

Programming languages – Haskell

Introductory instruction (2021/22)

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1. Introduction

The Haskell language implements the functional programming paradigm. The language consist of functions and constants. Functions are main language constructions. It can be easily passed as parameters to other functions. What may surprise is the fact that there are no variables, there are only constants. If we specify once that x = 5 then x is a constant and will not change its value anymore. Similarly, the functions are clean which means they have no side effects. Unlike methods in object-oriented languages, whose operation may depend on the state of the object, in Haskell for the same parameter values the function will always return the same result, as in the function in mathematics.

2. Compilation and run

From the most popular environments allowing development of Haskell's projects, we can distinguish:

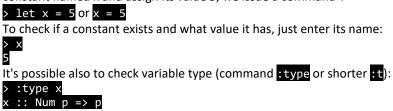
- The Haskell Tool Stack https://docs.haskellstack.org/en/stable/README/
- Haskell Platform https://www.haskell.org/platform/. The installer as a binary file is available from the download web page or you can install Haskell Platform using Chocolatey package manager for Windows. To do this, download and run the script from Powershell (with Administrator rights) available here: https://chocolatey.org/install.ps1. In the next step, install the environment with the command: chocolatey.org/install.ps1. In the next step, install the environment with the command: chocolatey.org/install.ps1. In the environment: refreshenv: refreshenv. If you cannot run the program using ghci command, you may need to restart Powershell or the command line to update the newly added path in the PATH environment variable.

Both are available from the command line:

stack ghci or ghci stack ghc -- --version or ghci --version (checking environment version).

In the initial phase of learning we can use the interactive REPL loop (read-eval-print loop): stack ghci or stack repl (The Haskell Tool Stack) or ghci (Haskell Platform). After launching, a new cursor should be visible: *Main Lib> or Prelude>. REPL loop is also available online: https://repl.it/repls/ExtraneousAdorableLink but the experience may be worse than with a locally installed environment. It can be particularly problematic to enter instructions consisting of several lines of code (e.g. when defining complex functions).

The REPL loop allows to incrementally compile and execute sequentially entered commands. For example, to add a constant named x and assign its value 5, we issue a command¹:



¹ all commands that needs to be called in REPL are preceded by a cursor character: >

Note that after typing the :{ instruction the cursor > should change to | and stay until you type: }:

> fib 6

Leaving ghci: > :quit

It will be more convenient to use files with the .hs extension and load them into ghci during run larger programs. Sample Hello world code in Haskell (hello.hs):

```
hello = do putStrLn "Hello, what is your name?"

name <- getLine

putStrLn ("Hello, " ++ name ++ "!")
```

Please be careful of indentation, they are very important because they determine the range of expressions. Code which is part of some expression should be indented further in than the beginning of that expression (even if the expression is not the leftmost element of the line). Please do not use tabs in indentations.

Loading and runing hello.hs:

ghci hello.hs

Information: Ok, one module loaded and cursor *Main> should appear. Now we can call main function (the only one defined in the module /program):

*Main> hello

Haskell also allows to write programs compiled into native files for various operating systems. Compiling and running hello.hs using **ghc** (you need to leave ghci):

```
ghc --make hello.hs
hello.exe (Windows)
./hello (Linux)
```

Creating a simple project using the **Stack** environment: stack new <project_name> simple

cd <project_name>

Downloading the compiler to an isolated location so it doesn't interfere with any other Haskell installation on the system:

stack setup

Build the executable:

stack build

After building the binary, you need to go to the folder containing it (the information will be displayed in the last line): Installing executable ct_name in drive:<path_to_project_name</pre>\.stack-

work\install\<8_digit_hexagonal_random_number >\bin) e.g.:

```
cd .stack-work\dist\29cc6475\build\<project_name>
<project_name>.exe
```

Let's try loading a program calculating the nth row of Pascal's triangle² and containing several functions:

```
factorial :: Integer -> Integer
factorial n = if (n == 1 || n==0) then 1 else n * factorial(n-1)

newton :: Integer -> Integer
newton n k = div (factorial(n)) (factorial(n-k)*(factorial(k)))

pascal :: Integer -> [Integer]
pascal n = [newton n x | x <- [0..n]]
```

```
*Main> factorial 6
720
*Main> newton 6 3
20
*Main> pascal 6
```

² Description of the Pascal Triangle can be found here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pascal%27s triangle

[1,6,15,20,15,6,1]

Unfortunately, when compiling this code, we obtain an error that the main function has not been implemented. It is required because it is started by default at the program startup.

Please add the main function and then compile and run program.

3. Advanced IDE

Much better conditions for software development are provided by the IDE **Visual Studio Code** available for various platforms (Windows, Linux, Mac): https://code.visualstudio.com/download.

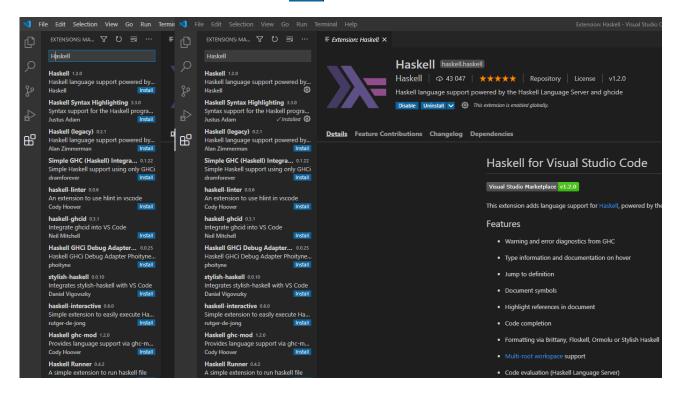
Starting Visual Studio from the project folder:

code .

In order to install the Haskell plugin in Visual Studio Code, use the keyboard shortcut Ctrl + Shift + x and type: Haskell. A list of recommended plugins will appear:

- Haskell for Visual Studio Code (warning and error diagnostics from GHC, type information and
 documentation on hover, jump to definition, document symbols, highlight references in document, code
 completion, formatting via Brittany, Floskell, Ormolu or Stylish Haskell, multi-root workspace support, code
 evaluation (Haskell Language Server)
- **Haskell Language suport** (support for syntax highlighting for Haskell, automatic indentation after where, into, -> etc. and surrounding brackets ([], {} etc.)).
- haskell-linter wrapper for hlint. It highlights hlint warnings and errors inline and provides a code-action to accept hlint suggestions. You may find it useful to add an appropriate path to an environment variable:
 Settings → System Properties → Environment Variables → PATH -> New: %Appdata%\local\bin\ (validation of the addition from the CMD level: echo %path%)

To install the selected plug-in, choose the button Install



The second very popular and free environment is IntelliJ IDEA:

https://www.jetbrains.com/idea/download/#section=windows. Requires installed The Haskell Tool Stack³.

Additionally, we install the tools required by IDE Haskell plugin:

```
stack install hindent stylish-haskell
```

In the first run, in the Plugins tab, enter the search word Haskell and install the plug-in *IntelliJ-Haskell*. After installing, restart the IDE and add the path to the Haskell SDK: File \rightarrow Settings \rightarrow Other \rightarrow Languages & Frameworks \rightarrow Haskell we choose the Haskell module project, it may be necessary to enter the path to the installed Stack, in Windows it is by default: %AppData%\local\bin.

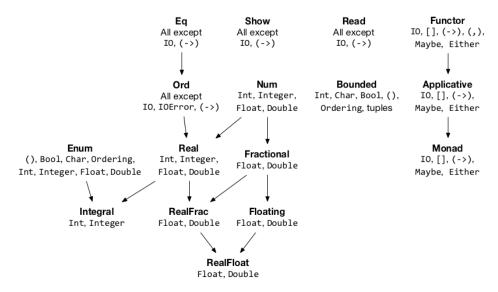
4. Types and Typeclasses

```
Definitions of simple and complex data types start with a capital letter. Haskell has following types:
 :t True
True :: Bool - logical type
 :t 'a'
 a' :: Char - character type
  :t "abc"::
"abc" :: [Char] - identical with String
Int, Float i Double are similar to types we know from C and C++.
Integer type with arbitrary-precision is limited only by computer resources:
 a = 8159152832478977343456112695961158942720000000000 :: Integer
815915283247897734345611269596115894272000000000
 :t a
  :: Integer
We also have typeclasses:
  :: Num p \Rightarrow p - class of numeric types Num (with addition and multiplication operations defined).
Integral - like Num, buts standard instances are integer (with modulo and whole-number division and remainder
operations defined)
 :t div
div :: Integral a => a -> a -> a
1.0 :: Fractional p => p - class of Fractional types like Num, but not only integer(with division operator
defined).
  :t (/
  ) :: Fractional a => a -> a -> a
 :t pi
pi :: Floating a => a - class of floating point types Floating.
Other typeclasses:
Eq – comparable values (with Equivalence relation defined)
True
     :: Eq a => a -> a -> Bool
Ord – ordered values (with a linear order relation defined)
  5.1 < 5
alse
  :t (<)
(<) :: Ord a => a -> a -> Bool
Show – type values that can be displayed.
```

Relationships between typeclasses and types are shown in the following diagram:

show :: Show a => a -> String

³ https://gist.github.com/androidfred/a2bef54310c847f263343c529d32acd8



source: https://cs.anu.edu.au/courses/comp1100/labs/10/

We can easily define our own simple data types:

```
data Color = Red | Green | Blue
  :{
  isRed
       :: Color -> Bool
  isRed Red = True
 isRed _ = False
 :}
sRed Blue
alse
And also complex:
 data Chars = Value Char | Join Chars Chars
 isChar :: Chars -> Bool
 isChar (Value x) = True
 isChar _ = False
 toString :: Chars -> String
 toString (Join x y) = (toString x) ++ (toString y)
 toString (Value x) = [x]
 toString (Value 'a')
          (Join (Value 'a') (Value 'b'))
                 (Join (Value 'a') (Value 'b')) (Value 'c'))
abc"
```

5. Functions

Function is a first-class citizen and it cannot start with a capital letter because this notation is reserved for data types. We got to know the constant function called the definition:

```
> let x = 2 :: Integer or shorter: > x = 2 :: Integer
```

However, this time we explicitly declared the variable type as Integer (operator :: – we read as: "is of type") We can check it out.

```
> :t x
x :: Integer
```

Form of declaration of each function :

```
function_name :: Type_qualifiers = >arg_type - >arg_2_type ->... - >arg_n_type -> Result_type
```

We can explicitly provide a function definition. This is useful if you want to specify the types of arguments and return value:

```
> add :: Int a -> a -> a
```

Definition looks as follows:

```
function_name arg_1 arg_2 ... _arg_n = let function_definitions in the command returning the
result
The definition of a typical function:
> let add x y = x + y or shorter: > add x y = x + y
Such defined function can be called by passing arguments:
> add 2 5<mark>or</mark>> add x 5<mark>or</mark>> add x y
Output: 7
We might as well check the type of function:
> :t add
add :: Num a => a -> a -> a
This means that it is a function that accepts two identical parameters from Num typeclass and returns an element of
the same type. The language contains a rich set of useful functions:
> succ 8 - successor
  pred 6.457 - predecessor
5.457
  min 9 10 - minimum
  max 2.4 3 - maximum
  gcd 21 6 – greatest common divisor
  1cm 21 6 – least common multiple
 even 7 – is even
alse
odd 7 – is odd
Mathematical functions are also available: exp, log, sqrt, logBase, sin, cos, tan and \pi constant:
  exp 1
2.718281828459045
 log (exp 1)
1.0
 рi
 .141592653589793
The functions are not redefinable (within their own scope) so the code below will not work.
  x = 3
  main = print x
The order of the functions in the file does not matter.
  main = print x
  x = 123
  :}
  main
123
Lazy evaluation - calculations are made ONLY when it is necessary.
  divide :: (RealFrac a) => a -> a -> a
  divide x y = let q = (/) x y in if (abs y) < 0.001 then 0 else q
  divide 5 0.00099
0.0
 divide 5 0.001
5000.0
Function instantiation.
 rewerse = divide 1
  rewerse 5
Function composition.
> identity = rewerse . rewerse
```

```
> identity 5
5.0
```

Functions can be passed as parameters to other functions. Selecting only elements specified by the function f (called a predicate) on all elements of x list (filter f x).

```
> filter (>3) [-10..10]
[4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
> filter (\x -> x * x == 1) [-10..10]
[-1,1]
```

6. Opertators

In Haskell we have the following operators defined:

By specifying the name of the binary function in backward apostrophes, we can put it in place of the binary operator in infix notation. You can see it on the example of div and mod but we can also do it with the add function defined by us:

```
5 `add` 2
7
```

Some operators have alternative versions implemented for other types:

```
    2.5 ^ 4 or > 2.5 ^^ 4 - power with numeric type exponent
    39.0625
    2 ** 5.3 - power with fractional type exponent
    39.396621227037315
```

We can also check the operator type:

```
> :t (^)
(^) :: (Integral b, Num a) => a -> b -> a
> :t (**)
(**) :: Floating a => a -> a -> a
```

Precedence and connectivity of operators in Haskell is presented in the following table⁴:

Precedence	left associative	non-associative	right associative
9	!!		
8			^,^^,**
7	*, /, 'div', 'mod', 'rem', 'quot'		
6	+, -		
5			:, ++
4		==, /=, <, <=, >, >=, 'elem', 'notElem'	

 $^{^{4} \ \}underline{\text{https://www.haskell.org/onlinereport/haskell2010/haskellch4.html} \\ \text{#x10-820004.4.2}$

3		&&
2		
1	>>, >>=	
0		\$, \$!, 'seq'

Operators with a higher precedence will be executed earlier:

```
> 2 ** 5 + 1
33
> False && True || True
True
In order to force a different order of execution, we must use brackets:
> 2 ** (5 + 1)
64.0
> False && (True || True)
False
Because of the precedence of functions over operators, calling our add function may have an undesirable effect:
> 2 * 2 `add` 2 lub > add 2 2 * 2 lub > 2 * add 2 2
```

7. Expressions: if ... then ... else, let...in, where and |

```
In Haskell, every expression and function must return something, so the else clause in the if statement is mandatory.
  threshold100 x = if x > 100 then 100 else x
  threshold100 87
  threshold100 102.8
100.0
Version of factorial implementation using conditional statement if ... then ... else.
  factorial n = if n == 1 then 1 else n * factorial (n - 1)
  factorial 40
815915283247897734345611269596115894272000000000
factorial function type.
  :t factorial
factorial :: (Eq p, Num p) => p -> p
Version of factorial implementation with use of an additional variable (accumulator) passing intermediate results
between recursive calls.
  factorial' n' a = if
  factorial' 40 1
815915<sup>283247897734345611269596115894272000<u>000000</u></sup>
Version of factorial implementation using let ... in to hide the accumulator.
  factorial n = let factorial' n' a = if n' == 1 then a else factorial'
factorial' n 1
  factorial n = let factorial`
                                          otherwise = factorial` (n' - 1) (a * n')
                                          in factorial` n 1
  factorial n = factorial` n 1 where factorial` n' a
                                                             n' == 1 = a
```

8. Lists, tuples, maps and filters

```
Containing module: > import Data.List
Lists are homogeneous structures of variable length.

[1,2,3,4]
> 1:2:3:4:[]
[1,2,3,4]
> 1:2:[3, 4]
```

otherwise = factorial`

```
[1,2,3,4]
> [1, 2 .. 4]
[1,2,3,4]
> [1 .. 4]::[Int]
[1,2,3,4]
 > \text{ numbers} = [3,6,4,8,1]
 > numbers
[3,6,4,8,1]
> [3,6,4,8,1] ++ [6,8]
[3,6,4,8,1,6,8]
> "Tomasz " ++ "Goluch"
 "Tomasz Goluch"
 > 'k':"not"
"a knot"
> let listOfLists = [[1,2,3],[5],[1,2],[]]
  listOfLists
> listofLists
[[1,2,3],[5],[1,2],[]]
> listofLists ++ [[1,1]]
[[1,2,3],[5],[1,2],[],[1,1]]
> [5,7]:listofLists
[[5,7],[1,2,3],[5],[1,2],[]]
> [3,2,1] > [2,1,0]
True
> [3,2,1] > [3,2,2]
False
> [3,<mark>2,1] > [2,3,3]</mark>
True
> [3,2,1] > [3,2]
True
> [3,2,1] == [3,2,1]
True
Typical functions performing on lists.
> head [3,2,1,2]
  tail [3,2,1,2]
[2,1,2]
  last [3,2,1,2]
 init [3,2,1,2]
[3,2,1]
  length [3,2,1,2]
> null [3,2,1,2]
False
> reverse [3,2,1,2]
[2,1,2,3]
> take 2 [3,2,1,2]
[3,2]
> drop 2 [3,2,1,2]
[1,2]
  maximum [3,2,1,2]
  sum [3,2,1,2]
  product [3,2,1,2]
> elem 5 [3,2,1,2]
False
> [5..15]
[5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15]
> ['x'..'z']
 xyz"
[3,5..15]
[3,5,7,9,11,13,15]
```

```
[0.1, 0.3 .. 1]
 [0.1,0.3,0.5,0.7,0.899999999999999,1.099999999999999]
    take 10 (cycle [3,2,1])
[3,2,1,3,2,1,3,2,1,3]
 > take 5 (repeat 3)
 [3,3,3,3,3]
    replicate 5 3
 [3,3,3,3,3]
> [2^x | x <- [0..8]]
[1,2,4,8,16,32,64,128,256]
> [2^x | x <- [0..8], 2^x > 30]
 [32,64,128,256]
    [x \mid x \leftarrow [0..20], x \mod 5 == 0]
 [0,5,10,15,20]
    [x \mid x \leftarrow [0..20], x \mod 5 == 0, x \mod 3 == 0]
 [0,15]
    evenOrOdd xs = [if x \mod 2 == 0 then "even" else "odd" | x <- xs, x < 10]
| The standard content of the standard content of
> [x*y | x <- [2,5,10], y <- [1..5], x*y <= 30]
[2,4,6,8,10,5,10,15,20,25,10,20,30]
    let names = ["Alvin", "Bruce","John"]
let surnames = ["Lee","Springsteen"]
   [name ++ " " ++ surname | name <- names, surname <- surnames]
["Alvin Lee","Alvin Springsteen","Bruce Lee","Bruce Springsteen","John Lee","John Springsteen"]
     length' xs = sum [1 |
    length' [1..100]
100
 > onlyLowercase st = [ c | c <- st, c `elem` ['a'..'z']]
     onlyLowercase "UPPERCASE lowercase"
   lowercase"
    let xxs = [[1,3,5,2,3,1,2,4,5],[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9],[1,2,4,2,1,6,3,1,3,2,3,6]]
[[ x | x <- xs, even x ] | xs <- xxs, length xs > 9]
     [[ x | x <- xs, even x
[[2,4,2,6,2,6]]
Implementation of function reversing the order of list items:
     reverse::[a] -> [a]
     reverse [] = []
     reverse (x:y) = reverse y ++ [x]
Tuples are heterogeneous structures of constant length
> (1, 'a', "number")
(1, 'a', "number")
> fst ("Nicholson",
    snd ("Nicholson", 1937)
1937
> zip [1,2,3,4,5] ['a','b','c']
[(1,'a'),(2,'b'),(3,'c')]
> zip [1..] ['a','b','c']
[(1,'a'),(2,'b'),(3,'c')]
 A list of different triples a, b, c, such that a + b + c \le x, and from sides of length a, b, c you can build a right triangle.
> let rightTriangles minSum = [ (a,b,c) | c <- [1..minSum], b <- [1..c], a <- [1..b], a ^2 + b^2
  == c^2, a+b+c >= minSum]
 > rightTriangles 24
[(6,8,10)]
Infinite Fibonacci sequence:
> fibonacci = 1:1:[(a + b) | (a, b) <- zip fibonacci (tail fibonacci)]
     print fibonacci causes an infinite loop
> print (take 1000 fibonacci) it works – because of lazy evaluation
Performing the function f on all elements of the list x
> map' f x = [f xs | xs <- x]
> map' something [1..10]
```

```
(+1) [1..10]
                  x + 2) [1..10]
9. Tables<sup>5</sup>
```

```
Containing module: > import Data.Array
Creating sqr array containing the squares of numbers from 1 to 100.
> sqr = array (1,100) [(i, i*i) | i <- [1..100]]
Take the square of the number 7.
> sqr!7
Checking the dimensions of the array.
bounds sqr
(1,100)
Recursively creating an array containing Fibonacci numbers (try find and correct the error).
> fibs n = a where a = array (0,n) ([(0, 1), (1, 1)] ++ [(i, a!(i-2) + a!(i-1)) |
Take 10th sequence element.
> fibs 10 ! 10 => 89
```

10.Hash tables⁶

Containing module:

```
> import Data.Map
```

Creating an H table from an exemplary pair list.

```
:: Map Char Int
      fromList [('a', 3), ('b', 5), ('c', 7)]
Search element x in the table H
output :: Maybe a
output = lookup x H
```

11. Function: group, sort

The group function takes a list and returns a list consisting of lists of grouped identical subsequent items.

```
:{
group :: Eq a => [a] -> [[a]]
group "Mississippi" = ["M","i","ss","i","ss","i","pp","i"]
```

The sort function implements a stable version of the sorting algorithm.

```
sort :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
sort "Mississippi" = "Miiiippssss"
```

Functions require importing Data.List module.

12.Modules

Haskell contains a lot of modules that extend language capabilities. The first step is to download the current package

```
cabal update or cabal v2-update
Installation of numbers module:
cabal install numbers
```

Displaying list of installed modules:

⁵ https://www.haskell.org/tutorial/arrays.html

⁶ http://hackage.haskell.org/package/base-4.3.0.0/docs/Data-HashTable.html

cabal list --installed

Importing module in ghci loop:

> import Data.Number.BigFloat

Module usage:

Data.Number.BigFloat> pi = 3.14159265358979323846264338327950288419716939937510 :: BigFloat

Prec50

Data.Number.BigFloat> :t pi

pi :: BigFloat Prec50

Data.Number.BigFloat> pi

3.14159265358979323846264338327950288419716939937510e0

13. Sample laboratory tasks

- 1) For a given number n, find the sum of all Fibonacci sequence even elements less than n.
- 2) For a given (as a lists) sets L and M, calculate their difference and symmetrical difference.
- 3) For a given number n and a list L of numbers, find the sum of all numbers from 1 to n divisible by at least one number from L.

Comments:

- a) all functions should have an appropriate header with the type of function,
- b) in programs you cannot use functions from Data.List, Data.Array or similar modules.

Haskel in browser:

- http://tryhaskell.org (limited GHCi, only as an introduction)
- http://ideone.com
- http://rextester.com/l/haskell online compiler
- https://www.jdoodle.com/execute-haskell-online
- https://paiza.io/en/projects/new?language=haskell
- https://www.tutorialspoint.com/compile haskell online.php
- https://repl.it/repls/ExtraneousAdorableLink (GHCi loop)

Tutorials:

- https://wiki.haskell.org/A brief introduction to Haskell
- https://wiki.haskell.org/Tutorials
- https://learnxinyminutes.com/docs/haskell
- <u>http://learnyouahaskell.com/chapters</u>
- http://exercism.io/languages/haskell/about (registration required)
- https://wiki.haskell.org/Introduction to IO (introduction to IO)
- https://wiki.haskell.org/IO inside (IO inside)
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- https://downloads.haskell.org/~ghc/latest/docs/html/users_guide/ghci.html#ghci-commands (HGCi commands)