

# CSc 372 — Comparative Programming Languages

## 15 : Haskell — Exercises

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## 1 List Prefix

- Write a recursive function `begin xs ys` that returns true if `xs` is a prefix of `ys`. Both lists are lists of integers. Include the type signature.

```
> begin [] []
True
> begin [1] []
False
> begin [1,2] [1,2,3,4]
True
> begin [1,2] [1,1,2,3,4]
False
> begin [1,2,3,4] [1,2]
```

## 2 List Containment

- Write a recursive function `subsequence xs ys` that returns true if `xs` occurs anywhere within `ys`. Both lists are lists of integers. Include the type signature.
- Hint: reuse `begin` from the previous exercise.

```
> subsequence [] []
True
> subsequence [1] []
False
> subsequence [1] [0,1,0]
True
> subsequence [1,2,3] [0,1,0,1,2,3,5]
True
```

### 3 Mystery

- Consider the following function:

```
mystery :: [a] -> [[a]]
mystery [] = [[]]
mystery (x:xs) = sets ++ (map (x:) sets)
                 where sets = mystery xs
```

- What would `mystery [1,2]` return? `mystery [1,2,3]`?
- What does the function compute?

### 4 foldr

- Explain what the following expressions involving `foldr` do:

1. `foldr (:) [] xs`
2. `foldr (:) xs ys`
3. `foldr ( \ y ys -> ys ++ [y] ) [] xs`

### 5 shorter

- Define a function `shorter xs ys` that returns the shorter of two lists.

```
> shorter [1,2] [1]
[1]
> shorter [1,2] [1,2,3]
[1,2]
```

### 6 stripEmpty

- Write function `stripEmpty xs` that removes all empty strings from `xs`, a list of strings.

```
> stripEmpty ["", "Hello", "", "", "World!"]
["Hello","World!"]
> stripEmpty [""]
[]
> stripEmpty []
[]
```

### 7 merge

- Write function `merge xs ys` that takes two ordered lists `xs` and `ys` and returns an ordered list containing the elements from `xs` and `ys`, without duplicates

```
> merge [1,2] [3,4]
[1,2,3,4]
> merge [1,2,3] [3,4]
[1,2,3,4]
> merge [1,2] [1,2,4]
[1,2,4]
```

## 8 Function Composition

- Rewrite the expression

```
map f (map g xs)
```

so that only a single call to map is used

## 9 Reduce

- Let the Haskell function reduce be defined by

```
reduce f []      v = v
reduce f (x:xs) v = f x (reduce f xs v)
```

- Reconstruct the Haskell functions length, append, filter, and map using reduce. More precisely, complete the following schemata (in the simplest possible way):

```
mylength xs      = reduce ___ xs ___
myappend xs ys   = reduce ___ xs ___
myfilter p xs    = reduce ___ xs ___
mymap f xs       = reduce ___ xs ___
```

## 10 372 Midterm 2004 – Problem 1

- Write a non-recursive function

```
invert :: [Bool] -> [Bool]
```

that turns all True values into False, and False values into True. Example:

```
> invert [True,False]
[False,True]
```

## 11 372 Midterm 2004 – Problem 2

- Write a non-recursive function count p xs that takes a predicate p and a list xs of elements (of arbitrary type) as arguments and returns the number of elements in the list that satisfies p:

```
> count even [1,2,3,4,5]
2
```

- Ideally, you should define the function using composition of higher-order functions from the standard prelude!

## 12 372 Midterm 2004 – Problem 3

- Write a non-recursive function blend xs ys that takes two lists of elements (of arbitrary type) as argument, and returns a list where the elements have been taken alternatingly from xs and ys:

```
> blend [1,2,3] [4,5,6]
[1,4,2,5,3,6]
```

You can assume that xs and ys are of the same length.

## 13 372 Midterm 2004 – Problem 4

- Write a function `adjpairs` that takes a list as argument and returns the list of all pairs of adjacent elements. Examples:

```
> adjpairs []
[]
> adjpairs [1]
[]
> adjpairs [1,2]
[(1,2)]
> adjpairs [1,2,3]
[(1,2),(2,3)]
> adjpairs [1,2,3,4,5,6]
[(1,2), (2,3), (3,4), (4,5), (5,6)]
```

- Give both a recursive and a non-recursive solution!

## 14 372 Midterm 2004 – Problem 5

- Write a non-recursive function `section f c xs` that extracts a sublist of the list `xs` starting at position `f` and which is `c` elements long. Use 0-based indexing. Assume that `xs` has at least `f+c` elements. Examples:

```
> section 0 1 [1,2,3,4,5]
[1]
> section 0 3 [1,2,3,4,5]
[1,2,3]
> section 1 3 [1,2,3,4,5]
[2,3,4]
> section 4 1 [1,2,3,4,5]
[5]
```

## 15 372 Midterm 2004 – Problem 6

- Given these Haskell function definitions

```
duh :: [Int] -> Int -> [[Int]]
duh xs a = duh' xs a []

duh' [] _ [] = []
duh' [] _ xs = [xs]
duh' (x:xs) a ys
  | a == x      = nut ys (duh' xs a [])
  | otherwise   = duh' xs a (ys ++ [x])

nut [] xs = xs
nut xs ys = xs : ys
```

## 16 372 Midterm 2004 – Problem 6...

answer these questions:

1. What is the result of `nut [] [[1,2]]`?
2. What is the result of `nut [2] [[1,2]]`?
3. What is the most general type of `nut`?
4. What is the result of `duh [1,2,3] 1`?
5. What is the result of `duh [1,2,3,1,4] 1`?

## 17 372 Midterm 2004 – Problem 7

What are the results of these Haskell expressions?

1. `filter p [[1],[1,2],[1,2,3],[1,2,3,4]]  
 where p xs = length xs > 2`
2. `filter (not . even . length) xs  
 where xs = [[1],[1,2],[1,2,3],[1,2,3,4]]`
3. `foldr (\ xs i -> length xs + i) 0 xs  
 where xs = [[1],[1,2],[1,2,3],[1,2,3,4]]`
4. `iterate id 1`
5. `(fst . head . zip [1,2,3]) [4,5,6]`

## 18 372 Final 2004 – Problem 1

- Given these Haskell function definitions

```
mystery :: [a] -> [[a]]  
mystery xs = [take n xs, drop n xs]  
             where n = h xs
```

```
h :: [a] -> Int  
h [] = 0  
h [_] = 0  
h (_:_:xs) = 1 + h xs
```

what does the expression

```
mystery [1,2,3,4,5]
```

return?

## 19 372 Final 2004 – Problem 2

1. What is *referential transparency*? Illustrate with an Icon procedure and a Haskell function.
2. Haskell is a *lazy* language. What does this mean?