

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.