

Refinement types in Haskell:

Exercise Sheet 1

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Exercise 1: Vectors

In the second lecture we introduced the following type of sized vectors:

```
{-@ type Nat = { n:Int | n >= 0 } @-}

data Vector a = V { size :: Int, elems :: [a] }
{-@
data Vector a
  = V { size :: Nat
      , elems :: {xs : [a] | len xs = size}
      }
  @-}
```

We also introduced the idea of parametrising predicate synonyms over variables by introducing them in uppercase such as in predicate `IsNotDivisibleBy M N`. In Liquid Haskell, type synonyms and datatype refinements can similarly be parametrised over term variables. Consider the following alternative presentation of sized vectors:

```
{-@ type Vec a N = { xs : [a] | len xs = N } @-}
```

To apply `Vec a` to a particular natural number in a refinement type definition we can write `Vec a {n}`. For example:

```
{-@ fromVector :: v:Vector a -> Vec a {size v} @-}
fromVector = elems
```

Part 1. Try to define a function from `Vec a N` to `Vector a`, what problem arises?

Part 2. Give a definition of non-empty sized vectors first using `Vector a` and then `Vec a N`.

Part 3. Define the following functions on both `Vector` and `Vec`: concatenation, zip, dot product, concatMap.

Part 4. In Liquid Haskell we can parametrise refinement type definitions over more than a single variable. With this in mind, define a type of sized matrices (note that there are analogous approaches to both the `Vec` and `Vector` definitions).

Exercise 2: Exercise 3: Balanced Binary Search Trees

In the second lecture, we defined a type of binary search trees as follows:

```
data Tree a
  = Leaf
  | Node { root  :: a
          , left  :: Tree a
          , right :: Tree a
          }

{-@
data Tree a
  = Leaf
  | Node { root  :: a
          , left  :: Tree {v:a | v < root}
          , right :: Tree {v:a | v > root}
          }
@-}
```

Part 1. Define the insertion operation on binary search trees from the lecture and then define the union operation for two trees.

Part 2. In lecture 3, we will learn more about measures in Liquid Haskell, and the following is an example on trees:

```
{-@ measure depth @-}
depth :: Tree a -> Int
depth Leaf = 0
depth (Node _ m n _)
  | dm > dn  = dm
  | otherwise = dn
  where dm = depth m
        dn = depth n
```

By adding this measure to our program, we can include the depth function in predicates and Liquid Haskell can reason about it. Using `depth`, define a type of *balanced* binary search trees, whereby the depth of either branch can be at most one greater than the other.