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Patterns in Function Definition and User-defined Data Types

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1. Define a procedure reverse that takes a list as argument and returns a list of the same elements in reverse order.

```
> val x = reverse [1, 2, 3, 4]
> ;;
val x: int list = [4, 3, 2, 1]
```

2. Consider the mergeSort procedure in the following. Define the sub procedures, split and merge, in order to run mergeSort well.

```
fun mergeSort [] = []
  | mergeSort [a] = [a]
  | mergeSort l =
      let
      val (m, n) = split l
      val m' = mergeSort m
      val n' = mergeSort n
      in
       merge m' n'
    end
```

3. The diff procedure takes a polynomial as its argument and differentiates the given polynomial. Fill in the missing expressions in the following definition of diff.

```
val rec diff : poly -> poly =
fn Add (p, q) => <??>
  | Term (c, 0) => <??>
  | Term (c, e) => <??>
```

If diff has been completed correctly, it will have a result such as the following.

```
> val z = diff Add (Add (Term (1, 3), Term (4, 1)), Term (-5, 0)) > ;; val z: poly = Add (Add (Term (3, 2), Term (4, 0)), Term (0, 0))
```