

Programming Languages: Functional Programming

Practicals 5. Program Calculation

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1. Let *descend* be defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{descend} &:: \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{List Nat} \\ \textit{descend} \ 0 &= [] \\ \textit{descend} \ (\mathbf{1}_+ \ n) &= \mathbf{1}_+ \ n : \textit{descend} \ n \ . \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Let $\textit{sumseries} = \textit{sum} \cdot \textit{descend}$. Synthesise an inductive definition of *sumseries*.
(b) The function $\textit{repeatN} :: (\text{Nat}, a) \rightarrow \text{List } a$ is defined by

$$\textit{repeatN} \ (n, x) = \textit{map} \ (\textit{const} \ x) \ (\textit{descend} \ n) \ .$$

Thus $\textit{repeatN} \ (n, x)$ produces n copies of x in a list. E.g. $\textit{repeatN} \ (3, 'a') = \text{"aaa"}$. Calculate an inductive definition of *repeatN*.

- (c) The function $\textit{rld} :: \text{List} \ (\text{Nat}, a) \rightarrow \text{List } a$ performs run-length decoding:

$$\textit{rld} = \textit{concat} \cdot \textit{map} \ \textit{repeatN} \ .$$

For example, $\textit{rld} \ [(2, 'a'), (3, 'b'), (1, 'c')] = \text{"aabbbc"}$. Come up with an inductive definition of *rld*.

2. There is another way to define *pos* such that $\textit{pos} \ x \ xs$ yields the index of the first occurrence of x in xs :

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{pos} &:: \text{Eq } a \Rightarrow a \rightarrow \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{Int} \\ \textit{pos} \ x &= \textit{length} \cdot \textit{takeWhile} \ (x \neq) \end{aligned}$$

(This *pos* behaves differently from the one in the lecture when x does not occur in xs .) Construct an inductive definition of *pos*.

3. Zipping and mapping.

- (a) Let $\textit{second} \ f \ (x, y) = (x, f \ y)$. Prove that $\textit{zip} \ xs \ (\textit{map} \ f \ ys) = \textit{map} \ (\textit{second} \ f) \ (\textit{zip} \ xs \ ys)$.

(b) Consider the following definition

$$\begin{aligned} \text{delete} &:: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } (\text{List } a) \\ \text{delete } [] &= [] \\ \text{delete } (x : xs) &= xs : \text{map } (x:) (\text{delete } xs) , \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\text{delete } [1, 2, 3, 4] = [[2, 3, 4], [1, 3, 4], [1, 2, 4], [1, 2, 3]] .$$

That is, each element in the input list is deleted in turns. Let $\text{select}::\text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } (a, \text{List } a)$ be defined by $\text{select } xs = \text{zip } xs (\text{delete } xs)$. Come up with an inductive definition of select . **Hint:** you may find second useful.

(c) An alternative specification of delete is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{delete } xs &= \text{map } (\text{del } xs) [0.. \text{length } xs - 1] \\ \text{where } \text{del } xs \ i &= \text{take } i \ xs \ ++ \ \text{drop } (1 + i) \ xs , \end{aligned}$$

(here we take advantage of the fact that $[0..n]$ returns $[]$ when n is negative). From this specification, derive the inductive definition of delete given above. **Hint:** you may need the following property:

$$[0..n] = 0 : \text{map } (\mathbf{1}_+) [0..n-1], \text{ if } n \geq 0, \quad (1)$$

and the map-fusion law (2) given below.

4. Prove the following map-fusion law:

$$\text{map } f \cdot \text{map } g = \text{map } (f \cdot g) . \quad (2)$$

5. Assume that multiplication (\times) is a constant-time operation. One possible definition for $\text{exp } m \ n = m^n$ could be:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{exp} &:: \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat} \\ \text{exp } m \ 0 &= 1 \\ \text{exp } m \ (\mathbf{1}_+ \ n) &= m \times \text{exp } m \ n . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, to compute $\text{exp } m \ n$, multiplication is called n times: $m \times m \dots m \times 1$. Can we do better? Yet another way to represent a natural number is to use the binary representation.

(a) The function $\text{binary}::\text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{List Bool}$ returns the *reversed* binary representation of a natural number. For example:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{binary } 0 &= [] , \\ \text{binary } 1 &= [\mathbf{T}] , \\ \text{binary } 2 &= [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{T}] , \end{aligned}$$

$binary\ 3 = [T, T]$,
 $binary\ 4 = [F, F, T]$,

where T and F abbreviates True and False. Given the following functions:

$even :: Nat \rightarrow Bool$, returning true iff the input is even,
 $odd :: Nat \rightarrow Bool$, returning true iff the input is odd, and
 $div :: Nat \rightarrow Nat \rightarrow Nat$, for integral division,

define *binary*. You may just present the code.

Hint One possible implementation discriminates between 3 cases – the input is 0, the input is odd, and the input is even.

- (b) Briefly explain in words whether your implementation of *binary* terminates for all input in *Nat*, and why.
- (c) Define a function $decimal :: List\ Bool \rightarrow Nat$ that takes the reversed binary representation and returns the corresponding natural number. E.g. $decimal\ [T, T, F, T] = 11$. You may just present the code.
- (d) Let $roll\ m = exp\ m \cdot decimal$. Assuming we have proved that $exp\ m\ n$ satisfies all arithmetic laws for m^n . Construct (with algebraic calculation) a definition of *roll* that does not make calls to *exp* or *decimal*.

Remark If the fusion succeeds, we have derived a program computing m^n :

$fastexp\ m = roll\ m \cdot binary$.

The algorithm runs in time proportional to the length of the list generated by *binary*, which is $O(\log_2 n)$.

6. The following problem concerns calculating the sum $\sum_{i=0}^n (x_i \times y^i)$. Let *geo* be defined by:

$geo\ y = 1 : map\ (y \times)\ (geo\ y)$,
 $horner\ y\ xs = sum\ (map\ mul\ (zip\ xs\ (geo\ y)))$,

where $mul\ (a, b) = a \times b$. Let $xs = [x_0, x_1, x_2 \dots x_n]$, *horner y xs* computes the sum $x_0 + x_1 \times y + x_2 \times y^2 + \dots + x_n \times y^n$. (**Remark:** for those who familiar with currying, $mul = uncurry\ (\times)$.)

- (a) Show that $mul \cdot second\ (y \times) = (y \times) \cdot mul$.
- (b) Let $n = length\ xs$. Asymptotically (that is, in terms of the big-O notation), how many multiplications (\times) one must perform to compute *horner y xs*?
- (c) Prove that $sum \cdot map\ (y \times) = (y \times) \cdot sum$.
- (d) Construct an inductive definition of *horner* that uses only $O(n)$ multiplications to compute *horner y xs*. **Hint:** you will need a number of properties proved in the previous problems in this exercise, and perhaps some more properties.