

§10.13–11.3: FracExceptions example, Backtracking

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Reminders:

- ***journals** in folder*

Review of last time (10.12)

- **Exceptions**: another level of error handling
 - **Raise/handle** (a.k.a. throw/catch)
 - **EXCEPT** clause:
 - ◆ Do nothing, RETURN, RETRY
 - **Built-in** exceptions: M2EXCEPTION:
 - ◆ M2Exceptions, IsM2Exception(), M2Exception()
 - **Standard** library exceptions: e.g., IOChan:
 - ◆ ChanExceptions, IsChanException(), ChanException()
 - **User** defined exceptions: how to raise/handle
 - Exceptions and **termination**

Fractions example (10.13)

- Making our own ADT as a library module:

- DEFINITION MODULE **Fractions**;

TYPE

Fraction = ARRAY [1..2] OF INTEGER;

FracExceptions =

(**zeroDenominator**, **noInverse**, **zeroDivide**);

PROCEDURE **Add**, **Sub**, **Mul**, **Div**, etc...

- IMPLEMENTATION MODULE **Fractions**;

VAR

fracExSource : ExceptionSource;

PROCEDURE **Add**, **Sub**, **Mul**, **Div**, etc...

RAISE (**fracExSource**, ORD(**noInverse**) "...");

Encapsulation

- We want to restrict users of our Fractions ADT to access the ADT only via our procedures
 - Means we need to provide enough procedures for our ADT to be useful
- Exceptions raised by our procedures can be handled by modules that use our ADT

FracExceptions

- Define enumeration type:

```
TYPE FracExceptions =  
    (zeroDenominator, noInverse, zeroDivide);
```

- Library procedures can raise exceptions:

```
RAISE (fracExSource, ORD (zeroDivide),  
    "Cannot divide by zero");
```

- Allocate exception source in library initialization:

```
BEGIN (* initialize *)  
    AllocateSource (fracExSource);
```

- Handle exceptions in termination clause:

```
FINALLY  
  
    IF IsFracException ()
```

Backtracking: recursion appl.

- Knight's tour classic chess problem:
 - Find a sequence of legal knight moves that touches every square of the board once
 - ◆ Input: size of board, starting position
 - ◆ Output: sequence of board coordinates (x,y)
- Algorithm:
 - Find possible moves from current position
 - ◆ Omit squares we've already touched
 - For each move, take the move and recurse
 - If no possible moves, return (backtrack)

TODO items

- HW due tomorrow: 10.15 #53
- Quiz ch10 tomorrow
- Reading: through §11.3 for tomorrow
- Lab #9 next week: 10.15 #(44 / 49)
- Midterm ch8–10 Wed 23Nov (next week)