

Exercises

Exercises on *foldr*

Exercise 1:

Using the higher-order function *foldr*, 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, $\text{sumsq} n = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2$.
(answer given to start you off)

Solution 1:

```
sumsq :: Integral a => a -> a
sumsq n = foldr op 0 [1..n]
    where op x y = x*x + y
```

Exercise 2:

Define *lengthr*, which returns the number of elements in a list, using *foldr*.

Solution 2:

```
lengthr :: [Int] -> Int
lengthr = foldr (\x y -> 1 + y) 0
```

Exercise 3:

Define *minlist*, which returns the smallest integer in a non-empty list of integers, using *foldr1* . (*foldr1* is a Prelude function - look it up yourself or continue and come back to this)

Solution 3:

```
minlistr :: [Int] -> Int
minlistr = foldr1 min
```

Exercise 4:

Define *myreverse*, which reverses a list, using *foldr*.

Solution 4:

```
myreverse :: [a] -> [a]
myreverse = foldr (\x y -> y ++ [x]) []
```

Exercise 5:

Using *foldr*, define a function *remove* which takes two strings as its arguments and removes every letter from the second list that occurs in the first list. For example,

```
remove "first" "second" = "econd".
```

Hint: Use a helper function in your lambda

Solution 5:

```
myremove :: Eq a => [a] -> [a] -> [a]
myremove xs = foldr (\y processed -> (aux y xs) ++ processed) []
    where aux :: Eq a => a -> [a] -> [a]
        aux x ys | x `elem` ys = []
                    | otherwise = [x]
```

Exercise 6:

The function *remdups* removes adjacent duplicates from a list. For example,

```
remdups [1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 1, 1] = [1, 2, 3, 1]
```

Define *remdups* using *foldr* (and using a helper method).

Solution 6:

```
remdupsr :: Eq a => [a] -> [a]
remdupsr []      = []
remdupsr ys = foldr joinr [] ys

joinr :: Eq a => a -> [a] -> [a]
joinr x []          = [x]
joinr x xs
    | x == head xs = xs
    | otherwise     = [x] ++ xs
```
