HW 4

Due: 7 September 2010

Prof. Caldwell

COSC 3015

1

Problem 1.1. Read Chapter 1 and 2 of the Bird text.

2 info, infix operators and precedence

GHC will tell you the type, where the function is defined and, for infix operators, the precedence of the operator. Here are some examples.

```
*Main> :info (&&)
(&&) :: Bool -> Bool -> Bool
                                  -- Defined in GHC.Base
infixr 3 &&
*Main> :info (||)
(||) :: Bool -> Bool -> Bool
                                -- Defined in GHC.Base
infixr 2 ||
*Main> :info (.)
(.) :: (b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow c -- Defined in GHC.Base
infixr 9 .
*Main> :l infinity
:l infinity
                                       ( infinity.hs, interpreted )
[1 of 1] Compiling Main
Ok, modules loaded: Main.
*Main> :info infinity
:info infinity
infinity :: t -- Defined at infinity.hs:1:0-7
*Main>
```

Precedence level is an integer from 0 to 9 with (9 being the highest precedence.) Function application associates to the left and has precedence 10 so, for example f x y + 7 is ((f x) y) + 7.

Haskell allows users to declare your own infix operators and whether they associate to the left (infix1) or right (infixr) or do not associate (infix)). You must also specify the precedence of the new operator.

For example, in class I presented the definitions of conjunction (&&) and disjunction (|I|) as follows:

```
False && x = False
True && x = x

False || x = x

True || x = True
```

This code will load, but when you try to use it you will need to specify which definition of && you mean to use.

For example, after loading the code above I get the following behavior.

```
*Main> True && False
True && False
<interactive>:1:5:
    Ambiguous occurrence '&&'
    It could refer to either 'Main.&&', defined at hw4c.hs:7:6
                          or 'Prelude.&&', imported from Prelude
```

The error message is indicating that the name && is ambiguous. You could fix this by specifying which of the two definitions of && you intend.

```
*Main> True Main.&& False
False
```

To avoid conflict with the built-in functions we might have written the following code which declares two new infix operators that associated to the right.

```
infixr 3 &&&
(&&&) :: Bool → Bool → Bool
False &&& y = False
True &&& y = y
infixr 2 |||
(|||) :: Bool -> Bool -> Bool
False | | | y = y
True | | | y = True
  Now we can compute as we expect.
```

```
*Main> True &&& False
False
```

Problem 2.1. Rewrite¹ the definitions of &&& and ||| so that they behave just like && and || but only using if-then-else and the Boolean constants. Your definitions should look something like the following:

```
x \&\&\& y = ???
x \mid \mid \mid y = ???
```

The right side of your definition (???) must only use the constructs True, False, if-then-else, and the variables x and y.

Problem 2.2. Declare two new infix operators implementing logical implication (==>) and exclusiveor (<+>). (If you do not know the truth table for implication and exclusive-or, look at the expected output file.) Both operators should associate to the right. Implication should have precedence 0 (so that it binds weaker than the other connectives) and exclusive-or should have the same precedence as regular disjunction (||).

Check the linked expected output file to see the tests you should run.

¹This is essentially problem 2.2.1 from Bird on page 34.