Recommended exercises with hints to Chapters 16 and 17

- D7012E Declarative languages -

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1 How to work

- Sit by a computer with your book, pen, and paper.
- Work on the exercises below one at a time and in order.

2 Chapter 16

First, read Section 16.3 about queues and a couple of implementations as modules. Note in particular the last version in which two (2) lists are used internaly.

Exercise 16.9 on page 307

A deque is like a queue but "both ways": It is possible to add and delete at both ends.

A first implementation might be based on a single list, and operations that operate directly at the ends. Accessing the end of the list will be inefficient but it works.

Another implementation might instead be based on two (2) lists like in the last version of the queue. Then we only need to add/delete at the beginning of the lists, which is more efficient. However, elements must now be possible to transfer between the two lists in both directions, and not just in one direction like for the queue. So, the final efficiency depends on how the deque is used.

Exercise 16.11 on page 307

I would use a list of pairs to store the elements in the priority queue. Each pair would hold an inserted item and its priority. The list would at all time be ordered on priority, with the item with highest priority at the front. To add, for instance, is now basically the same operation as the insert operation in insertion sort.

3 Chapter 17

Exercise 17.1 on page 349

First do Exercise 17.6. Then, like with all step-wise evaluations, use the results of 17.6 and write rows that show what happens between the steps.

Exercise 17.2 on page 350

Be careful with the definitions, that might be different from what you have read elsewhere. You have by now probably already written subsequence, right? But most likely given it another name.

Regarding the general case of **subList**, where the argument is a non-empty list **x:xs**, can be though of like this. The recursion assumption will be a list with all sublists of **xs**. Now, these sublists are also sublists of **x:xs**. However, for each such sublists we get another sublist by prepending **x** to it.

Exercise 17.4 on page 350

Recall that zipWith:: (a -> b -> c) -> [a] -> [b] -> [c] will go through both lists and use the function on pairs of elements to compute the elements of the list that is returned. We also need to sum up the returned list, with foldr for instance.

Exercise 17.22 on page 369

We have done the fibonacci sequence in class. As for the sequence of factorial numbers, we could start with all natural numbers $0, 1, 2, \ldots$ For each number i we create the list of numbers $1, 2, \ldots, i$ and just multiply them all together. With foldr and map, this becomes a one-liner.

Exercise 17.23 on page 369-370

Start by writing factors. Easiest is to generate the list of numbers $1, 2, 3, \ldots, n$ and then filter out just those that divide n evenly.

Now, the list hamming :: [Int] can be generated from [1..] by filtering and only keeping those numbers i that has as one of its factors 2,3, or 5. And add 1 in the front. Done.

Exercise 17.24 on page 370

The running sum is the sum of two lists both of which are based on the argument list. Which ones? Find out and then just zipWith them together by adding elements(!)

Exercise 17.27 on page 373

Having solved 17.24 we just need to filter the argument list before we use it in the running sum. I suggest writing a more general function

that only computes a running sum of the integers from the list that the first argument (a function with type Int -> Bool) returns True for. Then, we get the function asked for in 17.27 as runSum (>=0) but can also easily put other constraints on the input.

Exercise 17.28 on page 373

This exercise is simpler than one might think. Do as you would do if the lists were finite and skip the base cases(!)