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Preface

“Some half dozen persons have written technically on combinatory logic, and most of these, including ourselves, have published something erroneous. Since some of our fellow sinners are among the most careful and competent logicians on the contemporary scene, we regard this as evidence that the subject is refractory. Thus fullness of exposition is necessary for accuracy; and excessive condensation would be false economy here, even more than it is ordinarily.”

Haskell B. Curry and Robert Feys
in the Preface to *Combinatory Logic* [3], May 31, 1956

In September of 1987 a meeting was held at the conference on Functional Programming Languages and Computer Architecture in Portland, Oregon, to discuss an unfortunate situation in the functional programming community: there had come into being more than a dozen non-strict, purely functional programming languages, all similar in expressive power and semantic underpinnings. There was a strong consensus at this meeting that more widespread use of this class of functional languages was being hampered by the lack of a common language. It was decided that a committee should be formed to design such a language, providing faster communication of new ideas, a stable foundation for real applications development, and a vehicle through which others would be encouraged to use functional languages. This document describes the result of that committee’s efforts: a purely functional programming language called HASKELL, named after the logician Haskell B. Curry whose work provides the logical basis for much of ours.

Goals

The committee’s primary goal was to design a language that satisfied these constraints:

1. It should be suitable for teaching, research, and applications, including building large systems.
2. It should be completely described via the publication of a formal syntax and semantics.
3. It should be freely available. Anyone should be permitted to implement the language and distribute it to whomever they please.
4. It should be based on ideas that enjoy a wide consensus.
5. It should reduce unnecessary diversity in functional programming languages.

The committee hopes that HASKELL can serve as a basis for future research in language design. We hope that extensions or variants of the language may appear, incorporating experimental features.

This Report

This report is the official specification of the HASKELL language and should be suitable for writing programs and building implementations. It is *not* a tutorial on programming in HASKELL, so some familiarity with functional languages is assumed. Being the first edition of the specification, there may be some errors and inconsistencies; beware.

The Next Stage

HASKELL is a large and complex language, because it is designed for a wide spectrum of purposes. It also introduces a major new technical innovation, namely using type classes to handle overloading in a systematic way. This innovation permeates every aspect of the language.

HASKELL is bound to contain infelicities and errors of judgement. During the forthcoming year we welcome your comments, suggestions and criticisms on the language, or its presentation in the report. Together with your input and our own experience of using the language, we plan to meet in about a year's time to resolve difficulties and further stabilise the design.

A common mailing list for technical discussion of HASKELL can be reached at either `haskell@cs.yale.edu` or `haskell@cs.glasgow.ac.uk`. Errata sheets for this report will be posted there. To subscribe, send a request to `haskell-request@cs.glasgow.ac.uk` (European residents) or `haskell-request@cs.yale.edu` (residents elsewhere).

We thought it would be helpful to identify the aspects of the language design that seem to be most finely balanced, and hence are the most likely candidates for change when we review the language. The following list summarises these areas. It will only be fully comprehensible after you have read the report.

Mutually recursive modules. Mutual recursion among modules is unrestricted at present, which is obviously desirable from the programmer's point of view, but which poses significant challenges to the compilation system. In particular, it is *not* sufficient to start with trivial interfaces for each module and iterate to a fixpoint, as this example shows:

```
module F( f ) where
    import G
    f [x] = g x

module G( g ) where
    import F
    g = f
```

If a compilation system starts off by giving `F` and `G` interfaces that give the type signatures `f :: a` and `g :: b` respectively, then compiling the two modules alternately will not reach a

fixed point. In general, a compiler may need to analyse a set of mutually recursive modules as a whole, rather than separately. This only happens if there is a type error, but it is obviously undesirable behaviour.

Default methods. Section 4.3.1 describes how a class declaration may include default methods for some of its operations. We considered extending this so that a class declaration could include default methods *for operations of its superclasses*, which override the superclass’s default method. This looks like an attractive idea, which will certainly be considered for a future revision.

Defaults for ambiguous types. Section 4.3.4 describes how ambiguous typings, which arise due to the type-class system, are resolved. Ideally, the choice made should not matter. For example, consider the expression `if (length xs > 3) then E1 else E2`. It should not matter whether the length is computed in `Int` or `Integer` or even `Float`; a bad choice could result in a program becoming undefined due to overflow, or a less efficient program, but if a result is produced it will be correct.

Our resolution rules strive only to resolve ambiguous types where the type chosen does not “matter” in this sense, but we have not been entirely successful, for example where floating point is concerned. Further research and practical experience may suggest a better set of rules.

Static semantics of where bindings. In HASKELL variables not bound to lambda abstractions are not allowed to be overloaded in more than one way (Section 4.4.2). This solves two problems, which are summarised below, but at the cost of restricting expressiveness. Only experience will tell how much of a problem this is for the programmer.

These are the two problems. First, the expression `(x,x) where x = factorial 1000` looks as though `x` should only be computed once, and this is the case. If `x` were used at different overloadings, however, `factorial 1000` would be computed twice, once at each type. We have found examples where the loss of efficiency is exponential in the size of the program. Modest compiler optimisations can often eliminate the problem, but we have found no simple scheme that can guarantee to do so. The restriction solves the problem by ensuring that all uses of `x` are at the same overloading, and its evaluation can be shared as usual.

Second, a rather subtle form of type ambiguity (Section 4.3.4) is eliminated by the restriction to non-overloaded pattern bindings. An example is:

```
readNum s r = (n*r,s') where [(n,s')] = reads s
```

Here `n::(Num a, Binary a) => a`, `s'::Binary a => Bin`. If the definition of `[(n,s')]` is polymorphic, the `a`’s may be resolved as different types.

Overloaded constants. Overloaded constants (e.g. `1`, which has type `Num a => a`) are extraordinarily convenient when programming, but are the source of several serious technical problems, including both of those mentioned in the two preceding items. One could eliminate overloaded constants altogether; we considered this at length, and we are sure to reconsider it when we review the language.

Polymorphism in case expressions. The type of a variables bound by a Standard ML case-expression is monomorphic; we have made the same decision in HASKELL (Section 4.1.3). There is no technical reason why the type of such a variable should not be polymorphic; in such a case, the translation between **where** expressions and **case** expressions would preserve the static semantics.

We have erred on the side of conservatism, but this decision will be reviewed. If implemented, such a change would be upward-compatible.

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Finally, aside from the important foundational work laid by Church, Rosser, Curry, and others on the lambda calculus, we wish to acknowledge the influence of many noteworthy programming languages developed over the years. Although it is difficult to pinpoint the origin of many ideas, we particularly wish to acknowledge the influence of McCarthy's Lisp [8] (and its modern-day incarnation, Scheme [13]); Landin's ISWIM [7]; Backus' FP [1]; Gordon, Milner, and Wadsworth's ML [4]; Burstall, MacQueen, and Sannella's Hope [2]; and Turner's series of languages culminating in Miranda [15].¹ Without these forerunners HASKELL would not have been possible.

The HASKELL Committee
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1 Introduction

HASKELL is a general purpose, purely functional programming language incorporating many recent innovations in programming language research, including higher-order functions, non-strict semantics, static polymorphic typing, user-defined algebraic data types, pattern-matching, list comprehensions, a module system, and a rich set of primitive data types, including lists, arrays, arbitrary and fixed precision integers, and floating-point numbers. HASKELL is both the culmination and solidification of many years of research on functional languages—the design has been influenced by languages as old as ISWIM and as new as Miranda.

Although the initial emphasis was on standardisation, HASKELL also has several new features that both simplify and generalise the design. For example,

1. Rather than using *ad hoc* techniques for overloading, HASKELL provides an explicit overloading facility, integrated with the polymorphic type system, that allows the precise definition of overloading behaviour for any operator or function.
2. The conventional notion of “abstract data type” has been unbundled into two orthogonal components: data abstraction and information hiding.
3. HASKELL has a flexible I/O facility that unifies two popular styles of purely functional I/O—the *stream* model and the *continuation* model—and both styles can be mixed within the same program. The system supports most of the standard operations provided by conventional operating systems while retaining referential transparency within a program.
4. Recognising the importance of arrays, HASKELL has a family of multi-dimensional non-strict immutable arrays whose special interaction with list comprehensions provides a convenient “array comprehension” syntax for defining arrays monolithically.

This report defines the syntax for HASKELL programs and an informal abstract semantics for the meaning of such programs; the formal abstract semantics is in preparation. We leave as implementation dependent the ways in which HASKELL programs are to be manipulated, interpreted, compiled, etc. This includes such issues as the nature of batch versus interactive programming environments, and the nature of error messages returned for undefined programs (i.e. programs that formally evaluate to \perp).

1.1 Program Structure

In this section, we describe the abstract syntactic and semantic structure of HASKELL, as well as how it relates to the organisation of the rest of the report.

1. At the top-most level a HASKELL program is a set of *modules* (described in Section 5). Modules provide a way to control namespaces and to re-use software in large programs.

2. The top level of a module consists of a collection of *declarations*, of which there are several kinds, all described in Section 4. Declarations define things such as ordinary values, data types, type classes, and fixity information.
3. At the next lower level are *expressions*, described in Section 3. An expression denotes a *value* and has a *static type*; expressions are at the heart of HASKELL programming “in the small.”
4. At the bottom level is HASKELL’s *lexical structure*, defined in Section 2. The lexical structure captures the concrete representation of HASKELL programs in text files.

This report proceeds bottom-up with respect to HASKELL’s syntactic structure.

The sections not mentioned above are Section 6, which describes the standard built-in datatypes in HASKELL, and Section 7, which discusses the I/O facility in HASKELL (i.e. how HASKELL programs communicate with the outside world). Also, there are several appendices describing the standard prelude, the concrete syntax, the semantics of I/O, and the specification of derived instances.

1.2 The HASKELL Kernel

HASKELL has adopted many of the convenient syntactic structures that have become popular in functional programming. In all cases their formal semantics can be given via translation into a proper subset of HASKELL called the HASKELL *kernel*. It is essentially a slightly sugared variant of the lambda calculus with a straightforward denotational semantics. The translation of each syntactic structure into the kernel is given as the syntax is introduced. This modular design facilitates reasoning about HASKELL programs and provides useful guidelines for implementors of the language.

1.3 Values and Types

An expression evaluates to a *value* and has a static *type*. Values and types are not mixed in HASKELL. However, the type system allows user-defined datatypes of various sorts, and permits not only parametric polymorphism (using a traditional Hindley-Milner type structure) but also *ad hoc* polymorphism, or *overloading* (using *type classes*).

Errors in HASKELL are semantically equivalent to \perp . Technically, they are not distinguishable from non-termination, so the language includes no mechanism for detecting or acting upon errors. Of course, implementations will probably try to provide useful information about errors.

1.4 Namespaces

There are six kinds of names in HASKELL: those for *variables* and *constructors* denote values; those for *type variables*, *type constructors*, and *type classes* refer to entities related to the type system; and *module names* refer to modules. There are three constraints on naming:

1. Names for variables and type variables are identifiers beginning with small letters; the other four kinds of names are identifiers beginning with capitals.
2. Constructor operators are operators beginning with “:”; variable operators are operators not beginning with “:”.
3. An identifier must not be used as the name of a type constructor and a class in the same scope.

These are the only constraints; for example, `Int` may simultaneously be the name of a module, class, and constructor within a single scope.

HASKELL provides a lexical syntax for infix *operators* (either functions or constructors). To emphasise that operators are bound to the same things as identifiers, and to allow the two to be used interchangeably, there is a simple way to convert between the two: any function or constructor identifier may be converted into an operator by enclosing it in backquotes, and any operator may be converted into an identifier by enclosing it in parentheses. For example, `x + y` is equivalent to `(+) x y`, and `f x y` is the same as `x `f` y`. These lexical matters are discussed further in Section 2.

Examples of HASKELL program fragments in running text are given in typewriter font:

```
z+1 where x = 1
        y = 2
        z = x+y
```

“Holes” in program fragments representing arbitrary pieces of HASKELL code are written in italics, as in `if e1 then e2 else e3`. Generally the italicised names will be mnemonic, such as *e* for expressions, *d* for declarations, *t* for types, etc.

1.5 Layout

In the syntax given in the rest of the report, *declaration lists* are always preceded by the keyword `where` or `of`, and are enclosed within curly braces (`{ }`) with the individual declarations separated by semicolons (`;`). For example, the syntax of a `where` expression is:

$$exp \text{ where } \{ decl_1 ; decl_2 ; \dots ; decl_n \}$$

HASKELL permits the omission of the braces and semicolons by using *layout* to convey the same information. This allows both layout-sensitive and -insensitive styles of coding, which can be freely mixed within one program. Because layout is not required, HASKELL programs may be mechanically produced by other programs.

The layout (or “off-side”) rule takes effect whenever the open brace is omitted after the keyword `where` or `of`. When this happens, the indentation of the next lexeme (whether or not on a new line) is remembered and the omitted open brace is inserted (the whitespace preceding the lexeme may include comments). For each subsequent line, if it contains only whitespace or is indented more, then the previous item is continued (nothing is inserted);

if it is indented the same amount, then a new item begins (a semicolon is inserted); and if it is indented less, then the declaration list ends (a close brace is inserted). A close brace is also inserted whenever the syntactic category containing the declaration list ends (i.e. if an illegal lexeme is encountered at a point where a close brace would be legal, a close brace is inserted). The layout rule will match only those open braces that it has inserted; an open brace that the user has inserted must be matched by a close brace inserted by the user.

Given these rules, a single newline may actually terminate several declaration lists. Also, these rules permit:

```
f x = exp1 where a = 1; b = 2
           g y = exp2
```

making `a`, `b` and `g` all part of the same declaration list.

To facilitate the use of layout at the top level of a module (several modules may reside in one file), the keyword `module` and the end-of-file token are assumed to occur in column 0 (whereas normally the first column is 1). Otherwise, all top-level declarations would have to be indented.

As an example, Figure 1 shows a (somewhat contrived) module and Figure 2 shows the result of applying the layout rule. Note in particular: (a) the line beginning `}};pop`, where the termination of the previous line invokes three applications of the layout rule, corresponding to the depth (3) of the nested `where` clauses, (b) the close brace in the `where` clause nested within the tuple, inserted because the end of the tuple was detected, and (c) the close brace at the very end, inserted because of the column 0 indentation of the end-of-file token.

When comparing indentations for standard HASKELL programs, a fixed-width font with this tab convention is assumed: tab stops are 8 characters apart (with the first tab stop in column 9), and a tab character causes the insertion of enough spaces (always ≥ 1) to align the current position with the next tab stop. Particular implementations may alter this rule to accommodate variable-width fonts and alternate tab conventions, but standard HASKELL programs (i.e. ones that are portable) must observe the rule.

```

module AStack( Stack, push, pop, top, size ) where
data Stack a = Empty
              | MkStack a (Stack a)

push :: a -> Stack a -> Stack a
push x s = MkStack x s

size :: Stack a -> Integer
size s = length (stkToLst s)  where
    stkToLst Empty           = []
    stkToLst (MkStack x s)  = x:xs where xs = stkToLst s

pop :: Stack a -> (a, Stack a)
pop (MkStack x s) = (x, r where r = s) -- (pop Empty) is an error

top :: Stack a -> a
top (MkStack x s) = x                  -- (top Empty) is an error

```

Figure 1: A sample program

```

module AStack( Stack, push, pop, top, size ) where
{data Stack a = Empty
  | MkStack a (Stack a)

;push :: a -> Stack a -> Stack a
;push x s = MkStack x s

;size :: Stack a -> Integer
;size s = length (stkToLst s)  where
    {stkToLst Empty           = []
    ;stkToLst (MkStack x s)  = x:xs where {xs = stkToLst s
}};pop :: Stack a -> (a, Stack a)
;pop (MkStack x s) = (x, r where {r = s}) -- (pop Empty) is an error

;top :: Stack a -> a
;top (MkStack x s) = x                  -- (top Empty) is an error
}

```

Figure 2: Sample program with layout expanded

2 Lexical Structure

In this section, we describe the low-level lexical structure of HASKELL. Most of the details may be skipped in a first reading of the report.

2.1 Notational Conventions

These notational conventions are used for presenting syntax:

$[pattern]$	optional
$\{pattern\}$	zero or more repetitions
$(pattern)$	grouping
$pat_1 \mid pat_2$	choice
$pat_{\{pat'\}}$	difference—elements generated by pat except those generated by pat'
fibonacci	terminal syntax in typewriter font

Because the syntax in this section describes *lexical* syntax, all whitespace is expressed explicitly; there is no implicit space between juxtaposed symbols. BNF-like syntax is used throughout, with productions having the form:

$$nonterm \rightarrow alt_1 \mid alt_2 \mid \dots \mid alt_n$$

Care must be taken in distinguishing meta-logical syntax such as \mid and $[\dots]$ from concrete terminal syntax (given in typewriter font) such as `|` and `[...]`, although usually the context makes the distinction clear.

HASKELL source programs are currently biased toward the ASCII character set, although future HASKELL standardisation efforts will likely address broader character standards.

2.2 Lexical Program Structure

<i>program</i>	$\rightarrow \{ lexeme \mid whitespace \}$
<i>lexeme</i>	$\rightarrow varid \mid conid \mid varop \mid conop \mid literal \mid special \mid reservedop \mid reservedid$
<i>literal</i>	$\rightarrow integer \mid float \mid char \mid string$
<i>special</i>	$\rightarrow (\mid) \mid , \mid ; \mid [\mid] \mid _ \mid \{ \mid \}$
<i>whitespace</i>	$\rightarrow whitestuff \{ whitestuff \}$
<i>whitestuff</i>	$\rightarrow newline \mid space \mid tab \mid vertab \mid formfeed \mid comment \mid ncomment$
<i>newline</i>	\rightarrow a newline (system dependent)
<i>space</i>	\rightarrow a space
<i>tab</i>	\rightarrow a horizontal tab
<i>vertab</i>	\rightarrow a vertical tab
<i>formfeed</i>	\rightarrow a form feed

<i>comment</i>	→	-- { <i>any</i> } <i>newline</i>
<i>ncomment</i>	→	{- { <i>whitespace</i> <i>any</i> {{- -}} } -}
<i>any</i>	→	<i>graphic</i> <i>space</i> <i>tab</i>
<i>graphic</i>	→	<i>large</i> <i>small</i> <i>digit</i>
		! " # \$ % & ' () * +
		, - . / : ; < = > ? @
		[\] ^ _ ` { } ~
<i>small</i>	→	a b ... z
<i>large</i>	→	A B ... Z
<i>digit</i>	→	0 1 ... 9

Characters not in the category *graphic* or *whitestuff* are not valid in HASKELL programs and should result in a lexing error.

Comments are valid *whitespace*. Ordinary comments begin with two consecutive dashes (--) and extend to the following newline. Nested comments are enclosed by {- and -} and can be between any two lexemes. Thus any contiguous portion of HASKELL program text may be turned into a comment, whether or not that portion contains comments within it. Nested comments also provide a convenient method for implementing annotations.

2.3 Identifiers and Operators

<i>avarid</i>	→	(<i>small</i> { <i>small</i> <i>large</i> <i>digit</i> ' _}) _{<i>reservedid</i>}
<i>varid</i>	→	<i>avarid</i> (<i>avarop</i>)
<i>aconid</i>	→	<i>large</i> { <i>small</i> <i>large</i> <i>digit</i> ' _}
<i>conid</i>	→	<i>aconid</i> (<i>aconop</i>)
<i>reservedid</i>	→	case class data default deriving else hiding if import infix infixl infixr instance interface module of renaming then to type where

An identifier consists of a letter followed by zero or more letters, digits, underscores, and acute accents. Identifiers are lexically distinguished into two classes: those that begin with a small letter (variable identifiers) and those that begin with a capital (constructor identifiers). Identifiers are case sensitive: **name**, **naMe**, and **Name** are three distinct identifiers (the first two are variable identifiers, the last is a constructor identifier).

<i>avarop</i>	→	(<i>symbol</i> { <i>symbol</i> :}) _{<i>reservedop</i>} -
<i>varop</i>	→	<i>avarop</i> `avarid`
<i>aconop</i>	→	(: { <i>symbol</i> :}) _{<i>reservedop</i>}
<i>conop</i>	→	<i>aconop</i> `aconid`
<i>symbol</i>	→	! # \$ % & * + . / < = > ? @ \ ^ ~
<i>reservedop</i>	→	.. :: => = @ \ ~

An operator is either symbolic or alphanumeric. Symbolic operators are formed from one or more symbols, as defined above, and are lexically distinguished into two classes: those that start with a colon (constructors) and those that do not (functions).

Alphanumeric operators are formed by enclosing an identifier between grave accents (backquote). Any variable or constructor may be used as an operator in this way. If *fun* is an identifier (either variable or constructor), then an expression of the form *fun x y* is equivalent to *x `fun` y*. If no fixity declaration is given for *`fun`* then it defaults to infix with highest precedence and left associativity (see Section 5.7).

Similarly, any symbolic operator may be used as a (curried) variable or constructor by enclosing it in parentheses. If *op* is an infix operator, then an expression or pattern of the form *x op y* is equivalent to *(op) x y*.

No spaces are permitted in names such as *`fun`* and *(op)*.

All operators are infix, although there is a special syntax for prefix negation (see Section 3.2). All of the standard infix operators are just pre-defined symbols and may be rebound.

Although **case** is reserved, **cases** is not. Similarly, although **=** is reserved, **==** and **=~** are not. At each point, the longest possible lexeme is read. Any kind of *whitespace* is also a proper delimiter for lexemes.

In the remainder of the report six different kinds of names will be used:

<i>var</i>	→	<i>varid</i>	(<i>variables</i>)
<i>con</i>	→	<i>conid</i>	(<i>constructors</i>)
<i>tyvar</i>	→	<i>avarid</i>	(<i>type variables</i>)
<i>tycon</i>	→	<i>aconid</i>	(<i>type constructors</i>)
<i>tycls</i>	→	<i>aconid</i>	(<i>type classes</i>)
<i>modid</i>	→	<i>aconid</i>	(<i>modules</i>)

Variables and type variables are represented by identifiers beginning with small letters, and the other four by identifiers beginning with capitals; also, variables and constructors have infix forms, the other four do not. Namespaces are discussed further in Section 1.4.

2.4 Numeric Literals

<i>integer</i>	→	<i>digit{digit}</i>
<i>float</i>	→	<i>integer.integer</i> [e [-] <i>integer</i>]

There are two distinct kinds of numeric literals: integer and floating. A floating literal must contain digits both before and after the decimal point; this ensures that a decimal point cannot be mistaken for another use of the dot character. Negative numeric literals are discussed in Section 3.2.

2.5 Character and String Literals

<i>char</i>	→	<code>' (graphic { ' \ } space escape { \& }) '</code>
<i>string</i>	→	<code>" {graphic { " \ } space escape gap } "</code>
<i>escape</i>	→	<code>\ (charesc ascii integer o octit { octit } x hexit { hexit })</code>
<i>charesc</i>	→	<code>a b f n r t v \ " ' &</code>
<i>ascii</i>	→	<code>^cntrl NUL SOH STX ETX EOT ENQ ACK</code> <code> BEL BS HT LF VT FF CR SO SI DLE</code> <code> DC1 DC2 DC3 DC4 NAK SYN ETB CAN</code> <code> EM SUB ESC FS GS RS US SP DEL</code>
<i>cntrl</i>	→	<code>large @ [\] ^ _</code>
<i>gap</i>	→	<code>\ {tab space} newline {tab space} \</code>
<i>hexit</i>	→	<code>digit A B C D E F a b c d e f</code>
<i>octit</i>	→	<code>0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7</code>

Character literals are written between acute accents, as in `'a'`, and strings between double quotes, as in `"Hello"`.

Escape codes may be used in characters and strings to represent special characters. Note that `'` may be used in a string, but must be escaped in a character; similarly, `"` may be used in a character, but must be escaped in a string. `\` must always be escaped. The category *charesc* also includes portable representations for the characters “alert” (`\a`), “backspace” (`\b`), “form feed” (`\f`), “new line” (`\n`), “carriage return” (`\r`), “horizontal tab” (`\t`), and “vertical tab” (`\v`).

Escape characters for the ASCII character set, including control characters such as `\^X`, are also provided. Numeric escapes such as `\137` are used to designate the character with (implementation dependent) decimal representation 137; octal (e.g. `\o137`) and hexadecimal (e.g. `\x137`) representations are also allowed. Numeric escapes that are out-of-range of the ASCII standard are undefined and thus non-portable.

Consistent with the “consume longest lexeme” rule, numeric escape characters in strings consist of all consecutive digits and may be of arbitrary length. Similarly, the one ambiguous ASCII escape code, `"\SOH"`, is parsed as a string of length 1. The escape character `\&` is provided as a “null character” to allow strings such as `"\137\&9"` and `"\SO\&H"` to be constructed (both of length two). Thus `"\&"` is equivalent to `" "` and the character `'\&'` is disallowed. Further equivalences of characters are defined in Section 6.2.

A string may include a “gap”—two backslants enclosing one newline and any number of blanks or spaces—which is ignored. This allows one to write long strings on more than one line by writing a backslant at the end of one line and at the start of the next. For example,

```
"Here is a backslant \ as well as \137, \
  \a numeric escape character, and \^X, a control character."
```

String literals are actually abbreviations for lists of characters (see Section 3.4).

3 Expressions

In this section, we describe the syntax and informal semantics of HASKELL *expressions*, including their translations into the HASKELL kernel where appropriate.

<i>exp</i>	→	<i>aexp</i>	
		<i>exp aexp</i>	(function application)
		<i>exp₁ op exp₂</i>	(operator application)
		- <i>aexp</i>	(prefix -)
		\ <i>apat₁ ... apat_n [gd] -> exp</i>	(lambda abstraction, $n \geq 1$)
		if <i>exp₁</i> then <i>exp₂</i> else <i>exp₃</i>	(conditional)
		<i>exp</i> where { <i>decls</i> }	(where expression)
		case <i>exp</i> of { <i>alts</i> }	(case expression)
		<i>exp</i> :: [<i>context =></i>] <i>atype</i>	(expression type signature)
<i>aexp</i>	→	<i>var</i>	(variable)
		<i>con</i>	(constructor)
		<i>literal</i>	
		()	(unit)
		(<i>exp</i>)	(parenthesised expression)
		(<i>exp₁ , ... , exp_k </i>)	(tuple, $k \geq 2$)
		[<i>exp₁ , ... , exp_k </i>]	(list, $k \geq 0$)
		[<i>exp₁ [, exp₂] .. [exp₃]</i>]	(arithmetic sequence)
		[<i>exp</i> [<i>qual</i>]]	(list comprehension)
<i>op</i>	→	<i>varop</i> <i>conop</i>	

To disambiguate expressions, this precedence is established, from strongest to weakest:

function application
 operator application (broken down into ten precedence levels—see Section 5.7)
 conditional expression
where expression
 lambda abstraction

Expression type signatures are parsed as if **::** were a left-associative infix operator with precedence lower than any other operator. Negation is the only prefix operator in HASKELL; it has the same precedence as function application. Sample parses using these rules are shown below.

This	Parses as
<code>f x + g y</code>	<code>(f x) + (g y)</code>
<code>- x + y</code>	<code>(-x) + y</code>
<code>x + y where {...}</code>	<code>(x + y) where {...}</code>
<code>if e1 then e2 else e3 where {...}</code>	<code>(if e1 then e2 else e3) where {...}</code>
<code>\ x -> e1 where {...}</code>	<code>\ x -> (e1 where {...})</code>
<code>f x y :: Int</code>	<code>(f x y) :: Int</code>
<code>\ x -> a+b :: Int</code>	<code>\ x -> ((a+b) :: Int)</code>

3.1 Curried Applications and Lambda Abstractions

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 exp & \rightarrow \quad exp \ aexp \\
 & \quad | \quad \backslash \ apat_1 \ \dots \ apat_n \ [gd] \ -> \ exp \qquad (n \geq 1) \\
 gd & \rightarrow \quad | \ exp
 \end{array}$$

Function application is written $e_1 \ e_2$. Application associates to the left, so the parentheses may be omitted in $(f \ x) \ y$, for example. Because e_1 could be a constructor, partial applications of constructors are allowed.

Lambda abstractions are written $\backslash \ p_1 \ \dots \ p_n \mid g \ -> \ e$, where the p_i are *patterns* and g is an optional *guard* (an expression whose type must be `Bool`). An expression such as $\backslash x:xs \rightarrow x$ is syntactically incorrect, and must be rewritten as $\backslash (x:xs) \rightarrow x$.

Translation: The lambda abstraction $\backslash \ p_1 \ \dots \ p_n \mid g \ -> \ e$ is equivalent to

$$\backslash \ x_1 \ \dots \ x_n \ -> \text{case } (x_1, \dots, x_n) \text{ of } (p_1, \dots, p_n) \mid g \ -> \ e$$

where the x_i are new identifiers. Given this translation combined with the semantics of case expressions and pattern-matching described in Section 3.10, if the pattern fails to match then the result is \perp .

The type of a variable bound by a lambda abstraction is monomorphic, as is always the case in the Hindley-Milner type system.

3.2 Operator Applications

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 exp & \rightarrow \quad exp_1 \ op \ exp_2 \\
 & \quad | \quad - \ aexp \qquad (\text{prefix } -)
 \end{array}$$

The form $e_1 \ op \ e_2$ is the obvious infix application of binary operator op to expressions e_1 and e_2 .

Although there are no prefix operators in HASKELL, the special form $-e$ denotes prefix negation, and is simply syntax for `negate e`, where `negate` is as defined in the standard prelude (see Table 1, page 52). Because `e1-e2` parses as an infix application of the binary operator `-`, one must write `e1(-e2)` for the alternative parsing. Similarly, `(-)` is syntax for `(\ x y -> x-y)`, as with any infix operator, and does not denote `(\ x -> -x)`—one must use `negate` for that.

Translation: $e_1 \text{ op } e_2$ is equivalent to $(\text{op}) e_1 e_2$. $-e$ is equivalent to `negate e` where `negate`, an operator in the class `Num`, is as defined in the standard prelude.

3.3 Conditionals

$exp \rightarrow \text{if } exp_1 \text{ then } exp_2 \text{ else } exp_3$

A conditional expression has form `if e_1 then e_2 else e_3` and returns the value of e_2 if the value of e_1 is `True`, e_3 if e_1 is `False`, and \perp otherwise.

Translation: `if e_1 then e_2 else e_3` is equivalent to:

`case e_1 of { True -> e_2 ; False -> e_3 }`

where `True` and `False` are the two nullary constructors from the type `Bool`, as defined in the standard prelude.

3.4 Lists

$axp \rightarrow [exp_1, \dots, exp_k] \quad (k \geq 0)$

Lists are written $[e_1, \dots, e_k]$, where $k \geq 0$; the empty list is written `[]`. Standard operations on lists are given in the standard prelude (see Appendix A).

Translation: $[e_1, \dots, e_k]$ is equivalent to

$e_1 : (e_2 : (\dots (e_k : [])))$

where `:` and `[]` are constructors for lists, as defined in the standard prelude (see Section 6.4). The types of e_1 through e_k must all be the same (call it t), and the type of the overall expression is $[t]$ (see Section 4.1.1).

3.5 Tuples

$$aexp \quad \rightarrow \quad (exp_1 , \dots , exp_k) \quad (k \geq 2)$$

Tuples are written (e_1, \dots, e_k) , and may be of arbitrary length $k \geq 2$. Standard operations on tuples are given in the standard prelude (see Appendix A).

Translation: (e_1, \dots, e_k) for $k \geq 2$ is an instance of a k-tuple as defined in the standard prelude, and requires no translation. If t_1 through t_k are the types of e_1 through e_k , respectively, then the type of the resulting tuple is (t_1, \dots, t_k) (see Section 4.1.1).

3.6 Unit Expressions and Parenthesised Expressions

$$aexp \quad \rightarrow \quad () \\ \quad \quad \quad | \quad (exp)$$

The form (e) is simply a parenthesised expression, and is equivalent to e . The form $()$ has type $()$ (see Section 4.1.1); it is the only member of that type (it can be thought of as the “nullary tuple”)—see Section 6.7.

Translation: (e) is equivalent to e .

3.7 Arithmetic Sequences

$$aexp \quad \rightarrow \quad [exp_1 [, exp_2] \dots [exp_3]]$$

The form $[e_1, e_2 \dots e_3]$ denotes an arithmetic sequence from e_1 in increments of $e_2 - e_1$ up to e_3 (if the increment is positive) or down to e_3 (if the increment is negative). An infinite list of e_1 ’s results if the increment is zero, and the empty list results if e_3 is less than e_1 and the increment is positive, or if e_3 is greater than e_1 and the increment is negative. If the comma and e_2 are omitted, then the increment is 1; if e_3 is omitted, then the sequence is infinite.

Arithmetic sequences may be defined over any type in class **Enum**, including **Int**, **Integer**, and **Char** (see Section 4.3.3). For example, $['a' \dots 'z']$ denotes the list of lower-case letters in alphabetical order.

Translation: Arithmetic sequences satisfy these identities:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [e_1 \dots] &= \text{enumFrom } e_1 \\
 [e_1, e_2 \dots] &= \text{enumFromThen } e_1 \ e_2 \\
 [e_1 \dots e_3] &= \text{enumFromTo } e_1 \ e_3 \\
 [e_1, e_2 \dots e_3] &= \text{enumFromThenTo } e_1 \ e_2 \ e_3
 \end{aligned}$$

where `enumFrom`, `enumFromThen`, `enumFromTo`, and `enumFromThenTo` are operations in the class `Enum` as defined in the standard prelude (see Section 4.3.1).

3.8 List Comprehensions

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 aexp & \rightarrow [exp \mid [qual]] \\
 qual & \rightarrow qual_1, qual_2 \\
 & \mid pat \leftarrow exp \\
 & \mid exp
 \end{array}$$

Qualifiers (*qual*) are either *generators* of the form $p \leftarrow e$, where p is a pattern (see Section 3.12) of type t and e is an expression of type $[t]$; or *guards*, which are arbitrary expressions of type `Bool`.

A list comprehension has the form $[e \mid q_1, \dots, q_n]$ and returns the list of elements produced by evaluating e in the successive environments created by the nested, depth-first evaluation of the generators in the qualifier list. Binding of variables occurs according to the normal pattern-matching rules (see Section 3.12), and if a match fails then that element of the list is simply skipped over. Thus:

$$\begin{aligned}
 [x \mid xs \leftarrow [(1,2), (3,4)], [(5,4), (3,2)], \\
 (3,x) \leftarrow xs]
 \end{aligned}$$

yields the list `[4,2]`. If a qualifier is a guard, it must evaluate to `True` for the previous pattern-match to succeed.

Translation: List comprehensions satisfy these identities, which may be used as a translation into the kernel:

$$\begin{aligned} [e \mid p <- l] &= \text{map } (\backslash p \rightarrow e) \ l \\ [e \mid b] &= \text{if } b \text{ then } [e] \text{ else } [] \\ [e \mid q_1, q_2] &= \text{concat } [[e \mid q_2] \mid q_1] \end{aligned}$$

where e ranges over expressions, p ranges over irrefutable patterns, l ranges over list-valued expressions, b ranges over boolean expressions, and q_1 and q_2 range over non-empty lists of qualifiers. If p is a refutable pattern then the identity:

$$\begin{aligned} [e \mid p <- l] &= [e \mid \sim p <- [x \mid x <- l, \text{ok } x]] \\ &\quad \text{where } \text{ok } p = \text{True} \\ &\quad \quad \text{ok } _ = \text{False} \end{aligned}$$

where x and ok are new identifiers not appearing in e , p , or l . These four equations uniquely define list comprehensions.

3.9 Where Expressions

$exp \rightarrow exp \text{ where } \{ decls \}$

Where expressions have the general form $e \text{ where } \{ d_1 ; \dots ; d_n \}$, and introduce a nested, lexically-scoped, mutually-recursive list of declarations. The scope of the declarations is the expression e and the right hand side of the declarations. Declarations are described in Section 4. Pattern bindings are matched lazily as irrefutable patterns.

Translation: The dynamic semantics of the expression $e_0 \text{ where } \{ d_1 ; \dots ; d_n \}$ is captured by this translation: After removing all type signatures, each declaration d_i is translated into an equation of the form $p_i = e_i$, where p_i and e_i are patterns and expressions respectively, using the translation given in Section 4.4.2. Once done, these identities hold, which may be used as a translation into the kernel:

$$\begin{aligned} e_0 \text{ where } \{ p_1 = e_1 ; \dots ; p_n = e_n \} &= e_0 \text{ where } (\sim p_1, \dots, \sim p_n) = (e_0, \dots, e_n) \\ e_0 \text{ where } p = e_1 &= \text{case } e_1 \text{ of } \sim p \rightarrow e_0 \\ &\quad \text{when no variable in } p \text{ appears free in } e_1 \\ e_0 \text{ where } p = e_1 &= e_0 \text{ where } p = \text{fix } (\backslash \sim p \rightarrow e_1) \end{aligned}$$

where fix is the least fixpoint operator. Note the use of the irrefutable patterns in the second and third rules. This same semantics applies to the top-level of a program that has been translated into a **where** expression as described in Section 5. The static semantics of **where** expressions is described in Section 4.4.2.

3.10 Case Expressions

$exp \rightarrow \text{case } exp \text{ of } \{ alts \}$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
alts & \rightarrow alt_1 ; \dots ; alt_n \\
alt & \rightarrow pat [gd] \rightarrow exp \\
gd & \rightarrow | exp
\end{array}
\quad (n \geq 1)$$

A case expression has the form

$$\text{case } e \text{ of } \{ p_1 \mid g_1 \rightarrow e_1 ; \dots ; p_n \mid g_n \rightarrow e_n \}$$

where each *clause* $p_i \mid g_i \rightarrow e_i$ consists of a *pattern* p_i , an optional *guard* g_i , and a *body* e_i (an expression). There must be at least one clause, and each pattern must be *linear*—no variable is allowed to appear more than once. Each body must have the same type, and the type of the whole expression is that type.

A case expression is evaluated by pattern-matching the expression e against the individual clauses. The matches are tried sequentially, from top to bottom. The first successful match causes evaluation of the corresponding clause body, in the environment of the case expression extended by the bindings created during the matching of that clause. If no match succeeds, the result is \perp . Pattern matching is described in Section 3.12.

3.11 Expression Type-Signatures

$$exp \rightarrow aexp :: [context \Rightarrow] atype$$

Expression type-signatures are used to type an expression explicitly and may be used to resolve ambiguous typings due to overloading (see Section 4.3.4). The value of the expression is just that of $aexp$. As with normal type signatures (see Section 4.4.1), the declared type may be more specific than the principal typing derivable from $aexp$, but it is an error to give a typing that is more general than, or not comparable to, the principal typing. Also, every type variable appearing in a signature is universally quantified only over that signature. This last constraint implies that signatures such as:

$$\backslash x \rightarrow ([x] :: [a])$$

are not valid, since this declares $[x]$ to be of type $(\forall a)[a]$, which is not a valid polymorphic type (it contains only \perp , the empty list, and lists just containing \perp). In contrast, this is valid:

$$(\backslash x \rightarrow [x]) :: a \rightarrow [a]$$

3.12 Pattern-Matching

Patterns appear in lambda abstractions, function definitions, pattern bindings, list comprehensions, and case expressions. However, the first four of these ultimately translate into case expressions, so it suffices to restrict the definition of the semantics of pattern-matching to case expressions.

3.12.1 Patterns

Patterns have this syntax:

<i>pat</i>	→	<i>apat</i>	
		<i>con</i> <i>apat</i> ₁ ... <i>apat</i> _k	(arity <i>con</i> = $k \geq 1$)
		<i>pat</i> ₁ <i>conop</i> <i>pat</i> ₂	(infix constructor)
		<i>var</i> + <i>integer</i>	(successor pattern)
		[-] <i>integer</i>	
<i>apat</i>	→	<i>var</i> [@ <i>apat</i>]	(as pattern)
		<i>con</i>	(arity <i>con</i> = 0)
		<i>integer</i> <i>float</i> <i>char</i> <i>string</i>	(literals)
		-	(wildcard)
		()	(unit pattern)
		(<i>pat</i>)	(parenthesised pattern)
		(<i>pat</i> ₁ , ... , <i>pat</i> _k)	(tuple patterns, $k \geq 2$)
		[<i>pat</i> ₁ , ... , <i>pat</i> _k]	(list patterns, $k \geq 0$)
		~ <i>apat</i>	(irrefutable pattern)

The arity of a constructor must match the number of sub-patterns associated with it; one cannot match against a partially-applied constructor.

Patterns of the form *var@pat* are called *as-patterns*, and allow one to use *var* as a name for the value being matched by *pat*. For example,

```
case e of
  xs@(x:rest) -> if x==0 then rest else xs
```

is equivalent to:

```
case e of
  xs -> if x == 0 then rest else xs
      where (x:rest) = xs
```

This transformation of a case expression is always valid, and is assumed done prior to the pattern-matching semantics given below.

Patterns of the form *_* are *wildcards* and are useful when some part of a pattern is not referenced on the right-hand-side. It is as if an identifier not used elsewhere were put in its place. For example,

```
case e of
  [x,_,_] -> if x==0 then True else False
```

is equivalent to:

```
case e of
  [x,y,z] -> if x==0 then True else False
```

where *y* and *z* are identifiers not used elsewhere. This translation is also assumed prior to the semantics given below.

In the pattern-matching rules given below we distinguish two kinds of patterns: an *irrefutable pattern* is either a variable, a wildcard, or a pattern of form $\sim apat$; all other patterns are *refutable*.

3.12.2 Informal semantics of pattern-matching

Patterns are matched against values. Attempting to match a pattern can have one of three results: it may *fail*; it may *succeed*, returning a binding for each variable in the pattern; or it may *diverge* (i.e. return \perp). Pattern-matching proceeds from left to right, and outside in, according to these rules:

1. Matching a value v against the irrefutable pattern var always succeeds and binds var to v . Similarly, matching v against the irrefutable pattern $\sim apat$ always succeeds. The free variables in $apat$ are bound to the appropriate values if matching v against $apat$ would otherwise succeed, and to \perp if matching v against $apat$ fails or diverges. (Binding does *not* imply evaluation.)

Operationally, this means that no matching is done on an irrefutable pattern until one of the variables in the pattern is used. At that point the entire pattern is matched against the value, and if the match fails or diverges, so does the overall computation.

2. Matching \perp against a refutable pattern always diverges.
3. Matching a non- \perp value can occur against two kinds of refutable patterns:
 - (a) Matching a non- \perp value against a constructed pattern fails if the outermost constructors are different. If the constructors are the same, the result of the match is the result of matching the sub-patterns left-to-right: if all matches succeed, the overall match succeeds; the first to fail or diverge causes the overall match to fail or diverge, respectively.

Constructed values consist of those created by prefix or infix constructors, tuple or list patterns, and strings (which are lists of characters). Also, literals (characters, positive and negative integers, and the unit value $()$) are treated as nullary constructors.

- (b) Matching a non- \perp value n against a pattern of the form $x+k$ (where x is a variable and k is a positive integer literal) succeeds if $n \geq k$, resulting in the binding of x to $n - k$, and fails if $n < k$. For example, the Fibonacci function may be defined as follows:

```
fib n = case n of
    0   -> 1
    1   -> 1
    n+2 -> fib n + fib (n+1)
```

Since n must be bound to a positive value, `fib` diverges for a negative argument, and exactly one of the equations matches any non-negative argument.

Aside from the obvious static type constraints (for example, it is a static error to match a character against an integer), these static class constraints hold: an integer literal pattern can only be matched against a value in the class `Num`; a floating literal pattern can only be matched against a value in the class `Fractional`; and a $n+k$ pattern can only be matched against a value in the class `Integral`.

Here are some simple examples:

1. If the pattern $[1,2]$ is matched against $[0,\perp]$, then 1 *fails* to match against 0, and the result is a failed match. But if $[1,2]$ is matched against $[\perp,0]$, then attempting to match 1 against \perp causes the match to *diverge*.
2. These examples demonstrate refutable vs. irrefutable matching:

$$\begin{aligned}
 (\backslash \sim(x,y) \rightarrow 0) \perp &\Rightarrow 0 \\
 (\backslash (x,y) \rightarrow 0) \perp &\Rightarrow \perp \\
 (\backslash \sim[x] \rightarrow 0) [] &\Rightarrow 0 \\
 (\backslash \sim[x] \rightarrow x) [] &\Rightarrow \perp \\
 (\backslash \sim[x, \sim(a,b)] \rightarrow x) [0,\perp] &\Rightarrow 0 \\
 (\backslash \sim[x, (a,b)] \rightarrow x) [0,\perp] &\Rightarrow \perp \\
 (\backslash (x:xs) \rightarrow x:x:xs) \perp &\Rightarrow \perp \\
 (\backslash \sim(x:xs) \rightarrow x:x:xs) \perp &\Rightarrow \perp:\perp:\perp
 \end{aligned}$$

Top level patterns in lambda expressions and case expressions, and the set of top level patterns in function or operator bindings, may have an associated *guard*. A guard is a boolean expression that is evaluated only after all of the arguments have been successfully matched, and it must be true for the overall pattern-match to succeed. The scope of the guard is the same as the right-hand-side of the lambda expression, case expression clause, or function definition to which it is attached.

The guard semantics has an obvious influence on the strictness characteristics of a function or case expression. In particular, an otherwise irrefutable pattern may be evaluated due to the presence of a guard. For example, in

`f $\sim(x,y,z)$ [a] | a==y = 1`

both `a` and `y` will be evaluated.

3.12.3 Formal semantics of pattern-matching

The semantics of all other constructs which use pattern-matching is defined by giving identities that relate them to `case` expressions.

The semantics of `case` expressions are given as a series of identities that they satisfy. Figure 3 shows the identities: e , e' and e_i are arbitrary expressions; g and g_i are boolean-valued expressions; p and p_i are patterns; x and x_i are variables; K and K' are constructors (including tuple constructors); and k is an integer literal.

```

case  $e_0$  of  $\{p_1 \mid g_1 \rightarrow e_1; \dots; p_n \mid g_n \rightarrow e_n\}$ 
  = case  $e_0$  of
     $p_1 \mid g_1 \rightarrow e_1$ 
    -  $\rightarrow \dots$  case  $e_0$  of
       $p_n \mid g_n \rightarrow e_n$ 
      -  $\rightarrow$  error "Unexpected case"

case  $e_0$  of  $\{p \mid g \rightarrow e; \_ \rightarrow e'\}$ 
  = case  $e_0$  of  $\{p \rightarrow \text{if } g \text{ then } e \text{ else } e'; \_ \rightarrow e'\}$ 

case  $e_0$  of  $\{\sim p \rightarrow e; \_ \rightarrow e'\}$ 
  = case  $e_0$  of
     $x_0 \rightarrow$  case (case  $x_0$  of  $p \rightarrow x_1$ ) of
       $x_1 \rightarrow \dots$  case (case  $x_n$  of  $p \rightarrow x_n$ ) of
         $x_n \rightarrow e$ 
    (when  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are all the variables in  $p$ , and
      $x_0$  is a new variable not free in  $e$ )

case  $e_0$  of  $\{x@p \rightarrow e; \_ \rightarrow e'\}$ 
  = case  $e_0$  of  $\{x \rightarrow \text{case } x \text{ of } \{p \rightarrow e; \_ \rightarrow e'\}\}$ 

case  $e_0$  of  $\{\_ \rightarrow e; \_ \rightarrow e'\}$ 
  =  $e$ 

case  $e_0$  of  $\{Kp_1 \dots p_n \rightarrow e; \_ \rightarrow e'\}$ 
  = case  $e_0$  of
     $Kx_1 \dots x_n \rightarrow$  case  $x_1$  of
       $p_1 \rightarrow \dots$  case  $x_n$  of
         $p_n \rightarrow e$ 
        -  $\rightarrow e'$ 
      ...
      -  $\rightarrow e'$ 
    (when  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are new variables not in  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  or free in  $e_1, \dots, e_n$ )

case  $e_0$  of  $\{k \rightarrow e; \_ \rightarrow e'\}$ 
  = if  $(k == e_0)$  then  $e$  else  $e'$ 

case  $e_0$  of  $\{x+k \rightarrow e; \_ \rightarrow e'\}$ 
  = if  $(e_0 \geq k)$  then (case  $(e_0 - k)$  of  $\{x \rightarrow e\})$  else  $e'$ 

case  $e_0$  of  $\{x \rightarrow e; \_ \rightarrow e'\}$ 
  = case  $e_0$  of  $\{x \rightarrow e\}$ 

case  $e_0$  of  $\{x \rightarrow e\}$ 
  =  $(\backslash x \rightarrow e) e_0$ 

case  $(K' e_1 \dots e_m)$  of  $\{K x_1 \dots x_n \rightarrow e; \_ \rightarrow e'\}$ 
  =  $e'$ 
  (when  $K$  and  $K'$  are distinct constructors of arity  $n$  and  $m$  respectively)

case  $(K e_1 \dots e_n)$  of  $\{K x_1 \dots x_n \rightarrow e; \_ \rightarrow e'\}$ 
  = case  $e_1$  of  $\{x_1 \rightarrow \dots$  case  $e_n$  of  $\{x_n \rightarrow e\} \dots\}$ 
  (when  $K$  is a constructor of arity  $n$ )

```

Figure 3: Semantics of Case Expressions

Using all but the last two identities in Figure 3 in a left-to-right manner yields a translation into a subset of general **case** expressions, called *simple case expressions*. The first identity matches a general source-language **case** expression, regardless of whether it actually includes guards—if no guards are written, then **True** is substituted for the g_i . Subsequent identities manipulate the resulting **case** expression into simpler and simpler forms. The semantics of simple **case** expressions is given by the last two identities.

When used as a translation, the identities in Figure 3 will generate a very inefficient program. This can be fixed by using further **case** or **where** expressions, but doing so would clutter the identities, which are intended only to convey the semantics.

These identities all preserve the static semantics. The third rule from last uses a lambda rather than a **where**; this indicates that variables bound by **case** are monomorphically typed (Section 4.1.3).

4 Declarations and Bindings

In this section, we describe the syntax and informal semantics of HASKELL *declarations*.

<i>module</i>	→	module <i>modid</i> [<i>exports</i>] where <i>body</i>	
		<i>body</i>	
<i>body</i>	→	{ [<i>impdecls</i> ;] [<i>fixdecls</i> ;] <i>topdecls</i> }	
		{ <i>impdecls</i> }	
<i>topdecls</i>	→	<i>topdecl</i> ₁ ; ... ; <i>topdecl</i> _{<i>n</i>}	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>topdecl</i>	→	type [<i>context</i> =>] <i>simple</i> = <i>type</i>	
		data [<i>context</i> =>] <i>simple</i> = <i>constrs</i> [deriving (<i>tycls</i> (<i>tycls</i> _{<i>es</i>}))]	
		class [<i>context</i> =>] <i>class</i> [where { <i>cdecls</i> }]	
		instance [<i>context</i> =>] <i>tycls</i> <i>inst</i> [where { <i>decls</i> }]	
		default (<i>type</i> (<i>type</i> ₁ , ... , <i>type</i> _{<i>n</i>}))	(<i>n</i> ≥ 0)
		<i>decl</i>	
<i>decls</i>	→	<i>decl</i> ₁ ; ... ; <i>decl</i> _{<i>n</i>}	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>decl</i>	→	<i>vars</i> :: [<i>context</i> =>] <i>type</i>	
		<i>valdef</i>	

The declarations in the syntactic category *topdecls* are only allowed at the top level of a HASKELL module (see Section 5), whereas *decls* may be used either at the top level or in nested scopes (i.e. those within a **where** expression).

For exposition, we divide the declarations into three groups: user-defined datatypes, consisting of **type** and **data** declarations (Section 4.2); type classes and overloading, consisting of **class**, **instance**, and **default** declarations (Section 4.3); and nested declarations, consisting of value bindings and type signatures (Section 4.4). The **module** declaration, along with **import** and infix declarations, is described in Section 5.

HASKELL has several primitive datatypes that are “hard-wired” (such as integers and arrays), but most “built-in” datatypes are defined in the standard prelude with normal HASKELL code, using **type** and **data** declarations (see Section 4.2). These “built-in” datatypes are described in detail in Section 6.

4.1 Overview of Types and Classes

HASKELL uses a traditional Hindley-Milner polymorphic type system to provide a static type semantics [5, 9], but the type system has been extended with *type classes* (or just *classes*) that provide a structured way to introduce *overloaded* functions. This is the major technical innovation in the HASKELL language.

A **class** declaration (Section 4.3.1) introduces a new *type class* and the overloaded *operations* that must be supported by any type that is an instance of that class. An **instance** declaration (Section 4.3.2) declares that a type is an *instance* of a class and

includes the definitions of the overloaded operations—called *methods*—instantiated on the named type.

For example, suppose we wish to overload the operations (+) and `negate` on types `Int` and `Float`. We introduce a new type class called `Num`:

```
class Num a where          -- simplified class declaration for Num
  (+)    :: a -> a -> a
  negate :: a -> a
```

This declaration may be read “a type `a` is an instance of the class `Num` if there are (overloaded) operations (+) and `negate`, of the appropriate types, defined on it.”

We may then declare `Int` and `Float` to be instances of this class:

```
instance Num Int where    -- simplified instance of Num Int
  x + y      = addInt x y
  negate x    = negateInt x

instance Num Float where  -- simplified instance of Num Float
  x + y      = addFloat x y
  negate x    = negateFloat x
```

where `addInt`, `negateInt`, `addFloat`, and `negateFloat` are assumed in this case to be primitive functions, but in general could be any user-defined function. The first declaration above may be read “`Int` is an instance of the class `Num` as witnessed by these definitions (i.e. methods) for (+) and `negate`.”

4.1.1 Syntax of Types

<i>type</i>	\rightarrow <i>atype</i> \mid <i>type</i> ₁ \rightarrow <i>type</i> ₂ \mid <i>tycon</i> <i>atype</i> ₁ ... <i>atype</i> _k	(arity <i>tycon</i> = $k \geq 1$)
<i>atype</i>	\rightarrow <i>tyvar</i> \mid <i>tycon</i> \mid () \mid (<i>type</i>) \mid (<i>type</i> ₁ , ... , <i>type</i> _k) \mid [<i>type</i>]	(arity <i>tycon</i> = 0) (unit type) (parenthesised type) (tuple type, $k \geq 2$)
<i>tyvar</i>	\rightarrow <i>avarid</i>	
<i>tycon</i>	\rightarrow <i>aconid</i>	

A type expression is built in the usual way from type variables, function types, type constructors, tuple types, and list types. Type variables are identifiers beginning with a lower-case letter and type constructors are identifiers beginning with an upper-case letter. A type is one of:

1. A *function type* having form $t_1 \rightarrow t_2$. Function arrows associate to the right.
2. A *constructed type* having form $T \ t_1 \ \dots \ t_k$, where T is a type constructor of arity k .
3. A *tuple type* having form (t_1, \dots, t_k) where $k \geq 2$. It denotes the type of k -tuples with the first component of type t_1 , the second component of type t_2 , and so on (see Sections 3.5 and 6.5).
4. A *list type* has the form $[t]$. It denotes the type of lists with elements of type t (see Sections 3.4 and 6.4).
5. The *trivial type* having form $()$. It denotes the “degenerate tuple” type, and has exactly one value, also written $()$ (see Sections 3.6 and 6.7).
6. A *parenthesised type* having form (t) , identical to the type t .

Although the tuple, list, and trivial types have special syntax, they are not different from user-defined types with equivalent functionality.

Expressions and types have a consistent syntax. If t_i is the type of expression or pattern e_i , then the expressions $e_1 \rightarrow e_2$, $[e_1]$, and (e_1, e_2) have the types $t_1 \rightarrow t_2$, $[t_1]$, and (t_1, t_2) , respectively.

4.1.2 Syntax of Class Assertions and Contexts

<i>context</i>	\rightarrow	<i>class</i>	
	$ $	$(\textit{class}_1, \dots, \textit{class}_n)$	$(n \geq 1)$
<i>class</i>	\rightarrow	<i>tycls tyvar</i>	
<i>tycls</i>	\rightarrow	<i>aconid</i>	
<i>tyvar</i>	\rightarrow	<i>avarid</i>	

A *class assertion* has form *tycls tyvar*, and indicates the membership of the parameterised type *tyvar* in the class *tycls*. A class identifier begins with a capital letter.

A *context* consists of one or more class assertions, and has the general form

$$(\ C_1 \ u_1, \dots, \ C_n \ u_n \)$$

where C_1, \dots, C_n are class identifiers, and u_1, \dots, u_n are type variables; the parentheses may be omitted when $n = 1$. In general, we use c to denote a context and we write $c \Rightarrow t$ to indicate the type t restricted by the context c (where type variables in c are scoped only over $c \Rightarrow t$). For convenience, we write $c \Rightarrow t$ even if the context c is empty, although in this case the concrete syntax contains no \Rightarrow .

4.1.3 Semantics of Types and Classes

In this subsection, we provide informal details of the type system. (Wadler and Blott [17] discuss type classes further.)

A type is a *monotype* if it contains no type variables, and is *monomorphic* if it contains type variables but is not polymorphic (in Milner's original terminology, it is monomorphic if it contains no generic type variables).

A phrase of the form $e :: c \Rightarrow t$ is called a *typing*, and is valid if in the current environment it is a *well-typing*. Typings are related by a generalisation order (specified below); the most general well-typing is called the *principal typing*.

HASKELL's extended Hindley-Milner type system can infer the principal typing of all expressions, including the proper use of overloaded operations (although certain ambiguous overloadings could arise, as described in Section 4.3.4). Therefore, explicit typings (called *type signatures*) are optional (see Sections 3.11 and 4.4.1).

A well-typing $e :: c \Rightarrow t$ depends on the *type environment* that gives typings for the free variables in e . An *instantiation* of a well-typing is a typing that results from substituting types for some of the free type variables; the validity of an instantiation also depends on a *class environment* that declares which types are members of what class (a type becomes a member of a class only via the presence of a (possibly derived) **instance** declaration). $c_1 \Rightarrow t_1$ is a valid instantiation of the typing $c_2 \Rightarrow t_2$ if and only if there is a substitution S such that:

- t_1 is identical to $S(t_2)$.
- Whenever c_1 holds in the class environment, $S(c_2)$ also holds.

This notion of instantiation captures the *generalisation order* on types mentioned earlier.

The main point about contexts above is that, given the typing $x :: c \Rightarrow t$, the presence of $C\ u$ in the context c expresses the constraint that u may be instantiated as t' within the type expression t only if t' is a member of the class C . For example, contexts appear in **type** and **data** declarations, where they have the typical form

```
type c => T u1 ... uk = ...
data c => T u1 ... uk = ...
```

The context portion of each of these declarations declares that a type $(T\ t_1\ \dots\ t_k)$ is only valid where $c[t_1/u_1, \dots, t_k/u_k]$ holds.

As an example, consider:

```
type (Num a) => Point a = (a, a)

origin :: Point Integer
origin = (0, 0)

scale :: (Num a) => a -> Point a -> Point a
scale w (x,y) = (w*x, w*y)
```

The typing for `origin` is valid because `Num Integer` holds, and the typing for `scale` is valid because `Point a` is in the scope of the context `Num a`. On the other hand,

```
scale :: a -> Point a -> Point a
```

is not a valid typing, because `Point a` is not in the scope of a context asserting `Num a`.

4.2 User-Defined Datatypes

In this section, we describe type synonyms (**type** declarations) and algebraic datatypes (**data** declarations). These declarations may only appear at the top level of a module.

In the concrete syntax of these declarations there is an optional *context*, with syntax “*context* =>”, related to overloading and type classes. In this section, we give syntax for but ignore semantics of contexts, returning to them in Section 4.3.

4.2.1 Algebraic Data Type Declarations

<i>topdecl</i>	→	data [<i>context</i> =>] <i>simple</i> = <i>constrs</i> [deriving (<i>tycls</i> (<i>tycls</i> es))]
<i>simple</i>	→	<i>tycon</i> <i>tyvar</i> ₁ ... <i>tyvar</i> _k (arity <i>tycon</i> = <i>k</i> ≥ 0)
<i>constrs</i>	→	<i>constr</i> ₁ ... <i>constr</i> _n (<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>constr</i>	→	<i>con</i> <i>atype</i> ₁ ... <i>atype</i> _k (arity <i>con</i> = <i>k</i> ≥ 0)
		<i>type</i> ₁ <i>conop</i> <i>type</i> ₂ (infix <i>conop</i>)
<i>tycls</i> es	→	<i>tycls</i> ₁ , ..., <i>tycls</i> _n (<i>n</i> ≥ 0)

The precedence for *constr* is the same as that for expressions—normal constructor application has higher precedence than infix constructor application (thus `a : Foo a` parses as `a : (Foo a)`).

An algebraic datatype declaration introduces a new type and constructors over that type and has the form:

$$\mathbf{data} \ T \ u_1 \ \dots \ u_k = K_1 \ t_{11} \ \dots \ t_{1k_1} \mid \dots \mid K_n \ t_{n1} \ \dots \ t_{nk_n}$$

defining a new type constructor *T* with constituent data constructors *K*₁, ..., *K*_n whose typings are:

$$K_i :: t_{i1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow t_{ik_i} \rightarrow (T \ u_1 \ \dots \ u_k)$$

The type variables *u*₁ through *u*_k must be distinct and are scoped only over the right-hand-side of the declaration; it is a static error for any other type variable to appear on the right-hand-side.

The visibility of a datatype’s constructors (i.e. the “abstractness” of the datatype) outside of the module in which the datatype is defined is controlled by the form of the datatype’s name in the export list as described in Section 5.6.

The optional **deriving** part of a **data** declaration has to do with *derived instances*, and is described in Section 4.3.3.

4.2.2 Type Synonym Declarations

$topdecl \rightarrow \text{type } [context \Rightarrow] \text{ simple} = \text{type}$
 $simple \rightarrow \text{tycon } tyvar_1 \dots tyvar_k$ (arity $tycon = k \geq 0$)

A type synonym declaration introduces a new type that is equivalent to an old type and has the form

type $T \ u_1 \dots u_k = t$

which introduces a new type constructor, T . The type $(T \ t_1 \dots t_k)$ is equivalent to the type $t[t_1/u_1, \dots, t_k/u_k]$. The type variables u_1 through u_k must be distinct and are scoped only over t ; it is a static error for any other type variable to appear in t .

Although recursive and mutually recursive datatypes are allowed, this is not so for type synonyms, *unless an algebraic datatype intervenes*. For example,

```
type Rec a  = [Circ a]
data Circ a = Tag [Rec a]
```

is allowed, whereas

```
type Rec a  = [Circ a]      -- ILLEGAL
type Circ a = [Rec a]      --
```

is not. Similarly, **type** $\text{Rec } a = [\text{Rec } a]$ is not allowed.

4.3 Type Classes and Overloading

4.3.1 Class Declarations

$topdecl \rightarrow \text{class } [context \Rightarrow] \text{ class } [\text{where } \{ \text{cdecls} \}]$
 $cdecls \rightarrow cdecl_1 ; \dots ; cdecl_n$ ($n \geq 1$)
 $cdecl \rightarrow \text{vars} :: \text{type}$
 $\quad \quad | \text{valdef}$
 $class \rightarrow \text{tycls } \text{tyvar}$
 $\text{tycls} \rightarrow \text{aconid}$
 $\text{tyvar} \rightarrow \text{avarid}$
 $\text{vars} \rightarrow \text{var}_1, \dots, \text{var}_n$ ($n \geq 1$)

A **class** declaration introduces a new class and the operations on it. A **class** declaration has the form:

class $c \Rightarrow C \ u \text{ where } \{ \ v_1 :: t_1 ; \dots ; v_n :: t_n ;$
 $\quad \quad \text{valdef}_1 ; \dots ; \text{valdef}_m \}$

This introduces a new class name C ; the type variable u is unique to, and only scoped within, the immediate **class** declaration. The context c specifies the superclasses of C , as

described below. The declaration also introduces new operations v_1, \dots, v_n , whose scope extends outside the **class** declaration, with typings:

$$v_i :: C \ u \Rightarrow t_i$$

Note the implicit context in the typings for each v_i . Two classes in scope at the same time may not share any of the same operations.

Default methods for any of the v_i may be included in the **class** declaration as a normal *valdef*; no other definitions are permitted. The default method for v_i is used if no binding for it is given in a particular **instance** declaration (see Section 4.3.2).

Figure 4 shows some standard HASKELL classes, including the use of superclasses; note the class inclusion diagram on the right. For example, **Eq** is a superclass of **Ord**, and thus in any context **Ord a** is equivalent to (**Eq a**, **Ord a**).

A **class** declaration with no **where** part may be useful for combining a collection of classes into a larger one that inherits all of the operations in the original ones. For example,

```
class (Ord a, Text a, Binary a) => Data a
```

In such a case, if a type is an instance of all superclasses, it is not *automatically* an instance of the subclass, even though the subclass has no immediate operations. The **instance** declaration must be given explicitly, and it must have an empty **where** part as well.

The superclass relation must not be cyclic; i.e. it must form a directed acyclic graph.

4.3.2 Instance Declarations

<i>topdecl</i>	→	instance [<i>context</i> =>] <i>tycls inst</i> [where { <i>decls</i> }]	
<i>inst</i>	→	<i>tycon</i>	(arity <i>tycon</i> = 0)
		(<i>tycon tyvar₁ ... tyvar_k</i>)	(arity <i>tycon</i> = <i>k</i> > 0)
		(<i>tyvar₁ , ... , tyvar_k</i>)	<i>k</i> ≥ 2
		()	
		[<i>tyvar</i>]	
		<i>tyvar₁ -> tyvar₂</i>	
<i>tycls</i>	→	<i>aconid</i>	

An **instance** declaration introduces an instance of a class. Let

```
class c => C u where { v1 :: t1 ; ... ; vn :: tn }
```

be a **class** declaration. The general form of the corresponding **instance** declaration is:

```
instance c' => C (T u1 ... uk) where { d }
```

where $k \geq 0$ and T is not a type synonym. The context c' must imply the context $c[(T u_1 \dots u_k)/u]$, and d may contain bindings (i.e. methods) only for v_1 through v_n .

```

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

class (Eq a) => Ord a where
    (<), (<=), (>=), (>) :: a -> a -> Bool
    max, min                :: a -> a -> a

    x < y                    = x <= y && x /= y
    x >= y                   = y <= x
    x > y                    = y < x
    max x y | x >= y         = x
              | y >= x       = y
    min x y | x <= y         = x
              | y <= x       = y

class Text a where
    showsPrec :: Int -> a -> String -> String
    readsPrec :: Int -> String -> [(a,String)]
    showList  :: [a] -> String -> String      -- Eq Text Binary
    readList  :: String -> [(a,String)]      -- |
                                              -- Ord
    showList = ... -- see Appendix A.7      -- |
    readList = ... -- see Appendix A.7      -- Ix
                                              -- |
class Binary a where                        -- Enum
    showBin :: a -> Bin -> Bin              --
    readBin :: Bin -> (a,Bin)               -- (Cf. Figures 7-9)

class (Ord a) => Ix a where
    range    :: (a,a) -> [a]
    index    :: (a,a) -> a -> Int
    inRange  :: (a,a) -> a -> Bool

class (Ix a) => Enum a where
    enumFrom      :: a -> [a]                -- [n..]
    enumFromThen  :: a -> a -> [a]           -- [n,n'..]
    enumFromTo    :: a -> a -> [a]           -- [n..m]
    enumFromThenTo :: a -> a -> a -> [a]     -- [n,n'..m]

    enumFromTo n m      = takeWhile ((>=) m) (enumFrom n)
    enumFromThenTo n n' m = takeWhile
                                ((if n' >= n then (>=) else (<=)) m)
                                (enumFromThen n n')

```

Figure 4: Standard Classes and Associated Functions

No contexts may appear in d , since they are implied: any signature declaration in d will have the form $v :: t$, abbreviating $v :: c' \Rightarrow t$. Each v_i has typing:

$$v_i :: c' \Rightarrow (t_i[(T \ u_1 \ \dots \ u_k)/u])$$

If no method is given for some v_i then the default method in the **class** declaration is used (if present); if such a default does not exist then v_i is implicitly bound to the completely undefined function (of the appropriate type) and no static error results.

The constraint on c' implies that if a datatype T is defined by:

```
data c => T a = ...
```

then an instance of T over some class C *must include the context*, as in:

```
instance c => C (T a) where ...
```

An **instance** declaration that makes the type T to be an instance of class C is called a *C-T instance declaration* and is subject to these static restrictions:

- A C-T instance declaration may only appear either in the module in which C is declared or in the module in which T is declared, and only where both C and T are in scope.
- A type may not be declared as an instance of a particular class more than once in the same scope.

Examples of **instance** declarations may be found in the next section on derived instances.

4.3.3 Derived Instances

As mentioned in Section 4.2.1, **data** declarations contain an optional **deriving** form. If the form is included, then *derived instance declarations* are automatically generated for the datatype in each of the named classes and all of their superclasses.

Derived instances provide convenient commonly-used operations for user-defined datatypes. For example, derived instances for datatypes in the class **Eq** define the operations **==** and **/=**, freeing the programmer from the need to define them.

The only classes for which derived instances are allowed are **Eq**, **Ord**, **Ix**, **Enum**, **Text**, and **Binary**, all defined in Figure 4. The precise details of how the derived instances are generated for each of these classes are provided in Appendix D, including a specification of when such derived instances are possible (which is important for the following discussion).

If it is not possible to derive an **instance** declaration over a class named in a **deriving** form, then a static error results. For example, not all datatypes can properly support

operations in **Enum**. It is also a static error to explicitly give an **instance** declaration for one that is also derived. These rules also apply to the superclasses of the class in question.

On the other hand, if the **deriving** form is omitted from a **data** declaration, then **instance** declarations are derived for the datatype in as many of the six classes mentioned above as is possible (see Appendix D); that is, no static error will result if the **instance** declarations cannot be generated.

If *no* derived **instance** declarations for a datatype are wanted, then the empty deriving form **deriving ()** must be given in the **data** declaration for that type.

4.3.4 Defaults for Overloaded Operations

topdecl \rightarrow **default** (*type* | (*type*₁ , ... , *type*_{*n*})) (*n* ≥ 0)

A problem inherent with overloading is the possibility of ambiguous typing. For example, using the **read** and **show** functions defined in Appendix D, and supposing that just **Int** and **Bool** are members of **Text**, then the expression

```
show x where x = read "... "      -- ILLEGAL
```

is ambiguous—the typings for **show** and **read**,

```
show :: (Text a) => a -> String
read :: (Text a) => String -> a
```

could be satisfied by instantiating **a** as either **Int** in both cases, or **Bool**. Such expressions in HASKELL are considered ill-typed, a static error.

We say that an expression **e** is *ambiguously overloaded* if in its typing **e** :: *c* => *t*, *c* contains a type variable **a** that does not occur in *t* and **a** is not bound in the type environment (if **a** is part of the type of a bound lambda variable, for example, it *will* be bound in the type environment).

For example, the earlier expression involving **show** and **read** is ambiguously overloaded since its typing is (Text **a**) => String, whereas in the definition of **show** itself:

```
show x = showsPrec 0 x ""
```

no expression is ambiguous; **showsPrec 0 x ""** has the typing (Text **a**) => String, but it is unambiguous because **a** refers to the type of the bound variable **x**.

Overloading ambiguity, although rare, can only be circumvented by input from the user. One way is through the use of *expression type-signatures* as described in Section 3.11. For example, for the ambiguous expression given earlier, one could write:

```
show (x::Bool) where x = read "... "
```

which disambiguates the typing.

Ambiguities in the class **Num** are most common, so HASKELL provides a second way to resolve them—with a *default declaration*:

```
default (t1 , ... , tn)
```

where $n \geq 0$ (the parentheses may be omitted when $n = 1$), and each t_i must be a monotype for which `Num` t_i holds. In situations where an ambiguous typing is discovered, an ambiguous type variable is defaultable if at least one of its classes is a numeric class and if all of its classes are either numeric classes or standard classes. (Figures 7–9, pages 53–55, show the numeric classes, and Figure 4, page 29, shows the standard classes.) Each defaultable variable is replaced by the first type in the default list that is an instance of all the ambiguous variable’s classes. It is a static error if no such type is found.

Only one default declaration is permitted per module, and its effect is limited to that module. If no default declaration is given in a module then it defaults to:

```
default (Int, Double)
```

The empty default declaration `default ()` must be given to turn off all defaults in a module.

4.4 Nested Declarations

The following declarations may be used in any declaration list, including the top level of a module.

4.4.1 Type Signatures

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{decl} & \rightarrow \text{vars} :: [\text{context} \Rightarrow] \text{type} \\ \text{vars} & \rightarrow \text{var}_1, \dots, \text{var}_n \end{array} \quad (n \geq 1)$$

A type signature specifies types for variables, possibly with respect to a context. A type signature has the form:

$$x_1, \dots, x_n :: c \Rightarrow t$$

which is equivalent to independently asserting:

$$x_i :: c \Rightarrow t$$

for each i from 1 to n . Each x_i must have a value binding in the same declaration list that contains the type signature; i.e. it is illegal to give a type signature for a variable bound in an outer scope. Also, every type variable appearing in a signature is universally quantified only over that signature. This last constraint implies that signatures such as:

```
f x = ys where ys :: [a]      -- ILLEGAL
              ys = [x]        --
```

are not valid, since this declares `ys` to be of type $(\forall a) [a]$, which is not a valid polymorphic type (it contains only \perp , the empty list, and lists just containing \perp). In contrast:

```
f x = ys where ys = [x]
f :: a -> [a]
```

is valid. The scope of a type variable is limited to the type signature that contains it.

A type signature for x may be more specific than the principal typing derivable from the value binding of x (see Section 4.1.3), but it is an error to give a typing that is more general than, or incomparable to, the principal typing. If a more specific typing is given then all occurrences of the variable must be used at the more specific typing or at a more specific typing still.

For example, if we define

```
sqr x = x*x
```

then the principal typing is `sqr :: (Num a) => a -> a`, which allows applications such as `sqr 5` or `sqr 0.1`. It is also legal to declare a more specific typing, such as

```
sqr :: Int -> Int
```

but now applications such as `sqr 0.1` are illegal. Typings such as

```
sqr :: (Num a, Num b) => a -> b      -- ILLEGAL
sqr :: a -> a                        --
```

are illegal, as they are more general than the principal typing.

4.4.2 Function and Pattern Bindings

<i>decl</i>	→	<i>valdef</i>	
<i>valdef</i>	→	<i>lhs</i> = <i>exp</i>	
		<i>lhs</i> <i>gdfun</i>	
<i>lhs</i>	→	<i>pat</i>	
		<i>var</i> <i>apat</i> ₁ ... <i>apat</i> _{<i>k</i>}	(<i>k</i> ≥ 1)
		<i>apat</i> ₁ <i>varop</i> <i>apat</i> ₂	
		(<i>apat</i> ₁ <i>varop</i> <i>apat</i> ₂) <i>apat</i> ₃ ... <i>apat</i> _{<i>k</i>}	(<i>k</i> ≥ 3)
<i>gdfun</i>	→	<i>gd</i> = <i>exp</i> [<i>gdfun</i>]	
<i>gd</i>	→	<i>exp</i>	

We distinguish two cases within this syntax: a *pattern binding* occurs when *lhs* is *pat*; otherwise, it is called a *function binding*. Either binding may appear at the top-level of a module or within a **where** clause.

Function bindings. A function binding binds a variable to a function value. Its general form is:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} x \ p_{11} \ \dots \ p_{1k} \ [g_1] & = & e_1 \\ \dots & & \\ x \ p_{m1} \ \dots \ p_{mk} \ [g_m] & = & e_m \end{array}$$

All of the equations making up one function definition must appear together and must have the same number of patterns. If only the guard changes from the immediately preceding equation then the function name and patterns may be omitted. For example,

```
f (x:xs) | x==0 = 0
          | x<0  = -1
          | x>0  = 1
```

is an abbreviation for

```
f (x:xs) | x==0 = 0
f (x:xs) | x<0  = -1
f (x:xs) | x>0  = 1
```

Alternative syntax is provided for binding functional values to infix operators. For example, these two function definitions are equivalent:

```
plus x y z = x+y+z
(x `plus` y) z = x+y+z
```

Translation: The general binding form for functions is semantically equivalent to the equation (i.e. simple pattern binding):

$$x = \setminus x_1 x_2 \dots x_k \rightarrow \text{case } (x_1, \dots, x_k) \text{ of } (p_{11}, \dots, p_{1k}) [g_1] \rightarrow e_1 \\ \dots \\ (p_{m1}, \dots, p_{mk}) [g_m] \rightarrow e_m$$

where the x_i are new identifiers.

Pattern bindings. A pattern binding binds variables to values. A *simple* pattern binding has form $p = e$. In both a **where** clause and at the top level of a program, the pattern p is matched “lazily” as an irrefutable pattern by default (as if there were an implicit \sim in front of it). See the translation in Section 3.9.

The *general* form of a pattern binding is:

$$p \mid g_1 = e_1 \\ \mid g_2 = e_2 \\ \dots \\ \mid g_m = e_m$$

Note: the simple form $p = e$ is equivalent to $p \mid \text{True} = e$.

Translation: The pattern binding above is semantically equivalent to this simple pattern binding:

```
p = if g1 then e1 else
     if g2 then e2 else
     ...
     if gm then em else error ""
```

Static semantics of function and pattern bindings. The static semantics of the function and pattern bindings of a **where** expression (including that of the top-level of a program that has been translated into a **where** expression as described in Section 5) is as follows.

In general the static semantics is given by the normal Hindley-Milner inference rules, except that a *dependency analysis transformation* is first performed to enhance polymorphism. Exhaustive application of the following rules capture this dependency analysis:²

- (1) The order of declarations in **where** clauses is irrelevant.
- (2) $e \text{ where } \{d_1; d_2\} = (e \text{ where } \{d_2\}) \text{ where } \{d_1\}$
(when no identifier bound in d_2 appears free in d_1)

Apart from one important exception to be covered below, the extension of the Hindley-Milner type system to type classes allows variables bound in a **where** to be both polymorphic and overloaded. This contrasts with a variable bound by a lambda abstraction, whose type must be monomorphic and hence may not be overloaded (Section 3.1). (This extends to type classes a well-known restriction imposed by the Hindley-Milner type system.) Two cases must be distinguished:

- Variables bound directly to lambda abstractions are typed exactly as described above. This includes all function bindings and also all pattern bindings taking the form $v = \lambda p_1 \dots p_n . e$, where v is a variable. The latter two forms are equivalent, so are both typed in the same way.
- Variables *not* bound directly to a lambda abstraction³ may be polymorphic and overloaded, but must also obey the rule: *variables not bound directly to lambda abstractions must not be used at more than one distinct overloading*. An immediate consequence is that *overloaded variables not bound directly to lambda abstractions cannot be exported*, because, once exported, there is no way to check the required condition.

The single-overloading rule can be defined as: *the type of a variable not bound directly to a lambda abstraction is monomorphic in any type variables constrained by a context*.⁴ All non-overloaded bindings are fully polymorphic in the usual way, and overloaded variables not bound directly to lambda abstractions are polymorphic in type variables not constrained by a context.

This definition gives an example of the effect of the rule:

```
f x = (y,y) where y = factorial 1000
```

The type inferred for **f** is $\text{Num } b \Rightarrow a \rightarrow (b,b)$, *not* $(\text{Num } b, \text{Num } c) \Rightarrow a \rightarrow (b,c)$; the

²Exhaustive application of these rules causes a transformation similar to that in Peyton Jones' book [12], except that **where** clauses are used uniformly, instead of a combination of "let" and "letrec" clauses.

³This includes definitions such as $(f,g) = (\lambda x.x, \lambda y.\text{True})$. Here, **f** and **g** do not count as being bound directly to lambda abstractions, because the left-hand side of the definition is not a simple variable.

⁴Notice the use of *monomorphic*, rather than *monotyped* (see Section 4.1.3). It is not necessary that the type be fixed at compile time, merely that the variable is only used at a single overloading.

two components of the pair returned can only be used at the same overloading. This avoids the unpleasant possibility that `factorial 1000` might be computed twice, once at each overloading.

This rule is restrictive only where a truly overloaded constant is required (usually at the top level); for example,

```
module F( fac1000 ) where
    fac1000 = factorial 1000
```

The limitation may be overcome in two main ways. `fac1000` may be given a monotype such as `Integer` by using a type signature, in which case each use of `fac1000` must be replaced by `(fromInteger fac1000)`; alternatively, the definition may be changed into a function definition:

```
module F( fac1000 ) where
    fac1000 () = factorial 1000
```

in which case uses of `fac1000` must be replaced by `(fac1000 ())`. Both alternatives correctly indicate that some recomputation may take place.

5 Modules

A module defines a collection of values, data types, type synonyms, classes, etc. (see Section 4), and *exports* some of these resources, making them available to other modules. We use the term *entity* to refer to the values, types, and classes defined in and perhaps exported from a module.

A HASKELL *program* is a collection of modules, one of which must be called `Main` and must export the value `main`. The *value* of the program is the value of the identifier `main` in module `Main`, and `main` must have type `Dialogue` (see Section 7).

Modules may reference other modules via explicit `import` declarations, each giving the name of a module to be imported, specifying its entities to be imported, and optionally renaming some or all of them. Modules may be mutually recursive.

The name-space for modules is flat, with each module being associated with a unique module name (which are HASKELL identifiers beginning with a capital letter; i.e. *aconid*). There are two distinguished modules, `PreludeCore` and `Prelude`, both discussed in Section 5.4.

5.1 Overview

5.1.1 Interfaces and Implementations

A module consists of an *interface* and an *implementation* of that interface.

The interface of a module provides complete information about the static semantics of that module, including type signatures, class definitions, and type declarations for the various entities made available by the module. This information is complete in this sense: If a module M imports modules M_1, \dots, M_n , then only the interfaces of M_1, \dots, M_n need be examined in order to perform static checking on the implementation of M . No implementations of M_1, \dots, M_n need to exist, nor need any further interfaces be consulted. Interfaces are discussed in Section 5.3.

An implementation “fills in” the information about a module missing from the interface. For example, for each value given a type signature in the interface the implementation either imports a module that defines the value or defines the value itself. Implementations are discussed in Section 5.2.

5.1.2 Original Names

It may be that a particular entity is imported into a module by more than one route—for example, because it is exported by two modules both of which are imported by a third module. It is important that benign name-clashes of this form are allowed, but that accidental name-clashes are detected and reported as errors. This is done as follows.

Each entity (class, type constructor, value, etc.) has an *original name* that is a pair consisting of the name of the module in which it was originally declared, and the name it

was given in that declaration. The original name is carried with the entity wherever it is exported. Two entities are the same if and only if they have the same original name.

Renaming does *not* affect the original name; it is a purely syntactic operation that affects only the name by which the entity is currently known. For example, if a class is renamed and a type is declared to be an instance of the newly-named class, then it is also an instance of the original class—there is just one class, which happens to be known by different names in different parts of the program. Also, fixity is a property of the original name of an identifier or operator and is not affected by renaming; the new name has the same fixity as the old one.

5.1.3 Closure

The implementation together with the interfaces of the modules it imports must be *statically closed* according to this rule: *every value, type, or class referred to in the text of an implementation together with the interfaces that it imports, must be declared in the implementation or in one of the imported interfaces.*

It is an error for a module to export a collection of entities that cannot possibly become closed. For example, if a module **A** declares both the type **T** and a value **t** of type **T**, it may not export **t** without also exporting **T**.

However, the closure condition applies on *import*, not on *export*. For example, if another module **B** imported **T** from module **A**, and declared another value **s** of type **T**, it may export **s** without exporting **T**—but any module importing **B** must also import the type **T** by some other route, for example by also importing **A**.

5.1.4 The Compilation System

The task of checking consistency between interfaces and implementations must be done by the *compilation system*.

HASKELL does not specify any particular association between implementations and interfaces on the one hand, and *files* on the other; nor does it specify how implementations and interfaces are produced. These matters are determined by the compilation system, and many variations are possible, depending on the programming environment. For example, a compilation system could insist that each implementation and each interface reside alone in a file, and that the module name is the same as that of the file, with the implementation and interface distinguished by a suffix.

Similarly, a compilation system may require the programmer to write the interface, or it may derive the interface from examination of the implementation, or some hybrid of the two. HASKELL is defined so that, given the interfaces of all imported modules, it is always possible to perform a complete static check on the implementation, and, if it is well-typed, to derive its unique interface automatically. However, given a set of mutually recursive implementations, the compilation system may have to examine several modules at once to derive the interfaces, which will still be unique with one exception: because of the shorthand

for exporting all entities from an imported module, the set of exports may not be unique. Any set satisfying the consistency constraints is a valid solution for a well-typed HASKELL program, but if an implementation automatically derives the interface it must derive the smallest set of exports.

For optimisation across module boundaries, a compilation system may need more information than is provided by the standard interface as defined in this report.

5.2 Module Implementations

A module implementation defines a mutually recursive scope containing declarations for value bindings, data types, type synonyms, classes, etc. (see Section 4).

<i>module</i>	→	module <i>modid</i> [<i>exports</i>] where <i>body</i>	
		<i>body</i>	
<i>body</i>	→	{ [<i>impdecls</i> ;] [<i>fixdecls</i> ;] <i>topdecls</i> }	
		{ <i>impdecls</i> }	
<i>modid</i>	→	<i>aconid</i>	
<i>impdecls</i>	→	<i>impdecl₁</i> ; ... ; <i>impdecl_n</i>	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>topdecls</i>	→	<i>topdecl₁</i> ; ... ; <i>topdecl_n</i>	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)

A module implementation begins with a header: the keyword **module**, the module name, and a list of entities (enclosed in round parentheses) to be exported. The header is followed by an optional list of **import** declarations that specify modules to be imported, optionally restricting and renaming the imported bindings. This is followed by an optional list of fixity declarations and the module body. The module body is simply a list of top-level declarations (*topdecls*), as described in Section 4.

An abbreviated form of module is permitted, which consists only of the module body. If this is used, the header is assumed to be **module Main where**. It is inadvisable for a compilation system to permit an abbreviated module to appear in the same file as some unabbreviated modules.

5.2.1 Export Lists

<i>exports</i>	→	(<i>export₁</i> , ... , <i>export_n</i>)	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>export</i>	→	<i>varid</i>	
		<i>tycon</i>	
		<i>tycon</i> (..)	
		<i>tycon</i> (<i>conid₁</i> , ... , <i>conid_n</i>)	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
		<i>tycls</i> (..)	
		<i>tycls</i> (<i>varid₁</i> , ... , <i>varid_n</i>)	(<i>n</i> ≥ 0)
		<i>modid</i> ..	

An *export list* identifies the entities to be exported by a module declaration. A module implementation may only export an entity that it declares, or that it imports from some other module. If the export list is omitted, all values, types and classes defined in the module are exported, *but not those that are imported*.

Entities in an export list may be named as follows:

1. Ordinary values, whether declared in the implementation body or imported, may be named by giving the name of the value as a *varid*. Operators should be enclosed in parentheses to turn them into *varid*'s.
2. A type synonym T declared by a **type** declaration may be named by simply giving the name of the type.
3. An algebraic data type T with constructors K_1, \dots, K_n declared by a **data** declaration may be named in one of three ways:
 - The form T names the type *but not the constructors*. The ability to export a type without its constructors allows the construction of abstract data types (see Section 5.6).
 - The form $T(K_1, \dots, K_n)$, where all and only the constructors are listed without duplications, names the type and all its constructors.
 - The abbreviated form $T(..)$ also names the type and all its constructors.

Data constructors may not be named in export lists in any other way.

4. A class C with operations f_1, \dots, f_n declared in a **class** declaration may be named in one of two ways, both of which name the class together with all its operations:
 - The form $C(f_1, \dots, f_n)$, where all and only the operations in that class are listed without duplications.
 - The abbreviated form $C(..)$.

Operators in a class may not be named in export lists in any other way.

5. The set of all entities brought into scope (after renaming) from a module m by one or more **import** declarations may be named by the form $m..$, which is equivalent to listing all of the entities imported from the module. For example,

```
module Queue( Stack.., enqueue, dequeue ) where
  import Stack
  ...
```

Here the module **Queue** uses the module name **Stack** in its export list to abbreviate all the entities imported from **Stack**. It is a static error to have circular dependencies between imports/exports using this naming convention. For example, the following is not allowed:


```

module X( Y.. )      -- ILLEGAL
import Y              --
x = 1                 --

module Y( X.. )      --
import X              --
y = 1                 --

```

5.2.2 Import Declarations

<i>impdecl</i>	→	import <i>modid</i> [<i>impspec</i>] [renaming <i>renamings</i>]	
<i>impspec</i>	→	(<i>import₁</i> , ... , <i>import_n</i>)	($n \geq 0$)
		hiding (<i>import₁</i> , ... , <i>import_n</i>)	($n \geq 1$)
<i>import</i>	→	<i>varid</i>	
		<i>tycon</i>	
		<i>tycon</i> (..)	
		<i>tycon</i> (<i>conid₁</i> , ... , <i>conid_n</i>)	($n \geq 1$)
		<i>tycls</i> (..)	
		<i>tycls</i> (<i>varid₁</i> , ... , <i>varid_n</i>)	($n \geq 0$)
<i>renamings</i>	→	(<i>renaming₁</i> , ... , <i>renaming_n</i>)	($n \geq 1$)
<i>renaming</i>	→	<i>name₁</i> to <i>name₂</i>	
<i>name</i>	→	<i>varid</i> <i>conid</i>	

The entities exported by a module may be brought into scope in another module with an **import** declaration at the beginning of the module. The **import** declaration names the module to be imported, optionally specifies the entities to be imported, and optionally provides renamings for imported entities. A single module may be imported by more than one **import** declaration.

Exactly which entities are to be imported can be specified in one of three ways:

1. The set of entities to be imported can be specified explicitly by listing them in parentheses. Items in the list have the same form as those in export lists, except that the *modid* abbreviation is not permitted.

The list must name a subset of the entities exported by the imported module. The list may be empty, in which case nothing is imported; this is especially useful in the case of the module **Prelude** (see Section 5.4.3).

2. Specific entities can be excluded by using the form **hiding**(*import₁*,...,*import_n*), which specifies that all entities exported by the named module should be imported apart from those named in the list.
3. Finally, if *impspec* is omitted then all the entities exported by the specified module are imported.

Some or all of the imported entities may be renamed, thus allowing them to be known by a new name in the importing scope (see Section 5.1.2). This is done using the **renaming**

keyword, with a renaming of the form *oldname* **to** *newname*. All renaming is subject to the constraint that each name in a scope must refer to exactly one entity; however, a single entity may be given more than one name.

5.3 Module Interfaces

Every module has an *interface* containing all the information needed to do static checks on any importing module. All static checks on a module implementation can be done by inspecting its text and the interfaces of the modules it imports.

<i>interface</i>	→	interface <i>modid</i> where <i>ibody</i>	
<i>ibody</i>	→	{ [<i>iimpdecls</i> ;] [<i>fixes</i> ;] <i>itopdecls</i> }	
		{ <i>iimpdecls</i> }	
<i>iimpdecls</i>	→	<i>iimpdecl</i> ₁ ; ... ; <i>iimpdecl</i> _{<i>n</i>}	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>iimpdecl</i>	→	import <i>modid</i> (<i>import</i> ₁ , ... , <i>import</i> _{<i>n</i>})	
		[renaming <i>renamings</i>]	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>itopdecls</i>	→	<i>itopdecl</i> ₁ ; ... ; <i>itopdecl</i> _{<i>n</i>}	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>itopdecl</i>	→	type [<i>context</i> =>] <i>simple</i> = <i>type</i>	
		data [<i>context</i> =>] <i>simple</i> [= <i>constrs</i>] [deriving (<i>tycls</i> (<i>tycls</i> <i>ses</i>))]	
		class [<i>context</i> =>] <i>class</i> [where { <i>icdecls</i> }]	
		instance [<i>context</i> =>] <i>tycls</i> <i>inst</i>	
		<i>vars</i> :: [<i>context</i> =>] <i>type</i>	
<i>icdecls</i>	→	<i>icdecl</i> ₁ ; ... ; <i>icdecl</i> _{<i>n</i>}	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>icdecl</i>	→	<i>vars</i> :: <i>type</i>	

The syntax of **interface** is similar to that of **module**, except:

- There is no export list: everything in the interface is exported.
- **import** declarations have a slightly different purpose from those in implementations (see Section 5.3.2). The list of entities to be imported is always specified explicitly.
- **data** declarations appear without their constructors if these are not exported.
- There is no implementation part to **instance** declarations.
- Value declarations do not appear at all; for exported values, type signatures take their place.

5.3.1 Consistency

The interface and implementation of a module must obey certain constraints. (In the following, the phrase “in the implementation” refers to something either declared within the implementation or imported by it.)

1. Every entity given a declaration in an interface must either have an import declaration for the entity in the interface (the import specifies the module that defines it) or have a definition of the entity in the implementation. Furthermore, if an interface A imports an entity X from module B (perhaps renaming it), then the interface for B must define X but not import it.
2. A class, type synonym, algebraic data type, or value appears in the interface exactly when its name appears in the implementation's export list or, if the export list is omitted, when it is *declared* in the implementation.
3. A type signature appears in the interface for every value that the implementation exports. This type signature must be the same as that in the implementation (see Section 4.1.3), where the latter is obtained from the explicit type signature in the implementation (when present) or is the most general type inferred from the declaration of the value.
4. A **type** declaration in an interface must be identical to that in the implementation.
5. A **class** declaration in an interface must be identical to that in the implementation, except that default-method declarations are omitted.
6. If the constructors of a **data** type are *not* to be exported, then the **data** declaration in the interface differs from that in the implementation by omitting everything after (and including) the = sign. If the **data** declaration in the implementation uses the **deriving** mechanism to derive instance declarations for the type, a separate **instance** declaration must appear in the interface for each class of which the type is made an instance of. However, the information that certain instances are derived is hidden when the constructors are hidden, since in this case the type is abstract (see Section 5.6).
7. If the constructors of a **data** declaration are to be exported, then the **data** declaration in the interface is identical to that in the implementation including the **deriving** part.⁵
8. If a *C-T* instance is declared in a module or imported by it, then the instance declaration appears in the interface (omitting the **where** part) if *either* *C* is exported *or* *T* is exported. Instance declarations are not named explicitly in export or import lists. This rule ensures that, if *C* and *T* are both in scope, then the (unique) *C-T* instance declaration will also be in scope.⁶

No explicit instance declaration should appear in the interface for instances that are specified by the **deriving** part of a **data** declaration in the interface.

9. A fixity declaration appears in an interface exactly when (a) a type signature for the value is also given in the interface (either by itself or as part of a class declaration) and (b) the identical fixity declaration appears either in the implementation or in an imported interface.

⁵It is important to retain the information about which instances are derived and which are not, because the importing module “knows” more about derived instances.

⁶The reverse also applies. For example, suppose that a new type *T* is declared and made an instance of an imported class *C*. The instance declaration will be exported along with *T*, and so the closure rule (Section 5.1.3) will require that *C* is also in scope in every importing scope.

This example illustrates most of these constraints; first, the interface:

```
interface A where
infixr 4 `sameShape`
data BinTree a = Empty | Branch a (BinTree a) (BinTree a)
class Tree a where
    sameShape :: a -> a -> Bool
instance Tree (BinTree a)
sum :: Num a => BinTree a -> a
```

Now the implementation:

```
module A( BinTree(..), Tree(..), sum ) where
infixr 4 `sameShape`
    -- `sameShape` is an operation of class C below
data BinTree a = Empty | Branch a (BinTree a) (BinTree a)
class Tree a where
    sameShape :: a -> a -> Bool
    t1 `sameShape` t2 = False      -- Default method
instance Tree (BinTree a) where
    Empty `sameShape` Empty = True
    (Branch _ t1 t2) `sameShape` (Branch _ t1' t2')
        = (t1 `sameShape` t1') && (t2 `sameShape` t2')
    t1 `sameShape` t2 = False
sum Empty = 0
sum (Branch n t1 t2) = n + sum t1 + sum t2
```

5.3.2 Imports and Original Names

The original-name information is carried in the interface file using `import` declarations in a special way.

Suppose that a module `A` exports an entity `x`; the interface for `A` will contain static information about `x`. If `x` was originally defined in `A`, then this is all that appears. But, suppose that `x` was imported by `A` from some other module `B` and that `x` was originally defined in module `C` with name `y`; this declaration must appear in the interface for `A`:

```
import C(y) renaming ( y to x )
```

No reference to `B` remains in the interface. *The import declaration in the interface serves only to convey to the importing module the original name of `x`*, and does not imply that module `B`'s interface must be consulted when reading module `A`'s interface. Multiple imports from a single original module may optionally be grouped in a single import declaration in the interface.

A module may export a value whose typing involves a type and/or class that is not exported. (Any importing module would have to import the type or class by some other

route.) *Nevertheless, it is still required that the interface contain the import declaration required to give the original name of the type or class.*

In summary, for every entity **e1** mentioned in the interface of a module **M** whose original name is **e2** in module **N**, **M**'s interface must contain the **import** declaration

```
import N(e2) renaming ( e2 to e1 )
```

The word “mentioned” includes mention in the type signature of an exported value, as discussed above.

5.4 Standard Prelude

Many of the features of HASKELL are defined in HASKELL itself, as a large library of standard data types, classes and functions, called the “standard prelude.” In HASKELL, the standard prelude is specified as two distinct modules (in the technical sense of this chapter), **PreludeCore** and **Prelude**.

PreludeCore and **Prelude** differ from other modules in that *their interfaces, and the semantics of the entities defined by those interfaces, are part of the HASKELL language definition.* This means, for example, that a compiler may optimise calls to functions in the standard prelude, because it knows their semantics as well as their interface.

Each of these modules are structured into sub-modules. To avoid name-clashes with these sub-modules, user-defined module names must not begin with the prefix **Prelude**.

5.4.1 The PreludeCore Module

The **PreludeCore** module contains *all the algebraic data types, type synonyms, classes and instance declarations* specified by the standard prelude.

PreludeCore is *always implicitly imported*, so it is not possible to import only part of it or to rename any of the entities that it defines.

The semantics of the entities defined by **PreludeCore** is specified by an implementation written in HASKELL, in Appendix A.2. A HASKELL system need not implement **PreludeCore** in this way. The interface for **PreludeCore** may be inferred from the implementation in Appendix A.2.

Some data types (such as **Int**) and functions (such as addition of **Ints**) cannot be specified directly in HASKELL. This is expressed in the **PreludeCore** implementation by importing these built-in types and values from **PreludeBuiltin**. The semantics of the built-in data types and functions is given as English text in Appendix A.1.

The implementation for **PreludeCore** is incomplete in its treatment of tuples: there should be an infinite family of instance declarations for tuples, but the implementation only gives a scheme.

The alert reader may notice that the implementation of **PreludeCore** given in Appendix A.2 uses some functions defined in **Prelude** (see next section). There is no conflict, **PreludeCore** and **Prelude** are mutually recursive.

5.4.2 The Prelude Module

The `Prelude` module contains all the *value* declarations in the standard prelude.

The `Prelude` module is imported automatically if and only if it is not imported with an explicit `import` declaration. This provision for explicit import allows values defined in the standard prelude to be renamed or not imported at all.

The semantics of the entities in `Prelude` is specified by an implementation of `Prelude` written in `HASKELL`, given in Appendix A. As for `PreludeCore`, a `HASKELL` system may implement the `Prelude` module as it pleases, provided it maintains the semantics in Appendix A. The interface can be inferred from this implementation.

5.4.3 Shadowing Prelude Names and Non-Standard Preludes

The rules about the standard prelude have been cast so that it is possible to use standard prelude names for non-standard purposes; however, every module that does so will have an `import` declaration that makes this non-standard usage explicit. For example:

```
module A where
import Prelude hiding (map)
map f x = x f
```

Module `A` redefines `map`, but it must indicate this by importing `Prelude` without `map`. Furthermore, `A` exports `map`, but every module that imports `map` from `A` must also hide `map` from `Prelude` just as `A` does. Thus there is little danger of accidentally shadowing standard prelude names.

It is possible to construct and use a different `Prelude` module:

```
module B where
import Prelude()
import MyPrelude
...
```

`B` imports nothing from `Prelude`, but the explicit `import Prelude` declaration prevents the automatic import of `Prelude`. `import MyPrelude` brings the non-standard prelude into scope. As before, the standard prelude names are hidden explicitly.

5.5 Example

As an example, here are two small modules:

```
module A( Tree(..), depth ) where
data Tree a = Leaf a | Branch (Tree a) (Tree a)
depth (Leaf a)          = 0
depth (Branch xt yt)    = (depth xt `max` depth yt) + 1

module B( leaves ) where
import A
leaves (Leaf a)          = [a]
leaves (Branch xt yt)    = leaves xt ++ leaves yt
```

Module **A** must export **Tree** because it exports **depth**, and **Tree** could not be made visible in any other way. However, **B** is not required to export **Tree**, since a module importing **B** could import **A** in order to satisfy the closure constraints.

Modules may be used to combine the resources of other modules. For example, one might use renaming to make trees available to French speakers:

```
module C( Arbre(..), fond, feuilles ) where
import A renaming ( Tree to Arbre, Leaf to Feuille, Branch to Branche,
                    depth to fond )
import B renaming ( leaves to feuilles )
```

5.6 Abstract Data Types

The ability to export a data type without its constructors allows the construction of abstract data types (ADTs). For example, an ADT for stacks could be defined as:

```
module Stack( StkType, push, pop, empty ) where
data StkType a = EmptyStk | Stk a (StkType a)
push x s = Stk x s
pop (Stk _ s) = s
empty = EmptyStk
```

Modules importing **Stack** cannot construct values of type **StkType** because they do not have access to the constructors of the type.

It is also possible to build an ADT on top of an existing type by using a **data** declaration with a single constructor with only one field. For example, stacks can be defined with lists:

```
module Stack( StkType, push, pop, empty ) where
data StkType a = Stk [a]
push x (Stk s) = Stk (x:s)
pop (Stk (x:s)) = Stk s
empty = Stk []
```

Note 1. Every ADT must be a module (but a HASKELL compilation system may allow multiple modules in a single file).

Note 2. Using a single-constructor single-field **data** declaration to create an isomorphic type introduces an unwanted extra element to the new type, namely $(\mathbf{Stk} \perp)$, with the risk of an accompanying small inefficiency in the implementation.

5.7 Fixity Declarations

<i>fixdecls</i>	\rightarrow	<i>fix</i> ₁ ; ... ; <i>fix</i> _{<i>n</i>}	$(n \geq 1)$
<i>fix</i>	\rightarrow	infixl [<i>digit</i>] <i>ops</i>	
		infixr [<i>digit</i>] <i>ops</i>	
		infix [<i>digit</i>] <i>ops</i>	
<i>ops</i>	\rightarrow	<i>op</i> ₁ , ... , <i>op</i> _{<i>n</i>}	$(n \geq 1)$
<i>op</i>	\rightarrow	<i>varop</i> <i>conop</i>	

A fixity declaration gives the fixity and binding precedence of a set of operators. Fixity declarations must appear only at the start of a module⁷ and may only be given for identifiers defined in that module. Fixity declarations cannot subsequently be overridden, and an identifier can only have one fixity definition.

There are three kinds of fixity, non-, left- and right-associativity (**infix**, **infixl**, and **infixr**, respectively), and ten precedence levels, 0 through 9 (level 0 binds least tightly, and level 9 binds most tightly). If the *digit* is omitted, level 9 is assumed. Any operator lacking a fixity declaration is assumed to be **infixl** 9.

Fixity declarations allow parentheses to be dropped in these expressions when the associated conditions are satisfied (in this table **infix** stands for any **infix**, **infixl**, or **infixr** declaration):

$(x \text{ } op_1 \text{ } y) \text{ } op_2 \text{ } z$	infix <i>d</i> ₁ <i>op</i> ₁ ,	infix <i>d</i> ₂ <i>op</i> ₂ ,	<i>d</i> ₁ > <i>d</i> ₂
$(x \text{ } op_1 \text{ } y) \text{ } op_2 \text{ } z$	infixl <i>d</i> ₁ <i>op</i> ₁ ,	infixl <i>d</i> ₂ <i>op</i> ₂ ,	<i>d</i> ₁ = <i>d</i> ₂
$x \text{ } op_1 \text{ } (y \text{ } op_2 \text{ } z)$	infix <i>d</i> ₁ <i>op</i> ₁ ,	infix <i>d</i> ₂ <i>op</i> ₂ ,	<i>d</i> ₁ < <i>d</i> ₂
$x \text{ } op_1 \text{ } (y \text{ } op_2 \text{ } z)$	infixr <i>d</i> ₁ <i>op</i> ₁ ,	infixr <i>d</i> ₂ <i>op</i> ₂ ,	<i>d</i> ₁ = <i>d</i> ₂

The phrase “ $x \text{ } op_1 \text{ } y \text{ } op_2 \text{ } z$ ”, where we have **infixl** *d*₁ *op*₁, **infixr** *d*₂ *op*₂, and *d*₁ = *d*₂, is ambiguous and generates a parsing error.

Fixity is a property of the original name of an identifier or operator (see Section 5.1.2). Fixity is not affected by renaming; the new name has the same fixity as the old one.

⁷This is to avoid parsing problems that arise when fixity declarations appear lexically after the operators to which they refer.


```

data Bool = False | True

(&&), (||)      :: Bool -> Bool -> Bool
True  && x      = x
False && x      = False
True  || x      = True
False || x      = x

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

otherwise     :: Bool
otherwise     = True

```

Figure 5: Standard functions on booleans

6 Basic Types

6.1 Booleans

The boolean type `Bool` is an enumeration; Figure 5 shows its definition and standard functions `&&`, `||`, `not`, and `otherwise`.

6.2 Characters and Strings

The character type `Char` is an enumeration, and consists of 256 values, of which the first 128 are the ASCII character set. The lexical syntax for characters is defined in Section 2.5; character literals are nullary constructors in the datatype `Char`. The standard prelude provides an instance declaration for `Char` in class `Enum` and two functions relating characters to `Ints` in the range `[0, 255]`:

```

ord :: Char -> Int
chr :: Int  -> Char

```

An ASCII-based implementation must treat certain pairs of characters as equivalent (reflected in the behaviour of `==` and in pattern-matching). In particular, (1) numeric escape characters, ASCII escape characters, and control characters should be considered equivalent to the degree implied by the ASCII standard, and (2) these pairs of characters are equivalent: `\a` and `\BEL`, `\b` and `\BS`, `\f` and `\FF`, `\r` and `\CR`, `\t` and `\HT`, `\v` and `\VT`, and `\n` and `\LF`.

A *string* is a list of characters:

```

type String = [Char]

```

Strings may be abbreviated using the lexical syntax described in Section 2.5. For example, "A string" abbreviates

```
[ 'A', ' ', 's', 't', 'r', 'i', 'n', 'g' ]
```

6.3 Functions

Functions are defined via lambda abstractions and function definitions. Besides application, an infix composition operator is defined:

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

The function `until` applies a function to an initial value zero or more times until the result satisfies a given predicate:

```
until :: (a -> Bool) -> (a -> a) -> a -> a
until p f x | p x          = x
             | otherwise    = until p f (f x)
```

6.4 Lists

Lists are described in Section 3.4. See the standard prelude (Appendix A) for the definitions of the standard list functions. *Arithmetic sequences* and *list comprehensions*, two convenient syntaxes for special kinds of lists, are described in Sections 3.7 and 3.8, respectively.

6.5 Tuples

Tuples are defined in Section 3.5. Six functions, named `zip`, `zip3`, ..., `zip7`, are provided by the standard prelude. These produce lists of n -tuples from n lists, for $2 \leq n \leq 7$. The resulting lists are as long as the shortest argument list; excess elements of other argument lists are ignored.

6.6 Binary Datatype

The `Bin` datatype is a primitive abstract datatype including the value `nullBin` (the empty or nullary binary value), and the predicate `isNullBin` (which returns `True` when applied to `nullBin` and `False` when applied to all other values of type `Bin`). Also, derived instances of the `Binary` class generate definitions for `showBin` and `readBin`, as described in Section 4.3.3 and Appendix D. The `Bin` datatype is used primarily for efficient and transparent I/O, as described in Section 7.

6.7 Unit Datatype

The unit datatype `()` has one member, the nullary constructor `()` (and thus an overloading of syntax)—see also Section 3.6.

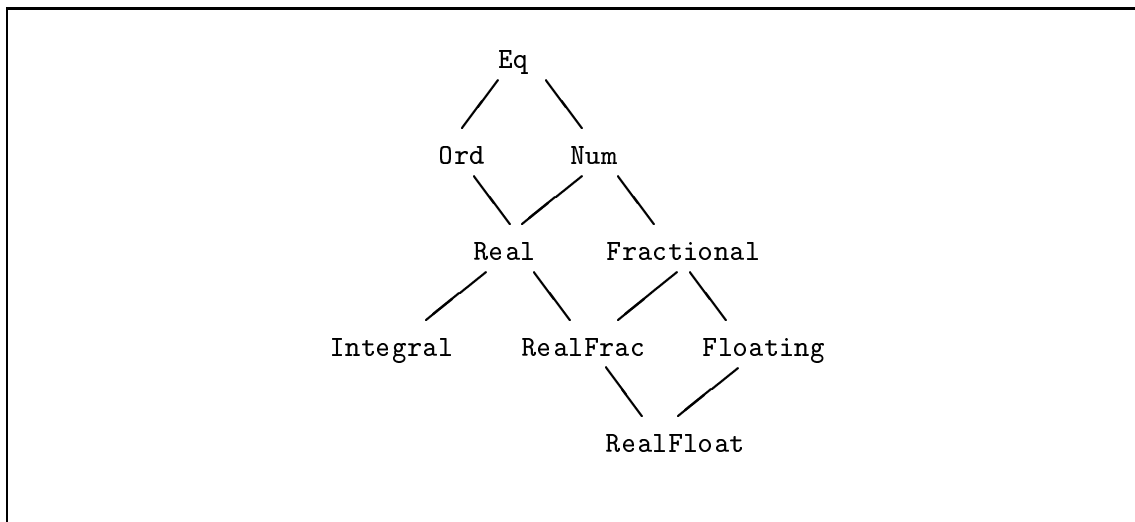


Figure 6: Numeric class inclusions (cf. Figure 4, page 29)

6.8 Numbers

6.8.1 Introduction

HASKELL provides several kinds of numbers; the numeric types and the operations upon them have been heavily influenced by Common Lisp [14] and Scheme [13]. Numeric function names and operators are usually overloaded, using several type classes with an inclusion relation shown in Figure 6 (cf. Figure 4, page 29). (Some classes are immediate subclasses of two other classes; there are pairs of classes with a nontrivial intersection.) The class `Num` of numeric types is a subclass of `Eq`, since all numbers may be compared for equality; its subclass `Real` is also a subclass of `Ord`, since the other comparison operations apply to all but complex numbers. The class `Integral` contains both fixed- and arbitrary-precision integers; the class `Fractional` contains all nonintegral types; and the class `Floating` contains all floating-point types, both real and complex.

Table 1 lists the standard numeric types. The type `Int` is a fixed-precision type, covering at least the range $[-2^{29} + 1, 2^{29} - 1]$. The range chosen by an implementation must either be symmetric about zero or contain one more negative value than positive (to accommodate twos-complement representation) and should be large enough to serve as array indices. The constants `minInt` and `maxInt` (Figure 8, page 54) define the limits of `Int` in each implementation. `Float` is a floating-point type, also implementation-defined; it is desirable that this type be at least equal in range and precision to the IEEE single-precision type. Similarly, `Double` should cover IEEE double-precision. An implementation may provide other numeric types, such as additional precisions of integer and floating-point. The results of exceptional conditions (such as overflow or underflow) on the fixed-precision numeric types are undefined; an implementation may choose error (\perp , semantically), a truncated

Typing	Class	Description
Integer	Integral	Arbitrary-precision integers
Int	Integral	Fixed-precision integers
<code>(Integral a) => Ratio a</code>	RealFrac	Rational numbers
Float	RealFloat	Real floating-point, single precision
Double	RealFloat	Real floating-point, double precision
<code>(RealFloat a) => Complex a</code>	Floating	Complex floating-point

Table 1: Standard numeric types

value, or a special value such as infinity, indefinite, etc.

The interface text (Section 5.3) associated with the standard numeric classes, types, and operations is shown in Figures 7–9.

6.8.2 Numeric Literals

The syntax of numeric literals is given in Section 2.4. An integer literal represents the application of the function `fromInteger` to the appropriate value of type **Integer**. Similarly, a floating literal stands for an application of `fromRational` to a value of type **Rational** (that is, `Ratio Integer`). Given the typings:

```
fromInteger :: (Num a) => Integer -> a
fromRational :: (Fractional a) => Rational -> a
```

integer and floating literals have the typings `(Num a) => a` and `(Fractional a) => a`, respectively. Numeric literals are defined in this indirect way so that they may be interpreted as values of any appropriate numeric type. For example, `fromInteger` for complex numbers is defined as follows:

```
fromInteger n = fromInteger n :+ 0
```

See Section 4.3.4 for a discussion of overloading ambiguity.

6.8.3 Constructed Numbers

There are two kinds of numeric types formed by data constructors: namely, **Ratio** and **Complex**. For each **Integral** type t , there is a type `Ratio t` of rational pairs with components of type t . (The type name **Rational** is a synonym for `Ratio Integer`.) Similarly, for each real floating-point type t , `Complex t` is a type of complex numbers with real and imaginary components of type t .

The operator `(%)` forms the ratio of two integral numbers. The functions `numerator` and `denominator` extract the components of a ratio; these are in reduced form with a positive denominator.

```

class (Eq a) => Num a where
  (+), (-), (*)      :: a -> a -> a
  negate            :: a -> a
  abs, signum       :: a -> a
  fromInteger       :: Integer -> a
  x - y             = x + negate y

class (Num a, Ord a) => Real a where
  toRational         :: a -> Rational

class (Real a) => Integral a where
  div, rem, mod      :: a -> a -> a
  divRem             :: a -> a -> (a,a)
  even, odd          :: a -> Bool
  toInteger          :: a -> Integer
  x `div` y          = q where (q,r) = divRem x y
  x `rem` y          = r where (q,r) = divRem x y
  x `mod` y          = if signum x == - (signum y) then r + y else r
                      where r = x `rem` y
  even x             = x `rem` 2 == 0
  odd                = not . even

class (Num a) => Fractional a where
  (/)                :: a -> a -> a
  fromRational       :: Rational -> a

class (Fractional a) => Floating a where
  pi                 :: a
  exp, log, sqrt     :: a -> a
  (**), logBase      :: a -> a -> a
  sin, cos, tan       :: a -> a
  asin, acos, atan    :: a -> a
  sinh, cosh, tanh    :: a -> a
  asinh, acosh, atanh :: a -> a
  x ** y             = exp (log x * y)
  logBase x y        = log y / log x
  sqrt x             = x ** 0.5
  tan x              = sin x / cos x
  tanh x             = sinh x / cosh x

class (Real a, Fractional a) => RealFrac a where
  properFraction     :: a -> (Integer,a)
  approxRational     :: a -> a -> Rational

```

Figure 7: Numeric classes and related operations

```

class (RealFrac a, Floating a) => RealFloat a where
    floatRadix      :: a -> Integer
    floatDigits     :: a -> Int
    floatRange      :: a -> (Int,Int)
    decodeFloat     :: a -> (Integer,Int)
    encodeFloat     :: Integer -> Int -> a
    exponent        :: a -> Int
    significand     :: a -> a
    scaleFloat      :: Int -> a -> a

    exponent x      = if m == 0 then 0 else n + floatDigits x
                      where (m,n) = decodeFloat x
    significand x    = encodeFloat m (- (floatDigits x))
                      where (m,_) = decodeFloat x
    scaleFloat k x   = encodeFloat m (n+k)
                      where (m,n) = decodeFloat x

instance Integral Int
instance Integral Integer

minInt, maxInt      :: Int
fromIntegral        :: (Integral a, Num b) => a -> b
gcd, lcm            :: (Integral a) => a -> a -> a
(^)                 :: (Num a, Integral b) => a -> b -> a
(^^)                :: (Fractional a, Integral b) => a -> b -> a

data (Integral a)   => Ratio a
type Rational       = Ratio Integer
instance (Integral a) => RealFrac (Ratio a)

(%)                 :: (Integral a) => a -> a -> Ratio a
numerator, denominator :: (Integral a) => Ratio a -> a

instance RealFloat Float
instance RealFloat Double

fromRealFrac        :: (RealFrac a, Fractional b) => a -> b
truncate, round     :: (RealFrac a, Integral b) => a -> b
ceiling, floor      :: (RealFrac a, Integral b) => a -> b
atan2               :: (RealFloat a) => a -> a -> a

```

Figure 8: Numeric classes and related operations (continued)

```

data (RealFloat a)    => Complex a = a :+: a deriving (Eq, Binary, Text)
instance (RealFloat a) => Floating (Complex a)

realPart, imagPart    :: (RealFloat a) => Complex a -> a
conjugate              :: (RealFloat a) => Complex a -> Complex a
mkPolar                :: (RealFloat a) => a -> a -> Complex a
cis                    :: (RealFloat a) => a -> Complex a
polar                  :: (RealFloat a) => Complex a -> (a,a)
magnitude, phase       :: (RealFloat a) => Complex a -> a

```

Figure 9: Numeric classes and related operations (continued)

Complex numbers are an algebraic type:

```
data (RealFloat a) => Floating (Complex a) = a :+: a
```

The constructor `(: +)` forms a complex number from its real and imaginary rectangular components. A complex number may also be formed from polar components of magnitude and phase by the function `mkPolar`. The function `cis` produces a complex number from an angle t :

```
cis t = cos t :+: sin t
```

Put another way, `cis t` is a complex value with magnitude 1 and phase t (modulo 2π).

The function `polar` takes a complex number and returns a (magnitude, phase) pair in canonical form: The magnitude is nonnegative, and the phase, in the range $(-\pi, \pi]$; if the magnitude is zero, then so is the phase. Several component-extraction functions are provided:

```

realPart (x:+y) = x
imagPart (x:+y) = y
magnitude z      = r where (r,t) = polar z
phase z          = t where (r,t) = polar z

```

Also defined on complex numbers is the conjugate function:

```
conjugate (x:+y) = x:+(-y)
```

6.8.4 Arithmetic and Number-Theoretic Operations

The infix operations `(+)`, `(*)`, `(-)` and the unary function `negate` (which can also be written as a prefix minus sign; see section 3.2) apply to all numbers. The operations `div`, `rem`, and `mod` apply only to integral numbers, while the operation `(/)` applies only to fractional ones. The `div` and `rem` operations satisfy the law:

$$(x \text{ `div` } y) * y + (x \text{ `rem` } y) == x$$

The result of `x `div` y` has the same sign as `x * y` and is truncated toward zero. The modulo function differs from the remainder function when the signs of the dividend and divisor differ, the remainder always having the sign of the dividend, and the modulo having the sign of the divisor. For example,

```
-13 `rem` 4 == -1
-13 `mod` 4 == 3

13 `rem` -4 == 1
13 `mod` -4 == -3
```

The `divRem` operation takes a dividend and a divisor as arguments and returns a (quotient, remainder) pair:

```
divRem x y = (x `div` y, x `rem` y)
```

Also available on integers are the even and odd predicates:

```
even x      = x `rem` 2 == 0
odd         = not . even
```

Finally, there are the greatest common divisor and least common multiple functions: `gcd x y` is the greatest integer that divides both x and y . `lcm x y` is the smallest positive integer that both x and y divide.

6.8.5 Exponentiation and Logarithms

The one-argument exponential function `exp` and the logarithm function `log` act on floating-point numbers and use base e . `logBase a x` returns the logarithm of x in base a . `sqrt` returns the principal square root of a floating-point number. There are three two-argument exponentiation operations: `(^)` raises any number to a nonnegative integer power, `(^^)` raises a fractional number to any integer power, and `(**)` takes two floating-point arguments. The value of x^0 or $x^^0$ is 1 for any x , including zero; $0**y$ is undefined.

6.8.6 Magnitude and Sign

A number has a *magnitude* and a *sign*. The functions `abs` and `signum` apply to any number and satisfy the law:

```
abs x * signum x == x
```

For real numbers, these functions are defined by:

```
abs x      | x >= 0 = x
           | x < 0  = -x

signum x   | x > 0  = 1
           | x == 0 = 0
           | x < 0  = -1
```


For complex numbers, the definitions are different:

```
abs z           = magnitude z :+ 0
signum z@(x:+y) = x/r :+ y/r  where r = magnitude z
```

That is, `abs z` is a number with the magnitude of z , but oriented in the positive real direction, whereas `signum z` has the phase of z , but unit magnitude. (`abs` for a complex number differs from `magnitude` only in type. See Section 6.8.3.)

6.8.7 Trigonometric Functions

The circular and hyperbolic sine, cosine, and tangent functions and their inverses are provided for floating-point numbers. A version of arctangent taking two real floating-point arguments is also provided: For real floating x and y , `atan2 y x` differs from `atan (y/x)` in that its range is $(-\pi, \pi]$ rather than $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$ (because the signs of the arguments provide quadrant information), and that it is defined when x is zero.

The precise definition of the above functions is as in Common Lisp [14], which in turn follows Penfield's proposal for APL [11]. See these references for discussions of branch cuts, discontinuities, and implementation.

6.8.8 Coercions and Component Extraction

The `ceiling`, `floor`, `truncate`, and `round` functions each take a real fractional argument and return an integral result. `ceiling x` returns the least integer not less than x , and `floor x`, the greatest integer not greater than x . `truncate x` yields the integer nearest x between 0 and x , inclusive. `round x` returns the nearest integer to x , the even integer if x is equidistant between two integers.

The function `properFraction` takes a real fractional number x and returns a pair comprising x as a proper fraction: an `Integer` with the same sign as x and a fraction with the same type and sign as x and with absolute value less than 1. The `ceiling`, `floor`, `truncate`, and `round` functions can be defined in terms of this one.

Two functions convert numbers to type `Rational`: `toRational` returns the rational equivalent of its real argument with full precision; `approxRational` takes two real fractional arguments and returns an approximation to the first within the tolerance given by the second. Subject to the tolerance constraint, the result has the smallest denominator possible.

The operations of class `RealFloat` allow efficient, machine-independent access to the components of a floating-point number. The functions `floatRadix`, `floatDigits`, and `floatRange` give the parameters of a floating-point type: the radix of the representation, the number of digits of this radix in the significand, and the lowest and highest values the exponent may assume, respectively. The function `decodeFloat` applied to a real floating-point number returns the significand expressed as an `Integer` and an appropriately scaled exponent (an `Int`). If `decodeFloat x` yields (m, n) , then x is equal in value to mb^n , where b is the floating-point radix, and furthermore, either m and n are both zero or

else $b^{d-1} \leq m < b^d$, where d is the value of `floatDigits x`. `encodeFloat` performs the inverse of this transformation. The functions `significand` and `exponent` together provide the same information as `decodeFloat`, but rather than an `Integer`, `significand x` yields a value of the same type as `x`, scaled to lie in the open interval $(-1, 1)$. `exponent 0` is zero. `scaleFloat` multiplies a floating-point number by an integer power of the radix. These identities hold:

```
toRational x == if e < 0 then m % b^(-e) else m*b^e % 1
               where   b = floatRadix x
                     (m,e) = decodeFloat x

x == encodeFloat m e  where (m,e) = decodeFloat x
```

Also available are the following coercion functions:

```
fromIntegral :: (Integral a, Num b) => a -> b
fromRealFrac :: (RealFrac a, Fractional b) => a -> b
```

6.9 Arrays

HASKELL provides indexable *arrays*, which may be thought of as functions whose domains are isomorphic to contiguous subsets of the integers. Functions restricted in this way can be implemented efficiently; in particular, a programmer may reasonably expect rapid access to the components. To ensure the possibility of such an implementation, arrays are treated as data, not as general functions.

Types that are instances of class `Ix` (see Section 4.3.2) may be indices of arrays; a one-dimensional array might have index type `Int`, a two-dimensional array `(Int,Char)` etc.

6.9.1 Array Construction

If `a` is an index type and `b` is any type, the type of arrays with indices in `a` and elements in `b` is written `Array a b`. An array may be created by the function `array`:

```
array :: (Ix a) => (a,a) -> [Assoc a b] -> Array a b
data Assoc a b = a := b
```

The first argument of `array` is a pair of *bounds*, each of the index type of the array. These bounds are the lowest and highest indices in the array, in that order. For example, a one-origin vector of length 10 has bounds `(1,10)`, and a one-origin 10 by 10 matrix has bounds `((1,1),(10,10))`.

The second argument of `array` is a list of *associations* of the form `index := value`. Typically, this list will be expressed as a comprehension. An association `i := x` defines the value of the array at index `i` to be `x`. The array is undefined if any index in the list is out of bounds. If any two associations in the list have the same index, the value at that index is undefined. Because the indices must be checked for these errors, `array` is strict in the bounds argument and in the indices of the association list, but nonstrict in the values. Thus, recurrences such as the following are possible:

```

-- Scaling an array of numbers by a given number:
scale :: (Num a, Ix b) => a -> Array b a -> Array b a
scale x a = array b [i := a!i * x | i <- range b]
              where b = bounds a

-- Inverting an array that holds a permutation of its indices
invPerm :: (Ix a) => Array a a -> Array a a
invPerm a = array b [a!i := i | i <- range b]
              where b = bounds a

-- The inner product of two vectors
inner :: (Ix a, Num b) => Array a b -> Array a b -> b
inner v w = if b == bounds w
              then sum [v!i * w!i | i <- range b]
              else error "inconformable arrays for inner product"
              where b = bounds v

```

Figure 10: Array examples

```
a = array (1,100) ((1 := 1) : [i := i * a!(i-1) | i <- [2..100]])
```

Not every index within the bounds of the array need appear in the association list, but the values associated with indices that do not appear will be undefined. Figure 10 shows some examples that use the `Array` constructor.

`(!)` denotes array subscripting; the `bounds` function applied to an array returns its bounds:

```

(!)      :: (Ix a) => Array a b -> a -> b
bounds  :: (Ix a) => Array a b -> (a,a)

```

The functions `indices`, `elems`, and `assocs`, when applied to an array, return lists of the indices, elements, or associations, respectively, in index order:

```

indices :: (Ix a) => Array a b -> [a]
indices = range . bounds

elems :: (Ix a) => Array a b -> [b]
elems a = [a!i | i <- indices a]

assocs :: (Ix a) => Array a b -> [Assoc a b]
assocs a = [ i := a!i | i <- indices a]

```

An array may be constructed from a pair of bounds and a list of values in index order using the function `listArray`:

```

listArray :: (Ix a) => (a,a) -> [b] -> Array a b
listArray bnds xs = Array bnds (zipWith (:=) (range bnds) xs)

```

6.9.2 Accumulated Arrays

Another array creation function, `accumArray`, relaxes the restriction that a given index may appear at most once in the association list, using an *accumulating function* which combines the values of associations with the same index [10, 16]:

```
accumArray :: (Ix a) => (b->c->b) -> b -> (a,a) -> [Assoc a c] -> Array a b
```

The first argument of `accumArray` is the accumulating function; the second is an initial value; the remaining two arguments are a bounds pair and an association list, as for the `array` function. For example, given a list of values of some index type, `hist` produces a histogram of the number of occurrences of each index within a specified range:

```
hist :: (Ix a, Num b) => (a,a) -> [a] -> Array a b
hist bnds is = accumArray (+) 0 bnds [i := 1 | i<-is, inRange bnds i]
```

If the accumulating function is strict, then `accumArray` is strict in the values, as well as the indices, in the association list. Thus, unlike ordinary arrays, accumulated arrays should not in general be recursive.

6.9.3 Incremental Array Updates

```
(//) :: (Ix a) => Array a b -> Assoc a b -> Array a b
accum :: (Ix a) => (b -> c -> b) -> Array a b -> [Assoc a c] -> Array a b
```

The operator `(//)` takes an array and an `Assoc` pair and returns an array identical to the left argument except for one element specified by the right argument. `accum f` takes an array and an association list and accumulates pairs from the list into the array with the accumulating function `f`. Thus `accumArray` can be defined using `accum`:

```
accumArray f z b = accum f (array b [i := z | i <- range b])
```

6.9.4 Derived Arrays

The two functions `amap` and `ixmap` derive new arrays from existing ones; they may be thought of as providing function composition on the left and right, respectively, with the mapping that the original array embodies:

```
amap :: (Ix a) => (b -> c) -> Array a b -> Array a c
amap f a = array b [i := f (a!i) | i <- range b]
      where b = bounds a

ixmap :: (Ix a, Ix a') => (a',a') -> (a'->a) -> Array a b -> Array a' b
ixmap bnds f a = array bnds [i := a ! f i | i <- range bnds]
```

`amap` is the array analogue of the `map` function on lists, while `ixmap` allows for transformations on array indices. Figure 11 shows some examples.

```

-- A rectangular subarray
subArray :: (Ix a) => (a,a) -> Array a b -> Array a b
subArray bnds = ixmap bnds (\i->i)

-- A row of a matrix
row :: (Ix a, Ix b) => a -> Array (a,b) c -> Array b c
row i x = ixmap (l',u') (\j->(i,j)) x where ((l,l'),(u,u')) = bounds x

-- Diagonal of a square matrix
diag :: (Ix a) => Array (a,a) b -> Array a b
diag x = ixmap (l,u) (\i->(i,i)) x
      where ((l,l'),(u,u')) | l == l' && u == u' = bounds x

-- Projection of first components of an array of pairs
firstArray :: (Ix a) => Array a (b,c) -> Array a b
firstArray = amap (\(x,y)->x)

```

Figure 11: Derived array examples

6.10 Errors

All errors in `HASKELL` are semantically equivalent to \perp . `error :: String -> a` takes a string argument and returns \perp . An application of `error` terminates evaluation of the program and displays the string as appropriate.

7 Input/Output

HASKELL's I/O system is based on the view that a program communicates to the outside world via *streams of messages*: a program issues a stream of *requests* to the operating system and in return receives a stream of *responses*. Since a stream in HASKELL is only a lazy list, a HASKELL program has the type:

```
type Dialogue = [Response] -> [Request]
```

The datatypes `Response` and `Request` are defined below. Intuitively, `[Response]` is an ordered list of *responses* and `[Request]` is an ordered list of *requests*; the *n*th response is the operating system's reply to the *n*th request.

With this view of I/O, there is no need for any special-purpose syntax or constructs for I/O; the I/O system is defined entirely in terms of how the operating system responds to a program with the above type—i.e. what response it issues for each request. An abstract specification of this behaviour is defined by giving a definition of the operating system as a function that takes as input an initial state and a collection of HASKELL programs, each with the above type. This specification appears in Appendix C, using standard HASKELL syntax augmented with a single non-deterministic merge operator.

One can define a continuation-based version of I/O in terms of a stream-based version. Such a definition is provided in Section 7.5. The specific I/O requests available in each style are identical; what differs is the way they are expressed. This means that programs in either style may be combined with a well-defined semantics. In both cases arbitrary I/O requests within conventional operating systems may be induced while retaining referential transparency within a HASKELL program.

The required requests for a valid implementation are:

```

data Request =
  -- file system requests:
      ReadFile      Name
    | WriteFile     Name String
    | AppendFile    Name String
    | ReadBinFile   Name
    | WriteBinFile  Name Bin
    | AppendBinFile Name Bin
    | DeleteFile    Name
    | StatusFile    Name
  -- channel system requests:
      ReadChan      Name
    | AppendChan     Name String
    | ReadBinChan    Name
    | AppendBinChan  Name Bin
    | StatusChan     Name

  -- environment requests:
      Echo          Bool
    | GetArgs
    | GetEnv         Name
    | SetEnv         Name String

type Name = String
stdin     = "stdin"
stdout    = "stdout"
stderr    = "stderr"
stdecho   = "stdecho"

```

Conceptually the above requests can be organised into three groups: those relating to the *file system* component of the operating system (the first eight), those relating to the *channel system* (the next five), and those relating to the *environment* (the last four).

The file system is fairly conventional: a mapping of file names to contents. The channel system consists of a collection of *channels*, examples of which include standard input (`stdin`), standard output (`stdout`), standard error (`stderr`), and standard echo (`stdecho`) channels. A channel is a one-way communication medium—it either consumes values from the program (via `AppendChan` or `AppendBinChan`) or produces values for the program (by responding to `ReadChan` or `ReadBinChan`). Channels communicate to and from *agents* (a concept made more precise in Appendix C). Examples of agents include line printers, disk controllers, networks, and human beings. As an example of the latter, the *user* is normally the consumer of standard output and the producer of standard input. Channels cannot be deleted, nor is there a notion of creating a channel.

Apart from these required requests, several optional requests are described in Appendix C.1. Although not required for a valid HASKELL implementation, they may be useful in particular implementations.

Requests to the file system are in general order-dependent; if $i > j$ then the response to the i th request may depend on the j th request. In the case of the channel system the nature of the dependencies is dictated by the agents. In all cases external effects may also be felt “between” internal effects.

Responses are defined by:

```
data Response = Success
              | Str String
              | Bn Bin
              | Failure IOError

data IOError  = WriteError  String
              | ReadError   String
              | SearchError  String
              | FormatError  String
              | OtherError   String
```

The response to a request is either **Success**, when no value is returned; **Str** s [**Bn** b], when a string [binary] value s [b] is returned; or **Failure** e , indicating failure with I/O error e .

The nature of a failure is defined by the **IOError** datatype, which captures the most common kinds of errors. The **String** components of these errors are implementation dependent, and may be used to refine the description of the error (for example, for **ReadError**, the string might be “file locked”, “access rights violation”, etc.). An implementation is free to extend **IOError** as required.

7.1 I/O Modes

The I/O requests **ReadFile**, **WriteFile**, **AppendFile**, **ReadChan**, and **AppendChan** all work with *text* values—i.e. strings. Any value whose type is an instance of the class **Text** may be written to a file (or communicated on a channel) by using the appropriate output request if it is first converted to a string, using **shows** (see Section 4.3.3). Similarly, **reads** can be used with the appropriate input request to read such a value from a file (or a channel). This is text mode I/O.

For both efficiency and transparency, HASKELL also supports a corresponding set of *binary* I/O requests—**ReadBinFile**, **WriteBinFile**, **AppendBinFile**, **ReadBinChan**, and **AppendBinChan**. **showBin** and **readBin** are using analogously to **shows** and **reads** (see Section 4.3.3) for values whose types are instances of the class **Binary** (see Section 6.6).

Binary mode I/O ensures transparency *within* an implementation—i.e. “what is read is what was written.” Implementations on conventional machines will probably be able to

realise binary mode more efficiently than text mode. On the other hand, the `Bin` datatype itself is implementation dependent, and thus binary mode *should not* be used as a method to ensure transparency *between* implementations.

In the remainder of this section, various aspects of text mode will be discussed, including the behaviour of standard channels such as `stdin` and `stdout`.

7.1.1 Transparent Character Set

The *transparent character set* is defined by:

- the 52 uppercase and lowercase alphabetic characters
- the 10 decimal digits
- the 32 graphic characters:
`! " # $ % & ' () * + , - . / : ; < = > ? @ [\] ^ _ ` { | } ~`
- the space character

(This is identical to the *any* syntactic category defined in Section 2.2, with *tab* excluded.)

A *transparent line* is a list of no more than 254 transparent characters followed by a `\n` character (i.e. no more than 255 characters in total). A *transparent string* is the finite concatenation of zero or more transparent lines.

HASKELL's *text mode for files is transparent whenever the string being used is transparent*. An implementation must ensure that a transparent string written to a file in text mode is identical to the string read back from the same file in text mode (assuming there were no intervening external effects).

The transparent character set is restricted because of the inconsistent treatment of text files by operating systems. For example, some systems translate the newline character `\n` into `CR/LF`, and others into just `CR` or just `LF`—so none of these characters can be in the transparent character set. Similarly, some systems truncate lines exceeding a certain length, others do not. HASKELL's transparent string is intended to provide a useful degree of portability of text file manipulating programs. Of course, an implementation is free to guarantee a higher degree of transparency than that defined here (such as longer lines or more character types).

Besides this definition of text mode transparency, the standard input and output channels carry with them notions of standard *presentation* and *acceptance*, as defined below.

7.1.2 Presentation

Standard text mode presentation guarantees a minimum kind of presentable output on standard output devices; thus it is only defined for `AppendChan` using the channels `stdout`, `stderr`, and `stdecho`. Abstractly, these channels are assumed to be attached to a sequence of rectangular grids of characters called *pages*; each page consists of a number of lines and columns, with the first line presented at the “top” and the first column presented to the “left.” The width of a column is assumed to be constant. (On a paper printing device,

we expect an abstract page to correspond to a physical page; on a terminal display, it will correspond to whatever abstraction is presented by the terminal, but at a minimum the terminal should support display of at least one full page.)

Characters obtained from **AppendChan** requests are written sequentially into these pages starting at the top left hand corner of the first page. The characters are written in order horizontally across the page until a newline character (**\n**) is processed, at which point the subsequent characters are written starting in column one of line two, and so on. If a form feed character (**\f**) is processed, writing starts at the top left hand corner of the second page, and so on.

Maximum line length and page length for the output channels **stdout**, **stdecho**, and **stderr** may be obtained via the **StatusChan** request as described in Section 7.3. These are implementation-dependent constants, but must be at least 40 characters and 20 lines, respectively. **AppendChan** may induce a **FormatError** if either of these limits is exceeded.

Presentation of the transparent character set may be in any readable font. Presentation of **\n** and **\f** is as defined above. Presentation of any other character is not defined—presentation of such a character may invalidate standard presentation of all subsequent characters. An implementation, of course, may guarantee other forms of useful presentation beyond what is specified here.

To facilitate processing of text to and from standard input/output channels, the auxiliary functions shown in Figure 12 are provided in the standard prelude.

7.1.3 Acceptance

Standard text mode acceptance guarantees a minimum kind of character input from standard input devices; thus it is only defined for **ReadChan** using the channel **stdin**. Abstractly, **stdin** is assumed to be attached to a *keyboard*. The only requirement of the keyboard is that it have keys to support the transparent character set plus the newline (**\n**) character.

7.1.4 Echoing

The channel **stdecho** is assumed connected to the display associated with the device to which **stdin** is connected. It may be possible for **stdout** and **stdecho** to be connected to the same device, but this is not required. It may be possible in some operating systems to redirect **stdout** to a file while still displaying information to the user on **stdecho**.

The **Echo** request (described in Section 7.4) controls echoing of **stdin** on **stdecho**. When echoing is enabled, characters typed at the terminal connected to **stdin** are echoed onto **stdecho**, with optional implementation-specific line-editing functions available. The list of characters returned by a read request to **stdin** should be the result of this processing. As an entire line may be erased by the user, a program will not see any of the line until a **\n** character is typed.

A display may receive data from four different sources: echoing from **stdin**, and explicit output to **stdecho**, **stdout**, and **stderr**. The result is an interleaving of these character

```

span, break      :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> ([a],[a])
span p xs        = (takeWhile p xs, dropWhile p xs)
break p          = span (not . p)

lines            :: String -> [String]
lines ""         = []
lines s          = l : (if null s' then [] else lines (tail s'))
                  where (l, s') = break ((==) '\n') s

words            :: String -> [String]
words s          = case dropWhile isSpace s of
    "" -> []
    s' -> w : words s''
                  where (w, s'') = break isSpace s'

unlines          :: [String] -> String
unlines ls       = concat (map (\l -> l ++ "\n") ls)

unwords          :: [String] -> String
unwords []       = ""
unwords [w]      = w
unwords (w:ws)   = w ++ concat (map ((:) ' ') ws)

```

Figure 12: Auxiliary Functions for Text Processing of Standard Output

streams, but it is not an arbitrary one, because of two constraints: (1) *explicit* output (via `AppendChan`) must appear as the concatenation of the individual streams; i.e. they cannot be interleaved (this is consistent with the hyperstrict nature of `AppendChan`), and (2) if echoing is on, characters from `stdin` that a program depends on for some I/O request must appear on the display before that I/O occurs. These constraints permit a user to type ahead, but prevent a system from printing a reply before echoing the user's request.

7.2 File System Requests

In this section, each request is described using the stream model—the corresponding behaviour using the continuation model should be obvious. Optional requests, not required of a valid `HASKELL` implementation, are described in Appendix C.1.

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```
ReadFile      name
ReadBinFile  name
```

Returns the contents of file `name` treated as a text [binary] file. If successful, the response will be of the form `Str s [Bn b]`, where `s [b]` is a string [binary] value. If the file is not found, the response `Failure (SearchError string)` is induced; if it is unreadable for some other reason, the `Failure (ReadError string)` error is induced.

-

```
WriteFile     name string
WriteBinFile  name bin
```

Writes `string [bin]` to file `name`. If the file does not exist, it is created. If it already exists, it is overwritten. A successful response has form `Success`; the only failure possible has the form `Failure (WriteError string)`.

Both of these requests are “hyperstrict” in their second argument: no response is returned until the entire list of values is completely evaluated.

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```
AppendFile    name string
AppendBinFile name bin
```

Identical to `WriteFile [WriteBinFile]`, except that (1) the `string [bin]` argument is appended to the current contents of the file named `name`; (2) if the I/O mode does not match the previous mode with which `name` was written, the behaviour is not specified; and (3) if the file does not exist, the response `Failure (SearchError string)` is induced. All other errors have form `Failure (WriteError string)`, and both requests are hyperstrict in their second argument.

- `DeleteFile name`

Deletes file `name`, with successful response `Success`. If the file does not exist, the response `Failure (SearchError string)` is induced. If it cannot be deleted for some other reason, a response of the form `Failure (WriteError string)` is induced.

- `StatusFile name`

Induces `Failure (SearchError string)` if an object `name` does not exist, otherwise induces `Str status` where `status` is a string containing, in this order: (1) either `'t'`, `'b'`, `'d'`, or `'u'` depending on whether the object is a text file, binary file, directory, or something else, respectively (if text and binary files cannot be distinguished, `'f'` indicates either text or binary file); (2) `'r'` if the object is readable by this program, `'-'` if not; and (3) `'w'` if the object is writable by this program, `'-'` if not. For example `"dr-"` denotes a directory that can be read but not written. An implementation is free to append more status information to this string.

Note 1. A proper implementation of `ReadFile` or `ReadBinFile` may have to make copies of files in order to preserve referential transparency—a successful read of a file returns a *lazy list* whose contents should be preserved, despite future writes to or deletions of that file, even if the lazy list has not yet been completely evaluated.

Note 2. Given the two juxtaposed requests:

```
[ ..., WriteFile name contents1, ReadFile name, ... ]
```

with the corresponding responses:

```
[ ..., Success, Str contents2, ... ]
```

then `contents1 == contents2` if `contents1` is a transparent string, assuming that there were no external effects. A similar result would hold if the binary versions were used.

7.3 Channel System Requests

Channels are inherently different from files—they contain ephemeral streams of data as opposed to persistent stationary values. The most common channels are standard input (`stdin`), standard output (`stdout`), standard error (`stderr`), and standard echo (`stdecho`); these four are the only required channels in a valid implementation.

- `ReadChan name`

ReadBinChan *name*

Opens channel *name* for input. A successful response returns the contents of the channel as a lazy stream of characters [a binary value]. If the channel does not exist the response **Failure** (**SearchError** *string*) is induced; all other errors have form **Failure** (**ReadError** *string*).

Unlike files, once a **ReadChan** or **ReadBinChan** request has been issued for a particular channel, it cannot be issued again for the same channel in that program. This reflects the ephemeral nature of its contents and prevents a serious space leak.

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AppendChan *name string*

AppendBinChan *name bin*

Writes *string* [*bin*] to channel *name*. The semantics is as for **AppendFile**, except: (1) the second argument is appended to whatever was previously written (if anything); (2) if **AppendChan** and **AppendBinChan** are both issued to the same channel, the resulting behaviour is not specified; (3) if the channel does not exist, the response **Failure** (**SearchError** *string*) is induced; and (4) if the maximum line or page length of **stdout**, **stderr**, or **stdecho** is exceeded, the response **Failure** (**FormatError** *string*) is induced (see Section 7.1.2). All other errors have form **Failure** (**WriteError** *string*). Both requests are hyperstrict in their second argument.

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StatusChan *name*

Induces **Failure** (**SearchError** *string*) if channel *name* does not exist, otherwise induces **Str** *status* where *status* is a string containing implementation-dependent information about the named channel. The only information required of a valid implementation is that for the output channels **stdout**, **stdecho**, and **stderr**: the beginning of the status string must contain two integers separated by a space, the first integer indicating the maximum line length (in characters) allowed on the channel, the second indicating the maximum page length (in lines) allowed (see Section 7.1.2). A zero length implies that there is no bound.

7.4 Environment Requests

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Echo *bool*

Echo **True** enables echoing of **stdin** on **stdecho**; **Echo** **False** disables it (see Section 7.1.4). Either **Success** or **Failure** (**OtherError** *string*) is induced.

The echo mode can only be set once by a particular program, and it must be done before any I/O involving `stdin`. If no `Echo` request is made, the default is `True` (i.e. echoing enabled).

•

`GetArgs`

Induces the response `Str str`, where `str` is a concatenation of the program's command line arguments separated by `\n`'s.

•

`GetEnv name`

Returns the value of environment variable `name`. If successful, the response will be of the form `Str s`, where `s` is a string. If the environment variable does not exist, a `SearchError` is induced.

•

`SetEnv name string`

Sets environment variable `name` to value `string`, with response `Success`. If the environment variable does not exist, it is created.

7.5 Continuation-based I/O

HASKELL supports an alternative style of I/O called *continuation-based I/O*. Under this model, a HASKELL program still has type `[Response] -> [Request]`, but instead of the user manipulating the requests and responses directly, a collection of *transactions* defined in a continuation style, captures the effect of each request/response pair.

Transactions are functions. For each request `Req` there corresponds a transaction `req`, as shown in Figure 13. For example, `ReadFile` induces either a failure response `Failure msg` or success response `Str contents`. In contrast the transaction `readFile` would be used in continuation-based I/O, as for example,

```
readFile name (\ msg -> errorTransaction)
              (\ contents -> successTransaction)
```

where the second and third arguments are the *failure continuation* and *success continuation*, respectively. If the transaction fails then the error continuation is applied to the error message; if it succeeds then the success continuation is applied to the contents of the file. The following type synonyms and auxiliary functions are defined for continuation-based I/O:

```

type Dialogue = [Response] -> [Request]
type SuccCont = Dialogue
type StrCont = String -> Dialogue
type BinCont = Bin -> Dialogue
type FailCont = IOError -> Dialogue

strDispatch fail succ (resp:resps) =
    case resp of Str val      -> succ val resps
                Failure msg -> fail msg resps
binDispatch fail succ (resp:resps) =
    case resp of Bn val      -> succ val resps
                Failure msg -> fail msg resps
succDispatch fail succ (resp:resps) =
    case resp of Success     -> succ resps
                Failure msg -> fail msg resps

abort    :: FailCont
abort err = done

exit     :: FailCont
exit err = appendChan stdout msg abort done
          where msg = case err of ReadError   s -> s
                              WriteError  s -> s
                              SearchError s -> s
                              FormatError s -> s
                              OtherError  s -> s

let      :: a -> (a -> b) -> b
let x k = k x

print    :: (Text a) => a -> Dialogue
print x  = appendChan stdout (show x) abort done
prints  :: (Text a) => a -> String -> Dialogue
prints x s = appendChan stdout (shows x s) abort done

interact :: (String -> String) -> Dialogue
interact f = readChan stdin abort
              (\x -> appendChan stdout (f x) abort done)

```



```

done          :: Dialogue
readFile      :: Name -> FailCont -> StrCont -> Dialogue
writeFile     :: Name -> String -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
appendFile    :: Name -> String -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
readBinFile   :: Name -> FailCont -> BinCont -> Dialogue
writeBinFile  :: Name -> Bin -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
appendBinFile :: Name -> Bin -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
deleteFile    :: Name -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
statusFile    :: Name -> FailCont -> StrCont -> Dialogue
readChan      :: Name -> FailCont -> StrCont -> Dialogue
appendChan    :: Name -> String -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
readBinChan   :: Name -> FailCont -> BinCont -> Dialogue
appendBinChan :: Name -> Bin -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
statusChan    :: Name -> FailCont -> StrCont -> Dialogue
echo          :: Bool -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
getArgs       :: FailCont -> StrCont -> Dialogue
getEnv        :: Name -> FailCont -> StrCont -> Dialogue
setEnv        :: Name -> String -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue

done resps = []
readFile name fail succ resps = --similarly for readBinFile
    (ReadFile name) : strDispatch fail succ resps
writeFile name contents fail succ resps = --similarly for writeBinFile
    (WriteFile name contents) : succDispatch fail succ resps
appendFile name contents fail succ resps = --similarly for appendBinFile
    (AppendFile name contents) : succDispatch fail succ resps
deleteFile name fail succ resps =
    (DeleteFile name) : succDispatch fail succ resps
statusFile name fail succ resps = --similarly for statusChan
    (StatusFile name) : strDispatch fail succ resps
readChan name fail succ resps = --similarly for readBinChan
    (ReadChan name) : strDispatch fail succ resps
appendChan name contents fail succ resps = --similarly for appendBinChan
    (AppendChan name contents) : succDispatch fail succ resps
echo bool fail succ resps =
    (Echo bool) : succDispatch fail succ resps
getArgs fail succ resps =
    GetArgs : strDispatch fail succ resps
getEnv name fail succ resps =
    (GetEnv name) : strDispatch fail succ resps
setEnv name contents fail succ resps =
    (SetEnv name contents) : succDispatch fail succ resps

```

Figure 13: Transactions of continuation-based I/O.

7.6 A Small Example

Both of the following programs prompt the user for the name of a file, and then look up and display the contents of the file on standard-output. The filename as typed by the user is also echoed. The first program uses the stream-based style (note the irrefutable patterns):

```
main ~(Success : ~((Str userInput) : ~(Success : ~(r4 : _)))) =
  [ AppendChan stdout "please type a filename\n",
    ReadChan stdin,
    AppendChan stdout name,
    ReadFile name,
    AppendChan stdout (case r4 of Str contents    -> contents
                        Failure IOError -> "can't open file")
  ] where (name : _) = lines userInput
```

The second program uses the continuation-based style:

```
main = appendChan stdout "please type a filename\n" abort (
  readChan stdin abort (\ userInput ->
    let (lines userInput) (\ (name : _) ->
      appendChan stdout name abort (
        readFile name (\ IOError -> appendChan stdout
                                   "can't open file" abort done)
        (\ contents ->
          appendChan stdout contents abort done))))))
```

Many more examples and a general discussion of both forms of I/O may be found in a report by Hudak and Sundaresh [6].

A Standard Prelude

In this appendix the entire HASKELL prelude is given. It is organised into a root module and eight sub-modules.

A.1 Prelude PreludeBuiltin

A.2 Prelude PreludeCore

-- Standard types, classes, and instances

```

module PreludeCore (
    Eq((=), (/=)),
    Ord(<), (<=), (>=), (>), max, min),
    Num(+), (-), (*), negate, abs, signum, fromInteger),
    Integral(divRem, div, rem, mod, even, odd, toInteger),
    Fractional(/), fromRational),
    Floating(pi, exp, log, sqrt, (**), logBase,
              sin, cos, tan, asin, acos, atan,
              sinh, cosh, tanh, asinh, acosh, atanh),
    Real(toRational),
    RealFrac(properFraction, approxRational),
    RealFloat(floatRadix, floatDigits, floatRange,
              encodeFloat, decodeFloat, exponent, significand, scaleFloat),
    Ix(range, index, inRange),
    Enum(enumFrom, enumFromThen, enumFromTo, enumFromThenTo),
    Text(readsPrec, showsPrec, readList, showList),
    Binary(readBin, showBin),
-- List type: []((:), [])
-- Tuple types: (_,_), (_,_,_), etc.
-- Trivial type: ()
    Bool(True, False),
    Char, Int, Integer, Float, Double, Bin,
    Ratio, Complex((: +)), Assoc((:=)), Array,
    String, Rational ) where

import PreludeBuiltin
import PreludeText(Text(readsPrec, showsPrec, readList, showList))
import PreludeRatio(Ratio, Rational)
import PreludeComplex
import PreludeArray(Assoc(:=), Array)
import PreludeIO(Name, Request, Response, IOError,
                  Dialogue, SuccCont, StrCont, BinCont, FailCont)

infixr 8  **
infixl 7  *
infix  7  /, 'div', 'rem', 'mod'
infixl 6  +, -
infixr 3  :
infix  2  ==, /=, <, <=, >=, >

```

-- Equality and Ordered classes

```
class Eq a where
  (==), (/=)      :: a -> a -> Bool

  x /= y          =  not (x == y)

class (Eq a) => Ord a where
  (<), (<=), (>=), (>) :: a -> a -> Bool
  max, min          :: a -> a -> Bool

  x < y            =  x <= y && x /= y
  x >= y           =  y <= x
  x > y            =  y < x
  max x y | x >= y =  x
           | y >= x =  y
  min x y | x <= y =  x
           | y <= x =  y
```

-- Numeric classes

```
class (Eq a) => Num a where
  (+), (-), (*)    :: a -> a -> a
  negate          :: a -> a
  abs, signum      :: a -> a
  fromInteger      :: Integer -> a

  x - y            =  x + negate y
```

```
class (Num a, Ord a) => Real a where
  toRational       :: a -> Rational
```

```
class (Real a) => Integral a where
  div, rem, mod     :: a -> a -> a
  divRem            :: a -> a -> (a,a)
  even, odd         :: a -> Bool
  toInteger         :: a -> Integer

  x 'div' y         =  q  where (q,r) = divRem x y
  x 'rem' y         =  r  where (q,r) = divRem x y
  x 'mod' y         =  if signum x == - (signum y) then r + y else r
                     where r = x 'rem' y
  even x            =  x 'rem' 2 == 0
  odd               =  not . even
```

```

class (Num a) => Fractional a where
    (/)                :: a -> a -> a
    fromRational       :: Rational -> a

class (Fractional a) => Floating a where
    pi                :: a
    exp, log, sqrt     :: a -> a
    (**), logBase      :: a -> a -> a
    sin, cos, tan      :: a -> a
    asin, acos, atan   :: a -> a
    sinh, cosh, tanh   :: a -> a
    asinh, acosh, atanh :: a -> a

    x ** y             = exp (log x * y)
    logBase x y        = log y / log x
    sqrt x             = x ** 0.5
    tan x              = sin x / cos x
    tanh x             = sinh x / cosh x

class (Real a, Fractional a) => RealFrac a where
    properFraction     :: a -> (Integer,a)
    approxRational     :: a -> a -> Rational

class (RealFrac a, Floating a) => RealFloat a where
    floatRadix         :: a -> Integer
    floatDigits        :: a -> Int
    floatRange         :: a -> (Int,Int)
    decodeFloat        :: a -> (Integer,Int)
    encodeFloat        :: Integer -> Int -> a
    exponent           :: a -> Int
    significand        :: a -> a
    scaleFloat         :: Int -> a -> a

    exponent x         = if m == 0 then 0 else n + floatDigits x
                        where (m,n) = decodeFloat x

    significand x      = encodeFloat m (- (floatDigits x))
                        where (m,_) = decodeFloat x

    scaleFloat k x     = encodeFloat m (n+k)
                        where (m,n) = decodeFloat x

```

```
-- Index and Enumeration classes
```

```
class (Ord a) => Ix a where
    range      :: (a,a) -> [a]
    index      :: (a,a) -> a -> Int
    inRange    :: (a,a) -> a -> Bool
```

```
class (Ix a) => Enum a where
    enumFrom      :: a -> [a]           -- [n..]
    enumFromThen  :: a -> a -> [a]      -- [n,n'..]
    enumFromTo    :: a -> a -> [a]      -- [n..m]
    enumFromThenTo :: a -> a -> a -> [a] -- [n,n'..m]

    enumFromTo n m      = takeWhile ((>=) m) (enumFrom n)
    enumFromThenTo n n' m
        = takeWhile ((if n' >= n then (>=) else (<=)) m)
              (enumFromThen n n')
```

```
-- Binary class
```

```
class Binary a where
    readBin      :: Bin -> (a,Bin)
    showBin      :: a -> Bin -> Bin
```

```
-- Boolean type
```

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

```
-- Character type
```

```
instance Eq Char where
    c == c'      = ord c == ord c'
```

```
instance Ord Char where
    c <= c'      = ord c <= ord c'
```

```
instance Ix Char where
    range (c,c')      = [c..c']
    index (c,c') ci    = ord ci - ord c
    inRange (c,c') ci = ord c <= i && i <= ord c'
                        where i = ord ci
```



```

instance Enum Char where
    enumFrom c      = map chr [ord c ..]
    enumFromThen c c' = map chr [ord c, ord c' ..]

type String = [Char]

-- Standard Integral types

instance Eq Int where
    (==) = primEqInt

instance Eq Integer where
    (==) = primEqInteger

instance Ord Int where
    (<=) = primLeInt

instance Ord Integer where
    (<=) = primLeInteger

instance Num Int where
    (+) = primPlusInt
    negate = primNegInt
    (*) = primMulInt
    abs = absReal
    signum = signumReal
    fromInteger = primIntegerToInt

instance Num Integer where
    (+) = primPlusInteger
    negate = primNegInteger
    (*) = primMulInteger
    abs = absReal
    signum = signumReal
    fromInteger x = x

absReal x | x >= 0 = x
          | otherwise = - x

signumReal x | x == 0 = 0
             | x > 0 = 1
             | otherwise = -1

```

```

instance Real Int where
    toRational x      = toInteger x % 1

instance Real Integer where
    toRational x      = x % 1

instance Integral Int where
    divRem            = primDivRemInt
    toInteger          = primIntToInteger

instance Integral Integer where
    divRem            = primDivRemInteger
    toInteger x       = x

instance Ix Int where
    range (m,n)       = [m..n]
    index (m,n) i     = i - m
    inRange (m,n) i   = m <= i && i <= n

instance Ix Integer where
    range (m,n)       = [m..n]
    index (m,n) i     = fromInteger (i - m)
    inRange (m,n) i   = m <= i && i <= n

instance Enum Int where
    enumFrom n        = enumFromBy n 1
    enumFromThen n m  = enumFromBy n (m - n)

instance Enum Integer where
    enumFrom n        = enumFromBy n 1
    enumFromThen n m  = enumFromBy n (m - n)

enumFromBy n k       = n : enumFromBy (n+k) k

-- Standard Floating types

instance Eq Float where
    (==)              = primEqFloat

instance Eq Double where
    (==)              = primEqDouble

instance Ord Float where
    (<=)              = primLeFloat

```

```

instance Ord Double where
    (<=)          = primLeDouble

instance Num Float where
    (+)          = primPlusFloat
    negate      = primNegFloat
    (*)          = primMulFloat
    abs         = absReal
    signum      = signumReal
    fromInteger n = encodeFloat n 0

instance Num Double where
    (+)          = primPlusDouble
    negate      = primNegDouble
    (*)          = primMulDouble
    abs         = absReal
    signum      = signumReal
    fromInteger n = encodeFloat n 0

instance Real Float where
    toRational    = floatingToRational

instance Real Double where
    toRational    = floatingToRational

floatingToRational x = (m%1)*(b%1)^n
                      where (m,n) = decodeFloat x
                            b      = floatRadix x

instance Fractional Float where
    (/)          = primDivFloat
    fromRational = rationalToFloating

instance Fractional Double where
    (/)          = primDivDouble
    fromRational = rationalToFloating

rationalToFloating x = fromInteger (numerator x)
                      / fromInteger (denominator x)

```

```

instance Floating Float where
    pi          = primPiFloat
    exp         = primExpFloat
    log         = primLogFloat
    sqrt        = primSqrtFloat
    sin         = primSinFloat
    cos         = primCosFloat
    tan         = primTanFloat
    asin        = primAsinFloat
    acos        = primAcosFloat
    atan        = primAtanFloat
    sinh        = primSinhFloat
    cosh        = primCoshFloat
    tanh        = primTanhFloat
    asinh       = primAsinhFloat
    acosh       = primAcoshFloat
    atanh       = primAtanhFloat

instance Floating Double where
    pi          = primPiDouble
    exp         = primExpDouble
    log         = primLogDouble
    sqrt        = primSqrtDouble
    sin         = primSinDouble
    cos         = primCosDouble
    tan         = primTanDouble
    asin        = primAsinDouble
    acos        = primAcosDouble
    atan        = primAtanDouble
    sinh        = primSinhDouble
    cosh        = primCoshDouble
    tanh        = primTanhDouble
    asinh       = primAsinhDouble
    acosh       = primAcoshDouble
    atanh       = primAtanhDouble

instance RealFrac Float where
    properFraction    = floatProperFraction
    approxRational    = floatApproxRational

instance RealFrac Double where
    properFraction    = floatProperFraction
    approxRational    = floatApproxRational

```

```

floatProperFraction x = if n >= 0
                        then (m * bn, 0)
                        else (m', fromInteger k / fromInteger d)
                        where (m,n) = decodeFloat x
                              b      = floatRadix x
                              (m',k) = divRem m d
                              d      = b(-n)

floatApproxRational x eps =
  case withinEps of
    r:r':_ | denominator r == denominator r' -> r'
    r:_    -> r
  where withinEps = dropWhile (\r -> abs (fromRational r - x) > eps)
                    (approximants p q)
    (p,q)      = if n < 0 then (m, b(-n)) else (m*bn, 1)
    (m,n)      = decodeFloat x
    b          = toInteger (floatRadix x)

instance RealFloat Float where
  floatRadix _      = primFloatRadix
  floatDigits _     = primFloatDigits
  floatRange _      = (primFloatMinExp,primFloatMaxExp)
  decodeFloat       = primDecodeFloat
  encodeFloat       = primEncodeFloat

instance RealFloat Double where
  floatRadix _      = primDoubleRadix
  floatDigits _     = primDoubleDigits
  floatRange _      = (primDoubleMinExp,primDoubleMaxExp)
  decodeFloat       = primDecodeDouble
  encodeFloat       = primEncodeDouble

instance Ix Float where
  range (x,y)      = [x..y]
  index (x,y) i    = floor (i - x)
  inRange (x,y) i  = x <= i && i <= y

instance Ix Double where
  range (x,y)      = [x..y]
  index (x,y) i    = floor (i - x)
  inRange (x,y) i  = x <= i && i <= y

instance Enum Float where
  enumFrom x        = enumFromBy x 1
  enumFromThen x y  = enumFromBy x (y - x)

```

```
instance Enum Double where
  enumFrom x      = enumFromBy x 1
  enumFromThen x y = enumFromBy x (y - x)
```

A.3 Prelude PreludeRatio

A.4 Prelude PreludeComplex

-- Complex Numbers

```
module PreludeComplex ( Complex(:+) ) where
```

```
infix 6  :+
```

```
data (RealFloat a)      => Complex a = a :+ a deriving (Eq,Binary,Text)
```

```
instance (RealFloat a) => Num (Complex a) where
    (x:+y) + (x':+y') = (x+x') :+ (y+y')
    (x:+y) - (x':+y') = (x-x') :+ (y-y')
    (x:+y) * (x':+y') = (x*x'-y*y') :+ (x*y'+y*x')
    negate (x:+y)     = negate x :+ negate y
    abs z             = magnitude z :+ 0
    signum 0          = 0
    signum z@(x:+y)   = x/r :+ y/r where r = magnitude z
    fromInteger n     = fromInteger n :+ 0
```

```
instance (RealFloat a) => Fractional (Complex a) where
    (x:+y) / (x':+y') = (x*x''+y*y'') / d :+ (y*x''-x*y'') / d
                        where x'' = scaleFloat k x'
                              y'' = scaleFloat k y'
                              k    = - (max (exponent x') (exponent y'))
                              d    = x'*x'' + y'*y''

    fromRational a     = fromRational a :+ 0
```



```

instance (RealFloat a) => Floating (Complex a) where
    pi          = pi :+ 0
    exp (x:+y)  = expx * cos y :+ expx * sin y
                  where expx = exp x
    log z       = log (magnitude z) :+ phase z

    sqrt 0      = 0
    sqrt z@(x:+y) = u :+ (if y < 0 then -v else v)
                  where (u,v) = if x < 0 then (v',u') else (u',v')
                        v'    = abs y / (u'*2)
                        u'    = sqrt ((magnitude z + abs x) / 2)

    sin (x:+y)  = sin x * cosh y :+ cos x * sinh y
    cos (x:+y)  = cos x * cosh y :+ sin x * sinh y
    tan (x:+y)  = (sinx*coshy:+cosx*sinhy)/(cosx*coshy:+sinx*sinhy)
                  where sinx  = sin x
                        cosx  = cos x
                        sinhy  = sinh y
                        coshy  = cosh y

    sinh (x:+y) = cos y * sinh x :+ sin y * cosh x
    cosh (x:+y) = cos y * cosh x :+ (- (sin y) * sinh x)
    tanh (x:+y) = (cosy*sinhx:+siny*coshx)/(cosy*coshx:+(-siny*sinhx))
                  where siny  = sin y
                        cosy  = cos y
                        sinhx  = sinh x
                        coshx  = cosh x

    asin z@(x:+y) = y' :+ (-x')
                  where (x':+y') = log ((-y:+x) + sqrt (1 - z*z))
    acos z@(x:+y) = y'' :+ (-x'')
                  where (x'':+y'') = log (z + ((-y'):+x'))
                        (x':+y')    = sqrt (1 - z*z)
    atan z@(x:+y) = y' :+ (-x')
                  where
                        (x':+y') = log (((-y+1):+x) * sqrt (1/(1+z*z)))

    asinh z      = log (z + sqrt (1+z*z))
    acosh z      = log (z + (z+1) * sqrt ((z-1)/(z+1)))
    atanh z      = log ((z+1) * sqrt (1 - 1/(z*z)))

```

A.5 Prelude PreludeList

A.6 **Prelude** PreludeArray

A.7 Prelude PreludeText

```

module PreludeText (
    Text(readsPrec,showsPrec,readList,showList),
    ReadS, ShowS, reads, shows, show, read, lex,
    showChar, showString, readParen, showParen ) where

type ReadS a = String -> [(a,String)]
type ShowS   = String -> String

class Text a where
    readsPrec :: Int -> ReadS a
    showsPrec :: Int -> a -> ShowS
    readList  :: ReadS [a]
    showList  :: [a] -> ShowS

    readList    = readParen False
                  (\r -> [pr | ("",s) <- [lex r], pr <- readl s])
                  where readl s = [([],t) | ("",t) <- [lex s]] ++
                                   [(x:xs,v) | (x,t) <- reads s,
                                                  ("",u) <- [lex t],
                                                  (xs,v) <- readl u  ]

    showList xs = showChar '[' . showl xs
                  where showl []      = showChar ']'
                        showl (x:xs) = shows x . showChar ',' . showl xs

reads      :: (Text a) => ReadS a
reads      = readsPrec 0

shows      :: (Text a) => a -> ShowS
shows      = showsPrec 0

read       :: (Text a) => String -> a
read s     = x
            where [x] = [x | (x,t) <- reads s, ("","") <- [lex t]]

show       :: (Text a) => a -> String
show x     = shows x ""

showChar   :: Char -> ShowS
showChar   = (:)
showString :: String -> ShowS
showString = (++)
showParen  :: Bool -> ShowS -> ShowS
showParen b p = if b then showChar '(' . p . showChar ')' else p

```

```

readParen      :: Bool -> ReadS a -> ReadS a
readParen b g  = if b then mandatory else optional
                  where optional r  = g r ++ mandatory r
                        mandatory r = [(x,u) | ("(",s) <- [lex r],
                                                (x,t)  <- optional s,
                                                (")",u) <- [lex t]    ]

lex            :: String -> (String,String)
lex ""         = ("","")
lex ('-' ':'>:s) = (">",s)
lex ('-' :s)    = ("-",s)
lex r@(c:s)     =
    if      isSpace c      then lex (dropWhile isSpace s)
    else if isAlpha c      then span isIdChar r
    else if isSingleSym c  then ([c],s)
    else if isMultiSym c   then span isMultiSym r
    else if isDigit c      then lexNum r
    else if c == '\\'      then ('\\' : ch ++ "\"", u)
                                where {(ch,t) = lexLitChar s; '\\':u = t}
    else if c == '"'       then ('\"':str, t)
                                where (str,t) = lexString s
    else error "bad character"

where
isIdChar c      = isAlphanum c || c == '_' || c == '\\'
isSingleSym c   = c `in` " , ; ( ) [ { } _ "
isMultiSym c    = c `in` " ! @ # $ % & * + - . / < = > ? \ ^ | ~ "

lexNum r = (ds++f, t) where (ds,s) = span isDigit r
                        (f,t) = lexFracExp s
lexFracExp ('.':r) = ('.':ds++e, t)
                        where (ds,s) = lexDigits r
                        (e, t) = lexExp s
lexFracExp s      = ("",s)

lexExp ('e':'-':r) = ("e-"++ds, s) where (ds,s) = lexDigits r
lexExp ('e':r)     = ('e':ds, s)   where (ds,s) = lexDigits r
lexExp s           = ("",s)

lexDigits r@(d:_ | isDigit d) = span isDigit r

lexString ('\"':s) = ("\"", s)
lexString s       = (ch++str, u)
                        where (ch,t) = lexLitChar s
                        (str,u) = lexString t

```

```

lexLitChar      :: String -> (String,String)
lexLitChar ('\\':s) = ('\\':esc, t)
    where (esc,t) = lexEsc s
          lexEsc (c:s) | c `in` "abfnrtv\\\\"'&" = ([c],s)
          lexEsc ('^':c:s) | isUpper c = ('^',c], s)
          lexEsc ('N': 'U': 'L':s) = ("NUL", s)
          lexEsc ('S': 'O': 'H':s) = ("SOH", s)
          lexEsc ('S': 'T': 'X':s) = ("STX", s)
          lexEsc ('E': 'T': 'X':s) = ("ETX", s)
          lexEsc ('E': 'O': 'T':s) = ("EOT", s)
          lexEsc ('E': 'N': 'Q':s) = ("ENQ", s)
          lexEsc ('A': 'C': 'K':s) = ("ACK", s)
          lexEsc ('B': 'E': 'L':s) = ("BEL", s)
          lexEsc ('B': 'S':s) = ("BS", s)
          lexEsc ('H': 'T':s) = ("HT", s)
          lexEsc ('L': 'F':s) = ("LF", s)
          lexEsc ('V': 'T':s) = ("VT", s)
          lexEsc ('F': 'F':s) = ("FF", s)
          lexEsc ('C': 'R':s) = ("CR", s)
          lexEsc ('S': 'O':s) = ("SO", s)
          lexEsc ('S': 'I':s) = ("SI", s)
          lexEsc ('D': 'L': 'E':s) = ("DLE", s)
          lexEsc ('D': 'C': '1':s) = ("DC1", s)
          lexEsc ('D': 'C': '2':s) = ("DC2", s)
          lexEsc ('D': 'C': '3':s) = ("DC3", s)
          lexEsc ('D': 'C': '4':s) = ("DC4", s)
          lexEsc ('N': 'A': 'K':s) = ("NAK", s)
          lexEsc ('S': 'Y': 'N':s) = ("SYN", s)
          lexEsc ('E': 'T': 'B':s) = ("ETB", s)
          lexEsc ('C': 'A': 'N':s) = ("CAN", s)
          lexEsc ('E': 'M':s) = ("EM", s)
          lexEsc ('S': 'U': 'B':s) = ("SUB", s)
          lexEsc ('E': 'S': 'C':s) = ("ESC", s)
          lexEsc ('F': 'S':s) = ("FS", s)
          lexEsc ('G': 'S':s) = ("GS", s)
          lexEsc ('R': 'S':s) = ("RS", s)
          lexEsc ('U': 'S':s) = ("US", s)
          lexEsc ('S': 'P':s) = ("SP", s)
          lexEsc ('D': 'E': 'L':s) = ("DEL", s)
          lexEsc r@(d:s) | isDigit d = span isDigit r
          lexEsc ('o':s) = ('o':os, t)
              where (os,t) = nonempty
                  (\c -> c >= '0' &&
                     c <= '7' )

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lexEsc ('x':s) = ('x':xs, t)
    where (xs,t) = nonempty
                        (\c -> isDigit c ||
                                c >= 'A' &&
                                c <= 'F' )
lexEsc r@(c:s) | isSpace c = (sp++"\\", u)
    where
        (sp,t) = span isSpace s
        ('\\',u) = t

nonempty p r@(c:s) | p c = span p r
lexLitChar (c:s)      = ([c],s)

-- Trivial type

instance Text () where
    readsPrec p      = readParen False
                        (\r -> [(() ,t) | ("(",s) <- [lex r],
                                           (")",t) <- [lex s] ] )
    showsPrec p () = showString "()"

-- Character type

instance Text Char where
    readsPrec p      = readParen False
                        (\r -> [(c,t) | ('\'' :s,t)<-[lex r],
                                           (c,_)      <-[readLitChar s]])
    showsPrec p '\'' = showString "'\\'"
    showsPrec p c    = showChar '\'' . showLitChar c . showChar '\''

readList = readParen False (\r -> [(cs,t) | ('"' :s, t) <- [lex r],
                                           pr <- readl s])
    where readl s = [("",t) | '":t <- [s] ] ++
                    [(c:cs,u) | (c ,t) <- readLitChar s,
                                 (cs,u) <- readl u ]

showList cs = showChar '"' . showl cs
    where showl ""      = showChar '"'
          showl ('\'' :cs) = showString "'\\'" . showl cs
          showl (c:cs)   = showLitChar c . showl cs

```

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readLitChar      :: ReadS Char
readLitChar s = if ignore ch then readLitChar t else [(charVal ch, t)]
    where
        (ch,t) = lexLitChar s

        ignore "\\&" = True
        ignore ('\\':c:_) | isSpace c = True
        ignore _ = False

        charVal ('\\':esc) = escVal esc
        charVal [c]         = c

        escVal "a" = '\a'
        escVal "b" = '\b'
        escVal "f" = '\f'
        escVal "n" = '\n'
        escVal "r" = '\r'
        escVal "t" = '\t'
        escVal "v" = '\v'
        escVal "\\" = '\\'
        escVal "\" = '\"
        escVal "'" = '\''
        escVal ('^':[c]) = chr (ord c - 64)
        escVal "NUL" = '\NUL'
        escVal "SOH" = '\SOH'
        escVal "STX" = '\STX'
        escVal "ETX" = '\ETX'
        escVal "EOT" = '\EOT'
        escVal "ENQ" = '\ENQ'
        escVal "ACK" = '\ACK'
        escVal "BEL" = '\BEL'
        escVal "BS" = '\BS'
        escVal "HT" = '\HT'
        escVal "LF" = '\LF'
        escVal "VT" = '\VT'
        escVal "FF" = '\FF'
        escVal "CR" = '\CR'
        escVal "SO" = '\SO'
        escVal "SI" = '\SI'
        escVal "DLE" = '\DLE'
        escVal "DC1" = '\DC1'
        escVal "DC2" = '\DC2'
        escVal "DC3" = '\DC3'
        escVal "DC4" = '\DC4'

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    escVal "NAK" = '\NAK'
    escVal "SYN" = '\SYN'
    escVal "ETB" = '\ETB'
    escVal "CAN" = '\CAN'
    escVal "EM" = '\EM'
    escVal "SUB" = '\SUB'
    escVal "ESC" = '\ESC'
    escVal "FS" = '\FS'
    escVal "GS" = '\GS'
    escVal "RS" = '\RS'
    escVal "US" = '\US'
    escVal "SP" = '\SP'
    escVal "DEL" = '\DEL'
    escVal r@(d:s) | isDigit d = chr n
                                where [(n,_)] = readDec r
    escVal ('o':s) = chr n
                                where [(n,_)] = readOct s
    escVal ('x':s) = chr n
                                where [(n,_)] = readHex s

showLitChar    :: Char -> ShowS
showLitChar '\\' = showString "\\\"
showLitChar c | isPrint c = showChar c
showLitChar '\a' = showString "\\a"
showLitChar '\b' = showString "\\b"
showLitChar '\f' = showString "\\f"
showLitChar '\n' = showString "\\n"
showLitChar '\r' = showString "\\r"
showLitChar '\t' = showString "\\t"
showLitChar '\v' = showString "\\v"
showLitChar c = showChar '\\' . showInt (ord c) . cont
                where cont s@(c:cs) | isDigit c = "\\&" ++ s
                                cont s = s

readDec, readOct, readHex :: (Integral a) => ReadS a
readDec = readInt 10 isDigit (\d -> ord d - ord '0')
readOct = readInt 8 (\c -> c >= 0 && c <= 7) (\d -> ord d - ord '0')
readHex = readInt 16 (\c -> isDigit c || c >= 'A' && c <= 'F')
                (\d -> if isDigit d then ord d - ord '0'
                        else ord d - ord 'A' + 10)

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readInt :: (Integral a) => a -> (Char -> Bool) -> (Char -> a) -> ReadS a
readInt radix isDig digToInt s =
    [(foldl (\n d -> n * radix + digToInt d) digToInt d, r)
     | (d:ds,r) <- [span isDig s] ]

showInt :: (Integral a) => a -> ShowS
showInt n = if n < 0 then showChar '-' . showInt' (-n) else showInt' n
    where showInt' n r = chr (ord '0' + d) :
        if n' > 0 then showInt' n' r else r
        where (n',d) = divRem n 10

-- Standard integral types

instance Text Int where
    readsPrec = readIntegral
    showsPrec = showIntegral

instance Text Integer where
    readsPrec = readIntegral
    showsPrec = showIntegral

readIntegral p = readParen False read'
    where read' r = [(-n,t) | ("-",s) <- [lex r],
                               (n,t)   <- [read'' s] ]
        read'' r = [(n,s) | (ds,s) <- [lex r],
                            (n,"") <- readDec ds]

showIntegral p n = showParen (n < 0 && p > 6) (showInt n)

-- Standard floating-point types

instance Text Float where
    readsPrec = readFloating
    showsPrec = showFloating

instance Text Double where
    readsPrec = readFloating
    showsPrec = showFloating

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readFloating p = readParen False read'
  where read' r = [(-x,t) | ("-",s) <- [lex r],
                           (x,t)   <- [read'' s] ]
        read'' r = [(fromRational x,t)
                    | (s,t) <- [lex r],
                      (x,"") <- readFix s ++ readSci s]
readFix r = [(x%1 + y%10^(length t), u)
            | (x,'.':s) <- readDec r,
              (t,u)   <- [span isDigit s],
                y     <- [read t]      ]
readSci r = [(x*(10^n%1),t)
            | (x,'e':s) <- readFix r,
              (n,t)   <- readDec s ] ++
  [(x*(1%10^n),t)
  | (x,'e':'-':s) <- readFix r,
    (n,t)   <- readDec s ]

showFloating p x =
  if p >= 0 then show' x else showParen (p>6) (showChar '-' . show' (-x))
  where
    show' x = if e >= m || e < 0 then showSci else showFix e
    showSci = showFix 1 . showChar 'e' . showInt e
    showFix k = showString (fill (take k ds)) . showChar '.'
                . showString (fill (drop k ds))
    fill ds = if null ds then "0" else ds
    ds = if sig == 0 then take m (repeat '0') else show sig
    (m, sig, e) = if b == 10 then
      (w, s, if s == 0 then 0 else n+w)
    else
      (ceiling ((fromInt w * log (fromInteger b))/log 10) + 1,
       round ((s%1) * (b%1)^n * 10^(m-e)),
       if s == 0 then 0 else floor (logBase 10 x))
    (s, n) = decodeFloat x
    b = floatRadix x
    w = floatDigits x

-- Lists

instance (Text a) => Text [a] where
  readsPrec p = readList
  showsPrec p = showList

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-- Tuples

instance (Text a, Text b) => Text (a,b) where
  readsPrec p = readParen False
    (\r -> [((x,y), w) | ("(",s) <- [lex r],
                          (x,t)  <- reads s,
                          ("",u) <- [lex t],
                          (y,v)  <- reads u
                          (")",w) <- [lex v] ] )

  showsPrec p (x,y) = showChar '(' . shows x . showChar ',' .
    shows y . showChar ')'
-- et cetera

```

A.8 Prelude PreludeIO

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-- I/O functions and definitions

module PreludeIO where

-- File and channel names:

type Name = String

stdin      = "stdin"
stdout     = "stdout"
stderr     = "stderr"
stdecho    = "stdecho"

-- Requests and responses:

data Request = -- file system requests:
               ReadFile      Name
             | WriteFile     Name String
             | AppendFile    Name String
             | ReadBinFile   Name
             | WriteBinFile  Name Bin
             | AppendBinFile Name Bin
             | DeleteFile    Name
             | StatusFile    Name
            -- channel system requests:
             | ReadChan      Name
             | AppendChan    Name String
             | ReadBinChan   Name
             | AppendBinChan Name Bin
             | StatusChan    Name
            -- environment requests:
             | Echo          Bool
             | GetArgs
             | GetEnv        Name
             | SetEnv        Name String

data Response =
             Success
           | Str String
           | Bn Bin
           | Failure IOError

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data IOError =
    WriteError String
  | ReadError  String
  | SearchError String
  | FormatError String
  | OtherError String

-- Continuation-based I/O:

type Dialogue    = [Response] -> [Request]
type SuccCont    = Dialogue
type StrCont     = String     -> Dialogue
type BinCont     = Bin        -> Dialogue
type FailCont    = IOError    -> Dialogue

done            :: Dialogue
readFile       :: Name -> FailCont -> StrCont -> Dialogue
writeFile      :: Name -> String -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
appendFile     :: Name -> String -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
readBinFile    :: Name -> FailCont -> BinCont -> Dialogue
writeBinFile   :: Name -> Bin -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
appendBinFile  :: Name -> Bin -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
deleteFile     :: Name -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
statusFile     :: Name -> FailCont -> StrCont -> Dialogue
readChan       :: Name -> FailCont -> StrCont -> Dialogue
appendChan     :: Name -> String -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
readBinChan    :: Name -> FailCont -> BinCont -> Dialogue
appendBinChan  :: Name -> Bin -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
echo           :: Bool -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue
getArgs        :: FailCont -> StrCont -> Dialogue
getEnv         :: Name -> FailCont -> StrCont -> Dialogue
setEnv         :: Name -> String -> FailCont -> SuccCont -> Dialogue

done resps     = []

readFile name fail succ resps =
    (ReadFile name) : strDispatch fail succ resps

writeFile name contents fail succ resps =
    (WriteFile name contents) : succDispatch fail succ resps

appendFile name contents fail succ resps =
    (AppendFile name contents) : succDispatch fail succ resps

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readBinFile name fail succ resps =
    (ReadBinFile name) : binDispatch fail succ resps

writeBinFile name contents fail succ resps =
    (WriteBinFile name contents) : succDispatch fail succ resps

appendBinFile name contents fail succ resps =
    (AppendBinFile name contents) : succDispatch fail succ resps

deleteFile name fail succ resps =
    (DeleteFile name) : succDispatch fail succ resps

statusFile name fail succ resps =
    (StatusFile name) : strDispatch fail succ resps

readChan name fail succ resps =
    (ReadChan name) : strDispatch fail succ resps

appendChan name contents fail succ resps =
    (AppendChan name contents) : succDispatch fail succ resps

readBinChan name fail succ resps =
    (ReadBinChan name) : binDispatch fail succ resps

appendBinChan name contents fail succ resps =
    (AppendBinChan name contents) : succDispatch fail succ resps

echo bool fail succ resps =
    (Echo bool) : succDispatch fail succ resps

getArgs fail succ resps =
    GetArgs : strDispatch fail succ resps

getEnv name fail succ resps =
    (GetEnv name) : strDispatch fail succ resps

setEnv name val fail succ resps =
    (SetEnv name val) : succDispatch fail succ resps

strDispatch fail succ (resp:resps) = case resp of
    Str val      -> succ val resps
    Failure msg  -> fail msg resps

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binDispatch fail succ (resp:resps) = case resp of
    Bn val      -> succ val resps
    Failure msg  -> fail msg resps

succDispatch fail succ (resp:resps) = case resp of
    Success      -> succ resps
    Failure msg  -> fail msg resps

abort          :: FailCont
abort msg      = done

exit           :: FailCont
exit err       = appendChan stdout msg abort done
    where msg = case err of ReadError s    -> s
                        WriteError s    -> s
                        SearchError s -> s
                        FormatError s -> s
                        OtherError s  -> s

let           :: a -> (a -> b) -> b
let x k       = k x

print         :: (Text a) => a -> Dialogue
print x       = appendChan stdout (show x) abort done
prints        :: (Text a) => a -> String -> Dialogue
prints x s    = appendChan stdout (shows x s) abort done

interact      :: (String -> String) -> Dialogue
interact f    = readChan stdin abort
    (\x -> appendChan stdout (f x) abort done)

```


B Syntax

B.1 Notational Conventions

These notational conventions are used for presenting syntax:

$[pattern]$	optional
$\{pattern\}$	zero or more repetitions
$(pattern)$	grouping
$pat_1 \mid pat_2$	choice
$pat_{\{pat'\}}$	difference—elements generated by pat except those generated by pat'
fibonacci	terminal syntax in typewriter font

BNF-like syntax is used throughout, with productions having form:

$nonterm \rightarrow alt_1 \mid alt_2 \mid \dots \mid alt_n$

B.2 Lexical Syntax

<i>program</i>	$\rightarrow \{ lexeme \mid whitespace \}$
<i>lexeme</i>	$\rightarrow varid \mid conid \mid varop \mid conop \mid literal \mid special \mid reservedop \mid reservedid$
<i>literal</i>	$\rightarrow integer \mid float \mid char \mid string$
<i>special</i>	$\rightarrow (\mid) \mid , \mid ; \mid [\mid] \mid _ \mid \{ \mid \}$
<i>whitespace</i>	$\rightarrow whitestuff \{ whitestuff \}$
<i>whitestuff</i>	$\rightarrow newline \mid space \mid tab \mid vertab \mid formfeed \mid comment \mid ncomment$
<i>newline</i>	\rightarrow a newline (system dependent)
<i>space</i>	\rightarrow a space
<i>tab</i>	\rightarrow a horizontal tab
<i>vertab</i>	\rightarrow a vertical tab
<i>formfeed</i>	\rightarrow a form feed
<i>comment</i>	$\rightarrow -- \{ any \} newline$
<i>ncomment</i>	$\rightarrow \{ - \{ whitespace \mid any_{\{- \mid -\}} \} - \}$
<i>any</i>	$\rightarrow graphic \mid space \mid tab$
<i>graphic</i>	$\rightarrow large \mid small \mid digit$
	$\mid ! \mid " \mid \# \mid \$ \mid \% \mid \& \mid ' \mid (\mid) \mid * \mid +$
	$\mid , \mid - \mid . \mid / \mid : \mid ; \mid < \mid = \mid > \mid ? \mid @$
	$\mid [\mid \backslash \mid] \mid ^ \mid _ \mid ` \mid \{ \mid \mid \} \mid \sim$
<i>small</i>	$\rightarrow a \mid b \mid \dots \mid z$
<i>large</i>	$\rightarrow A \mid B \mid \dots \mid Z$
<i>digit</i>	$\rightarrow 0 \mid 1 \mid \dots \mid 9$

<i>avarid</i>	→	(<i>small</i> { <i>small</i> <i>large</i> <i>digit</i> ' _}) _{<i>reservedid</i>}
<i>varid</i>	→	<i>avarid</i> (<i>avarop</i>)
<i>aconid</i>	→	<i>large</i> { <i>small</i> <i>large</i> <i>digit</i> ' _}
<i>conid</i>	→	<i>aconid</i> (<i>aconop</i>)
<i>reservedid</i>	→	<i>case</i> <i>class</i> <i>data</i> <i>default</i> <i>deriving</i> <i>else</i> <i>hiding</i> <i>if</i> <i>import</i> <i>infix</i> <i>infixl</i> <i>infixr</i> <i>instance</i> <i>interface</i> <i>module</i> <i>of</i> <i>renaming</i> <i>then</i> <i>to</i> <i>type</i> <i>where</i>
<i>avarop</i>	→	(<i>symbol</i> { <i>symbol</i> :}) _{<i>reservedop</i>} -
<i>varop</i>	→	<i>avarop</i> `avarid`
<i>aconop</i>	→	(: { <i>symbol</i> :}) _{<i>reservedop</i>}
<i>conop</i>	→	<i>aconop</i> `aconid`
<i>symbol</i>	→	! # \$ % & * + . / < = > ? @ \ ^ ~
<i>reservedop</i>	→	.. :: => = @ \ ~
<i>var</i>	→	<i>varid</i> (variables)
<i>con</i>	→	<i>conid</i> (constructors)
<i>tyvar</i>	→	<i>avarid</i> (type variables)
<i>tycon</i>	→	<i>aconid</i> (type constructors)
<i>tycls</i>	→	<i>aconid</i> (type classes)
<i>modid</i>	→	<i>aconid</i> (modules)
<i>integer</i>	→	<i>digit</i> { <i>digit</i> }
<i>float</i>	→	<i>integer</i> . <i>integer</i> [<i>e</i> [-] <i>integer</i>]
<i>char</i>	→	' (<i>graphic</i> {' \} <i>space</i> <i>escape</i> {\&}) '
<i>string</i>	→	" { <i>graphic</i> {" \} <i>space</i> <i>escape</i> <i>gap</i> } "
<i>escape</i>	→	\ (<i>charesc</i> <i>ascii</i> <i>integer</i> <i>o</i> <i>octit</i> { <i>octit</i> } <i>x</i> <i>hexit</i> { <i>hexit</i> })
<i>charesc</i>	→	<i>a</i> <i>b</i> <i>f</i> <i>n</i> <i>r</i> <i>t</i> <i>v</i> \ " ' &
<i>ascii</i>	→	^ <i>cntrl</i> NUL SOH STX ETX EOT ENQ ACK BEL BS HT LF VT FF CR SO SI DLE DC1 DC2 DC3 DC4 NAK SYN ETB CAN EM SUB ESC FS GS RS US SP DEL
<i>cntrl</i>	→	<i>large</i> @ [\] ^ _
<i>gap</i>	→	\ { <i>tab</i> <i>space</i> } <i>newline</i> { <i>tab</i> <i>space</i> } \
<i>hexit</i>	→	<i>digit</i> <i>A</i> <i>B</i> <i>C</i> <i>D</i> <i>E</i> <i>F</i> <i>a</i> <i>b</i> <i>c</i> <i>d</i> <i>e</i> <i>f</i>
<i>octit</i>	→	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

B.3 Layout

Definitions: The indentation of a lexeme is the column number indicating the start of that lexeme; the indentation of a line is the indentation of its left-most lexeme. To determine the column number, assume a fixed-width font with this tab convention: tab stops are 8

characters apart, and a tab character causes the insertion of enough spaces to align the current position with the next tab stop.

In the syntax given in the other parts of the report, *declaration lists* are always preceded by the keyword **where** or **of**, and are enclosed within curly braces (**{ }**) with the individual declarations separated by semicolons (**;**). For example, the syntax of a **where** expression is:

$$exp \textbf{ where } \{ decl_1 ; decl_2 ; \dots ; decl_n \}$$

HASKELL permits the omission of the braces and semicolons by using *layout* to convey the same information. This allows both layout-sensitive and -insensitive styles of coding, which can be freely mixed within one program. Because layout is not required, HASKELL programs may be mechanically produced by other programs.

The layout (or “off-side”) rule takes effect whenever the open brace is omitted after the keyword **where** or **of**. When this happens, the indentation of the next lexeme (whether or not on a new line) is remembered and the omitted open brace is inserted (the whitespace preceding the lexeme may include comments). For each subsequent line, if it contains only whitespace or is indented more, then the previous item is continued (nothing is inserted); if it is indented the same amount, then a new item begins (a semicolon is inserted); and if it is indented less, then the declaration list ends (a close brace is inserted). A close brace is also inserted whenever the syntactic category containing the declaration list ends (i.e. if an illegal lexeme is encountered at a point where a close brace would be legal, a close brace is inserted). The layout rule will match only those open braces that it has inserted; an open brace that the user has inserted must be matched by a close brace inserted by the user.

Given these rules, a single newline may actually terminate several declaration lists. Also, these rules permit:

```
f x = exp1 where a = 1; b = 2
      g y = exp2
```

making **a**, **b** and **g** all part of the same declaration list.

To facilitate the use of layout at the top level of a module (several modules may reside in one file), the keyword **module** and the end-of-file token are assumed to occur in column 0 (whereas normally the first column is 1). Otherwise, all top-level declarations would have to be indented.

B.4 Context-Free Syntax

<i>module</i>	→	module <i>modid</i> [<i>exports</i>] where <i>body</i>	
		<i>body</i>	
<i>body</i>	→	{ [<i>impdecls</i> ;] [<i>fixdecls</i> ;] <i>topdecls</i> }	
		{ <i>impdecls</i> }	
<i>modid</i>	→	<i>aconid</i>	
<i>impdecls</i>	→	<i>impdecl</i> ₁ ; ... ; <i>impdecl</i> _{<i>n</i>}	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)

<i>exports</i>	→	(<i>export</i> ₁ , ... , <i>export</i> _{<i>n</i>})	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>export</i>	→	<i>varid</i>	
		<i>tycon</i>	
		<i>tycon</i> (..)	
		<i>tycon</i> (<i>conid</i> ₁ , ... , <i>conid</i> _{<i>n</i>})	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
		<i>tycls</i> (..)	
		<i>tycls</i> (<i>varid</i> ₁ , ... , <i>varid</i> _{<i>n</i>})	(<i>n</i> ≥ 0)
		<i>modid</i> ..	
<i>impdecl</i>	→	import <i>modid</i> [<i>impspec</i>] [renaming <i>renamings</i>]	
<i>impspec</i>	→	(<i>import</i> ₁ , ... , <i>import</i> _{<i>n</i>})	(<i>n</i> ≥ 0)
		hiding (<i>import</i> ₁ , ... , <i>import</i> _{<i>n</i>})	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>import</i>	→	<i>varid</i>	
		<i>tycon</i>	
		<i>tycon</i> (..)	
		<i>tycon</i> (<i>conid</i> ₁ , ... , <i>conid</i> _{<i>n</i>})	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
		<i>tycls</i> (..)	
		<i>tycls</i> (<i>varid</i> ₁ , ... , <i>varid</i> _{<i>n</i>})	(<i>n</i> ≥ 0)
<i>renamings</i>	→	(<i>renaming</i> ₁ , ... , <i>renaming</i> _{<i>n</i>})	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>renaming</i>	→	<i>name</i> ₁ to <i>name</i> ₂	
<i>name</i>	→	<i>varid</i> <i>conid</i>	
<i>fixdecls</i>	→	<i>fix</i> ₁ ; ... ; <i>fix</i> _{<i>n</i>}	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>fix</i>	→	infixl [<i>digit</i>] <i>ops</i>	
		infixr [<i>digit</i>] <i>ops</i>	
		infix [<i>digit</i>] <i>ops</i>	
<i>ops</i>	→	<i>op</i> ₁ , ... , <i>op</i> _{<i>n</i>}	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>op</i>	→	<i>varop</i> <i>conop</i>	
<i>topdecls</i>	→	<i>topdecl</i> ₁ ; ... ; <i>topdecl</i> _{<i>n</i>}	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>topdecl</i>	→	type [<i>context</i> =>] <i>simple</i> = <i>type</i>	
		data [<i>context</i> =>] <i>simple</i> = <i>constrs</i> [deriving (<i>tycls</i> (<i>tycls</i> <i>ses</i>))]	
		class [<i>context</i> =>] <i>class</i> [where { <i>cdecls</i> }]	
		instance [<i>context</i> =>] <i>tycls</i> <i>inst</i> [where { <i>decls</i> }]	
		default (<i>type</i> (<i>type</i> ₁ , ... , <i>type</i> _{<i>n</i>}))	(<i>n</i> ≥ 0)
		<i>decl</i>	
<i>decls</i>	→	<i>decl</i> ₁ ; ... ; <i>decl</i> _{<i>n</i>}	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>decl</i>	→	<i>vars</i> :: [<i>context</i> =>] <i>type</i>	
		<i>valdef</i>	
<i>type</i>	→	<i>atype</i>	
		<i>type</i> ₁ -> <i>type</i> ₂	
		<i>tycon</i> <i>atype</i> ₁ ... <i>atype</i> _{<i>k</i>}	(arity <i>tycon</i> = <i>k</i> ≥ 1)

<i>atype</i>	→	<i>tyvar</i>	
		<i>tycon</i>	(arity <i>tycon</i> = 0)
		()	(unit type)
		(<i>type</i>)	(parenthesised type)
		(<i>type</i> ₁ , ... , <i>type</i> _{<i>k</i>})	(tuple type, <i>k</i> ≥ 2)
		[<i>type</i>]	
<i>context</i>	→	<i>class</i>	
		(<i>class</i> ₁ , ... , <i>class</i> _{<i>n</i>})	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>class</i>	→	<i>tycls tyvar</i>	
<i>cdecls</i>	→	<i>cdecl</i> ₁ ; ... ; <i>cdecl</i> _{<i>n</i>}	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>cdecl</i>	→	<i>vars</i> :: <i>type</i>	
		<i>valdef</i>	
<i>vars</i>	→	<i>var</i> ₁ , ... , <i>var</i> _{<i>n</i>}	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>simple</i>	→	<i>tycon tyvar</i> ₁ ... <i>tyvar</i> _{<i>k</i>}	(arity <i>tycon</i> = <i>k</i> ≥ 0)
<i>constrs</i>	→	<i>constr</i> ₁ ... <i>constr</i> _{<i>n</i>}	(<i>n</i> ≥ 1)
<i>constr</i>	→	<i>con atype</i> ₁ ... <i>atype</i> _{<i>k</i>}	(arity <i>con</i> = <i>k</i> ≥ 0)
		<i>type</i> ₁ <i>conop type</i> ₂	(infix <i>conop</i>)
<i>tycls</i>	→	<i>tycls</i> ₁ , ... , <i>tycls</i> _{<i>n</i>}	(<i>n</i> ≥ 0)
<i>inst</i>	→	<i>tycon</i>	(arity <i>tycon</i> = 0)
		(<i>tycon tyvar</i> ₁ ... <i>tyvar</i> _{<i>k</i>})	(arity <i>tycon</i> = <i>k</i> > 0)
		(<i>tyvar</i> ₁ , ... , <i>tyvar</i> _{<i>k</i>})	<i>k</i> ≥ 2
		()	
		[<i>tyvar</i>]	
		<i>tyvar</i> ₁ -> <i>tyvar</i> ₂	
<i>valdef</i>	→	<i>lhs</i> = <i>exp</i>	
		<i>lhs gdfun</i>	
<i>lhs</i>	→	<i>pat</i>	
		<i>var apat</i> ₁ ... <i>apat</i> _{<i>k</i>}	(<i>k</i> ≥ 1)
		<i>apat</i> ₁ <i>varop apat</i> ₂	
		(<i>apat</i> ₁ <i>varop apat</i> ₂) <i>apat</i> ₃ ... <i>apat</i> _{<i>k</i>}	(<i>k</i> ≥ 3)
<i>gdfun</i>	→	<i>gd</i> = <i>exp</i> [<i>gdfun</i>]	
<i>gd</i>	→	<i>exp</i>	
<i>exp</i>	→	<i>aexp</i>	

		<i>exp aexp</i>	(function application)
		<i>exp₁ op exp₂</i>	(operator application)
		<i>- aexp</i>	(prefix -)
		<i>\ apat₁ ... apat_n [gd] -> exp</i>	(lambda abstraction, $n \geq 1$)
		<i>if exp₁ then exp₂ else exp₃</i>	(conditional)
		<i>exp where { decls }</i>	(where expression)
		<i>case exp of { alts }</i>	(case expression)
		<i>exp :: [context =>] atype</i>	(expression type signature)
<i>aexp</i>	→	<i>var</i>	(variable)
		<i>con</i>	(constructor)
		<i>literal</i>	
		<i>()</i>	(unit)
		<i>(exp)</i>	(parenthesised expression)
		<i>(exp₁ , ... , exp_k)</i>	(tuple, $k \geq 2$)
		<i>[exp₁ , ... , exp_k]</i>	(list, $k \geq 0$)
		<i>[exp₁ [, exp₂] .. [exp₃]]</i>	(arithmetic sequence)
		<i>[exp [qual]]</i>	(list comprehension)
<i>qual</i>	→	<i>qual₁ , qual₂</i>	
		<i>pat <- exp</i>	
		<i>exp</i>	
<i>alts</i>	→	<i>alt₁ ; ... ; alt_n</i>	($n \geq 1$)
<i>alt</i>	→	<i>pat [gd] -> exp</i>	
<i>pat</i>	→	<i>apat</i>	
		<i>con apat₁ ... apat_k</i>	(arity $con = k \geq 1$)
		<i>pat₁ conop pat₂</i>	(infix constructor)
		<i>var + integer</i>	(successor pattern)
		<i>[-] integer</i>	
<i>apat</i>	→	<i>var [@ apat]</i>	(as pattern)
		<i>con</i>	(arity $con = 0$)
		<i>integer float char string</i>	(literals)
		<i>-</i>	(wildcard)
		<i>(pat₁ , ... , pat_k)</i>	(tuple patterns, $k \geq 2$)
		<i>[pat₁ , ... , pat_k]</i>	(list patterns, $k \geq 0$)
		<i>(pat)</i>	(parenthesised pattern)
		<i>()</i>	(unit pattern)
		<i>~ apat</i>	
<i>tycls</i>	→	<i>aconid</i>	
<i>tyvar</i>	→	<i>avarid</i>	
<i>tycon</i>	→	<i>aconid</i>	

B.5 Interface Syntax

<i>interface</i>	→	interface <i>modid</i> where <i>ibody</i>	
<i>ibody</i>	→	{ [<i>iimpdecls</i> ;] [<i>fixes</i> ;] <i>itopdecls</i> }	
		{ <i>iimpdecls</i> }	
<i>iimpdecls</i>	→	<i>iimpdecl₁</i> ; ... ; <i>iimpdecl_n</i>	($n \geq 1$)
<i>iimpdecl</i>	→	import <i>modid</i> (<i>import₁</i> , ... , <i>import_n</i>)	
		[renaming <i>renamings</i>]	($n \geq 1$)
<i>itopdecls</i>	→	<i>itopdecl₁</i> ; ... ; <i>itopdecl_n</i>	($n \geq 1$)
<i>itopdecl</i>	→	type [<i>context</i> =>] <i>simple</i> = <i>type</i>	
		data [<i>context</i> =>] <i>simple</i> [= <i>constrs</i>] [deriving (<i>tycls</i> (<i>tycls</i> es))]	
		class [<i>context</i> =>] <i>class</i> [where { <i>icdecls</i> }]	
		instance [<i>context</i> =>] <i>tycls</i> <i>inst</i>	
		<i>vars</i> :: [<i>context</i> =>] <i>type</i>	
<i>icdecls</i>	→	<i>icdecl₁</i> ; ... ; <i>icdecl_n</i>	($n \geq 1$)
<i>icdecl</i>	→	<i>vars</i> :: <i>type</i>	

C Input/Output Semantics

The behaviour of a HASKELL program performing I/O is given within the environment in which it is running. That environment will be described using standard HASKELL code augmented with a non-deterministic merge operator.

The state of the operating system (OS state) that is relevant to HASKELL programs is completely described by the file system and the channel system. The channel system is split into two subsystems, the input channel system and the output channel system.

```

type State = (FileSystem, ChannelSystem)
type FileSystem    = Name -> Response
type ChannelSystem = (ICs, OCs)
type ICs          = Name -> (Agent, Open)
type OCs          = Name -> Response
type Agent        = (FileSystem, OCs) -> Response
type Open         = PId -> Bool
type PId          = Int
type PList        = [(PId,[Request->Response])]
type Name         = String

```

An agent maps a list of OS states to responses. Those responses will be used as the contents of input channels, and thus can depend on output channels, other input channels, files, or any combination thereof. For example, a valid implementation must allow the user to act as agent between the standard output channel and standard input channel.

Each running process (i.e. program) has a unique PId. Elements of PList are lists of running programs.

```

os :: TagReqList -> State -> (TagRespList, State)
type TagRespList = [(PId,Response)]
type TagReqList  = [(PId,Request)]

```

The operating system is modeled as a (non-deterministic) function `os`. The `os` takes a tagged request list and an initial state, and returns a tagged response list and a final state. Given a list of programs `pList`, `os` must exhibit this behaviour:

```

(tagRespList, state') = os tagReqList state
tagReqList = merge [ zip [pId,pId..] (proc (untag pId tagRespList))
                    | (pId, proc) <- pList ]

```

where `merge` is a non-deterministic merge of a list of lists, and `untag` is:

```

untag n [] = []
untag n ((m,resp):resps) = if n==m then resp:(untag n resps)
                           else untag n resps

```

This relationship can be generalised to include requests such as `CreateProcess`.

A valid implementation must ensure that the input channel system is defined at `stdin` and the output channel system is defined at `stdout`, `stderr`, and `stdecho`. If the agent

attached to standard input is called `user` (i.e. `ics stdin` has form `(user, open)`), then `user` must depend at least on standard output. In other words, this constraint must hold:

```
user [..., (fs,(ics,ocs)), ...] = ... user' (ocs stdout) ...
```

where `user'` is a *strict*, but otherwise arbitrary, function modelling the user. Its strictness corresponds to the user's consumption of standard output whilst determining standard input.

The rest of this section specifies the required behaviour of `os` in response to each kind of request. This semantics is relatively abstract and omits any reference to hardware errors (e.g. "bad sector on disk") and system dependent errors (e.g. "access rights violation"). Implementation-specific requests (for example the environment requests) are not shown here. We describe only the text version of the requests: the binary version differs trivially. `os` is defined by:

```
os :: TagReqList -> State -> (TagRespList, State)
os [] state = ([], state)
os ((n, ReadChan name):es) state@(fs,(ics,ocs)) =
  (alist', state') where
    (agent, open) = ics name
    alist' = (n, (if open n
                  then fail
                  else (agent (fs, ocs)) )) : alist
    fail = Failure (OtherError "Channel already open\n")
    (alist, state') = os es (fs, (update ics name
                                         (agent, update open n true),
                                         ocs))
```

where the auxiliary function `update` is defined by:

```
update f x v x' = if x==x' then v else f x
```

If an attempt is made to read a non-existent channel, `ics` returns an agent that gives the appropriate error message when applied to its arguments. This definition is generalised in the obvious way for the behaviour of `ReadChannels`. In particular, `ack` must be created by non-deterministically merging the result of applying each agent to the stream of future states.

```

os ((n, AppendChan name contents):es) state@(fs,(ics,ocs)) =
  (alist',state') where
    alist' = ack:alist
    ack =
      (n,
        case (ocs name) of
          Failure msg -> Failure (SearchError "Nonexistent Channel")
          Str ochan -> Success
          Bn ochan -> Failure (FormatError "format error")
        )
    (alist,state') = os es (fs,(ics,
      case (ocs name) of
        Failure msg -> ocs
        Str ochan -> update ocs name
          (Str (ochan ++ contents))
        Bn ochan -> ocs
      ))
))

os ((n, ReadFile name):es) state@(fs,(ics,ocs)) =
  (alist',state') where
    alist' = ack : alist
    ack = (n,
      case (fs name) of
        Failure msg -> Failure (SearchError "File not found")
        Str string -> Str string
        Bn binary -> Failure (FormatError "")
      )
    (alist,state') = os es state

os ((n, WriteFile name contents):es) state@(fs,(ics,ocs)) =
  (alist',state') where
    alist' = (n, Success):alist
    (alist,state') = os es (update fs name (Str contents),
      (ics,ocs))

```

```

os ((n, AppendFile name contents):es) state@(fs,(ics,ocs)) =
  (alist',state') where
    alist' = ack:alist
    ack = (n,
      case (fs name) of
        Failure msg -> Failure (SearchError "file not found")
        Str s -> Success
        Bn b -> Failure (FormatError "")
      )
    (alist,state') = os es (newfs, (ics,ocs)) where
      newfs = case (fs name) of
        Failure msg -> fs
        Str s ->
          update fs name (Str (s++contents))
        Bn b -> fs

os ((n, DeleteFile name):es) state@(fs,(ics,ocs)) =
  (alist',state') where
    alist' = ack : alist
    ack = (n,
      case (fs name) of
        Failure msg -> Failure (SearchError "file not found")
        Str s -> Success
        Bn b -> Success
      )
    (alist,state') = os es (case (fs name) of
      Failure msg -> fs
      Str s -> update fs name fail
      Bn b -> update fs name fail,
      (ics,ocs))
    fail = Failure (SearchError "file not found")

os ((n,StatusFile name):es) state@(fs,(ics,ocs)) = (alist',state') where
  alist' = ack : alist
  ack = (n,
    case (fs name) of
      Failure msg -> Failure (SearchError "File not found")
      Str string -> Str "t"++(rw n fs name)
      Bn binary -> Str "b"++(rw n fs name)
    )
  (alist, state') = os es state

```

where `rw` is a function that determines the read and write status of a file for this particular process.

C.1 Optional Requests

These optional I/O requests may be useful in a HASKELL implementation.

- `ReadChannels [cname1, ..., cnamek]`
`ReadBinChannels [cname1, ..., cnamek]`

Opens `cname1` through `cnamek` for input. A successful response has form `Tag vals [BinTag vals]` where `vals` is a list of values tagged with the name of the channel. These responses require an extension to the `Response` datatype:

```
data Response = ...
               | Tag      [(Name,Char)]
               | BinTag   [(Name,Bin)]
```

The tagged list of values is the non-deterministic merge of the values read from the individual channels. If an element of this list has form `(cnamei,val)`, then it came from channel `cnamei`.

If any `cnamei` does not exist then the response `Failure (SearchError string)` is induced; all other errors induce `Failure (ReadError string)`.

- `CreateProcess prog`

Introduces a new program `prog` into the operating system. `prog` must have type `[Response] -> [Request]`. Either `Success` and `Failure (OtherError string)` is induced.

- `CreateDirectory name string`
`DeleteDirectory name`

Create or delete directory `name`. The `string` argument to `CreateDirectory` is an implementation-dependent specification of the initial state of the directory.

- `OpenFile name inout`
`OpenBinFile name inout`
`CloseFile file`
`ReadVal file`
`ReadBinVal file`
`WriteVal file char`
`WriteBinVal file bin`

These requests emulate traditional file I/O in which characters are read and written one at a time.

```
data Response = ...
               | Fil File

data File
type Bins     = [Bin]
```

`OpenFile name inout [OpenBinFile name inout]` opens the file `name` in text [binary] mode with direction `inout` (`True` for input, `False` for output). The response `Fil file`

is induced, where `file` has type `File`, a primitive type that represents a handle to a file. Subsequent use of that file by other requests is via this handle.

`CloseFile file` closes `file`. `Failure (OtherError string)` is induced if `file` cannot be closed.

`ReadVal [ReadBinVal] file` reads `file`, inducing the response `Str val [Bins val]` or `Failure (ReadError string)`.

`WriteVal file char [WriteBinVal file bin]` writes `char [bin]` to `file`. The response `Success` or `Failure (WriteError string)` is induced.

`Failure (SearchError string)` is induced for `ReadVal`, `ReadBinVal`, `WriteVal`, and `WriteBinVal` if `file` is not a text or binary file, as appropriate.

D Specification of Derived Instances

If T is an algebraic data type declared by:

$$\text{data } c \Rightarrow T \ u_1 \ \dots \ u_k \ = \ K_1 \ t_{11} \ \dots \ t_{1k_1} \mid \dots \mid K_n \ t_{n1} \ \dots \ t_{nk_n} \\ \text{deriving } (C_1, \dots, C_m)$$

(where $m \geq 0$ and the parentheses may be omitted if $m = 1$) then a *derived instance declaration is possible* for a class C if and only if these conditions hold:

1. C is one of **Eq**, **Ord**, **Enum**, **Ix**, **Text**, or **Binary**.
2. There is a context c' such that $c' \Rightarrow C \ t_{ij}$ holds for each of the constituent types t_{ij} .
3. If C is either **Ix** or **Enum**, then further constraints must be satisfied as described under the paragraphs for **Ix** and **Enum** later in this section.
4. There must be no explicit instance declaration elsewhere in the module which makes $T \ u_1 \ \dots \ u_k$ an instance of C or of any of C 's superclasses.

If the **deriving** form is present (as in the above general **data** declaration), an instance declaration is automatically generated for $T \ u_1 \ \dots \ u_k$ over each class C_i and each of C_i 's superclasses. If the derived instance declaration is impossible for any of the C_i then a static error results. If no derived instances are required, the form **deriving** **()** must be used.

If the **deriving** form is omitted then instance declarations are derived for the datatype in as many of the six classes mentioned above as is possible; that is, no static error can occur. Since datatypes may be recursive, the implied inclusion in these classes may also be recursive, and the largest possible set of derived instances is generated. For example,

```
data T1 a = C1 (T2 a) | Nil1
data T2 a = C2 (T1 a) | Nil2
```

Because the **deriving** form is omitted, we would expect derived instances for **Eq** (for example). But **T1** is in **Eq** only if **T2** is, and **T2** is in **Eq** only if **T1** is. The largest solution has both types in **Eq**, and thus both derived instances are generated.

Each derived instance declaration will have the form:

$$\text{instance } (c, C'_1 \ u'_1, \dots, C'_j \ u'_j) \Rightarrow C_i \ (T \ u_1 \ \dots \ u_k) \text{ where } \{ d \}$$

where d is derived automatically depending on C_i and the data type declaration for T (as will be described in the remainder of this section), and u'_1 through u'_j form a subset of u_1 through u_k . The class assertions $C' \ u'$ are constraints on T 's type variables that are inferred from the instance declarations of the constituent types t_{ij} . For example, consider:

```
data T1 a = C1 (T2 a) deriving Eq
data T2 a = C2 a      deriving ()
```

And consider these three different instances for T2 in Eq:

```
instance          Eq (T2 a) where C2 x == C2 y  =  True

instance (Eq a) => Eq (T2 a) where C2 x == C2 y  =  x == y

instance (Ord a) => Eq (T2 a) where C2 x == C2 y  =  x > y
```

The corresponding derived instances for T1 in Eq are:

```
instance          Eq (T1 a) where C1 x == C1 y  =  x == y

instance (Eq a) => Eq (T1 a) where C1 x == C1 y  =  x == y

instance (Ord a) => Eq (T1 a) where C1 x == C1 y  =  x == y
```

When inferring the context for the derived instances, type synonyms must be expanded out first. The remaining details of the derived instances for each of the six classes are now given.

Derived instances of Eq and Ord. The operations automatically introduced by derived instances of **Eq** and **Ord** are (**==**), (**/=**), (**<**), (**<=**), (**>**), (**>=**), **max**, and **min**. The latter six operators are defined so as to compare their arguments lexicographically with respect to the constructor set given, with earlier constructors in the data type declaration counting as smaller than later ones. For example, for the **Bool** datatype, we have that **True > False == True**.

Derived instances of Ix. The derived instance declarations for the class **Ix** are only possible for integers, enumerations (i.e. datatypes having only nullary constructors), and single-constructor datatypes (including tuples) whose constituent types are instances of **Ix**. They introduce the overloaded functions **range**, **index**, and **inRange**. The operation **range** takes a (lower, upper) bound pair, and returns a list of all indices in this range, in ascending order. The operation **inRange** is a predicate taking a (lower, upper) bound pair and an index and returning **True** if the index is contained within the specified range. The operation **index** takes a (lower, upper) bound pair and an index and returns an integer, the position of the index within the range.

For an enumeration, the nullary constructors are assumed to be numbered left-to-right with the indices 0 through $n - 1$. For example, given the datatype:

```
data Colour = Red | Orange | Yellow | Green | Blue | Indigo | Violet
```

we would have:

```

range    (Yellow,Blue)      ==  [Yellow,Green,Blue]
index    (Yellow,Blue) Green ==  1
inRange  (Yellow,Blue) Red  ==  False

```

For single-constructor datatypes, the derived instance declarations are created as shown for tuples in Figure 14.

Derived instances of Enum. Derived instance declarations for the class `Enum` are only possible for enumerations, using the same ordering assumptions made for `Ix`. They introduce the operations `enumFrom`, `enumFromThen`, `enumFromTo`, and `enumFromThenTo`, which are used to define arithmetic sequences as described in Section 3.7.

`enumFrom n` returns a list corresponding to the complete enumeration of `n`'s type starting at the value `n`. Similarly, `enumFromThen n n'` is the enumeration starting at `n`, but with second element `n'`, and with subsequent elements generated at a spacing equal to the difference between `n` and `n'`. `enumFromTo` and `enumFromThenTo` are as defined by the default-methods for `Enum` (see Figure 4, page 29).

Derived instances of Binary. The `Binary` class is used primarily for transparent I/O (see Section 7.1). The operations automatically introduced by derived instances of `Binary` are `readBin` and `showBin`. They coerce values to and from the primitive abstract type `Bin` (see Section 6.6). An implementation must be able to create derived instances of `Binary` for any type `t` not containing a function type.

`showBin` is analogous to `shows`, taking two arguments: the first is the value to be coerced, and the second is a `Bin` value to which the result is to be concatenated. `readBin` is analogous to `reads`, “parsing” its argument and returning a pair consisting of the coerced value and any remaining `Bin` value.

Derived versions of `showBin` and `readBin` must obey this property:

$$\text{readBin } (\text{showBin } v \ b) == (v, b)$$

for any `Bin` value `b` and value `v` whose type is an instance of the class `Binary`.

Derived instances of Text. The operations automatically introduced by derived instances of `Text` are `showsPrec`, `readsPrec`, `showList` and `readList`. They are used to coerce values into strings and parse strings into values.

The function `showsPrec d x r` accepts a precedence level `d` (a number from 0 to 10), a value `x`, and a string `r`. It returns a string representing `x` concatenated to `r`. `showsPrec` satisfies the law:

$$\text{showsPrec } d \ x \ r \ ++ \ s == \text{showsPrec } d \ x \ (r \ ++ \ s)$$


```

class (Ord a) => Ix a where
    range      :: (a,a) -> [a]
    index      :: (a,a) -> a -> Int
    inRange    :: (a,a) -> a -> Bool

rangeSize      :: (Ix a) => (a,a) -> Int
rangeSize (l,u) = index (l,u) u + 1

instance Ix Int where
    range (l,u)      = [l..u]
    index (l,u) i    = i - l
    inRange (l,u) i = i >= l && i <= u

instance Ix Integer where
    range (l,u)      = [l..u]
    index (l,u) i    = fromInteger (i - l)
    inRange (l,u) i = i >= l && i <= u

instance (Ix a, Ix b) => Ix (a,b) where
    range ((l,l'),(u,u'))
        = [(i,i') | i <- range (l,u), i' <- range (l',u')]
    index ((l,l'),(u,u')) (i,i')
        = index (l,u) i * rangeSize (l',u') + index (l',u') i'
    inRange ((l,l'),(u,u')) (i,i')
        = inRange (l,u) i && inRange (l',u') i'

-- Instances for other tuples are obtained from this scheme:
--
-- instance (Ix a1, Ix a2, ... , Ix ak) => Ix (a1,a2,...,ak) where
--     range ((l1,l2,...,lk),(u1,u2,...,uk)) =
--         [(i1,i2,...,in) | i1 <- range (l1,u1),
--                             i2 <- range (l2,u2),
--                             ...
--                             ik <- range (lk,uk)]
--     index ((l1,l2,...,lk),(u1,u2,...,uk)) (i1,i2,...,ik) =
--         index (l1,u1) i1 * rangeSize ((l2,...,lk),(u2,...,uk))
--         + index (l2,u2) i2 * rangeSize ((l3,...,lk),(u3,...,uk))
--         ...
--         + index (lk,uk) ik
--     inRange ((l1,u2,...,lk),(u1,u2,...,uk)) (i1,i2,...,ik) =
--         inRange (l1,u1) i1 && inRange (l2,u2) i2 &&
--         ... && inRange (lk,uk) ik

```

Figure 14: Index classes and instances

The representation will be enclosed in parentheses if the precedence of the top-level constructor operator in `x` is less than `d`. Thus, if `d` is 0 then the result is never surrounded in parentheses; if `d` is 10 it is always surrounded in parentheses, unless it is an atomic expression. The extra parameter `r` is essential if tree-like structures are to be printed in linear time rather than time quadratic in the size of the tree.

The function `readsPrec d s` accepts a precedence level `d` (a number from 0 to 10) and a string `s`, and returns a list of pairs `(x,r)` such that `showsPrec d x r == s`. `readsPrec` is a parse function, returning a list of (parsed value, remaining string) pairs. If there is no successful parse, the returned list is empty.

`showList` and `readList` allow lists of objects to be represented using non-standard denotations. This is especially useful for strings (list `s` of `Char`).

For convenience, the standard prelude provides the following auxiliary functions:

```
shows    = showsPrec 0
reads    = readsPrec 0
show x   = shows x ""
read s   = x where [(x,"")] = reads s
```

`shows` and `reads` use a default precedence of 0, and `show` and `read` assume that the result is not being appended to an initial string.

The instances of `Text` for the standard types `Int`, `Integer`, `Float`, `Double`, `Char`, lists, tuples, and rational and complex numbers are defined in the standard prelude (see Appendix A). For characters and strings, the control characters that have special representations (`\n` etc.) are shown as such by `showsPrec`; otherwise decimal escapes are used. Floating-point numbers for which $-1 \leq \log_{10} |f| \leq \text{sf}(f)$ where

```
sf f = (floatDigits f * floatRadix f) 'div' 10 + 1
```

are represented by `showsPrec` in non-exponential format; otherwise they are in exponential format with one digit before the decimal point. Unnecessary trailing zeroes are suppressed (but at least one digit must follow the decimal point).

`readsPrec` will parse any valid representation of the standard types apart from lists, for which only the bracketted form `[...]` is accepted. See Appendix A for full details.

D.1 Specification of `showsPrec`

As described in Section 4.3.3, `showsPrec` has the typing

```
(Text a) => Int -> a -> String -> String
```

The first parameter is a precedence in the range 0 to 10, the second is the value to be converted into a string, and the third is the string to append to the end of the result.

```

showsPrec d (e1 'Con' e2) =
  showParen (d > p) showStr      where
    p = 'the precedence of Con'
    lp = if 'Con is left associative' then p else p+1
    rp = if 'Con is right associative' then p else p+1
    cn = 'the original name of Con'

    showStr = showsPrec lp e1 .
              showChar ' ' . showString cn . showChar ' ' .
              showsPrec rp e2

```

Figure 15: Specification of `showsPrec` for Infix Constructors of arity 2

```

showsPrec d (Con e1 ... en) =
  showParen (d >= 10) showStr where
    showStr = showString cn . showChar ' ' .
              showsPrec 10 e1 . showChar ' ' .
              ...
              showsPrec 10 en
    cn = 'the original name of Con'

```

Figure 16: General Specification of `showsPrec` for User-Defined Constructors

For all constructors `Con` defined by some `data` declaration such as:

$$\text{data } c \Rightarrow T \ u_1 \ \dots \ u_k = \dots \mid \text{Con } t_1 \ \dots \ t_n \mid \dots$$

the corresponding definition of `showsPrec` for `Con` is shown in Figure 15 for binary infix constructors and Figure 16 for all other constructors. See Appendix A for details of `showParen`, `showChar`, etc.

D.2 Specification of readsPrec

A *lexeme* is exactly as in Section 2. `lex :: String -> (String, String)` parses a string into two parts: (1) a string representing the first lexeme or "" if the input is "" or consists entirely of white space, and (2) the remainder of the input after the first lexeme is extracted. Whitespace (again refer to Section 2) is ignored except within strings. An error results if

```

readsPrec d r = readCon K1 k1 'the original name of K1' r ++
    ...
    readCon Kn kn 'the original name of Kn' r

readCon con n cn =                                -- if con is infix and n == 2
  readParen (d > p) readVal
    where
      readVal r = [(u 'con' v, s2) |
                    (u,s0) <- readsPrec lp r,
                    (tok,s1) <- [lex s0], tok == cn,
                    (v,s2) <- readsPrec rp s1]
      p = 'the precedence of con'
      lp = if 'con is left associative' then p else p+1
      rp = if 'con is right associative' then p else p+1

readCon con n cn =                                -- if con is not infix or n /= 2
  readParen (d > 9) readVal
    where
      readVal r = [(con t1 ... tn, sn) |
                    (t0,s0) <- [lex r], t0 == cn,
                    (t1,s1) <- readsPrec 10 s0,
                    ...
                    (tn,sn) <- readsPrec 10 s(n-1)]

```

Figure 17: Definition of `readsPrec` for User-Defined Types

no proper lexeme can be parsed (such as in the case of an unrecognised control character). A full definition is provided in Appendix A.7.

As described in Section 4.3.3, `readsPrec` has the typing

```
Text a => Int -> String -> [(a,String)]
```

Its first parameter is a precedence in the range 0 to 10, its second is the string to be parsed. Figure 17 shows the specification of `readsPrec` for user-defined datatypes of the form:

$$\text{data } c \Rightarrow T \ u_1 \ \dots \ u_k = K_1 \ t_{11} \ \dots \ t_{1k_1} \mid \dots \mid K_n \ t_{n1} \ \dots \ t_{nk_n}$$

D.3 An example

As a complete example, consider a tree datatype:

```
data Tree a = Leaf a | Tree a :^: Tree a
```

Since there is no `deriving` clause, this is shorthand for:

```
data Tree a = Leaf a | Tree a :^: Tree a
instance (Eq a) => Eq (Tree a)
  where ...
instance (Ord a) => Ord (Tree a)
  where ...
instance (Text a) => Text (Tree a)
  where ...
instance (Binary a) => Binary (Tree a)
  where ...
```

Note the recursive context; the components of the datatype must themselves be instances of the class. Instance declarations for `Ix` and `Enum` are not present, as `Tree` is not an enumeration or single-constructor datatype. Except for `Binary`, the complete instance declarations for `Tree` are shown in Figure 18. Note the implicit use of default-method definitions—for example, only `<=` is defined for `Ord`, with the other operations (`<`, `>`, `>=`, `max`, and `min`) being defined by the defaults given in the class declaration shown in Figure 4 (page 29).

```

infix 4 :^:
data Tree a = Leaf a | Tree a :^: Tree a

instance (Eq a) => Eq (Tree a) where
    Leaf m == Leaf n    = m==n
    u:^:v == x:^:y      = u==x && v==y
    _ == _              = False

instance (Ord a) => Ord (Tree a) where
    Leaf m <= Leaf n    = m<=n
    Leaf m <= x:^:y      = True
    u:^:v <= Leaf n      = False
    u:^:v <= x:^:y      = u<x || u==x && v<=y

instance (Text a) => Text (Tree a) where

    showsPrec d (Leaf m) = showParen (d >= 10) showStr where
        showStr = showString "Leaf" . showChar ' ' . showsPrec 10 m

    showsPrec d (u :^: v) = showParen (d > 4) showStr where
        showStr = showsPrec 5 u .
            showChar ' ' . showString ":^:" . showChar ' ' .
            showsPrec 5 v

    readsPrec d r = readParen (d > 4)
        (\r -> [(u:^:v,w) |
            (u,s) <- readsPrec 5 r,
            (":^:",t) <- [lex s],
            (v,w) <- readsPrec 5 t]) r

        ++ readParen (d > 9)
        (\r -> [(Leaf m,t) |
            ("Leaf",t) <- [lex r],
            (m,t) <- readsPrec 10 t]) r

```

Figure 18: Example of Derived Instances

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