

Monadic Parsing

For this assignment, the code discussed in lecture 6 on *monadic parsing*, for evaluating expressions, should be expanded. The definition of expressions are (informally) generalized in the following ways.

- Constant values in expressions are `Doubles`, for example `2`, `2.0`, `-2`, `2.3e4`
- In addition to the operators `+` and `*`, the following operators should also be supported: `/` (division), `-` (subtraction), `^` (exponentiation). Take careful note of operator associativity and precedence. Also, unary minus should have high enough precedence so that `-2^2 = 4`.
- Recall that parenthesis may be used to change operator precedence.
- Change the type of the function `eval` to `eval:: String -> [Double]`, but to support error messages, consider using `eval:: String -> Either String [Double]`
- `eval` is evaluated on a string that is of the form `string1;string2;string3;...;stringn` with the following properties:
 - None of `string1`, `string2`, `string3`,... contains the character “;”
 - `string1`, `string2`, `string3`, ... may be a string constructed from operators and constants.
 - `string1`, `string2`, `string3`, ... may be a comment which is defined to be a string beginning with “--”, for example, “-- this is just a comment ” (assume comments do not contain the character “;”)
 - `string1`, `string2`, `string3`, ... may be a variable definition, which is of the form “`ident = expr`”, where “`ident`” is a string with restrictions in terms of lower and alphanumeric characters as in the code skeleton and “`expr`” is an expression consisting of constants, operators and previously defined variables
 - `string1;string2;string3;...` may contain arbitrary whitespace (including tabs and newlines), but not as part of constants or variable names.
 - Example 1: `eval “2*2;-- 4.0;1*0;--0.0”` returns `[4.0,0.0]`
 - Example 2: `eval “2/2/2”` returns `[0.5]`
 - Example 3: `eval “4^2^2”` returns `[256.0]`
 - Example 4: `eval “x=3;var = 4; x + var”` returns `[7.0]`
 - Example 5: `eval “1+y”` throws an exception
 - Example 6: `eval “y=2;y=3;y=5;1+y”` returns `[6.0]`
 - Example 7: `eval “y=2;y=3;y=5”` returns `[]`
- Define a type `Ast` that derives `Show` that represents the abstract syntax tree of an expression. Next define functions `produce_Ast::String->Ast` and `eval_Ast::Ast->[Double]` such that `eval_Ast . produce_Ast = eval`
- Handle the follow errors in a graceful way rather than throwing exceptions (or not reporting them at all):
 - Overflow of `Doubles`. Make use of `Prelude.floatRange`.
 - Division by zero
 - Parsing errors
 - Use of variables before defining them

Requirements

Use stack and supply your own Hspec test cases. Give a brief description in the Readme on how to run the test cases and the functionality of the evaluator in general. The tests must validate the resulting Ast type using the *eval* function.

Furthermore, tests can be subdivided as follows:

- Test each of the operators in isolated binary evaluations, e.g. $1+1$, $2*3$
- Test an example of chaining these operators together. E.g. $1*2/3-4$
- Test parsing variable definitions and using variables in the place of constants in the tests from the two points above
- Test all 4 errors sufficiently
- Take the 4 points above as a departure point for testing, but test thoroughly in general, for example, are whitespaces and floating point numbers handled correctly, can sensible QuickCheck test cases be given, etc.