

Exercises E6

1. The data type `Tree` may be parameterised by an arbitrary type (the `Tree` data type in the lecture slides on Data Decls (II) is the same as `Tree Int`):

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

Define the following predicate to test if a value occurs in a search tree:

```
occurs :: Ord a => a -> Tree a -> Bool
```

2. In the Haskell library, one can find the following data type:

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

together with a function

```
compare :: Ord a => a -> a -> Ordering
```

that decides if one value in an ordered type is less than (LT), equal to (EQ), or greater than (GT) another value.

- (1) Using this function, redefine the function `occurs` for search trees, as defined in the above exercise.
- (2) Why is this new definition more efficient than the version defined in the above exercise?