

Declarative Programming

Workshop exercises set 10.

QUESTION 1

Recall the discussion of the Maybe monad in lectures, and the definitions of `maybe_head`, `maybe_sqrt` and `maybe_sqrt_of_head`. In a similar style, write Haskell code for the function

```
maybe_tail :: [a] -> Maybe [a]
```

which returns the tail of a list if the list is not empty, and

```
maybe_drop :: Int -> [a] -> Maybe [a]
```

which is like the prelude function `drop` ("`drop n xs`" drops the first `n` elements of the list `xs`), but returns a `Maybe` type. If `n` is greater than the length of `xs`, it should return `Nothing` (`drop` returns `[]` in this case), otherwise it should return `Just` the resulting list.

Code two versions of `maybe_drop`. Both should use `maybe_tail`. One should explicitly check for `Nothing` and the other should use `>=>`.

QUESTION 2

Given the tree data type defined below, write the Haskell function

```
print_tree :: Show a => Tree a -> IO ()
```

which does an inorder traversal the tree, printing the contents of each node on a separate line. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this approach compared to traversing the tree and returning a string, and then printing the string?

```
>data Tree a = Empty | Node (Tree a) a (Tree a)
```

QUESTION 3

Write a Haskell function

```
str_to_num :: String -> Maybe Int
```

that converts a string containing nothing but digits to `Just` the number they represent, and any other string to `Nothing`. Hint: the standard library module `Data.Char` has a function `isDigit` that tests whether a character is a decimal digit, and another function `digitToInt` that converts such characters to a number between 0 and 9.

QUESTION 4

Write two versions of a Haskell function that reads in a list of lines containing numbers, and returns their sum. The function should read in lines until it finds one that contains something other than a number.

The first version of the function should sum up the numbers as it read them in. The second should collect the entire list of numbers before it starts summing them up.

QUESTION 5

Write a Haskell main function that repeatedly reads in and executes commands

to implement a trivial phonebook program. The commands it should support are:

print	prints the entire phone book
add name num	adds num as the phone number for name
delete name	delete the entry for name
lookup name	print the entries that match name
quit	exit the program

To keep things simple, only check the first letter of commands (so people can abbreviate commands to a single letter). You may assume that a name is a single word, and that it must match exactly. You can use the Haskell prelude function `words` to split a single string into a list of words. If you print a prompt and expect to read the command on the same line, you need to do `hFlush stdout` to ensure the prompt is written before reading the user command. To use this, you will need to import `System.IO`.