

# Class Hierarchies

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#### **Abstract Classes**

Consider the task of writing a class for sets of integers with the following operations.

```
abstract class IntSet:
  def incl(x: Int): IntSet
  def contains(x: Int): Boolean
```

IntSet is an abstract class.

Abstract classes can contain members which are missing an implementation (in our case, both incl and contains); these are called *abstract members*.

Consequently, no direct instances of an abstract class can be created, for instance an IntSet() call would be illegal.

#### Class Extensions

Let's consider implementing sets as binary trees.

There are two types of possible trees: a tree for the empty set, and a tree consisting of an integer and two sub-trees.

Here are their implementations:

```
class Empty() extends IntSet:
    def contains(x: Int): Boolean = false
    def incl(x: Int): IntSet = NonEmpty(x, Empty(), Empty())
```

# Class Extensions (2)

```
class NonEmpty(elem: Int, left: IntSet, right: IntSet) extends IntSet:
  def contains(x: Int): Boolean =
    if x < elem then left.contains(x)</pre>
    else if x > elem then right.contains(x)
    else true
  def incl(x: Int): IntSet =
    if x < elem then NonEmpty(elem, left.incl(x), right)</pre>
    else if x > elem then NonEmpty(elem, left, right.incl(x))
    else this
end NonEmpty
```

### **Terminology**

Empty and NonEmpty both extend the class IntSet.

This implies that the types Empty and NonEmpty conform to the type IntSet, i.e.

➤ an object of type Empty or NonEmpty can be used wherever an object of type IntSet is required.

#### Base Classes and Subclasses

IntSet is called the *superclass* of Empty and NonEmpty.

Empty and NonEmpty are *subclasses* of IntSet.

In Scala, any user-defined class extends another class.

If no superclass is given, the standard class Object in the Java package java.lang is assumed.

The direct or indirect superclasses of a class C are called *base classes* of C.

So, the base classes of NonEmpty include IntSet and Object.

### Implementation and Overriding

The definitions of contains and incl in the classes Empty and NonEmpty *implement* the abstract functions in the base trait IntSet.

It is also possible to *redefine* an existing, non-abstract definition in a subclass by using override.

#### Example

```
abstract class Base: class Sub extends Base: override def foo = 2 def bar: Int def bar = 3
```

### Object Definitions

In the IntSet example, one could argue that there is really only a single empty IntSet.

So it seems overkill to have the user create many instances of it.

We can express this case better with an *object definition*:

```
object Empty extends IntSet:
   def contains(x: Int): Boolean = false
   def incl(x: Int): IntSet = NonEmpty(x, Empty, Empty)
end Empty
```

This defines a *singleton object* named Empty.

No other Empty instance can be (or needs to be) created.

Singleton objects are values, so Empty evaluates to itself.

## Companion Objects

An object and a class can have the same name. This is possible since Scala has two global *namespaces*: one for types and one for values.

Classes live in the type namespace, whereas objects live in the term namespace.

If a class and object with the same name are given in the same sourcefile, we call them *companions*. Example:

```
class IntSet ...
object IntSet:
   def singleton(x: Int) = NonEmpty(x, Empty, Empty)
```

This defines a method to build sets with one element, which can be called as IntSet.singleton(elem).

A companion object of a class plays a role similar to static class definitions in Java (which are absent in Scala).

### Programs

So far we have executed all Scala code from the REPL or the worksheet.

But it is also possible to create standalone applications in Scala.

Each such application contains an object with a main method.

For instance, here is the "Hello World!" program in Scala.

```
object Hello:
   def main(args: Array[String]): Unit = println("hello world!")
```

Once this program is compiled, you can start it from the command line with

```
> scala Hello
```

# Programs (2)

Writing main methods is similar to what Java does for programs.

Scala also has a more convenient way to do it.

A stand-alone application is alternatively a function that's annotated with <code>@main</code>, and that can take command line arguments as parameters:

```
@main def birthday(name: String, age: Int) =
  println(s"Happy birthday, $name! $age years old already!")
```

Once this function is compiled, you can start it from the command line with

```
> scala birthday Peter 11
Happy Birthday, Peter! 11 years old already!
```

#### Exercise

Write a method union for forming the union of two sets. You should implement the following abstract class.

```
abstract class IntSet:
   def incl(x: Int): IntSet
   def contains(x: Int): Boolean
   def union(other: IntSet): IntSet
end IntSet
```

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  else if 7 > 7 then NonEmpty(7, Empty, Empty).right
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```

 $\rightarrow$  true

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### Something to Ponder

Dynamic dispatch of methods is analogous to calls to higher-order functions.

#### Question:

Can we implement one concept in terms of the other?

- ▶ Objects in terms of higher-order functions?
- Higher-order functions in terms of objects?



# How Classes are Organized

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### **Packages**

Classes and objects are organized in packages.

To place a class or object inside a package, use a package clause at the top of your source file.

```
package progfun.examples
object Hello
...
```

This would place Hello in the package progfun.examples.

You can then refer it by its *fully qualified name*, progfun.examples.Hello. For instance, to run the Hello program:

```
> scala progfun.examples.Hello
```

### **Imports**

Say we have a class Rational in package week3.

You can use the class using its fully qualified name:

```
val r = week3.Rational(1, 2)
```

Alternatively, you can use an import:

```
import week3.Rational
val r = Rational(1, 2)
```

### Forms of Imports

Imports come in several forms:

The first two forms are called *named imports*.

The last form is called a wildcard import.

You can import from either a package or an object.

### **Automatic Imports**

Some entities are automatically imported in any Scala program.

#### These are:

- ► All members of package scala
- ► All members of package java.lang
- All members of the singleton object scala.Predef.

Here are the fully qualified names of some types and functions which you have seen so far:

Int	scala.Int
Boolean	scala.Boolean
Object	java.lang.Object
require	scala.Predef.require
assert	scala.Predef.assert

#### Scaladoc

You can explore the standard Scala library using the scaladoc web pages.

You can start at

www.scala-lang.org/api/current

#### **Traits**

In Java, as well as in Scala, a class can only have one superclass.

But what if a class has several natural supertypes to which it conforms or from which it wants to inherit code?

Here, you could use traits.

A trait is declared like an abstract class, just with trait instead of abstract class.

```
trait Planar:
  def height: Int
  def width: Int
  def surface = height * width
```

## Traits (2)

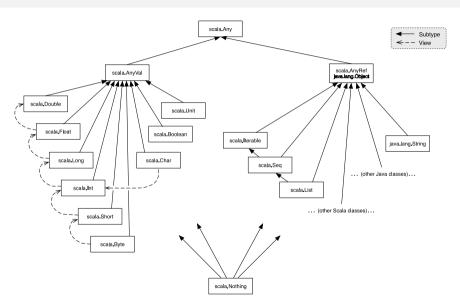
Classes, objects and traits can inherit from at most one class but arbitrary many traits.

#### Example:

```
class Square extends Shape, Planar, Movable ...
```

Traits resemble interfaces in Java, but are more powerful because they can have parameters and can contain fields and concrete methods.

# Scala's Class Hierarchy



### Top Types

At the top of the type hierarchy we find:

Any the base type of all types

Methods: '==', '!=', 'equals', 'hashCode, 'toString'

AnyRef The base type of all reference types;

Alias of 'java.lang.Object'

AnyVal The base type of all primitive types.

### The Nothing Type

Nothing is at the bottom of Scala's type hierarchy. It is a subtype of every other type.

There is no value of type Nothing.

Why is that useful?

- ► To signal abnormal termination
- ► As an element type of empty collections (see next session)

### Exceptions

Scala's exception handling is similar to Java's.

The expression

throw Exc

aborts evaluation with the exception Exc.

The type of this expression is Nothing.

#### Exercise

#### What is the type of



# Objects Everywhere

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### Pure Object Orientation

A pure object-oriented language is one in which every value is an object.

If the language is based on classes, this means that the type of each value is a class.

Is Scala a pure object-oriented language?

At first glance, there seem to be some exceptions: primitive types, functions.

But, let's look closer:

#### Standard Classes

Conceptually, types such as Int or Boolean do not receive special treatment in Scala. They are like the other classes, defined in the package scala.

For reasons of efficiency, the Scala compiler represents the values of type scala.Int by 32-bit integers, and the values of type scala.Boolean by Java's Booleans, etc.

#### Pure Booleans

The Boolean type maps to the JVM's primitive type boolean.

But one *could* define it as a class from first principles:

```
package idealized.scala
abstract class Boolean extends AnyVal:
 def ifThenElse[T](t: => T, e: => T): T
 def && (x: => Boolean): Boolean = ifThenElse(x, false)
 def || (x: => Boolean): Boolean = ifThenElse(true, x)
 def unary!: Boolean
                                = ifThenElse(false, true)
 def == (x: Boolean): Boolean = ifThenElse(x, x.unary_!)
 def != (x: Boolean): Boolean
                                = ifThenElse(x.unary_!, x)
  . . .
end Boolean
```

#### **Boolean Constants**

Here are constants true and false that go with Boolean in idealized.scala:

```
package idealized.scala

object true extends Boolean:
   def ifThenElse[T](t: => T, e: => T) = t

object false extends Boolean:
   def ifThenElse[T](t: => T, e: => T) = e
```

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```
extension (x: Boolean)
def ==> (y: Boolean) = x.ifThenElse(y, true)
```

That is, if x is true, y has to be true also, whereas if x is false, y can be arbitrary.

#### The class Int

Here is a partial specification of the class scala. Int.

```
class Int:
 def + (that: Double): Double
 def + (that: Float): Float
 def + (that: Long): Long
 def & (that: Long): Long
 def & (that: Int): Int  // same for |, ^ */
```

# The class Int (2)

```
def == (that: Double): Boolean
  def == (that: Float): Boolean
  def == (that: Long): Boolean  // same for !=, <, >, <=, >=
    ...
end Int
```

Can it be represented as a class from first principles (i.e. not using primitive ints?

#### Exercise

Provide an implementation of the abstract class Nat that represents non-negative integers.

```
abstract class Nat:
  def isZero: Boolean
  def predecessor: Nat
  def successor: Nat
  def + (that: Nat): Nat
  def - (that: Nat): Nat
end Nat
```

# Exercise (2)

Do not use standard numerical classes in this implementation.

Rather, implement a sub-object and a sub-class:

```
object Zero extends Nat:
    ...
class Succ(n: Nat) extends Nat:
    ...
```

One for the number zero, the other for strictly positive numbers. (this one is a bit more involved than previous quizzes).



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In fact function values are treated as objects in Scala.

The function type A => B is just an abbreviation for the class scala.Function1[A, B], which is defined as follows.

```
package scala
trait Function1[A, B]:
  def apply(x: A): B
```

So functions are objects with apply methods.

There are also traits Function2, Function3, ... for functions which take more parameters.

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This *anonymous class* can itself be thought of as a block that defines and instantiates a local class:

```
{ class $anonfun() extends Function1[Int, Int]:
    def apply(x: Int) = x * x
    $anonfun()
}
```

## **Expansion of Function Calls**

f.apply(7)

```
A function call, such as f(a, b), where f is a value of some class type, is expanded to
  f.applv(a, b)
So the OO-translation of
  val f = (x: Int) \Rightarrow x * x
  f(7)
would be
  val f = new Function1[Int, Int]:
    def apply(x: Int) = x * x
```

#### Functions and Methods

Note that a method such as

```
def f(x: Int): Boolean = ...
```

is not itself a function value.

But if f is used in a place where a Function type is expected, it is converted automatically to the function value

```
(x: Int) => f(x)
or, expanded:
  new Function1[Int, Boolean]:
    def apply(x: Int) = f(x)
```

#### Exercise

In package week3, define an

```
object IntSet:
```

with 3 functions in it so that users can create IntSets of lengths 0-2 using syntax

```
IntSet()  // the empty set
IntSet(1)  // the set with single element 1
IntSet(2, 3)  // the set with elements 2 and 3.
```



# Decomposition

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#### Decomposition

Suppose you want to write a small interpreter for arithmetic expressions.

To keep it simple, let's restrict ourselves to numbers and additions.

Expressions can be represented as a class hierarchy, with a base trait Expr and two subclasses, Number and Sum.

To treat an expression, it's necessary to know the expression's shape and its components.

This brings us to the following implementation.

#### **Expressions**

```
trait Expr:
 def isNumber: Boolean
 def isSum: Boolean
 def numValue: Int
 def leftOp: Expr
 def rightOp: Expr
class Number(n: Int) extends Expr:
  def isNumber = true
  def isSum = false
  def numValue = n
  def leftOp = throw Error("Number.leftOp")
  def rightOp = throw Error("Number.rightOp")
```

# Expressions (2)

```
class Sum(e1: Expr, e2: Expr) extends Expr:
  def isNumber = false
  def isSum = true
  def numValue = throw Error("Sum.numValue")
  def leftOp = e1
  def rightOp = e2
```

#### **Evaluation of Expressions**

You can now write an evaluation function as follows.

```
def eval(e: Expr): Int =
  if e.isNumber then e.numValue
  else if e.isSum then eval(e.leftOp) + eval(e.rightOp)
  else throw Error("Unknown expression " + e)
```

*Problem*: Writing all these classification and accessor functions quickly becomes tedious!

*Problem*: There's no static guarantee you use the right accessor functions. You might hit an Error case if you are not careful.

## Adding New Forms of Expressions

So, what happens if you want to add new expression forms, say

```
class Prod(e1: Expr, e2: Expr) extends Expr  // e1 * e2
class Var(x: String) extends Expr  // Variable 'x'
```

You need to add methods for classification and access to all classes defined above.

#### Question

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(depending on whether leftOp and rightOp is shared between Sum and Prod).

## Non-Solution: Type Tests and Type Casts

A "hacky" solution could use type tests and type casts.

Scala let's you do these using methods defined in class Any:

These correspond to Java's type tests and casts

```
Scala Java
x.isInstanceOf[T] x instanceof T
x.asInstanceOf[T] (T) x
```

But their use in Scala is discouraged, because there are better alternatives.

# Eval with Type Tests and Type Casts

Here's a formulation of the eval method using type tests and casts:

```
def eval(e: Expr): Int =
  if e.isInstanceOf[Number] then
    e.asInstanceOf[Number].numValue
  else if e.isInstanceOf[Sum] then
    eval(e.asInstanceOf[Sum].leftOp)
    + eval(e.asInstanceOf[Sum].rightOp)
  else throw Error("Unknown expression " + e)
```

This is ugly and potentially unsafe.

# Solution 1: Object-Oriented Decomposition

For example, suppose that all you want to do is evaluate expressions.

You could then define:

```
trait Expr:
   def eval: Int

class Number(n: Int) extends Expr:
   def eval: Int = n

class Sum(e1: Expr, e2: Expr) extends Expr:
   def eval: Int = e1.eval + e2.eval
```

But what happens if you'd like to display expressions now?

You have to define new methods in all the subclasses.

## Assessment of OO Decomposition

- ▶ OO decomposition mixes *data* with *operations* on the data.
- ► This can be the right thing if there's a need for encapsulation and data abstraction.
- On the other hand, it increases complexity(\*) and adds new dependencies to classes.
- It makes it easy to add new kinds of data but hard to add new kinds of operations.
- (\*) In the literal sense of the word:

```
complex = plaited, woven together
```

Thus, complexity arises from mixing several things together.

# Limitations of OO Decomposition

OO decomposition only works well if operations are on a *single* object.

What if you want to simplify expressions, say using the rule:

$$a * b + a * c -> a * (b + c)$$

*Problem*: This is a non-local simplification. It cannot be encapsulated in the method of a single object.

You are back to square one; you need test and access methods for all the different subclasses.



# Pattern Matching

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## Reminder: Decomposition

The task we are trying to solve is find a general and convenient way to access heterogeneous data in a class hierarchy.



#### Attempts seen previously:

- Classification and access methods: quadratic explosion
- Type tests and casts: unsafe, low-level
- Object-oriented decomposition: causes coupling between data and operations, need to touch all classes to add a new method.

# Solution 2: Functional Decomposition with Pattern Matching

Observation: the sole purpose of test and accessor functions is to *reverse* the construction process:

- Which subclass was used?
- ▶ What were the arguments of the constructor?

This situation is so common that many functional languages, Scala included, automate it.

#### Case Classes

A case class definition is similar to a normal class definition, except that it is preceded by the modifier case. For example:

```
trait Expr
case class Number(n: Int) extends Expr
case class Sum(e1: Expr, e2: Expr) extends Expr
```

Like before, this defines a trait Expr., and two concrete subclasses Number and Sum.

However, these classes are now empty. So how can we access the members?

### Pattern Matching

Pattern matching is a generalization of switch from C/Java to class hierarchies.

It's expressed in Scala using the keyword match.

#### **Example**

```
def eval(e: Expr): Int = e match
  case Number(n) => n
  case Sum(e1, e2) => eval(e1) + eval(e2)
```

### Match Syntax

#### Rules:

- match is preceded by a selector expression and is followed by a sequence of cases, pat => expr.
- Each case associates an *expression* expr with a *pattern* pat.
- ▶ A MatchError exception is thrown if no pattern matches the value of the selector.

#### Forms of Patterns

#### Patterns are constructed from:

- constructors, e.g. Number, Sum,
- variables, e.g. n, e1, e2,
- wildcard patterns \_,
- constants, e.g. 1, true.
- type tests, e.g. n: Number

Variables always begin with a lowercase letter.

The same variable name can only appear once in a pattern. So, Sum(x, x) is not a legal pattern.

Names of constants begin with a capital letter, with the exception of the reserved words null, true, false.

### **Evaluating Match Expressions**

An expression of the form

e match { case 
$$p_1 => e_1 \dots case p_n => e_n$$
 }

matches the value of the selector e with the patterns  $p_1,...,p_n$  in the order in which they are written.

The whole match expression is rewritten to the right-hand side of the first case where the pattern matches the selector *e*.

References to pattern variables are replaced by the corresponding parts in the selector.

#### What Do Patterns Match?

- A constructor pattern  $C(p_1, ..., p_n)$  matches all the values of type C (or a subtype) that have been constructed with arguments matching the patterns  $p_1, ..., p_n$ .
- A variable pattern x matches any value, and *binds* the name of the variable to this value.
- ► A constant pattern c matches values that are equal to c (in the sense of ==)

## Example

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```
eval(Sum(Number(1), Number(2)))
Sum(Number(1), Number(2)) match
 case Number(n) => n
 case Sum(e1, e2) => eval(e1) + eval(e2)
eval(Number(1)) + eval(Number(2))
```

# Example (2)

```
Number(1) match
        case Number(n) => n
        case Sum(e1, e2) => eval(e1) + eval(e2)
      + eval(Number(2))
\rightarrow
      1 + eval(Number(2))
```

### Pattern Matching and Methods

Of course, it's also possible to define the evaluation function as a method of the base trait.

#### Example

```
trait Expr:
  def eval: Int = this match
    case Number(n) => n
    case Sum(e1, e2) => e1.eval + e2.eval
```

#### Exercise

Write a function show that uses pattern matching to return the representation of a given expressions as a string.

```
def show(e: Expr): String = ???
```

## Exercise (Optional, Harder)

Add case classes Var for variables x and Prod for products x \* y as discussed previously.

Change your show function so that it also deals with products.

Pay attention you get operator precedence right but to use as few parentheses as possible.

#### Example

```
Sum(Prod(Number(2), Var("x")), Var("y"))
should print as "2 * x + y". But
Prod(Sum(Number(2), Var("x")), Var("y"))
should print as "(2 + x) * y".
```



# Enums

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#### Pure Data

In the previous sessions, you have learned how to model data with class hierarchies.

Classes are essentially bundles of functions operating on some common values represented as fields.

They are a very useful abstraction, since they allow encapsulation of data.

But sometimes we just need to compose and decompose *pure data* without any associated functions.

Case classes and pattern matching work well for this task.

### A Case Class Hierarchy

Here's our case class hierarchy for expressions again:

```
trait Expr
object Expr:
  case class Var(s: String) extends Expr
  case class Number(n: Int) extends Expr
  case class Sum(e1: Expr, e2: Expr) extends Expr
  case class Prod(e1: Expr, e2: Expr) extends Expr
```

This time we have put all case classes in the Expr companion object, in order not to pollute the global namespace.

So it's Expr.Number(1) instead of Number(1), for example.

One can still "pull out" all the cases using an import.

```
import Expr.*
```

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```

Pure data definitions like these are called algebraic data types, or ADTs for short.

They are very common in functional programming.

To make them even more convenient, Scala offers some special syntax.

#### Enums for ADTs

An enum enumerates all the cases of an ADT and nothing else.

#### **Example**

```
enum Expr:
   case Var(s: String)
   case Number(n: Int)
   case Sum(e1: Expr, e2: Expr)
   case Prod(e1: Expr, e2: Expr)
```

This enum is equivalent to the case class hierarchy on the previous slide, but is shorter, since it avoids the repetitive class ... extends Expr notation.

### Pattern Matching on ADTs

Match expressions can be used on enums as usual.

For instance, to print expressions with proper parameterization:

```
def show(e: Expr): String = e match
  case Expr.Var(x) => x
  case Expr.Number(n) => n.toString
  case Expr.Sum(a, b) => s"${show(a)} + ${show(a)}}"
  case Expr.Prod(a, b) => s"${showP(a)} * ${showP(a)}"

def showP(e: Expr): String = e match
  case e: Sum => s"(${show(expr)})"
  case _ => show(expr)
```

### Simple Enums

Cases of an enum can also be simple values, without any parameters.

#### **Example**

Define a Color type with values Red, Green, and Blue:

```
enum Color:
   case Red
   case Green
   case Blue
```

We can also combine several simple cases in one list:

```
enum Color:
   case Red, Green, Blue
```

## Pattern Matching on Simple Enums

For pattern matching, simple cases count as constants:

```
enum DayOfWeek:
    case Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday
import DayOfWeek.*

def isWeekend(day: DayOfWeek) = day match
    case Saturday | Sunday => true
    case _ => false
```

### More Fun With Enums

Enumerations can take parameters and can define methods.

#### Example:

```
enum Direction(val dx: Int, val dy: Int):
  case Right extends Direction( 1, 0)
  case Up extends Direction( 0, 1)
  case Left extends Direction(-1, 0)
  case Down extends Direction( 0, -1)
 def leftTurn = Direction.values((ordinal + 1) % 4)
end Direction
val r = Direction.Right
val u = x.leftTurn // u = Up
val v = (u.dx. u.dv) // v = (1. 0)
```

#### More Fun With Enums

#### **Notes:**

- Enumeration cases that pass parameters have to use an explicit extends clause
- ► The expression e.ordinal gives the ordinal value of the enum case e. Cases start with zero and are numbered consecutively.
- values is an immutable array in the companion object of an enum that contains all enum values.
- Only simple cases have ordinal numbers and show up in values, parameterized cases do not.

### Enumerations Are Shorthands for Classes and Objects

The Direction enum is expanded by the Scala compiler to roughly the following structure:

```
abstract class Direction(val dx: Int, val dy: Int):
    def rightTurn = Direction.values((ordinal - 1) % 4)
object Direction:
    val Right = new Direction( 1, 0) {}
    val Up = new Direction( 0, 1) {}
    val Left = new Direction(-1, 0) {}
    val Down = new Direction( 0, -1) {}
end Direction
```

There are also compiler-defined helper methods ordinal in the class and values and valueOf in the companion object.

### Domain Modeling

ADTs and enums are particularly useful for domain modelling tasks where one needs to define a large number of data types without attaching operations.

**Example**: Modelling payment methods.

```
enum PaymentMethod:
    case CreditCard(kind: Card, holder: String, number: Long, expires: Date)
    case PayPal(email: String)
    case Cash
enum Card:
    case Visa, Mastercard, Amex
```

### Summary

In this unit, we covered two uses of enum definitions:

- as a shorthand for hierarchies of case classes,
- as a way to define data types accepting alternative values,

The two cases can be combined: an enum can comprise parameterized and simple cases at the same time.

Enums are typically used for pure data, where all operations on such data are defined elsewhere.