Exercise sheet for lecture 10— Traversable Functors

1 map via traverse

Implement map via traverse for arbitrary traversable functors. This proves, that Traverse is an extension of Functor and that traverse is a generalization of map.

def mapViaTraverse[F[_],A,B](fa: F[A])(f: A => B)(using Traverse[F]): F[B] = ???

Hints

- Use the Traverse type class from cats.
- Note, that map doesn't take an Applicative as a using parameter. But to use traverse inside of map an Applicative is required. Choose a fitting Applicative instance yourself. You can use any of the ones shown in the lecture and exercise sheets as well as those in Cats.
- Note that every monad is also an applicative functor.

2 Traverse instance for binary trees

The binary trees from the earlier exercise sheets are, surprise surprise, traversable functors.

- a) Implement a Traverse instance for binary trees. In Cats, a Traverse instance needs implementations of foldLeft, foldRight and traverse. You can copy the first two from the Foldable instance (watch out for calling them correctly, or you'll get an endless recursion!). For traverse, a *non* tail-recursive solution is sufficient.
- b) Think about, how **sequence** behaves on trees, like seen for other types in the lecture.

3 Accumulating with State

a) Using the function mapAccum introduced in the lecture, we can finally write a reverse function, which can reverse every traversable functor. Implementieren this function for arbitrary Traverse.

Hints: For this function, a stack is required. Luckily, a List is a stack and we've seen in the lecture, how to turn any Traversable into a list with toList.

def reverse[F[_],A](fa: F[A])(using Traverse[F]): F[A] = ???

The function should fulfill the following law:

reverse(x).toList ::: reverse(y).toList == reverse(y.toList ::: x.toList)

b) Use mapAccum to implement a general version of foldLeft for the Traverse trait. This implementation is pretty similar to toList. But instead of using a list as accumulator, a B is used for accumulation with help from the function f.