

# Topic 04 - Functions

## First Steps

### Exercise 1:

Parenthesise the following numeric expressions:

1.  $2^3 * 4$
2.  $2 * 3 + 4 * 5$
3.  $2 + 3 * 4^5$

Use GHCi to check your solutions.

### Solution 1:

1.  $(2^3) * 4$
2.  $(2 * 3) + (4 * 5)$
3.  $2 + (3 * (4^5))$

### Exercise 2:

The library function *last* selects the last element of a non-empty list; for example:

*last* [1,2,3,4,5] = 5

Show that the function *last* could be defined in terms of the other library functions introduced so far.

### Solution 2:

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last xs = head (reverse xs)
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**Exercise 3:**

The library function *init* removes the last element of a non-empty list; for example:

$$\text{init } [1,2,3,4,5] = [1,2,3,4]$$

Show that the function *init* could be defined in terms of the other library functions introduced so far.

**Solution 3:**

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myinit xs = reverse(tail (reverse (xs)))
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