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Questions & Answers

Functional Programming

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Similar to the previous exams on the website

- The exam is on Remindo
- Two types of questions
 - Open: explain something or write some code
 - Multiple choice: choose one answer
- You cannot bring any notes to the exam, nor can you use ghc/ghci/your favourite editor etc.
- You have to answer in English or Dutch

Everything until today

- Basic types: lists, tuples, numbers
- User-defined data types
- Define functions by pattern matching
- Recursion on lists and other data types
- Write functions using accumulators
- Define and use higher-order functions
- Write classes and instances
- Infer and check the type of an expression

Do I need to know all the types by heart?

Writing and understanding type signatures is something you need to learn, and we need to test

- We expect you to know, or be able to deduce, the types of the functions:
 id, (.), const, flip, fst, snd, null, head, tail, (++), concat, foldr, foldl, map, filter, sum, all, max, min, any, elem, not, (&&), (||), zip, reverse, take, drop, and all the members of the type classes Show, Eq, Ord, Enum and Num.
- Some higher-order functions are very important
 - map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
 - filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
 - foldr :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> [a] -> b

In most cases you can deduce their type if you know what they do

• Unless specifically stated otherwise you can use these functions without defining them in your answers.

- You should expect your grades in about two weeks
- What happens if I fail the exam?
 - Nothing, your grade is the average with the final one
 - Remember, T = 0.3 × midterm + 0.7 × final
 - *Reflect* on your mistakes and *act* to fix them

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