

Algebraic Data Types in Scala

Do not use variables, side effects, exceptions or return statements (unless explicitly asked for). There is no hand-in this week. Please rely on automatic tests and compiler errors to see whether you are doing fine. Also remember to ask the TAs, Florian or Andrzej to get feedback.

Hand-in: `Exercises.scala`

Exercise 1. What is the value of the following match expression?¹ Answer without running the code.

```
import adpro.adt.List.*
List(1, 2, 3, 4, 5) match
  case Cons(x, Cons(2, Cons(4, _))) => x
  case Nil => 42
  case Cons(x, Cons(y, Cons(3, Cons(4, _)))) => x + y
  case Cons(h, t) => h
  case _ => 101
```

Which function from `adpro.adt` is called in this example?

Remark. For pedagogical reasons, all exercises below use our own implementation of lists, not the Scala standard library. Do *not* use online API docs to find the available functions, as they will be different. Find our implementation in `Exercises.scala`, at the very top. This is the only API that is available. Additionally, you can use the functions from earlier exercises to solve the later ones.

Exercise 2. Implement the function `tail` for removing the first element of a list. The function should run in constant time. Throw the `NoSuchElementException` exception if given an empty list.²

```
def tail[A](as: List[A]): List[A]
```

Exercise 3. Generalize `tail` to `drop`, a function that removes the first `n` elements from a list. The running time should be proportional to `n`—no need to make a copy of the list. Throw `NoSuchElementException` if the list is too short.³ For non-positive `n` the list is unchanged.

```
def drop[A](l: List[A], n: Int): List[A]
```

Exercise 4. Implement `dropWhile`, which removes elements starting the head of the list `l`, as long as they satisfy a predicate `p`. Do not use exceptions: if all elements satisfy `p` then return the empty list.⁴

```
def dropWhile[A](l: List[A], p: A => Boolean): List[A]
```

Exercise 5. Implement a function `init` that returns a list consisting of all but the last element of the original list. Given `List(1, 2, 3, 4)`, the function returns `List(1, 2, 3)`. Throw `NoSuchElementException` if the list is empty.

```
def init[A](l: List[A]): List[A]
```

Does this function take constant time, like `tail`? Does it take constant space?⁵

¹Exercise 3.1 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

²Exercise 3.2 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

³Exercise 3.4 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

⁴Exercise 3.5 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

⁵Exercise 3.6 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

Exercise 6. Compute the length of a list using `foldRight`.⁶ Remember that `foldRight` has been presented briefly in the lecture slides, in the text book; you can find it in the top of the file `Exercises.scala`. Also, the next exercise has an example demonstrating the essence of `foldRight`.

```
def length[A](l: List[A]): Int
```

Exercise 7. The function `foldRight` presented in the book is not tail-recursive and will result in a `StackOverflowError` for large lists. Convince yourself that this is the case, and then write another general list-recursion function, `foldLeft`, that *is* tail-recursive:

```
def foldLeft[A,B](l: List[A], z: B) (f: (B, A) =>B): B
```

For comparison consider that:

`foldLeft (List(1, 2, 3, 4), 0) (_ + _)` computes $((0 + 1) + 2) + 3 + 4$ while
`foldRight (List(1, 2, 3, 4), 0) (_ + _)` computes $1 + (2 + (3 + (4 + 0)))$.

In this case the result is obviously the same, but not always so.⁷

Exercise 8. Write `product` (computing a product of a list of integers) and a function to compute the length of a list using `foldLeft`.⁸

Exercise 9. Write a function that returns the reverse of a list (given `List (1,2,3)`, it returns `List (3,2,1)`). Use one of the fold functions.⁹

Exercise 10. Write `foldRight` using `foldLeft` and `reverse`. The left fold performs the dual operation to the right one, so if you reverse the list you should be able to simulate one with the other. This version of `foldRight` is useful because it is tail-recursive, which means it works even for large lists without overflowing the stack. On the other hand, it is slower by a constant factor.

Exercise 11. Write `foldLeft` in terms of `foldRight`. Do not use `reverse` here (`reverse` is a special case of `foldLeft` so a solution based on `reverse` is cheating).

Hint: Synthesize a function that computes the run of `foldLeft`, and then invoke this function. To implement `foldLeft[A, B]` you will be calling `foldRight` with the following type parameters:

```
foldRight[A, B =>B] (... , ..., ...)
```

This will compute a new function, which then needs to be called.¹⁰

Note: From now on, the use of explicit recursion is bad-smell for us. Only use explicit recursion when dealing with a non-standard iteration. Otherwise, you should use a suitable HOF. Similarly, a you should only use `fold` if any of the other simpler HOFs cannot.

Exercise 12. Write a function that concatenates a list of lists into a single list. Its runtime should be linear in the total length of all lists. Use `append` that concatenates two lists (find it in the book and in the source file).¹¹

⁶Exercise 3.9 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

⁷Exercise 3.10 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

⁸Exercise 3.11 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

⁹Exercise 3.12 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

¹⁰Exercise 3.13 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

¹¹Exercise 3.15 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

Exercise 13. Implement `filter` that removes from a list the elements that do not satisfy `p`.¹²

```
def filter[A] (l: List[A]) (p: A => Boolean): List[A]
```

Exercise 14. Write a function `flatMap` that works like `map` except that `f`, the function mapped, returns a list instead of a single value, and the result is automatically flattened to a list like with `concat`:

```
def flatMap[A,B] (l: List[A]) (f: A => List[B]): List[B]
```

For instance, `flatMap(List(1, 2, 3)) (i => List(i, i))` results in `List(1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3)`. Together with `map`, (`flatMap`) will be key in the rest of the course. Understand this well.¹³

Exercise 15. Use `flatMap` to re-implement `filter`.¹⁴

Exercise 16. Write a recursive function that accepts two lists of integers and constructs a new list by adding elements at the same positions. If the lists are not of the same length, the function drops trailing elements of either list. For example, the lists `List(1,2,3)` and `List(4,5,6,7)` become `List(5,7,9)`.¹⁵

Exercise 17. Generalize the function you just wrote so that it is not specific to integers or addition. It should work with arbitrary binary operations. Name the new function `zipWith`.¹⁶

Exercise 18. Implement a function `hasSubsequence` for checking whether a `List` contains another `List` as a subsequence. For instance, `List(1,2,3,4)` would have `List(1,2)`, `List(2,3)`, and `List(4)` as subsequences, among others. You may have some difficulty finding a concise purely functional implementation that is also efficient. That is okay. Implement the function that comes most naturally, but is not necessarily efficient. Note: Any two values `x` and `y` can be compared for equality in Scala using the expression `x == y`. Here is the suggested type:

```
def hasSubsequence[A] (sup: List[A], sub: List[A]): Boolean
```

Recall that an empty sequence is a subsequence of any other sequence.¹⁷

¹²Exercise 3.19 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

¹³Exercise 3.20 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

¹⁴Exercise 3.21 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

¹⁵Exercise 3.22 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

¹⁶Exercise 3.23 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]

¹⁷Exercise 3.24 [Pilquist, Chiusano, Bjarnason, 2022]