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CS51 Lab 15
Computing Pi Using Taylor Expansion

A Taylor series is a representation of a function as an infinite sum of individual terms. For instance, the arctangent function can be characterized as the following infinite sum:

$$\arctan x = x - x^3/3 + x^5/5 - x^7/7 + \dots$$

Setting x to 1, we have

$$\arctan 1 = \pi/4 = 1 - 1/3 + 1/5 - 1/7 + \dots$$

so

$$\pi = 4 - 4/3 + 4/5 - 4/7 + \dots$$

This gives us a simple way to approximate pi. Below, we generate a stream for the terms of this formula and then compute sums of the terms to approximate pi.

YOU SHOULD NOT NEED TO CHANGE ANYTHING IN THIS FILE.

NOTE THAT THIS FILE WILL NOT COMPILE UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE 'NativeLazyStreams' MODULE IN 'nativeLazyStreams.ml'.

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open NativeLazyStreams ;;
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(* nats -- The natural numbers *)
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let rec nats : int stream =  
  lazy (Cons (0, smap ((+) 1) nats)) ;;
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(* to_float s -- Converts a stream 's' of 'int's to the corresponding  
  'float's. *)
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let to_float : int stream -> float stream =  
  smap float_of_int ;;
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(* odds -- A stream of odd numbers: 1, 3, 5, 7, ... *)
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let odds : int stream =  
  smap (fun x -> x * 2 + 1) nats ;;
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(* neg_evens s -- Negates every other value in a stream 's'. Example:
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  # first 5 (neg_evens nats) ;;  
  - : int list = [0; 1; -2; 3; -4]
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let neg_evens : int stream -> int stream =  
  smap (fun x -> if x mod 2 = 0 then -x else x) ;;
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(* alt_signs -- A stream of alternating 1s and -1s: 1, -1, 1, -1,  
  ... *)
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let alt_signs : int stream =  
  smap2 ( / ) (neg_evens (tail nats)) (tail nats) ;;
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(* pi_stream -- A stream of the terms of the Taylor expansion for  
  pi: 4, -4/3, 4/5, -4/7, ... *)
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let pi_stream : float stream =  
  smap2 ( /. )  
    (to_float (smap (( * ) 4) alt_signs))  
    (to_float odds) ;;
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(* pi_approx n -- The sum of the first 'n' elements in the Taylor
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    expansion for pi. *)
let pi_approx (n : int) : float =
  List.fold_left ( +. ) 0.0 (first n pi_stream) ;;

(* sums s -- A stream of the partial sums of the stream `s`. *)
let rec sums (s : float stream) : float stream =
  smap2 ( +. ) s (lazy (Cons (0.0, sums s))) ;;

(* pi_sums -- A stream of better and better approximations of pi. *)
let pi_sums : float stream =
  sums pi_stream ;;

(* within epsilon s -- Returns the index and the value of the first
   element in the stream `s` to be within `epsilon` of its following
   element. *)
let within (epsilon : float) (s : float stream) : int * float =
  let rec within' steps s =
    let h, t = head s, tail s in
    if abs_float (h -. (head t)) < epsilon then steps, h
    else within' (steps + 1) t in
  within' 0 s ;;

(* Here, we compute pi to three decimal places and print out the
   result. After uncommenting the last expression in this file, you
   can try it yourself with:

   % ocamlbuild pi.byte
   Finished, 5 targets (0 cached) in 00:00:00.
   % ./pi.byte
   Pi within 0.001000 is 3.141093 after 1999 steps

   Any more digits than this will take a long time. See the rest of
   the lab for speeding up the process. *)

let test () =
  let tolerance = 0.001 in
  let steps, approx = within tolerance pi_sums in
  Printf.printf "Pi within %f is %f after %d steps\n"
    tolerance approx steps ;;

(*
let _ = test () ;;
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