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Problem 0.1. Read pp. 96-120 of Bird We will discuss list induction in class but you should have some familiarity with it from the readings. Read Chapters 1 and 3 of LYAHFGG

Problem 0.2. Write functions having the following types:

 $:: [a] \rightarrow a$ first $:: [a] \rightarrow a$ last $:: [a] \to Int \to a$ select $middle :: [a] \rightarrow a$

The function first takes a non-empty list and returns the first element of the list; if the list is empty, call error with an appropriate message. The last function takes a list and returns the last element of the list or calls error if the list is empty. The function select takes a list (say xs) and an integer (say k) and returns the k^{th} element of the list xs (using zero based indexing). If k < 0 or $k \ge length \ xs$ then call error. The middle function takes a list and returns the middle element – if the list is of even length, you can implement your function to have a leftist or rightist bias – your choice.

You should implement some tests to convince the grader your code works.