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Lecture 10
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- Functions as values
- Higher-order functions
- The power of polymorphism

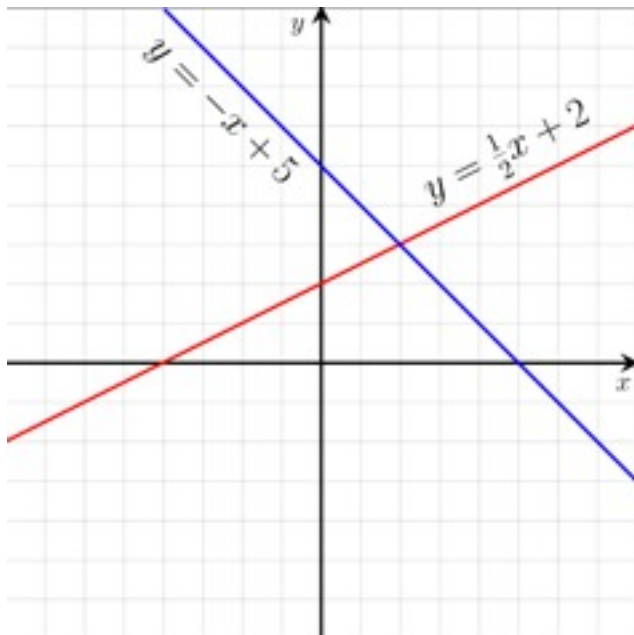
Problem

For real numbers $a < b$,
there is a **linear function** $f : \text{real} \rightarrow \text{real}$
such that

$$f(a) = \sim 1.0$$

$$f(b) = 1.0$$

Given a and b , find f .



linear means there are reals α, β
such that for all $x:\text{real}$, $f x = \alpha * x + \beta$

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calculate α, β such that
 $\alpha * a + \beta = \sim 1.0$ and $\alpha * b + \beta = 1.0$

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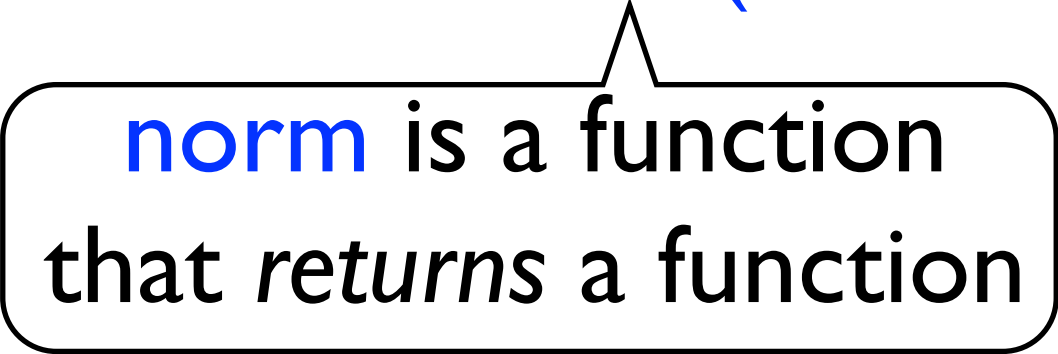
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norm

- Let $a < b$
- For all x such that $a \leq x \leq b$,
$$\sim 1.0 \leq \text{norm}(a, b)(x) \leq 1.0$$

and

$$\text{norm}(a, b) a = \sim 1.0$$

$$\text{norm}(a, b) b = 1.0$$

$\text{norm}(a, b)$ **normalizes** the real interval $[a..b]$

using norm

- Given a **pair** of reals,
normalize both components

using **norm(~2.0, 2.0)**,
convert **(1.0, 1.5)** to **(0.5, 0.75)**

- Given a **list** of reals,
normalize each item in the list

using **norm(~2.0, 2.0)**,
convert **[1.0, 1.5, 1.8]** to **[0.5, 0.75, 0.9]**

first attempts

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    fn (x, y) => let  
        val f = norm(a,b)  
    in  
        (f x, f y)  
    end
```

critique

- We often need to apply a function to components of a data structure
 - *to build a new data structure of the same shape*
- It's the *same idea*, regardless of the function

fun normpair(a, b) = **fn** (x,y) => (norm(a,b) x, norm(a,b) y)

fun fibpair(a, b) = (fib a, fib b)

fun factpair(x, y) = (fact x, fact y)

general problem

- For pairs, we want a *generic* way to apply a given function to components
- For lists, we want a *generic* way to apply a given function to list items

“transforming” a data structure
by applying a function to each datum

solutions

- For pairs, a ***polymorphic*** function

$\text{pair} : ('a \rightarrow 'b) \rightarrow 'a * 'a \rightarrow 'b * 'b$

- For lists, a ***polymorphic*** function

$\text{map} : ('a \rightarrow 'b) \rightarrow 'a \text{ list} \rightarrow 'b \text{ list}$

these are also
higher-order
functions

pair spec

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all values $f : t_1 \rightarrow t_2$, and all values $x, y : t_1$,
 $\text{pair } f (x, y) = (f x, f y)$.

pair

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pair : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a * 'a -> 'b * 'b
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```
pair(norm (~2.0, 2.0)) : real * real -> real * real
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```
pair (norm (~2.0, 2.0)) (1.5, 1.5) =>* ?
```

map spec

$\text{map} : ('a \rightarrow 'b) \rightarrow ('a \text{ list} \rightarrow 'b \text{ list})$

(* REQUIRES true *)

(* ENSURES For all $n \geq 0$,
 $\text{map } f [x_1, \dots, x_n] = [f x_1, \dots, f x_n]$ *)

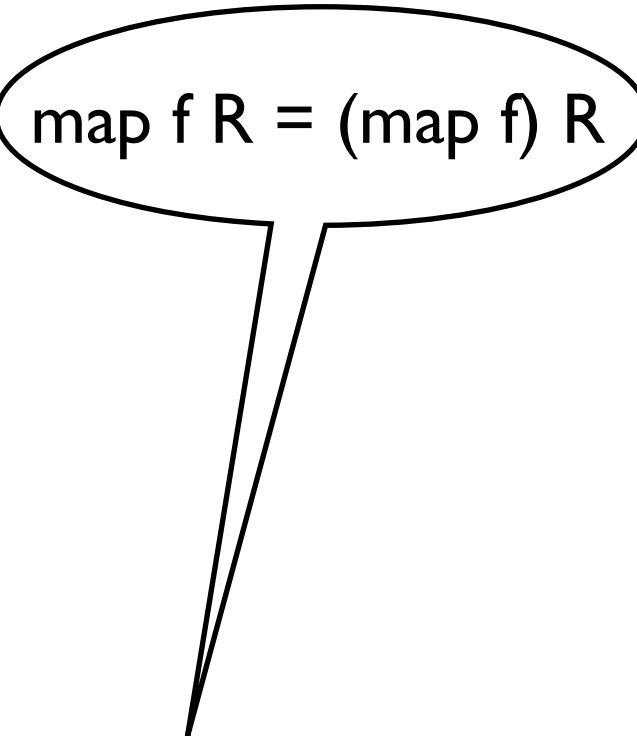
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map

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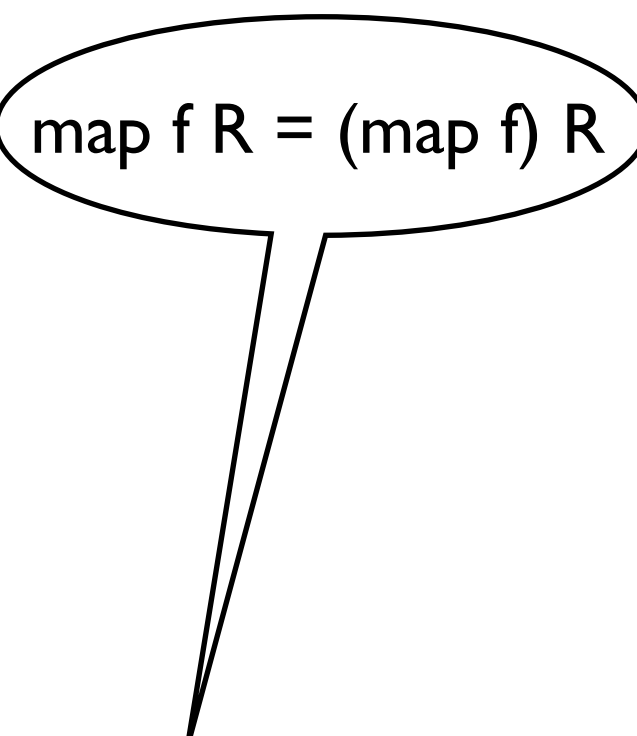


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map (norm(~2.0, 2.0)) : real list -> real list

map (norm(~2.0, 2.0)) [1.0, 1.5, 2.0] =>* [0.5, 0.75, 1.0]

syntactic sugar

- ML has a *streamlined* syntax for defining higher-order functions

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fun map f [] = []
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    | map f (x::R) = (f x) :: (map f R)
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syntactic sugar

```
fun F p11 p12 = e1  
    |   F p21 p22 = e2  
    ...  
    |   F pk1 pk2 = ek
```

declares $F : t_1 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow t$

if for each i , p_{i1} fits t_1 , p_{i2} fits t_2 , and
they produce type bindings for
which, assuming $F : t_1 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow t$,
 e_i has type t

so far

- Using **pair** and **map** we can easily apply a function to the data in any data structure built from pairs and lists

lists of pairs

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using map

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```
sublists [1,2,3] = [ [ ],[3],[2],[2,3],[1],[1,3],[1,2],[1,2,3] ]
```

general problem

- Given a data structure representing a *collection* of data, such as a list or a tree
- We want a *generic* way to **combine** the data in the collection, using a binary operation and a base value

combining

- Suppose we have a function

$$F : t_1 * t_2 \rightarrow t_2$$

and want to combine the items of a list

$$[x_1, \dots, x_n] : t_1 \text{ list}$$

with a value $z : t_2$

to get the value of

$$F(x_1, F(x_2, \dots, F(x_n, z) \dots))$$

examples

- Add the numbers in a **real** list
- Multiply the numbers in an **int** list
- Find the smallest integer in an **int** list
- Find the largest real in a **real** list

It's the same idea in each case:
combining a list of data
using a specific operation and base value

solution

- A **polymorphic** function

$\text{foldr} : ('a * 'b \rightarrow 'b) \rightarrow 'b \rightarrow 'a \text{ list} \rightarrow 'b$

such that

for all types t_1, t_2 ,

all $n \geq 0$, and all values

$F : t_1 * t_2 \rightarrow t_2$, $[x_1, \dots, x_n] : t_1 \text{ list}$, $z : t_2$,

$\text{foldr } F \ z \ [x_1, \dots, x_n] = F(x_1, F(x_2, \dots, F(x_n, z) \dots))$

foldr

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  | foldr F z (x::L) = F(x, foldr F z L)
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prod : real list -> real

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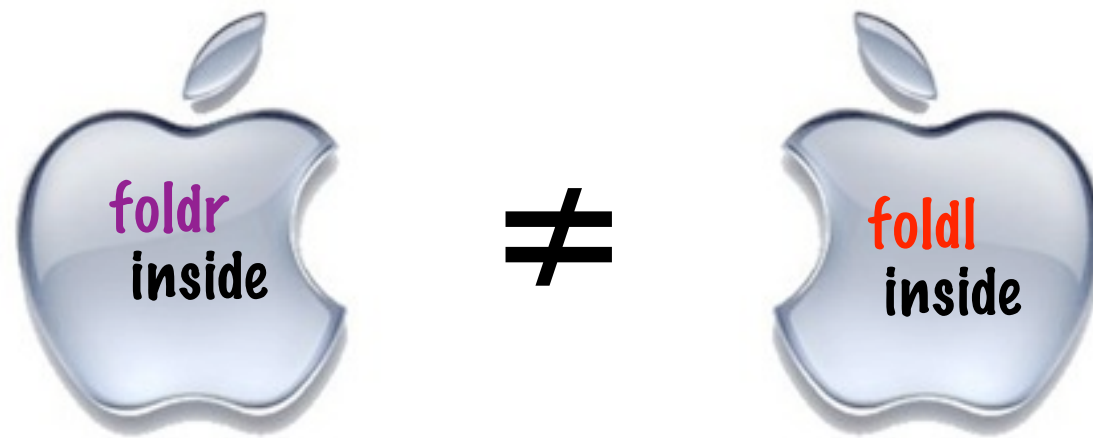
foldl

fun foldl F z [] = z

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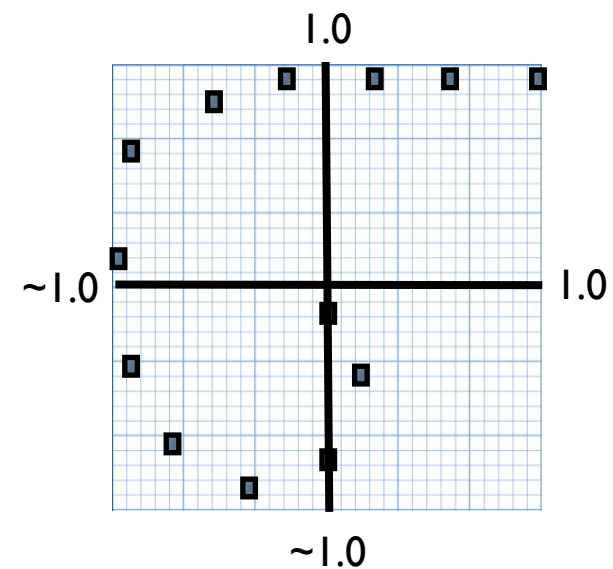
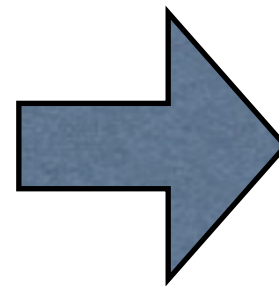
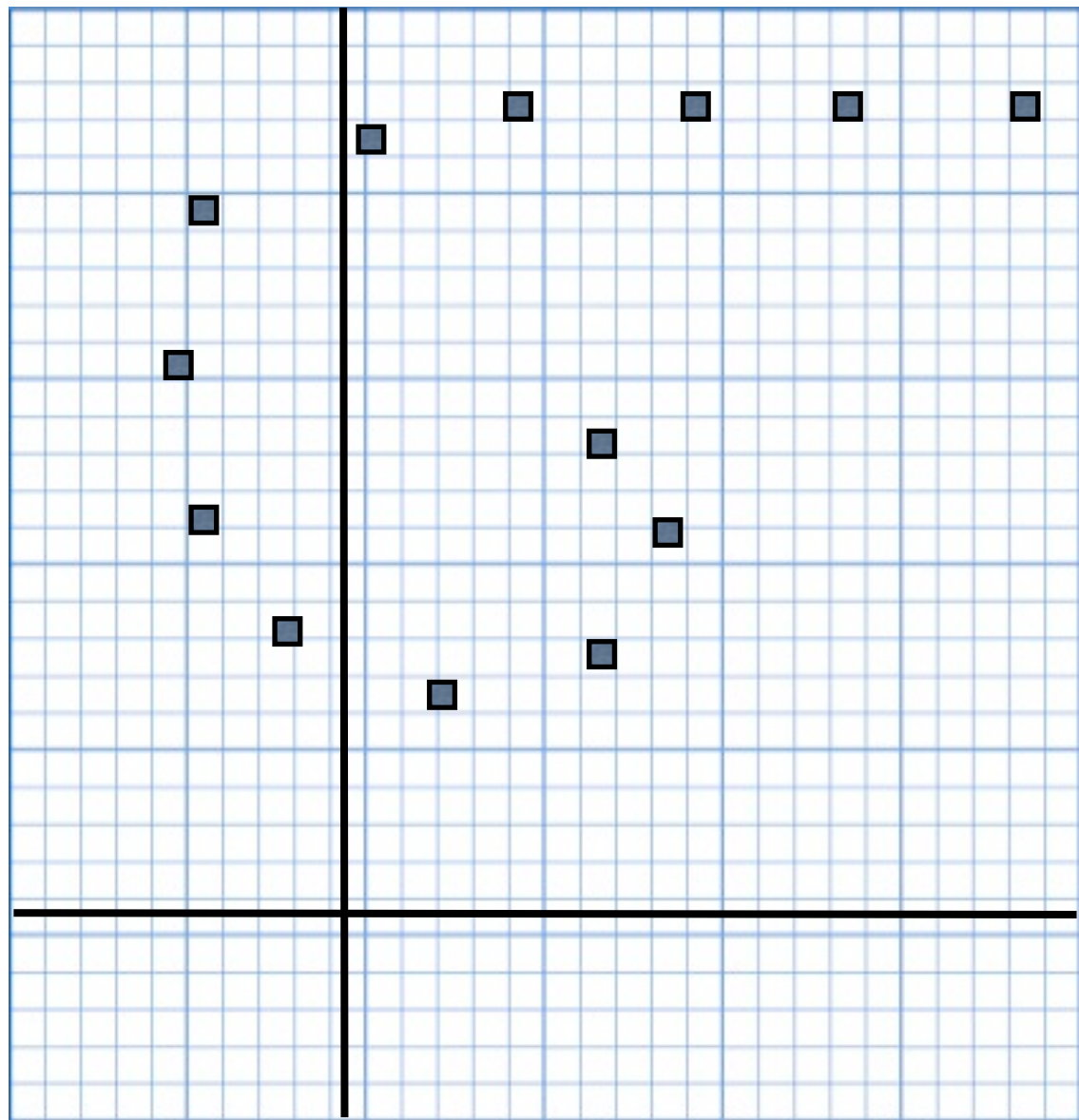
foldr (op @) [] [[1,2], [], [3,4]] = [1,2,3,4]

foldl (op @) [] [[1,2], [], [3,4]] = [3,4,1,2]

In general,
when is
foldr **f** = **foldl** **f** ?

in class problem

- Given a non-empty list of *points*
- *Normalize* to $[\sim 1.0 \dots 1.0] \times [\sim 1.0 \dots 1.0]$



solution

(using functions from today)

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val ys = map (fn (x,y) => y) L

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Why does this work?

alternative

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  let  
    val xs = map (fn (x,y) => x) L  
    val ys = map (fn (x,y) => y) L  
    val (xlo, ylo) = pair minlist (xs, ys)  
    val (xhi, yhi) = pair maxlist (xs,ys)  
  in  
    map (fn (x,y) => (norm(xlo, xhi) x, norm(ylo, yhi) y)) L  
end
```


alternative

```
fun unzip [ ] = ([ ], [ ])
|   unzip ((x,y)::R) = let val (xs,ys) = unzip R in (x::xs, y::ys) end
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  val zs = unzip L
  val (xlo, ylo) = pair minlist zs
  val (xhi, yhi) = pair maxlist zs
in
  map (fn (x,y) => (norm(xlo, xhi) x, norm(ylo, yhi) y)) L
end
```

center of mass

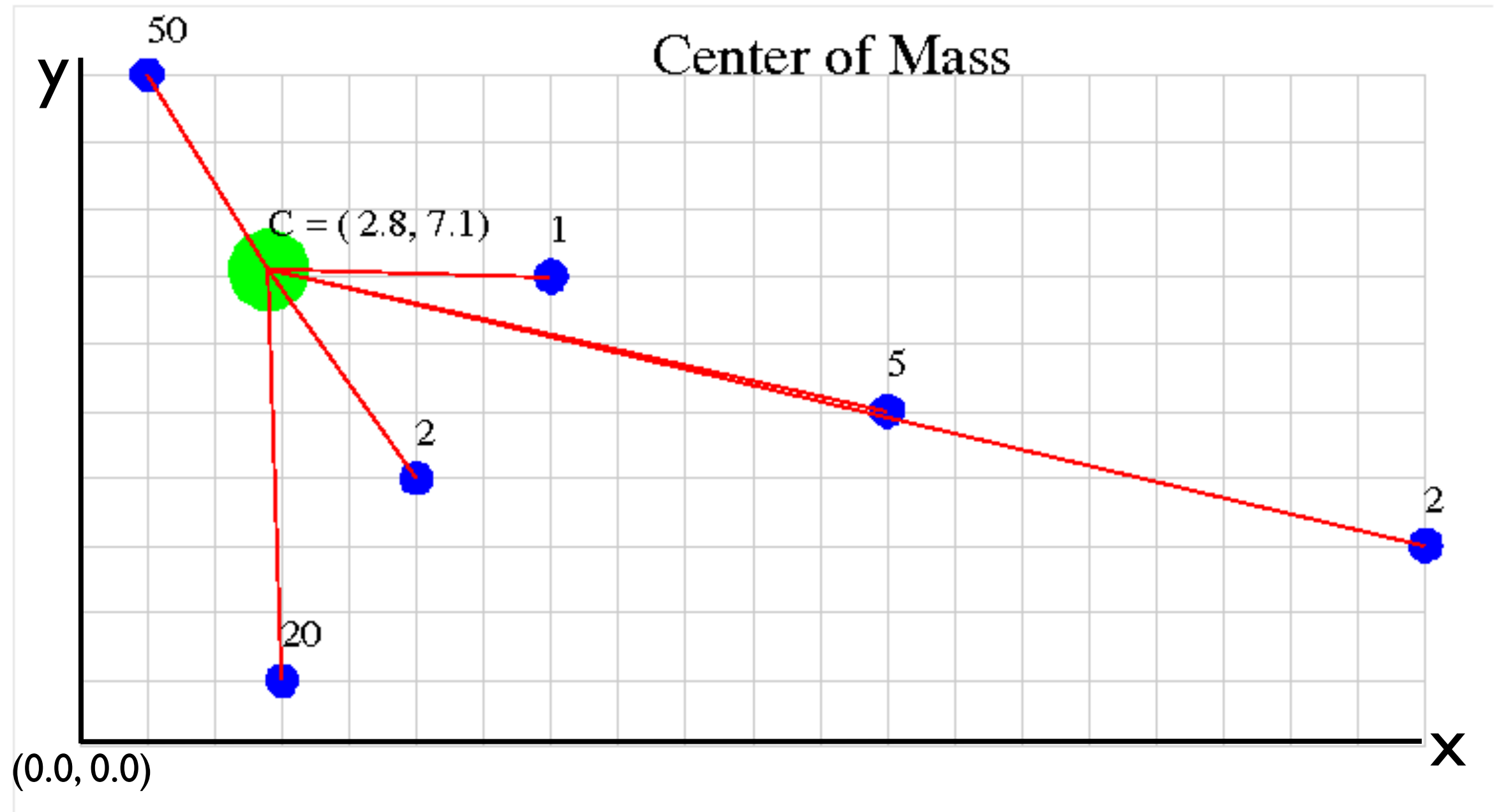
- Given a list of *bodies*
 $[(m_1, (x_1, y_1)), \dots, (m_n, (x_n, y_n))]$
representing bodies with mass m_i at (x_i, y_i)
- Calculate the *center of mass* $(X, Y) : \text{real} * \text{real}$
where

$$X = (m_1 * x_1 + \dots + m_n * x_n) / M$$

$$Y = (m_1 * y_1 + \dots + m_n * y_n) / M$$

$$M = m_1 + \dots + m_n$$

center of mass



caveat

- If all points in L have the same x-value or all points in L have the same y-value, evaluation of `normalize L` will generate a runtime error.
- Reason: either $x_{lo} = x_{hi}$ or $y_{lo} = y_{hi}$, so one of the two norm calls will divide by 0.0

solution

type point = real * real

type body = real * point

fun add((x1,y1), (x2,y2)):point = (x1+x2, y1+y2)

fun mass (m, (x, y)) = m

fun scale r (m, (x, y)) = (r * m * x, r * m * y)

solution

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fun center (L : body list) : point =

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let

val M = foldr (op +) 0.0 (map mass L)

in

solution

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fun center (L : body list) : point =

let

val M = foldr (op +) 0.0 (map mass L)

in

foldr add (0.0, 0.0) (map (scale (1.0/M)) L)

solution

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let

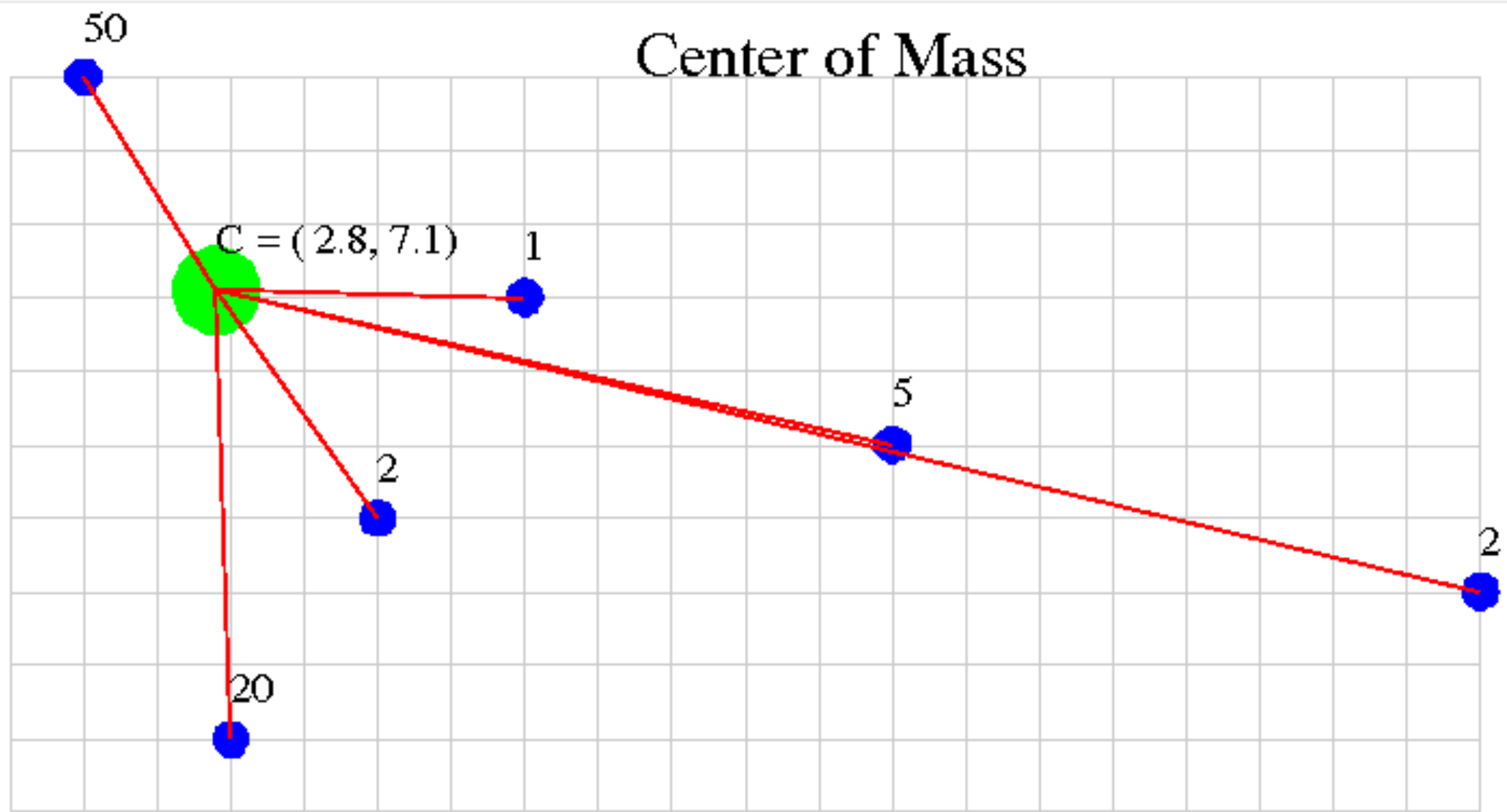
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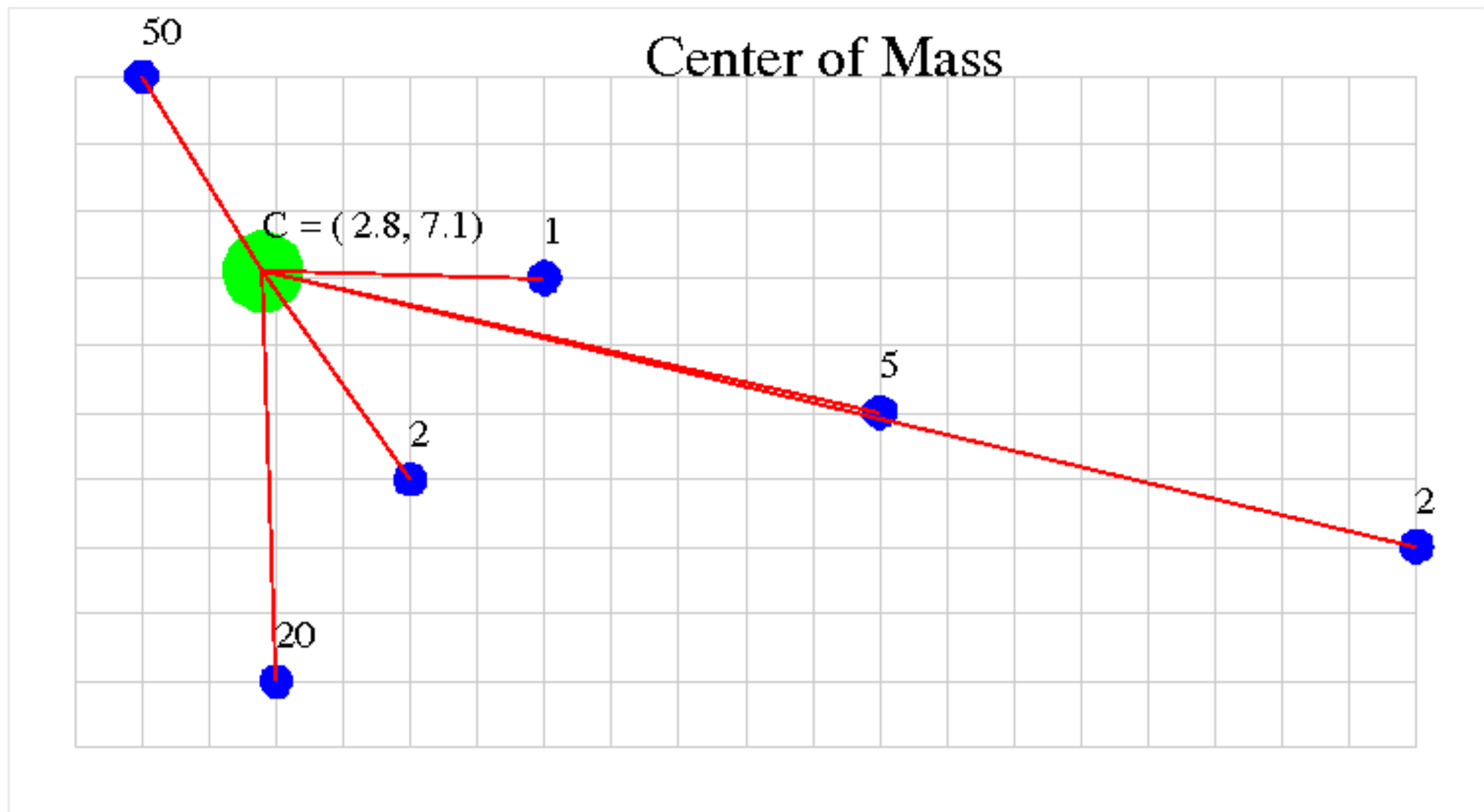
in

foldr add (0.0, 0.0) (map (scale (1.0/M)) L)

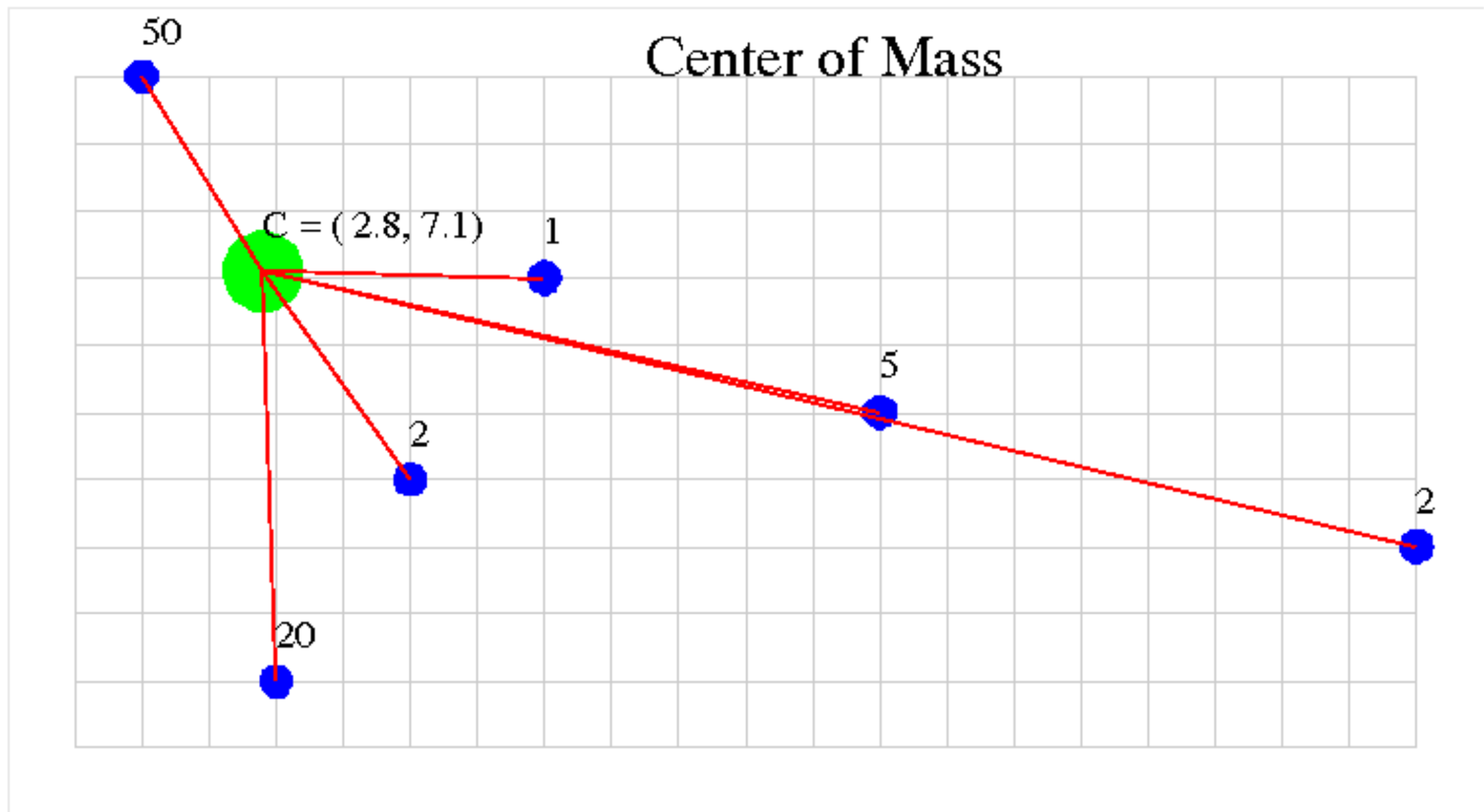
end

Center of Mass





- center $[(50.0, (1.0, 10.0)), (20.0, (3.0, 1.0)), (2.0, (5.0, 4.0)), (1.0, (7.0, 7.0)), (5.0, (12.0, 5.0)), (2.0, (20.0, 3.0))]$;



- center [(50.0,(1.0,10.0)),(20.0,(3.0,1.0)),(2.0,(5.0,4.0)),
 (1.0,(7.0,7.0)),(5.0,(12.0,5.0)),(2.0,(20.0,3.0))];
val it = (2.8375,7.075) : real * real

more problems

["all ", "your ", " base "]

➔ "all your base are belong to us"

more problems

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foldr (op ^) "are belong to us"
: string list -> string

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map *capitalize* : string list -> string list

capitalize

explode : string -> char list
implode : char list -> string
Char.toUpperCase : char -> char

```
- fun capitalize (s:string) : string =  
  let  
    val (x::L) = explode s  
  in  
    implode(Char.toUpperCase x :: L)  
  end;
```

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- val capitalize = fn : string -> string  
- capitalize "foo";  
val it = "Foo" : string
```