

COMP 304 Assignment 1

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Part 1

Question A

Export our module so the tests can access it

```
module COMP304A1 where
```

count returns the number of occurrences of an element in a list

```
count :: (Eq a) => a -> [a] -> Int
count e x = foldl (\acc a -> if a == e then acc + 1 else acc) 0 x
```

Alternative Methods

1. Could have done it recursively (like the following example) but using a fold was a shorter way to do it. Only downside would be that using a lambda makes the function a little more cryptic, compared to the recursive solution which is a lot easier to understand (SEE count')

```
count' :: (Eq a) => a -> [a] -> Int
count' e [] = 0
count' e (x:xs)
  | e == x = 1 + (count' e xs)
  | otherwise = count' e xs
```

Question B

allPos returns an indices of all occurrences of an element in a list

```
allPos :: (Eq a) => a -> [a] -> [Int]
allPos e x = collectIndices x 0
  where collectIndices [] _ = []
        collectIndices (y:yx) i
          | e == y = i:(collectIndices yx (i+1))
          | otherwise = collectIndices yx (i+1)
```

Question C

firstLastPos returns indices of first and last occurrence of element in list indices start from 1 so if result is (0,0) then the element isn't in the list

```
firstLastPos :: (Eq a) => a -> [a] -> (Int, Int)
firstLastPos e a = (firstPos a 0, lastPos a 0 0)
```

The function firstPos moves from left to right until we reach an occurrence of the element we are looking for

```
where firstPos [] _ = 0
      firstPos (x:xs) i
        | e == x = i + 1
        | otherwise = firstPos xs (i+1)
```

The lastPos function reads left to right through the list keeping track of the last position we saw the element we are looking for

```
lastPos [] _ 0 = 0
lastPos [] _ 1 = 1 + 1
lastPos (x:xs) i 1
  | e == x = lastPos xs (i+1) i
  | otherwise = lastPos xs (i+1) 1
```

Part 2

Question A

I chose selection sort as it seemed the most naturally recursive

Alternative Methods

1. I first considered using a left fold, using the accumulator as the sorted portion of the list, but then it seemed to get a bit messy, using a lambda wouldn't be very easy to read especially since there was a few things to do. Could have defined some extra functions using a where clause to extract out the logic from the lambda but it still seemed more messy than it had to be

```
sort1 :: (Ord a) => [a] -> [a]
sort1 = selectionSort
```

```
selectionSort :: (Ord a) => [a] -> [a]
```

Selection sort only has 1 base case

1. Empty list: In this case we return the empty list as the empty list is trivially sorted

```
selectionSort [] = []
```

Otherwise while we take the minimum element in the unsorted portion of the list and place that at the end of the sorted list. Then recurse on the remaining unsorted list

```
selectionSort x =  
  let m = minimum x  
      l = takeWhile (/=m) x  
      r = drop ((length l) + 1) x  
      remaining = l ++ r  
  in m:(selectionSort remaining)
```

Alternative Solution

1. Instead of using the default minimum function we could allow passing in the function which decides the smallest element, this would allow more flexibility

Question B

I chose merge sort as quick sort was in the tutorials I used to learn Haskell. It also seemed like a more interesting sorting algorithm to implement recursively

Alternative Methods

1. Rather than using the the default orderable '>' function to compare elements we could pass in our own function to do this. Making the sort more flexible

```
sort2 :: (Ord a) => [a] -> [a]  
sort2 = mergeSort
```

```
mergeSort :: (Ord a) => [a] -> [a]
```

The base cases of the merge sort algorithm are the following

1. **Empty Array:** In this case we want to return an empty list as the empty list is trivially sorted
2. **Single element:** Similar to previous, just return element in list as singleton list is trivially sorted

```
mergeSort [] = []
mergeSort (x:[]) = [x]
```

Otherwise we want to split our list in half and recurse on the left and right then merge the result

```
mergeSort a =
  let mid = (length a) `div` 2
      l = take mid a
      r = drop mid a
  in merge (mergeSort l) (mergeSort r)
```

When merging we have two base cases

1. **Two empty lists:** in this case we just return an empty list
2. **One empty list:** Here we just return the list that is non empty

```
where merge [] [] = []
       merge [] x = x
       merge x [] = x
```

Otherwise we recurse through the two lists build our merged list one element at a time, always placing the smaller of the two heads next in the list

```
merge allX@(x:xs) allY@(y:ys)
  | x < y = y:(merge allX ys)
  | otherwise = x:(merge xs allY)
```

Question Extras

I also implemented tree sort as it nicely illustrates the power of the algebraic data types. The binary tree isn't auto balancing so it's not always as efficient as it could be.

Data type defining a binary tree as an element, a left tree and a right tree

```
data Tree a = EmptyTree | Node a (Tree a) (Tree a) deriving (Show, Eq)
```

treeSingleton takes an element and returns a tree containing only that element

```
treeSingleton :: a -> Tree a
treeSingleton x = Node x EmptyTree EmptyTree
```

treeInsert takes a tree and an element, returns a new tree containing the given element

```
treeInsert :: (Ord a) => Tree a -> a -> Tree a
treeInsert EmptyTree e = Node e EmptyTree EmptyTree
treeInsert (Node a l r) x
  | x < a = Node a (treeInsert l x) r
  | otherwise = Node a l (treeInsert r x)
```

treeFlatten takes a tree and traverse it using a depth first search, returns an ordered list containing all the elements that are in the

```
treeFlatten :: Tree a -> [a]
treeFlatten EmptyTree = []
treeFlatten (Node a l r) = (treeFlatten l) ++ [a] ++ (treeFlatten r)
```

treeSort takes a list of elements and sorts it by inserting all the elements into a tree and the flattening it

```
treeSort :: (Ord a) => [a] -> [a]
treeSort xs = treeFlatten (foldl (\acc e -> treeInsert acc e) EmptyTree xs)
```

Part 3

Define a map as an list of map elements

```
type Map a b = [(a,b)]
```

```
emptyMap :: Map a b
emptyMap = []
```

```
hasKey :: (Eq a) => a -> Map a b -> Bool
hasKey x m = any (\(k, v) -> x == k) m
```

setKey inserts a key value pair into a map. Overriding any exsisting pair with the given key

```
setKey :: (Eq a) => a -> b -> Map a b -> Map a b
setKey k v m
  | hasKey k m = setKey k v (delKey k m)
  | otherwise = (k, v):m
```

getVal takes a map and key, returns the value associated with the give key in the map. If the key does not exist an error is thrown

```
getVal :: (Eq a) => a -> Map a b -> b
getVal k m
  | not (hasKey k m) = error "Map does not contain that key"
  | otherwise = find m
  where find ((x, y):xs) = if k == x then y else find xs
```

delKey takes a key and map, returns a new map with the given key removed from the map. If the key is not contained in the map then an error is thrown

```
delKey :: (Eq a) => a -> Map a b -> Map a b
delKey k m
  | not (hasKey k m) = error "Map does not contain that key"
  | otherwise = foldl (\acc e@(x, y) -> if x == k then acc else e:acc) [] m
```

Part 4

Build map takes an list of elements and returns a map where the keys are elements of the original list and the associated values are the number of times a element occurs in the list

```
buildMap :: (Eq a) => [a] -> Map a Int
buildMap xs = map (\g -> (g, (count g xs))) (unique xs)
```

the function unique finds all the unique elements in a list

```
where unique xs = foldl (\acc e -> if e `elem` acc then acc else e:acc) [] xs
```