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let reduceContinuedFraction = fun( elems : int list ) ->
let characteristic : int = List.hd( elems ) in
let mantissa : int list = List.tl( elems ) in
let reducer =
 List.fold left
    (fun acc e \rightarrow (fun r \rightarrow acc(1.0 /. (float(e) +. r)))
    ( fun r -> float( characteristic ) +. r )
    mantissa
in reducer( 0.0 );;
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