List Processing in SML

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Consing Elements into Lists

```
- val nums = 9 :: 4 :: 7 :: [];
val nums = [9,4,7] : int list

- 5 :: nums;
val it = [5,9,4,7] : int list

- nums;
val it = [9,4,7] : int list (* nums is unchanged *)

- (1+2) :: (3*4) :: (5-6) :: [];
val it = [3,12,~1] : int list

- [1+2, 3*4, 5-6];
val it = [3,12,~1] : int list

- [1=2, 3 < 4, false];
val it = [false,true,false] : bool list

- ["I", "do", String.substring ("note",0,3), "li" ^ "ke"];
val it = ["I","do","not","like"] : string list

- [(#"a", 8), (#"z", 5)];
val it = [(#"a",8),(#"z",5)] : (char * int) list

- [[7,2,5], [6], 9::[3,4]];
val it = [[7,2,5],[6],[9,3,4]] : int list list
```


SML lists are homogeneous

Unlike in Racket & Python, all elements of an SML list must have the same type.

```
- 1 :: [2,3,4];
val it = [1,2,3,4] : int list

- op:: (1, [2,3,4]);  (* op:: is prefix version of infix :: *)
val it = [1,2,3,4] : int list

-op:: ;
val it = fn : 'a * 'a list -> 'a list

- "a" :: [1,2,3];
stdIn:1.1-8.3 Error: operator and operand don't agree [literal]
  operator domain: string * string list
  operand:         string * int list
  in expression:
  "a" :: 1 :: 2 :: 3 :: nil

-[1,2] :: [3,4,5];
stdIn:9.1-9.17 Error: operator and operand don't agree [literal]
  operator domain: int list * int list list
  operand:         int list * int list
  in expression:
    (1 :: 2 :: nil) :: 3 :: 4 :: 5 :: nil
```


Tuples vs. Lists

Tuples are heterogeneous fixed-length product types:

```
- (1+2, 3=4, "foo" ^ "bar",  String.sub ("baz", 2));
val it = (3,false,"foobar",#"z") : int * bool * string * char
```

Tuples are homogeneous variable-length product types:

```
- [1, 2+3, 4*5, 6-7, 8 mod 3];
val it = [1,5,20,~1,2] : int list

- [1=2, 3<4];
val it = [false,true] : bool list

- ["foo", "bar" ^ "baz", String.substring ("abcdefg", 2, 3)];
val it = ["foo","barbaz","cde"] : string list

- [#"a", String.sub("baz", 2), chr(100)];
- val it = [#"a",#"z",#"d"] : char list
```

Some Simple List Operations

```
- List.length [7,3,6,1];
val it = 4 : int

- List.hd [7,3,6,1];
val it = 7 : int

- List.tl [7,3,6,1];
val it = [3,6,1] : int list

- List.take ([7,3,6,1],2);
val it = [7,3] : int list

- List.take ([7,3,6,1],3);
val it = [7,3,6] : int list

- List.drop ([7,3,6,1],2);
val it = [6,1] : int list

- List.drop ([7,3,6,1],3);
val it = [1] : int list

- List.nth ([7,3,6,1],0);
val it = 7 : int

- List.nth ([7,3,6,1],1);
val it = 3 : int

- List.nth ([7,3,6,1],2);
val it = 6 : int

- List.null [7,3,6,1];
val it = false : bool

- List.null [];
val it = true : bool

- [7,3,6,1] = [];
val it = false : bool

- List.rev [7,3,6,1];
val it = [1,6,3,7] : int list
```

use pattern matching instead

```
(* An API for all SMLNJ List operations can be found at:
http://www.standardml.org/Basis/list.html *)
```


Appending Lists

```
- [7,2] @ [8,1,6];
val it = [7,2,8,1,6] : int list

- [7,2] @ [8,1,6] @ [9] @ [];
val it = [7,2,8,1,6,9] : int list

(* Appending is different than consing! *)
- [7,2] :: [8,1,6] :: [9] :: [];
val it = [[7,2],[8,1,6],[9]] : int list list

- op::; (* prefix cons function *)
val it = fn : 'a * 'a list -> 'a list

- op@; (* prefix append function *)
val it = fn : 'a list * 'a list -> 'a list

(* List.concat appends all elts in a list of lists *)
- List.concat [[7,2],[8,1,6],[9]];
val it = [7,2,8,1,6,9] : int list

- List.concat;
val it = fn : 'a list list -> 'a list
```


Pattern Matching on Lists

```
(* matchtest : (int * int) list -> (int * int) list *)
fun matchtest xs =
  case xs of
    [] => []
  | [(a,b)] => [(b,a)]
  | (a,b) :: (c,d) :: zs => (a+c,b*d) :: (c,d) :: zs
```

```
- matchtest [];
val it = [] : (int * int) list

- matchtest [(1,2)];
val it = [(2,1)] : (int * int) list

- matchtest [(1,2),(3,4)];
val it = [(4,8),(3,4)] : (int * int) list

- matchtest [(1,2),(3,4),(5,6)];
val it = [(4,8),(3,4),(5,6)] : (int * int) list
```


Other Pattern-Matching Notations

```
fun matchtest2 xs =
  case xs of
    [] => []
  | [(a,b)] => [(b,a)]
  | (a,b) :: (ys as ((c,d) :: zs)) => (a+c,b*d) :: ys
    (* subpatterns can be named with "as" *)
```

```
fun matchtest3 [] = []
  | matchtest3 [(a,b)] = [(b,a)]
  | matchtest3 ((a,b) :: (ys as ((c,d) :: zs)))
      (* parens around pattern necessary above *)
    = (a+c,b*d) :: ys
```

List Accumulation

```
(* Recursively sum a list of integers *)
(* sumListRec : int list -> int *)
fun sumListRec [] = 0
  | sumListRec (x::xs) = x + (sumListRec xs)
```

```
- sumListRec [];
val it = 0 : int

- sumListRec [5,2,4];
val it = 11 : int
```

```
(* Iterative (tail-recursive) summation *)
fun sumListIter xs =
  let fun loop [] sum = sum
        | loop (y::ys) sum = loop ys (y + sum)
  in loop xs 0
  end
```

```
- sumListIter [5,2,4];
val it = 11 : int
```


Instance of the Mapping Idiom

```
(* incList : int list -> int list *)
fun incList [] = []
  | incList (x::xs) = (x+1) :: (incList xs)
```

```
- incList [5,2,4];
val it = [6,3,5] : int list

- incList [];
val it = [] : int list
```


Abstracting Over the Mapping Idiom

```
(* myMap : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a list -> 'b list *)
fun myMap f [] = []
  | myMap f (x::xs) = (f x)::(myMap f xs)
```

```
- myMap (fn x => x + 1) [5,2,4];
val it = [6,3,5] : int list

- myMap (fn y => y * 2) [5,2,4];
val it = [10,4,8] : int list

- myMap (fn z => z > 3) [5,2,4];
val it = [true,false,true] : bool list

- myMap (fn a => (a, (a mod 2) = 0)) [5,2,4];
val it = [(5,false),(2,true),(4,true)] : (int * bool) list

- myMap (fn s => s ^ "side") ["in", "out", "under"];
val it = ["inside", "outside", "underside"] : string list

- myMap (fn xs => 6::xs) [[7,2],[3],[8,4,5]];
val it = [[6,7,2],[6,3],[6,8,4,5]] : int list list

(* SML/NJ supplies map at top-level and as List.map *)
```


Cartesian Products of Lists

```
(* 'a list -> 'b list -> ('a * 'b) list *)
fun listProd xs ys =
  List.concat (List.map (fn x => List.map (fn y => (x,y))
                                          ys)
                        xs))
```

```
- listProd ["a", "b"] [1,2,3];
val it = [("a",1),("a",2),("a",3),("b",1),("b",2),("b",3)]

- listProd [1,2,3] ["a", "b"];
val it = [(1,"a"),(1,"b"),(2,"a"),(2,"b"),(3,"a"),(3,"b")]
```

Zipping: A Different Kind of List Product

```
(* 'a list * 'b list -> ('a * 'b) list *)
- ListPair.zip (["a","b","c"],[1,2,3,4]);
val it = [("a",1),("b",2),("c",3)] : (string * int) list

(*  ('a * 'b) list -> 'a list * 'b list *)
- ListPair.unzip [("a",1),("b",2),("c",3)];
val it = (["a","b","c"],[1,2,3]) : string list * int list
```

```
(* An API for all SMLNJ ListPair operations can be found at:
http://www.standardml.org/Basis/list-pair.html *)
```


Instance of the Filtering Idiom

```
fun filterPos [] = []
  | filterPos (x::xs) =
      if x > 0
      then x::(filterPos xs)
      else filterPos xs
```

```
- filterPos [3, ~7, ~6, 8, 5];
val it = [3,8,5] : int list

- filterPos [];
val it = [] : int list
```


Abstracting over the Filtering Idiom

```
(* myFilter : ('a -> bool) -> 'a list -> 'a list *)
fun myFilter pred [] = []
  | myFilter pred (x::xs) =
      if (pred x) then
        x :: (myFilter pred xs)
      else
        (myFilter pred xs)
```

```
- myFilter (fn x => x > 0) [3, ~7, ~6, 8, 5];
val it = [3,8,5] : int list

- myFilter (fn y => (y mod 2) = 0) [5,2,4,1];
val it = [2,4] : int list

- myFilter (fn s => (String.size s) <= 3)
=    ["I","do","not","like","green","eggs","and","ham"];
val it =["I","do","not","like","and","ham"] : string list

- myFilter (fn xs => (sumListRec xs > 10)) [[7,2],[3],[8,4,5]];
val it = [[8,4,5]] : int list list

(* SML/NJ supplies this function as List.filter *)
```


Some Other Higher-Order List Ops

```
(* List.partition : ('a -> bool) -> 'a list -> 'a list * 'a list
   splits a list into two: those elements that satisfy the
   predicate, and those that don't *)
- List.partition (fn x => x > 0) [3, ~7, ~6, 8, 5];
val it = ([3,8,5],[~7,~6]) : int list * int list

- List.partition (fn y => (y mod 2) = 0) [5,2,4,1];
val it = ([2,4],[5,1]) : int list * int list

(* List.all : ('a -> bool) -> 'a list -> bool returns true iff
   the predicate is true for all elements in the list.  *)
- List.all (fn x => x > 0) [5,2,4,1];
val it = true : bool

- List.all (fn y => (y mod 2) = 0) [5,2,4,1];
val it = false : bool

(* List.exists : ('a -> bool) -> 'a list -> bool returns true iff
   the predicate is true for at least one element in the list.  *)
- List.exists (fn y => (y mod 2) = 0) [5,2,4,1];
val it = true : bool

- List.exists (fn z => z < 0) [5,2,4,1];
val it = false : bool
```

foldr : The Mother of All List Recursive Functions

```
- List.foldr;
val it = fn : ('a * 'b -> 'b) -> 'b -> 'a list -> 'b

- List.foldr (fn (x,y) => x + y) 0 [5,2,4];
val it = 11 : int

- List.foldr op+ 0 [5,2,4];
val it = 11 : int

- List.foldr (fn (x,y) => x * y) 1 [5,2,4];
val it = 40 : int

- List.foldr (fn (x,y) => x andalso y) true [true,false,true];
val it = false : bool

- List.foldr (fn (x,y) => x andalso y) true [true,true,true];
val it = true : bool

- List.foldr (fn (x,y) => x orelse y) false [true,false,true];
val it = true  : bool

- List.foldr (fn (x,y) => (x > 0) andalso y) true [5,2,4];
val it = true : bool

- List.foldr (fn (x,y) => (x < 0) orelse y) false [5,2,4];
val it = false  : bool
```