

#### Greatest common divisor

- $\bullet$  Our next example calculates the greatest common divisor of a and b with Euclid's algorithm.
- The basic thought is that if the remainder of a divided by b is r, then the divisors of a and b are equal to the divisors of b and r.
- The SML-function follows the mathematical definition precisely again.

• The *process* is iterative. The number of steps grows logarithmically.

More precisely – according to the Lam'e-theorem – if Euclid's algorithm calculates the greatest common divisor of two numbers in k steps, then the smaller number cannot be less then kth Fibonacci-number. (See SICP, section 1.2.5)

Let n be the smaller parameter of the algorithm. If k steps are needed for the calculation of the greatest common divisor, then  $n \ge F(k) \approx \Phi^k/\sqrt{5}$ . So the k steps are really rational to the ( $\Phi$  based) logarithm of n.

#### Prime test

- The predicate prime tests wheter the number n is prime. The function findDivisor searches for the smallest divisor of n starting from 2. n is prime if the smallest divisor is itself.
- The divisors of n should be searched from 2 to  $\sqrt{n}$ , so the number of steps is  $O(\sqrt{n})$ .

```
fun prime n =
  let
    infix divides
    fun smallestDivisor n = findDivisor(n, 2)
    and findDivisor (n, testDivisor) =
        if square testDivisor > n
        then n
        else if testDivisor divides n
        then testDivisor
        else findDivisor(n, testDivisor+1)
    and square x = x * x
    and a divides b = b mod a = 0
in
    n = smallestDivisor n
end
```

#### Exercise

prime searches for the smallest divisor of n using steps of one difference. Write a faster solution!

# Prime test (continued)

- The next SML-predicate tests the primality of a number with *probability method*. The number of the steps is  $O(\lg n)$ .
- The algorithm is based on Fermat's Little Theorem, which says: if n is prime and 0 < a < n, then  $a^n$  is *congruent* to a modulo n, that is  $a^n \mod n = a$ .
  - Two numbers are *congruent* to each other modulo n, if they have the same remainder divided by n. The remainder of a divided by n is called the modulo n-based remainder of a, or shortly just a modulo n.
- If n isn't prime, the above relation does not apply to most of the numbers 0 < a < n.
- So the algorithm of the prime test follows:
  - For a given n let's choose a number 0 < a < n randomly: if  $a^n \mod n \neq a$ , then n isn't prime. Otherwise there is a great probability of n being prime.
  - Let's choose another number a < n randomly: if  $a^n \mod n = a$ , then the probability of n being prime has grown. Choosing further values for a rises the probability of n's primality.

#### Prime test (continued)

• The auxiliary function expmod returns the modulo m based remainder of the expth power of the number base.

- It's very similar to exptFast. The number of steps is proportional to the exponent's logarithm.
- Generating of random numbers is needed. Details from the SML base library:

#### Prime test (continued)

We load the Random library:

```
load "Random";
```

fermatTest generates a pseudo-random number, and does the test once:

```
(* fermatTest n = false if n is not prime, true otherwise *)
fun fermatTest n =
    let fun tryIt a = expmod(a, n, n) = a
    in tryIt(Random.range (1, n) (Random.newgen()))
    end
```

fastPrime repeats the test times times:

• Remark: This test gives a good answer at really high probability, but not for sure. For example 561 passes the test, however it's not prime.

# Functions as general calculation methods

- We have already seen that a function (or more generally, a procedure) is an *abstraction* which independently from the value of the data passed as parameters describes complex operations.
- A higher-order function which has a function as parameter, is an *even higher* abstraction, because the operation implemented by it is also independent from some exact operations, not just some exact data.
- So a higher-order function (procedure) expresses some kind of general computational method.
- On the next pages we introduce some bigger examples: a general method for finding the *zero* and *fixed points* of a function.

- The half-interval method is an efficient way of finding the roots of the equation f(x) = 0, where f is a continuous function.
- The well-known core of the algorithm is:
  - If f(a) < 0 < f(b), f has at least one zero-point between a and b.
  - Let x = (a + b)/2. If f(x) > 0, then f has (at least) one zero-point between a and x, else (if f(x) < 0), f has a root between x and b.
  - The search the iteration is stopped when the *difference* of two consecutive values becomes less then a pre-defined value.
- Because the difference is halved in every step, the number of necessary steps for findig one root of f is O(L/T), where L is the length of the initial interval, and T is the allowed difference.
- The algorithm described above is implemented by the search function (see on next page):

```
fun search (f, negPoint, posPoint) =
      let val midPoint = average(negPoint, posPoint)
      in
          if closeEnough(negPoint, posPoint)
              then midPoint
          else let val testValue = f midPoint
               in
                   if positive(testValue)
                   then search(f, negPoint, midPoint)
                   else if negative(testValue)
                   then search(f, midPoint, posPoint)
                   else midPoint
                end
      end
and average (x, y) = (x+y)/2.0
and closeEnough (x, y) = abs(x-y) < 0.001
and positive x = x >= 0.0
and negative x = x < 0.0
```

• It is recommended to verify the existence of the preconditions before applying search to avoid bad answers from the SML interpreter.

```
- search(Math.sin, 4.0, 2.0) (* Good solution *);
> val it = 3.14111328125 : real
- search(Math.sin, 2.0, 4.0) (* Bad solution *);
> val it = 2.00048828125 : real
```

• The function halfIntervalMethod does the verification, and signals the bad initial value of negPoint and posPoint.

• Let's have a look at the principle of the *separation of concerns*: search implements the strategy of finding roots, while halfIntervalMethod verifies the preconditions.

```
fun halfIntervalMethod(f, a, b) =
   let val aValue = f a; val bValue = f b
   in
      if negative aValue andalso positive bValue
      then search(f, a, b)
      else if negative bValue andalso positive aValue
      then search(f, b, a)
      else print ("Values " ^ makestring a ^ " and " ^
            makestring b ^ " are not of opposite sign.\n")
   end
```

- The function makestring (type: *numtxt* -> string) converts an arbitrary value of numeric (int, real, word, word8), char and string type to string type.
- This version of the function is faulty, because all branches of the if-then-else conditional expression *must* have the *same return type*, while the return value of print doesn't have int type.
- The solution is the use of the so-called *sequential expression* of the form (e; f): the interpreter evaluates e and f in the written order, then it returns the value of f.

```
fun halfIntervalMethod(f, a, b) =
      let val (aValue, bValue) = (f a, f b)
      in
          if negative aValue and also positive bValue
          then search(f, a, b)
          else if negative bValue andalso positive aValue
          then search(f, b, a)
          else (print ("Values " ^ makestring a ^ " and " ^
                  makestring b ^ " are not of opposite sign.\n");
                0.0)
      end;
- halfIntervalMethod(Math.sin, 2.0, 4.0);
> val it = 3.14111328125 : real
- halfIntervalMethod(fn x => x*x*x-2.0*x-3.0, 1.0, 2.0);
> val it = 1.89306640625 : real
- halfIntervalMethod(Math.sin, 2.0, 2.5);
Values 2.0 and 2.5 are not of opposite signs
> val it = 0.0 : real
```

# Finding the fixed point of a function

- The value x satisfying the f(x) = x equation is the *fixed point* of the function f.
- A fixed point of a function f can be found by recursively applying f, starting from an applicable value:

```
fx, f(fx), f(f(fx)), f(f(f(fx))), \dots
```

The recursion can be finished when the difference is insignificant between two steps.

• The parameter of the function fixedPoint is a pair; which first element is a function (of which the fixed point is needed), and the second element is the first guess of the fixed point.

We also need the tolerance of the approximation:

```
val tolerance = 0.00001;
```

## Finding the fixed point of a function (cont.)

```
fun fixedPoint (f, firstGuess) =
      let
          fun closeEnough (v1, v2) = abs(v1-v2) < tolerance
          fun try guess =
                let
                    val next = f quess
                in
                    if closeEnough(quess, next)
                    then next
                    else try next
                end
      in
          try firstGuess
      end;
load "Math";
fixedPoint(Math.cos, 1.0);
fixedPoint(fn y => Math.sin y + Math.cos y, 1.0);
```

# Finding the fixed point of a function (cont.)

- The calculation of a fixed point is similar to the method for calculating the square root (discussed earlier): both are based on the refinement of the approximation until a condition is satisfied.
- Extracting the square root can easily be considered as a calculation of fixed point: if the square root of x is y, then y \* y = x, which means y = x/y. So the fixed point of the function fy = x/y is the square root of x.

```
fun sqrt x = fixedPoint (fn y => x/y, 1.0);
```

- Our solution is bad, because it doesn't converge! It can be easily verified: Let the first approximation of x's square root be y1, the second y2 = x/y1, the third y3 = x/y2 = x/(x/y1) = y1. It's clear that this process is endless.
- The oscillation can be blocked by *limiting* the value of difference between two approximate values.
- Because of the sound result is always between the approximation y and x/y, we can choose a new approximate value which is closer to y than x/y: the average of y and x/y. So the new approximation will be (y + x/y)/2.

```
fun sqrt x = fixedPoint (fn y => (y+x/y)/2.0, 1.0);
```

This commonly useful method is called average damping.

#### Function as return value

- When speaking of functions as abstraction tools we used functions having other functions as parameters.
- Now we introduce such higher-order functions that return *function* (more precisely *function-value*).
- The recently seen *average damping* is so useful that it should be written as a separate function: if the function f is given, the average of f(x) and x has to be calculated.

```
(* averageDamp f = applying to an arbitrary value x of f it calculates the average of x and f x *) fun averageDamp f = fn x => (x + f x) / 2.0;
```

- It's clear that if applied to only one parameter, averageDamp returns a function-value averageDamp is a partially applicable function.
- Example for using averageDamp:

```
(averageDamp (fn x => x*x)) 10.0; (* average of 10.0 and 100.0 *)
```

• Because of the precedence of the function-application operator, the outer brackets can be omitted: averageDamp (fn x => x\*x) 10.0;

### Function as return value (cont.)

• The definition of averageDamp can be written with (*syntactic sugar*).

```
fun averageDamp f x = (x + f x) / 2.0;
```

• The version of sqrt written with averageDamp makes the methods fixed-point calculation, average damping and the use of the equation y = x/y explicit.

```
fun sqrt x = fixedPoint(averageDamp (fn y => x/y), 1.0); sqrt 4.0;
```

- Conclusion: a process can be described by lots of procedures, but the *essence* is much more comprehensible when introducing *properly selected abstractions*.
- Another example for the application of the principles demonstrated above: the cube root of x is the fixed point of  $y \mapsto x/y^2$  with SML-notation fn  $y \Rightarrow x/(y*y)$ . We already have the solution!

```
fun cubeRoot x = fixedPoint(averageDamp (fn y => x/y/y), 1.0); cubeRoot 8.0;
```

### Function as return value (cont.): the general Newton-method

- If  $x \mapsto g(x)$  is a differentiable function, then the equation g(x) = 0 is the fixed point of  $x \mapsto f(x)$ , where f(x) = x g(x)/g'(x) and g'(x) is the derivative of g by x.
- The general Newton-method is an application of the fixed point method for finding the fixed point of the function f. For numerous g functions and appropriately chosen x values the Newton-method converges fast.
- At first, the function deriv should be defined, which (similarly to averageDamp) has a function as parameter and it returns function.
- If g is a function and dx is a small number, then the derivative of g is that g' function, which has the following value for an arbitrary number x: g'(x) = (g(x + dx) g(x))/dx.

```
(* deriv g = derivative of g
*)
val dx = 0.00001;
fun deriv g = fn x => (g(x+dx) - g x) / dx;
```

• For example the derivative of the function  $x \mapsto x^3$  for x = 5 (the exact value is 75):

```
let fun cube x = x*x*x in deriv cube 5.0 end;
```

### Function as return value (cont.): the general Newton-method

• With the help of deriv the general Newton-method can be defined as a *fixed-point process*:

```
fun newtonTransform g x = x - (g x / deriv g x)
and newtonSMethod g guess = fixedPoint(newtonTransform g, guess)
```

Example for using newtonsMethod:

```
fun sqrt x = newtonsMethod (fn y => y*y-x) 1.0; sqrt 16.0;
```

- Two general methods were shown for extracting the square root of a number: one was the fixed-point method and the other was the Newton-method.
- Because of the last is based on the fixed-point method, in fact we have seen two applications of the fixed-point method.
- In both cases a fixed point of a transformation on the original function is calculated.
- Even this general method can also be defined as a procedure (function), as we can see on the next slides.

# Function as return value (cont.): two ways of applying the fixed-point method

• This was the first version of sqrt based on finding a fixed point:

```
fun sqrt x = fixedPoint(averageDamp (fn y => x/y), 1.0)
```

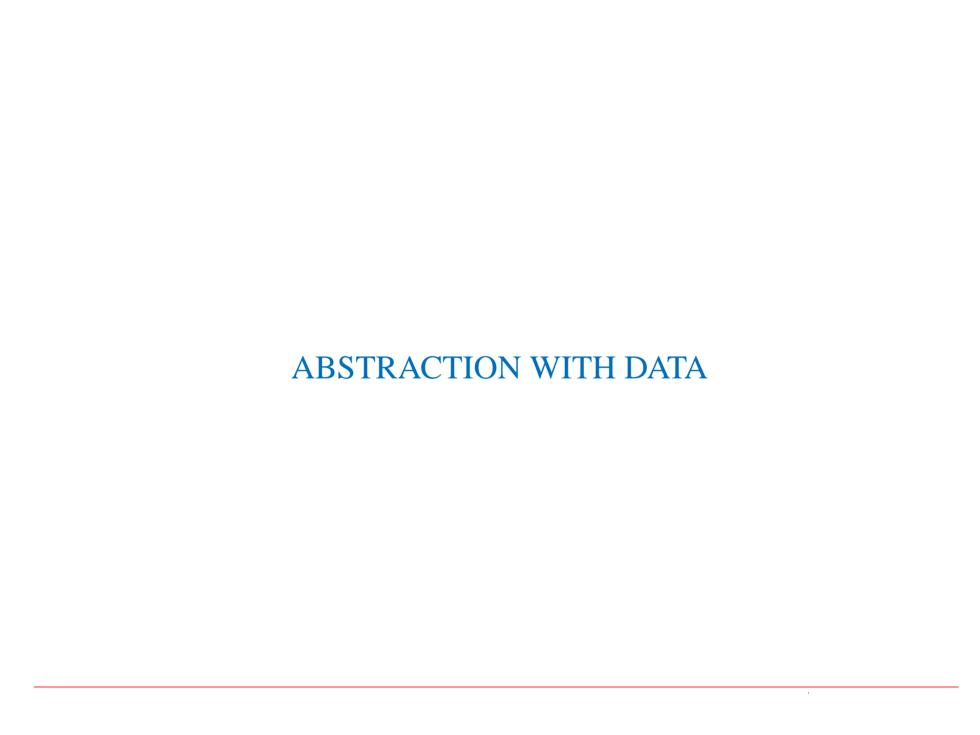
• After rewriting with the function implementing the general method:

```
fun sqrt x = fixedPointOfTransform (fn y => x/y, averageDamp, 1.0)
```

This was the second version of sqrt using the general Newton-method:

```
fun sqrt x = newtonsMethod (fn y => y*y-x) 1.0;
```

• After rewriting with the function implementing the general method:



#### Data abstraction: rational numbers

- On the next few lectures we will consider compound data and data abstraction.
- Base of data abstraction: we build our programs working on compound data that
  - the program parts using the data shouldn't suppose anything of the data structure, only the predefined operations should be used,
  - the program parts defining the data should be independent from the program parts using it,
  - the interface between these two parts of the program should consist of *constructors* and *selectors*.
- From the compound data we have met tuples and lists before.
- In our first bigger example we introduce the implementation of the rational numbers and the operations on them.
- A rational number can be represented with a pair, which first member is the *numerator* and the second is the *denominator*.
- The four basic arithmetic operations will be implemented: addRat, subRat, mulRat, divRat, and the test for equality: equRat.

- Suppose that
  - we have a *constructor operation* which generates the rational number from a numerator n and a denominator d: makeRat(n,d), and also
  - we have a *selector operation* which generates the numerator and one which generates the denominator of a rational number q: num q, den q.
- Let's write an SML-program with the well-known operations:

- In the SML we have a *constructor operation* for generating a *tuple*: we enumerate the members between round brackets separated by commas, and
- we have a *selector operation* for selecting one element of a *tuple*: # i, where i is the *positional label* of the *i*th element starting from 1.
- Examples: (3, 4); #1(3, 4); #2(3, 4);
- The members of a *tuple* can also be bound to a name by *pattern matching*: for example val (n, d) = (3, 4).
- The type, the constructor and the selectors of the rational number will be implemented by *weak* abstraction:

```
type rat = int * int;
fun makeRat (n, d) = (n, d) : rat;
fun num (q : rat) = #1 q;
fun den q = #2 (q : rat);
```

• The *weak abstraction* gives name to an object, but *it does not hide* the details of the implementation.

• An output operation is also needed for printing a rational number of the form n/d.

```
fun printRat q =
    print(makestring(num q) ^ "/" ^ makestring(den q) ^ "\n");
```

• Now the first version of our program implementing the rational numbers is ready. The full program:

```
type rat = int * int;
fun makeRat (n, d) = (n, d) : rat;
fun num (q : rat) = #1 q;
fun den q = #2 (q : rat);
fun addRat(x, y) =
  makeRat(num x * den y + num y * den x, den x * den y)
fun subRat(x, y) =
  makeRat(num x * den y - num y * den x, den x * den y)
fun mulRat(x, y) = makeRat(num x * num y, den x * den y)
fun divRat(x, y) = makeRat(num x * den y, den x * num y)
fun equRat(x, y) = num x * den y = den x * num y
fun printRat q =
      print(makestring(num q) ^ "/" ^ makestring(den q) ^ "\n");
```

Some examples for using the program:

```
val oneHalf = makeRat(1,2);
val oneThird = makeRat(1,3);
val twoThird = makeRat(2,3);
printRat oneHalf;
printRat(addRat(oneHalf, oneThird));
printRat(mulRat(oneHalf, oneThird));
printRat(addRat(oneThird, oneThird));
equRat(addRat(oneThird, oneThird), twoThird);
oneThird = oneThird;
addRat(oneThird, oneThird) = twoThird;
```

- After trying the last example we can observe that our program does not *normalise* the rational numbers, which means they aren't stored and printed in their simplest form.
- We can help this problem by dividing the numerator and the denominator with their greatest common divisor in the constructor operation:

```
fun makeRat (n, d) =
let val g = gcd(n, d) in (n div g, d div g) : rat end;
```

The selector operations aren't changed.

• The rational numbers are stored in their normalised form, so not only the printing, but the test for equality gives also a correct result:

```
printRat(addRat(oneThird, oneThird));
addRat(oneThird, oneThird) = twoThird;
```

There was only one location in the program where we had to make changes for the normalisation!

Data abstracti	ion barriers in the rational numbers package	
	Programs using rational numbers	
-	Rational number in the problem space	
	addRat subRat mulRat divRat equRat	
	Rational number like numerator and denominator	
	constructor: makeRat; selectors: num, den	
	Rational number as a pair	
	constructor: ( , ) ; selectors: #1, #2	
	Implementation of pair in SML	

- Abstraction barriers isolate certain parts of the program from each other.
- Its advantage is that the programs are easier to maintain and to modify, for example changing the representation of the data.
- For example a rational number can be normalised lazily, only when we need its numerator or denominator, instead of when it's created. If lots of rational numbers are generated, but their numerators or denominators are rarely needed, then the lazy solution is more efficient.

• The non-normalising version of makeRat will be used, the rest of the program isn't changed.

```
printRat(addRat(oneThird, oneThird));
addRat(oneThird, oneThird) = twoThird;
equRat(addRat(oneThird, oneThird), twoThird) = true;
```

- Speaking of *data* we can't only say that ,,data is that the given constructors and selectors implement".
- It's obvious that only a certain set of constructors and selectors are applicable for example for implementing the rational numbers.
- In the case of rational numbers the constuctors and selectors must grant the fulfillment of the following conditions (axioms):

```
(* PRE : d > 0 *)
x = makeRat(n, d);
n = num x
d = den x
```

One abstraction stage lower the pair representation must also fulfill the following conditions:

$$q = (x, y)$$
  
 $x = #1 q$   
 $y = #2 q$ 

Every implementation which satisfy these requirements is applicable, like this next example:

Equations describing a property

```
q = cons(n, d)
n = fst q
d = snd q
```

• Let's notice that object implementing the rational number is a *function*! fst and snd *send* a message to the object. So this style of programming is called *message passing*.

Example:

```
val q = cons(1, 2);
fst q = 1; snd q = 2;
```

Constuctor and selectors implemented by message passing:

```
fun makeRat (n, d) =
    let val g = gcd(n, d) in cons(n div g, d div g) end;
fun num q = fst q;
fun den q = snd q;
```

- Our package implementing rational numbers has a big problem: it uses *weak abstraction*, so it doesn't hide the details of the implementation; it's up to the programmer how deep he/she keeps the abstraction barriers. This is the source of bugs.
- The details of the implementation can be hidden from the outer world using *strong abstraction*, with the help of modules. The name of the "implementation" module in SML is structure, and the name of the (optional) "interface" module is signature.

```
structure name = struct ... end
signature name = sig ... end
```

#### Data abstraction with modules: rational numbers

```
structure Gcd = struct
 fun qcd (a, 0) = a
    | gcd (a, b) = gcd(b, a mod b) end
structure Rat =
struct
 type rat = int * int;
 fun makeRat (n, d) = let val q = Gcd.qcd(n, d) in (n div q, d div q) : rat end
  fun num (q : rat) = #1 q
 fun den q = #2 (q : rat)
  fun addRat(x, y) = makeRat(num x * den y + num y * den x, den x * den y)
  fun subRat(x, y) = makeRat(num x * den y - num y * den x, den x * den y)
  fun mulRat(x, y) = makeRat(num x * num y, den x * den y)
  fun divRat(x, y) = makeRat(num x * den y, den x * num y)
  fun equRat(x, y) = num x * den y = den x * num y
 fun printRat q = print(makestring(num q) ^ "/" ^ makestring(den q) ^ "\n");
 val one = makeRat(1,1)
 val zero = makeRat(0,1)
 val oneHalf = makeRat(1,2)
 val oneThird = makeRat(1,3)
 val twoThird = makeRat(2,3)
end;
```

The abstracction isn't strong enough: the details aren't hidden enough!

#### Data abstraction with modules: rational numbers (cont.)

This is the real signature of the implemented Rat structure:

```
> structure Rat :
  {type rat = int * int,
  val addRat : (int * int) * (int * int) -> int * int,
  val den : int * int -> int,
  val divRat : (int * int) * (int * int) -> int * int,
  val equRat : (int * int) * (int * int) -> bool,
  val makeRat : int * int -> int * int,
  val mulRat : (int * int) * (int * int) -> int * int,
  val num : int * int -> int,
  val one : int * int,
  val oneHalf : int * int,
  val oneThird : int * int,
  val printRat : int * int -> unit,
  val subRat : (int * int) * (int * int) -> int * int,
  val twoThird : int * int,
  val zero : int * int}
```

The int type of the two components of the rat type can be seen.

The creation of the signature and its binding to the structure *limit* the visibility of the implemented values:

```
signature Rat =
sig
   type rat
   val makeRat : int * int -> rat
   val num : rat -> int
   val den : rat -> int
   val addRat : rat * rat -> rat
   val subRat : rat * rat -> rat
   val mulRat : rat * rat -> rat
   val divRat : rat * rat -> rat
   val equRat : rat * rat -> bool
   val printRat : rat -> unit
   val one : rat
   val oneHalf : rat
   val oneThird : rat
   val twoThird : rat
   val zero : rat
end;
```

```
structure Rat_1 :> Rat = (* this is the so-called opaque signature binding *)
struct
  type rat = int * int;
  fun makeRat (n, d) = let val g = Gcd.gcd(n, d)
                       in
                           (n div q, d div q): rat
                       end
  fun num (q : rat) = #1 q
  fun den q = #2 (q : rat)
  fun addRat(x, y) = makeRat(num x * den y + num y * den x, den x * den y)
  fun subRat(x, y) = makeRat(num x * den y - num y * den x, den x * den y)
  fun mulRat(x, y) = makeRat(num x * num y, den x * den y)
  fun divRat(x, y) = makeRat(num x * den y, den x * num y)
  fun equRat(x, y) = num x * den y = den x * num y
  fun printRat q = print(makestring(num q) ^ "/" ^ makestring(den q) ^ "\n");
 val one = makeRat(1,1)
 val zero = makeRat(0,1)
 val oneHalf = makeRat(1,2)
 val oneThird = makeRat(1,3)
 val twoThird = makeRat(2,3)
end;
```

This is the real signature of Rat1 (bound to Rat with *opaque signature binding*):

```
> New type names: rat
  structure Rat1:
  {type rat = rat,
  val addRat : rat * rat -> rat,
  val den : rat -> int,
  val divRat : rat * rat -> rat,
  val equRat : rat * rat -> bool,
  val makeRat : int * int -> rat,
  val mulRat : rat * rat -> rat,
  val num : rat -> int,
  val one : rat,
  val oneHalf : rat,
  val oneThird : rat,
  val printRat : rat -> unit,
  val subRat : rat * rat -> rat,
  val twoThird : rat,
  val zero : rat}
```

Examples of the use of the structure Rat:

- Hey! The relation = cannot be used!
- If needed, the MoSML interpreter should be told with the declaration eqtype that the equality test of rat type values is allowed; which means rat is a so-called *equality type*.

```
signature Rat =
siq
   eqtype rat
   val makeRat : int * int -> rat
  val num : rat -> int
  val den : rat -> int
  val addRat : rat * rat -> rat
  val subRat : rat * rat -> rat
  val mulRat : rat * rat -> rat
  val divRat : rat * rat -> rat
  val equRat : rat * rat -> bool
  val printRat : rat -> unit
  val one : rat
  val oneHalf : rat
  val oneThird : rat
  val twoThird : rat
  val zero : rat
end;
```

A version of the structure Rat can also be produced in the name of Rat2 with the Rat signature above using equality type:

```
structure Rat2 :> Rat = Rat;
```

```
> signature Rat =
  /\=rat.
    {type rat = rat,
     val makeRat : int * int -> rat,
    val num : rat -> int.
     val den : rat -> int,
     val addRat : rat * rat -> rat,
    val subRat : rat * rat -> rat,
     val mulRat : rat * rat -> rat,
    val divRat : rat * rat -> rat,
     val equRat : rat * rat -> bool,
     val printRat : rat -> unit,
     val one : rat,
     val oneHalf : rat,
     val oneThird : rat,
     val twoThird : rat,
     val zero : rat}
```

The values defined in the Rat structure must be referenced with their full name:

```
Rat.printRat(Rat.mulRat(Rat.oneHalf, Rat.oneThird));
Rat.printRat(Rat.addRat(Rat.oneThird, Rat.oneThird));
```

• The content of the structure can be made visible – in measures limited by the signature – with open:

```
open Rat2;
equRat(addRat(oneThird, oneThird), twoThird);
addRat(oneThird, oneThird) = twoThird;
```

• The visibility can be local (declaration, or expression with local declaration):

```
local open Rat2
    val q1 = addRat(oneThird, oneThird); val q2 = twoThird
in val ratPair = (q1, q2)
end;
let open Rat2
in printRat(addRat(oneThird, oneThird))
end;
```

• Let's choose names more close to those in mathematics for the functions:

```
signature Rat =
sig
   eqtype rat
  val rat : int * int -> rat
  val num : rat -> int
  val den : rat -> int
  val ++ : rat * rat -> rat
  val --: rat * rat -> rat
  val ** : rat * rat -> rat
  val // : rat * rat -> rat
  val == : rat * rat -> bool
  val toString : rat -> string
  val one : rat
  val oneHalf : rat
  val oneThird : rat
  val twoThird : rat
  val zero : rat
end;
```

```
structure Rat3 :> Rat =
struct
 type rat = int * int;
 fun rat (n, d) =
        let val g = Gcd.gcd(n, d) in (n div g, d div g) : rat end
 fun num (q : rat) = #1 q
 fun den q = #2 (q : rat)
 fun op++(x, y) = rat(num x * den y + num y * den x, den x * den y)
 fun op--(x, y) = rat(num x * den y - num y * den x, den x * den y)
 fun op**(x, y) = rat(num x * num y, den x * den y)
 fun op//(x, y) = rat(num x * den y, den x * num y)
 fun op==(x, y) = num x * den y = den x * num y
 fun toString r = makestring(num r) ^ "/" ^ makestring(den r)
 val one = rat(1,1)
 val zero = rat(0,1)
 val oneHalf = rat(1,2)
 val oneThird = rat(1,3)
 val twoThird = rat(2,3) end;
```

The new operators can be used in prefix position:

```
let open Rat3
in
    print(toString(++( **(oneThird, oneHalf),oneThird)) ^ "\n");
    ++(oneThird, oneThird) = twoThird
end;
```

At least one space is needed between ( and \*\*, or the MoSML considers it as beginning of a *comment*!

Or they can be converted to infix position:

```
let open Rat3
    infix 6 ++ --
    infix 7 ** //
in
    print(toString(oneThird ** oneHalf ++ oneThird) ^ "\n");
    oneThird ++ oneThird = twoThird
end;
```

- The common basic operators can also be redefined.
- Their original meaning doesn't get lost, but the full name of the operations has to be used in *prefix* position:

```
load "Int";
let open Rat3
    val op+ = ++
    val op- = --
    val op* = **
    val op/ = //
in
    print(toString oneHalf ^ "\n");
    print(toString(oneHalf + oneThird) ^ "\n");
    print(toString(oneHalf * oneThird) ^ "\n");
    print(toString(oneThird - oneThird) ^ "\n");
    print(toString(twoThird / oneThird) ^ "\n");
    oneThird + oneThird = twoThird;
    Int.+(1,2)
end;
```

Note that Int. + cannot be used in infix position: 1 Int. + 2 (\* faulty! \*

• *New type* and *new constructors* can be generated using the datatype declaration:

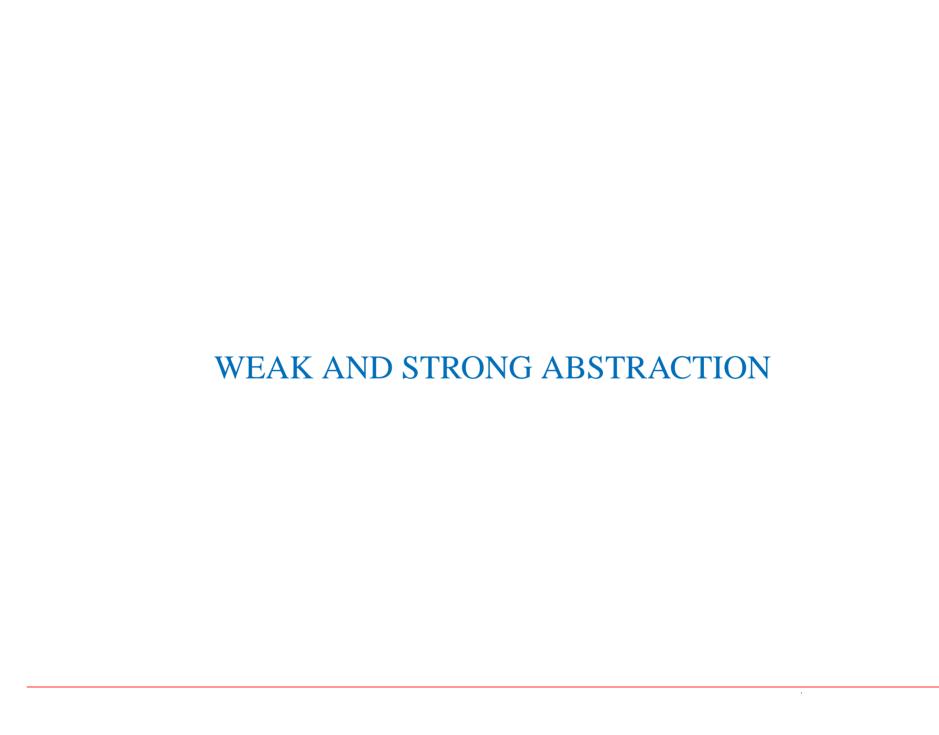
```
structure Rat4 :> Rat =
struct
 datatype rat = Rat of int * int
 fun rat (n, d) = let val g = Gcd.gcd(n, d) in Rat(n div g, d div g)
 fun num (Rat q) = #1 q
 fun den (Rat q) = #2 q
 fun op++(x, y) = rat(num x * den y + num y * den x, den x * den y)
 fun op--(x, y) = rat(num x * den y - num y * den x, den x * den y)
 fun op**(x, y) = rat(num x * num y, den x * den y)
 fun op//(x, y) = rat(num x * den y, den x * num y)
 fun op==(x, y) = num x * den y = den x * num y
 fun toString r = makestring(num r) ^ "/" ^ makestring(den r);
 val one = rat(1,1)
 val zero = rat(0,1)
 val oneHalf = rat(1,2)
 val one Third = rat(1,3)
 val twoThird = rat(2,3) end;
```

• The data constructor can (and should) be used for pattern matching as *selector*:

```
structure Rat5 :> Rat =
struct
 datatype rat = Rat of int * int;
 fun rat (n, d) = let val g = Gcd.gcd(n, d) in Rat(n div g, d div g)
 fun num (Rat(n, _)) = n
 fun den (Rat(_, d)) = d
 fun op++(x, y) = rat(num x * den y + num y * den x, den x * den y)
 fun op--(x, y) = rat(num x * den y - num y * den x, den x * den y)
 fun op**(x, y) = rat(num x * num y, den x * den y)
 fun op//(x, y) = rat(num x * den y, den x * num y)
 fun op==(x, y) = num x * den y = den x * num y
 fun toString r = makestring(num r) ^ "/" ^ makestring(den r);
 val one = rat(1,1)
 val zero = rat(0,1)
 val oneHalf = rat(1,2)
 val one Third = rat(1,3)
 val twoThird = rat(2,3) end;
```

• The data constructor function can *really* be used for the generation of a new useful value:

```
structure Rat6 :> Rat =
struct
 datatype rat = Rat of int * int;
 val rat = Rat;
 fun num (Rat(n, )) = n
 fun den (Rat(_, d)) = d
 fun op++(x, y) = rat(num x * den y + num y * den x, den x * den y)
 fun op--(x, y) = rat(num x * den y - num y * den x, den x * den y)
 fun op**(x, y) = rat(num x * num y, den x * den y)
 fun op//(x, y) = rat(num x * den y, den x * num y)
 fun op==(x, y) = num x * den y = den x * num y
 fun toString r = makestring(num r) ^ "/" ^ makestring(den r);
 val one = rat(1,1)
 val zero = rat(0,1)
 val oneHalf = rat(1,2)
 val oneThird = rat(1,3)
 val twoThird = rat(2,3) end;
```



## Summary: weak and strong data abstraction

- Weak abstraction: the name is a synonim, the parts of the data structure are still accesible.
- Strong abstraction: the name stands for a new thing (entity, object), the parts of the data structure can only be accessed with restrictions.
- type: weak abstraction; ex. type rat = {num : int, den : int}
  - Gives new name to a type expression (see value declaration).
  - Helps understanding the program.
- abstype: strong abstraction
  - Creates a new type: name, operations, representation, notation.
  - Outworn, there's better: datatype + modules
- datatype: without modules weak, with modules strong abstraction; ex. datatype 'a perhaps = Nothing | Something of 'a Built-in version in SML: datatype 'a option = NONE | SOME of 'a
  - Creates a new entity.
  - Can be recursive and polymorphic.

#### Declaration with local declaration: local declaration

- Ún. local-deklarációt használunk, ha egyes deklarációkat fel akarunk használni más deklarációkban, miközben el akarjuk rejteni őket a program többi része elől.
- Szintaxisa: local d1 ahol d1 egy nemüres deklarációsorozat,
   in d2 d2 egy másik nemüres deklarációsorozat.
- Példa:

```
(* length : 'a list -> int
    length zs = a zs lista hossza
*)
local
    (* len : 'a list * int -> int
        len (zs, n) = az n és a zs lista hosszának összege
    *)
    fun len ([], n) = n
        | len (_::zs, n) = len(zs, n+1)
in
    fun length zs = len(zs, 0)
end
```

## User-defined datatypes: about the datatype declaration again

A new compound type called person is created:

• The new type has four *data constructor* (shortly: *constructor*): King, Peer, Knight and Peasant.

- King is a so-called *data constructor constant*, the rest are the so-called *data constructor functions*.
- The data constructors has type as well:

```
King : person
Peer : string * string * int -> person
Knight : string -> person
Peasant : string -> person
```

```
King : person
Peer : string * string * int -> person
Knight : string -> person
Peasant : string -> person
```

- There's only one King, so it could be defined as a constructor constant.
- Peer is identified by his title (string), the name of his estate (string) and his ordinal number (int).
- Knight and Peasant are only identified by their name (string).
- Example on using the datatype person:

- Certain cases may be distinguished by pattern matching.
- All cases must be covered by a pattern; otherwise we are warned by the interpreter.
- Patterns can be arbitrarily complex.

• In the example below one of the four is the Peasant name *pattern*, and the name inside is the *pattern identifier*.

```
(* title : person -> string
    title p = title of p *)
fun title King = "His Majesty the King "
    | title (Peer (deg, ter, _)) = "The " ^ deg ^ " of " ^ ter
    | title (Knight name) = "Sir " ^ name
    | title (Peasant name) = name
```

• The function sirs gathers the names of all Knight-s from a list of people (person-s). (The order of the clauses is *important* because of the !):

```
(* sirs : person list -> string list
    sirs ps = the list of the names of all Knights *)
fun sirs [] = []
    | sirs ((Knight s)::ps) = s::sirs ps
    | sirs (_::ps) = sirs ps
```

- If the order of the clauses was different, the \_: :ps pattern would match Knight as well, not only King, Peer and Peasant (it stands for them in the example).
- Enumerating all disjunct cases helps proving the soundness of the algorithm.
- The three cases are closed up in one because their detailing would expand the code and the execution as well.
- Proving the soundness isn't problematic if the third line of the function (sirs (\_::ps) = sirs ps) is considered a *conditional equation*:

```
sirs(p::ps) = sirs ps if \forall s \cdot p \neq Knight s.
```

• Order is more important in the following example, where hierarchy of people is observed. Instead of 16 only 7 cases have to be distinguished: which return *true*.

```
(* superior : person * person -> bool
    superior (p, r) = true if p has higher rank than r *)
fun superior (King, Peer _) = true
    | superior (King, Knight _) = true
    | superior (King, Peasant _) = true
    | superior (Peer _, Knight _) = true
    | superior (Peer _, Peasant _) = true
    | superior (Knight _, Peasant _) = true
    | superior _ = false
```

# Enumeration type with datatype declaration

• It's frequent that a name can take only few different values (the cardinality of the set of the values which can be taken by the name is small). In this case it's useful to create an *enumeration type* with datatype declaration. For example

```
datatype degree = Duke | Marquis | Earl | Viscount | Baron
```

• An enumeration type has only *constructor constants*. In order to use the new type the type person has to be declared again:

## Enumeration type with datatype declaration (continued)

• In case of data with type degree the cases have to be handled separately, for example

```
(* lady : degree -> string
    lady p = rank of p peer's wife *)
fun lady Duke = "Duchess "
    lady Marquis = "Marchioness"
    lady Earl = "Countess"
    lady Viscount = "Viscountess"
    lady Baron = "Baroness"
```

Type Bool with Not function similar to the internal bool could be declared/defined:

```
datatype Bool = True | False
(* Not : Bool -> Bool
    Not b = b negáltja *)
fun Not True = False | Not False = True
```

## Polymorphic datatypes

- We have seen that list is a *postfix* positioned *type operator*, not a type: the datatype declaration also generates a *type constructor* beside the data constructors.
- 'a List similar to the internal 'a list with Nil and Cons *data constructors* can be defined in this way:

```
datatype 'a List = Nil | Cons of 'a * 'a List;
```

• Using the Cons *data constructor function* for creating lists is very inconvinient. For example the 1, 2, 3, 4 sequence has to be created in this way:

```
Cons(1, Cons(2, Cons(3, Cons(4, Nil))));
```

• The *infix* positioned ::: data constructor operator can be introduced:

```
infix 5 ::: ; val op ::: = Cons
```

• The infix *triple-colon* can also be defined in the type declaration itself:

```
infix 5 ::: ; datatype 'a List = Nil | ::: of 'a * 'a List
```

#### Polymorphic datatypes: disjunct union

Our next example is the *disjunct union* of two types:

```
datatype ('a, 'b) disun = In1 of 'a | In2 of 'b
```

- Three things can be defined:
  - 1. the disun type operator with two arguments,
  - 2. the In1 : 'a -> ('a, 'b) disun and
  - 3. the In2: 'b -> ('a, 'b) disun data constructor functions.
- ('a, 'b) disun is the disjunct union of types 'a and 'b. The union is called discunct because the base type of one or another element of the pair with type ('a, 'b) disun can be determined later. The values of the new type has the form In1 x if x has 'a type, and In1 y if y has 'b type.
- The In1 and In2 constructor functions can be considered as such *labels* that distinguish type 'a from type 'b.

#### Disjunct union (continued)

- The disjunct union allows to use different types where only one type is allowed otherwise (see object oriented programming, where a *shape* class can have descendants like *rectangle*, *triangle* or *circle*).
- In SML lists with *elements of different types* can be created with disjunct union:

```
[In2 King, In1 "Scotland"] : ((string, person) disun) list;
[In1 "tyranne", In2 1040] : ((string, int) disun) list
```

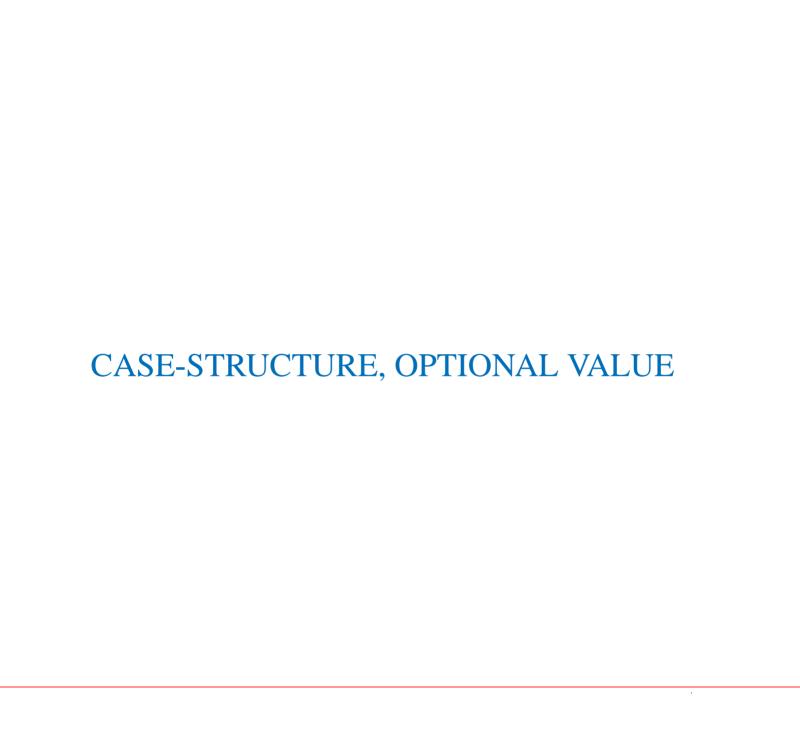
• Possible cases can be processed with *pattern matching* as usual, for example

#### Disjunct union (continued)

An example on using concat:

```
concat [In1 "Oh! ", In2 King, In1 "Scotland"];
> val it = "Oh! Scotland" : string
```

- The type of the Inl constructor function is 'a -> ('a, 'b) disun, so applied to the "Oh!" argument of type string its result has (string, 'b) disun type.
- The type of the In2 constructor function is 'b -> ('a, 'b) disun, so applied to the "King" argument of type person its result has (string, 'a) disun type.
- In the expression [In1 "Oh!", In2 King, In1 "Scotland"] all two base types are bound, so the type of this list is: ((string, person) disun) list.
- The evaluation of the expression [In2 "Ó", In2 King, In1 "Skócia"] results in error, because the 'b type variable can't be bound differently in the same expression.



#### Case-structure (case)

```
case E of P1 => E1 | P2 => E2 | \cdots | Pn => En
```

The SML-interpreter tries to match – from left to right and from up to down – E to P1, or – if it fails – to P2 and so on. The result of the case-structure will be that Ei which belongs to the first Pi matching E.

case is also just a syntactic sugar becuase it can be replaced by fn-notation:

```
(fn P1 \Rightarrow E1 \mid P2 \Rightarrow E2 \mid \cdots \mid Pn \Rightarrow En) E
```

For examples the function lady could have been defined in this way:

```
datatype degree = Duke | Marquis | Earl | Viscount | Baron
(* lady : degree -> string
                                       (* lady : degree -> string
   lady p = rank of p peer's wife *)
                                          lady p = rank of p peer's wife *)
fun lady p =
                                       fun lady p =
     case p of
                                             (fn
       Duke => "Duchess "
                                                Duke => "Duchess "
       Marquis => "Marchioness"
                                              | Marquis => "Marchioness"
       Earl => "Countess"
                                              | Earl => "Countess"
                                              | Viscount => "Viscountess"
       Viscount => "Viscountess"
       Baron => "Baroness"
                                               Baron => "Baroness"
```

## Handling optional values ('a option)

```
datatype 'a option = NONE | SOME of 'a
```

#### Functions from the Option library:

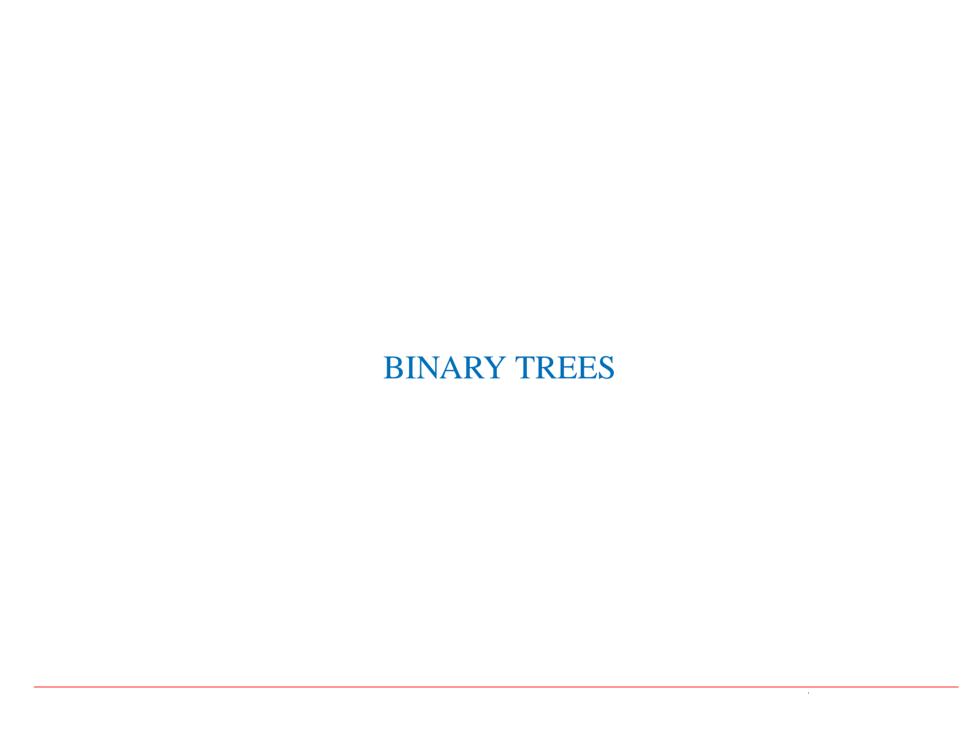
```
val getOpt
          : 'a option * 'a -> 'a
val isSome : 'a option -> bool
val valOf : 'a option -> 'a
val filter : ('a -> bool) -> 'a -> 'a option
          : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a option -> 'b option
val map
val mapPartial : ('a -> 'b option) -> ('a option -> 'b option)
getOpt(xopt, d) = x if xopt is SOME x, d otherwise.
isSome xopt = true if xopt is SOME x, false otherwise.
valOf xopt = x if xopt is SOME x, raises Option otherwise.
filter p x = SOME x if p x is true, NONE otherwise.
map \ f \ xopt = SOME(f \ x) \ if \ xopt is SOME x, NONE otherwise.
mapPartial\ f\ xopt = f\ x\ if\ xopt\ is\ SOME\ x,\ NONE\ otherwise.
```

## Examples on handling optional values

Selecting the greatest element from an integer list

An empty list doesn't have a greatest element; the greatest element of a list with a single element is that single element; the greatest element of a list with at least two elements is the greatest among the first element and the rest of the list.

Converting a the beginning character sequence of a string to an integer

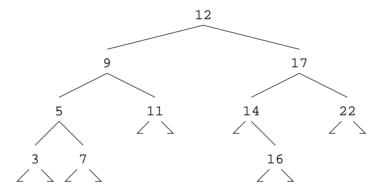


# Binary trees with datatype declaration

- *Tree* is a recursive datatype similar to the list
- At first, the following binary tree is declared: its leaves are empty, and in the nodes the left subtree, the value of type 'a and the right subtree is defined in this order.

datatype 'a tree = L | B of 'a tree \* 'a \* 'a tree;

Let's see the following tree:

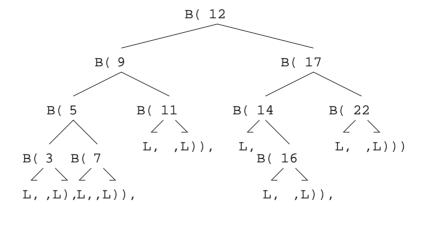


• This tree can be described with the L and B data constructors of the datatype 'a tree as introduced on next page.

# Binary trees with datatype declaration (continued)

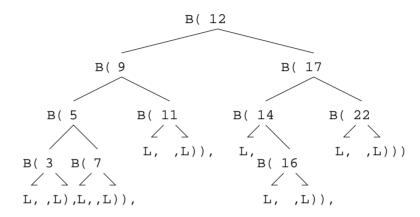
```
B(B(B(L,3,L),
      5,
      B(L,7,L)
    9,
    B(L,11,L)
   ),
  12,
  B(B(L,
      14,
      B(L,16,L)
    17,
    B(L, 22, L)
 );
```

The expression on the left side can't be easily read. The textual description of the tree structure becomes more convinient when the corresponding data constructors are written into the figure.



#### Binary trees with datatype declaration (continued)

• The textual representation of the tree structure is more readable when the subtrees are given names, and the complete tree is built from subtrees:



```
val tr3 = B(L,3,L); val tr7 = B(L,7,L);
val tr5 = B(tr3,5,tr7); val tr11 = B(L,11,L);
val tr9 = B(tr5,9,tr11); val tr16 = B(L,16,L);
val tr14 = B(L,14,tr16); val tr22 = B(L,22,L);
val tr17 = B(tr14,17,tr22); val tr12 = B(tr9,12,tr17);
```

## Binary trees with datatype declaration (continued)

- Declaration of other tree structures is also possible, for example
  - it can be started with the value of type 'a, followed by the left then the right subtree,
  - leaves can also store values,
  - empty stubs not containing a value can be described by E
- The following declaration declares a binary tree according to the properties described above:

```
datatype 'a tree = E | L of 'a | B of 'a * 'a tree * 'a tree
```

- Like the recursive functions, recursive data structures must have a non-recursive branch in the declaration (trivial case).
- Because of the absence of the non-recursive branch, the following sintactically correct declarations are useless:

# Simple operations on binary trees

nodes counts the nodes in a tree. Let

```
datatype 'a tree = L | N of 'a * 'a tree * 'a tree

(* nodes : 'a tree -> int
   nodes f = number of the nodes in the tree f *)
fun nodes (N(_, t1, t2)) = 1 + nodes t2 + nodes t1
   | nodes L = 0
```

Accumulator-using version of nodes (nodesa):

# Simple operations on binary trees (continued)

- The number of the edges on the path (the length of the path) from the root to a leaf in a tree is called the level of the leaf. The biggest of the levels is called the *depth* of the tree.
- depth calculates the depth of a tree

```
(* depth : 'a tree -> int
  depth f = depth of the tree f *)
fun depth (N(_, t1, t2)) = 1 + Int.max(depth t2, depth t1)
  | depth L = 0
```

Accumulator-using version of depth (deptha):

# Simple operations on binary trees (cont'd.)

• fulltree builds a *full binary tree* of depth n and numbers each node from 1 to  $2^n - 1$ . In a full binary tree, exactly two edges start from each node, and each leaf is on the same level.

• reflect reflects the tree about the vertical axis.

```
(* reflect : 'a tree -> 'a tree
    reflect t = the tree t reflected about the vertical axis *)
fun reflect L = L
    | reflect (N(v,t1,t2)) = N(v, reflect t2, reflect t1)
```

# Creating a list from the elements of a binary tree

- All three functions create *lists from binary trees*. They differ in when they take the elements stored in the nodes, and the traversal order.
  - preorder takes the element first, then traverses the left subtree, afterwards the right one;
  - inorder first traverses the left subtree, then takes the element, finally traverses the right one;
  - postorder first traverses the left subtree, then the right one, and takes the element in the end.
- The versions not using an accumulator are simple, comprehensible but inefficient due to the use of the operator @.

```
(* preorder : 'a tree -> 'a list
    preorder t = preorder list of the elements of the tree t *)
fun preorder L = []
    | preorder (N(v,t1,t2)) = v :: preorder t1 @ preorder t2
(* inorder : 'a tree -> 'a list
    inorder t = inorder list of the elements of the tree t *)
fun inorder L = []
    | inorder (N(v,t1,t2)) = inorder t1 @ (v :: inorder t2)
(* postorder : 'a tree -> 'a list
    postorder t = postorder list of the elements of the tree t *)
fun postorder L = []
    | postorder (N(v,t1,t2)) = postorder t1 @ (postorder t2 @ [v])
```

# Creating a list from the elements of a binary tree (cont'd.)

- In the previous version of inorder, if we don't put the subexpression v:: inorder t2 of the expression inorder t1 @ (v:: inorder t2) into brackets, the compiler gives an error message, because:: and @ have the same precedence, so without the brackets it would try to evaluate the obviously incorrect subexpression inorder t1 @ v.
- In the following version of inorder, which is roughly equivalent to its previous implementation, we prepend [v], a list with one element, instead of the element v to inorder t2:

```
fun inorder L = []
  | inorder (N(v,t1,t2)) = inorder t1 @ ([v] @ inorder t2)
```

However, this version is *very volatile*, because its efficiency depends on the brackets. If we don't put the subexpression [v] @ inorder t2 into brackets, the compiler will first evaluate the subexpression inorder t1 @ [v], i.e. it appends a (usually) much longer list to one with a single element!

• For reasons similar to those mentioned, the presented version of postorder is also *extremely* volatile! For if we don't put the anyway inefficient subexpression postorder t2 @ [v] of the expression postorder t1 @ (postorder t2 @ [v]) into brackets, then the compiler first evaluates the subexpression postorder t1 @ postorder t2, i.e. appends the two presumably long lists, and then appends the result list to the list with a single element.

# Creating a list from the elements of a binary tree (cont'd.)

The versions using an accumulator are more difficult to understand, but they are *more efficient*, mainly in terms of stack usage.

```
(* preord : 'a tree * 'a list -> 'a list
  preord(t, vs) = preorder list of the elements of the tree t,
                   prepended to the list vs *)
fun preord (L, vs) = vs
  preord (N(v,t1,t2), vs) = v::preord(t1, preord(t2,vs))
(* inord : 'a tree * 'a list -> 'a list
   inord(t, vs) = inorder list of the elements of the tree t,
                  prepended to the list vs *)
fun inord (N(v,t1,t2), vs) = inord(t1, v::inord(t2,vs))
    inord(L, vs) = vs
(* postord : 'a tree * 'a list -> 'a list
  postord(t, vs) = postorder list of the elements of the tree t,
                    prepended to the list vs *)
fun postord (N(v,t1,t2), vs) = postord(t1, postord(t2, v::vs))
   postord (L, vs) = vs
```

# Creating a binary tree from the elements of a list: balPreorder

• The following functions transform a list into a *balanced binary tree*: balPreorder, balInorder and balPostorder; the difference between them is the traversal order also this time.

• Efficiency is slightly decreased by the fact that List.take and List.drop sweep through the first part of the list independently *twice*.

# take and drop with one function: take 'ndrop

• Let's write a function named take 'ndrop, whose argument is a pair consisting of a list and an integer, and whose result is a pair with the first member as the first k elements of the list, and the second member as the rest of the list.

• Due to the usage of take 'ndrop, specifically the pair returned, we need to modify the structure of balPreorder.

# Creating a binary tree from the elements of a list: balPreorder revisited

There was this:

... which became this:

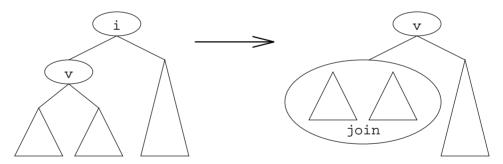
```
(* balPreorder: 'a list -> 'a tree
    balPreorder xs = preorder ... of the list xs *)
fun balPreorder [] = L
    | balPreorder (x::xs) =
        let val k = length xs div 2
           val (ts, ds) = take'ndrop(xs, k)
        in N(x, balPreorder ts, balPreorder ds)
        end
```

# Creating a binary tree from the elements of a list

```
(* balInorder: 'a list -> 'a tree
    ballnorder xs = inorder balanced tree
                     consisting of the elements of the list xs
 * )
 fun balInorder [] = L
     balInorder (xxs as x::xs) =
        let val k = length xxs div 2
            val ys = List.drop(xxs, k)
        in
            N(hd ys, balInorder(List.take(xxs, k)),
                     balInorder(tl ys))
        end
 (* balPostorder: 'a list -> 'a tree
    balPostorder xs = postorder balanced tree
                       consisting of the elements of the list xs
 * )
 fun balPostorder xs = balPreorder(rev xs)
Defining balinorder with take 'ndrop is an exercise.
```

# Deleting an element from a binary tree

- Finding an element of a given value with a recursive method is an easy task.
- Neither is *inserting a new element* difficult: we seek a leaf with a recursive method, and replace it with the new element. If the tree is sorted, we must pay attention to keep the sorting.
- Removing an element or elements of a given value with a recursive method is somewhat harder: if the value to be deleted is in the root of the subtree being examined, then we need to *join* the subtrees of the tree falling into two pieces after we've performed the deletion on both subtrees.



It is possible to join the two subtrees before deleting the element of the given value from the resulting tree.

# Recursive deletion of an element from a binary tree (cont'd.)

• We join the two trees resulting from the deletion with join: it destroys the left subtree, and meanwhile puts its elements one-by-one into the right one.

```
(* join : 'a tree * 'a tree -> 'a tree
  join(l, r) = tree created by joining the trees l and r *)
fun join (L, tr) = tr
  | join (N(v, lt, rt), tr) = N(v, join(lt, rt), tr)
```

• remove removes *all* occurrences of the element of value i from an unsorted binary tree.

```
(* remove : 'a * 'a tree -> 'a tree
  remove(i, t) = removes all occurrences of i from t *)
fun remove (i, L) = L
  | remove (i, N(v,lt,rt)) =
    if i<>v
    then N(v, remove(i,lt), remove(i,rt))
    else join(remove(i,lt), remove(i,rt))
```

# Binary search trees: blookup, binsert

- Usually we search for an element of a given key in a sorted binary tree, therefore we need to compare values, therefore the key searched for must be of *equality type* (in this example, we use the type string).
- The functions raise an *exception*, if the element of the key searched for isn't present in the tree:

```
exception Bsearch of string
```

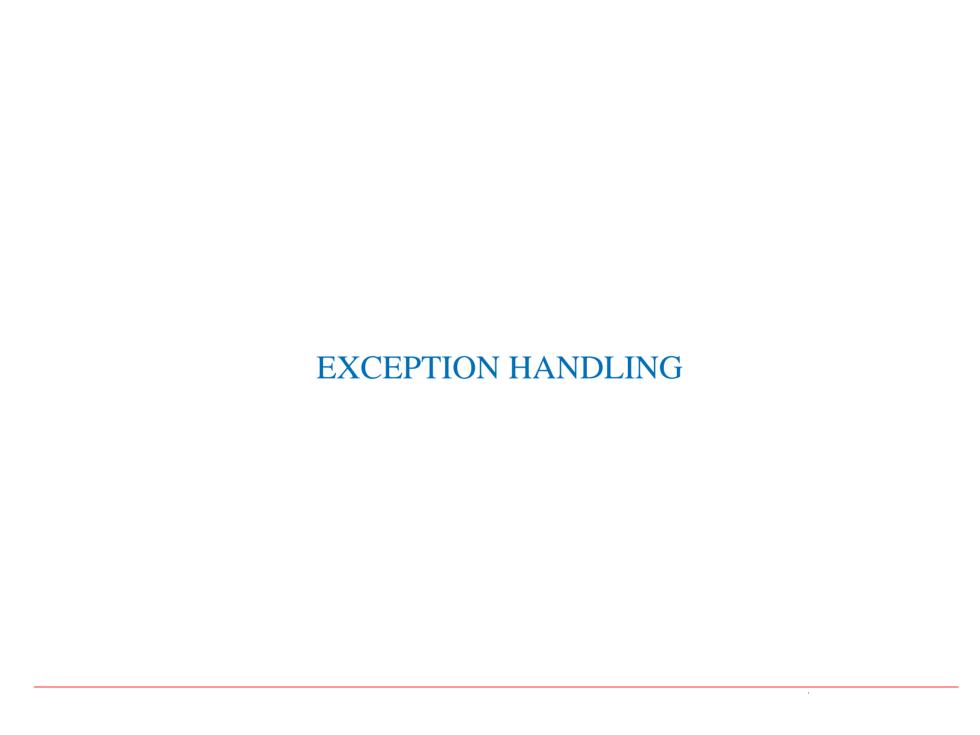
The function blookup returns a value corresponding to a given key:

# Binary search trees: bupdate

• The function binsert inserts an element of a new key into a sorted binary tree, if it doesn't exist:

• The function bupdate writes a new value into an element of an existing key in a sorted binary tree:

Making the functions generic is an exercise.



# Exception handling

- An exception is declared with the keyword exception, raised with the keyword raise, handled in the expression introduced with the keyword handle.
- Exceptions are usually used for indicating errors, but we can use them for handling backtracks as well (example for the latter can be seen in the function change on one of the following slides).
- Exception declaration reminds us of datatype-declaration: exception name; exception name of ty.
- Examples for declaring exceptions: exception Change; exception Error of char\* int.
- The exception constructor can be a constant or a function. Examples: Change : exn, Error
   : char \* int -> exn.
- The exception declaration is a special datatype-declaration, because in contrast to the latter it *extends* the set of exception constructors dynamically.
- For raising an exception, we must use the special expression beginning with the keyword raise.
- Examples for raising an exception: raise Change, raise Error(#"N", 4).
- (Hypothetic) type of raise is exn -> 'a.

- The outcome of applying raise is the so-called *exception pack*. Since the exception pack is of polymorphic type, it is compatible with all other types.
- Handling exceptions reminds us of the case-structure: E handle P1 => E1 | · · · | Pn => En
- If E returns a "common" value, the exception handler simply forwards the result.
- If the result of E is an *exception pack*, SML tries to match it with the pattern P1, ..., Pn.
  - If Pi (1 <= i <= n) is the first matching pattern, the result of the exception handler is Ei.
  - If no patterns match the exception pack, the exception handler passes it on.
- Examples for handling exceptions:

  - (fn i => exHan i handle Error(c, i) => (print(str c); i-1)) 0
- (Hypothetic) type of handle is exn -> 'a.
- Let Ex be an exception of type exn, and let e be any expression; then c and e in the expression e handle Ex => c (containing an exception handler) must be of same type.

• The next extract of program is an example for declaring, raising and handling an exception

```
exception Error of char * int;
fun exHan 0 = raise Error(#"N", 4)
    exHan \sim 9 = raise Error(#"M", 9)
    exHan n = n;
fun exHandle i =
         exHan i handle Error(#"N", i) => (print "N"; i)
                        Error(#"M", i) => (print "M"; i-1);
exHandle 0 = 4;
exHandle \sim 9 = 8i
exHandle 7 = 7;
```

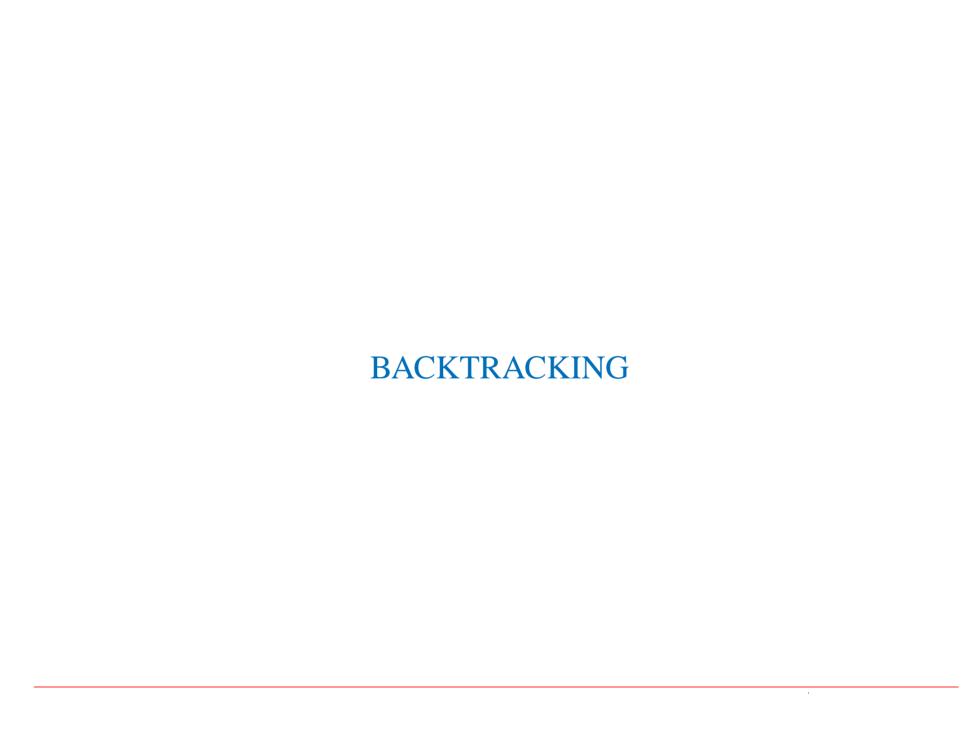
Example for programming backtrack using exception handling

```
exception Change;
(* change : int list -> int -> int list
   change coinlist sum = the coin-list containing the fewest possible coins
                          whose sum is 'sum'
   PRE: coinlist = the coins for changing in decreasing order of value
         sum >= 0
* )
fun change 0 = []
    change [] _ = raise Change
   change (coin::coinlist) sum =
      if (* the actual coin is too large, we try the next one *)
         coin > sum then change coinlist sum
         (* if we manage to change starting with the actual coin, good;
            if not, we restart at the actual point with the next coin *)
      else coin :: change (coin::coinlist) (sum-coin)
                                  handle Change => change coinlist sum;
change [50, 20, 10, 5, 2] 197 = [50, 50, 50, 20, 20, 5, 2];
```

The most frequent built-in exceptions

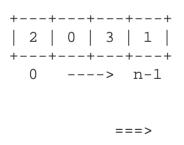
Name	Operation that might evoke it
Bind	In value declaration, the right side expression doesn't match the left side pattern.
Chr	chr pred succ
Div	/ div mod
Domain	Value is out of domain.
Empty	hd tl last
Fail	compile load loadOne Fail : string -> exn
Interrupt	Interrupt by ctrl/c.
Io	<pre>Input/output error. Io : {cause : exn, function : string, name : string}</pre>
Match	Pattern matching error in case and handle, or in function application.
Option	Error when applying a function of the library Option.
Overflow	~ + - * / div mod abs ceil floor round trunc
Size	^ array concat fromList implode tabulate translate vector
Subscript	copy drop extract nth sub substring take update

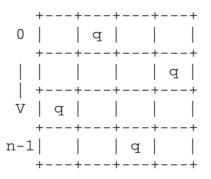
- Fail and Io are ex. constr. functions, the others are ex. constr. constants of type exn.
- Option can be used only with the name Option. Option unless we open the library Option.



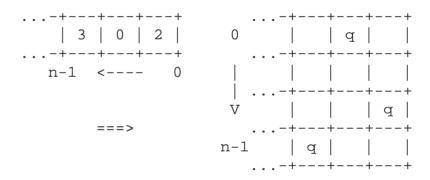
# How many ways are there, to place n queens to a chessboard of size $n \times n$ , such that none of them attack each other?

- There is exactly one queen in each column. We describe the chessboard with a vector of length n, which's ith element, s is the row index of the queen in the ith column  $(0 \le s \le n, 0 \le i \le n)$ .
- Example for n=4:





- We implement vectors with lists.
- It is easy to append an element to a list from the left, for this reason we will flip our vector horizontally.



• The ith element in a vector of length n is the n-(i+1) th element in the list.

# n queens on a chessboard

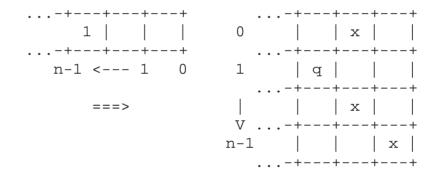
We can decide whether the new queen is attacked by the others with examining the vector.

We can place a new queen if:

- 1. The new queen is not in the same row as any of the others, so the new element of the list cannot show up in the already built part (tail) of the list.
- 2. The new queen cannot be attacked diagonally either. This means that if the newly placed queen is in the sth row, the new (0th) element in the list is s, then the ith element in the list cannot be nor s-i, neither s+i.

The following example makes it clear:

If we want to place the new queen in the 1st row, then we have to check the placed marked with an x. Including the new element, the list has 3 elements. The element having index 1 cannot be neither s-1, nor s+1, the element having index 2 cannot be neither s-2 nor n+2.



The list can be built by a recursive algorithm.

# *n* queens on a chessboard: ,,attacked"-check

```
(* attacked : int list -> bool
   attacked zs = true, if the (hd zs) queen is attacked by at least
                 one other queen in (tl zs)
 * )
fun attacked [] = false
    attacked (z::zs) =
      let (* att : int -> int -> int list -> bool
             att s1 s2 rs = true, if the queen z is attacked
                            by a queen in rs
          * )
          fun att [] = false
             att s1 s2 (r::rs) = z = r orelse
                                   s1 = r \text{ orelse}
                                   s2 = r \text{ orelse}
                                   att (s1-1) (s2+1) rs
      in
          att (z-1) (z+1) zs
      end
```

# n queens on a chessboard: producing a solution

```
exception Dead end
(* queens0 : int -> int list
   queens0 n = a solution for the "n queens problem" *)
fun queens0 n =
  let (* queen : int -> int list -> int list
         queen z zs = a solution.
searching starts from placing queen to zth row, and the already placed queens are i
      fun queen z zs =
            if z = n (* backtracking is needed, if each row has been tried *)
            then raise Dead end
            else if (* z+1 should be tried, if z::zs is attacked *)
               attacked (z::zs) then queen (z+1) zs
            else if length (z::zs) = n
            then rev (z::zs) (* we have a solution *)
            else (* continues placing the new queen from the 0th row,
                      and backtracks to the next row, if finds a dead-end *)
                 queen 0 (z::zs) handle Dead end => queen (z+1) zs
  in
       (* starts with the 0th row *)
      queen 0 []
  end
```

# *n* queens on a chessboard: producing a solution

```
exception Dead_end
(* queens0 : int -> int list
  queens0 n = a solution for the "n queens problem" *)
* )
fun queens0 n =
  let (* queen : int -> int list -> int list
         queen z zs = a solution,
      fun queen z zs =
            if (* backtracking is needed, if z=0 and is attacked *)
               z = 0 and also attacked zs or else
                 (* backtracking is needed, if each row has been tried *)
               z = n
            then raise Dead end
            else if length zs = n
            then rev zs (* we have a solution *)
            else (* continues placing the new queen from the 0th row,
                   and backtracks to the next row, if finds a dead-end *)
                 queens0 0 (z::zs) handle Dead_end => queen (z+1) zs
  in
       (* starts with the 0th row *)
      queen 0 []
  end
```

# n queens on a chessboard: producing all the solutions with backtracking

```
(* queens1 : int -> int list list
   queens1 n = the list of all the solutions for the "n queens problem" *)
fun queens1 n =
  let (* queen: int -> int list -> int list list
         queen z zs: the list of all the solutions for the "n queens problem"
searching starts from placing queen to zth row,
and the already placed queens are in zs *)
      fun queen z zs =
            if
(* backtracking is needed, if z=0 and is attacked or if each row has been tried *)
               z = 0 and also attacked zs or else z = n
            then raise Dead end
            else if length zs = n
            then [rev zs] (* we have a solution, we return it in a list *)
            else
(* continues with the next row, then appends the solution list... *)
                 (queen (z+1) zs handle Dead end => []) @
(* ... to the solutions which comes from placing the next queen from the 0th row *)
                 (queen 0 (z::zs) handle Dead_end => [])
  in
       (* starts with the 0th row *)
      queen 0 []
 end
```

# *n* queens on a chessboard: producing all the solutions in a list of lists

The pattern used in the previous example can be used many times, but in this simple case, it is unnecessary. Instead of using exceptions, we could simply return an empty list: the exception handlers did the same.

```
(* queens2 : int -> int list list
  queens2 n = all the solutions for the "n queens problem"
* )
fun queens2 n =
  let (* queen: int -> int list -> int list list
         queen z zs: all the solutions for the "n queens problem"
         searching starts from placing queen to zth row,
         and the already placed queens are in zs *)
      fun queen z zs =
            if z = 0 and also attacked zs or else z = n
            then []
            else if length zs = n
            then [rev zs]
            else queen (z+1) zs @ queen 0 (z::zs)
  in
      queen 0 []
  end
```

# *n* queens on a chessboard: producing all the solutions in a list of lists

#### With using accumulator:

```
(* queens3 : int -> int list list
   queens3 n = a feladvány összes megoldásának listája
               n vezér esetén
* )
fun queens3 n =
  let (* queen: int -> int list -> int list list
         queen z zs zss: all the solutions for the "n queens problem"
         searching starts from placing queen to zth row,
         and the already placed queens are in zs, appended before zss *)
      fun queen z zs zss =
            if z = 0 and also attack zs or else z = n
            then zss
            else if length zs = n
            then rev zs :: zss
            else queen 0 (z::zs) (queen (z+1) zs zss)
  in
     queen 0 [] []
  end
```



# Set operations: ,is member?" (isMem) and ,new member" (newMem)

isMem returns true, if the element is found in the set

```
(* isMem : ''a * ''a list -> bool
   isMem(x, ys) = x is an element of ys
*)
fun op isMem (_, []) = false
   | op isMem (x, y::ys) = x = y orelse op isMem(x, ys)
infix isMem
```

Remark: without the op operator, after the infix declaration the function definition couldn't be re-compiled.

• newMem inserts a new element in the list, if it isn't yet a member of it.

newMem creates a set.

# Set operations: ,,set from list" (setof)

• setof makes a set from a list, with filtering out multiple occurences. Not efficient.

```
(* setof : ''a list -> ''a list
    setof xs = set of elements found in xs
*)
fun setof [] = []
    | setof (x::xs) = newMem(x, setof xs)
```

- We define five set operations:
  - union (union,  $S \cup T$ ),
  - intersection (inter,  $S \cap T$ ),
  - is-subset? (isSubset,  $T \subseteq S$ ),
  - are-equal? (isSetEq, S = T),

# Set operations: "union" (union) and "intersection" (inter)

- We store our sets as lists, later we'll choose better representation, for example ordered lists or trees.
- Union of two sets:

```
(* union : ''a list * ''a list -> ''a list
    union(xs, ys) = union of the sets xs and ys
*)
fun union ([], ys) = ys
    union (x::xs, ys) = newMem(x, union(xs, ys))
```

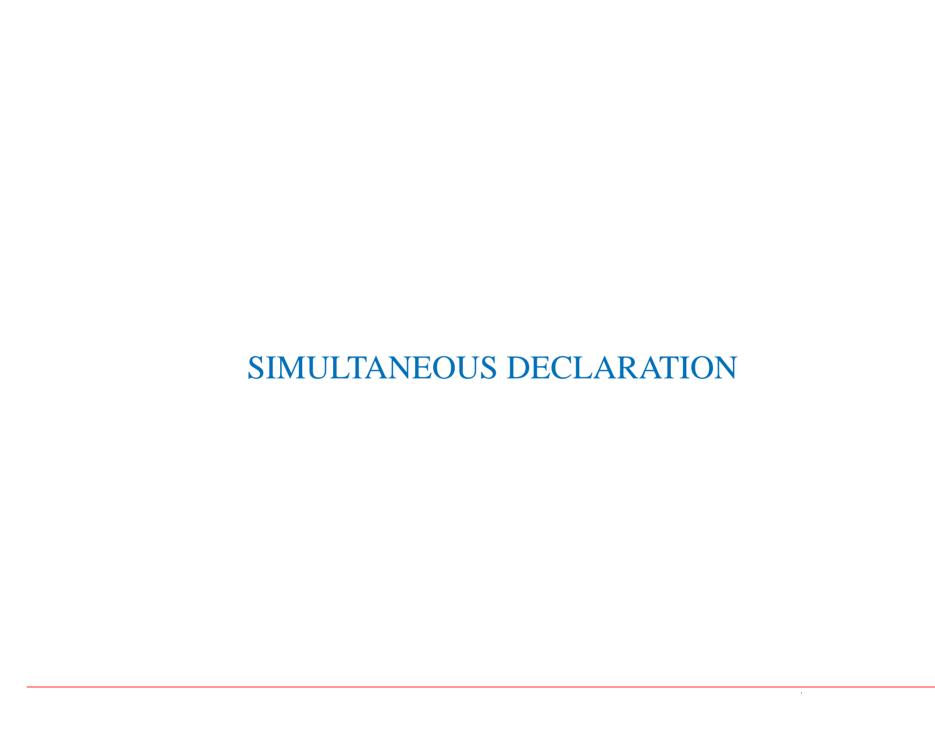
Intersection of two sets:

# Set operations: ,,is subset of?" (isSubset) és ,,are equal?" (isSetEq)

Is a set a subset of another?

infix isSubset

• Checking the equality of two sets. Checking the equality of two lists is built-in SML, but we can't use that, because for example the sets [3, 4] and [4, 3] are equal, although their lists aren't.



#### Simultaneous declaration

- Types and values can be declared simultaneously, with using the and keyword.
- See the following declarations:

```
type row = int; type column = int;
datatype fa = L | B of fa * fa;
datatype 'a stack = >| | >> of 'a * 'a stack;
val v1 = "a"; val v2 = "z";
fun f1 i = i +1; fun f2 i = i - 1;
```

SML evaluates these in their order in the source code.

```
type sor = int and osz = int;

datatype fa = L | B of fa * fa and
'a verem = >| | >> of 'a * 'a verem;

val v1 = "a" and v2 = "z";

fun f1 i = i +1 and f2 i = i - 1;
```

The declarations separated by the and keyword are evaluated simultaneously.

#### Simultaneous declaration

• We have to use simultaneous declaration for defining mutually recursive functions. Example:

```
fun even 0 = \text{true} \mid \text{even } n = \text{odd}(n-1)
and odd 0 = \text{false} \mid \text{odd } n = \text{even}(n-1);
```

• We can use simultaneous declaration to exchange two or more name bindings. Example:

```
val v1 = "a"; val v2 = "z"; val v1 = v2 and v2 = v1;
```

• We use simultaneous declaration if we want top-down design in the source code. Example:

```
fun length zs = len zs 0
and len [] i = i | len (_ :: xs) i = len xs (i+1);
```

• Polymorphic functions are treated differently by sequential and simultaneous declaration, because SML carries out its type-deriving method for the whole expression. Example:

```
fun id x = x; fun hi () = id 3; fun nr () = id 4.0; fun id x = x and hi () = id 3 and nr () = id 4.0;
```

After evaluating the first line, id has type 'a -> 'a. In the case of the second line, id should have types int -> int and real -> real simultaneously, which leads to a type error.



# The order type

```
The definition of the order type: (see General.sig)
```

```
datatype order = LESS | EQUAL | GREATER
```

[order] is used as the return type of comparison functions.

#### Examples from the SML Basis Library:

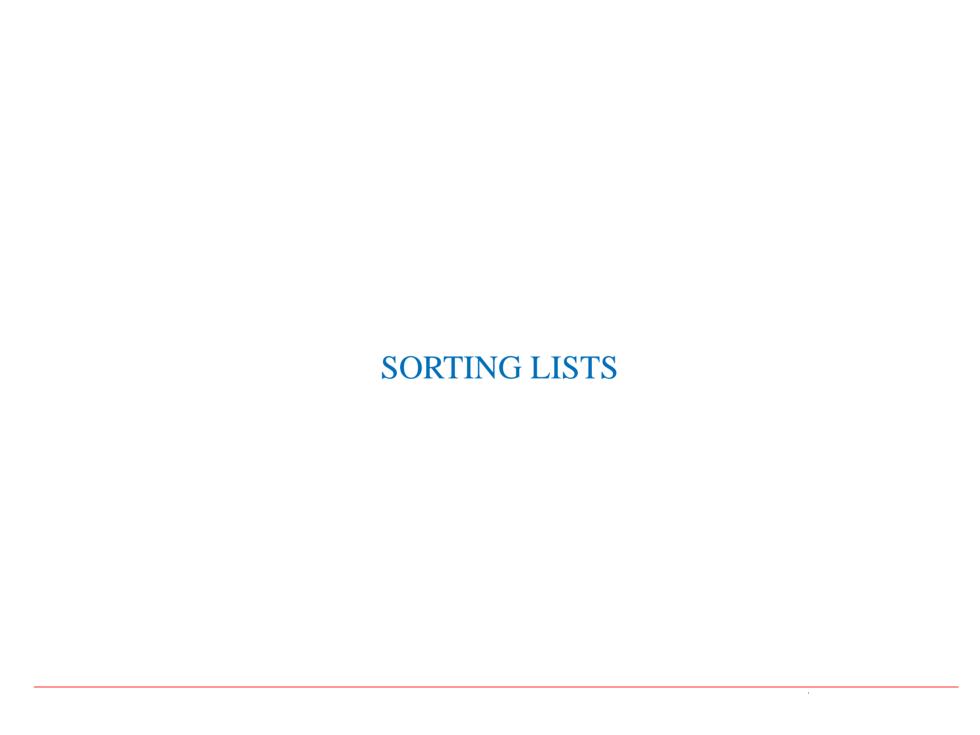
```
Int.compare : int * int -> order
```

Char.compare : char \* char -> order

Real.compare : real \* real -> order

String.compare : string \* string -> order

Time.compare : time \* time -> order



# Sorting lists

- inssort (Insertion sort),
- selsort (selection sort),
- quicksort (quicksort),
- tmsort (top-down merge sort),
- bmsort (bottom-up merge sort),
- smsort (smooth sort).

#### **Insertion sort**

• The ins auxiliary function inserts the element x to its proper place in a list:

• We use inssort recursively to sort the tail of the list. Execution time is  $O(n^2)$ :

Example for using inssort:

```
inssort ins [4.24, 4.1, 5.67, 1.12, 4.1, 0.33, 8.0];
```

# Insertion sort, generic variant

We make the ins function generic:

With this, a new variant of inssort:

```
(* inssort : ('a * 'a -> bool) -> 'a list -> 'a list
  inssort cmp xs = the sorted list consisting of
the elements of xs, according to cmp *)
fun inssort cmp (x::xs) = ins cmp (x, inssort cmp xs)
  | inssort [] = []
```

# Insertion sort, generic variant

- The previous variants of inssort first take the list apart to elements, then they build the result list from the end.
- This right-recursive variant (inssort2) uses less stack, because it inserts the elements into the result list while walking on the list from the left to the right. (later we'll compare execution times)

```
(* inssort2 : ('a * 'a -> bool) -> 'a list -> 'a list
   inssort2 cmp xs =
           the sorted list consisting of the elements of xs
           according to cmp *)
fun inssort2 cmp xs =
      let (* sort : 'a list -> 'a list -> 'a list
             sort xs zs = the elements of xs inserted into zs,
             in their proper place according to the cmp relation
             PRE: zs is sorted according to cmp *)
          fun sort (x::xs) zs = sort xs (ins cmp (x, zs))
              sort [] zs = zs
      in
          sort xs []
      end
```

#### Insertion sort with foldr-rel and foldl

• foldl uses its second argument as an accumulator, it uses less stack, it can sort longer lists.

```
fun inssortR cmp = foldr (ins cmp) [];
fun inssortL cmp = foldl (ins cmp) [];
```

Examples for insort and insort2:

```
inssort op<= [4.24, 4.1, 5.67, 1.12, 4.1, 0.33, 8.0];
inssort2 op>= [4, 4, 5, 1, 0, 8];
inssort op< (explode "qwerty");</pre>
```

Examples for using foldr and foldl:

```
fun inssortRi cmp = foldr (ins cmp) [];
fun inssortLr cmp = foldl (ins cmp) ([] : real list);
inssortRi op>= [4, 4, 5, 1, 0, 8];
inssortLr op>= [4.24, 4.1, 5.67, 1.12, 4.1, 0.33, 8.0];
```

- Sorting lists of length 2000, one filled with random elements and a reversed sorted list.
  - $\bullet$  Random.randomlist (n, gen) returns a list of n random numbers in the interval [0,1)

```
val xs2000R =
    Random.rangelist (1, 100000) (2000, Random.newgen());
```

The --- operator generates a list of increasing numbers:

We measure time with the following functions:

```
app load ["Timer", "Time", "Int"];
fun runTime (sort, sortFn) (cmp, cmpFn) (xs, kind) =
      let val starttime = Timer.startCPUTimer()
          val zs = sort cmp xs
          val usr=tim,... = Timer.checkCPUTimer starttime
      in
          "Int sort with " ^ sortFn ^ ", " ^ cmpFn ^
          ", length = " ^ Int.toString(length xs) ^ " (" ^
          kind ^ "), time = " ^ Time.fmt 2 tim ^ " sec\n"
      end;
val t1N =
      runTime (inssort, "inssort") (op>=, "op>=") (xs2000N, "increasing");
val t2N =
      runTime (inssort2, "inssort2") (op>=, "op>=") (xs2000N, "increasing");
val t1R =
      runTime (inssort, "inssort") (op>=, "op>=") (xs2000R, "random");
val t.2R =
      runTime (inssort2, "inssort2") (op>=, "op>=") (xs2000R, "random");
```

• Soring the reversely sorted list with 2000 elements with the non-right-recursive version of inssort takes more than 5s, while with the right-recursive version it takes only 0.01s. (linux, 233 MHz-es Pentium)

```
Int sort with inssort, op>=, length = 2000 (increasing), time = 5.18 sec
Int sort with inssort2, op>=, length = 2000 (increasing), time = 0.01 sec
Int sort with inssortRi, op>=, length = 2000 (increasing), time = 5.14 sec
Int sort with inssortLi, op>=, length = 2000 (increasing), time = 0.01 sec
```

The difference disappears, if we sort the lists with random elements.

```
Int sort with inssort, op>=, length = 2000 (random), time = 2.39 sec
Int sort with inssort2, op>=, length = 2000 (random), time = 2.26 sec
Int sort with inssortRi, op>=, length = 2000 (random), time = 2.40 sec
Int sort with inssortLi, op>=, length = 2000 (random), time = 2.24 sec
```

### Selection sort

```
(* selsort : ('a * 'a -> order) -> 'a list -> 'a list
   selsort cmp xs = the elements of xs in increasing order
* )
fun selsort cmp xs =
      let
          (* max : 'a * 'a -> 'a
             \max (x, y) = \text{the max of } x \text{ and } y, \text{ according to cmp}
          * )
          fun max (x, y) = if cmp(x, y) = GREATER then x else y
          (* min : 'a * 'a -> 'a
             min(x, y) = the min of x and y, according to cmp
          * )
          fun min (x, y) = if cmp(x, y) = LESS then x else y
          (* maxSelect : 'a * 'a list * 'a list -> 'a * 'a list
             \max Select(x, ys, zs) =
a pair, consisting of the largest element of (x::ys) according to cmp,
and a list consisting of the elements of x::ys and zs *)
          fun maxSelect (x, [], zs) = (x, zs)
              maxSelect(x, y::ys, zs) =
                            \max Select(\max(x, y), ys, \min(x,y)::zs);
```

### Selection sort, continued

```
(* sSort : 'a list * 'a list -> 'a list
             sSort(xs, ws) =
the elements of xs appended in front of ws, in increasing order *)
          fun sSort ([], ws) = ws
             sSort(x::xs, ws) =
                let val (z, zs) = \max Select(x, xs, [])
                in
                   sSort (zs, z::ws)
                end
      in
          sSort (xs, [])
      end;
app load ["Int", "Char", "Real"];
selsort Int.compare [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9];
selsort Int.compare [9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1];
selsort Real.compare [4.5,6.7,3.6,4.3,1.2,0.9,8.9,9.8,2.0];
selsort Char.compare (explode "Apple Pear Plum");
```

# Quicksort without using accumulator

```
(* quicksort1 cmp xs = the elements of xs sorted according to cmp
  quicksort1 : ('a * 'a -> order) -> 'a list -> 'a list *)
fun quicksort1 cmp xs =
      let (* qs : 'a list -> 'a list
             as vs =
the elements of ys sorted according to cmp
           * )
          fun qs (m::ys) =
                let (* partition : 'a list * 'a list * 'a list -> 'a list
                       partition (xs, ls, rs) = a pair consisting of
the elements of xs which are smaller than m, appended in front of ls,
and the rest, appended in front of rs *)
                    fun partition (x::xs, ls, rs) =
                          if cmp(x, m) = LESS then partition(xs, x::ls, rs)
                                               else partition(xs, ls, x::rs)
                      partition ([], ls, rs) = qs ls @ (m::qs rs)
                in
                    partition (ys, [], [])
                end
            | as [] = []
      in
          qs xs
      end;
```

### Quicksort with accumulator

```
(* quicksort2 cmp xs = the elements of xs sorted according to cmp
  guicksort2 : ('a * 'a -> order) -> 'a list -> 'a list *)
fun quicksort2 cmp xs =
      let (* qs : 'a list -> 'a list -> 'a list
             as vs zs =
the elements of ys sorted according to cmp, appended in front of zs
           * )
          fun qs (m::ys) zs =
                let (* partition : 'a list * 'a list * 'a list -> 'a list
                       partition (xs, ls, rs) = a pair consisting of
the elements of xs which are smaller than m, appended in front of ls,
and the rest, appended in front of rs *)
                    fun partition (x::xs, ls, rs) =
                          if cmp(x, m) = LESS then partition(xs, x::ls, rs)
                                              else partition(xs, ls, x::rs)
                      partition ([], ls, rs) = qs ls (m :: qs rs zs)
                in
                    partition (ys, [], [])
                end
            | qs [] zs = zs
      in
         qs xs []
      end;
```

```
app load ["Listsort", "Int"];
val t1 = futIdo (inssort2, "inssort2") (op>=, "op>=") (xs2000R, "random");
                                                    (* ~ 2 M comparisons! *)
val t3 = futIdo (quicksort2, "quicksort2")
                (Int.compare, "Int.compare") (xs2000R, "random");
val t4 = futIdo (Listsort.sort, "Listsort.sort")
                (Int.compare, "Int.compare") (xs2000R, "random");
                                                    (* \sim 300 \text{ E comparisons } *)
Int sort with inssort2, op>=, length = 2000 (random), time = 2.30 sec
Int sort with quicksort1, Int.compare, length = 20000 (random), time = 2.18 sec
Int sort with quicksort2, Int.compare, length = 20000 (random), time = 1.72 sec
Int sort with Listsort.sort, Int.compare, length = 20000 (random), time = 1.76 sec
Int sort with quicksort2, Int.compare, length = 200000 (random), time = 27.13 sec
Int sort with quicksort1, Int.compare, length = 200000 (random), time = 32.59 sec
val t7 = futIdo (Listsort.sort, "Listsort.sort") (Int.compare, "Int.compare")
         (Random.rangelist (1, 100000) (200000, Random.newgen()), "random");
! Uncaught exception:
! Out_of_memory
```

# Merge sort

• For the merge sort, we need a function which unifies two sorted lists (merges the lists).

```
(* merge(xs, ys) = xs and ys merged according to <=
    merge : int list * int list -> int list
*)
fun merge (xxs as x::xs, yys as y::ys)=
    if x <= y
        then x::merge(xs, yys)
        else y::merge(xxs, ys)
        | merge ([], ys) = ys
        | merge (xxs, []) = xs;</pre>
```

- Inefficient, if we store the partial results in the stack.
- The result must be reversed if we use an accumulator.

# Top-down merge sort

• The "top-down merge sort" is efficient, if the two lists are of nearly the same length.

• It needs  $O(n \cdot log n)$  steps in the worst case.