Programming in Haskell: Lecture 21

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- Some constructors of a recursive data type t have t among their input types, as well as the return type

Example: Nat

• Simplest recursive data type

```
data Nat = Zero | Succ Nat
Zero :: Nat
Succ :: Nat -> Nat
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pred :: Nat -> Nat
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• Multiplication:

mult :: Nat -> Nat -> Nat mult m Zero = Zero mult m (Succ n) = plus m (mult m n)

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- Exception on head Nil
- Can fix it with custom head

head :: List a -> Maybe a
head Nil = Nothing
head (Cons x _) = Just x

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data BTree a = Nil

| Node (BTree a) a (BTree a)

• Two value constructors:

Nil :: BTree a Node :: BTree a -> a -> BTree a -> BTree a

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Node (Node Nil 2 Nil) 3 (Node Nil 5 Nil)



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• We omit nodes representing Nil usually



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• Corresponding **BTree**

```
Node

(Node Nil 1 (Node Nil 2 Nil))

3

(Node (Node Nil 4 Nil) 5 Nil)
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• Height: number of nodes on longest path from root

height :: BTree a -> Int height Nil = 0 height (Node tl x tr) = 1 + max (height tl) (height tr)





Reflect the tree on its "vertical axis"





• Haskell code:

reflect :: BTree a -> BTree a
reflect Nil = Nil
reflect (Node tl x tr) = Node (reflect tr) x (reflect tl)

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levels :: BTree a -> [a]
levels = concat . levels'
levels' :: BTree a -> [[a]]
levels' Nil
                       = []
levels' (Node tl x tr) = [x]: join (levels' tl)
                                  (levels' tr)
join :: [[a]] -> [[a]] -> [[a]]
join [] yss
                      = yss
join xss []
                       = XSS
join (xs:xss) (ys:yss) = xs++ys: join xss yss
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```
createTree :: [a] -> BTree a
createTree [] = Nil
createTree xs = Node
                (createTree front) x (createTree back)
    where
        n = length xs
        (front, x:back) = splitAt (n `div` 2) xs
levels (createTree [0..14]) =
              [7,3,11,1,5,9,13,0,2,4,6,8,10,12,14]
height (createTree [0..14]) = 4
```

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