

# Programming Languages: Functional Programming

## Practicals 4. Program Calculation

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1. Let *descend* be defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{descend} &:: \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{List Nat} \\ \textit{descend} \ 0 &= [] \\ \textit{descend} \ (\mathbf{1}_+ \ n) &= \mathbf{1}_+ \ n : \textit{descend} \ n \ . \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Let  $\textit{sumseries} = \textit{sum} \cdot \textit{descend}$ . Synthesise an inductive definition of *sumseries*.  
(b) The function  $\textit{repeatN} :: (\text{Nat}, a) \rightarrow \text{List } a$  is defined by

$$\textit{repeatN} \ (n, x) = \textit{map} \ (\textit{const} \ x) \ (\textit{descend} \ n) \ .$$

Thus  $\textit{repeatN} \ (n, x)$  produces  $n$  copies of  $x$  in a list. E.g.  $\textit{repeatN} \ (3, 'a') = \text{"aaa"}$ . Calculate an inductive definition of *repeatN*.

- (c) The function  $\textit{rld} :: \text{List} \ (\text{Nat}, a) \rightarrow \text{List } a$  performs run-length decoding:

$$\textit{rld} = \textit{concat} \cdot \textit{map} \ \textit{repeatN} \ .$$

For example,  $\textit{rld} \ [(2, 'a'), (3, 'b'), (1, 'c')] = \text{"aabbbc"}$ . Come up with an inductive definition of *rld*.

2. There is another way to define *pos* such that  $\textit{pos} \ x \ xs$  yields the index of the first occurrence of  $x$  in  $xs$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \textit{pos} &:: \text{Eq } a \Rightarrow a \rightarrow \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{Int} \\ \textit{pos} \ x &= \textit{length} \cdot \textit{takeWhile} \ (x \neq) \end{aligned}$$

(This *pos* behaves differently from the one in the lecture when  $x$  does not occur in  $xs$ .) Construct an inductive definition of *pos*.

3. Zipping and mapping.

- (a) Let  $\textit{second} \ f \ (x, y) = (x, f \ y)$ . Prove that  $\textit{zip} \ xs \ (\textit{map} \ f \ ys) = \textit{map} \ (\textit{second} \ f) \ (\textit{zip} \ xs \ ys)$ .

(b) Consider the following definition

$$\begin{aligned} \text{delete} &:: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List (List } a) \\ \text{delete } [] &= [] \\ \text{delete } (x : xs) &= xs : \text{map } (x:) (\text{delete } xs) , \end{aligned}$$

such that

$$\text{delete } [1, 2, 3, 4] = [[2, 3, 4], [1, 3, 4], [1, 2, 4], [1, 2, 3]] .$$

That is, each element in the input list is deleted in turns. Let  $\text{select} :: \text{List } a \rightarrow \text{List } (a, \text{List } a)$  be defined by  $\text{select } xs = \text{zip } xs (\text{delete } xs)$ . Come up with an inductive definition of  $\text{select}$ . **Hint:** you may find  $\text{second}$  useful.

(c) An alternative specification of  $\text{delete}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{delete } xs &= \text{map } (\text{del } xs) [0 \dots \text{length } xs - 1] \\ \text{where } \text{del } xs \ i &= \text{take } i \ xs \ ++ \ \text{drop } (1 + i) \ xs , \end{aligned}$$

(here we take advantage of the fact that  $[0 \dots n]$  returns  $[]$  when  $n$  is negative). From this specification, derive the inductive definition of  $\text{delete}$  given above. **Hint:** you may need the following property:

$$[0 \dots n] = 0 : \text{map } (\mathbf{1}_+) [0 \dots n - 1], \text{ if } n \geq 0, \quad (1)$$

and the  $\text{map-fusion}$  law (2) given below.

4. Prove the following  $\text{map-fusion}$  law:

$$\text{map } f \cdot \text{map } g = \text{map } (f \cdot g) . \quad (2)$$

5. Assume that multiplication ( $\times$ ) is a constant-time operation. One possible definition for  $\text{exp } m \ n = m^n$  could be:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{exp} &:: \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{Nat} \\ \text{exp } m \ 0 &= 1 \\ \text{exp } m \ (\mathbf{1}_+ \ n) &= m \times \text{exp } m \ n . \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, to compute  $\text{exp } m \ n$ , multiplication is called  $n$  times:  $m \times m \dots m \times 1$ . Can we do better? Yet another way to represent a natural number is to use the binary representation.

(a) The function  $\text{binary} :: \text{Nat} \rightarrow \text{List Bool}$  returns the *reversed* binary representation of a natural number. For example:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{binary } 0 &= [] , \\ \text{binary } 1 &= [\mathbf{T}] , \\ \text{binary } 2 &= [\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{T}] , \end{aligned}$$

$binary\ 3 = [T, T]$  ,  
 $binary\ 4 = [F, F, T]$  ,

where T and F abbreviates True and False. Given the following functions:

$even :: Nat \rightarrow Bool$ , returning true iff the input is even,  
 $odd :: Nat \rightarrow Bool$ , returning true iff the input is odd, and  
 $div :: Nat \rightarrow Nat \rightarrow Nat$ , for integral division,

define *binary*. You may just present the code.

**Hint** One possible implementation discriminates between 3 cases – the input is 0, the input is odd, and the input is even.

- (b) Briefly explain in words whether your implementation of *binary* terminates for all input in *Nat*, and why.
- (c) Define a function  $decimal :: List\ Bool \rightarrow Nat$  that takes the reversed binary representation and returns the corresponding natural number. E.g.  $decimal\ [T, T, F, T] = 11$ . You may just present the code.
- (d) Let  $roll\ m = exp\ m \cdot decimal$ . Assuming we have proved that  $exp\ m\ n$  satisfies all arithmetic laws for  $m^n$ . Construct (with algebraic calculation) a definition of *roll* that does not make calls to *exp* or *decimal*.

**Remark** If the fusion succeeds, we have derived a program computing  $m^n$ :

$fastexp\ m = roll\ m \cdot binary$ .

The algorithm runs in time proportional to the length of the list generated by *binary*, which is  $O(\log_2 n)$ .

6. The following problem concerns calculating the sum  $\sum_{i=0}^n (x_i \times y^i)$ . Let *geo* be defined by:

$geo\ y = 1 : map\ (y \times)\ (geo\ y)$  ,  
 $horner\ y\ xs = sum\ (map\ mul\ (zip\ xs\ (geo\ y)))$  ,

where  $mul\ (a, b) = a \times b$ . Let  $xs = [x_0, x_1, x_2 \dots x_n]$ , *horner y xs* computes the sum  $x_0 + x_1 \times y + x_2 \times y^2 + \dots + x_n \times y^n$ . (**Remark:** for those who familiar with currying,  $mul = uncurry\ (\times)$ .)

- (a) Show that  $mul \cdot second\ (y \times) = (y \times) \cdot mul$ .
- (b) Let  $n = length\ xs$ . Asymptotically (that is, in terms of the big-O notation), how many multiplications ( $\times$ ) one must perform to compute *horner y xs*?
- (c) Prove that  $sum \cdot map\ (y \times) = (y \times) \cdot sum$ .
- (d) Construct an inductive definition of *horner* that uses only  $O(n)$  multiplications to compute *horner y xs*. **Hint:** you will need a number of properties proved in the previous problems in this exercise, and perhaps some more properties.