Polymorphic Data Types

Polymorphism

List a

Dir a

- map/fold (eg. foldDir)
- IO (eg. build)

Polymorphic Functions

same

```
doTwice :: (a -> a) -> a -> a
doTwice f x = f (f x)
```

Operate on different kinds values

```
>>> double x = 2 * x
>>> yum x = x ++ " yum! yum!"

>>> doTwice double 10
40
>>> doTwice yum "cookie"
"cookie yum! yum!"
```

(A) map/fold Wed
IO FRI

(B) IO wed
Map-fold Fri

QUIZ

What is the value of `quiz` ?

```
greaterThan :: Int -> Int -> Bool
greaterThan x y = x > y

quiz = doTwice (greaterThan 10) 0
```

A. `True`

B. `False`

C. *Type* Error

D. *Run-time* Exception

E. `101`

With great power, comes great responsibility!

```
>>> doTwice (greaterThan 10) 0

36:9: Couldn't match type ‘Bool’ with ‘Int’
    Expected type: Int -> Int
      Actual type: Int -> Bool
    In the first argument of ‘doTwice’, namely ‘greaterThan 10’
    In the expression: doTwice (greaterThan 10) 0
```

The input and output types are different!

Cannot feed the *output* of `(greaterThan 10 0)` into `greaterThan 10`!

Polymorphic Types

But the **type of** `doTwice` would have spared us this grief.

```
>>> :t doTwice
doTwice :: (a -> a) -> a -> a
```

The signature has a *type parameter* `t`

- **re-use** `doTwice` to increment `Int` or concat `String` or …
- The first argument `f` must take *input* `t` and return *output* `t` (i.e. `t -> t`)
- The second argument `x` must be of type `t`
- Then `f x` will *also* have type `t` … and we can call `f (f x)`.

But `f` unction is *incompatible* with `doTwice`

- if its input and output types *differ*

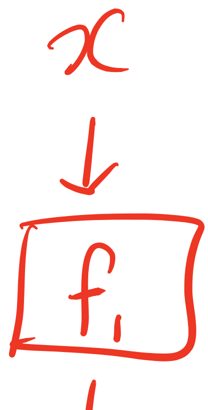
QUIZ

Lets make sure you're following!

What is the type of `quiz` ?

```
quiz x f = f x
```

A. `a -> a`



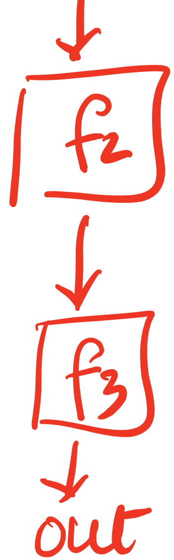
B. `(a -> a) -> a`

C. `a -> b -> a -> b`

D. `a -> (a -> b) -> b`

E. `a -> b -> a`

x |> f1 |> f2 |> f3



QUIZ

Lets make sure you're following!

What is the *value* of `quiz` ?

```haskell
apply x f = f x

greaterThan :: Int -> Int -> Bool
greaterThan x y = x > y

quiz = apply 100 (greaterThan 10)
```

A. *Type* Error

B. *Run-time* Exception

C. `True`

D. `False`

E. `110`

Polymorphic Data Structures

Today, lets see **polymorphic data types**

which **contain** many kinds of values.

Recap: Data Types

Recall that Haskell allows you to create brand new data types (03-haskell-types.html)

```haskell
data Shape
  = MkRect  Double Double
  | MkPoly [(Double, Double)]
```

QUIZ

What is the type of `MkRect` ?

```haskell
data Shape
  = MkRect  Double Double
  | MkPoly [(Double, Double)]
```

a. `Shape`

b. `Double`

c. `Double -> Double -> Shape`

d. `(Double, Double) -> Shape`

e. `[(Double, Double)] -> Shape`

Tagged Boxes

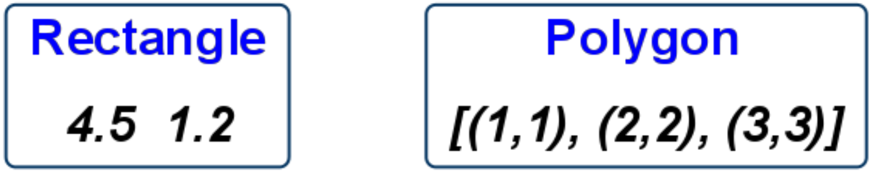
Values of this type are either two doubles *tagged* with `Rectangle`

```
>>> :type (Rectangle 4.5 1.2)
(Rectangle 4.5 1.2) :: Shape
```

or a list of pairs of `Double` values *tagged* with `Polygon`

```
ghci> :type (Polygon [(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)])
(Polygon [(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)]) :: Shape
```

Data values inside special ***Tagged Boxes***



Datatypes are Boxed-and-Tagged Values

Recursive Data Types

We can define datatypes *recursively* too

```
data IntList
  = INil                    -- ^ empty list
  | ICons Int IntList       -- ^ list with "hd" Int and "tl" IntList
  deriving (Show)
```

(Ignore the bit about **deriving** for now.)

QUIZ

```haskell
data IntList
  = INil                -- ^ empty list
  | ICons Int IntList   -- ^ list with "hd" Int and "tl" IntList
  deriving (Show)
```

What is the type of `ICons` ?

A. `Int -> IntList -> List`

B. `IntList`

C. `Int -> IntList -> IntList`

D. `Int -> List -> IntList`

E. `IntList -> IntList`

Constructing `IntList`

Can *only* build `IntList` via constructors.

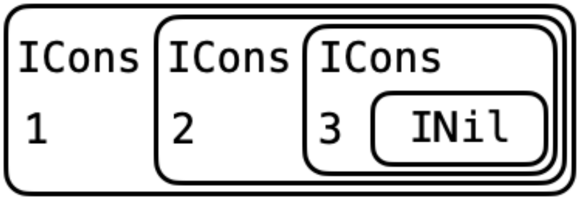
```
>>> :type INil
INil:: IntList

>>> :type ICons
ICons :: Int -> IntList -> IntList
```

EXERCISE

Write down a representation of type `IntList` of the list of three numbers `1` , `2` and `3` .

```
list_1_2_3 :: IntList
list_1_2_3 = ???
```

Hint Recursion means boxes *within* boxes



Recursively Nested Boxes

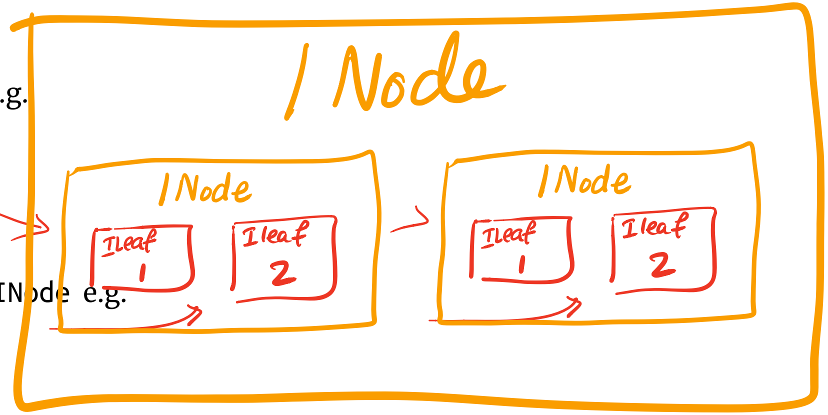
Trees: Multiple Recursive Occurrences

We can represent `Int` *trees* like

```
data IntTree
  = ILeaf Int                 -- ^ single "leaf" w/ an Int
  | INode IntTree IntTree     -- ^ internal "node" w/ 2 sub-trees
  deriving (Show)
```

A *leaf* is a box containing an `Int` tagged `ILeaf` e.g.

```
>>> it1  = ILeaf 1
>>> it2  = ILeaf 2
```



A *node* is a box containing two sub-trees tagged `INode` e.g.

```
>>> itt   = INode (ILeaf 1) (ILeaf 2)
>>> itt'  = INode itt itt
>>> INode itt' itt'
INode (INode (ILeaf 1) (ILeaf 2)) (INode (ILeaf 1) (ILeaf 2))
```

Multiple Branching Factors

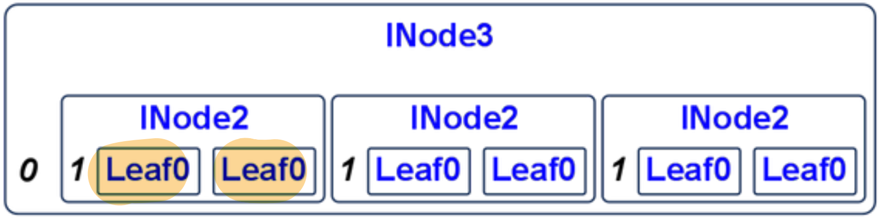
e.g. 2-3 trees (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2-3_tree)

```
data Int23T
  = ILeaf0
  | INode2 Int Int23T Int23T
  | INode3 Int Int23T Int23T Int23T
  deriving (Show)
```

An example value of type `Int23T` would be

```
i23t :: Int23T
i23t = INode3 0 t t t
  where t = INode2 1 ILeaf0 ILeaf0
```

which looks like



Integer 2-3 Tree

Parameterized Types

We can define `CharList` or `DoubleList` - versions of `IntList` for `Char` and `Double` as

```haskell
data CharList
  = CNil
  | CCons Char CharList
  deriving (Show)

data DoubleList
   = DNil  Double
   | DCons Char DoubleList
   deriving (Show)
```

Don't Repeat Yourself!

Don't repeat definitions – Instead *reuse* the list *structure* across *all* types!

Find abstract *data* patterns by

- identifying the *different* parts and
- refactor those into *parameters*

A Refactored List

Here are the three types: What is common? What is different?

```
data IList = INil | ICons Int    IList

data CList = CNil | CCons Char   CList

data DList = DNil | DCons Double DList
```

Common: `Nil` / `Cons` structure

Different: type of each "head" element

Refactored using Type Parameter

```
data List a = Nil | Cons a  (List a)
```

Recover original types as instances of `List`

```
type IntList    = List Int
type CharList   = List Char
type DoubleList = List Double
```

Polymorphic Data has Polymorphic Constructors

Look at the types of the constructors

```
>>> :type Nil
Nil :: List a
```

That is, the `Empty` tag is a value of *any* kind of list, and

```
>>> :type Cons
Cons :: a -> List a -> List a
```

`Cons` takes an `a` *and* a `List a` and returns a `List a`.

```
cList :: List Char     -- list where 'a' = 'Char'
cList = Cons 'a' (Cons 'b' (Cons 'c' Nil))

iList :: List Int      -- list where 'a' = 'Int'
iList = Cons 1 (Cons 2 (Cons 3 Nil))

dList :: List Double   -- list where 'a' = 'Double'
dList = Cons 1.1 (Cons 2.2 (Cons 3.3 Nil))
```

Polymorphic Function over Polymorphic Data

Lets write the list length function

```
len :: List a -> Int
len Nil         = 0
len (Cons x xs) = 1 + len xs
```

`len` doesn't care about the actual *values* in the list – only "counts" the number of `Cons` constructors

Hence `len :: List a -> Int`

- we can call `len` on **any kind of list**.

```
>>> len [1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4]    -- a := Double
4

>>> len "mmm donuts!"           -- a := Char
11

>>> len [[1], [1,2], [1,2,3]]   -- a := ???
3
```

Built-in Lists?

This is exactly how Haskell's "built-in" lists are defined:

```
data [a]    = [] | (:) a [a]

data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)
```

- `Nil` is called `[]`
- `Cons` is called `:`

Many list manipulating functions e.g. in [Data.List][1] are *polymorphic* - Can be reused across all kinds of lists.

```
(++) :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
head :: [a] -> a
tail :: [a] -> [a]
```

Generalizing Other Data Types

Polymorphic trees

```
data Tree a
   = Leaf a
   | Node (Tree a) (Tree a)
   deriving (Show)
```

Polymorphic 2-3 trees

```
data Tree23 a
   = Leaf0
   | Node2 (Tree23 a) (Tree23 a)
   | Node3 (Tree23 a) (Tree23 a) (Tree23 a)
   deriving (Show)
```

Kinds

`List a` corresponds to *lists of values* of type `a`.

If `a` is the *type parameter*, then what is `List`?

A *type-constructor* that - takes *as input* a type `a` - returns *as output* the type `List a`

But wait, if `List` is a *type-constructor* then what is its "type"?

- A *kind* is the "type" of a type.

```
>>> :kind Int
Int :: *
>>> :kind Char
Char :: *
>>> :kind Bool
Bool :: *
```

Thus, `List` is a function from any "type" to any other "type", and so

```
>>> :kind List
List :: * -> *
```

QUIZ

What is the *kind* of `->`? That, is what does GHCi say if we type

```
>>> :kind (->)
```

A. `*`

B. `* -> *`

C. `* -> * -> *`

We will not dwell too much on this now.

As you might imagine, they allow for all sorts of abstractions over data.

If interested, see this for more information about kinds (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kind_(type_theory)).