

Section 4

CSE 341 – Spencer Pearson

Mutual Recursion

What if we need function f to call g ,
and function g to call f ?

Mutual Recursion

Does this work?

```
1  fun f x =
y =
2      ...
   ...
3      g y
   f x
4      ...
   ...

5  fun g
6
7
8
```

Mutual Recursion

We can employ higher order functions
for a work around.

```
fun _earlier f x = .. f y ..  
fun later x = .. _earlier later y  
val earlier = _earlier later
```

Mutual Recursion

But ML gives us special syntax for this

```
1      fun f x =
y =
2          ...
      ...
3          g y
      f x
4          ...
      ...
5      fun g
6
7
8
```

Modules

Remember that signatures are good both for organization and management and for maintaining invariants

Modules - Invariants

- Ordering of operations
 - e.g. insert, then query
- Data kept in good state
 - e.g. fractions in lowest terms
- Policies followed
 - e.g. don't allow shipping request without purchase order

Currying and Higher Order Functions

Questions?