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# Types, Part II

Programming Languages  
CS 214

# Review

Recall: A type consists of *data* and *operations*.

The set constructors:

- \_\_\_\_\_ is the basis for *aggregates*;
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the basis for *operations*; and
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the basis for *sequences*.

These three provide a formal way to construct types:

- Use the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to represent the \_\_\_\_\_;
- Use the \_\_\_\_\_ constructor to represent the \_\_\_\_\_ on the type.

# Declarations

- One purpose of types is to permit objects to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- A declaration states the \_\_\_\_\_ of an object (for the compiler).
  - Example: If an object’s value may vary, it is a \_\_\_\_\_; otherwise it is a \_\_\_\_\_.

## • Issue: Where may declarations occur?

- Many languages (Ada, C) restrict the location of declarations:  
`<ada-program> ::= procedure identifier ; <declaration-section> <block> ;`  
C++ and Lisp are unusual in allowing declarations “anywhere”...
- In Smalltalk they must appear near the start of a method or block:  
`<smalltalk-block> ::= [ <parameters> ‘|’ <identifiers> ‘|’ <expressions> ]`
- Lisp declarations are functions/expressions, and so are permitted anywhere an expression may occur.

# Constant Declarations

- Issue: How are constants distinguished from variables?

- Most imperative languages use a special keyword:

`<ada-const-dec> ::= identifier : constant <type> := <expression> ;`

```
PI : constant real := 3.14159;  
Mass, Energy : real;
```

- C++ is similar, but uses the keyword *const*, and in a prefix form.

```
const double PI = 3.14159;  
double mass, energy;
```

- Java is similar to C++, but uses the keyword *final*.

```
final double PI = 3.14159;  
double mass, energy;
```

- Lisp constants can be declared using the *defconst* function.

```
(defconst PI 3.14159)  
(defvar mass 0.0)
```

# Imperative Issue

- Fortran-family languages (e.g., Fortran, C/C++ and Java) declare variables using a form like this: \_\_\_\_\_; while Algol-family languages (e.g., Ada, Pascal, Modula-2) use a form like this: \_\_\_\_\_;

Which approach is preferable?

```
double mass, energy;
```

1. The compiler ‘knows’ the type when it get to the ids
2. Each id in the list can be separately initialized:

```
double mass = 1.0,  
       energy = 0.0;
```

```
mass, energy : real;
```

1. The compiler doesn’t ‘know’ the type as it processes the ids.
2. Each id must be initialized elsewhere (or else all ids are limited to the same value):

```
mass, energy : real := 0.0;
```



# Short-Circuit Operators

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ operators evaluate \_\_\_\_\_ operands.

By contrast:

- A \_\_\_\_\_ operator only evaluates its second operand if its first operand is *false*; and
- A \_\_\_\_\_ operator only evaluates its second operand if its first operand is *true*.

Short-circuit behavior is more time-efficient, and can be exploited in certain situations:

```
while (ptr != NULL && ptr->value != searchVal)
    ptr = ptr->next;
```

- If && were a logical-and instead of short-circuit-and, this condition would seg-fault when *searchVal* is not in the list...

# Modeling Real-World Values

Suppose we want to model the seven “\_\_\_\_\_”.

One approach:

```
const int RED=0, ORANGE=1, YELLOW=2, GREEN=3,  
        BLUE=4, INDIGO=5, VIOLET=6;  
int aColor = BLUE;
```

This approach requires the human to map colors to integers...

Instead:

```
enum Color { RED, ORANGE, YELLOW, GREEN,  
            BLUE, INDIGO, VIOLET } ;  
Color aColor = BLUE;
```

Most imperative languages support such *enumerations*...

Ada:

```
type Color = ( RED, ORANGE, YELLOW, GREEN,  
              BLUE, INDIGO, VIOLET ) ;  
aColor : Color := BLUE;
```

An enumeration is a type whose values are explicitly listed.

# Enumerations: Compiler Side

An enumeration's values must be valid *identifiers*:

and the compiler treats a declaration:

```
enum NewType { id0, id1, id2, ..., idN-1 };
```

as being (approximately) equivalent to:

```
const int id0 = 0, id1 = 1, id2 = 2, ..., idN-1 = N-1;
```

Thus, after processing

```
enum Color { RED, ORANGE, YELLOW, GREEN,  
            BLUE, INDIGO, VIOLET };
```

so far as the compiler is concerned:

```
RED == 0 && ORANGE == 1 && YELLOW == 2 && ... && VIOLET == 6
```

# Enumerations: User Side

Enumerations thus provide an automatic means of mapping:

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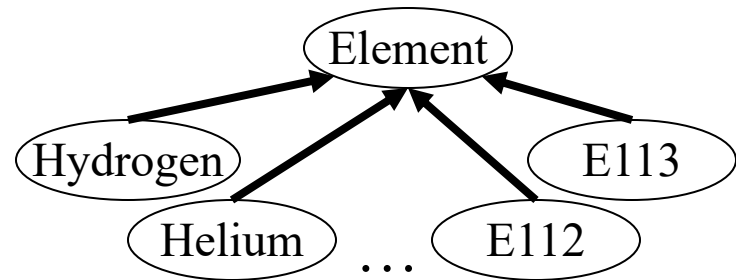
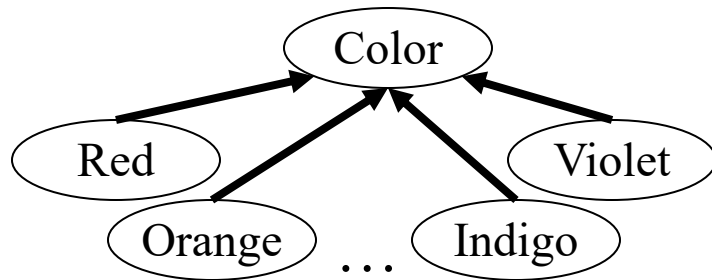
whose chief benefit is better program readability:

```
enum ElementName { HYDROGEN,  
                  HELIUM,  
                  ...  
                  };  
ElementName anElement;  
// ...  
switch (anElement) {  
    case HYDROGEN:  
        atomicNumber = 1; break;  
    case HELIUM:  
        atomicNumber = 2; break;  
    ...  
}
```

Enumerations allow real-world ‘values’ to be represented using real-world names, instead of (arbitrary) integer codes.

# Enumerations and OO

OO purists replace enums with \_\_\_\_\_:



This permits the creation of real-world \_\_\_\_\_:

```
// Smalltalk  
aColor := new Blue.
```

```
// Smalltalk  
anElement := new Helium.
```

as opposed to real-world \_\_\_\_\_ provided by an enumeration.

For this reason, “pure” OO languages like Smalltalk don’t provide an enumeration mechanism.

# Subranges

Many imperative languages let us declare a \_\_\_\_\_: a type whose values are a subset of an existing type's values.

```
// Ada
subtype TestScore is Integer range 0..100;
subtype CapitalLetter is Character range 'A'..'Z';

type DaysOfWeek is (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
                    Thursday, Friday, Saturday);
subtype WeekDay is DaysOfWeek range Monday..Friday;
```

If a subrange variable is declared:

```
WeekDay today;
```

and assigned an invalid value:

```
today := Saturday;
```

then an exception occurs that, if not caught, halts the system.

\_\_\_\_\_ is an essential feature for \_\_\_\_\_.

# Sequence Types

There are two common structures for storing sequences:

- The \_\_\_\_\_ (and/or \_\_\_\_\_) that stores values in contiguous memory locations;
- The \_\_\_\_\_, that stores values anywhere there's room.

Arrays are \_\_\_\_\_: any value in the array can be accessed in the same amount of time...

–The address of the value at index  $i$  can be computed in \_\_\_\_\_:  
(arrayBaseAddress +  $(i - \text{firstIndex}) \times \text{ElementSize}$ )

Once declared, the size of an \_\_\_\_\_ is usually \_\_\_\_\_.

A \_\_\_\_\_ is an array-like structure \_\_\_\_\_.

# Arrays

Most languages let us build arrays and/or vectors:

```
double anArray[8]; // C++
double * aVector = new double[n];
vector<double> anotherVector(n);
```

```
type ArrayType is array(1..8) of real; -- Ada
anArray : ArrayType;
type Vector is array(integer range <>) of real;
type VectorAccess is access Vector;
aVector : VectorAccess;
begin
    aVector := new Vector(1..n);
```

```
(setq anArray (vector 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8)) "Clojure"
```

```
| anArray aVector | "Smalltalk"
anArray := Array new: 8.
aVector := OrderedCollection new: n.
```

# Array Indexing

Arrays/vectors are \_\_\_\_\_:

the value stored at index  $i$  can be accessed in  $O(1)$  time:

$$(\text{arrayBaseAddress} + (i - \text{firstIndex}) \times \text{ElementSize})$$

The default *firstIndex* is different in different languages:

– C/C++:   

– Ada: \_\_\_\_\_

– Lisp:   

– Smalltalk:   

At Issue: There is an \_\_\_\_\_:

– Accesses to 0-relative arrays require one fewer operation:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{arrayBaseAddress} + (\underline{\quad}) \times \text{ElementSize}) \\ & = \text{arrayBaseAddress} + \underline{\quad} \times \text{ElementSize} \end{aligned}$$

– Programmer-specified index values can be very convenient:

```
type LetterCounter is array(CapitalLetter) of integer;  
type DailySales is array(WeekDay) of real;
```

# Array Access

An important array operation is to access the value at index  $i$ .

There are two different flavors to this operation:

- the \_\_\_\_\_ version \_\_\_\_\_ the value at index  $i$ ;
- the \_\_\_\_\_ version lets us \_\_\_\_\_ the value at index  $i$ .

Most languages use the same syntax for both operations:

|          |   |                       |
|----------|---|-----------------------|
| – C/C++: | <code>oldValue = anArray[i];</code>           | <code>// read</code>  |
|          | <code>anArray[i] = newValue;</code>           | <code>// write</code> |
| – Ada:   | <code>oldValue = anArray(i);</code>           | <code>-- read</code>  |
|          | <code>anArray(i) = newValue;</code>           | <code>-- write</code> |
| – Lisp:  | <code>(setq oldValue (aref anArray i))</code> | <code>"read"</code>   |
|          | <code>(setq (aref anArray i) newValue)</code> | <code>"write"</code>  |

Other languages provide distinct operations for the two:

|              |   |                      |
|--------------|---|----------------------|
| – Smalltalk: | <code>oldValue := anArray at: i.</code>   | <code>"read"</code>  |
|              | <code>anArray at: i put: newValue.</code> | <code>"write"</code> |

# Array Access (ii)

Although C++ uses the same syntax for both read and write, the operations are implemented as \_\_\_\_\_:

```
template<class Type>
class vector {
public:
    ...
    // returns a read-only reference to v[i]
    const Type& operator[](unsigned i) const; // read version

    // returns a writable reference to v[i]
    Type& operator[](unsigned i);           // write version
    ...
};
```

The compiler links a given call to the proper function:

```
oldValue = anArray[i];           // linked to read version
anArray[i] = newValue;          // linked to write version
```

# Aggregates: Records/Structs

Like an array, an \_\_\_\_\_ type can store multiple values; but (unlike an array) it can store values of different types.

```
struct Student { // C++
    int id;
    bool fTime;
    double gpa;
};
```

```
type Student is -- Ada
    record
        id : integer;
        fTime: boolean;
        gpa : float;
    end record;
```

\_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_, as  
its classes can do anything a  
record/struct can do...

```
"Lisp"
(defstruct Student
    id fTime gpa)
```

Once we have an aggregate type, we can build variables:

```
// C++
Student stu;
```

```
-- Ada
stu : Student;
```

```
"Lisp"
(setq stu make-Student)
```

# Record/Struct Projection

We can then \_\_\_\_\_ of the record/struct:

```
// C++
stu.id = 1234;
stu.fTime = true;
stu.gpa = 3.0;
```

```
-- Ada
stu.id:= 1234;
stu.fTime:=true;
stu.gpa:= 3.0;
```

```
"Lisp"
(setq (Student-id stu) 1234)
(setq (Student-fTime stu) t)
(setq (Student-gpa stu) 3.0)
```

Most languages use similar syntax to retrieve a field's value:

```
// C++
cout
<< stu.id;
<< stu.fTime
<< stu.gpa;
```

```
-- Ada
put(stu.id);
put(stu.fTime);
put(stu.gpa);
```

```
"Lisp"
(princ (Student-id stu))
(princ (Student-fTime stu))
(princ (Student-gpa stu))
```

These represent the \_\_\_\_\_ operation in each language...

# Pointers

Most languages permit a programmer to define variables that can store an \_\_\_\_\_: also known as \_\_\_\_\_.

These can be used to build lists of linked nodes:

```
// C++
struct Node {
    SomeType value;
    Node * next;
};
```

```
-- Ada
type Node;
type NodePtr is access Node;
type Node is record
    value: SomeType;
    next: NodePtr;
end record;
```

Smalltalk and Java have no pointer types because

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Clojure variables are also pointers:

```
"Clojure"
(defstruct Node
  value next)
```

# Dynamic Allocation & Deallocation

Each language supports \_\_\_\_\_,  
most commonly via the *new* operation:

```
// C++  
Node * nPtr = new Node;
```

```
-- Ada  
nPtr: NodePtr := new Node;
```

```
"Smalltalk"  
| nPtr |  
nPtr := Node new.
```

```
"Lisp"  
(setq nPtr (make-Node))
```

Many languages also provide a \_\_\_\_\_ operation:

```
// C++  
delete nPtr;
```

Ada, Lisp, and Smalltalk instead provide a \_\_\_\_\_ that eliminates memory leaks by automatically reclaiming unused memory (i.e., when no pointers to it exist).

# Pointer Assignment and Copying

Each language provides a means of \_\_\_\_\_ :

```
// C++  
Node * tempPtr;  
tempPtr = nPtr;
```

```
"Smalltalk"  
| nPtr tempPtr |  
...  
tempPtr := nPtr.
```

```
-- Ada  
tempPtr: NodePtr;  
tempPtr := nPtr;
```

```
"Clojure"  
(setq tempPtr nPtr)
```

Most languages also allow \_\_\_\_\_ :

```
// C++  
tempPtr = new Node;  
*tempPtr = *nPtr;
```

```
"Smalltalk"  
tempPtr := nPtr copy;
```

```
-- Ada  
tempPtr := new Node;  
tempPtr.all := nPtr.all;
```

```
"Lisp"  
(setq tempPtr (copy-Node nPtr))
```

# Other Pointer Operations

Languages provide a \_\_\_\_\_ :

```
// C++  
nPtr = nullptr;//NULL;
```

```
-- Ada  
nPtr:= null;
```

```
"Smalltalk"  
nPtr := nil.
```

```
"Lisp"  
(setq nPtr nil)
```

Most languages also permit \_\_\_\_\_ :

```
// C++  
nPtr->value = 1234;  
nPtr->next = new Node;
```

```
-- Ada  
nPtr.value:= 1234;  
nPtr.next:= new Node;
```

Smalltalk “fields” are  
accessed via accessor  
and mutator methods

```
"Lisp"  
(setq (Node-value nPtr) 1234)  
(setq (Node-next nPtr) (make-Node))
```

# Type Systems

A \_\_\_\_\_ is a set of rules by which a language associates types with expressions.

The system generates a \_\_\_\_\_ when its rules do not permit a type to be associated with an expression.

Example: Early Fortran versions had only integers and reals.

- Declarations not required: \_\_\_\_\_ of identifiers
  - Identifiers beginning with I-N are integers; all others are reals.
- Literals with decimal points are real; others are integers.
- Type System Rule: If E1 and E2 are expressions of the same type T, then  $E1+E2$ ,  $E1-E2$ ,  $E1 * E2$ , and  $E1/E2$  produce a result of type T.
  - $I+N$  produces a value of type integer;  $X+Y$  produces a value of type real.
  - Expressions like  $X+I$  (e.g.,  $0.5+1$ ) or  $N-Y$  generate \_\_\_\_\_.

# Type System Formalism

If  $f$  is a function from  $(S) \rightarrow T$ , and  $s \in S$ , then  $f(s) \in T$ .

Ada defines:  $+(\text{int} \times \text{int}) \rightarrow \text{int}$

and  $+(\text{real} \times \text{real}) \rightarrow \text{real}$

but neither  $+(\text{real} \times \text{int}) \rightarrow \text{real}$  nor  $+(\text{int} \times \text{real}) \rightarrow \text{real}$

so both  $2 + 3$  and  $2.0 + 3.0$  are valid expressions;

but neither  $2.0 + 3$  nor  $2 + 3.0$  are valid expressions.

Arithmetic expressions mixing reals and ints cause type errors.

Ada's other arithmetic operators behave the same way.

Why would Ada's designers choose such a type system?

- Ada is designed for building \_\_\_\_\_...
- Ada's type system is perhaps the most strict of any HLL.
- Ada compilers catch errors that slip by in other languages.

# Coercion

Ada is unusual in rejecting mixed-type arithmetic expressions; its goal is to prevent the unwanted loss of information.

Most HLLs permit arithmetic types to be freely intermixed.

To prevent information loss,

such languages take an expression:  $2 + 1.5$

“expand” the “smaller” operand:  $2.0 + 1.5$

and then perform the “larger” operation:  $+(\text{real} \times \text{real})$

The automatic conversion of an operand’s type to prevent rejection by the type system is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

Some languages use the term \_\_\_\_\_ to describe this; others describe it as \_\_\_\_\_.

# Overloading

Note: operators like  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $*$ , ... are \_\_\_\_\_. In  $a + b$ :  
 $+$  means “perform integer addition” if  $a$  and  $b$  are integers;  
 $+$  means “perform real addition” if  $a$  and  $b$  are reals.  
\_\_\_\_\_ symbols have different meanings in different contexts.

Formally: For any function  $f(D) \rightarrow R$  :

- The set of all possible arguments  $D$  is the function’s \_\_\_\_\_;
- The set of all possible results  $R$  is the function’s \_\_\_\_\_.

An overloaded function is \_\_\_\_\_.

$+$ ,  $-$ ,  $*$ ,  $/$  are overloaded in most HLLs

To process such operations, the compiler must check the context (operand types) and find a definition with the matching domain.

A \_\_\_\_\_ occurs when no definition with that domain is found.

# Type Checking

A type system enforces its rules by \_\_\_\_\_:

- Analyzing the code, looking for type errors
- Only permitting programs without type errors to execute.
- A program with no type errors is described as \_\_\_\_\_.

Type checking is accomplished at two levels:

1. \_\_\_\_\_: check for type-errors at \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_: check for type-errors at \_\_\_\_\_.

Ada performs both static and dynamic checking, but the language is designed to maximize the number of errors that can be detected statically (i.e, by the compiler).

# Static Checking Examples

a. In C++ expressions of the form:  $x \% y$   
the compiler looks up the types of  $x$  and  $y$   
(in a data structure called the \_\_\_\_\_)  
and rejects the expression if both are not of type `int`.

b. In C++ expressions of the form:  $\text{sqrt}(x)$   
the symbol table contains both the type  $T$  of argument  $x$   
and the domain-set  $D$  for which `sqrt()` is defined,  
allowing the compiler to reject the expression if  $T \notin D$ .

- Original (K&R) C did not require that function prototypes contain parameter types, making it impossible for the compiler to type-check function calls (ANSI-C corrected this).

# Dynamic Checking Examples

Dynamic checking is checking for errors only detectable at run-time by inserting checks before an expression's code.

Expression:  $x / y$

```
// without dynamic checks
mov x, R0
div R0, y
```

```
-- with dynamic checking
mov x, R0
mov y, R1
cmp R1, #0
be DivideByZero
div R0, R1
```

$A[i]$

```
// without dynamic checks
mov A, R0
add R0, i
```

```
-- with dynamic checking
mov A, R0
mov i, R1
cmp R1, firstIndex
blt IndexTooLow
cmp R1, lastIndex
bgt IndexTooHigh
add R0, R1
```

Dynamic checking is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_...

# Type Strength

A language is \_\_\_\_\_ if it has a strict type system.

A language is \_\_\_\_\_ if it has a loose type system.

From this perspective, languages lie somewhere on a continuum, based on the the strength of their type system:



Language type systems have tended to get stronger as they evolve through different versions.

- The importance of type-strength has increased as the systems being built have increased in size, complexity, and importance.

# Type Compatibility

What determines if two types  $T1$  and  $T2$  are compatible (e.g., can  $T1$  arguments be passed to  $T2$  parameters)?

```
typedef int IntArray[32];  
IntArray x, y;  
// Are x, y compatible?
```

```
int x[32];  
void f(int y[32]);  
// Are x, y compatible?
```

```
struct Student {  
    int id;  
    string name;  
};  
Student stu;  
// Are stu, emp compatible?
```

```
struct Employee {  
    int id;  
    string name;  
};  
Employee emp;
```

```
struct Student {  
    int studentID;  
    string studentName;  
};  
Student stu;  
// Are stu, emp compatible?
```

```
struct Employee {  
    int empID;  
    string empName;  
};  
Employee emp;
```

# Equivalence

Compatibility depends on whether a language views two types as \_\_\_\_\_.

There are two broad categories of equivalence:

- Languages that use \_\_\_\_\_ view two types as equivalent if they have *the same memory structure*.
- Languages that use \_\_\_\_\_ view two types as equivalent if they are declared using the same *name*.

To illustrate, suppose that we have these declarations:

```
struct Student {
    int studentID;
    string studentName;
};
Student stu;
// Are stu, emp equivalent?

struct Employee {
    int empID;
    string empName;
};
Employee emp;
```

# Structural Equivalence (SE)

Structural equivalence relies on three “rules”:

- SE1: *A type name is structurally equivalent to itself.*

```
Student stu1;  
Student stu2;
```

→ Since their types have the same name, *stu1* and *stu2* are structurally equivalent.

- SE2: *Two types formed by applying the same constructor to SE types are structurally equivalent.*

```
Student stu;  
Employee emp;
```

→ Since both are members of  $(\text{int} \times \text{string})$ , *stu* and *emp* are structurally equivalent.

- SE3: *If one type is an alias of another, the two types are structurally equivalent.*

```
typedef Student Transfer;  
Student stu;  
Transfer trans;
```

→ Since *Transfer* is an alias of *Student*, *stu* and *trans* are structurally equivalent.

# Name Equivalence (NE)

There are different varieties of name equivalence:

- Pure NE: \_\_\_\_\_.

```
-- Ada uses pure name equivalence
type IntArray is array(1..32) of Integer;
type IntList is array(1..32) of Integer;

a1: IntArray;
a2: IntList;
a3: IntArray;
a4: array(1..32) of Integer;
a5: array(1..32) of Integer;
```

→ Since `IntArray` and `IntList` are declared with the same name, they are equivalent.

- If we declare: `procedure print(IntArray anArray);` then Ada's type system will only accept `IntArray` and `Integer` as arguments.
- `IntList`'s type has a name, but it is a different name from the others.
- `array(1..32) of Integer` and `array(1..32) of Integer`'s types have no name: \_\_\_\_\_ in Ada.

# Name Equivalence (ii)

- Transitive NE: \_\_\_\_\_.

```
-- C++ uses transitive name equivalence
struct Student {
    int idNumber;
    string name;
};
typedef Student Transfer;
Student stu;
Transfer trans;

struct Employee {
    int idNumber;
    string name;
};
Employee emp;
```

- \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ are compatible; \_\_\_ is not compatible to either.
- If we declare: `void print(Student aStudent);`  
then the type system will only accept \_\_\_ or \_\_\_ as arguments,  
but will reject \_\_\_ as an argument.

# Which is better?

- Consider type-checking on aggregates:
  - Type-checking is much simpler under name equivalence, as the type-checker just has to do a single comparison ( $T1 == T2$ ).
  - Under structural equivalence, the type-checker must do *an* \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., nested records).

- Name equivalence encourages abstraction:
  - NE encourages detail-hiding (ADT) by rejecting anonymous types:

```
procedure Put(seq: Sequence); → _____.
```

```
procedure Put(seq: array(1..32) of Integer); → _____.
```

- SE discourages abstraction by accepting anonymous types:
  - SE may permit programs to be \_\_\_\_\_ (abstraction takes time).
  - Such programs may be \_\_\_\_\_; may be \_\_\_\_\_.

# Summary

A type consists of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The set constructors: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ provide a formal way to represent type construction, using \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to represent the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ to represent the \_\_\_\_\_ on the new type.

\_\_\_\_\_ let us use \_\_\_\_\_ for type data.

\_\_\_\_\_ constrain the values of existing data types.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are sequences stored in \_\_\_\_\_ that permit \_\_\_\_\_ time access to any value.

\_\_\_\_\_ are sequences stored in \_\_\_\_\_, that require \_\_\_\_\_ time (average) to access a random value.

# Summary (ii)

\_\_\_\_\_ store \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ store \_\_\_\_\_, permit us to build linked nodes.

A \_\_\_\_\_ performs type-checking using \_\_\_\_\_ or a version of \_\_\_\_\_.

Type-checking may be:

- \_\_\_\_\_: done at \_\_\_\_\_; and/or
- \_\_\_\_\_: done at \_\_\_\_\_.

The more type-checking a language requires, the stronger its type-system, and the fewer type-errors slip past.

\_\_\_\_\_ has a very strong type-system.