

Euler Problem 3 – Prime Factors

Project Euler, ctd.

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The prime factors of 13195 are 5, 7, 13, and 29. What is the largest prime factor of the number 600851475143?

Sectioning

```
1 *Main> plus a b = a + b
2 *Main> :t plus
3 plus :: Num a => a -> a -> a
4 *Main> plus 10 20
5 30
6 *Main> :t (plus 1)
7 (plus 1) :: Num a => a -> a
8 *Main> addTwo = plus 2
9 *Main> addTwo 10
10 12
```

- You can also say things like (+1) to get a partially applied operator.

The Sieve

- We will make something like the Sieve of Eratosthenes.

```
1 *Main> notDivides a n = n `mod` a /= 0
2 *Main> notDivides 2 10
3 False
4 *Main> notDivides 3 10
5 True
6 *Main> filter (notDivides 3) [1..10]
7 [1,2,4,5,7,8,10]
```

Go ahead and add the definition of `notDivides` to your file.

Building Up Lists

- ▶ The operator `:` creates a list from an element and another list.
- ▶ HASKELL “`a:b`” is like JAVA/C++ “`new Node(a,b)`.”
- ▶ The built-in function `head` will get you the first element of a list.

```
1 *Main> 2 : filter (notDivides 2) [2..20]
2 [2,3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17,19]
3 *Main> 2 : filter (notDivides 2)
4       (3 : filter (notDivides 3) [2..20])
5 [2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19]
6 *Main> 2 : filter (notDivides 2)
7       (3 : filter (notDivides 3)
8       (5 : filter (notDivides 5) [2..20]))
9 [2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19]
```

- ▶ We need a recursive solution for this!

Sample Run

```
1 *Main> sieve [2..20]
2 [2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,*** Exception: Prelude.head: empty list
3 *Main> take 20 (primes)
4 [2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,37,41,43,47,53,59,61,67,71]
5 *Main> take 20 $ primes
6 [2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,37,41,43,47,53,59,61,67,71]
```

Making the Sieve

```
1 sieve (x:xs) = x : (sieve (filter (notDivides xs) xs))
2
3 primes = sieve [2..]
```

Factors

- ▶ Now to get the factors ...

```
1 factors n = aux n primes
2   where aux 1 _ = []
3         aux n (p:ps) = case divMod n p of
4                           (n', 0) -> p : aux n' ps
5                           (_ , _) -> aux n ps
6
7 maxFactor n = foldr1 max $ factors n
8
9 euler3 = maxFactor 600851475143
10
11 *Main> foldr1 (+) [2,3,4,5]
12 14
13 *Main> euler3
14 6857
```

BigInts

- ▶ Most functional languages have “Big Integers,” constrained only by your computer’s memory.
- ▶ To get started, here’s the definition for factorial:

- ▶ If we run this on 100 it actually works!

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- ```
1 sumDigits 0 = 0
2 sumDigits n = n `mod` 10 + sumDigits (n `div` 10)
3
4 euler20 = sumDigits $ fact 100
```

```
1 *Main> euler20
2 648
```

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