

CS457 Functional Programming

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Homework 8

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QUESTION 1

Prove the following law holds for all f , e , and g .

`foldr f e . map g = foldr (f . g) e`

I'm going to rewrite this law using a variable xs to represent the list argument for each side. We'll say that this law is $P(xs)$.

`P(xs) = (foldr f e . map g) xs = (foldr (f . g) e) xs`

Similar to the proof we did in class, we will need to prove 3 cases: $P([])$, $P(\perp)$, and $P(xs) \Rightarrow P(x:xs)$, where \perp is execution that does not terminate properly.

First we need the definition of `foldr`:

```
foldr f z []      = z                      (foldr.0)
foldr f z (x:xs) = f x (foldr f z xs)      (foldr.1)

(found in the Prelude using Hugs's :f command.)
```

The definition of `map` we defined in class.

```
map f []          = []                      (map.0)
map f (x:xs)      = f x : map f xs          (map.1)
```

Great! `foldr` and `map` are defined for `[]` and `x:xs`. Now we need to come up with laws about `map` and `foldr` for the case of \perp .

In class we talked about `map f \perp`.

`map f \perp = \perp (map.\perp)`

By looking at the definition of `foldr`, it is clear that it will work the same. It does something to each element of a list, and recursively works through the list the same way `map` does just that. Thus:

`foldr f z \perp = \perp (foldr.\perp)`

Now we're ready to prove the property for the 3 cases talked about earlier.

P([]):

We want to show that

$$(\text{foldr } f \ e \ . \ \text{map } g) \ [] = \text{foldr } (f \ . \ g) \ e \ []$$

```
LHS = (foldr f e . map g) []
      = foldr f e (map g [])           {definition of .}
      = foldr f e []                   {by map.0}
      = e                               {by foldr.0}
RHS = foldr (f . g) e []
      = e                               {by foldr.0}
```

P(\perp):

We want to show that

$$(\text{foldr } f \ e \ . \ \text{map } g) \ \perp = \text{foldr } (f \ . \ g) \ e \ \perp$$

```
LHS = (foldr f e . map g) \perp
      = foldr f e (map g \perp)         {definition of .}
      = foldr f e \perp                 {by map.\perp}
      = \perp                           {by foldr.\perp}
RHS = foldr (f . g) e \perp
      = \perp                           {by foldr.\perp}
```

P(xs) \Rightarrow P(x:xs):

We want to show that

$$(\text{foldr } f \ e \ . \ \text{map } g) \ (x:xs) = \text{foldr } (f \ . \ g) \ e \ (x:xs)$$

```
LHS = (foldr f e . map g) (x:xs)
      = foldr f e (map g (x:xs))       {definition of .}
      = foldr f e (g x : map g xs)     {by map.1}
      = f (g x) (foldr f e (map g xs)) {by foldr.1}
RHS = foldr (f . g) e (x:xs)
      = (f . g) x (foldr (f . g) e xs) {by foldr.1}
      = (f . g) x ((foldr f e . map g) xs) {induction, P(xs)}
      = f (g x) (foldr f e (map g xs)) {definition of .}
```

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