

Chapter 4 - Defining Functions

→ Conditional expressions as in other languages

Ex: $\text{abs} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$
 $\text{abs } n = \text{if } n \geq 0 \text{ then } n \text{ else } -n$ → No need of return

→ Can also be nested

Ex: $\text{signum} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$
 $\text{signum } n = \text{if } n < 0 \text{ then } -1 \text{ else}$
 $\text{if } n == 0 \text{ then } 0 \text{ else } 1$

→ Must always have an else branch in Haskell

→ Guarded Equations

Ex: $\text{abs } n \mid n \geq 0 = n$ → Similar to how
 $\mid \text{otherwise} = -n$ it's written in math

→ Can make multiple conditions easier to read

→ Catch all condition otherwise is defined to be true.

→ Pattern matching on it's arguments

Ex: $\text{not} :: \text{Bool} \rightarrow \text{Bool}$
 $\text{not False} = \text{True}$
 $\text{not True} = \text{False}$

→ The underscore(_) is a wildcard pattern that matches any argument value

→ Patterns cannot repeat variables, order of the equations matters

→ Lambda expressions these functions can be constructed without naming

Ex: $\lambda x \rightarrow x + x$ → Nameless functions
↳ Backslash on keyboard

→ Lambda calculus which is what Haskell is based on

→ Can used to give an alternate way to understand

currying functions

Ex: $\text{add} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int}$

$\text{add } x \ y = x + y$

means

$\text{add} :: \text{Int} \rightarrow (\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int})$

$\text{add} = \lambda x \rightarrow (\lambda y \rightarrow x + y)$ → Helps better to understand curried functions

→ Operator between two parameters can be converted into a curried function written before

Ex: $1 + 2$ } → Both give 3

(+) 1 2

Allows you to do this:

(+1) 2 = 3

(+2) 1 = 3

↳ can put arguments inside it or leave it empty

→ Helps with writing concise programs.

Note exercises done in **definingFunction Exercise.hs**.