

Programming Languages: Functional Programming

Practicals 7. Folds, and Fold-Fusion

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1. Express the following functions by *foldr*:

1. $\text{all } p :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{Bool}$, where $p :: a \rightarrow \text{Bool}$.
2. $\text{elem } z :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{Bool}$, where $z :: a$.
3. $\text{concat} :: \text{List}(\text{List } a) \rightarrow \text{List } a$.
4. $\text{filter } p :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } a$, where $p :: a \rightarrow \text{Bool}$.
5. $\text{takeWhile } p :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } a$, where $p :: a \rightarrow \text{Bool}$.
6. $\text{id} :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } a$.

In case you haven't seen them, $\text{all } p \ xs$ is True iff. all elements in xs satisfy p , and $\text{elem } z \ xs$ is True iff. x is a member of xs .

Solution:

1. $\text{all } p = \text{foldr} (\lambda x b \rightarrow p \ x \wedge b) \ \text{True} \ .$
2. $\text{elem } x = \text{foldr} (\lambda y b \rightarrow x == y \vee b) \ \text{False} \ ,$
3. $\text{concat} = \text{foldr} (\text{++}) \ [\] \ .$
4. $\text{filter } p = \text{foldr} (\lambda x xs \rightarrow \text{if } p \ x \text{ then } x : xs \text{ else } xs) \ [\] \ ,$
5. $\text{takeWhile } p = \text{foldr} (\lambda x xs \rightarrow \text{if } p \ x \text{ then } x : xs \text{ else } [\]) \ [\] \ ,$
6. $\text{id} = \text{foldr} (\text{:}) \ [\] \ .$

2. Given $p :: a \rightarrow \text{Bool}$, can $\text{dropWhile } p :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } a$ be written as a *foldr*?

Solution: No. Consider $\text{dropWhile even} [5, 4, 2, 1]$, which ought to be $[5, 4, 2, 1]$. Meanwhile, $\text{dropWhile even} [4, 2, 1] = [1]$, and the lost elements cannot be recovered.

3. Express the following functions by foldr :

1. $\text{inits} :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List} (\text{List } a)$.
2. $\text{tails} :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List} (\text{List } a)$.
3. $\text{perms} :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List} (\text{List } a)$.
4. $\text{sublists} :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List} (\text{List } a)$.
5. $\text{splits} :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List} (\text{List } a, \text{List } a)$.

Solution:

1. $\text{inits} = \text{foldr} (\lambda x \text{ } xss \rightarrow [] : \text{map} (x:) \text{ } xss) [[[]]]$.
2. $\text{tails} = \text{foldr} (\lambda x \text{ } xss \rightarrow (x : \text{head } xss) : xss) [[[]]]$,
3. $\text{perms} = \text{foldr} (\lambda x \text{ } xss \rightarrow \text{concat} (\text{map} (\text{fan } x) \text{ } xss)) [[[]]]$
4. $\text{sublists} = \text{foldr} (\lambda x \text{ } xss \rightarrow xss \uplus \text{map} (x:) \text{ } xss) [[[]]]$
5. splits can be defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{splits} &= \text{foldr} \text{ } \text{spl} [[[], []]] \text{ ,} \\ \text{where } \text{spl } x \text{ } ((xs, ys) : zss) &= \\ &([[], x : xs \uplus ys] : \text{map} ((x:) \times \text{id}) ((xs, ys) : zss)) \text{ .} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } (f \times g) (x, y) = (f \text{ } x, g \text{ } y).$$

4. Prove the foldr -fusion theorem. To recite the theorem: given $f :: a \rightarrow b \rightarrow b$, $e :: b$, $h :: b \rightarrow c$ and $g :: a \rightarrow c \rightarrow c$, we have

$$h \cdot \text{foldr } f \text{ } e = \text{foldr } g \text{ } (h \text{ } e) \text{ ,}$$

if $h (f \text{ } x \text{ } y) = g \text{ } x \text{ } (h \text{ } y)$ for all x and y .

Solution: The aim is to prove that $h (\text{foldr } f \text{ } e \text{ } xs) = \text{foldr } g \text{ } (h \text{ } e) \text{ } xs$ for all xs , assuming that $h (f \text{ } x \text{ } y) = g \text{ } x \text{ } (h \text{ } y)$.

Case $xs := []$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & h (\text{foldr } f e []) \\
 &= h e \\
 &= \text{foldr } g (h e) [] .
 \end{aligned}$$

Case $xs := x : xs$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & h (\text{foldr } f e (x : xs)) \\
 &= \{ \text{definition of foldr} \} \\
 & h (f x (\text{foldr } f e xs)) \\
 &= \{ \text{fusion condition: } h (f x y) = g x (h y) \} \\
 & g x (h (\text{foldr } f e xs)) \\
 &= \{ \text{induction} \} \\
 & g x (\text{foldr } g (h e) xs) \\
 &= \{ \text{definition of foldr} \} \\
 & \text{foldr } g (h e) (x : xs) .
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Prove the map -fusion rule $\text{map } f \cdot \text{map } g = \text{map } (f \cdot g)$ by foldr -fusion.

Solution: Since $\text{map } g$ is a foldr , we proceed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{map } f \cdot \text{map } g \\
 &= \{ \text{map } g \text{ is a foldr} \} \\
 & \text{map } f \cdot \text{foldr} (\lambda x ys \rightarrow g x : ys) [] \\
 &= \{ \text{foldr-fusion} \} \\
 & \text{foldr} (\lambda x ys \rightarrow f (g x) : ys) [] \\
 &= \{ \text{definition of map as a foldr} \} \\
 & \text{map } (f \cdot g) .
 \end{aligned}$$

The fusion condition is proved below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{map } f (g x : ys) \\
 &= \{ \text{definition map} \} \\
 & f (g x) : \text{map } f ys .
 \end{aligned}$$

6. Prove that $\text{sum} \cdot \text{concat} = \text{sum} \cdot \text{map sum}$ by foldr -fusion, twice. Compare the proof with your previous proof in earlier parts of this course.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{sum} \cdot \text{concat} \\
&= \text{sum} \cdot \text{foldr } (+) [] \\
&= \{ \text{foldr-fusion} \} \\
&\quad \text{foldr } (\lambda xs \ n \rightarrow \text{sum} \ xs + n) 0 \\
&= \{ \text{foldr-map fusion, see Exercise 7} \} \\
&\quad \text{foldr } (+) 0 \cdot \text{map sum} \\
&= \text{sum} \cdot \text{map sum} .
\end{aligned}$$

Fusion conditions for the *foldr*-fusion is

$$\text{sum} (xs ++ ys) = \text{sum} \ xs + \text{sum} \ ys ,$$

which is the key property we needed in the early part of this term to prove the same property. We have proved the property before, by induction on *xs*. We omit the proof here. (Note that we can also prove it by two more *foldr*-fusion, noting that $(++ ys)$ is a *foldr*, and so is *sum*.)

See Exercise 7 for *foldr-map* fusion. The penultimate equality holds because $(+) \cdot \text{sum} = (\lambda xs \ n \rightarrow \text{sum} \ xs + n)$. Instead of *foldr-map* fusion we can also use *foldr* fusion alone. The fusion condition is $\text{sum} (\text{sum} \ xs : xss) = \text{sum} \ xs + \text{sum} \ xss$.

The *foldr*-fusion theorem captures the common pattern in these proofs. We only need to fill in the problem-dependent proofs.

7. The *map* fusion theorem is an instance of the *foldr-map* fusion theorem: $\text{foldr } f \ e \cdot \text{map } g = \text{foldr } (f \cdot g) \ e$.
 - (a) Prove the theorem.

Solution: Since *map g* is a *foldr*, we proceed as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{foldr } f \ e \cdot \text{map } g \\
&= \{ \text{map } g \text{ is a } \text{foldr} \} \\
&\quad \text{foldr } f \ e \cdot \text{foldr } (\lambda x \ ys \rightarrow g \ x : ys) [] \\
&= \{ \text{foldr-fusion} \} \\
&\quad \text{foldr } (f \cdot g) (\text{foldr } f \ e [])
\\
&= \{ \text{definition of } \text{foldr} \} \\
&\quad \text{foldr } (f \cdot g) \ e .
\end{aligned}$$

The fusion condition is proved below:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{foldr } f \ e (g \ x : ys) \\
&= \{ \text{definition } \text{foldr} \} \\
&\quad f (g \ x) (\text{foldr } f \ e \ ys) .
\end{aligned}$$

(b) Express $\text{sum} \cdot \text{map } (2\times)$ as a foldr .

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{sum} \cdot \text{map } (2\times) \\ &= \text{foldr } (+) 0 \cdot \text{map } (2\times) \\ &= \{ \text{foldr-map fusion} \} \\ & \quad \text{foldr } ((+) \cdot (2\times)) 0 . \end{aligned}$$

(c) Show that $(2\times) \cdot \text{sum}$ reduces to the same foldr as the one above.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & (2\times) \cdot \text{sum} \\ &= (2\times) \cdot \text{foldr } (+) 0 \\ &= \{ \text{foldr fusion} \} \\ & \quad \text{foldr } ((+) \cdot (2\times)) 0 . \end{aligned}$$

The fusion condition is

$$\begin{aligned} & 2 \times (x + y) \\ &= \{ \text{distributivity} \} \\ & \quad 2 \times x + 2 \times y \\ &= \{ \text{definition of } (\cdot) \} \\ & \quad ((+) \cdot (2\times)) x (2 \times y) . \end{aligned}$$

8. Prove that $\text{map } f \ (xs \uplus ys) = \text{map } f \ xs \uplus \text{map } f \ ys$ by foldr -fusion. **Hint:** this is equivalent to $\text{map } f \cdot (\uplus ys) = (\uplus \text{map } f \ ys) \cdot \text{map } f$. You may need to do (any kinds of) fusion twice.

Solution: Recall that $(\uplus ys)$ is a foldr . Use foldr fusion and foldr-map fusion:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\uplus \text{map } f \ ys) \cdot \text{map } f \\ &= \{ \text{foldr-map fusion} \} \\ & \quad \text{foldr } ((:) \cdot f) (\text{map } f \ ys) \\ &= \{ \text{foldr fusion} \} \\ & \quad \text{map } f \cdot (\uplus ys) . \end{aligned}$$

The fusion condition of the last step is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{map } f \ (x : zs) \\ &= \{ \text{definition of map} \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & f x : map f zs \\
 = & \{ \text{definition of } (\cdot) \} \\
 & ((:) \cdot f) x (map f zs) .
 \end{aligned}$$

9. Prove that $length \cdot concat = sum \cdot map length$ by fusion.

Solution: We calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
 & length \cdot concat \\
 = & length \cdot foldr (\++) [] \\
 = & \{ foldr\text{-fusion} \} \\
 & foldr ((+) \cdot length) 0 \\
 = & \{ \mid sum = foldr (+) 0 \mid, \mid foldr \mid - \mid map \mid \text{fusion} \} \\
 & sum \cdot map length .
 \end{aligned}$$

The fusion condition is proved below:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & length (xs \++ ys) \\
 = & \{ (\++) \text{ and } (+) \text{ homomorphic} \} \\
 & length xs + length ys \\
 = & \{ \text{definition of } (\cdot) \} \\
 & ((+) \cdot length) xs (length ys) .
 \end{aligned}$$

10. Let $scanr f e = map (foldr f e) \cdot tails$. Construct, by $foldr$ -fusion, an implementation of $scanr$ whose number of calls to f is proportional to the length of the input list.

Solution: Recall that $tails$ is a $foldr$:

$$tails = foldr (\lambda x xss \rightarrow (x : head xss) : xss) [] ,$$

We try to fuse $map (foldr f e)$ into $tails$. For the base value, notice that

$$map (foldr f e) [] = [e] .$$

To construct the step function, we work on the fusion condition:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & map (foldr f e) ((x : head xss) : xss) \\
 = & \{ \text{definition of } map \} \\
 & foldr f e (x : head xss) : map (foldr f e) xss
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \{ \text{definition of } foldr \} \\
&\quad f x (foldr f e (head xss)) : map (foldr f e) xss \\
&= \{ foldr f e (head xss) = head (map (foldr f e) xss) \} \\
&\quad \text{let } ys = map (foldr f e) xss \\
&\quad \text{in } f x (\text{head } ys) : ys .
\end{aligned}$$

We have therefore constructed:

$$scanr f e = foldr (\lambda x ys \rightarrow f x (\text{head } ys) : ys) [e] .$$

You may find the inductive definition easier to comprehend:

$$\begin{aligned}
scanr f e [] &= [e] \\
scanr f e (x : xs) &= f x (\text{head } ys) : ys , \\
\text{where } ys &= scanr f e xs .
\end{aligned}$$

11. Recall the function $binary :: \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{List Nat}$ that returns the *reversed* binary representation of a natural number, for example $binary 4 = [0, 0, 1]$. Also, we talked about a function $decimal :: \text{List Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}$ that converts the representation back to a natural number.

- (a) This time, express $decimal$ using a *foldr*.

Solution:

$$decimal = foldr (\lambda d n \rightarrow d + 2 \times n) 0 .$$

- (b) Recall the function $\exp m n = m^n$. Use *foldr-fusion* to construct *step* and *base* such that

$$\exp m \cdot decimal = foldr step base .$$

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

$$fastexp m = foldr step base \cdot binary .$$

Solution: For the base value, we have $base = \exp m 0 = 1$.

For the step function, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned}
&\exp m (d + 2 \times n) \\
&= \{ \text{since } m^{x+y} = m^x \times m^y \}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \exp m d \times \exp m (2 \times n) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{since } m^{2n} = (m^n)^2, \text{ let } \text{square } x = x \times x \} \\
& \exp m d \times \text{square} (\exp m n) \\
= & \quad \{ d \text{ is either 0 or 1. Expand the definition} \} \\
& \text{if } d == 0 \text{ then } \text{square} (\exp m n) \text{ else } m \times \text{square} (\exp m n) .
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we conclude

$$\exp m \cdot \text{decimal} = \text{foldr} (\lambda d x \rightarrow \text{if } d == 0 \text{ then } \text{square } x \\
\text{else } m \times \text{square } x) 1 .$$

12. Express $\text{reverse} :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } a$ by a foldr . Let $\text{revcat} = (+) \cdot \text{reverse}$. Express revcat as a foldr .

Solution: $\text{reverse} = \text{foldr} (\lambda x xs \rightarrow xs ++ [x]) []$.

To fuse $(+)$ into reverse , the base value is $(+) [] = id$. To construct the step function, we try to meet the fusion condition:

$$(+)((\lambda x xs \rightarrow xs ++ [x]) x xs) = \text{step } x ((+) xs) .$$

If we calculate:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (+)((\lambda x xs \rightarrow xs ++ [x]) x xs) \\
= & (+)(xs ++ [x]) ,
\end{aligned}$$

it is hard to figure out how to proceed, since $(+)$ expects another argument. It is easier to calculate if we supply it another argument ys . We restart and calculate:

$$\begin{aligned}
& (+)((\lambda x xs \rightarrow xs ++ [x]) x xs) ys \\
= & (+)(xs ++ [x]) ys \\
= & (xs ++ [x]) ++ ys \\
= & \{ (+) \text{ associative} \} \\
& xs ++ ([x] ++ ys) \\
= & \{ \text{definition of } (\cdot) \} \\
& (((+) xs) \cdot (x:)) ys \\
= & \{ \text{factor out } x, ((+) xs), \text{ and } ys \} \\
& (\lambda x f \rightarrow f \cdot (x:)) x ((+) xs) ys .
\end{aligned}$$

We conclude that

$$\text{revcat} = \text{foldr} (\lambda x f \rightarrow f \cdot (x:)) id .$$

13. Fold on natural numbers.

- (a) The predicate $even :: \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Bool}$ yields True iff. the input is an even number. Define $even$ in terms of $foldN$.

Solution:

$$even = foldN \text{ not True} .$$

- (b) Express the identity function on natural numbers $id \ n = n$ in terms of $foldN$.

Solution:

$$id = foldN \mathbf{1}_+ 0 .$$

14. Fuse $even$ into $(+n)$. This way we get a function that checks whether a natural number is even after adding n .

Solution: Recall that $(+n) = foldN \mathbf{1}_+ n$. To fuse $even \cdot (+n)$ into one $foldN$, the base value is $even \ n$. To find out the step function, recall that $even (\mathbf{1}_+ n) = \text{not} (even \ n)$. We may then conclude:

$$even \cdot (+n) = foldN \text{ not} (even \ n) .$$

15. The famous Fibonacci number is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} fib \ 0 &= 0 \\ fib \ 1 &= 1 \\ fib \ (2 + n) &= fib \ (1 + n) + fib \ n . \end{aligned}$$

The definition above, when taken directly as an algorithm, is rather slow. Define $fib2 \ n = (fib \ (1 + n), fib \ n)$. Derive an $O(n)$ implementation of $fib2$ by fusing it with $id :: \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}$.

Solution: Recall that $id = foldN (\mathbf{1}_+) 0$. Fusing $fib2$ into id , the base value is $fib2 \ 0 = (1, 0)$. To construct the step function we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} fib2 (\mathbf{1}_+ n) \\ = (fib (\mathbf{1}_+ (\mathbf{1}_+ n)), fib (\mathbf{1}_+ n)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \{ \text{definition of } fib \} \\
&\quad (fib (\mathbf{1}_+ n) + fib n, fib (\mathbf{1}_+ n)) \\
&= (\lambda(x, y) \rightarrow (x + y, x)) (fib2 n) .
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore we conclude that

$$fib2 = foldN (\lambda(x, y) \rightarrow (x + y, x)) (1, 0) .$$

16. What are the fold fusion theorems for ETree and ITTree?

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
h \cdot foldIT f e &= foldIT g (h e) \Leftarrow h (f x y z) = g x (h y) (h z) , \\
h \cdot foldET f k &= foldET g (h \cdot k) \Leftarrow h (f x y) = g (h x) (h y) .
\end{aligned}$$