

Lab 4

Functional Programming (ITI0212)

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This week we learned about function literals and higher-order functions. We can refer to the function with formal parameter x and body t using the (ASCIIified) λ notation $\lambda x \Rightarrow t$. For example, the generic identity function can be written as $\lambda x \Rightarrow x$.

A *higher-order function* is a function that traffics in other functions, either by taking them as arguments or by returning them as results. We saw how the `map` and `filter` functions for `List` types allow us to perform tasks that would typically be done in imperative programming languages using loops, and how the `fold` function for an inductive type lets us capture its recursion principle as an ordinary function.

You can use the `filter` function for `Lists` in the standard library by importing `Data.List` in your script file.

Task 1

Before consulting Idris, work out for yourself the types and values of the following two expressions.

```
(map S . filter even)[0, 1, 2, 3]
(filter even . map S)[0, 1, 2, 3]
```

Then check your understanding by asking Idris to evaluate them for you.

Task 2

Write the `map` function for `Maybe` types:

```
map_maybe : (a -> b) -> Maybe a -> Maybe b
```

so that

```
Lab4> map_maybe S Nothing
Nothing
Lab4> map_maybe S (Just 41)
Just 42
```

Task 3

Use a function literal (λ -expression) to complete the following function that returns the numbers in a list that are multiples of 10:

```
round_numbers : List Integer -> List Integer
round_numbers = filter ?p
```

For example:

```
Lab4> round_numbers [5,10,15,20]
[10, 20]
```

Hint: the functions `mod` and `(==)` will be helpful.

Task 4

Use the `fold` for `List` types to complete the following function that adds together all the numbers in a list:

```
sum_list : List Integer -> Integer
sum_list = fold_list ?c ?n
```

so that

```
Lab4> sum_list [1,2,3]
6
Lab4> sum_list []
0
```

Task 5

Write the `fold` function for the `Bool` type, `fold_bool`.

- First determine the type of this function using the algorithm described in the lecture.
- Then write the function definition using the algorithm for that.

Up to argument order, you should recognize this function as a construct present in nearly every programming language, what is it? Idris also supports the conventional syntax for this construct, try it out.

Task 6

Write the `fold` function for `Maybe` types, `fold_maybe`.

Task 7

Rewrite the `map` function for `Maybe` types from task 2 as a `fold`:

```
map_maybe' : (a -> b) -> Maybe a -> Maybe b
map_maybe' f = fold_maybe ?g1 ?g2
```