

HW5: Scala 1

Due Feb 19 by 11:59pm **Points** 25 **Submitting** a file upload

Throughout this class, you are not allowed to use loops or mutable variables in Scala. If you want to use a feature or function we haven't discussed in class, please ask me first.

1. (5 points) Write a function `is_prime` that takes in an integer `x` and returns `true` if `x` is prime and `false` if it is not. To do this, you may write a helper “loop” recursive function that takes **one** parameter. You are welcome to create additional non-recursive helper functions. Please define all helper functions inside `is_prime`.
2. (5 points) Consider the function `add_third`

```
def add_third(x:Int):Int = {  
  if(x<1) 0  
  else x+add_third(x-3)  
}
```

You will write a more general version of this function, `add_fth`, where instead of recursing on `x-3`, we will use a function `f` to find the value we will recurse with. To help you get started, here are a couple of questions to answer (you don't need to turn in the answers, just write the function)

Step 1: `add_fth` will take two parameters, a function `f`, and an `Int x`. What should the type of `f` be?

Step 2: How will we use `f` in the body of the function?

In addition to the function `add_fth`, include a function call to `add_fth` that will have the same behavior as a function call to `add_third`. To do this you must first define a function to pass as a parameter to `add_fth`.

3. (10 points) Write a more general version of the `sum_f` and combine functions from class called `apply_combine` that applies a function `f` (taken as a parameter) to the integers from 1 to `x` (taken as a parameter), then combines those values using another function `g` (taken as a parameter). So `apply_combine` takes in three parameters: a function `f` that takes in an `Int` and returns an `Int`; a function `g` that takes in two `Ints` and returns an `Int`; and an `Int x`. It then returns the result of using the function `g` to combine the values gained by applying `f` to 1, 2, ..., `x`. For example, if I define

```
def add(x:Int, y:Int) :Int = x+y
```

```
def square(x:Int):Int = x*x
```

then

apply_combine(square, add, 4)

would return $30 = 16 + 9 + 4 + 1$

And if I define

```
def mult(x:Int, y:Int) :Int = x*y
```

```
    def identity(x:Int) = x
```

then

apply_combine(identity, mult, 4)

would return 24

4. (5 points) Read the blog post here: <https://www.smashingmagazine.com/2014/07/dont-be-scared-of-functional-programming/> (<https://www.smashingmagazine.com/2014/07/dont-be-scared-of-functional-programming/>)

(you only need to read up to “Let’s Get Real”)

Write a 100-150 word summary of this article; you don’t have to rehash the whole running example, but please provide at least three ideas that you found interesting in the article. This article uses javascript; you should be able to follow it without any javascript background (one helpful tip: something that looks like this:

```
function(item) {  
    return item[propertyName];  
}
```

Is defining an anonymous function.)

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