

Exercises

Higher-order functions

When writing the following functions, you should try to eliminate as many unnecessary arguments as possible.

Exercise 1:

Show how the list comprehension

```
[f x | x <- xs, p x]
```

can be re-expressed using the higher-order functions *map* and *filter*.

Solution 1:

```
map f (filter p xs)
```

Exercise 2:

Without looking at the definitions from the standard Prelude, define the following higher-order library functions on lists. To use the *Prelude* name, use

```
import Prelude hiding (all, any, takeWhile, dropWhile)
```

1. Decide if all elements of a list satisfy a predicate:

```
all :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> Bool
```

2. Decide if any elements of a list satisfy a predicate:

```
any :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> Bool
```

3. Select elements from a list while they satisfy a predicate:

```
takeWhile' :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
```

4. Remove elements from a list while they satisfy a predicate

```
dropWhile :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
```

Solution 2:

Note: We use *all'* etc so as not to clash with Prelude defined functions.

- Decide if all elements of a list satisfy a predicate:

```
all' :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> Bool
all' p = and . map p
```

- Decide if all elements of a list satisfy a predicate:

```
any' :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> Bool
any' p = or . map p
```

- Select elements from a list while they satisfy a predicate:

```
takeWhile' :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
takeWhile' _ [] = []
takeWhile' p (x:xs) | p x = x : takeWhile' p xs
| otherwise = []
```

- Remove elements from a list while they satisfy a predicate

```
dropWhile' :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
dropWhile' _ [] = []
dropWhile' p (x:xs) | p x = dropWhile' p xs
| otherwise = x:xs
```

Exercise 3:

Redefine the functions

`map f`

and

`filter p`

using

`foldr`

Solution 3:

`map f = foldr (\x xs -> f x : xs) []`

`filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]`
`filter p = foldr (\x acc -> if p x then x : acc else acc) []`

Exercise 4:

Noting that *String* is the same as *[Char]*. Define a function *capitalises*, of type

`capitalises :: String -> String`

which takes a list of characters as its argument and returns the same list as its value except that each lower-case letter has been replaced by its upper-case equivalent. Thus,

capitalises "Bohemian Rhapsody" = "BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY".

Hint: Use *toupper* which returns the uppercase of a letter and *map*. You should try to eliminate arguments where possible.

Solution 4:

`capitalises :: String -> String`
`capitalises = map toupper`

Exercise 5:

Define a function *squareall* :: [Int] → [Int] which takes a list of integers and produces a list of the squares of those integers. For example,
squareall[6, 1, (-3)] = [36, 1, 9].

Hint: Using map, You should try to eliminate arguments where possible.

Solution 5:

```
squareall :: [Int] -> [Int]
squareall = map (\x -> x*x)
```

Exercise 6:

Define a function *nestedreverse* which takes a list of strings as its argument and reverses each element of the list and then reverses the resulting list. Thus, *nestedreverse* ["in", "the", "end"] = ["dne", "eht", "ni"].

Hint: Using map, you should try to eliminate arguments where possible.

Solution 6:

```
nestedreverse :: [String] -> [String]
nestedreverse = reverse . map reverse
```

Exercise 7:

Define a function *atfront* :: a → [[a]] → [[a]] which takes an object and a list of lists and prepends the object at the front of every component list. For example,

atfront 7 [[1, 2], [], [3]] = [[7, 1, 2], [7], [7, 3]].

Hint: Using map, you should try to eliminate arguments where possible.

Solution 7:

```
atfront :: a -> [[a]] -> [[a]]
atfront x = map (x:)
```

Exercise 8:

Define a function `lengths` which takes a list of strings as its argument and returns the list of their lengths. For example,

$$\text{lengths} ["\text{the}", "\text{end}", "\text{is}", "\text{nigh"}] = [3, 3, 2, 4].$$

Hint: You should try to eliminate arguments where possible.

Solution 8:

```
lengths :: [String] -> [Int]
lengths = map length
```

Exercise 9:

Using the higher-order function `map` define a function `sumsq` which takes an integer n as its argument and returns the sum of the squares of the first n integers. That is to say, $\text{sumsq } n = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2$

Solution 9:

```
square :: Num a => a -> a
square x = x * x
sumsq :: Integral a => a -> a
sumsq n = sum (map square [1..n])
```

Exercise 10:

The function `filter` can be defined in terms of `concat` and `map`:

```
filter p = concat.map box where box x = ...
```

Write down the definition of `box x`

Solution 10:

```
filter1 :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
filter1 p = concat.map box
where box x
      | p x = [x]
      | otherwise = []
```

Exercise 11:

Define a function *wvowel* (without vowels) which removes every occurrence of a vowel from a list of characters.

Solution 11:

```
wvowel :: String -> String
wvowel xs = filter f xs where f x = not (x == 'a' ||
                                             x == 'e' ||
                                             x == 'i' ||
                                             x == 'o' ||
                                             x == 'u' )
```

Exercise 12:

Define a function *wiv* (without internal vowels) which takes a list of strings as its argument and removes every occurrence of a vowel from each element. For example,

```
wiv ["the", "end", "is", "nigh"] = ["th", "nd", "s", "ngh"]
```

Solution 12:

```
wiv :: [String] -> [String]
wiv = map wvowel
```
