

CS320 - Scala Seminar

# Pattern Matching

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# Datatypes

- In many cases,
  - a single datatype contains multiple heterogenous shapes of values.
- For example, ...

# Natural Numbers

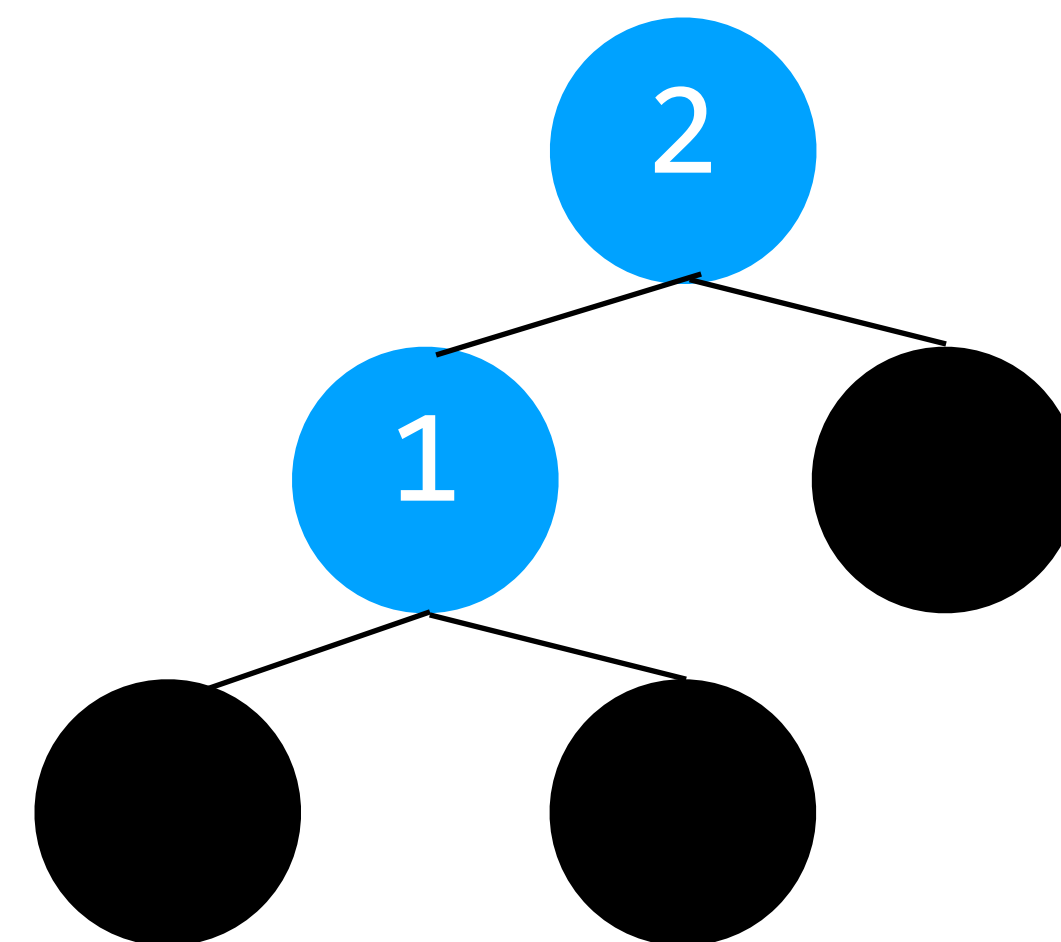
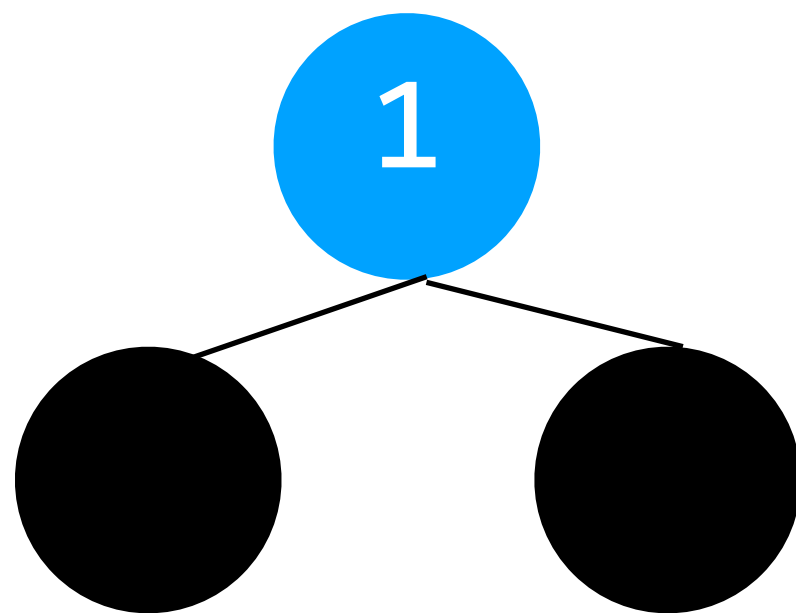
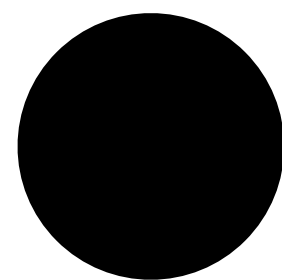
- A natural number is
  - zero, or
  - a successor of a natural number.
- $0, \quad 1 = S(0), \quad 2 = S(1) = S(S(0)), \quad \dots$

# Lists

- A list is
  - the empty list, or
  - a pair of an element and a list.
- `Nil`, `[1] = Cons(1, Nil)`, `[2, 1] = Cons(2, [1])`, ...

# Binary Trees

- A binary tree is
  - the empty tree, or
  - a triple of a root element and two child trees.



# Arithmetic Expressions

- An arithmetic expression is

- a number,

 $1$ 

- a sum of two arithmetic expressions,

 $1 + 2$ 

- a difference of two arithmetic expressions,

 $(1 + 2) * 1$ 

- a product of two arithmetic expressions, or

 $(1 + 2) * 1 - 3$ 

- a ratio of two arithmetic expressions.

# Arithmetic Expressions

- An arithmetic expression is, in general,
  - a number,
  - a pair of a unary operator and an arithmetic expression, or
  - a triple of a binary operator and two arithmetic expressions.

1

1 + 2

-(1 + 2)

-(1 + 2) \* 3

# Lambda Calculus

- An expression of lambda calculus (LC) is
  - a variable,
  - a lambda abstraction, which is a pair of a variable and an expression, or
  - a function application, which is a pair of two expressions.

 $x$  $\lambda x. x$  $\lambda x. x \lambda x. x$  $\lambda x. \lambda y. (x y)$



# Implementation

- In C,
  - we can use structs and unions.

```
struct ae {  
    int type; // 0 if number, 1 if unary operator, and 2 if binary operator  
    union {  
        int n;  
        char *op;  
        struct ae *e0, *e1;  
    } u;  
};
```

# Implementation

- In functional languages like OCaml and Haskell,
  - we can directly define such datatypes.

```
type ae =  
  | Num of int  
  | UnOp of string * ae  
  | BinOp of string * ae * ae
```

# Implementation

- In object-oriented languages,
  - we can use classes.

```
class AE
```

```
class Num(val n: Int) extends AE
```

```
class UnOp(val op: String, val e: AE) extends AE
```

```
class BinOp(val op: String, val e0: AE, val e1: AE)  
  extends AE
```

# Playing with AE

```
class AE
```

```
class Num(val n: Int) extends AE
```

```
class UnOp(val op: String, val e: AE) extends AE
```

```
class BinOp(val op: String, val e0: AE, val e1: AE) extends AE
```

```
new Num(1): AE
```

```
new UnOp("-", new Num(2)): AE
```

```
new BinOp("+", new Num(1), new UnOp("-", new Num(2))): AE
```

# Playing with AE

```
class AE
```

```
class Num(val n: Int) extends AE
```

```
class UnOp(val op: String, val e: AE) extends AE
```

```
class BinOp(val op: String, val e0: AE, val e1: AE) extends AE
```

```
new AE: AE
```

- What does "new AE" represent?

# Traits

- We need to prevent the creation of an instance of AE itself.

```
trait AE
```

```
class Num(val n: Int) extends AE
```

```
class UnOp(val op: String, val e: AE) extends AE
```

```
class BinOp(val op: String, val e0: AE, val e1: AE) extends AE
```

```
new AE // trait AE is abstract; cannot be instantiated
```

# Interpreting AE

- Implement an interpreter for AE.
  - - (negation) is only available operator for UnOp.
  - + (addition) is only available operator for BinOp.
  - Returns a resulting integer if success; throws an exception otherwise.

```
trait AE
```

```
class Num(val n: Int) extends AE
```

```
class UnOp(val op: String, val e: AE) extends AE
```

```
class BinOp(val op: String, val e0: AE, val e1: AE) extends AE
```

# Interpreting AE

```
def interpret(e: AE): Int = {  
  if (...) // e is Num  
    e.n  
  else if (...) // e is UnOp and e.op is "-"  
    -interpret(e.e)  
  else if (...) // e is BinOp and e.op is "+"  
    interpret(e.e0) + interpret(e.e1)  
  else  
    throws new Exception  
}
```



# Interpreting AE

```
def interpret(e: AE): Int = {  
  if (e.isInstanceOf[Num])  
    e.asInstanceOf[Num].n  
  else if (e.isInstanceOf[UnOp] && e.asInstanceOf[UnOp].op == "-")  
    -interpret(e.asInstanceOf[UnOp].e)  
  else if (e.isInstanceOf[BinOp] && e.asInstanceOf[BinOp].op == "+")  
    interpret(e.asInstanceOf[BinOp].e0) +  
    interpret(e.asInstanceOf[BinOp].e1)  
  else  
    throws new Exception  
}
```

# Interpreting AE

- Dynamic type checking and casting via `isInstanceOf` and `asInstanceOf`
  - harm readability of code,
  - are verbose, and
  - are error-prone.
- Is there any better solution?

# Method Overloading

- Can define more than one methods
  - of the same name
  - with different parameter types.
- A method is dispatched, i.e. selected, based on the types of arguments.

```
def println(n: Int): Unit = ...
```

```
def println(s: String): Unit = ...
```

```
println(1); println("1")
```

# Interpreting AE

- Can method overloading be a solution?

```
def interpret(e: Num): Int = e.n
```

```
interpret(new Num(2))
```

# Interpreting AE

- Can method overloading be a solution?

```
def interpret(e: UnOp): Int =  
  if (e.op == "-") -interpret(e.e) else throw new Exception
```

```
def interpret(e: BinOp): Int =  
  if (e.op == "+") interpret(e.e0) + interpret(e.e1)  
  else throw new Exception
```

# Interpreting AE

- Can method overloading be a solution?

```
def interpret(e: UnOp): Int =  
  if (e.op == "-") -interpret(e.e) else throw new Exception
```

```
error: type mismatch; found: AE; required: UnOp
```

# Interpreting AE

- Can method overloading be a solution?

```
def interpret(e: BinOp): Int =  
  if (e.op == "+") interpret(e.e0) + interpret(e.e1)  
  else throw new Exception
```

error: type mismatch; found: AE; required: BinOp

# Method Overloading

- Method overloading is not a solution!
- A method is dispatched based on the "compile-time" types of arguments.
- Multiple dispatch is a semantics, which check the "run-time" types of arguments.
  - Most object-oriented languages do not use this semantics.



# Visitor Pattern

- Actually, there is a solution in object-oriented style.
- You can use a visitor pattern.
- `en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Visitor_pattern`
- It does work but is verbose and requires a lot of boilerplate code.
- Today, we will try a more beautiful solution.

# Pattern Matching

- In functional languages like OCaml and Haskell,
  - we can use pattern matching.

```
let rec interpret e =  
  match e with  
  | Num n -> n  
  | UnOp ("-", e0) -> -(interpret e0)  
  | BinOp ("+", e0, e1) -> (interpret e0) + (interpret e1)  
  | _ -> raise Exception
```

# Pattern Matching

- In Scala,
  - we can use pattern matching for types defined by classes.

```
def interpret(e: AE): Int = e match {  
  case Num(n) => n  
  case UnOp(op, e0) =>  
    if (op == "-") -interpret(e0) else throw new Exception  
  case BinOp(op, e0, e1) =>  
    if (op == "+") interpret(e0) + interpret(e1)  
    else throw new Exception  
}
```

# Pattern Matching

- In Scala,
  - we can use pattern matching for types defined by classes.

error: not found: value UnOp

error: not found: value UnOp

error: not found: value BinOp

- To use pattern matching, use case classes.

# Case Classes

```
trait AE
```

```
case class Num(n: Int) extends AE
```

```
case class UnOp(op: String, e: AE) extends AE
```

```
case class BinOp(op: String, e0: AE, e1: AE) extends AE
```

- Allow pattern matching.
- Do not require "new" when one create a new instance.
- Class parameters become fields automatically.
- The toString, equals, and hashCode methods are given.

# Pattern Matching

```
def interpret(e: AE): Int = e match {  
  case Num(n) => n  
  case UnOp(op, e0) =>  
    if (op == "-") -interpret(e0) else throw new Exception  
  case BinOp(op, e0, e1) =>  
    if (op == "+") interpret(e0) + interpret(e1)  
    else throw new Exception  
}
```

# Pattern Matching

- Why pattern matching?
  - Is concise—no explicit type checking and casting.

# Match Errors

```
def interpret(e: AE): Int = e match {  
  case UnOp(op, e0) =>  
    if (op == "-") -interpret(e0) else throw new Exception  
  case BinOp(op, e0, e1) =>  
    if (op == "+") interpret(e0) + interpret(e1)  
    else throw new Exception  
}  
  
interpret(Num(3)) // MatchError: Num(3) (of class Num)
```



# Checking Exhaustivity

```
sealed trait AE
```

```
case class Num(n: Int) extends AE
```

```
case class UnOp(op: String, e: AE) extends AE
```

```
case class BinOp(op: String, e0: AE, e1: AE) extends AE
```

- The "`sealed`" keyword makes classes or traits not extendable in different files.
- The compiler can check the exhaustivity of pattern matching.

# Checking Exhaustivity

```
def interpret(e: AE): Int = e match {  
  case UnOp(op, e0) =>  
    if (op == "-") -interpret(e0) else throw new Exception  
  case BinOp(op, e0, e1) =>  
    if (op == "+") interpret(e0) + interpret(e1)  
    else throw new Exception  
}
```

warning: match may not be exhaustive.

It would fail on the following input: Num(\_)

# Pattern Matching

- Why pattern matching?
  - Is concise—no explicit type checking and casting.
  - Checks exhaustivity of patterns.

# Wildcard and Constant Patterns

```
def grade(score: Int): String = {  
  (score / 10) match {  
    case 10 => "A"  
    case 9  => "A"  
    case 8  => "B"  
    case 7  => "C"  
    case 6  => "D"  
    case _  => "F"  
  }  
}  
  
String grade(int score) {  
  switch (score / 10) {  
    case 10: return "A";  
    case 9:  return "A";  
    case 8:  return "B";  
    case 7:  return "C";  
    case 6:  return "D";  
    default: return "F";  
  }  
}
```

# Or Patterns

```
def grade(score: Int): String = {
  (score / 10) match {
    case 10 | 9 => "A"
    case 8 => "B"
    case 7 => "C"
    case 6 => "D"
    case _ => "F"
  }
}

String grade(int score) {
  switch (score / 10) {
    case 10:
    case 9: return "A";
    case 8: return "B";
    case 7: return "C";
    case 6: return "D";
    default: return "F";
  }
}
```

# Nested Patterns

```
def interpret(e: AE): Int = e match {  
  case Num(n) => n  
  case UnOp("-", e0) => -interpret(e0)  
  case BinOp("+", e0, e1) => interpret(e0) + interpret(e1)  
  case _ => throw new Exception  
}
```

# Optimizer for AE

```
def optimizeAdd(e: AE): AE = e match {  
  case Num(_) => e  
  case UnOp(op, e0) => UnOp(op, optimizeAdd(e0))  
  case BinOp("+", Num(0), e1) => optimizeAdd(e1)  
  case BinOp("+", e0, Num(0)) => optimizeAdd(e0)  
  case BinOp(op, e0, e1) =>  
    BinOp(optimizeAdd(e0), optimizeAdd(e1))  
}
```

# Optimizer for AE

```
def optimizeNeg(e: AE): AE = e match {  
  case Num(_) => e  
  case UnOp("-", UnOp("-", e0)) => e0  
  case UnOp(op, e0) => UnOp(op, optimizeNeg(e0))  
  case BinOp(op, e0, e1) =>  
    BinOp(op, optimizeNeg(e0), optimizeNeg(e1))  
}
```



# Optimizer for AE

```
def optimizeAbs(e: AE): AE = e match {  
  case Num(_) => e  
  case UnOp("abs", e0 @ UnOp("abs", _)) => optimizeAbs(e0)  
  case UnOp(op, e0) => UnOp(op, optimizeAbs(e0))  
  case BinOp(op, e0, e1) =>  
    BinOp(op, optimizeAbs(e0), optimizeAbs(e1))  
}
```

# Pattern Matching

- Why pattern matching?
  - Is concise—no explicit type checking and casting.
  - Checks exhaustivity of patterns.
  - Handles complex cases—wildcard and nested patterns.

# Unreachable Patterns

```
def optimizeNeg(e: AE): AE = e match {  
  case Num(_) => e  
  case UnOp(op, e0) => UnOp(op, optimizeNeg(e0))  
  case UnOp("-", UnOp("-", e0)) => e0  
  case BinOp(op, e0, e1) =>  
    BinOp(op, optimizeNeg(e0), optimizeNeg(e1))  
}
```

warning: unreachable code

# Pattern Matching

- Why pattern matching?
  - Is concise—no explicit type checking and casting.
  - Checks exhaustivity of patterns.
  - Handles complex cases—wildcard and nested patterns.
  - Checks the existence of unreachable patterns.

# Type Patterns

```
def optimizeNeg(e: AE): AE = e match {  
  case _: Num => e  
  case UnOp("-", UnOp("-", e0)) => e0  
  case UnOp(op, e0) => UnOp(op, optimizeNeg(e0))  
  case BinOp(op, e0, e1) =>  
    BinOp(op, optimizeNeg(e0), optimizeNeg(e1))  
}
```

# Type Patterns

```
def typeOf(a: Any): String = {  
  a match {  
    case n: Int => n + " is Int"  
    case s: String => s + " is String"  
    case _ => "I don't know! T.T"  
  }  
}
```

# Tuple Patterns

```
sealed trait IList
case object INil extends IList
case class ICons(head: Int, tail: IList) extends IList

def equal_list(l0: IList, l1: IList): Boolean = {
  (l0, l1) match {
    case (ICons(h0, t0), ICons(h1, t1)) => h0 == h1 && equal_list(t0, t1)
    case (INil, INil) => true
    case _ => false
  }
}
```

# Variable Declarations

```
val (n, m) = (1, 2)
```

```
val (a, b, c) = ("a", "b", "c")
```

```
val hd :: tl = List(1, 2, 3, 4)
```

```
val BinOp(op, e0, e1) = BinOp("+", Num(1), Num(2))
```



# Anonymous Functions

```
val names = List("Jaemin", "Sukyoung", "Joonyoung", "Jihyeok")
```

```
names.zipWithIndex.foreach(  
  p => println((p._2 + 1) + ". " + p._1)  
)
```

```
names.zipWithIndex.foreach(p => p match {  
  case (name, ind) => println((ind + 1) + ". " + name)  
})
```

# Anonymous Functions

```
val names = List("Jaemin", "Sukyoung", "Joonyoung", "Jihyeok")
```

```
names.zipWithIndex.foreach(p => p match {  
  case (name, ind) => println((ind + 1) + ". " + name)  
})
```

```
names.zipWithIndex.foreach {  
  case (name, ind) => println((ind + 1) + ". " + name)  
}
```

# for Loops

```
names.zipWithIndex.foreach(  
  p => println((p._2 + 1) + ". " + p._1)  
)
```

```
for (p <- names.zipWithIndex)  
  println((p._2 + 1) + ". " + p._1)
```

```
for ((name, ind) <- names.zipWithIndex)  
  println((ind + 1) + ". " + name)
```

# Command Line Arguments

```
def main(args: Array[String]): Unit =  
  if (args.length == 2) {  
    val from = args(0)  
    val buf = read(from)  
    val to = args(1)  
    write(buf, to)  
  } else  
    println("usage: scala Copier.scala [from] [to]")
```

# Sequence Patterns

```
def main(args: Array[String]): Unit =  
  args match {  
    case Array(from, to) =>  
      val buf = read(from)  
      write(buf, to)  
    case _ =>  
      println("usage: scala Copier.scala [from] [to]")  
  }
```

# Binary Search Trees

```
sealed trait BinTree
```

```
case object Empty extends BinTree
```

```
case class Node(n: Int, t0: BinTree, t1: BinTree) extends BinTree
```

# Binary Search Trees

```
def add(t: BinTree, n: Int): BinTree =  
  t match {  
    case Empty => Node(n, Empty, Empty)  
    case Node(m, t0, t1) =>  
      if (n < m) Node(m, add(t0, n), t1)  
      else if (n > m) Node(m, t0, add(t1, n))  
      else t  
  }
```

# Pattern Guards

```
def add(t: BinTree, n: Int): BinTree =  
  t match {  
    case Empty => Node(n, Empty, Empty)  
    case Node(m, t0, t1) if n < m => Node(m, add(t0, n), t1)  
    case Node(m, t0, t1) if n > m => Node(m, t0, add(t1, n))  
    case _ => t  
  }
```



# Binary Search Trees

```
def remove(t: BinTree, n: Int): BinTree =  
  t match {  
    case Empty => Empty  
    ...
```

# Binary Search Trees

```
def remove(t: BinTree, n: Int): BinTree =  
  t match {  
    ...  
    case Node(m, t0, Empty) if n == m =>  
      t0  
    case Node(m, t0, t1: Node) if n == m =>  
      val (min, t2) = removeMin(t1)  
      Node(min, t0, t2)  
    ...
```

# Using Back Ticks

```
def remove(t: BinTree, n: Int): BinTree =  
  t match {  
    ...  
    case Node(`n`, t0, Empty) =>  
      t0  
    case Node(`n`, t0, t1: Node) =>  
      val (min, t2) = removeMin(t1)  
      Node(min, t0, t2)  
    ...
```

# Binary Search Trees

```
def remove(t: BinTree, n: Int): BinTree =  
  t match {  
    ...  
    case Node(m, t0, t1) if n < m =>  
      Node(m, remove(t0, n), t1)  
    case Node(m, t0, t1) if n > m =>  
      Node(m, t0, remove(t1, n))  
  }
```

# Summary

- In many cases, a single datatype contains heterogenous shapes of values.
- One can implement such types via sealed trait and case classes/objects.
- Pattern matching treats values of such types effectively.
  - Is concise and safe.
  - Resolves complex cases through nested patterns.
  - Checks the exhaustivity and reachability of patterns.