

# Functional Programming

## Exercise 3: Inductively Defined Functions

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1. Knowing that how addition on natural numbers can be defined, how does one define multiplication? Define a function  $mul : int \rightarrow int \rightarrow int$  that performs multiplication, assuming both arguments are natural numbers. You may reuse (+).
2. Define your version of the function  $length : 'a list$  that returns the length of a list (note that [] has length 0).
3. Prove that  $length$  distributes into (@):

$$length (xs @ ys) = length xs + length ys$$

4. Prove:  $sum \ll concat = sum \ll map sum$ .
5. Prove:  $take n xs @ drop n xs = xs$ , for all  $n$  and  $xs$ .
6. Define functions  $inits$  and  $tails$ , both of type  $'a list \rightarrow 'a list list$ , such that the former returns all prefixes of a list, while the latter returns all suffixes of a list. E.g.

- $inits [1; 2; 3] = [[]; [1]; [1; 2]; [1; 2; 3]]$
- $tails [1; 2; 3] = [[1; 2; 3]; [2; 3]; [3]; []]$

**Hint:** Notice that [] is a prefix (suffix) of any list. Thus both  $inits$  and  $tails$  always return a list containing []. In particular,  $inits [] = tails [] = [[]]$ .

7. Define a function  $fan :: 'a \rightarrow 'a list \rightarrow 'a list list$  such that  $fan x xs$  inserts  $x$  into the 0th, 1st... $n$ th positions of  $xs$ , where  $n$  is the length of  $xs$ . For example:

$$fan\ 5\ [1; 2; 3; 4] = [[5; 1; 2; 3; 4]; [1; 5; 2; 3; 4]; [1; 2; 5; 3; 4]; [1; 2; 3; 5; 4]; [1; 2; 3; 4; 5]]$$

8. Define  $perms :: 'a list \rightarrow 'a list list$  that returns all permutations of the input list. For example:

$$perms\ [1; 2; 3] = [[1; 2; 3]; [2; 1; 3]; [2; 3; 1]; [1; 3; 2]; [3; 1; 2]; [3; 2; 1]]$$

You will need several auxiliary functions defined in the lectures and in the exercises.