

## 1 Infinite lists and lazy evaluation

**4.1** Consider two series (i.e. infinite sums) that converge to  $\pi$ :

$$\pi = \frac{4}{1} - \frac{4}{3} + \frac{4}{5} - \frac{4}{7} + \dots$$

$$\pi = 3 + \frac{4}{2 \times 3 \times 4} - \frac{4}{4 \times 5 \times 6} + \frac{4}{6 \times 7 \times 8} - \dots$$

Write two functions `calcPi1`, `calcPi2 :: Int -> Double` that compute  $\pi$  approximately using a given number of terms; investigate which of the series converges faster.

*Hint:* Express the series as infinite lists for the numerators and denominators separately and combine them using `zip` or `zipWith`.

**4.2** *Twin primes* are pairs of consecutive prime numbers  $(p, p')$  such that  $p' = p + 2$ . For example:  $(3, 5)$  and  $(5, 7)$  are twin primes (because  $5 = 3 + 2$  and  $7 = 5 + 2$ ) but  $(7, 11)$  are not twin primes (because  $11 \neq 7 + 2$ ).

The *twin prime conjecture* states that there exists an infinity number of twin primes, but this has not been yet been proved.<sup>1</sup>

We can, however, test this for “small” numbers experimentally using a Haskell program. Define the (infinite?) list `twinPrimes :: [(Integer, Integer)]` of all twin primes pairs by ascending order.

*Hint:* Use the definition of the infinite list of primes presented in the lectures.

**4.3** The *Hamming numbers* are generated by starting at 1 and multiplying by 2, 3 or 5. Another way of characterizing them is saying that Hamming numbers have the form  $2^i \times 3^j \times 5^k$  for  $i, j, k$  non-negative integers.

We can use a Haskell list comprehension to generate some Hamming numbers:

```
ghci> [2^i*3^j*5^k | i<-[0..2], j<-[0..2], k<-[0..2]]
[1,5,25,3,15,75,9,45,225,2,10,50,6,30,150,18,90,450,4,20,100,
12,60,300,36,180,900]
```

However, the following expression does *not* produce the infinite list of all Hamming numbers (why?):

```
[2^i*3^j*5^k | i<-[0..], j<-[0..], k<-[0..]]
```

Write a correct expression to generate the infinite list of Hamming numbers.

*Hint:* start by an auxiliary definition to generate numbers of the form  $2^i \times 3^j \times 5^k$  such that  $i + j + k = n$  for some given  $n$ .

**4.4** This exercise asks you to implement a method for producing Hamming numbers in ascending order and without repetitions.

<sup>1</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twin\\_prime](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Twin_prime)

- (a) Define a function `merge :: [Integer] -> [Integer] -> [Integer]` for merging two infinite ordered lists, maintaining the order and removing duplicates.
- (b) Define the infinite list `hamming :: [Integer]`: it starts with 1, followed by the merging of the mapping of  $2\times$ ,  $3\times$  and  $5\times$  over the `hamming` list recursively.

## 2 Programming with IO

### 4.5 The ROT13 substitution cipher.

- (a) Write a Haskell program to implement the “ROT13” text transformation: exchange every letter with the corresponding one 13 positions ahead; non-letters characters remain unchanged. This is a very simple substitution cipher that was used in the early internet years to hide “spoilers” in message forums; see <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ROT13>.  
*Hint:* use the `ord` and `chr` functions from the `Data.Char` module to convert characters to and from integers.
- (b) If you followed the “functional core, imperative shell” design, you can test the core of the implementation using a QuickCheck property: applying ROT13 twice to any string should give back the original string.

**4.6** We want to format words of a text into a paragraph so that each line does not exceed a maximum given width. We start with a few type synonyms for readability:

```
type AWord    = String
type Line     = [AWord]
type Paragraph = [Line]
```

A *word* is just a string, a *line* is a list of words and a *paragraph* is a list of lines.<sup>2</sup>

- (a) Define a pure function `fillWords :: Int -> [AWord] -> Paragraph` that fills a paragraph given a maximum width and a list of words.  
Example:

```
fillWords 10 ["aa", "b", "ccc", "d", "aa", "bbb"] ==
== [ ["aa", "b", "ccc", "d"], ["aa", "bbb"] ]
```

- (b) Use the previous function to write a complete program that reads words from the standard input and writes out a paragraph with maximum length of (say) 70 characters.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>We use `AWord` instead of `Word` to avoid clashing with the Prelude type for unsigned integers.

<sup>3</sup>This limit should be made into a command-line argument, but is hard-coded in this exercise for simplicity.

*Hint:* some Prelude functions that could be useful for this task: `words`, `unwords`, `lines`, `unlines`. Check the documentation about them.

**4.7 A basic spelling checker.** We want to write a program which reads a dictionary (a list of valid words) and a text and marks words that do not occur in the dictionary (i.e. possible spelling mistakes). We start with a type synonym: a dictionary is simply a list of words (i.e. strings).

```
type Dict = [String]
```

In Linux systems the file `/usr/share/dict/words` contains the “default language” dictionary; this is a large text file with one word in each line. We can read this using the following Haskell code.

```
readDict :: IO Dict
readDict = do txt <- readFile "/usr/share/dict/words"
             return (words txt)
```

- (a) As a warm-up exercise, write a main program that calls `readDict` and prints the length of the dictionary (i.e. the number of words). Run this program on your machine to confirm that it works. It should report roughly 100K words.
- (b) Write a pure function `checkWord :: Dict -> String -> String` that takes a dictionary and a string and adds “reverse video” escape codes<sup>4</sup> when the string isn’t in the dictionary.

```
checkWord ["good","words"] "good" == "good"
checkWord ["good","words"] "bad"  == "\ESC[7mbad\ESC[0m"
```

The sequence `"\ESC[7m"` switches to reverse video and `"\ESC[0m"` switches back to normal video; try `putStrLn (checkWord ...)` in GHCi to see the effect.

Use the Prelude function `elem` to check the occurrence of a string in a list.

- (c) Write a pure function `spellCheck :: Dict -> String -> String` that breaks up a text into lines and words, applies the `checkWord` for each word, and joins them back into a complete text again. *Hint:* use `words`, `unwords`, `lines` and `unlines`.
- (d) Write the main IO action that reads the dictionary, reads the standard input with `getContents`, and outputs the result of `spellCheck` using `putStr`.

Note: your program will perform sequential search of each word in a large list (the dictionary); we will later see how to implement a more efficient data structure (e.g. a binary search tree) and speed up this program considerably.

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<sup>4</sup>[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ANSI\\_escape\\_code](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ANSI_escape_code)