



Practice Exercises on Algebraic Data Types

1. Given the following datatype:

```
data Weekday =  
    Monday  
  | Tuesday  
  | Wednesday  
  | Thursday  
  | Friday
```

we can say:

- a) Weekday is a type with five data constructors
- b) Weekday is a tree with five branches
- c) Weekday is a product type
- d) Weekday takes five arguments

2. Given the following datatype:

```
data Dimension a =  
    Plan a a  
  | Space a a a
```

we can say:

- a) Plan is a type constructor
- b) Dimension is a data constructor
- c) Plan, Space and Dimension are all functions
- d) Only Plan and Space are functions

3. With the same datatype definition in mind from exercise 1, what is the type of the function, **myDay**?



```
myDay Friday = "Miller Time"
```

- a) myDay :: [Char]
- b) myDay :: String -> String
- c) myDay :: Weekday -> String
- d) myDay :: Day -> Beer

3. Types defined with the data keyword

- a) must have at least one argument
- c) must be polymorphic
- d) cannot be imported from modules

4. Define a recursive data type for a Binary Tree

- a. Write an insert function for it
- b. Write a fmap and foldr function for it.
- c. Write a function that transform your Tree into a list

5. Create a data type called `Person` that stores a person's full name, address, and phone number. Create a function for getting a person's name and a function for changing their phone number.

6. Convert the data type created in exercise 5 to a record and state whether `Person` is a Sum or Product type. Justify your choice.

7. Given a data type for days of the week:

```
data Day =  
    Monday  
  | Tuesday  
  | Wednesday  
  | Thursday  
  | Friday  
  | Saturday  
  | Sunday
```



write two functions:

- a. `isWednesday`, which takes a day of the week and returns `True` if it's Wednesday and `False` otherwise.
- b. `nextDay`, which takes a day of the week and returns the day of the week that comes after it.
- c. Re-implement the previous functionality leveraging the *Enum type class*

8. Write a 'tail' function for a list with the type signature of

`safeTail :: [a] -> Maybe [a]`. It should take a list and return the list without the first element, wrapped in `Just`. In case that is not possible, it should return `Nothing`.

9. Write a 'head' function for a list with the type signature of

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11. Consider the following binary tree type:

```
data Tree a = Leaf a | Node (Tree a) (Tree a)
```

Let us say that such a tree is balanced if the number of leaves in the left and right subtree of every node differs by at most one, with leaves themselves being trivially balanced. Define a function `balanced :: Tree a -> Bool` that decides if a binary tree is balanced or not.

12. Let's consider the following requirements regarding the contact information for a user in a given system:

A user contact information may:



- a. Not exists
- b. Only be a Phone number
- c. Only be an Email Address
- d. Be both Telephone and Email Address

Using algebraic sum data types, define the User and ContactInformation data types that capture the previous requirements

```
data User = User {  
  fullname :: Name  
, dobirth  :: Date  
, contact  :: ContactInfo  
}
```

```
newtype Name = ...
```

```
newtype Date = ...
```

```
data ContactInfo = ...
```