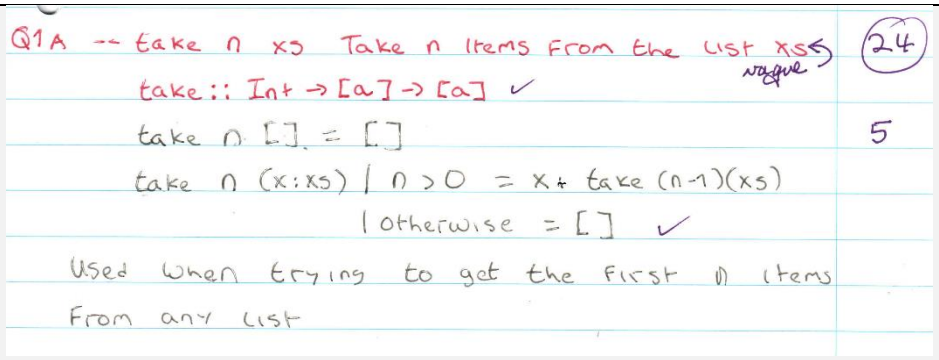
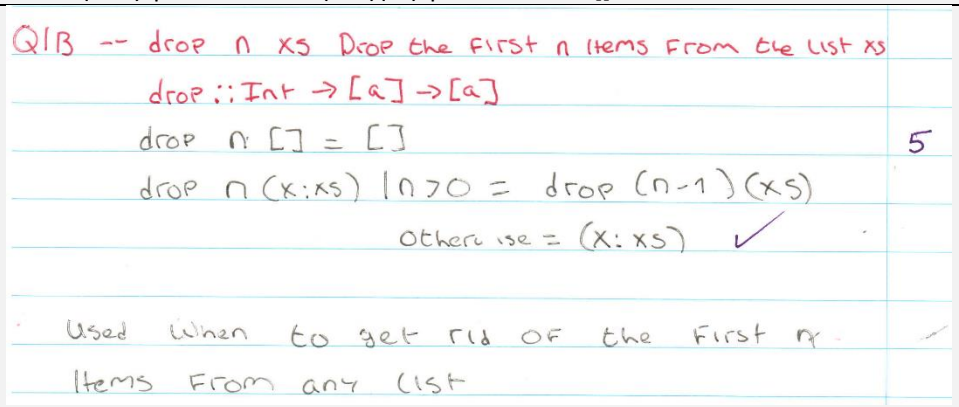
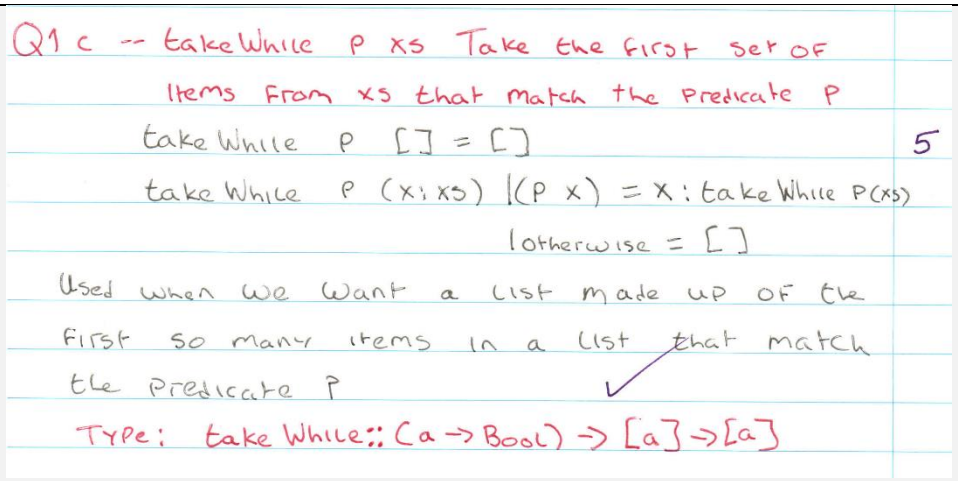
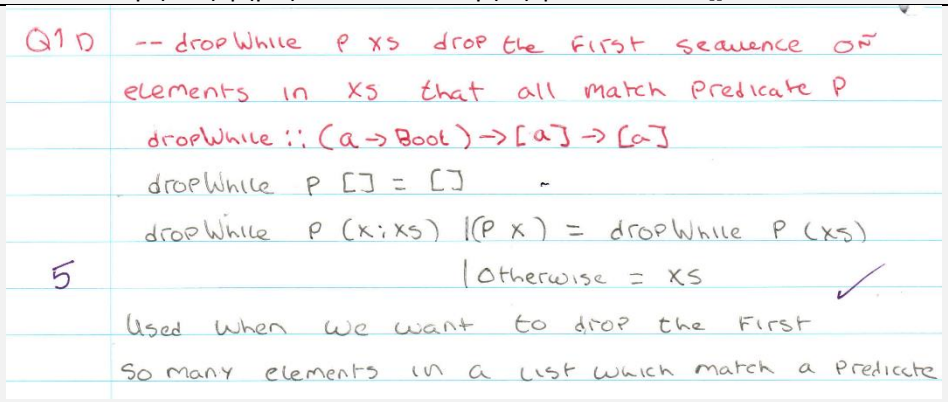
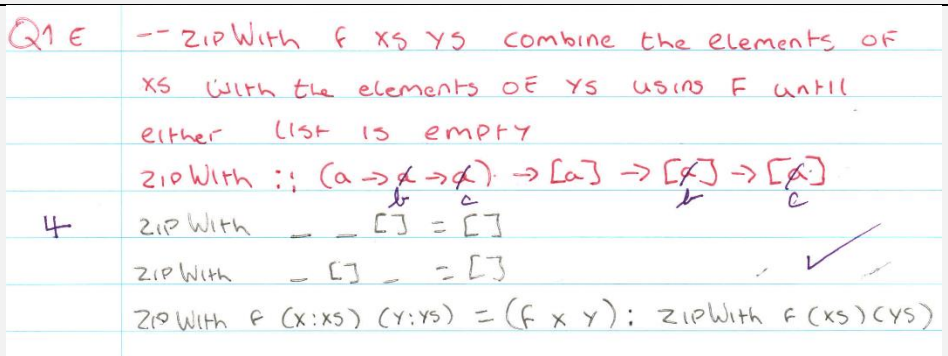
CS4620 – Summer 2014

(25%) 1. Give definitions for each of the following standard Haskell functions; for each function, also include a *comment* (in the format used in this module) to clearly and concisely describe its purpose:

a)	take	 -- take n xs, take n items from the list xs -- Used when we want to try and get rid of the first n items take n[] = [] take n(x:xs) | n>0 = x take (n-1)(xs) | otherwise = []
b)	drop	 -- drop n xs drop the first n items form the list xs -- Used when we want to get rid of the first n items from any list drop n[] = [] drop n(x:xs) |n>0 = drop(n-1)(xs) otherwise = (x:xs)

c)	takeWhile	 -- takeWhile p xs take the first set of items from xs that match the predicate p -- Used when we want a list made up of the first so many items in a list that match the predicate p takeWhile p[]= [] takeWhile p (x:xs) | (p x) = x:takeWhile p(xs) | otherwise = []
d)	dropWhile	 -- dropWhile xs drop the first sequence of elements in xs that all match predicate p. -- Used when we want to drop the first so many elememts in a list which match a predicate. dropWhile :: (a -> bool) -> [a] -> [a] dropWhile p [] = [] dropWhile p (x:xs) | (p x) = dropWhile p (xs) |otherwise = xs
e)	zipWith	

		-- zipWith f x sys combine the elements of xs with the elements of ys using f until either list is empty. zipWith :: (a -> b -> c) -> [a] -> [b] -> [c] zipWith _ _ [] = [] zipWith _ [] _ = [] zipWith f (x:xs) (y:ys_ = (f x y) : zipWith f (xs) (ys)

(35%) 2. A *stairs* is a finite list of two or more integers such that the difference between every pair of adjacent items is a non-zero constant. For example, each of these lists is a stairs:

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[ 5, 8 ]   [ 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 ]   [ 3, 2, 1, 0, -1, -2 ]
```

whereas none of these lists is a stairs:

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[ ]   [ 4 ]   [ 1, 3, 5, 8, 9 ]   [ 1, 2, 3, 2, 1 ]   [ 7, 7, 7 ].
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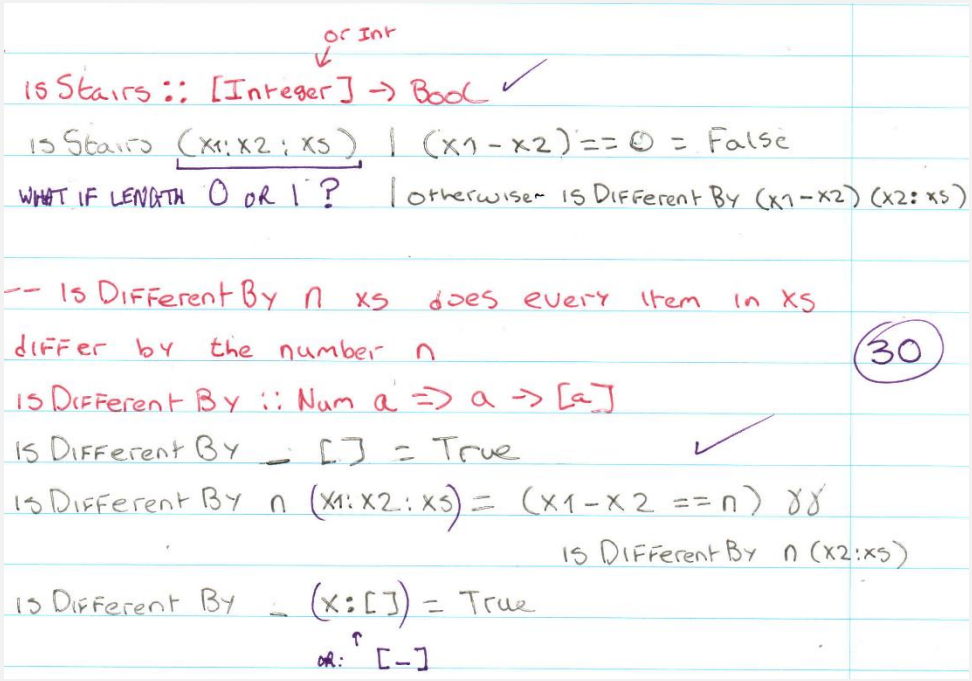
Write a Haskell function `isStairs` to test if a given finite list of integers is a stairs.

Answer ???



isStairs :: [Integer] -> Bool
isStairs (x1:x2:x3) | (x1 – x2) == 0 = False | otherwise isDifferentBy (x1-x2)(x2:x3)

-- isDifferentBy n xs does every item in xs differ by the number n
isDifferentBy _ [] = True
isDifferentBy n(x1:x2:x3) && isDifferentBy n(x2:x3)
isDifferentBy _(x:[_]) = True

(40%) 3. a) Give a Haskell definition for the function `iterate`, which takes a function `f :: a -> a` and an item `x :: a` as parameters, and returns the infinite list:

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[ x, f x, f (f x), f (f (f x)), ... ].
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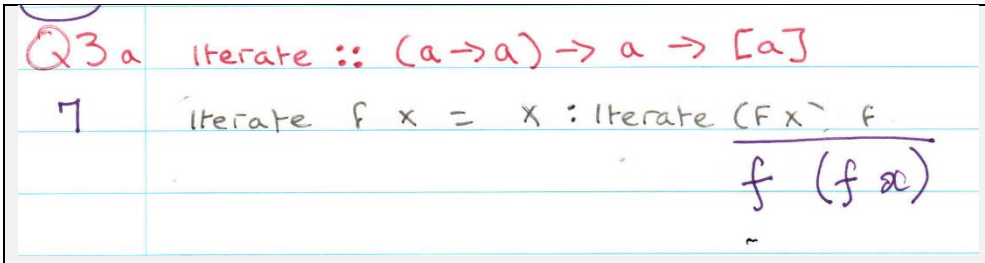
(10%)

Answer

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iterate :: (a -> a) -> a -> [a]
iterate f x = x : iterate f (f x)
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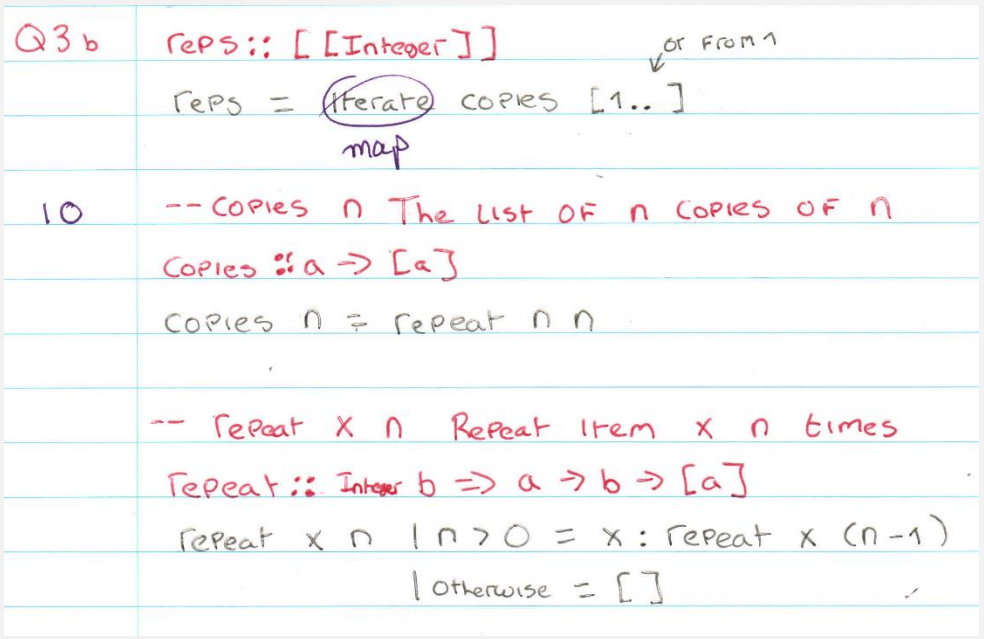
b) Give a Haskell definition for the infinite list `reps`, which has, as its n^{th} item, a list composed of n copies of the integer n, for $n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots$; thus, `reps` is the list:

`[ [ 1 ], [ 2, 2 ], [ 3, 3, 3 ], [ 4, 4, 4, 4 ], ... ]`.

(as preparation for part (c), consider using `iterate` to solve this problem). (15%)

Answer

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reps :: [[Integer[]
reps = map copies [1..]

-- copies n, the list of n copies of n
copies  :: a -> [a]
copies n = repeat n n

-- repeat x n, repeat item x n times
repeat  :: Integer b => a -> b -> [a]
repeat x n | n>0 = x:repeat x(n-1) | otherwise = []
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c) *Pascal's Triangle* is an infinite triangular pattern of integers, in which each number on the boundary is 1 and each number in the interior is the sum of the two numbers diagonally above it:

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          1
        1   1
      1   2   1
    1   3   3   1
  1   4   6   4   1
  .   .   .   .   .   .
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Give a Haskell definition for the infinite list `pascal`, which has, as its n^{th} item, a list of the numbers in the n^{th} row of Pascal's Triangle, for $n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots$; thus, `pascal` is the list:

`[ [ 1 ], [ 1, 1 ], [ 1, 2, 1 ], [ 1, 3, 3, 1 ], ... ].` *(15%)*

Answer 4 Marks ???