CS339: Abstractions and Paradigms for Programming

Lists in Haskell

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Recall the Common Words program

- ➤ We are yet to define showRun, sortRuns, countRuns and sortWords.
- ➤ showRun is easy:

The remaining will allow us learn some more Haskell.



Pattern Matching in Haskell

- ➤ Lists in Haskell are denoted using square brackets: [1,2,3]
- ➤ Empty list (our favorite base case) is just empty brackets: []
- > cons in Haskell is denoted using:

```
x:xs, where x is car and xs is cdr
```

➤ Check if a list is empty:

```
null :: [a] -> Bool
null [] = True
null (x:xs) = False
```

OR

cons is non-strict in both arguments.



An example is better than 10 definitions

➤ We can define *map* as follows:

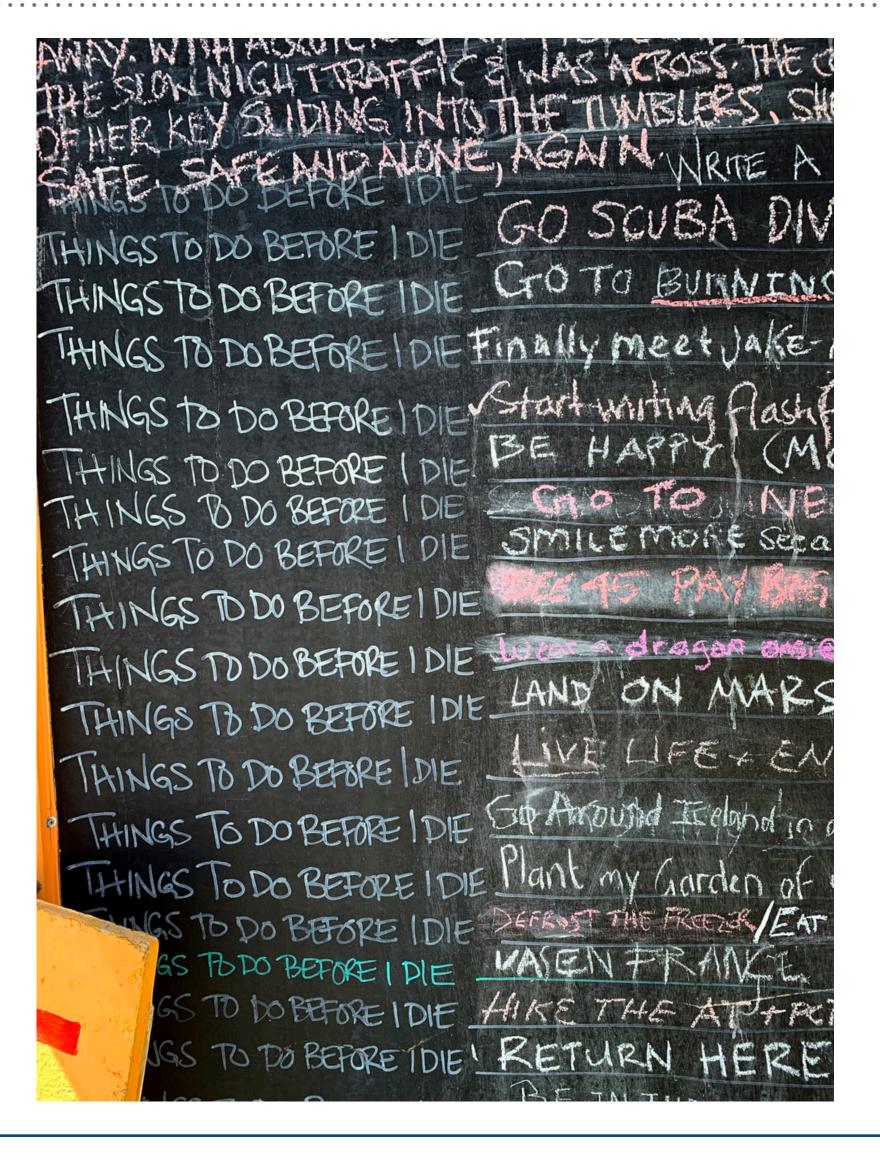
```
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
map f [] = []
map f (x:xs) = f x : map f xs
```

➤ What about *filter*:

Notice the indentation below the if.



Lists: The omnipresent data structure in APP





Enumerations

```
• [1..10]
 [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
• [1..]
 \bullet [1,2,3,4 {C-c}
[0,2..11]
 [0,2,4,6,8,10]
• [1,3..]
• [1,3,5,7 {C-c}
```

- [a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q,r,s,t,u,v,w,x,y,z]
- Smart enough, but not so much!
 - [20..1] vs [20,19..1]
 - [1,2,4,8..100] won't work

Some cool things with enumerations

- Get first 24 multiples of 13:
 - [13,26..24*13]
- Cooler:
 - take 24 [13,26..]
- Why does it work?
 - Lazy evaluation!

- •cycle [1,2,3]
 - Hang!
- take 10 (cycle [1,2,3])
 - [1,2,3,1,2,3,1,2,3,1]
- take 11 (cycle "LOL")
 - "LOL LOL LOL"



List comprehensions

➤ Describe the set of first 10 even natural numbers:

```
➤ Math: S = \{x*2 \mid x \in N, x \le 10\}
```

➤ Haskell: [x*2 | x <- [1..10]]

Told you they are close!

➤ Elements between 1 and 10 which when doubled are greater than 12 but less than 80 when multiplied by 3:

$$\rightarrow$$
 [x | x <- [1..10], x*2 > 12, x*3 < 80]



Cooler things with list comprehensions

• Prime numbers between 1 and 100:

• First 100 prime numbers:

• All iteration vectors for summing two nxn matrices:

• map:

• map f
$$xs = [f x | x < - xs]$$

• filter:

• concat:

•concat xss = [x | xs <- xss, x <- xs]

Notice the nested loops here!



Back to Common Words

➤ Here is a possible definition of countRuns:

```
length :: [a] -> Int
length [] = 0
length (_:xs) = 1 + length xs
```



Guards

➤ Now we're left with sortWords and sortRuns, but let's first define a merge sort:

```
sort [] = []
sort [x] = [x]
sort xs = merge (sort ys) (sort zs)
           where (ys,zs) = half xs
half xs = (take n xs, drop n xs)
          where n = length xs `div` 2
merge [] ys = ys
merge xs [] = xs
merge (x:xs) (y:ys)
| x <= y = x : merge xs (y:ys)
  | otherwise = y : merge (x:xs) ys
```



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It's an easy finisher now

```
sortWords :: [Word] -> [Word]
sortWords = sort

sortRuns :: [(Int, Word)] -> [(Int, Word)]
sortRuns = reverse . sort
```



Summary of case constructs in Haskell

Next class:

Typed Programming with Haskell

- ➤ If-then-else
- ➤ Guards
- ➤ Pattern matching
- ➤ Case analysis
- ➤ There are even more :p

```
head xs = case xs of

[] -> error "Empty list"

(x:_) -> x
```



Syntactic sugar at its best!

