

# FizzBuzz In Haskell

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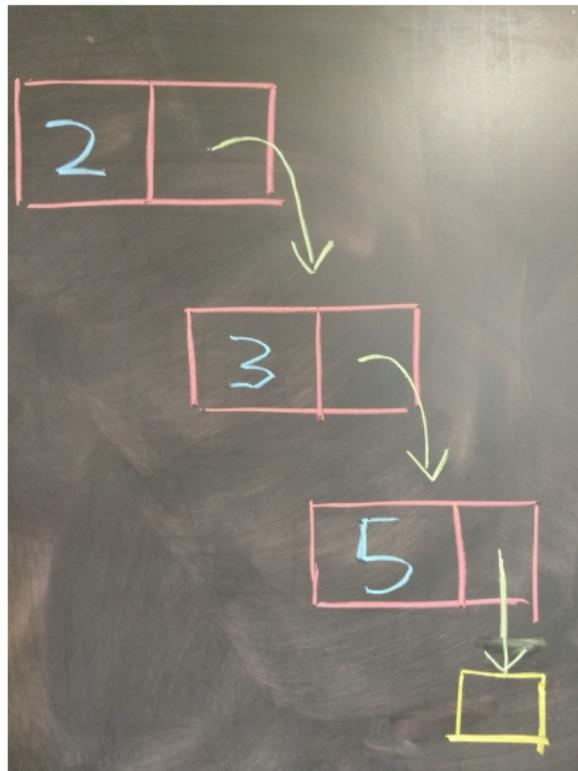
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## Lists in Python

```
class ConsCell:  
    def __init__(head, tail)  
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class EmptyList:  
    def __init__():  
        return  
  
oneTwo = ConsCell(1, ConsCell(2, EmptyList))
```

# Lists in Haskell

```
data [a] = [] | a : [a]
-- data List a = Empty | Cons a (List a)
-- (:) x xs == x : xs
-- ([] a = [a]

firstFourPrimes :: [Int]
firstFourPrimes = 2:(3:(5:(7:[])))

type String = [Char]
-- "abc" = 'a':('b':('c':[]))

everyFlavoredBeanFlavors :: [String]
everyFlavoredBeanFlavors =
  ["earwax", "marmalade", "spinach"]
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| rem n 15 == 0 = "FizzBuzz"
| rem n 5 == 0 = "Buzz"
| rem n 3 == 0 = "Fizz"
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sol1 :: [String]
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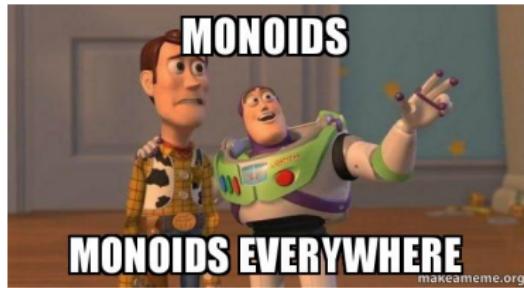
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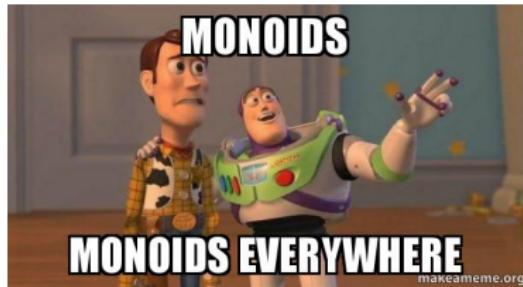
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## Some nitty-gritties...

In Haskell, we write the definition of a Monoid like this

```
class Monoid m where
    mempty :: m
    (<> ) :: m -> m -> m
```

Unfortunately, we can't write down the laws... we just have to trust that whenever someone implements a Monoid they make sure they satisfy them!

## List Monoid

```
instance Monoid [a] where
  mempty = []
  [] <>> ys = ys
  (x:xs) <>> ys = x:(xs <>> ys)
```

## Maybe Monoid

```
data Maybe a = Just a | Nothing

instance (Monoid a) => Monoid (Maybe a) where
    mempty = Nothing
    Nothing <>> Nothing = Nothing
    (Just a) <>> Nothing = Just a
    Nothing <>> (Just b) = Just b
    (Just a) <>> (Just b) = Just (a <>> b)
```

## Working with Maybes

```
fromMaybe :: a -> Maybe a -> a
fromMaybe def Nothing = def
fromMaybe _ (Just y) = y
```

## Combining lists

```
foldl :: (a -> b -> a) -> a -> [b] -> a
foldl f acc [] = acc
foldl f acc (x:xs) = foldl f (f acc x) xs
-- sum == foldl (+) 0
-- length == foldl (\n _ -> n + 1) 0

mconcat :: (Monoid m) => [m] -> m
mconcat = foldl (<>) mempty
-- mconcat ["tweedle", "dee"] == "tweedledee"
```

## FizzBuzz Revisited

```
fizzbuzz2 :: [(Int, String)] -> Int -> String
fizzbuzz2 conds n = fromMaybe (show n) mdesc
where
    mdesc = mconcat (map maybeWord conds)
    maybeWord (k, word)
        | rem n k == 0 = Just word
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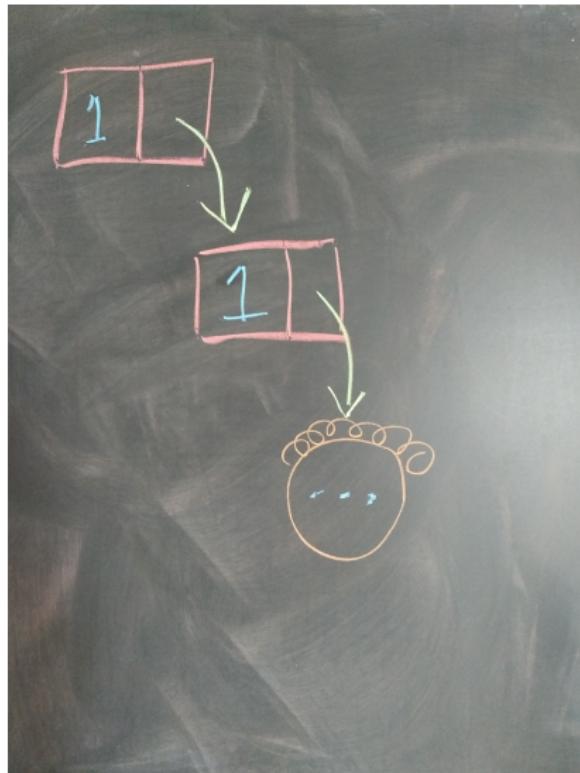
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-- take 3 (repeat 1) = [1,1,1]
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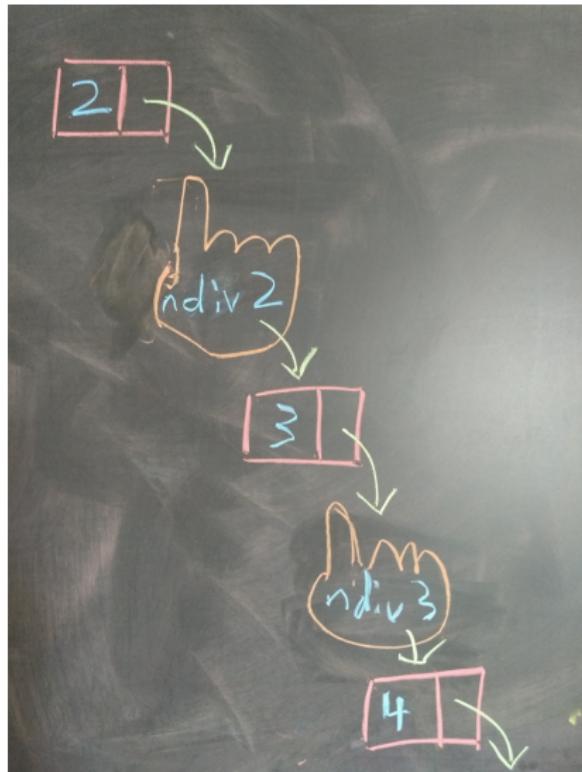
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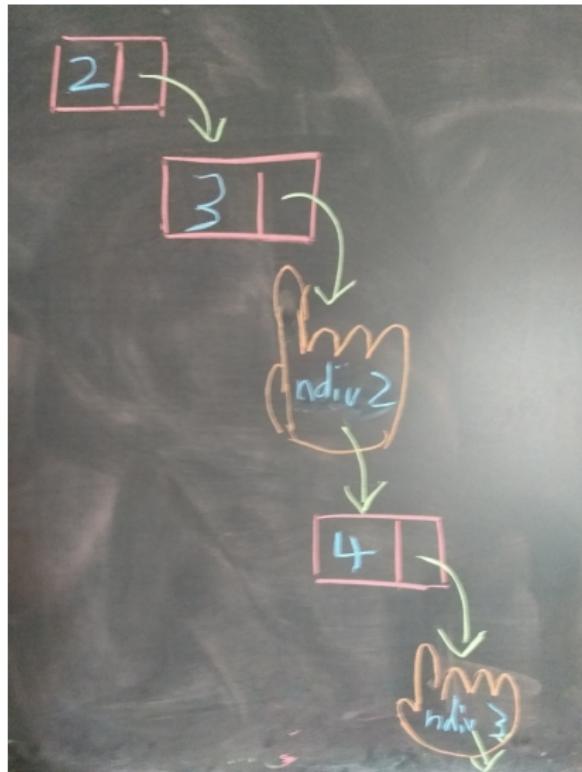
## Generating prime numbers

```
primes :: [Int]
primes = from 2
where
    from k = k:(filter (ndiv k) (from (k+1)))
    ndiv k n = rem n k /= 0
-- take 4 primes == [2,3,5,7]
```

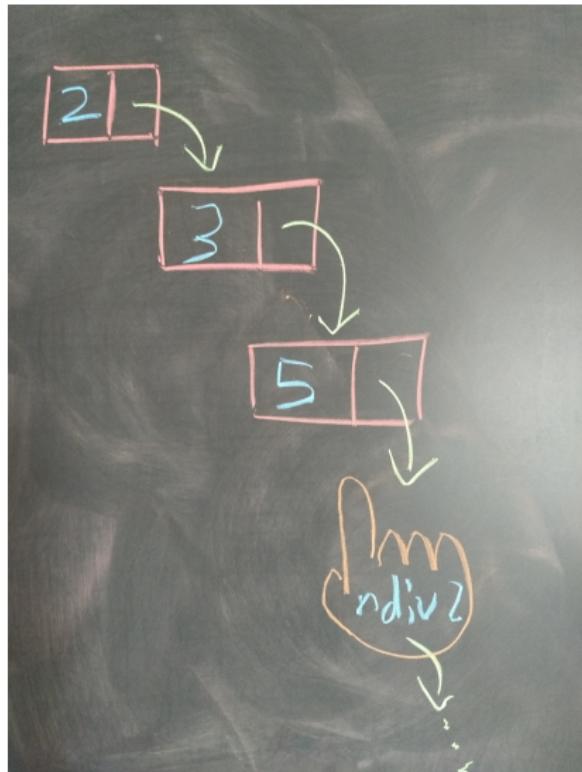
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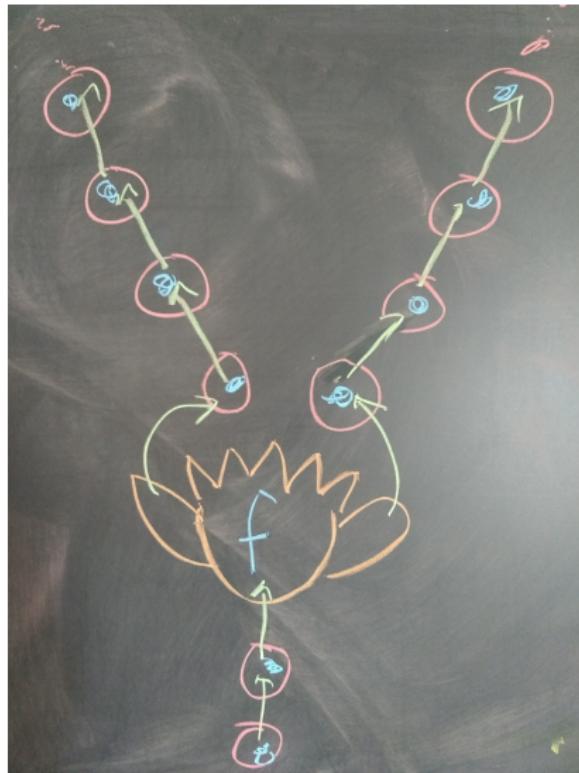
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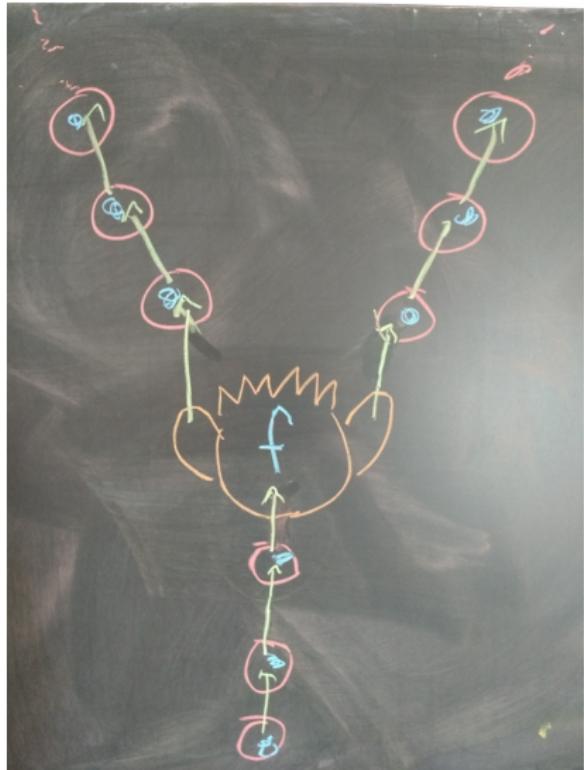
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```
zipWith :: (a -> b -> c) -> [a] -> [b] -> [c]
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zipWith f (x:xs) (y:ys) =
  (f x y) : (zipWith f xs ys)
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# The zipWith Monster!



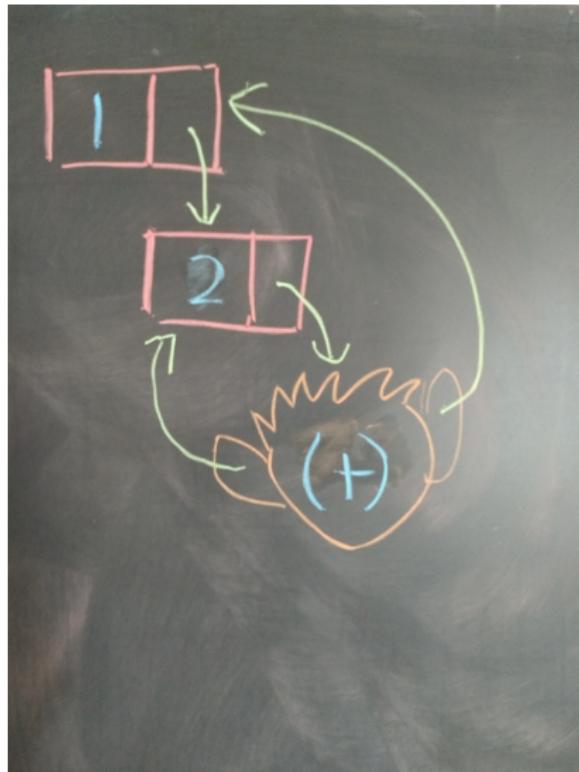
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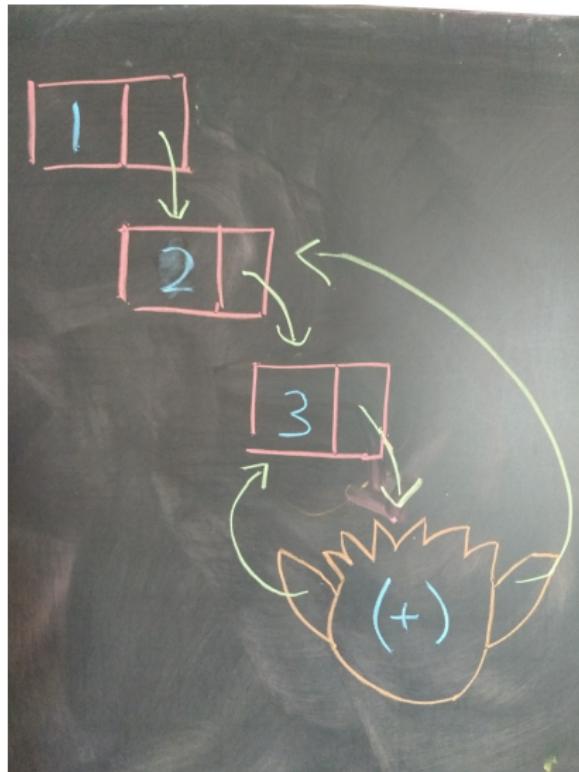
## Fibonacci numbers

```
fibs :: [Int]
fibs = 1:2:(zipWith (+) fibs (tail fibs))
-- This one's a brainwister!
```

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## Lists as Monoids Revisited

```
newtype Stream a = S [a]
```

```
unS :: Stream a -> [a]  
unS (S xs) = xs
```

```
instance Monoid a => Monoid (Stream a) where  
    mempty = S []  
    (S []) <> (S ys) = S ys  
    (S xs) <> (S []) = S xs  
    (S (x:xs)) <> (S (y:ys)) = S ((x <> y):rest)  
        where (S rest) = (S xs) <> (S ys)
```

Conceptually, when the list ends, we treat the rest as an infinite stream of `mempty`s (this might make more sense in the context of the next slide)

## Thoughts on Streams

`Stream Double` is a vector space, where `Double` is the type of real numbers (OK, floating point numbers) in Haskell.

```
scalarMult :: Double -> Stream Double -> Stream Double
scalarMult r (S xs) = S (map (r*) xs)
```

```
addV :: Stream Double -> Stream Double -> Stream Double
addV = (<>)
-- The monoid instance for Double uses addition
```

```
negV :: Stream Double -> Stream Double
negV = scalarMult (-1)
```

This is the same thing as the vector space of polynomials of one variable over  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$[1, 0, \pi] \approx 1 + \pi x^2$$

# FizzBuzz: The Final Showdown (Part 1)

```
spacer :: [Int] -> a -> [Maybe a]
spacer (n:ns) x = loop (n-1) (n:ns)
  where
    loop 0 (k1:k2:ns) =
      (Just x):(loop (k2-k1-1) (k2:ns))
    loop k ns = Nothing:(loop (k-1) ns)

-- spacer [1,3,4,7,...] 'x' ==
--   [Just 'x', Nothing, Just 'x', Just 'x', Nothing
--    Nothing, Just 'x', ...]
```

## FizzBuzz The Final Showdown (Part 2)

```
(.) :: (b -> c) -> (a -> b) -> (a -> c)
(f . g) x = f (g x)
-- We need the Monoid instance for a because we need
-- a monoid instance for Stream (Maybe a), which we
-- need because of mconcat
combine :: (Monoid a) => [[Int], a] -> [Maybe a]
combine = unS . mconcat . map ($ . uncurry spacer)
-- uncurry spacer :: ([Int], a) -> [Maybe a]

sol3 :: [String]
sol3 = zipWith fromMaybe (map show [1..100]) descs
  where descs = combine [(primes, "Fizz"), (fib, "Buzz")]
```

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