



# Polymorphic types

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## Plan



- polymorphic lists
- polymorphic functions
- implicit arguments
- induction on polymorphic lists
- polymorphic trees, products, options
- higher-order functions

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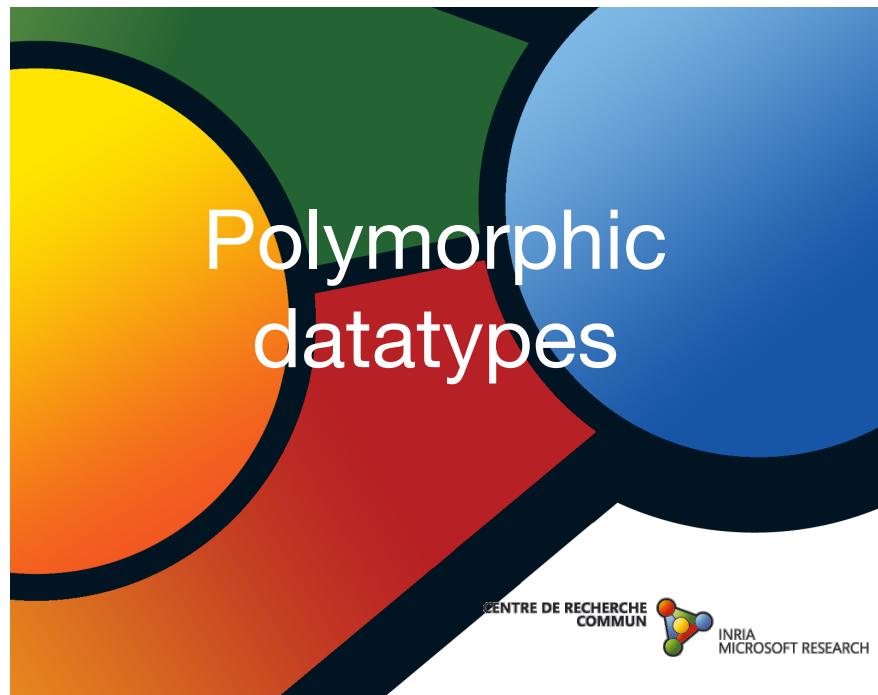
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- Testing
- Static analysis
- Formal methods



## Polymorphic lists (1/5)

lists of any type  $X$ .

```
Inductive list (X:Type) : Type :=
| nil : list X
| cons : X -> list X -> list X.
```



[Exercice 14](#) Check `list`, `nil`, `cons`.

[Exercice 15](#) Check `cons nat 1` (`cons nat 2` (`nil nat`)).

Definition `daylist` := `list (day)`.

Definition `natlist` := `list (nat)`.

Check `(cons day monday (cons day tuesday (nil day)))`.  
Check `(cons nat 2 (cons nat 3 (nil nat)))`.

Check `(cons _ monday (cons _ tuesday (nil _)))`.

## Polymorphic lists (2/5)

```
Fixpoint app (X:Type) (l1 l2 : list X) {struct l1}
: (list X) :=
match l1 with
| nil => l2
| cons h t => cons X h (app X t l2)
end.
```

[Exercice 16](#) Associativity of append. Etc..

```
Fixpoint rev (X:Type) (l:list X) {struct l} : list X :=
match l with
| nil => nil X
| cons h t => app X (rev X t) (cons X h (nil X))
end.
```

## Synthesizing arguments (1/4)

```
Fixpoint length (X:Type) (l:list X) {struct l} : nat :=
  match l with
  | nil => 0
  | cons h t => S (length _ t)
  end.

Example test_length2 :
  length _ (cons _ 1 (cons _ 2 (nil _))) = 2.
Proof. reflexivity. Qed.
```



## Synthesizing arguments (3/4)

```
Notation "x :: l" := (cons x l) (at level 60, right
associativity).

Notation "[ ]" := nil.

Notation "[ x , .. , y ]" := (cons x .. (cons y nil) ..).

Check 3 :: 4 :: nil.
Check monday :: tuesday :: nil.
Check [3, 4, 5].
```



## Synthesizing arguments (2/4)

```
Arguments nil [X].
Arguments cons [X] _ _.

Check cons 2 nil.
Check cons monday nil.
```

or simply with argument in braces at function definition.

```
Fixpoint length {X:Type} (l:list X) {struct l} : nat :=
  match l with
  | nil => 0
  | cons h t => S (length t)
  end.

Example test_length3 :
  length (cons 1 (cons 2 (nil))) = 2.
Proof. reflexivity. Qed.
```

@length is notation for function with all arguments.

## Synthesizing arguments (4/4)

Also decreasing argument is implicit when clear from definition.

```
Fixpoint length {X:Type} (l:list X) : nat :=
  match l with
  | nil => 0
  | cons h t => S (length t)
  end.
```

```
Fixpoint app {X : Type} (l1 l2 : list X) : (list X) :=
  match l1 with
  | nil => l2
  | cons h t => cons h (app t l2)
  end.
```

**Exercice 17** Write definition of *rev* with implicit arguments.

## Polymorphic lists (4/5)

Let iterative reverse be:

```
Fixpoint irev {X: Type} (l1 l2: list X) : list X :=
  match l1 with
  | [] => l2
  | v1 :: l1' => irev l1' (v1 :: l2)
end.
```

**Exercice 18** Show for any lists  $\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_1 ++ (\ell_2 ++ \ell_3) &= (\ell_1 ++ \ell_2) ++ \ell_3 \\ \text{length}(\ell_1 ++ \ell_2) &= (\text{length } \ell_1) + (\text{length } \ell_2) \\ \text{rev } \ell_1 &= \text{irev } \ell_1 [] \\ \ell ++ [] &= \ell \\ \text{rev}(\ell_1 ++ \ell_2) &= (\text{rev } \ell_2) ++ (\text{rev } \ell_1) \\ \text{rev}(\text{rev } \ell) &= \ell \\ \ell = \text{rev } \ell' &\Rightarrow \ell' = \text{rev } \ell\end{aligned}$$

## Polymorphic binary trees (2/2)

```
Lemma height_le_size : forall (X: Type) (t : binTree X),
  height t <= size t.
```

Proof.

```
intros X t. induction t as [| x t1 IHt1 t2 IHt2].
```

- reflexivity.

- simpl. apply Le.le\_n\_S.

apply Max.max\_case.

+ apply (Le.le\_trans \_ (size t1) \_).  
 apply IHt1. apply Plus.le\_plus\_l.  
+ apply (Le.le\_trans \_ (size t2) \_).  
 apply IHt2. apply Plus.le\_plus\_r.

Qed.

## Polymorphic binary trees (1/2)

```
Inductive binTree (X : Type) :=
| leaf : X -> binTree X
| node : X -> binTree X -> binTree X.
```

```
Fixpoint count_leaves {X: Type} (t : binTree X) :=
  match t with
  | leaf _ => 1
  | node _ t1 t2 => (count_leaves t1) + (count_leaves t2)
end.
```

## Polymorphic Option and Product

A polymorphic non recursive **option** type:

```
Inductive option (X : Type) : Type :=
  Some : X -> option X | None : option X
```

Use it for **default value**:

```
Fixpoint last {X : Type} (l : list X) : option X :=
  match l with
  | [] => None
  | v :: nil => Some v
  | _ :: l' => last l'
end.
```

We also define polymorphic **product**.

```
Inductive prod {X Y : Type} : Type :=
  pair : X -> Y -> prod X Y
```

The notation  $X * Y$  denotes  $(\text{prod } X Y)$ .

The notation  $(x, y)$  denotes  $(\text{pair } x y)$  (implicit argument).

## Higher order functions

```
Fixpoint map{X Y: Type}(f : X->Y) (l : list X){struct l}: list Y :=
  match l with
  | [] => []
  | x :: l' => (f x) :: map f l'
  end.
```

```
Example map_negb : map negb [true, false] = [false, true].
Example map_next_weekday :
  map next_weekday [monday, friday] = [tuesday, monday].
```

**Exercice 19** Show

$$\text{map } f (\text{rev } \ell) = \text{rev}(\text{map } f \ell)$$

$$\text{map } f (\ell_1 ++ \ell_2) = (\text{map } f \ell_1) ++ (\text{map } f \ell_2)$$