

Programming Languages: Functional Programming

Practicals 5. Program Calculation

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1. Let $descend$ be defined by:

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

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

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

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

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

$$rld = concat \cdot map repeatN .$$

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

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

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

(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 $second f (x, y) = (x, f y)$. Prove that $zip xs (map f ys) = map (second f) (zip xs ys)$.

(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

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

(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:

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

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:

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{binary } 3 &= [\text{T}, \text{T}] , \\ \text{binary } 4 &= [\text{F}, \text{F}, \text{T}] , \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{even} :: \text{Nat} &\rightarrow \text{Bool}, \text{ returning true iff the input is even,} \\ \text{odd} :: \text{Nat} &\rightarrow \text{Bool}, \text{ returning true iff the input is odd, and} \\ \text{div} :: \text{Nat} &\rightarrow \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat}, \text{ for integral division,} \end{aligned}$$

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 → 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* $m = \exp m \cdot \text{decimal}$. 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 :

$$\text{fastexp } m = \text{roll } m \cdot \text{binary}.$$

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:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{geo } y &= 1 : \text{map } (y \times) (\text{geo } y) , \\ \text{horner } y \ xs &= \text{sum } (\text{map } \text{mul } (\text{zip } xs (\text{geo } y))) , \end{aligned}$$

where $\text{mul } (a, b) = a \times b$. Let $xs = [x_0, x_1, x_2 \dots x_n]$, $\text{horner } y \ xs$ 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, $\text{mul} = \text{uncurry } (\times)$).

- (a) Show that $\text{mul} \cdot \text{second } (y \times) = (y \times) \cdot \text{mul}$.
- (b) Let $n = \text{length } xs$. 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 $\text{sum} \cdot \text{map } (y \times) = (y \times) \cdot \text{sum}$.
- (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.