   -> 3
```

- A. Syntax error
- B. Type error
- C. Paragraph
- D. Int
- E. Paragraph -> Int

Building data types

