Functional Programming Summer Term 2025

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Assignment 9

Hand in this assignment until -, -, - at the latest.

B Running out of ideas?

Are you hitting a roadblock? Are some of the exercises unclear? Do you just need that one hint to get the ball rolling? Refer to the #forum \bigoplus channel on our Discord server—maybe you'll find just the help you need.

Exam-style Exercises

Exercises marked with © are similar in style to those you will find in the exam. You can use these to hone your expectations and gauge your skills.

Task 1: Monoids 🗈

Let's talk about *monoids* and trees, more specifically the following type of rose trees with labels of type a:

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data Tree a = Node a [Tree a]
```

Please submit a file called MyMonoids.hs. Import the module Data.Monoid and have a look at the documentation for this module¹.

- A Write a function sumTree :: Num a => Tree a -> a that computes the sum of all node labels in a tree.
- B Write a function treeLabels :: Tree a -> [a] that computes the *list* of all node labels in a tree.
- We continue our hunt for common patterns in computations that we might abstract over. sumTree and treeLabels are suspiciously similar: The label of the current node is combined with the results for all subtrees. We abstract over this pattern in a function

```
foldTree :: Monoid m => (a -> m) -> Tree a -> m
```

Given a function that maps a node label to some element of monoid m, foldTree combines the monoidal result for the node label and the results for all subtrees.

Implement foldTree.

D First, use foldTree to implement a function treeLabels' :: Tree a -> [a] that behaves like treeLabels.

Then, do the same for sumTree. Remember that there is no single Monoid instance for numeric types. Instead, we have newtype wrappers Sum and Product, whose Monoid instances implement the additive and multiplicative monoids for numeric type a, respectively.

Finally, implement functions

```
allNodes :: (a -> Bool) -> Tree a -> Bool someNode :: (a -> Bool) -> Tree a -> Bool
```

that check whether *all* or *some* node labels in a tree satisfy a predicate. Again, we do not have a single Monoid instance for Bool, but wrappers Any and All that implement monoids with different behaviors.

Task 2: Guessing Numbers

With monads, we finally have the tools to express and combine computations which perform I/O. We will implement a simple interactive application. The interaction is defined by the following rules:

- 1. The computer picks a random number between 1 and $2^{\{10\}}$.
- 2. The *player* has 13 attempts to guess the right number.

¹http://hackage.haskell.org/package/base-4.12.0.0/docs/Data-Monoid.html

- 3. After every wrong guess, the computer tells whether the guessed number was too small or too large.
- 4. If the player can not guess the correct number in 13 attempts, he loses and the computer makes fun of him/her.
- 5. If the player manages to guess the correct number, he/she wins the game.

Open Guess.hs and complete the missing function definitions to implement the game according to the rules described above:

- Function prompt :: IO Int Ask the player for a guess. Parse his input string (use function Text.Read.readMaybe). If the input is invalid, ask again until a valid input is provided. Otherwise return the guessed number. A basic example how to use I/O combinators getLine and putStrLn is given below.
- Function hint :: Int -> Int -> IO () Given a target number and a guess, print a hint to the player whether his guess is too small, too large or correct.
- Function gameLoop:: Guess Bool Interact with the player and finally return whether the player won or not. Ask the player for a guess. If he is correct or is out of attempts, end the game. Otherwise enter the loop again.
- Function main :: IO () Pick a random number (use function System.Random.randomRIO²) and enter the game loop with an initial GameState.

Example interactions in GHCi:

```
*Guess> main
   Guess a number:
   invalid
  Guess a number:
   Your guess is too large!
  Guess a number:
   42
You won within 2
   attempts.
   *Guess> main
   Guess a number:
   Your guess is too small!
   Guess a number:
  Your guess is too small!
  [\ldots]
19 Guess a number:
20 14
   Your guess is too small!
You ran out of attempts.
```

Example how to use basic I/O combinators, namely getLine and putStrLn (you can also find it in io-example.hs):

²To import System.Random you may have to install package random first: cabal install --lib random or stack install random