

Recitation Session 8

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Recall the definition of a Monad from the lecture. We say that a type M is a Monad if $M[T]$ has a `flatMap` method with the following signature:

```
trait M[T] {  
  def flatMap[U](f: T => M[U]): M[U]  
}
```

And there is a `unit` method for M with the following signature:

```
def unit[T](x: T): M[T]
```

Such that `flatMap` and `unit` fulfill the following laws:

Left unit:

```
unit(x).flatMap(f) === f(x)
```

Right unit:

```
m.flatMap(unit) == m
```

Associativity:

```
m.flatMap(f).flatMap(g) === m.flatMap(x => f(x).flatMap(g))
```

Consider the following definition of a list:

```
sealed trait IList[T] {
  def flatMap[U](f: T => IList[U]): IList[U] =
    this match {
      case INil() => INil()
      case ICons(h, t) => f(h) ++ t.flatMap(f)
    }

  def ++(that: IList[T]): IList[T] =
    this match {
      case INil() => that
      case ICons(h, t) => ICons(h, t ++ that)
    }

  def map[U](f: T => U): IList[U] =
    this match {
      case INil() => INil()
      case ICons(h, t) => ICons(f(h), t.map(f))
    }
}

object IList {
  def singleton[T](x: T): IList[T] = ICons(x, INil())
}

case class INil[T]() extends IList[T]

case class ICons[T](h: T, t: IList[T]) extends IList[T]
```

Prove that `IList` is a Monad for `unit = IList.singleton`. You can assume associativity of concatenation (`++`), that is, for all `a: IList[A]`, `b: IList[A]`, `c: IList[A]`,

$$a ++ (b ++ c) == (a ++ b) ++ c$$