# CSCE 314 Programming Languages

Haskell: Declaring Types and Classes

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# Outline

## Declaring Data Types

#### Class and Instance Declarations

# **Defining New Types**

Three constructs for defining types:

**1.** data – Define a new algebraic data type from scratch, describing its constructors

2.type - Define a synonym for an existing type (like typedef in C)

**3.** newtype – A restricted form of data that is more efficient when it fits (if the type has exactly one constructor with exactly one field inside it). Used for defining "wrapper" types

## **Data Declarations**

A completely new type can be defined by specifying its values using a <u>data declaration</u>.

data Bool = False | True

Bool is a new type, with two new values False and True.

- The two values False and True are called the <u>constructors</u> for the data type Bool.
- Type and constructor names must begin with an uppercase letter.
- Data declarations are similar to context free grammars. The former specifies the values of a type, the latter the sentences of a language.

More examples from standard Prelude:

data () = () -- unit datatype data Char =  $\dots$  | 'a' | 'b' |  $\dots$ 

Values of new types can be used in the same ways as those of built in types. For example, given

data Answer = Yes | No | Unknown

we can define:

- answers :: [Answer]
  answers = [Yes,No,Yes,Unknown]
- flip :: Answer -> Answer
- flip Yes = No
- flip No = Yes
- flip Unknown = Unknown

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#### Another example:

data Weekday = Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun

#### Constructors construct values, or serve as <u>patterns</u>

```
next :: Weekday -> Weekday
next Mon = Tue
next Tue = Wed
next Wed = Thu
next Thu = Fri
next Fri = Sat
next Sat = Sun
next Sun = Mon
workDay :: Weekday -> Bool
workDay Sat = False
workDay Sun = False
workDay _ = True
```

# Constructors with Arguments

The constructors in a data declaration can also have parameters. For example, given

data Shape =	Circle Float	Rect Float Float
we can define:	square : square n	: Float → Shape = Rect n n
	area : area (Circle r) = area (Rect x y) =	: Shape → Float = pi * r^2 = x * y

- Shape has values of the form Circle r where r is a float, and Rect x y where x and y are floats.
- Circle and Rect can be viewed as <u>functions</u> that construct values of type Shape:

#### Another example:

```
data Person = Person Name Gender Age
type Name = String
data Gender = Male | Female
type Age = Int
```

With just one constructor in a data type, often constructor is named the same as the type (cf. Person). Now we can do:

```
let x = Person "Jerry" Female 12
    y = Person "Tom" Male 12
in ...
```

Quiz: What are the types of the constructors Male and Person?

```
Male :: Gender
Person :: Name -> Gender -> Age -> Person
```

# Pattern Matching

name (Person n  $\_$  \_) = n

```
oldMan (Person _ Male a) | a > 100 = True
oldMan (Person _ _ _) = False
```

> let yoda = Person "Yoda" Male 999
 in oldMan yoda
True

> findPrsn "Tom"
 [Person "Yoda" Male 999, Person "Tom" Male 7]
Person "Tom" Male 7

### Parameterized Data Declarations

Not surprisingly, data declarations themselves can also have parameters. For example, given

we can define:

```
x = Pair 1 2
y = Pair "Howdy" 42
```

```
first :: Pair a b -> a
first (Pair x _) = x
```

```
apply :: (a \rightarrow a') \rightarrow (b \rightarrow b') \rightarrow Pair a b \rightarrow Pair a' b'
apply f g (Pair x y) = Pair (f x) (g y)
```

Another example:

Maybe type holds a value (of any type) or holds nothing

data Maybe a = Nothing | Just a

a is a type parameter, can be bound to any type

Just True :: Maybe Bool Just "x" :: Maybe [Char] Nothing :: Maybe a

we can define:

```
safehead :: [a] \rightarrow Maybe a
safehead [] = Nothing
safehead xs = Just (head xs)
```

# **Type Declarations**

A new name for an existing type can be defined using a <u>type declaration</u>.

Type declarations can be used to make other types easier to read. For example, given

type Pos = (Int,Int)
we can define: origin :: Pos
origin = (0,0)
left :: Pos  $\rightarrow$  Pos
left (x,y) = (x-1,y)

Like function definitions, type declarations can also have <u>parameters</u>. For example, given

type Pair 
$$a = (a,a)$$

we can define:

copy x = (x, x)

Type declarations can be nested:





However, they cannot be recursive:





## **Recursive** Data Types

New types can be declared in terms of themselves. That is, data types can be <u>recursive</u>.

data Nat = Zero | Succ Nat

Nat is a new type, with constructors Zero :: Nat and Succ :: Nat -> Nat.

A value of type Nat is either Zero, or of the form Succ n where n :: Nat. That is, Nat contains the following infinite sequence of values: Zero

Succ Zero

Succ (Succ Zero)

Example function:

#### Parameterized Recursive Data Types - Lists

- data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)
- sum :: List Int -> Int
  sum Nil = 0
  sum (Cons x xs) = x + sum xs

```
> sum Nil
```

- 0
- > sum (Cons 1 (Cons 2 (Cons 2 Nil)))
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#### Trees

A binary <u>Tree</u> is either <u>Tnil</u>, or a <u>Node</u> with a value of type <u>a</u> and two subtrees (of type <u>Tree a</u>)

data Tree a = Tnil | Node a (Tree a) (Tree a)

Find an element:

Compute the depth:

# **Arithmetic Expressions**

Consider a simple form of <u>expressions</u> built up from integers using addition and multiplication.



Using recursion, a suitable new type to represent such expressions can be declared by:

data Expr = Val Int | Add Expr Expr | Mul Expr Expr

For example, the expression on the previous slide would be represented as follows:

Add (Val 1) (Mul (Val 2) (Val 3))

Using recursion, it is now easy to define functions that process expressions. For example:

size :: Expr  $\rightarrow$  Int size (Val n) = 1size (Add x y) = size x + size ysize (Mul x y) = size x + size y eval :: Expr  $\rightarrow$  Int eval (Val n) = neval (Add x y) = eval x + eval y eval (Mul x y) = eval x \* eval y

#### Note:

The three constructors have types:

Val :: Int  $\rightarrow$  Expr Add :: Expr  $\rightarrow$  Expr  $\rightarrow$  Expr Mul :: Expr  $\rightarrow$  Expr  $\rightarrow$  Expr

Many functions on expressions can be defined by replacing the constructors by other functions using a suitable <u>fold</u> function. For example:

eval = fold id (+) (\*)

## **About Folds**

A fold operation for Trees:

How? Replace all <u>Thil</u> constructors with f, all <u>Node</u> constructors with g. Examples:

Exercise 1

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Exercise 2

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# Deriving

- Experimenting with the above definitions will give you many errors
- Data types come with no functionality by default, you cannot, e.g., compare for equality, print (show) values etc.
- Real definition of Bool

data Bool = False | True deriving (Eq, Ord, Enum, Read, Show, Bounded)

- A few standard type classes can be listed in a <u>deriving</u> clause
- Implementations for the necessary functions to make a data type an instance of those classes are generated by the compiler
- <u>deriving</u> can be considered a shortcut, we will discuss the general mechanism later

#### Exercises

- (1) Using recursion and the function add, define a function that <u>multiplies</u> two natural numbers.
- (2) Define a suitable function <u>fold</u> for expressions, and give a few examples of its use.
- (3) A binary tree is <u>complete</u> if the two sub-trees of every node are of equal size. Define a function that decides if a binary tree is complete.

# Outline

### Declaring Data Types

#### Class and Instance Declarations

# Type Classes

- A new class can be declared using the <u>class</u> construct
- Type classes are <u>classes</u> of types, thus not types themselves
- Example:
  - class Eq a where

x == y = not (x /= y)

- For a type a to be an instance of the class Eq, it must support equality and inequality operators of the specified types
- Definitions are given in an instance declaration
- A class can specify <u>default definitions</u>

### **Instance Declarations**

class Eq a where (==), (/=) :: a -> a -> Bool x /= y = not (x == y) x == y = not (x /= y)

Let us make Bool be a member of Eq

instance Eq Bool where

Due to the default definition, (/=) need not be defined
 <u>deriving Eq</u> would generate an equivalent definition

## Showable Weekdays

```
class Show a where
  show :: a -> String
Option 1:
data Weekday = Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun
               deriving Show
> map show [Mon, Tue, Wed]
["Mon", "Tue", "Wed"]
Option 2:
data Weekday = Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun
instance Show Weekday where
  show Mon = "Monday"
  show Tue = "Tuesday"
  . . .
> map show [Mon, Tue, Wed]
["Monday", "Tuesday", "Wednesday"]
```

### Parameterized Instance Declarations

Every list is showable if its elements are

instance Show a => Show [a] where
show [] = "[]"
show (x:xs) = "[" ++ show x ++ showRest xs
where showRest [] = "]"
showRest (x:xs) = "," ++ show x ++ showRest xs

Now this works:

> show [Mon, Tue, Wed]
"[Monday,Tuesday,Wednesday]"

Showable, Readable, and Comparable Weekdays data Weekday = Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun deriving (Show, Read, Eq, Ord, Bounded, Enum) \*Main> show Wed "Wed" \*Main> read "Fri" :: Weekday Fri \*Main> Sat == Sun False \*Main> Sat == Sat True \*Main> Mon < Tue True \*Main> Tue < Tue False \*Main> Wed `compare` Thu LT

#### Bounded and Enumerable Weekdays

```
data Weekday = Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun
deriving (Show, Read, Eq, Ord, Bounded, Enum)
```

```
*Main> minBound :: Weekday
Mon
*Main> maxBound :: Weekday
Sun
*Main> succ Mon
Tue
*Main> pred Fri
Thu
*Main> [Fri .. Sun]
[Fri,Sat,Sun]
*Main> [minBound .. maxBound] :: [Weekday]
[Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun]
```