

	Postgraduate level - Second year Exercise sheet #2 – Functions	
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Exercise 1 (Gestion du calendrier).

- Define a function `isLeap(year : Int) : Option[Boolean]` that:
 - checks if year is a leap year ;
 - returns `None` if year is negative.
- Define a function `numberOfDays(leap : Boolean, month : Int) : Option[Int]` that:
 - computes the total number of days of monthth month of the year ; leap whether considered year is a leap year or not ;
 - returns `None` if month is invalid.
- Explain why the signature of `numberOfDays` may be improved.

Exercise 2 (Computation of π).

- It is known that $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2} = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$. Use this fact to compute an guess of π in a function `pi` with parameter n . *No loop is allowed. Any recursive computation must be tail-recursive.*
 [Hint : `math.sqrt` is the square root function.]
- We consider a Monte-Carlo method :
 - pick n random points in the square $[0, 1]^2$;
 - count the number of points inside the $\{(x, y) \in [0, 1]^2, x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ (quarter of disk with unit radius)

It is known that the probability that a point of $[0, 1]^2$ lies in the set $\{(x, y) \in [0, 1]^2, x^2 + y^2 \leq 1\}$ is $\frac{\pi}{4}$.

Use this fact to compute a guess of π with above method in a function `piMC` with parameter n . *No loop is allowed. Any recursive computation must be tail-recursive.*

Generating a random double between 0 and 1 is similar to Java :

- first, create a random generator : `val rand = new util.Random()` ;
- then, when needed, compute the next value with `rand.nextDouble()`.

- Is `pi` a pure function ? Is `piMC` a pure function ?

Exercise 3. (From online course *Principles of functional programming using Scala* by Martin Odersky)

- a. Let I be an interval of \mathbb{R} and f a real function differentiable on I .

One can define the NEWTON method as the recurring sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ defined by following relation :

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$$

It is assumed that $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converge a root of f .

Write the tail-recursive function

```
squareRoot(a : Double, eps : Double) : Double
```

that computes a guess of the square root of a with the NEWTON method applied to $f : x \mapsto x^2 - a$ with $x_0 = 1$. eps is the precision allowed on the square of the approximation.

- b. We aim at generalizing the iterative process. Write the tail-recursive function

```
guess[T](isGoodEnough : T => Bool, improveGuess : T => T)(initialGuess : T) : T
```

that computes a guess :

- `isGoodEnough` is the termination test, returning `true` if guess is... good enough (!) ;
- `improveGuess` is the function used to improve guess at each step ;
- `initialGuess` is... the initial guess (!).

(i) Redefine `squareRoot` using `guess`.

(ii) Use `guess` to compute a guess of π as a root of sine function using NEWTON method.

- c. Let I be an interval of \mathbb{R} and ϕ an application defined on I such that $\phi(I) \subset I$.

One can define the fixed-point method as the recurring sequence $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ defined by the following relation :

$$x_0 \in I \quad \text{et} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, x_{n+1} = \phi(x_n)$$

It is assumed that $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converge to a fixed point of ϕ , i.e. an element x of I such that $\phi(x) = x$.

(i) Use `guess` to write the function

```
fixedPoint(gap : Double, f : Double => Double)(initialGuess : Double) : Double
```

that computes a guess of a fixed point of `f` starting with `initialGuess` as initial guess. `gap` is the precision allowed between consecutive guesses.

(ii) Write the function

```
damping : (f : Double => Double)(x : Double)
```

that computes the damped function of `f` at `x`, i.e. $\frac{x + f(x)}{2}$.

Verify mathematically that any fixed point of a function is a fixed point of its damped function and conversely.

(iii) Use `fixedPoint` and `damping` to write the function

```
fixedPoint_damping(gap : Double, f : Double => Double)(initialGuess : Double) : Double
```

that computes a guess of a fixed point of `f` by damping starting with `initialGuess` as initial guess. `gap` is the precision allowed between consecutive guesses.

(iv) Identify `squareRoot` as a particular case of `fixedPoint_damping`.