## Collections of things: Tuples and Lists

A first taste!

## **Tuples**

```
examplePair :: (Double, Bool)
examplePair = (3.14 , False)

exampleTriple :: (Bool, Int, String)
exampleTriple = (False, 42, "Answer")

exampleFunction :: (Bool, Int, String) -> Bool
exampleFunction (b, i, s) = not b && length s < i</pre>
```

#### Lists

- The "duct tape" of functional programming
- Collections of things of the same type.
  - Two lists of the same type may have different number of elements
- For any type x, [x] is the type of lists of x's
  - $\ \ \text{e.g.} \ [\text{Bool}] \ \text{is the type of lists of Bool}$

### Lists

- The values in [A] are either of the form
  - -[], the empty list (also called nil)
- x:xs where x has type A and xs has type [A].



· Which of these are in [Bool]?

True: [] True: False False: (False: [])

#### List shorthands

 The following are all equivalent ways of writing the list 1:(2:(3:[]))

```
1:2:3:[]
[1,2,3]
[1..3]
```

 The third is a bit special – it is really a shorthand for an expression which builds the list. Other examples: ['a'..'z'] and [1..]

#### Functions over lists

 Functions over lists can be defined using pattern matching. E.g.,

```
summerize :: [String] -> String
summerize [] = "None"
summerize [x] = "Only " ++ x
summerize _ = "Several things."
The "don't care" pattern
```

#### Functions over lists

Primitive recursion is the most common form:

```
doubles :: [Integer] -> [Integer]
-- doubles [3,6,12] = [6,12,24]
doubles [] = ...
doubles (x:xs) = ...
```

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```
doubles :: [Integer] -> [Integer]
  -- doubles [3,6,12] = [6,12,24]
doubles [] = []
doubles (x:xs) = (2*x) : doubles xs
```

 Would not write it in this way – it is such a common pattern that we define a general function

map

```
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```

Note: map is part of the standard Prelude - does not need to be defined

### filter

Produce a list by removing all elements which do not have a certain property from a given list:

e.g. filter even [1..9] gives [2,4,6,8]

## List comprehensions

 An alternative notation with the power of map and filter is list comprehensions

```
Prelude> [2*n | n<- [10..12] ]
[20,22,24]
Prelude> the list of "2*n", where n is taken from the list of integers in the range 10 to 12
```

Based on set-theory notation; used in earlier functional languages (Hope, KRC). Popularised by Python.

# List comprehensions

• [3\*n | n<-[10..12], even n]

"the list of all 3\*n, where n is taken from the list of integers from 10 to 12, and n is even".

- equivalent to:

filter even  $[3*n \mid n \leftarrow [10..12]]$ map  $(3*) [n \mid n \leftarrow [10..12]$ , even n] map (3\*) (filter even [10..12])

### Further example

• This example has multiple "generators"

 Note that a generator can be any listproducing expression (of appropriate type), not just [a..b]-expressions.