Informatics 1 Functional Programming Lectures 5 and 6 Tuesday 1 and Thursday 3 October 2013

More fun with recursion

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Tutorials

Attendance is compulsory.

Tuesday/Wednesday Computation and Logic

Thursday/Friday Functional Programming

You *must* do each week's tutorial exercise! Do it *before* the tutorial!

Bring a *printout* of your work to the tutorial!

You may *collaborate*, but you are responsible for knowing the material.

Mark of 0% on tutorial exercises means you have no incentive to *plagiarize*.

But you will fail the exam if you don't do the tutorial exercises!

Start work on the tutorial as *early* as possible.

Required text and reading

Haskell: The Craft of Functional Programming (Third Edition), Simon Thompson, Addison-Wesley, 2011.

or

Learn You a Haskell for Great Good! Miran Lipovača, No Starch Press, 2011.

Reading assignment

Monday 23 September 2013 Thompson: parts of Chap. 1-3 and 5

Lipovača: parts of intro, Chap. 1-3

Monday 30 September 2013 Thompson: parts of Chap. 4-7 and 17

Lipovača: rest of Chap. 1 and 3, Chap. 4

The assigned reading covers the material very well with plenty of examples.

There will be no lecture notes, just the books. Get one of them and read it!

Part I

Booleans and characters

Boolean operators

```
not :: Bool -> Bool
(\&\&), (||) :: Bool -> Bool -> Bool
not False = True
not True = False
False && False = False
False && True = False
True && False = False
True && True = True
False | | False = False
False | | True = True
     || False = True
True
True || True = True
```

Defining operations on characters

```
isLower :: Char -> Bool
isLower x = 'a' <= x && x <= 'z'

isUpper :: Char -> Bool
isUpper x = 'A' <= x && x <= 'Z'

isDigit :: Char -> Bool
isDigit x = '0' <= x && x <= '9'

isAlpha :: Char -> Bool
isAlpha x = isLower x || isUpper x
```

Defining operations on characters

These rely on the conversion functions:

```
ord :: Char -> Int -- same as: fromEnum :: Char -> Int chr :: Int -> Char -- same as: toEnum :: Int -> Char
```

Part II

Conditionals and Associativity

Conditional equations

Conditional equations with otherwise

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Conditional expressions

Another way to define max3

Key points about conditionals

- As always: write your program in a form that is easy to read. Don't worry (yet) about efficiency: premature optimization is the root of much evil.
- Conditionals are your friend: without them, programs could do very little that is interesting.
- Conditionals are your enemy: each conditional doubles the number of test cases you must consider. A program with five two-way conditionals requires $2^5 = 32$ test cases to try every path through the program. A program with ten two-way conditionals requires $2^{10} = 1024$ test cases.

A better way to define max3

```
max3: Int \rightarrow Int \rightarrow Int \rightarrow Int max3 x y z = max (max x y) z
```

An even better way to define max3

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Associativity

```
prop_max_assoc :: Int -> Int -> Int -> Bool
prop_max_assoc x y z =
  (x 'max' y) 'max' z == x 'max' (y 'max' z)
```

It doesn't matter where the parentheses go with an associative operator, so we often omit them.

Associativity

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```

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Why we use infix notation

```
prop_max_assoc :: Int -> Int -> Bool
prop_max_assoc x y z =
  max (max x y) z == max x (max y z)
```

This is much harder to read than infix notation!

Key points about associativity

- There are a few key properties about operators: *associativity*, *identity*, *commutativity*, *distributivity*, *zero*, *idempotence*. You should know and understand these properties.
- When you meet a new operator, the first question you should ask is "Is it associative?" The second is "Does it have an identity?"
- Associativity is our friend, because it means we don't need to worry about parentheses. The program is easier to read.
- Associativity is our friend, because it is key to writing programs that run twice as fast on dual-core machines, and a thousand times as fast on machines with a thousand cores. We will study this later in the course.

Part III

Append

Append

```
(++) :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
[] ++ ys = ys
(x:xs) ++ ys = x : (xs ++ ys)
 "abc" ++ "de"
  ('a' : ('b' : ('c' : []))) ++ ('d' : ('e' : []))
 'a' : (('b' : ('c' : [])) ++ ('d' : ('e' : [])))
=
  'a' : ('b' : (('c' : []) ++ ('d' : ('e' : []))))
=
  'a' : ('b' : ('c' : ([] ++ ('d' : ('e' : [])))))
  'a' : ('b' : ('c' : ('d' : ('e' : []))))
 "abcde"
```

Append

```
(++) :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
[] ++ ys = ys
(x:xs) ++ ys = x : (xs ++ ys)
 "abc" ++ "de"
 'a' : ("bc" ++ "de")
 'a' : ('b' : ("c" ++ "de"))
=
  'a' : ('b' : ('c' : ("" ++ "de")))
=
 'a' : ('b' : ('c' : "de"))
 "abcde"
```

Properties of append

```
prop_append_assoc :: [Int] -> [Int] -> Bool
prop_append_assoc xs ys zs =
    (xs ++ ys) ++ zs == xs ++ (ys ++ zs)

prop_append_ident :: [Int] -> Bool
prop_append_ident xs =
    xs ++ [] == xs && xs == [] ++ xs

prop_append_cons :: Int -> [Int] -> Bool
prop_append_cons x xs =
    [x] ++ xs == x : xs
```

Efficiency

```
(++) :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
[] ++ ys = ys
(x:xs) ++ ys = x : (xs ++ ys)
 "abc" ++ "de"
 'a' : ("bc" ++ "de")
 'a' : ('b' : ("c" ++ "de"))
=
 'a' : ('b' : ('c' : ("" ++ "de")))
 'a' : ('b' : ('c' : "de"))
=
 "abcde"
```

Computing xs ++ ys takes about n steps, where n is the length of xs.

A useful fact

```
-- prop_sum.hs
import Test.QuickCheck

prop_sum :: Integer -> Property
prop_sum n = n >= 0 ==> sum [1..n] == n * (n+1) 'div' 2

[melchior]dts: ghci prop_sum.hs
GHCi, version 6.8.3: http://www.haskell.org/ghc/ :? for help
*Main> quickCheck prop_sum
+++ OK, passed 100 tests.
*Main>
```

Associativity and Efficiency: Left vs. Right

Compare computing (associated to the left)

$$((xs_1 ++ xs_2) ++ xs_3) ++ xs_4$$

with computing (associated to the right)

$$xs_1 ++ (xs_2 ++ (xs_3 ++ xs_4))$$

where n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4 are the lengths of xs_1, xs_2, xs_3, xs_4 . Associating to the left takes

$$n_1 + (n_1 + n_2) + (n_1 + n_2 + n_3)$$

steps. If we have m lists of length n, it takes about m^2n steps. Associating to the right takes

$$n_1 + n_2 + n_3$$

steps. If we have m lists of length n, it takes about mn steps.

When m = 1000, the first is a thousand times slower than the second!

Associativity and Efficiency: Sequential vs. Parallel

Compare computing (sequential)

$$(x_1 + (x_2 + (x_3 + (x_4 + (x_5 + (x_6 + (x_7 + x_8))))))))$$

with computing (parallel)

$$((x_1+x_2) + (x_3+x_4)) + ((x_5+x_6) + (x_7+x_8))$$

In sequence, summing 8 numbers takes 7 steps.

If we have m numbers it takes m-1 steps.

In parallel, summing 8 numbers takes 3 steps.

$$x_1 + x_2$$
 and $x_3 + x_4$ and $x_5 + x_6$ and $x_7 + x_8$
 $(x_1 + x_2) + (x_3 + x_4)$ and $(x_5 + x_6) + (x_7 + x_8)$,
 $((x_1 + x_2) + (x_3 + x_4)) + ((x_5 + x_6) + (x_7 + x_8))$

If we have m numbers it takes $\log_2 m$ steps.

When m = 1000, the first is a hundred times slower than the second!

Part IV

Counting

Counting

```
Prelude [1..3]
[1,2,3]
Prelude enumFromTo 1 3
[1,2,3]

[m..n] stands for enumFromTo m n
```

Recursion

How enumFromTo works (recursion)

```
enumFromTo :: Int -> Int -> [Int]
enumFromTo m n | m > n = []
               | m \le n = m : enumFromTo (m+1) n
 enumFromTo 1 3
 1 : enumFromTo 2 3
 1 : (2 : enumFromTo 3 3)
=
 1 : (2 : (3 : enumFromTo 4 3))
=
 1: (2: (3:[]))
=
  [1, 2, 3]
```

Factorial

```
Main*> factorial 3
```

Library functions

```
factorial :: Int -> Int
factorial n = product [1..n]
```

Recursion

How factorial works (recursion)

```
factorialRec :: Int -> Int
factorialRec n = fact 1 n
 where
 fact :: Int -> Int -> Int
 fact m n | m > n = 1
           \mid m \le n = m * fact (m+1) n
  factorialRec 3
=
   fact 1 3
  1 * fact 2 3
=
   1 * (2 * fact 3 3)
=
   1 * (2 * (3 * fact 4 3))
=
  1 * (2 * (3 * 1))
=
   6
```

Counting forever!

```
Prelude [0..]
[0,1,2,3,4,5,...
Prelude enumFrom 0
[0,1,2,3,4,5,...
[m..] stands for enumFrom m
```

Recursion

```
enumFrom :: Int -> [Int]
enumFrom m = m : enumFrom (m+1)
```

How enumFrom works (recursion)

```
enumFrom :: Int -> [Int]
enumFrom m = m : enumFrom (m+1)
 enumFrom 0
 0 : enumFrom 1
 0 : (1 : enumFrom 2)
 0 : (1 : (2 : enumFrom 3))
  [0,1,2,... -- computation goes on forever!
```

Part V

Zip and search

Zip

```
zip :: [a] -> [b] -> [(a,b)]
zip [] ys
                  = []
zip xs []
zip (x:xs) (y:ys) = (x,y) : zip xs ys
 zip [0,1,2] "abc"
=
  (0,'a') : zip [1,2]"bc"
  (0,'a') : ((1,'b') : zip [2] "c")
=
  (0,'a') : ((1,'b') : ((2,'c') : zip [] ""))
=
  (0,'a') : ((1,'b') : ((2,'c') : []))
  [(0,'a'),(1,'b'),(2,'c')]
```

Two alternative definitions of zip

Liberal

Conservative

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

zipHarsh [] = []

zipHarsh (x:xs) (y:ys) = (x,y) : zipHarsh xs ys
```

Lists of different lengths

```
Prelude> zip [0,1,2] "abc"
[(0,'a'),(1,'b'),(2,'c')]
Prelude> zipHarsh [0,1,2] "abc"
[(0,'a'),(1,'b'),(2,'c')]
Prelude > zip [0,1,2] "abcde"
[(0,'a'),(1,'b'),(2,'c')]
Prelude> zipHarsh [0,1,2] "abcde"
[(0,'a'),(1,'b'),(2,'c')*** Exception:
Non-exhaustive patterns in function zipHarsh
Prelude > zip [0,1,2,3,4] "abc"
[(0,'a'),(1,'b'),(2,'c')]
Prelude> zipHarsh [0,1,2,3,4] "abc"
[(0,'a'),(1,'b'),(2,'c')*** Exception:
Non-exhaustive patterns in function zipHarsh
```

More fun with zip

```
Prelude> zip [0..] "words"
[(0,'w'),(1,'o'),(2,'r'),(3,'d'),(4,'s')]
Prelude> let pairs xs = zip xs (tail xs)
Prelude> pairs "words"
[('w','o'),('o','r'),('r','d'),('d','s')]
```

Zip with an infinite list

```
zip :: [a] -> [b] -> [(a,b)]
zip [] ys
                 = []
zip xs [] = []
zip (x:xs) (y:ys) = (x,y) : zip xs ys
 zip [0..] "abc"
=
  (0,'a') : zip [1..] "bc"
  (0,'a') : ((1,'b') : zip [2..] "c")
=
  (0,'a') : ((1,'b') : ((2,'c') : zip [3...] ""))
=
  (0,'a'): ((1,'b'): ((2,'c'): zip (3:[4..]) ""))
  (0,'a') : ((1,'b') : ((2,'c') : []))
  [(0,'a'),(1,'b'),(2,'c')]
```

Computer can determine $(3 : [4..]) \neq []$ without computing [4..].

Dot product of two lists

Comprehensions and library functions

```
dot :: Num a => [a] -> [a] -> a dot xs ys = sum [x*y | (x,y) <- zipHarsh xs ys ]
```

Recursion

```
dotRec :: Num a => [a] -> [a] -> a
dotRec [] [] = 0
dotRec (x:xs) (y:ys) = x*y + dotRec xs ys
```

How dot product works (comprehension)

```
dot :: Num a => [a] -> a
dot xs ys = sum [x*y | (x,y) <- zip xs ys]
 dot [2,3,4] [5,6,7]
  sum [ x*y | (x,y) < -zip [2,3,4] [5,6,7] ]
=
 sum [x*y | (x,y) < -[(2,5), (3,6), (4,7)]]
=
 sum [ 2*5, 3*6, 4*7 ]
=
 sum [ 10, 18, 28 ]
=
 56
```

How dot product works (recursion)

```
dotRec :: Num a => [a] -> a
dotRec [] []
dotRec (x:xs) (y:ys) = x*y + dotRec xs ys
 dotRec [2,3,4] [5,6,7]
  dotRec (2:(3:(4:[]))) (5:(6:(7:[])))
=
 2*5 + dotRec (3:(4:[])) (6:(7:[]))
=
 2*5 + (3*6 + dotRec (4:[]) (7:[]))
=
 2*5 + (3*6 + (4*7 + dotRec [] []))
=
 2*5 + (3*6 + (4*7 + 0))
  10 + (18 + (28 + 0))
=
 56
```

Search

```
Main*> search "bookshop" 'o'
[1,2,6]
```

Comprehensions and library functions

```
search :: Eq a => [a] -> a -> [Int]
search xs y = [i | (i,x) <- zip [0..] xs, x==y]
```

Recursion

```
searchRec :: Eq a => [a] -> a -> [Int]
searchRec xs y = srch xs y 0
    where
    srch :: Eq a => [a] -> a -> Int -> [Int]
    srch [] y i = []
    srch (x:xs) y i
    | x == y = i : srch xs y (i+1)
    | otherwise = srch xs y (i+1)
```

How search works (comprehension)

```
search :: Eq a \Rightarrow [a] \rightarrow a \rightarrow [Int]
search xs y = [i | (i,x) < -zip [0..] xs, x==y]
  search "book" 'o'
=
  [i | (i,x) < -zip [0..] "book", x=='o']
=
  [i \mid (i,x) \leftarrow [(0,'b'),(1,'o'),(2,'o'),(3,'k')], x=='o']
  [0|'b'=='o']++[1|'o'=='o']++[2|'o'=='o']++[3|'k'=='o']
  []++[1]++[2]++[]
=
  [1, 2]
```

How search works (recursion)

```
searchRec xs y = srch xs y 0
 where
 srch [] y i
 srch (x:xs) y i | x == y = i : srch xs y (i+1)
                   | otherwise = srch xs y (i+1)
  searchRec "book" 'o'
  srch "book" 'o' 0
=
 srch "ook" 'o' 1
 1 : srch "ok" 'o' 2
=
 1 : (2 : srch "k" 'o' 3)
 1 : (2 : srch "" 'o' 4)
=
 1: (2: [])
 [1, 2]
```

Part VI

Select, take, and drop

Select, take, and drop

```
Prelude> "words" !! 3
'd'

Prelude> take 3 "words"
"wor"

Prelude> drop 3 "words"
"ds"
```

Select, take, and drop (comprehensions)

```
selectComp :: [a] -> Int -> a -- (!!)
selectComp xs i = the [ x | (j,x) <- zip [0..] xs, j == i ]
    where
    the [x] = x

takeComp :: Int -> [a] -> [a]
takeComp i xs = [ x | (j,x) <- zip [0..] xs, j < i ]

dropComp :: Int -> [a] -> [a]
dropComp i xs = [ x | (j,x) <- zip [0..] xs, j >= i ]
```

How take works (comprehension)

```
takeComp :: Int -> [a] -> [a]
takeComp i xs = [x | (j,x) < -zip [0..] xs, j < i]
  take 3 "words"
=
  [x | (j,x) < -zip [0..] "words", j < 3]
=
  [x \mid (j,x) \leftarrow [(0,'w'),(1,'o'),(2,'r'),(3,'d'),(4,'s')],
        i < 3 1
=
  ['w'|0<3]++['o'|1<3]++['r'|2<3]++['d'|3<3]++['s'|4<3]
=
  ['w']++['o']++['r']++[]++[]
=
  "wor"
```

Lists

Every list can be written using only (:) and [].

A *recursive* definition: A *list* is either

- *null*, written [], or
- *constructed*, written x:xs, with *head* x (an element), and *tail* xs (a list).

Natural numbers

Every natural number can be written using only (+1) and 0.

```
3 = ((0 + 1) + 1) + 1
```

A recursive definition: A natural number is either

- zero, written 0, or
- *successor*, written n+1 with *predecessor* n (a natural number).

Select, take, and drop (recursion)

```
(!!) :: [a] -> Int -> a
(x:xs) !! 0 = x
(x:xs) !! i = xs !! (i-1)

take :: Int -> [a] -> [a]
take 0 xs = []
take i [] = []
take i (x:xs) = x : take (i-1) xs

drop :: Int -> [a] -> [a]
drop 0 xs = xs
drop i [] = []
drop i (x:xs) = drop (i-1) xs
```

Pattern matching and conditionals (squares)

Pattern matching

```
squares :: [Integer] -> [Integer]
squares [] = []
squares (x:xs) = x*x : squares xs
```

Conditionals with binding

```
squares :: [Integer] -> [Integer]
squares ws =
  if null ws then
  []
else
  let
    x = head ws
    xs = tail ws
  in
    x*x : squares xs
```

Pattern matching and conditionals (take)

Pattern matching

```
take :: Int -> [a] -> [a]
take 0 xs = []
take i [] = []
take i (x:xs) = x : take (i-1) xs
```

Conditionals with binding

```
take :: Int -> [a] -> [a]
take i ws
  if i == 0 || null ws then
   []
else
  let
    x = head ws
    xs = tail ws
  in
   x : take (i-1) xs
```

Pattern matching and guards (take)

Pattern matching

```
take :: Int -> [a] -> [a]
take 0 xs = []
take i [] = []
take i (x:xs) = x : take (i-1) xs
```

Guards

How take works (recursion)

```
take :: Int -> [a] -> [a]
take 0 xs = []
take i [] = []
take i (x:xs) = x : take (i-1) xs
 take 3 "words"
=
  'w' : take 2 "ords"
  'w' : ('o' : take 1 "rds")
=
  'w' : ('o' : ('r' : take 0 "ds"))
=
  'w' : ('o' : ('r' : []))
 "wor"
```

The infinite case

The infinite case explained

Function takeComp is equivalent to takeCompRec.

```
takeCompRec :: Int -> [a] -> [a]
takeCompRec i xs = helper 0 i xs
  where
 helper j i []
                                 = []
  helper j i (x:xs) \mid j > i = x : helper (j+1) i xs
                    \mid otherwise = helper (j+1) i xs
  takeCompRec 3 [10..]
  helper 0 3 [10..]
=
  10 : helper 1 3 [11..]
  10 : (11 : helper 2 3 [12..])
=
  10 : (11 : (12 : helper 3 3 [13..]))
=
  10 : (11 : (12 : helper 4 3 [14..]))
= ...
```

Part VII

Arithmetic

Arithmetic (recursion)

```
(+) :: Int -> Int
m + 0 = m
m + n = (m + (n-1)) + 1

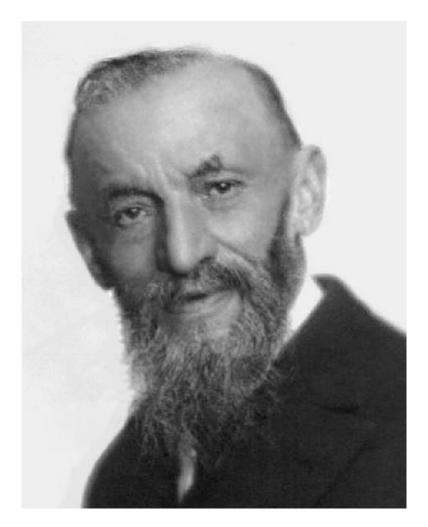
(*) :: Int -> Int -> Int
m * 0 = 0
m * n = (m * (n-1)) + m

(^) :: Int -> Int -> Int
m ^ 0 = 1
m ^ n = (m ^ (n-1)) * m
```

How arithmetic works (recursion)

```
(+) :: Int -> Int -> Int
m + 0 = m
m + n = (m + (n-1)) + 1
   2 + 3
=
   (2 + 2) + 1
=
   ((2 + 1) + 1) + 1
=
   (((2 + 0) + 1) + 1) + 1
=
   ((2 + 1) + 1) + 1
=
   5
```

Giuseppe Peano (1858–1932)



The definition of the natural numbers is named the *Peano axioms* in his honour. Made key contributions to the modern treatment of mathematical induction.