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For the examination, do all of the following:

1. Define a type-class Size for an overloaded operation

that estimates the number of nodes of a data structure. Define instances for the following types:

()	The unit type
Bool	Booleans
Char	Characters

Int Fixed-precision integers

Double Double-precision floating point numbers

 (t_1, \ldots, t_n) Tuples for $n \in [2, 4]$ [t] Lists of elements of type t

Maybe t The option type

For example, we take the size of values of primitive types like (), Bool, and Int to be 1, the size of a tuple to be 1 + the sum of the sizes of the fields, the size of a list to be the sum of the sizes of the contained elements plus the number of (:)-cells and an additional one for the empty list, and so on.

2. Interval arithmetic, as the name suggests, is arithmetic defined on numerical intervals. For example, it can be used to compute error bounds. Say we know $x \in [l_x, u_x]$, and $y \in [l_y, u_y]$, then

$$x + y \in [l_x + l_y, u_x + u_y]$$
 and $x - y \in [l_x - u_y, u_x - l_y]$

Let us represent an interval as follows:

Note: the Eq instance is perhaps not very useful, but necessary in order to make Ivl a Num instance.

Make Ivl an instance of the type classes Num and Fractional (Methods (+), (-), (*), abs, signum, fromInteger for Eq; methods (/), (recip), (fromRational) for Fractional). You should enforce the invariant that for any value Ivl l u, $l \leq u$. Use error to give suitable error messages when partial operations are undefined.

The above instances will make it possible to use overloaded numerical literals to construct intervals containing only that specific number. E.g. 1 denotes Ivl 1.0 1.0 when used at type Ivl. Define an operator

for constructing symmetric intervals around a specific number. E.g. 1 +/- 0.5 denotes Ivl 0.5 1.5.

As an alternative to making certain operations partial, would it be feasible and useful to consider and compute with an extended set of intervals? Say adding specific value constructors to the type Iv1 for representating the intervals $[0, \infty)$, $(-\infty, 0]$, $(-\infty, \infty)$?