

# Introduction to Clean

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# First program in Clean

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//this is a compilation unit;  
//filename: test.icl  
module test  
  
//imports modules from Standard Environment  
import StdEnv  
  
//function definitions  
  
fac 0 = 1  
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//initial expression  
Start = fac 5
```



# Quadratic equation

```
module quadratic
import StdEnv

qeq :: Real Real Real -> (String, [Real])
qeq a b c
  | a == 0.0      = ("not quadratic", [])
  | delta < 0.0   = ("complex roots", [])
  | delta == 0.0 = ("one root", [~b/2.0*a])
  | delta > 0.0   = ("two roots",
    [ (~b+radix)/(2.0*a), (~b-radix)/(2.0*a) ])
  where
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  | otherwise = False
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7. Check two lists if the first is lexicographically less than the second

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less [] []           = False
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less [a:as] [b:bs]
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**filter**: selecting elements satisfying a property

```
filter :: (a -> Bool) [a] -> [a]
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```
map :: (a -> b) [a] -> [b]
map f [] = []
map f [x : xs] = [ f x : map f xs ]
```

9. foldr: elementwise consumer

```
foldr :: (a b -> b) b [a] -> b
foldr op e [] = e
foldr op e [x : xs] = op x (foldr op e xs)
```

## Exercise

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```
listmax :: [a] -> a | Ord a
listmax [x:xs] = foldl max x xs
  where
    max x y
      | x>y      = x
      | otherwise = y
```