

# Datatypes in PLC [Sect. 4.4]

- define a suitable PLC type for the data
- define suitable PLC expressions for values & operations on the data
- show PLC expressions have correct typings & computational behaviour

Example : finite lists [ p 48 → ]

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Notation :

empty list :  $\text{Nil} \in A^*$

cons :  $\frac{x \in A \quad l \in A^*}{x :: l \in A^*}$

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For each  $\ell \in A^*$   $x', f \mapsto listIter\ x'\ f$   
is a function  $B \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B$   
which is "polymorphic" in  $B$  (&  $A$ )

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FACT Given a closed PLC type  $\tau$

{ closed  $\beta$ -normal forms of type  $\tau$  list }

$\cong$

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$nil \leftrightarrow \beta NF (Nil \tau)$

$N_1 :: nil \leftrightarrow \beta NF (Cons \tau (N_1 (Nil \tau)))$

$N_2 :: N_1 :: nil \leftrightarrow \beta NF (Cons \tau (N_2 (Cons \tau (N_1 (Nil \tau))))))$

etc

# "Algebraic" data types in ML

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types  $\tau_1 \dots \tau_m$  built up from  
 $\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n$  and the type  $(\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n)$  alg  
using unit,  $- * -$  & previously  
declared alg. datatypes

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Eg.

datatype bool = T of unit | F of unit

datatype  $\alpha$  list = Nil of unit |

Cons of  $\alpha * \alpha$  list

E.g. of a non-algebraic ML datatype

datatype nTree = Leaf  
| Node of (nat  $\rightarrow$  nTree)

[Fig.5, p50]

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# Standard ML signatures and structures

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    type 'a queue
    exception Empty
    val empty : 'a queue
    val insert : 'a * 'a queue -> 'a queue
    val remove : 'a queue -> 'a * 'a queue
  end
```

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structure Queue =
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    exception Empty
    val empty = (nil, nil)
    fun insert (f, (front, back)) = (f::front, back)
    fun remove (nil, nil) = raise Empty
      | remove (front, nil) = remove (nil, rev front)
      | remove (front, b::back) = (b, (front, back))
  end
```

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Reduction

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$$M'[\tau'/\alpha, M/x]$$

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These definitions satisfy the typing and reduction rules on the previous slide (exercise).