

Exercises

Recursive Functions

1. Define a recursive function

```
sumdown :: Int -> Int
```

that returns the sum of all the non-negative integers down to zero. For example:

```
sumdown 3
```

will return $3 + 2 + 1 + 0 = 6$

2. Define the *exponentiation* (to the power of) function for non-negative numbers using the same pattern of recursion as the multiplication operator in notes, and show how the expression

```
exponentiation 2 3
```

is evaluated using your definition.

3. Define a recursive function

```
myInit :: [a] -> [a]
```

that removes the last element from a non-empty list. Construct the definition using the 5 step process as discussed in lectures.

4. Without looking at the definitions

from the standard Prelude, define the following library functions on lists using recursion:

- (a) Decide if all logical values in a list are *True*

```
myAnd :: [Bool] -> Bool
```

- (b) Concatenate a list of lists

```
myConcat :: [[a]] -> [a]
```

- (c) Produce a list with *n* identical elements

```
myReplicate :: Int -> a -> [a]
```

- (d) Select the *nth* element of a list

```
myNth :: [a] -> Int -> a
```

- (e) Decide if an value is an element of a list

```
elem :: Eq a => a -> [a] -> Bool
```

5. Define a recursive function

```
merge :: Ord a => [a] -> [a] -> [a]
```

that merges two sorted lists to give a single sorted list. Note : Your definition should not use other functions on sorted lists such as *insert* or *isort*, but should be defined using explicit recursion.

6. Using *merge*, define a function

```
msort :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
```

that implements *merge sort*, in which the empty list and singleton lists are already sorted, and any other list is sorted by merging together the two lists that result from sorting the two halves of the list separately.

Hint 1: First define a function

```
halve :: [a] -> ([a], [a])
```

that splits a list into two halves whose lengths differ by at most one.

Hint 2: You can use the following functions:

```
fst :: (a,b) -> a
snd :: (a,b) -> b
fst (x,y) = x
snd (x,y) = y
```

7. Using the five-step process, construct the library functions that:

- (a) calculate the *sum* of a list of numbers;
- (b) *take* a given number of elements from the start of a list;
- (c) select the *last* element of non-empty list.