

Programming In Haskell Chapter 10

CS 1JC3

Generalizing Patterns of Computation

- ▶ We've already seen one aspect of **generality through polymorphism**, i.e consider the functions

```
length :: [a] -> Int
(++ )  :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
take   :: Int -> [a] -> [a]
```

- ▶ All of the above operate on **all lists regardless of their type**

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Another way of generalizing is by creating functions that encapsulate different often performed **patterns of computation**.

As an example, two very common patterns of computation are

- ▶ Transform every element in a list some way (known as **mapping**)
- ▶ Combine the elements of a list using some operator (known as **folding**)

The Map Function

The Prelude function `map` applies a function to every element of a list

```
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
```

For Example:

```
map (1+) [1,3,5,7]  
= [2,4,6,8]
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map f (x:xs) = (f x): map f xs
```

The Filter Function

The Prelude function `filter` selects every element from a list that satisfies a given boolean function

```
filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
```

For Example:

```
filter even [1..10]  
  = [2,4,6,8,10]
```


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    | p x          = x : filter p xs  
    | otherwise    = filter p xs
```

The Zip Function

The Prelude function `zip` is a useful tool for working on lists. It takes two lists and returns a list of corresponding pairs

```
zip    :: [a] -> [b] -> [(a,b)]
```

For example:

```
zip ['a', 'b', 'c'] [1,2,3,4]  
    [('a',1), ('b',2), ('c',3)]
```

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- ▶ Using `zip` we can define a function that returns a list of all `pairs` of adjacent elements from a list:

```
pairs    :: [a] -> [(a,a)]  
pairs xs = zip xs (tail xs)
```

- ▶ For example:

```
pairs [1,2,3,4]  
      [(1,2),(2,3),(3,4)]
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sorted     :: (Ord a) => [a] -> Bool  
sorted xs = and [ x <= y | (x,y) <- pairs xs]
```

Positions

Using `zip` we can also define a function that returns the list of all `positions` of a value in a list

```
positions    :: (Eq a) => a -> [a] -> [Int]
positions x xs = [i | (x2,i) <- zip xs [0..n], x == x2]
               where
                   n = length xs - 1
```

For example:

```
positions 0 [1,0,0,1,0,1,1,0]
           [1,2,4,7]
```


The Foldr Function

A number of functions on lists can be defined using the following simple pattern of recursion

```
f [] = v
f (x:xs) = x (X) f xs
```

Note: (X) represents some infix function and **v** is usually the identity of that function (The final value the function takes after it has been applied to every element in the list)

The Foldr Function

For Example:

```
sum []          = 0                -- v    = 0
sum (x:xs)      = x + sum xs      -- (X)  = +

product []      = 1                -- v    = 1
product (x:xs)  = x * product xs  -- (X)  = *

and []          = True             -- v    = True
and (x:xs)      = x && and xs      -- (X)  = &&
```

The Foldr Function

The high order library function `foldr` encapsulates this simple pattern of recursion, with the function (X) and value `v` as arguments.

For Example:

```
sum      = foldr (+) 0
```

```
product = foldr (*) 1
```

```
or       = foldr (||) False
```

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and      = foldr (&&) True
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foldr f v []      = v
foldr f v (x:xs) = f x (foldr f v xs)
```

Evaluating Foldr

It helps to think of foldr as being evaluated in the following manner

```
sum [1,2,3]
=
foldr (+) 0 [1,2,3]
=
foldr (+) 0 (1:(2:(3:[])))
=
1+(2+(3+0)) -- Replace each (:) with (+) and [] with 0
=
6
```

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Even though foldr encapsulates a simple pattern of recursion, it can be used to define many more functions than might first be expected.

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length = foldr (\_ n -> 1+n) 0
```


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- ▶ **Question:** Can we apply the same patterns of computation on **Lists** to **Trees**?

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    Node (treeMap f t1) (treeMap f t2) (f x)  
treeMap f (Leaf x) = Leaf (f x)
```

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treeFold op u (Node t1 t2 x) = let
    u'  = x 'op' u'
    u'' = treeFold op u t1
  in treeFold op u' t2
```

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treeFold op u (Leaf x) = x 'op' u
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```
map f (filter p xs)
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For example:

```
[1+x | x <- [1..8], even x] = [3,5,7,9]
```

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map (1+) (filter even [1..8]) = [3,5,7,9]
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filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
filter p = foldr (\x xs -> if p x then x:xs else xs) []
```

Exercise 3

`foldr` takes a function and `folds` to the `right`. For example:

```
foldr (/) 1 [18,27,3]
= 18 / (27 / (3 / 1))
```

Define a function `foldl` that folds to the left. For example

```
foldl (/) 18 [1,2,9]
= (((18 / 9) / 2) / 1)
```

Solution 3

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

Exercise 4

Define a new fold called `foldt` that works in the following manner:

```
foldt (+) 0 [1..5]
= (1+2) + ((3+4) + (5+0))
```

```
foldt (/) 1 [1..6]
= (1 / 2) / ((3 / 4) / ((5 / 6) / 1))
```

Note: `foldt` associates to the right like `foldr`

Solution 4

```
foldt    :: (a -> a -> a) -> a -> [a] -> a
foldt f v []          = v
foldt f v [x]         = f x v
foldt f v (x1:x2:xs) = f (f x1 x2) (foldt f v xs)
```


Exercise 5

Recall the function `merge` we used in the creation of the merge sort.

```
merge (Ord a) => [a] -> [a] -> [a]
merge xs [] = xs
merge [] ys = ys
merge (x:xs) (y:ys)
    | x <= y    = x : merge xs (y:ys)
    | otherwise = y : merge (x:xs) ys
```

Use the `foldt` function and `merge` to define `mergesort` (Remember, mergesort breaks up a list into individual elements and recursively merges them together)

Solution 5

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mergesort    :: (Ord a) => [a] -> [a] -> [a]
merge  xs [] = xs
merge  [] ys = ys
merge (x:xs) (y:ys)
    | x <= y    = x : merge xs (y:ys)
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mergesort    :: (Ord a) => [a] -> [a]
mergesort xs = foldt merge [] [[x] | x <- xs]
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Exercise 6

Define a **folding** function for the following **Tree** type

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```
treeFold2 :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> Tree a -> b
treeFold2 op u (TNode ts x) = let
    u' = foldr (\t u'' -> treeFold2 op u'' t) u ts
in x 'op' u'
```