

## Functions with conditions

**2.1** Write two definitions, one using conditional expressions and another using guards for the function `classify :: Int -> String` that gives a qualitative marks for a grade from 0 to 20 according to the following table.

$\leq 9$	"failed"
10–12	"passed"
13–15	"good"
16–18	"very good"
19–20	"excellent"

**2.2** The *body mass index* (BMI) is a simple measure for classifying the weight of adult individuals.<sup>1</sup> The BMI is computed from the individual's weight and height (in Kg and meters):

$$\text{BMI} = \text{weight} / \text{height}^2$$

For example: an individual with 70Kg and 1.70m height has a BMI of  $70/1.70^2 \approx 24.22$ . We can classify the result in the following intervals:

	BMI	< 18.5	"underweight"
$18.5 \leq$	BMI	< 25	"normal weight"
$25 \leq$	BMI	< 30	"overweight"
$30 \leq$	BMI		"obese"

Write a definition of the functions `classifyBMI :: Float -> Float -> String` to implement the above classification table. The two function arguments are, respectively, the weight and height.

**2.3** Consider two definitions of the `max` e `min` from the standard Prelude:

```
max, min :: Ord a => a -> a -> a
max x y = if x>=y then x else y
min x y = if x<=y then x else y
```

- Write similar definitions for two functions `max3` e `min3` that compute the maximum and minimum between three values.
- Observe that the maximum and minimum operations are *associative*: to compute the maximum of three values we can compute the maximum between two of them and then the maximum between the result and third value. Re-write the function `max3` and `min3` using this idea and the Prelude `max` e `min` functions.

**2.4** Write a definition of the *exclusive or* function

<sup>1</sup><https://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/disease-prevention/nutrition/a-healthy-lifestyle/body-mass-index-bmi>

`xor :: Bool -> Bool -> Bool`

using multiple equations with patterns.

**2.5** We want to implement a `safetail :: [a] -> [a]` function that behaves like `tail` but gives the empty list when the argument is empty. Write three distinct definitions using conditional expressions, guards and patterns.

**2.6** Consider a function `short :: [a] -> Bool` that checks if a list has fewer than three elements.

- (a) Write a definition of `short` using the `length` function.
- (b) Write another definition using multiple equations and patterns.

**2.7** The median of three values is the middle value when we place them in ascending order. For example: `median 2 3 (-1) == 2`.

- (a) Write a definition of the `median` function that determines the median of any three values. What is its most general type? Note that we only need comparisons to determine the median.
- (b) Instead of defining the median using comparisons you could use the following idea: add all three values and subtract the largest and smallest values. Re-define `median` this way. What is the most general type for this new definition?

## List comprehensions

**2.8** Define a function `propDivs :: Integer -> [Integer]` using a list comprehension that computes the list of *proper divisors* of a positive integer ( $d$  is a proper divisor of  $n$  if  $d$  divides  $n$  and  $d < n$ ).

Example: `propDivs 10 = [1, 2, 5]`.

**2.9** A positive integer  $n$  is *perfect* if it equals the sum of its proper divisors. Define a function `perfects :: Integer -> [Integer]` that computes the list of all perfect numbers up to a limit given as argument.

Example: `perfects 500 = [6, 28, 496]`.

*Hint:* use a list comprehension and together with the function defined in the previous exercise.

**2.10** A triple  $(x, y, z)$  of positive integers is *pythagorical* if  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ . Define a function `pyths :: Integer -> [(Integer, Integer, Integer)]` that computes all pythagorical triples whose components are limited by the argument.

Example: `pyths 10 = [(3,4,5), (4,3,5), (6,8,10), (8, 6, 10)]`.

**2.11** Define a function `isPrime :: Integer -> Bool` that tests primality:  $n$  is prime if it has exactly two divisors, namely, 1 and  $n$ .

Example: `isPrime 17 = True, isPrime 21 = False`.

*Hint:* use a list comprehension to get the list of divisors.

**2.12** Show that you can write alternative definitions of the Prelude functions `concat`, `replicate` and `(!!)` using just list comprehensions (not recursion). Rename your functions to avoid clashes, e.g. `myconcat`, `myreplicate`, etc.

**2.13** Recall that the *binomial coefficient*  $\binom{n}{k}$  is the number of subsets of size  $k$  that can be taken from a set of  $n$  elements, for  $0 \leq k \leq n$ .

- (a) Define a function `binom :: Integer -> Integer -> Integer` to compute the binomial coefficient using the following formula

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

where  $n! = 1 \times 2 \times \cdots \times n$  is the factorial of  $n$ .

Example:  $\binom{3}{1} = 3!/(1!(3-1)!) = 6/2 = 3$ .

*Hint:* use the product function from the Prelude to compute factorials.

- (b) Define another function `pascal :: Integer -> [[Integer]]` that computes the Pascal triangle up-to a given line.

```
pascal n = [ [binom 0 0],
              [binom 1 0, binom 1 1],
              [binom 2 0, binom 2 1, binom 2 2],
              \vdots
              [binom n 0, binom n 1, ..., binom n n] ]
```

Example: `pascal 3 = [[1], [1,1], [1,2,1], [1,3,3,1]]`.

*Hint:* use the `binom` function and list comprehensions.