

[Functional] Programming Exercises

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1 Definitions and Background

1. Define the following terms and give examples where appropriate.

(a) binding:

(b) lambda expression:

(c) variant type:

(d) first class function:

(e) higher-order function:

(f) closure:

(g) referential transparency:

2. What are some differences between programming languages? Provide several concrete examples.

3. Briefly describe Imperative, Object-Oriented, Functional, and Declarative programming paradigms. What are some typical characteristics of each?

2 Recursion

1. What is tail recursion? Why is it desirable?

2. Rewrite the following function such that it is tail-recursive.

```
let rec fib = fun (n:int) : int => {
  if( n < 0 ) {
    failwith "negative input is not allowed"
  } else {
    if( n == 0 || n == 1 ) {
      1
    } else {
      fib( n - 1 ) + fib( n - 2 )
    }
  }
};
```

3. Write a recursive function called `power` that inputs two non-negative integers `x` and `y` and outputs x^y using multiplication.

```
let power = fun (x:int) (y:int) : int =>
```

3 Function Evaluation

Evaluate the following expressions, showing several steps on the way to the final value.

1. `(fun x y => { abs (x - y) }) 4 8;`

2. `List.filter (fun x => { x mod 2 == 0 }) (List.map (fun x => { x + 3 }) [1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10]);`

```

3. let rec fold = fun (f : 'b => 'a => 'b) (acc : 'b) (lst : list 'a) : 'b => {
    switch( lst ) {
      | [] => acc
      | [hd, ...tl] => fold f (f acc hd) tl
    };
  };
fold ( fun pred a => pred || a > 5 ) false [ 0, 3, 2, -1, 6];

```

4 Higher-Order Functions

Consider the following function definition for `fold2`, which folds over two, equal-length lists:

```

let rec fold2 = fun (f: 'a => 'b => 'c => 'a) (acc:'a) (l1:list 'b) (l2:list 'c) : 'a => {
  switch( (l1, l2) ) {
    | ([],[]) => acc
    | ([hd1, ...t11], [hd2, ...t12]) => fold2 f (f acc hd1 hd2) t11 t12
    | _ => failwith "lists have different lengths"
  };
};

```

This function can be used to implement other higher-order functions. Demonstrate this ability by implementing the following functions using `fold2`.

```

1. /*
   * Given f, [a1, ..., an], [b1, ..., bn]
   * return [ (f a1 b1), ..., (f an bn) ]
   */
let map2 = fun (f: 'a => 'b => 'c) (l1: list 'a) (l2: list 'b) : list 'c =>

```

```
2. /*
   * Given f, [a1, ..., an], [b1, ..., bn]
   * return true if (f ai bi) returns true for all 1 <= i <= n
   */
let for_all2 = fun (f: 'a => 'b => bool) (l1: list 'a) (l2: list 'b) : bool =>
```