

Functional Programming: Exercise 2

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Submission Instructions Please do all submissions in the `ex2` folder. Some tasks come with a skeleton file, edit those files directly. Tasks marked as *pen and paper* should be solved without GHCi, please submit your solutions as photo, scan, or plain text file.

Exercise 2.1 (Pen and paper).

- a) Recall the implementation of Insertion Sort from §0.5 (listed below, with some minor modifications).

```
insertionSort :: [Integer] → [Integer]
insertionSort [] = []
insertionSort (x : xs) = insert x (insertionSort xs)

insert :: Integer → [Integer] → [Integer]
insert a [] = a : []
insert a (b : xs)
  | a ≤ b = a : b : xs
  | a > b = b : insert a xs
```

The function *insert* takes an element and an ordered list and inserts the element at the appropriate position, e.g.

```
insert 7 (2 : (9 : []))
⇒ { definition of insert and  $7 > 2$  }
  2 : (insert 7 (9 : []))
⇒ { definition of insert and  $7 \leq 9$  }
  2 : (7 : (9 : []))
```

Recall that Haskell has a very simple computational model: an expression is evaluated by repeatedly replacing equals by equals. Evaluate (by hand, using the format above) the expression *insertionSort* (7 : (9 : (2 : []))).

- b) The function *twice* applies its first argument twice to its second argument.

```
twice f x = f (f x)
```

(Like *map* and *filter*, it is an example of a higher-order function as it takes a function as an argument.) Evaluate *twice* (+1) 0 and *twice twice* (*2) 1 by hand.

Use the computer to evaluate

```
>>> twice ("|"+) ""
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```

Is there any rhyme or rhythm? Can you identify any pattern?

Exercise 2.2 (Skeleton: `Poem.hs`). Define the string `thisOldMan :: String` that produces the following poem (if you type `putStr thisOldMan`).

*This old man, he played one,
He played knick-knack on my thumb;
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give the dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played two,
He played knick-knack on my shoe;
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give the dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played three,
He played knick-knack on my knee;
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give the dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played four,
He played knick-knack on my door;
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give the dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played five,
He played knick-knack on my hive;
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give the dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played six,
He played knick-knack on my sticks;
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give the dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played seven,
He played knick-knack up in heaven;
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give the dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played eight,
He played knick-knack on my gate;
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give the dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played nine,
He played knick-knack on my spine;
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give the dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.*

*This old man, he played ten,
He played knick-knack once again;
With a knick-knack paddywhack,
Give the dog a bone,
This old man came rolling home.*

Try to make the program as short as possible by capturing recurring patterns. Define a suitable function for each of those patterns.

Exercise 2.3 (Submit as: `Booleans.lhs`).

- a) How many *total* functions are there that take one Boolean as an input and return one Boolean? Or put differently, how many functions are there of type $Bool \rightarrow Bool$? Define all of them. Think of sensible names.

Note: If you choose sensible names, then chances are high that your functions collide with Haskell's predefined functions in *Prelude*. Name your functions *foo'* instead of *foo* to avoid that problem.

- b) How many total functions are there that take two Booleans as an input and return one Boolean? Or put differently, how many functions are there of type $(Bool, Bool) \rightarrow Bool$? Define at least four. Try to vary the definitional style by using different features of Haskell, e.g. predefined operators such as `||` and `&&`, conditional expressions (`if .. then .. else ..`), guards, and pattern matching.
- c) What about functions of type $Bool \rightarrow Bool \rightarrow Bool$?

Exercise 2.4 (Skeleton: `Char.hs`). Haskell's *Strings* are really lists of characters i.e. `type String = [Char]`. Thus, quite conveniently, all of the list operations are applicable to strings, as well: for example, `map toLower "Ralf" ==> "ralf"`. (Recall that *map* takes a function and a list and applies the function to each element of the list.)

- a) Define an equality test for strings that, unlike `==`, disregards case, e.g. `"Ralf" == "raLF" ==> False` but `equal "Ralf" "raLF" ==> True`.
- b) Define predicates

`isNumeral :: String → Bool`
`isBlank :: String → Bool`

that test whether a string consists solely of digits or white space. You may find the predefined function `and :: [Bool] → Bool` useful which conjoins a list of Booleans e.g. `and [1 > 2, 2 < 3] ==> False` and `and [1 < 2, 2 < 3] ==> True`. For your convenience, the skeleton file already imports `Data.Char`¹.

¹This provides you some useful functions, see <http://hackage.haskell.org/package/base/docs/Data-Char.html>

- c) Implement the Caesar cipher $shift :: Int \rightarrow Char \rightarrow Char$, e.g. $shift\ 3$ maps 'A' to 'D', 'B' to 'E', ..., 'Y' to 'B', and 'Z' to 'C'. Try to decode the following message (*map* is your friend).

```
msg = "MHILY LZA ZBHL XBPZXBL MUYABUHL HWWPBZ JSHBKPZ "  
      ++ "JHLJBZ KPJABT HYJHUBT LZA ULBAYVU"
```

Hint 1. Functional programming folklore has it that a functional program is correct once it has passed the type-checker. Sadly, this is not quite true. Anyway, the general message is to exploit the compiler for *static* debugging: compile often, compile soon. (To trigger a re-compilation after an edit, simply type `:reload` or `:r` in GHCi.)

We can also instruct the compiler to perform additional sanity checks by passing the option `-Wall` to GHCi e.g. call `ghci -Wall` (turn all warnings on). The compiler then checks, for example, whether the variables introduced on the left-hand side of an equation are actually used on the right-hand side. Thus, the definition $f\ x\ y = x$ will provoke the warning “Defined but not used: *y*”. Variables with a leading underscore are not reported, so changing the definition to $f\ x\ _y = x$ suppresses the warning.