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All the functions have this in common:
The name of function, and then a list.

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that they return on the first line.

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Each function also has their own little internal function
that takes one thing (e.g. an a) & another thing (e.g. a b)
and returns a different thing (e.g. a c).

(a -> b -> c)

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Summary: What do we know?

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Why are they all like: a, b, c, d, e, f?
You tryna teach us the alphabet or somethin'?

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- A. We haven't put any thought into the types yet,
so it's always a good idea to lay out the
function definitions like this before you do.

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Sorry, I didn't mean to scare you with the letters.
Let's change them so there isn't as many.

The blue circles are the same type as what are returned, so we can rename 'f' to 'a'.

The green circles are functions that take the left hand side and righthand side and return something.
The righthand side of the green circles is gonna be what $f1/f2/\dots/f5$ returns, which is the same type as
the blue circles.

So we can rename 'c' to 'a' as well.

When the function of the green circles returns, the whole righthand side will be resolved.
This means that the return type of the green functions is the same as the blue circles.
So we can rename 'd' to 'a' as well.

x & xs have to be of the same type because they are put together in a list like '(xs)'.
So we can rename 'e' to 'b'.

Then finaaaally, we can see that each of the operators in the green functions:
 $\star, +, ++$
are ones that take two things of the same type and return something of that type.
So we can change all occurrences of 'b' to whatever we changed 'c' to (we changed 'c' to 'a' :)).

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Why did you put the purple at the end instead of the start?
You doing somethin' fishy there?

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A. Because the purple list is the parameter to 'f1','f2','f3'....etc.
It has to come after what is unique to the functions for the hof to work.

This makes a bit more sense if you know how to do (or just know the answer to)
part b of the question.

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Cool. x

Let's write out the rest, cause this is already taking pretty long...

If the purple list is empty, then we return the blue thing. Simple!

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hof e _ [] = e

(I just called it 'e' for fun cause I'm a fun guy, but you can call it whatever.
might be confusing if you call it 'a' though)

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Otherwise, the list is not empty.
So you apply the function to the head of the list
and the result of doing the function to the rest of the list:

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Wow! What a perfect looking hof. You should be proud (of me lol)

Now for part b, we just have to call hof with appropriate arguments for each function.

For each function, this should look like:

f? = hof e fx

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The main goal of part b is to figure out what these parameters of hof should be for each function.

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E.G:

(Spoiler alert!)

The answer for the first function will be:

' $f1 = \text{hof } 1 \ (*)$ '

The '1' is the 'e' in line 2 and 3 from above.

The '(*)' is the 'fx' in line 2 and 3 from above.

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Template:
 $f? = \text{hof } e \text{ fx}$

Answers:

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f1 = hof 1 (*)
f2 = hof 0 myFunc2
      where myFunc2 x y = (1 + y)
f3 = hof 0 (+)
f4 = hof [] (++)
f5 = hof 0 myFunc5
      where myFunc5 x y = (x * x + y)

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Ok Great! That was 9 hours well spent.

Let me wrap this up by telling you that the answer to part c is:

"Yes, hof is provided by the prelude under the name 'foldr'."

If this helped you learn something, why not pay it forward and teach someone else something to help them with their exams?

ok bye! x

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