Functional Programming

1. Lists and Functions

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Welcome!

```
primes = filterPrime [2..] -- all prime numbers
where filterPrime (p:xs) = p : filterPrime [ x | x <- xs, x `mod` p /= 0 ]</pre>
```

- haskell.org (http://haskell.org)
 - Glasgow Haskell Compiler (ghc[i], version 8)
 - On Linux
 - Editor, IDE, etc. for you to choose
 - vi and a shell is all that is needed
- Reading
 - M Lipovaca. Learn You a Haskell for Great Good, No Strach Press, 2011. http://learnyouahaskell.com/
 (http://learnyouahaskell.com/)
 - C Allen, J Moronuki. Haskell Programming from First Principles [Early Access], Gumroad, 2015.
 https://www.goodreads.com/en/book/show/25587599-haskell-programming-from-first-principles)

Computation without State

- All about **functions**: f: R -> R, x -> x^2 ; g: R -> R, x -> sqrt(x)
 - And combining them: q(f(x)) = |x|

```
g \times = sqrt \times -- Space as operator: apply function to argument f \times = \times \times \times -- Unless there is an infix operator (for readability) g(f(-4)) -- Parenthesis needed (space is left associated; - is operator)
```

- No modifiable variables, but rewrite expressions
- Compute by modifying the environment
- No assignment/iteration but higher-order functions and recursion
- Operate on the sequences
 - Imperative: operate on items in sequence in a loop
- Garbage collection, generics, list comprehensions, type classes
- Increasingly important in industry: high-level concepts, concurrency

Functions

- A function is a special relation, $f: X \rightarrow Y$, y = f(x), (x,y) in $X \times Y$
 - A set of (input, output) value pairs
 - Input and output are taken from sets (types): domain, codomain
 - Those sets usually have some structure, can be quite complex
 - There can be multiple arguments; also see *currying* later
 - Each input value is present exactly once in the relation
 - Only one output value for each input value

- Output values can be present multiple times, once, or not at all
- Functions have **no side effects**!
 - There are also **actions**, but these are **values**!
 - To realise sideffects, such as I/O
- Type signature: NAME :: DOMAIN -> CODOMAIN
- Function declaration: NAME ARGS = FUNCTION BODY

```
f :: Float -> Float
f x = x * x
g :: Float -> Float
g x = sqrt x
```

Lists

- **List**: sequence of elements from a single type
 - Most important data structure

```
someNumbers :: [Int]
someNumbers :: [Int]
moreNumbers :: [Int]
moreNumbers = [1..10]

someChars :: String -- Equivalent to [Char] type
someChars = ['T', 'e', 's', 't', '1']

someLists :: [[Int]]
someLists :: [[Int]]
someLists :: [Int -> Int]
someFunctions :: [Int -> Int]
someFunctions = [f, g, \x -> x + 1] -- Last is lambda expression

someStuff = [1, "Test", [2,3]] -- ERROR, cannot mix types
```

List Comprehensions

• **Generators**, x <- EXPR, to draw values from expression

```
[ x*x | x <- [1,2,3] ]
[ (x, even x) | x <- [1..10] ]

import Data.Char -- Char type and associated operations
[ toLower c | c <- "Hello, World!" ]</pre>
```

• **Guards** as predicates (map values to Bool) to filter elements

```
[ x | x <- [1..10], odd x ]
[ x*x | x <- [1..10], even x ]
[ x | x <- [42, -11, 23, 42, 0, -1], x > 0 ]

import Data.Char
[ toLower c | c <- "Hello, World!", isAlpha c ]</pre>
```

• Sums and products

```
sum [1,2,3]
sum [] -- What value should this be?
sum [ x*x | x <- [1..10], odd x] -- Generator and guard
product [1,2,3]
product [] -- Why is this 1?
product [ x*x | x <- [1..10], odd x]
factorial n = product [2..n] -- Binds function (pattern matching)</pre>
```

Functions and Lists

- Compile with ghc to get a binary for execution
- :load FILE.hs in ghci and type main to execute
- For multi-line input use

```
: {
. . . .
: }
```

Cons and Append

- Cons (:) combines an element and a list: (:) :: a -> [a] -> [a]
- **Append** (++) merges two lists: (++) :: [a] -> [a]

```
1 : [2,3] -- = [1,2,3]
[1] ++ [2,3] -- = [1,2,3]
'l' : "ist" -- = "list"
"li" ++ "st" -- = "list"
```

- So a list can be written as 1 : (2 : (3 : []))
 - A list is either [] (empty) or
 - x:xs where x is an element and xs is a list
- Recursive definition of a list

```
Head: (head [1,2,3]) = 1
Tail: (tail [1,2,3]) = [2,3]
Null: (null []) = True, (null [1,2,3]) = False
```

- Not meaningless statements!
 - "Brexit means Brexit" [T May] -- infinite loop: while (true) do nothing
- But you can represent (countable) **infinite data**, e.g. natural numbers:
 - There is one number: one = []
 - Every number has a successor: successor x = one : [x]

Square every element in a list

```
squares :: [Int] -> [Int] -- Comprehension
squares xs = [ x*x | x <- xs ]</pre>
```

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Filtering: odds

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```
oddsCond :: [Int] -> [Int] -- Conditionals (with binding)
oddsCond ls =
   if null ls then
   []
   else
    let
        x = head ls
        xs = tail ls
   in
        if odd x then
        x : oddsCond xs
   else
        oddsCond xs
```

Append and Complexity

• Definition of append (++) operator

```
(++) :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]

[] ++ ys = ys

(x:xs) ++ ys = x : (xs ++ ys)
```

This executes

```
"abc" ++ "de" =
'a' : ("bc" ++ "de") =
'a' : ('b' : ("c" ++ "de")) =
'a' : ('b' : ('c' ++ ("" ++ "de")) =
'a' : ('b' : ('c' : "de") =
"abcde"
```

• Length of the first argument determines number of operations

Associative Operators

associative

```
\circ (xs ++ yz) ++ zs == xs ++ (ys ++ zs)
```

This is useful for efficiency and concurrency

```
■ "abcdef...y" ++ "z" vs. "a" ++ "bc...z" --
```

• Left vs right associated append

```
• Left: ((x1 ++ x2) ++ x3) ++ x4)
```

Number of operations: n1 + (n1 + n2) + (n1 + n2 + n3)

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If we have m lists of length n

```
■ Left: m^2 * n
```

■ Right: m * n --

• Parallelise sum

•
$$x1 + (x2 + (x3 + (x4 + (x5 + (x6 + (x7 + x8)))))) == ((x1+x2) + (x3+x4)) + ((x5+x6) + (x7+x8))$$

• m-1 vs log m for m numbers

More Operator Properties

- identity
 - Does the operator have an identity?

• commutativity

- xs ++ ys \= ys ++ xs append is not commutative!
 - Cannot reorder sequence for speedup.
- a+b == b+a addition is commutative
 - Can reorder! --

distributivity

- $\circ x * y + x * z == x * (x + z)$
- Helps to reduce number of operations --

zero

- o 0 * (...) == 0
- Avoid executing dead code! --

• idempotence

- f (f x) = f x fixed point of f
- E.g. set union and intersection
- Avoid doing unnecessary things.

Counting

```
enumFromTo :: Int -> Int -> [Int] -- construct a list of integers from m to n
enumFromTo m n | m > n = []
               | m \le n = m : enumFromTo (m+1) n
factorial :: Int -> Int -- as enum, but multiply instead of cons
factorial n = fact 1 n
                        -- to introduce helper function, etc
  where
    fact :: Int -> Int -> Int
   fact m n \mid m > n = 1
            \mid m <= n = m * fact (m+1) n
  -- Of course there is product [1..n] and
  -- you do not really need a helper function!
enumFrom :: Int -> [Int] -- Count forever!
enumFrom m = m : enumFrom (m+1)
-- Thanks to lazv evaluation!
-- Defines an infinite data structure!
-- Works unless you really need or ask to create all numbers
```

Zipping

For example

```
zip [1..] "counting"

pairs xs = zip xs (tail xs)
pairs "counting"
```

Searching

Select, Take and Drop

• xs !! n selects the nth character from the list

```
"words" !! 3
```

• take n xs returns the first n items from the list

```
take 3 "words"
```

• drop n xs returns all except the first n items in the list

```
drop 3 "words"
```

How would you implement these?

Map

• Map operator defined as

```
map :: (a->b) -> [a] -> [b]
map f xs = [ f x | x <- xs ]
```

• So we can define squares as

Filter

• We used guards or comprehension to select elements from a list

• Instead, define filter operator as

Fold

- sum, product, concatenate combines elments in lists with +, *, ++
- In general, use foldr (fold right) defined as

```
foldr :: (a -> a -> a) -> a -> [a] -> a
foldr f v [] = v
foldr f v (x:xs) = f x (foldr f v xs)

-- Or with infix notation

foldrInfix :: (a -> a -> a) -> a -> [a] -> a
foldrInfix f v [] = v
foldrInfix f v (x:xs) = x `f` (foldrInfix f v xs)
```

Then

```
sum = foldr (+) 0
product = foldr (*) 1
concatenate = foldr (++) []
```

Sum of Positive Squares

```
f1 :: [Int] -> Int
f1 xs = sum [ x*x | x <- xs , x > 0]
-- Or with foldr

f2 :: [Int] -> Int
f2 xs = foldr (+) 0 (map sqr (filter pos xs))
where
    sqr x = x * x
    pos x = x > 0

-- And now add lambda expressions

f3 :: [Int] -> Int
f3 xs = foldr (+) 0 (map (\x -> x * x) (filter (\x -> x>0) xs))
```

Currying

• Finally, time to explain the notation

```
• f :: a -> b -> c
```

- mapsto (->) associated to the right
- f x y
 - function-application () associates to the left
- So...

```
add :: Int -> (Int -> Int)
(add x) y = x + y
```

is executed as...

```
(add 1) 2 = (1+) 2 = 3
```

* Hence,

function of two numbers

==

function of the first number that returns a function of the second number

Haskell Curry

```
add :: Int -> Int -> Int
add x y = x + y
-- is the same than
addC :: Int -> (Int -> Int)
addC x = add_x
   where add_x y = x + y
-- or in lambda notation
addL :: Int -> (Int -> Int)
addL x = \y -> x + y
-- So 'add 3 4' is '(add 3) 4'
```

- Named after **Haskell Curry** (1900-1982); also mentioned by **Moses Ilyich Schönfinkel** (aka Моисей Исаевич Шейнфинкель / Moisei Isai'evich Sheinfinkel; 1889-1942), **Gottlob Frege** (1848-1925)
- Currying allows to apply a function partially

```
sum :: [Int] -> Int
sum xs = foldr (+) 0 xs
-- Or (as already seen)
sumFold :: [Int] -> Int
sumFold = foldr (+) 0
-- Or for map
addThree = map (+ 3) -- (+ 3) is (\x -> x + 3)
addThree [1,2,3]
```