# C/CPS 506

## Comparative Programming Languages

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**Topic 7:** Types, type classes, custom types.

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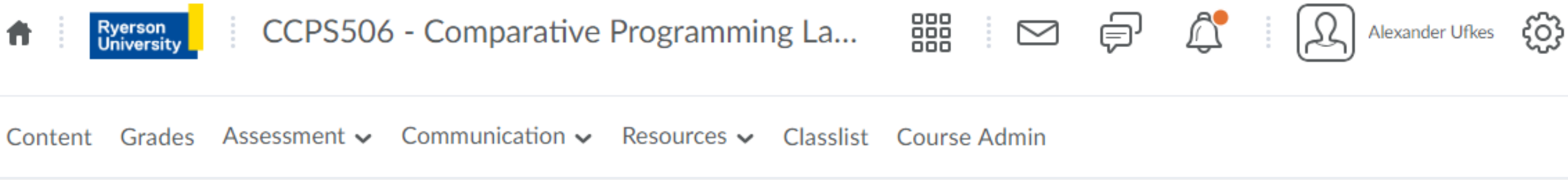


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# Any Questions?

# Let’s Get Started!

# Types in Haskell

**Statically Typed:**

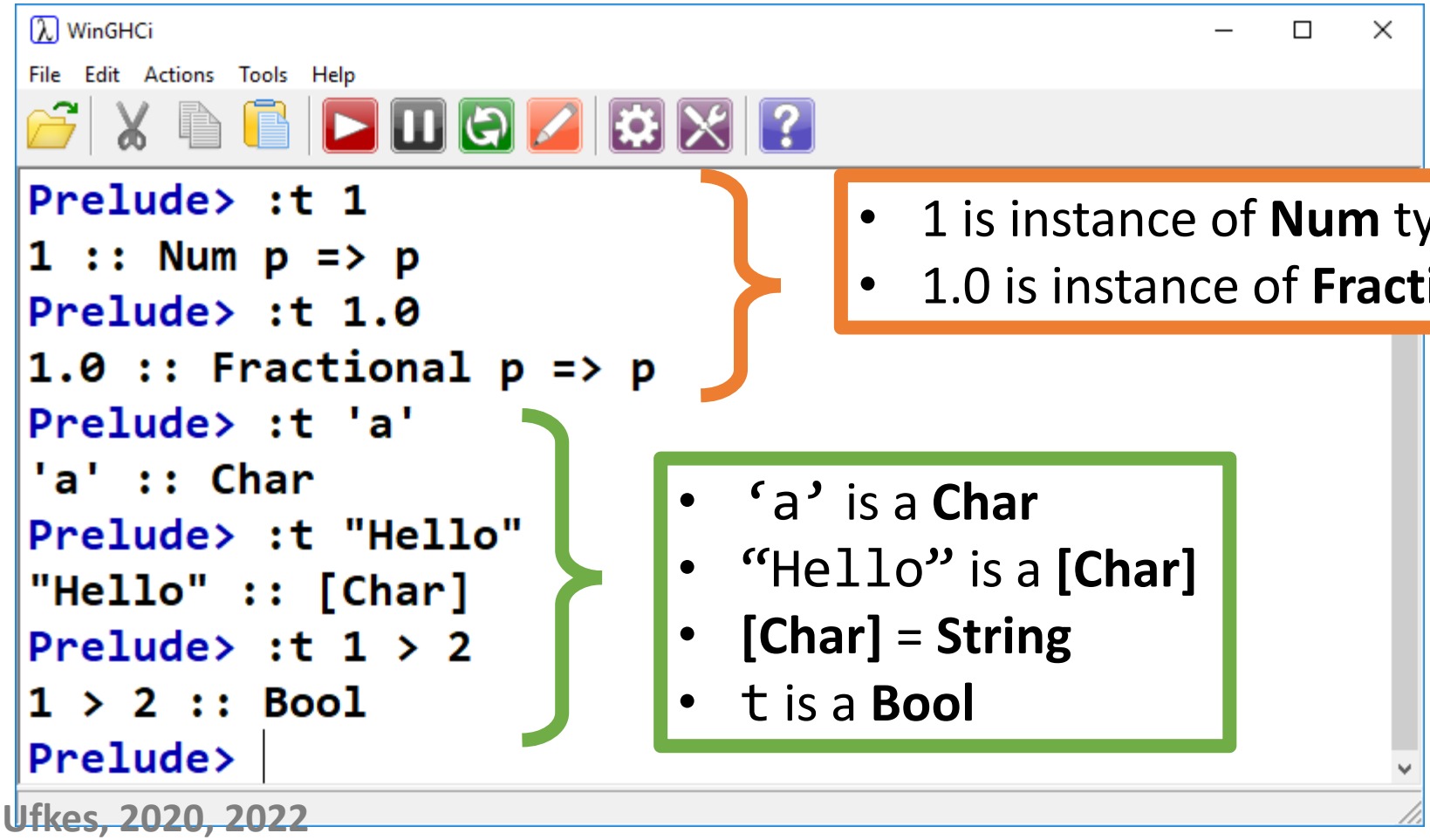
- Haskell uses static type checking.
- Every expression is assigned a type.
- If a function's arguments aren't the expected type, a compile error occurs.

**Type Inference**

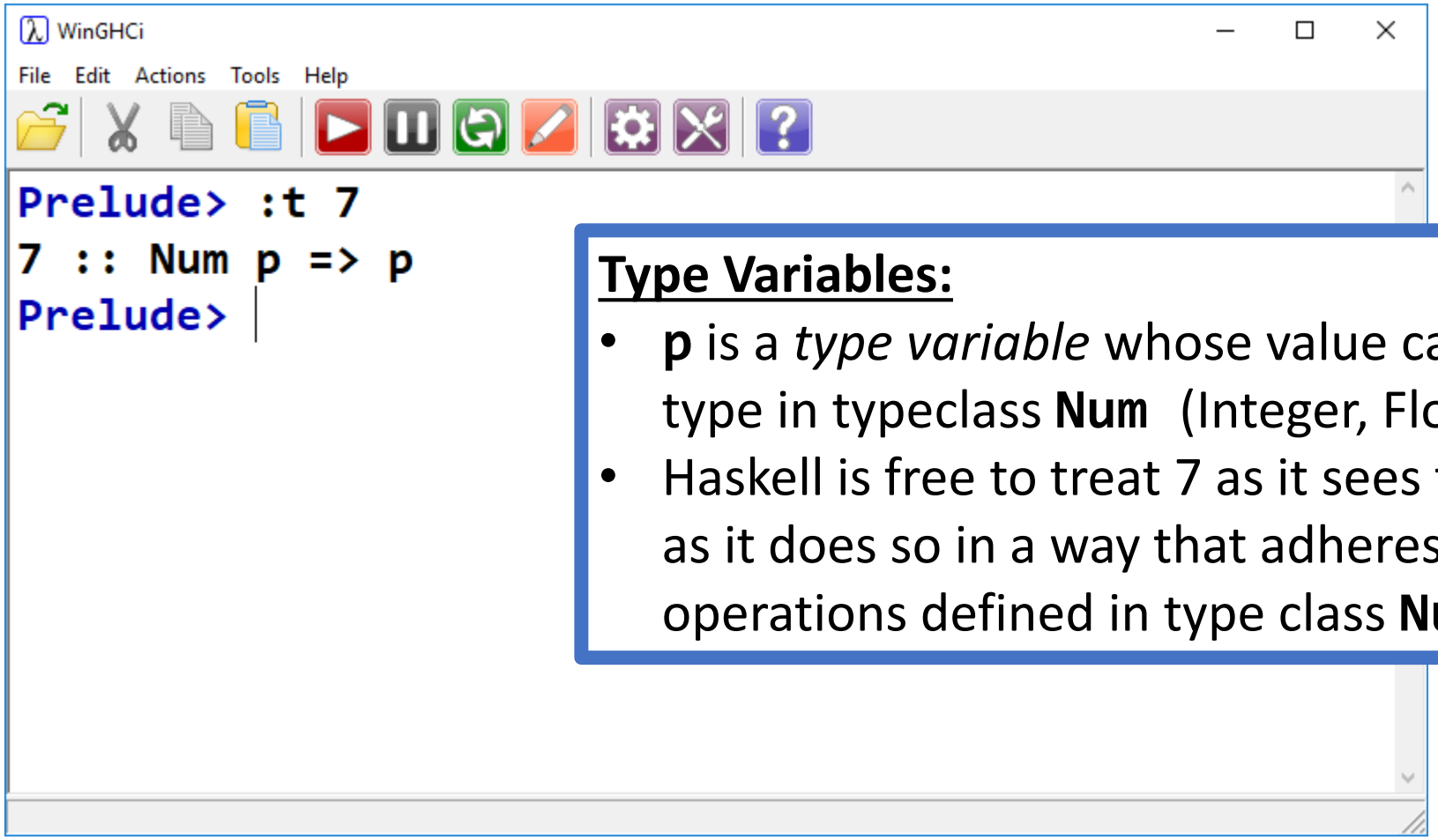
- In Haskell, we need not specify type explicitly.
- It is inferred by the context: X = "Hello", X is a string.
- However, we ***can*** explicitly specify types.
- Good practice when we know what types we want; compiler will give errors upon type mismatch.

# Types in Haskell

`:t` can be used to reveal type:



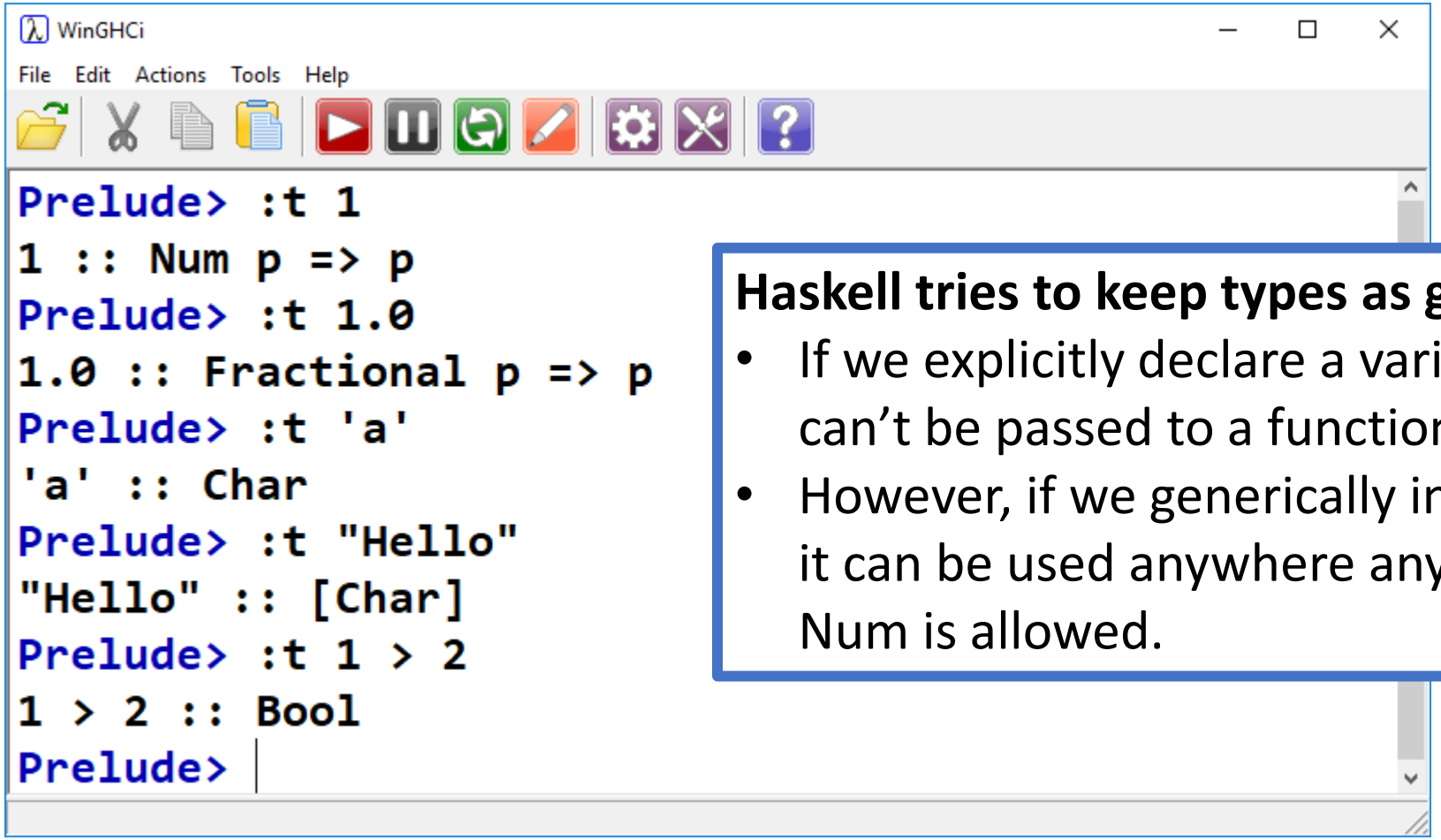
# Num p => p ?




**Type Variables:**

- **p** is a *type variable* whose value can be any type in typeclass **Num** (Integer, Float, etc.)
- Haskell is free to treat 7 as it sees fit, so long as it does so in a way that adheres to the operations defined in type class **Num.**

# Typeclasses?

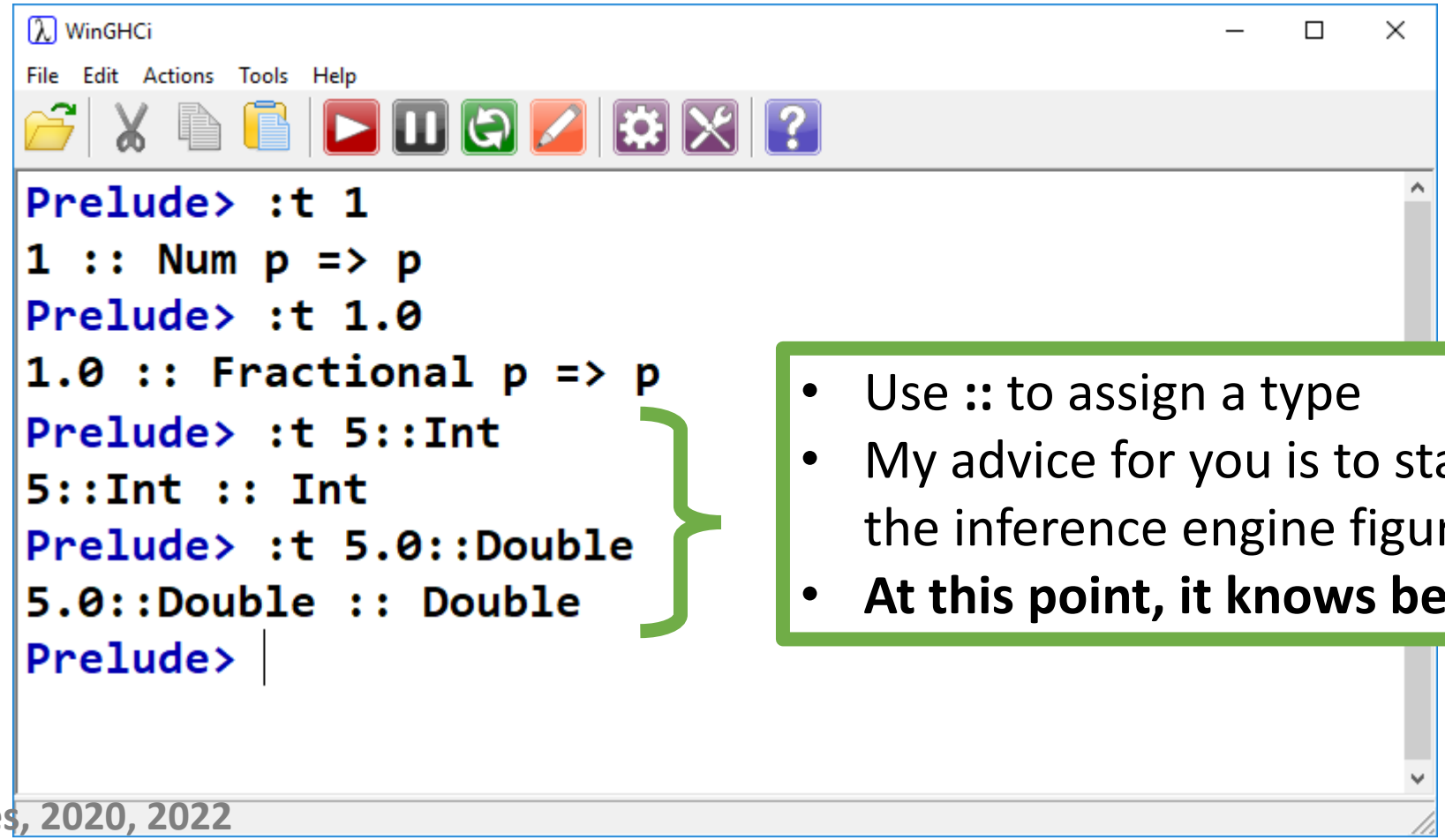



**Haskell tries to keep types as generic as possible**

- If we explicitly declare a variable as integer, it can't be passed to a function requiring float.
- However, if we generically infer it to be a **Num**, it can be used anywhere any other member of Num is allowed.

# Types in Haskell

We can explicitly indicate types:




- Use :: to assign a type
- My advice for you is to start by letting the inference engine figure it out.
- **At this point, it knows better than you.**

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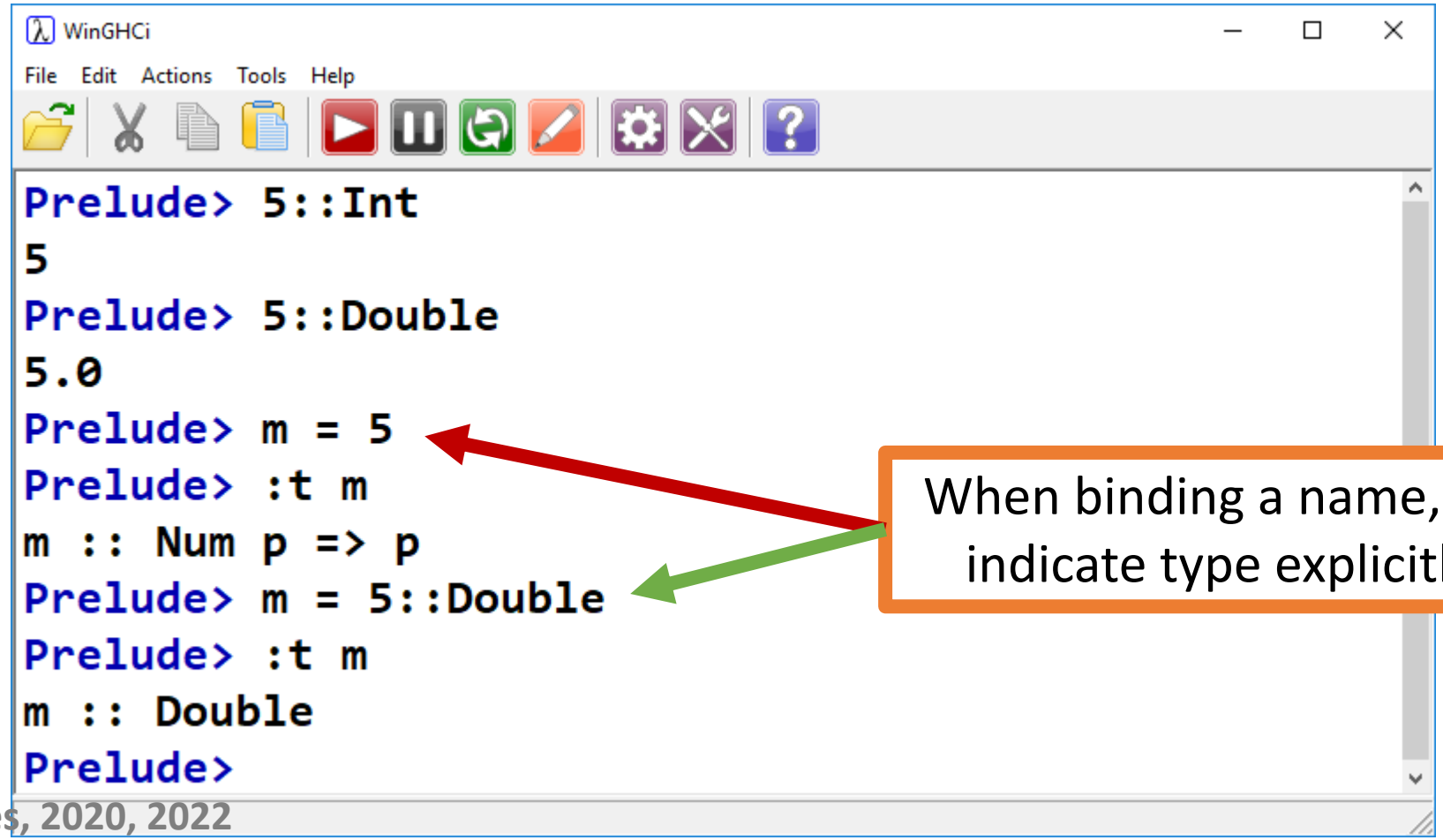


# Type Classes

Type polymorphism and type variables:

**Recall: Overloading**

- In languages like C++, the **==** operator is overloaded to work with many different types.
- Numeric type equality and string equality are performed differently.
- In general, if we want to compare two values of type α, we use an ***α-compare***
- α is a *type variable*, because its value is a type.

# Type Classes

Consider the equality (==) operator:

Takes two arguments, each of the same type (call it α), and returns a Boolean

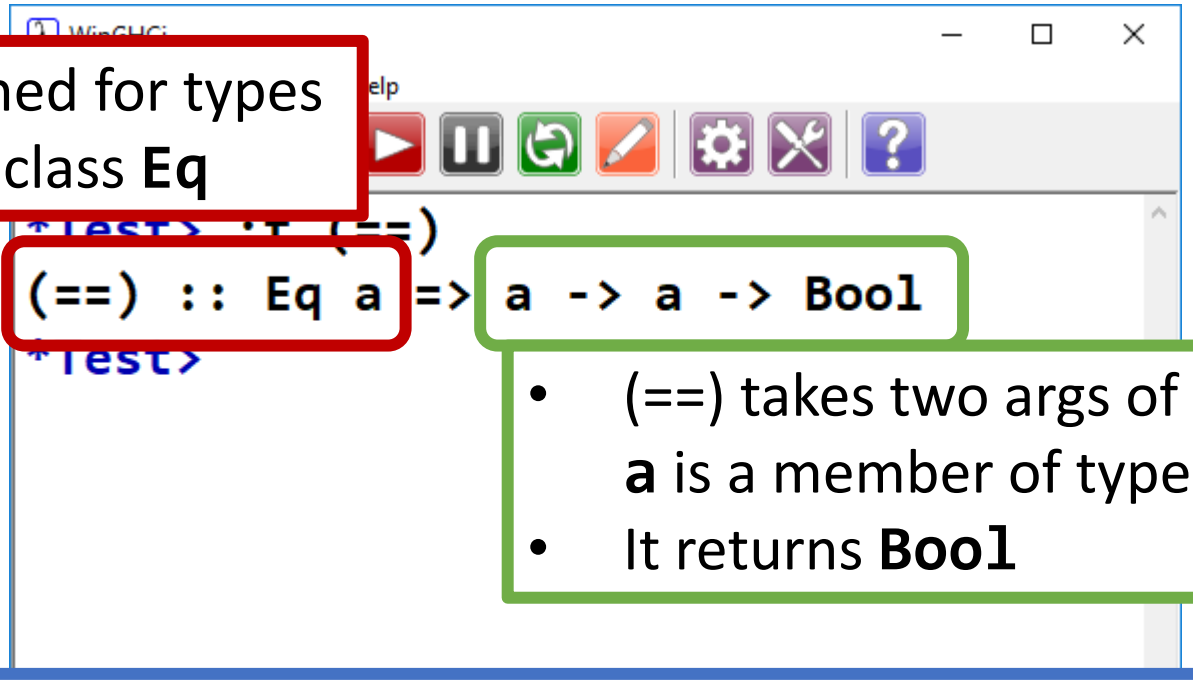
This operator may not be defined for *all* types, just some.

Thus, we can associate == with a specific ***type class*** containing those types for which == is defined.

This type class is called **Eq** in Haskell.

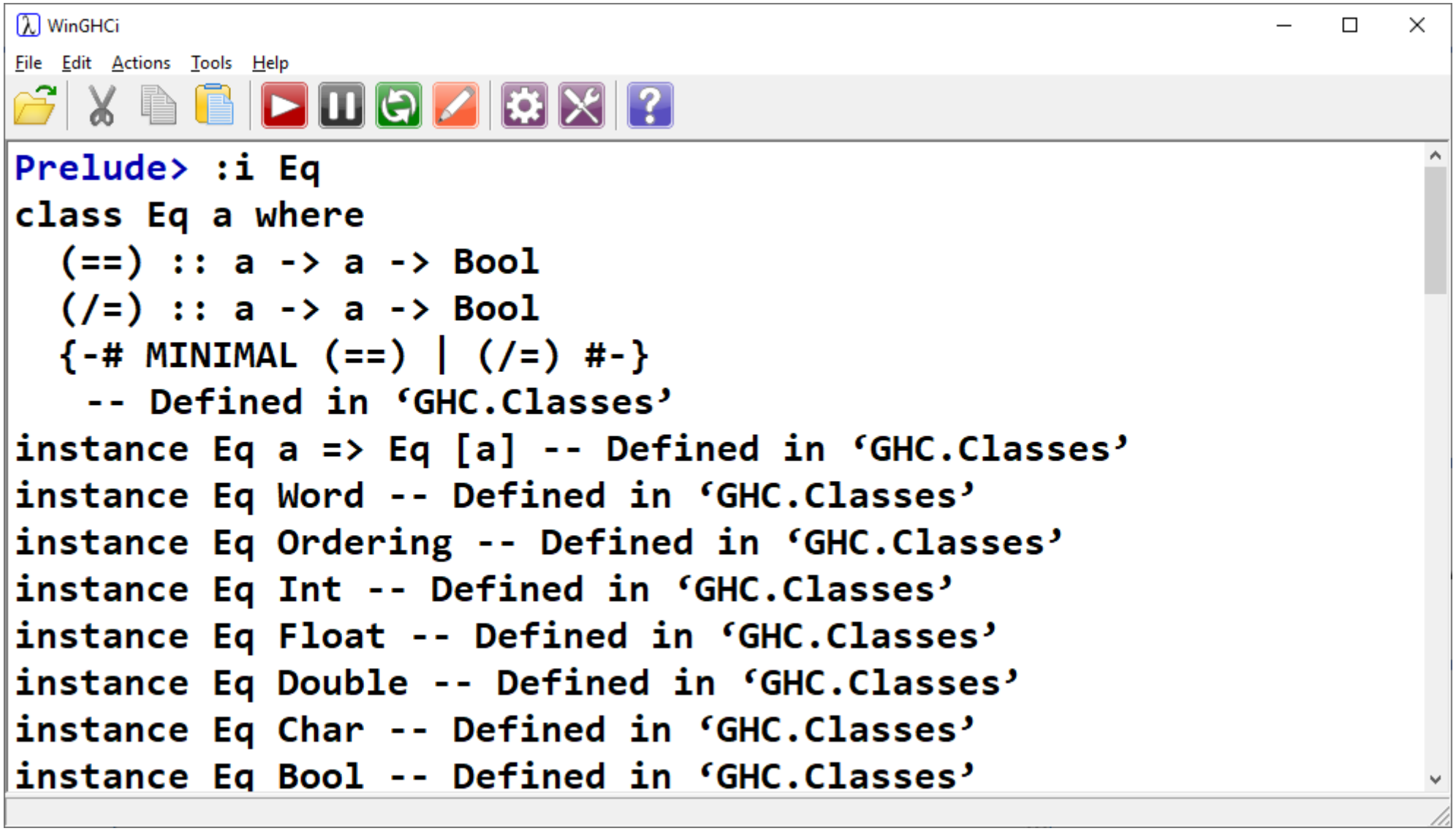
# Eq Type Class

(==) is defined for types in typeclass **Eq**

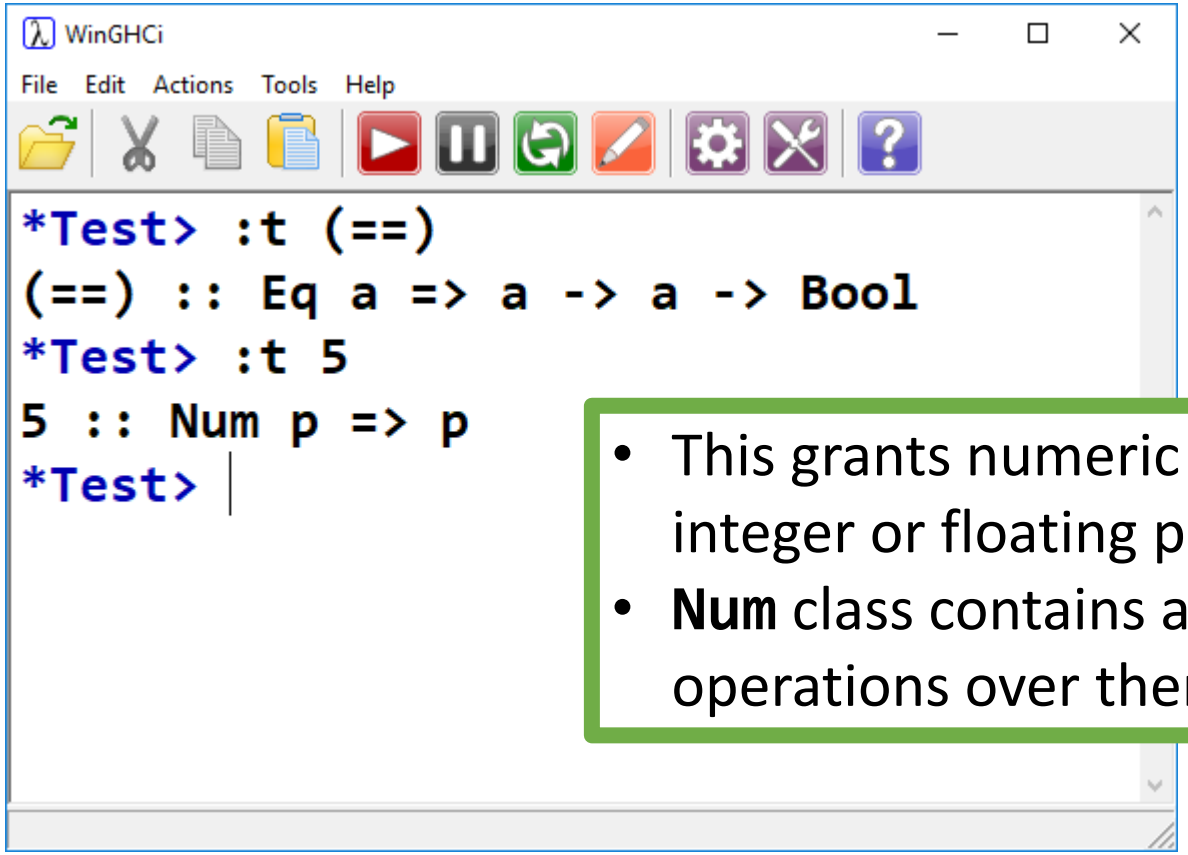



- (==) takes two args of type **a**, where **a** is a member of type class **Eq**
- It returns **Bool**

- If a concrete type, **a**, belongs to a certain type class, we say **a** is an *instance* of that type class.
- **Int** is an instance of **Eq**, for example.

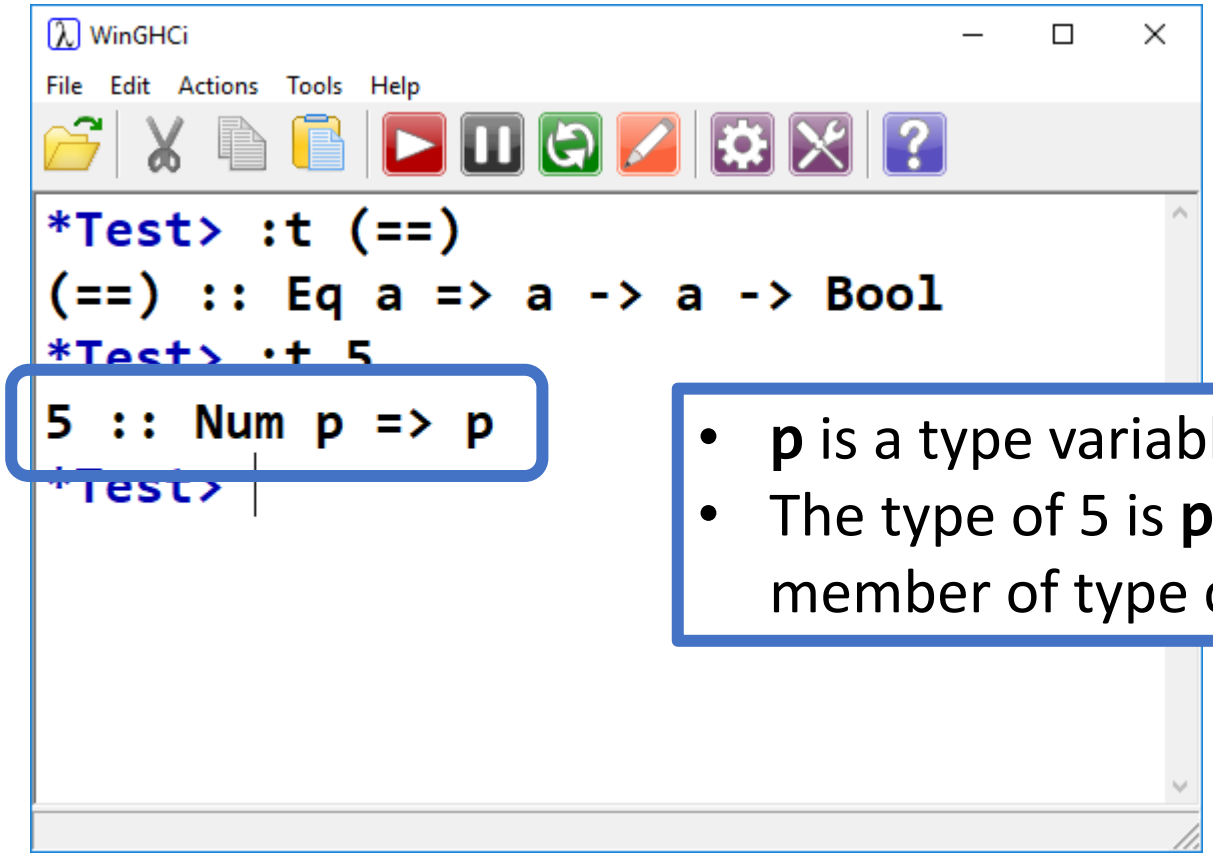


# Num Type Class

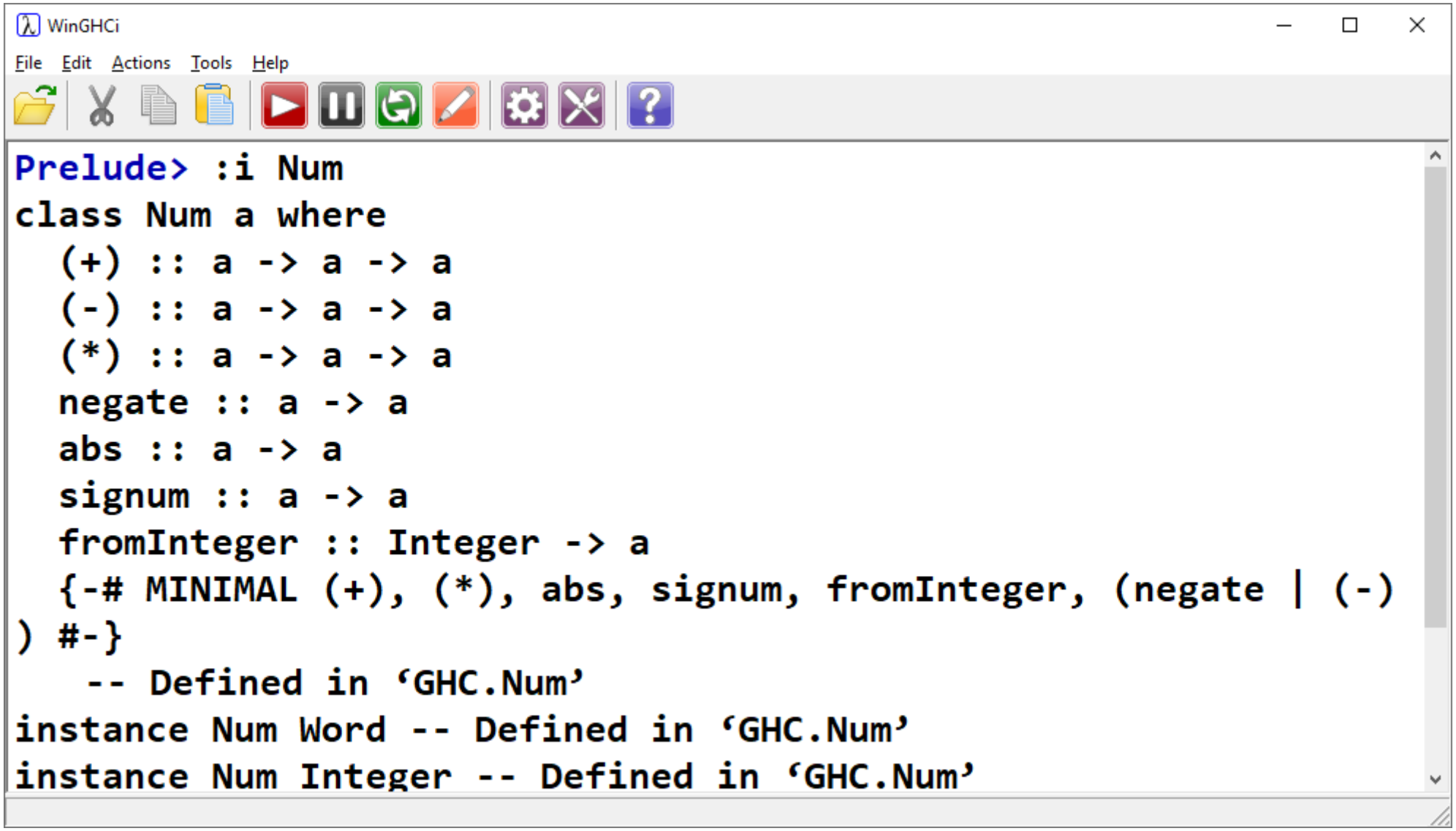



- This grants numeric values freedom to be an integer or floating point as the compiler sees fit.
- **Num** class contains all numbers, and certain operations over them such as addition.

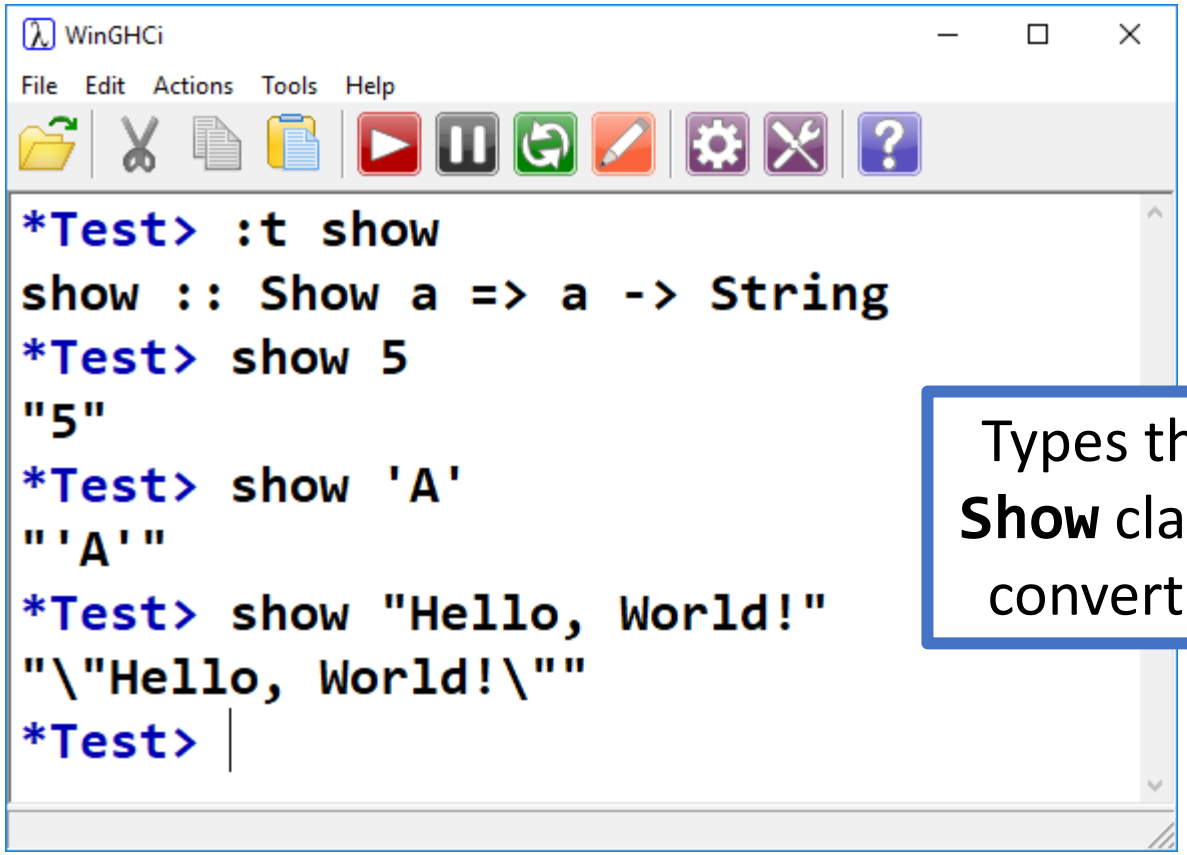
# Num Type Class




- **p** is a type variable
- The type of 5 is **p**, and **p** is a member of type class **Num**

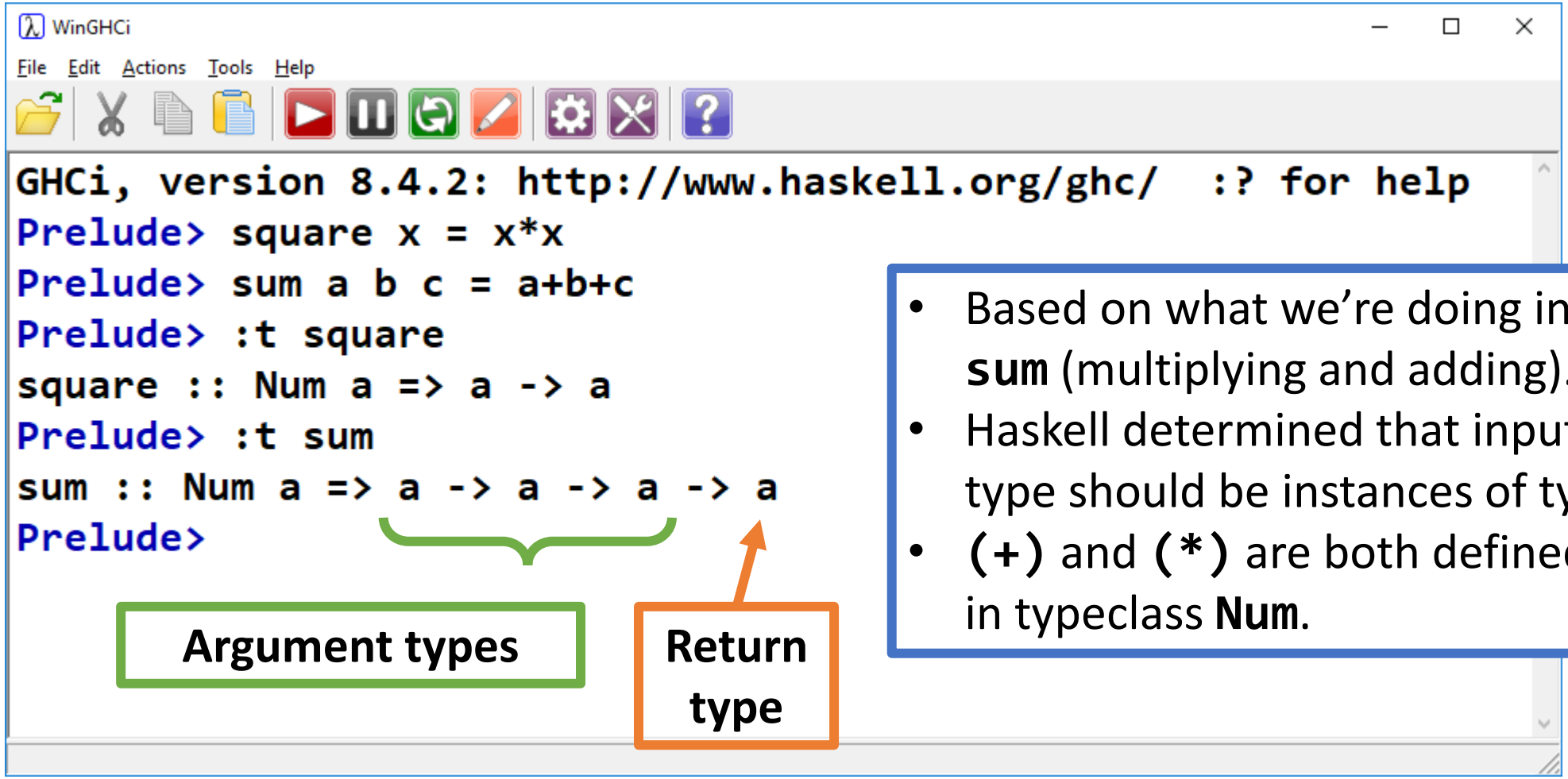


# Show Type Class



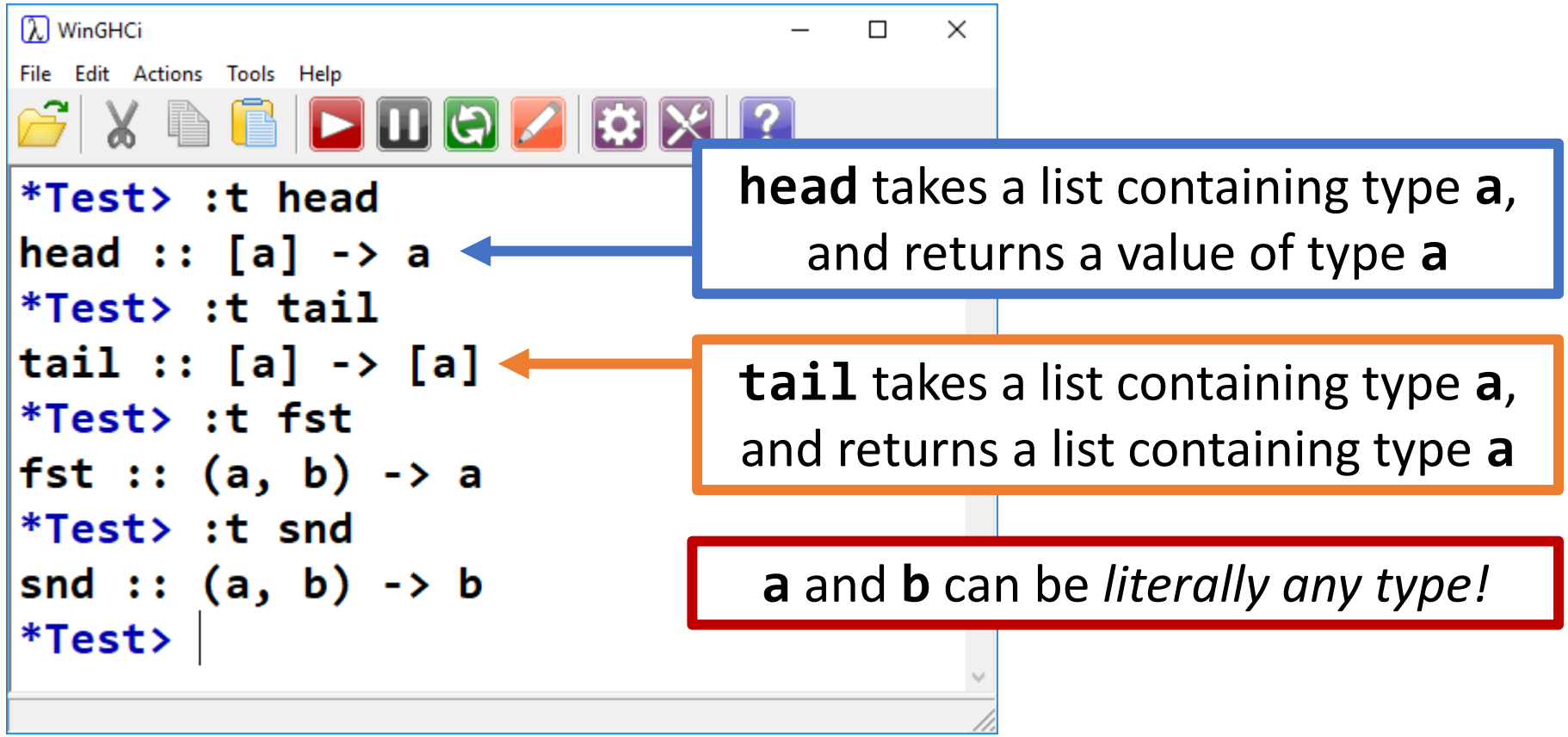

Types that are members of the **Show** class have functions which convert their value to a String.

# Functions & Typeclasses




- Based on what we're doing in **`square`** and **`sum`** (multiplying and adding)…
- Haskell determined that input and output type should be instances of typeclass **`Num`**.
- **`(+)`** and **`(*)`** are both defined for all types in typeclass **`Num`**.

# Function Type Signatures



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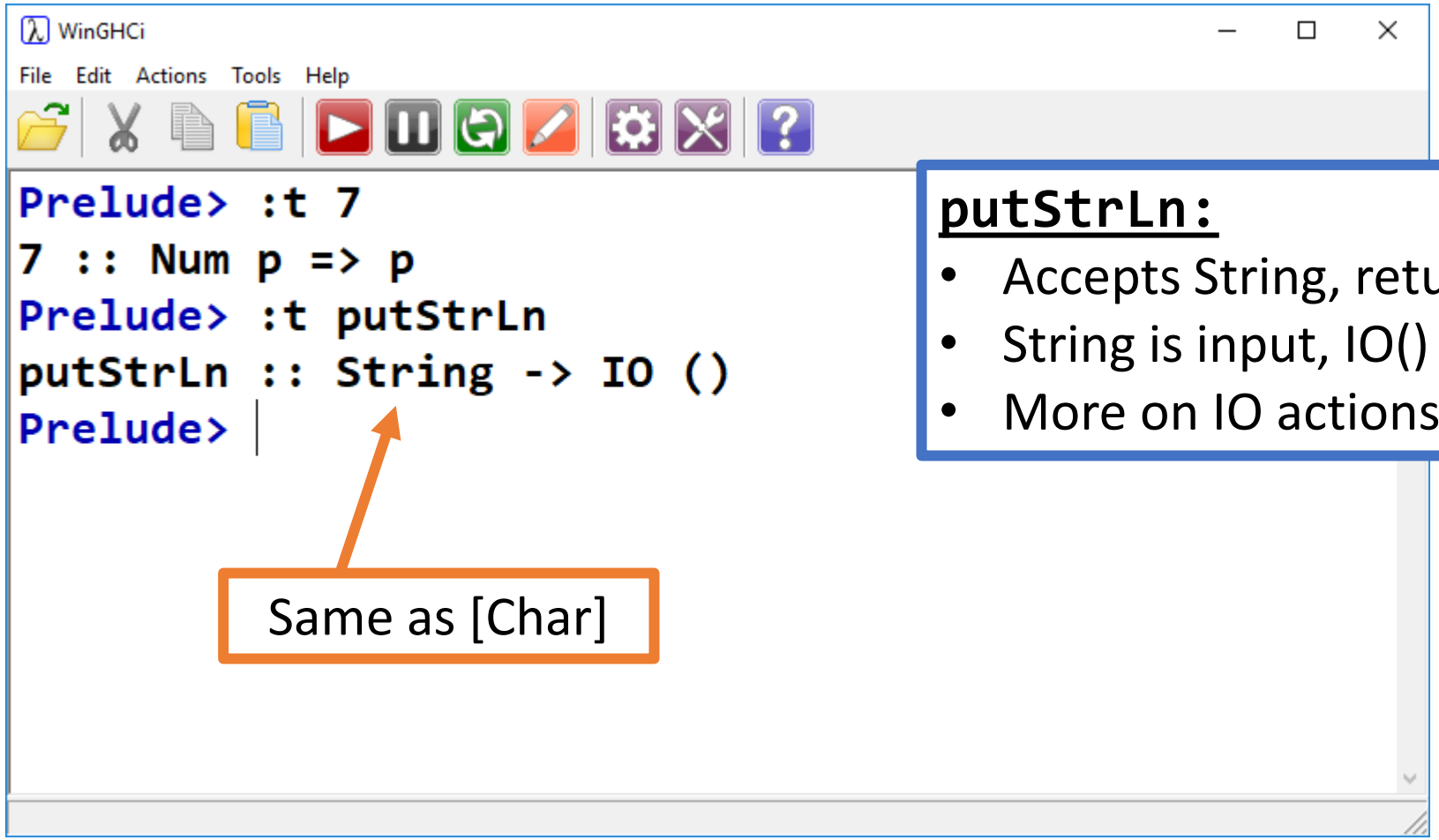


**putStrLn:**

- Accepts String, returns ***IO action***.
- String is input, IO() is output.
- More on IO actions later.

# Specify Function Type

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Test.hs HaskellList.hs

```
1  module Test where
2
3   chkAxis :: (Float, Float) -> (Float, Float)
4   chkAxis (0, _) = (0, 1)
5   chkAxis (_, 0) = (1, 0)
6   chkAxis (a, b) = (a, b)
7
```

- **`chkAxis`** takes a pair-tuple of Floats as input, and returns the same as output.
- Instead of constants being of type Num or Fractional, they are treated as Floats

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```
*Test> chkAxis (1, 0)
(1.0,0.0)
*Test> chkAxis (0, 4.5)
(0.0,1.0)
*Test> chkAxis (3, 4)
(3.0,4.0)
*Test> chkAxis (4.333, 0)
(1.0,0.0)
*Test> :t chkAxis
chkAxis :: (Float, Float) ->
(Float, Float)
*Test>
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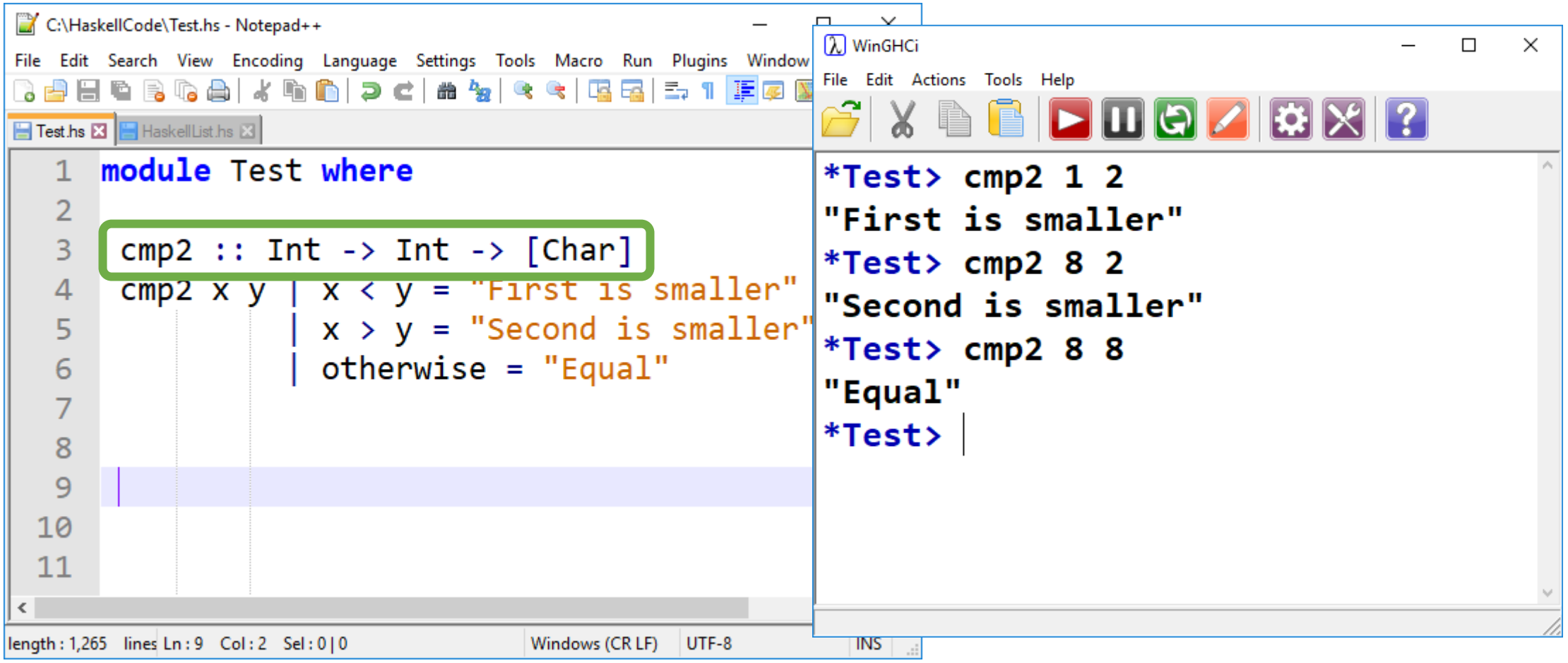

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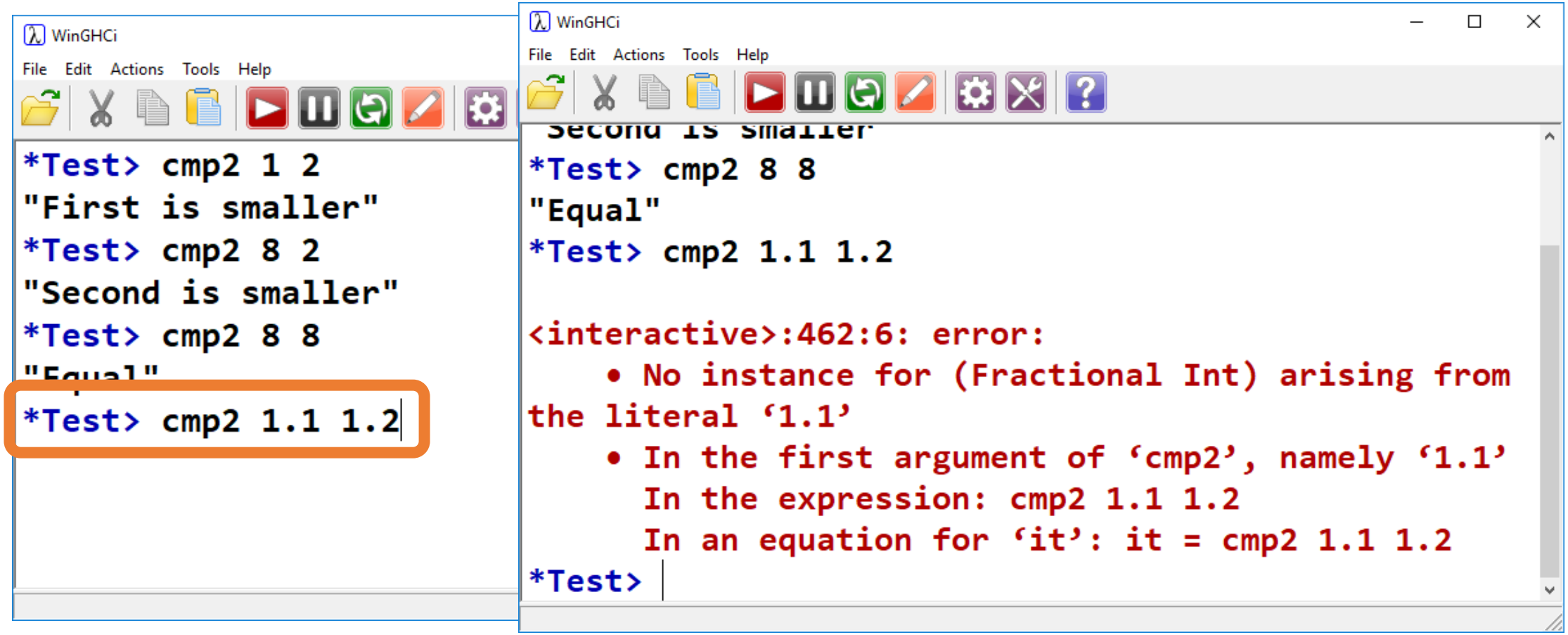
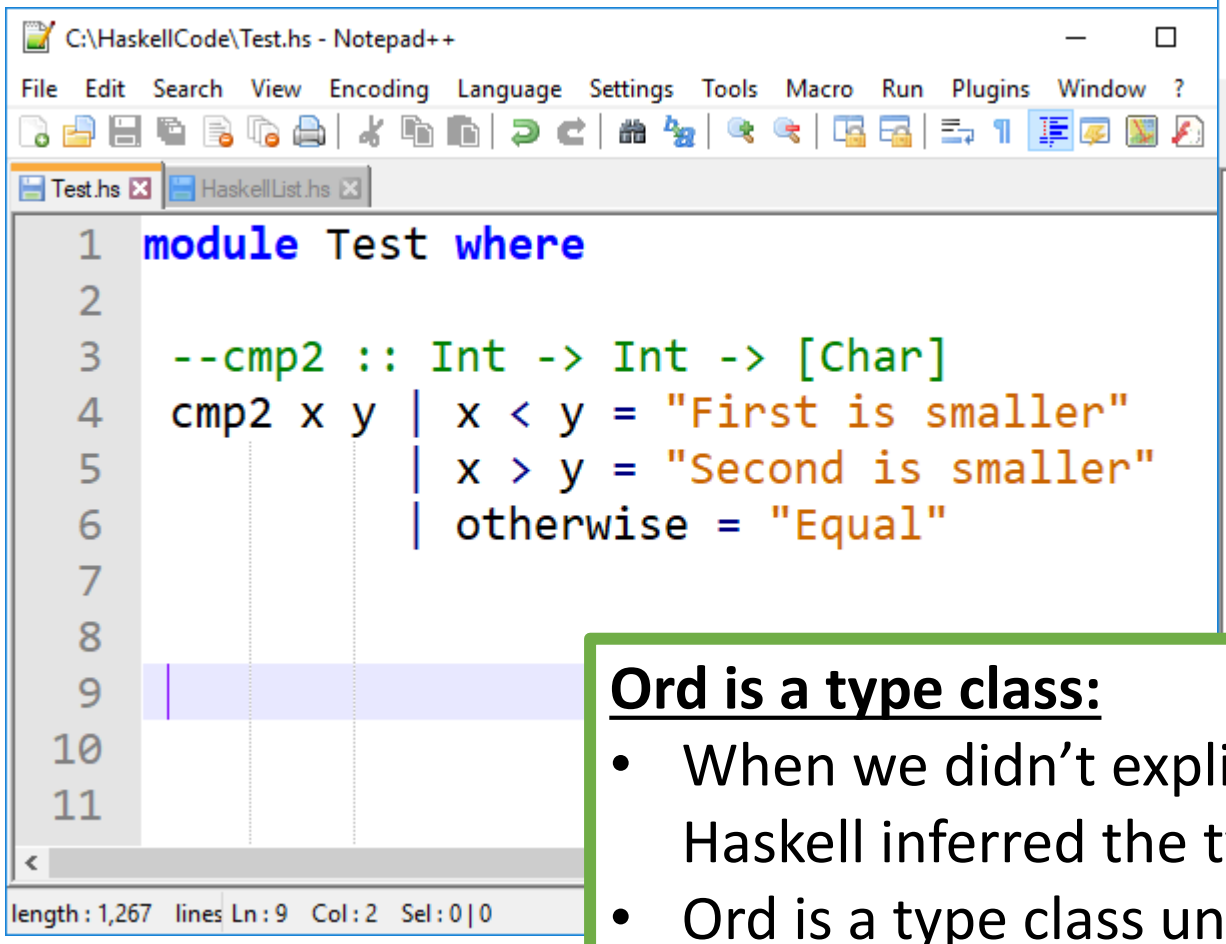
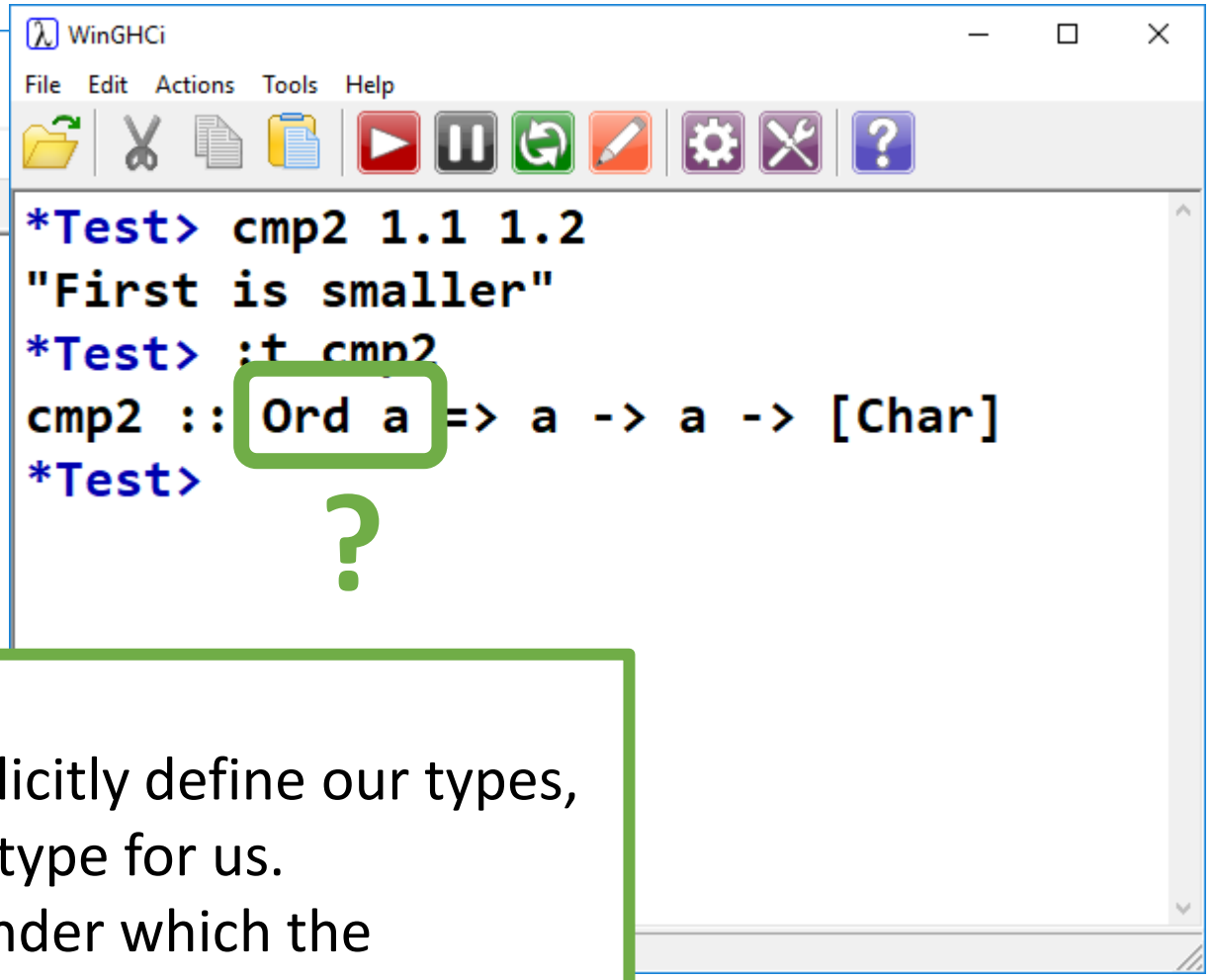


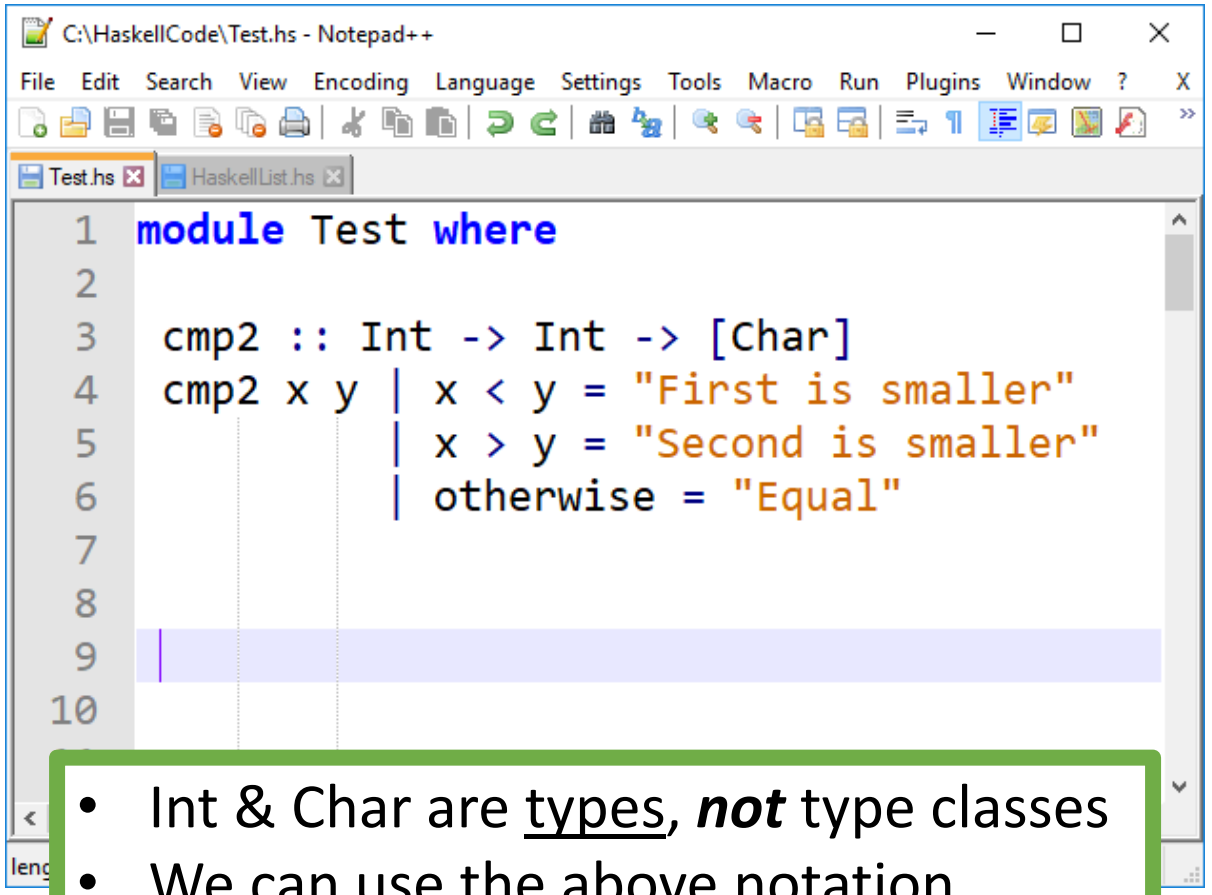


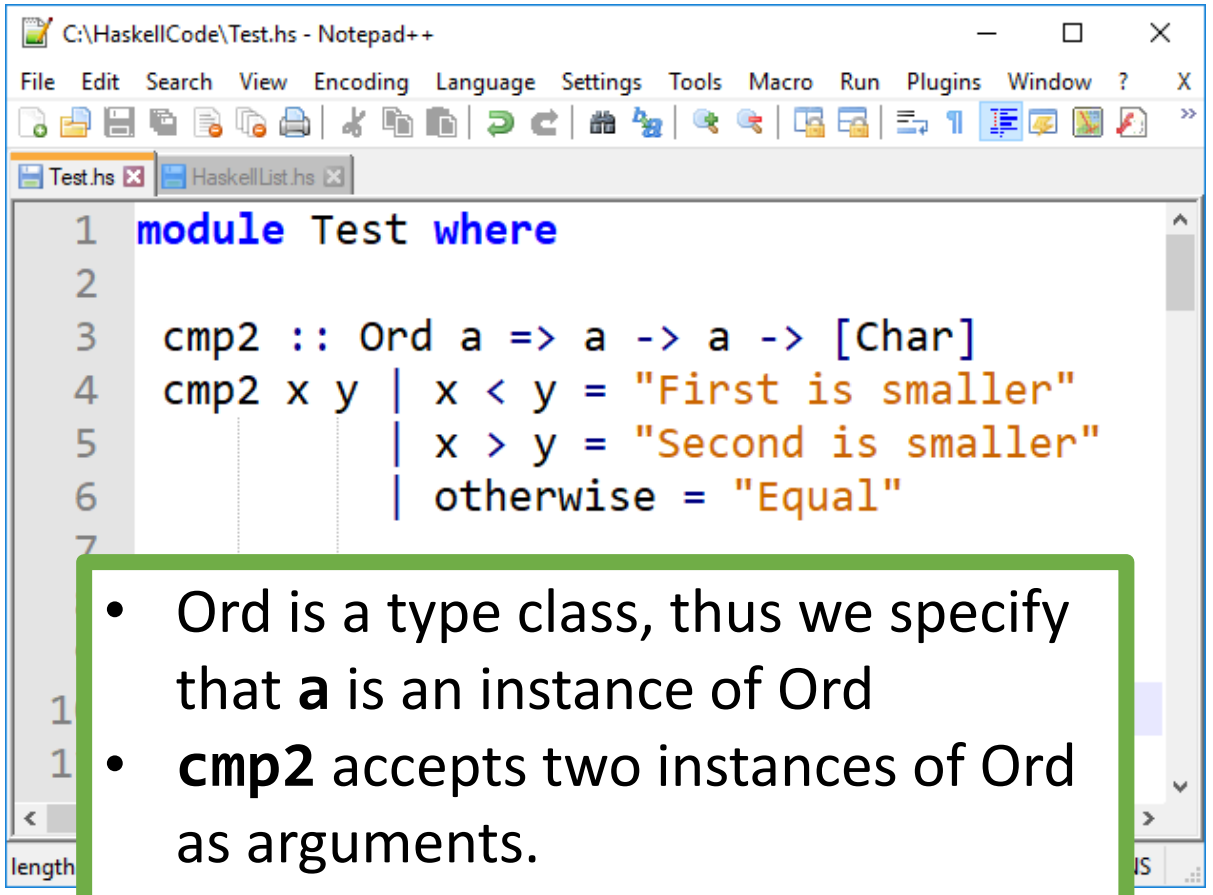

**Ord is a type class:**

- When we didn't explicitly define our types, Haskell inferred the type for us.
- Ord is a type class under which the operations used on our inputs are defined.
- I.e., comparison operators.

# Type VS Type Class

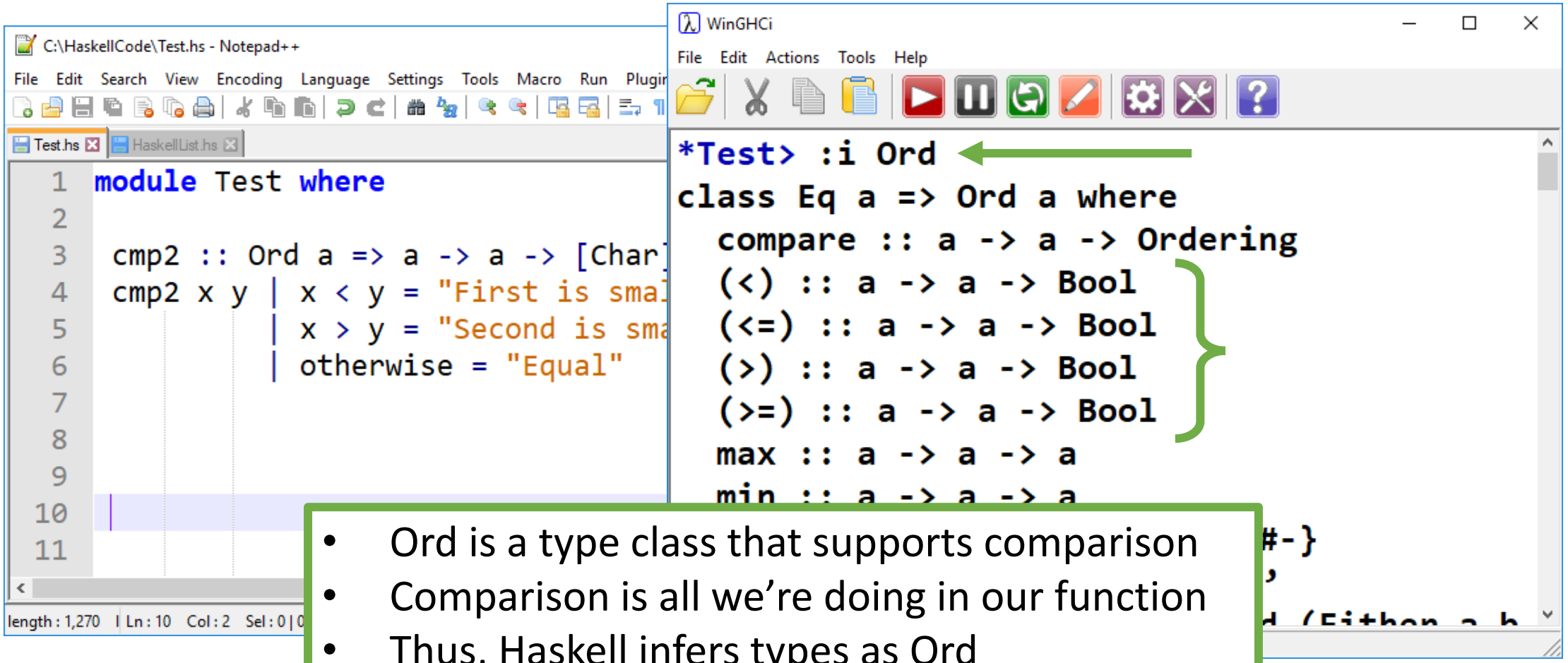



- Int & Char are types, ***not*** type classes
- We can use the above notation




- Ord is a type class, thus we specify that **a** is an instance of Ord
- **cmp2** accepts two instances of Ord as arguments.
- Ord contains many different types, **a** can be any of them

# Ord Type Class




- Ord is a type class that supports comparison
- Comparison is all we're doing in our function
- Thus, Haskell infers types as Ord

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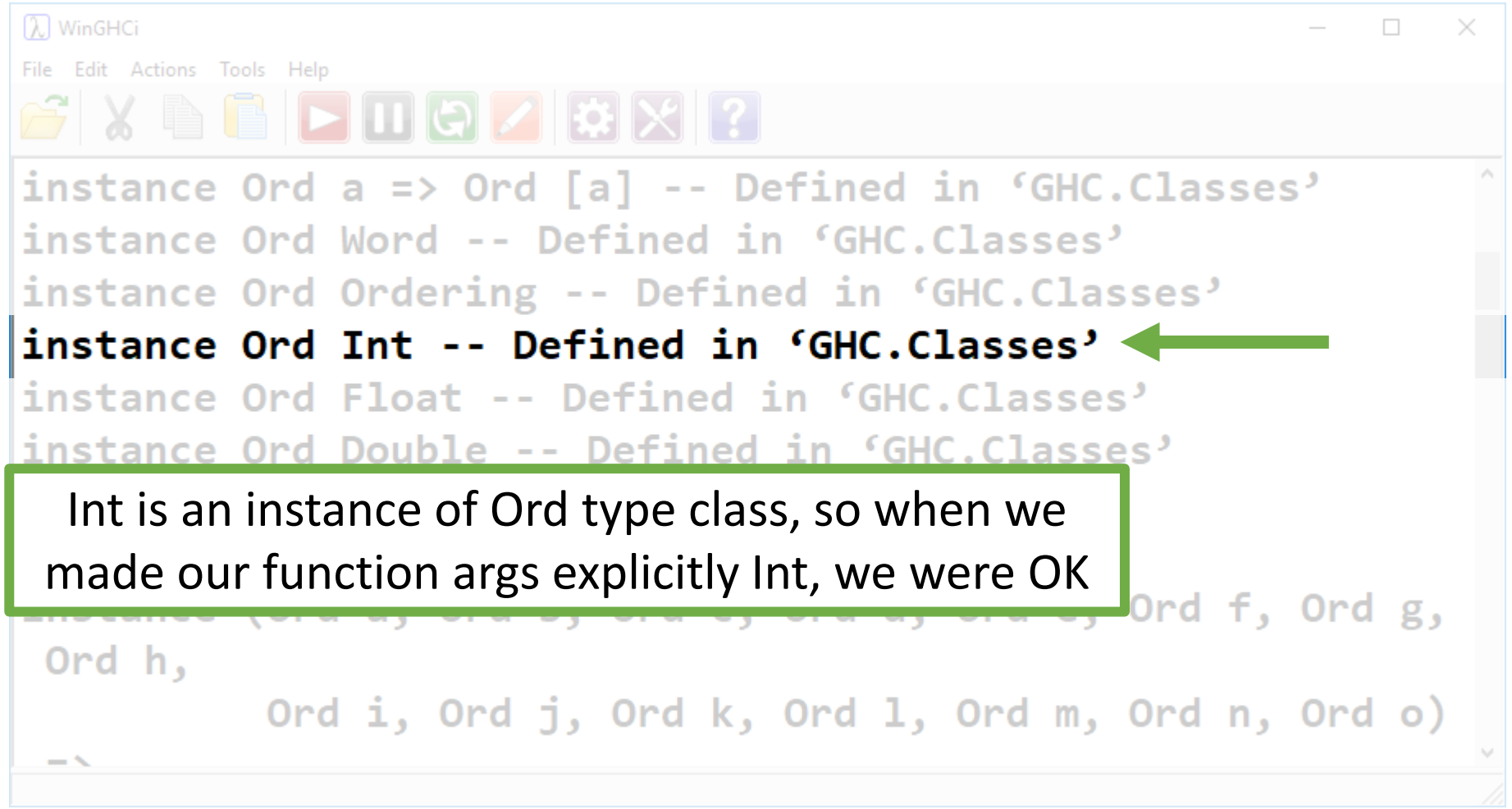


Int is an instance of Ord type class, so when we made our function args explicitly Int, we were OK

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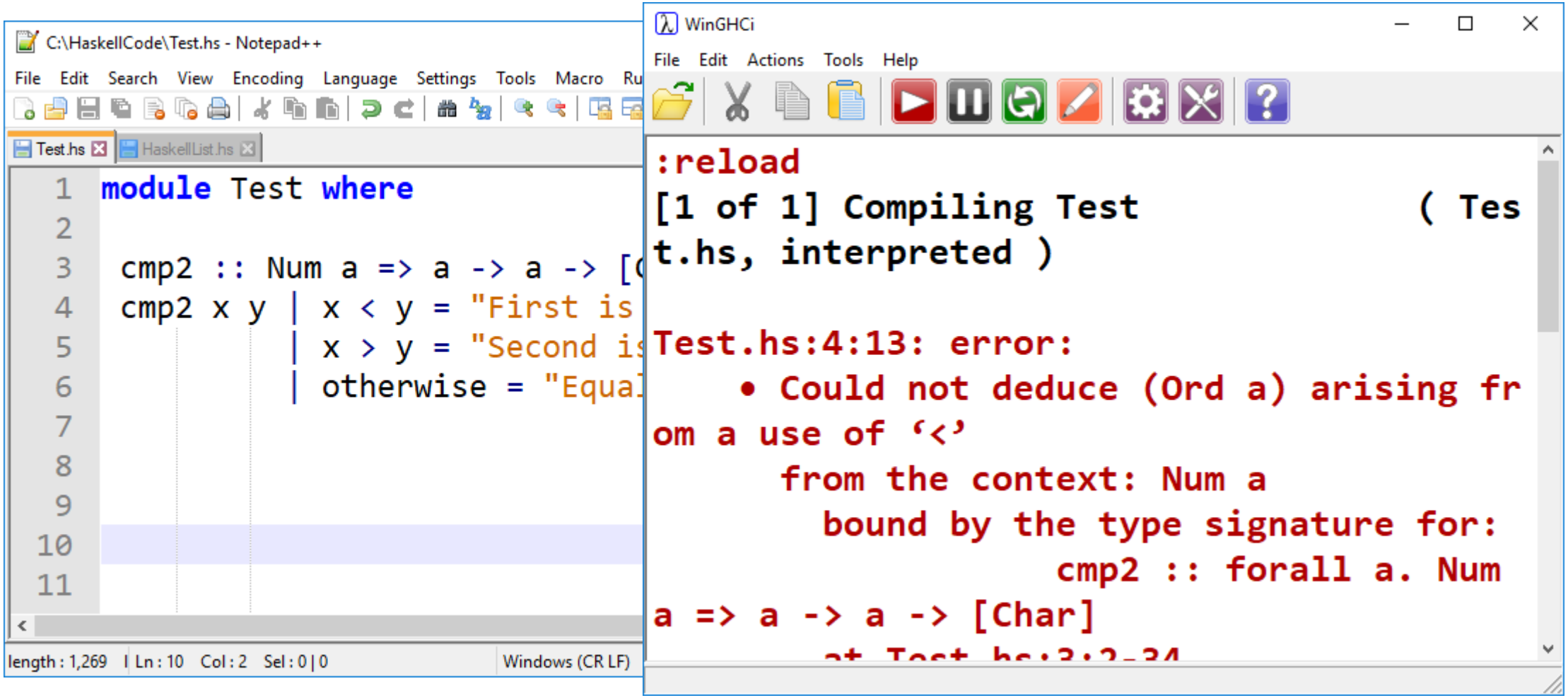
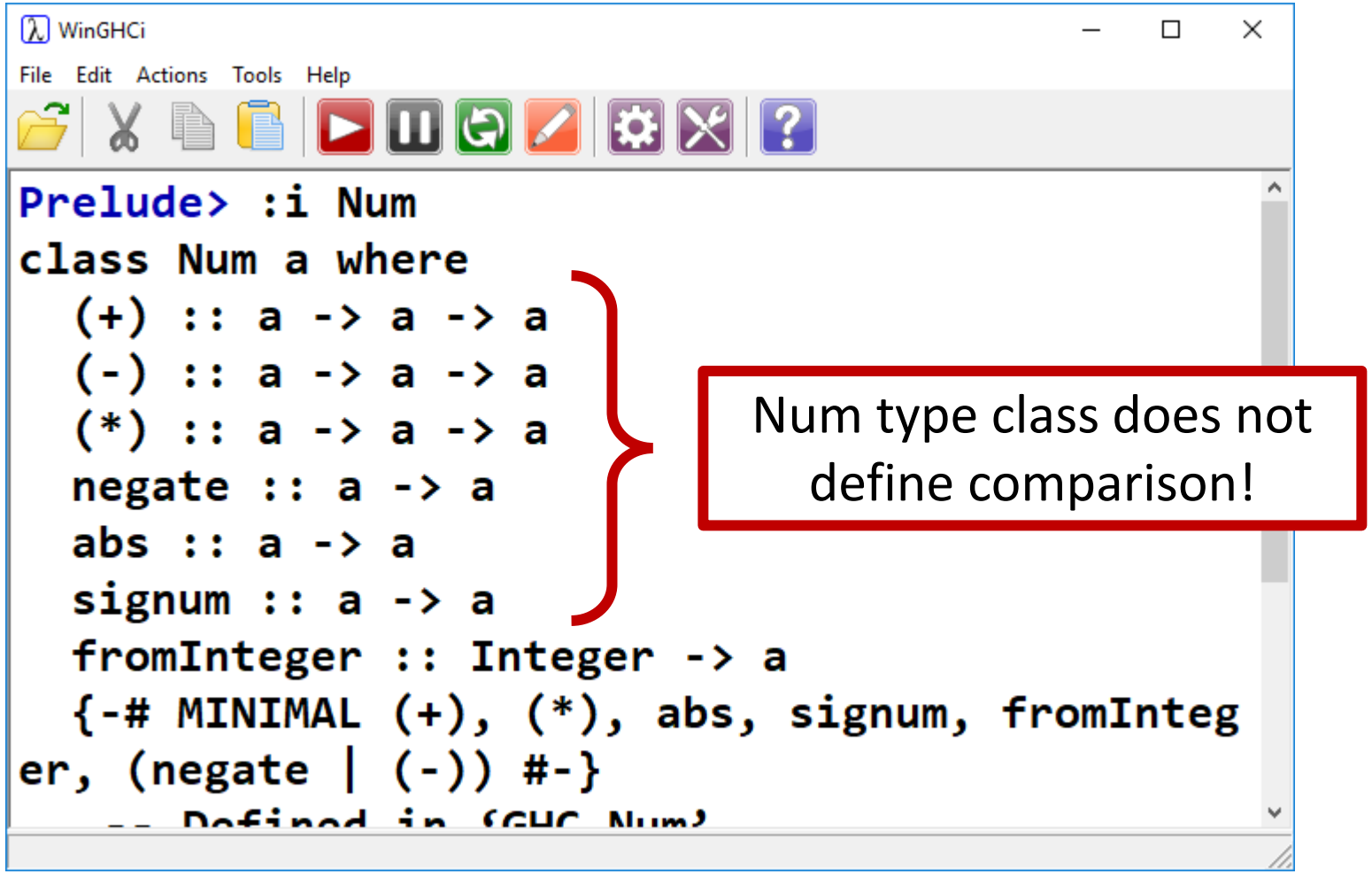
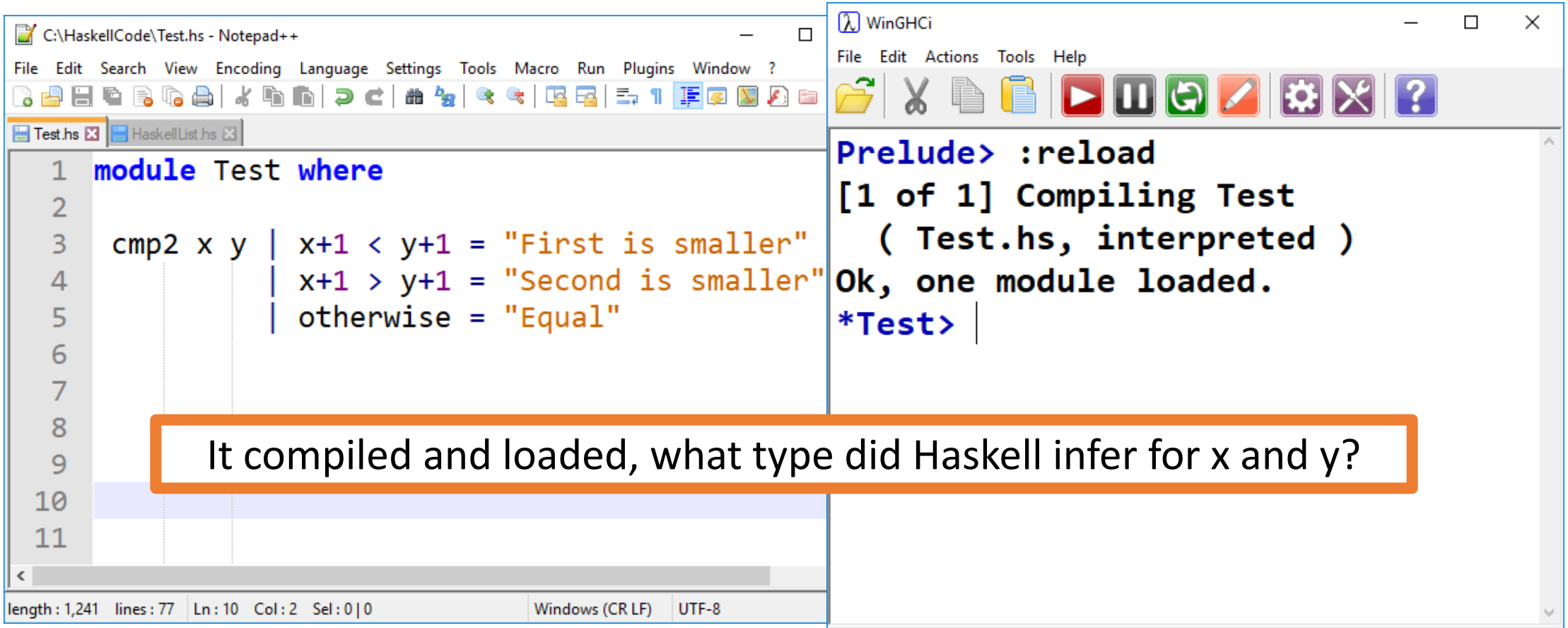
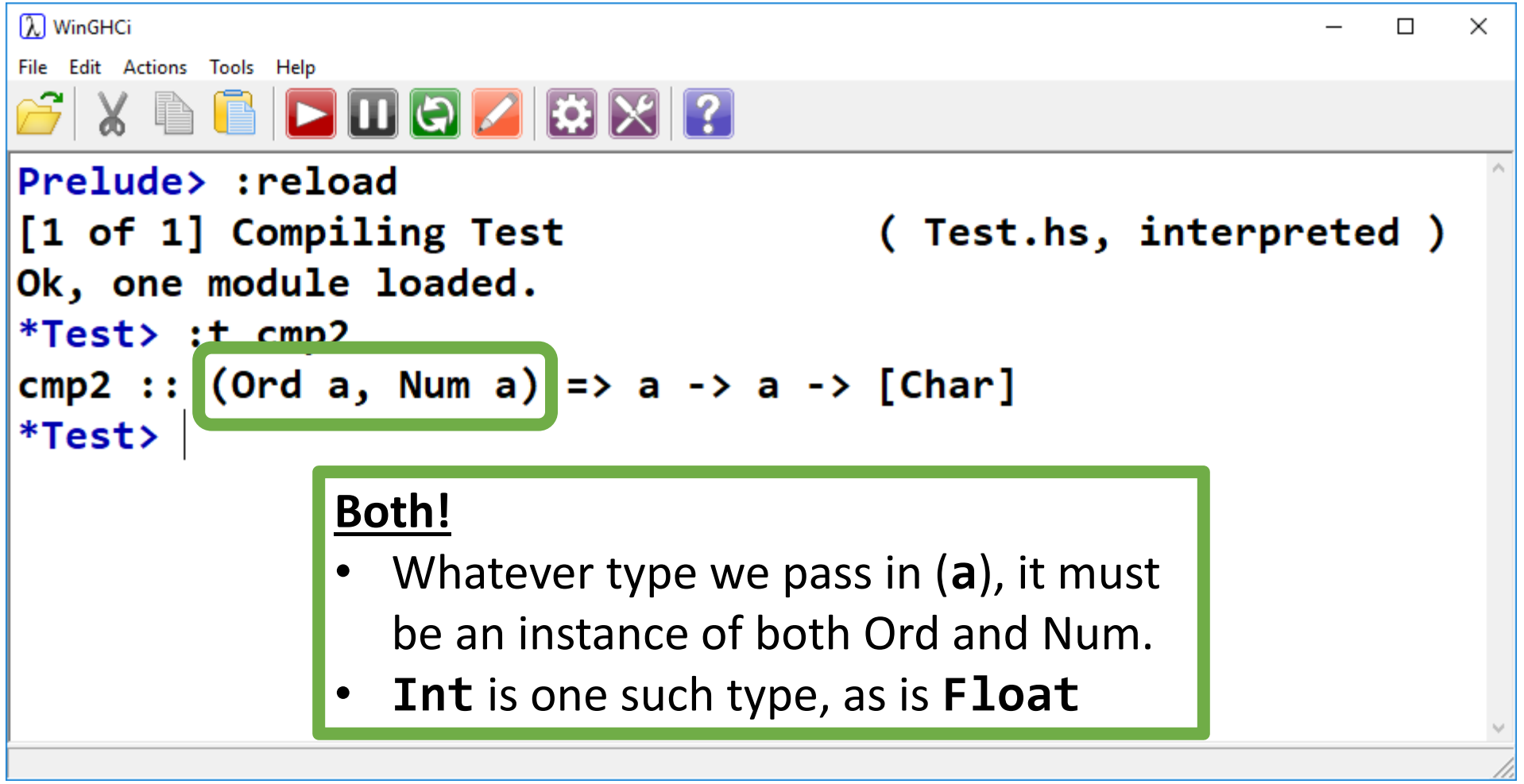




# Hmmmm…

**Num** doesn't have comparison, **Ord** doesn't have addition





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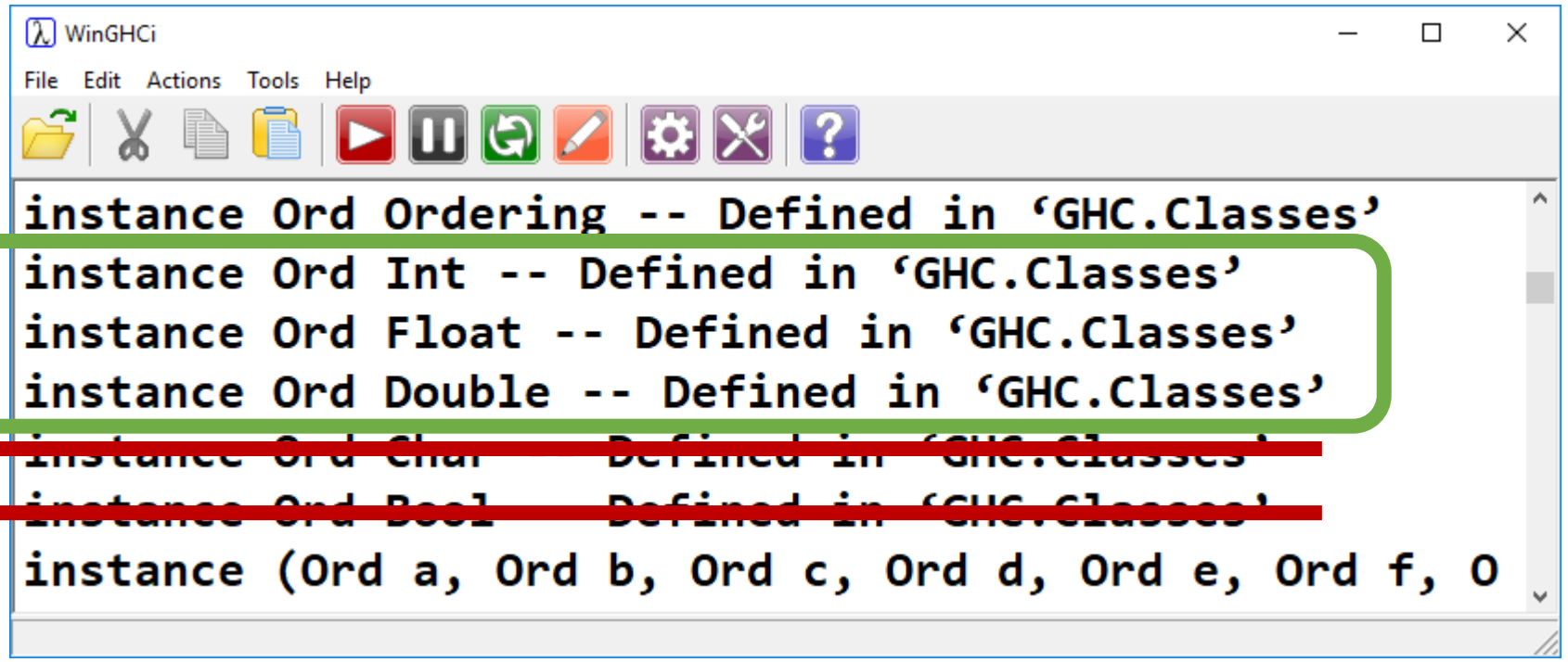


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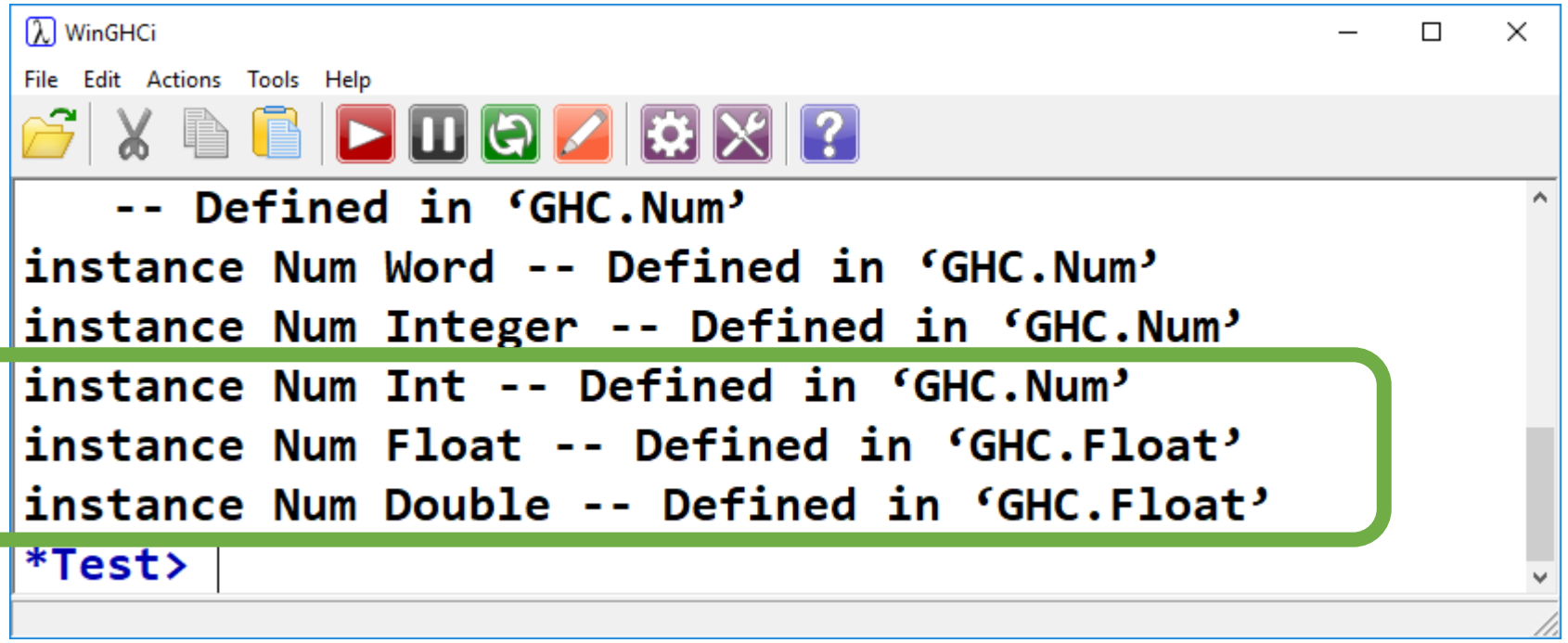

# Custom Data Types

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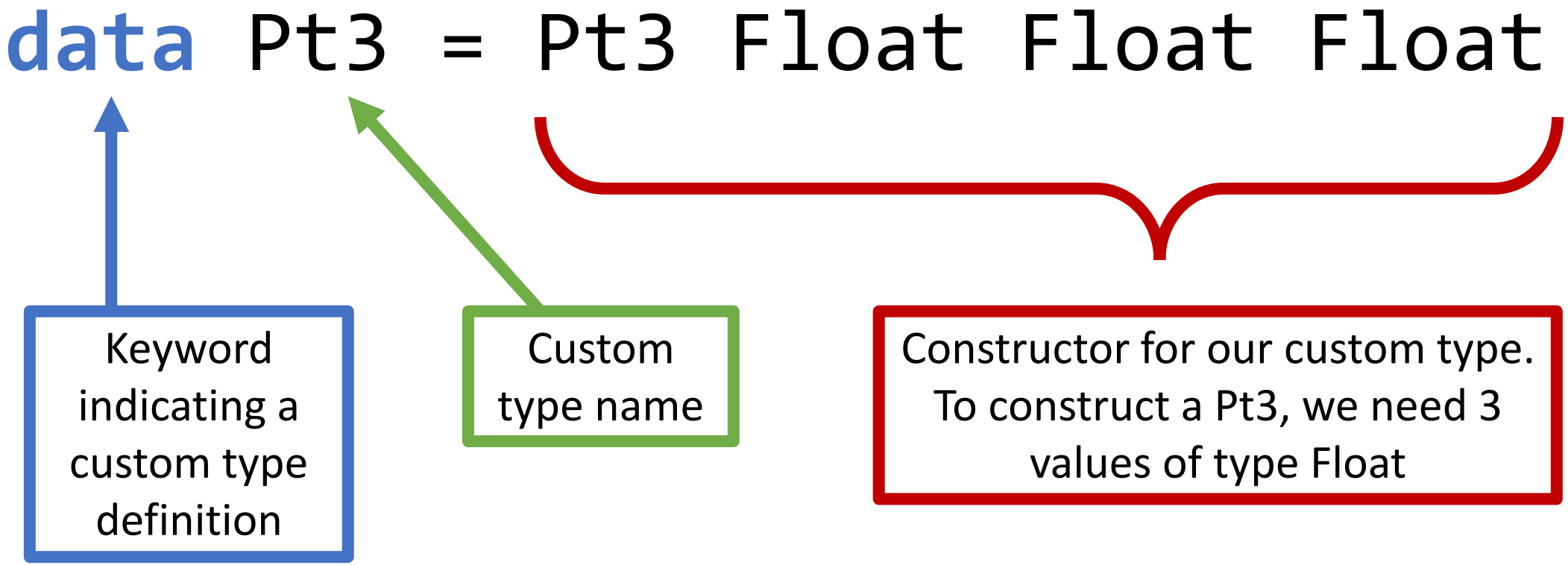
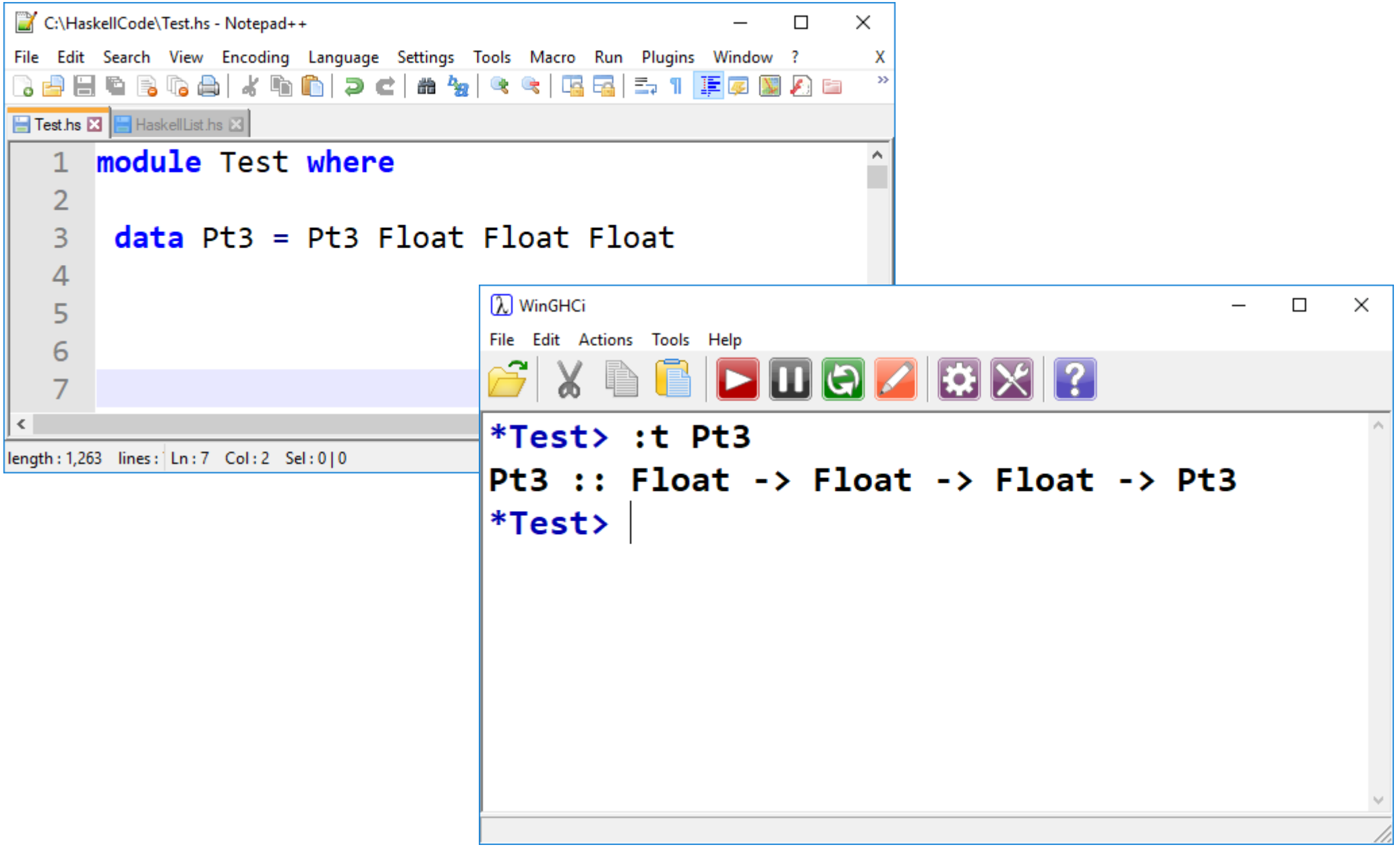
- Lists and tuples are already quite powerful for organizing data
- What if we want to add custom behaviors over our data?
- For example, we can declare a pair tuple (1, 2).
- What if we want to treat these as coordinates and compute the sum? The dot product? Etc.?
- Addition is not defined for tuples, let alone more complicated operations.

# Custom Coordinate Types





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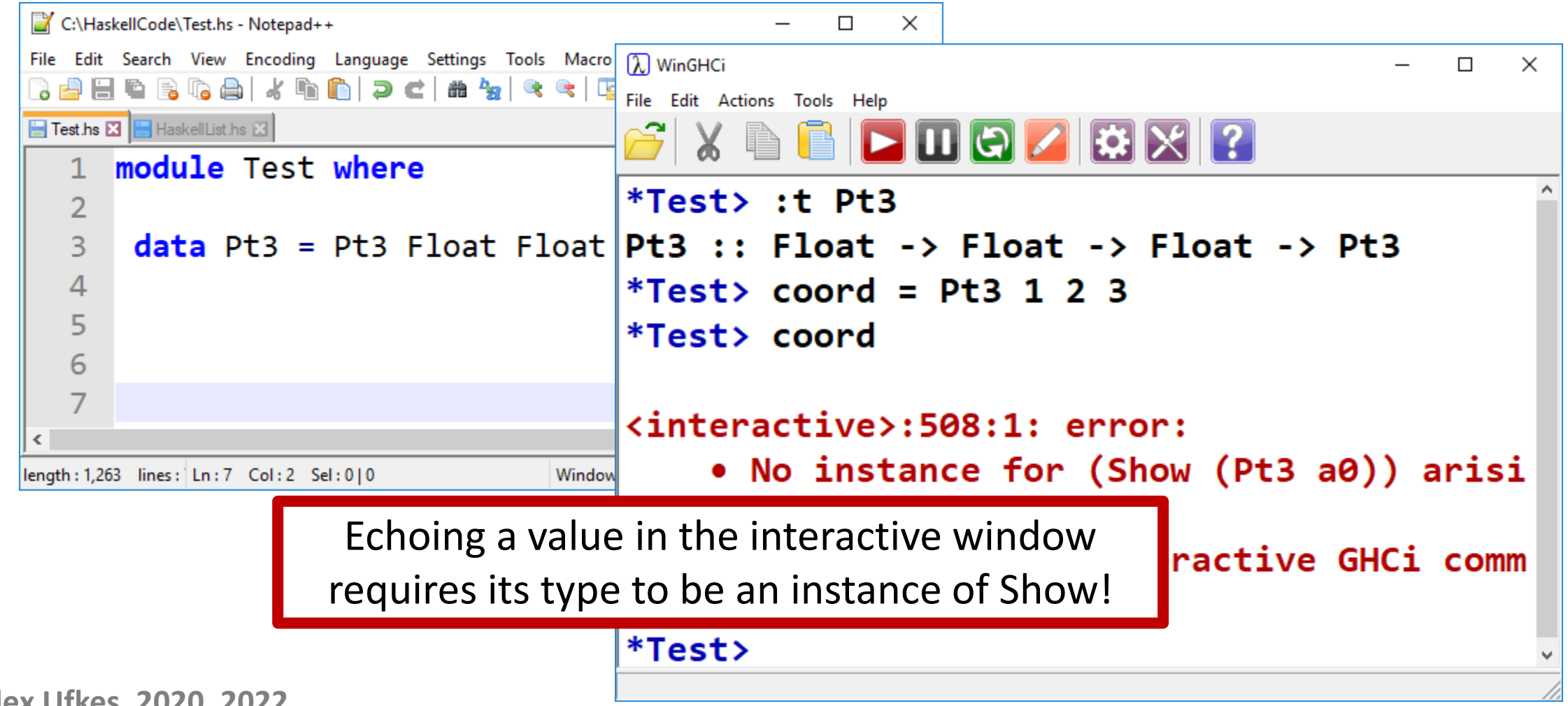
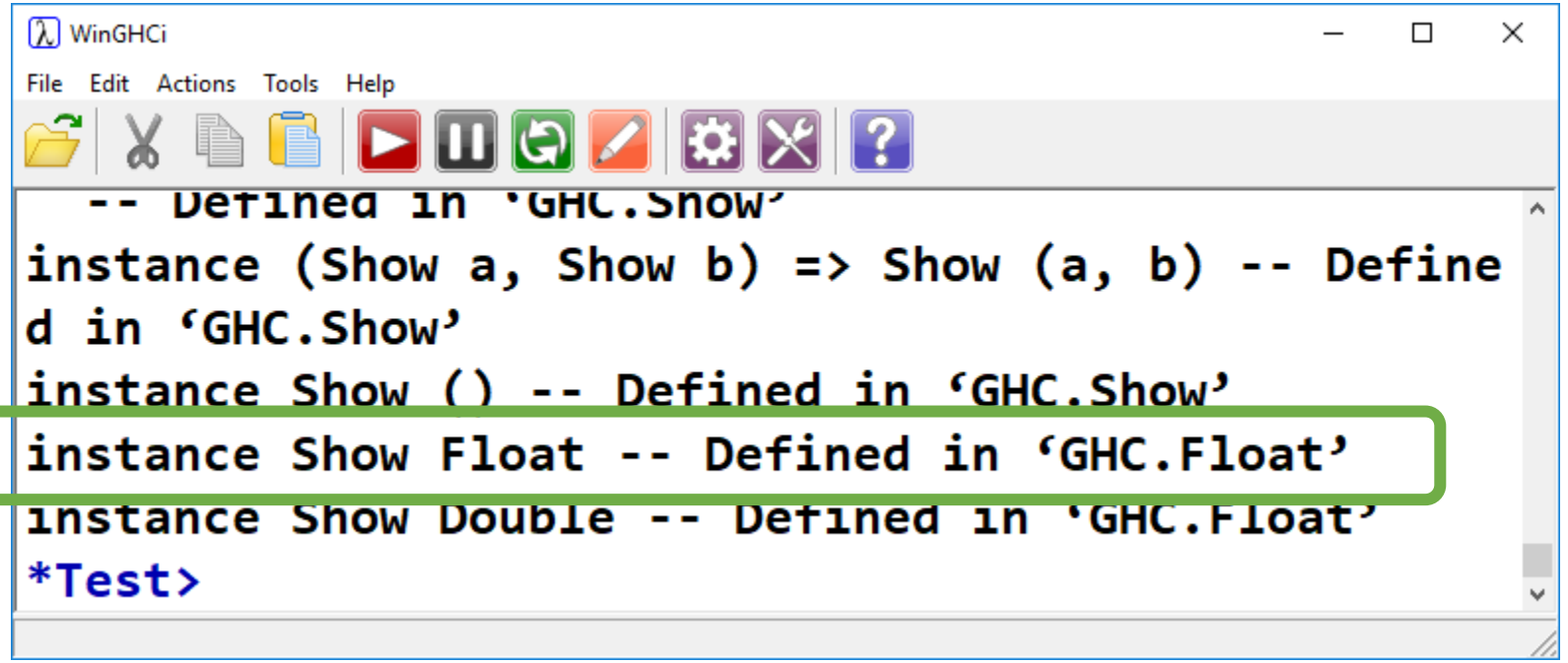
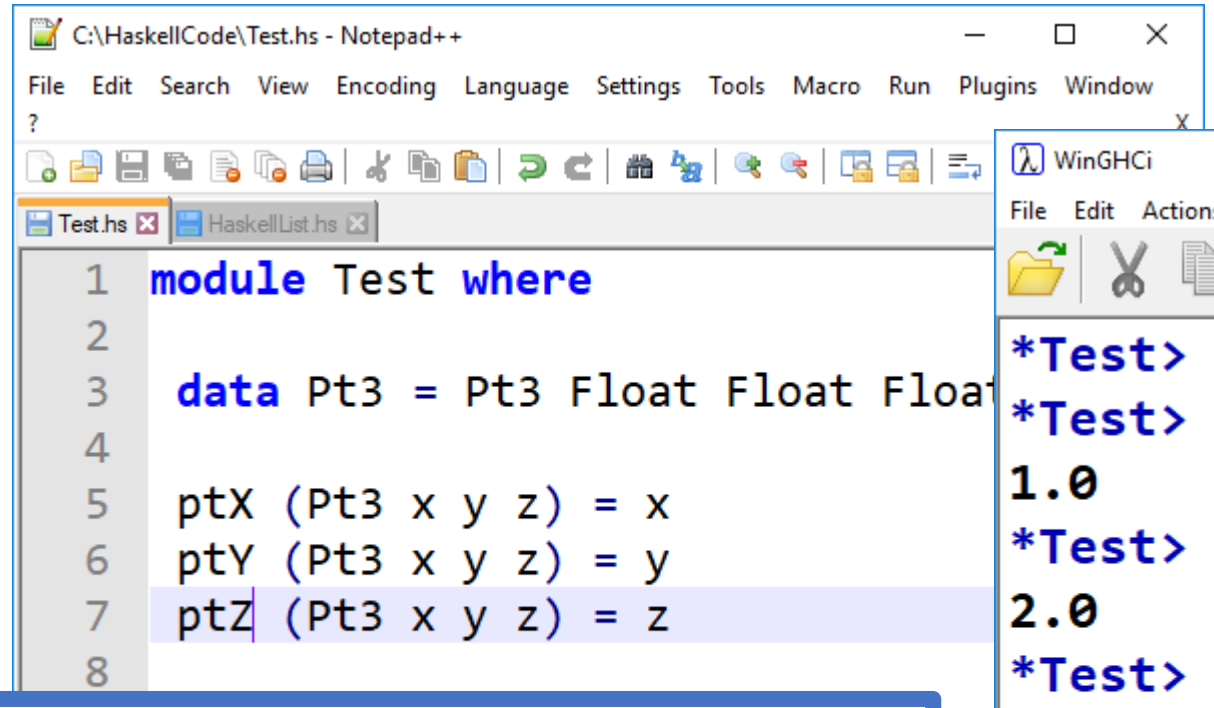


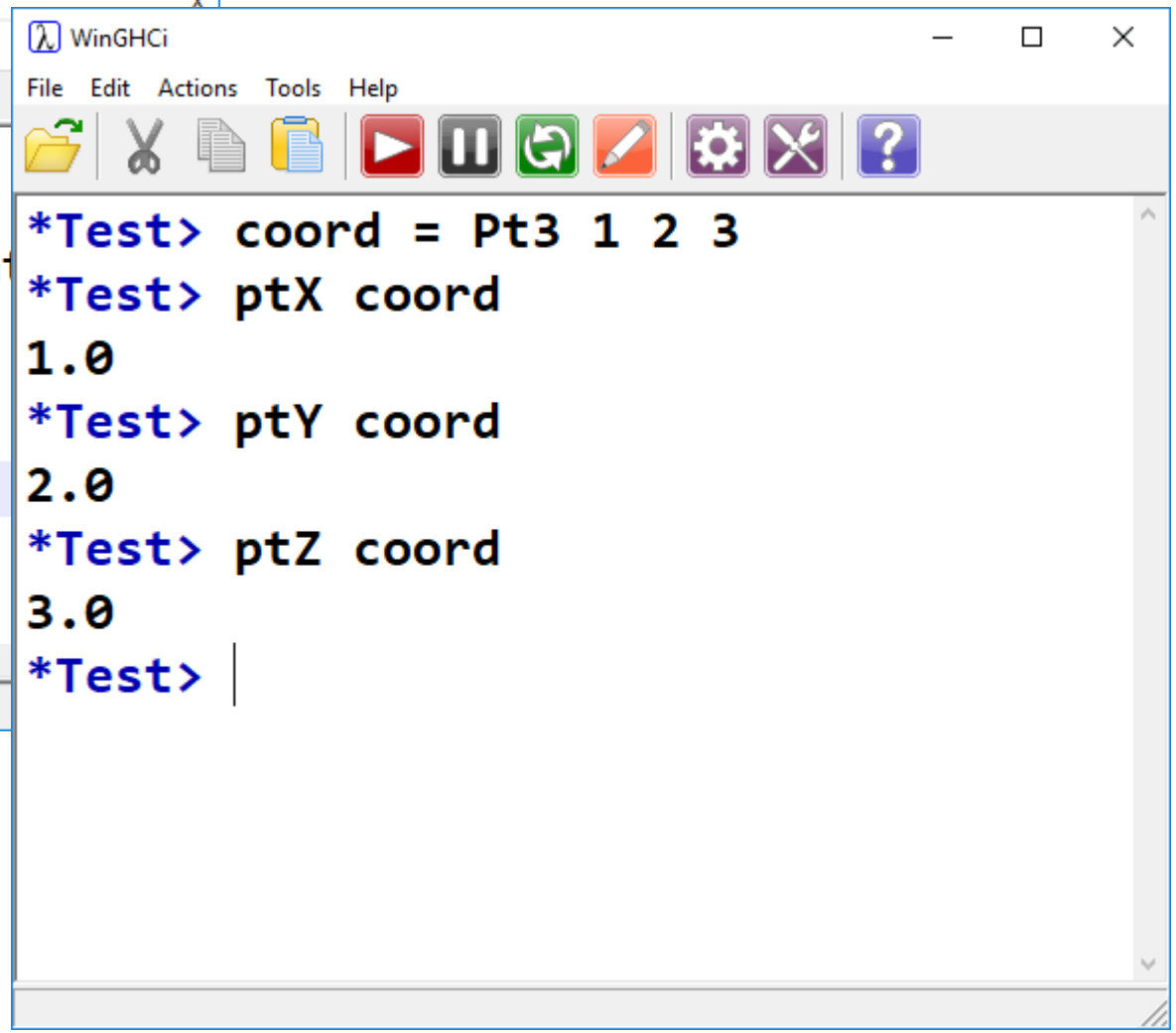

Echoing a value in the interactive window requires its type to be an instance of Show!

# Hmmm…

- The values contained in Pt3 are Float, and we know that Float is an instance of Show.
- How can we access the individual elements of Pt3?

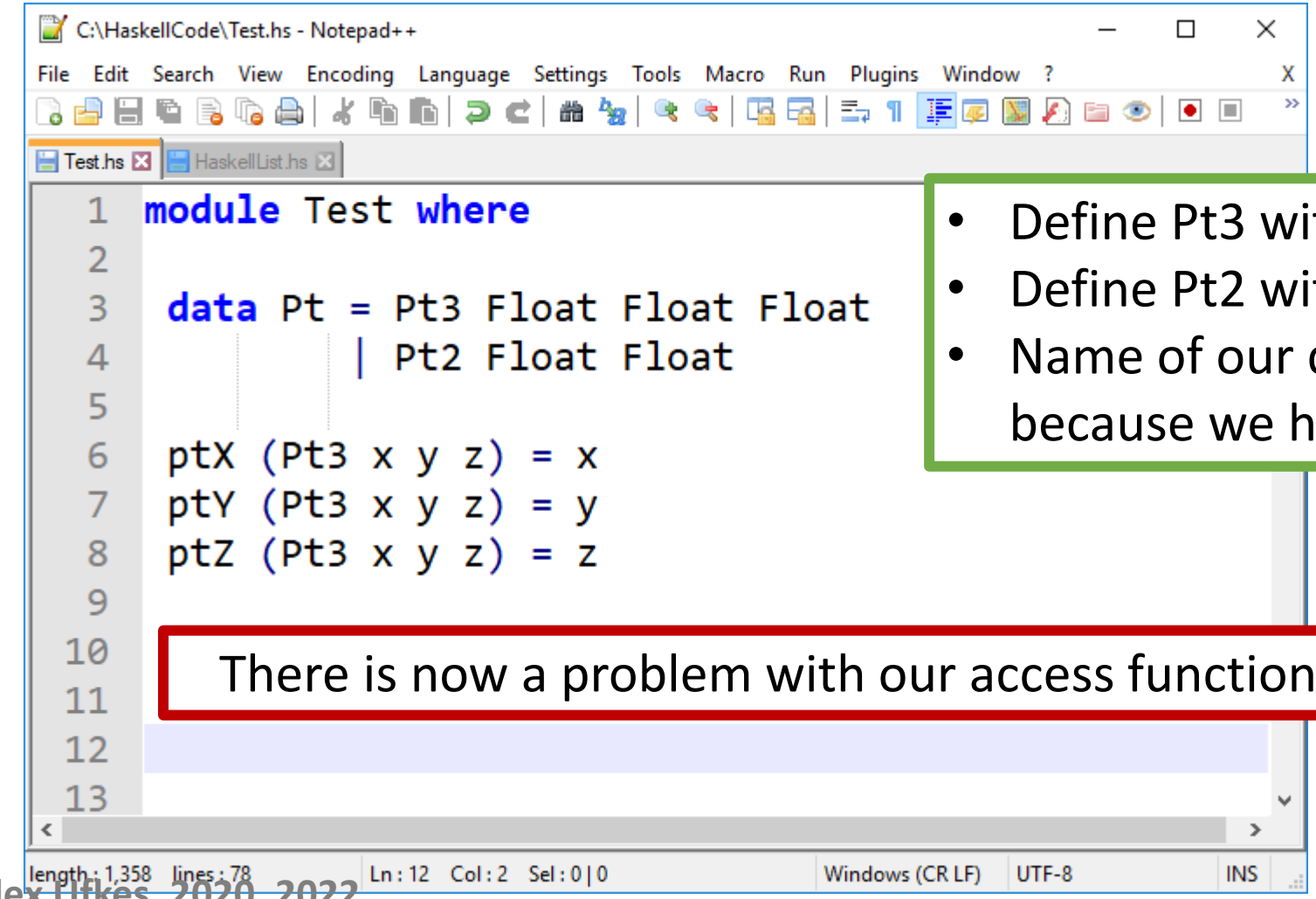





- Three access functions, one for each of the three values.
- Take as arguments Pt3 (and by extension its three members)
- Return x, y, or z coordinate respectively.

# Overloading Constructor




- Define Pt3 with three parameters
- Define Pt2 with two parameters
- Name of our data type is now simply Pt, because we have made it more generic.

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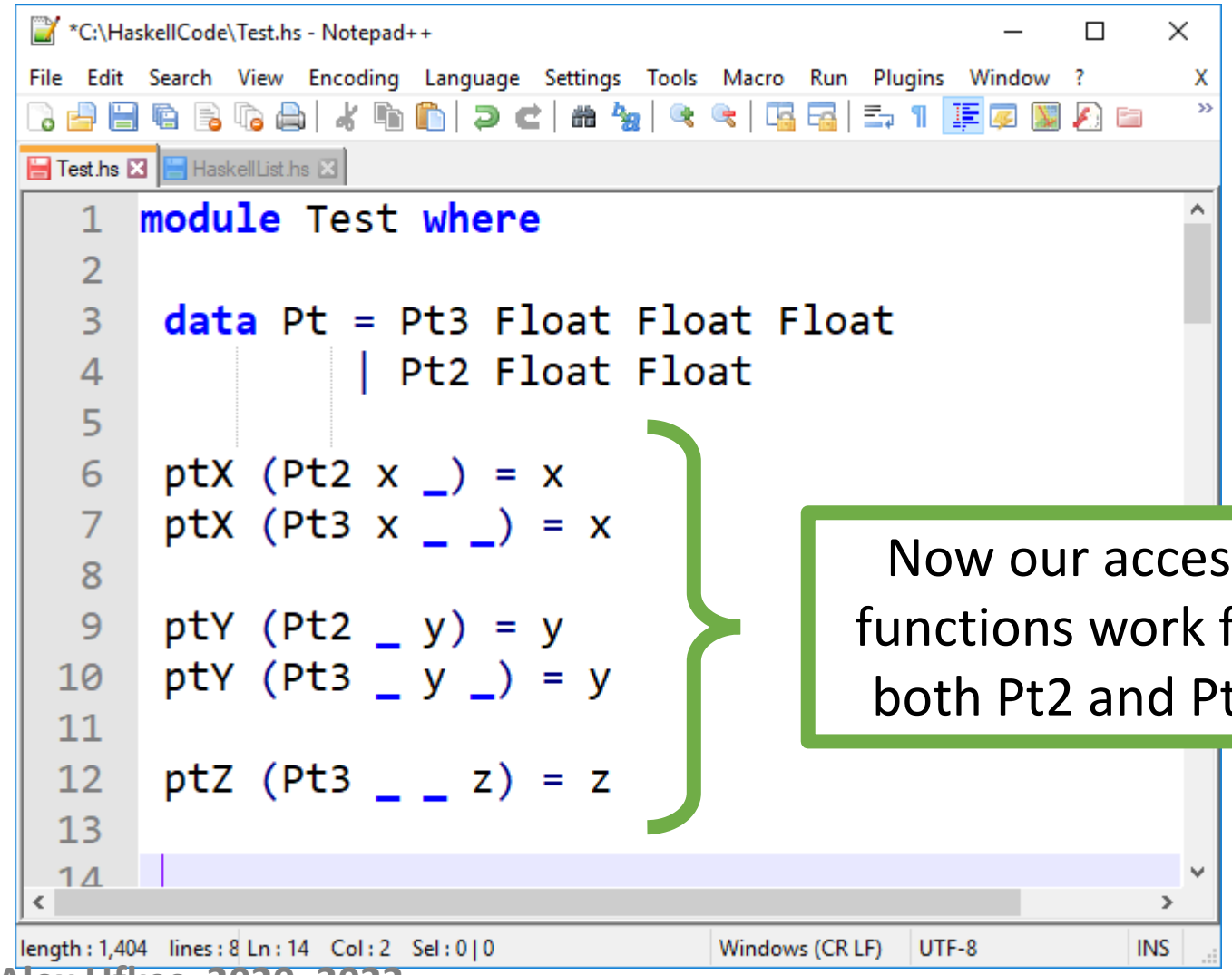
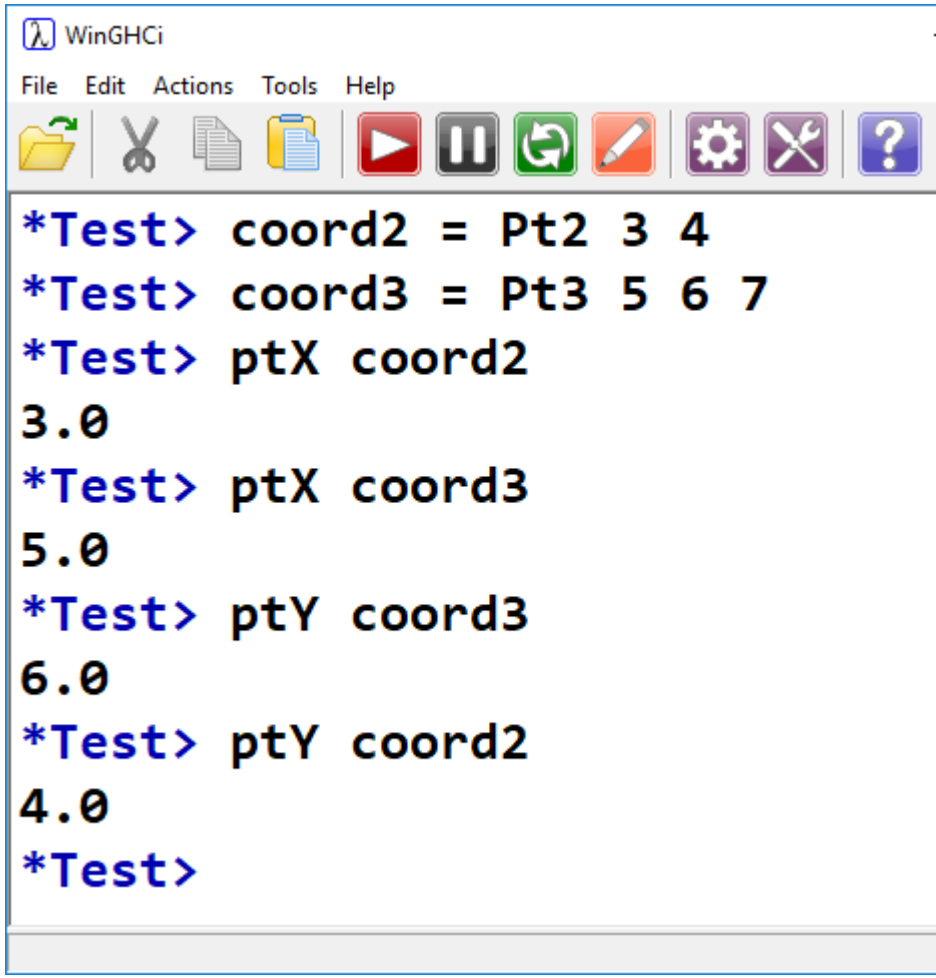
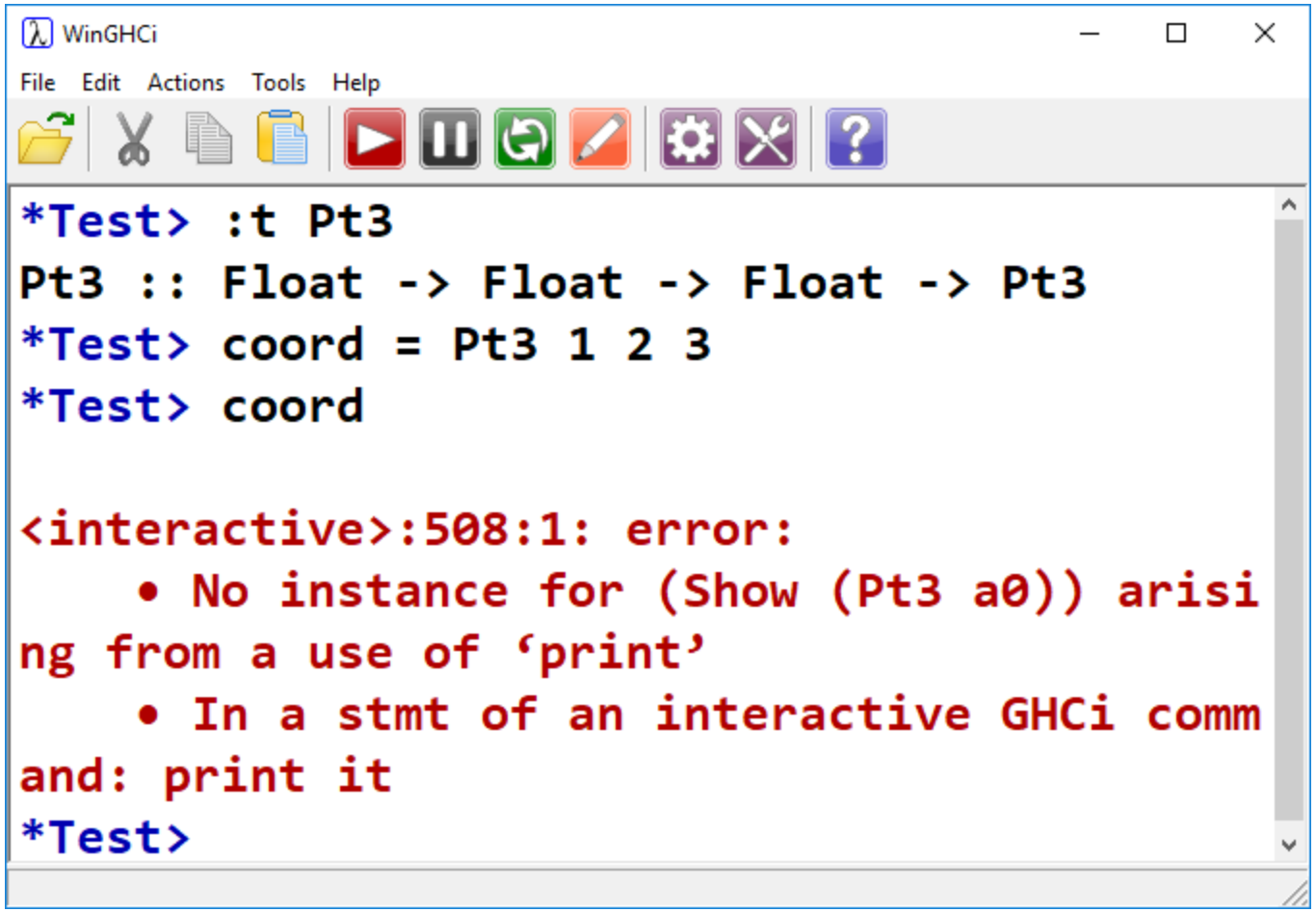



Now our access functions work for both Pt2 and Pt3



# Deriving Show

**Recall:**



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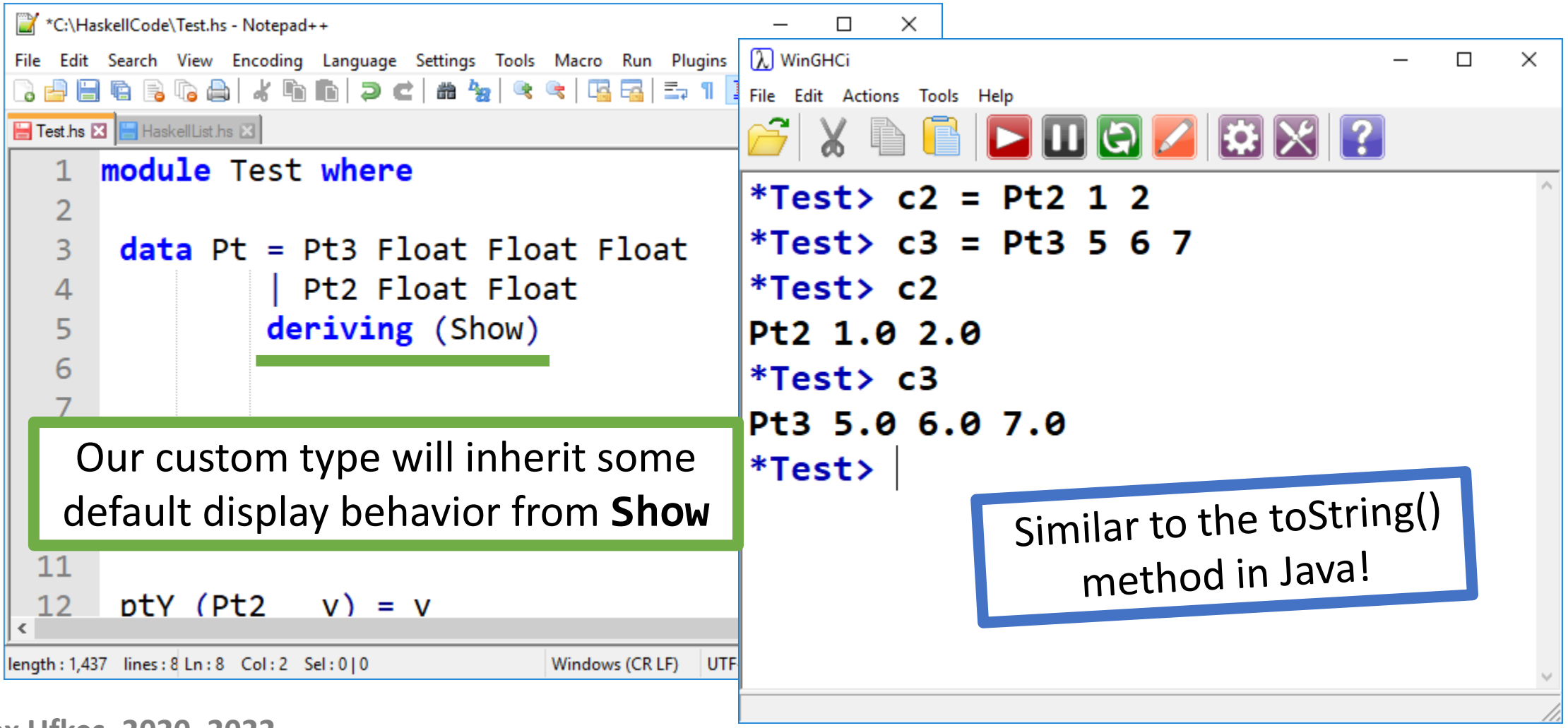

# More Advanced Functions

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```
1  module Test where
2
3  data Pt = Pt3 Float Float Float
4          | Pt2 Float Float
5          deriving (Show)
6
7  vecLen (Pt2 x y) = sqrt(x^2 + y^2)
8  vecLen (Pt3 x y z) = sqrt(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)
9
10
11
12
```

Compute length of Pt2 and Pt3, treating them as vectors

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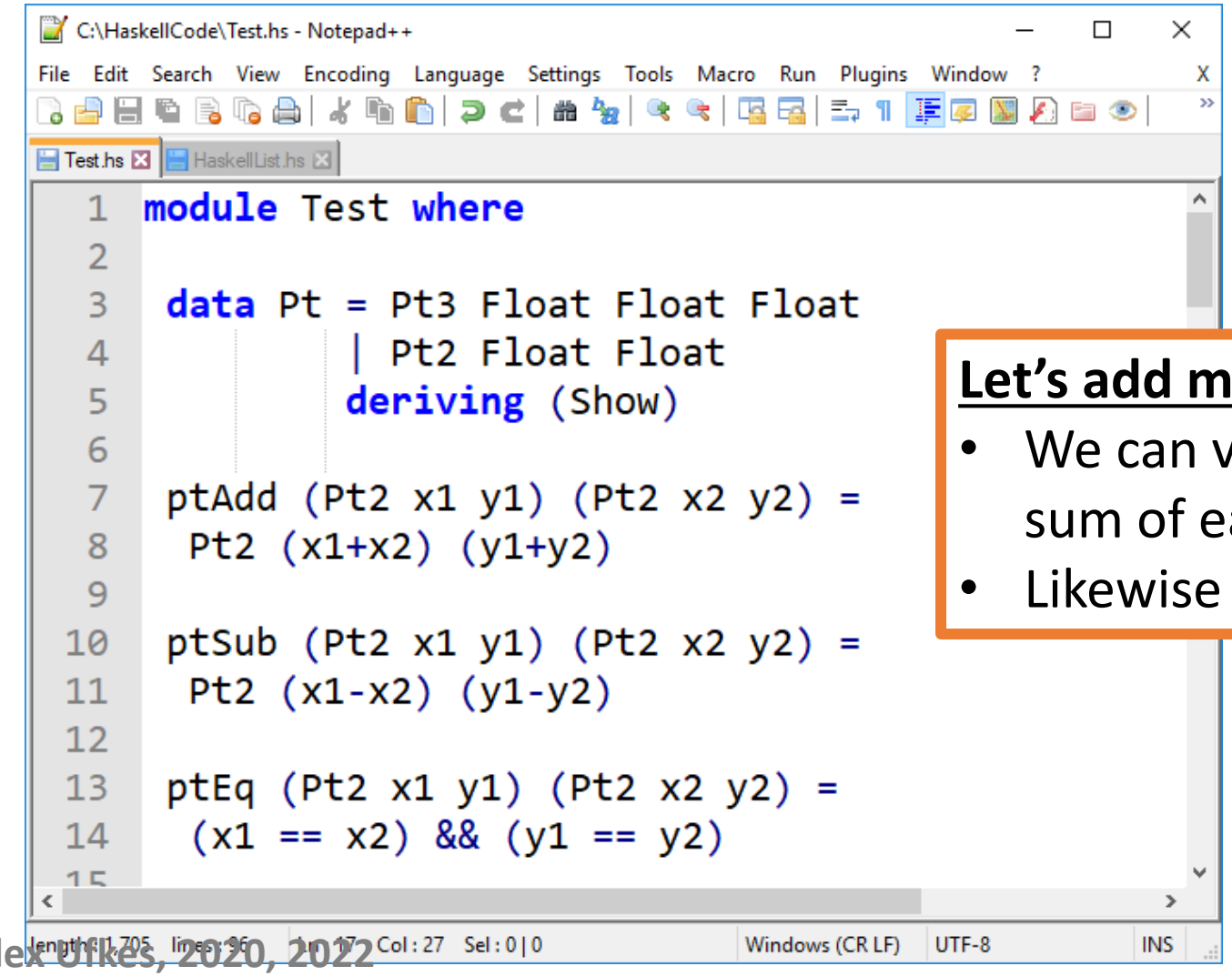
```
*Test> c2 = Pt2 1 2
*Test> c3 = Pt3 5 6 7
*Test> vecLen c2
2.236068
*Test> vecLen c3
10.488089
*Test>
```

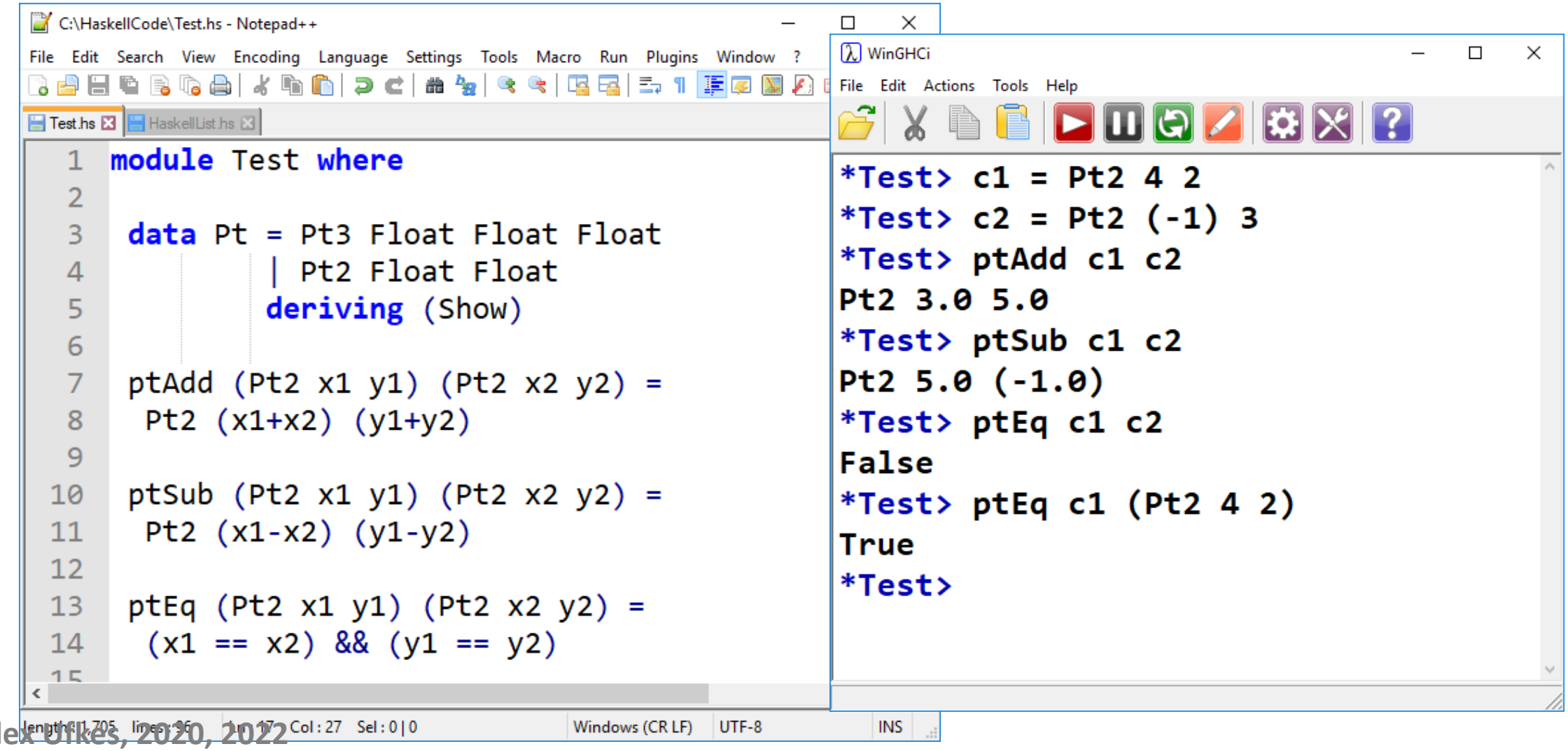
# Addition, Subtraction, Equality?




**Let's add more functions!**

- We can very easily define addition as the sum of each respective X and Y coord
- Likewise for subtraction and equality.

# Addition, Subtraction, Equality?



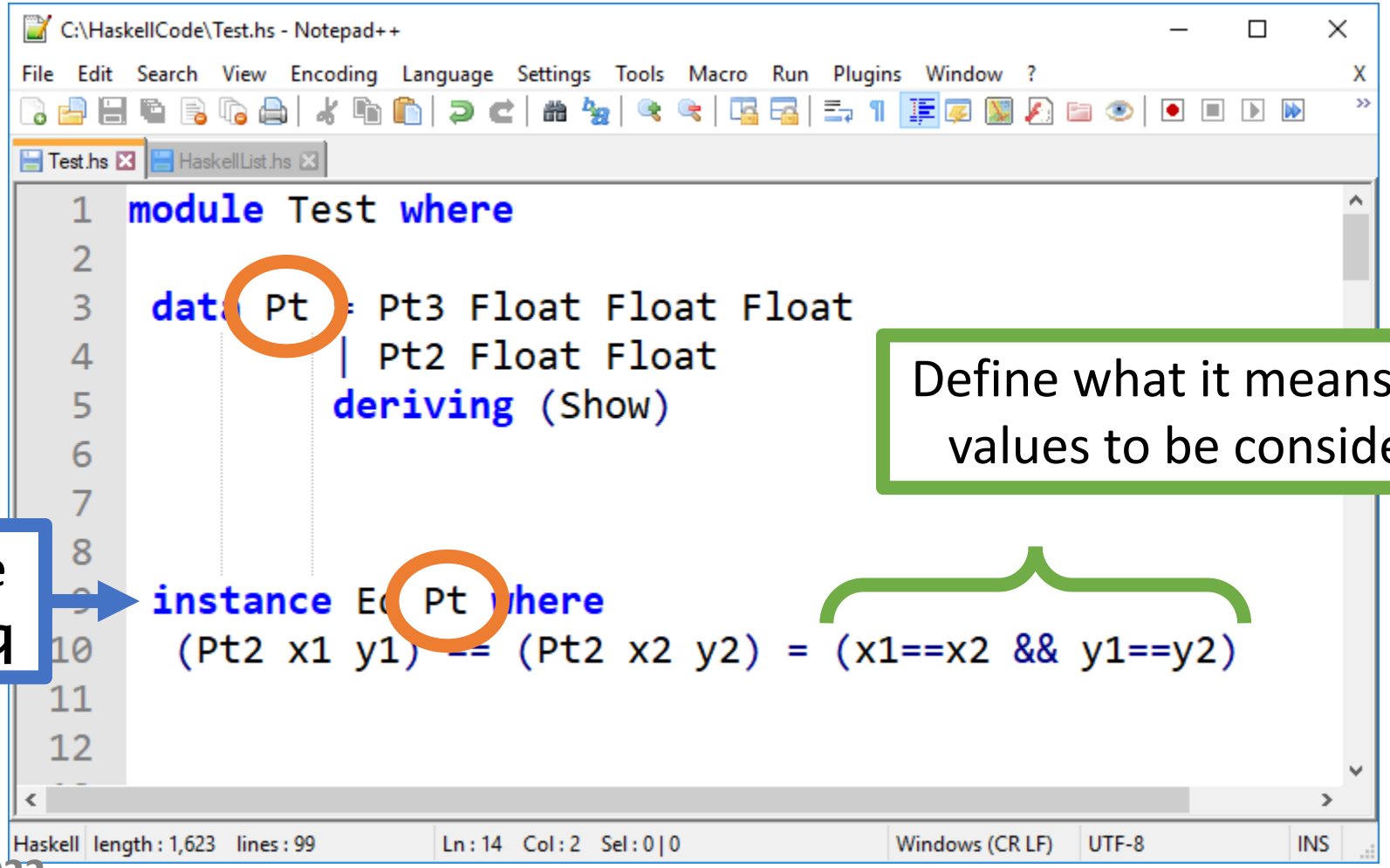
# Addition, Subtraction, Equality?

This seems very clunky. Why can't we simply add, subtract, or check equality with the symbolic operators (+, -, ==)?

We can! Equality is defined for instances of type class **`Eq`**
+, -, etc. are defined for instances of type class **`Num`**.

How do we make Pt2 and Pt3 instances of another type class?

# Custom Types & Type Classes




Declare **Pt** to be an instance of **Eq**

Define what it means for two Pt2 values to be considered equal

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1  module Test where
2
3  data Pt = Pt3 Float Float Float
4          | Pt2 Float Float
5         deriving (Show)
6
7
8
9  instance Eq Pt where
10  (Pt2 x1 y1) == (Pt2 x2 y2) = (x1==x2 && y1==y2)
11
12
```

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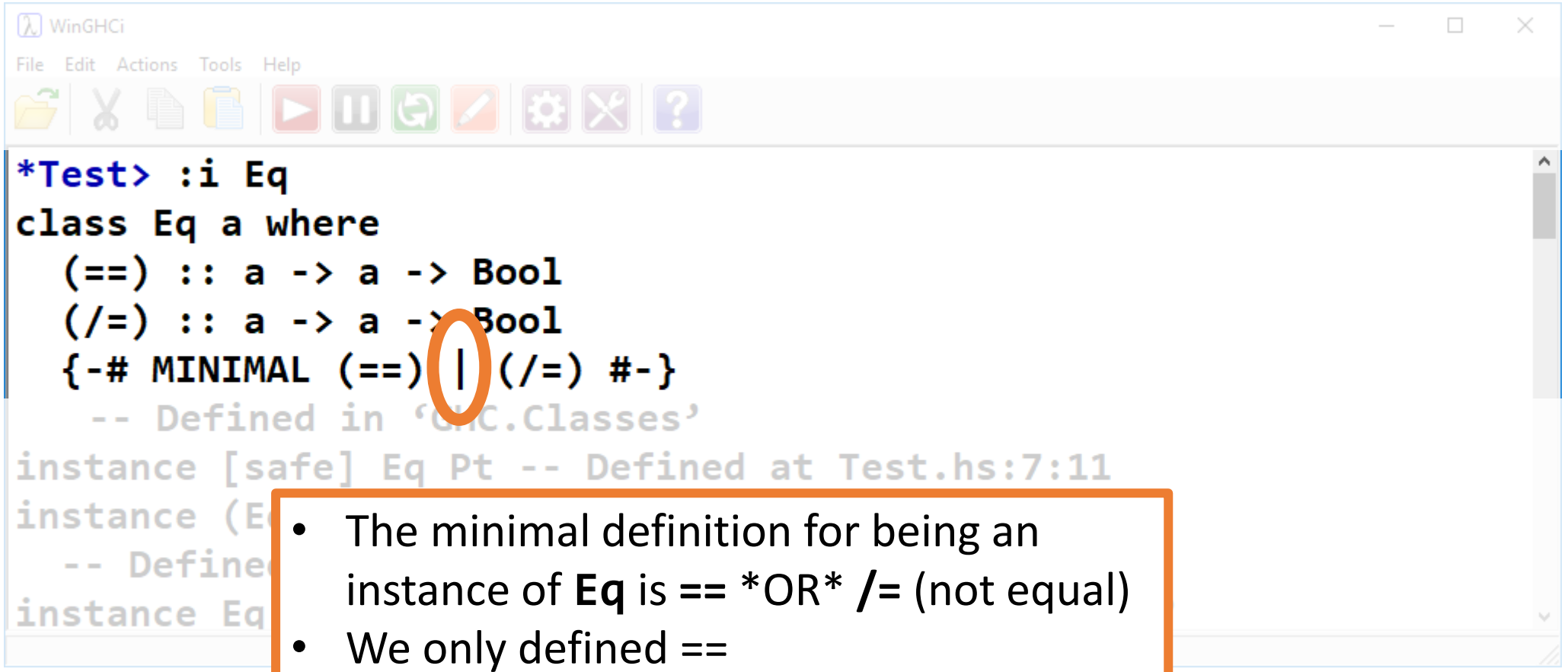
```
*Test> Pt2 1 2 == Pt2 2 3
False
*Test> Pt2 1 2 == Pt2 1 2
True
*Test>
```

# Minimal Definition




- The minimal definition for being an instance of **Eq** is == *OR* **/=** (not equal)
- We only defined ==

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3  data Pt = Pt3 Float Float Float
4          | Pt2 Float Float
5          deriving (Show)
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8  instance Eq Pt where
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```

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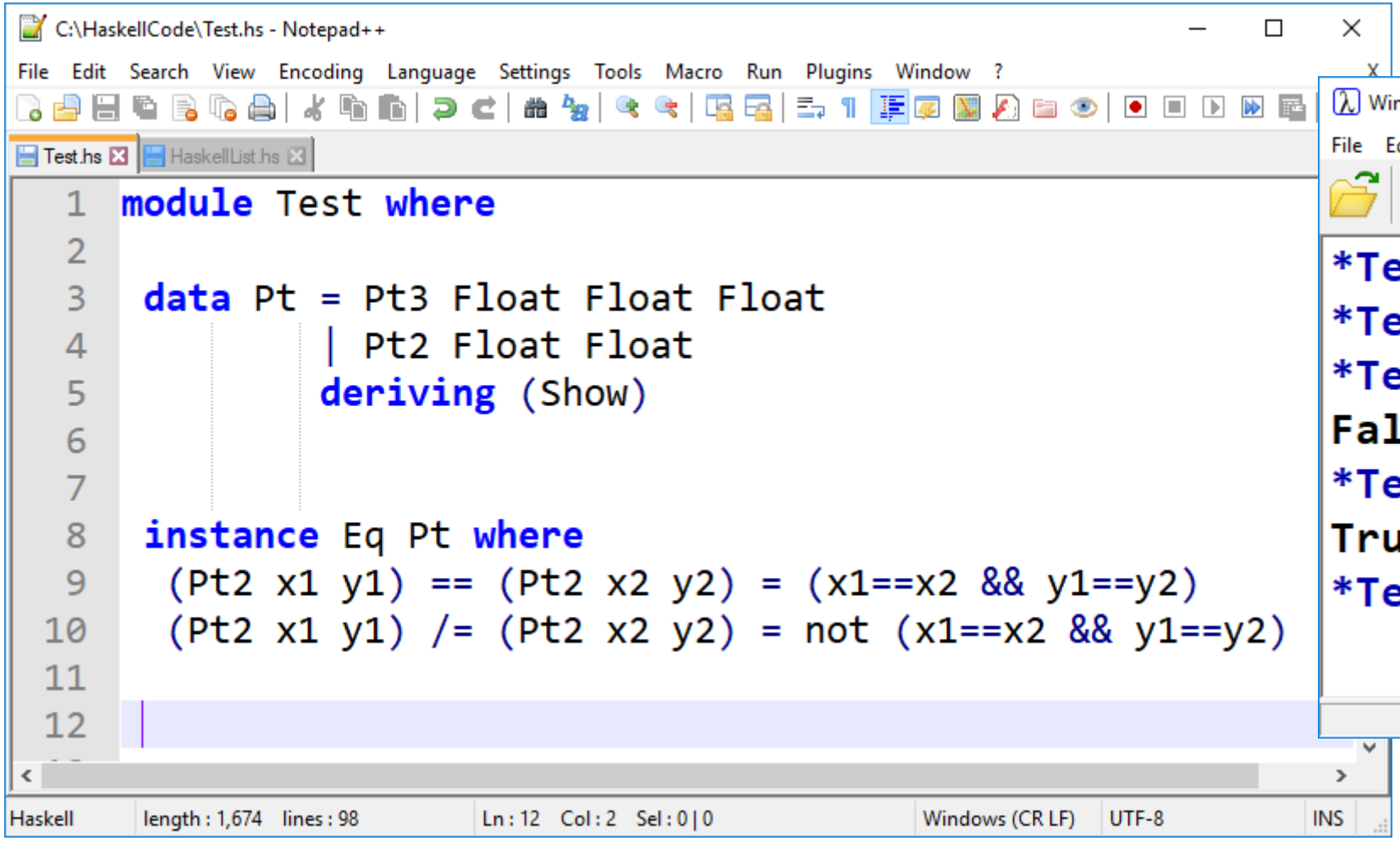
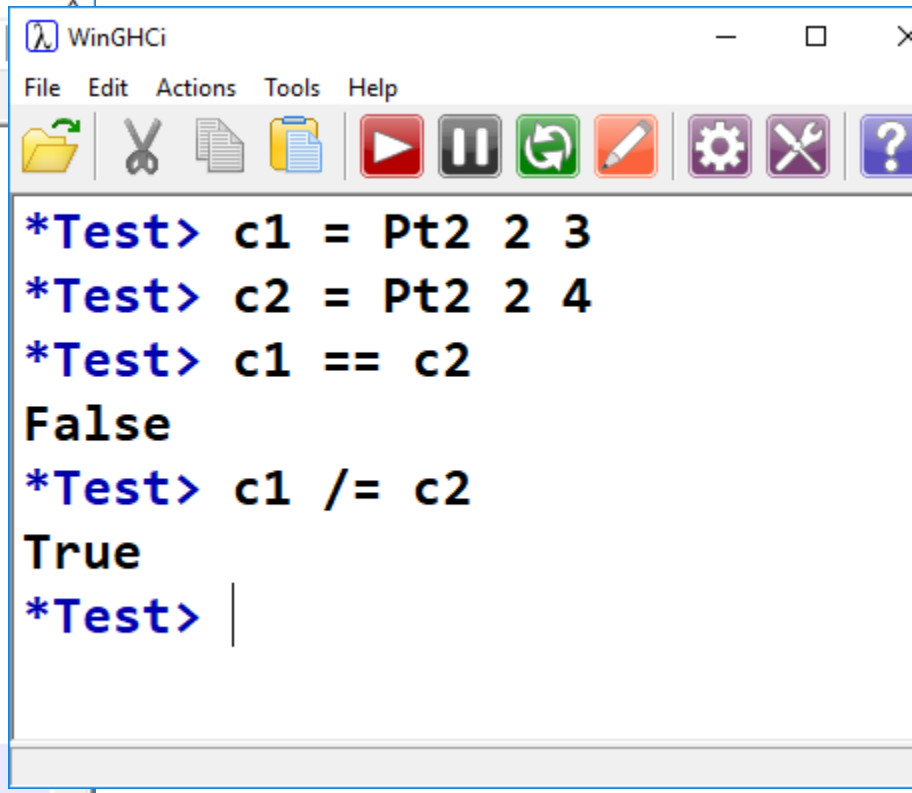
```
*Test> c1 = Pt2 2 3
*Test> c2 = Pt2 2 4
*Test> c1 == c2
False
*Test> c1 /= c2
True
*Test>
```

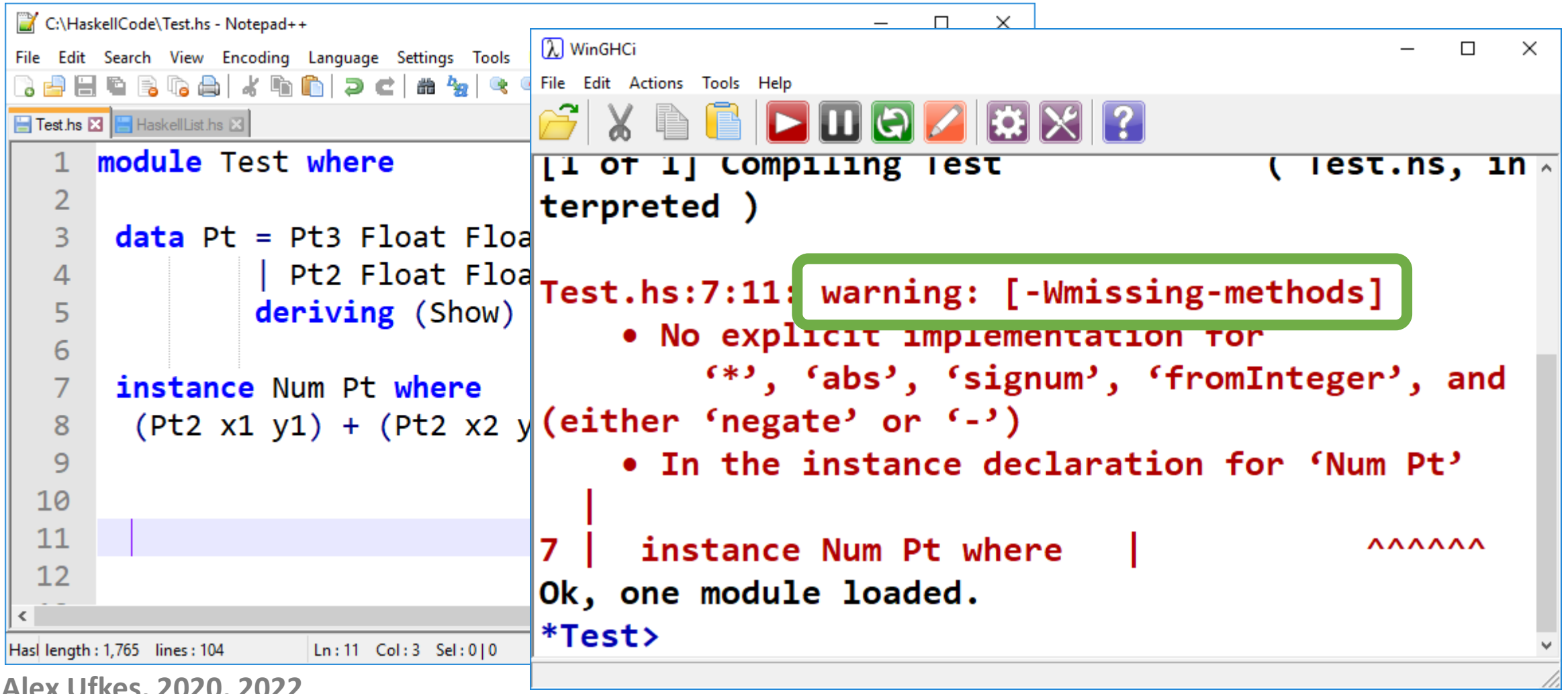
Haskell is clever enough to derive /= from our definition of ==, and vice versa.

# Let's Add /= Anyway



# Instance of Num



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6
7   instance Num Pt where
8    (Pt2 x1 y1) + (Pt2 x2 y2) = Pt2 (x1+x2) (y1+y2)
9
10
11
```

- We're only implementing for Pt2.
- Adding Pt3 follows the same pattern

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```
*Test> Pt2 1 2 + Pt2 3 4
Pt2 4.0 6.0
*Test> x = Pt2 1 2
*Test> y = Pt2 6 7
*Test> x+y
Pt2 7.0 9.0
*Test>
```

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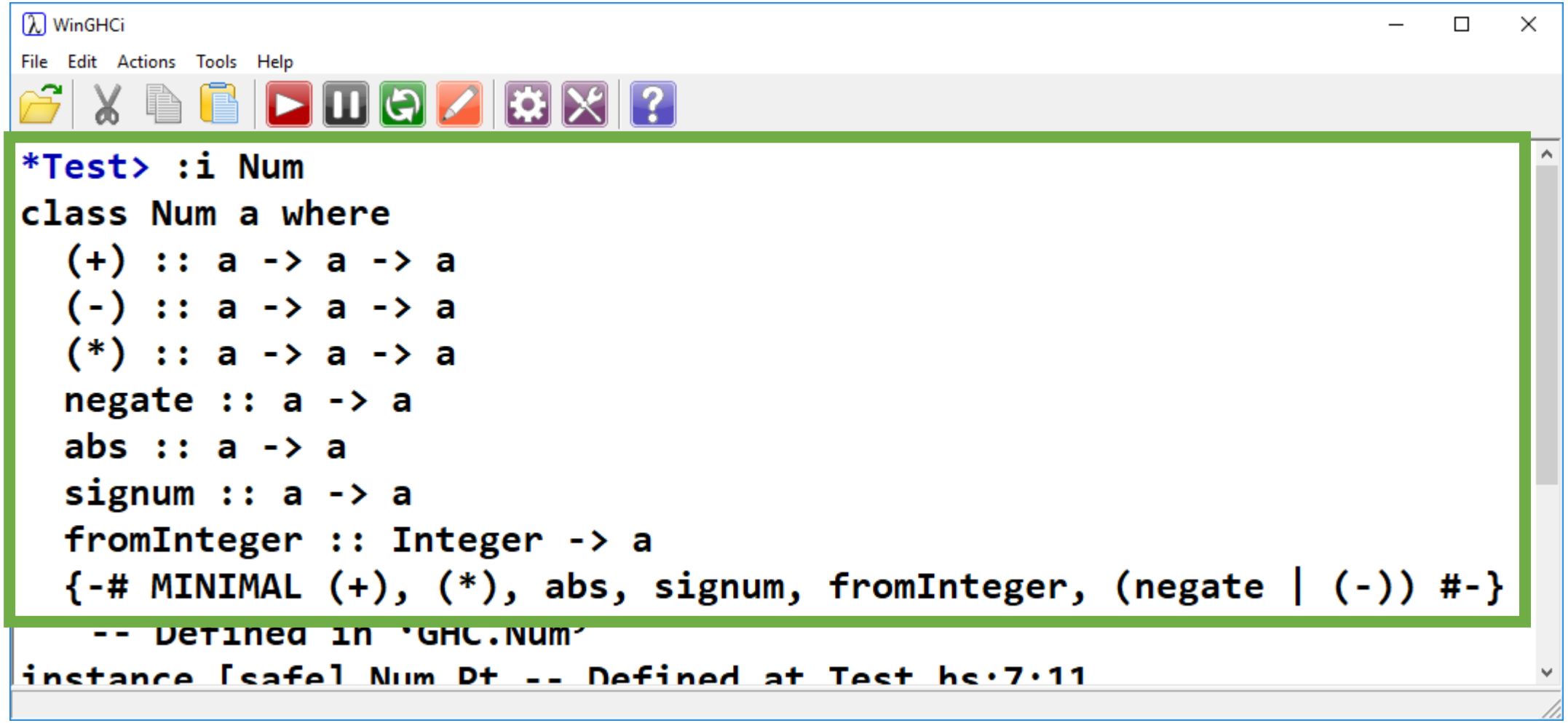
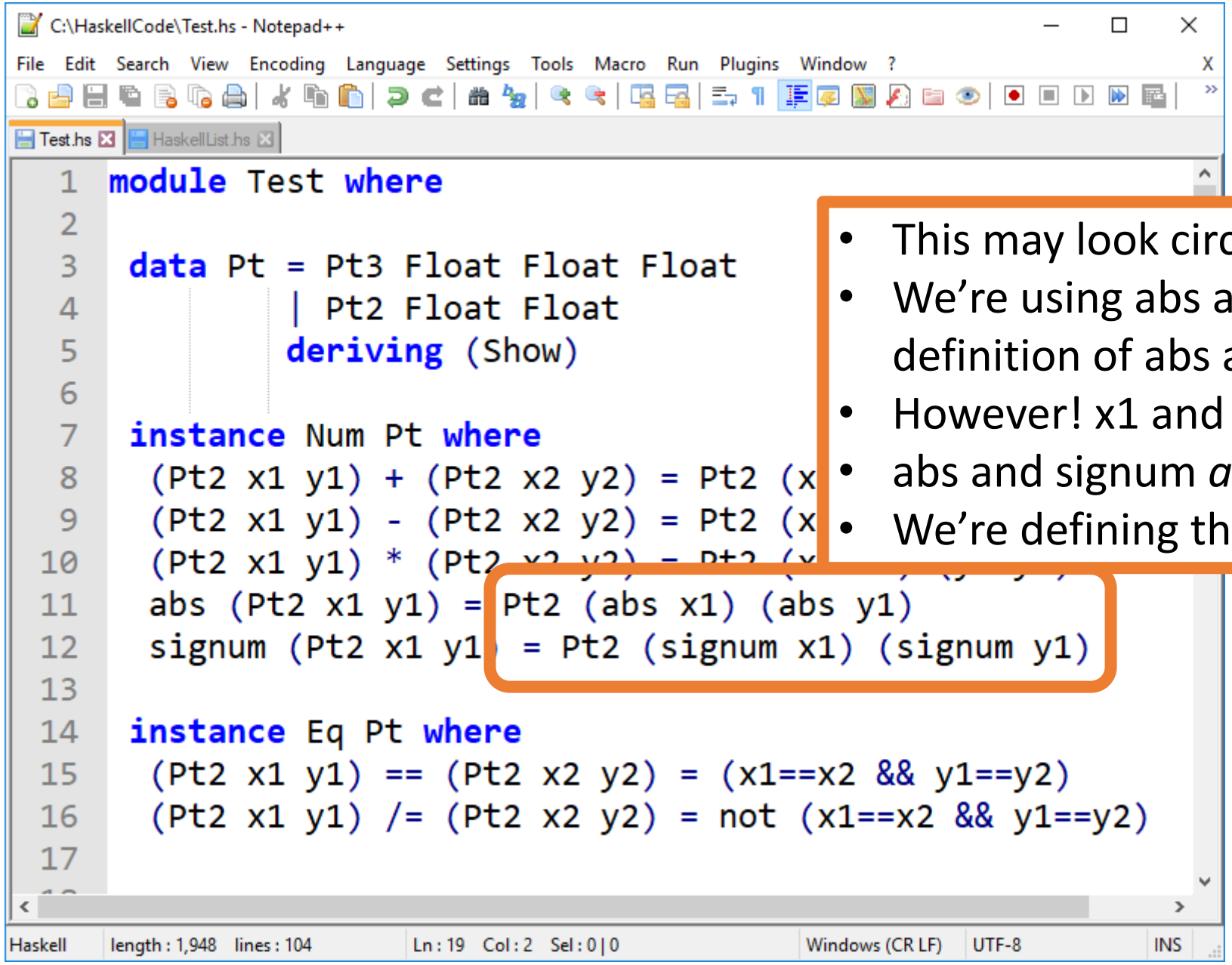
```
*Test> Pt3 1 2 3 + Pt3 1 2 3
*** Exception: Test.hs:8:3-49: Non-ex
haustive patterns in function +

*Test>
```

# Instance of Num






- This may look circular
- We're using abs and signum in our definition of abs and signum.
- However! x1 and y1 are Float.
- abs and signum *are* defined for Float
- We're defining them for Pt2

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module Test where

data Pt = Pt3 Float Float Float
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        deriving (Show)

instance Num Pt where
 (Pt2 x1 y1) + (Pt2 x2 y2) = Pt2 (x1+x2) (y1+y2)
 (Pt2 x1 y1) - (Pt2 x2 y2) = Pt2 (x1-x2) (y1-y2)
 (Pt2 x1 y1) * (Pt2 x2 y2) = Pt2 (x1*x2) (y1*y2)
 abs (Pt2 x1 y1) = Pt2 (abs x1) (abs y1)
 signum (Pt2 x1 y1) = Pt2 (signum x1) (signum y1)
 fromInteger n = let a = (fromInteger n) in Pt2 a a

instance Eq Pt where
 (Pt2 x1 y1) == (Pt2 x2 y2) = (x1==x2 && y1==y2)
 (Pt2 x1 y1) /= (Pt2 x2 y2) = not (x1==x2 && y1==y2)
```

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- `fromInteger` is a *coercion* function.
- Dictates how our custom type can be created from an Integer
- Takes an Integer, returns a Pt
- Allows us to do this…

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```
*Test> (Pt2 2 3) + 4
Pt2 6.0 7.0
*Test>
```

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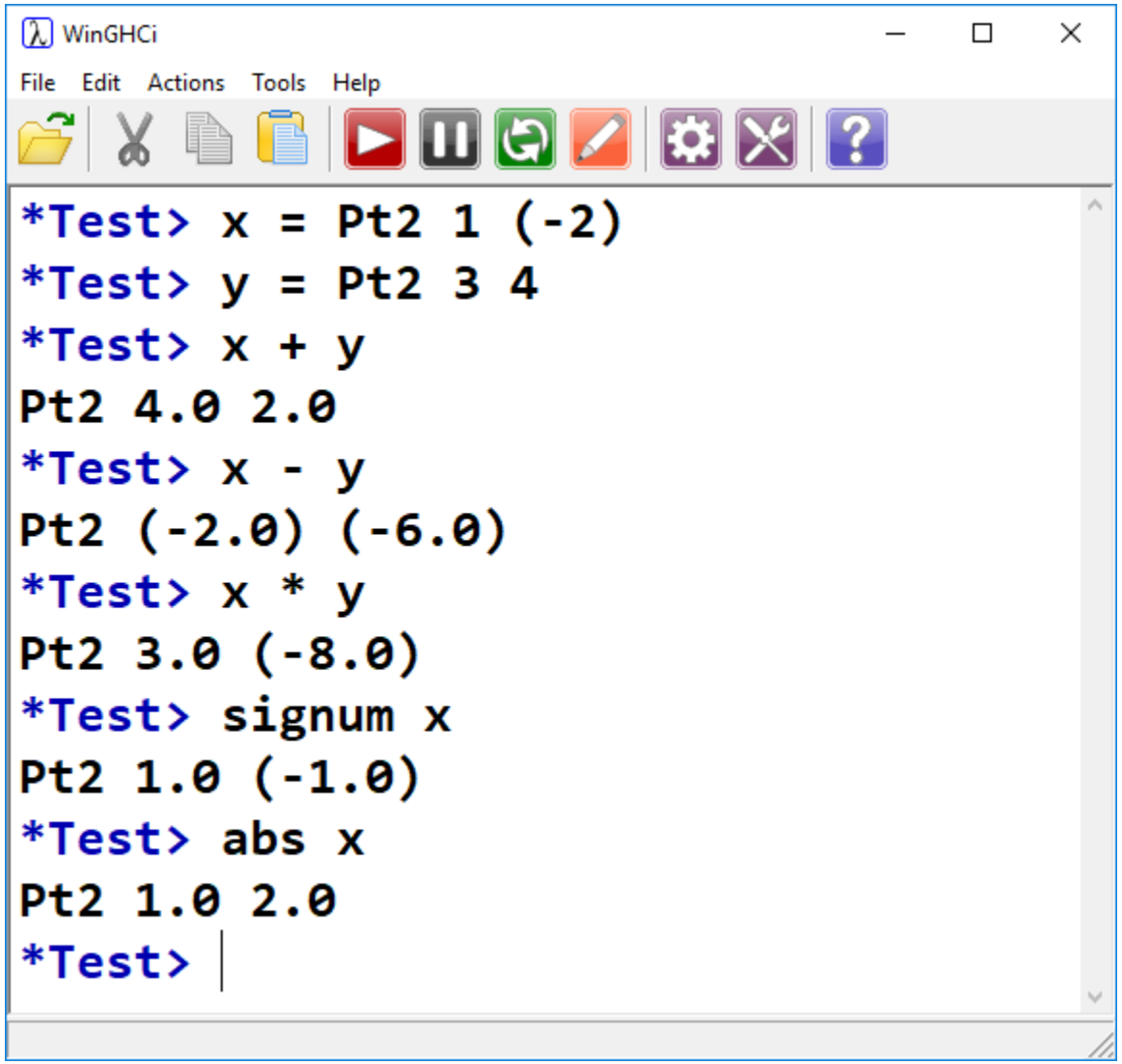
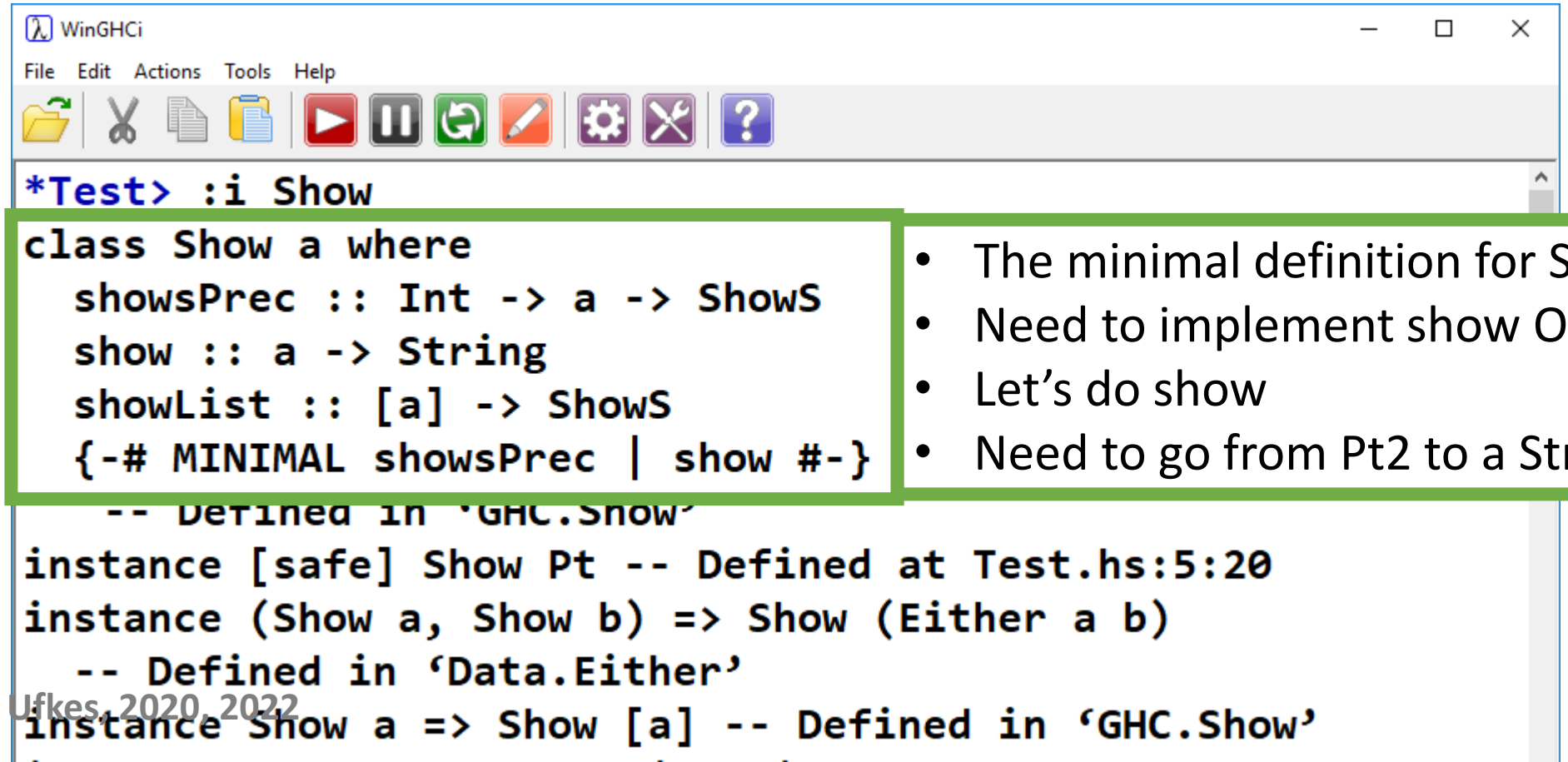
```
*Test> :reload
[1 of 1] Compiling Test
( Test.hs, interpreted )
Ok, one module loaded.
*Test>
```

**No more warnings!**

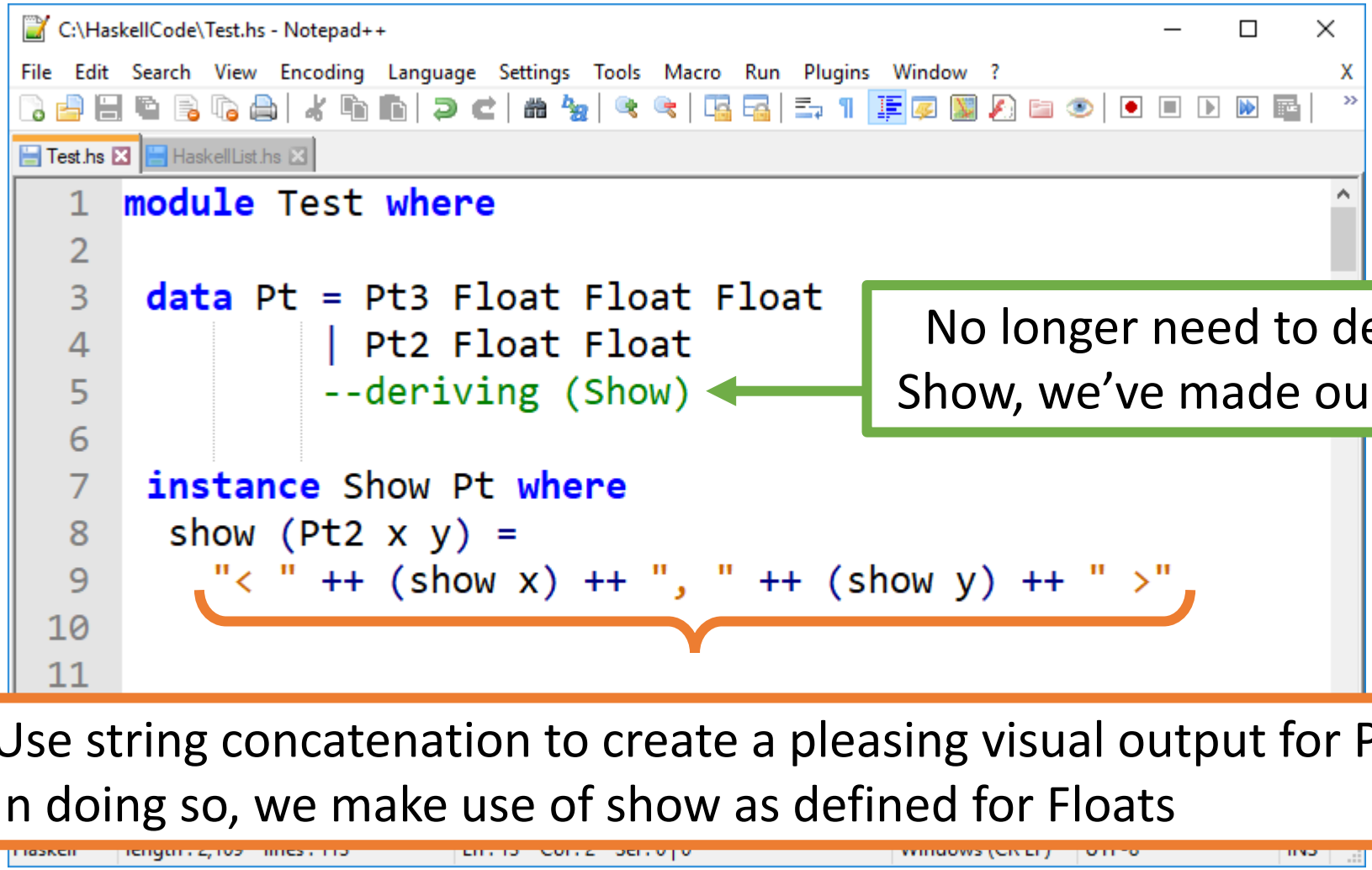


# Instance of Show

In Java-speak, define our own toString(), instead of deriving the default

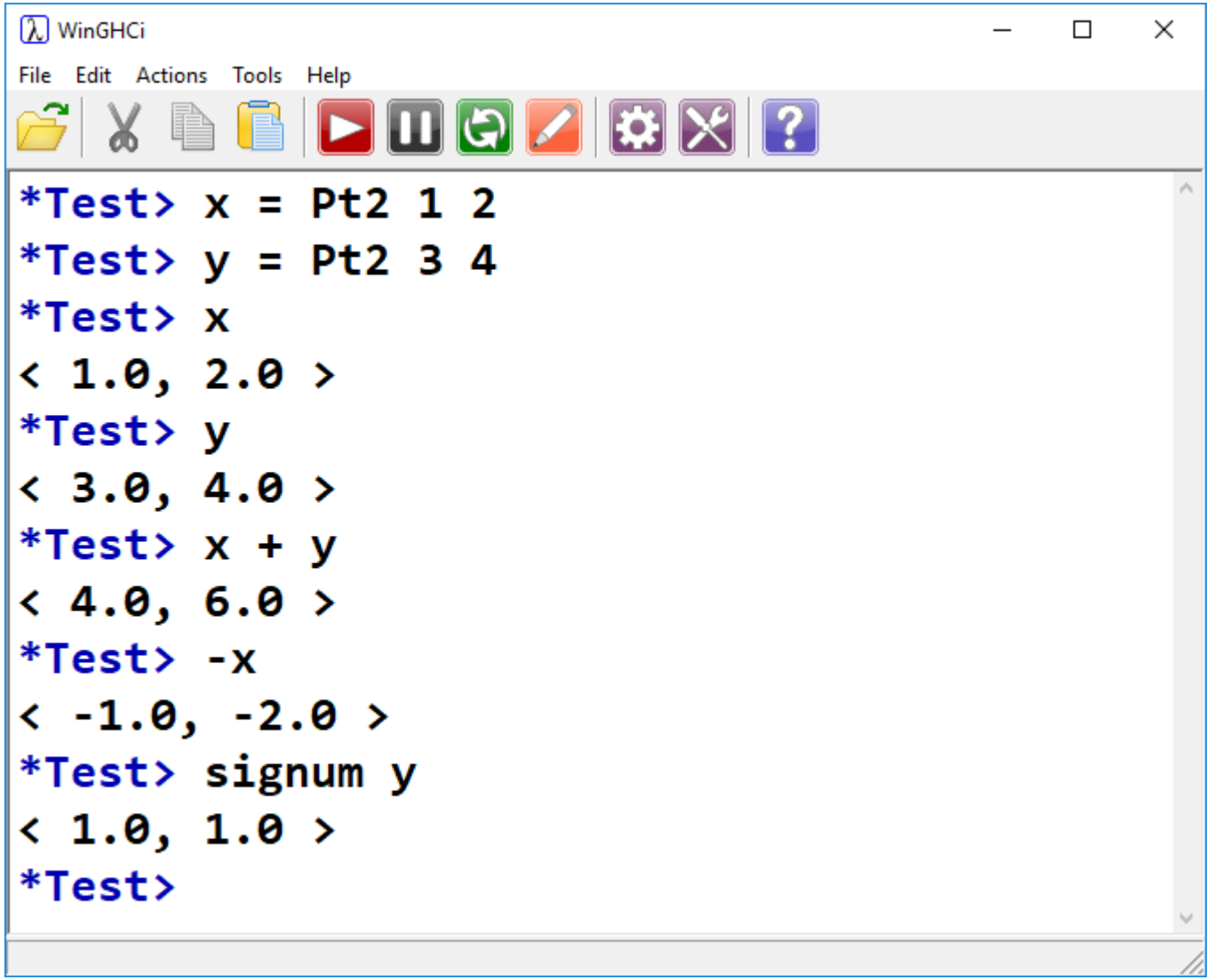



- The minimal definition for Show is easy
- Need to implement show OR showsPrec
- Let's do show
- Need to go from Pt2 to a String




No longer need to derive Show, we've made our own

- Use string concatenation to create a pleasing visual output for Pt2
- In doing so, we make use of show as defined for Floats



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