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PROGRAMMING WITH REFINEMENT TYPES

AN INTRODUCTION TO LIQUIDHASKELL

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Introduction

Welcome to the LiquidHaskell Short Tutorial, where you will learn the basic workings of LiquidHaskell and complete some exercises. The full version of the tutorial can be found in the project's website.

One of the great things about Haskell is its brainy type system that allows one to enforce a variety of invariants at compile time, thereby nipping in the bud a large swathe of run-time errors.

Well-Typed Programs Do Go Wrong

Alas, well-typed programs *do* go quite wrong, in a variety of ways.

DIVISION BY ZERO This innocuous function computes the average of a list of integers:

```
average :: [Int] -> Int
average xs = sum xs `div` length xs
```

We get the desired result on a non-empty list of numbers:

```
ghci> average [10, 20, 30, 40]
25
```

However, this program crashes with certain arguments. From the following options, what argument would make average crash?

```
[1] [] [1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1] Submit
```

Answer

If we call it with an empty list, we get a rather unpleasant crash: *** Exception: divide by zero. We could write average more *defensively*, returning a Maybe or Either value. However, this merely kicks the can down the road. Ultimately, we will want to extract the Int from the Maybe and if the inputs were invalid to start with, then at that point we'd be stuck.

HEART BLEEDS

For certain kinds of programs, there is a fate worse than death. text is a high-performance string processing library for Haskell, that is used, for example, to build web services.

```
ghci> :m +Data.Text Data.Text.Unsafe
ghci> let t = pack "Voltage"
ghci> takeWord16 5 t
"Volta"
```

A cunning adversary can use invalid, or rather, *well-crafted*, inputs that go well outside the size of the given text to read extra bytes and thus *extract secrets* without anyone being any the wiser.

```
ghci> takeWord16 20 t
"Voltage\1912\3148\SOH\NUL\15928\2486\SOH\NUL"
```

The above call returns the bytes residing in memory *immediately after* the string Voltage. These bytes could be junk, or could be either the name of your favorite TV show, or, more worryingly, your bank account password.

Refinement Types

Refinement types allow us to enrich Haskell's type system with *predicates* that precisely describe the sets of *valid* inputs and outputs of functions, values held inside containers, and so on. These predicates are drawn from special *logics* for which there are fast *decision procedures* called SMT solvers.

By COMBINING TYPES WITH PREDICATES you can specify *contracts* which describe valid inputs and outputs of functions. The refinement type system *guarantees at compile-time* that functions adhere to their contracts. That is, you can rest assured that the above calamities *cannot occur at run-time*.

LIQUIDHASKELL is a Refinement Type Checker for Haskell, and in this tutorial we'll describe how you can use it to make programs better and programming even more fun.

As a glimpse of what LiquidHaskell can do, run the average example below by pushing the green triangle on the top, and try to read the error message. Since div cannot take a zero value as the second argument, and LiquidHaskell sees that it is a possibility in this function, an error will be raised.

```
average' :: [Int] -> Int
average' xs = sum xs `div` length xs
```

In this tutorial you will learn how to add and reason about refinement types in Haskell, and how it can increase the realiability of Haskell problems.

Next

Refinement Types

WHAT IS A REFINEMENT TYPE? In a nutshell,

```
Refinement Types = Types + Predicates
```

That is, refinement types allow us to decorate types with *logical predicates*, which you can think of as *boolean-valued* Haskell expressions, that constrain the set of values described by the type. This lets us specify sophisticated invariants of the underlying values.

Defining Types

Let us define some refinement types:

```
{-@ type Zero = {v:Int | v == 0} @-}
{-@ type NonZero = {v:Int | v /= 0} @-}
```

THE VALUE VARIABLE v denotes the set of valid inhabitants of each refinement type. Hence, Zero describes the *set of* Int values that are equal to 0, that is, the singleton set containing just 0, and NonZero describes the set of Int values that are *not* equal to 0, that is, the set {1, -1, 2, -2, ...} and so on.

To indicate that these specifications are for LiquidHaskell we write them like $\{-0 \text{ spec } 0-\}$.

Now, to use these types we can write:

```
{-@ zero :: Zero @-}
zero = 0 :: Int

{-@ one, two, three :: NonZero @-}
one = 1 :: Int
two = 2 :: Int
three = 3 :: Int
```

Errors

If we try to say nonsensical things like:

```
nonsense :: Int
nonsense = one'
where
{-@ one' :: Zero @-}
one' = 1
```

LiquidHaskell will complain with an error message:

```
../liquidhaskell-tutorial/src/03-basic.lhs:72:3-6: Error: Liquid Type Mismatch
```

The message says that the expression 1 :: Int has the type

```
{v:Int | v == 1}
```

which is not (a subtype of) the required type

```
{v:Int | v == 0}
```

as 1 is not equal to 0.

Subtyping

What is this business of *subtyping*? Suppose we have some more refinements of Int

```
\{-0 \text{ type Nat } = \{v: \text{Int } | 0 \le v\}
                                                                @-}
\{-\emptyset \text{ type Positive} = \{v: \text{Int} \mid \emptyset < v\}
                                                                @-}
                     = {v:Int | v mod 2 == 0 } @-}
{-@ type Even
\{-0 \text{ type TensToHundred} = \{v: \text{Int} \mid v \text{ mod } 10 == 0 \&\& v <= 100\}
                                                                                                    @-}
```

SUBTYPING AND IMPLICATION

Zero is the most precise type for 0:: Int, as it is a *subtype* of Nat, Even. However, it is not a subtype of Positive. The alias TensToHundred represents the multiples of 10 smaller than 100, meaning that Even is a *subtype* of it but all the other ones are not.

Exercise: Now let us try a new predicate.

Write a type Percentage for the numbers that represent a percentage (between o and 100).

Then, remove the comment the liquid type signatures and run the code. The first example should be correct and the second should not.

```
-- write the alias here
-- {-@ percentT :: Percentage @-}
percentT = 10 :: Int
-- {-@ percentF :: Percentage @-}
percentF :: Int
percentF = 10 + 99 :: Int
```

Answer

```
\{-0 \text{ type Percentage} = \{v: \text{Int } | 0 \le v \& v \le 100\} \ \ 0-\}
```

In Summary the key points about refinement types are:

- 1. A refinement type is just a type decorated with logical predicates.
- 2. A term can have *different* refinements for different properties.
- 3. When we erase the predicates we get the standard Haskell types.

Writing Specifications

We can also add specifications as pre- and post-conditions of functions.

Remember the divide function from before? We can add the case of dividing by zero with this die "message" to indicate that this case should be handled before running the code.

```
divide' :: Int -> Int -> Int
divide' n 0 = die "divide by zero"
divide' n d = n `div` d
```

So, now we can specify that the first case will never with a *pre-condition* that says that the second argument is non-zero:

```
{-@ divide :: Int -> NonZero -> Int @-}
divide _ 0 = die "divide by zero"
divide n d = n `div` d
```

You can run the both pieces of code and check that the first one throws an error while the second one does not since it can infer that the first case will not be called.

ESTABLISHING PRE-CONDITIONS

The above signature forces us to ensure that that when we *use* divide, we only supply provably NonZero arguments.

Exercise:

Select which of the following functions that call divide would raise an error:

```
foo x y = divide (x + y) 2 foo' x y z = divide (divide (x + y) 3) 10 foo" x y z = divide (x + y) z Submit
```

Answer

foo'' is the invocation that could trigger a crash since we have no guarantees that z is a NonZero value.

Refining Function Types: Post-conditions

Next, let's see how we can use refinements to describe the *outputs* of a function. Consider the following simple *absolute value* function

```
abs
           :: Int -> Int
abs n
 | 0 < n
             = n
 otherwise = 0 - n
```

We can use a refinement on the output type to specify that the function returns non-negative values

```
{-@ abs :: Int -> Nat @-}
```

LiquidHaskell verifies that abs indeed enjoys the above type by deducing that n is trivially non-negative when 0 < n and that in the otherwise case, the value 0 - n is indeed non-negative.

Dependent Refinements

The predicates in pre- and post- conditions can also refer to previous arguments of the function.

For example, including that the output is greater than the input.

```
{-@ plus1 :: a:Int -> {b:Int |b > a}@-}
plus1 :: Int -> Int
plus1 a = a + 1
```

And the same could be done between input values.

Exercise:

Let's put everything together now.

Write a specification for the method calcPer that:

- 1) first receives a positive int;
- 2) then an int with a value between zero and the first int;
- 3) returns a percentage;

Use the aliases created in the exercises you have completed before.

```
:: Int -> Int -> Int
calcPer
calcPer a b
              = (b * 100) `div` a
cpc = calcPer 10 5 :: Int -- should be correct
cpi = calcPer 10 11 :: Int -- should be incorrect
```

Answer

```
{-@ calcPer :: a:Positive -> {b:Int | 0 <= b && b <= a} -> c:Percentage @-}
```

You finished the first part of the Tutorial! Tell the interviewers you got to the end of the page, and answer some questions from our team before moving to the next section.

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Refined Datatypes

So far, we have seen how to refine the types of *functions*, to specify, for example, pre-conditions on the inputs, or post-conditions on the outputs. In this section we will see how to apply these in datatypes. First, by defining properties of data values, and then by defining *datatypes* that satisfy certain invariants. In the latter, it is handy to be able to directly refine the data definition, making it impossible to create illegal inhabitants.

Measures are used to define *properties* of Haskell data values that are useful for specification and verification.

A MEASURE is a *total* Haskell function, 1. With a *single* equation per data constructor, and 2. Guaranteed to *terminate*, typically via structural recursion.

We can tell LiquidHaskell to *lift* a function meeting the above requirements into the refinement logic by declaring:

```
{-@ measure nameOfMeasure @-}
```

For example, for a list we can define a way to *measure* its size with the following function.

```
{-@ measure size @-}

{-@ size :: [a] -> Nat @-}

size :: [a]->Int

size [] = 0

size (_:rs) = 1 + size rs
```

Then, we can use this measure to define aliases.

Let's create another measure named notEmpty that takes a list as input and returns a Bool with the information if it is empty or not.

```
-- write notEmpty measure
```

Answer

```
{-@ measure notEmpty @-} notEmpty
                                           :: [a] -> Bool
               = False notEmpty (_:_) = True
notEmpty []
```

We can now define a couple of useful aliases for describing lists of a given dimension.

For example, we can define that a list has exactly N elements.

```
\{-0 \text{ type ListN a N = } \{v:[a] \mid size v == N\} \ 0-\}
```

Note that when defining refinement type aliases, we use uppercase variables like N to distinguish value parameters from the lowercase *type* parameters like a.

Now, try to create an alias NEList for an empty list, using the measure notEmpty created before. When removed from comment, the first example should raise an error while the second should not.

```
-- write the alias here
-- {-@ ne1 :: NEList Int@-}
-- ne1 = [] :: [Int]
-- {-@ ne1 :: NEList Int@-}
-- ne2 = [1,2,3,4] :: [Int]
```

Answer

```
\{-@ \text{ type NEList a = } \{v:[a] \mid \text{notEmpty } v\} @-\}
```

Sparse Vectors

As our first example of a refined datatype, let's see Sparse Vectors. While the standard Vector is great for dense arrays, often we have to manipulate sparse vectors where most elements are just o. We might represent such vectors as a list of index-value tuples [(Int, a)].

Let's create a new datatype to represent such vectors:

```
data Sparse a = SP { spDim :: Int
                   , spElems :: [(Int, a)] }
```

Thus, a sparse vector is a pair of a dimension and a list of indexvalue tuples. Implicitly, all indices other than those in the list have the value 0 or the equivalent value type a.

LEGAL

Sparse vectors satisfy two crucial properties. 1. the dimension stored in spDim is non-negative;

2. every index in spElems must be valid, i.e. between 0 and the dimension.

Unfortunately, Haskell's type system does not make it easy to ensure that illegal vectors are not representable.

DATA INVARIANTS LiquidHaskell lets us enforce these invariants with a refined data definition:

```
{-@ data Sparse a = SP { spDim :: Nat
                      , spElems :: [(Btwn 0 spDim, a)]} @-}
```

Where, as before, we use the aliases:

```
\{-0 \text{ type Nat } = \{v: \text{Int } | 0 \le v\}
\{-0 \text{ type Btwn Lo Hi} = \{v:Int \mid Lo \le v \& v < Hi\} @-\}
```

REFINED DATA CONSTRUCTORS The refined data definition is internally converted into refined types for the data constructor SP. So, by using refined input types for SP we have automatically converted it into a *smart* constructor that ensures that *every* instance of a Sparse is legal. Consequently, LiquidHaskell verifies:

```
okSP :: Sparse String
okSP = SP 5 [ (0, "cat")
           , (3, "dog") ]
```

but rejects, due to the invalid index:

```
badSP :: Sparse String
badSP = SP 5 [ (0, "cat")
             , (6, "dog") ]
```

Write another example of a Sparse data type that is invalid. Remove the comment from the type signature below and complete the implementation with the example.

-- badSP' :: Sparse String

Answer

```
e.g., badSP' = SP -1 [(0, "cat")]
```

FIELD MEASURES It is convenient to write an alias for sparse vectors of a given size N. So that we can easily say in a refinement that we have a sparse vector of a certain size.

For this we can use *measures*.

Measures with Sparse Vectors

Similarly, the sparse vector also has a *measure* for its dimension, but in this case it is already defined by spDim, so we can use it to create the new alias of sparse vectors of size N.

Think Aloud:

For the following exercise, we will use a technique called Think Aloud, where you should try to say everything that comes to your mind while you engage with the exercise.

In specific, aim:

- a) to speak all thoughts, even if they are unrelated to the task;
- b) to refrain from explaining the thoughts;
- c) to not try to plan out what to say;
- d) to imagine that you are alone and speaking to yourself; and
- e) to speak continuously.

For the following exercise, read the question aloud and remeber to voice your thoughts while solving the exercise.

Following what we did with the lists, write the alias SparseN for sparse vector of length N, using spDim instead of size.

Hint: When you are done, you can see how we can use SparseN in the example below.

-- write the alias here

Answer

```
e.g., \{-0 \text{ type SparseN a N = } \{v:\text{Sparse a } | \text{spDim } v == N\} \ 0-\}
```

Sparse Products

Vectors are similar to Sparse Vectors, and therefore, have a measure of size named vlen. So, now, we can see that LiquidHaskell is able to compute a sparse product, making the product of all the same indexes and returning its sum. Remove the comments and run the code ahead.

```
-- dotProd :: Vector Int -> Sparse Int -> Int
-- {-@ dotProd :: x:Vector Int -> SparseN Int (vlen x) -> Int @-}
-- dotProd x (SP _ y) = go 0 y
   where
     go sum ((i, v) : y') = go (sum + (x ! i) * v) y'
     go sum []
                          = sum
```

LiquidHaskell verifies the above by using the specification to conclude that for each tuple (i, v) in the list y, the value of i is within the bounds of the vector x, thereby proving x ! i safe.

YOU FINISHED THE SECOND PART OF THE TUTORIAL!

You finished the Tutorial! Tell the interviewers you got to the end of the page, and answer some questions from our team before moving to the next section.

NEXT EXERCISE!

Now that you have learned the main blocks of LiquidHaskell, let's complete an exercise using all the concepts.

You can open a Cheat Sheet with examples of the main concepts on another tab on the side.

Next Case Study: Okasaki's Lazy Queues ========

Lets test what we learned so far in a case study that is simple enough to explain without pages of code, yet complex enough to show off whats cool about dependency: Chris Okasaki's beautiful Lazy Queues. This structure leans heavily on an invariant to provide fast insertion and deletion. Let's see how to enforce that invariant with LiquidHaskell.

Queues

A queue is a structure into which we can insert and remove data such that the order in which the data is removed is the same as the order in which it was inserted.

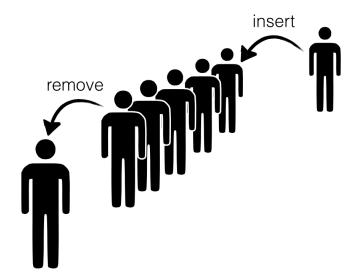


Figure 3.1: A Queue is a structure into which we can insert and remove elements. The order in which the elements are removed is the same as the order in which they were inserted.

To efficiently implement a queue we need to have rapid access to both the front as well as the back because we remove elements from former and insert elements into the latter. This is quite straightforward with explicit pointers and mutation - one uses an old school linked list and maintains pointers to the head and the tail. But can we implement the structure efficiently without having stoop so low?

CHRIS OKASAKI came up with a very cunning way to implement queues using a pair of lists – let's call them front and back which represent the corresponding parts of the Queue.

- To insert elements, we just cons them onto the back list,
- To remove elements, we just *un-cons* them from the front list.

THE CATCH is that we need to shunt elements from the back to the front every so often, e.g. we can transfer the elements from the back to the front, when:

- 1. a remove call is triggered, and
- 2. the front list is empty.

Okasaki's first insight was to note that every element is only moved *once* from the back to the front; hence, the time for insert and remove could be 0(1) when amortized over all the operations.

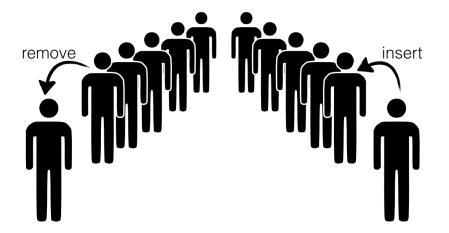


Figure 3.2: We can implement a Queue with a pair of lists; respectively representing the front and back.

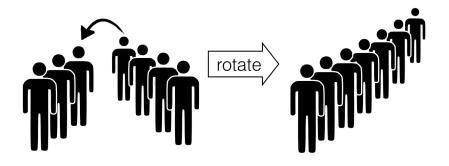


Figure 3.3: Transferring Elements from back to front.

This is perfect, *except* that some set of unlucky remove calls (which occur when the front is empty) are stuck paying the bill. They have a rather high latency up to O(n) where n is the total number of operations.

OKASAKI'S SECOND INSIGHT saves the day: he observed that all we need to do is to enforce a simple *balance invariant*:

Size of front \geq Size of back

This is a good moment to see if you understood the idea of these Queues, we will start implement them now.

Lets implement Queues and ensure the crucial invariant(s) with LiquidHaskell. What we need are the following ingredients:

- 1. A type for Lists, and a way to track their size,
- 2. A type for Queues which encodes the balance invariant
- 3. A way to implement the insert, remove and transfer operations.

Sized Lists

The first part is super easy. Let's define a type:

```
data SList a = SL { size :: Int, elems :: [a] }
```

We have a special field that saves the size because otherwise, we have a linear time computation that wrecks Okasaki's careful analysis. (Actually, he presents a variant which does *not* require saving the size as well, but that's for another day.)

Think Aloud:

Read the question aloud and voice your thoughts while solving the exercise.

How can we be sure that size is indeed the *real size* of elems? Write a measure realSize to get the number of elements in any list:

```
-- write measure realSize in here
```

Answer

```
{-@ measure realSize @-} realSize :: [a] -> Int
realSize []
              = 0 realSize (_:xs) = 1 + realSize xs
```

Now, we can specify a *refined* type for SList that ensures that the real size is saved in the size field.

```
{-@ data SList a = SL {
     size :: Nat
    , elems :: {v:[a] | realSize v = size}
@-}
```

As a sanity check, consider this:

```
okList = SL 1 ["cat"] -- accepted
badList = SL 1 []
                         -- rejected
```

Lets define an alias for lists of a given size N:

```
\{-@ \text{ type SListN a N = } \{v: \text{SList a } | \text{ size v = N} \ @-\}
```

Think Aloud: Read the question aloud and voice your thoughts while solving the exercise.

Now define an alias Nelist for lists that are not empty by replacing {true} by the correct signature.

```
{-@ type NEList a = {true} @-}
  Answer
  \{-@ type NEList a = \{v:SList a | size v > 0\} @-\}
```

Finally, we can define a basic API for SList.

To Construct lists, we use nil and cons:

```
{-@ nil :: SListN a 0 @-}
nil = SL 0 []
{-@ cons :: a -> xs:SList a -> SListN a {size xs + 1} @-}
cons x (SL n xs) = SL (n+1) (x:xs)
```

Think Aloud: Read the question aloud and voice your thoughts while solving the exercise.

Exercise 3.1 (Destructing Lists). We can destruct lists by writing a hd (head) and t1 (tail) function as shown below.

For t1, fix the signature such that it receives a non-empty list and returns another without the first element.

For hd, do the opposite. From the presented signature, remove the comment from the signature and write the implementation. This function returns just the element at the front of the list.

Hint: When you are done, okHd should be verified, but badHd should be rejected.

Answer

```
\{-0 \text{ tl} :: xs: \text{NEList a -> SListN a } \{\text{size } xs - 1\}
\{0-1\} \text{ hd } (SL_x(x:_)) = x \text{ hd}_x = die "empty SList"
```

Queue Type

It is quite straightforward to define the Queue type, as a pair of lists, front and back, such that the latter is always smaller than the former:

```
{-@ data Queue a = Q {
    front :: SList a
    , back :: SListLE a (size front)
    }
@-}
```

```
data Queue a = Q
  { front :: SList a
  , back :: SList a
```

THE ALIAS SLISTLE a L corresponds to lists with at most N elements:

```
{-@ type SListLE a N = {v:SList a | size v <= N} @-}</pre>
```

As a quick check, notice that we cannot represent illegal Queues:

```
okQ = Q okList nil -- accepted, |front| > |back|
badQ = Q nil okList -- rejected, |front| < |back|</pre>
```

Queue Operations

Almost there! Now all that remains is to define the Queue API. The code below is more or less identical to Okasaki's (I prefer front and back to his left and right.)

THE EMPTY QUEUE is simply one where both front and back are both empty:

```
emp = Q nil nil
```

Think Aloud: Read the question aloud and voice your thoughts while solving the exercise.

Exercise 3.2 (Queue Sizes). For the remaining operations we need some more information. Do the following steps:

- 1. Write a measure gsize to describe the queue size,
- 2. Use it to complete the definition of QueueN below, and
- 3. In the next step use QueueN.

```
-- | create measuere qsize here
-- | Queues of size `N`
{-@ type QueueN a N = {v:Queue a | true} @-}
```

```
{-@ emp :: QueueN _ 0 @-}
{-@ example2Q :: QueueN _ 2 @-}
example2Q = Q (1 `cons` (2 `cons` nil)) nil
{-@ example0Q :: QueueN _ 0 @-}
example0Q = Q nil nil
```

Answer

```
{-@ measure qsize @-} qsize
                                :: Queue a -> Int qsize
(Q 1 r) = size 1 + size r \{-0 \text{ type QueueN a N} = \{v:Queue a \mid
qsize v = N @-}
```

To Remove an element we pop it off the front by using hd and tl. Notice that the remove is only called on non-empty Queues, which together with the key balance invariant (makeq that we will see later), ensures that the calls to hd and tl are safe.

Think Aloud: Read the question aloud and voice your thoughts while solving the exercise.

Add a LiquidHaskell signature to remove using QueueN. When you are done, okRemove should be accepted, badRemove should be rejected.

```
remove (Q f b) = (hd f, makeq (tl f) b)
okRemove = remove example2Q -- accept
badRemove = remove example0Q -- reject
```

Answer

```
{-@ remove
                      :: \{q:Queue\ a\ |\ qsize\ q>0\}\ a\rightarrow (a,
QueueN a {qsize q - 1}) @-}
```

To Insert an element we just cons it to the back list, and call the *smart constructor* makeg to ensure that the balance invariant holds.

Think Aloud: Read the question aloud and voice your thoughts while solving the exercise.

Exercise 3.3 (Insert). Write down a liquid type signature for replicate (that uses insert), so that it adds the same element n times to the queue,

and okReplicate is accepted by LiquidHaskell, but badReplicate is rejected.

```
\{-0 \text{ insert } :: a \rightarrow g: Queue a \rightarrow QueueN a \{gsize g + 1\} = 0-\}
insert e (Q f b) = makeq f (e `cons` b)
-- write liquid type signature
replicate 0 _ = emp
replicate n x = insert x (replicate (n-1) x)
{-@ okReplicate :: QueueN _ 3 @-}
okReplicate = replicate 3 "Yeah!" -- accept
{-@ badReplicate :: QueueN _ 3 @-}
badReplicate = replicate 1 "No!" -- reject
```

Answer

```
{-@ replicate :: n:Nat -> a -> QueueN a n @-}
```

To Ensure the Invariant we use the smart constructor makeq, which is where the heavy lifting happens. The constructor takes two lists, the front f and back b and if they are balanced, directly returns the Queue, and otherwise transfers the elements from b over using the rotate function rot described next.

```
{-@ makeq :: f:SList a -> b:SListLE a {size f + 1 } -> QueueN a {size f + size b} @-}
makeq f b
  | size b <= size f = Q f b
 otherwise = Q (rot f b nil) nil
```

THE ROTATE FUNCTION will ensure that the two lists are balanced, as introduced at the start. It is arranged so that it the hd is built up fast, before the entire computation finishes; which, combined with laziness provides the efficient worst-case guarantee.

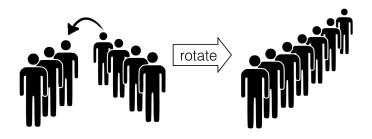


Figure 3.4: Transferring Elements from back to front.

Think Aloud: Read the question aloud and voice your thoughts while solving the exercise.

Exercise 3.4 (Rotate). $\star\star$ Read and fix the liquid type added to rot, following the next properties.

The Rotate function rot:

- 1. is only called when back is one larger than the front (we never let things drift beyond that).
- 2. And the return size is the sum of the size in front, back and the additional to be rotated.

Recap of everyting!

Well there you have it; Okasaki's beautiful lazy Queue, with the invariants easily expressed and checked with LiquidHaskell. This example is particularly interesting because

- 1. The refinements express invariants that are critical for efficiency,
- 2. The code introspects on the size to guarantee the invariants, and
- 3. The code is quite simple and we hope, easy to follow!

This exercise concludes the Short Tutorial of LiquidHaskell. Thank you for tagging along!

4

Cheat Sheet

Welcome to the LiquidHaskell Short Tutorial Cheat Sheet!

Here are the main concepts and examples you can use to complete the exercises.

Specifications

LiquidHaskell specifications in functions are written between {-@ spec @-}.

For example:

```
{-@ calcPer :: {a:Int | a > 0} -> {b:Int | 0 <= b && b <= a} -> c:Int @-} calcPer :: Int -> Int -> Int calcPer a b = (b * 100) `div` a
```

Alias

To reuse a specification we can use aliases.

For example:

```
{-@ type Nat = \{v:Int \mid 0 \le v\} @-}
{-@ type Btwn Lo Hi = \{v:Int \mid Lo \le v \& v \le Hi\} @-}
```

Liquid types in Datatypes

To add a specification to the datatypes, first create the datatype in Haskell and then add the specification inside {-@ @-}.

For example:

1) In Haskell

2) Adding the LiquidHaskell specifiaction

Measures

Measures lift an Haskell function to the refinements logic. It is first created as a Haskell function, sinalizing that it is a measure and adding liquid types to the signature. Then, it can be used inside other refinements.

For example:

```
{-@ measure mySize @-}
{-@ mySize :: [a] -> Nat @-}
mySize :: [a] -> Int
mySize [] = 0
mySize (_:rs) = 1 + mySize rs
```

And then, size can be used in:

```
\{-0 \text{ type ListN a N} = \{v:[a] \mid \text{size v} == N\} \ 0-\}
```