

5 Higher-order functions

Exercise 5.1 (Warm-up: folding). Redo Exercise 3.2: use the higher-order functions `foldl` and `foldr` to define

1. a function `allTrue :: [Bool] → Bool` that determines whether every element of a list of Booleans is true;
2. a function `allFalse` that similarly determines whether every element of a list of Booleans is false;
3. a function `member :: (Eq a) ⇒ a → [a] → Bool` that determines whether a specified element is contained in a given list;
4. a function `smallest :: [Int] → Int` that calculates the smallest value in a list of integers;
5. a function `largest` that similarly calculates the largest value in a list of integers.

If both recursion schemes are applicable, which one is preferable in terms of running time?

Exercise 5.2 (Programming, `Numeral.hs`). The decimal and the binary number system are both positional number systems. The meaning of the decimal numeral 4711 is $4 * 10^3 + 7 * 10^2 + 1 * 10^1 + 1 * 10^0$ i.e. the weight of a digit depends on its position. For decimal numerals the most significant digit usually comes first. For binary numerals both conventions, MSD and LSD first, are in use: 1011 denotes either $1 * 2^3 + 0 * 2^2 + 1 * 2^1 + 1 * 2^0 = 11$ or $1 * 2^0 + 0 * 2^1 + 1 * 2^2 + 1 * 2^3 = 13$.

1. Use `foldl` and `foldr` to define functions

```
type Base   = Integer
type Digit  = Integer
```

```
msdf, lsdf :: Base → [Digit] → Integer
```

which given a base convert a list of digits into a number (MSD and LSD first). *Hint*: recall Exercise 1.6.3.

2. Try to relate `msdf base` and `lsdf base`. (Can you define one in terms of the other?) Are your findings specific to the application at hand? Try to abstract away from the specifics and derive a general law about `foldl` and `foldr`.

Exercise 5.3 (Programming: parser combinators, `Expression.hs`). The purpose of this exercise is to explore context-free grammars and parser combinators.

1. The grammar below defines the language of (simple) arithmetic expressions.

```
expr ::= digit { digit }
      | expr '+' expr
      | expr '*' expr
      | '(' expr ')'
```

What's the difference to the grammar shown in the lectures (see also below)? Implement the grammar above using parser combinators and test the resulting parser on a few simple examples e.g. $4 * 71 + 1$ etc. What do you observe? (You also may want to revisit Exercise 1.6.)

2. Reconsider the expression grammar given in the lectures:

```

expr    ::= term
          | term '+' expr
term     ::= factor
          | factor '*' term
factor  ::= digit { digit }
          | '(' expr ')'
```

Observe that the alternatives for `expr` and `term` share a common prefix.

During the lecture we saw that this grammar could not be directly converted into a parser. However, such a parser would work if you let parsers not produce just one result but *all* possible results. Now adjust the instances for classes `Functor`, `Applicative`, `Monad`, and `Alternative` in such a way that all successful parses are returned. Check your parser to see if it is doing well now.

3. The template also contains a parser for expressions written in applicative style. Some users prefer writing parsers in this way, which often leads to a more concise notation. Examine this version and determine for yourself which style you prefer.

Exercise 5.4 (Programming: parser combinators, [Lambda.hs](#)). Write a parser for Haskell expressions built from variables (`x`, `y` etc), using λ -abstraction (`\ x \rightarrow e`) and application (`e1 e2`). This tiny language can be seen as the core of Haskell—it is known as the λ -calculus. The *abstract* syntax for λ -expressions is given by the datatype

```
infixl 9 :@
```

```

data Lambda var
= Var var           -- variable
| Fun var (Lambda var) -- abstraction/lambda expression
| Lambda var :@ Lambda var -- application
deriving (Show)
```

which abstracts away from the representation of variables. For example,

```
Fun 0 (Var 0) :: Lambda Integer and Fun "x" (Var "x") :: Lambda String
```

represent both the identity but use different types for variables.

1. Define the *concrete* syntax of λ -expressions using a context-free grammar. Haskell's `\ x \rightarrow x` is traditionally written $\lambda x.x$. Which syntax do you prefer or, perhaps, you want to support both? How do you want to represent variables: by a single letter or using a full-blown identifier? Take your pick. Capture the syntactic conventions that application associates to the left, i.e. $e_1 e_2 e_3$ is shorthand for $(e_1 e_2) e_3$, and that abstraction extends as far as possible to the right, e.g. $\lambda x.x y$ means $\lambda x.(x y)$ rather than $(\lambda x.x) y$.

2. Implement the grammar for λ -expressions using parser combinators and test the resulting parser on a few examples e.g. is $a\lambda x.x$ legal syntax for `Var 'a' :@ Fun 'x' (Var 'x')`?

Exercise 5.5 (Worked example: a tribute a Haskell B. Curry and David Turner, [SKI.hs](#)). The purpose of this exercise is to give you an idea how Haskell i.e. the λ -calculus might be implemented. (The technique developed is somewhat outdated, but it was actually used for Haskell's predecessor, David Turner's Miranda.)

The first thing to observe is that a standard stack-based architecture (see §4.5) is not fit for the job. Consider the expression `twice succ`. In a call-by-value regime (eager evaluation) we first push `succ` onto the stack, and then call `twice = \ f → \ x → f (f x)`. But the function `twice` returns immediately, yielding the λ -expression `\ x → f (f x)`, which contains the free variable `f`. Upon return the entry `succ` is removed. But `succ` is required, if the λ -expression is later applied to an argument. (As an aside, this is why the language C features only *top-level* functions.)

So λ -expressions are difficult to implement. Perhaps, we can get rid of them? Surprisingly, this is indeed possible. (The approach is based on results from the mathematical field of *combinatory logic*, which Haskell B. Curry founded.) Let us work through two examples: `twice` and `twice twice`. We first compile the λ -expression into “machine code”.

```
» twice = Fun 'f' (Fun 'x' (Var 'f' :@ (Var 'f' :@ Var 'x'))))
» compile twice
S (S (K S) (S (K K) I)) (S (S (K S) (S (K K) I)) (K I))
```

Traditional machine code consists of a *sequence* of instructions. Here we have a *binary tree* of instructions instead. To reduce the tree to a normalform we apply it to two “primitives”.

```
» reduce it [Free 's', Free 'z']
's' ('s' 'z')
```

(You may want to read `s` as successor and `z` as zero.) Thus, `twice s z` is `s (s z)`. The reduction machine has, actually, no notion of primitives: `Free 's'` and `Free 'z'` are really free variables, which are treated purely symbolically. We can also apply `twice` to itself.

```
» compile (twice :@ twice)
S (S (K S) (S (K K) I)) (S (S (K S) (S (K K) I)) (K I)) (S (S (K S)
(S (K K) I)) (S (S (K S) (S (K K) I)) (K I)))
» reduce it [Free 's', Free 'z']
's' ('s' ('s' ('s' 'z')))
```

Thus, `twice twice s z` is `s (s (s (s z)))`.

The type of machine instructions `SKI var`, defined below, is a stripped-down version of the type of λ -expressions `Lambda var`, defined in Exercise 5.4. The constructor `Free` is the counterpart of `Var`, and `App` (printed as a space in the examples above) is the counterpart of `:@`

```
data SKI var
= Free var           -- free/unbound variable
| S
| K
| I'
| App (SKI var) (SKI var) -- application
```

Compared to `Lambda var`, the type misses a case for λ -expressions—of course, we wanted to get rid of those—and features three additional constants instead: `S`, `K`, and `I`. On the face of it, SKI terms can be seen as binary leaf trees with four kinds of leaves. Now, why these constants? They allow us to *simulate* λ -abstractions. To get an idea how this works consider the λ -expression $\lambda x.f(fx)$:

```
» compile (Fun 'x' (Var 'f' :@ (Var 'f' :@ Var 'x'))))
S (K 'f') (S (K 'f') I)
```

The body of the λ -expression consists only of applications, which can be seen as a binary tree. The translation is a binary tree of the same shape: The combinators `S`, `K`, and `I` are machine instructions for performing a substitution: `S` distributes an incoming argument down the two sub-trees, `K` discards an incoming argument, and `I` accepts it. Given

```
i :: env → env
i arg = arg
k :: a → (env → a)
k x _arg = x
s :: (env → a → b) → (env → a) → (env → b)
s x y arg = (x arg) (y arg)
```

we can show that $s\ (k\ f)\ (s\ (k\ f)\ i) = x \rightarrow f\ (f\ x)$:

```
s (k f) (s (k f) i) ar
=>  --definition of s}
(k f arg) (s (k f) i arg)
=>  --definition of k and definition of s
f ((k f arg) (i arg))
=>  --definition of k and definition of i
f (f arg)
```

Can you see that `S`, `K`, and `I` propagate the actual parameter `arg` to the original occurrence(s) of the formal parameter `x` in the body?

1. Define a function

```
abstr :: (Eq var) ⇒ var → SKI var → SKI var
```

that implements λ -abstraction for SKI terms e.g.

```
abstr 'x' (Free 'x') = I, abstr 'x' (Free 'x' 'App' Free 'x') = S I I, etc.
```

2. Define a compiler from λ -expressions to SKI machine code:

```
compile :: (Eq var) ⇒ Lambda var → SKI var
```

3. Implement a reduction machine that simplifies SKI terms:

```
reduce :: SKI var → [SKI var] → SKI var
```

The second argument of `reduce` serves as a stack. The function traverses the left spine of the binary tree to the leftmost leaf, pushing the visited nodes onto the stack. Then it applies the definitions of `s`, `k`, and `i` as rewrite rules.

- Test the compiler and the reduction machine on some examples. Do you obtain the same results as in Haskell? In case you are lacking inspiration here are some things to try:

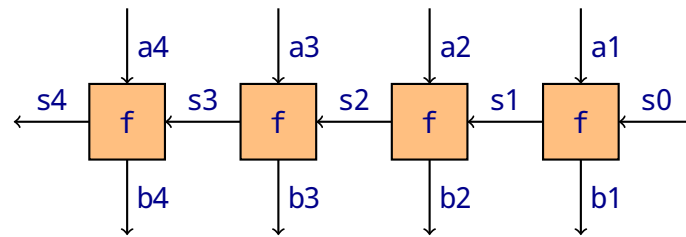
```

>>> parse expr "(\\x.xx)(\\x.xx)"
>>> compile it
>>> reduce it []
>>> parse expr "\\f.(\\x.f(xx))(\\x.f(xx))"
>>> compile it
>>> reduce it [Free 's', Free 'z']

```

You may be surprised to learn that, like the λ -calculus, SKI machine code is Turing-complete.

Exercise 5.6 (Programming and hardware design, [Hardware.hs](#)). Complex circuits are often assembled from simpler components using some regular “wiring pattern”. A simple example is afforded by the ripple carry adder, which implements the school algorithm for addition in hardware. It consists of a series of full adders:



Each full adder takes two summand bits (top input) and a carry (right input), and produces a sum bit (bottom output) and a carry (left output).

- Capture the wiring scheme as a higher-order function.

```
mapr :: ((a, s) -> (b, s)) -> (([a], s) -> ([b], s))
```

- Use the higher-order function to implement a ripple carry adder. I propose that you define a tailor-made datatype for binary digits.

```
data Bit = 0 | 1
deriving (Eq, Ord, Show)
```

Recall that a full adder is defined in terms of two half adders plus some additional circuitry.

Exercise 5.7 (Unfolding, [Unfold.hs](#)). Use the higher-order function `unfoldr` to define

- a function `take :: Int -> [a] -> [a]` implementing the function `take` from the Prelude;
- a function `filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]` implementing the function `filter`;
- a function `fibs :: [Integer]` that returns the fibonacci sequence 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, ...;
- a function `primes :: [Integer]` generating a sequence of all prime numbers. The definition can be based on the following alternative implementation

```
primes = sieve [2..] where
  sieve (p:xs) = p : sieve [ n | n <- xs, n `mod` p /= 0 ]
```

For some functions that produce a list it is hard or even impossible to give a definition in terms of `unfold`. For example, the `append` function cannot be defined properly, using `unfold`. For this reason we introduce a slightly more general version of `unfold`, which we name `apo` (an abbreviation of the Greek word *apomorphism*)

```
apo :: (t → Either [a] (a, t)) → t → [a]
apo rep seed = produce seed
  where
    produce seed = case rep seed of
      Left l      → l
      Right(a,ns) → a : produce ns
```

Instead of returning a `Maybe`-value, the argument function of `apo` now returns an `Either` value. The recursion of `apo` ends whenever a value `Left l` is produced. The difference with `unfoldr` is that in this case `apo` will return `l` instead of `[]`. The other case is the same as the case for `Just` in `unfoldr`.

5. Give a definition of `unfoldr` in terms of `apo`;
6. use `apo` to define `++`;
7. redefine the function `insert` that inserts a given element in an already sorted list, i.e.;

```
insert :: (Ord a) ⇒ a → [a] → [a]
insert x [ ] = [x]
insert x (y : ys)
  | x ≤ y     = x : y : ys
  | otherwise = y : insert x ys

using apo
```

Exercise 5.8 (Notations). Below a number of functions are given. Deduce from each the most general type and explain what the function does.

```
f1 x y      = x y
f2 x y z    = x z (y z)
f3 x y      = x (x y)
f4 x y z    = filter x [y .. z]
f5 x y (z,w) = (x z, y w)
f6          = f5
f7 "-"      = -
f7 "+"      = +
f7 "*"      = *
f7 "/"      = /
```

Exercise 5.9 (With or without curry). Examine the `curry` and `uncurry` functions in `Data.Tuple`.

1. What do these functions do?
2. Deduce the type of the following expressions: `curry fst` and `curry snd`. What are their semantics?

3. Deduce the type of the following expressions: `uncurry (+)`, `uncurry (-)`, `uncurry (*)` and `uncurry (/)`. What are their semantics?

Exercise 5.10 (Function composition). The function composition operator `.` can be used to create a new function from two existing functions. It can be defined as: $f \circ g = \lambda x \rightarrow f (g x)$. Explain what the following compositions do:

```
e1 = (* 5)      ◦ (+ 1)
e2 = (+ 1)      ◦ (* 5)
e3 = ( 2)       ◦ (* 2)
e4 = (min 100) ◦ (max 0)
e5 = (5 <)      ◦ length
e6 = (*)        ◦ ((+) 4)
```

Exercise 5.11 (Flipping arguments). The function `flip` can be used to flip arguments of a function. It can be defined as: `flip f a b = f b a`. Compare the functions below with their “flipped” variant and explain the difference, if any:

1. `(+) 4 2` versus `flip (+) 4 2`.
2. `(-) 4 2` versus `flip (-) 4 2`.
3. `(*) 4 2` versus `flip (*) 4 2`.
4. `(/) 4 2` versus `flip (/) 4 2`.

Exercise 5.12 (Ellipse perimeter). The *perimeter* of an ellipse with radii r_1, r_2 ($r_1 \geq r_2 > 0$) can be approximated by the following series:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{perimeter} &= 2r_1\pi\left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} s_i\right) \\ s_1 &= \frac{1}{4}e^2 \\ s_i &= s_{i-1} \cdot \frac{(2i-1)(2i-3)}{4i^2} \cdot e^2 \quad \text{if } i > 1 \\ e &= \frac{\sqrt{r_1^2 - r_2^2}}{r_1}. \end{aligned}$$

Write a program that calculates the perimeter of an ellipse with radii r_1 and r_2 ($r_1 \geq r_2 > 0$) up to a desired accuracy. Use `until` from `GHC.Base`.

Exercise 5.13 (Word list). Write a function `words` that receives a list of `Char` and selects all its words. A word is, for the purpose of this exercise, defined as a consecutive sequence of alphanumeric characters. Use `group` from exercise ?? in your definition: call it using a suitable predicate (have a look at `GHC.Char`).

Exercise 5.14 (Origami). Rewrite the following functions using `foldl` or `foldr` and λ -abstractions (look the up on Hoogole if unsure): `sum`, `prod`, `length`, `reverse`, and `takeWhile`. Rename your new functions `sum'`, `prod'`, `length'`, `reverse'`, and `takeWhile'`.

Exercise 5.15 (Any and all). Examine the functions `and`, `or`, `all` and `any` in the standard prelude of Haskell. Explain in your own words what they do. Write the function `and'` which uses `all` and has the same meaning as `and`. Write the function `or'` which uses `any` and has the same meaning as `or`.

foldl and foldr

The functions `and` and `or` can be expressed using `all` and `any`. Express the function `all` and `any` using both `foldl` and `foldr`. Call these functions `alll`, `allr`, `anyl` and `anyr`.

foldl or foldr?

Both the `&&` and the `||` operator are *conditional* tests: they inspect first the value of the first argument, and if the second argument is not needed to determine the result, it is not evaluated.

Predict what will happen when `alll`, `allr`, `anyl` and `anyr` are applied to an infinite list of booleans. Do this using the following examples:

```
alll id $ False:repeat True
anyl id $ True:repeat False
allr id $ False:repeat True
anyr id $ True:repeat False
```

Exercise 5.16 (Lift). Deduce the most general type of the following functions and explain what they do:

```
lift0 f      a = f a
lift1 f g1   a = f (g1 a)
lift2 f g1 g2 a = f (g1 a) (g2 a)
lift3 f g1 g2 g3 a = f (g1 a) (g2 a) (g3 a)
```

Exercise 5.17 (Arithmetic sequences). Use only functions from the standard prelude, λ -expressions and list comprehensions in this exercise.

Plus-minus Write a function `plusminus` which, given a list of values $[x_0 \dots x_n]$ ($n \geq 0$), computes the value $x_0 - x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + \dots$.

Taylor sequence for sine The *Taylor* sequence for the *sine* is defined as:

$$\text{sine } x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot x^{2n+1}}{(2n+1)!}$$

Implement the function `sine` which approximates this sequence by taking some finite part (use `take`) of the beginning of the infinite list that represents the above computation.

Taylor sequence for cosine The *Taylor* sequence for the *cosine* is defined as:

$$\cosine\ x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n \cdot x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$$

Implement the function `cosine` which approximates this sequence by taking some finite part (use `take`) of the beginning of the infinite list that represents the above computation.

Gregory-Leibniz sequence for π The *Gregory-Leibniz* sequence to approximate π is defined as:

$$\pi = \frac{4}{1} - \frac{4}{3} + \frac{4}{5} - \frac{4}{7} + \frac{4}{9} - \frac{4}{11} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{(-1)^n \cdot (2n+1)}$$

Implement the function `pi1` which approximates this sequence by taking some finite part (use `take`) of the beginning of the infinite list that represents the above computation.

Nilakantha sequence for π The *Nilakantha* sequence to approximate π is defined as:

$$\pi - 3 = \frac{4}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} - \frac{4}{4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6} + \frac{4}{6 \cdot 7 \cdot 8} - \frac{4}{8 \cdot 9 \cdot 10} + \dots = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{4}{(-1)^n \cdot \prod_{i=2(n+1)}^{2(n+2)} i}$$

Implement the function `pi2` which approximates this sequence by taking some finite part (use `take`) of the beginning of the infinite list that represents the above computation.

Hints to practitioners 5. GHC offers a plethora of extensions to the standard Haskell language. You may have encountered

```
{-# LANGUAGE UnicodeSyntax #-}
```

which enables the use of Unicode characters e.g. `::` for `:` etc. Several of the language extensions can be characterized as *syntactic sugar*: not in any way essential, but nice to have. One of the convenience features is

```
{-# LANGUAGE LambdaCase #-}
```

Here is a use case:

In §2 we have emphasized a type-driven approach to programming. The idea is that the type of a function suggests the code we might want to write. To illustrate the type-driven approach, consider calling the function `fold :: (List Int Bool → Bool) → ([Int] → Bool)` where the non-recursive datatype `List` is defined:

```
data List a b = Nil | Cons a b
```

=

The function `fold` is higher-order: it expects a function as an argument. Functions are created using λ -expressions, so we can start coding:

```
fold (\ x → st)
```

How to fill the hole? Well, the argument function consumes an element of a datatype, which suggests using a case analysis. The cases are, of course, dictated by the datatype:

```
fold (\ x → case x of { Nil → st ; Cons age ok → ste })
```

How to fill the holes? Well, the argument function has to produce a Boolean, an element of a simple enumeration type, which suggests using constructors. So we may replace the first hole by `True` (or by `False`, but these are really the only choices).

```
fold (\ x → case x of { Nil → True ; Cons age ok → st })
```

The second hole is more interesting because some data is available to play with. The pattern match introduces `age :: Int` and `ok :: Bool`, which we can suitably combine e.g.

```
fold (\ x → case x of { Nil → True ; Cons age ok → age > 17 && ok })
```

Of course, the specifics depend on the task at hand, but I hope you get the general idea.

Now, functions that consume data are quite frequent. The syntactic nicety mentioned in the beginning allows us to write the combination of `\` and `case` more succinctly,

```
fold (\ case { Nil → True ; Cons age ok → age > 17 && ok })
```

sparing us the invention of a variable—inventing names is hard.

(Just in case you are curious, here is the definition of `fold`.)

```
fold :: (List a ans → ans) → ([a] → ans)
fold alg = consume
  where consume []      = alg Nil
        consume (x : xs) = alg (Cons x (consume xs))
```

It combines the first two arguments of `foldr`, i.e. `##` and `e`, into a single argument, i.e. `alg`: we have `x ## y = alg (Cons x y)` and `e = alg Nil`. The argument `alg :: List a ans → ans` is known as an *algebra*, hence the name. Recall the *slogan*: fold replaces constructors by functions. The cases `Nil -> ... ; Cons a b -> ... Nil → ... ; Cons a b → ...` define the replacements for `[]` and `:`.

And if you are curious about the many other language extensions see the GHC Users Guide (<https://wiki.haskell.org/GHC>).

12 Type and class system extensions

Exercise 12.1 (Warm-up: random-access lists, [RandomAccessList.hs](#)). In the lectures we have discussed the concept of a *numerical representation*, a container type that is modelled after some number type. The intriguing idea is to use number-theoretic operations as blueprints for operations on container types. Haskell’s list datatype, for example, can be seen as being modelled after the unary numbers (aka Peano numbers) with concatenation corresponding to addition.

```
data Nat      = Z      | S      Nat
data List elem = Zero  | Succ elem (List elem)
```

A second example is afforded by random-access lists which are modelled after the binary numbers with consing corresponding to increment and indexing to comparison (roughly speaking).

```
data Bin
  = N
  | O Bin
  | I Bin
data Sequ elem
  = Nil
  | OCons      (Sequ (Pair elem))
  | ICons elem (Sequ (Pair elem))
```

```
type Pair elem = (elem, elem)
```

(Note that the constructor names are different from the ones used in the lectures in order to avoid name clashes and to further emphasize the correspondence between number systems and container types.)

1. Define functions that convert between unary and binary numbers:

```
unary  :: Bin  → Nat
binary :: Nat  → Bin
```

2. Define functions that convert between standard lists and random-access lists:

```
toList  :: Sequ elem → List elem
fromList :: List elem → Sequ elem
```

Use the implementations of the first part as blueprints for the operations above. *Reminder:* since `Sequ elem` is a *nested datatype*, functions on random-access lists are likely to use *polymorphic recursion*. So you should always provide explicit type signatures—type inference in the presence of polymorphic recursion is not feasible.

```
unary (N)    = Z
unary (O b)  = (double (unary b))
unary (I b)  = S (double (unary b))
```

```
double :: Nat → Nat
double (Z)    = Z
```

```

double (S n) = S (S (double n))

binary :: Nat → Bin
binary (Z)   = N
binary (S n) = succ (binary n)

succ :: Bin → Bin
succ (N)     = I N
succ (O n)   = I n
succ (I n)   = O (succ n)

toList (Nil)      = Zero
toList (OCons n)  = flatten (toList n)
toList (ICons a n) = Succ a (flatten (toList n))

flatten :: List (Pair elem) → List elem
flatten (Zero)     = Zero
flatten (Succ (a, b) n) = Succ a (Succ b (flatten n))

fromList (Zero)      = Nil
fromList (Succ a n)  = cons a (fromList n)

cons :: elem → Sequ elem → Sequ elem
cons a (Nil)         = ICons a Nil
cons a (OCons n)      = ICons a n
cons a1 (ICons a2 n)  = OCons (cons (a1, a2) n)

i.e. fromList = foldr cons zero

```

Exercise 12.2 (Programming, [RandomAccessList12.hs](#)).

*There are only 10 types of people in the world:
those who understand binary, and those who don't.*

Binary numbers are an example of a *positional number system* where a number is represented by a sequence of weighted digits.

$$(d_0 \dots d_{n-1})_2 = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} d_i * 2^i \quad \text{with } d_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

For binary numbers it is customary to use the digits 0 and 1. However, this choice is by no means cast in stone. A viable alternative is to use the digits 1 and 2. Here is how to count in the $\{1, 2\}$ -binary number system:

$()_2, (1)_2, (2)_2, (11)_2, (21)_2, (12)_2, (22)_2, (111)_2, (211)_2, (121)_2, \dots$

The number zero is represented by an empty sequence. Incrementing a sequence of twos gives a sequence of ones (cascading carry).

Replay the development of the lectures using this variant of the binary numbers i.e. implement random-access lists based on the $\{1, 2\}$ -binary number system. Your implementation should support at least the following interface.

```

data Sequ elem
nil    :: Sequ elem
cons   :: elem → Sequ elem → Sequ elem
head   :: Sequ elem → elem
tail   :: Sequ elem → Sequ elem
(!)    :: Sequ elem → Int → elem

```

Why is it advantageous to use a *zeroless* numerical representation? *Hint*: what's the running time of `s i`? Does the running time depend on the index `i` or on the size of `s`?

Exercise 12.3 (Worked example: digital searching, [DigitalSearching.hs](#)).

Both *comparison-based* sorting and searching are subject to lower bounds:

- sorting requires $\Omega(n \log n)$ comparisons, and
- searching for a key requires $\Omega(\log n)$ comparisons,

where n is the number of keys in the input. However, often comparison is *not* a constant-time operation, consider e.g. comparing two strings. The purpose of this exercise is to show that we can search in linear time if we employ the structure of search keys, linear in the size of the search key that is. In other words, the entire search takes as long as a single comparison!

In the comparison-based approach to sorting the ordering function is treated as a *black box*:

```

type Map key val

```

```

empty    :: (Ord key) ⇒ Map key val
insert   :: (Ord key) ⇒ key → (Maybe val → val) → Map key val → Map key val
lookup   :: (Ord key) ⇒ key → Map key val → Maybe val

```

The concrete ordering is provided by the type class `Ord`. While the ordering is known—there is at most one `Ord` instance for each type—the functions can only use it but not inspect it: the ordering is treated as an oracle.

By contrast, in the key-based approach to searching (a.k.a. digital searching) we provide a tailor-made implementation of finite maps for each type of interest.

```

class Map key where
  data Map key :: * → *

  empty  :: Map key val
  lookup :: key → Map key val → Maybe val
  insert :: key → (Maybe val → val) → Map key val → Map key val

```

The data family `Map key val` provides types of *finite maps* from keys of type `key` to values of type `val`—finite maps are also known as dictionaries, look-up tables, association lists etc.

The method `empty` creates an empty map. `lookup` returns the value associated with the given key, if it exists. Loosely speaking, `insert` adds a key-value pair to a given map. To cater for the possibility that the map already contains an entry for the key, we provide `insert` with an update function of type `Maybe val → val`. This function is called with `Just old` where `old` is the current value associated with the key, and `Nothing` if no such entry exists. (The name `insert` is actually a bit of a misnomer, `update` may be more appropriate.)

The technique that we will apply is known as *generic programming* (See Lecture 6). The idea of this approach is to provide instances of the base types `unit`, `sum`, and `product`, and to express any other data type in terms of these. To clarify the technique, we repeat the example based on instances for the `Ord` class.

Each basic key type will require its own tailor-made data structure. Using a data family instead of a type family allows us to introduce a new data structure without having to assign a name to it. Recall that a type family associates the overloaded type constructor/name with an existing type.

To see how we can take advantage of a *white-box* approach to searching, consider the second simplest type, the one-element type `()`. Its comparison function is defined:

```
instance Ord () where
  compare () () = EQ
```

Since the type contains only one element, we need not inspect the keys at all.

To define an instance The corresponding finite map is either empty or a singleton that contains the value associated with `()`.

```
instance Key () where
  data Map () val = Empty | Single val

  empty = Empty

  insert () f (Empty)    = Single (f Nothing)
  insert () f (Single v) = Single (f (Just v))

  lookup () (Empty)      = Nothing
  lookup () (Single v)   = Just v
```

Inspired by the instances of `Ord`, we aim to provide a tailor-made instance of `Key`. The ordering on sums is given by:

```
instance (Ord elem1, Ord elem2) => Ord (Either elem1 elem2) where
  compare (Left  a1) (Left  a2) = compare a1 a2
  compare (Left  a1) (Right b2) = LT
  compare (Right b1) (Left  a2) = GT
  compare (Right b1) (Right b2) = compare b1 b2
```

Elements of the form `Left a` are strictly smaller than elements of the form `Right b`. If the “tags” are equal, their arguments determine the ordering.

1. Define a corresponding instance of `Key`. Hint: The key acts as a direction indicator. For a key value `Left k` we continue our search in the left part of the associated data structure, whereas the value `Right k` indicates that the corresponding value must be found in the right part.

```
instance (Key key1, Key key2) => Key (Either key1 key2) where
  data Map (Either key1 key2) val = ...
  ...
```

2. Products are ordered using the so-called lexicographic ordering:

```
instance (Ord elem1, Ord elem2) => Ord (elem1, elem2) where
  compare (a1, a2) (b1, b2) = compare a1 b1 :>: compare a2 b2
```

Only if the first components are equal, the second components are taken into account.

```
(:>:) :: Ordering -> Ordering -> Ordering
LT  :>: ord = LT
EQ  :>: ord = ord
GT  :>: ord = GT
```

Again, define an instance of `Key` for pairs, i.e..

```
instance (Key key1, Key key2) => Key (key1, key2) where
  data Map (key1, key2) = ...
  ...
```

Hint: This time we have two keys. The first key should be used to obtain an intermediate value, which is a map itself. Then we can use the second key to continue searching.

3. Strings and, more generally, lists are also ordered using the lexicographic ordering (guess where the name comes from). Recall that a list is *either* empty, or a *pair* consisting of an element and a list. If we capture this description as a type,

```
type List elem = Either () (elem, [elem])
toList :: [elem] -> List elem
toList []      = Left ()
toList (a : as) = Right (a, as)
```

In essence, the `List` describes one layer of the recursive list type, and the function `toList` peels off the outermost layer of a given list. Now we can let the compiler (!) generate the code for ordering:

```
instance (Ord elem) => Ord [elem] where
  compare as bs = compare (toList as) (toList bs)
```

Driven by the type, the compiler automatically combines the orderings for `Either`, `()`, and `(elem, [elem])`. If we would inline the various definitions by hand, we would have obtained the equivalent instance:

```
instance (Ord elem) => Ord [elem] where
  compare [] [] = EQ
  compare [] (_ : _ ) = LT
  compare (_ : _ ) [] = GT
  compare (a : as ) (b : bs ) = compare a b :>: compare as bs
```

Use the same approach to define a corresponding instance of `Key`:

```
instance (Key key) => Key [key] where
  data instance Map [key] val = ...
  ...
```

We explain the use of maps based on a DNA example. The idea is to use DNA segments as keys. Recall the `Base` (the element type of a DNA sequence) was defined as:

```
data Base = A | T | C | G
  deriving (Show)
```

We can encode this enumeration type by two bits, in which each bit is represented by the type `Either () ()`. The function `toBase` converts each constant to our encoding.

```
type BASE = (Either () (), Either () ())
```

```
toBase A = (Left (), Left ())
toBase T = (Left (), Right ())
toBase C = (Right (), Left ())
toBase G = (Right (), Right ())
```

The instance of class `Key` for type `Base` is defined similar to the instance for lists.

```
instance Key Base where
  data Map Base val = B (Map BASE val)

  empty          = B empty

  lookup k (B m) = lookup (toBase k) m

  insert k f (B m) = B (insert (toBase k) f m)
```

An example call:

```
» lookup [A,C,T] (insert [A,C,C] (const 1) (insert [A,C,T] (const 3) empty))
Just 3
```

Remark: the type of digital search trees, `Map key val`, takes two type arguments: `key` and `val`. These are treated quite differently: `Map` is defined by case analysis on the type of keys, but it is (fully) parametric (i.e. polymorphic) in the type of values. In other words, `Map key` is a functor. The system behind the case analysis can be seen more clearly if we write `Map K V` as an exponential i.e. V^K . The definition of `Map K V` is based on the *laws of exponents*:

$$V^{A+B} = V^A * V^B$$

$$V^{A*B} = (V^B)^A$$

A map for a sum type is a pair of maps, one for keys of the form `Left a` and one for elements of the form `Right b`. A map for a product type is given by a nested map: to look up `(a, b)` we first look up `a`, which yields a finite map, in which we look up `b`.

Exercise 12.4 (Programming, `Printf.hs`). Fancy some type hacking? This exercise discusses an alternative implementation of C's `printf` that is both type-safe and extensible. The basic idea is the same as for the implementation given in the lectures—the format directives are elements of singleton types so that the type of `printf` can *depend* on the type of the format directive—but the details differ. To illustrate, given these format directives

```
data D = D
data F = F
data S = S
```



```

infixr 4 &
(&) :: a → b → (a, b)
a & b = (a, b)

```

the type and class magic allows us to invoke `printf` with a variable number of arguments:

```

>> printf ("I am " & D & " years old.") 51
"I am 51 years old."
>> printf ("I am " & D & " " & S & " old.") 1 "year"
"I am 1 year old."
>> fmt = "Color " & S & ", Number " & D & ", Float " & F
>> :type fmt
fmt :: (String, (S, (String, (D, (String, F))))
>> printf fmt "purple" 4711 3.1415
"Color purple, Number 4711, Float 3.1415"

```

Turning to the implementation, ideally we would like to define a type family and a type class, type family `Arg dir res :: *`

```

class Format dir where
  printf :: dir → Arg dir String
  with instances
type instance Arg D res = Int → res

instance Format D where
  printf D = \ i → show i
...

```

Sadly, this approach only works for primitive directives such as `D` or `F`, but not for compound ones such as `D & F`. (Have a go. If you can make it work, I'd really like to know!)

One way out of this dilemma is to define `printf` in terms of a more complicated function.

```

printf :: (Format dir) ⇒ dir → Arg dir String
printf dir = format dir id ""

```

```

class Format dir where
  format :: dir → (String → a) → String → Arg dir a

instance Format D where
  format D cont out = \ i → cont (out ++ show i)

```

The helper function `format` takes two additional arguments in addition to the format directive: a so-called continuation and an accumulating string. The instance declaration shows how to use the arguments: the textual representation of `i` is appended to the accumulator `out`, the result of which is then passed to the continuation `cont`.

Fill in the missing bits and pieces i.e. define type instances and class instances for `F`, `S`, `String`, and `(dir1, dir2)`. *Hint:* do use the skeleton file provided as it includes pragmas to enable the necessary type and class system extensions.