

# Fundamentals of Computing: Lecture 25

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} origin = {0,0};
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```
#line 214 "lecture23.lhs"
#include <stdio.h>
void printVector(struct Vector2D);
void shiftByOneUnit(struct Vector2D u);
int main () {
    printf("Before shift: ");printVector(origin);
    shiftByOneUnit(origin);
    printf("After shift: ");printVector(origin);
}
void shiftByOneUnit(struct Vector2D u){
    u.x = u.x + 1;
}
void printVector(struct Vector2D u){
    printf("(%.f,%.f)\n",u.x,u.y);
}
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### Mathematically

$$L(a) = \perp + a \times L(a)$$

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$$T(a) = \perp + a \times F(a)$$

$$F(a) = L(T(a))$$

In Haskell this would be

```
data List    a = Empty | Cons a (List a)
data BinTree a = Empty | Node (BinTree a) a (BinTree a)
data Tree    a = Empty | Node a [Tree a]
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