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PROGRAMMING I

Part I: Functional Programming in Haskell

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Suggested Books:

- *Haskell: The Craft of Functional Programming*
Simon Thompson
Addison Wesley 1996
- *The Haskell School of Expression*
Paul Hudak, 2000
Cambridge University Press
- *Introduction to Functional Programming using Haskell*
Richard Bird
Prentice Hall 1988
- *Programming Challenges – the Programming Contest Training Manual*
Steven S. Skiena and Miguel A. Revilla
Springer 2003

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- *Functional Programming*
Tony Field and Peter Harrison
Addison Wesley 1988
- Also, take a look at the Haskell web site: <http://haskell.org/>

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Part I: Expressions and Basic Types

- Mathematical expressions are already familiar to you. In Haskell they are the basis of all computation, e.g.

```
4 - 3
sin 24.9 * cos ( pi * 1.175 / 4 )
```

- Expressions like these can be typed directly at the Haskell system and the answer will be printed immediately, e.g.

```
Hugs.Base> sin 24.9 * cos ( pi * 1.175 / 4 )
-0.139208
```

- ‘-’ and ‘*’ are called *operators* or *infix functions*
- ‘cos’ is a *prefix* function (we usually drop the word “prefix”)
- ‘pi’ is a predefined constant (an approximation to π)

Bracketing

- If necessary, brackets (*parentheses*) can be used to get the right meaning. For example

```
2 - 3 * 4 / sin 2 * pi
```

is bracketed implicitly by Haskell as

```
( 2 - ( ( ( 3 * 4 ) / ( sin 2 ) ) * pi ) )
```

because:

- ‘*’ and ‘/’ have higher *precedence* than ‘-’
- ‘*’ and ‘/’ are *left-associative*
- Prefix function application has higher precedence than (all) infix function applications
- We can put brackets where we want to make the meaning clear

- The ‘whole’ numbers like 4 and 3 are called *integers* (abbreviated to **Int**)
- **Ints** occupy a fixed amount of space (32 bits); the smallest **Int** that can be represented is **-2147483648** and the largest is **+2147483647**
- 2.75, 24.9 and 1.175 are *real* numbers which are approximated by *floating point* numbers (**Float** in Haskell)
- As with **Ints**, a fixed amount of space (32 bits) is used to represent each **Float**
- Only a subset of the real numbers can be represented so floating-point arithmetic is not always accurate
- The smallest **Float** that can be represented is **-3.40282347E+38** and the largest is **+3.40282347E+38**

Qualified Expressions

- We can also name values and use the name instead of the value
- This can be done in Haskell using a **let** expression, e.g. instead of `24.9 * cos 1.175` we could equally write

```
let f = 24.9 in f * cos 1.175
let f = 24.9 ; theta = 1.175 in f * cos theta
let g = cos in 24.9 * g 1.175
```

All three produce the same *value* 9.60002 (an object of type **Float**)

- **f**, **g** and **theta** are called ‘variables’ or ‘identifiers’
- **let** expressions are sometimes called *qualified* expressions; the bits before the ‘**in**’ are the *qualifiers* and the final expression is called the *resultant*

Characters and Truth Values

- In addition to `Int` and `Float` Haskell supports other *base* types including:
 - Characters (`Char`), e.g. `'a'`, `'b'`, `'A'`, `'X'`, `'!'` etc.
 - Truth values (`Bool`), which are either `True` or `False`
- Some Haskell operators work on `Bools`, including *and* (`&&`), *or* (`||`) and *not* (`not`); for example

```
Hugs.Base> not False
True
Hugs.Base> False && ( not True )
False
Hugs.Base> not ( True && ( False || not True ) )
True
```

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- And also by some of the built-in prefix functions, e.g.
 - `even` – Returns `True` iff a given number is even
 - `odd` – Returns `True` iff a given number is odd
 - `isSpace` – Returns `True` iff a given character is `' '`
 - `isDigit` – Returns `True` iff a given character is one of `'0'..'9'`
- For example (note that `isSpace` and `isDigit` are defined in module `Char`):

```
Hugs.Base> :l Char
Char> even ( 13^2 ) && isDigit '*' || isSpace '9'
False
Char> not ( odd 7 && even 11 )
True
```

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- Values of type `Bool` are produced by *comparison* operators:

`==` Equal, as in `5 == (4 + 1)`

`/=` Not equal, as in `'a' /= 'p'`

`>` Greater than, as in `12 > 9`

`<` Less than, as in `(12.8 * 9) < 2`

`<=` Less than or equal, as in `5 <= 6`

`>=` Greater than or equal, as in `44 >= 45`

- So, we can put things together, e.g.

```
Hugs.Base> ( 1 < 9 ) || ( ( 4 == 7 ) && ( 'a' > 'm' ) )
True
Hugs.Base> sin 3 > cos ( 2 * pi ) || 4 / 5 <= sin 0.8
False
```

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Conditionals

- *Conditional* expressions are of the form

```
if P then Q else R
```

where `P`, `Q` and `R` are expressions

- `P` must have a `Bool` result; the types of `Q` and `R` must be the *same*
- if `P` evaluates to `True` then the overall result is `Q`; if it evaluates to `False` then the result is `R`, e.g.

```
Hugs.Base> if False then 5 - 3 * 4 else 2
2
Hugs.Base> let p = 'a' > 'z' in if p then p else False
False
```

? Can you simplify `if p then p else False`?

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Tuples

- Sometimes it is convenient to be able to group a fixed number of values together, e.g.
 - Pairs of **Float** for representing cartesian/polar coordinates
 - Triples of **Float** for representing a 3D vector
 - Triples of **Int** for representing the time in h:m:s format
- We can build such *tuples* by enclosing the required components in brackets, e.g.
 - (2.78, 14.9) is a two-tuple (or *pair*) of **Float**
 - (1.0, 0.0, 0.0) is a three-tuple (or *triple*) of **Float**
 - (2, 10, 16) is a triple of **Int**

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- Tuple *types* are written using the same syntax as the tuples themselves, e.g. (2, 1, 6) is “of type” (**Int**, **Int**, **Int**)
- The tuple elements can have different types, e.g.
(**True**, 2, 'u') is of type (**Bool**, **Int**, **Char**)
- Tuples may be nested, e.g. ('c', (1, **False**)) has the type (**Char**, (**Int**, **Bool**))
- There is no notion of a *one-tuple*, so (**True**) is the same as **True**

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Lists

- Lists are used to represent collections (or ‘sequences’) of objects
- An empty list is written as []
- A constant non-empty list can be written using square brackets with items separated by commas:
 - [1.0, 2.0, 3.0] has type [**Float**]
 - ['f'] has type [**Char**]
 - [**False**, **False**] has type [**Bool**]
 - [[1.0, 2.0], []] has type [[**Float**]]
 - [(80, **True**)] has type [(**Int**, **Bool**)]

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- Lists should not be confused with sets in conventional mathematics, e.g.
 - The order in which the elements appear is important (lists can be *indexed* in a meaningful way)
 - Values may occur more than once
- The elements of a list can be of any type, so long as each element has the *same* type, so [2, **True**, 4, 'u'] is *not* valid
- Compare this with tuples where the elements may have mixed type

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Special Syntax: Strings

- Lists of characters (i.e. [**Char**]) are called *strings* (type **String**) and can be written by enclosing the characters in double quotation marks, e.g.

```
Hugs.Base> [ 'h', 'a', 'n', 'd', 'b', 'a', 'g' ]
"handbag"
Hugs.Base> :type "handbag"
"handbag" :: String
Hugs.Base> :t "handbag"
"handbag" :: String
```

? How is 'k' different from "k"?

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Special Syntax: Arithmetic Sequences

- The special form [**a**, **b**..**c**] builds the list of numbers [**a**, **a+(b-a)**, **a+2(b-a)**, ...] and so on until the value **c** is exceeded, e.g.

```
Hugs.Base> [ 1..5 ]
[1,2,3,4,5]
Hugs.Base> [ 2,4..11 ]
[2,4,6,8,10]
Hugs.Base> [ 10,9..0 ]
[10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1,0]
Hugs.Base> [ 0,0.5..4 ]
[0.0,0.5,1.0,1.5,2.0,2.5,3.0,3.5,4.0]
```

- Note: it works with **Ints** and **Floats**

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Special Syntax: List Comprehensions

- A list *comprehension* takes the form

```
[ e | x1 <- l1, ..., xm <- lm, P1, ..., Pn ]
```

where

e is an expression

xi is a variable ($1 \leq i \leq m$)

li is a list ($1 \leq i \leq m$)

Pi is a *predicate* (i.e. **Bool**-valued expression) ($1 \leq i \leq n$)

- It is read “the list of all **e** where **x1** comes from list **l1**, ..., **xm** comes from list **lm**, and where **P1**, ..., **Pn** are all True”

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- The terms of the form **x** <- **l** are called *generators*
- The target variable of a generator can only be used to the *right* of the generator and to the *left* of the ‘|’
- The terms after the ‘|’ can appear in any order, subject to the above

```
Hugs.Base> [ x^2 | x <- [ 1..10 ], even x ]
[4,16,36,64,100]
Hugs.Base> [ x | even x, x <- [ 1..10 ] ]
ERROR: Undefined variable "x"
Hugs.Base> [ x+y | x <- [1..3], y <- [1..3] ]
[2,3,4,3,4,5,4,5,6]
Hugs.Base> [ ( x, y ) | x <- [ 1..3 ], y <- [ 1..x ] ]
[(1,1),(2,1),(2,2),(3,1),(3,2),(3,3)]
```

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- Aside: the operators `==`, `/=`, `>`, `<`, `>=`, `<=` are defined on lists in an obvious way (we'll see exactly how later), e.g.

```
Hugs.Base> [ 1, 1 ] == [ 1 ]
False
Hugs.Base> [ True, False ] == [ True, False ]
True
Hugs.Base> "False" /= "False"
False
Hugs.Base> [ 1, 7, 9 ] < [ 2, 5, 8 ]
True
Hugs.Base> "big" < "bigger"
True
Hugs.Base> "big" < "big"
False
```

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Part II: Functions

- Programming is all about the packaging and subsequent use of computational “building blocks” of varying size and complexity
- In Haskell, the building blocks are *functions*; you have already seen some *built-in* functions like `+`, `*`, `div`, `sqrt`, `cos` etc. but we can define our own
- A function `f` is a rule for associating each element of a source type `A` with a unique member of a target type `B` (cf domain and range in mathematics); we express this thus: `f :: A -> B`
- `f` is said to “take an argument” (or “have a parameter”) of type `A` and “return a result” of type `B`
- If the function takes several arguments their types are listed in sequence, e.g. `g :: A -> B -> C -> D`

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- We say what the function does, using one or more *rules* (sometimes called *equations*)
- A rule has a *left-hand side* which lists the argument(s) and a *right-hand side* which is an expression
- The rule looks like a conventional mathematical function definition except that we omit brackets around the argument(s), e.g.

```
add1 :: Int -> Int
add1 x = x + 1
```

- Note that function names must begin with a lower-case letter

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- Some more examples...

```
isUpperCase :: Char -> Bool
isUpperCase ch = ch >= 'A' && ch <= 'Z'

diff :: Float -> Float -> Float
diff x y = if x >= y then x - y else y - x

fromOrigin :: ( Float, Float ) -> Float
fromOrigin ( x, y ) = sqrt ( x^2 + y^2 )

isEven :: Int -> Bool
isEven x = if x `mod` 2 == 0 then True else False
```

? Can you improve the right-hand-side of `isEven`?

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- Note: Sometimes there are constraints on the values the arguments can take, e.g. the function to compute $\log x$ requires that $x > 0$
- When it is unclear what the constraints are it is conventional to list them using *preconditions*
- Preconditions are treated simply as annotations – they are *not* intended to be executed
- We use a Haskell *comment*, thus:

```
log :: Float -> Float
-- Pre: x > 0
log x = ...
```

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Guarded Rules

- Conditionals can also be written using *guards*, for example:

```
evenYN :: Int -> Char
evenYN x | x `mod` 2 == 0 = 'Y'
         | otherwise      = 'N'
```

```
diff :: Float -> Float -> Float
diff x y | x >= y      = x - y
         | otherwise   = y - x
```

- Each guarded term of the form `... | g = e` is called a *clause*
- Remark: The quick way to define `diff` is to use the built-in function `abs`:

```
diff x y = abs ( x - y )
```

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- Once we have defined a function, we can *apply* it to given argument(s) provided the argument(s) have the right type
- The application of function `f` to an argument `a` is done by the *juxtaposition* `f a`, e.g.

```
Main> add1 569
570
Main> isEven 15
False
Main> isEven ( add1 19 )
True
```

- However, `add1 'b'` is a *type error* (note that badly typed programs cannot be executed!)

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- A function rule can have arbitrarily many guards, e.g.

```
sign :: Int -> Int
sign x
  | x < 0 = -1
  | x == 0 = 0
  | x > 0 = 1
```

- Note the layout: we can lay out the clauses any way we want so long as they *all* lie textually to the right of the 's' of `sign`
- The above layout convention is preferred, especially for definitions with many clauses

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Local Definitions

- In the same way that **let** expressions introduce definitions local to an expression, **where** *clauses* introduce definitions local to a rule
- This is useful for breaking a function down into simpler named components, e.g.

```
turns :: Float -> Float -> Float -> Float
turns start end r
  = totalDistance / distancePerTurn
  where
    totalDistance    = kmToMetres * ( end - start )
    distancePerTurn  = 2 * pi * r
    kmToMetres       = 1000
```

- Note that the **where** must be to the right of the left-hand side

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- They are also useful for naming the components of a tuple using *pattern matching*, e.g.

```
quotrem :: Int -> Int -> ( Int, Int )
quotrem x y = ( x 'div' y, x 'mod' y )

yardstoMFY :: Int -> ( Int, Int, Int )
yardstoMFY y
  = ( m, f, y'' )
  where
    ( m, y' ) = quotrem y 1760
    ( f, y'' ) = quotrem y' 220
```

This translates a distance in yards to a distance in (a whole number of) miles (1760 yards), furlongs (220 yards) and yards. E.g. `yardstoMFY 2640 = (1, 4, 0)`, i.e. 1.5 miles exactly

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- A **where** clause can also avoid replication and redundant computation, e.g.

```
normalise :: ( Float, Float ) -> ( Float, Float )
normalise ( x, y )
  = ( x / sqrt ( x^2 + y^2 ), y / sqrt ( x^2 + y^2 ) )
```

The common subexpression can be factored out thus:

```
normalise :: ( Float, Float ) -> ( Float, Float )
normalise ( x, y )
  = ( x / s, y / s )
  where
    s = sqrt ( x^2 + y^2 )
```

`sqrt (x^2 + y^2)` will now be evaluated *once*

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- Note that you can define local *functions* too, e.g.

```
yardstoMFY :: Int -> ( Int, Int, Int )
yardstoMFY y
  = ( m, f, y'' )
  where
    ( m, y' ) = quotrem y 1760
    ( f, y'' ) = quotrem y' 220

    quotrem :: Int -> Int -> ( Int, Int )
    quotrem x y = ( x 'div' y, x 'mod' y )
```

- Here, `quotrem` cannot be used outside the definition of `yardstoMFY`

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- Remark: To aid readability we can name types using a *type synonym*, e.g. (assuming `g` is already defined),

```
type Mass      = Float
type Position = ( Float, Float )
type Force     = ( Float, Float )

force :: Mass -> Mass -> Position -> Position -> Force
force m1 m2 ( x1, y1 ) ( x2, y2 )
  = ( f * dx / r, f * dy / r )
  where dx = abs ( x1 - x2 )
        dy = abs ( y1 - y2 )
        r  = sqrt ( dx^2 + dy^2 )
        f  = g * m1 * m2 / r^2
```

- Rule: Type synonyms must begin with a capital letter

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- Identifiers in **where** clauses supersede argument identifiers with the same name
- Similarly, identifiers in a nested **where** clause supersede those with the same name in an outer **where** clause, and so on, e.g.

```
f :: Int -> Int -> Int
f x y
  = x + y
  where
    y = x^2
    where
      x = 3
```

- Here, the function has the same meaning as `f x y = x + 9`; the `y` argument identifier is in scope nowhere!

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Scope

- The *scope* of an identifier is that part of the program in which the identifier has a meaning
- All identifiers defined at the “top level” (i.e. non-local) are in scope over the entire program (they are *global*)
- Within each rule, each argument identifier *and* each local identifier is in scope everywhere throughout the rule
- Identifiers introduced in (nested) where clauses attached to local rules are in scope only in that local rule i.e. *not* in the outer rule as well

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Evaluation

- Haskell evaluates an expression by reducing it to its simplest equivalent form (called its *normal form*) and printing the result
- Evaluation can be thought of as rewriting or *reduction* (meaning simplification); a reducible expression is called a *redex*
- Reduction works by repeatedly reducing redexes until no more redexes exist; the expression is then in normal form
- E.g. consider `double (3 + 4)`, where

```
double :: Int -> Int
double x = x + x
```

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- One possible reduction sequence is:

```
double (3 + 4)
-> double 7           by built-in rules for +
-> 7 + 7             by the rule for double
-> 14                by built-in rules for +
```

- 14 cannot be further reduced (it is in normal form) and will be printed by the evaluator

- Another possible reduction sequence:

```
double (3 + 4)
-> (3 + 4) + (3 + 4)  by the rule for double
-> 7 + (3 + 4)        by built-in rules for +
-> 7 + 7              by built-in rules for +
-> 14                by built-in rules for +
```

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- Lazy evaluation reduces a redex *only* if the value of the redex is required to produce the normal form, e.g.

```
f :: Float -> Float -> Float
f x y = if x < 0 then 0 else y
```

- If `x` is negative, the second argument (`y`) is not required, hence

```
Main> f 3 5
5
Main> f 3 ( 6 / 0 )
Program error: primDivDouble 6.0 0.0
Main> f ( -5 ) ( 6 / 0 )
0
```

- More of this later...

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- Thus evaluation is a simple process of *substitution and simplification*, using primitive rules for the built-in functions and additional function rules supplied by the programmer
- If an expression has a *well-defined value*, then the order in which the evaluation is carried out does not affect the result (the *Church-Rosser* property)
- But, the evaluator selects a redex (from the set of possible redexes) in a consistent way. This is called its evaluation/reduction *strategy*
- Haskell's reduction strategy is called *lazy evaluation*, equivalent to choosing the *leftmost-outermost* redex each time

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Recursive Functions

- Let us consider functions for taking the second, third and fourth powers of a given `Float`:

```
square :: Float -> Float
square x = x * x

cube :: Float -> Float
cube x = x * x * x

fourthpower :: Float -> Float
fourthpower x = x * x * x * x
```

- What about computing x^n for an *arbitrary* value of $n \geq 0$?
- Problem: Written out explicitly, the number of terms in right-hand side expression would depend on the value of n

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- The solution is to use a *recurrence relationship*—in this case one that defines x^n in terms of x^{n-1} :

$$\begin{aligned} x^n &= \overbrace{x \times x \times x \times \dots \times x}^{n \text{ times}} \\ &= x \times x^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

- This suggests the *recursive* Haskell function:

```
power :: Float -> Int -> Float
-- Pre: n >= 0
power x n = x * power x ( n - 1 )
```

- However, this is not quite right, e.g.

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- Hence:

```
power :: Float -> Int -> Float
-- Pre: n >= 0
power x n = if n == 0 then 1 else x * power x ( n-1 )
```

- This function/definition is said to be *recursive*, since it calls itself
- Note that a measure of the *cost* of the function **power** is the number of multiplications required to compute **power n** for an arbitrary n
- Here the “cost” is n and we say that the function’s *complexity* is “order n ”, written $O(n)$

[?] How would you make **power** work for all integers n ?

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```
power 2 3
-> 2 * power 2 ( 3 - 1 ) = 2 * power 2 2
-> 2 * 2 * power 2 1
-> 2 * 2 * 2 * power 2 0
-> 2 * 2 * 2 * 2 * power 2 -1
-> ...
```

- Oops! We want things to stop at **power 2 0**, since this should give 1
- The case **power 2 0** is called a *base case*
- Note: the function is not designed to work for $n < 0$

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- This is how we build *all* recursive functions

1. Define the base case(s)
 2. Define the recursive case(s)
 - (a) Split the problem into one or more subproblems
 - (b) Solve the subproblems
 - (c) Combine results to get required answer
- The subproblems are solved by a *recursive* call to the (same) function

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- Important: the subproblems *must* be “smaller” than the original problem otherwise the recursion never stops, e.g.

```
loop :: Int -> Int
loop x
  | x == 0 = 0
  | x > 0  = 1 + loop x
```

- For example...

```
loop 4
-> 1 + loop 4
-> 1 + 1 + loop 4
-> ...
```

- This is called an *infinite loop* or a *black hole*; the program runs forever, or until it runs out of memory

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- The term $x^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ is referred to several times, so we'll define it using a **where**; also we'll arbitrarily use guards instead of conditionals:

```
power :: Float -> Int -> Float
-- Pre: n >= 0
power x n
  | n == 0 = 1
  | even n = k * k
  | odd n  = x * k * k      (or x * power x (n-1))
  where
    k = power x (n `div` 2)
```

? What is the cost now, in terms of the number of multiplications, for a given n ?

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Example: **power2** which computes the same thing as **power** but more efficiently

- Idea: use the fact that x^n can be written $x^{n/2} \times x^{n/2} = (x^{n/2})^2$ if n is even and $x \times (x^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor})^2$ if n is odd
- Graphically, for *even* n :

$$\begin{aligned} x^n &= \overbrace{x \times x \times \dots \times x}^{n \text{ times}} \\ &= \underbrace{x \times \dots \times x}_{x^{n/2}} \times \underbrace{x \times \dots \times x}_{x^{n/2}} \end{aligned}$$

- Similarly for *odd* n

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- Another example: Newton's method for finding the square roots of numbers. This repeatedly improves approximations to the answer until the required degree of accuracy is achieved.
- Given x , if a_n is the n^{th} approximation to \sqrt{x} then

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{a_n + x/a_n}{2}$$

gives the next approximation

- Let's define a function **newtonSqrt** which given a number x returns a “good” approximation to \sqrt{x}
- Here we will use $x/2$ as the first approximation of \sqrt{x} , i.e. $a_0 = x/2$

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- We want to stop when the approximation is “close” to \sqrt{x}
- We can check this by comparing a_n^2 to x ; if $|a_n^2 - x| < \epsilon$ for some small value of ϵ (here set at 0.00001), we’ll terminate the recursion, e.g.

```
newtonSqrt :: Float -> Float
-- Pre: x >= 0
newtonSqrt x
  = findSqrt ( x / 2 )
  where
    findSqrt :: Float -> Float
    findSqrt a
      | abs ( x - a * a ) < 0.00001  = a
      | otherwise = findSqrt ( ( a + x/a ) / 2 )
```

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Part III: List Processing

- The list square bracket notation (`[, , ,]`) is actually a shorthand
- At the simplest level lists are put together using two types of building block:
 - `[]` (pronounced “nil” or “empty-list”) is used to build an empty list
 - `:` (pronounced “cons”) is an infix operator which adds a new element to the front of a list
- These work like any other function, but are called *constructors* for reasons which will become apparent

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- For example:

```
newtonSqrt 12
-> findSqrt 6.0
-> findSqrt 4.0
-> findSqrt 3.5
-> findSqrt 3.464286
-> findSqrt 3.464102
-> 3.464102
```

since $(12 - 3.464102 * 3.464102) < 0.00001$

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- New lists can be built by repeated use of `:`, starting with `[]`, e.g.

```
Hugs.Base> []
[]
Hugs.Base> True : []
[ True ]
Hugs.Base> 1 : 2 : []
[ 1, 2 ]
```

- Thus, the expression `[x1, ..., xn]` is just a convenient shorthand for `x1 : ... : xn : []` (we can use either)
- Note also that `:` associates to the right so that
 - `x : x' : xs` is interpreted as
 - `x : (x' : xs)`

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Polymorphism

- Importantly, the constructors `[]` and `:` can be used to build lists of *arbitrary* type. They are therefore said to be *polymorphic*
- To express this in type definitions, we use a *type variable*, which is an identifier beginning with a lower-case letter
- For example, the types of the two list constructors are:

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

- Here **a** is a type variable; the second line reads: “`(:)` is a function which takes an object of *any* type **a** and a list of objects of (the same) type **a** and delivers a list of objects of (the same) type **a**”

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- `[]` and `:` can be used in function definitions to build lists, e.g.

```
ints :: Int -> [ Int ]
-- Pre: n >= 0
ints n
  | n == 0 = []
  | n > 0  = n : ints ( n - 1 )
```

- Given a parameter **n** this generates the list `[n, n-1, ..., 1]`

? How would you change `ints` to produce the numbers in increasing order, e.g. `ints 3 = [1, 2, 3]`?

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- A variable in a type (e.g. **a** above) stands for any type (*for all a*, or $\forall a$), but once determined each **a** in the type must be the same
- For example, `Int -> [Int] -> [Int]` is a valid *instance* of type `a -> [a] -> [a]`, but `Char -> [Int] -> [Int]` is not
- Many other Haskell prelude functions are polymorphic, e.g.

```
id :: a -> a           The identity function
fst :: ( a, b ) -> a    Pair index
snd :: ( a, b ) -> b    Pair index
```

- Note that the type of **fst** and **snd** involve two type variables since pair elements can be of any type

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- Another example: a variation of `newtonSqrt` that returns the list of all intermediate approximations to \sqrt{x} :

```
newtonSqrt :: Float -> [ Float ]
-- Pre: x >= 0
newtonSqrt x
  = findSqrt ( x / 2 )
  where
    findSqrt a
      | abs ( x - a * a ) < 0.00001 = [ a ]
      | otherwise = a : findSqrt ( ( a + x/a ) / 2 )
```

e.g. `newtonSqrt 12 -> [6.0,4.0,3.5,3.464286,3.464102]`

- What about functions which *consume* lists? We now need a mechanism for taking lists apart...

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Method 1: null, head and tail

- Let's write a function to sum the elements of a list of `Ints` using some built-in list processing functions:
 - `null :: [a] -> Bool` asks whether a list is empty;
 - `head :: [a] -> a` returns the head of a given list
 - `tail :: [a] -> [a]` returns the tail of a given list
- Summing an empty (`null`) list must return 0; for a non-empty list, add the head of the list to the result of summing the tail, thus:

```
sumInts :: [ Int ] -> Int
sumInts xs
  = if null xs
    then 0
    else head xs + sumInts ( tail xs )
```

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- For example:

```
sumInts [ 10, 20, 30 ]
-> if null [ 10, 20, 30 ]
   then 0
   else head [ 10, 20, 30 ] + sumInts ( tail [ 10, 20, 30 ] )
-> head [ 10, 20, 30 ] + sumInts ( tail [ 10, 20, 30 ] )
-> 10 + sumInts [ 20, 30 ]
-> 10 + if null [ 20, 30 ] then ... else ...
-> 10 + head [ 20, 30 ] + sumInts ( tail [ 20, 30 ] )
-> 10 + 20 + sumInts [ 30 ]
-> 10 + 20 + if null [ 30 ] then ... else ...
-> 10 + 20 + head [ 30 ] + sumInts ( tail [ 30 ] )
-> 10 + 20 + 30 + if null [] then 0 else ...
-> 10 + 20 + 30 + 0
-> 60
```

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Method 2: Pattern Matching

- Note that there are *exactly* two ways to build a list (`[]` and `:`) and hence *exactly* two ways to take them apart
- If we need to take a list apart then, when we look at the list, either:
 - The list is empty, i.e. “of the form” `[]`
 - The list is non-empty, i.e. “of the form” `(x : xs)` for some `x` and `xs`
- There are *no* other possibilities!
- Here, “of the form” means “matches the pattern”
- Another way to define `sumInts` is by *pattern matching*...

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- There are two possible patterns, so we have two rules:

```
sumInts :: [ Int ] -> Int
sumInts []          = 0
sumInts ( x : xs ) = x + ( sumInts xs )
```

- Think of the whole of each left-hand side as being a *pattern*; patterns are tested from top to bottom, and left to right internally
- If the pattern matches the expression we are trying to evaluate, we return the result of evaluating the right-hand side
- Note: the pattern `(x : xs)` also serves to name the two ‘things’ attached to the first `:`, namely the head and tail of the given list
- Generally, pattern matching is preferred to the use of `null`, `head` and `tail`

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- Pattern matching simplifies how we think about reduction (although it's actually implemented similarly to before), e.g.

```
sumInts [ 10, 20, 30 ]
-> 10 + sumInts [ 20, 30 ]
-> 10 + ( 20 + sumInts [ 30 ] )
-> 10 + ( 20 + ( 30 + sumInts [] ) )
-> 10 + ( 20 + ( 30 + 0 ) )
-> 60
```

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More on the Haskell Prelude

- Here are some of the more commonly-used predefined functions over lists

```
null    :: [ a ] -> Bool
head    :: [ a ] -> a
tail    :: [ a ] -> [ a ]
length  :: [ a ] -> Int
elem    :: Eq a => a -> [a] -> Bool  (see later)
(!!)    :: [ a ] -> Int -> a
(++)    :: [ a ] -> [ a ] -> [ a ]
take    :: Int -> [ a ] -> [ a ]
drop    :: Int -> [ a ] -> [ a ]
zip     :: [ a ] -> [ b ] -> [ ( a, b ) ]
unzip   :: [ ( a, b ) ] -> ( [ a ], [ b ] )
```

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- Recall: The function **null** delivers **True** if a given list is empty (`[]`); **False** otherwise
- The function **null** is (must be!) defined using pattern matching...

```
null :: [ a ] -> Bool
null []      = True
null ( x : xs ) = False
```

- This is (almost) how **null** is defined in the Haskell prelude
- Alternatively, as there is no need to name the head and tail,

```
null :: [ a ] -> Bool
null [] = True
null _  = False
```

- Recall that patterns are tested in order (from top to bottom)

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- Recall: The function **head** selects the first element of a list, and **tail** selects the remaining portion

```
head :: [ a ] -> a
head ( x : xs ) = x

tail :: [ a ] -> [ a ]
tail ( x : xs ) = xs
```

? What is `tail [1]` and what happens if we type `head []`?

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- The function `length` returns the length of a list (i.e. the number of elements it contains):

```
Hugs.Base> length "brontosaurus"
12
Hugs.Base> length [ ( True, True, False ) ]
1
Hugs.Base> length []
0
```

- A recursive definition using pattern matching...

```
length :: [ a ] -> Int
length []          = 0
length ( x : xs ) = 1 + length xs
```

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- The function `elem` determines whether a given element is a member of a given list:

```
Hugs.Base> elem 'c' "hatchet"
True
Hugs.Base> elem (1,2) [ (3,4), (5,6) ]
False
```

- One of many possible definitions using pattern matching...

```
elem :: Eq a => a -> [ a ] -> Bool
elem x []          = False
elem x ( y : ys ) = x == y || elem x ys
```

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- The `!!` operator (sometimes pronounced “at”) performs list *indexing* (the head is index 0):

```
Hugs.Base> [ 11, 22, 33 ] !! 1
22
Hugs.Base> "Tea" !! 0
'T'
Hugs.Base> "Tea" !! 5
Program error: Prelude.!!: index too large
Hugs.Base> "Error" !! -1
Program error: Prelude.!!: negative index
```

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- Here is a recursive definition using pattern matching (not the definition in the prelude)...

```
infixl 9 !!
(!!) :: [ a ] -> Int -> a
[] !! n = error "Prelude.!!: index too large"
( x : xs ) !! n
  | n == 0 = x
  | n > 0  = xs !! ( n-1 )
  | n < 0  = error "Prelude.!!: negative index"
```

- Note the syntax for introducing new left- (`infixl`) and right- (`infixr`) associative operators with a given precedence (here 9)

- Operator names must be unique and built from the symbols

`! # $ \% . + * @ | > < ~ - : ^ \ = / ? &`

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- The binary operator `++` (pronounced “concatenate” or “append”) joins two lists of the same type to form a new list e.g.

```
Hugs.Base> [ 1, 2, 3 ] ++ [ 1, 5 ]
[ 1, 2, 3, 1, 5 ]
Hugs.Base> "" ++ "Rest"
"Rest"
Hugs.Base> [ head [ 1, 2, 3 ] ] ++ tail [ 2, 8 ]
[ 1, 8 ]
```

- The recursive definition...

```
infixr 5 ++
(++ ) :: [ a ] -> [ a ] -> [ a ]
[] ++ ys      = ys
( x : xs ) ++ ys = x : ( xs ++ ys )
```

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- `zip` takes two lists and forms a single list of pairs by combining the elements pairwise
- `unzip` does the opposite!
- Note: for `zip` if one list is longer than the other then the surplus elements are discarded

```
Hugs.Base> zip [ 5, 3 ] [ 4, 9, 8 ]
[(5,4),(3,9)]
Hugs.Base> zip "it" "up"
[( 'i', 'u' ), ( 't', 'p' )]
Hugs.Base> unzip [ ( "your", "jacket" ) ]
(["your"],["jacket"])
```

? How would you define `zip` and `unzip`?

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- `take n xs` returns the first `n` elements of `xs`
- `drop n xs` returns the remainder of the list after the first `n` elements have been removed

```
Hugs.Base> take 4 "granted"
"gran"
Hugs.Base> drop 2 [ True, False, True ]
[True]
Hugs.Base> take 1 "away" ++ drop 1 "away"
"away"
Hugs.Base> drop 8 "letters"
""
```

? How would you define `take` and `drop`?

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More (non-prelude) Examples

- Example: Ordered insertion—the function `insert` takes an `Int` and an *ordered* list of `Int` and returns a new ordered list with the new `Int` in the right place

```
insert :: Int -> [ Int ] -> [ Int ]
-- Pre:  The given list is ordered
insert x []      = [ x ]
insert x ( y : ys )
    | x < y      = x : ( y : ys )
    | otherwise = y : ( insert x ys )
```

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- For example: `insert 3 [1, 4, 9]` proceeds as follows:

```
-> 1 : ( insert 3 [ 4, 9 ] )
-> 1 : ( 3 : [ 4, 9 ] )
-> [ 1, 3, 4, 9 ]
```

- If we repeatedly insert (unsorted) items into a sorted list, the final list will also be sorted, hence:

```
isort :: [ Int ] -> [ Int ]
isort []      = []
isort ( x : xs ) = insert x ( isort xs )
```

- This ‘algorithm’ is called (*linear*) *insertion sort*

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- An example:

```
isort [4, 9, 1]
-> insert 4 (isort [9, 1])
-> insert 4 (insert 9 (isort [1]) )
-> insert 4 (insert 9 (insert 1 (isort []) ) )
-> insert 4 (insert 9 (insert 1 [] ) )
-> insert 4 (insert 9 [1])
-> insert 4 [1, 9]
-> [1, 4, 9]
```

[?] How many calls to ‘:’ are made on average to sort a list with n items?

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- Example: Haskell’s `splitAt`—this takes an `Int` index n and a list of type `[a]` and splits the list at position n
- How does Haskell implement it? A quick solution:

```
splitAt :: Int -> [ a ] -> ( [ a ], [ a ] )
-- Pre: n >= 0
splitAt n xs
  = ( take n xs, drop n xs )
```

- However, this traverses the first n elements of `xs` *twice*!
- We can avoid this but the resulting function is more complicated...

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```
splitAt :: Int -> [ a ] -> ( [ a ], [ a ] )
-- Pre: n >= 0
splitAt n []
  = ( [], [] )
splitAt n ( x : xs )
  = if n == 0 then ( [], x : xs )
    else ( x : xs', xs'' )
    where
      ( xs', xs'' ) = splitAt ( n - 1 ) xs
```

[?] Exercise: Remove the precondition and trap the ‘negative argument’ error.

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- Example: list merge—the function **merge** takes two ordered lists of **Int** and merges them to produce a single ordered list

```
merge :: [ Int ] -> [ Int ] -> [ Int ]
-- Pre: both argument lists are ordered
merge [] []
  = []
merge [] ( x : xs )
  = x : xs
merge ( x : xs ) []
  = x : xs
merge ( x : xs ) ( y : ys )
  = if x < y
    then x : merge xs ( y : ys )
    else y : merge ( x : xs ) ys
```

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Aside: Enumerated Types

- Enumerated types are special forms of *algebraic data types*—see later
- They introduce a new type and an associated set of elements, called *constructors*, of that type, e.g.

```
data Day = Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu |
          Fri | Sat | Sun
```

- This says that **Day** is a new type and that objects of type **Day** may either be **Mon**, **Tue**, ..., **Sun**
- Constructor names must be unique within a program
- When Haskell spots a constructor it knows immediately its type, e.g. **Fri** is immediately recognisable as an object of type **Day**

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- Now, as if by magic...

```
msortBy :: [ Int ] -> [ Int ]
msortBy []
  = []
msortBy xs
  = merge ( msortBy xs' ) ( msortBy xs'' )
  where
    ( xs', xs'' ) = splitAt ( length xs `div` 2 ) xs
```

- This is called *merge sort*; it sorts a list of numbers into ascending order, like **isort**

? This definition isn't quite right. What's wrong and how would you fix it?

? Which is the best sorting function: **isort** or **msortBy**? Why?

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- Important: type and constructor names must begin with a capital letter but are otherwise completely arbitrary
- Some more examples:

```
data Kerrrpowwww = Plink | Plonk

data Switch = Off | On

data Color = Black | Blue | Green | Cyan
            | Red | Magenta | Yellow | White
```

- It's up to us to choose type and constructor names that make sense to us

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- Functions can be defined on objects of type `Day`, `Kerrrrpowwww`, `Switch` etc. using pattern matching, e.g.

```
bothOn :: Switch -> Switch -> Bool
bothOn On  On  = True
bothOn On  Off = False
bothOn Off On  = False
bothOn Off Off = False
```

- Recall: patterns are tested in order (from top to bottom)
- The last three rules can thus optionally be replaced by a single rule, e.g.: `bothOn s s' = False`

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- Note: we could use conditionals to test elements of an enumerated type, but it's much less elegant, e.g.

```
bothOn :: Switch -> Switch -> Bool
bothOn s 's' = s == On && s' == On
```

(Yuk!)

- Secret: you can think of constructors as numeric tags, e.g. Hugs encodes `Off` and `On` using the integers 0, and 1; similarly `Kerrrrpowwww` but the type system ensures there is no confusion between, for example, 0 for `Off` and 0 for `Plink`
- Note that the type `Bool` is just an enumerated type! Indeed, the Haskell prelude includes exactly this:

```
data Bool = False | True
```

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- Note that Haskell's boolean functions can be straightforwardly defined using pattern matching, e.g.

```
not :: Bool -> Bool
not False = True
not True  = False

infixr 3 &&
False && b = False
True  && b = b

etc.
```

[?] What if we wrote four equations: `True && True = True`, `True && False = False`, `False && True = False`, `False && False = False`. Is this the same as the above?

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Higher-order List Processing

- In Haskell functions can be passed as parameters to other functions
- Functions that take one or more other functions as parameters are called *higher-order* functions
- Some useful examples...

```
map      :: ( a -> b ) -> [ a ] -> [ b ]
filter  :: ( a -> Bool ) -> [ a ] -> [ a ]
zipWith :: ( a -> b -> c ) -> [ a ] -> [ b ] -> [ c ]
foldr1  :: ( a -> a -> a ) -> [ a ] -> a
foldr   :: ( a -> b -> b ) -> b -> [ a ] -> b
```

- Note: the first argument of each of these is a *function*, hence the type

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- The function **map** applies a given function (passed as a parameter) to every element of a given list, e.g.

```
Hugs.Base> map succ [ 1, 2, 3, 4 ]
[2,3,4,5]
Hugs.Base> map head [ "Random", "Access", "Memory" ]
"RAM"
```

- Note that the expression **map f xs** is equivalent to the list comprehension **[f x | x <- xs]** so one way to define **map** would be

```
map :: ( a -> b ) -> [ a ] -> [ b ]
map f xs = [ f x | x <- xs ]
```

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- We can define **map** recursively using pattern matching as well...

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

- Let's see how it works with an example:

```
map not [ True, False, False ]
-> not True : map not [ False, False ]
-> not True : not False : map not [ False ]
-> not True : not False : not False : map not []
-> not True : not False : not False : []
-> [ False, True, True ]
```

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- The function **filter** filters out elements of a list using a given *predicate* (a function that returns a **Bool**)
- The predicate is applied to each element of a given list; if the result is **False** the element is excluded from the result, e.g.

```
Hugs.Base> filter even [ 1 .. 10 ]
[2,4,6,8,10]
Hugs.Base> let f x = x > 6 in filter f [4,7,6,9,1]
[7,9]
Hugs.Base> let f x = x /= 's' in filter f "scares"
"care"
```

- The expression **filter f xs** is equivalent to the list comprehension **[x | x <- xs, f x]**

[?] How would you define **filter** recursively?

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- The function **zipWith** applies a given binary function pairwise to the elements of two given lists, e.g.

```
Hugs.Base> zipWith (+) [ 1, 2, 3 ] [ 9, 5, 8 ]
[10,7,11]
Hugs.Base> zipWith elem "abp" [ "dog", "cat", "pig" ]
[False,False,True]
Hugs.Base> zipWith max [(2,1),(4,9)] [(1,1),(8,5)]
[(2,1),(8,5)]
```

- Recall: **(op)** is the prefix version of **op**; also, **elem e xs** is **True** iff **e** is an element of list **xs**
- The expression **zipWith f xs ys** is equivalent to the list comprehension **[f x y | (x, y) <- zip xs ys]**

[?] How would you define **zipWith** recursively?

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- Example: Mastermind—given two sequences of coloured pegs (guess and secret) you score one *black* stick for each peg that has the right colour in the right place
- If the pegs are represented by **Ints** there are many ways to compute the black stick score, e.g. (assuming colours are characters)...

```
blacks :: String -> String -> Int
-- Pre: length g = length s
blacks g s
  = length [ x | (x,y) <- zip g s, x == y ]

-- Recall: sumInts sums the elements of a list of Ints
blacks g s
  = sumInts [ 1 | (x,y) <- zip g s, x == y ]

blacks g s =
  = length ( filter (id) ( zipWith (==) g s ) )
```

? How does the third solution work?

? How would you score the white pegs?!

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- The function **foldr1** ‘inserts’ a given binary operator ‘in between’ each list element, i.e.

$$\text{foldr1 } \otimes [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \longrightarrow x_1 \otimes x_2 \otimes \dots \otimes x_n$$

- The resulting expression is bracketed from the *right*, i.e.

$$x_1 \otimes (x_2 \otimes (\dots (x_{n-1} \otimes x_n) \dots))$$

- A variation called **foldl1** brackets from the left, e.g.

```
Hugs.Base> foldr1 (+) [ 3, 5, 7, -3, 9 ]
21
Hugs.Base> foldr1 (-) [ 4, 3, 6 ]
7
Hugs.Base> foldl1 (-) [ 4, 3, 6 ]
-5
```

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- Note: **foldr1** is actually a special case of a more general folding function call **foldr** (the same goes for **foldl1**)
- **foldr** allows a *right unit* (here called *b*) to be specified

$$\text{foldr } f \ b [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] \longrightarrow f \ x_1 (f \ x_2 (\dots (f \ x_n \ b) \dots))$$

- This subtly changes the type to

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

- For example:

```
Hugs.Base> foldr (+) 0 [ 3, 5, 7, -3, 9 ]
21
Hugs.Base> let f x y = y in foldr f 99 [ 3, 2, 6 ]
99
Hugs.Base> foldr (:) [] [ 3, 5, 7, -3, 9 ]
[3,5,7,-3,9]
```

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- Example: three more functions from the prelude...

```
dropWhile :: ( a -> Bool ) -> [ a ] -> [ a ]
dropWhile p [] = []
dropWhile p ( x : xs )
    = if p x then dropWhile p xs else x : xs

takeWhile :: ( a -> Bool ) -> [ a ] -> [ a ]
takeWhile p [] = []
takeWhile p ( x : xs )
    = if p x then x : takeWhile p xs else []

iterate :: ( a -> a ) -> a -> [ a ]
iterate f x = x : iterate f ( f x )
```

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- For example,

```
Hugs.Base> take 10 ( iterate succ 0 )
[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]
Hugs.Base> take 6 ( iterate tail "suffix" )
["suffix","uffix","ffix","fix","ix","x"]
Hugs.Base> takeWhile even [ 2, 4, 7, 6 ]
[2,4]
Hugs.Base> dropWhile isSpace "      Begin"
"Begin"
```

- Note that lazy evaluation is essential for evaluating expressions involving `iterate`

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Binary Operator Extensions

- Some binary operators have corresponding generalisations over lists, for example:

Operator	Generalisation
+	<code>sum :: Num a => [a] -> a</code>
*	<code>product :: Num a => [a] -> a</code>
&&	<code>and :: [Bool] -> Bool</code>
	<code>or :: [Bool] -> Bool</code>
++	<code>concat :: [[a]] -> [a]</code>
max	<code>maximum :: Ord a => [a] -> a</code>
min	<code>minimum :: Ord a => [a] -> a</code>

- Note: see later for a proper explanation of the types

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- Examples...

```
Hugs.Base> sum [1..6]
21
Hugs.Base> product [ 2, 4, 1, 6 ]
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Hugs.Base> and [ True, False, True ]
False
Hugs.Base> or [ x < 3 | x <- [ 5, 4, 8, 1, 9 ] ]
True
Hugs.Base> concat [ "Three ", "small ", "lists" ]
"Three small lists"
Hugs.Base> maximum [ 1, 4, 3, 1, 9 ]
9
```

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- Note: these operators can be defined recursively using pattern matching, e.g.

```
product :: [ Int ] -> Int
product []          = 1
product ( x : xs ) = x * product xs

and :: [ Bool ] -> Bool
and []             = True
and ( b : bs ) = b && and bs
```

- However, in each case all we're doing is 'inserting' a standard binary operator in between each list element, with or without a right element
- But this is just what the family of **fold** functions do!

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- So, alternatively:

```
sum xs      = foldl (+) 0 xs
product xs  = foldl (*) 1 xs
and xs      = foldr (&&) True xs
or xs       = foldr (||) False xs
concat xs   = foldr (++) [] xs
maximum xs  = foldl1 max xs
minimum xs  = foldl1 min xs
```

- Note: `maximum []` and `minimum []` are not defined - hence the use of `foldl1`. ? Could we use `foldr1` instead?

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Currying and Partial Application

- Functions can also return other functions as their result (another type of higher-order function)
- Q: How can we evaluate something and end up with a new function? A: Partial application...
- Consider the function

```
plus :: Int -> Int -> Int
plus x y = x + y
```

- Why do we write `Int -> Int -> Int` and why is function application expressed by juxtaposition?
- The answer is that **plus** introduces *two* single-argument functions:

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1. **plus** is really a single-argument function of type `Int -> (Int -> Int)`
 2. If `a :: Int` then **plus a** is a *function* of type `Int -> Int`
- So, **plus 4** is a perfectly meaningful expression—it is the function which adds 4 to things!
 - This suggests we can map partial applications over lists; let's try:

```
Hugs.Base> map ( plus 4 ) [ 1, 3, 8 ]
[ 5, 7, 12 ]
Hugs.Base> map ( elem 'e' ) [ "No", "No again", "Yes" ]
[False,False,True]
```

- An application which only partially completes the arguments of a function **f** is called a *partial application* of **f**

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- The idea of treating all multi-argument functions “one argument at a time” is called *currying* after the mathematician

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- Partial applications of operators are called *sections* and Haskell has some special notation to help. For example:

(1/) is the ‘reciprocal’ function
 (/2) is the ‘halving’ function
 (^3) is the ‘cubing’ function
 (+1) is the ‘successor’ function
 (!!0) is the ‘head’ function
 (==0) is the ‘is-zero’ function

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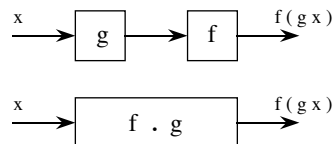
```
Hugs.Base> map (== 0) [ 4, 0, 8, 0 ]
[False,True,False,True]
Hugs.Base> map (^2) [ 1..4 ]
[1,4,9,16]
Hugs.Base> map (!! 2) [ "one", "two", "three" ]
"eor"
Hugs.Base> takeWhile (<20) ( iterate (+3) 1 )
[1,4,7,10,13,16,19]
Hugs.Base> filter (/=0) ( map ('mod' 2) [1..10] )
[1,1,1,1,1]
```

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- So functions really are ‘first-class’ citizens in Haskell! Indeed, even function composition can be expressed as a higher-order function:

```
(.) :: (b -> c) -> (a -> b) -> (a -> c)
f . g = h where h x = f ( g x )
```

- (f . g) is the composition of functions f and g.
Diagrammatically:



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- Example: here are two equivalent definitions of functions

notNull and allZero

```
notNull :: [ a ] -> Bool
notNull xs = not ( null xs )

notNull xs = ( not . null ) xs

allZero :: [ Int ] -> Bool
allZero xs = and ( map (==0) xs )

allZero xs = ( and . map (==0) ) xs
```

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- Here is an alternative definition of `newtonSqrt`:

```
newtonSqrt :: Float -> Float
newtonSqrt x
  = ( head . dropWhile badAppx . iterate next ) ( x/2 )
  where
    next a    = ( a + x / a ) / 2
    badAppx a = abs ( x - a^2 ) > 0.00001
```

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- Similarly for some of our earlier examples, e.g.

```
sum xs      = foldr (+) 0 xs
and xs      = foldr (&&) True xs
concat xs = foldr (++) [] xs
```

can be written

```
sum      = foldr (+) 0
and      = foldr (&&) True
concat = foldr (++) []
```

- This exploits the fact that function application associates to the left, i.e. $f\ x\ y\ z \equiv ((f\ x)\ y)\ z$

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Extensionality

- A useful rule for simplifying some definitions is the *extensionality* rule from mathematics:

if $\forall x, f\ x = g\ x$ then $f = g$

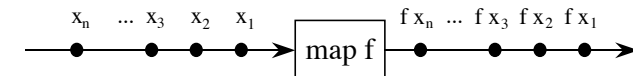
- This means, for example, that in our `notNull` and `allZero` functions we can instead *cancel* the `xs` and write

```
notNull = not . null
```

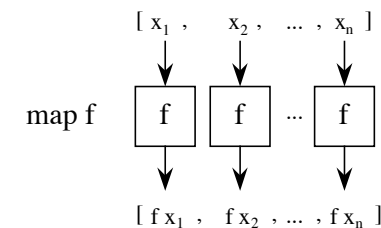
```
allZero = and . map (==0)
```

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- Now for some fun! There are several ways to think of higher-order functions like `map`, and diagrams often help. For example: for example:



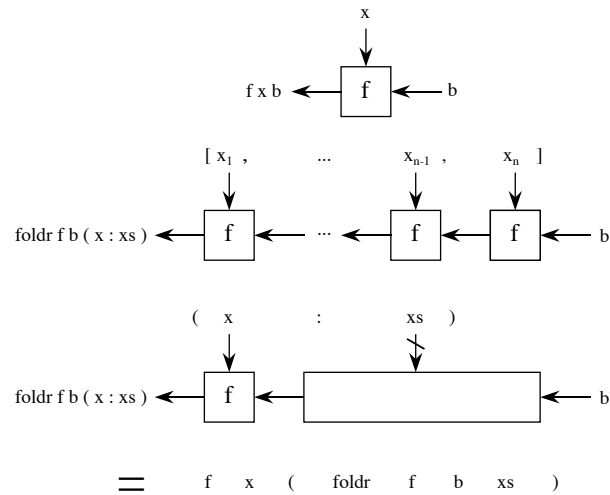
a. map as a Pipeline



b. Parallel map

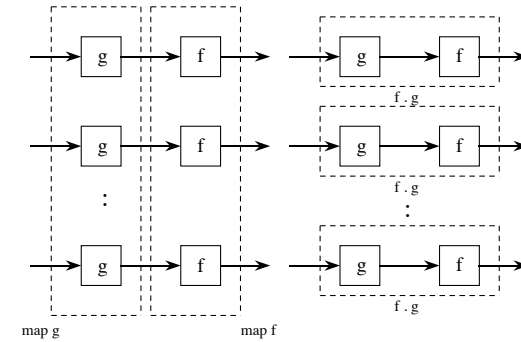
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- As with **map**, we can also think of **fold** functions diagrammatically; this also helps to explain the recursive definition, e.g. for **foldr**:



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- We can compose higher-order functions to form complex interacting processes. For example, consider a pipeline in which we want each element of an input stream $([x_1, \dots, x_n])$ to be processed by **g** then by **f**



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- Both solutions will do, so the two diagrams must specify the same function. Hence, we establish:

$$\text{map } f . \text{map } g = \text{map } (f . g)$$

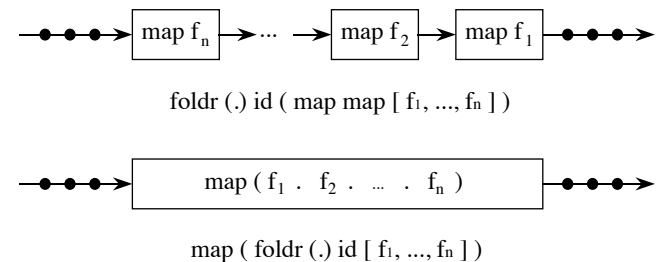
- Note: we can prove this formally using extensionality, i.e. by applying the left- and right-hand sides to the same argument:

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{map } f . \text{map } g) [x_1, \dots, x_n] &= \text{map } f (\text{map } g [x_1, \dots, x_n]) \\ &= \text{map } f [g x_1, \dots, g x_n] \\ &= [f(g x_1), \dots, f(g x_n)] \\ \text{map } (f . g) [x_1, \dots, x_n] &= [(f . g)x_1, \dots, (f . g)x_n] \\ &= [f(g x_1), \dots, f(g x_n)] \end{aligned}$$

for $n > 0$. (The case for $[]$ is trivial)

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- Note that this generalises to many pipeline stages. Let's draw **map** another way, this time treating it as a pipeline:

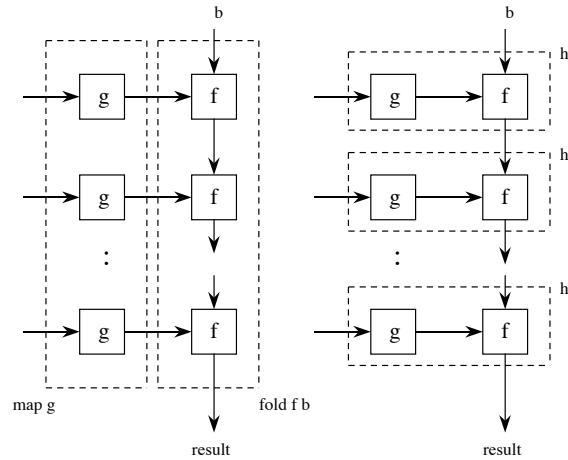


- From which we see that

$$(\text{foldr } (.) \text{ id}) . \text{map map} = \text{map} . (\text{foldr } (.) \text{ id})$$

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- As a final example, let's make it a little harder:



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Part IV: Algebraic Data Types

- We have already seen *enumerated* types, for example:

```
data Bool = False | True

data Color = Black | Blue | Green | Cyan
           | Red | Magenta | Yellow | White
```

- In general, constructors can also take arguments and both they (and the associated type) can be polymorphic

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- The one on the left corresponds to:

```
foldr f b . map g
```

and the one on the right to:

```
foldr h b where h x y = f ( g x ) y
```

- Notice, however, that by extensionality

```
h x y = f ( g x ) y
=> h x = f ( g x ) = ( f . g ) x
=> h = f . g
```

Hence the rather unobvious equivalence:

$$\text{foldr } f \text{ } b . \text{map } g = \text{foldr } (f . g) \text{ } b$$

- You'll see these ideas again in course 318 (Custom Computing) which uses functional languages to design hardware systems built from *field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs)*

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- Example: a “hand-made” list type:

```
data List a = Nil | Cons a ( List a )
```

- Nil is a constructor of type List a (i.e. Nil :: List a)
- Cons is a constructor of type a -> List a -> List a
- Constructors are thus like ordinary functions except they have no rules
- Constructors are defined implicitly when they appear in a data definition

- The type List a is isomorphic to Haskell's list type [a] – indeed, Haskell's prelude essentially has this:

```
data [ a ] = [] | a : [ a ]
```

although this is *not* legal syntax!

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- If we stick with our own definition of lists (`List a`) we'll need to use `Nil` and `Cons` instead of `[]` and `'::'` e.g.

```
Nil
Cons 6 Nil
Cons "this" ( Cons "that" Nil )
```

generate objects of type `List Int` and `List String` resp.

- We can also pattern match on terms involving `Nil` and `Cons` e.g.

```
myLength :: List a -> Int
myLength Nil = 0
myLength ( Cons x xs ) = 1 + myLength xs

mySum :: List Int -> Int
mySum Nil = 0
mySum ( Cons x xs ) = x + mySum xs
```

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- Just to prove a point about names...

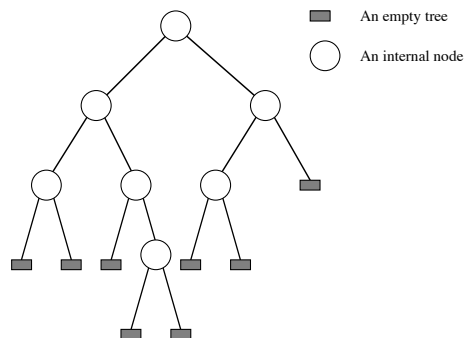
```
data SillyList a = Metriacanthosaurus
                  | Hipsilophodon a ( SillyList a )

sillyLength :: SillyList a -> Int
sillyLength Metriacanthosaurus
    = 0
sillyLength ( Hipsilophodon x xs )
    = 1 + sillyLength xs
```

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Trees

- Trees are powerful generalisations of lists and have a two-dimensional branching structure
- Here is the general shape of a *binary* tree:



- Objects of some given type are located at each node

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- We can describe the structure of trees using an algebraic data type
- Let's call the constructor for an empty tree `Empty` and that for an internal node `Node`
- We'll allow any type of object to sit in the nodes, so we'll make our trees polymorphic:

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

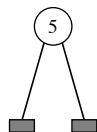
- Note we could rearrange the arguments of `Node`, e.g.

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

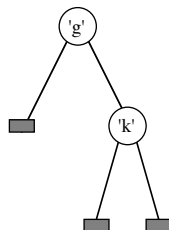
- It doesn't matter so long as we are consistent; we'll use the former

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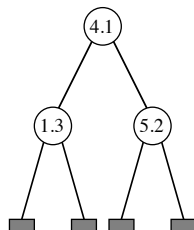
- For example



(a)



(b)



(c)

- (a) is a **Tree Int**, (b) is a **Tree Char** and (c) is a **Tree Float**
- We can write Haskell expressions that represent these, e.g. (b) corresponds to `Node Empty 'g' (Node Empty 'k' Empty)`
- What about (a) and (c)?

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- As with lists we can write functions on **Trees** using pattern matching
- There are two types of tree, hence two types of pattern to consider
- Example: **treeSize** for computing the number of nodes in a tree

```

treeSize :: Tree a -> Int
treeSize Empty          = 0
treeSize ( Node l x r ) = 1 + treeSize l + treeSize r
  
```

- Compare this with **length** for lists; here **treeSize** has *two* “sub-trees” to explore beneath each **Node** hence *two* recursive calls to **treeSize**

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- Another example: **flatten** which will reduce a **Tree a** to a list of type `[a]` by performing an *in-order* traversal of the tree
- In-order traversal visits the nodes from left to right

```

flatten :: Tree a -> [ a ]
flatten Empty
  = [ ]
flatten ( Node t1 x t2 )
  = flatten t1 ++ ( x : flatten t2 )
  
```

- Note that the flattened version of **t1** is the leftmost argument of **++** and therefore will appear *first* in the resulting list; hence the left-to-right order

□ How many calls to `‘:’` are required to flatten a perfectly balanced tree containing $n = 2^k - 1$ elements? How would you redefine **flatten** so that exactly *one* `‘:’` is required for each element?

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- Example: a function to insert a number into an ordered tree
- An ordered tree satisfies the property that for every node:
 - Every element of the left subtree is smaller than (or equal to) the element at the node
 - The element at the node is smaller than every element in the right subtree

```

insert :: Int -> Tree Int -> Tree Int
insert n Empty
  = Node Empty n Empty
insert n ( Node t1 x t2 )
  | n <= x    = Node ( insert n t1 ) x t2
  | otherwise = Node t1 x ( insert n t2 )
  
```

□ Note that **insert** as defined is *not* polymorphic. Why?

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- Example: a function to construct an ordered tree from an unordered list of numbers:

```
build :: [ Int ] -> Tree Int
build = foldr insert Empty
```

- Hence, yet another program for sorting a list of numbers:

```
treeSort :: [ Int ] -> [ Int ]
treeSort = flatten . build
```

? On average, how many nodes have to be visited for each insertion?

? If you use the optimised version of **flatten** (see above) how many constructor calls (list and tree constructors) are required on average to sort a list of n elements?

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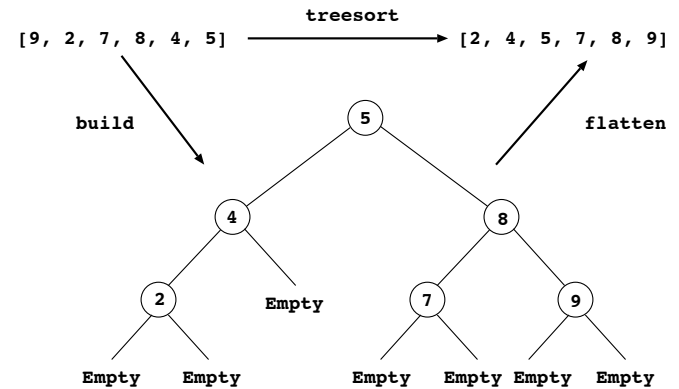
Optional extra (needed for Exercise Sheet 4)

- We can also define higher-order functions that model recursive patterns in more complex data structures
- Let's define a slightly different type of tree to that earlier and build some equivalents to **map** and **fold** for lists
- Our new trees will hold values only at the leaves

```
data Tree t = Empty |
             Leaf t |
             Node ( Tree t ) ( Tree t )
             deriving ( Show )
```

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- The composition of **build** and **flatten** can be seen clearly with a pretty picture:



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- The equivalent of the **map** function on lists will transform the items at the leaves, but preserves the tree's shape:

```
mapt :: ( a -> b ) -> Tree a -> Tree b
mapt f Empty
    = Empty
mapt f ( Leaf x )
    = Leaf ( f x )
mapt f ( Node t1 t2 )
    = Node ( mapt f t1 ) ( mapt f t2 )
```

- For example, for a **Tree Num** we can double to each element stored by applying the function `mapt (* 2)` to the tree

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- The equivalent of `fold` reduces a tree to a new value, but there are several variants, e.g.

```
foldt :: ( a -> b -> b ) -> b -> Tree a -> b
foldt f b Empty      = b
foldt f b ( Leaf x )  = f x b
foldt f b ( Node l r ) = foldt f ( foldt f b l ) r
```

- This accumulates the reduced tree from left to right, hence:

```
foldt max 0      Find the maximum
foldt (+) 0      Sum all elements
foldt (:) []     Flatten from right to left
```

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```
class Eq t where
  (==), (/=) :: t -> t -> Bool
  x /= y      = not (x == y)
  x == y      = not (x /= y)
```

- Note the *default* definition of `/=`; as we add new types to the equality class, `/=` will be defined automatically (in terms of `==`)
- The member *types* of a class (the types that `t` can be above) are called *instances* of that class; for `Eq` the instances include `Int`, `Float`, `Bool`, `Char`
- It is this which enables use to write things like
`True == True || 'a' == 'b' && 13 /= 7`

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Part V: Classes

- In contrast to polymorphic functions such as `length`, some functions, e.g. `==`, are *overloaded*:
 - they can be used at more than one type
 - their definitions are different at different types
- The collection of types over which a function is defined is called a *class*
- The set of types over which `==` is defined is called the *equality class*, `Eq`
- We say that `==` is a *member function* of `Eq`
- Note that `/=` is also a member of `Eq`
- The Haskell equality class is defined by:

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Extending a Class

- Suppose we wish to check whether two `Switch` values are equal. We could define a new function, e.g.

```
eqSwitch :: Switch -> Switch -> Bool
eqSwitch On On    = True
eqSwitch Off Off  = True
eqSwitch s1 s2    = False
```

- This is fine, but it would be much more convenient if we could use `==` instead, as in `Off == On` for example
- The problem is that the type `Switch` is *not* by default a member of `Eq`!
- However, we can add it in one of two ways:

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- 1 Explicitly by adding a definition of ‘==’ on values of type **Switch**:

```
instance Eq Switch where
  On == On    = True
  Off == Off  = True
  s1 == s2    = False
```

(Note that /= is defined in terms of == by default in the class definition but we could *override* it here if we wanted)

- 2 Implicitly using the keyword **deriving** in the **data** definition:

```
data Switch = On | Off
           deriving (Eq)
```

- The use of **deriving** saves us a lot of work—the system builds the definition of == over **Switch** values automatically
- To really appreciate the benefits, try writing == for type **Day**, defined earlier!

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Puzzle: Given the Eq class definition:

```
class Eq t where
  (==), (/=) :: t -> t -> Bool
  x /= y      = not (x == y)
  x == y      = not (x /= y)
```

and the following data type and instance declaration:

```
data D = C Int

instance Eq D
```

(i.e. D uses Eq’s default definitions for == and /=), what happens if we try to compute `C 1 == C 2`?

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Contexts

- Some function types need to be *restricted* to reflect the operations that they perform on their arguments
- Here is a valid definition

```
equals :: Int -> Int -> Bool
equals x y = x == y
```

- However, if we try to make this polymorphic, as in

```
equals :: t -> t -> Bool
equals x y = x == y
```

we get an error

- A type variable **t** in a type means (literally) “for all **t**”, but `equals` will only work if values of type **t** are *comparable*

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- To make the type of `equals` as *general* as possible, we need to give **t** a *context* thus

```
equals :: Eq t => t -> t -> Bool
equals x y = x == y
```

- `Eq t => ...` now means “any **t** that is a member of **Eq**” rather than “for *all* **t**”
- Example: Haskell provides a built-in function `elem` for testing membership of a list, e.g.

```
elem 1 [ 2, 4, 9 ]    -> False
elem 'a' "Harry"     -> True
elem True []          -> False
```

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- So, what is the type of `elem`?
- The basic type structure is clearly of the form
`a -> [a] -> Bool`
- However, the list elements (the things of type `a`) *must* be comparable, i.e. `a` must be an instance of `Eq`
- In the Haskell standard prelude, we find:

```
elem :: Eq a => a -> [ a ] -> Bool
```

Q: What is the most general type of the following function?

```
getAll a [] = []
getAll a ( ( x, y ) : rest )
  = if a == x
    then y : getAll a rest
    else getAll a rest
```

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```
class (Eq a) => Ord a where
  compare          :: a -> a -> Ordering
  (<), (<=), (>=), (>) :: a -> a -> Bool
  max, min         :: a -> a -> a
  compare x y
    | x == y    = EQ
    | x <= y    = LT
    | otherwise = GT
  x <= y = compare x y /= GT
  x < y  = compare x y == LT
  x >= y = compare x y /= LT
  x > y  = compare x y == GT
```

- We say that `Ord` *inherits* the operations of `Eq`

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Derived Classes

- Some classes may restrict their instance types to belong to certain other classes
- The simplest example is another built-in class called `Ord` representing the *ordered* types
- For a type to be a member of `Ord` it must also be a member of the *superclass* `Eq`
- Given the data type:

```
data Ordering = LT | EQ | GT
```

`Ord` can be defined using a context thus (see over):

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- Note that we can only compute `x <= y` if we can also compute `x == y`
- The basic types `Int`, `Float`, `Bool`, `Char` are all instances of `Ord`
- This enables us to write, e.g. `4 <= 9`, `'d' > 't'`,
`max True False`
- If necessary, we can add new types to `Ord` in the same way that we added new types to `Eq`, for example

```
data Day = Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu |
          Fri | Sat | Sun
          deriving ( Eq, Ord )
```

- Note that we cannot derive `Ord` without `Eq`; we must list them both

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- The automatically-generated definitions of `<`, `<=`, `>`, ... assume the constructors to be ordered as they are written
- Thus

```
More> Tue < Mon
False
More> Thu >= Mon
True
More> Sun <= Sun
True
More> Fri == Sat
False
```

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- Another important class is called **Show** which includes a function for converting an object of an instance type into a string (i.e. a **String**)
- This enables Haskell to print the result of an arbitrary expression evaluation
- For example, without making **Day** an instance of **Show** the Haskell system cannot “display” values of type **Day**, e.g.

```
Main> Mon

ERROR: Cannot find "show" function for:
*** expression : Mon
*** of type    : Day
```

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- Recursive data types can also be added to classes **Eq** and **Ord**:

```
data Stack a = Base | Above a ( Stack a )
              deriving ( Eq, Ord )
```

- We can compare two **Stack a** values *provided* that **a** is also an instance of **Ord**, e.g.

```
More> Above 8 Base > Above 7 Base
True
More> Above Mon Base >= Base
True
More> Above False ( Above True Base ) < Base
False
```

- However, `Above Off Base > Base` is an error because the type **Switch** is not an instance of **Ord**

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- Let's fix it:

```
data Day = Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu |
          Fri | Sat | Sun
          deriving ( Eq, Ord, Show )
```

- Now (if **Stack** also derives **Show**)...

```
Main> Mon
Mon
Main> Above Fri Base
Above Fri Base
```

- The built-in function `show :: Show a => a -> String` uses the member functions of **Show** to convert objects into strings

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- Alternatively, we might want to display values of type `Day` differently:

```
instance Show Day where
  show Mon = "Monday"
  show Tue = "Tuesday"
  show Wed = "Wednesday"
  show Thu = "Thursday"
  show Fri = "Friday"
  show Sat = "Saturday"
  show Sun = "Sunday"
```

- For example,

```
Main> ( Tue, Wed )
(Tuesday,Wednesday)
```

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Multiple Constraints

- Contexts can include an arbitrary number of constraints, for example

```
showSmaller x y = if x < y then show x else show y
```

- Both `x` and `y` must be comparable by `<` and valid arguments to `show`, i.e. instances of *both* `Ord` and `Show`

```
Hugs.Base> :t showSmaller
showSmaller :: ( Ord a, Show a ) => a -> a -> String
```

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- Finally, note that multiple constraints can occur in instance declarations
- For example, the pair type `(t, u)` is already defined to be an instance of `Eq`
- For two pairs to be comparable using `==` their components must also be comparable
- Hence this in Haskell's standard prelude:

```
instance ( Eq t, Eq u ) => Eq ( t, u ) where
  ( a, b ) == ( c, d ) = if a == c then b == d
                        else False
```

- As an exercise, look up the details of class `Eval` and work out how the `Num` class works

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